

Dàkwània

JULY/AUGUST 2011

Nadäjèl N-Zhā (July - Red Gophers Month)
Nänätthān N-zhā (August - Fat Animal Month)

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Chief and Council are meeting with Yukon leaders to bring Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) issues to the forefront.

Recently Chief and Council members met one-on-one with local leaders including: Member of Parliament Ryan Leef, Premier Designate Darell Pasloski, Kwanlin Dun First Nation Chief Rick O'Brien, Minister Jim Kenyon, Minister Archie Lang, and the Village of Haines Junction (VOHJ) Mayor and Council.

The CAFN Council also participated with self-governing First Nations leaders during the recent Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN) and Southern Tutchone Tribal Council general assemblies in Whitehorse.

"I believe making personal connections and building strong relationships with all Yukon leaders will help CAFN achieve our goals," says Chief James Allen. "I look forward to continuing these partnerships and raising awareness of CAFN priorities at all levels."



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Chief Allen meets with MP Ryan Leef at CAFN in Haines Junction on June 30, 2011.



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Chief Allen, Premier Designate Pasloski and Minister Kenyon at CAFN in Haines Junction this July 13.



Vince Fedoroff, Whitehorse Star

The 2011 CYFN General Assembly in Whitehorse.





Message from the Chief

Dännoch'e Citizens:

I hope all of you are enjoying the summer so far. CAFN Chief and Council and staff have been busy preparing for the annual General Assembly July 22 – 24 at Champagne, Yukon. This was

an important General Assembly with reports from: the Constitutional Review Committee, all CAFN Departments, the CAFN Trust and the Dakwakada Development Corporation.

Since the last newsletter, the Chief and Council have been very busy with political and administrative meetings. I personally met with Minister Archie Lang, MP Ryan Leef, Premier Designate Darrel Pasloski and KDFN Chief Rick O'Brien. I also attended the BC First Nations Summit, the CYFN Leadership meetings, the CYFN Annual General Assembly, the Athapaskan Languages Conference, a joint VOHJ/CAFN barbeque, the Southern Tutchone Tribal Coun-

cil AGM and a meeting with the RCMP Commanding Officer.

Council held two very important staff meetings in Haines Junction and in Whitehorse. At these meetings the following points were discussed:

- *The leadership vision of promoting economic development, language and culture and healing of Citizens was laid out;*
- *Staff heard that my election campaign promise was to keep operating my land based healing camps so I took personal leave as Chief from May 29th to June 7th to operate the last camp;*
- *Staff were informed there will be some organizational changes so we can become a more effective and efficient government. We started the recruitment process for a full-time Executive Director;*
- *Staff were informed that we need to run programs and services for Citizens based on community needs. Some staff may need to be re-trained or take on more job duties as current programs and services may change;*
- *CAFN cannot rely on the federal government revenues forever. We need to seek out other revenue streams such as those created through economic development and business opportunities; and*
- *All those staff members who built the foundation for a solid CAFN government structure were thanked.*

As with any newly elected office, it has been a steep learning curve for Chief and Council and the newly staffed Executive Council Office. We realize that it will take some time for everyone to get used to these organizational changes and that we need to keep communicating with staff and Citizens. We will continue to organize staff meetings on a monthly or bi-monthly basis and will hold a staff appreciation day in September to recognize and appreciate staff who have dedicated a good part of their working lives to CAFN.

Gwänaschis,

*Chief James Allen
Jämena*



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Chief Allen and Village of Haines Junction Mayor George Nassiopolous during a meeting of the two Councils this June.

2011 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 2011 CAFN General Assembly (GA) was held July 22-24 Champagne - *Shadhäla*.

The GA was well attended, with a maximum of about 300 participants on Saturday evening, July 23.

The 2011 gathering focused on reporting to Citizens on the work of the CAFN government for the 2010-11 fiscal year, including Council and department reports and presentation of the financial audits for CAFN. Reports were also presented by the Champagne Aishihik Trust and Dakwakada Development Corporation.

A substantial addition to the 2011 agenda was discussion on proposed changes to the CAFN Constitution. The General Assembly approved minor "housekeeping" revisions to the Constitution, such as minor grammar and spelling corrections. However, a decision on more substantive proposed changes was deferred to a Special General Assembly to be held no later than March 31, 2012.

The Assembly discussed 26 proposed resolutions and passed 24. Please watch the General Assembly page at www.cafn.ca for copies of the 2011 resolutions and minutes.

At the conclusion of the GA, participants selected Aishihik Village as the location for CAFN's 2012 General Assembly.



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An overview of Champagne during the General Assembly.

The General Assembly also featured activities for all ages. CAFN youth took part in excellent workshops with BYTE, and helped serve as Gopher Buddies. Kids enjoyed supervised play in the sand dunes, made crafts, and went on GPS/orienteering treasure hunts. On Saturday afternoon, business broke at 3 p.m. for a Minute to Win It contest, horseshoes tournament, and youth-hosted hand games. A highlight was the Saturday night performance by band *Common Knowledge*. Congratulations to the various event winners and to all who took part in fun events.

Sincere thanks are extended to everyone who participated at the 2011 GA, and to all who worked so hard to organize and carry out this important event.



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Kids enjoyed fun in the sun and sand at Champagne.



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Councillor Harold Johnson, Elder Councillor Albert Hume, Youth Co-Chair and Councillor Bradley Joe, and Chair Stephen Mills.



CAFN CHeritage, P. Banks

Mush Lake, in the CAFN Traditional Territory

vited to participate on specific projects as their expertise is needed. The Committee meets with Yukon Energy on a regular basis in support of the protocol with Yukon Energy, which CAFN and Dakwakada signed in April 2011.

The Renewable Energy Committee is available to provide more information via the newsletter, website and at community meetings. You are also welcome to contact CAFN staff for more information, or to let us know your views on renewable energy in the CAFN Traditional Territory. Please contact:

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RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE

CAFN and Dakwakada Development Corporation are working together to identify opportunities in the Renewable Energy industry.

With the growth in the Yukon economy, there is an increase in demand for electricity from renewable sources such as hydroelectric, biomass, solar and wind. In addition, the cost of heating is rising as oil prices go up. Yukon has to increase production and consumption of renewable energy, or meet demand with diesel generation, which is costly and increases our carbon footprint.

Within the CAFN Traditional Territory there is a great resource of renewable energy in several forms, which give us an edge to become a potential leader in the renewable energy industry. This could bring economic opportunities to CAFN Citizens who are interested in working or doing business. There may also be attractive investment opportunities.

To help assess the opportunities and move projects forward in a way that is consistent with community values and economically viable, the Renewable Energy Committee (REC) has been formed.

The Committee includes Ian Robinson (CAFN), Roger Brown (CAFN), Murray Arsenault (Dakwakada), and Ray Wells (Coordinator and Chair). Michael Riseborough (Village of Haines Junction) is also included in discussions relevant to Haines Junction. Others are in-

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Chief and Council have initiated an Economic Development planning process which will lead to a comprehensive plan that will provide vision and overall guidance to CAFN Government, Trust and Corporations. This plan will assist everyone to work together toward a common goal in economic development and find the best way to get there with the resources we have.

A Steering Committee has been formed, which includes Ron Chambers (Elder/Community member), Collette Catto (Executive Office), Shadelle Chambers (CA Trust), Murray Arsenault (DDC), James Smith (Champagne Aishihik Community Corp.), Ian Robinson (Economic Development staff), and a member of Council may be appointed. The Steering Committee will organize the process and hire a facilitator. If specialized expertise is required, this will be organized by the Committee as well.

We will be asking CAFN community members to get involved and support this planning process so the plan truly reflects the needs and aspirations of the First Nations. The plan is scheduled for completion by March 2012.

For more information or if you wish to assist with this planning process, please contact :

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CONGRATULATIONS TO CAFN'S SUPER STUDENTS!

Secondary School Graduates

Grade 12	Shelby Jackson
Grade 12	Cole Pauls
Grade 12	Asia Bradasch
Grade 12	Brendon Au
Grade 12	Chase Smith-Tutin
Grade 12	Curtis Allen
Grade 12	Collin Long Jr
Grade 12	Nicole Holway
Grade 12	Clinton Patchette
Grade 12	Kimi Clark
Grade 12	Chad J. Albert
GED	Denise Hume

Congratulations to recent Alaska secondary school graduates:

Grade 12	George K. Albert, 2007
Grade 12	Kluane K. Albert, 2007
Grade 12	Katherine L. Albert, 2010

Post-Secondary School Graduates

Luke Campbell	Special Events Management Certificate, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology
Natalie Oles	Massage Therapy Certificate Northern Institute of Massage Therapy, Red Deer, Alberta
David Chambers	Exploration Field Assistant Program Certificate (Mining) Ethel Lake, Mayo area
Whitney Johnson-Ward	Exploration Field Assistant Program Certificate (Mining), Ethel Lake, Mayo area
Cody Joe	Sheet Metal Pre-Employment Certificate, Yukon College, Whitehorse
Darren Jacobs	Sheet Metal Pre-Employment Certificate, Yukon College, Whitehorse
Field Graham	Apprentice Prep Certificate Yukon College, Whitehorse
Chris Williams	Apprentice Prep Certificate Yukon College, Haines Junction



D. Williams

CAFN grads during the CYFN ceremony this June.
Inset: CAFN grad Clinton Patchett of Surrey, BC.

Council of Yukon First Nations Graduate Awards

Shelby Jackson - Dana Naye Ventures Award

Awarded to a Yukon First Nation graduate who is pursuing a career in Accounting or Commerce. The award is judged on overall academic achievement in Math 11 or 12, English 12 and Best Grade 12 elective. Preference is given to students who have taken Accounting in high school.

Chase Smith Tutin - Jim Boss Award

The most community-minded Yukon First Nation graduate.

Asia Bradasch - Yukon Territorial Judges and Justices of the Peace Association Award

Awarded to a First Nations grade 12 student who has done well in the study of Law 12 or First Nations Studies 12. This student also demonstrates leadership qualities and contributes to the overall community well being. This student may also be involved in community Crime Prevention initiatives through volunteer efforts and/or positive role model, and may be interested in pursuing a career in the field of Justice.

St. Elias Community School Secondary Student Awards

- Natane Primozic - Native Language Top Academic
- David Bunbury - Foods Recognition
- Shania Jackson - Foods Recognition
- Brittney Brown - Top Athlete
- Brandon Williams - RCMP Award
- Order of the Eagle
- Brittney Brown - Tutluma Award



CAFN Health & Social, S. Jackson

The EOP crews get ready for the General Assembly at Champagne this July.

Last fall we asked CAFN citizens to fill out a questionnaire about the program. We received a lot of support for continuing and even extending the program. What came through loud and clear was the compassion for and the faith CAFN citizens have in our most vulnerable fellow citizens. We know people can heal and that every person has a lot they can contribute to their community. Thanks so much for taking the time to complete the questionnaire.

One common request made by community members was whether CAFN could fund crews in more of CAFN's communities. At this time we only have enough funds available for the present staffing level so we can only do a little work outside of Haines Junction and Takhini, however, we will make every effort to work on some priority projects in each community this summer.

Once again this year we were happy to help set up and break down the GA with the Municipal Crew. We also provided labour support throughout the weekend. Both crews really enjoyed serving CAFN at the 2010 and 2011 Assemblies. We are also providing our labour support to two camps being held out on the land. The first is a language immersion camp in Aishihik from August 1-5, the second is the Strengthening Families Camp in Klukshu from August 14-18. We hope you can make it out to these camps.

Other work in Haines Junction this season also includes:

- carpentry and painting, including making picnic tables and screen doors for sale to community members;
- brushing around the village; and
- landscaping.

We are very grateful to CAFN community members for supporting our work by purchasing our products. If there are other products you are interested in purchasing, please provide your suggestions and we will consider building them for you at a reasonable cost.

Other work in Takhini this season will include:

- building a baseball diamond;
- doing a thorough clean up of the community;
- brushing; and
- some projects at the playground.

One of our primary goals with EOP is to provide training, education and counseling opportunities which will help our employees to become happier and healthier human beings. For the past two years, we have required the crews to attend regular meetings with Al-

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM 2011

The Employment Opportunities Program (EOP) is back for another year of building and painting and slashing and doing odd jobs around the community.

The Haines Junction work crew is supervised by Foreman Luke Williams and crew members are Darrell Brown, Lawrence Burns, Jenna Jackson and Scott John. The Takhini work crew is supervised by Foreman Dwayne Smith and crew members are Ryan Darbyshire, Lydia Jim and Sylvia Kolak. EOP is coordinated by Will Jones with the assistance of Mary Jane Smith and Kathleen Johnson.

EOP is a seasonal work program which hires CAFN members who can benefit from additional support to work on community projects. All of our projects are either requested by other CAFN Government Departments or have been suggested by community members, either at meetings or in discussions between Health and Social staff, crew members and the community. While we cannot promise we will take your project idea on, we always welcome new project ideas, so please send your ideas for projects in your community to me at wjones@cafn.ca or call me at (867) 634-4230.

chol and Drug Services (ADS) facilitators and counselors to discuss substance use. This year, CAFN Health and Social Department is investing in further training for our crews and recently hosted a day long learning session with Byron Roulette, a Traditional Aboriginal Healer and Teacher from the Ojibway/Cree/Sioux nations.

In Takhini we are lucky to again have Cisco Smith providing Southern Tutchone language instruction to the crew. Cisco also provides the crew with insight into their history and culture. Language and culture is the basis of our identity and it is hoped that regular language and cultural learning will foster the growth of greater pride and self esteem in our crew members.

Last year, one of the most satisfying things about the program was the support provided to us by other CAFN Government Departments. Whether it was to borrow lumber to complete a project or liaise with staff to coordinate a project, CAFN staff were always a pleasure to work with. This year has been even better. We are very fortunate to work with such a fine group of people. If we can help you with a project or you can help us, please give me a call.

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Huge thanks from CAFN to the Takhini and Haines Junction EOP crews for all their hard work in Champagne for the 2011 General Assembly. Gwänaschis for a job well done!



Takhini EOP crew member Lydia Jim helps with traffic control at the General Assembly in Champagne this July.

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Participants at the women's Gathering Power and Knife Making workshop in Klukshu this May.

WOMEN'S GATHERING POWER CAMP

We held a "Gathering Power and Knife Making" workshop for women in Klukshu in May 15 – 18th, 2011. Phil Gatensby coordinated the Gathering Power workshop, George Roberts led the knife making, and Maurice (Moe) Goguen worked on the sheaths.

We had a very good turnout, with 18 participants: Jamie Allen, Marie Eshleman, Yvonne Joe-Francoeur, Barb Hume, Suzie Hume, Grady Jackson, Jenna Jackson, Millie Joe, Sylvia Kolak, Rose Kushniruk, Dayle MacDonald, Marion Primozic, Vivian Smith, Jocelyn Joe-Strack, Mary Jane Smith, Jocelyn Kinny, Marianne Joe and Kathleen Johnson.

We had great cooks, Joan Graham, cook and Mandy Billy, cooks helper. The food was delicious. Everyone enjoyed the time spent together in Klukshu and as you can see from the pictures, all made beautiful knives. Slyvia Kolak made an extra knife for the Klukshu Hall, which will be displayed there.



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Knives made by camp participants.

Social Programs Staff

Diabetes



Marianne Joe
Diabetes
Coordinator

Diabetes Tips

Eye care Tips

For people living with diabetes: Keeping your blood glucose levels and blood pressure under control are the most important steps in diabetic eye care.

Eating cold-water fish at least twice a week increases omega-3s in the diet.

Seeing your eye care professional every year for an eye exam is important for detection of the signs of diabetic retinopathy.

Together with diet and exercise, three tests can help prevent diabetes complications.

It is important to know and keep these numbers in the target range:

<u>Test</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Check - Ups</u>
A1C	Below 7	Quarterly
Blood Pressure	Below 130/80	Every check-up
Cholesterol	Below 2	Annual check-up

A1C

A1C tests measures your blood glucose over a three month period. It shows if your glucose management is on track or if you need to change anything.

Blood Pressure

Check your blood pressure regularly and keep it low to protect your heart and arteries.

Cholesterol

Reduce bad cholesterol (LDL) that clogs your arteries to make it easier for your blood to flow through your body.

Physical activity can help reduce the risk of diabetes and complications such as heart disease, stroke and high blood pressure.

More physical activity provides greater health benefits

For those with access to a computer , these are some good websites on living with diabetes:

- **www.nada.ca:** National Aboriginal Diabetes Association
- **www.dlife.com**



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Thursday night sewing class at Mun Ku has been cancelled until fall

GOOD EATING GOOD LIVING

Tangy Broccoli Salad

¾ cup Miracle Whip Light Dressing

2 Tbsp sugar

2 Tbsp white vinegar

1 bunch broccoli, cut into florets(about 6 cups)

6 slices bacon, cooked, crumbled

Mix dressing, sugar and vinegar in large bowl. Add remaining ingredients: mix lightly. Refrigerate 1 hour.

Tangy Grilled Chicken Kabobs

1 cup Miracle Whip Light Dressing

1 envelope(0.7 oz.) Good Seasons Italian Dressing Mix

2 Tbsp white vinegar

2 Tbsp water

1-1/2 lb boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-1/2 inch pieces

Fresh vegetables (1 small each red and green pepper, 1 small zucchini, ¼ red onion) cut into chunks

Mix first 4 ingredients until well blended. Remove ½ cup of the dressing mixture; refrigerate for later use. Thread chicken and vegetables onto 6 skewers: place in shallow dish. Pour remaining dressing mixture over kabobs. Refrigerate 30 minutes to marinate. Heat grill to medium-high heat. Remove kabobs from marinade; discard marinade. Grill kabobs 10-15 min. or until chicken is done, turning after 8 minutes. Serve with reserved dressing mixture.

From the Kraft Diabetes Center

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OUR SUPER SUMMER STUDENTS!

Please watch for more on our super summer student employees and other new faces at CAFN in the next issue of Dàkwänia.

ALCOHOL & DRUG AWARENESS

The CAFN Social Team and ADS Prevention Worker Caitlin Smith delivered an Information Session at Takhini River Subdivision (TRSD) this May.

The session took place in the evening with dinner and daycare provided. Seventeen residents attended and additional youth from Haines Junction attended with Shannon Maloney, Youth Coordinator.

The focus of the information session was awareness of alcohol and drugs and their effects on the body – Caitlin ensured that everyone had opportunity to engage in discussion through questions and use of visualizations (mock drugs and paraphernalia, anatomy of the body, and power point). It was great to learn how aware the youth are of alcohol and drugs and some of the obstacles they encounter about positive choices, such as peer pressure. Most are aware that there are alcohol, marijuana and ecstasy in the community - it was discussed in school.

What can parents do to help their children? Spending time with them through camping, and traditional harvesting, sports, open communications, being non-judgmental, being a good role model, and taking advantage of resources in the community.

Other topics of discussion were:

- The process of use;
- How marijuana could cause psychosis due to the amount of THC in the drug;
- Health impacts of alcohol: acute and chronic.

We asked what future workshops would benefit the community, and adults advised us that there should be more cultural activities and getting youth on the land.

Thank you to the Daycare workers and cooking staff and to Health and Social staff for their contributions. Also a big thank you to the Housing Department for the use of the community hall.

Submitted by:

Marie Eshleman

*CAFN Case Manager - Takhini River Subdivision/
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Maisie Smith

*CAFN Social Support Worker – Takhini River Subdivision/
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PRENATAL NUTRITION AND FAMILY WELLNESS

Services We Offer

- Family Health & Wellness Programming
- Information.
- Nutrition Information Sessions
- Prenatal Support & Supplements
- Postnatal Supports & Supplements
- Parental Support & Referral Services
- Weekly Healthy Cooking Classes

July is “Sun Safety Month”

It's very important to apply sunscreen about 15 to 30 minutes before kids go outside so that a good layer of protection can form. Don't forget about lips, hands, ears, feet, shoulders, and behind the neck. Lift up bathing suit straps and apply sunscreen underneath them (in case the straps shift as a child moves).



Because infants have thinner skin, their skin burns more easily than that of older kids. But sunscreen should **not** be applied to babies under 6 months of age, so they absolutely must be kept out of the sun whenever possible. If your infant must be in the sun, dress him or her in clothing that covers the body, including hats with wide brims to shadow the face. You can check with your doctor on ways to protect your child. So please remember how important it is to Protect yourself and your family from the sun's ultraviolet rays which can cause skin damage, eye damage, immune system suppression, and skin cancer.

August is “Immunization Awareness Month”

August is the perfect time to remind family members, friends, co-workers, and neighbors to update their vaccinations. Vaccines are safe and effective protection. By staying up-to-date on vaccinations, individuals can protect themselves, their families, and loved ones from disease. Because children are particularly vulnerable to infection, most vaccines are given during the first five to six years of life. Newborn babies have antibodies from their mothers and are immune to many diseases. However, this immunity does not last and quickly wears off in the first year of life. By immunizing children at the recommended times, you give their immune systems a chance to make protective antibodies that help fight against disease and illness. Children who are not immunized run the risk of being exposed to germs too strong for them to fight. As parents, we all want our children to grow up healthy and free from the effects of serious disease. So let's make sure that our children receive all the recommended childhood immunizations.

Contact your family doctor to be sure you and your children's vaccinations are up to date.



“It's Wise to Immunize”



Mark your Calendar



Strengthening Families Camp Will be held in Klukshu August 14th-18th ,2011

There will be lots of exciting activities for your family to learn and practice our traditional teachings. So bring the whole family and have some fun.

Pick up registration packages at the front desk of both CAFN Offices

For more info contact:

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or Tracy Kane @ (867)634-4222

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Please Note:

Whitehorse Cooking Classes has been postponed and will continue in September as everyone's summer schedule is filling up with various activities.

Recipe of the Month

Salmon Patties

Ingredients

- 5 large potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 can canned salmon
- 1 egg
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 quart vegetable oil for frying

Directions

1. In a small saucepan, cover peeled potatoes with water. Bring water to a boil and cook until tender. Let cool and mash.
2. In a large bowl, mix together salmon, egg, potatoes, salt and pepper. Mold the mixture into patties (whatever size you choose). Coat both sides of the patties with flour. Heat oil over a medium-high heat in a large skillet. Fry the patties (2 or 3 at a time) on both sides until golden brown. Drain on paper towels before serving.

Have a Safe
& Healthy
Summer !



CAFN Youth Programs Update



May and June were busy months at the Youth Center. We enjoyed several bike rides around the Haines Junction area and local Parks trails including the Dezadeash River Trail. On the hot days we cooled off at the center around the caterpillar sprinkler, fun swims at the pool, or beach fun and marshmallow roasts at Pine Lake. The band Speed

Control from Whitehorse came out to the Junction on May 28th to provide music workshops and band development to a number of youth including CAFN members: Andrew Pauls, Natane, Sarina and Anthony Primozic, Elisapee & Andrew Michael, Shaylea Mazur, and Andrew Workman. The highlight of the workshop was the evening concert by Speed Control and cameo performances by the youth performers. On Sunday, May 29th we performed a highway clean-up to fundraise for the purchase of new games/equipment for the Youth Center. A huge thanks to: Andrew Pauls, Korrel Ronaghan, Brittney Brown, Anthony, Sarina and Natane Primozic, Dylan Jim, Destiny Pauls, Ashton Clooten, Brenna & Jay Symanski, and Kelsey Green for coming out on the hot, Sunday afternoon to clean-up, Lisa Pauls for the freezies, and Shannon and Monica for the BBQ & refreshments at Pine Lake afterwards.



One of the highlights of June was the Bike Rodeo and Safety Awareness day held June 30th at the Youth Center. The day included a BBQ, bike decorating, bike safety tips and obstacle course. Thank you to RCMP Constable Jeff Morran for the safety talk and rodeo obstacle course.

CAFN Youth Programs would like to thank Brittany Brown, Andrew Pauls, Caleb Smith, Sarina Primozic, Kelsey Green, Kelsey McPhie and Maya Oakley for their help and assistance during the Canada Day Kidzone Events.

The Youth Dictorate held a Leadership Conference July 4-7th at Takhini Hotsprings. There were leadership activities and presentations by various organizations. CAFN youth that participated were Andy Pauls, Caleb Smith, Natane Primozic, Anthony Primozic and Brittney Brown. The highlight of the conference was the development of a large mural by the Haines Junction and Burwash communities under the guidance of Toronto based artist, Omen. Watch for the display at the Youth Center coming soon!

New Faces at CAFN Youth Programs



My name is Anthony Primozic. I am a CAFN member I have been hired at the Youth Center as the Youth Trainee from June to September. This is my first job and I know that I will enjoy it and gain work experience.



My name is Cheryl Gladue and I'm from Edmonton, Alberta. I am up here for the summer to work as the Youth Center Assistant and to get away from the city. I have two kids: Taylor, who is 7, and my son Tristian who is 4. I am also a hairstylist. I enjoy cutting hair and know I will enjoy working at the Youth Center.



Hello my name is Caleb Smith and I have been hired to work as the new youth leader assistant at the Youth Center in Haines Junction. This summer will be packed with fun activities like the up coming camp in July at the Takhini Hot Springs. My family and I have been living in Victoria, B.C. but we have moved back home now. My parents are Steve and Kala Smith. I am looking forward to having a great summer working for CAFN and I hope see you aroundtown.

Upcoming Events:

August:

1-5: Aishihik Language Camp

1-10: CAFN & Parks Canada Youth Trail Crew Project

11: Open House & Celebrate Completion of YC & Cole Pauls' Vibrancy Project

14-18: Strengthening Families Camp in Klukshu

Regular Youth Center programming is listed on our weekly schedule of activities and CAFN Youth Programs Facebook page. Please contact smaloney@cafn.ca or youthcenter@cafn.ca if you would like to get on the mailing list.



Cousins Mya Kinney & Tiara Kinney-Johns take a break from YC Activities for a photo op



Trevor Jones and Ecco & Austin Kirk cool off from the heat at the YC sprinkler



CAFN Youth hand games at the 2011 General Assembly in Champagne this July



Gopher Buddies Needed!

If you are attending the Strengthening Families Camp August 14th to August 18th in Klukshu and would like to get paid to be a Gopher Buddy (9+) or a Gopher Leader (12+) please contact Shannon @ 634-5218 or smaloney@cafn.ca or Kelly @ youthcenter@cafn.ca to sign up.

All participants must be committed!



Youth getting some batting tips from Softball Yukon's Jean Poulin during Youth Programs' Playball Clinic held June 27th in Haines Junction.

ABORIGINAL DAY IN THE PARK

On June 21st, Kluane National Park & Reserve (KNP&R), Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) and Kluane First Nation (KFN) celebrated National Aboriginal Day together at the Tachäl Dhäl Visitor Reception Centre (VRC).

Attendance from the local communities was great. Many visitors from afar stopped by throughout the day too - drawn in no doubt by the series of tent shelters and the enticing smell of fresh cooked bannock and moose chili.

CAFN and KFN members came with beautiful handmade items to fill the craft-sale tables, and guests were invited to make a beaded necklace or other memento to take home.

A small handgames tournament was arranged as well. The little VRC was filled with the competitors, people watching the action, and the continuous thump of the drum inviting more people in.



Kluane National Park & Reserve, P. Wroot

CAFN Youth helped with a handgames tournament.



Kluane National Park & Reserve, P. Wroot

Karrie Brown adds sewing to a button blanket during Aboriginal Day events at Tachäl Dhäl.

Heritage Presenter and CAFN member Karrie Brown led the continuation of sewing the button blanket that was started during last year's KNP&R Aboriginal Day celebrations at Kathleen Lake.

Sewing was added to the design with the help of anyone who wished to sew a few stitches. This blanket will have a great story to tell when it is completed.

Thanks to both Chief Allen and Chief Alatini for making time to participate and welcoming guests to their traditional territories. Thanks to Doug Sias for cooking the moose chili. Thanks to KFN and CAFN for the donations of moose meat. Thanks to Alanna Dickson for baking a large cake to celebrate the occasion. Thank you to the local businesses/organizations that made donations: Kluane Museum, Talbot Arms Motel, Dan Keyi Renewable Resource Council, Kluane Park Management Board and Rocking Star Adventures.

There really are too many people to thank so just one last time to all who contributed - *Kwänischis!*

*Pauline Wroot, A/First Nation Liaison
Kluane National Park & Reserve*

Strengthening Families

Camp



August 14th-18th, 2011
will be held in Klukshu, Yukon



There will be lots of exciting activities for your family to learn and practice our Traditional teachings



★ Guest Speaker ★



Kamal Dhillon is an author, an inspirational speaker and a domestic violence counsellor. She has been described as an individual with powerhouse ability to encourage men and women. She has shared her story with various Television and Radio programs in Canada and the United States, along with print media agencies, high schools and universities. Through her presentations she hopes to empower men, women and children to live life to the fullest potential.

Please Bring Your Potlatch Bags

We will not be purchasing any cups, plates or cutlery

Pick up registration packages at CAFN offices in Haines Junction or Whitehorse at the front Reception desk.

Contact Marie Eshleman @ 456-6875 or

Jocelyn Kinney @ 634-4223 for more Info.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CENSUS • RECENSEMENT

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Important notice to all residents of Canada

In addition to the 2011 Census, one in three households will be asked to participate in the new National Household Survey (NHS). The information collected in the NHS will provide data needed to plan and support family services, housing, roads and public transportation, and skills training for employment.

Your information will help paint a detailed and comprehensive picture of Canadian society. If you receive the NHS, support your community and complete the survey.

The NHS will collect the same information that was collected by the 2006 Census long-form questionnaire. For information to be available for future planning and decision making, it is important that all residents who receive the NHS complete the questionnaire. Please encourage all residents to respond to this survey.

For more information about the NHS, visit www.nhs.statcan.gc.ca.



Pictures Wanted

"Honouring Our People" will be a key exhibit area in the Cultural Centre. The Heritage program is assembling photos of our people for this exhibit, so please consider sharing your old family pictures with us, so we can honour *all* of our citizens. We can make a copy of your image while you wait, so you don't have to let your important photos out of your hands for long.

For more information on this project and to book an appointment to have your photos scanned, contact Heritage Officer Sheila Quock at (867) 634-4010. Please e-mail digital photos to squock@cafn.ca

Guess who??



Picture taken at Klukshu in the 1970s. Photo credit: CAFN Heritage

An advertisement for a podcast series. It features a large, stylized microphone graphic on the left. On the right, the text reads: 'A 10-part series of **podcast** interviews'. Below this, a black banner contains the text 'VOICES OF VISION' in large white letters, followed by 'Yukon · Aboriginal Self-Government' in smaller white text.

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**** CLOSED JULY 8 - 30, 2011**

Natural Remedies

Insect Repellents:

- Arbonne's Awaken Rejuvenating Body Mist contains lemon that insects do not like
- AVON Skin So Soft bath oil
- Citronella (not recommended for children)
- Soybean oil lasts up to 3 ½ hours for mosquitoes and 8 hours for black flies
- Rub white powder from poplar trees on skin
- Eat garlic a couple days before exposure to insects. They do not like the smell on your skin.
- Do not eat bananas during an outing
- Put small piles of cornmeal or artificial sweetener where you see ants. It may take a week or so but it works.

Common Knowledge CD on Sale Now!



Congratulations to Les Walker and his band Common Knowledge on their debut release, "Colour Blind". Get your copy at Triple J Music in Whitehorse or contact Les at (867) 334-4187 or les.walker.yt@gmail.com. Watch for more details on CD release concerts near you!

JOHN GRAHAM UPDATE

Dear Citizens:

This is an update on John Graham's unjust murder conviction. As many of you are aware, John Graham (son of the late Rachel Thompson) has been wrongly convicted in South Dakota, USA.

He is currently in the appeal process in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, USA. John has spent several years incarcerated since being arrested in 2003 in Vancouver, BC.

John was in South Dakota showing his support and solidarity with many North American First Nations people in the early 1970s fighting against injustices for the Pine Ridge natives.

Please feel free to show your support and learn more about John's case at:

www.grahamdefense.org

E-mail: grahamdefense@hotmail.com

You may also write a letter of support to John at:

John Graham
 John Graham
 ID #5501 Jameson Annex
 South Dakota State Penitentiary
 Box 5911
 Sioux Falls, SD
 57117-5911

*Gunalchis , Shaw ni than
 from John Graham's family*



SPECIAL GREETINGS

Happy Birthday to Heather VanBibber! She is turning 19 on August 10th.
From Mom, Donny and Dalton



Happy Birthday to:

Heather Jim	August 10
Debbie Chartrand	August 11
Dorothy John	August 11
Deanna MacDonald	August 14
Liz Jim	August 17

From Aunty Ts'ä K'wäy Mq

A Big Congratulations to Shelby Jackson on her Graduation. We are so proud and happy for you. Keep up the Excellent work in College!
All the Best with love from:
Cousins ShyAnn, Brandon and Alex and Aunty Deb

Denise, Damien and Jaccob wish happy belated birthdays to Aunties Marion June 29th and Auntie Carmel June 25th.

Happy Birthday to :

Tristin Primozic	July 17th
Mommy	July 18th
Natane and Anthony Primozic	July 30th
Savannah	August 17th
Auntie Trishy	August 19th
Great Grandma Marge and Katelyn	August 22nd

From Denise, Damien and Jaccob

Birthday greetings to my brother Frank Billy for August 3 (77 years); to my son Bob Kane for August 9, and to Glenn Kane for August 20.
From Lilly



Mom, Dad, Denise and Damien would like to wish Jaccob a Happy 1st Birthday on July 8th!

On June 17th Tristin Primozic would like to wish his two big brothers a very happy Birthday: Curtis Reich and step-brother Joshua McBride-Boyle.

Belated birthday greetings to Monica Primozic on May 11 and Florence Griffith on May 7.

Happy Birthday to Carmel Griffith on June 25 coming from Dave, Marion and Tristin

Happy 1st Birthday to Jacob Griffith-Green on July 8.
Big Happy Birthday wishes to Tristin Primozic on July 17 with hugs, kisses and Ätesikesän (rub noses).
Coming with love from Mom and Dave

Happy Birthday wishes to Georgina Griffith for July 18, coming from Dave, Marion and Tristin.

Happy Birthday wishes to the TWINS on their 15th birthday - Natane and Anthony Primozic - on July 30th, coming with love from Uncle Dave, Aunty Marion and Tristin

Happy Birthday wishes to Trish Hirsch on August 19, coming from Dave, Marion and Tristin

Happy 93rd birthday wishes to Grandma MARGE on August 22, 2011 coming with LOVE from Dave, Marion and Tristin

Happy Birthday to Katelyn Hirsch on August 22 and Grandpa Tom coming from Uncle Dave, Aunty Marion and Tristin

CONGRATULATIONS!

It's a BOY!



Welcome to Kennith Joe Jr.
born in Seattle, Washington
on April 28th, 2011
to proud parents Kenny Joe
and Merilee Lamusga



**Congratulations
to Angela Jackson**
 who graduated this
 spring from the
 Petroleum Engineer
 Technician
 and Pharmacy Technician
 programs at NAIT.
 Congratulations on all of
 your achievements.
 Love from,
 Mom and Family

Congratulations to Brandon Williams on receiving the RCMP Achievement Award for the SECOND time in a row for Grades 10 & 11. We are so proud of you, Brandon. Keep up the Excellent Work in Grade 12.
 All the Best with Love from:
 Mom, ShyAnn, Alex, Grandma, Grandpa & Family

Happy Birthday greetings to:
 Stephanie L Joe July 10
 Gordie Joe July 13
 Dustin Titus July 19
 Barbie Joe August 24
 With love and best wishes from your family

Happy Birthday wishes for my sister Marlene Smith-Tutin on July 1.
 From Zoralena, Zerryn, Marie and Rick

Happy Birthday to Zoralena Martin on August 17.
 Love from Mom, Dad and Zerr-bear

Happy 5th Birthday to Dakota Samuel Isaac Jackson for July 2, 2011.
 Love Mom & Dad

Happy 5th B-day to Dakota & many to come.
 Lots of love Grandma & Grandpa

Happy Belated Birthday wishes to Dylan Jim on April 17th. Happy birthday Dylan.
 We love you and you make us proud!
 Wishes from Mom, Dad and Sandra

Happy Birthday wishes to Marlene Smith-Tutin for July 1st.
 From Mom and Dad

Happy Birthday to Zoralena Ricky Martin for August 17th.
 From Gramma Lena and Grampa Kevin Tutin



**Congratulations
to Jennifer and Stephen Lucas
on their marriage June 4, 2011**
 Pictured above with Baby Lucas,
 Brendan, Mark and Norman

CONGRATULATIONS

to Curtis Allen

for the Accomplishment of Graduating.
 I am so proud of you and good luck with your first choice of your career in film. Your late Grandfather Harry Allen would be so proud of you. Keep up the hard work.
 Love Grandma Doris Allen

Congratulations to Shelby J. Jackson
 on your graduation. We are so proud of you.



*"Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail".
 Grad 2011 - Love Dad, Mom and Shania*

Send your special greetings care of:
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 Fax (867) 634-2760

CALENDAR

*Upcoming events at-a-glance.
Please look inside for more dates
and details.*

Thursdays - Elders Tea and Fitness Lunch Haines Junction, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Dä Kų. Please contact Darlene Blair for more details at (867) 634-4018 or dblair@cafn.ca.

First Friday of Every Month - Elders Lunch Whitehorse, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the CAFN Whitehorse office boardroom. Please contact Darlene Blair for more details at (867) 634-4018 or dblair@cafn.ca.

July 31-August 5 - Aishihik Language Camp

August 14-18 - Strengthening Families Camp at Klukshu. Please contact Tracy Kane at (867) 634-4222 or tkane@cafn.ca or Jocelyn Kinney at (867) 634-4223 or jkinney@cafn.ca for more details.

August 15 - Discovery Day Holiday, Yukon

August 29 - Back to School, St. Elias Community School, Haines Junction.

September 15-16 - Regular Chief and Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Haines Junction. *Please note, Chief and Council are not holding a regular meeting for the month of August 2011.*

CAFN Heritage, P. Banks



This spring, the Grade 7 class from St. Elias Community School in Haines Junction visited the Yukon Government Archaeology lab in Whitehorse to view the old hunting artefacts (arrows, darts) that have been collected from the ice patch archaeological sites located across the southern Yukon, including many from CAFN Traditional Territory. Special thanks to Senior Archaeologist Greg Hare, Conservator Valery Monaghan, and Paleontologist Grant Zuzula for taking their time to show our youth how they care for and study these important parts of our history.

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The busy Dä Kų Cultural Centre construction site - July 29, 2011.

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Stories, photos, greetings and artwork are welcome.

Please send your submissions to: almckinnon@cafn.ca

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