Wednesday February 14th, 2018



The Atlin Whisper

"Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world."

Margaret Mead

Atlin School's Winter Sports Day! (Olympic Themed)



Atlin School would like to invited the community to come cheer on the school kids as they take part in an Olympic themed Sports Day February 15th starting at 9am! There will be four countries competing against each other in these four sports:

Hockey
X-Country Skiing
Biathlon
Curling

If you would like more information about this event please contact the school at 250-651-7525



February Movies



The Historic Globe Theatre

For now washrooms available at Sigoo Bistro please make a donation for service

Valentine's Day - Wednesday February 14: Always

Doors Open 6:30 Show Time 7:00 – 9:00 rated PG Starring Richard Dreyfuss, Holly Hunter, John Goodman, directed by Steven Spielberg Pete is a legendary pilot with a passion for daredevil firefighting. However Dorinda, the woman he loves and Al, Pete's best friend know that legends cannot take risks forever. After sacrificing himself to save Al, the ace pilot faces his most challenging mission: helping Dorinda move on with her life.

Sunday February 18: Paint Your Wagon

Doors Open 6:30 Show Time 7:00 – 9:45 rated PG Starring Clint Eastwood, Lee Marvin, Jean Seberg, directed by Joshua Logan A Michigan farmer and a prospector form a partnership in the California gold country. Their adventures include buying and sharing a wife, hijacking a stage, kidnapping six prostitutes, and turning their mining camp into a boomtown. Along the way there is plenty of drinking, gambling, and singing. They even find time to do some creative gold mining.

Sunday February 25: <u>Dead Poets Society</u>

Doors Open 6:30 Show Time 7:00 – 9:15 rated PG Starring Robin Williams, directed by Peter Weir

John Keating inspires his students to live life to the fullest, exclaiming... "Carpe Diem, lads! Seize the day. Make your lives extraordinary!" The charismatic teacher's emotionally charged challenge is met by his students with irrepressible enthusiasm – changing their lives forever.

Admission Donation **\$6.00**

Concession items marked

Facebook: Atlin BC Globe Theatre@ExploreAtlin Website: exploreatlin.weebly.com Email exploreatlin@gmail.com

Presented by Heather Keny - Explore Atlin

MY CAREER WITH THE RCMP

By Jim King



I ended the description of the first half of my career with notification of a transfer from the lower mainland of British Columbia to the frozen north. Some people asked me what I had done wrong to earn such a transfer when in fact in those days you had to volunteer for northern service. Before I start telling you about the rest of my time in the R.C.M.P. I thought I'd describe a botched bank robbery that I forgot to tell you about in my last month's submission. These two robbers were not cut out for a life of crime and should have stayed in school.

Due to a recent rash of bank robberies in municipalities surrounding Vancouver several teams of plainclothes officers were assigned to bank patrols in specific areas of each municipality. It was a busy Friday afternoon and my partner and I were a few blocks away from a large shopping mall in north Burnaby. We received a call of a robbery in progress at a bank in the mall and that shots had been fired. We arrived near the bank at the same time as a couple of marked police units. We observed people running for cover and two individuals near a mall entrance, one firing a large handgun and the other spraying the parking lot with an automatic weapon. Things happened very quickly from here on and I will try to relate the incident to the best of my recollection.

The fellow with the handgun, carrying a large bag, ran into the mall. The fellow with the AR-15 was shot by a non-fatal round from one of our Smith and Wesson .38 Special revolvers. The other fellow was running through the mall with a .357 magnum in one hand and a bag of money in the other when he bumped into two long- haul truck drivers from back east who were doing a little shopping between trips. The bag of money went flying and the robber kept running. One of the truck drivers was a large guy and he told his partner who was a little short fellow to go after the robber and he would gather up the money. When the uniformed policemen entered the mall they naturally grabbed the guy with the money who told them what had happened and that his partner had given chase. The officers found the other truck driver sitting on the robber pointing the robber's gun at him. The robber had hit a turn stile into a grocery store and ended up on the floor with the truck driver on top of him who managed to get hold of the gun. An investigation into this robbery revealed a comedy of errors by two individuals who must have taken their stupid pills that morning.

For a couple of days prior to the robbery the robbers cased several banks before deciding which one to hit. The day of the robbery they stole a car and drove to the Brentwood Shopping Centre. They parked the car outside the bank and in their haste ran into the credit union next door to the bank. They soon realized their mistake so ran out and into the bank where the one with the AR-15 fired a shot into the wall behind the tellers. The other robber vaulted the counter and proceeded to collect cash from the tellers. Tellers in the credit union and the bank had hit an alarm button. The robbers ran out of the bank and jumped into their get-away vehicle and could not find the keys that had fallen out of the robber's pocket when he jumped over the counter. They then tried to commandeer another vehicle, but the driver grabbed his keys and jumped out of his car and dove between some parked vehicles. He happened to be the head of security for the Hudson Bay Company in British Columbia. This was when we arrived in the mall parking lot.

It is absolutely amazing that except for the one robber, no one else was injured. A lot of vehicles, including police cars, were damaged by flying bullets. The two truck drivers received substantial rewards from the Banker's Association. The two robbers were convicted of armed robbery. and numerous other firearms offences, and received lengthy jail terms.



ATTENTION:

FRIENDS OF BOB!

As some of you know, Bob will be turning 15 years old on April 12th, 2018.

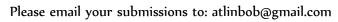
In recognition of all he has meant to Atlin and the Atlin Rec Centre over the years, we would like your help in commemorating his special place in all our hearts. Our goal is to publish a book to coincide with his life and times.

We are looking for all things Bob:

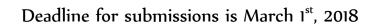


- Short stories
- Poems
- Photos
- Artwork
- * & Memories of your time with Bob

Any information of lost loved ones (pets included) who knew Bob would be appreciated.



(You can also handwrite your submissions and give them to the bartender at the Rec Centre)



Please note - submissions can be anonymous!

THANK YOU!

- Bob & his friends

^{**} Proceeds from Bob's books are going to the Atlin Rec Centre & George Holman Pet Care **

























ATELP Training Facility

WE'RE HIRING!

STEP INSTRUCTOR

The Skills Training Employment Program (STEP) is seeking a dedicated, diligent, amicable person to run STEP. The suitable candidate would join STEPs project team to deliver an innovative employment training program to the Tlingit Community of sunny Atlin, BC for 8 weeks.

The multi-faceted role requires an individual that can:

- Develop program and curriculum for foundational skills, job readiness and essential skills training utilizing community resources and through collaborative partnerships.
- Assist Co-Instructors with development of curriculum in employment skills training.
- Works co-operatively in an inter-dependant specialized diverse team environment to coordinate an employment skills program.
- Detailed reporting/action plans; performing assessments and compiling evaluation reports that monitor and track attendance, activities and performance to document impact and lessons
- Experienced in structured intervention with individuals aimed at changing human behaviour.
- Having a demonstrated ability to communicate effectively in a cognitively diverse environment.
- The individual must demonstrate the ability to work with individuals with multiple barriers and diverse learning needs. Be flexible and responsive to learner's needs, making necessary adjustments using appropriate instructional methodologies.
- Adherence to program policies and procedures.
- Supervises support program staff and contractors.
- · Submit all receipts as received to STEP Data File Clerk.
- Provide assistance in the coordination and supervision of additional activities as requested;
 complete all administrative duties as requested.
- Shall participate in approved training as required for the position.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- TOWES Invigilator Certification preferred but, not mandatory.
- Certificate or Degree in Adult Education/Literacy Education/Special Education/TESL; or an
 equivalent combination of relevant experience and training. Certification in Essential Skills
 Instruction preferred.
- Criminal Record Check with Valid Driver's license required.

TERM Position: Monday through Thursday, 34 hrs weekly Based on receipt of approved funding; program scheduled to run 1 April to 24 May, 2018.

Forward all resumes and cover letters to: Carmen Nantel, STEP Project Manager carmen.nantel@takucorp.ca

Application Deadline: 15 February 2018 or until suitable candidate found.

Our vision is to support a vibrant community in which learners and the project team have equal responsibility to build success.

Atlin Tlingit Economic Limited Partnership Box 408 Atlin, BC VOW 1A0

> Como Lake Shop Mon. to Thurs. 9 am to 4 pm





Skills
Training
Employment
Program







Weekly Knitting Circle!

Where: in the Library in the Old Court House
When: Saturdays; 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m; from February 3rd - March 24th

Bring a knitting or crochet project to work on. Warm drinks will be available!

There will be someone present to help work out any kinks or answer questions to assist you in your project if needed!

YOGA CLASS SCHEDULE

With Megan Samms yoga teacher

Where: ARC, in the hall or in the addition When: Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:30 p.m.



February 14th
February 21st
February 28th
March 7th
March 14th
March 21st



Wear comfortable clothing; bring a yoga mat and or any props you like and a blanket. If you do not have a mat, come anyway. A mat is not required to participate.

March 28th

Class fee is by donation. Donations are shared with the ARC.

Please don't hesitate to contact Megan at 651-2248 or megan.samms@gmail.com if you have requests. Note that the above schedule is subject to change and we'll try our best to keep everyone informed!



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ATLIN COMMUNITY TALK AND DINE "FENTANYL"

Let's prepare our small community with an education and devise an "action plan" for a very deadly opioid called Fentanyl. The Fentanyl crisis is rapidly growing in BC, and with our small communities having access to illegal substances in larger cities like Whitehorse, it is very critical we come together to create safety measures should we encounter Fentanyl in any form.

Fentanyl is stronger than heroin and can be mixed into other illegal drugs without the knowledge of the buyer. It is very deadly. We will take an inside look into the rise of Fentanyl, and provide an educational background of the dangers. Come and learn about the effects of Fentanyl, how it's abused, and how we can keep ourselves and loved ones safe from this deadly and growing epidemic.

WHEN

February 21, 2018 5pm - 7pm

WHERE Atlin School Auditorium



FEATURING GUEST SPEAKERS

• RCMP CPL Steve Woodcox • BCAS Scott Cole • TRTFN Stephen Badhwar •

OPEN TO ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN ATLIN

POTLUCK SUPPER DURING SESSION

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE!!!

4th Annual Atlin Christmas Bird Count Results

The 4rd annual Atlin Christmas bird count was held on December 27th, 2016.

The Christmas bird count has been held annually for 118 years. The data collected by observers over the past century allow Audubon researchers, conservation biologists, wildlife agencies and other interested individuals to study the long-term health and status of bird populations across North America. When combined with other surveys such as the Breeding Bird Survey, it provides a picture of how the continent's bird populations have changed in time and space over the past hundred years.

Count Summary

There were 10 participants walking, watching feeders and driving this year in Atlin. 21-22 species were observed, including:

Species	Number Observed	Species	Number Observed
Common raven	19	Chickadee spp.	5
Burrow's Goldeneye	10	Black-capped Chickadee	9
Ruffed Grouse	5	Boreal Chickadee	6
Willow Ptarmigan	5	Mountain Chickadee	5
Eurasian collared dove	4	American Dipper	6
Great grey owl	2	Pine Grosbeak	74
Pine Siskin	2	White-winged Crossbill	10
Hoary Redpoll	10	Gray Jay	5
Common Redpoll	7	Snow bunting	4
Black-billed Magpie	6	Mallard	1
Hairy Woodpecker	1	Woodpecker spp.	1

Count highlights

This year was very a bit different because we had fewer exotic birds than last year. A few of the rarer birds were the Snow buntings and Hoary Redpolls.

Thank you to everyone who participated!

Keep your eyes open for posters around town or a notice in the Whisper next December if you are interested in participating in 2018!

If you have questions, email Anna (annagaleschmidt@gmail.com)







March 03, 2018 =

Contact Lynn at 250-651-7663

\$80.00 per team

Register as a team or an individual.

Concession will be open

Potluck Dinner



Bingo



Monday, Feb. 19

Atlin Recreation Centre

Doors open at 6pm, Games start at 7pm.

You must be 19 years of age or older to play

Hope to see you there!



NORTHERN HOMES REAL ESTATE



Monarch Mountain

Beautiful custom designed four-bedroom beautiful log home on 4.45 acres with a great view of the lake and mountains. \$429,900

Pine Creek Subdivision

Three-bedroom 1,336 sqft family home on 1.75-acres in Pine Creek subdivision. Backs onto Pine Creek. \$215,000

Pine Creek Subdivision

Two bedroom, 1,344 sqft log home in the quiet Pine Creek subdivision is waiting for you! It is such a super deal at \$198,700

Lake Street

Beautiful three-bedroom, renovated to brand new, 3,500 sq.ft. lakeside home. Stunning lake and mountain views. \$698,000

Food Basket

Thriving business in Atlin! The building, land, rental suite, and grocery store are all included. A great way for someone wanting an early retirement to make a comfortable living \$495,000

Third Street

One block off Discovery. Great location to build a home or create a new business in Atlin. \$137,900

Green Street

Quiet three-bedroom 2,058 sqft family home with one of the best shops in town on two acres. \$299,700

Surprise Lake Road

Get away to the quiet splendor of 20.43 wide open acres near Surprise Lake. \$150,000

Warm Bay Road

Cozy one room rustic log cabin tucked deep the trees on a 5 acre parcel just minutes from town. Perfect for a get away retreat or to build that dream home as there is a view of Atlin mountain from this site! \$119,000

Trond Gulch

One-bedroom, 715 sqft off-the-grid home on 9.88 acres surrounded by Crown Land. Sauna and guest cabin. \$350,000

Second Street

Shop with 60-amp service plus a 600 sqft home (bachelor pad). Grab your tools and get to work right away! \$137,000

Warm Bay Road

Three bedroom 963 sqft two-story cottage on 2.47 acres on Warm Bay Road. Very private and quiet. \$175,000

Atlin Road

Fenced 80 acres with some pasture along the Atlin highway. Beautiful property at \$350,000

Ruffner Bav

Five-bedroom beautiful 4,000+ sqft home with two guest cottages and hangar. Lakefront, off the grid 24-acre parcel. \$1,499,000

Wilson Street

Quiet mountain views from this four-bedroom, 1600 sqft home on two acres. Open yard with raised beds and greenhouse. Great value at \$197,500

Bear Creek Road

This two-story, three-bedroom log home with outbuildings is on 3.95 acres along Bear Creek Road and has had lots of recent updates. \$225,000.

My next tentative trip to Atlin will be Mar 2 & 3 Call me or email if you wish an appointment

Call Myrna at (250) 775-1019 myrnablake1@gmail.com Go to northernhomesbc.ca for more details.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

50th Gold Nugget Bonspiel Sponsors:



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50th Gold Nugget Bonspiel Winners

1st A. Greg Thom2nd A. Laura Eby3rd A. Peggy Dorosz4th A. Trent Derkatch

1st B. Scott Gammel2nd B. Pickled Beat.3rd B. Jim Lamberton4th B. Glen Harper

1st C. Bob Smallwood 3rd C. Sherry MacInnis 3rd C. Dave Michayluk. 4th C. I Swept With Your Wife



Raffle Pendant- Wava Heikkinen Earrings- Lynn Turnbull



50/50 Friday night- Liz Kirkwood. \$460.00 **Saturday night-** Kelly Eby \$536.00

Draw to the button- Al Lucier Team, Rock Thrower, Jim Bishop

Hog Rock Winnings- Delaney Barton \$66.50

Oldest curler: Clarence Jack

Youngest Curler: Courtney Carlick

50th Gold Nugget Bonspiel

€ Thank you to: €

Glen, Skip and their ice crew. Helen Smith & Anne Campbell for all their research for photos, slide show, etc. Anne Campbell & Lloyd Brown for gathering Placer Miner Gold. Anne & crew for decorating. All the sponsors. Dennis & Dorothy Odian for collecting prizes. Curlers that supported us. Margaret for coordinating banquet and all her team in the concession. Bill Wallis for Gold Panning demos. The Bar Crew. Gail Hindbo for her continuing job as Lynn's 'secretary'.

We sincerely apologize if we have missed anyone that should be on this list. It seemed as if the whole community was involved.

€ Thank you from the Atlin Curling Club €

Wow, once again this community has pulled together to make the 50th Gold Nugget Bonspiel a big success. We have been busy planning for months and it was not always clear sailing. Every time we hit a bump the community was there to smooth it out. It takes us all working together to accomplish this. This community is awesome and that is why I choose to live here. Thanks to each and every one of you. L. T.



📤 Atlin's 50th Gold Nugget Bonspiel 튶





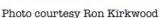




Photo courtesy Shane Coutts

Vera Kirkwood & Jack Green opened the Bonspiel on Thursday evening and again after the banquet on Saturday evening by throwing the first rocks.



Photo courtesy Helen Smith

A big Thank You to Edie Nelson with her wit and sharpness for her history and poem on 'Curling in Atlin, 1968-1990.'

Dorothy Odian was presented flowers for all her years and hard work with the Curling Club, the Recreation Centre and the whole community. She was there for the 1st Bonspiel and continues on.



Photo courtesy Helen Smith

ATLIN HEALTH FAIR

February 24th, 2018

1:00-3:00pm

Atlin Recreation Center

Please come and see what resources are available in our community.

The Atlin Health Fair will have booths set up by members of our community who play an important role in providing health and safety related resources which will aid in healthy living for all members of our community.

Everyone is welcome to attend this free event so please stop by for a fun afternoon, educate yourself, and see what is available right here in Atlin. There will be door prizes available, donated by our local businesses.

We all deserve to live a healthy, happy lifestyle and there are many ways we can get help to do so...

Concession will be open thanks to our amazing Curling Club Volunteers!

Many thanks to Atlin Recreation Center for donating the facility to our community for this event.

This event is non-profit, and organized by volunteers in the community.



Heather Guest and Holly Montgomery July 2017 Road Trip Part 1

"Show Me a Sign...."

Our trip north was for two reasons. First, to fulfill my mother's wish (Victoria E. Clarke) to have her ashes spread in Atlin (I figured 15 years was long enough to put it off.). Secondly, was to visit my cousin who lives just outside of Whitehorse and had invited me up many times. I also wanted to spend time in the Atlin and Whitehorse Archives researching family.

On our 2nd day, Holly (my sister in law) and I borrowed my cousin's car and drove to Atlin. I really challenged myself to drive the Alaska Highway, and was quite pleased as it turned out to be a beautiful road trip. What made me nervous was the car had 300,000km on it and was held together with duct tape (no joke). After we arrived in Atlin and found the B&B, we took a drive around to find the right spot to fulfill my mom's wishes. After I spread her ashes and shed a few tears, I asked her to show me a sign all was well and she was happy. Of course nothing happened! We then found the Museum and Archives.

Searching for Families in the Archive with Linda & Susie

Each year, the Atlin Museum receives requests for information about family and friends from Atlin's past. The archive volunteers answer these requests with a search through the AHS document collection stored in the Archive trailer behind the museum. The AHS collection is not completely recorded and organized in a handy computer database. So this is not a quick 5-minute job.

An Archive search is a sort of scavenger hunt. It begins with a name of person or a place in the card system and progresses from there. One thread leads to another and then another as the story unfolds. It takes time and patience. The archive volunteer is familiar with the organization and can find materials for folks to read and study, and even make copies to take home. Volunteers also assure that everything is put back in the proper place so items don't disappear from the collection.

Many times the search is very successful. Other times all that is left of a story is a headstone in the Pioneer Cemetery.

Last summer was a fairly busy time in the Archive. We were working on new displays for the museum. Diana French, a retired UBC Professor, was working in the Archive for almost a week researching the graveyards in the Atlin area for a book project. Linda and I were taking turns helping her. One day Linda was off to do errands and I was helping Diana. There came a knock on the door and Katherine asked if I could help these two ladies, Heather and Holly, with a family search as they were only in town the one day.

Heather had her mother's married name. She had some first names of uncles, but not full names, nor dates. And she thought her grandfather was a postmaster in Atlin at one time, but did not have a first and middle name. There was literally, no place for each of them to sit while I searched. So I sent them off to have a walk about Atlin and told them I would try.

I found bits and pieces. Some first names matched, but not last names. And the more I dug, the more confusing it became. I found the mention of a Post Master, but again the last names and first didn't match. Nelson is a common name. The card index contained a half a dozen Nelsons. Linda's mother, a Nelson was also the postmistress at one point. As I discovered this, Linda came back into the Archive to see how Diana and I were fairing. Before I could ask her about the second search, in walked Heather and Holly wanting to know what I had found...unfortunately a lot of confusion.



Watch for the continuation of this story in the Wednesday February 28th Whisper!

#14 What Else Can Happen To Make This Day Even Worse?



St. Martin's
Anglican Church
Sunday Services
10 A.M.
All are Welcome





Atlin Christian Centre

Affiliated with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada Services Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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NEW OPPORTUNITY!

Dr Jocelyn Land-Murphy, a BC-licensed Naturopathic Doctor based primarily out of Whitehorse, will be coming to Atlin every 4-6 weeks to offer Naturopathic Medicine to the Atlin community. Her first clinic visit to Atlin was in early January, and the next clinic dates are February 23rd and March 23rd. Priority for appointments is given to returning patients, though there is one slot available for a new patient on Feb 23rd, and two slots available on March 23rd. Initial appointments are 60mins and include a full medical review. Clinic days are held at the Pew.

Dr Jocelyn's clinical focus is women's health - including hormone balancing, fertility/pregnancy, thyroid/adrenal function, weight loss and digestive function, though she is comfortable treating a range of conditions and patients. As a BC-licensed ND with primary care rights, Dr Jocelyn is licensed to provide acupuncture, spinal manipulations, herbal medicine, IV nutrients, and nutrition/supplement advice, along with having full lab-rights and prescription rights in BC. Dr Jocelyn's services are not covered by MSP but are covered under extended health plans.

You can learn more about Dr Jocelyn at www.terralife.ca, or you can email her at drjocelyn@terralife.ca to see if the clinic is a good fit for your health needs/goals.





The next regular edition of the Whisper will be published <u>Wednesday, February 28th.</u>
<u>Submissions are due no later than Monday 9 am February 26th</u>

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