

MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – 271st Edition – November 23rd, 2008

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Whitehorse Elementary – High School

Photo courtesy Ralph Lortie rlortie001@sympatico.ca (In Mississauga ON)



Whitehorse Elementary School

Photo courtesy Ralph Lortie rlortie001@sympatico.ca (In Mississauga ON)

Of course, for us older folks, this is the Whitehorse Elementary - High School. I don't know when this paint-job was done, but it sure looks a lot nicer than the dismal grey it used to be.

For readers who no longer live in the Yukon, Whitehorse specifically, the school's current appearance might be a surprise, as it was for me.

Cheers. Ralph Lortie [rlortie001*sympatico.ca](mailto:rlortie001@sympatico.ca) (In Mississauga ON)

ACCIDENTS

One fatality which might be classed as "just bad luck" took place north of Watson Lake and south of Upper Liard just days after I arrived in Whitehorse in June 1973. A tandem axle gravel truck was travelling from Watson Lake to Upper Liard which is about 15 miles. Just before getting to Upper Liard there is a series of switch backs and the road drops in elevation to the bridge over the Liard River. The truck was going down the hill and lost all braking power. The driver and passenger decided they should jump out of the truck. When they did, the truck went on its way into the bush and was stopped by the trees. The truck suffered virtually no damage and remained on its wheels.

Unfortunately, right where the truck left the road, there was a wooden box about 4 feet high, 4 feet wide and 8 feet long. The box was just off the road and was filled with sand. The purpose of the box was that if you were unable to climb the hill because of ice, you could shovel some sand under your wheels and therefore continue on. As the saying goes, 'timing is everything', and when the passenger jumped he hit the box. At first he seemed okay and witnesses who came along shortly afterwards said he was walking around and talking just fine. Within a short time he fell over dead. Apparently he ruptured his spleen and bled to death internally.

Adults were one thing but children dying in accidents was always harder to take. I only had a few accidents where children died and that was enough. It's more difficult emotionally as children are so vulnerable. It may sound somewhat callous but it was, for lack of a better word - 'easier' to go to a fatal than a serious injury accident. At most accidents you're by yourself and when you arrive you must first protect the scene. You need to do this most importantly to prevent others from running into the scene making things worse such as causing more injuries, but you also need to protect any evidence that may be there. You need to care for the injured, perform emergency first-aid and call for an ambulance, if one is needed. You need to call for tow truck(s) as required, you need to take measurements and photographs of the scene. You need to clear the highway so any debris does not cause other drivers to have more accidents. As you can tell it's a pretty busy time which doesn't leave much time to become emotionally involved with the dead or injured. And that is a good thing.

George Bliss [jrsports*sasktel.net](mailto:jrsports@sasktel.net) (In Regina)
Whitehorse Highway Patrol 1973-1978



Robert Kennedy seen here with two RCMP at the Whitehorse Airport 1965.

Can anyone identify the officers in the photo? – Sherron

Climbing Mt. Kennedy - 1965

It was the highest unclimbed peak in the St. Elias. Standing at an impressive 13,900 feet, the unnamed mountain was a beauty to be behold. For the untrained mountaineer, however, it was a formidable foe.

When Mount Kennedy was named for the late American president John F. Kennedy, the National Geographic Society and the Boston Museum of Science decided to set up a team to conduct a joint survey which would result in a detailed map of the mountain.

When the late president's brother joined the team at the last minute, the story became world-wide news. Senator Bobby Kennedy had never climbed a mountain before. The world's press descended on Whitehorse and scrambled for transportation to the base camp at the 9000-foot level.

From here, Bobby Kennedy, led by veteran Everest climbers Jim Whitaker and Barry Prather, ascended the last ridge. When they got to within 50 yards of the peak, they

unroped and let Senator Kennedy make the final ascent. Here he planted the Kennedy family crest, the National Geographic emblem and the Canadian flag.

When he descended to base camp, Kennedy was hailed by press, climbers and scientists alike. There were many pictures, but the one I remember best is that of Bobby Kennedy and my friend, the late Terry Delaney, arms wrapped around each other smiling ever so cheerfully for the camera.

When he got back to Whitehorse, Senator Kennedy dropped into the Capital Hotel to get cleaned up and have a drink. He bought a round and paid for it by cheque. Hotel owner Cal Miller said that was one cheque he'd never cash. He was keeping it, he said, as a souvenir from the future president of the United States.

It was not to be. Senator Bobby Kennedy was assassinated in California in 1968.



Robert Kennedy. Seen here in front of Sam McGee's cabin.

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin.

Courtesy Rolf & Marg Hougen marg*hougens.com (In Whitehorse)



CFWH – On the Air.
Photo by Jim Quong

CFWH

Greetings Sherron,

As I mentioned earlier this year, CBC Yukon is celebrating its 50th anniversary on the air this year.

But before we were CBC, we were a community-based station-- and before that, an Armed Forces station.

One of our ex-staffers dug up this photo in the Yukon Archives, and we would like to ask the fine folks who receive your newsletter if they can identify any of the people in this photo. It dates from 1950-1952, and the photo is credited to a 'Jim Quong'.

Any information people could send us would be appreciated. They can send their thoughts to me at john.boivin@cbc.ca .

John Boivin

ps. We would still welcome any memories people have of CBC-- or CFWH-- they would care to share with us. They might even win a coffee mug!

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If anyone recognizes faces in the photo or can recall the station or any special memories, please share them with John Boivin. Perhaps you could even send me a copy of your message for the MocTel readers to enjoy. – Sherron

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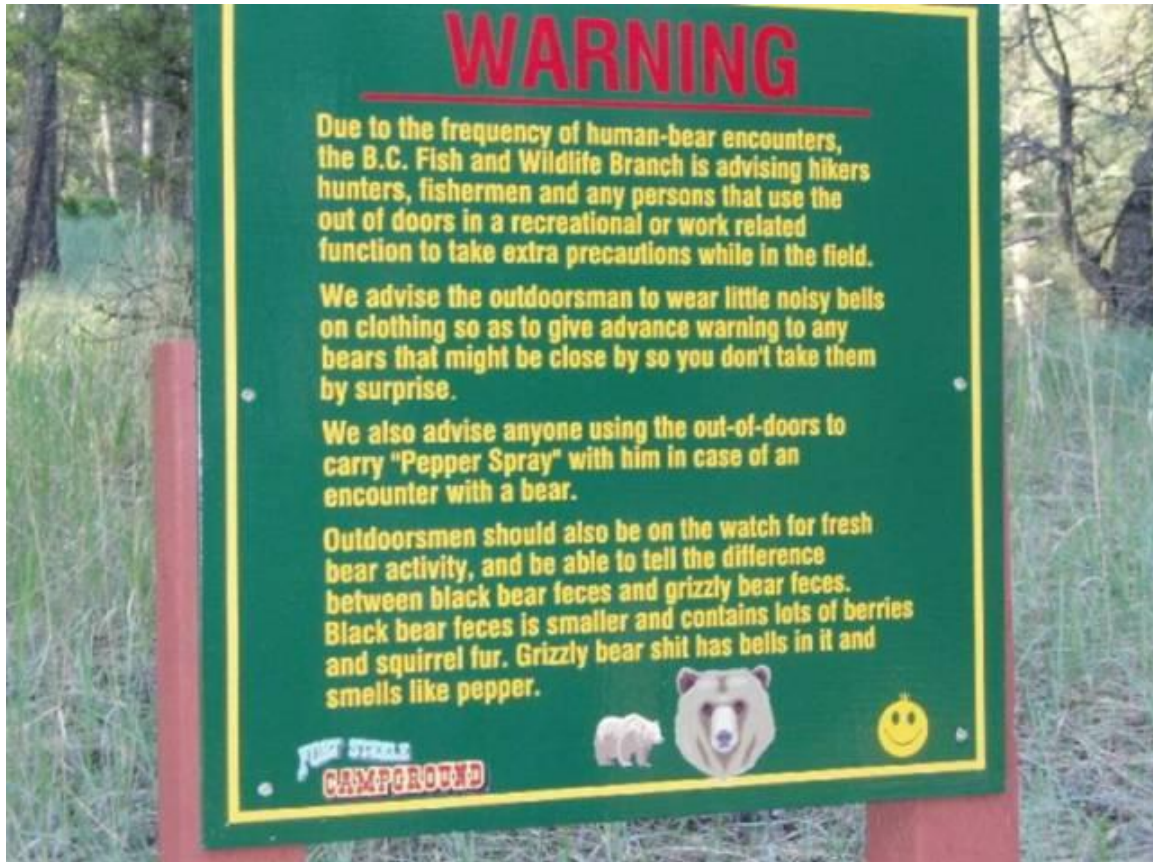
Another great MocTel. I always enjoy the stories and learn something new with each edition.

The article on **BLACK BEAR ! not a GRIZZLY** reminded me of an outdoor warning, albeit designed to be humorous.

I believe the sign at the link below says Fort Steele (south-east BC) on it and if you can't read the sign I've included the wording below.

George Bliss

www.outdooroddties.com/2008/07/23/grizzly-bear-warning-sign/



Sign text reads:

Due to the frequency of human-bear encounters, the B.C. Fish and Wildlife Branch is advising hikers, hunters, fishermen and any persons that use the out of doors in a recreational or work related function to take extra precautions while in the field.

We advise the outdoorsman to wear little noisy bells on clothing so as to give advanced warning to any bears that might be close by so you don't take them by surprise.

We also advise anyone using the out-of-doors to carry "Pepper Spray" with him in case of an encounter with a bear.

Outdoorsmen should also be on the watch for fresh bear activity, and be able to tell the difference between black bear feces and grizzly bear feces. Black bear feces is smaller and contains lots of berries and squirrel fur. Grizzly bear shit has bells in it and smells like pepper.

"Whitehorse Kids" reunion

On October 30, three "Whitehorse kids" gathered at the Old Spaghetti Factory in New Westminster for a great gab-fest. Vivian Findlater, nee Irvine, and Maribeth Mainer, nee Tubman, had memories of grades one to six to share and pictures to pore over. Helen Fitch, nee Munro, and Vivian had Whitehorse High School memories to share. We all

had some chuckles over how we defined rich and poor as children and how much our lives have changed. We have to do this again!

Vivian and I had reconnected by email and phone about a year before, courtesy of the MocTel. Vivian's sister had seen Vivian in my elementary school pictures in the MocTel. Anyone who has experienced Sherron's very careful process of putting people in touch with each other will know something of what led to my (eventual) email to Vivian. Helen and Vivian reconnected when Vivian dropped in to a Vancouver Yukoners' Association luncheon before heading south last winter.

Maribeth (Tubman) Mainer mainerml@shaw.ca (In Burnaby)

An old Dawson "kid" has gone down the trail

Sherron;

I'll cc this to Bill [Maylor] who can search the obits but this article in the Anglican Journal V. 134 N. 9 p. 18 caught my eye. Hugh McCullum was a Dawson kid in the days his dad was the Anglican priest there.

Maribeth (Tubman) Mainer mainerml@shaw.ca (In Burnaby)

Hugh McCullum, former editor, dies at age 76, Nov 1, 2008

Hugh McCullum, who edited the Canadian Churchman (predecessor to the Anglican Journal) from 1968 to 1975, and who was known as an activist-journalist who championed social justice, died Oct. 16. He was 76.

Mr. McCullum was the first layperson to be appointed editor of the Canadian Churchman, and relished the newspaper's editorial independence. "I used to worry a lot about journalistic standards and ethics in those days and fought some fairly bitter battles with the leaders of a couple of Canadian churches to make sure that editorial independence meant just that – that we were journalists first and institutional hacks second," Mr. McCullum told a gathering of North American church media in 2004. He later served as editor of the *United Church Observer* for nearly 10 years.

In 1989, he left to take charge of the information unit of a research and documentation organization in Zimbabwe and, except for a brief return to Canada (as senior editor-writer of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples), stayed in Africa for 13 years.

Mr. McCullum became the harshest critic of church and secular media, for their silence on the killing in April 1994 of 800,000 Christian Tutsis and Hutus in Rwanda.

Mr. McCullum, who returned with his family to Canada in 2002, said his time in Africa

changed him considerably. Speaking in Vancouver-based Christ Church Cathedral in 2002, he said, "It's impossible to return to Canada unscathed intellectually, emotionally and spiritually by the monumental devastation of the calamity" of HIV/AIDS. "...I make no apology for being angry about injustice of any kind. I've raged about it, along with many brothers and sisters, for most of my life. But I've never seen anything like this. I don't know how to get a grip on it."

Mr. McCullum's countless books and publications were a reflection of his belief that the church needs to be a voice of the marginalized: *Africa's Broken Heart* (2007), *The Angels Have Left Us* (2005) and *Radical Compassion* (2004), a biography of Archbishop Ted Scott, former primate of the Anglican Church of Canada.

The son of a priest, Mr. McCullum was born and raised in the Yukon.

A graduate of McGill University, he began his career with the Montreal Herald, then the Kingston Whig-Standard, the Regina Leader-Post, and the former Toronto Telegram.

He also hosted the CBC national program, Meeting Place, from 1984 to 1989.

Students Remember Veterans at RS

By Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)
November 9, 2008

Robert Service School celebrated Remembrance Day just before the long weekend on November 7, as school council had designated the Monday to be a non-school day.

The school's ceremonies were emceed by Leadership Class students Julia Spriggs and Stephen Kormendy, who also led in the singing of "O Canada" along with staff members Mme Desjardins and Mme Owen. Special presentations included a recitation of "In Flanders Fields" by senior students Taylor Chokan, Tamika Knutson with primary students Oliver Flegel and Azalea Peterson, as well as a musical setting of the same poem by the Robert Service School Choir, directed by Betty Davidson and accompanied by Brenda Caley. Legion member John Gould spoke movingly of the hardships faced by those who remain behind in war time, using as an example his mother, who remained at home in British Columbia during the war while his father worked in Dawson City and her four sons enlisted in various branches of the Canadian Forces.

All of the brothers came home safely, but one spent time in a prisoner of war camp and had nightmares about it for the rest of his life. The assembly concluded with a slide show presentation featured the names and photographs of those students and teachers' relatives who had served in the military. Following the service in the gymnasium, the students assembled in their house leagues and marched with the RCMP to the cenotaph at Victory Gardens where they observed the traditional Two Minutes Silence and laid the wreaths and crosses they had made at the school that week.



March to Victory. . .
Robert Service School students march up Fifth Avenue to Victory Gardens ...
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



...where they assembled before the War Memorial Cenotaph.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Museum Director Laura Mann gave the Remembrance Day address.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Remembrance Day Seen as an Occasion for National Pride

by Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

November 11, 2008

National pride was the theme of the Remembrance Day address by Dawson City Museum Director Laura Mann on November 11.

More than any other day of the year, Remembrance Day makes me proud to be a Canadian, Mann said in opening her remarks.

Canada, she went on, found its identity in its contributions to the wars of the 20th century, and some historians maintain that it was most truly an independent nation after the events of World War II, having contributed resources and personnel far out of proportion to the size of its population in the two world wars.

Mann said that, in many ways, Canada's contributions in military action and in peacekeeping after the Korean War fulfilled the boast of Prime Minister Wilfred Laurier, made in 1896, that the 20th century would belong to Canada.

There have been many who have suggested that he was being a bit optimistic. After all, we don't lead the world in gross national product; we don't have the economic impact of

some of our trading partners; and we certainly don't have the population base; but I for one think he was right.

Mann revealed that the Dawson City Museum had recently come into possession of two scrapbooks that had been stored in the Yukon Archives for 20 years. These two scrapbooks ... have pages that are covered, corner to corner, with news articles of Dawson's participation in World War I. With headlines like Dawson Men wounded in Battle, Dawson Boy has experience in War and Dawson Boy among the Dead in Battlefield.

This turned out to be Harry McLennan, the first Klondiker killed in the war.

I think ... the most poignant was a letter home from Alex MacDonald, a young man who survived the second battle at Ypres unscathed and wrote to his parents of his ordeal. The letter is dated April 28, 1915. He describes the march, the trenches and the surprise machine gun attacks, and he ends, "Out of our platoon of at least 55 men, 20 are left, and so it goes: no sergeants left, no corporals, company sgt-major gone, captain gone, three other captains gone, lieutenants gone, all gone, friends gone. It's sure fierce."

It is unfortunate, Mann said, that a similar level of reportage regarding the Second World War does not seem to exist. The Museum hopes to remedy some of that gap with an upcoming project focussing on memories from the 1920s to 1940s. She did discover that Dawson's contributions to the Victory Bond program exceeded the \$250,000 set by the federal government for the entire Yukon.

By June of 1941 \$552,800 had been raised with close to \$300,000 from Dawson and the Creeks.

In addition the newspapers kept track of the donations of knitting sent overseas by the IODE.

I can well imagine the looks on their faces as they received new and warm socks. I'm sure there was many a soldier who, not having a wife or girlfriend to knit, imagined his IODE angel in romantic, and hopefully wholesome, ways.

Mann felt it was often too easy, nowadays, for political considerations to get in the way of remembering that those soldiers currently serving Canada abroad were all someone's sons, daughters, wives and husbands. These sons and daughters have made the difficult choice to put their lives on the line. While we hope and pray that it never happens, we also must never forget that it did, and those who made the sacrifice must be honoured.

The ceremony, held in the Robert Service School gymnasium, also included the singing of "O Canada" led by the Robert Service School choir, live trumpet solos of "The Last Post" and "Reveille" by Mitchell Strid, and a musical setting of "In Flanders Fields" by the choir.

Later, at the Legion Hall social hour, there was a special treat. Last March Ryan Dragoman, Ted Hunter and Sonny Parker accompanied the students of Vanier Catholic Secondary School on the Battlefields Tour. The young men presented a slide show of their travels to the delight of all present.



The Robert Service School Choir led the singing and the anthem “In Flanders Fields”.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Mitchell Strid provided the trumpet solos and retired Reverend Ken Snider the prayers.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



RCMP led the Rangers, Junior Rangers and Legion Members.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

TRANSPORTATION HALL OF FAME – NOMINATION FORMS

My apologies for this oversight. It has been a hectic year, our office was severely understaffed (we were missing more than half our staff) BUT....I am happy to say that as of the end of this month we will be back up to full capacity :)

Attached is our nomination forms for 2009 Transportation Hall of Fame awards. If you would please mention and distribute them. Also, can I please be added to your mail list? Thank you for all the support you have shown the Hall of Fame.

If there any other information that you would like that I have not provided you with, please let me know.
Thank you.

Elizabeth Beecroft Elizabeth.Beecroft@gov.yk.ca (In Whitehorse)
Program Officer

Transport Services
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2009 Yukon Transportation Hall of Fame
NOMINATION FOR AWARDS

Category (check one):

Transportation Pioneer of the Year

Transportation Person of the Year

Order of Polaris

(Note: The selection panel may act upon their discretion to determine the appropriate category for nominee submissions)

Nominee:

Name Title

Company (or other)

Address Postal Code

Telephone e-mail

Submitted by:

Name Title

Company (or other)

Address Postal Code

Telephone e-mail

Signed

Name Title

Company (or other)

Address Postal Code

Telephone e-mail

Signed

Please attach a typed narrative of 500-1000 words detailing the achievement of the nominee that would merit this award. The scope, the impact, the importance and the nature of the contribution must be clearly identified. Biological information and other pertinent material (newspaper clippings, letters of commendation, testimonials, other awards etc.) should be included as well as a photograph of the nominee, if one is available. The submission must be signed by two persons, Deadline: December 31, 2009.

Yukon Transportation Hall of Fame

The Yukon Transportation Hall of Fame annually honours individuals who have made a significant and memorable contribution to the transportation industry in the Yukon. During National Transportation Week, the first week in June, awards will be presented to the recipient of the Pioneer of the Year, the Person of the Year and the Order of Polaris. The Hall of Fame is located at the Yukon Transportation Museum in Whitehorse and is

sponsored by the Yukon Transportation Museum, Northern Air Transport Association and the Government of Yukon.

Criteria for Awards Candidates for any Yukon Transportation Hall of Fame awards must be (or have been) engaged in transportation or a closely related activity in Yukon, their duties having an involvement with the movement of goods and/or people. Persons who are retired or deceased will be considered.

Transportation Pioneer of the Year

A nominee will have made a major contribution affecting or advancing the transportation industry, or a closely related activity connected with the movement of goods and/or people in Yukon prior to 1965. The nominee will be retired or could be deceased.

Transportation Person of the Year

A nominee must be engaged in transportation, or a closely related activity connected with the movement of goods and/or people in Yukon. Nominees will have assumed a leadership role during their career which has advanced the transportation industry as a whole or in any one of the several modes. This includes policy, safety, education, enforcement, innovation, performance or an exemplary act of bravery in perilous circumstances. Persons who have recently retired will also be considered.

Order of Polaris

Presented to individuals, groups or associations whose contributions to aviation include meritorious service in the Yukon. A nominee will have made a significant contribution and/or advancement to the aviation industry. Air-men and women, engineers, air crew, mechanics, designers and ground support, groups or associations, who played an important role in opening up the North will also be considered. All inductees are admitted as members to the Order of Polaris.

Please fax or mail your nominations to:

Yukon Transportation Hall of Fame
c/o Transport Services Branch W-17
P.O. Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6
Phone: (867) 667-8835 or fax (867) 667-5799
or visit: www.gov.yk.ca

Things to remember to include in your application:

1. Year when your nominee moved to the Yukon (if applicable)
2. Date that they started working in the transportation industry
3. Date of birth and current status (i.e. retired, deceased, as of specific date)
4. Any pictures that will help tell your nominee's story
5. Detailed events that makes your nominee significantly contribute to the transportation industry in the north
6. If your nominee created something new: indicate the impact it had on the transportation industry when it was created, as well indicate any impact it currently has

on the transportation industry. I.e. Is it still being used? Did it start a new line of products? Or was it for a specific job?

7. Please ensure that you have included enough information to clearly outline all your nominee's accomplishments that are related to the transportation industry as well as the situation that surrounded your nominee. I.e. Work conditions? Lack of tools? Part of a group? Was it his own plan? Did he work for a company and was able to improve on their designs and do something that would have been considered impossible?

If you have any questions please contact Transport Services directly and we will be happy to assist you with your application.

Yukon River Still Flowing

by Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

November 13, 2008

Ice on the Yukon River has grown much thicker than the frazil pancake formations of two weeks ago, but it has been too warm for it to freeze solidly. These larger floating ice pans are simply teasing those West Dawsonites who have had to move to town for their jobs while waiting for an ice bridge to let them go home.



Yukon River on November 1.

Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Yukon River on November 13.

Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

It's time to begin the Ice Bridge Again

by Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

November 19, 2008

According to dedicated river watchers, the Yukon River in front of Dawson stopped moving midmorning on Monday, November 17. The open water in front of the ferry landing in the middle of the river filled in and solidified quickly. Four days earlier - even the day before - it had looked like it might take some time. For West Dawsonites, trapped on the far shore for some weeks since the ferry came out of the river and the drifting frazil ice pans became too hazardous to risk crossing in canoes and motor boats, this was the end of weeks of waiting, and they didn't wait very much longer after that. Bentley Schmidt was out on the river on Tuesday afternoon, riding his snowmobile over the uneven surface, tracing a winding path across the stretch between the two ferry landings. Armed with an axe and pink plastic ribbon to mark the route, Schmidt could be seen advancing a few dozen metres, stopping, walking to find the path that looked most promising, hacking away a few obstructions, marking the end point with his tape, returning to his machine and moving it that far before doing it all again. Friend on the eastern shore joined him in blazing a trail up the bank to town when he got close enough for success to be a sure thing. While the newly frozen surface looked pretty jagged to the

untrained eye, Schmidt said it was really no problem at all and that a few good snowfalls would go a long way towards smoothing it out. Increasing foot and snowmobile traffic over the next few weeks should do the same, while colder night time temperatures and a daily decrease in the amount of direct sunlight will thicken the ice. For the next while commuters will be parking their trucks and cars on the far side of the river and coming across on snow machines, ATVs or on foot.? It will be weeks before the surface is strong enough for the larger vehicles belonging to the highways department to venture out there and then they will begin the annual flooding which turns this first tentative pathway into a four lane ice bridge. That may be some time off in the future but for now the isolation of early winter has ended.



Anxious to get back to town, West Dawsonites blaze a trail across the Yukon River.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Daycare Bazaar kicks off the Christmas Shopping Season

By Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)
November 18, 2008

The Robert Service School gymnasium played host to the first of what will be several Christmas bazaar events by the time the season has ended. This one, the oldest of the bunch, was hosted by the Dawson Daycare and packed the gym from noon until 4 on November 15.

As always the bazaar was filled with a mixture of craft work, baked goods and some tables of commercially produced items. Local artisans displayed their pottery, art work, leather work, knitting and baking.

The Anglican Thrift Store managed to thin out its stock of second hand goods and sell a lot of baking.

The RSS grad class had a fund raising draw.

Santa was on hand to have his photo taken with all the little ones who dared. Organizations like the Humane Society, Conservation Klondike and CFYT-FM set up tables to promote their activities in the town and perhaps recruit some new members.

Aside from all the merchandise, people also took the time to chat, catch up on the lives of their friends, and enjoy the afternoon.



The children's book table was a popular stop.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Joanne Vriend's pottery ranges from housewares
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



To decorative tiles
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Homemade trees are a reminder of the coming season.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



The jewelry table.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Two girls looking for a bargain.

Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Shirley Pennell's fabric art.

Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

BLACK WOLF PHOTOS

By the way I got permission for you to use the wolf pictures, he said to go ahead in your next publication of the Moccasin Telegraph.

Up here it is a little cooler then you find in your present area, we had minus 23 this morning [Nov. 17], right now at 3:50PM it is minus 22 degrees, the forecast for tonight is minus 27 degrees C. But as always in winter time it is really beautiful here, the trees are all laden with snow and everything looks so clean with the covering of snow on. Of all things, we seen a lone duck today flying in southerly direction, don't know if he will make it, open waters are becoming a rarity, mind you the rivers are still open but filling up more and more with slush ice, so it is just a matter of time for them to stop flowing and freezing over. Speaking of birds, we have four bird feeders going and they are busy from day break to late in the afternoon long after sun set with our Winter bird population.

Anyway have a nice Winter in still warm (at least our warm) Arizona.
Cheers, Fred.

Fred Berger fpbrgr*northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Photo courtesy Glass Eye Images



Photo courtesy Glass Eye Images



Photo courtesy Glass Eye Images

ARTISTIC TALENT



Robin feeding before heading south.

Photo courtesy Doug Bell pogo41*northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

OBIT

While George was visiting at the Crofton Manor Care facility in Kerrsedale he noticed an announcement at the front desk letting the public know that:

Mr. Albert Friesen died on October 25th.

As Bert Friesen used to live just two and a half blocks from the Crofton Manor it made sense that this would be "our Bert Friesen".

I've checked every obituary notice and have not found anything. Does anyone know anything further?

Melody Hughes songsinger49@hotmail.com (*Melody worked for White Pass in Vancouver*)

(I asked Bill Maylor if he could check to see if he could find an Obit and he wrote to Crofton Manor. Thanks Bill ! – Sherron)

I was forwarded this enquiry about my father's passing from Crofton Manor. How did you find out about his death, and how did you know he was involved with the White Pass?

Yes, my Dad was indeed the President of the White Pass & Yukon Route, and spent many of his working years with the company.

If you have any questions about him, you may contact me by email.

My husband receives The Moccasin Telrgraph, as he grew up in Whitehorse

Sincerely,
Carol Friesen

Hi Sherron,

My husband's name is Martin Burr. He has enjoyed your newsletter for several years now. Between the two of us we could write you a little something about my Dad and his many years involvement with the White Pass company and the Yukon. I will let you know how it progresses. I have been busy with all the details that involve an estate - a short biography could be a welcome break, and bring back happier memories.

Thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,
Carol Friesen caf7*telus.net

Still hoping to hear more from Carol Friesen, but meanwhile thought you should hear about her father “Bert” Friesen passing. He may be remembered by many as President of White Pass & Yukon Route. - Sherron

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Change of address for Doris Gates – yukonbelle37*bcwireless.com

As of today this is my new email address bill.braga*live.com
Bill Braga

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The best things in life aren't things.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Submitted by Florence Roberts yapper*klondiker.com (In Whitehorse)

Iced Water Midnight Cake

2/3 cup soft butter or margarine
5 tbsp. shortening
1 ¾ cups sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
5 tbsp. Cocoa
2 ½ cups cake flour or 2 cups all purpose flour
1 ¼ tsp. soda
½ tsp. salt
1 ¼ cups ice water

Cream together butter, shortening, sugar, eggs and vanilla until smooth and creamy. Sift together cocoa, flour, salt and soda. Add to creamed mixture alternately with iced beating well after each addition. Bake 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes.

B. Decembrini (typo? Debricini ?)
Beiseker, Alberta

DATES TO REMEMBER

A REMINDER ABOUT THE VANCOUVER ISLAND CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

DATE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

TIME: NO HOST BAR AT 12 AND LUNCH AT 1

COST: \$17.00 PER PERSON (CHOICE OF 3 ENTRIES) - THE PRICE INCLUDES THE MEAL, COFFEE, TEA AND GST (BUT NOT GRATUITIES)

PLACE: ABC RESTAURANT
6671 MARY ELLEN DRIVE,
NANAIMO (JUST OFF PARKWAY NEAR WOODGROVE)

There is a limited room capacity so please let us know by the beginning of December at the latest if you are going to be able to make it.

Fay Ash fayash@shaw.ca (250-760-0349) or

Harriet Butterworth harriett3@shaw.ca (250-751-1194)

Hope to see you there..... Fay

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