

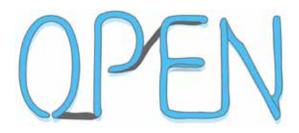
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Elders Speak Up for Peel at Cache Creek Gathering

Elders from the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, Na-Cho Nyak Dun, Vuntut Gwitchin and Tetlit Gwich'in gathered at Cache Creek,in May, to emphasize their deep connection with the Peel River Watershed and encourage the Yukon Government to prevent development in the area.

Pristine was the word of the day. It was used repeatedly by Elders and others when describing the Peel area and the need to preserve the land that has sustained generations.

"This is the beautiful, untouched land of our ancestors," said Mary Jane Moses, a Tetlit Gwich'in Elder from Fort McPherson who has lived 33 years in Old Crow. "It must remain that way for our future generations yet to come."

Several Elders emphasized that humans were simply stewards, responsible for taking care of the land on behalf of the animals.



The Han Singers perform at Cache Creek.



A large group gathered at Cache Creek for Peel River Watershed Protection.

"In the big stampede at Dawson, this country fed Dawson City— 30,000 people. That's how much caribou we had here," said Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Elder and former chief, Percy Henry.

Several Elders recalled their past experience with the dangers posed by mining, including how—as youngsters—they would play with mercury left behind by mining operations close to Dawson City. Some questioned the rates of cancer among their people in areas where mining and development had occurred. Others explained how they had learned from their own grandparents the skills to rely on the land for untainted food and fresh water. They expressed fear that mining exploration and development in the Peel Watershed would mean their food source—and health would be jeopardized.

Despite the serious nature of the meeting, there was room for humour and fond recollections of roaming the land. There was mention of

grandparents laid to rest in the area, and stories of how European tourists were stunned by the vast, pristine landscape.

Roughly 90 people attended the day, including First Nation Elders, leaders, citizens, and youth; politicians; representatives of CPAWS and the Peel River Planning Commission, and other supporters. Local MLA Sandy Silver attended, as well as Opposition Leader Liz Hanson and several NDP MLAs. People travelled from Mayo, Fort McPherson, Old Crow, Whitehorse and Dawson City to be there.

The event was initiated by Elders from the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, Na-Cho Nyak Dun, Vuntut Gwitchin and Tetlit Gwich'in First Nations. who met at Cache Creek for the Spring Camp in April and wanted their voices heard by key decision makers. TH Heritage staff provided support in organizing the day. The event began with lunch, followed by Words from the Elders—which gave Elders a chance to voice

their concerns and demands and wrapped up with a feast. The Words from the Elders segment was facilitated by Angie Joseph-Rear and Clara Van Bibber, and was opened and closed with performances by the Hän Singers, led by Allison Anderson.

Several speakers emphasized the power in unity, and TH Chief Eddie Taylor reassured the group that First Nations leaders were working to ensure the Yukon Government honoured the Peel Watershed Planning Commission's recommendations.

"I want to make it clear to you, ... we know exactly what's going on, we know exactly how we got to where we are today, and we know exactly where we've got to get to and how to get there," Chief Taylor said. "I can assure you we're ready. We're ready for whatever decision [the Yukon Government] makes."

The Peel Process

The Peel Watershed Planning
Commission was established in 2004,
under Chapter 11 of the Yukon Final
Agreements. The Commission—which
includes representatives of the four
First Nation governments and the Yukon
Government—conducted research and
consulted with the public during a six-year
period.

In 2011, the final plan recommended 80% of the land be protected (55% permanently protected and 25% subject to review from time to time) and that 20% be open to development, respecting existing processes and regulations. While originally hoping that 100% of watershed land would be protected, the four First Nation governments have publicly supported the 80/20 final recommended Peel Plan.

In February this year, the Yukon Government unveiled "eight principles" to "guide" the remodelling of the Plan. This was widely condemned considering the amount of time and effort already put into the Commission's planning process and consultations, and the previous opportunities for input.

The Yukon Government has remained vague on what the "eight principles" mean for the Plan. First Nations have received advice from Thomas Berger, Q.C., suggesting these actions contradict the process set out in Chapter 11 of the Yukon Agreements—which requires the parties to "approve, reject, or propose modifications ... with written reasons."

From the start of the planning process, the number of mining claims in the Peel Watershed has risen from about 1500 to 8500, although since January 2010 further staking has been temporarily prohibited. This moratorium is scheduled to end in September 2012 but may be extended.

According to Chapter 11 of the Yukon Agreements, the remaining steps include further consultation with affected Yukon communities and further consultation among the four First Nations and Yukon Government. Each party will then approve, reject or modify the Plan as it relates to its own land. While 98% of the watershed is Crown Land—owned by Yukon Government—a Letter of Understanding states parties will strive for consensus on the entire Plan.

Currently, the four First Nation governments are waiting for Yukon Government to provide a clear response to the Peel Watershed Planning Commission's Final Plan.

In the meantime, you can still support Peel Watershed protection. You can visit the Protect the Peel campaign website at *protectpeel.ca*. This campaign is run by the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) and the Yukon Conservation Society. You can also visit the CPAWS website at http://cpaws.org, the Peel Youth Alliance http://peelyouthalliance.blogspot.ca (and also on Facebook), and the Friends for Peel Watershed Protection (on Facebook), among others. You can also participate in meetings, gatherings and rallies.



"I heard Percy talk about walking the land. Me, I ride," said Jimmy Johnny, from Mayo. "I ride this land where I was born—the Peel River and the Watershed, the Wind, the Bonnet Plume, and the Snake. All by horseback, all around the traditional trails. Sometimes I fly in, sometimes I fly out, but most of the time I ride. Being out in the Peel Watershed, people talk about water—'Keep the water clean'—and that's how I feel.... The saddest thing I always think about, too, is people downriver—Fort McPherson people, Tsiigehtchic, Inuvik.... If that water ever gets poisoned, what would ever become of the people?... We are the people of the Yukon—we were born here, we were raised here, but most of all, native people were the first people of the land."

Chief Taylor's Upden

Drin hozo, citizens! I hope the summer has been kind to you so far!

The summer season always bring more activity to our TH Traditional Territory, with mining operations resuming and more projects being considered in our region.

This has increased the pressure on our Natural Resources Department, as YESAA (Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act) project applications keep flooding in. In fact, TH is required to sort through significantly more applications than any other First Nation in the territory. Last year, TH dealt with 99 applications. As a comparison, the Na-cho Nyak Dun, the second busiest First Nation office, dealt with 39. Most First Nations dealt with around a dozen applications. Some had none at all.

Processing these applications requires a lot of staff time, and we need the resources to ensure we do a decent job. I've brought this up with CYFN leadership and my counterparts at the Yukon and Canada governments, and will do what I can to secure needed help.

The push to save the Peel River Watershed continues. It was my pleasure to attend the Elders' Gathering at Cache Creek this May and hear directly the importance of this area. As your Chief, I will be doing all I can to protect this region. With your support, I'm confident the cultural and natural values of the region can be saved.

As part of our Peel protection efforts, TH hosted a community dinner that included a presentation on the legal options available to fight the Yukon Government's unilateral

efforts to undermine the Peel planning process. That same time, the northern Chiefs and government officials met with Thomas Berger to discuss this very matter. (I previously met Mr. Berger in Yellowknife last year during my meeting with the Deh Cho and Sahtu Chiefs regarding Trinity helicopters.) Mr. Berger is renowned for his legal work in the North, including the Government of Canada commissioned inquiry into the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline, in 1974. During that inquiry, Mr. Berger travelled throughout the North, so he is familiar with the issues that we face and sensitive to our values and aspirations.

It is important to keep strong on this issue, and know that our efforts do bear fruit. An application to continue mining efforts in the Tombstone Park was submitted to the local YESAA office. Our voices were loud and strong in response. As a result, the YESAA has recommended that the project not be allowed to proceed. This was a major victory, and it now remains to be seen if the Yukon Government will accept the recommendation and not allow the project to move ahead. I hope to have good news to report on this front in the future.

We have been busy negotiating with mining companies on Impact Benefit Agreements to ensure employment for citizens. I know many of our people have found employment in the industry as a result of our efforts. If you'd like to discuss what else we're doing, feel free to drop by the office for a chat.

On the business front, as directed by the GA, we've transferred authority for CII to the TH Trust.



I'm happy to report this completely separates TH business and government. Our government is no longer in the business of business.

I'm looking forward to the CYFN GA, at the end of June, where an AFN Regional Chief will be selected. Following this GA, the AFN National Assembly will be occurring in July. A new National Chief will be elected, and I am looking forward to participating in that vote.

I'm looking forward to seeeing all of you in good spirits at Moosehide Gathering, August 2-5. I hope you and yours can make it. Let's make 2012 a record year for attendance!

If you have any questions or would just like to chat, feel free to drop by for a coffee. You can also reach me by phone at 993-7132 or our Executive Director, Brent Ryan-Lewis, at 993-7124.

May our Creator bless each and every one of you until we meet again. Mähsi cho!

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

by Jackie Olson

Drin hozo! Jùk drin hontl'at hozo! (Good day! It's really nice today!)

Spring is here in full swing! The trees are in full bloom, the flowers are popping and the swallows are busy making their homes for the summer outside my window!

May was a busy month working with Elders and citizens regarding protection of the Peel and the Tombstone Park, and the summer season is making the heritage office a hub of activity. I would like to welcome Paul Blanchard to the 40 Mile heritage site team; we look forward to working with Paul! Also on board with us for the summer is Allie Winton, who will be doing research and working in the White River-Coffee Creek area. Jen Laliberte is back working on a school-based research project. She'll be working with the Traditional Knowledge Specialist to move some files forward.

A recent change in the department is the addition of Nänkäk Chèòląy, (R22-Land of Plenty) campsite. Mike Taylor is the camp caretaker and is based at Nänkäk Chèòląy, He has lots of projects on the todo list and will be there most of the time if anyone wants to camp at the site. We're currently in the process of hiring a camp assistant to work with Mike. If you're wanting to camp, I'd suggest calling the heritage department to see what his schedule is. (He will be taking days off.) There are cabins and the kitchen available for use. We ask you take care



Jackie packs the family home after a good run at the Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre.



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Specialist	

of the site and clean areas used before leaving.

We've also taken on the Cultural Education Coordinator position, which is currently in the hiring process. This position will ensure our cultural camps and programs are organized and ready to go throughout the year. It's exciting to have a position dedicated to these important camps. As we move to accreditation with the camps for RSS students, we want to ensure we're meeting our expectations and academic needs. Of course, academics is a formality the CEC will have to deal with. We'll keep doing what we do best—being on the land with the youth and Elders!

A hide-tanning camp was held in May. We continue to work with the hides we collect from the Moose and First Hunt camps. We're getting pretty good at the de-hairing and fleshing, but are waiting patiently to move on to the next steps. It was wonderful to see new faces attending the camp and participating in the activities. We love to learn new skills; these camps are never dull! Mähsj' cho to Dorothy Alexie, Elizabeth Colins, and Mary Jane Moses for working with us. We always enjoy your company and teachings! We'll have an update in the next newsletter.

Scott Marsden, a curator from "The Reach" in Abbotsford, visited us in May. We showed him some of the beadwork done in this area, and he



was very excited with the possibilities. Scott is proposing to curate a Bead Exhibit of Northern Yukon and South Africa, including a look at the similarities in how we use beads and the symbols, and how this developed worlds apart from each other. This exhibit will involve working with museums that have beadwork from the area in their collection. He'd like to show a timeline of how beads have been introduced and evolved up to today, so we're looking for beadwork that was made by your grandma, mom, and aunty. It was interesting to see and talk about the evolution of beadwork in the last 40 years; I can't wait to see the whole exhibit together. If anyone has a stash of special items they'd like to loan, we'd love to hear from you. This type of exhibit has never been done before and it could be a jump-off point for our quest to have some of these museum pieces come

home.

This brings me to the movement forward to expand the Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre. Of course, we're at baby steps right now. I recently met with Jack Kobayashi, the original architect, to discuss our needs, and he'll be looking at design options to add another "pod" to the building. We're looking at a "museum quality" exhibit space, storage, staff room, larger retail space, and workshop and meeting area. Stay tuned as this begins to unfold!

Tr'ochëk is starting with phase two of the Cannor funding. Our goal is to have programming up and running for the 2013 summer season. There will certainly be more opportunity to bring citizens on for seasonal work here. I've proposed to Yukon College to hold a Wilderness Interpretive course this winter, so keep your eyes open for a chance to build your skills in promoting our culture.

The Elders' Peel Day was held May 26 at T'ärshadëk (Cache Creek). As I'm writing, this event is happening; there will be an update in the next heritage newsletter!

Summer is fast approaching. I encourage all to get out and enjoy the beauty of nature and visit Nänkäk Chèòląy, if you're out cruising.

Stop in the Heritage office for some Wolf Creek water and a visit. We love seeing you!

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Do you know where this picture was taken?

Be the first one to let Jackie Olson know (993-7114), and you'll win a gift from the TH Heritage Department.



HERITAGE SITES UPDATE

by Alex Brook



When the last of the winter snow melts away, it's time to pick up where we left off last fall. This year, we're gearing up for several exciting projects at Tr'ochëk and 40 Mile Heritage Sites, and Tombstone Territorial Park. After a successful season at Tr'ochëk

National Historic Site last year, we're currently putting together a youth crew to carry on with improvements to site access by hardening hiking trails and installing amenities to make our guests' and citizens' visits to the site more comfortable and informative. If you have a chance this summer, please come over and have a look at what we've been up to and let us know your thoughts.

We started the year off with a spring tour of the site by heritage interpreters from Parks Canada, Yukon Parks and our own DZCC staff. Much thanks to Glenda for setting up the tour and Georgette for conducting it.

John Flynn will again be returning to the 40 Mile heritage site as caretaker, and joining him will be Paul Blanchard. We're waiting for Yukon Highways to deal with a few sizeable washouts on the Clinton Creek Road before we can get the guys moved onsite. Once that happens, we'll be busy finishing the "Roadhouse"

to be used as staff accommodations and storage. We should be able to start using the new digs by July. Now that most of the major building restoration and stabilization projects are complete, the focus will be on minor maintenance, such as window and door replacement. It's hoped we can develop the in-house capacity to do this work rather than it going to contact.

New this year will be a pilot project to see if on-site personal interpretation is something our visitors would be interested in. Hopefully, we can have an interpreter on site for the month of July to lead tours of the site. In addition to having an real live interpreter onsite, our good friends in Yukon Historic Sites, in collaboration with our own Heritage Department, have produced a high-quality information booklet for the site, which will be made available in the Heritage Office, Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre, and onsite.

The Heritage Department will continue to work with Yukon Parks to ensure Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in has a strong presence in Tombstone Territorial Park. Check out the list of events planned for the weekly "Tombstone Tuesdays" tours that the Heritage Department and Yukon Parks will be conducting throughout the summer season.

Have a great summer, and hopefully we'll see you at one of the sites sometime this season.



Georgette shares the Tr'ochëk story at the Tr'ochëk Heritage Site.





- Hike and track 'the tracks' with a ranger (Youth)
- Young plant & root collection (Elders)
- Tea around the fire

June 12th

Grayling Fishing & Bear awareness (All)

June 19th

- Traditional & stories of bush craft (All)
- · Wilderness survival, leave no trace, fire making, (Youth)



· Edible, medicinal and traditional uses of plants





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2012.1.1 Victor Henry Collection, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Archives

(I-r) Ralph Blanchard, Victor Henry and Albert McCleod building an arbour at Moosehide for the first Moosehide Gathering, in 1993. It was used at the 1993 and 1994 gatherings but torn down before the 1996 gathering. This arbour was built by the Moosehide work crew and whomever wanted to lend a hand. It was built using no nails, with wood from the site. The arbour didn't have a built floor, had a tarp roof, and was modeled after the way Tanacross arbours were built. It created an intimate feel. It was designed by Victor Henry who did not use drawings. He simply thought it out for a while, working the details out in his head before starting. Did you help built this arbour? Drop me a line and let me know.

HYSSOP CREEK - Cache Creek -Black City - Blackstone - Dempster

This is the beautiful untouched land of our ancestors; it must remain that way for our future generations yet to come.

We came here from Fort McPherson, Mayo, Old Crow, and Dawson to reconnect to our past, for the Elder's Passing of Spring Culture Camp."

We ate drymeat, ch'itsuh pemmican, fresh caribou meat, salmon, blueberries, whitefish and nakàł.

We came here to experience our Gwich'in way of life like long ago, like that of our ancestors who walked and traveled the far reaches of this great pristine land that span the Yukon/NWT borders.

Long ago, borders did not prevent our people from connecting to each other. They gathered for big celebrations, coming together as one nation at special times of the year.

We came to hear the yeenoo dai' stories that have been passed down, the stories of hardships on the land, the times of scarcity of food; however, by their strong determination and resilience, they forged ahead by dog team, by walking with their families to the hunting grounds to sustain themselves.

We are a proud, strong people; we have inherent rights to these homelands. We must never take it for granted. These homelands must be protected.

Our ancestors lived in harmony with the land and animals for their sustenance and for their survival. We are here today because of that determination to keep going.

They left behind for us to pick up and walk with our different dialect of the Gwich'in languages, their legacy of the land, their adze axe markings still on the land, the place names in the language that are, oh, so important to know our place on this land, the old trails traveled, still visible, the immense history—they left it all behind so it could be carried forward to future generations.

We all have a big load to carry; we must all carry it proudly so that the next generations can pick up from us and help to carry the traditional knowledge, the true teachings, and our ways of life on this great land, our respect for this great land well into the future.

Hai' Mary Jane Moses Old Crow, Yukon April 23, 2012

Pemmican (Ch'itsuh) Making Shared by Mary Jane Moses



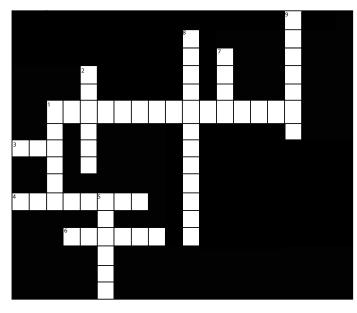
The parts used for making pemmican (ch'itsuh) are the hindquarter sections (ch'adhoo), sinew section (tth'etthai'), the rump sections (ch'anchan), and the arms (ch'igin) of the caribou. You begin by taking as much sinew and gristle (ch'at) off these parts, then put whatever part you're using into a roasting pan and place in a 350°F oven. Roast the meat pieces for about 2 hours. Let the meat cool as you prepare

the caribou fat. Chop or dice the caribou fat (ch'ak'eh) sliced off from the hindguarter sections or you can also use lace fat from the stomach area or bone marrow (ch'izhee). Put into a frying pan and melt the fat down. While this caribou fat is melting, take the roasted meat pieces and begin pounding it on a clean tablecloth on the floor. Place around clean rock that will withstand pounding. Sit down on the floor and begin pounding the pieces of meat with the clean blunt end of a small axe. By pounding the meat, this flattens the meat fibers out and the meat falls apart. Keep pounding away until you have small sized pieces. Once the meat is pounded and ground up, take the hot caribou fat off the stove and pour into your meat mixture. With clean hands, mix up the meat and melted caribou fat and form into meatballs; you can add salt for flavour if you wish. Lay the meatball pemmican on a clean tray, cover, and freeze overnight. When it's time to eat, thaw out just slightly and enjoy this delicious and nutritious snack.



Hän Crossword (answers appear later in this newsletter.)

Summer Weather Crossword



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- 1) Spring
- 2) Sunny
- 5) Rain
- 7) Summer
- 8) Blue skys
- 9) Wind

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- 1) Daylight (getting longer)
- 3) Sun
- 4) Warm
- 6) Muddy water rising

Drin hozo! Lots of you will remember me from my times

Lots of you will remember me from my times working here at TH over the years, and as some of you know, I went away last fall to return to school. I've just finished the first year of my Ph.D. in Indigenous Studies at Trent University all the way in Peterborough, Ontario.

Part of my Ph.D. program involves a Practicum Field Placement where I research and learn in an Aboriginal/Indigenous community or organization. This summer I'm doing my placement with the TH Heritage Department and I couldn't be more excited. With Jody's direction and all the excellent expertise of the Heritage Department, I'll be working with Elders and other traditionalknowledge holders to learn about Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Dà'òle` and assist with other research and projects. I'm happy to spend lots of time out on the land learning and listening. This spring's hide-tanning camp at R-22 was a great start to my placement. It was so nice to see everyone again. I look forward to catching up with people as well as meeting new people too! Stop by and say hi or send me an email if you'd like to know more about my research or my practicum.

Mähsi cho, and I'm excited for a great summer working with you all!

First Fish Camp 2012

Information and Registration

Tr'ondek Hwech'in



July 16-20, 2012

Deadline for Registration Monday July 2nd, 2012

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Damien Griffiths Roberta Joseph Ryan Peterson 867-993-7129 867-993-7115 867-993-7127

Notes from the Desk of Glenda Bolt

Submitted by Glenda Bolt



Nịhè dähch'e shò tr'inläy—we are happy that you have come to visit.

Dänojà Zho
Cultural Centre
is now open
Monday to
Saturday, 10
a.m.-6 p.m. It's
going to be a busy
and fun-filled
summer and we
hope you stop by
and visit.

Welcome back to DZCC to

our experienced and dedicated interpreters Fran Morberg-Green, Jenifer Mierau, and Tish Lindgren. Good to have you with us again. Erika Scheffen has worked at DZ for many years and has moved to a full-time position in the Heritage office. Erika has offered to help out at DZCC on Mondays and present her Hän Bingo game program. Not to be missed!

It should be noted that Kylie, Christine, Erika, and Tish completed the HACES (Heritage and Culture Essential Skills) program this winter at Yukon College. Congratulations, folks!

Kylie Van Every is back to full-time hours and has the restocking of the Gift Shop well in hand. Kylie is involved with the Hän Singers and the Moosehide Gathering committee as well as coaching T-ball ... one busy woman!

The new Doll exhibit is open and we encourage you to visit! They are beautiful and represent so many hours of work. We have some tried and true and some new activities this summer including a hike, a children's program, and Fran's tea.

Bannock will be served again this year so watch for the "bannock stand" out by the deck.

We hope you will come by and see what we are doing. This is your Centre and we want you here!







Want to make a paper doll? Over the months, we'll print new outfits for your paper doll in the Heritage newsletter. This month the outfit is based on Hän Singers regalia. Dolores Anderson's doll inspired this outfit!



- 1. Paper can rip easily so be gentle!
- 2. Carefully cut around the doll leaving about 2-3 cm space from the line. You can trim that later.
- 3. Glue the doll to thin cardboard or poster board. A glue stick will be best but white glue will work too. A little goes along way! Be gentle.
- 4. Once the glue has dried cut out the shape.
- 5. Next, cut out the clothes. Try to follow the line and remember not to cut off the little tab boxes. Those little tabs fold over the doll to hold the clothes onto the doll.
- 6. Colour the doll and her clothes with felt pens or pencil crayons.
- 7. Play! Why not make a village or a forest for your doll to live in. Maybe your doll would like to have a snowy scene and snowshoes! Use your imagination.

Heritage events at a glance

Date	Event	Contact
June 12	Tombstone Tuesdays Begin	Erika 993-7153
June 21	Aboriginal Day @ DZCC	Glenda 993-6768
July 21 & 22	Free Dawson City Music Festival performances @ DZCC	Glenda 993-6768
Aug. 2–5	Moosehide Gathering	Gladys 993-7162
July 16-20	First Fish Camp @ Moosehide (dates tentative)	Erika 993-7153

Story Page Sasquatch

by Kylie VanEvery

Hello everyone! Please join me as I share some interesting facts and stories about—dare I say—Bushman! I'm sure you all heard about Bushman before and you might even have had your own experience. Would you like to share a story? I would like to hear it!

Fall and winter time was storytelling time. Dänojà (long time ago) they would sit around the fire at their camp, and the Elders would pass on their stories to the next generation. Growing up in Dawson I have heard plenty of stories—all kinds of stories—and even have stories of my own.

Facts and information:

- There is a Canadian Sasquatch Research Organization (CSRO), and the president of this organization, Red Grossinger, lives right in our very own Whitehorse, Yukon.
- The CSRO has a record of 81 reports in the Yukon dating back to 1871.
- Some sightings have been at Fox Lake, South Klondike Hwy., Teslin, and Keno area. There are probably a lot more sightings around the Yukon that have not been reported; for instance, in and around Dawson.
- For more than 400 years, people all over North America have reported sightings of bushman.
 These sightings continue today!
- Our ancestors shared stories and beliefs about Bushman! You might have your sceptics out there, but I believe and have stories of my own. Do you believe?
- The Yukon Natives used to say that, in addition to the human beings and animals that roamed their world, there were also a number of stranger beings. Some of them were dangerous. Those who met them told vivid stories about what happened. (C. McClellan, 1987, pg.272)
- One strange creature was called the Bushman or Brushman. There were supposed to have been lots of them in earlier times, and since

the stories about them are quiet varied, perhaps there were several different kinds. Young girls and women in particular were warned again and again to watch out for Bushmen when they were alone in the woods. (C. McClellan, 1987, pg.272)

Kylie's story ...

I like the unexplainable and stories that keep you in suspense to the very end. Personally, I find Bushman stories intriguing and suspenseful, and they keep you sitting on the edge of your seat wanting to hear more. I've heard stories about Bushmen since I was little, and I have done my research.

The Bushman like to be a part of the unknown, which makes them more interesting! They seem to know our way and sometimes they can see us, but we can't see them. Over the years I have heard plenty of information, such as Bushman is smelly, they are big ape-like creatures, really hairy, and have big feet. They live around swampy, marshy areas. Dawson is built on swampy, marshy grounds. Bushmen will also leave territory marks with big sticks.

Since I was a little girl, I loved the outdoors, hiking, and hearing stories about Bushmen.

I was about 14 years old when this story happened. It was a hot summer day and my friends and I were out hiking. We were walking along the highway and decided to climb up the flat hill side by Crocus Bluff.

We started climbing and rocks were falling from above us; we thought there must be people at the top.





We kept climbing, while rocks continued to fall from above; we could hear sticks breaking and weird noises.

We finally made it to the top. We looked around, and there was nothing there. We walked back in the trails to see if we could find anything, but nothing was there! All of a sudden ... we heard a weird animal sound and branches moving! My friends and I looked at each other. We couldn't even scream; we were frozen in fear. Finally, one of us started running down Crocus Bluff!

We were all at the bottom of the hill in no time! I am sure we set a record that day! We stood at the bottom of the hill out of breath, trying to make sense of what just happened. What was it? What did we hear that day? Who was throwing rocks down the hill side? Was it Bushman?!

Have you ever been in the bush, hiking, camping, or just hanging out and you can feel someone watching you? Well, just remember that Bushman can always see you, but you don't always see Bushman!

Paying Tribute To My Mother

by Martha Kates

My mother Magdalene May [Wood] Roberts was born Jan. 13, 1909, and passed on Nov. 18, 1972. Her parents were Ellen and Jonathon Wood Of Moosehide, Yukon Territory. She married my father, David Charles Roberts, Oct. 10, 1923, at the early age of 14 years old, and she bore 13 children and only 9 survived.

What I've learned from my mom through her life journey is to be kind, generous, courageous, never to steal, never to lie, always tell the truth, share what we have, be a good and loving friend and show respect to all people of different Nation. My mother was my Kindergarten teacher, and also my guidance counselor—as the saying goes, you learn most everything in Kindergarten.

We were very poor growing up, but the spiritual side was very rich. At a very early age she taught us about the Bible and about Jesus, the Son of God, and if we were in trouble to always pray and ask God for help.

She taught us to listen and to behave. She always talked Hän language to us—that's how we learned the language. She use discipline when it is needed, but she also had a very gentle touch and a very soothing voice only a child would know when we are hurting.

I love my mother very much and I miss her dearly, but I know part of her lives in me and that she would like me to continue what she started here on earth: to be a loving and kind human being. My mother was a big influence in my life and had inspired me to live a good life. My mother was very smart in her own ways. She knew how to cut and butcher up moose and caribou and make dry meat. She knew how to make sinew, tan hides, make moccasins, vests, and dolls, and taught me how to sew beads and how to snare rabbits. She knew how to cut up salmon and dry it for winter use. She also taught me how to pack and haul water for drinking and how to pick clean snow for doing laundry and for bathing. She also taught us how to pick and preserve berries, how to look for medicine plants, how to plant a big garden and how to harvest it. She also taught me how to cook bannock and other foods.

My mother loved to dance and sing at home. I'll always remember the "mocking bird song" she used to sing it the morning. My mothers Indian name or nickname is "Mushina," and I also forgot to mention that my mother was an epileptic person, but that illness never stood in her way as she loved life, loved her children and grandchildren.

Like I said before, I love my mother very dearly and wherever she is, I wanted to wish her a "Happy Mother's Day and say Mähsi Cho for teaching me the way of life.

Love Always, Your daughter, Martha Rose Kates [Roberts].



by Diane Baumgartner Health Programs Manager

The Health Department L continues to thrive and grow. We welcome Babe Titus as the Community Health Representative. She has programming lined up for the summer, and I encourage you to check the Health Department Monthly Activity Calendars available at the Community Support Centre (CSC), the main office, Facebook, or the TH website. We are offering a variety of activities, including gardening, greenhouse planting, nutritious cooking, picnics, foot clinics, nutrition bingo, Saturday shopping with Elders, and weekly Soup & Satisfy Health Drop-in lunch with different health-related topics. Mark your calendars. Don't miss out on the fun.

Dawn Coles is with us for the summer, pursing her dream of a career in health. She has been accepted into the 4-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program at Douglas College, in Coquitlam, B.C. Dawn and Jeniah will be moving down in August. Until then, she's busy in the Health Department, planting gardens, cooking nutritional Meals-on-Wheels, taking Elders shopping, playing with babies at the weekly beading C.P.N.P. gathering, and bringing her bright smile, curiosity, and helpful attitude to the Health Department.

Dolores stays busy with both

the young and the old. Her weekly sewing with moms, babies, Elders, and C.P.N.P. is well attended, with everyone busy making slippers, vests, or dresses for the young ones to wear at cultural activities. She also works closely with the Community Health Nurse, home visits, and helping citizens with their medical travel appointments.

Andrea and Jim Bob continue to support the daily activities at the CSC. With trips to the airport, doctor's appointments, errands with Elders, Jim Bob gets us where we need to be. Andrea continues to greet our guests with her quiet smile and subtle service. She is helping Dolores handle the medical-travel paperwork and upgrading her skills with a minute-taking course. And we are really delighted with the coffee mugs she ordered. Thank you, Andrea!

Lynn Rear will be coordinating the greenhouse at C-4 again this summer. She is very excited about the growth and harvesting we can achieve in this space. The Health Department will assist her, along with the Work Opportunities Program (WOP) and our Housing crew. The Housing crew will be filling the water tank as needed, and we thank the Dawson City Fire Department for the donations of hose and fittings. This program is supported by a Growing Forward (Yukon Government Agriculture)

Contribution Agreement which we hope to expand in the coming years. It really is a group project. Please drop by and enjoy the space and the company. We are hoping to flow a lot of the vegetables into the Moosehide Gathering, pantry, and freezer and use them for the winter Community Lunch.

The raised garden beds should be planted and thriving by the time you read this. We are so pleased that many citizens are taking advantage of this project and continue to improve their health. If the interest continues, perhaps the WOP crew can build more beds this fall for the spring of 2013. Food quality and security are very important and we are pleased to assist our citizens in becoming more self-reliant. The Raised Garden Bed and Personal Trainer program are both supported by the Achieving Healthy Weights and the Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative.

The 12-week Personal Trainer Program has just finished, again with enthusiastic participants. The ongoing teamwork is an inspiration. Keep up the good work! If we get the funding, we will start another group up in the Fall.

Dawson City Hospital Update

On Wednesday, May 16, I met with Maureen Turner, Director of Policy and Planning for the Whitehorse General Hospital, followed on Thursday by a tour of the new facility, along with staff from the Dawson City Medical Clinic. Some of the highlights of the tour included the following:

- The hospital is planned to open on April 1, 2013.
- All the current services offered at the Health Centre will be available.
- There are six private rooms, each with a door to the outside and little patio.
- There is a room for physiotherapy and they're hoping to have a technician on staff.
- There will be increased lab and x-ray capabilities, with quicker return times.
- The hospital will work closely with MacDonald Lodge to

- ensure respite and palliative care are available.
- There will be space for the visiting Dentist, Optometrist, and Denturist for appointments and service delivery.
- They plan to offer an abbreviated version of their First Nation Health Program, mainly making FN clients feel comfortable, community liaison/discharge planning, and traditional food and medicine. This would be an opportunity to hire and train Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in citizens in the Health field.
- They also plant to work closely with the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Health Department.

In May, senior management, Chief, and Councillors met with representatives from the Auditor General's office. They were in town to find out what needs assessment, community consultation, and meetings had been done in the past regarding the Dawson City Hospital, Yukon Government, and the Whitehorse General Hospital. We were able to share our many concerns regarding the lack of consultation and concern of future services. I will continue to share information on the hospital as it becomes available.

I wish you all a wonderful summer with family and friends, with celebrations and time on the land and in the garden. Please drop in at the Health Department for a visit if I can be of further assistance. Mähsi cho.

SUMMER PROGRAMS - HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Our Health Department guides citizens back to their wellness and independence. We're also here for citizens having health issues. We're even here if you don't have any health issues but are seeking to find or maintain a positive life.

Our summer will be busy. We encourage all citizens to attend out programs.

MEALS ON WHEELS (Babe Titus, 7168): Monday, Wednesday, & Fridays, delivered to your home between 11:30 a.m. and noon. Prior to be added onto the MOW Program, the CHR will do a home visit and fill out the application form with you. MOW can be booked for short or long term.

HOT DOG ROAST (BABE TITUS/DAWN COLES, 7168): Held Monthly on a Tuesday, noon–3 p.m. Our summers are short; come enjoy our outdoor time and promote family togetherness. Parents are responsible for the supervision of their children. Held at the Yukon River Campground.

FOOT CLINIC (BABE TITUS/DAWN COLES, 7168): Wednesday, 2–4 p.m., each appointment is approximately one hour. We can provide services for 2 clients a week, so please book in advance. Call to book a time. Held at the CSC.

NUTRITIONAL BINGO (Babe Titus/Dawn Coles, 7168): Held monthly 5–7 p.m., last Thursday of summer months. Enjoy a nutritional meal while playing BINGO. Prizes to be won! Held at the TH Community Hall.

SUMMER SATURDAY SHOPPING (BABE TITUS, 7168): Saturdays, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. This will be a carpool; there will be one or more clients in the vehicle at a time. This gives citizens a chance to weekend shop and visit yard sales, free stores, thrift store, farmer's market, or businesses in town. Book your Saturday rides no later than Friday.

VIBRATIONAL UNIVERSE WORKSHOP (BABE TITUS, 7168): Fran Morberg-Green will be discussing all types of topics from different views. Join us for an interesting afternoon discussion. For the month of June only, Sundays noon–4 p.m. at the Community Support Centre.

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Social Programs

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The sun is shining, the grass is green, and the birds are singing in the trees. The parkas and boots are away for another season, and the pool is open. It's summer! Time has passed so quickly. There has been more program re-organization, and we say farewell to some positions and welcome to others.

Implementation has handed Justice over to Social Programs, and Angus Cathcart, Restorative Justice Officer, has joined the Social Programs team. Angus will coordinate restorative justice responsibilities with our Justice and Community Support Worker, Brenda Warren. The Cultural

Education Coordinator position has moved to its rightful home with Heritage, and Freda Roberts has left to pursue other interests. As the Heritage position will be coordinating all TH camps, responsibilities for planning First Fish and First Hunt have moved with the position from Social Programs to Heritage.

Damien Griffith, Youth Enhancement Coordinator, has been busy recruiting new summer staff. The Centre has been very busy, with up to 30 youth attending some days. Damien has exciting events planned for the summer, including a Mountain Bike Expedition to the Dome and the weekly trips to Tombstone Park.

Marion Roberts, Social Assistance Administrator, has assisted in the selection of three persons for the summer Work Opportunities Program crew. The team will work under the Housing Department this year. We welcome back Rebecca Hogarth who will once again be supervising the crew. In addition to those duties, Rebecca is working hard to learn to drive a standard vehicle!

Lisa Anderson, Elders' Support Worker, has planned some summer events for Elders, as well as continuing with the regularly scheduled Tea and Bannock Day and Elders Birthday Bingo. Watch for the next "Places to Go, People to See."



INTRO TO ANGUS ANGUS CATHCART - RESTORATIVE JUSTICE OFFICER

Angus Cathcart recently joined TH at the Restorative Justice Officer. Angus describes himself as passionately committed to social justice—thanks in part to being raised in a vibrant, progressive housing cooperative called The Bain Co-op, in Toronto. After graduating with an honours degree in International Political Economy, in 2007, Angus was drawn to the Yukon by its landscapes and wilderness and moved to Dawson City in 2009. He became Justice Coordinator with Klondike Restorative Justice until the program was absorbed by TH Social Programs in April. He describes it as a great fit. "I am very excited to be working for the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in," he says. "My commitment to social justice has always drawn me to non-profit and government work—social service providers. And TH seems to be an excellent fit for me, politically, socially, and spiritually."

JULY 2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	STAT - CANADA DAY Offices Closed		MOW 11:30-12 Foot Clinic 2-4	Healthy Drop-in 12-2		Summer Saturday Shopping 9-4
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	MOW 11:30-12 CPNP Beading 1-3		MOW 11:30-12 Foot Clinic 2-4	Healthy Drop-in 12-2		Summer Saturday Shopping 9-4
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- All programs are held at the Community Support Centre.
- Hot Dog Roast is held at the Yukon River Campground.
- Nutritional Bingo and Healthy Cooking Kitchen are held at the TH Community Hall

	AUGUST 2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY 1	THURSDAY 2	FRIDAY 3	SATURDAY 4	
	STAT - CANADA DAY Offices Closed		MOW 11:30-12 Foot Clinic 2-4	Healthy Drop-in 12-2		Summer Saturday Shopping 9-4	
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A Reminder ...

The Community Support Centre and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in vehicles are Alcohol and Substance Free Zones. If a staff member has reason to believe you are under the influence of any substance, your request for transportation may be refused and you may be asked to leave the premises.

The staff is here to serve the needs of citizens and ensure their safety while they are at the Centre; please grant them your respect by leaving immediately when requested to do so.

Brenda Warren, Justice/Community Support Worker

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Justice/Community Support

I y name is Brenda Warren and I am the Justice/Community Support Worker. My office is located upstairs at theCommunity Support Center.

My roles include support in justice and addiction matters.

Upcoming Court circuit dates:

- August 7-9
- October 16-18
- December 11-13

Upcoming Legal Aid availability in Dawson City: (Call (867) 667-5210 or 1-800-661-0408 ext. 5210 for more information.)

- August 6, 5:00–8:00 p.m.
- October 15, 5:00–8:00 p.m.
- December 10, 5:00–8:00 p.m.

Daily affirmation from the book Daily Affirmations, by Rokelle Lerner.

I CAN TRUST MYSELF TO **KNOW WHAT I NEED**

I have complete trust in my ability to determine my own needs. My role is to fully express myself. Today I embrace every opportunity to be who I am. I am not ashamed of my needs. I am unique and special individual and my needs

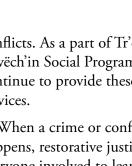
are a positive extension of my personhood. There are those who feel they know what is best for me and there are others who tell me what my needs are. I thank them, but I listen to my inner voice. I determine my choices and needs and the directions I'll take in recovery. Today I am willing to take time to listen to myself. Today I make conscious decision to trust my inner voice and fulfill my needs.

Rokell Lerner

Angus Cathcart, Restorative Justice Officer

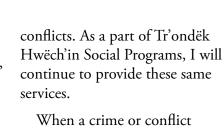
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Restorative Justice



happens, restorative justice helps everyone involved to learn from the experience, repair the harms which were caused, and move forward with their lives.

Brenda Warren and myself are here to assist you with any criminal justice- or conflict-related problems you might be having. If you have any questions, concerns, or would just like to talk about what justice means to you, please come and see us at the Community Support Centre. I look forward to hearing from you! Mähsi cho!



rin hǫzǫ! My name is Angus Cathcart, and I am happy to have joined Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Social Programs! For several years I worked as the Justice Coordinator for Klondike Restorative Justice, providing an alternative means of resolving criminal justice matters and assisting

the community to resolve personal

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H.R. & Community Training

This is by far the busiest season for our department, and staff are certainly up to the task. After one of the busiest fall and winter seasons on record with respect to recruitment and hiring, we've been experiencing higher numbers of postings for the spring and summer period, too. New roles in Natural Resources, Implementation, and Social programs, as well as other functions resulting from the Moosehide Gathering, increased Yukon mining activities and other projects have kept the posting boards and applicants very busy.

There have and continue to be many jobs posted for citizens, students and more. Drop by and check out our job board or website to apply for work. If you know a student or someone who'd like help with their resume, send them our way. Interviewing can be stressful, so if you'd like some tips, schedule some time with H.R. and we will settle those nerves.

As of today, 34 jobs have been posted this year, with 13 currently open, six in the interview process and two with offers outstanding.

As we look ahead to fall, we'rere gearing up for more recruitment effort as departments identify changes in store for their areas.

Staff- and citizen-training initiatives have also been demanding

and continue to be a strong focus for the department. Planning has taken place to ensure all TH boat operators are trained in boat safety and management of passengers as the water and boat circumstances demand. The training resulted from two situations: one was in follow-up to experiences where motor failure on the river found the operator forced to move Elders from one boat to another in unstable river conditions, and the other was the introduction of new federal requirements for commercial boat operators. This professional training ensures TH provides for the best possible safety measures for staff, citizens and other passengers. Many other training initiatives have and are being taken, with well over one hundred staff and citizens experiencing growth, both personally and professionally.

On top of the other TH department Human Resource and Training needs, we're experiencing our own changes in roles and department team members. We're pleased to have Kim Sharp assume the role of Payroll & Benefits Administrator once again, as she ably meets our needs in this area with her unique, efficient and professional approach. We're looking forward to welcoming a new Staff Training & Development Officer to continue the past work of Kim



and now Aubyn O'Grady, who has been assisting in this area, but will concentrate on the Co-op Education program start-up. Planning will need to begin on how to fill the void created as Shauna Kormendy begins another education leave August 2012 to May 2013 for further studies on her degree. Many thanks to Melissa Atkinson for her assistance with Staff Training and H.R. backup support through these busy times.

In any case, as the saying goes, onwards and upwards! We're ready for the challenge and look forward to meeting everyone's Human Resource and Training needs. Please read on to learn more regarding the department activities. We hope everyone has a great and safe summer!

Payroll & Benefits Staff Training & Development - Kim Sharp

Welcome to summer! Things have been heating up around town and around the office as well! The Human Resources Department is never dull, and this summer is no exception. Not only are we happy to see our summer work crews getting back into the swing of things, there are a few new faces around, as well. And you may have noticed the many new positions posted on our job board and Facebook.

With the influx of our new and

seasonal-recall employees, I have been busy. As the Staff Training Officer, I've been ensuring everyone is up to date with everything from First Aid to Class 4 driver licenses. As the Payroll Administrator, I've been busy ensuring everyone is up to date with everything from bank account info to correct wages.

The Staff Training position is currently posted, so I soon won't be juggling so many things. Staff has been patient, and I appreciate Melissa and Aubyn and how they've taken up a lot of the training duties. Have a great summer everyone, and we'll see you at the Gathering!

Employment & Training - Melissa Atkinson

Congratulations to those Post-Secondary students who completed another year of studies! We had a few graduates this year, while several others will be continuing at school in the fall. I've been extremely impressed with the high academic achievement by so many of our students. We're so proud!

There have been lots of courses happening over the last few months, with citizens trained in First Aid, Food Safe, Boat Safety and more. We're looking forward to additional courses in Dawson, including Chainsaw Safety, Confined Space and Emergency Medical Responder. Reminder: funding requests for short-term courses must be received at least two weeks before the course start date.

Summer students have started at TH. TH Youth will be working alongside departmental staff in Natural Resources and Heritage, and at the Daycare and Youth Centre. We're looking forward to seeing their smiling faces around our offices!

Students entering or re-entering Post-Secondary studies this fall must apply for funding by July 16. No late applications will be considered. Contact me for more information. Application forms are available on our website and through the office.

Congratulations to our TH Spring Scholarship Recipients:

- Angela Amos
- Mindy Anderson
- Kassandra Bradley-Ginn
- Tumara Everitt
- Jennifer Graham
- Darcy McDiarmid
- Patricia McLeod
- Steven Kormendy

Co-operative Education - Aubyn O'Grady

Congratulations Dawn, Rosealee, and Leanne!

Congratulations to Dawn
Coles and Rosalee Smarch on
their graduation from the College
Preparation Course at Yukon
College. Dawn has been hired as
a co-op student in the Health and
Social Services Department. She'll
continue her education this fall in
the Bachelor of Science Nursing
program at Douglas College in B.C.

Leanne Mason graduated from the HACES program in March and now working as a co-op student with the Moosehide Gathering Committee.

The Co-operative Education Program is accepting applications! The deadline for fall entry into the program is July 15.

The TH Co-op Education Program provides students with a chance to learn and gain work experience while completing their courses right here in Dawson. Students completing distance courses or studying locally at Yukon College can participate in an 8–12 week work placement in their chosen field.

There are many benefits to being a co-op student and gives you the chance to do the following:

- Clarify your career plans and pinpoint the job you want after graduation.
- Apply knowledge gained in the classroom to a workplace setting.
- Improve your interview skills and learn to confidently promote yourself to an employer.
- Improve your organizational and time-management skills.
- Earn an income to help finance your education.
- Develop professional experience to add to your resume.
- Build business contacts to assist in finding work after graduation.
- Work in your chosen field without a long-term commitment.

We're looking for citizens 18 years or older currently registered in or prepared to register in fall studies. Prospective students should be in good financial standing with TH and not have any amounts currently owing for education.

Once accepted into the Coop Education Program, students will be expected to study full time (minimum three courses) commit to an 8–12 week work placement. For more information or to apply, please contact me.





Dear Parents and Guardians:

RE: Tutoring Budget for TH Citizens (K–12)

Over the past several years, the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (TH) Education Department has subsidized tutoring for a limited number of students outside Dawson City. Last year, the number of funding requests exceeded amounts available to support tutoring contracts. As a result, the TH Education Department had to discontinue the tutoring program in the Fall of 2011.

The TH Education Department is implementing a more beneficial way of supporting student learning and enhancing opportunities for achievement. Our goal is to help families obtain an Educational Psychological Assessment for their child. This will provide parents, doctors, and school administrators with the necessary medical information to implement an Individualized Education Plan.

Tutoring services are offered in most school districts at no cost to families—the school is obliged to provide your child with the best possible education. These services include tutoring sessions, learning skills workshops, peer tutoring, mentoring, and homework clubs. We encourage parents to approach teachers and principals to determine what learning assistance is needed for their child and what resources are available.

Sincerely,

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K-Grade 6 Education

It is hard to believe the 2011–2012 school year has wound to a close. The anticipation of the first days of school in August lingers in the not-so-distant memory, yet it is the excitement of these last days of school that everyone most recently felt. It has been a whirlwind year; many wonderful memories were created, many great experiences shared.

The last round of the Elementary Curriculum Enrichment Program has been completed. The group "Book Buddies" visited the Community Support Centre to perform *Little Red Riding Hood* to Elders and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in staff. They did a great job.

The Grade 4s have been busy in Melissa Hawkins and Mary Henry's Hän classes making their very own moosehide dolls to celebrate the most recent exhibit at Dänojà Zho.

The Grade 5 class has been busy working on regalia sashes to prepare for this year's Moosehide Gathering.

Victor Henry and Tanner Sidney's jigging club has been going strong. There have been 13 youngsters consistently coming to the Thursday practices, and they're improving with each afternoon session! The young dancers were treated to guest jiggers Julia Morberg, Ronald Johnson and Waldo Henry, who joined in and showed the kids how it is done! The jigging club also performed for the entire school to live music (courtesy of the Fiddleheads). They expertly danced the Duck Dance and the Handkerchief Dance under Victor's direction, as their teachers and peers looked on.

Leadership Day, a cooperative program between TH Education and Angus Cathcart at Klondike Restorative Justice, was a success. Everyone enjoyed a BBQ lunch cooked by Jim Regimbal, Jeff



students. The elementary students traveled on a circuit visiting 6 different stations. These included age-appropriate leadership games with Julia Jennings, Melissa Hawkins and Georgette McLeod; Bully Buster Bingo with Jim Regimbal and Elizabeth Foubister; Leadership inspired song workshops with Tim Taylor, Florian Boulais, Marjorie Logue and Matt Sarty; a Leadership inspired mural with April Bartlett and Rian Lougheed-Smith; Bully Jeopardy with Mr. R. Laszlo and Angus Cathcart; and finally role playing with Mike Woodward and Jen Nunan. The students made meaningful contributions to the dialogue of the day, and had fun while they were at it. The whole school looked great wearing T-shirts that were locally designed and printed by the gals at Klondike Drawing Company (Aubyn O'Grady





and Rian Lougheed-Smith). The folks from the Youth Centre also came lent a hand during the event. Thanks to everyone who worked at making this day a success.

The Grade 5/6 class enjoyed a wonderful overnight field trip to Moosehide Village, May 17–18. Not long after the students settled in, Ronald Johnson and Julia Morberg welcomed the class and gave a tour of Moosehide. We were fortunate in having amazing summery weather, so



students picnicked on the lawn before having a wildlife-safety talk with Ryan Peterson. Students were a bit excited (and nervous) to see the fresh bear scat and tracks that Ryan drew to their attention! In the afternoon, everyone collected spruce pitch and enjoyed

the wilderness areas of Moosehide. Later on, students split off into groups and learned how to make spruce salve with Julia Morberg, worked on their regalia sashes or other beading projects with Angie Joseph-Rear and Melissa Hawkins, and played some outdoor games with Mike Woodward. After a nice supper in the cookhouse, students chose a sunny spot on the grass to reflect on the day and write in their journals. The evening brought s'mores, skits and some Hän singing with Julia, Angie and Melissa.

Friday brought lessons about the birch tree. Students learned of the birch tree's many uses, and Angie and Julia shared their knowledge of the birch. Several beautiful baskets and other items were passed around, and students marvelled at the craftsmanship and various uses for this versatile tree. Julia demonstrated how to cut a strip of birchbark properly, and each student had a chance to make a replica basket or canoe using craft foam and sinew. This morning session was captivating, and everyone left more knowledgeable than before.

On Friday afternoon, students enjoyed orienteering and playing land-based mapping games in and around the buildings of Moosehide. Overall, it was a fantastic Traditional Knowledge Camp. Mähsi cho to Angie Joseph-Rear, Julia Morberg and Melissa Hawkins for your cultural teachings! Mähsi to Mike Woodward for being a supervolunteer and game master. Mähsi to Jody Beaumont for helping organize the Friday morning activities. Finally, mähsi to Ronald, Ryan and Victor for ferrying students and gear back and forth from Moosehide!

It was a busy spring preparing for the outdoor classroom being installed on RSS grounds. Please see the separate article about the making of this special new area. This has been a very exciting project!

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with everyone who made the activities that took place this school year a success. Mähsi to all who have contributed their time and energy, and know it couldn't have happened without your involvement! It was an honour to have served in this position throughout the year. Have a happy, healthy and safe summer ... and enjoy that sunshine!



Julia Jennings, Gr. 7-12 CELC

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Grades 7–12 Education

nother school year is over! April and May are always a busy time at the school, and this year was no exception. The TH Education team, in partnership with Klondike Restorative Justice and the Youth Enhancement Coordinator, organized a school-wide Leadership Day in April. Students and staff were treated to a BBQ lunch to kickoff the event and spent the afternoon participating in various leadership-themed workshops. We were lucky to have B.Y.T.E (Bringing Youth Towards Equality) come to Dawson for the day and work with the high school students. B.Y.T.E is a Whitehorse-based youth organization that helps Yukon youth strengthen their voice and work towards bringing about positive change in their communities. The high school population was split into groups and worked with facilitators on leadership activities and parts of their "Right to be Heard" program. The afternoon was refreshing and

inspiring and a great way to end a Friday!

To wrap up the RSS "Drop the Pop" campaign, RSS students were treated to homemade smoothies, courtesy of the TH Health and Social Department. The ladies in the Health Department stocked up on healthy smoothie ingredients, and Dolores Anderson spent most of the day travelling from class to class with the CELCs, preparing smoothies and helping deliver a presentation on making healthy beverage choices. Mähsi to the Health Department for promoting healthy choices in the school!

In celebration of the first ever First Trapper Culture Camp, the Fish and Wildlife department hosted a reception at the Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre. Youth who participated in the program gathered at the Centre, some with family members in tow, for an evening of

> delicious food and refreshments, a slideshow, and the presentation of First Trapper hoodies and certificates. Camp facilitators Roberta Joseph, Pete Nagano and Bruce Taylor all said a



few words, commending the youth for their efforts, positive attitudes and dedication to the camp. It was a great evening that left everyone thinking ahead to the next First Trapper Camp.

This spring, the TH Education team presented at the Elders' Council Meeting. We were joined by Melissa Hawkins, one of the Hän language teachers at RSS. It was a great opportunity to update the Elders on the great cultural initiatives happening in the school. It was also an chance to ask for ideas for future Culture Camps and Traditional Knowledge Camps. All of the feedback and suggestions were greatly appreciated!

Ms. Stephens' Grade 10/11 Social Studies class was lucky to have a few TH presenters speak with them in early May. Clara Van Bibber and Georgette McLeod presented on the impact of Residential Schools, and Jody Beaumont, Georgette and Percy Henry spoke about TH self-government, past and present. Both



presentations were very well done. It was great to add local perspective to the Social Studies program. Mähsi to Clara, Georgette, Jody and Percy for sharing with the students.

Last week we welcomed Les Johns and his fantastic archery program back to Dawson! Les spent time in Dawson this fall instructing the youth at Culture Camps. Many high school students worked with Les during his most recent trip—he worked with Mr. Laszlo's Phys. Ed. classes on target practice and general technique. Thanks to the Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle for making Les' trip to RSS possible. And thanks to Les for his amazing work with the youth. Mr. Laszlo hopes to set up a return visit in the fall. High school students were also lucky to have

traditional fire-maker Doug Smarch give a workshop earlier this spring in the shop. Students learned a variety of new skills and practiced with all of Doug's traditional tools and materials.

This year, two TH citizens graduated from Robert Service School: Cheyenne Rear and Mercedes Taylor. Cheyenne was been nominated as this year's RSS Valedictorian! Stay tuned for photos and a report on the Commencement in the next newsletter.

The Education Department is asking that any out-of-town TH citizens graduating this year from Grade 12 please get in touch with us as soon as possible. TH would like to honour all Graduates, and we need

to know who you are! Please contact us by June 30, at 867-993-7161, or by email: Julia.jennings@trondek.ca. Mähsi!

I would like to say Mähsi Cho to all those who helped this school year to provide cultural education for the youth. There were many exciting initiatives, some long standing traditions and some brand new, and it was an absolute pleasure to be involved in these efforts. Mähsi to all those TH citizens and staff members who willingly donated their time and energy to the students at RSS. Mähsi to the staff at RSS for their endless enthusiasm and effort, and to the youth for their engagement and positive attitudes. It has been a fantastic year!



Have you moved?

Help us keep track of where you're at by forwarding your new address to:

Louise Drugan c/o Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Box 599 Dawson City, Yukon Y0B 1G0

(louise.drugan@trondek.ca)



Project "Take it Outside"

Robert Service School Receives Funding for an Outdoor Classroom



By Jill Delaney and Melissa Hawkins

If you've recently passed by the school grounds, you may have noticed activity in the area behind the shop and in front of the basketball courts. We are very excited that these mounds of dirt, piles of rock and newly arrived trees and shrubs are (thanks to the hard work of volunteers) being transformed into Robert Service School's very own outdoor classroom. This new space will be known as Łenähjin Tr'ëdëk, or the Gathering Place.

This project began last fall, when RSS Hän language teacher Melissa Hawkins said, "Wouldn't it be great to have an outdoor learning setting right here on the school grounds?" Within a couple of weeks, we learned about a \$5,000 grant from World Wildlife Fund's Green Schools Grant. We applied, were accepted, and voilà—we were on our way to having an outdoor classroom.

The goal behind this outdoor classroom is to further the process of bridging the gap between classroom knowledge and the knowledge once held by the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in people—a knowledge of the land. Elders and environmentalists alike are calling for schools to reconnect the current curriculum to the environment and to teach that knowledge is fluid and does not just exist in a classroom setting. This outdoor classroom will allow

teachers to take their classes outside into a space that will be designed, constructed and maintained by teachers and students. We hope this space will provide the school with an inviting area for community members and Elders to come and share their knowledge with the students of Robert Service School.

Former Dawsonite and RSS graduate Miranda Adam, owner of Little Lady Landscape design + drafting, came on board as our first volunteer contributor to the project. John Lenart, owner of Klondike Valley Nursery, also committed his help upon learning about the

project. Lisa
Ewasko (a peer
from Miranda's
landscape
architecture
school) was
next to come
on board and
help with the
planning process.
As the project
grew, we looked
for other funding

sources. Together with our gathered team, we proposed a landscape and submitted a tentative plan to the folks at Toyota Evergreen Learning Grounds. They were thrilled with our plans and granted us \$3,000 toward native trees and shrubs.

The Grade 3 class learned about this project and came up with designs reflecting what they'd like to see in their outdoor classroom. While some students envisioned desks and chairs, others envisioned a fire pit, canoe area, and even an ice-cream shop! Miranda set to work incorporating the student visions into the final design plan. Peter Menzies and the Grade 9/10 shop class helped make these visions a reality by constructing benches and the entranceway.

Garry and Sylvie Gammie joined us on a snowy May morning to inspect the site and see if they could help mother nature in getting the topsoil we'd need thawed and ready to go in time for our project. With a little help from the Gammie Trucking crew, the soil thawed and



was delivered on May 17. With the Grade 3's and Miranda's plan in hand, Mike Crelli and his crew did a wonderful job on the topography of the site, donating much of their time and energy!

During our work-bee days, in late May, John Lenart delivered trees and shrubs, and the RSS students impressed us with their hard work and drive to achieve the goal of completing Łenähjin

RSS students contour the land as part of the landscaping plan.

Tr'ëdëk. As classes came out to inspect the site and envision where a wall tent (purchased with the TH/RSS cultural inclusion fund), benches and fire pit will soon be, faces brimmed with excitement. This project has already started meeting its goal of bringing community members and students together.

Chief and Council at Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in have also been very supportive, jumping on board with the plans. They have donated a lovely sign, to be made by BC artist Warren Langley (who made the sign at Dänojà Zho). The sign will be in both Hän and English, and the design will represent the breathtaking traditional territory of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in. Mähsi Cho to Chief and Council, and to Elders Percy Henry and Angie Joseph-Rear for assistance with the Hän language

component.

A sincere Mähsi Cho for the help and donations from WWF Green Schools Grant, Toyota Evergreen Learning Grounds, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, Little Lady Landscape design + drafting, Klondike Valley Nursery, Lisa Ewasko, Mike Crelli and C n' D landscapes, Peter Menzies and the Grade



9/10 Shop class, Florian Boulais, Arctic Inland, Arctic Alpine Seed, Gary and Sylvie Gammie, Nicky Ball, the Flynn Family, Grenon Enterprises, and the teachers and students of Robert Service School.

We hope everyone enjoys the outdoor classroom as much as we enjoyed designing and building it.

Stay tuned for information on the Łenähjin Tr'ëdëk Grand Opening in August. We hope to see you there!







Top Left: Congratulations to Melanie Bennett, who recently completed her Master's Degree in Multidisciplinary Leadership. Melanie's thesis represents the beginning steps in creating a culturally responsive teaching in an aboriginal choice school model. (In short, trying to make the school a better place for our kids!) Way to go, Melanie! Your hard work has paid off! All the best in your future challenges.

Middle Right: Ty Heffner, from Matrix Research, was in the Heritage Office recently showing off some of the thoughts he and Lee Whalen, TH Heritage Officer, found during an archaeogical survey of parts of TH Traditional Territory last summer.

Bottom Left: Julia Morberg teaches Robert Service School students how to harvest birchbark at Moosehide. Thanks for sharing, Julia!

Bottom Right: TH Chief and Council and administration staff meet with the TH Trust protector, Daryn Leas, and members of the trust.









Do you have news that we should know about or a picture you'd like to place here?

Call or email!

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Top Left: The new R-22 campsite sign has been painted by Madeline deRepentigny, featuring the name "Land of Plenty," in our Hän language. The R-22 caretaker will have posted the two beautifully painted signs up at the traditional campsite by the time you're reading this, so keep any eye out for them next time you're in the area. These signs were worth waiting for and so incredibly beautiful. Mähsi cho, Madeline! You did a great job.

Top Right: Percy Henry celebrated his 85th birthday at the Peel River Watershed Elders' Gathering earlier this summer. Happy Birthday, Percy! Many happy returns!

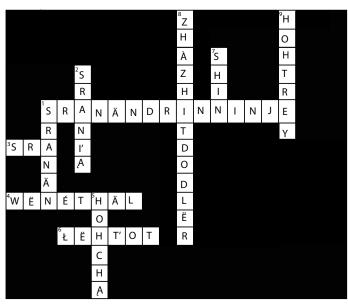


Mary Jane Moses on the importance of the Peel.

"We are a proud, strong people. We have inherent rights to these homelands. We must never take it for granted. These homelands must be protected. Our ancestors lived in harmony with the land, and animals were their sustenance for their survival. We are here today because of that determination to keep going. We all have a big load to carry. We must all carry it proudly, so that the next generations can pick up from us and help to carry that traditional knowledge—the true teachings and our ways of life on this great land—forward. Our respect for this great land, well into the future, must carry on."

Hän Crossword

Summer Weather Crossword Answer Sheet



Down

- 1) Spring
- 2) Sunny
- 5) Rain
- 7) Summer 8) Blue skys
- 9) Wind

Across

- 1) Daylight (getting longer)
- 3) Sun
- 4) Warm
- 6) Muddy water rising



Top left: Ronald Johnson banks left in a controlled exercise.

Right: The group assembles for inwater activities.

Bottom left: Ronald hauls himself onboard after dumping in the water.

Bottom right: Jorn tests his survival suit in the chilly Yukon River.



Boat Safety Course

A number of staff members and Moosehide Gathering boat drivers recently participated in a 3-day Motorized Boat Operators' course. The course was taught by a highly enthusiastic instructor named Tim Wheeler, from Raven Rescue in Ontario.

Participants spent one day on land and two days on the Yukon River and learned about safety equipment, pre- and post-trip checks and procedures, hydrology and hazards, crew operational duties, communications, boat handling with engine cut, man overboard drill, ropes and knots, towing and cold water-related medical conditions.





Attention: Elders, Students, and Committee Members

Thank you for your feedback regarding honoraria and living allowances! In order to accommodate your requests, we're moving forward with a new payment schedule in September! Please review the following list to note the changes. As always, we appreciate your input.

The 2012 scheduled dates:

July Honoraria Paid out June 30

August Honoraria Paid out July 31

September Honoraria Paid out September 12 October Honoraria Paid out October 12

November Honoraria Paid out November 12

December Honoraria
Paid out December 12

Work Opportunities Program Now in its Second Year

A fter the success of last summer's program, the Work Opportunities Program is back for another season. TH welcomes back Rebecca Hogarth as WOP supervisor, and Ellen Sidney and Michael Joseph as this

year's crew.

The return of the program highlights last year's success, which allowed the crew to obtain certificates, refine their skills and build experience. Some of last

year's WOP projects included clearing land at Tr'ochëk, maintaining Elders' yards and building outhouses at R22 (plus much, much more). This experience helped lead two of the crew to full-time employment—one with the Housing Department at TH.

This year, the WOP crew will focus on preparing Moosehide for the Gathering and yard maintenance for Elders. Rebecca says the program is successful thanks to community support, and there is already a high demand for the crew's services—so she asks for people's patience this summer. For more information call 993-3822.

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in ...

Thank you very much to our First Nation for your support extended to us in many ways since the passing of our mother, Rita Drugan.

Mähsi cho,

Sis, Clara, Debbie, Louise, Richard, Billy



MOOSEHIDE GATHERING



PERFORMERS

This year's Moosehide Gathering will be an uplifting event filled with energetic performances, moving ceremonies and inspiring presentations. Many musical groups will be back by popular demand, and there'll be many new faces as well. Confirmed performers include Allan Benjamin, Bill Stevens, Boyd Benjamin, Ecka Janus, James Roberts and Band, Michelle Olsen, Retrospect, Ross River Drummers, Selkirk Spirit Dancers, Yu'pik Miracle Drummers, Sharon Shorty, and more. One thing is for sure the program will be jampacked! Stay tuned for more details.

What's On

- Opening Ceremonies with Hän Singers and the Dawson City Rangers
- Raising the Flag and Lighting the Sacred Fire

- K'änächa: a special recognition of people who attended residential school but passed away before restitution. A special commemorative plaque will be unveiled.
- Old-Time Dancing
- Collaboration of drummers, with the Hän Singers, Kaska Drummers, Selkirk Spirit Dancers and Tanacross Dancers.
- Stick Gambling
- Collaboration of fiddle players, with Boyd Benjamin, Allan Benjamin, Peter Menzies, Simon Crelli and Bill Stevens.
- Youth workshops
- Sunday Church Service
- Live performances
- Closing ceremonies

Precise scheduling is still in progress—the official program is coming soon!

Stick Gambling

Traditional Stick Gambling will be on display at Moosehide Gathering. Stick Gambling is a high-energy drum game that creates excitement for the drum groups and viewers. A full game can take an hour or longer. Two drum groups—the Selkirk Spirit Drummers and Kaska Drummers—are skilled Stick Gamblers and will share their knowledge.

GOT SOME TIME? Passionate about MooseHide Gathering?

The Moosehide Gathering Committee is always looking for volunteers. Whether you can help with fundraising during summer or are more comfortable helping at the event itself, the committee would love to hear from you. Everyone has something to contribute and every bit of help makes a difference. If you're interested in acting as Caretaker for the Sacred Fire or if you're a qualified First Aider willing to do a shift onsite, please contact Gladys Netro or Allison Kormendy at 993-7162.

ABORIGINAL Day

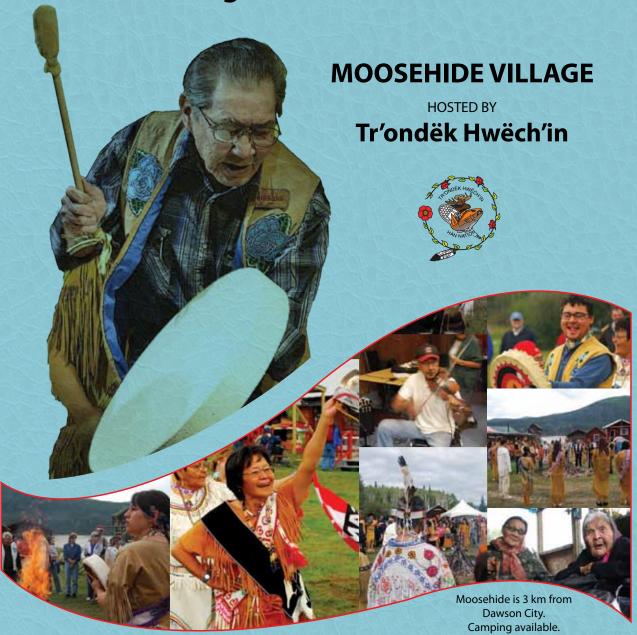
Celebrate Aboriginal Day at the Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre on June 21. Enjoy chili, bannock, cupcakes and refreshments. For more information, contact Gladys Netro or Allison Kormendy (993-7162).



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Daily 11:00am 1:00pm 3:30pm

DÄNOJA ZHO cultural centre

Programs

University of the Land

Guided short hike and storytelling under the Moosehide slide

Wednesday & Friday 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Of Land and Sky

"My world view" and a taste of traditional teas

Tuesday & Thursday 2:00 - 3:00pm

Hän Language Bingo!

Learn a little of the language of our land

Monday 2:00 - 2:30pm

(subject to availability)

Bannock: Hot and Yummy

Tasty "fry bread" and wild berry jam

Wednesday & Friday 12noon - 1:00pm

\$6.30 Tickets valid for 2 days