

# Dakwani

What people are saying

SHAKAT - SUMMER 2016



*The procession along the Chilkat River preparing to enter the Heritage Center during the grand opening ceremony on May 14, 2016 in Klukwan.*

## JILKAAT KWAAN HERITAGE CENTER OPENS AT KLUKWAN

The Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) Chief and Council, Dakwäkäda Dancers and CAFN drummers joined in the grand opening celebration for the new Jilkaat Kwaan Heritage Centre at Klukwan on May 14, 2016.

Many CAFN friends and family travelled to Alaska for the opening of the facility, which is officially titled the Jilkaat Kwaan Heritage Center and Bald Eagle Preserve Visitor Center.

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CHAMPAGNE AND AISHIHIK FIRST NATIONS

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**"The Heritage Center is helping to address the village/clan's pressing issue of where to put the precious clan treasures that are no longer housed in clan houses and the community's desire to rebuild and restore our cultural heritage."**

jilkaatkwaanheritagecenter.org

The Jilkaat Kwaan Heritage Centre is located at 22 Mile, Haines Highway in Klukwan and is open all summer Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 1 to 4 p.m., and closed Sunday.



Chief Smith addressed participants during presentations to open the Center. The facility is the product of more than 10 years of planning and partnerships.



Daklaweidi Clain Leader and CAFN Elder Al Morgan presented Chief Smith with a beaded moose skin jacket, symbolizing the close connection between our communities and people (above).

Some familiar faces in the procession to open the doors of the brand new Center (below).



## DÄN NÄTTHE ÄDA DÄKWÄL (MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF)



*Dànách'é.*

*We are embarking on an exciting summer at CAFN. This season our Council and government are welcoming many visitors to our Traditional Territory, staff are preparing for the upcoming General Assembly and summer camps, and Citizens are getting busy with summer plans, jobs and more.*

### **Connecting**

*May 14, Kala and I were happy to travel to Klukwan with members of Council, Citizens of CAFN and the Dakwäkäda Dancers to participate in the grand opening of the brand new Jilkaat Kwaan Cultural Centre. It was a memorable, sunny spring day. I look forward to visiting this fascinating new Centre and our friends and family in Haines again soon.*

*On May 18, CAFN was proud to host about 60 Trudeau Foundation visitors from across Canada to Dakwäkäda (Haines Junction), Kathleen Lake and Klukshu.*

*In June, the Implementation Working Group (the body tasked with implementation of our Agreements) met at Da Ky Cultural Centre.*

*Later this summer we expect even more guests!*

*In July, we are honored to host Canada's Premiers and National Aboriginal Leaders during their annual Council of the Federation meeting in the Yukon.*

*In early August, about 200 First Nations youth will gather in the CAFN Traditional Territory for the Our Voices emerging youth leaders gathering.*

*And this August 22 to September 2 we look forward to participating in Operation NANOOK, an emergency response exercise in Haines Junction coordinated by the Canadian Armed Forces (please see p. 20).*

### **Dän K'e – Our Ways**

*This summer and fall Citizens can look forward to summer camps and on-the-land activities. This June 17-21 our Community Wellness Department hosted a Women's Gathering at our CAFN camp at 29-Mile on the Aishihik Road. The always-popular Aishihik language immersion camp is also back July 28 to August 1.*

*First hunt and first fish camps are planned for youth and families this August. The goal is to get youth on the land so we can transfer important knowledge to the next generation. Please watch for more details!*

*CAFN is also proud to feature several of our artists in the brand new exhibit at Da Kų Cultural Centre. The exhibit, featuring paintings, photographs, carving, fashion and more, will be on display all season. Everyone is invited to visit the exhibit, which opened on June 21, Aboriginal Day (please see pages 6-7).*

*Please watch for details on more summer programs and camps coming soon.*

### **Better Government**

*This spring our Council held a retreat to review and refocus our plans and goals for this year. We look forward to sharing details as work unfolds.*

*Our standing committees on Housing and Finance continue their work on strategic improvements to the way we conduct government business at CAFN.*

*And, of course, preparations are underway for our most important business meeting of the year: our General Assembly. The GA is scheduled for July 22-24 at Aishihik Lake Campground, at mile 27 on the Aishihik Road. We look forward to tabling an agenda with opportunities for learning and input from all Citizens.*

### **Self-Reliance**

*Together we congratulate all our 2016 graduates. Shăw thän! This year CAFN has 11 high school graduates and 19 post-secondary graduates. We have come a long way since our first Citizen graduated from high school in the 1960s! (Please see p. 10-11).*

*CAFN welcomes our summer students and EOP crew members working for the government in 2016. We are happy to have you here to learn about our government and contribute your knowledge and skills.*

*We were also pleased to partner for a second year with Dakwakada Capital Investments to offer six more summer student positions.*



*Chief and Council at their planning retreat this spring.*

*In economic development, we are excited to revisit the Matatana resort concept at Kathleen Lake.*

*This summer we will start work on a feasibility study and concept plan for the resort. We were fortunate to gain 50% of the funding for this project and plan to have results by the fall. This first phase will focus on direct economic benefits to Citizens and identifying small business opportunities in the tourism industry. With the resort, we are focused on finding the right mix of profitability, sustainability and low impact. Luckily for CAFN, we have a number of knowledgeable Citizens in the tourism business who can provide valuable input and guidance.*

*We continue to support Citizens and small businesses in the Traditional Territory with the Business Employment Enhancement Fund (BEEF) as well as the Entrepreneur Equity Fund (EEF), which are both designed to strengthen the economy of our communities and give financial and planning support to our members.*

*CAFN is also taking steps to improve the financial procurement policy for CAFN government to ensure we are utilizing CAFN businesses, entrepreneurs and artists at every possible opportunity.*

*This summer is very busy. It is very good to see our people already participating in the many events. I hope most of you will be able to get out on the land and enjoy time with your family. CAFN is hosting many events and I hope to see you at one of them or at one of our many summer culture camps. Shăw nithän.*

*Sincerely,*

*Kaaxnox, Dän nătthe ada - Chief Steve Smith*

# DÄN NÄTTHE DÄTTH'I DEK'I (CHIEF AND COUNCIL UPDATE)

## Chief and Council Decisions

Chief and Council made the following decisions during their March 18, 31 and April 15, 2016 regular meetings.

## Standing Committee on Housing

The Standing Committee on Housing members are Deputy Chief Shadelle Chambers, Councillor Rose Kushniruk, Community Wellness Director Diane Strand, Lands and Resources Director Lawrence Joe, and Property Services Director George Van Sickle. This Standing Committee is a high level committee consisting of Council members and senior management and is not affiliated with the internal CAFN Housing Committee. The primary purpose of the Standing Committee on Housing is to assist the First Nations Council in fulfilling their oversight responsibilities with respect to the housing matters of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations by reviewing and providing advice and recommendations to the First Nations Council on housing matters.

## Citizen Services Standing Committee

The Citizen Services Standing Committee CAFN Chief and Council hereby move to accept and approve the Terms of Reference for the Citizen Services Standing Committee, dated March 18, 2016. members are Deputy Chief Shadelle Chambers; Elder Councillor Carol Buzzell; Councillor Rose Kushniruk; Community Wellness Director, Diane Strand; Education Director, Paula Banks; and Property Services Director George Van Sickle.

## Education Funding

Chief and Council accepted the 2016-17 ASETS Yearly Operational Plan for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

## Kusawa Park Management Plan

Chief and Council approved the Kusawa Park Management Plan jointly prepared by the governments of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, Kwanlin Dun First Nation, Carcross Tagish First Nation and Yukon. Council designated Lawrence Joe to participate in the joint review of the plan and authorized Chief Steve Smith to formally sign the Kusawa Park Management Plan.

## Aishihik Relicensing

Chief and Council approved the revised Terms of Ref-

erence for the CAFN Community Advisory Committee (CACAC) for the YEC Aishihik Dam Hydroelectric Power Generation License Renewal Co-Management Protocol Agreement.

Council appointed the following individuals to the Champagne and Aishihik Community Advisory Committee for a two year term to April 15, 2018 or until the Committee dissolves:

Chair Marie Martin  
Elder Margaret Workman  
Youth Azriel Allen  
Member Lorraine Allen  
Member Stephanie Brown  
Member Harry Smith  
Member Lorraine Stick  
Member Luke Williams

## 2016-17 Budget

Chief and Council approved the Annual Budget for the fiscal year April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

## Lands Committee

CAFN Chief and Council appointed Dayle MacDonald as the Elder representative and Harold Johnson as the Citizen-at-Large to the CAFN Lands Committee for a term of three years ending March 31, 2019.

**For more information:** Full copies of the minutes of regular Chief and Council meetings are available with reception at the CAFN Haines Junction and Whitehorse offices, and upon request to Doreen Williams, Executive Assistant to Council, at [drwilliams@cafn.ca](mailto:drwilliams@cafn.ca) or (867) 634-4242.

## Chief and Council Meetings

The CAFN Chief and Council holds regular meetings monthly in Haines Junction (unless noted otherwise). All regular Chief and Council meetings are open to CAFN Citizens. Community concerns are scheduled at 3:30 p.m. Please contact Doreen Williams if you wish to request time on the Chief and Council agenda at [drwilliams@cafn.ca](mailto:drwilliams@cafn.ca) or (867) 634-4242.

## 2016 Regular Chief and Council Meetings:

June 24	October 14
July 15	November 25
July 29	December 16
September 16	



CHAMPAGNE AND AISHIHIK FIRST NATIONS

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY - NŁÄSHEDÄL (PEOPLE GATHERING TOGETHER)

**Barbecue  
Saturday  
Night!**

July 22-24, 2016  
at Aishihik Lake Campground,  
Mile 27 Aishihik Road  
Business starts at 9 a.m. daily

**Fun  
activities  
for the  
whole  
family!**

*All are welcome.*

*Meals provided - please bring your potlatch dishes!  
Booths or tables available.*

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- *CAFN is sharing the campground with other members of the public.*
- *A fire ban may be in effect. Please watch for updates.*



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*The changing exhibit gallery at Da Kų features the work of six CAFN artists this year.*

## CAFN ARTISTS SHINE AT DA Kų CULTURAL CENTRE

**By Dr. Ukjese van Kampen, curator**

On June 21, Aboriginal Day, CAFN celebrated the grand opening of our newest exhibit featuring CAFN artists.

People can go in and see a sampling of the artistic talent of the people of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations. This year's exhibition features works by six Champagne and Aishihik artists. They express a variety of styles and visions. The featured artists are Frances Oles, oil and watercolour paintings; Ron Chambers, paintings and carvings; Brenda Lee Asp, fashion designs; Arthur Joe, acrylic painting; and lastly, father and son, Fred Stick Sr., photography; and Fred Stick Jr., carvings and paintings.

This exhibit is different from past Da Kų exhibitions in that we are not displaying historical aspects of our culture, but works by today's artists, thus giving us a snapshot of today's visual culture. A common thread for the older artists was their school experience in the 1960s and earlier. Their artistic passions were oppressed. Some were punished for drawing. In other cases there were no classes or other forms of school encouragement for them to learn art. Fortunately, as you can see in the gallery today, that did not prevent them from becoming artists, producing beautiful works.

The doors of the gallery are open, so come down and enjoy the art works of these Champagne and Aishihik artists.

### Frances Oles

Frances Oles's art reflects her passion and love for painting. She works with traditional art forms, such as porcupine embroidery, but for her the 'fun' in art is creating oils and water colours of her favourite subjects: Raven (she is Crow clan) and horses.



Frances Oles *Carolina in the Morning*  
Oil on canvas, 2016

### Ron Chambers

Ron Chambers sees art everywhere and in the exhibit you can see the use of a variety of mediums including gypsum and stone. He carried these materials out of the wilderness including horns, wood, bark and even pumus (pumice) stone. Besides his creative work with various materials, Ron also paints and carves.



Ron Chambers *Lynx*  
Stone, Circa 1974

## Brenda Lee Asp

Brenda Lee Asp creates fashions that have roots in her heritage. She combines ancient patterns from both the western world and her own culture. You can see the details of the motifs in her ties, scarves and other creations. Brenda has shown her fashions on the catwalks of New York and now you can see her internationally acclaimed creations right here at the Da Kų Cultural Centre.



Brenda Lee Asp  
*Raven - Honoring My Mother's People*  
Feathers, Fabric, Abalone buttons, 2014

## Arthur Joe

Arthur Joe states that he is exploring his art. He seeks to improve his art and messages. Arthur creates images that combine his stylized landscapes for his own style of Northwest Coast Indian art animals. In creating these artworks he is often conveying messages, sometimes telling a traditional story and often also telling a bit about himself.



Arthur Joe *Sharing Knowledge*  
Acrylic on canvas board, 2015

## Fred Stick Sr.

When Fred Stick Sr. was working as a photographer for the Yukon Indian News in the late 1970s and early 1980s, he did not realize he was capturing a snapshot of the lives of people and of a transitional period in Yukon First Nations history. It was the period just after we got the right to vote, could attend public school and could own a business. This same period was before we gained back a right to self-government.



Fred Stick Sr. *Bobby Bill*  
Photograph, circa late 1970s-early 1980s

## Fred Stick Jr.

Fred Stick Jr. is an artist in transition. He has a passion for his art and works in various mediums; drum making, carving and painting. He works in the adopted (from the mid-1980s) Northwest Coast Indian art style. Fred was taught in the Northwest Coast Indian art style but he is exploring the ancient Athapaskan styles in his modern works.



Fred Stick Jr. *Beating Heart Drum*  
Acrylic on hide drum, 2016

## ALSEK INTEGRATED COMMUNITY-BASED MOOSE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

### By: CAFN Fish and Wildlife staff

Our moose population in zone 7 of the Alsek area is now in a depressed state, which means moose have been declining in this region of the CAFN Traditional Territory for some time.

With your assistance, we can help our moose populations recover.

Since CAFN began ground-based harvest monitoring in 1999, there has been an increase in hunters on the land exercising their aboriginal rights. As subsistence hunters increase, so does our overall harvest of local moose.

CAFN Citizens have a priority right to harvest moose, which is guaranteed by our Final Agreement. However, we also have a collective responsibility to ensure a healthy, stable moose population remains for our future generations to enjoy.

Because of the declining moose population, we will be consulting you for new approaches needed to address future harvest management.

CAFN has taken steps to reduce our harvest by implementing a Wildlife Harvesting Regulation which suspends all cow moose harvesting. This allows for a selective harvest of bull moose only. By removing the cow moose harvest, we help our moose populations from further declining.

By continuing to harvest cow moose, you contribute to depleting a once-sustainable resource of our First Nation. On average, by removing one cow moose, you are removing three moose from the population.

CAFN is working together with Yukon's Department of Environment and Alsek Renewable Resources Council to develop guiding principles to facilitate moose harvest management actions within the Alsek region of our Traditional Territory. CAFN Fish and Wildlife staff will be working with

an advisory working group identified by our Elders Senate to develop a range of management actions to manage our harvest to meet the objectives and goals of the Alsek Integrated Community-based Moose Management Actions.

As part of this collaboration, CAFN and Yukon staff worked together on a community based wolf snare program in 2015-16. The wolf program focused on 13 trap lines in the Alsek area. Over the course of the winter, Haines Junction community members had the opportunity to participate in a wolf training program and gain hands on experience snaring wolves. This program will continue in the following years and CAFN encourages Citizens to partake in trapper training.

This June and July, the advisory working group will be conducting community meetings to solicit your input in the development of our Moose Management Strategy, so please watch for flyers and notices for specific dates and times for your community.

We have a collective right to harvest, but we also have a collective responsibility to protect and enhance our resources for our future generations to follow. Your decision today will affect our hunting traditions of tomorrow. We ask all of our hunters to be conservative during this coming harvest season.

**\*Please watch for notices on upcoming community meetings.**

*CAFN Fish and Wildlife*  
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## AISHIHIK RELICENSING PROCESS

### Aishihik Dam Relicensing

Thank you to the more than 80 interested Citizens who attended the March meetings in Whitehorse and Haines Junction to learn about and discuss the relicensing of the Aishihik dam. One of the objectives of these meetings was to encourage Citizens to apply to become representatives on the CAFN Community Advisory Committee. More than 20 people applied for the 8 positions. We are proud to have such dedicated Citizens willing to take time from their busy schedules to help our community as a whole. The members appointed are: Marie Martin (Chair), Margaret Workman, Lorraine Stick, Lorraine Allen, Harry Smith, Luke Williams, Stephanie Brown, and Azriel Allen. The Committee had its first meeting on May 25 and will continue to meet on a monthly basis.

This Committee is set up to provide recommendations to CAFN, Yukon Energy Corporation (YEC), and/or the multiparty technical team. CAFN wants to ensure CAFN people have a strong voice in the relicensing process. The Committee will help identify a range of issues that need to be addressed

in the next few years. CAFN will assist the Committee engage with Citizens through future workshops, meetings, and gatherings on the land. We will be organizing a multi-day gathering at Aishihik Lake later this summer. Please stay tuned for further details on this trip and other meetings.

The Committee is identified as a key part of the Protocol Agreement between CAFN and Yukon Energy, signed at the end of January 2016. The Agreement is about ensuring the process for relicensing is different than what happened in the past. The agreement is committing to a consensus-based/ shared decision-making approach.

### Water Strategy

We are pleased to report CAFN has secured support for further work on the CAFN Water Strategy, by working with the Yukon Research Centre at Yukon College, the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Alberta. The parties spent last year working on a multi-year proposal to advance our Strategy.

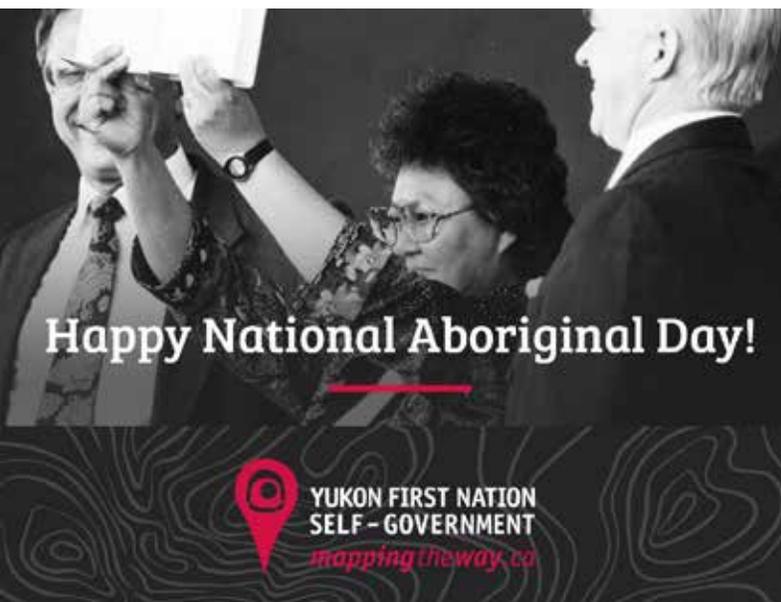
Key steps will include:

- further documenting our oral history,
- further organizing CAFN heritage archives,
- supporting students,
- support for on-the-land and on-the-water gatherings,
- building stronger links to language and
- connection to water.

This work will help advance initiatives such as land use planning and the Aishihik Relicensing process. We are planning to host meetings and reach out to the CAFN community as we move ahead with this work. Please stay tuned.

If you have any questions, please contact:

*Roger Brown, CAFN Manager of Environment and Natural Resources*  
(867) 456-6883  
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Kindergarten graduates at the CAFN graduation barbecue this May in Champagne.



Some of CAFN's grade 7 graduates who are moving on to high school in the 2016/17 school year.

## EDUCATION UPDATE

### Education Support Worker (ESW) & Community Education Liaison Coordinator (CELC) Training

CAFN Education, Yukon College, and Council of Yukon First Nations Education partnered to offer Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) to the CELC's and ESW's of all Yukon First Nations. Eleven dän participated in the training that was held at the Yukon College on May 4 and 5. Everyone left feeling more confident to do a suicide intervention and felt that the training would benefit them in their capacity of working in the school system. CAFN staff member Luke Campbell assisted in facilitating the course along with Margot Neely from the Yukon College.

### School Supplies Funding

School supplies funding is available for all CAFN youth registered to attend a Canadian school for 2016/2017. Applications are available online at [cafn.ca/government/departments/education/k-12-programs-and-services](http://cafn.ca/government/departments/education/k-12-programs-and-services), at the CAFN offices, and will also be available at the General Assembly at Aishihik Lake. Applications will be accepted starting July 22 and should be sent to the CAFN Whitehorse office ATTN: LUKE CAMPBELL. Please allow 2-4 weeks for cheques to be processed. Please make sure to fill out the entire form in order to avoid delays.

### CAFN Education Consent Form

If you would like CAFN to work with your child(ren) in and out of kets'ádän kų (school) you must sign a consent form that can be attached to your school supplies funding request form. This allows for CAFN Education staff (ESW's) to work with your child(ren) in various capacities to make for a successful school year. If you have already signed a form with CAFN, it will be valid until your child(ren) graduates or until CAFN Education gets a written note from a parent/guardian stating that they would like their child(ren) to no longer work with CAFN Education.

### Tutoring Funding Update

CAFN offers tutoring funding for CAFN youth living in Yukon. Youth are eligible for up to \$80 per month to help with tutoring expenses. Starting August 2016 all tutors costs must be paid in full by students' parent(s)/guardian(s). After payment has been made please hand in the proper receipts to an Education Support Worker for reimbursement. For applications and policy on tutoring funding please go to the CAFN website.

### CAFN Attendance Initiative

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations will be announcing a new attendance initiative in summer 2016.

Please contact CAFN Education staff if you have ideas on parent and community engagement opportunities.

CAFN Education

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# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CAFN CLASS OF 2016!

## 2016 Post-Secondary Graduates

**Khasha Steven Reid**

*Masters Indigenous Language Revitalization  
University of Victoria*

**Angeline Joe**

*Bachelor of Business Management Degree  
University of Lethbridge*

**Stephanie Joe, Journalism Diploma**

*Southern Alberta Institute of Technology*

**Alaura Bouvier, Practical Nursing Diploma**

*Okanagan College*

**Kara Vance, Justice & Criminology Certificate**

*Yukon College*

**Maxine Barker, Health Care Aide Certificate**

*Red Deer College/The Health Care Aide Academy*

**Shayla Battaja-Green**

*Early Childhood Development Certificate  
Yukon College*

**Florence Kushniruk**

*Business Administration Certificate  
Yukon College*

**Victor Green, Carpentry Level 3**

**David Germain, Carpentry Level 3**

**Chris Allen, Carpentry Level 3**

**Caleb Smith, Carpentry Level 2**

**Nevada Njootli, Trades Training**

**Glen Rear**

*Cooking, Journeyman Red Seal Ticket  
Northern Alberta Institute of Technology*

**Darlene Jim, Culinary Arts**

*Yukon College*

**Bradley Jim, Excavator Operator**

*Interior Heavy Equipment Operator School*

**Alex Williams Jr., Pre-Apprentice Plumbing**

*Yukon College*

**Kellin Friesen, Environmental Monitor**

*Selwyn Chihong Mining Ltd.*

**Marion Primozic, Executive Development Program/**

*First Nations Governance and Public Administration*

*Yukon College*



***Nígha shāw nithän.***  
*To you, I think good of you.*

## 2016 High School Graduates

**Troy Barnaby**

**Matthew Brown**

**Tyrel Green**

**Jessica Harrison**

**Sandra Caitlyn Jim**

**Allanah Johnson**

**Ryan Long**

**Bobbi-Rae Patchett**

**Sarina Primozic**

**Dayna Smith**

**Shadunjen van Kampen**

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*We do our best to include all CAFN grads. If we have missed someone, please let us know!  
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*Post-secondary graduates and Council at the CAFN barbecue at Shadhala (Champagne) on May 25, 2016.*



# Shāwkwùnlee Daycare

By Jessica Dyck, Daycare Manager



*The beginning of science experiment this June.*



*"Science!" A quote from Antwon during our very exciting learning experience. All of the children were very engaged and excited, one of the benefits emergent curriculum can provide.*

## Programming

Wow, what a busy winter and spring it has been. Center staff have attended training again this winter and will continue studies in the fall to improve their skills as Early Learning and Child Care professionals. Our dedicated team has been keeping very busy with changes to the way we do our programming. We are learning about emergent curriculum and making the transition to this method of programming for our center. This is where curriculum takes shape day-by-day and week-by-week instead of it being planned well ahead of time, or theme based. It requires more observations and documentation on the part of staff, but is based on the children's interests, likes, developmental level and needs. This allows more spontaneity in our classroom as the word emergent suggests, but is still carefully planned and executed by teachers to meet our specific goals. Emergent curriculum is not a new concept, but is new to our center and requires a transition in the way we think about our programming. I invite interested parents and community members to come and ask me any questions you might have. I will do my best to answer them all!



*Planting our starters at the center this spring.*

## The Winter and Spring in Review

We have been getting out of the center for more field trips and we plan on keeping it up with the lovely summer we have been having so far. Thanks to the Community Wellness Department and parents, Sean and Angie, for letting us use vehicles to get ourselves out to places like Klukshu, Silver City and Sheep Mountain! Here are a few highlights from the last few months.



*A very well-attended Easter event. Thanks to everyone who came out and made this fun for the kids!*

## Spring Break Camp at Klukshu

The daycare was able to attend two days of the camp, and we had a lot of fun playing and learning in CAFN's beautiful traditional territory.



*Watching and learning while the fish was processed at the spring break camp.*



*A group shot in the mun ky.*

## Field Trip to Sheep Mountain and Shakat Tun

On May 27th we took the group to Sheep Mountain. We spent time at the Tachäl Dhäl visitor center looking for sheep and learning lots! We picnicked at the trail head a little ways away and then on our way home we visited James Allen's camp and got a tour. We hope to make another visit there this summer.



*Looking for sheep.*



*Great friends.*

## Dän k'e (Language)

We are learning more and more about language here at the center! Working with the Language, Culture, and Heritage Department we are doing more language programming and the children always enjoy their circle time lessons and speaking Southern Tutchone in general. They have all learned their introductions and we are also learning about the weather and our feelings. Language is always used when we are out on field trips and walks. We talk to the children about the world around them and try to make their language learning relevant to their surroundings and day to day lives. Every day, staff and children are becoming more comfortable in *dän k'e*, and it is truly wonderful to see.

## Nutrition

So many nutritious snacks! The daycare continues to promote healthy food for learning. We talk to the children about what they are eating and teach them about how it contributes to their health and well-being. Thanks to all of the parents and guardians for being on board and bringing us so many healthy foods to serve at snack and meal times.

### Shäwkwünlee Daycare Fees

We are lucky to have very low daycare fees here in Haines Junction. With changes to the cost of operation, and the guidelines around how we define full and part time spaces, the daycare fees are currently under review. In six months to one year, it is possible that there may be some adjustments made to the fee schedule. We will provide advance notice.

# UKWÄNJĒ

By Millie Joe, Language Coordinator

**Dà N-zhā** – June (animals get poor month)

**Nadäjèl N-zhā** – July (gophers turning red gopher month)

Language Programs has been busy on a few projects this spring. We are happy to be near completion of our Mini Southern Tutchone Pocket Dictionary! This resource will be helpful for language learners to have a hard copy reference on hand. Language Programs can then produce some on-line resources and apps. We also have the Southern Tutchone Language Units 1-3, exercises and story booklets compiled and will be using them as teaching and learning guides. After each unit is successfully completed, we will host a big celebration for our Unit 1 graduates, then continue on to Unit 2 and 3. Once everyone is back from their busy summer we will start fresh with Southern Tutchone Language Unit 1 in each traditional community. We are still seeking potential language support and mentors to lead some of these programs. Please let me know if you are interested to team up.

We are also excited to have the Shawkwunlee Daycare Language Nest once again up and running. Currently the children are having fun learning dai-



*Drumming and dancing with Miss Workman.  
Lots of fun had by all!*

ly Southern Tutchone in song, play and interaction with our teacher Ms. Liza Jacobs. If you wish to attend a Parent and Tot Language Program with your child please contact us and we will be happy to include you. We will send home a new monthly newsletter with your child so you can practice at home. The children speak so proudly and are learning so quick.

We are excited to invite you to the Äshèyi Language Cultural Family Camp 2016! It will be held at *Äshèyi Shakat Ky* from July 28 – August 2, 2016. We will have rides available into Camp on July 28 and out of camp on August 2. We'll also ensure youth participating in the CAFN Our Voices gathering August 2-7 have a ride out of camp in time.

Please watch for the camp poster, registration package, and traditional activity schedule. We will be asking for registration to be handed into any CAFN office, so we can plan meals and rides accordingly.

Shähw Níthan,

*Nätthàth'ja - Millie Joe  
Language Coordinator  
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*The language nest at Shawkwunlee Daycare.*

## What's Happening at Long Ago...Peoples Place

By Harold Johnson

Happy spring to all...

Kwaday Dan Kenji (long ago...peoples place) has been busy over the winter fixing and adding to our old displays and camp.

We are adding furs from the winter trapping season, carving new items for our displays, and expanding our camp with new shelters.

We have also started adding new clay and moss to the talking house or gathering house, so it can be used for meetings, workshops or just talking. The DIA house is being worked on and will need painting. The old (Field Johnson) Cracker Creek cabin is in need of a replacement roof with tin, mud and replacing foundation. Plans for this work will be in May and June.

It is that time of year to also harvest spruce bark, which will be used for replacement pieces on our bark house. So, if you have time or could make time to assist with any of the above things to do, we welcome all to come for any hour, a day or camp with us. We will provide wood, water and hot soup/bannock. Or you may want to use our tea/bannock house for preparing your meals. We do have outhouses and washing station for your comfort.

We have also been busy working with TV producers, tourism operators and how to make the camp better on developing more presence for Long Ago... Peoples Place. We are developing hiking packages for 1-3 day hikes this season and it will be designed for smaller groups. Plus, the newest service we will be offering is camp fire talks in Haines Junction twice a week, with hot tea/bannock, so keep an eye out for us on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting in May. This is a great opportunity to provide



*Long Ago... Peoples Place has received two awards over the past year: the Yukon First Nations Tourism and Culture 2015 Fire Keepers Award of Excellence and the Tourism Industry Association 2016 Travelers' Experience Award.*

a unique service and to partner with local Haines Junction businesses.

Our camp has received two awards, one from Yukon First Nations Tourism and Culture, Award of Excellence "Fire Keepers" 2015, and Tourism Industry Association, Award of Excellence "Travelers' Experience Award" 2016. The awards are from years of hard work, and recognition and support from the Yukon Tourism Industry. These awards are for the Elders who made time to assist us and give us permission to share with visitors from around the world, and to encourage our young people to re-connect with our history, stories and where we come from.

We would also like to thank John Fingland, who assisted us in developing our marketing pieces on Facebook, web design (PR Services Ltd.) and media presence. We took advantage of the BEEF program in 2015 season and found that it really enhanced the presence of our camp with new road signs, Facebook, Twitter, Tumbler, Flicker and rack cards. John did an amazing job as our Marketing Coordinator. This program is for businesses is provided through Champagne and Aishihik First Nations. We would like to thank Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Chief and Council for your continued support.

We look forward to seeing you all soon. Thank you.

# Doing Business

Ways you are supported on your path to success

## Programs, services and funding

- business planning
- ad help
- source list & CAFN website business listing
- help with bids
- tools and tips
- feasibility studies
- BEEF - subsidy for staff
- EEF - fund matching for purchases
- help with other funding sources and more

Contact Angie Charlebois to find out more. We are taking applications now for our CAFN programs.

acharlebois@cafn.ca  
867-634-4240

**Build your business!**

## NEW FACES

### Kim Chambers Fish and Wildlife Manager

Hi. I am the new Fish and Wildlife Manager here at CAFN. I grew up in Haines, Alaska, but moved to Cham-



pagne then Whitehorse shortly after graduation in 2009. Previous to accepting this position, I worked as the Community Trapping Coordinator for CAFN and as the Initial Attack Crew Leader at the Kluane Wildfire Management Base. I am excited to be working here, and look forward to the challenges and opportunities ahead.

*Kim Chambers, Fish and Wildlife Manager*  
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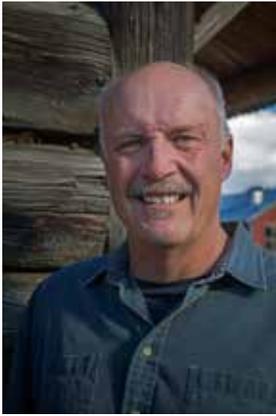
### John Fingland, Interpreter Da Kų Cultural Centre

Please welcome John Fingland back for another season as an interpreter at Da Kų. For more information on Da Kų activities and summer hours, please contact John and the Language, Culture and Heritage team at (867) 634-3300 or visit [cafn.ca/da-ku-cultural-centre](http://cafn.ca/da-ku-cultural-centre).

*John Fingland*  
Da Kų Cultural Centre Interpreter  
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**Welcome to all our CAFN summer students, BC Park rangers and Employment Opportunities (EOP) crew!**

*We look forward to sharing more about these busy members of the CAFN team in the next newsletter (fall 2016).*



**Rob Fendrick**  
**Acting Chief Financial Officer**

Rob Fendrick is currently the Acting Chief Financial Officer at Champagne Aishihik First Nations. Born in the Northwest Territories and raised in Whitehorse, Fendrick stayed in Vancouver after university to begin his career with BC Hydro in

1982. After several years with Hydro, Fendrick moved out on his own to operate a computer company that employed 20 people. He received his Certified General Accountant (CGA) designation in 1991, and returned to Whitehorse in 1998.

Fendrick also holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of British Columbia and a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Alaska Southeast.

Fendrick moved to governmental work and was involved at the municipal level in administration for 17 years as the Director of Corporate Services and was voted onto the Council for the City of Whitehorse in 2015.

Fendrick has been involved with the CGA Association at the local level for the last twelve years as President of CGA Yukon. He currently serves on the National Board and has recently successfully merged CGA Yukon to form the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) Association of the Yukon.

His spouse, Wendy Fendrick, is also a CGA. The couple met while they were both working for BC Hydro, and have been married for 31 years. Wendy and Rob love the outdoors and you can find them spending their time together mountain biking and kiteboarding. They have two children – Stuart, 27, and Kurtis, 25.

*Rob Fendrick*  
*Acting Chief Financial Officer*  
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**Sandy Wabisca**  
**Executive Assistant to the Executive Director and Management Committee**

Hi. My name is Sandy Wabisca. I am a Champagne and Aishihik First Nations member and belong to the Wolf Clan.

I have recently accepted the full time position as the Executive Assistant to the Executive Director and Management Committee, which consists of all the department directors. My job provides administrative and secretarial support for the Executive Director and Management Committee to ensure that they operate effectively and efficiently.

I have previously worked for CAFN as a cook’s assistant and this was a great opportunity for me to reconnect with the community again. My original plan was to start an electrical contracting business with my partner, Lance Bratt, who is the electrician for True North Electric, to do work throughout the Yukon. This has been a great success thus far and we will continue to serve the communities.

This July will be two years since my move back to the Yukon from living in Vancouver for 32 years. I decided it was time for me to be home with my dad and family now that my daughter, Kimiko Clark, is on her own and almost completed a Bachelor of Arts degree at Simon University in Vancouver.

The support I have received since I’ve been home has been tremendous and I can’t say I miss the big city living. There’s nothing more beautiful than the Yukon and its friendly people. I’m happy to be home and look forward to learning and working alongside the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations members.

If you should need my help or support, please feel free to call me.

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# Dakwakada

CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

It is gearing up to be a busy summer here at Dakwakada Capital Investments with the CAFN Summer Student Program and various new employees settling in across DCI's subsidiary companies.

Dakwakada is excited to be participating in the 2nd year of the CAFN Summer Student Program.

The successful summer student candidates are:

- Geena Charlie - Castle Rock, Shop Administrator;
- Elizabeth Gladue – Northerm, Office Administrator;
- Nathan Garvice – Northerm, Junior Installer;
- Kara Vance – RAB Energy & Dakwakada, Office Administrator;
- Terrence O'Brien – Northerm, Junior Production.

Thank you to all our successful summer students and good luck with your positions!

Dakwakada continues to be focused on building capacity and investing in their employees and has recently wrapped up a series of professional development training courses. Course topics ranged from increasing personal productivity, complex adaptive systems in business, to communication and coaching. With 26 employees from all subsidiary companies participating, the program was a huge success. We congratulate all participants for their participation and achievement in this training program.

Dakwakada Capital Investments' board of directors was appointed on April 1, 2016. Please join us in welcoming our new board members: Odessa Epp (Chair), Elaine Chambers, Edward Long, Edward Mollard, Mark Gardhouse, and Martin Eckervogt. Dakwakada is also pleased to announce our new team member, Virginia Cobbett, hired in the position of Office Manager and Community Liaison.



*Dakwakada Group of companies training for leadership and professional development.*

Dakwakada Capital Investments is excited to take part in the annual CAFN General Assembly this summer. DCI and its group of companies would like to thank CAFN and the community at large for their support over this past season.

## **RAB Energy Inc. (Northerm)**

### **Yukon**

RAB is pleased to report that both the Yukon and Alaska had a good finish to our 2015/2016 fiscal year. As we start off 2016/2017 celebrating our 30th anniversary, Northerm would like to thank all past and present employees for 30 successful years! Along with our annual spring sale we participated in the Habitat for Humanity fundraiser and raised \$1000 for this valuable cause. We look forward to making this an annual event.

We have some great things to look forward to this year with the consolidation of the manufacturing of Alaska products into the Yukon location. We will be distributing finished products into the Alaska markets by the end of this calendar year. We are also looking at other areas of setting up distribution centres within the north. These are exciting times as we look at growing and expanding our market throughout the North. We are currently upgrading some of our aging equipment to take on the demand for products that we will see from market expansions.

## Alaska

Alaska operations have benefited from a warmer than usual spring helping to get new clients in the door as we work on continual sales efforts. Generally, we are expecting healthy performance as we start the new fiscal year. This will be realized largely through a refocusing of our sales and marketing efforts and identification of new dealership partners and new contractors participating in our Five Star Contractor program.

Some results of this renewed sales and marketing focus are already being realized through several larger home packages in Anchorage currently in production, new bid awards with rural Alaska communities in Selawik, Kasigluk, and Point Hope, and larger commercial projects, including a recent win with the expansion of the Anchorage Museum. Capitol Glass/Northern Windows also expects to have the final phase of our State Capitol Rehabilitation Project completed by year end and is currently mobilizing materials for the summer season's activities. It has been a great privilege for the Anchorage team to support the rehabilitation of such an important building for our state.

The Anchorage team is also excited for several new hires on our production floor along with a new Office Manager, Jane Howard, who joined us the beginning of May.

## Icefield Tools Corporation (ITC)

The first quarter has been very busy for Icefield Tools, including the addition of two new engineers to our team. We are currently testing a tremendous new survey technology developed in house, which has been trademarked as Gyro Path® NSG, which stands for: North Seeking Gyroscope.

This instrument measures the rotation of the earth for several minutes, and then determines its exact azimuth (direction) and inclination. This will be a major benefit to drilling operations around the world, in both mining and oil and energy, as it will be able to send instant, accurate directional information to the surface from even 15,000 feet of depth.

There have been signs of improvement in the mining sector, and we continue to develop our business in areas of the world that have carried on full drilling efforts for oil and energy products, such as Saudi Arabia and Iraq. We are optimistic about the coming year!

## Castle Rock Enterprises (CRE)

Castle Rock is gearing up for another busy season. CRE has secured 46 hectares for the gravel expansion at the quarry and a crew has begun clearing trees and brushing for access. CRE is also completing work at the Yukon Energy Corporation for the P125 parking project, and are grading and prepping for asphalt paving. CRE is excited to be working on their second year of the Hospital Expansion Project. With a busy season ahead, CRE is focused on safety and training and is looking forward to having a successful summer working on these various projects.

For more information:

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*Dakwakada Capital Investments*

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*Congratulations to Jack Jackson Jr. on his winning design for the Southern Tutchone Tribal Council logo contest.  
Nigha shāw nithän.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Waiting for a check from CAFN?

1. CAFN's policy for payments (accounts payable) is to pay the amount due within 30 days of receiving an invoice or request for payment. This is a standard financial practice across many organizations and governments.
2. CAFN accounts payable are paid on the 15th and 30th of every month.
3. After cheques have been printed and approved, the cheques are mailed immediately after they are signed.

### What should you do if you are expecting a cheque from CAFN?

- If you are expecting a check, please **do** ensure CAFN has your current mailing address and look for the payment in your mailbox.
- If you have questions on the status of a cheque, please **do** contact the staff member in the department helping with your contract or payment. *For example, if you are waiting for an income assistance payment, contact your Community Wellness case worker. If you are a student waiting for a student funding check, please contact a staff member in the Education Department.*
- Please **do not** call the Finance Department or request special delivery instructions through Finance staff. Though our Finance staff often exceeds standard timeframes for processing payments, when they are frequently interrupted with individual requests for cheques, it reduces their ability to look after payments promptly and follow proper financial procedure.
- Automatic deposit: If you receive a regularly recurring payment from CAFN, such as monthly Elders Benefits, in many cases you can be set up for automatic deposit. Please **do** contact the department you are working with to ask if your payment can be made through automatic deposit to your bank account.

CAFN sincerely thanks our Citizens and businesses for your understanding of the importance of maintaining these good financial practices.

## Operation NANOOK

During the last week of August (Aug 29 to Sept 2, 2016) the Canadian Armed Forces, Yukon Government, Village of Haines Junction and CAFN will be conducting a mock emergency scenario to test Emergency Plans developed for the Territory. Exercises will begin on August 29 with training and preparation happening through the previous week. Anyone interested in an opportunity to gain training and experience in emergency situations should contact: Graham Boyd @ 867-456-6886 or gboyd@cafn.ca.

### Burn Safe!



**A little reminder  
as we enter wildfire season**

### Don't forget to get your burning permit!

If you are planning on burning brush or slash around your cabin or house between April 1st and September 30th, don't forget to get your burning permit! It's free!!

### Where can I get a burning permit?

**On CAFN Settlement Land:** at the CAFN Lands office in Haines Junction (634-4231) or Whitehorse (456-6886)

**Off Settlement Land:** at the Haines Junction Wildland Fire Management Office (by Parks Farm), (634-7061); OR in Whitehorse Wildland Fire Management Office, (390-2531).

**Protect your home  
and protect your community!**

### Here are few tips for safe burning:

- Call us and let us know when you are planning on burning
- Burn only in LOW Fire Danger
- DON'T burn during periods of MODERATE, HIGH OR EXTREME Fire Danger
- Always have some water and a shovel nearby to keep the fire under control
- Don't burn when it is windy
- Keep fire under supervision at all times until extinguished

## 9-1-1

Yukon government is working to make Basic 9-1-1 service available throughout Yukon by the end of summer 2016. Quite simply, the purpose of a 9-1-1 system is to make it easier to contact emergency services. The number is easy to remember and consistent across North America.

BUT, until 9-1-1 is available, it's important to use the existing emergency number relevant to your community. For communities along the Alaska Highway these are posted on signs as you enter Canyon, Champagne and Takhini. But as a general rule, dial the first three digits of the phone number in the community followed by 5555 to reach police.

## Haines Junction Training Trust Fund

**HAINES JUNCTION TRAINING TRUST FUND SOCIETY  
BOX 5323, HAINES JUNCTION, YT Y0B 1L0**

### **About the Fund:**

The Haines Junction Training Trust Fund (HJTTF) Society is funded by the Yukon Department of Education, Advanced Education Branch. Applications are reviewed by the Society Board (consists of eight members, residents from the Haines Junction and Champagne and Aishihik Traditional Territory). Applications are assessed based on eligibility, merit and financial need.

### **Purpose of the Training Fund:**

The main purpose of the Fund is to support training that is responsive to industry and employee training needs from entry-level skills development to career development. The Fund is meant to build skilled labour in response to local and Yukon needs.

### **Objective of the Training Fund:**

To support residents of Haines Junction and Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Traditional Territory by providing educational opportunities to increase employment knowledge, skills and abilities to a high standard.

### **Goals Include:**

- Fund short-term training that will advance and enhance the Yukon labour force.
- Fund individuals who wish to retrain or refresh skills.
- Increase training opportunities and partnerships

### **Expected Results:**

- Increase the number of people with the skills necessary to obtain work in various economic sectors.
- Support training that increases opportunities for Yukon workers to obtain employment and diversify their income, especially locally.

### **Who can apply?**

- Must be a resident of Haines Junction or Champagne and Aishihik Traditional Territory for at least one year.
- Must be 18 or older (no educational level restriction).
- Must have sought other sources of funding (TIA, Social Assistance, RPAY, LDAY, etc.) as well as indicate financial need.
- Must have applied to a registered institution or credentialed course.

### **Who cannot apply?**

- A person taking the course as part of a diploma/degree program.
- A person who works for any level of government or who is applying for a course required by employer.

### **Meeting Dates:**

The Training Trust Fund Society Board meets quarterly on the last Wednesday of the month. Upcoming meetings:

August 31, 2016  
November 30, 2016  
February 22, 2017

### **For more information or a Training Trust Fund application form:**

*Vera Owlchild*

*CAFN Post Secondary Employment & Training Manager  
(867) 456-6884 or [vowlchild@cafn.ca](mailto:vowlchild@cafn.ca)*

*Ruth Lawrence, Haines Junction Training Trust Fund Society  
(867) 634-2020*

**[cafn.ca/haines-junction-training-trust-fund](http://cafn.ca/haines-junction-training-trust-fund)**

## POTLATCHES

**July 16 - Crow Potlatch for the late Jenny Moose and Annie Holm (Moose)** at Da Kų Cultural Centre, Haines Junction.

**July 23 - Potlatch for the late Arthur George Jones (Art).** Headstone viewing at 1 p.m. at Grey Mountain Cemetery. Potlatch at 3 p.m. at Nakwataku Potlatch House in Whitehorse.

**July 30 - Potlatch for the late Shane Johnson** at the Jacquot Building, Burwash Landing.

**July 30 - Potlatch for the late Evelyn Skookum (T'áthay),** 2 p.m. at the Carmacks Recreation Centre.

**August 6 - Potlatch for the late Cynthia Roxanne Blackjack (Cenjeya),** 3 p.m. at the Carmacks Heritage Hall.

**August 27 - Headstone Potlatch for the late Elder Jack Tom and Randall "Ronnie" Tom,** 3 p.m. at Carmacks Recreation Centre.

**September 3 - Potlatch for the late Elizabeth (Liz) Walker and Grandson Julian Plasway,** 2 p.m. at Champagne Hall.



*Congratulations to Frankie Moose (14) on his promotion to Corporal in the Air Cadets on June 2, 2016.*



*Congratulations to Nevada Joe on receiving the MVP and the Best Goalie awards for Youth Division at the Yukon Native Hockey Tournament.*

## SPECIAL GREETINGS



*Congratulations to Julie Smith on her award for Excellence in EMS.*



*Congratulations to Marion Primozic on being the first to graduate from CAFN's Executive Development Program with Yukon College!*

***Kwìdlj dzenù sòthän nch'j!***  
***Happy Birthday!***



*Happy 5th Birthday to Ta-Koda Bailey. Good luck in Kindergarten this fall!! Love from your Mom, Dad, family and friends*

*And to great-grandson Drydyn Joe on August 23, a big "Happy Birthday". Love from Vera and family.*



*Happy Birthday to Shania Jackson for June 4, 2016. Love from your family.*

*Happy Birthday to grandson Ethan Smith on June 8 and to brother Frank Billy on August 3. From Lilly and Harold.*



*Happy 80th Birthday Grandma May!! Wishing you a very special day. From your family*

*June 10, Happy Birthday to Dylan Wabisca, have a fabulous day. Love from Mom and Autumn.*

*Wishing my family a Happy Birthday and many more to come: July 7 to John H., July 18 to John Williams, July 28 to Deborah Williams and July 30 to Chris Williams. For June 4, Happy Birthday to granddaughter Shania Jackson.*

*..and so the adventure begins. Happy Graduation Ryan Long!! We are so proud of you! Love Mom & Dad*



*Congratulations to Bobbi-Rae Patchett on your graduation from grade 12!*



**CHAMPAGNE AND AISHIHIK FIRST NATIONS**

***Please send your greetings for the Dàkwäni newsletter to:***  
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**Destination Address:**

## CAFN CALENDAR

**Mondays - Family Games Night**, 7 to 9 p.m.  
 weekly at Mun Kų (Elders Complex).

**Wednesdays - Men's Support Group**, 7 to 9 p.m.  
 weekly at Mun Kų (Elders Complex).

**Thursdays - Women's Empowerment Circle**,  
 5 to 7 p.m. weekly at Mun Kų (Elders Complex).

**July 9 - Southern Tutchone Tribal Council Gathering**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Helen's Fish Camp, Lake Laberge. For more details: Shannon Walker, southerntutchone@northwestel.net or (867) 335-1320.

**July 15 - Chief and Council meeting**, Haines Junction.

**July 22-24 - CAFN General Assembly**, Aishihik Lake Campground, 27-Mile, Aishihik Road.

**July 28 - August 2 - Äshèyi Language and Culture Family Camp** at Äshèyi Shakat Kų. For more details and to register please contact Millie Joe at (867) 634-3301 or mjoe@cafn.ca.

**July 29 - Chief and Council meeting**, Haines Junction.

**August 3-7 - Our Voices emerging youth leaders gathering**, CAFN Traditional Territory, exact location to be confirmed. For more details visit: [cafn.ca/event/voices-youth-gathering](http://cafn.ca/event/voices-youth-gathering).

**August 22 - September 2 - Operation NANOOK**, earthquake emergency response exercise, Haines Junction.

*For more dates and details: [CAFN.ca/events](http://CAFN.ca/events)*

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