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Arctic Lupin – Spring 2011

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)

The Yukon Foundation

After a conversation with Howard Firth in the late 1970's, Rolf Hougen realized there was no organization that existed in the Yukon that could accept the proceeds of an estate for the benefit of the people of the Yukon. Rolf Hougen invited several long time Yukoners to participate in creating a body that could accept donations from wills or in honour of relatives or friends. In December 1980, seventeen Yukon men and women agreed to contribute their names and \$100.00 to establish the Yukon Foundation, using the Vancouver Foundation (established in 1950) as a model.

The founding members of the Yukon Foundation are:

Ione Christensen, Laurent Cyr, Belle Desrosier, William L Drury, Robert Erlam, Thomas Firth, Charles Halliday, Rolf Hougen, Lorraine Joe, Roy Minter, Hon. Erik Nielsen, Willard Phelps, Gordon Ryder, James Smith, Aubrey Tanner, Charlie Taylor, Flo Whyard. The Yukon Foundation is registered under the Societies Ordinance of the Yukon Territory and it's objectives are based on time honoured standards:



Left to right : Marg Hougen, Rolf Hougen, chairman, Ione Christiansen, vice-chair, Chuck Halliday, treasurer, Marilyn Halliday, and (missing) James Smith, secretary, 1980.
Photo courtesy Rolf & Marg Hougen



Roy Minter presenting a cheque to Rolf Hougen, Chairman, to establish the "Minter Fund".
Photo courtesy Rolf & Marg Hougen

"The objects of the Foundation are to promote educational advancement and scientific or medical research for the enhancement of human knowledge; to support, which may be in the discretion of the Board, contribute to the mental, cultural and physical well-being of the residents of the Yukon Territory. In order to attain these objectives, the Yukon Foundation is empowered: to receive bequests, devices and donations of every kind and description whatsoever, and hold, control, administer and deal with property of every kind and description, whether real or personal, and whatsoever situate."

Longtime Yukoner honoured with Beringia Research Award at Gold Show

By Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)
May 24, 2011

Longtime Yukoner Earl Bennett was recognized for his significant contribution to the understanding of Yukon Beringia during a presentation at the Dawson City Gold Show on May 20.

Territorial paleontologist Grant Zazula explained the significance of the Beringia Award. "We work with the Placer industry really closely. We travel around to collect bones that are being found along the creeks. We're here today to celebrate that association between placer mining and paleontology.

"There's a 100 year history in the Yukon of gold miners finding bones and scientists coming by the creeks to study them."

The Honourable Archie Lang, Minister of Community Services, speaking on behalf of Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor, announced the award and presented it to Uta Reilly, who accepted on behalf of Earl Bennett, who was unable to be present.

"Today I have the great honour of representing the territorial government in presenting an award to an individual who has been a big part of Yukon for the last 60 years," said Lang, standing beside the Yukon Heritage booth at the Gold Show.

"Earl Bennett came to this country in 1946 and has been here ever since, not only working in our communities but investing in our communities throughout the territory."

In 2008 Bennett's donated to Yukon's vertebrate fossil collection a partial American mastodon skeleton found on Bonanza Creek. It included several complete limb bones, shoulder blades and large pieces of the skull with teeth intact, all from one individual.

"This is a very rare specimen and this was in Earl Bennett's basement. Earl was talking to Grant about this specific specimen and Earl said, 'Well, I have one of them.' This was quite a statement to make because there are only six to twelve parts of this species out of

the Yukon in Ottawa and in other places in Canada. This was very, very important. So Earl arrived with this skeleton remains of the mastodon.”

Lang elaborated in a press release.

“It is an honour to recognize Mr. Bennett with this award for his broad contribution to Yukon’s important historical and scientific record. His fossil donations and knowledge of palaeontology has helped to give scientists, students, visitors and other fossil enthusiasts opportunities to see, enjoy and study unique artifacts important to Yukon’s Beringia ice age history.”

Prior to Bennett’s donation, the Yukon government fossil collection held only six identified specimens of American mastodons. Bennett’s donation has enabled the Yukon Palaeontology Program to make great advances in understanding American mastodons in Beringia.

The Yukon’s Palaeontology Program established in 1996 works closely with Yukon’s placer mining industry to safeguard significant fossils for scientific research, study and public interpretation. Work is underway to expand Yukon’s palaeontological presence in Dawson City, collaborating with local placer miners to protect fossils and other important finds in the area.



The Hon. Archie Lang, with Grant Zazula and Earl Bennett’s friend, Uta Reilly.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



The mastodon bones Earl Bennett donated to the Yukon Palaeontology Program.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

25th Gold Show Pronounced a Success

by Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)
May 24, 2011

Organizers of the 25th Annual Dawson City Gold Show could hardly have been more pleased with this year's event. Arctic Inland Resources owner Bill Bowie, who first pitched this concept back in 1986, was fairly beaming as he surveyed the 70 plus display booths that lined the Art and Margaret Fry Arena and the parking lot across Fourth Avenue on Friday and Saturday.

He felt there hadn't been this much positive energy since the first show.

Certainly the list of 52 sponsors on the colourful trade show program (itself a far cry from the plain handouts of recent years) bespoke a greater level of interest, as did the increase in exhibitors which had coordinator Evelyn Pollock renting extra booths just ten days before the show.

On her weekly update to chamber members, Pollock has pronounced this year's event a success.

Aside from the trade show itself, the weekend included the annual general meeting of the Klondike Placer Miners Association, attended at the Yukon Order of Pioneers hall by

some fifty members, and addressed by Yukon government ministers Archie Lang and Steve Nordick.

The KPMA sponsored a gala Friday night social at the Palace Grand theatre, with the draw of the evening being a high-energy performance by Gillian Campbell, her band, Motherlode, and the Gypsy Dancers. Campbell portrayed Klondike Kate at the PG back in 1967, and has kept that act as part of her repertoire ever since. With songs from a bygone era, several sessions of audience participation, repeated shouts of "Is everybody happy?" and a finale that had middle aged folks playing with a room full of balloons, this was a show with a little something for everyone.

Campbell moved her show to Diamond Tooth Gerties for a repeat performance on the Saturday evening.

On the technical side there were eleven "lightning talks" grouped under three general themes: Demystifying the Roles of Various Boards Relevant to the Mining Industry, In the Field, and Looking Ahead.

The show also included some industry relevant kids' activities at the back of the arena, space for craft and home business sales, a concession area and booths where non-profit organizations could promote their activities.

The outside displays were blessed with generally fine weather and included heavy equipment, building supplies and the ever-popular selection of growing things for the garden.



Gold Show heavy equipment area.

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



Gold Show the plant zone.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Gold Show inside the arena.
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Truth and Reconciliation Comes to Dawson

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

May 27, 2011

“Good morning,” said Roy Johnson. “I’ll begin with two things; my name and my school number.”

With those words Johnson, who had walked to the front of the room using two canes, began his nearly two hour account of his experiences at the Chooutla Residential School in Carcross, to which he was sent at a very young age, immediately upon returning from a long stay in hospital Outside due to a bout of TB.

Johnson was relating his experience to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which made its stop in Dawson on May 24 and took statements in front of Commissioner Marie Wilson at the Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in Community Hall.

The morning began with a welcoming statement from Philip Gatensby, who spoke of the connection he still felt with other people with whom he had been at residential school.

“That’s pretty incredible.”

Talking about the experience was, he said, important, and he had been doing it already that morning.

“That how we do it. That’s how we support each other.”

After an opening prayer, the Lord’s Prayer in Hän, read by Angie Joseph-Rear, Chief Eddie Taylor, of the Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in, picked up the theme.

“The residential school era was the single most damaging period that ever crept upon first nations in the Yukon. It ripped children from their homes, destroyed homes, divided families in ways that are still felt today. We’re getting stronger though; make no mistake about it. The effects are still there, but the strength is more powerful today.

“It must never happen again. The work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission will endure and make sure that it doesn’t.”

Mayor Peter Jenkins praised the efforts of the TRC and the local people.

“It’s time to bring closure to the matter in a manner that is satisfactory to those affected. I encourage you to do just exactly that.”

Commissioner Marie Wilson made an effort to clear up some of the misunderstandings about the work of the TRC. It is, she said, the fifth element of the Settlement agreement and has nothing to do with money. The other parts were the Common Experience

Payment, the Individual Assessment Process, the Commemoration and the Aboriginal Healing Foundation (which fund has now dried up).

Settling out of court, as happened with the Settlement, does not, she said, allow the victims their day in court, so to speak, and the TRC, an independent body, provides that opportunity.

“You know what is written on the ledgers of your own hearts,” she told her audience. The TRC exists to record and preserve that oral history.

Johnson was the first of five witnesses to speak that day, and his testimony was by far the longest. He told of his early years at the school and how his older siblings looked after him when he was really too young to be there. He told of being strapped 30-40 times on each hand for fighting, of being sexually abused by a staff member and by another student. He told of seeing other students whipped with willow branches by one principal “until they were on the floor in a fetal position”.

Johnson spoke clearly, sometimes haltingly, in a soft voice, with many pauses to compose himself and to regain his voice after crying.

He told of returning to his home and of how his siblings were unable to understand their grandmother when she asked them to do simple things in her native tongue.

He spoke of never feeling loved and nurtured when he was at the school and of how it prevented him from being the father he feels he should have been, as well as leading to 40 years of alcohol abuse, which lasted until 1990.

“I understand,” he said, “why so many have taken their lives.”

It was while he was preparing his submissions for the Common Experience Payment that his current health problems began, and he feels certain that the weakness in his legs is part of the legacy that he carries with him from his childhood.

When he received a letter of apology from the government he felt it was not enough. “I shouldn’t have been there in the first place. I was a baby boy being put in a dangerous environment.”

He was one of those Yukon natives selected to attend when Prime Minister Harper delivered his apology.

“When he said “Canada apologizes” tears come to my eyes. I didn’t go there for myself. I went for my parents, all of the other children that I once knew. They’re all gone.”

There was a long pause, while he collected himself and then he concluded. “This is the story from 159. I’m very proud to be a native, a full blooded native.”



Chief Eddie Taylor

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



Marie Wilson and Philip Gatensby

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



Roy Johnson and Marie Wilson
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Parks Puts on the Ritz – and other Duds

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

Parks Canada is doing a number of new things this year to help celebrate its 100th anniversary, and the Klondike National Historic Site is pleased to have been named one of the top five Parks sites by the Canadian Tourism Commission being included in the CTC's new Signature Experience Promotion.

As part of local celebrations, KNHS assembled a fashion show during the first week of this season's operations to coincide with the Gold Show. The event, held at the palace Grand Theatre, was well attended.

In past years the costumes worn by Parks' interpreters have tended towards the Goldrush era to 1920 range and much of the show featured these costumes: women's daywear, miner's and shopkeeper's outfits, business wear, RCMP uniforms and even swimwear.

It was noted that there was a great deal more variety in the women's wear category and that men's wear did not change much over the years.

An addition to the costuming this year is a selection of clothing from the late 1930s. This will aid in the interpretation of the SS Keno, which is actually from that era rather than the earlier time period. A number of costumes from this period were displayed by staff.

No Dawson fashion show would be complete without a display of the sort of formal wear that appears annually at the Commissioner's Ball. In this case, the men's tuxedos were distinctly different from their daily attire. All the women's dresses had something in common: their creator. Debbie Winston has been designing ball gowns for Dawsonites for many years and made all four of the gowns in this show.



Evening wear. – Debbie Winston (third from the left) was the designer of all these gowns. Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Day wear from the Gold Rush to 1920.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



The Parks Canada fashion model crew posed at the end of the show.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Exploration Crew Helps with Annual Clean-up

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

May 27, 2011 was Clean-Up Day in Dawson and two crews hit the streets to pick up some of the garbage that's been strewn around over the winter and has been revealed by the now departed snow.

The first crew came from the Robert Service School, for which this is an annual event set near the end of each school year. Classes, examinations and all activities at RSS end on June 3 this year, due to the two week March Break, so this was the week that a clean up could happen.

The second crew was made up of the 70-80 members of Ground Truth Exploration Inc., who have been training for their work in the bush in Dawson for the last two weeks.

Crew chief Mark Dauphinee says the new recruits have spent the last fortnight becoming bush worthy, receiving training in wilderness first aid, use of a chainsaw, use of their handheld computers and the proper way to collect and analyze the data from the soil samples and helicopter, use.

Classes took place in the Yukon School of Visual Arts building and the new Yukon College campus next door.

'We thought we'd lend a hand with the spring cleanup of the town before we headed out,' said Dauphinee.

Ground Truth coordinated with the school, where a map of the routes the classes would take had already been prepared, and selected the dyke, part of the Front Street entrance to town (which is actually part of the Klondike Highway) and some of the ski/walking trails up on the Dome.

It was a hot morning, but lots of garbage bags got filled.



One of the four Ground Truth cadres gets its final briefing.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Ground Truth workers clean up the waterfront
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Grade 2 cleans up on Sixth Avenue.

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

The Palace Grand Gets a Face Lift

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May 29, 2011

The Palace Grand Theatre was getting a facelift late last week and over the weekend, getting the building ready to look its best for coming events. First up will be the Robert Service School Commencement exercises on June 4, where the front of the building needs to look as good as the inside to be a backdrop for the traditional mortarboard (graduation cap) toss.

The next weekend, on June 11, the PG will be the setting for the 2011 Commissioner's Klondike Ball, the first to be presided over by Commissioner Doug Phillips. Once again

the outside matters as much as the inside, for it is here that the dozens of guests will gather en masse to have their picture taken by curious crowds of locals and tourists.



Borealis Painting spruces up the Palace Grand.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

OTTER FALLS

Submitted by Alastair McGregor mmac1952*telus.net (In Vernon)

Did you ever visit and see these falls?

I remember these falls and visited the area when the falls were in full flow; it seems to have dried up a bit now.

Al

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6Tkx37BI3o&feature=related>

Pioneers of transportation honoured at hall of fame ceremony

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HISTORY HUNTER

By Michael Gates

Kathy Jones-Gates



Clive Boyd Received the 2011 Transportation Person of the Year award at the recent Transportation Hall of Fame Ceremony.

Joann Robertson visited the Yukon recently to attend the Yukon Transportation Hall of Fame Awards. Her grandfather, J.E.F. (Ned) Hoggan was inducted into the Hall on Tuesday, June 7, at the Yukon Transportation Museum.

She also brought her brand new book, which throws light on a little known era of Yukon history.

The title of the book, which is now available for sale in Whitehorse, is self-explanatory: **The Yukon Between the Gold Rush & Highways.**

While reading her self-published story, which is based upon her own memories of the era and unpublished letters and papers of others, I came across an illuminating story of travel in the early days.

Before there was a good road from Dawson to Whitehorse, Clary Craig, Bob McLaren, Bill Grafton and John Hill bought an old Model T Ford touring car from Andrew Baird, the manager of one of the big Klondike dredging companies, for \$50.

It was early fall and, because the rivers hadn't yet frozen at the crossing points along the trail, the overland stage wasn't yet running between the two cities. Dawson City was cut off from civilization during this period, but these young men were determined not to wait. They tuned up the engine of the Model T, and modified the back seat to accommodate a wooden box. With them, they took tools, haywire, blankets, a spare wheel (they were made from wood in those days), extra cans of fuel, and an empty 4-gallon can to melt snow in.

Somewhere around McQuesten River, an errant stick pierced the radiator. They fixed that by pinching the hole closed and sealing it with mustard supplied by a nearby wood cutting camp. For a distance after that, they had to cut through an area where there was no road at all. One of their tires broke, and they replaced it with the spare they had brought along.

Crossing the Stewart river was easy due to the cold weather, but they then passed through an area full of fire-killed deadfalls which they had to cut through to make progress. The weather became warmer as they moved south, so when they reached Pelly Crossing, the river had only frozen over the night before.

They stayed overnight at "Ma" Shaffer's roadhouse, and the next morning, with a skin of ice only a few centimetres thick, they raced down the hill in their empty jalopy (they removed their gear to lighten the vehicle) and scooted across the ice with "water following the rear wheels on the far side."

Road conditions were no better from Pelly to Yukon Crossing, where, due to warmer weather, they found open water and ice floes. Using a six-metre freighter canoe they found on the bank of the river, they were able to get across to the roadhouse on the opposite side.

Harold King, the caretaker of the roadhouse, had been given orders by T.C. Richards, who ran the stage line, not to help the competition. They were stranded!

These ingenious men were not to be deterred. Under cover of darkness, they crossed back to the other side, and with a large bonfire to give them light, they dismantled the Model T, and in two trips, carried the 360-kilogram vehicle across the ice-choked Yukon.

This crossing was a hair-raising experience because the hulk of the old Ford made the freighter canoe top-heavy and it could easily have capsized. Luck was on their side, and they made it.

After reassembling the car, it was an easy drive to Whitehorse, which they reached a day later.

It took more than a little determination, and a dose of youthful recklessness to complete a journey that we now think nothing of making in a few hours!

Today, thanks to years of effort and attention, the Yukon has a network of nearly 5,000 kilometres of roads, plus 128 bridges, two ferries, and two dozen airports scattered over an area twice the size of Great Britain.

What a difference it has made in our lives.

This year's inductees in to the Transportation Hall of Fame included Dawn and Gordon Bartsch, who received the Order of Polaris from Commissioner Doug Phillips. The couple partnered in Connelly-Dawson Airways and brought in the first DC-3 for bush flying. It was the first such aircraft to land in Old Crow.

In his acceptance speech, Gordon Bartsch told a crowd of 100 that when they started to fly freight into Inuvik, the price of goods came down by 45 per cent. Dawn Bartsch was also a true pioneer of aviation. She was the first woman in Canada to receive her commercial pilot's licence.

A few years later, the couple started their own airline, Great Northern Airways, which linked small northern communities to Whitehorse and Calgary. The DC-3 they first flew in the Yukon was CF-CPY, which is now proudly displayed in front of the Yukon Transportation Museum as the world's largest weather vane.

Also recognized at the ceremony was the late Ned Hoggan, whose granddaughter Joann Robertson, and great granddaughter Maribeth Mainer received Hoggan's 2011 Pioneer of the Year award from the Honourable Archie Lang, Minister for Highways and Public Works. Hoggan was a master mariner who, after the Klondike gold rush, piloted steamers on the waters of the Yukon for many years.

Over the years, Hoggan and his wife Kate also served the transportation industry by operating roadhouses that served overland and river traffic.

In her acceptance speech, Mainer pointed out that Hoggan represented a group of men whose role in river transportation was essential to maintaining the tenuous supply link with the outside world.

Clive Boyd, the last recipient of the evening, accepted the 2011 Transportation Person of the Year award from Doug Bell and Jennifer Byram.

Boyd first came north as a student in 1944 and 1945 as part of a government survey team upgrading the newly constructed Alaska Highway. He later trucked ore for United Keno Hill mine, and then worked for the Northern Commercial Company before being hired on by Leo Proctor (who is also honoured in the Transportation Hall of Fame).

Later, while general manager for General Enterprises, he became known as the man who could move mountains. This title was earned after General Enterprises removed the top of a mountain at Clinton Creek, thereby exposing the large body of asbestos ore for mining. According to the citation for the award, there was no major work or roadway in the Yukon upon which Boyd and his team did not work.

These four people contributed to improving a transportation network that we now take for granted. Congratulations to them all!

Michael Gates is a Yukon historian and sometimes adventurer based in Whitehorse. His book, History Hunting in the Yukon, is now available.

MESSAGE FROM - Joann Robertson is the granddaughter of a Yukon pioneer and Riverboat pilot.

I was still in the Yukon when you asked me to contribute something about my book to the MocTel.

The response to the book has been much more than I hoped for so I'm very pleased about that and sold many copies. Mac's Fireweed in Whitehorse sold out the 12 copies they had immediately and have more on order, which I will send as soon as the postal strike is over.

The write-up on the back of the book pretty well sums it up:

“Joann Robertson is the granddaughter of a Yukon pioneer and Riverboat pilot. Born in Dawson City, she spent her first 10 years of her childhood in Bear Creek, the centre of gold production from the early 1900's to 1966. Later she lived on the Alaska Highway and in Whitehorse.

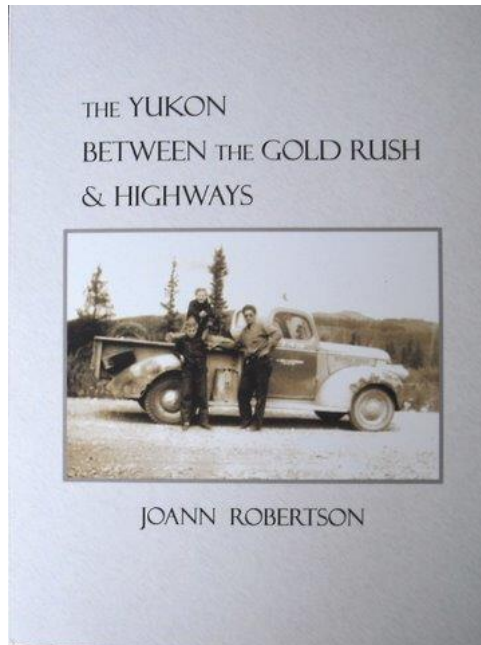
The book covers the period from the last days of the Klondike gold rush to the mid 1950's. It was a time of little change where the population was small and the physical isolation from the “Outside” world created a unique society. The opening of the Alaska Highway changed that world forever.

Drawing on family letters, memoirs, newspaper clippings and the previously unpublished writing of others, the book opens a window into a little known period. The author has a degree from Simon Fraser University.”

I have opened an email account just for the book, which costs \$18.95 plus shipping and handling.

Book title: **The Yukon Between the Gold Rush & Highways**
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Joann Robertson (nee Stevenson – my dad went to the Yukon in 1932).



THE GAIRNS FAMILY



Dave Gairns and Phyllis (both retired now, living in Castlegar BC), daughter Bonnie (Winnipeg, MB) and granddaughter Paloma.

Photo courtesy Tim Koepke tim*klondiker.com (In Whitehorse)

I am enclosing a photo taken June 12, 2011 at our place at Marsh Lake on a visit from (your former colleague) Dave Gairns and Phyllis (both retired now, living in Castlegar BC), daughter Bonnie (Winnipeg, MB) and granddaughter Paloma. Dave and I relived all the federal and territorial land issues since about 1960 and by the end of the evening concluded we had solved them all. We ignored the possibility that we probably between us caused half of them !

Tim & Jan Koepke tim*klondiker.com (In Whitehorse)

OLD BUSINESS CARDS – do they bring back memories to you ?

Submitted by Sandy Campbell northernlyght*shaw.ca (In Langley BC)



YUKON WILDLIFE



Mountain Goat
Alaska Hwy. at Pink Mountain
August 2009

Photo courtesy Grant Lundy waterquality*klondiker.com (In Whitehorse)

OBIT

Just learned about this obit from Larry Chalmers: Did you find an obit for Rosalie Newton in Kelowna ? I got a note from Gene Bauer telling me she passed away a while back.

NEWTON, ROSALIE (LIL) Born March 8, 1925 in Whitehorse, Yukon. Passed away peacefully on Mother's Day at the age of 84. Lil is survived by her sons Tony (Wendy) of Nelson, BC; Danny (Colleen) of Kelowna, BC. Five grandchildren; Doug, Simon, Nicole, Alana, Leila, and two great grandchildren: Hailey and Dawson. She is also survived by her brother Paul (Alice) of Tagish, Yukon and many nieces and nephews and extended families. She is predeceased by her husband and soul mate, Roy, her son Mike, two sisters and three brothers. Lil was born and raised in Whitehorse, Yukon where she and Roy raised their family. They lived in Vancouver, India (where they travelled

extensively), Grand Forks, and eventually retired to Kelowna. With her outgoing and happy-go-lucky personality, she made friends easily. Lil was loved by all that knew her and will be greatly missed. A celebration of Lil's life will be held on May 23/09 at 1:00 p.m. at 391 Braeloch Road, Kelowna.

I sent this e-mail in May but I believe it didn't go through properly so I am sending it again.

Thanks

Dianne Lattin-Pelletier dianne.lattin-pelletier*telus.net (In Summerland)



*In Loving Memory of
Patricia Mae Lattin
May 29, 1928 - April 3, 2011*

Zaiser, Patricia Mae (Pat), beloved wife of the late Geoff Lattin, passed away on Sunday, April 3, 2011 in Whitehorse at the age of 82. Pat will be remembered by her children: Colleen (Greg) Nowell, Dianne (Lindsey) Lattin-Pelletier & Michael Laing as well as her grandchildren: Charlie, David & Patricia Nowell, Lyle & Jacob Pelletier, Michael, Garry & Candice Laing and great-grandchildren Thalia, Kiara, Aodhan & Austin.

Patricia and her twin sister Priscilla (Percy) were born in Medicine Hat, Alberta on May 29, 1928. Pat often told stories of her life in Kelowna & Vancouver: her parents owning a grocery store, her time working in the fruit packing houses, taking a hair

dressing course and working as a door to door sales person for a family portrait company.

She came to Whitehorse to visit her sister Percy in 1950 and never left the territory. Pat lived with her good friend Mary McDougall on 2nd Ave and she worked various jobs; as a cashier at T&D's and as a sales clerk for Mac's Bookstore. She met Geoff through Lawrence Cyr and they were married June 30, 1953 in the Old Log Church. They moved into Con and Dorothy Lattin's previous home in Whiskey Flats and later built their own house in the same area. On June 30th, 1957 Colleen Mae was born. Five years later they moved their house to Porter Creek and built onto it. On October 10th,

1962 they brought home their second daughter Dianne Simone.

They would live on Elm Street for over thirty years. Pat was a natural fisherman and many were envious of her numerous catches. At one time she tied fly's for a living. She was also an avid shooter and hunter. She liked to play her guitar and was very craft minded. Pat was known for her knitting, cooking (especially her baking) and her splendidly decorated birthday cakes.

She often gave homemade Christmas hampers to family and friends and both she and Geoff were known for hosting Boxing Day parties.

Several years after Geoff passed away (July 24th, 1992), Pat moved from Porter Creek into her own place in the Granger subdivision.

She was comfortable in her trailer and very content spending her senior years in this home.

Funeral Service for Pat Lattin Friday,
April 8, 2011 at 2:00 pm
Heritage North Funeral Home
Whitehorse, Yukon
Officiated by the Salvation Army
Captains Jeff and Shannon Howard
Born in Medicine Hat, Alberta
May 29, 1928
Died in Whitehorse, Yukon
April 3, 2011



Pat spent the last two months of her life in the Whitehorse General Hospital. We would like to thank Dr. Kanachowski, Jodi McCullough, all the physiotherapist workers and

Hospice Yukon for the help they provided. A special thanks to the wonderful nurses in the surgical ward for the care and compassion they gave our mother.

I will miss all the good times we had; the Sunday dinners, fishing trips, weekends at the cabin, the hand-made Easter and Christmas gifts and your company. Love you always Grandma.
Love David

We will always remember the feeling of anticipation every summer she would visit. And the long, but joyful days of movie marathons and the intriguing stories told after every one.

Our tears, hidden by our soft grins;
For a treasured soul ever so close to our hearts.
Now in rest, the weight of life, a burden we all carry.
And into peace, we are in harmony of remembrance,
Of a life, so full of love and laughter.
So leaves us, fulfilled, melting her heart.
Flowing into us, her caring spirit.
To carry with us along our separate path.
A guide, as she has always been, forever.
Love Lyle

I remember when Grandma would always come visit us in Summerland and take us out to dinner and she never forgot our birthdays. I'll miss you Grandma.
Love Jacob

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Joy can be real only if people look upon their life as a service, and have a definite object in life outside themselves and their personal happiness. - Leo Tolstoy

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Rider Ribs

Submitted by George Bliss [jrsports*sasktel.net](mailto:jrsports@sasktel.net) (In Regina SK)

Portion: 2-4 ribs per person.

Remove the flashing (membrane) from the bottom of the ribs, if the butcher has left it on. Cut ribs into single ribs, or at most pairs. I prefer pairs.

Season liberally with the rub of your choice. I use:

8 parts light brown sugar, tightly packed

2-3 parts kosher salt or less

1 part chili powder

1 part mix your choice (mix and match black pepper, cayenne, onion powder, thyme, steak spice, etc.)

** A part can be any measurement i.e. teaspoon, tablespoon, etc. Using a teaspoon will make enough for about two racks.

With your fingers (or you can shake in a zip lock bag) rub on the ribs

Slow cook in a roaster at 225 degrees for 5-8 hours. For leaner but less tasty ribs, cook at 250 degrees (fat renders at 250 degrees). Brush with BBQ sauce of your choice for the last hour in the oven.

Finish on a hot BBQ, constantly turning and brushing with more BBQ sauce until there is a nice crust, for three to five minutes per side.

** Purchasing ribs from your local butcher will generally get you meatier ribs. Grocery chain ribs tend to have shaved the meat off closer to, and in between the bones.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Okanagan Yukoners' 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)

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Sat. Aug 13, 2011 – 11AM-3PM

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