

Dàkwània

YÚK'E - WINTER 2012/13

NÄTS'EKHJ KÙ "HEALING HOUSE" OPENS AS NEW CAFN COMMUNITY WELLNESS CENTRE



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Bea Shawanda, Agnes MacDonald and Mary Jane Smith work on sewing projects during a class at Nàts'ekhj Kù this December.

The name Nàts'ekhj Kù, or "Healing House" in Southern Tutchone, was submitted by Lena Smith-Tutin during the re-naming contest this fall. CAFN Health and Social staff thank all the people who shared their excellent ideas for the new name (more than 15 name ideas were submitted). Over the years, the building has been known as "the Band office", "Dà Kù", the "old Dà Kù", and most recently, "Ä Kù".

"Healing House" was chosen because it is a name that suits the new purpose of this old building. All of the programs hosted there will focus on a holistic approach to wellness, which includes spiritual, mental, emotional and physical wellness.

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Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) reopened its old administrative building in Haines Junction as the new Nàts'ekhj Kù or "Healing House" this November.

The new name comes with the rebirth of the building as CAFN's centre for community wellness programs, which currently include weekly sewing classes, game nights, fitness classes, Elders fitness lunches, and much more. Nàts'ekhj Kù is becoming a space where people want to come to spend time and support each other, and is busy most weekdays and evenings. The space also houses several CAFN Health programs offices and staff, including Community Wellness, Elders Programs, and Family and Prenatal Support.



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Community members gathered for the re-naming ceremony.





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Dayle MacDonald and Susan Knight work on their mukluks during a sewing class at the "Healing House".

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Programs offered at Nāts'ekhj Kù promote a healthy lifestyle using modern tools and knowledge, but also aim to bring back a more traditional model of health.

The renaming ceremony took place during National Addictions Awareness Week, November 19-25. CAFN hosted workshops and community dinners in Haines Junction and Takhini to commemorate the week and to raise awareness in our communities. Several youth stepped up during the Haines Junction community dinner to perform a song about having the courage to say "no" to drugs, alcohol and peer pressure.



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The reopening ceremony was commemorated with a beautifully decorated cake prepared by Prenatal and Family Support Worker Stephanie MacElheron.

CAFN's Health and Social programs are currently under review, but the focus of the department remains Wellness and Healthy Lifestyles for All Our Citizens, in keeping with our CAFN Vision Statement and Strategic Plan.

Plans for 2013 include:

- a new fitness room in Nāts'ekhj Kù is coming with recently-approved funding through the Community Development Fund for exercise equipment;
- new toys and equipment for Family Health programs;
- cross-country ski clinics for beginners and prospective coaches in January (see the calendar on page 16 for more details); and
- continued substance abuse and addictions programs and services.

To see upcoming Community Wellness programs, visit the calendar and events listings at www.cafn.ca and watch for CAFN's new Community Wellness Newsletter, which is delivered to all residents in CAFN communities, and also posted online at www.cafn.ca/health.html.

For more information, you can also contact:

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Several of CAFN's Health and Social staff gathered outside Nāts'ekhj Kù this December.

Message from the Chief

Dänneh'e.

As 2012 comes to a close I wish everyone a merry Christmas and safe holidays.

The 2012 year has been a busy one for our CAFN Council. We continue to strive for progress on the three pillars identified by this Council: Economic de-

velopment, wellness, and building on our vibrant traditional culture.

We are in the process of finalizing the CAFN economic development plan that we consulted with the communities on. Thank you to all who contributed your valuable input through the questionnaire and at the many economic development planning sessions hosted in 2012.

In this year we've focused strongly on housing and home ownership as a critical foundation for economic security on our lands and for our people. The Habitat for Humanity partnership and triplex construction at Takhini River Subdivision has been an exciting accomplishment. In our work towards home ownership, a challenge is establishing a land titles office and central lands registry that allows us to provide security of ownership for home-owners, banks and other governments, while protecting our aboriginal title to our lands for future generations. We are getting closer and anticipate a final plan for land registry will be complete in early 2013.

Another economic development project continued this year is research on the potential for a biomass plant in Haines Junction, with project partners Dakwakada Development Corp, Yukon Energy, the Village of Haines Junction, and the cold climate research branch of Yukon College. Work on the feasibility study continues and a public information session is planned for January 22, 2013 here at our Da Kų Cultural Centre. I believe a biomass plant has great potential to make use of beetle-killed trees, create local employment, and possibly provide waste heat for other projects, such as a large greenhouse.

The trades training program developed in partnership with Yukon College is also progress toward developing our capacity for economic development and job security within our membership.

In the area of wellness and healing, CAFN Council continues to support dedicated individuals in our communities who want to volunteer their time to help people struggling with social issues and addictions. We are reviewing and moving forward with a stronger Health and Social Department.

We invited Bea Shawanda and Niso Bradford to our Traditional Territory to spend a month with our people, and were pleased they accepted and came to help at this difficult time. Bea and Niso came to help us deal with recent tragedies in our community in a way that helps people cope with the loss of loved ones and move forward in a positive way. The Council looks forward to doing all we can to support continued healing.

On a positive note, we are excited about the renewed purpose and new name for the Năts'ekhj Kų or "Healing House", which received its new name at a special ceremony this November. There are many great wellness programs underway, and we look forward to more activities and improvements in the New Year that keep our people on a healing path.

The Tăn Gă Natthė Trailhead project continues to be a priority, and contributes to all three pillars – wellness, economic development and culture. We look forward to sharing more news on this project in 2013.

In the area of language and culture, I am pleased with the continuation of the Bicultural Program at St. Elias Community School. This program ensures our traditional language and culture are a fundamental part of our students' schoolwork and activities outside the classroom. CAFN hosted several excellent language and culture camps in 2012, and we look forward to more great camps in 2013. Language programs are growing, with two full-time staff housed in new offices at Da Kų Cultural Centre. The Cultural Centre itself continues to be an exciting place to share our history and culture within our own community and with visitors. We look forward to new heritage programming at Da Kų in the New Year, and staff are busily preparing for the big grand opening event scheduled for June 1, 2013. Culture and language are crucial to our identity and of the utmost priority.

Within our government administration, we continue to monitor and review programs and services delivered through our departments. We are thankful to our hard-working staff who deliver high quality programs and services to our people, but also recognize that we can always continue to improve.

Staff were recognized this December during the annual Staff Appreciation event. We were proud to recognize several staff with Long Service Awards, especially Lilly Smith and Lena Smith-Tutin, who both reached 40 years of service to CAFN in 2012! Shăw Nithän to Lilly and Lena for their many years of hard work and dedication on behalf of our people, and to all the staff who achieved service awards this year.

In closing, again I wish you a safe and special holiday season with loved ones, and all the best in 2013.

*In respect,
Chief James Allen - Jämena*

COUNCIL DECISIONS

The following decisions were made by CAFN Chief and Council during their September, October and November, 2012 regular meetings.

GA Resolutions

Chief and Council accepted the 2012 General Assembly Resolutions.

Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

Council approved submission of the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan for approval by the Yukon Government Gas Tax Review Committee with the following additions:

- Adaptation of the secondary well at Takhini (ground source heat pump);
- Installation of new energy efficient heating appliances in Citizens homes;
- Installation of solar technology in homes and buildings to reduce hot water expenses;
- Installation of grey water recycling systems in communities where water is delivered; and
- A recycling program for all CAFN communities.

Revenue Sharing Agreement

Council authorized Chief Allen to sign a Revenue Sharing Agreement, which is a fiscal arrangement to bring Yukon Government and Yukon Self-Governing First Nations to a fairer level of sharing of Yukon-based royalty revenue while protecting the interests of Indian Act Bands.

Habitat for Humanity Mortgage Guarantees

Chief and Council agreed in principle to provide mortgage guarantees, with the proviso that CAFN administration will identify a process that accommodates the guarantee for the citizens selected for the Habitat for Humanity Yukon Homeownership housing units on CAFN settlement land.

Home Heating Tax Funding

Council approved a maximum of \$20,000 to be available to CAFN Citizens through the Gas Tax Funds for home energy efficiency improvements for their private residences. Further, Citizens may be required to repay a portion of the costs based on the guidelines of the Gas Tax Agreement.

Animal Control

Chief and Council directed the Housing, Properties and Municipal Services Department to develop an agreement with the Village of Haines Junction for Animal Control.

Supplementary Budget

CAFN Chief and Council approved the supplementary budgets as presented by the Management Committee to end of fiscal year March 31, 2012.

Lands Policy

Chief and Council approved revisions to the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Lands Policy.

Daycare Accounting

Council approved acquiring the services of MP Computing for the sole purpose of tracking payments, issuing invoices, and sending reminder notices to parents on behalf of Shawkwunlee Daycare.

Transitional Housing

Chief and Council approved designation of two trailer lots on Otter Crescent in Haines Junction for transitional housing.

Community Corporation Mortgage Guarantee

Council approved a loan guarantee for the Champagne Aishihik Community Corporation (CACC) not to exceed \$120,000.00 and directed that a market value appraisal and capitalization plan be completed by the CACC by January 2013.

Copies of approved Chief and Council minutes are available with reception staff at the Haines Junction and Whitehorse administrative offices, or by contacting the CAFN Executive Council Office at (867) 634-4242 or drwilliams@cafn.ca.

Chief and Council Priorities

1. Wellness
2. Economic Development
3. Building on a vibrant Traditional Culture

2012 LONG SERVICE AWARDS



Lena Smith-Tutin is presented with her 40-Year Long Service Award by Chief Allen and Deputy Chief Les Walker.

Congratulations to all the CAFN employees who received Long Service and Staff Choice Awards during a staff appreciation event this December. Special congratulations to Lena Smith-Tutin and Lilly Smith who both reached 40 years of service in 2012.

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Luke Campbell
 Florence Kushniruk
 Chris Allen
 Troy Johns
 Miles Morton
 Collette Catto
 Vanessa Innes
 Anne Tayler
 Amy McKinnon
 Stephen Roddick
 Marilyn Kincaid
 Stephanie MacElheron
 Diane Strand
 Megan Moore

5 Years

Miranda Williams
 Graham Boyd
 Liz Johnson
 Jacquie Chambers
 Kevin Joe
 Heather Jim

10 Years

Sheila John
 Ian Robinson
 Sharmane Jones

40 Years

Lena Smith-Tutin
 Lily Smith

Staff Choice Awards

Kathleen Johnson
Outstanding Service Award

Lawrence Joe
 & Shadelle Chambers
The Leadership Award

Lena Smith-Tutin
Cultural Champion



Courtesy of VanBibber family

Elder and veteran Alex VanBibber in Ottawa for Remembrance Day in 2009.

ALEX VANBIBBER AWARD

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations congratulates Elder Alex VanBibber on being named as the recipient of the 2013 Indspire Lifetime Achievement Award (formerly the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards).

"We know that Alex is really deserving of this award for his extraordinary life experiences and the lifestyle he continues to live at age 96. He's a great inspiration to our people and especially our youth," said Chief James Allen on behalf of the CAFN Council.

Alex has also received the Order of Canada and the Clay Pugh Memorial Award for Sportsman of the Year from the Yukon Fish and Game Association in recognition of his work with the youth of the Yukon.

Alex will be presented with his Lifetime Achievement Award at an awards gala on Friday, February 15, 2013 in Saskatoon. The Indspire awards gala will also be broadcast on APTN.



Is it time to turn wood into electricity?

Is a **biomass power plant** a good energy opportunity for Haines Junction and the CAFN Traditional Territory?

Join us for a public open house and discussion

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2012 COMMUNITY HOLIDAY EVENTS

Takhini Christmas Fun Day

Sunday, December 16, 3 to 6 p.m.

Takhini Community Hall

Join us for a fun family afternoon of crafts, decorations, games and snacks! All welcome

Klukshu Christmas Dinner

Thursday, December 20, 6 p.m.

Mun Ku (Elders Complex) in Haines Junction

See you all there!

Takhini Christmas Community Dinner

Saturday, December 22, 5 p.m.

Takhini Community Hall

Aishihik Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 23, 2 to 7 p.m.

Canada Games Centre Wellness Studio, Whitehorse

Everyone Welcome

CAFN Holiday Bowling Fun Day

Sunday, December 23, 2 to 7 p.m.

Mad Trappers Alley in Whitehorse

Food, bowling shoes and lane rental provided. Prizes for best holiday attire!

Come join us for some holiday fun.

Boxing Day Dinner

Wednesday, December 26, 4 p.m.

Haines Junction - location to be announced

Please watch for more details on this time-honored CAFN tradition!

Champagne Community Holiday Supper

Friday, December 28, 6:30 p.m.

Shadhala Ku (Champagne Hall)

Everyone is welcome to attend this family fun event!



Ku K'a Ákwänäta Yu
Where They Look After Houses
Housing, Properties and Municipal Services



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Ut'a Kwädich'e
Nàkwitth'at Dáy

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Executive Council Office

Secretariat



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People Helping People
Health and Social Department



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Chief James Allen, Dep
Elder Councillor Albert Hum
Joe-Malegana, and Cou
Harold Johnson and



***Kàáschech'äw
K'anátà Jè.***

***Dzenų Nän Äyų
è Shäw Kùulè Jè.***

***Everyone Safe
Holidays.
Christmas
New Year***

***Dana K'àtsa'äle Yu
Where They Give Money
Finance***



***Dän Kwäts'adän Yu
They Are Learning
Education***



***Nän Kay Ghàwinjì K'è
Our Way of Life on this Land
Heritage, Lands and Resources***

***Greetings
shihik First Nations
Council***

***uty Chief Leslie Walker,
e, Youth Councillor Bradley
councillors Mary Jane Jim,
d Dayle MacDonald***





Dakwakada

Development Corporation



Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year, from Dakwakada and its group of subsidiary companies to everyone in the CAFN family.



DAKWAKADA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION NEWS

It has been a very busy fall at Dakwakada Development Corporation (DDC).

Our former Executive Assistant Jane Olson accepted a new position at Dynamic Systems so the position of executive assistant for DDC is being reviewed and will be posted shortly.

DDC is in the midst of creating a new 3-year strategic plan, which will guide its decision making over the near term.

DDC continues to be in a growth mode, and is looking forward to new opportunities and acquisitions.

Castle Rock Enterprises (CRE) is having a momentous year, with its expansion into the asphalt and paving sectors. Reaching 96 employees at its peak, from a previous high in the 40s, clearly this was Castle Rock's biggest year to date. Castle Rock's growth has been mapped out in its strategic plan, which it is re-visiting

to ensure that year 2 of its expansion will be as successful as its first.

Kilrich has had its second record-year in a row. Clients reacted very positively to Kilrich's expansion of its service capacity, with the upgrade to mobile forklift capacity. Kilrich's new Truss Plant is performing better than expected, and continues to provide Kilrich the opportunity to enhance the services and products that it is able to offer to its clients.

Northern continues to perform as expected. While a lack of new construction has meant for a challenging year in the Yukon marketplace, Northern's Alaska operation is performing very well, and ahead of expectations, particularly after one considers the ongoing challenges in the US economy.

Latitude Wireless is having a successful year. They are looking into upgrading to 3G cell service in some of the communities in the near future. DDC's top priority for Latitude Wireless remains the delivery of the best possible service to customers in Latitude's coverage area.

*Dakwakada Development Corporation
Board of Directors and Staff*

www.dakwakada.com

NEW FACES

Stewart Breithaupt Director of Human Resources



Stewart has lived and worked primarily with Yukon First Nation communities since 1988. Stewart is married to Irene Winzer (Tom Tom) from the White River First Nation. Stewart has three sons, Jakob, Kai and Huss (WRFN) as well as two step daughters Arlynn and Josslyn (CTFN). Stewart has worked with Yukon First Nations in the fields of human resource management, program design and training, governance, education, justice, leadership and staff orientation training and policy analysis to name but a few. With his wife and a colleague Pauline Frost, Stewart has been involved in First Nation consulting with their company called Indigenous Governance Solutions. To maintain what remains of his sanity, Stewart turns to music and has played most festivals and venues in the Yukon over the past 20 years. He enjoys playing piano, guitar, bass and cello. Stewart loves hunting and fishing and will often be found out on the land with his family.

Stewart Breithaupt
Director of Human Resources
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Marie Davies

Employment and Training Officer - Whitehorse

My new job title is Employment Training Officer and I work closely with Vera Owlchild. My job is to help people identify job opportunities and get back to work. I have a bulletin board in my office here in Whitehorse where I have new job postings and training events.

I have recently worked for Kwanlin Dun First Nation doing this same job. Prior to that I worked for Teslin Tlingit Council for 14 years. Two of those years were in Whitehorse as the capacity development manager and the remaining 12 years were as the director of education. I have approximately 35 years of experience in the field of education and look forward to working with CAFN people.

Marie Davies
Employment & Training Officer (Whitehorse)
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Kelli Backstrom

Child and Family Liaison Worker



Hello, my name is Kelli Backstrom (*Zhook thay*). My daughter, Marlee Firth (*Yut de Mae*), and I are happy to call Haines Junction our home since moving here in mid-October. I am a member of the Crow Clan (Upper Tanana) from White

River First Nation and we have roots in Haines Junction, Beaver Creek and Northway, Alaska. I have a degree in Social Work (minors in Women's Studies and Criminology) and have been working in the areas of foster care recruitment and retention, child protection and social assistance since my convocation in 2006 in NWT, British Columbia and Carcross, Carmacks and Faro, Yukon.

I began working with CAFN's Health and Social Programs this October as the Child and Family Liaison Worker. This new position is exciting because I am able to do advocacy and support work. Watch your bulletin boards and emails in the New Year, as I plan to have an information session. Have a warm and cozy Christmas and cheers to 2013. My office is in the main administration building in Haines Junction, so please drop by and say hello!

Kelli Backstrom, Child and Family Liaison
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kbackstrom@cafn.ca



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We have a great variety of beads, beading supplies, jewelry and gifts, including locally made jewelry, Yukon mocassins, and other beaded items. We also do special orders if we don't have what you need in stock. And, we are open all year. I truly appreciate all my friends, old and new, and family who stop by my shop when they are in Haines. We also hope to be offering some creative beading classes throughout the winter months!

Jan Hill

Congratulations to Lorraine and Ciara Stick on the 5th Anniversary of Climate Clothing in September 2012.

Shāw Nithān from the CAFN Business Development Office.

Support a local CAFN business person. Swing by and get a gift certificate for someone you love this holiday.

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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

THINKING OF STARTING, EXPANDING OR BUYING A BUSINESS?

Entrepreneurial Equity Matching Fund

The objective of the Entrepreneurial Equity Matching Fund is to assist beneficiaries of CAFN residing in the Yukon Territory to establish viable business initiatives or activities. The program may provide financial assistance in the form of a non-repayable equity contribution. This contribution will enhance the ability of business owners to leverage other government funding sources and ease their ability to obtain conventional debt financing for business start-ups, expansions and/or acquisitions.

Business Services Available

- Feasibility & Business Planning Assistance
- Loan Application Assistance
- One-on-one business Counseling & Coaching
- Mentoring
- Access to Resources
- Group Workshops & Training



CHAMPAGNE AND AISHIHIK FIRST NATIONS BUSINESS OWNERS

Get on the "Business Goods & Services Source List"

CAFN is updating its goods and services source list. This list will support the development and expansion of business by promoting the purchase of goods and services from CAFN citizen-owned businesses. Please provide: Contact Name, Type of Business Services and contact information.

Forward your business information to:

Collette Catto
Business Development Officer
Champagne and Aishihik First Nations
PO Box 5310, Haines Junction, Yukon Y0B1L0
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ccatto@cafn.ca

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations, Vivian Smith!

Congratulations to Ms. Vivian! She received her 15 year Long Service Award on November 16, 2012 from the Yukon Department of Education. Many thanks for your time, dedication and commitment to Yukon Education! Vivian is the St. Elias Community School Native Language teacher, she also taught at Porter Creek and F.H Collins previously. Shāw Nithän!

Thank You

Thank you to the Shawkwunlee Dunena Sports Society for donating \$500.00 to the Shawkwunlee Daycare to use for toys and craft supplies. We really appreciate it.

From the Daycare staff and children

Season's Greetings

Seasons Greetings from Nova Scotia

Thinking of all of you and wishing you and yours a peaceful Christmas and a good New Year filled with peace and hope.

With many wonderful memories,
Debbie Thomas, Cathy and Heather

Thank You

Thank you to Charlie Long and his Merry Men, and to Rick Mazur, for fixing our house. We wish them a good holiday.

Yuletide Greetings
from Harold Kane and Lilly Smith



Frank Billy celebrated his 78th Birthday on August 3rd, 2012, at his favorite place, Kusawa Lake. He often speaks of his hunting spot, where he took his family for moose hunting and making dry meat and traditional teachings. He once said he'd like to see the top of "Jane's Manfield" (Kusawa Mountain) one more time, so we arranged to take him there for his birthday. He was the happiest man in the world that day, I'm sure!

We would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to Delmar Washington for making that all possible. It was a perfect day, one that will never be forgotten.

From the Billy family

HJEDS Greenhouse Project

The Haines Junction Employment Development Society (HJEDS) would like to announce its upcoming AGM on Saturday, January 19, 2013 in CAFN Council Chambers starting at 10 a.m. HJEDS is the non-profit society which manages the Greenhouse Project. In January of 2012 we selected a new Board made up mostly of CAFN members or employees.

Over the past year we hosted a series of meetings with community members to establish if there was still community support for the project, secured a new site for our work on CAFN lands next to Mun Ku, cleared and prepared the site, and moved some of our equipment over from the Village of Haines Junction Municipal compound.

We need the continuing support of CAFN to be successful. If you would like to be involved in the ongoing management of a project dedicated to the

support of people with disabilities through employment please consider serving on our Board and come out to our AGM. For further information please contact one of our Board members. Present Board members are: Mike Crawshay, Chair, Collette Catto, Treasurer, Miles Morton, Secretary, and members Percy Allen, Karin Allenspach, Ines Hartmann, Will Jones, Sheila Kushniruk, Vera Owlchild and Meta Williams.

CAFN/Haines Junction Area Training Trust Fund

Do you need training assistance or want to strengthen your employment skills?

The training Trust Fund might be able to help you!

Who can apply?

Area residents (Haines Junction and area between Kloo Lake to Takhini River subdivision to Aishihik Lake)

What can be funded?

- Training for future or current employment
- Training for employees from the area to limit the need to hire from outside

What can't be funded?

- Training that would normally be provided by the employer (orientation, WHMIS, First Aid in some situations, etc.)
- Training allowances/living expenses
- Capital expenditures
- Permanent and full-time employees of federal, territorial, municipal and First Nation governments are not eligible for this funding

What are the criteria?

- You must have explored all other funding options
- Priority will be given to applicants that have partial funding from other sources
- It must be training for employment
- Training should be consistent with annual goals and priorities of the board
- Priority will be given for training that takes place in the Yukon

Application forms can be picked up from either the Village of Haines Junction or CAFN offices.

SPECIAL GREETINGS

Kwidlj dzenù sòthän nch'j! Happy Birthday!

HAPPY 19TH BIRTHDAY TO SHELBY JACKSON ON DECEMBER 25, 2012! Love Mom, Dad and Shania

Happy Birthday to Uncle Greg Smith for December 22, a Big Happy Birthday to Amber Kirk for January 30th, and Happy Birthday to Auntie Julie on February 16. Love from Koltun

I would like to wish my son Zerryn Martin a happy birthday for December 22, love from Mom, Dad and Jelly-Bean. And another Happy Birthday wish to my mother for December 30th! Looking forward to retirement! Love from Marie, Rick, Zerr-bear and Jelly-Bean.

Birthday Greetings:

Marion Telep December 4

Grace Southwick December 5

Candace Walker December 5

Glenna Southwick December 11

Nicki Telep December 13

Roy Wabisca December 21

Dick Dickson December 21

Joe Knight December 22

Mike Telep December 25

Lena Smith-Tutin December 30

Fran Oles December 31

From the Wabisca, Telep, Bratt and Knight families.

A very happy first birthday for Nathan Joe on December 5th lots of love from Brother Frankie, Mom and Dad and Gramma and Grampa

CONGRATULATIONS



IT'S A GIRL!

William Fraser & Laura Hoversland welcome baby girl Marie Polly Fraser born September 27, 2012 at 5:39 p.m. weighing 7 lbs 5 oz in Whitehorse. The proud grandma is Anna Fraser.

Happy 8th Birthday to Denise Griffith on Dec. 6th.

Coming From Dad, Mom, Tyrel, Damien and Jaccob. We love you!! You fill our house with sunshine and laughter!

Happy Anniversary to Grandma Florence and Grandpa Griff on Dec. 17th.

From all your Grandchildren!!!

Happy 2nd Birthday to Cody Hirsh on December 12th. Coming From Denise, Damien and Jaccob.

Happy 18th birthday Cherie (December 20th) with lots of love your friend Nikki.



Happy 2nd birthday to my little princess Hope on December 2. With lots of love and kisses from Mommy, Grandma, Auntie Nikki, Auntie Rachel and Grandpa xox

December 18, Happy Birthday Sharol Smith From Elly and Family

December 24, Happy Birthday Robert Jackson Love Elly, Monty, Jorja, Josh

December 25, Happy 19th Birthday Miss Shelby Jackson Love Auntie Elly, Monty, Jorja, Josh

Happy Birthday to my wonderful mother Lorraine Allen for December 7

Happy Birthday to my handsome nephew Marcus Kinney for January 7

Happy Birthday to my beautiful niece Shyenne Kinney for January 10

You all are very special in so many ways. I truly hope you realize how much you brighten up the days! Wishing you Love & Laughter Always!

CONGRATULATIONS



IT'S A GIRL!

Big brother Nevada Joe is happy to announce the arrival of his baby sister,

Nevaeh Barbara Julia Joe-Carlick,

born October 1, 2012 at 8:39 am, weighing 5lbs and 15 oz.

Lots of love from mom and dad, Millie Joe and Nathan Carlick.



CAFN Communications

*Christmas 2012 at the Da Kų Cultural Centre,
decorations by Susan Knight.*

CALENDAR

December 24 - January 4 - CAFN offices closed.

December 27 - Movie Night at Nąts'ekhj Kų. Mr. Bean the Movie, 7 to 9 p.m.

December 31 - New Year's Eve Dance with Ladies of the Canyon and Brandon Isaak, St. Elias Convention Centre. See the Junction Arts & Music on Facebook for more details and tickets.

January 3 - Holiday Games Night at Nąts'ekhj Kų, 7 to 9 p.m.

January 12 - Cross Country Ski Clinic for beginners, 1-4 p.m. Please contact Brendan Wiklund for more details at (867) 634-4010 or bwiklund@cafn.ca.

January 19 - Haines Junction Employment Development Society (HJEDS) AGM in CAFN Council Chambers starting at 10 a.m.

January 20 - Cross Country Ski Coaching Clinic

January 25 - Yukon Gold Comics at the St. Elias Convention Centre, 8 p.m.

January 24-25 - Regular Chief and Council meeting

February 12 - Home Routes Concert at Bear Creek Lodge, Haines Junction.

February 20-21 - Regular Chief and Council

Tuesdays - Takhini Family Game Night, 7-9 p.m. at Takhini Hall.

Tuesdays - Sewing Circle, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Nąts'ekhj Kų.

Wednesdays - Haines Junction Family Game Night, 7-9 p.m. at Nąts'ekhj Kų.

Tuesday - Thursday - Pilates and Yoga, 5:15 - 6:45 p.m. at Nąts'ekhj Kų.

Thursdays - Elders Tea and Fitness Lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Haines Junction at Nąts'ekhj Kų.

First Friday of every month - Elders Tea and Fitness Lunch, Whitehorse.

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