

MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – 334th Edition – May 15th, 2011

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Bennett Lake from the sand dunes. Deer, moose, caribou and bear use this gulley route in the summer to access the lake from mountains behind Carcross.

Photo courtesy Eleanor Millard emillard@northwestel.net (In Carcross)



Honey looking south toward Milhaven Bay, West Arm, and Bennett, on Lake Bennett.

Photo courtesy Eleanor Millard emillard@northwestel.net (In Carcross)



The mouth of the Watson River where it flows into Lake Bennett.
Photo courtesy Eleanor Millard emillard@northwestel.net (In Carcross)



Honey observing the vista.
Photo courtesy Eleanor Millard emillard@northwestel.net (In Carcross)



Bennett Lake from the sand dunes with a snowstorm brewing over the south mountains and the ice breaking up close to shore.

Photos courtesy Eleanor Millard emillard*northwestel.net (In Carcross)



Did you see that ?

Photos of Honey who lives next door, on our walk over the dunes and on the ice of Lake Bennett April 17, 2011. It was minus ten last night, so it was easy walking on the lake today. There was a brief snowstorm by the time we got home.

Eleanor Millard emillard*northwestel.net (In Carcross)



This photo shows a fine slanted line of white across the dune. It's the remnant of volcanic ash left from an eruption 7 or 800 years ago in Alaska (Mount Churchill in the St. Elias-Wrangell National Park). The fine ash spread across Alaska, Yukon, and NWT, causing what is known as the Little Ice Age since it blocked out the sun for months. The First Nations call it "the year summer never came". It meant disruption for all plant and animal life for years. The Navajo language is an Athapaskan language which is what we have here. There are no other Athapaskan speakers between the Navajo and here. The theory is that the volcanic ash forced some of the First Nations from here to migrate that far south (New Mexico and Arizona).

Photo courtesy Eleanor Millard emillard*northwestel.net (In Carcross)

YUKON NUGGET

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin

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

Chris Pearson

Christopher William Pearson arrived in the Yukon in 1957. He worked for the Territorial government until 1973, and then went into private business. In 1978, Chris became a politician and was elected to the Yukon Legislature. For the first time, the election was run along party lines, fielding candidates from the three major political parties. The Yukon Conservative party won the general election with eleven of 16 seats.

Party leader Hilda Watson, however, lost her seat, and Chris Pearson was then chosen to lead the party. Thus, in his first attempt in Territorial politics, he became Yukon government leader and took the reigns on the road to Yukon self-government.

On October 9, 1979, Jake Epp, Minister of Indian Affairs, answered Chris Pearson's letter of June 18th by issuing new instructions to Commissioner Ione Christensen. The famous Epp letter effectively removed the office of Commissioner from day to day governing of the Yukon, and allowed the government leader to call him or herself, Premier.

The long and winding road to full Yukon autonomy got a little smoother that day. Under Chris Pearson, the Yukon government successfully obtained the transfer of many powers from the federally appointed commissioner to the Territorial government.

The Pearson government also battled for more responsible government and more control over resources. They also argued for the Yukon's place as a full participant in federal-provincial conferences rather than just an observer.

In 1982, Pearson's government was re-elected with a majority. But it now had to deal with an economic recession, which was worsened by the collapse of the mining industry and the closure of the Faro Mine.

Pearson left politics in 1985, but his successor, Willard Phelps, was not able to turn the government's fortunes around, and the New Democratic Party won that year's election.

During his years in the Yukon, Chris Pearson served as the President of the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce and was actively involved in the Rotary Club, as well as in many sports organizations.

After elective politics, he entered the Canadian diplomatic service and served in the Canadian Consulate in Dallas, Texas, for a number of years. Chris Pearson is now retired and lives in Radford, Virginia.

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MOCTEL 333

I very much enjoyed the stories in this MocTel about the curling! It was incredible seeing the pictures. I remember vividly the year that the Don Twa foursome came so close to winning the Brier. For a young, 20 year old Yukon curler they were such an inspiration.

Les certainly did an excellent job of portraying how most curlers felt about having to play off with B.C. for a berth to the Brier!!

Anne Baltimore anne.baltimore@servus.ca (In Red Deer)

Great edition again, thank you for the work you and the many other contributors always do to make it great!! Have a good/great visit in Richmond. Am truly sorry I won't be there.

Regards, Maroesja Van oeveren maroesjabigm@hotmail.com (In Holland)

SOME THINGS YOU JUST DON'T FORGET

I had a look at the Whitehorse website to see what all the fuss was about re the branding of Whitehorse. I was very quickly distracted.

There are two pictures in their historic pictures section that are wrongly labelled as to address. Instead of the government liquor store being on the corner of 2nd and Steele and the firehall on Steele, the captions have them on Front St.

I know that the previous and subsequent firehalls were on Front Street but THAT one was definitely on Steele, with the library being the small building on the side opposite the liquor store.

Now I was just a kid when those buildings were what they were when those pictures were taken. I have very clear recollections of those buildings. I don't remember the firemen rescuing me as I was toppling out of our apartment window across the street but I do remember Mom telling the story.

I remember visiting the golden eagle that the firemen had on a post outside the firehall for a while. I passed that firehall every day and saw it every time I looked out our living room window.

As to the Government Liquor Store: watching the comings and goings from that establishment was always entertaining, whether from our NC Co. apartment or, later, from the Harbottle house up the street.

As to the branding of Whitehorse, the horse would be fine as long as the designer draws a horse such as would be used in the Yukon - not a graceful riding horse. Let's face it, the rapids are gone and the paddlewheelers are museums.

I'm looking forward to my brief Whitehorse stay in June.

Maribeth (Tubman) Mainer (Great grand daughter of this years' inductee to the Transportation Hall of Fame - Pioneer of the Year – J.E.F. “Ned” Hoggan)
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March was a Good Move for the Fur Show

By Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)
March 26, 2011

Moving the Dawson Fur Show from January to March seems to have been an excellent idea. Linda Taylor, the secretary of the Dawson District Renewable Resources Council (DDRRC), says that the attendance at this year's event was the largest ever.

There were nine trapper entries, said coordinator Miranda Meade, up two from the last show, but the big increase was in the number of people who attended the show.

The Fur Show was included in the Thaw Di Gras schedule this year and became part of the spring carnival program. So people who were already out looking at things added a trip to the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Community Hall to their plans.

Where it really showed up was in the Stew and Bannock meal at 4 p.m., when thirteen gallons of prepared stew vanished in about 45 minutes.

Tables lined with furs were on display for much of the afternoon, as were tables of fur goods: hats, mitts, and moccasins.

Judges Ryan Seely and Alex Van Bibber prowled the tables of sable, lynx, fox, wolf and wolverine pelts and came up with this list of winners.

Sable: 1st – Mel Besarrah; 2nd and 3rd – Klaus Schytrompe

Lynx: 1st – Darren Kormendy; 2nd - Mel Besarrah; 3rd – Cor Guimond

Fox: 1st – Jack Fraser (posthumous); 2nd Dan Reynolds; 3rd - Klaus Schytrompe

Wolverine: 1st, 2nd and 3rd – Dan Reynolds

Wolf: 1st, 2nd and 3rd – Dan Reynolds

There was no junior trapper award this year.

A new award was added to the list by the DDRRC and the Yukon Order of Pioneers (YOOP). The Jack Fraser Trapper Award was presented to Peggy and Steve Kormendy.

There was no trophy this year, as Jack died just a few weeks before the show and there wasn't time to have it made.

Jack trapped in this area for over 50 years, and was the creator of the original Fur Show in the mid-1990s, reviving the idea in 2004 when he sat on the DDRRC. This year's event was dedicated to his memory, with this notation on the poster: 'Jack will long be remembered not only for his contribution to trapping, but also for his never failing courtesy and sense of humour.'



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

“The award is not necessarily for the best trapper,” said Linda Taylor, “but the best all-around trapper, someone who enjoys the lifestyle, loves the land, passes on knowledge to others.”

The YOOP trophy will be available next year, but the DDRRC and the Fraser family wanted to do something this year, so they bought a small take-home plaque for this year, and this year's winners will be placed on the big trophy next year.

Other events at the show included films on trapping in the wall tent, which was also the

scene for kid's videos and crafts. There was live music, door prizes, a kids' jigging contest, and a trap setting contest.

After supper there was a fur fashion show, featuring new works from local and visiting designers, and heirloom clothing as well.



Alex Van Bibber (age 95) looks over the fur tables
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Bill Kendrick, Georgette McLeod, Marielle Vielleux and Shelly Brown
 Photos courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Remembering Jack Fraser

Klondike Development Organization Trying to Encourage Growth in the Dawson Housing Market

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

April 2, 2011

Eighty-seven households comprising 204 people responded to the Klondike Development Organization's (KDO) housing survey launched in February 2011 in response to Dawson City's housing crunch.

Results of the survey were shared with the community at the KDO's housing-information fair last Tuesday, March 29, from noon–7:00 p.m., at the Downtown Hotel. After the open house drop-in of the afternoon, representatives from Canada Mortgage and Housing and the Yukon Housing Corporation made presentations at 5:30.

“We're extremely pleased so many people took time to share their thoughts,” said Mark Wickham, KDO Project Manager, speaking of the survey. “It confirms that housing is a critical issue facing our community and possibly inhibiting growth.”

At its inaugural partnership forum public meeting in February the KDO identified a demographic shift that sees Dawson suffering from a shortage of younger and early middle-aged adults. The population in the range of 24-54 years has declined by nearly 200 since 1996. This is a greater percentage decline than the overall reduction in the town's population since its high point of 2026 in 1996. It has dropped overall by 135 in that time, but the largest reductions have been in the 0-54 age group while the over 54 group has actually increased by 255.

The KDO theorizes that part of this exodus of younger people, or perhaps just a failure to attract new people in this age bracket, has been caused by a lack of available housing. Wickham and KDO president Brian Stethem feel that the group's survey confirms this hypothesis.

The feedback helps establish an understanding of the issues facing residents and will be useful for land planners and property developers, Wickham said.

The City of Dawson and YTG's Community Services Branch are currently investigating an expansion of the Dome subdivisions, while Dawson's council is encouraging the government to explore options in the Klondike Valley, outside the town boundaries. Dawson's satellite communities already include Bear Creek, Rock Creek and Henderson's Corner in the Klondike Valley, as well as Sunnydale and West Dawson on the far side of the Yukon River. The Dawson Chamber of Commerce has long held that a bridge across the Yukon River would result in fairly rapid growth in the latter areas.

The population over there continues to grow in spite of the inconvenience of being cut off

from the main town for weeks at a time when the George Black ferry is pulled in October and again in April and May after the ice bridge becomes unsafe.

“A vast majority of renters and half the homeowners we heard from want a new home,” said Wickham. “Not surprisingly, we also found that lack of land and houses, as well as affordability of new construction, are proving real barriers to realizing that goal.”

Wickham said that 29 renters were desirous of becoming homeowners, while 23 of those who owned homes were looking for larger or smaller units to move to.

“New construction would free up existing rentals,” he said. Occupancy of existing units tends to be 100% most of the time.



Contractor Jack Vogt discusses a project with a client, Helen Bowie
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Half of respondents are looking for homes in town, while the other half are looking for country-residential options. Wickham says the survey shows a preference for lots in the Klondike Valley over lots on the Dome.

A significant amount of households would also consider cooperative and strata options. “The survey also found that many residents are in a good position to acquire a home, but they lack the information they need to pursue home ownership,” said Brian Stethem. “The KDO Housing Fair will begin addressing this knowledge gap.”

The Fair featured presentations from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and Yukon Housing Corporation about the programs they offer. The City of Dawson was on hand to speak to development regulations, available building lots and subdivision planning. Financial institutions and realtors were also present to offer advice. Several contractors were also there to display slideshows of projects they have undertaken, as well as housing plans and scale model samples of construction techniques.

“We hope residents take this chance to learn how they can build a home for themselves in Dawson City,” Stethem said.

The KDO will spend the next several weeks analyzing the housing-survey results and developing a community- housing strategy, which will be completed by the end of April.



Oro Enterprises displays a scale sample of its construction technique.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

April Fools in Dawson

by Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)
April 1, 2011

If MLA Steve Nordick got a lot of confusing phone calls on Friday he can blame it on this sign, which could be found at the foot of the Dome Road on April 1. So far no one has laid claim to actually posting the joke.

The "Active Mine" notice on which the sign was placed belongs to the Slinky Mine, which has the rights to mine the bench on the Done Road just below the intersection with Mary McLeod Road. One of the options YTG might have pursued when it wanted to develop a residential subdivision on that mining claim was to buy out the claim, an option that was even suggested by the miner.



April Fools – sign

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

New Hospital's Construction Season Begins

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

April 10, 2011

With spring in the air in Dawson City, excavation and foundation work has begun on the new 24,000 square foot (2600 square metres) replacement for the aging Dawson City Health Care Centre. Designed by Stantec/Kobayashi Zedda Architects, the building will be constructed by Dowland Contracting Ltd. at a cost of \$22.2 million, according to the Yukon Hospital Corporation.

The complete cost for design, planning and start-up equipment is \$28 million, which the YHC has borrowed from the banks.

The new building will not only replace the existing facility, which was constructed in 1969 and has been upgraded many times since, but will add additional services.

Continuing services will be community nursing, emergency medical services, remote video conferencing (tele-health) services, and space for a resident doctor's clinic and retail pharmacy.

There will also be spaces added for visiting specialists such as dentists, ophthalmologists, audiologists, language pathologists, and others, who currently have to work out of the Robert Service School, the Dawson Community Library, or other rental spaces when they visit town.

The new building is intended to be able to handle cases from Pelly and Mayo as well as take overflow from Whitehorse General Hospital should the need arise.

The YHC's website lists the following benefits which will come to the North Yukon region and Dawson because of this project:

- 24/7 acute health care in a brand new hospital
- Less travel to Whitehorse and outside of the territory by having more comprehensive care in your community
- More local options for palliative and respite care
- New programs implemented closer to home such as First Nations Health Programs, Dietician, Therapies, Lab/Xray Tech

Archeological work was completed on the site, which displaced a children's playground that has been an extension of Minto Park for many years. Following that process the summer of 2010 was devoted to preparing the site and backfilling the pad.

There has been much local concern about this project. It was not over the need for a replacement and upgrade, but over the location, a subject on which the government and the YHC refused to have any consultation.

Among the concerns:

- The loss of the children's playground. This has since been replaced adjacent to the town's swimming pool.
- The presence of noisy events such as baseball tournaments and the Dawson City Music Festival right next to a hospital. YHC has indicated that the building has been designed to buffer the noise and that this will not pose a problem.
- The contrast between this building and the Old Territorial Administration Building, one of Dawson's most striking Gold Rush era structures. The town's Historic Advisory Committee has laboured with the architect to keep the new building sympathetic to the Fuller designed OTAB, home of the Dawson City Museum
- The lack of appropriate parking on residential 6th Avenue, when the parking for the existing centre is barely adequate of a wider street. Access to the new hospital and its parking will be from the lane behind the Museum.

The project is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2012, with an opening date in that fall.



Workers and equipment were busy on the site of the new Dawson hospital as some and the snow was cleared and the ground could be worked.

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

Break-up is coming to Dawson

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

April 19, 2011

Puddles are forming around town as the City of Dawson crew struggles to get all the storm drains open. It's freezing in single digits at night and warming about ten degrees up into the plus side by late afternoon.

People are still driving the ice bridge and highway officials have not yet posted a closed sign there, but it's looking slushy on the Dawson side.

Racing enthusiasts are still zooming about on the track they've made out on the river and still parking their clunkers there when they're not in use.

However, the members of the IODE are out selling Break-up Pool tickets and the tripod that will move with the ice and trip the clock on the Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre has been placed on the river, so it probably won't been too long before break-up comes to Dawson.

A few years ago retired engineer Stephen Johnson took all the known dates and times for break-up (there are a few that aren't known) and plugged them into an Excel spreadsheet. He was curious to see if the result would show any trend over the years since 1896.

Break-up has varied from April 28 (the earliest) to May 28 (the latest – and probably an

anomaly) but the general trend of the plotted lines is that an event which used to be more likely to happen in the second week of May is currently more likely to happen during the last week in April or the first week in May.

Johnson's graph doesn't allow him to predict the date accurately. Last year he picked May 6 and the ice went on April 30. In 2007 he missed by a day. This year the graph suggests break-up will happen on May 5.

We'll just have to wait and see.



A car comes out of the slush at the end of the ice bridge.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Behind the Yukon Rose can be seen a bit of the race track and the parked racers.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



The tripod for the IODE Ice Pool is on the river.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

The Ice is Out in Dawson

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

May 8, 2011

The ice began flowing in the Yukon River in front of Dawson at 4:21 on Saturday afternoon (May 7). Within minutes someone had raced to the fire department to sound the alarm and let the town know what was happening and by 4:30 a considerable crowd had gathered on the waterfront to watch the action.

The crowd included the delegates to the Tourism Industry Association of Yukon, who tabled the important matter of electing a new board to go spend half an hour watching the river flow.

The IODE's official time keeper, Joyce Caley, reports that the cable attached to the wooden tripod in the river tripped the clock mounted on the Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre at 4:21. This year IODE members sold \$6,526 worth of ice pool tickets. Half of the take goes to support the organization's charitable works, while the other half goes to the person who picked the time closest to the time on the clock.

This year it was a split win, with two people picking 4:20, one minute from the actual time. Locals Doris Roberts and Marc Richard will share the \$3263 prize. Caley said the IODE would probably bump it up a dollar to make it divide evenly.

River watchers have been expecting the ice to move any time during the last week. The ice next to the east bank had either been gone or had sunk beneath the overflow for that long, leaving a 15 metre gap of open water between the shore and the ice in some places. People had been crossing the remaining ice while pushing canoes so they could paddle across the gap.

Marc Johnson managed to move the *Yukon Rose* out of the way of the slowly rising river during the later part of the week.

The Klondike River had flushed earlier in the week, leaving jumbled ice upstream, but a lot of that seemed to be kept from moving by the gravel bars and the generally low water levels in the river.

The tripod itself was located closer to the east bank than usual this year, and the ice had eroded from under part of one of its legs, leading some to speculate that it might just fall in the water rather than float away. In the end, however, most of it was well frozen into the remaining ice, and it was still upright as it sailed out of sight on the way to Moosehide.



The Tripod heads down the river.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Break-up brings a lot of trees and dirt along with the ice.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Bergs bob and thrust as they make their way downstream.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



West Dawsonites were watching the action from their side of the river.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Some folks on the east bank wanted a closer look.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Break up photos from Glenda Bolt:



Joyce Caley holds up the official IODE break-up clock with Bruce Caley, and Doris Roberts who is one of the two winners.
Photos courtesy Glenda Bolt



Some Breakup watchers at the Cultural Centre



Dan Davidson left is one of the breakup watchers at the Cultural Centre.
Photo courtesy Glenda Bolt

THEN AND NOW

This is an old picture of Mary Lang, Julia Trueman & Jay Amor taken at the Whitehorse School in 1962. I took these 2 other shots of them the morning after the Banquet - 2011.



Jay Amor, Julie Trueman, Mary Lang taken in May 1962.
Photo courtesy Joy Denton joydenton@hotmail.com (In Whitehorse)



Mary Lang, Julie Trueman, Jay Amor taken (49 years later) in April 2011
Photo courtesy Joy Denton joydenton@hotmail.com (In Whitehorse)

TRANSPORTATION HALL OF FAME – INVITATION

Could you please circulate this invitation on the Transportation Hall of Fame's behalf? I will send you pictures and write ups of the award winners when they are completed.

Thanks

Sincerely

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

SPECIAL INVITATION

You are invited to attend the
2011 Yukon Transportation Hall of Fame awards ceremony,
to honor & witness the induction of this year's recipients for:



The late J.E.F. "Ned" Hoggan,
Transportation Pioneer of the Year
Mr. Clive Boyd,
Transportation Person of the Year
Dawn C. Bartsch &
Gordon L. Bartsch,
Order of Polaris

Tuesday, June 7th, 2011 at 7:00 pm
Yukon Transportation Museum
30 Electra Crescent • Whitehorse, Yukon

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

VANCOUVER YUKONERS NEW EXECUTIVE

President: Jim Perry

Vice Pres: Corinne Loeppky

Treasurer: Vivian Stuart

Secretary: Maribeth Mainer

Directors: Newly elected: Judy Leahy & Myrt Acton

Another year to go: Sheila Firth & Ken Jones

Non-elected roles:

Website: Helen Munro

Newsletter: Maribeth Mainer

Maribeth Mainer mainerml@shaw.ca (In Burnaby)

VANCOUVER YUKONERS BANQUET PHOTOS



Kelly & Heather Hougén
Photo courtesy Rolf Hougén marg*hougens.com (In Vancouver)



Marg Hougen Niki Buchan
Photo courtesy Rolf Hougen marg*hougens.com (In Vancouver)



Heather Hougen, Harry Nixon, Hazel Nixon, Johnnie Helm
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Marg Hougen Senator & Mrs Dan Lang Gillian Campbell
Photos courtesy Rolf Hougen marg@hougens.com (In Vancouver)



Sherron & Bill Jones



Mr Justice Bud Wong and Bev Wong
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Dr Bill Buchan and Niki
Photo courtesy Rolf Hougen marg*hougens.com (In Vancouver)



Dr Aubrey Tanner and Alex VanBibber
Photo courtesy Rolf Hougen marg@hougens.com (In Vancouver)



Dawn and Gordon Bartch Joe Muff
Photo courtesy Rolf Hougen marg@hougens.com (In Vancouver)



Pat and Alex Van Bibber (age 95)
Photo courtesy Rolf Hougen marg*hougens.com (In Vancouver)

MORE VANCOUVER YUKONERS PHOTOS



Tip Mah, Howard Gates, Judy & Jim Derosia, Doris Gates, Edward Thompson
Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell gillianklondikekate*shaw.ca (In Burnaby)



Ben Drury & date Miss Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Queen
Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell gillianklondikekate@shaw.ca (In Burnaby)



Tip Mah, Howard Gates, Judy & Jim Derosia, Gillian Campbell, Richard Campbell,
Doris Gates, Dana Petryga
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Dana Petryga, Richard Campbell, Edward Thompson
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Snowshoe Can Can Dancer, Fred Farkvam
Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell gillianklondikekate@shaw.ca (In Burnaby)

YUKON WILDLIFE



The boss....Bison - South of Watson Lake at Pink Mountain - September 2010
Photo courtesy Grant Lundy waterquality*klondiker.com (In Whitehorse)

OBIT

I discovered, by chance yesterday, that Ron Connelly died Apr. 3rd, the day after his 80th. His obit is at www.victoryfuneralcentre.ca .

It was while I was checking the recipients of the Yukon's Order of Polaris that I found out.

Dawn and Gordon are to be awarded the Order in June, in Whitehorse.

Joe Redmond yukon43*telusplanet.net (In Sylvan Lake AB)

Ronald Connelly

April 2, 1931 - April 3, 2011



CONNELLY, Ronald Frederick Born April 2, 1931 in Port Alberni, BC passed away suddenly but peacefully the morning after his 80th Birthday party on April 3, 2011 in Langley, BC. He is lovingly remembered by his daughter RJ (Don) and his son Shawn (Tammy) 5 grandchildren Casie, Sammy, Graeyson, Aydan and Morgan; his caregiver and family friend Colleen; nieces, nephews, many relatives and good friends. Predeceased by his wife Carol in 2008. Ron had a successful life in so many ways. He was humble, helpful, hardworking and loyal. He inspired and helped many people throughout his life. But most of all he loved his family and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. A Celebration of Ron's Life will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Victory Memorial Park Funeral Centre 14831 28 Avenue, Surrey, BC. In lieu of flowers please donate to a charity close to your heart. Special thanks to the staff at Langley Gardens Care Floor. Condolences may be offered at

www.victoryfuneralcentre.ca

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*The capacity for hope is the most significant fact of life.
It provides human beings with a sense of destination and the energy to get started.*
- Norman Cousins

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Hi Sherron,

I promised you this recipe for the Moc Tel. I hope many folks give it a try.

Mock Black Forest Cake

Submitted by Karen Shaw karen.shaw60@yahoo.ca (In White Rock)

1-250 gram package of mini marshmallows
1 chocolate cake mix (for 2 layers)
1 can of cherry pie filling
Water recommended for cake mix
1 egg

1. PREHEAT oven to 425 F. Very important.
2. Generously grease pan of 9" x 13" pan (lasagna pan)
3. Dump marshmallows in pan.
4. Mix up cake mix with required amount of water and ONLY one egg. (The cake instructions might say to add 3 eggs plus vegetable oil. Skip the oil and reduce the eggs.)
5. Pour cake batter over the marshmallows making sure all marshmallows are covered.
6. Spoon the pie filling evenly over the cake mix.
7. Bake cake at 425 for 15 minutes.
8. Reduce heat to 350 and continue to bake for 25-30 minutes.
9. Remove cake from oven and allow to cool slightly. Best served warm with freshly whipped cream. May also be served with ice cream.

I haven't tried it, but I wonder how this method would work with a vanilla cake and blueberry or apple pie filling. I've even entertained the notion that a spice cake with pumpkin pie filling might be worth a try. Please let me know if you try any variations.

COMING EVENTS

Okanagan Yukoner' Picnic will be held at the **Summerland Ornamental Gardens** again this year on the **26 of June** just after Father's Day. Set-up at 11AM, potluck lunch at noon.

Hope to see lots of people there this year.

Larry Chalmers aksala49@telus.net (In Oliver BC)

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH

If you have received this copy of the Moccasin Telegraph from a friend and wish to sign up to receive future editions yourself, the criteria is that you **are or were a Yukoner**.

The goal of this project is to provide an opportunity for folks to reconnect.

There is an annual subscription fee of (\$20 - \$25. your call) for the Moccasin Telegraph.

– Sherron Jones sherronjones@shaw.ca.

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