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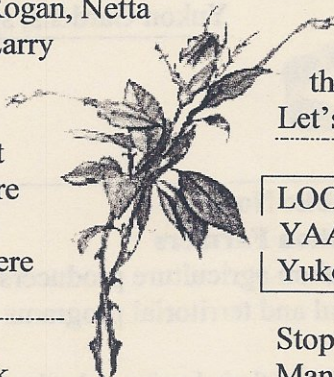
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

Hello YAA members, I would like to welcome all the 2005 board of directors: myself Al Falle President, Len Walchuk Vice-President, Wayne Grove Secretary, Mike Blumenschein Treasurer, Gordon Sinclair, Claudia Carlson, Jim Dillabough, Ralph Mease, Susie Rogan, Netta DesRosiers, Dalyce Stubenberg, Larry Brown, Joan Craig, and Dallas Schaber. I would like to thank all the members who showed up at the AGM. I sent out a questionnaire with four questions to the membership and I will ask them here again:



APF TRANSITION UPDATE:

The Agriculture Policy Framework Transition still has money to disburse to deserving applicants for agricultural projects. The APF committee is accepting proposals on an ongoing basis and meets once a month to review submissions. Come into the Yukon Agricultural Association office and see if you are eligible.

1. How can YAA best serve you?
2. What issues do you want YAA to focus on?
3. What is the most important issue for you?
4. What do you expect from your executive?

Please email or mail your responses to the YAA office and Rose would be happy to pass your issues, interests or concerns on to the board.

Let's keep agriculture moving forward!

LOOK for the article on gardening written by YAA's own Norma Mease in the "What's Up Yukon?" Free publication

Stop by and see the final report for the Green Manure Trial completed by Garrett Gillespie. The Abattoir Business Plan conducted by Agriculture Ventures North Consulting and Research Northwest is also in the office. The YAA is proud to be able to fund projects that move the agricultural industry forward.

ACAAF UPDATE: BY SHIRLEY FORD

The Yukon Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food (ACAAF) Program has \$185,000 available for eligible projects for this year. The Council had its first meeting in February, 2005 and established its internal structure and guidelines.

A Call for Proposals was advertised to the public during the month of March and ACAAf received eight proposals for review. Two of the eight proposals were approved at the May 1st, 2005 Council meeting and three proposals were approved for partial the funding.

Congratulations to the successful applicants!

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ACAAF is a new program, with specific criteria and conditions. We cannot co-fund with the APF program or duplicate other federal government funding programs. Since there are other agriculture programs available, we are all still learning how to interact with each other. If proposals are better suited under other agriculture programs, we can direct applications to these funds. ACAAF administrative personnel are more than happy to assist you with any questions you may have about our program. Valerie Whelan, our federal agriculture representative in the Yukon, is also available to answer your questions regarding ACAAF.

**Fireweed Community
Market: Every
Thursday 3pm-9pm on
the Waterfront**

The next Call for Proposals is scheduled for the end of September, 2005.

TRADE SHOW THANKS:

Jim Dillabough, volunteer
 Steve Mackenzie Grieve, donation of straw
 Shirley Ford, volunteer
 Dallas Schaber and company, volunteer
 Karla DesRosiers, volunteer
 Gordon Sinclair, volunteer



Deb Gledhill, volunteer
 Smiley Ford, volunteer
 Bill Drury, volunteer
 Barbara Drury, volunteer
 Joan Craig, volunteer
 Adorna Flowers and Landscaping, sponsor
 PC Indoor Garden Centre, sponsor
 Yukon Gardens, sponsor

Public Notice

Attention Farmers

A new Program Guide is now available to Yukon agriculture producers which provides a comprehensive list of new and existing federal and territorial programs available under the Agriculture Policy Framework.

Programs are aimed at helping producers develop their business in the areas of economic viability, food health and safety, environmental sustainability, business development and science and innovation

Eligible applicants must have reported a minimum of \$10, 000 in gross farm sales to Canada Customs and Revenue Agency in at least one of the last three tax years, or be considered a new entrant (see Program Guide for criteria).

Pick up your Program Guide at the Yukon Agriculture Branch on the 3rd floor of the Elijah Smith Building in Whitehorse, or visit our web site at www.emr.gov.yk.ca/agriculture

You can also request a copy by calling 667-5838 or toll-free at 1-800-661-0408 ext. 5838



1 BILLION FOR HARDSHIP FUNDING:

The Yukon is to receive \$273,000 in farm income assistance to offset the low market prices in 2004 and that this is part of the national farm assistance program announced in March. For more information contact the YTG Agriculture Branch (867) 667-5838 or the YAA office(867) 668-6864.

Jokes of the Month:



Yes Ma'am You have my personal assurance that we don't use any toxic chemicals or pesticides...



"I've decided to sell up. I'm having trouble making hens meet."

PIPE PRESS UPDATE:

With help from the Canada – Yukon Agricultural Policy Framework Program, ten Yukon Agricultural producers have been able to purchase a Henry Irrigation Pipe Press to repair broken aluminium irrigation pipes and to install new ends on plain pipe.

The press is mounted on a flat deck trailer so that it can be transported throughout the Yukon. The press comes with dies for pipes ranging from 2 inch to 12 inch which store inside lockable boxes mounted on the trailer.

All agricultural producers will have the opportunity to buy in as a partner for up to one year at the original share amount which will allow them to operate the equipment themselves at no further cost or they can rent the equipment by the hour which will come with an operator to have their repairs done for them.

Anyone who is interested or requires additional information can contact the Project Leader, Dave Andrew at PH: 667-7844, Fax: 393-1966 or email : raftera@northwestel.net

RIDDLE OF THE MONTH:

The Riddle of the missing dollar:

Three friends check into a motel for the night and the clerk tells them the bill is \$30, payable in advance. So, they each pay the clerk \$10 and go to their room. A few minutes later, the clerk realizes he has made an error and overcharged the trio by \$5. He asks the bellhop to return \$5 to the 3 friends who had just checked in. The bellhop sees this as an opportunity to make \$2 as he

Where did the other dollar go?

reasons that the three friends would have a tough time dividing \$5 evenly among them; so he decides to tell them that the clerk made a mistake of only \$3, giving a dollar back to each of the friends. He pockets the leftover \$2 and goes home for the day! Now, each of the three friends gets a dollar back, thus they each paid \$9 for the room which is a total of \$27 for the night. We know the bellhop pocketed \$2 and adding that to the \$27, you get \$29, not \$30 which was originally spent. Where did the other dollar go?

RECIPE OF THE MONTH:

Quesadillas are a Mexican classic that are becoming more widely available in Mexican restaurants in the US and Canada. They are traditionally fried or grilled, but this version is easier and less attention-demanding.

CRAB QUESADILLAS

- 4 flour tortillas
- 1 Tbs (15 ml) soft butter or margarine
- 1 cup (250 ml) shredded queso fresco, Monterey jack, or mild flavored, semi-soft cheese.
- 1-6 oz (170 g) can crab meat, drained and picked over
- Hot sauce (optional)
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

METHOD: Grease a large baking sheet with the butter or margarine. Rub the tortillas on the greased surface so as to lightly grease one side of each tortilla. With the tortillas greased side down on the baking sheet, place one quarter of the shredded cheese on one half of each tortilla. Top this with the crab, a dash or two of the optional hot sauce, and salt and pepper to taste. Fold each tortilla over and bake in a 350F (180C) oven for about 5 minutes, until the bottom is golden brown. Flip the quesadillas over and cook an additional 5 minutes, or until the other side is golden brown and the cheese is melted. Cut into wedges and serve immediately. Serves 4 to 6 as an appetizer.



AGRICULTURE; THE DEEPEST ROOT OF CULTURE

BY ROSE DRURY

The sun has a wonderful heat emanating from its rays, the poplar leaves are in bud and the crocuses can be seen on the hillsides, spring has sprung in the Yukon. I planted seeds 3 weeks

ago and the product of my efforts (seedlings) sit on my kitchen table awaiting the last killer frost so that they may spend their summer outside. The tender green shoots maturing day by day make me think

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how far humanity has evolved when it comes to growing things.

Throughout evolution and over time we have selected the most edible, best tasting, most nutritious and least poisonous plants. We are now consuming the fruit of those decisions, whether we grow a garden or shop at the supermarket.

I think of the impact that agriculture has had on culture and wonder why we celebrate the beauty of spring and fertility of the earth in less and less organized ways.

So many ancient civilizations around the world had rites of spring and maybe not surprisingly the celebrations were very similar to one another. The common thread that binds the rites of spring and the rituals

that people have historically engaged in is the assurance of fertility for the following season. The basic structure of the Celtic Beltane or Beltana festival is the one that western society is often most familiar with. It is in essence the gathering of people for feast, fire, fun and fertility. Versions of this spring festival appear in most Greek,

Roman, Celtic, Gaelic and Germanic peoples.

An interesting example of the variation is the Italian festival called Ambarvalia held in May. Each farmer led members of his household and a sacrificial beast in a procession around the boundaries of his fields; this was to insure growing crops against harm of all kinds.

It is obvious how important crops were to earlier civilizations, a crop failure meant that many people (mostly the poor) would go hungry and that prices for local and imported food would increase. The importance of agriculture is also illustrated by the number of deities pertaining to the success of crops. The survival of a people depended on the food that they could grow.



Rome had many gods and goddesses, two who dealt specifically with agriculture. Ceres was the goddess, Cronus the god, and Mars pulled “double duty” as the god of war and agriculture. The Greeks had the Barley Mother, Demeter and the god of wine, agriculture and fertility Dionysus. The Egyptians believed that Isis invented agriculture and Osiris was the god of the underworld, fertility and agriculture.

The importance of certain crops in certain regions is reflected in the gods and goddesses the people of that area worshipped. Two examples are; the Aztecs (very dependent on corn) worshiped Chicomecoatl the goddess of corn and fertility, while Sicily had been a major producer of grain and their grain goddess was

Egesta.

There were a lot of woodland gods/goddesses and as civilization progressed so did the nature of the deities. As private land ownership become the norm in Italy we see the emergence of Terminus, god of boundaries, fields and the protector of personal property.

The Japanese also had gods and goddesses of agriculture : Dai Koku, god of wealth, soil and patron of farmers, an

androgynous deity Inari, patron of rice and agriculture; Jinushigami who was charged with watching over plots of land and Toyo-Uke-Bim goddess of earth, food and agriculture. As techniques changed new gods were born, the Norse people even had a goddess of the plough.

What we see is a common theme: growing food is essential to the continuation of civilization. The successful harvest is a lot of hard work, good weather and a bit of luck. The ancients worked hard, prayed to the gods for good weather and luck for their crops and their families.

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As our western society moves farther and father from the source of our food the importance of a successful harvest is lessened locally as the slack is picked up nationally and globally.

CLASSIFIEDS

LOOKING FOR:

Little ride "em" horses for carousel need ten.

Contact Jim Dillabough

633-3343

FOR SALE:

2 pairs Silver Pheasants one year old.

Call (867) 634-2512

TO RENT/PURCHASE

Located on the shores of Crag Lake on the Tagish Road, 11 km from Carcross, the Porcupine Creek Farm is one hundred and fifty five acres of titled quarter section available to rent or purchase from Branigan Holdings Ltd as of May 1st, 2005. This property has been farmed productively by Wild Blue Yonder for the past four years with 17 acres of the land in production. Rent is \$1000 monthly plus all utilities.

There is one primary residence with electrical, phone, water and septic plus a cookhouse and seven smaller cabins that can be used for staff housing or guests. In regards to outbuildings for support there is a chicken coop,

The basic act of growing is timeless: the simple interaction between human and earth. I think that's something to celebrate! So why not invite friends over, have a feast, light a fire, dance and pray for a bountiful harvest!

root cellar, three smaller livestock barns, three working sheds with electrical and storage shed. This property is for sale with an asking price of \$425,000 via Daryl Weigand of Remax. It also houses the gravesite of the late Dr. Don Branigan that requires continued access with 48 hours notice from the Branigan family to pay their respects.

The property will be offered for sale with tenant. This will allow us to guarantee lease terms over whatever length of lease is negotiated with equity paid out upon completion.

Move in May and start farming.

For information contact David Branigan at 250-655-0674 or via e-mail celticdnacommunications@shaw.ca or Karen Branigan at 867-633-3368 or via e-mail at kbandss@internorth.com.

ATTENTION: The YAA is always looking for new material for the Newsletter. Please send in articles, jokes, drawings or classifieds before the 7th of July and your thoughts or sales items will likely appear in the July newsletter

ANSWER TO THE RIDDLE:

The facts in this riddle are clear: There is an initial \$30 charge. It should have been \$25, so \$5 must be returned and accounted for. \$3 is given to the 3 friends, \$2 is kept by the bellhop - there you have the \$5. The trick to this riddle is that the addition and subtraction are done at the wrong times to misdirect your thinking - and quite successfully for most. Each of the 3 friends did indeed pay \$9, not \$10, and as far as the friends are concerned, they paid \$27 for the night. But we know that the clerk will tell us that they were charged only \$25 and when you add the \$3 returned with the \$2 kept by the bellhop, you come up with \$30.

