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Photo by Marissa Tiel

STICKS IN THE WATER – ‘Stix Together’ paddles across Lake Laberge last Wednesday. They were fundraising for the Yukon Cancer Care Fund.

‘Stix Together’ true representation of Yukon Spirit

During their many practices leading up to the Yukon River Quest,

By **Marissa Tiel** on **July 6, 2016**

During their many practices leading up to the Yukon River Quest, one of the paddlers in a still nameless voyageur canoe kept shouting, “get your sticks in the water!”

It was the inspiration the team needed. “What about Stix Together?” pacer Monique Levesque suggested for their team name and the boat that would carry them 715 kilometres down the Yukon River to Dawson City.

They were sold.

“Yukoners have a tendency to really stick together and support each other,” said paddler Cheryl Rivest. “I think that’s what really sold us all on it.”

Stick together indeed. The group of nine women, most of whom had previously paddled or attempted the River Quest were also taking on another project, fundraising for the Yukoners Cancer Care Fund.

Started in 2013 by Geraldine van Bibber to fill in a gap left by the closing of the Canadian Cancer Society's Whitehorse office, the Yukoners Cancer Care Fund helps support individuals and families from Atlin, B.C. and the Yukon through monetary funds. Each member of the voyageur team is either a cancer survivor themselves or has had someone close to them affected by the disease.

In the Yukon, supports exist for those with cancer diagnoses, and some chemotherapy can be done at the Whitehorse General Hospital, but patients must travel out of territory for treatments like surgery and radiation.

That's where the fund comes in. The money can be used for whatever the family or individual needs, be it childcare, pet care, lodging, bills.

"It's no questions asked," said team member Deb Bartlett. "It's an important support for people with cancer."

To date, the fund has helped 67 people.

The demand continues to be high, said Karen Forward, president of the Yukon Hospital Foundation, which oversees the fund, with 67 applications received this year.

"Stix Together" started fundraising even before the River Quest, donating a ride in the canoe from Riverdale to the Takhini River Bridge to the Speaker's Auction.

The women received lots of local business support for the River Quest as well. Up North Adventures gave them a discount on the three-month rental of the voyageur canoe, Wyke's Your Independent Grocer donated the food that would fuel them, Westmark Hotel donated rooms in Dawson for the team. Shoppers Drug Mart and Hvactech also provided invaluable support.

With their entry into the race covered, the women were able to focus their efforts on fundraising and training.

At the meet and greet last week, Rivest, a goldsmith by trade, introduced the paddlers to a special item – a Yukon gold paddle pendant – would be making the journey to Dawson with them.

"It was one of those 2 o'clock in the morning kind of things," she said. But the idea gained traction and the pendant found a home in Rivest's drybag at the bottom of the canoe.

Gold for the paddle comes from Lightning Creek, which is in the Mayo area and from Scraggy Creek, which flows into Thistle Creek before dumping into the Yukon River. The nugget on top is from Hunker Creek, near Dawson.

"Most people want to know where the product is from," said Rivest. "It gives it a little more of a personal touch."



Yukon gold paddle pendant –making the journey to Dawson with them.
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The nugget on top is from Hunker Creek, near Dawson.
Photo courtesy Cheryl Rivest

Paddlers, volunteers and support crews could enter their name in a draw for the pendant and donate to the Cancer Care Fund if they wished.

This was Rivest’s fourth time attempting the River Quest.

She had started to train in her first year with the local “Paddlers Abreast” boat. Her mother is a breast cancer survivor.

Cancer doesn’t run in the family, she said, “it gallops full speed ahead.”

Rivest had a friend in the boat and said, “We’d chat about what a great experience it was and the fantastic hallucinations she would have.”

But that first year she experienced issues with her back and wasn’t able to start.

Her second attempt was marred by a flu bug that forced her to withdraw at Carmacks. “A false start,” she said.

Finally, during her third attempt, she finished. That friend who had got her started all those years before wasn’t in the boat, but they walked along the shore in Dawson together at the terminus of the race.

“You must feel like you can do anything now,” her friend said as they walked along the raised bank.

“Yeah, I feel fantastic.”

Her friend asked if she’d ever do it again.

“The only way I’m doing this again is if it’s fundraising for something worthy,” Rivest said.

This year, there was a group of women who wanted to paddle together and also do something for the community. The Yukoners Cancer Care Fund seemed like a natural choice for the team.

“It’s local,” said Rivest. “It’s not a top-heavy fund. The money is raised and it goes directly to Yukon families.”

Rivest lost her brother to cancer. During his treatment, Rivest said, he was given a \$20,000 cheque by a man.

She supports the fund to “give back, to pay back and to keep the circle going.”

“Cancer sucks and it’s really expensive,” said Rivest.

While the team hasn’t been able to tally the final total of their efforts, Rivest estimates it’s around \$5,000.

For Forward, who runs the organization on low-man power, the effort put forward by “Stix Together,” has been welcomed.

“They have been amazing at getting the word out there,” said Forward.

“They’re an amazing group of ladies ... I’m really proud of them.”

And if Rivest and the team have anything to say about it, they will be back next year with bigger and better fundraising goals.

Said Rivest, “We have every intention of doing this again.”



Chantelle and Cheryl Rivest with Yukon Gold Paddle Pendant.
Photo courtesy Cheryl Rivest

I did make the pendant. Yes, I am a goldsmith and the co-owner of Goldsmiths Design Studio. The only things to add were the names of the team members: Cheryl Rivest, Chantelle Rivest, Monique Levesque, Sandra McDougall, Carolyn Relf, Sarah Ouellette, Jennifer Floyd, Deb Bartlett, Lynn Rice-Rideoout. If anyone would like to make a donation they can do so thru the Yukon Hospital Foundation and please indicate that it is in support of “Stix Together” Thank you!!

Cheers,
Cheryl

Paddle boarder conquers Yukon River quest



Stand-up paddle boarder Lina Augaitis raced in the 2016 Yukon River Quest and was the **first ever female paddle boarder to cross the finish line.**

- *by Carli Berry - Vernon Morning Star*
- *posted Jul 29, 2016 at 6:00 AM*
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A mark for the legitimacy of paddle boarding was achieved during the 2016 Yukon River Quest, and a **Coldstream woman** helped raise the bar.

Paddle boarding down the cold waters of the Yukon River isn't the most relaxing scene for a stereotypical paddle boarder, but for Lina Augaitis, it's all about making it to the finish line.

Augaitis, 35, is the first woman to complete the Yukon River Quest on a stand-up paddle board.

She spent nearly three-sleepless days paddling 715 km. This was the first year paddle boarders were allowed to participate in the normally canoe and kayak race, and it won't be the last.

"I'm attracted to long, painful, mentally-enduring events," she said.

She finished fifth SUP in 60:22.08.

This wasn't the first time she paddled the Yukon waters either. In 2011, her husband Andrew Dye, and her made a five-day trip paddling her board from Whitehorse to Dawson City as he kayaked.

The timing of the race wasn't ideal for Augaitis, as she was breast-feeding her six-month-old son, Tavas Dye.

"I figured out how to pump milk as I (paddled)."



The race is divided into sections, with two mandatory check points. She paddled for roughly 27 hours before reaching the first seven-hour break check point. The first point had a support crew of friends and family who supplied food and gear.

The second point was only a three-hour stop.

She stayed motivated by thinking of the finish line.

"Once you get to a certain point, you just want to get to the finish."

She described the race as a "type-two fun" meaning the race was a gruelling feat, but the euphoric feeling she felt at the finish line made it worth it.

The race wasn't without challenges.

"It's different solo than in a team," she said. "I endured everything from the (beautiful scenery) to hallucinating at 2 a.m. by myself."

Experiencing the hallucinations was the toughest part of the race for Augaitis.

A little over 180km from the finish line, she said she saw the shore and water begin to meld together during the darkest part of the night.

“I couldn’t tell what was real and what wasn’t. I got pretty scared.”

The water was a grey, murky colour that blended in with the landscape. But, she was able to overcome it.

“I stayed calm and focused and I knew I had to keep going,” she said.

She “set mini goals throughout the race,” to keep her going like making it past checkpoints and certain areas of the river.

The paddle boarders proved they had what it takes to participate next year, with 9 out of 11 racers crossing the finish mark.

“It feels pretty awesome, (I) proved not only myself but for the sport.”

“A lot of people didn’t believe stand-up paddle boarders could do it. We proved to the race organization and other paddlers we were meant to be there.”

She was introduced to paddle boarding in 2009 through friends in California.

In 2010, she participated in her first race which was for the Kalamalka Classic Stand Up Paddle Festival.

The outdoorsy-athletic type, Augaitis grew up as an national level gymnast, and participated in a variety of sports in college including wrestling.

She also enjoys kayaking, mountain biking and cross-country skiing.

She moved to the Vernon area a year ago, and is currently a substitute teacher and also teaches paddle boarding at the Kalavida Surf Shop.

She doesn’t come from a family background of sports.

“I’ve created my own path that way,” she said.

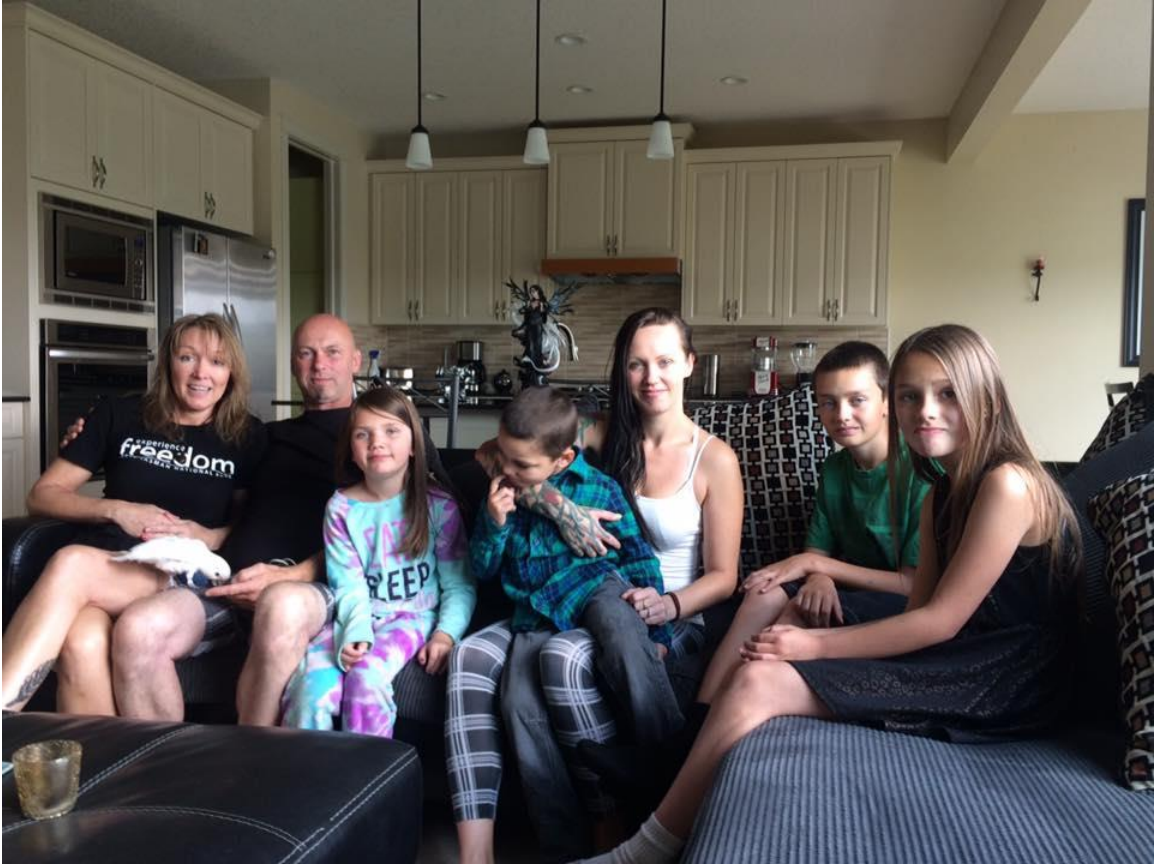
In 2015, she raced in the International Surfing Association World SUP and Paddleboard Championship and placed second in the long distance category and fourth in the short distance category.

Augaitis has a masters in sports psychology from UBC and a masters in teaching at SFU.



Son Wes Jones & fiancé Jane Coombs visiting Mom and Dad in Vernon BC. Wes and Jane caught up with each other on Facebook. Jane now living in New Zealand knew Wes in Whitehorse where her dad Robert Coombs was with the RCMP doing two tours in Whitehorse.

Photo courtesy Bill Jones ve7yi@shaw.ca (In Coldstream BC)



Jane Coombs, Wes Jones and his daughter Candice Jones, (born in Whitehorse) and her four children.

Okanagan Picnic, Summerland, BC, June 2016
Photos courtesy Larry Chalmers (In Oliver BC)

About 35 attended this years' picnic.



Visiting from Whitehorse, Fintain Young, Carol Stewart, and George White



Fred Mandl, Hilde Mehrhoff, Mert Raymond, Marc Steinbach



Diane (Bidlake) King with Barry & Sandy Ravenhill



Carolyn and Bob Campbell



Fred Mandl, Maribeth Mainer and sister Heather Norrish



Lowell and Lyn Bleiler, Hein Mehrhoff



Lynn and Lowell Bleiler, Helen Munro



Marc Steinbach & Bob Campbell



Sophie Armitage, Martha Kerr



Norm Becker, Pat & Diane (Bidlake) King, Sheila Becker



Sach and Chuck Caddy



Sophie Armitage, Ingrid Dick, Merna Hensley, Norm & Sheila Becker, Albert & Irene Kosmenko, Martha Kerr

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YUKON FACTS

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Population Estimates

1901 – 27,219	1990 – 27,778
1911 – 8,512	1991 – 28,915
1921 – 4,157	1992 – 30,243
1931 – 4,230	1993 – 30,619
1941 – 4,914	1994 – 30,047
1951 – 9,096	1995 – 30,887
1956 – 12,190	1996 – 31,938
1961 – 14,628	1997 – 32,240
1966 – 14,382	1998 – 31,522
1971 – 18,991	1999 – 31,052
1972 – 20,142	2000 – 30,597
1973 – 21,148	2001 – 30,181
1974 – 21,069	2002 – 29,924
1975 – 21,908	
1976 – 22,469	
1977 – 22,839	
1978 – 23,742	
1979 – 23,991	
1980 – 24,329	
1981 – 23,903	
1982 – 24,471	
1983 – 23,617	
1984 – 23,913	
1985 – 24,363	
1986 – 24,479	
1987 – 25,707	
1988 – 26,621	
1989 – 27,120	

COURTESY WHITEHORSE STAR – YUKON HISTORY SECTION –



Photo by Whitehorse Star

IT'S OFFICIAL – The Yukon Party caucus was sworn into office Saturday morning, while the cabinet was unveiled and sworn in that afternoon. (l to r, front row) cabinet minister Peter Jenkins, MLA Dean Hassard, Premier Dennis Fentie, minister Elaine Taylor, MLA Haakon Arntzen and MLA Brad Cathers. (Back row): minister Jim Kenyon, minister John Edzerza, minister Glenn Hart, MLA Patrick Rouble, minister Archie Lang and MLA Ted Staffen.

We're a team, new premier declares

Premier Dennis Fentie unveiled his cabinet Saturday afternoon before hundreds of Yukoners who packed the government administration building to witness the ceremony.

By **Chuck Tobin** on **December 2, 2002**

With few surprises, Fentie invited each of the six Yukon Party members who will join him in cabinet to be sworn in one-by-one.

And one-by-one, beginning with the premier, they took the oath of office and pledged to maintain confidentiality.

“I am proud of our team and I have every confidence that they will accomplish a great deal in the next four years,” Fentie told an audience of some 650 people.

“We are presently developing a short-term workplan which will map out our activities between now and the tabling of our first budget.”

Those appointed to cabinet and their portfolios are:

• Peter Jenkins (Klondike) - Health and Social Services and the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board; • John Edzerza (McIntyre-Takhini) - Education and the Public Service Commission; • Elaine Taylor (Whitehorse West) - Business, Tourism and Culture, and Justice; • Archie Lang (Porter Creek Centre) - Energy, Mines and Resources, the Yukon Development Corp. and Yukon Energy; • Glenn Hart (Riverdale North) - Infrastructure, Community Services, the Yukon Liquor Corp. and the Yukon Housing Corp; • Jim Kenyon (Porter Creek North) - Environment.

As each minister and Commissioner Jack Cable finished signing the necessary documentation, they were greeted with rousing applause, none more so than the reception for the new Justice minister, the only woman elected on the Yukon Party slate.

As he named Taylor and called her forward to take the oath of office, Fentie, the Watson Lake MLA, said he was particularly gratified with the appointment of the 34-year-old, born-and-raised Watson Laker who joined the Yukon Party team 10 years ago as the executive assistant to then-government leader John Ostashek.

Taylor, who has worked as a caucus researcher and assistant since the Yukon Party lost its majority to the New Democrats in 1996, earned her seat in the legislature by taking out former Liberal Speaker Dennis Schneider in the Nov. 4 election.

“I really did not have any preference,” Taylor said in an interview after the official ceremony. “I was just thrilled to sit in cabinet.”

The youngest member of cabinet said the Yukon Party will be following through with its campaign commitment to return the Women's Directorate to a stand-alone department, rather than keeping it under the cabinet office's wing, where it was moved to by former premier Pat Duncan.

As to whether the directorate should eventually fall under the responsibility of Taylor as the only woman in cabinet, she said gender will not dictate who ends up with the portfolio. All party members, Taylor added, are committed to work on behalf of the interest of all Yukoners.

“I think any one of us is very capable and qualified ... to represent the Women's Directorate.”

In his opening remarks, the commissioner foretold of challenges the Yukon Party will face. Cable suggested that as a litmus test at the end of the day, they should ask themselves if what they did that day would encourage the territory's youth to become involved in politics.

“If the answer is yes, you will have left a positive imprint on Yukon history, and you will have been successful,” Cable said. “You and your colleagues will be taking over the reins of government at a time when there are certainly a number of formidable challenges ahead.” Cable said Fentie’s government will be called on to take over control of the Yukon’s lands and resource and to strengthen the relationship between the first nations and the Yukon government.

“You will be called upon to keep the books balanced,” he said. “These are challenges, but they are also opportunities to improve Yukon life.”

Fentie opened his remarks with a quick quip, suggesting he’d wished Cable had told him before the election about what lay ahead for the new government.

But the premier was adamant that his rookie caucus – cabinet and non-cabinet members – remain committed to working as a team on consensus-building, consultation, collaboration and compromise.

“Yes indeed, there are challenges ahead of us,” said Fentie. “We have to meet those challenges . . . in some cases with finite resources and budgets, but they will get done and they will get done as a result of this team approach.”

In an interview afterward, the premier said while the decision of who would sit in cabinet was ultimately his, his selection was based on consultation with his caucus and Yukoners who he knew had a great deal to offer.

“I am very confident in the group of people we have,” he said. “They are capable, they are talented and they are knowledgeable about the Yukon.”

Fentie said the five MLAs who are not in cabinet – one will have to sit as Speaker – will head up areas of policy work the government deems necessary.

Fentie also said his government will not be conducting a sudden purge of deputy ministers, which isn’t unheard of with a change of government.

Within the first five months of office, Duncan fired four deputies. By the time the 2 1/2-year Liberal reign ended, 11 deputy ministers had left – seven were fired, three retired and one simply quit.

The Yukon Party, said Fentie, has confidence in its senior bureaucrats.

“At this time, we want to make sure we assess everything,” he said. “We are just not going to make hasty moves for the sake of making hasty moves.”

Earlier in the day, the entire Yukon Party caucus took the oath of office as elected members of the Legislative assembly.

Following the unveiling of the cabinet at 2 p.m., the hundreds gathered made their way from the main foyer to the cafeteria, passing by the line up of new cabinet ministers who were kept busy shaking hands and hugging supporters.

For better than an hour, scores of Yukoners mingled while enjoying a brunch laid out by taxpayers. The cost of the ceremony was not available this morning.

The party did not stop there, however, as several hundred turned out Saturday night for the official Yukon Party celebration gala, with standing room-only at the Town Hall in the Gold Rush Inn.

While Klondike MLA Peter Jenkins was an obvious choice for cabinet as the former leader of the party and the only other experienced caucus member besides Fentie, Jenkins said receiving the responsibility for Health and Social service, the department with the largest budget, was entirely a decision by Fentie.

“I offered myself to the premier in any capacity when we spoke and he deemed me capable of fulfilling a role,” Jenkins said in an interview after being sworn in.

The veteran MLA of six years said he hasn’t yet laid out a list of priorities, though he noted there must be a review of the workers’ compensation act called before the end of January. Environment Minister Jim Kenyon has had a life of different experiences, ranging from his practice in veterinary medicine, to restaurateur for about a year to his former role as an auxiliary RCMP officer. He said he is somewhat intimidated by his new responsibility.

“I am confident, but intimidated, sort of awed,” he said.

Kenyon said there are a number of big issues facing his department like the Yukon Protected Areas Strategy, the April 1, 2003 devolution of federal powers to the Yukon and the international debate over the Kyoto protocol. But he’ll need time to get up to speed, said Kenyon.

Kenyon said first there was the 31-day job interview – the election campaign – followed by a month of caucus discussions and deliberations.

“Now we are down to the point where every time we see a door open, we expect to see five people walking in with two-inch-thick binders,” he said.

Education Minister John Edzerza said he was very surprised when Fentie delivered the news of his cabinet selection to the Yukon Party caucus on Friday.

Edzerza said he knows some people believe that as the only aboriginal member of the caucus, he had to be appointed to cabinet.

But Edzerza said he would like to think it was the same credentials he brought with on the campaign trail – a myriad of experience living in the North and a commitment to making the Yukon a better place – that placed him in the cabinet.

Fentie said he made the announcement to the caucus Friday but he declined to say when he actually finished his deliberations and finalized his cabinet selections. “That’s my little secret,” he said.

OBIT

McDonald

Did you know Mrs. MacDonald, not sure of her first name, lived at Porter Creek, her husband was killed on the Alaska Highway years ago, he worked for the highways department.

Had 4 kids, Peigy, Bonnie, Sheilagh and a boy, Donnie, he was a carpenter, one of the daughters Sheilagh worked at the HBC and Murdochs in the 70/ 80's.

Mrs. MacDonald worked at the McBride Museum.

She passed away in Whitehorse age 93.

Lived most of her life in the Yukon, a true Yukoner.

If I get more information, I will let you know

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Josephine (Jo) Murray MacDonald

July 22, 1923 ~ July 21, 2016

It is with deep sadness that the family of Josephine (Jo) Murray MacDonald announces that she passed away in Whitehorse, Yukon on July 21, 2016 – on the eve of her 93rd birthday. She was a much loved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend.

Jo was born in Alberta and moved to the Yukon with her husband, Holly, in the early 1950s. She was the driving force behind the family that includes 4 children: Bonnie, Peigi, Sheilagh and Don; 2 sons-in-law: Brian and Frank; her grandchildren: Cuillin, Logan, Keltie, Elizabeth, Bonnie, Jean, Aonghus, Mhari and Catriona and great grandchild Josie.

The funeral service will be held at Our Lady of Victory Church in Porter Creek on Friday July 29th at 2:00 pm and she will be buried by her husband in the Grey Mountain cemetery. The family would like to thank all the supportive friends who cared for our mother in recent years, in particular Dr. Himmelsbach, Jeanette, Helen, Carol, Jeanne and Donna, and wonderful nurses at the Whitehorse General Hospital. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Whitehorse Food Bank.



Patrick Van Bibber
March 17, 1922 ~ March 04, 2016

Patrick William Van Bibber was the eighth of the Van Bibber children born to Ira and Eliza Van Bibber. He was born on March 17, 1922. Years later, when visiting Ira's family in West Virginia, Lucy received copies of all his letters he had sent to his family. In one, it read, "mother and child doing well, we are calling him John James. When the next one comes and it is a boy, we will call him Patrick William." And so it was, it just so happened it was also St. Patrick's Day so what an appropriate name for this baby boy.

Growing up on the land, with his 7 brothers and 6 sisters, Patrick was the quiet one. His sister Lucy said, "Father always said to us kids, "why can't you all be more like Paddy? He is always so good." Sister Kathleen remembers that Pat would give his mitts to any of his brothers and sisters when their hands were freezing and he would go without.

Throughout their life living on the land, they learned about trapping, fishing, hunting and gardening. Father Ira was a strict but fair man and ensured that each of his children were able to fend for themselves, no matter what situation they found themselves. Mother Eliza, an amazing strong First Nation woman, taught them her many skills as well.

Pat met a beautiful young lady from Hell's Gate at Fort Selkirk, Ada Blanchard. It was not long before he asked her to marry him. On April 09, 1949, Pat, 29 and Ada, 24 were married with Alex and Sue Van Bibber as their witnesses – they celebrated their 66th anniversary in 2015.

Pat's work life was varied and had many stories to go along with his adventures. He worked on the ferries at Stewart and Carmacks before there were bridges as we know

today. He became road foreman for the Mayo district and moved his family to Mayo where they lived and raised their family. He retired at age 65 and never slowed – he had amazing energy and strength.

The Van Bibber families stayed close and gathered whenever they could at the Pelly big house. The cousins have fond memories of time spent there.

Pat and Ada so enjoyed going for rides and he loved driving – down the highway to check for a moose, see the bears at the dump or down a back road that who knows what they would find. Taking the grandkids was part of the ritual and each has a story about driving with Grandpa and Grandma! He could put the miles on and did so right up until he walked into the hospital.

Everything interested him and he was always willing to try new things. He had many friends, young and old, that he cherished and always had time for everyone.

Pat is predeceased by his wife, Ada, his mother and father, Ira and Eliza Van Bibber; brothers, Abe, Dan, Alex, Archie, John James, George and Theodore; sisters, Leta, May, Helen; son-in-law Jim Ellis.

He is survived by his sisters, Lucy Sanderson, Kathleen Thorpe and Linch Curry. His children Pat Jr. (Geraldine); Shirley; Carol (Mark); Deb (Phil); Karen (Frank). Grandchildren Patrick (Heather), Trevor (Kerri), Stuart (Nikki), Ann-Marie, Sherri, Brad (Ashley), Curtis, Wade, Craig, Jay, Franklin (Laura), Krista (Shawn) and Derek. Great grandchildren Kyle, Keaton, Evan, Jordan, Hailey, Joel, Ireland, Cole, Kody, Aiden, Markis, Nolan Many nieces and nephews.

Pat's wish was to be cremated and his ashes to be interred at the Van Bibber family plot in Pelly, which will take place at a later date.



EVELYN MAE RICHARDS (GRANDMA BABE)

May 25, 1924 – April 15, 2016

It is with great sadness that the family of Babe Richards announces her passing at MacCauley Lodge in Whitehorse, Yukon on April 15, 2016.

Babe was a wonderful friend, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother, and a true Yukon pioneer. She was born May 25, 1924 in Whitehorse, daughter of the late TC and Bernadine Richards. Babe experienced first hand much of the Yukon's history, travelling the waterways on board the great sternwheelers, witnessing the first ever aircraft landing at the Whitehorse airport, and watching as the development of the Alaska Highway changed her world. Babe lived in both Whitehorse and Watson Lake before moving to Northern BC in 1967. She returned to Whitehorse in 1971 and served in many charitable organizations, committees and boards in the Yukon. Babe was a very style conscious woman, always impeccably dressed. In the seventies she owned and operated the dress shop, Broies Tienda, and then ran a busy daycare for many years, where the children all called her "Grandma Babe".

She remembered many peoples' birthdays and anniversaries, and never failed to call and congratulate them every year on their special day. Babe moved to MacCauley Lodge in March of 2013 and soon became the unofficial greeter.

Babe was predeceased by her parents, two brothers Cecil and Bob Richards, and two grandchildren Kimberly Rowe and Troy Latimer. She leaves behind to mourn her ten children, Cecil-Gayle Terris (Dave), Bobbie Cebuliak (Jim), Richard Brown (Cookie), Douglas Brown (Sue), Bernelle Latimer, Charlie Brown (Gay), Mike Brown, John Brown Jr. (Geri), Nona Loveless (John), and Anita Pellizzon (Mario), 23 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren, and countless friends.

The family would like to thank Dr. Buchanan and all the staff of MacCauley Lodge for the EXCEPTIONAL care, love and support given to our mother while she was with you.

A Celebration of Life for Babe will be held at the Kwanlin Dunn Cultural Centre on May 2, 2016 at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, a scholarship in Babe's memory has been established. Donations may be made to the Yukon Foundation, P.O. Box 31622, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 6L2.

Mom never said, "Goodbye", she would always say "Bye for now".

So bye for now Mom, we will miss you until we meet again.



Valentine Jaynes Macleod

It is with great sadness we announce that, on July 4, 2016, Valentine Jaynes Macleod passed away at her home in Whitehorse, Yukon.

Val is survived by her sons Stuart (Ann Marie) and Bill (Gina), her grandchildren Erin, Katherine, Elizabeth (and their mother Rosemary Driscoll), Benjamin, Grady, Marina, and Chloe, her sister Judith (Jim) and brothers Michael, Stephen and John (Pat), her sister-in-law Jane, sister-in-law Donna Antonio, and brother-in-law Don Dale. She was pre-deceased by her father Norman Macleod, her mother Margaret, her step-brother Norman (Jane), and her sister-in-law Rhonda (Michael).

Val was born in Calgary, Alberta, and spent the first part of her life there, attending school, starting and thriving in a career at AGT/Telus, and, as a single mom, raising Stuart and Bill and an extended family of neighbourhood kids! Through this period, she drew strength from her extended family, including her mom, her sister and brothers, cousins, friends, and co-workers. She was especially grateful for the support of Jude and Jim, Bev and Nelda, Audie and Frank, and her dear friend Roberta.

Once her Calgary nest emptied, and upon her retirement from Telus, she embarked on a new adventure, moving to Whitehorse, expanding her circle of friends becoming known to dozens as Grandma Val. She threw herself into her adopted community, getting involved with various civic groups and causes, and of course with a local quilting circle. It was in Whitehorse that she really hit her stride as a crafter, specializing in cross-stitching, quilting, and a prodigious output of Christmas stockings!

Celebrations of Val's life will be held in Whitehorse on Thu Aug 11 and Calgary on Sat Aug 13, times and locations to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Heart and Stroke Fund of BC and Yukon - <http://www.heartandstroke.bc.ca> .

Val's Facebook page has been memorialized, but you can - please do! - continue to post to her timeline, to share thoughts, memories, and photos of Val and what she meant to you.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

A goal without a plan is simply a wish.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

From The Star Cook Book, The Women of Yukon Chapter No 1 order of Eastern Star, Dawson, Yukon Territory, for the Benefit of the War Work 1942.

Sea Pie (Steak and Kidney Pie)

Crust:

2 cups flour

½ cup finely chopped suet

¼ tsp salt

3 teaspoons baking powder

Sift dry ingredients. Run in suet with tips of fingers. Add enough water to make an easily rolled out crust. Line a deep pudding bowl with the paste, leaving enough for top crust.

Filling:

1 pounds round steak, diced

1 beef kidney, diced

½ sliced onion

Salt and pepper to flavor

Add alternate layers of steak, kidney, onion, salt and pepper. Cover with crust. Tie cloth tightly around. Steam for 3 hours in a pot of boiling water.

Gladys Hoggan

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