

MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – 440th Edition – August 13, 2017

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White Pass Steam Engine 73 – Carcross

Photo courtesy Susan Gleason agleason55@gmail.com (In Whitehorse)

Reports and Papers relating to the “Lost Patrol” Inspector Fitzgerald & Party – 1911 Fort McPherson to Dawson Patrol (Part 10)

Twenty-two below, Monday, January 9 – Fine clear day; slight SW wind. Left camp at 8 AM and nooned one hour and camped at 3 PM about 20 miles up Little Wind River. Going very fair; a little heavy in PM. 16 miles.

Thirteen below, Tuesday, January 10 – Strong head wind with very fine snow. Left camp at 8 AM; nooned one hour and camped at 3:15 PM. Clear ice most of the day; not good going as it was very slippery for the dogs; very little water to trouble us. 15 miles.

Twenty-two below, Wednesday, January 11 – Very misty with strong head wind. Left camp at 8:15 AM; nooned one hour and camped at 3:30 PM. All the river was overflow,

and we made only about nine miles. All hands had wet feet, and we had a very unpleasant day. 9 miles.

Thirty-seven below, Thursday, January 12 – Fine with slight head wind. A nice day. Left camp at 8 AM and stopped 3 hours at noon, and sent Carter to look for portage, but he could not find it. At 3 PM found that the river was getting very small; camped and sent Carter ahead, and came to the conclusion that we were too far up. 12 miles.

Twelve below, Friday, January 13 – Snowing with light fair wind. Left camp at 7:30 AM; came back down the river five miles and went up small creek four miles, which Carter thought was Forrest Creek, but found it was not, and came down 2 miles farther and camped at 1:30 PM, and sent Carter out to look for creek. 15 miles.

Twenty-three below, Saturday, January 14 - Very strong gale all day. Could not leave camp.

Thirty-nine below, Sunday, January 15 – Very misty and slight head wind. Left camp at 7:30 AM and followed up East branch of Little Wind River and camped at 3:15 PM at what is supposed to be the mouth of Forrest Creek. Going very good; a little heavy snow at the start; the rest of the way mostly ice. 16 miles.

Forty-three below, Monday, January 16 – Fine with very strong SW wind. Left camp at 7:45 AM, and travelled up creek for six miles, and found that it was not Forrest Creek and had to return to the mouth again and camp. Sent Carter out in afternoon but he had no success. 12 miles.

Twenty-three below, Tuesday, January 17 – Fine in AM with strong SW wind, which turned into a gale in the evening. Did not break camp, sent Carter and Kinney off at 7:15 AM to follow a river going south by a little east; they returned at 3:30 PM and reported that it ran right up in the mountains, and Carter said it was not the right river. I left at 8AM and followed a river running South but could not see any cuttings on it. Carter is completely lost and does not know one river from another. We have only 10 pounds of Flour and 8 pounds of bacon and some dried fish. My last hope is gone and the only thing I can do is return, and kill some of the dogs to feed the others and ourselves, unless we can meet some Indians. We have now been a week looking for the river to take us over the divide, but there are dozens of rivers and I am at a loss. I should not have taken Carter`s word that he knew the way from Little Wind River.

Thirteen below, Wednesday, January 18 – Very strong S gale last night and this morning, and moderated in PM. Left camp on return to Peel River at 7:45 AM; nooned one hour and camped at 3 PM 20 miles below. Killed the first dog tonight for dog food; hardly any of the dogs would eat him. So had to give them a little dried fish. Our food consisted of a small piece of bannock and dried fish. Good going on our back trail. 20 miles.

Twenty-eight below, Thursday, January 19 – Very misty with slight SW wind. Left camp at left camp at 7:30 AM and nooned an hour and camped about 29 miles above the

south of Little Wind River. Most of the river was overflowed and we were at times ankle deep in water. Killed another dog tonight. 21 miles.

Twenty-one below, Friday, January 20 – Very strong SW gale all day. Could not leave camp, it was all we could do to keep the tent standing. Ate the last of the flour and bacon today. All we have now is some dried fish and tea.

Zero, Saturday, January 21 – Strong gale until noon, moderated in PM. Left camp at 7:45; nooned one hour and camped about 12 miles above the mouth of Little Wind River. Nearly all clear ice making the going slow. Killed another dog tonight. 20 miles.

Fifty below in AM, Sunday, January 22 – 64 below in PM. Very misty and slight SW wind. Left camp at 7:45 AM; nooned one hour and camped five miles down Big Wind River at 4 PM. Going very heavy, our old trail filled up and had trouble with water. Carters fingers badly frozen. 17 miles.

Sixty-four below, Monday, January 23 – Strong S wind with very heavy mist. Stayed in camp as too cold to travel.

Fifty-six below, Tuesday, January 24 – Strong S wind with heavy mist. Left camp at 7:30 AM, went six miles and found the river open right across. Cst. Taylor got in up to his waist and Carter in up to his hops and we had to go into camp at 11 AM. Cold intense with all the open water. Killed another dog and all hands made a good meal on dog meat. 6 miles.

Fifty-three, Wednesday, January 25 – Left camp at 7:30 to look for place to cross open water, and did not start with dogs until 9:15 AM. Nooned three miles above Mount Deception and camped at 3:30 PM 20 miles above mouth. Going fairly good, had our old trail part of way. Killed another dog tonight. Our food is now dog meat and tea. 18 miles.

Thirteen below, Thursday, January 26 – Snowing with very heavy mist. Left camp at 7:30 AM; lost three hours getting around open water, and nooned one hour and camped at 3:30 PM. Going very heavy in deep snow, and all hands and dogs getting weak. 8 miles.

Twenty-one below, Friday, January 27 – Heavy snowstorm with heavy mist, Left camp at 7:30 AM; nooned one hour and camped at Waugh's tent at 2 PM. Searched tent and cache for food, but none found. Going very heavy. Killed another dog. We have now only nine dogs; the rest are gone for food. 11 miles.

To be continued.



Photo by Vince Fedoroff

A Posthumous Honour

By Whitehorse Star on July 7, 2017

Bryan Clayson was posthumously given the Commissioner's Award for Public Service during the Canada Day celebrations in Whitehorse. His wife, Donna, seen above with Commissioner Doug Phillips, received the award. Clayson's collection of classic cars, which his spouse is currently selling off, was recently featured in the Star.



Friends rest while hiking Sam McGee Trail above Windy Arm of Tagish Lake in the Area of Conway.

Photo courtesy Susan Gleason via Facebook (from Whitehorse)

A note from Joann Robertson

Hi Sherron. You might find the following interesting. I was so surprised to see my 6 or 7 year old self, beaming and obviously enjoying the attention, on the big screen! The others on the Nuggets float, which was the first one, were my sister Roberta, Marion May and I can't remember the others. The clip went by so fast all I saw was me.

Cheers, Joann

Joanne writing to Bill Morrison re; film **`Frozen in time**

On Aug 1, 2017, at 5:57 PM, Joann Robertson <joannr6@shaw.ca> wrote:

My grandfather got to the Klondike in 1898. He never left. I was born in Dawson in 1935. I am the little blonde girl on the Bear Creek Nuggets float shown in the documentary. I would love to have a screen shot of myself. Is that possible?

Thank you, great documentary!

Joann Robertson Author "The Yukon: Life Between the Gold Rush and the Alaska Highway"

Hi Joann

That is amazing! Everyone loves the Bear Creek Nuggets - that shot gets a laugh wherever we screen the film.

Where did you see the film?

I'd be happy to send you a frame from that shot.

Best wishes

Bill

Ottawa hopes to pick new RCMP commissioner from within ranks

Daniel Leblanc and Colin Freeze

OTTAWA and TORONTO — The Globe and Mail

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Ottawa is primarily looking within the RCMP to appoint its next commissioner, instead of focusing on an outsider, senior officials in the government and RCMP say. Selecting an external candidate would widely be seen as bringing further scrutiny to the beleaguered force.

Amid the ongoing struggles over the much-publicized cases of sexual and workplace harassment, many Mounties have been wondering whether the government will feel a need to go beyond the force to find a new leader.

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale publicly mused about the **need for greater civilian management of the RCMP** after the release in May of a watchdog report into harassment in the federal law enforcement body.

Many Mounties still remember the rocky tenure of long-time bureaucrat William Elliott from 2007 to 2011, when the appointment of a civilian at the top of the paramilitary organization was widely seen as a rebuke for a string of mishaps.

But the senior officials say the government is not pro-actively looking to shake up the force in a similar fashion and will be hoping to appoint "from within" this time around. The final decision, set for early 2018, will be made by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau from a shortlist of candidates put together by a selection panel headed by former New Brunswick premier Frank McKenna.

The next commissioner will inherit the crucial task of continuing a cultural shift toward a more respectful working environment. Another key challenge will be obtaining greater federal funding to beef up policing ranks to continue anti-terror policing while modernizing the fight against organized crime.

The government will also be looking to select a commissioner **willing to oversee increased civilian management inside the RCMP**. In particular, the individual will be expected to help obtain “buy in” among the rank and file for the widely anticipated changes, a senior government official said.

Commissioner Bob Paulson called the job “soul destroying” just before retiring last month, making it clear his successor will have to juggle a number of hot files from the outset.

In particular, the 144-year-old police force is awaiting the verdict at a Labour Code trial in Moncton in relation to Justin Bourque’s rampage with an assault rifle in which he killed three outgunned Mounties in 2014. Several senior RCMP commanders were called to testify about why they failed to make good on the force’s long-standing plans to equip the rank and file with more powerful guns.

The senior officials say the top **potential candidates** currently working for the police force are three deputy commissioners – **Kevin Brosseau, Brenda Butterworth-Carr and Gilles Michaud** – and **Assistant Commissioner Jennifer Strachan**.

Deputy Commissioner Brosseau is currently in charge of contract and Indigenous policing, by which the RCMP oversees policing services in provinces and municipalities covering three-quarters of the country’s territory. Deputy Commissioner Michaud is in charge of federal policing, such as investigations into financial crimes, terrorism and organized crime.

The head of the RCMP division in British Columbia, **Deputy Commissioner Butterworth-Carr**, and in Ontario, Assistant Commissioner Strachan, are also seen as top contenders. Either pick would be the second woman to lead the RCMP, after Bev Busson’s interim tenure in 2006-2007.

Deputy Commissioner Brosseau is of Métis descent, while **Deputy Commissioner Butterworth-Carr is from Tr’ondek Hwech’in First Nation in Yukon**. Both would be the first members of their community to head the RCMP.

The Department of Public Safety has just unveiled its job description for the position, which specifically points out that the government is seeking greater diversity in senior-management positions.

“The Government of Canada will use an appointment process that is transparent and

merit-based, **strives for gender parity, and ensures that Indigenous Canadians and minority groups are properly represented in positions of leadership,” the job posting said.**

Everyone inside and outside the RCMP will have the opportunity to apply for the position, with the posting stating that “recent and significant experience in law enforcement” is an asset.

The posting adds that a law degree would be an asset. Deputy Commissioner Brosseau has a master of law from Harvard.

According to their official biographies, Deputy Commissioner Michaud has degrees from the FBI National Academy, the Harvard Kennedy School Executive Program and McGill University, while Assistant Commissioner Strachan has undergraduate and graduate degrees in social sciences at the University of Ottawa and Royal Roads University.

YG has tripled in size in 24 years

Whitehorse Star

By Sidney Cohen **on** August 11, 2017

It should come as a shock to no one that the Yukon government is the territory’s largest employer – but just how big is it?

Unlike the Northwest Territories, which also has a sizeable public service, the Yukon does not report the number of government jobs in its annual budget.

But this wasn’t always the case.

The Yukon government stopped publishing the number of full-time equivalent positions in the budget in 1992, under then-government leader John Ostashek (he refused to use the title of premier).

According to a high-ranking government official from that time, the Yukon Party leader ended the practice at the urging of senior bureaucrats. Apparently, they were tired of answering questions from the opposition and the press about government growth after every new budget dropped.

Ironically, Ostashek railed against the size of government some years later, when he was relegated to opposition after losing the Sept. 30, 1996 election to the NDP’s Piers McDonald.

The former official recalled Ostashek slamming the government directory, listing employees’ phone numbers, on his desk in the legislative assembly to emphasize the institution’s prodigious size.

Though government job numbers aren't published in the budget today, they are available in the Public Service Commission's annual reports.

In **1992**, the last year the numbers were reported, there were a total of **1,426.87 full-time equivalent positions in the Yukon government**.

In the fourth quarter of the **2016-17** fiscal year, there were **4,623.3 full-time equivalent government jobs**.

In other words, in 24 years, the Yukon government has more than tripled in size.

(In the second quarter of 2017, the most recent count, there were 4,729.8 full-time equivalent government positions.)

On Dec. 31, 2016, there were a total of 5,518 people on the Yukon government's payroll.

This figure includes term employees (205), permanent (3,957), casual (140), auxiliary on-call (786) and "others" (499).

It does not include elected officials (of whom there are 19), judges (three), justices of the peace (33), appointees to government and agency boards, co-op and student hires, substitute teachers and pensioners.

To put the government's size in perspective, consider that in December 2016, the Yukon Bureau of Statistics recorded 20,800 working people in the territory.

This means that in the month of December, roughly a quarter of working Yukoners took home a government paycheque.

The Yukon government's expansion has greatly outpaced population growth.

In December 1992, there were 32,332 people living in the territory, according to the Yukon Bureau of Statistics.

On Dec. 31, 2016, the Yukon's population was 38,293.

This means the **territory's population grew 18 per cent in 24 years**, while the territorial **government expanded 224 per cent**.

To be sure, part of this growth can be attributed to devolution.

In the early 2000s, that process saw the federal government transfer a number of responsibilities to the Yukon government, namely, authority over public lands, forestry, water and mineral resources.

The Public Service Commission says 246 employees were added to the Yukon government as a result of devolution.

Yukon airports were transferred from the federal to the territorial government in 1996, which also added to the government's payroll.

Still, over the last decade, the territorial government has continued to spend heavily on personnel.

Though Yukon governments haven't published their job numbers in the budget since 1992, they do report the amount spent on government staff.

This figure is called the "personnel allotment," and it includes salaries paid to MLAs, justices of the peace, substitute teachers and all the other employees excluded from the number of employees mentioned earlier (5,518).

(The number of employees is not to be confused with full-time equivalent positions, of which there were 4,729.8 in the second quarter of 2017.)

Over the last decade, the amount spent on personnel has grown in relative proportion to the total budget.

The government earmarked more than \$516 million for personnel in 2017-18. That's about 36 per cent of the total \$1.44-billion budget.

Ten years ago, the personnel allotment came in at just under \$309 million – also about 36 per cent of the budget, which was then about \$862 million.

Examined another way, the amount spent on personnel has gone up more than \$207 million – or 67 per cent – in the last 10 years.

This trend is unsustainable, said the former government official.

It is especially so considering that the territory faces at least three years of large deficits, starting at \$49 million in 2018-19.

Cabinet spokesperson Janine Workman told the Star Tuesday afternoon that Richard Mostyn, the minister responsible for the Public Service Commission, would not be available for an interview for this story.

Workman was asked if the government plans to continue increasing the amount it spends on government employees.

In an email, Workman responded this way:

"The Yukon government is here to provide service to the public and will ensure it has the staff necessary to meet those needs.

"We are committed to an evidence-based approach in decision-making, and, if additional positions are required, for example nurses or mental health workers, positions will be created in response to a demonstrated public need."

The Yukon Party, which was in power for 14 years before the November 2016 election, maintains government growth has been responsive and reasonable.

"We understand very well the challenges in assessing the various needs and requests made by departments, the general public and others," Brad Cathers, the Yukon Party finance critic, said in an interview Tuesday.

"We did feel that the size of government, the size of the public service, when we left office, was generally in keeping with the current needs of the territory."

Cathers doesn't think it's a big deal that government job numbers aren't published in the annual budget, as long as they remain publicly available.

Anticipating budget deficits, the premier has rallied a panel of local and Outside experts to assess the books and present options to remedy the situation.

Everything is on the table, Premier Sandy Silver has said, except for cuts to the public service.

Indeed, such propositions have spelled disaster for politicians in the past.

When the Ontario Progressive Conservatives were defeated in the 2014 provincial election by the incumbent Liberals, many observers attributed the loss to then-PC leader Tim Hudak's pledge to cut 100,000 public sector jobs.

To some extent, those weary senior bureaucrats got their way.

After the government stopped reporting the number of full-time equivalent positions in the budget, the size of the public service diminished in political importance.

Today, the territory's big government is largely taken for granted.

"The reason this happened," the former government official said about the ballooning of government, "is because it happened outside the public viewing, because there's no disclosure any more.

"It's hidden."



Photo by Whitehorse Star

THE SECOND-TO-LAST SUMMER – Some of the cast of the Frantic Follies is seen during the June 3, 2015 opening show.

‘The Follies will be missed by many of us’

The curtain has come down on a Yukon summer tradition that has spanned nearly 50 years.

By **Stephanie Waddell** on **March 6, 2017**

The curtain has come down on a Yukon summer tradition that has spanned nearly 50 years.

The Frantic Follies Vaudeville Show will not be put on stage as a full production this summer.

As company co-owner Grant Simpson explained in an interview this morning, the show has been operating on a “shoe-string budget” for the last four or five years – and he just wasn’t confident it could continue any longer.

“Tourism just isn’t supporting it any more,” Simpson said.

After the stage show celebrating the Yukon and its Gold Rush-era history lost the confirmed bookings it once had through Holland America tour packages, he said, revenue dropped approximately 60 per cent.

“That changed everything for us,” Simpson said.

Under that arrangement, the Follies delighted many thousands of mainly Americans tourists over many years. Each season would premiere with a special night for Yukoners to attend to see familiar, favourite acts, new faces and fresh material.

In a press release, he noted that after the show was dropped from the tours, the life of the production was extended thanks to the assistance of local businesses.

Those included the Westmark Whitehorse Hotel, where the show was performed for decades, and P.R. Services, among others that have worked with the Follies.

Efforts have been made to scale things back as much as possible.

Given the size of the production, however, a summer payroll of 30 is still required, and the show does not receive government subsidies.

To Simpson’s knowledge, it may be one of the only independent theatrical productions in North America.

“It’s a lot to manage,” he said.

Still, Simpson remains proud of the production he’s been a part of for more than 30 years.

As he described it, it’s a show that “saved” him from the pulp mills of Nanaimo, B.C.

That’s where he lived before arriving in the territory in 1980 at 20 years old, when he was hired by the Follies to showcase his musical talents for similar shows at Diamond Tooth Gerties in Dawson City.

The following summer, Simpson was asked to be part of the Follies’ Whitehorse show and he never looked back, eventually buying in as a partner.

It’s given him a life in vaudeville, he said, and “it’s been great.”

As he pointed out though, the Follies were already a staple of Yukon tourism long before he joined the cast.

It got its start as an amateur production in 1968 before the first professional season in 1970, when it was performed in a school gym, it’s noted on the Follies’ website.

The production moved part way through the first professional season to the former Whitehorse Inn, and then in 1973 to the Bonanza Room at the Whitehorse Travelodge (now the Westmark).

The show proved popular and in 1975, there were two performances each night. Cross-Canada tours followed in the mid-1970s. A four-month stint in Florida followed in the early 1980s with a 10-city North American tour over two weeks in 1990.

For Simpson and many others who have graced the Follies' stage, the show represented the start of a career on stage; a chance to flex their creative muscles. Such well-known Yukon performers as Debbie Winston, Dale Cooper, Grant Hartwick, Graeme Peters and Shane Dewald have been involved with the show over the decades.

When Simpson started, he joined a crew of veterans who had been part of the Follies for some time.

"I learned from all these veterans," he said.

As the years passed for Simpson, there was an incredible amount of freedom in writing full-scale musical numbers, theatrical pieces and so much more for the Follies' stage.

"It was totally awesome all along," he said, as he acknowledged there have been some "serious, theatrical people" over the years who have criticized the Follies.

Simpson commented that the Follies are "goofy, humour" for the Gold Rush era; that's what it's always been.

Year after year, cast members have worked to create an entertaining show anyone could take their grandma, grandpa and five-year-old to and have everyone enjoy it.

Without his career in Yukon vaudeville, he said, he would not have produced the music and stage productions he's done outside of the Follies' stage.

Both his own and co-founder Lyall Murdoch's kids have followed in their fathers' footsteps and have been part of the Follies' cast in recent years. Simpson said that's been another amazing part of the experience.

As news has spread of the end to the more large-scale Follies performances, Simpson said he's been receiving emails and messages from many former cast members who got their start as part of the Follies.

There are so many memories, he said as he recalled the fire marshal putting an end to the performance by a fire eater.

He also remembers a scare at Diamond Tooth Gerties after someone came in with a fake rifle that appeared to be real – which left him alone on stage playing Tea For Two after the can can dancers scattered off the stage, and of course watching his own kids take to the stage.

In the statement, Simpson publicly thanked the many Yukoners "who came to the shows time and time again. Laughing at the same jokes. Stealing punch lines. Bringing relatives. Telling other people, 'go and see the Follies!' Thank you all very much.

"The Follies will be missed by many of us. People near and far talk to me about seeing the show over the past 48 years. It has been a Yukon tourism beacon for a long time. For many young people, it was their first professional job.

"The current cast is naturally disappointed as we were all hoping for another season; however, tourist numbers make the risk too great, and we have made the responsible decision at the right time."

Simpson is hoping the show can continue as a smaller-scale venture that could be booked for special events.

As he pointed as well, when discussing the curtain falling on the Follies, co-founder Lyall Murdoch commented: “47 years that’s a pretty good run.”



Photo by Whitehorse Star
DURING THE HEYDAYS – Shane Dewald, Grant Hartwick, Lyall Murdoch, Grant Simpson and Graeme Peters (left) to right entertain the house during a 2002 show.

I am a Guest with the Klondike Follies....Whitehorse 29th July, 2017. – Gillian Campbell



Gillian Campbell in Whitehorse for the Frantic Follies July 29 2017.
Photo courtesy Susan Gleason via Facebook



Gillian Campbell, Megan Gates and friend Richard, Richard Campbell
Megan and her friend visited Gillian in July 2017.

Megan is the daughter of Kathy and Michael Gates of Whitehorse.
Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell gillianklondikekate@shaw.ca (In Burnaby BC)



Marc Steinbach (from Kelowna), **John Erickson** and **Goody (Erickson) Sparling**

Photo courtesy Susan Gleason via Facebook July 19 2017



**Hiking Bullion Plateau at Kluane National Park today ... 30 degrees Celsius 20 km..
but such beautiful views of Kaskawulsh Glacier and Slims River.**

Susan and her pooch Lucky Marshall August 5, 2017

Photo courtesy Susan Gleason via Facebook.

Yukon Energy Fish Ladder getting lots of fish recently.

Check out the webcam at this link:

<http://www.yukonenergy.ca/sustainability/conservation/whitehorse-fishladder-and-hatchery/fish-cam>



Our sunshine in late afternoon recently covered by smoke.
August 8, 2017 – Coldstream BC.
Photo courtesy Bill Jones ve7yi@shaw.ca Coldstream BC



At the same time the roses are not deterred from growing in the smoky environment.
August 8, 2017 – Coldstream BC.
Photo courtesy Bill Jones ve7yi@shaw.ca Coldstream BC

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Penelope Anne Donald (North)

January 21,1940-August 6, 2017

Sadly the family of Penny Donald (North) announce her passing at Penticton Regional Hospital. Penny lived in Mayo & Whitehorse from 1954-1962. Penny is predeceased by her husband Gordy, sister Sonia & brother Fred. She is survived by son Shane (Gail), sister June (Denis), brother Ted (Alice), sister Karren (Bob), brother Jim (Barb), sister Holly (Dale).

In Penny's early years she worked with an Oral Surgeon, both in Edmonton & Vancouver. She spent many years in the Maple Ridge area caring for children with special needs. She & Gordy retired to the Cowichan Bay area. Penny spent many years caring for people. We called her our "little Hummingbird", as she always seemed to be moving on. For the last twenty years she spent in Nakusp & Oliver, BC where she volunteered with Hospice. She dabbled in painting & writing both of which she was very good at. We all share many great family memories of our years together. We shall all miss her greatly. Her ashes will be spread in Cowichan Bay later this summer.



(Portrait by Kathy Kasiser)

Weldon McKenzie Pinchin (May 26, 1935 - June 21, 2017)

Weldon went over the Trail, at the date and time of his choosing, June 21, 2017 on Mayne Island, BC. He was a rare breed of raconteur, always ready to share a good story - and to listen to one. Stories of West Vancouver, the Yukon, and his beloved Ear Lake

near Whitehorse where, as a boy, he stripped and broke ice to get in the first swim of the year before the 24th of May.

In 1949, Weldon worked on the MV Loon, a British Yukon Navigation Co. motor launch which took soundings on the Yukon River to ensure the safety of the sternwheelers passing through. One of his escapades included wedging an old boiler into a sandbar at the head of Lake Laberge and then convincing tourists on the SS Klondike that it was the boiler in which Sam McGee was cremated. "I can still hear the tourists," said Pinchin. "You'd have thought they'd won the lottery."

There are tales of camping when building his house on Gallagher Bay, Mayne Island, anchoring his sailboat and swimming ashore; of sailing with only two crew from Gibraltar to the West Indies; the hilarious antics when he owned historic Mayne Inn in the 1970s with wife Anne and fought the Supreme Court to keep his dock.

Weldon is survived by his three sons: Tim, Roderick, Dhugald and their families.



DORAN, Kevin B. December 7, 1957 - London, England June 29,

2017 - Victoria, BC, Canada Predeceased by mother Shelia Doran, July 14, 2009.

Kevin is survived by Mabel; his two daughters Cara (Joel) and Casey; grandson Parker, born April 22, 2017 (Sarnia, Ontario), father Eddie and brother Mick; and family in Cork, Ireland. **Kevin moved to Whitehorse, Yukon in 1988** working in various departments of the territorial government. He spent his leisure time with family and friends, while becoming a major force in promoting soccer in the Yukon. He took pride in coaching both of his daughter's soccer teams throughout their youth. In 1998, the family moved to Vancouver Island where Kevin transitioned into his work with the BC government and continued his love for coaching soccer. He will be greatly missed by the Vic West Soccer Association and the team that he coached for over 4 years. Kevin led a life of service and kindness and will be sadly missed by all. A viewing will take place on July 15, 2017 at 2 pm at McCall Gardens Funeral Home 4665 Falaise Dr, Saanich BC, with a Celebration of Life to follow at 3 pm. Donations can be made to Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.mccallgardens.com



Laura Roske

March 8, 1944 ~ July 5, 2017

Laura, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and good friend passed away peacefully on July 5, 2017, at Whitehorse General Hospital.

Laura was born in Wadena, SK on March 8th, 1944 and grew up in Southey, SK. She attended Teachers' College in Regina, SK. The Roske family moved to Whitehorse in the winter of 1974. Laura retired from teaching in 2004. Family was blessed to see Laura and Harvey celebrate their 54th Wedding Anniversary on June 29th.

Laura enjoyed spending time with family and friends at Ladies Hospital Auxiliary, Writers' Circle, swimming pool, Retired Teachers Association, and Whitehorse Baptist Church. Laura's kind and gentle spirit will be remembered by all those whose lives she touched.

Laura is survived by her husband, Harvey; children Benita (Keith) Parkkari, Peter (Carolyn), Jason (Krista); three grandchildren (Kordel, Isabel and Kate), and special four-footed family member, Titan; sisters Esther (Bob) McNeill and Sandra (Al) Edey; numerous nieces and nephews and special family friends Pete and Marg McCracken and family.

A Memorial Service for Laura Roske will be held in the Town Hall Room at the Best Western Gold Rush Inn on Monday July 10, 2017 at 3 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Ladies Hospital Auxiliary or a charity of your choice.



Wendy Catherine Avison

June 25, 1969 ~ June 4, 2017

Our dear Wendy passed away June 4, 2017 in Whitehorse, YT, just before her 48th birthday. She had fought brain cancer and lymphoma for six long years, always believing she could beat these diseases.

Wendy was born in Ottawa on June 25, 1969 to Dick Avison and Lois (Cleminson) Avison. She is survived by her sisters Shannon Avison and Heather Avison (Roy

Jantzen) and her sister-in-law Michele Avison. She was pre-deceased by her only brother, Scott Avison, who died on June 22, 2015 from biliary duct cancer. Wendy leaves her two children, Sonia, (16) and Adam (13), Radwanski, in the care of their father, Joseph Radwanski.

Wendy is also survived by her children's older brothers, Russell and Christopher Radwanski, whom she raised, as well as a myriad of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends who loved her dearly.

Wendy's life was full of joy and laughter in the company with her family and so many dear friends from coast to coast. She attended public schools in Ottawa, Whitehorse, Regina, and Halifax, and received her Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Degree in Sociology and Communications from Queen's University in Kingston, ON. While shaped by childhood moves, Wendy wanted to "raise my kids in my home neighbourhood", so in 1993 she packed up her car and returned to Whitehorse, where she found employment in the tourism industry, and later as Publications Coordinator for Environment Yukon. A Celebration of Life will be held on her birthday, June 25, 2017, at Mount McIntyre Recreational Centre, Grey Mountain Room, 1-4 pm. Program will begin at 2 pm. Memorial donations may be made to the British Columbia Cancer Agency/Brain Tumour Research.



TEDESCO, James (Jim) Ernest May 6th, 1950 - July 23rd, 2017

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our cherished husband, son, "Pop", brother, uncle and friend. Jim was born in Nelson, B.C., **he moved to Vancouver in 1965, then to Whitehorse in 1986. He spent his entire career driving trucks and operating heavy equipment in B.C., Yukon and Alaska.** Jim loved camping (the bigger the bonfire the better), spending time with family and friends and motorcycle riding. Jim was a very kind, considerate and caring man. He made a real difference in the lives of many. He leaves behind his adoring wife "Joani", loving son Tyler (Barb), stepson Cort, Mom Jean Champion, devoted sisters Sandie, Terri and Linda (David), nephew Jamie (Marlo, Miller) niece Traci, and many relatives and friends who treasured and loved him. At Jim's request there will be no funeral service. Donations to the BC/Yukon Cancer Society in his memory would be welcomed. Ride like the wind Jim!!! Forever in our hearts!!!

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MOREAU, Marie Florence

Marie Florence Moreau died peacefully at the Edmonton General Continuing Care Centre on July 13, 2017 at the age of 96.

Marie was predeceased in 2015 by her loving husband of 67 years, Dr. Joseph Paul Moreau, and is survived by her eight children, Marc (Barbara), Paul (Cathy), John (Eva), Anne, Jeanne (Rick), Mary (Peter), Ellen (Ryan) and Joseph (Trudy), 25 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Marie was born in 1921 in Calgary, Alberta, the eldest of three daughters. She grew up in a number of small towns in Southern Alberta, as her father was an RCMP officer and served in several detachments during his career. Marie graduated from the Holy Cross School of Nursing in Calgary in 1942. During World War II, **she accepted a nursing position in Whitehorse, Yukon**, where American troops were stationed, then relocated to Vancouver, where she caught the eye of Joseph, a young orthopedic resident. They were married in 1947 in Montreal, where Joseph completed his fellowship in Orthopaedics, then settled in Edmonton to raise their family.

Marie was a loving and supportive wife and mother. While not francophone, she actively encouraged her children to pursue their education in the language of their father. Her Irish heritage instilled in them the value of pursuing new opportunities with courage and determination.

Marie was happiest when surrounded by her family. She remained active in her later years, enjoying weekly tennis matches well into her seventies. Despite her disabilities in recent years, she continued to greet family members with her beautiful smile.

A Prayer Vigil will be held on Monday, July 31, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at Connelly-McKinley Funeral Home, 10011-114 Street, Edmonton. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at L'Eglise Saint-Joachim, 9924-110 Street, Edmonton, on Tuesday, August 1, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. Interment to follow at St. Joachim Cemetery, Edmonton, AB.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Marie may be made to Canadian Association of Medical Teams Abroad (CAMTA), 103 Laurier Drive, Edmonton, AB, T5R 5P6 or to Covenant Foundation, Edmonton General Hospital Continuing Care Centre-7Y, Room 3C360, 11111 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5K 0L4.

To send condolences, please visit: www.connelly-mckinley.com

BOURASSA, Lucy Alice Mary

July 13, 1919 – August 2, 2017

Our precious Lucy passed away peacefully with her family close by her side. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Alfred Joseph in December 2015, and also by her parents Arthur and Mary Mones, and 4 younger brothers; Albert, Henry, Arthur and Raymond. Lucy is survived by her 3 loving children; Maureen (Kris) Bjornerud, Ron (Teresa) Bourassa and Anne (Mike) Fahlman. She also leaves behind her 4 beloved grandchildren; Tyler (Robin) Bjornerud, Lianne (Jesse) Bjornerud, Riina (Jon) Cooke and Ryan (Diana) Bourassa, and her 3 adoring great-grandchildren; Kaija, Ryker and little Tayah.

Lucy is also survived by her devoted sister Elsie (Rolly) Thibault, and many nieces and nephews. **Lucy was born in Kerrobert, Saskatchewan, married Alfred in Fort St. John, B.C., then moved to Whitehorse, Yukon,** and Nanaimo, Coquitlam, Langley, and Surrey, B.C. Mom will be forever remembered for her gentle spirit, her kindness and generosity, and for her beautiful smile. She enjoyed travelling, listening to music, gardening, cooking and sharing meals with her family and many friends. Lucy's home was always welcoming to everyone. We will forever treasure our memories of our beautiful Mother. Our family would like to thank the Staff at Fleetwood Villa for all the special times our parents enjoyed while living there (7 years). We would also like to thank the Staff and Elders at Kinsmen Lodge in Surrey for the tender care and attention given to our wonderful Mother. We are forever indebted for their kindness. As Mom was a devout Catholic, we are thankful for the timely visits from Rev. Nixon D'Silva, who when with Mom, surrounded her with God's love. Thank you, Father. Lucy is now with her Lord and Savior. May she rest in peace with the Angels in Heaven. A Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, August 14, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Matthew's R.C. Parish, 16079 88th Ave, Surrey, B.C. In lieu of flowers, our family would appreciate donations being made in Lucy's memory to Kinsmen Lodge. Donations can be submitted online at www.kinsmenlodge.ca

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know. - Daniel Boorstin

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.

Ginger Cookies

1 cup sugar
1 cup butter
2 eggs
1 teaspoon cinnamon
Flour enough to roll
1 cup molasses
4 teaspoons ginger
1 teaspoon soda
1 little salt

Mrs. E. O. Ellingsen

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