

Sailer Takes Championship in Yukon Open

by Kathy Jones-Gates and Dan Davidson

The air in Dawson City was hazy with smoke but that did not stop Art Sailer from smoking to a first place finish in the Yukon Open event of the Yukon Goldpanning Championships in four minutes flat, and recovering all eight flakes of gold from the two gallons of pay dirt.

Sailer, who has been mining in the Klondike area for the last twenty-eight years, has placed third in this event on two previous occasions. He expressed surprise at the win, but chalked it up to experience. He and his wife, Noreen, enter goldpanning competitions whenever they get the chance.

Now they are trying to figure out how to take enough time off in the middle of a busy mining season to attend the World Goldpanning event, which will be held this year in Kopparberg, Sweden, from August 9-11. A trip to this competition is the Yukon Open's first prize.

Ralph Nordling, who placed 4th in last summer's World Goldpanning championships when they were held in Dawson, won himself a trip to the Canadian championships in Edmonton later this July with his 2nd. place finish in the Yukon Open. Ralph finished fifteen seconds after Art and also recovered all of his gold. This placing beats that of Ralph's brother, Alan, a previous winner who only managed to come in 8th. this year. Ralph admitted that he and Alan had been practising against each other earlier, and that Alan had won both those contests as well.

Jim Archibald, who has won the event for the last two years, came in 3rd. with a time of four minutes, twenty-nine seconds and complete recovery of his gold flakes.

All together, there were fifteen entries in the Yukon Open, including two women, Noreen Sailer and Shelly Hakonson.

There were six entries in the Seniors events, including Andre Connan from France, who was also in Dawson for the 1990 World Championships and Ted Paine, from Washington State, who mines on the creeks.

The winners were Irene Crayford, who recovered all 5 flakes in 4:31; Hal Gysler at 9:02; and Peter Erickson at 9:15. All three have long standing Dawson connections.

The 10 and under Youth category was captured by Adam James, followed by Brent Feddersen and Jesse Nichol. The 2nd. place winner was from Ontario but the other two boys are from Dawson.

In the over 10 and under 15 Youth category, Doug Grittner, Christina Shulda and Alexander Fras (all of Dawson), took the top spots.

There was a tie in the Corporate Challenge event this year, with the Mogul Gold and French Hill teams each recovering 9 of the 20 flakes of gold for a total aggregate time of 65 minutes (including penalties). Ace Placers recovered 7 flakes for a 3rd. place finish.

The Cheechako Event had nine entrants, an international field, indeed. Urs Bouman of Switzerland was the winner, recovering all 6 flakes in a time of 4:43. Eli Sobos of Glen Island, New York, took second place, while Neil Henderson of London, England, came in third.

The Klondike Open was equally international in scope. The winner was Mel Zeiler from Mayo, with a total time of 19:08. Alf Henderson, a visiting member from last year's English team, came second. Annelise Connan-Neilsen, who currently lives in Paris, but competed on last year's Danish team, took third place.

The day's events were presided over by M. C. Peter Menzies and

Mayor Peter Jenkins was on hand to give out the awards.

Organizers say the crowds were a bit down over last year, though the stands were filled for most events. Local participation was probably cut down a bit by the Funeral of long-time Dawsonite Pa Telep, which was held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

One of the remarkable things about the competition is that it runs so smoothly now. The volunteers who make the day work have honed their procedures so well over the last few years that the event seems almost effortless. The addition of a permanent venue to the park to accommodate last year's World event meant that a lot of the advance work was done.

Ease should not be mistaken for complacency however. The committee will be looking into building an information package into the M.C.'s script and finding ways to improve the accuracy of the spotters and timers. The World championships, which will be here again in 1996, use a combination of videos with built in timers to catch the winners. There is also talk of having a pre-contest training event and demonstration to tempt more people into the Cheechako competition. It was noted that some people who were interested in trying out hung back because they didn't know what to do.

As with many events in Dawson, there was a "door prize". This was an old gold ducat mounted as a paperweight and donated by Chris and Hazel Ingle from Scotland. It was won in the draw by Eli Sobos.

Next year Alf Henderson promises an "avalanche" of English visitors - well, 40, at least. The reputation of Dawson as a place which treats its guests well is getting around it seems.



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School Awards Presented

by Dan Davidson



Robert Service School signed off for the 1990-91 school year with a pair of award ceremonies on the morning of June 25. Numerous awards were presented at the final assemblies. The elementary gathering, which makes up about 2/3 of the school population of about 240, was the largest of the two.

In the younger grades (K-3) everybody gets an award for something or other. More serious academic awards begin at the grade 4 level.

Honour roll for grade 4: Charissa Reeves, Shawn Blais, Christine Gouthro, Carlene Hajash, Cheryl Buyck, Robert Campbell, Alex Campbell, Tammy Taylor, Jo-Anna Davidson.

Honour roll for grade 5: Karl Algotsson, Stacey McDiarmid, Kevin McCauley, Laine Bowers.

Honour roll for grade 6: Clint Brickner, David Campbell, Kim Jenkins, Frances Komendy.

The top academic awards for those grades went to Alex Kormendy, Karl Algotsson, Kevin McCauley and David Campbell.

Alex Kormendy won the Citizenship Award for the elementary school, while Leanne Mason (gr. 5) won the King Solomon Mines Award and Kristen Grabowski took the Choir Award.

The high school awards were much more sparsely attended, but most award winners and their families were present.

Honour roll students were as follows:

Grade 7: Lianne Bilodeau, Chris Calon, Tara McCauley; Grade 8: Jared Brickner, Eric

Docken, Daniel Kerklywich (Scholastic Honours), Christina Shulda; Grade 9: Jon Calon, Jeremy Roscoe, Trevor Van Rump; Grade 10: Kelly Burns, Kyla Burns, Lawrence Crayford, Carrie Docken, Cyndi O'Rourke; Grade 11: Renee Brickner, Peter Kindl; Grade 12: Derick Bilodeau, Leanne MacKenzie.

The Jaemar Award for Academic Achievement was presented to Daniel Kerklywich, Jeremy Roscoe, Cyndi O'Rourke and Renee Brickner.

The Mary Gartside Award, a plaque and \$200.00 presented to the top academic student in gr. 12 went to Gordon Kerr.

The RCMP Appreciation Award was presented to Vikki Crayford. Kandice Holloway won both the Audrey MacLaughlin Bursary (\$200.00) and the Citizenship Award.

Derick Bilodeau and Renee Brickner were the top male and female athletes of the year, while Christina Shulda received a special Choir Award.

It will be a short summer for students and teachers at the school, who will be heading back to classes on August 20 as part of the arrangements for putting the community's new school year into service.

The length of the school day will be increased by about 20 minutes to allow for the actual hours of instruction that are required in the education act. Other regular holidays will be the same as elsewhere in the territory, but the early start and the extra time will make it possible to end school on May 29, 1992, a move long sought after by school committees here.



King Solomon Mines Award Winner Leanne Mason



Above: Donna Bullen collects a Native Science Award from Dawson Indian Band Councillor Angie Joseph-Rear
Right: Kristan Grabowski won a Choir Award

All Photos by Dan Davidson

Other Elementary Awards

Attendance:
Kindergarten:

Miranda Adams, Douglas Johnson, Isla Jordan, Carmin Roberts, Sean Sorg, Cameron Sprockreiff, Nicky Ball, Randy Dube, Clancy Hunter, Krystle Roberts
Grade 1:
Louis Gerberding, Brenda Powder, Jacob Baptiste
Gr. 1/2:
Matthew Webster
Gr. 3:
Jay Flynn, Natasha Pras, Craig McCauley, Rosealee Smarch, Anna Vogt, Allie Winton, Teresa Christiansen
Gr. 4:
Darren Bullen, Christine Gouthro, Kristopher Magnuson
Gr. 5:
Sarah Winton (perfect), Kevin McCauley, Leanne Mason, Marcus Kearn, Melissa Flynn, Michael Sherbrooke, Cougan Purlington, Marissa Mann
Gr. 6:
David Campbell

Recognition certificates were given by the teachers of Grade 1, Grade 1/2 and Grade 3 to their students.

Hard Worker Certificates were presented by: Miss Collins Gr. 4 to: Ceira Purlington, Kristopher Magnuson

Mrs. Webster Gr. 5/6 to: Leanne Mason (Gr. 5) Tiel Ryan (Gr. 6)

Kindergarten certificates were given out by Miss Kreitzer

Other High School Awards

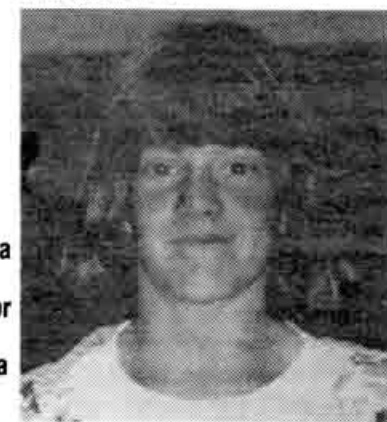
Attendance Awards: Chris Calon (Gr. 7), Tara McCauley (Gr. 7), Daniel Kerklywich (Gr. 8), Donna Tulin (Gr. 8), Amy Conley (Gr. 9), Clayton Berriman (E.Q.)

Academic Awards	Gr. 7-10	Gr. 11-12
Computer English	Tara McCauley	Peter Kindl Gordon Kerr Allana Murray
French	Cyndi O'Rourke	Renee Brickner
Social Studies	Jeremy Roscoe	Gordon Kerr
Physical Education	Kyla Burns	Renee Brickner
Science	Carrie Docken	Gordon Kerr
Mathematics	Daniel Kerklywich	Allana Murray
Typing	Tundra Sprockreiff	
Art	Donna Bullen	
Home Economics	Jeremy Roscoe	
Industrial Ed.	Clayton Berriman	
Accounting		Gordon Kerr Vikki Crayford
Consumer Education		Gordon Kerr Allana Murray
Native Science Award	Donna Bullen	Keith McMaster

King Solomon Mines Award: Margaret Purlington, Meaghan Berriman

French Awards:
Gr. 7: Lianne Bilodeau
Gr. 8: Margaret Purlington
Gr. 9: Jason Henry, Trevor VanRump
Gr. 10: Kyla Burns
Gr. 11: Renee Brickner

Service Awards:
Yearbook Service: Clayton Berriman
Choir: Christina Shulda
Student Council:
Gordon Kerr, President, Gr. 12, Renee Brickner, Gr. 11, Carrie Docken, Secretary, Gr. 10, Donna Bullen, Gr. 10, Richard McMaster, Gr. 9, Trevor VanRump, Gr. 9, Eric Docken, Gr. 8, Donna Tulin, Gr. 8, Terry Grabowski, Gr. 7, Lianne Bilodeau, Gr. 7.



The Sun Congratulates all the Grads and Students of Robert Service School



Vice-Principal Shirley Pennell presents Margaret Purlington with an award.



Alex Kormendy with Elementary Citizenship Award



Vikki Crayford receives the R.C.M.P. Appreciation Award from Sgt. Crow

Graduating at Trodek Hatr'unohtonso

A dinner was held at the Downtown Hotel by the Dawson Campus of Yukon College on June 14 to congratulate all the students of the past year who had done so well.

It is not that all students graduate all at once, but they have completed the course or level of study for that year. They have worked full-time, part-time and any time some of them can fit in to get a toe-hold in their returning to learning.

As proud as the students were, so were the permanent instructors Pat Russell, Helen Winton and Karen Dubois who had also put in many many hours.

Pat Russell proposed a toast to the students who had put in such efforts during the year. Also present was Dudley Morgan, Coordinator of Community Campuses, Northern Region. Pat thanked him for his tremendous support and encouragement.

Dudley responded by saying thank you to each of the instructors of the year and to the

Campus Committee and to the students who have worked so hard. He was thrilled by what he saw happening here, from the activities, courses, discussions. He reminded everybody that the true essence of learning is the learning of life and skills, not just the A.B.C.'s. He then requested each student to send another student next year.

Presentations were made to the two part-time instructors Mimi Elliott and Patti Grabowski who had more than met the demands placed upon them. Mimi recalled that she had many of these students in Grade 8/9, when they did not want to learn. But when these same people come back as adults they really wanted to achieve. They feel good about themselves and have a higher sense of self-esteem, and it was fun to work with them.

Patti also remarked at how much she enjoyed teaching at the campus. The students have taught her much. She has a lot of respect for the students who come back to school. She encouraged them

to keep it up as life is to learn.

Students receiving awards for completion of their grade/subject were: Frank Blanchard, Norma Blanchard, Mary Christiansen, Leanne Dixon, Nicole Sanderson, David Hutton, John Cramp, Edgar Russell, Carol Bunyan, Donna Close, Mark Kearm and Michael Mason. Many students responded to their receiving awards.

Michael Mason received some kidding from those who remembered times he spent in the hall at grade school, but now Michael rose to thank the teachers for their help. He remarked that there was a lot he had been going through, but now he has an award that he is really proud of and he does not have to be "stood in the hall any more". Michael has now completed his Grade 12 and has been accepted into the R.C.M.P. He goes off to Regina in August to begin training.

Simon Nagano is also going through upgrading with plans to

join the R.C.M.P. Student Donna Close was returning to school to complete the high school she had dropped out of 35 years ago. It was hard to adjust at first, but now Donna claims she is 29 and holding.

John Cramp is coming back next year to take up Law and Political Science.

Edgar Russell rose to thank everyone. He remarked when he was at a low point in his life and did not know what to do with himself, he had drifted into the campus office and talked to Karen and various people, not really expecting much response, but, as he said, "You guys listened to me. If you had not, I would not be here right now."

There was a really warm feeling throughout the evening, but not all could respond as easily. When "Speech, speech" was called to Frank Blanchard, Frank responded with "I'll be back next year" to much applause.

There was an award they would have loved to present to one student, but she was absent. The student was Mistie Bowers (Couture). Mistie was the first student from a rural campus to graduate from an Administrative Services Program. She was much encouraged by instructor Mimi Elliott, and Mistie had to go to Whitehorse for two weeks to learn the intricacies of the computer there.

Mistie was absent because she was asked to be one of the three students to give a speech in Whitehorse at Yukon College at the graduation ceremonies at Ayamdigt Campus. Well done, Mistie.

The College Campus in Dawson has been the scene for the preserving and furthering of the Han language so much that the Dawson Campus has been given a Han name. It will be known in future as TRODEK HATR'UNOHTONSO (translated literally means Klondike Learning House).



1990-91 Student Financial Assistance Funding Levels Released

by Government of Yukon

WHITEHORSE -- More than \$3 million was allocated by the Student Financial Assistance unit of the Advanced Education Branch during fiscal 1990-91, according to figures released today by the Department of Education.

Post-secondary grants totalling \$1,037,644 were provided to 366 Yukon students attending institutions outside the territory. These funds cover a significant portion of tuition, accomodation and travelling costs. Post-secondary

allowances totalling \$1,069,661 were made to 463 students, enabling them to pursue studies at Yukon College.

The financial assistance unit also helped 302 students obtain \$910,144 through the Canada Student Loan Program.

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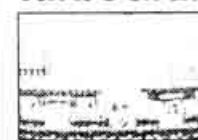


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Aquatic Safety Savvy

by Jennifer Williams

One of the many programs offered this summer by the Dawson recreation department is an intensive Bronze Medallion course designed by the Royal Lifesaving Society. For eight hours on two successive weekends in June Steven Nordick met with Colette Pilon, Aaron and Daniel Kerklywich at the pool to teach them basic lifeguarding skills, such as how to perform successful rescues and artificial respiration.

There are many reasons for taking such a course besides upgrading general waterside safety knowledge; Pilon plans to become a lifeguard, which fits in with her desire to get a physical education degree, while Aaron and his brother attended the programme purely "for fun and fitness".

The next level in certification is the Bronze Cross course which will begin July 26th. For more information call 993-5434 and ask for the pool manager.



L to R Irene LaPrairie-Lane, Linda Taylor (standing in for Neale Wortley) & Charlotte Thompson

Photo by Jennifer Williams



L to R Aaron Kerklywich, Steven Nordick, Colette Pilon, Daniel Kerklywich

Making Fun Hard to Swallow

by Jennifer Williams

Good things don't always come in small packages - a lesson any child, or parent of a child, who chokes on a foreign object learns fast. To avoid just such an unpleasant experience a safety cylinder was designed to test toys' sizes for kids three years of age and under.

Thanks to the cooperation of three local organizations these devices, and an explanatory pamphlet, are now available free of charge at the Dawson Nursing Station.

On behalf of the local

Ambulance volunteers Neale Wortley arranged for the purchase of 30 safety cylinders from Irene LaPrairie-Lane, a distributor for Discovery Toys, and donated them to the Father Judge Memorial Nursing Station. Charlotte Thompson, head nurse at the Nursing Station, reports that so far 14 toy testers have been given out to the parents of newborns and to people undergoing pre-natal care at the Dawson clinic.

A simple form of preventative health care, the cylinder represents the approximate size

of a toddler's throat. Any object, whether a toy or a household item, that fits completely within the plastic tube is potentially dangerous. However, if the object projects over the rim no matter which way it is positioned then there is little chance of it being partially swallowed and lodged in a child's throat.

If you have a youngster, or know someone who does, why not pick up a safety cylinder or

borrow one from a friend? You know what they say "Prevention is the best medicine".

City of Dawson Review of Planning Board Procedures

The Yukon Municipal Act, Section 369 (1)(2) and Section 370 state that the Council may by bylaw appoint a board to be known as the Municipal Planning Board to advise and assist Council with respect to all matters pertaining to community planning and the orderly development of the municipality.

It also states that the Board may perform such duties of a planning nature as may be referred to it by the Council and do such other things as it considers necessary in connection with the planning and orderly development of the municipality.

The Planning Board is a quasi

judicial Board of Council formed under Bylaw #82-12, acting as an Advisory Board to Council.

The City of Dawson Planning Board under Bylaw #82-12 was charged with the responsibility to administer the requirements and regulations of the Zoning Bylaw and Historic Control Bylaw and make recommendations to City Council on all applications before the Board.

The building permit process involves the following steps:

1) application to Planning Board for review and recommendation to City Council

2) approval by City Council, with a final review by the building inspector before the issuance of a permit.

Building permits are required when you wish to:

1) construct new dwellings or commercial buildings

2) construct a new accessory structure, if size is more than 100 square feet

3) make alterations, renovations, or repairs to existing buildings or structures

4) move a building from one location to another

5) demolish or relocate buildings on same lot

6) construct fences, storm porches, porches, verandas

7) do trades work involving plumbing, electrical installations and modifications, and other trades.

All applicants are responsible to ensure that construction conforms to the requirements of the National Building Code, the

Dawson City Zoning Bylaw and the Dawson City Historic Control Bylaw. Any changes or modifications to a building or structure after issuance of a building permit must be presented to the Planning Board for review and approval.

It is the responsibility of the owner or agent to ascertain whether there are any easements or restrictive covenants registered against the property. As well, the property must be zoned correctly for the proposed use.



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RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Volunteer Recognition

The Recreation Board will start a Volunteer Recognition column in the next issue of the newspaper. Each issue, clubs and volunteers will be featured.

Volunteers contribute a great deal to the quality of life in Dawson. There are over 80 volunteer clubs, boards and event committees! That's a lot of meetings! The Recreation Board hopes that the newspaper coverage will help acknowledge volunteer efforts and at the same time help promote volunteerism.

Any volunteer or club interested in having their activities included in the coverage should contact the Recreation Board care of the City Office.

Fitness Classes

Fitness classes will continue throughout the summer at the School and pool. Dale Cooper's Jazzercise goes six times a week. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:00 pm, Tuesday and Thursday at Noon and 11:00 am on Saturdays. Aerobics in at 8:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays with Leressa, Peter and guest leaders. Fitness classes at the pool are Monday and Wednesday at 8:30 pm.

Day passes are \$3.00 or you can buy a session card for either 10 or 20 sessions. Session cards are \$20 and \$40 respectively.

HELP Stop the Vandals!

Someone is having a wonderful time kicking the s--- out of the Bathrooms at Minto Park. Damage this year has been broken doors and door frames. And, there is the ongoing problem of mud being thrown all over the the rooms.

This type of vandalism hurts the use of the facility and costs undo expense. Please use the bathrooms with respect. Thankel

RECREATION BOARD UPDATE

City Council recently appointed two new members to the Recreation Board. Karen McCann and Joanne Hunston started their terms on July 2, 1991.

Karen's volunteer experience is rooted in the day care and music festival organizations. She has also represented the Board at Territorial conferences. Joanne is a well known volunteer with Run Dawson, KVA and sports. She was part of Team Yukon in the 1990 Arctic Winter Games.

Monna Sprokkreeff has been appointed the new Chairperson of the Recreation Board. Dr. Gerard Parsons is now vice-chair. Joanne Smith, Art Fry, Deb Nagano and Darcy Braga are the other Recreation Board Members.

Arctic Winter Games

Noll Not Winter!! Yes, we are already thinking of the winter -- just a bit. Dawson will bid to host the Team Yukon trials in snow shoeing, snow shoe biathlon and volleyball. Trials take place in January/92. Plus, we want to ensure that every athlete and spectator that wants to participate has the chance. The local committee for the Games includes the Recreation Board, teachers, athletes and parents. Be sure to get involved.

Swim Lesson Schedule

Red Cross Swim Lessons have started and registration has been high.

This year there will be three sessions offered. Session One goes from July 8 -- 19 and covers Tiny Tot 1 through to Green. Session Two goes from July 22 -- Aug. 2 and covers all levels. Session Three goes from August 5 -- 16 and covers all levels. The fee is \$17.50 per session.

A Bronze Cross lifesaving award will be offered this summer. Dates are Saturday and Sunday for the weekends of July 27 and 28 and August 3 -- 4. You must have your Bronze Medallion to take this course. The fee is \$60.00.

Please register at the pool for all the aquatics programmes.

Discovery Days! Are You Ready?

Discovery Days is August 16 -19 this year! And now is the time to get your calendar marked with the events you want to participate in.

There are few changes this year! A 20 member military band from Cold Lake will be featured throughout the weekend. They provide a wide range of entertainment including dixie land, jazz, tuba quartet and pops. They will also lead the parade this year.

Much Music Video will be here to perform for the Family Dance. The Way Too Far North will be back to perform for the Saturday Dance.

This year will start the King and Queen of the Klondike Contest. Contestants will enter five different events and the winner will be determined by a point system. Events are Gold Rush related such as backpacking, bannock making and fire building.

Start planning for a great weekend. Don't forget the Horticulture show! Watch the next issue for the Discovery Days insert.

Swim-a-Thon

The Barracuda Soccer Team will be having a Swim-a-Thon to raise travel money to attend a soccer event in Juneau, Alaska. This fundraiser will take place at the pool on Thursday, July 25 between 5:00 -- 8:00pm. Coach Jeff Thompson is organizing the event in conjunction with the pool staff. Anyone interested in swimming or volunteering can contact Jeff at 993-6019 or leave their name at the pool. It is rumored that Dennis M. is coming back to take on the Rec. Director for a re-match of the Skate-a-Thon.

Events Schedule

Music Festival	July 19 - 21
Swim-a-Thon	July 25
Mountain Bike Rally	August 3
Talent Show (Gertie's)	August 4
Beach Volleyball	August 11
Discovery Days	August 16-19
Tri-athlon	TBA (Late August)



The North End Park "open air" concept proved workable at this marvelous production. Look for more events this summer. Also look for a park name. How about Windy Park?

Henderson Corners Update

by Dahna Fischer



NEWS FROM THE ROCK

Correspondent Margie Mann



Sure has been really smoky these past few weeks. The latest fire in the Dawson City district is about 100 kilometres south of Dawson at Gravel Lake and only a couple of kilometres from the Klondike Highway. It's about 50 hectares in size.

Another fire near the Dempster Highway cut off is considered the largest, covering more than 1,600 hectares. Meanwhile there was a fire burning near Swede Creek and now it's under control.

welcome our newest residents at Henderson Corners. Kimberly Tuson and Holger Bensky and joined with them for the summer is Penny Tuson and Michael Gardner.

The Fischers would like to welcome their visitors Gunter and Franz from Austria who are joining them for the summer.

Low and behold Bud Docken has been shooting a hole-in-one in his yard, a first our way.

Until next time have a safe and enjoyable new season.

Happy July!! It has been pretty hard lately to keep in touch with friends and neighbours while everyone is working weird and wonderful hours all over the place. Occasionally, there is some sort of event that brings most of us together, and they are always interesting, usually entertaining and sometimes even fun! We were delighted to host such an event on June 22nd and 23rd that, I think, had all of the above attributes. Naturally, this was

the annual Summer Solstice Party. It was a little different this year as "Himself" declined throwing even 1 person into the creek!! Well, he did assist on a couple of pushes. There were lots of wet bodies though - mostly in the 8 to 14 year-old set. One of the highlights of the evening was lemon meringue pie - in the face. Of "Himself", of course. It was well documented - photos to follow in another issue! Thanks to everyone who came out and helped make it such a fun time! By the way, if you are missing bowls, etc., let me know.

Another recent event provided us with interest and entertainment. This was totally unplanned and by the time it was all over with, I would guess there was probably close to 20 people who enjoyed? the entertainment. A few young fellows decided to go fishing in the Klondike - out of their pick-up truck. It ended up happily-ever-after - but there was more than 1 person who fully expected to watch the pick-up floating down-river!!

A few new faces in the neighbourhood include Chuck, Cindy, Onia, Bonnie and

daughters Amy and Heidi, and Deni's daughter Sonny. We are looking forward to the return of Gwen's son, Michael, later this Northern tan to her pals who have had a lot of rain lately. I lured Bonny up here with promises of perfect weather - after all, this is "Magic Time" in the Klondike!! The only flaw in the perfection was the smoke from all the fires towards the tail-end of her visit. It certainly reduced the awe-inspiring scenery of the Top-of-the-World Highway quite a bit. But, it was still a great visit and I hope she can come back soon!

The recent heat has really boosted gardens in the area. In my garden, the weeds have done better than anything else. I was mostly away for a couple of weeks and can hardly find the vegetables now! Oh well - weeding should keep me out of mischief for a couple of weeks while "Himself" is gone south. At least there is lots of fresh chickweed if John Kolida gets in the mood to make the delicious pastries he made last year (not-so-subtle hint).

So, here's wishes for a terrific July - talk to you next month!



by Palma Berger

The smoke filled valley is clear again, and the water bombers are no longer roaring overhead. No complaints about the latter as they gave us a really secure feeling in our tree surrounded homes in this period of bushfires.

Some things have changed a bit. There is a new green sign announcing 'Bear Creek Subdivision'. A great idea as people will now understand why there is a sign saying 35 km/hr. following right on behind it.

Spying a cat in the garden sends one raging mad after it. Gene Neff's letter in the last paper was so right when she pointed out the damage cats do to the bird population. As the year has progressed we watched the small hawk driving the noisy woodpecker out of his territory, suffered three weeks of the woodpecker's hammering on our roofs until he found a mate, the robins muscling their way in, and then the surprise when we saw first a very small bird and then a

robin attack the dangerous hawk and drive him away! It has been a fascinating world.

Some people have had visitors from further afield. Staying with Peter and Marjorie Kormendy are Marjorie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guinn and Marjie's sister, Judy from Bethel, Alaska.

Steve Herrmann had his niece and her husband from East Germany visiting for 6 weeks. Steve drove them up the Alaska Highway and then toured them up the Dempster to show them so much open land with no buildings!

Anne and Mikkin Bilina are busy building a corral for Anne's mare.

All of us in Bear Creek are opposed to the City's sudden decision to expand the City's boundaries to take in our area and further south. This is from the City that showed little interest, until recently, in the Klondike Valley Steering Committee as they have tried to formulate a

plan for the Klondike Valley land use over the past years. If the City succeeds, it will probably mean extra taxes, but what services do we get in return? Are our rural homes going to have to have picket fences, historic facades, etc. to match Dawson's?

One of the arguments heard is that rural dwellers use the City's facilities and do not pay for their share. Well it is a pity that we have not yet evolved an accounting system that gives dollar value to volunteer hours, because there are many rural volunteers for Dawson events and organisations, not only giving their volunteer hours but driving back into town to do this.

Are we not going to be allowed our horses, chickens, dog teams?

I for one would really be quite lonely as I have taken up jogging. I allow the pony to come jogging with me. I have him on a rope. Occasionally he has jogged a little faster than I have, and gotten ahead of me, and some people have interpreted this as the pony running away on me. Let me assure you that I was in complete control, and it was jogging that we were doing. For a rural area only, though, it would not go over in a town.

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30 Years Ago (Circa 1962)

by John Gould

I picked up an old Yukon - Alaska directory and buyers guide the other day. On the cover was a photo of Dawson taken from the hill back of town near the head of Harper street.

There were many empty lots at that time and many of the buildings in the picture are now long gone, i.e.: the old curling rink where the Triple J Hotel now stands; Dawson City Motors near where the present Gas Shack now is; Adam Jahn's greenhouses across from the present day Westmark Hotel. Yes, there have been many changes in the past 30 years. Inside there were phone directories for places along the Alaska Highway, Skagway, Tok, Alaska, Watson Lake, Whitehorse and, of course, Dawson City.

The Dawson directory was for the Yukon Telephone Syndicate which owned and operated the phone system in and around Dawson at that time. There were instructions for the subscribers - "PLEASE CALL THE NUMBER - NOT THE NAME".

'BC' immediately preceding a number indicated that the telephone was located in Bear Creek.

'LD' indicated that it was a long distance call and the phone

was located on Bonanza or on the creeks at points beyond Bear Creek. The letters 'BC' and 'LD' do not form part of the number.

General instructions were:

"-Please be brief.

-Look up the number before calling central.

-Ask for the number you desire - not the name."

"To call the operator give one quick sharp turn of the handle, then take the receiver off the hook and place it firmly to the ear and listen for the operator's reply which should be, 'NUMBER PLEASE'. When your conversation is finished hang up the receiver and give one quick ring to indicate disconnection."

Other instructions included: "subscribers on party lines are only allowed to use their phones for 10 minutes at any one time. When the fire alarm sounds please refrain from calling the operator for a few moments. Tune your radio to CFYT for fire announcements. Calling after midnight disturbs others on the party line."

The monthly cost of phones depended on the class:

Class A business, private lines - \$20.00 per month

Class B business, 2 or more on a line - \$10.00 per month

Class C resident party line - \$5.00 per month

Long distance charges, Bonanza \$.50; Hunker #11 Dredge \$.75; Upper Sulphur #9 Dredge \$1.00; Lower Sulphur #6 Dredge, Jensen Camp #10 dredge and Granville camp were all \$1.50.

Canadian National Telecommunications, (now NorthWestTel) had only just strung lines into Dawson and only a few of the business and government offices had lines to the outside. There was a call box in the building on the south side of King Street at Front St. if you wished to make a call to Vancouver or where ever.

Many of those listed in the Dawson directory are gone - Bank of Montreal #30A; Bonanza Hotel #37W; Caley's grocery #70 A; Occidental Hotel #11A to name a few. Others who are still here - H.R. Campbell #82W; Fred Berger #37W; Mike Braga #23X.

1962 was the year of the Dawson Gold Rush Festival, the opening of the newly rebuilt Palace Grand Theatre. The Broadway play featuring Bert Lahr was on stage for that summer.



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On June 12th Captain Dick Stevenson married artist Ann Newell on the Yukon Lou, while moored at Pleasure Island. Ann is now the official Sourtoe Assistant and First Mate.



Discovery Days Edition

Our August issue will include special features in addition to the regular news:

- ☆ MOOSEHIDE SUMMER EVENTS
- ☆ THE GOLD DISCOVERY
- ☆ DISCOVERY DAYS SCHEDULE
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Inside / Outside

Visiting with daughter and son-in-law, **Marjie and Jim Toner** is **Doris Hill** from Abbotsford, B.C. She has been up here for 6 weeks. Doris was on hand to assist the Sun with its June edition.

Marcel and Suzanne Paris and their daughters **Marie-Eve** and **Anastasia** have left Dawson for Thetford Mines, Quebec. Bon Voyage!

Stan and Berthe Hall from Kamloops have been here for just one week visiting with their daughter, **Sandra Hall**. This is their first time in Dawson. They will be leaving with a painting or two from **Hallin De Repentigny**.

Barbara Ferbey of Edmonton was up on another final visit to Dawson to see various family members - **Bilton** and **DuBois** families. She was accompanied by her son **John Ferbey** of Whitehorse and her sister from Victoria, **Jessie Hosmer**.

While **Rita Drugan** was in Vancouver receiving treatment for her eye problem, **Dick Fields** was sent to the Whitehorse Hospital. Rita has now returned to Dawson and Dick has gone on to Vancouver. Speedy return Dick.

In the June 22nd edition of the Vancouver Sun there is a full page article by **Patti Flather** on Dawson City mentioning Dawson people like **George** and **Joan Kerr** (Farmers Market), **Jon and Indai Magnusson** (Dawson City Bed & Breakfast) and **Ingrid and Oswald Weiner** and **Cynthia Cook** (Claims Cafe), also the Music Festival and KVA, International Outhouse Race and Gerties. She did

say there were at least 3 Bed and Breakfast places and hotels. There's been a couple more added since.

We just heard from **Pam Kinsman** and **Kevin Mulse** and she had another son (brother for **Nicholas**), **Zachary Louis Riser Kinsman Mulse!!** Eight pounds even on June 8th.

Sue Ward on pilgrimage to Ottawa for 50th Reunion of Canadian Women's Army Corps with which she served with pride for four years. Touching bases with family at Coast enroute home mid July.

Recent visitor to town was **Bert Schaller**. Bert has a job in the oil fields.

Elizabeth Innes-Taylor who still lives in Whitehorse popped up for a visit.

We'll see **Ann Gerwazik** around for a while yet as she plans to stay until after August 17th.

Back again for a visit is **Dorothy Craig**, **Shelley Hakonson's** Mum.

Helen and George Parker who lived in Pa Telep's home twenty-eight years ago, when George worked for CNT, returned for a visit. They now live in Wembley, Alberta.

Betty Davidson is studying libraries at the University of Victoria while daughter **Jo-Anna** is visiting relatives in Toronto. They will return with **Grannie Joan Posno** late in July. Meanwhile **Grammie Helen Davidson** is helping **Dan and Michael** keep house.

Happy Birthday Beaver

by Jennifer Williams

This June Beaver Lumber celebrated its 85th anniversary. The company began in 1906 with the merger of three small companies in Wolsley, Saskatchewan. Today there are 175 stores across Canada and over 7000 employees.

To mark the occasion the Dawson store offered free cake and coffee to all its customers on June 15th. Several locals had cause to celebrate after they won one of the many prizes offered in a draw.

Jill Closter's was the lucky winner of the gold bar while **Steve Kormendy**, **John Gould**, **Marjie Hills** and **Kelly Chow** each won a silver bar. **Dave Stobbe**, **Delores Anderson**, **John Bierlmeir** and **R. Mahoney** can start composting with their new Green Cones. **Peter Horsnell's** name was picked for a sweat shirt. In the children's colouring contest five year old **Stacey Owen** won a Zaks construction kit and a Junior woodworking kit went to **Spruce Gerberding** who is eight years of age.

All entries have gone to a central draw centre for the grand prize of a \$25,000.00 platinum draw on July 7th.

The Beaver Lumber branch store on 4th Avenue has been open since the late eighties. It is presently owned by **Don and Karen Corothers** and managed by **Lou Doucet**.

Yukon Municipal Board Public Hearing Dawson City Official Community Plan

The Yukon Municipal Board will hold a hearing at the Robert Service School, on Wednesday, July 31, 1991, at 7:30 p.m. to hear public comment on the Town of the City of Dawson Official Community Plan. If necessary, the hearing will continue on August 1, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Any person wishing to appear before the Yukon Municipal Board on this matter is invited to attend this hearing. Written submissions, to arrive prior to July 31, 1991, may be addressed to:

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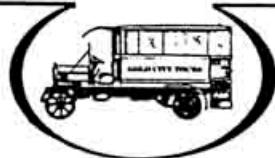
Each entry will receive a Dome Race T-shirt and a pass to a salmon barbecue at the Trans North Hanger following the race. In addition, all entrants 19 years and over wearing their 1991 Dome T-shirt, will be given free admission that evening to Diamond Tooth Gerties.

There will be a separate Masters (for individuals over 39

Open (for those between the ages of 17 and 39) and Junior Category for men and women.

Pre-registration is possible by sending an entry form (available at Gold City Travel from **Ella Patay**) and \$25 (\$15 for Run Dawson members) to Run Dawson, Box 158, Dawson City, Yukon, Y0B 1G0. Registration will also be held the day of the race at 8 a.m., the same time the pre-race meeting begins at Diamond Tooth Gerties. The race is scheduled to start at 10 am in front of the Palace Grand Theatre.

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"HALIN 91"**Halin De Repentigny Art Show**

by Palma Berger

Halin's first art show in Dawson is at the Dawson City Museum upstairs in the court room. The beautifully panelled walls of the court room come alive with the vibrant impressionistic colours of Halin's artwork. To closely examine each painting one finds many different colours stroked in side by side, and when one steps way back the eye assembles all these colours to make such glorious tones and shadings and shadows and sunlight and snow and shapes. He has a great range of subjects - from orange sunsets to dogs at rest to dog teams on frozen rivers, mountains, nudes, quiet fishing by a lake, roses and scenes of Dawson. His bold brush strokes not only stroke on colour, but they stroke on shape also. As in *Dogs at Rest*, the heavy brush strokes follow the contour of the body, and as the light changed there was a feeling of roundness of the dog's body projecting from the painting.

All of his paintings show great spontaneity and look as if he had fun doing them. He catches the light beautifully, from his still life to the early light on the street by St. Andrew's. The reflections of light off snow are very well done. The only one that might be considered sombre was of mountains by a lake in the evening, but the glow of colour from the left soon lifted that

feeling. He claims to be influenced by A.Y. Jackson which is obvious, and by Van Gogh whose style has been adopted in "Tea Break", a scene of a fire being made outside on a still starry, snowy night, with parkas on the figures.

Ask Halin how long it takes him to do a painting and he replies, "Eighteen years." Eighteen years of experimenting, trial and error and learning to get to the standard of his paintings today.

Halin sold his first painting at age ten to help the family's finances, back in the Gaspé region of Quebec where he grew up. He is mainly self taught in art and has had very little formal education but has been supporting himself mainly with his art since age sixteen. He has exhibited in many places - Quebec, Montreal, Costa Rica, Peru and Whitehorse. He has lived in the Dawson area for the past ten years.

Halin's work is well known in Whitehorse, and from murals in the foyer of Yukon College and the Tro Chu Tin Hall and from his many paintings on buildings around Dawson, but this wonderful riot of colour on show at the museum should not be missed. Of the thirty-three paintings on display, one-third were sold in the first couple of hours of opening.

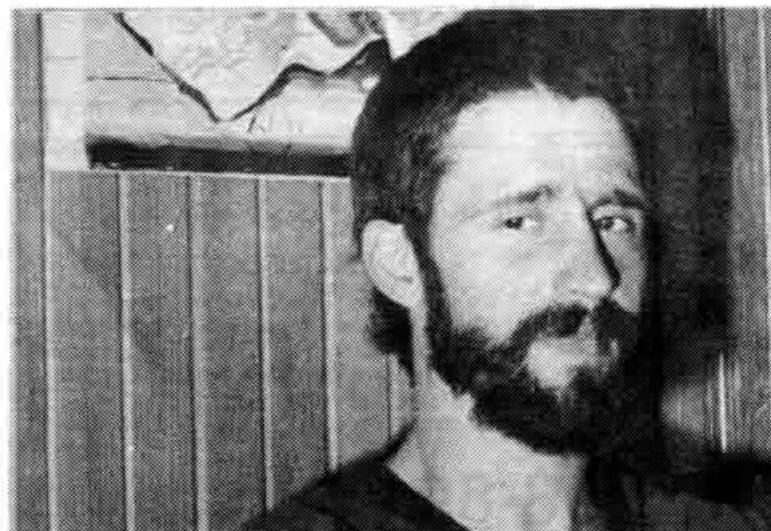


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**Bookends**

by Dan Davidson

All My Rivers Flowed West by W.D. MacBride, Beringian Books, 96 pages, \$10.95

The author of this engaging memoir is Bill MacBride, whose name is perhaps best known to Yukoners with the word "museum" right after it. As noted in Roy Minter's forward to the book, MacBride was one of the driving forces in the preservation of Yukon history.

Unfortunately, you won't read much about that in these pages. The creation of the museum and his other important historical work is largely summed up in a paragraph on page 94, under the heading of "extra-curricular work". I would have liked to have known more.

In fact, the entire Yukon section of this book, being the last 30 or so pages, is a little bit disappointing. It's like looking at some snapshots that have been roughly arranged by topic rather than by sequence. Since two thirds of MacBride's life were spent in the Yukon, it seems a shame that more of the book wasn't devoted to this fertile period.

The earlier parts of the book are better organized. The thematic structure is developed from the title. Bill MacBride, sometimes known as the Montana Kid, grew up along the banks of the Flathead River, worked as a young man in the shadow of the Columbia River and spent most of his adult life in currents stirred by the Yukon. These rivers all flow west, though the last one takes rather a northern jog in its peregrinations, and MacBride's life is a bit like that.



He had a country boyhood at the turn of the century, but the Yukon bug bit his family early. His Uncle Frank, with whom he grew up after the death of his parents, hailed originally from New Brunswick, but settled in the Flathead region. Frank made several trips to the Yukon around the time of the Gold Rush, sometimes to prospect, sometimes to outfit and organize for others, and it was as a young boy that Bill first saw Skagway in August of 1899.

He returned there later, on his way to Whitehorse, after a stint as a teacher, a railway auditor, and as an employee of the Northern Navigation Company (a division of the Northern Commercial Company) in St. Michael on an Alaska island about 110 km from the mouth of the Yukon River. The NNC was bought by the White Pass and Yukon Route in 1914 and Bill's life's work was set as a result.

Whitehorse became home, and it was a quite different Whitehorse than the busy capital city of today. There were only three hotels. No one needed to lock a door and the library was so informal that a posted sign requested that the last person to leave at night should turn out the lights.

I wouldn't cut any of the earlier parts of the book for the world. They make an interesting tale in the "frontier life" genre, but I fervently wish that MacBride's tale of his Yukon years had been at least twice the

length it was and a bit more fleshed out.

He remained in Whitehorse until he retired to Vancouver, that fashionable seniors' resort for Yukoners of a certain generation, in 1961 and lived there until 1973. I learned some more about him from Roy Minter's fore-word, a bit from editor Flo Whyard's note at the end and more from Rusty Erlam's review in the June 14, 1991 edition of the *Whitehorse Star*.

One problem with this book is that it almost disappeared. The original manuscript was burned in the fire which took the *Star* building 25 years ago. Years later a duplicate emerged from storage in Reno and Whyard was happy to be able to keep her original promise to work on MacBride's memoir. It is, she says, just as he sent it to her, and if it's a little thin in his coverage of his own major accomplishments, this is perhaps because he was a modest man.

There's a lot of other published material available, since he wrote extensively on Yukon history for the *Star* over the years. Some of this stuff should be pulled out and dusted off to see how it will wear in the 1990's. If nothing else, it would make a good companion piece to this autobiography. The *Star* and the MacBride Museum really ought to get behind such a project and give it a boost.

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Facts on AIDS

HOW PEOPLE GET INFECTED

A person is infected with HIV when the virus gets into the blood. People get infected:

1. Through sexual activity,
 2. Getting infected blood into their blood stream,
 3. From mother to baby.
- During sexual activity, the virus can be passed along through the semen or vaginal fluid.

Coming in contact with infected blood most often happens through the sharing a needle for injecting drugs.

A pregnant woman who carries the HIV can pass the virus to her baby during pregnancy or birth.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

People who have more than one sexual partner are more likely to come in contact with the virus that leads to AIDS. Sexual activities that include the mouth or anus are dangerous. Any skin or tissue damage could allow the virus to enter the blood.

Your choices are:

1. To not have sex,
2. To have only one sexual partner.
3. To not use intravenous drugs; or
4. To make sure all needles are sterilized and to not share needles.
5. To use a condom every time you have sex. Condoms are not a sure protection but they can reduce the risk of passing the virus between partners. The best condoms are latex with a spermicidal lubricant.

YOU CANNOT GET AIDS FROM:

- touching, shaking hands, hugging, or kissing;
- sharing dishes and cutlery or eating in restaurants;
- using pools, toilets, drinking fountains, public washrooms, hot tubs or saunas;
- sneezing, nose blowing or coughing;
- mosquito bites;

In Canada, blood is examined by the Red Cross and the risk of getting AIDS through blood transfusion is very low.

For further information contact the Father Judge Memorial Nursing Station, they can answer questions or direct you to printed material. There is also a Toll Free AIDS Hotline at 1-800-661-0507.

AIDS Lecture Controversial

by Jennifer Williams

Combine the question of information control in public school with the issue of AIDS awareness, mix in some discussion on teenage sexual activity and you have a guaranteed recipe for controversy. Such was the outcome of an open forum held on June 18th at the Robert Service School when Lisa Tremblay, the Yukon AIDS Program Coordinator, gave a presentation.

The talk consisted of a straight forward explanation of what AIDS and HIV are, how people can and cannot contract the HIV virus (the precursor to AIDS), what the symptoms are, how the virus runs its course and how people can protect themselves.

"Abstinence is the only **guaranteed** way to avoid contracting the virus through sexual contact," said Tremblay. However, she was quick to add that Dawsonites who are sexually active should be practicing 'safer sex' (as opposed to safe sex), which means using condoms and spermicidal gel.

Tremblay asserted that "as adults we need to: provide explicit factual information, acknowledge the high level of sexual activity among adolescents, provide information and promote infection-avoiding behaviour, make condoms accessible, promote tolerance for homosexuality and compassion for people with the virus."

The point of contention at the meeting rested on the concern expressed by several individuals that encouraging safer sex and distributing free condoms would appear to students as endorsing sexual activity among teenagers. These same individuals also felt that the failure rate of condoms was not stressed enough in the AIDS information material available.

Responding to the concern about the safety of condoms Tremblay stated that the failure rate was rarely product failure (there are strict quality control regulations in Canada, only 4 failures per 1000 tested are allowed and the average is 2.3). More often condoms are ineffective at preventing the spread of sexually transmitted diseases (S.T.D.) because people do not know how to use them properly or they cannot do so because they are too drunk or high, according to Tremblay.

She feels it is more important to act upon the findings of a study done in 1989 by Queens University which concluded that compared to their peers across Canada Yukon teenagers have sex earlier and have more partners.

While acknowledging that condoms are not foolproof, and definitely not the answer in themselves to what is a social rather than a technical problem, she feels they are an important part of slowing the spread of the AIDS epidemic. To date there are 50,000 people in Canada who

have tested HIV positive, and 4000 individuals diagnosed with AIDS. Approximately 20% of those with AIDS were infected during their teenage years.

There is some proof that the ready availability of condoms may diminish rather than spur sexual activity among teenagers, as their presence serves as a regular reminder that unprotected or careless sex can have devastating consequences.

Tremblay cited an article that appeared in the Edmonton Journal this April which discussed the results of a study done on a high school that had installed condom machines in its bathrooms. Apparently the overall level of sexual activity dropped among the Grade 11 and 12 students surveyed and 25% of the sexually active students were more likely to use condoms.

One point everyone seemed to agree on was that self-esteem and assertiveness training should begin in elementary school so that kids would be better able and prepared to resist peer pressure. Simple exercises such as role playing how to say 'no' might foreseeably go a long way in helping adolescents make decisions they feel comfortable with.

Lisa Tremblay has a university degree and a background in adult education, women's and social services. She has been in the Yukon for over three years and was first hired by the Territory to work on AIDS education two years ago. Bonnie Boyde has recently joined Lisa in the Skookum Jim Friendship Centre in Whitehorse where the Yukon AIDS Program has its headquarters. The objectives of the program are twofold: the main focus is education and prevention, spreading information to slow the spread of the HIV virus; the other goal is to start planning support services for infected Yukoners.

"The biggest obstacle," said Tremblay, "is making people aware that AIDS isn't a disease that is found only in big cities, Outside and to someone else, although acceptance is slowly growing."

Attendance at the meeting was poor considering the importance of the topic. A decision will be made in the Fall by the Council (of whom 3 members were present at the meeting) as to whether the students should see Lisa's presentation. Last October Ms. Tremblay had been invited to Dawson by the School Council

President Robert Van Rump to meet with parents and answer any questions they might have about AIDS. Extenuating circumstances, such as snow storms, forced her visit to be postponed until June.

Between meetings Rump learned that Tremblay would be in town for several days and after consulting with the school principal Carol McCauley he asked Tremblay if she would also animate a discussion with the students. At the next School Council meeting it was discovered that the majority of the members felt uneasy about the arrangement and since there was no longer time for letters of permission to be sent home the decision, and the possibility of a presentation on AIDS was postponed until next academic year. This situation has angered some residents who feel that the summer is when information on the latest and deadliest S.T.D. is most needed. One mother of grown children said that she had taught her children to make "informed decisions." When interviewed over the telephone late last week Rump was philosophical, "this issue has been dealt with in the past and will be dealt with again."

Lisa Tremblay : Yukon AIDS Program Coordinator

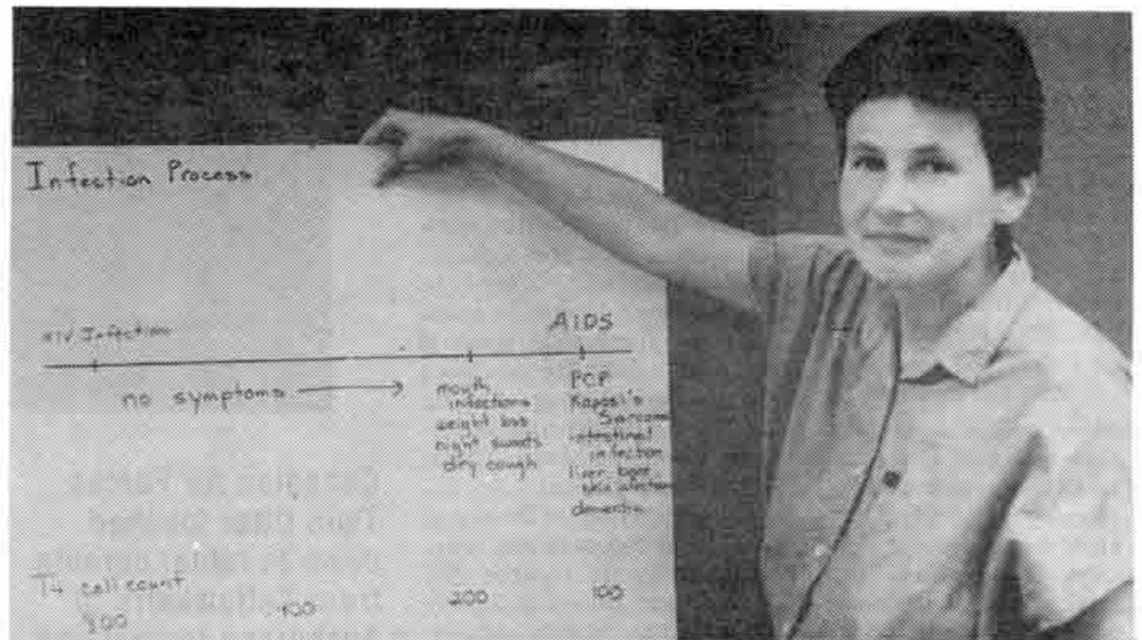


Photo by Jennifer Williams

Nursing Station Offers HIV Testing Dawson Not Immune to AIDS Threat

AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) is not a disease that exists only on the Outside or just among the homosexual community. To date there have been four individuals in the Yukon who have tested HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) positive, two of whom have developed full-blown AIDS and one of those two has since died. Despite Dawson's relatively small population base there is cause to be careful. It only takes one indiscreet person

to visit or return to the area with the virus to start a devastating chain reaction.

Once the virus is here, if it is not already, it could spread rapidly, as was the case after the introduction of chlamydia to the area. There is a relatively high percentage of people with sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) in Dawson, says Nurse Charlotte Thompson, which would suggest that a number of sexually active residents have more than one partner.

Just as in big urban centres there are also intravenous drug users in town who put themselves at risk of contracting and transmitting AIDS by sharing needles.

For these reasons, among others, the Nursing Station began voluntary AIDS testing last fall. Like STD testing this service is free and confidential.

See next issue
for more information



Klondike was a Formative Experience

by Dan Davidson

It is said that the Klondike experience was the making of many a person. Jack London, Robert Service and Martha Black were among those whose Dawson City experiences changed their lives. If Simon Fraser University history professor Robin Fisher is correct, another one such was Thomas ("Duff") Dufferin Patullo, who spent a decade in Dawson before heading south to British Columbia where he ultimately became the premier of the province from 1933-41.

Patullo arrived in the Yukon partly as the result of a misspent youth in Ontario. His father, who was well-connected in Ontario Liberal circles, sent him to the Yukon to get him out of financial trouble and to give him some backbone. Since the younger Patullo's problems were partly connected with life in the fast lane, sending him to boomtown Dawson was a bit like sending a drunk to a brewery, but it did work out.

Patullo appears to have accepted the arrangements for the sake of the adventure, yet his time in the Klondike was one he was to look back on as a period of self-discovery, a time when he went from being one of Robert Service's "men who don't fit in" to being a leader of men.

Originally posted under Major Walsh as the senior clerk in the Gold Commissioner's office, Patullo was reassigned to a timber survey at Selkirk when he didn't get along with Commissioner Ogilvie. This reassignment was overturned by the intervention of federal cabinet minister Clifford Sifton, to whom Patullo protested.

While Ogilvie had been suspicious of Patullo's abilities, he worked out well in the GC's office, supervising 20 clerks, setting up a claim registration system, cleaning up the administrative mess that he inherited and becoming the assistant gold commissioner in all but name. Not that he didn't want the job. It was just that he couldn't persuade anyone to appoint him to it, in spite of the fact that he was doing it most of the time.

As a consequence of his job, Patullo ended up taking public positions on some of the major issues of the day, notably the transition from independent mining outfits to the major companies that came to dominate the goldfields. He took a position in between the extremes.

Eventually frustrated with his chances for advancement, and perhaps seeking some new challenges in a life that had grown routine, Patullo resigned and went into private business. He also dived into politics with a vengeance, being elected to the city council in 1904, and being involved in the Liberal party infighting that led eventually to that council's dissolution.

During all this time, Patullo was shedding his central Canadian outlook and becoming a Westerner. He came to resent central interference and champion the need for the Yukon, and later British Columbia, to make its own decisions.

As Dawson continued a genteel decline from its heyday as a boomtown, Patullo decided to move on, leaving in 1908. He went to Prince Rupert, entered local politics, became a cabinet minister and went on to the premiership. In Dawson he left behind a house, which eventually came into the possession of the Blattler family and burned two springs back.

His later impact on the Yukon came about as part of scheme to have British Columbia annex the territory when he was B.C.'s premier. This proposal died when it emerged that the separate Roman Catholic school in Dawson would have to be maintained by government grants if B.C. took it over. The province's distaste for religious schools, combined with the tireless lobbying efforts of Martha Black, served to sink the plan.

Robin Fisher was in Dawson as part of a historical lecture series organized by the Dawson City Museum and Historical Society and held in the museum audio-visual room. His recent book, *Duff Patullo of British Columbia*, is published by the University of Toronto Press.

by Valerie Baggaley

Museum News

In an effort to offer more to our community, the Dawson City Museum & Historical Society has lined up a busy slate of events over the next several months. We are hosting three art shows, a number of public lectures and, in September we are having our annual fundraising auction.

Currently running is a show of local artist Halin DeRepenigny's latest works. The show can be seen daily until July 28 and is included in the admission fee to the Museum. Be sure and come down to see this colourful show. (Ed. Note: See our review in this edition.)

On August 2, from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m., everyone is welcome to attend the opening reception of Danielle Shula's art show. This will be her first single artist show. It will run daily until August 5.

Yukon Expressions, a Multi-Artist, Multi-Media Show opens on August 9 and runs daily until August 26. This show is coordinated by the Dawson City Museum. All local artists are

invited to submit works for show or sale to this art show. Interested persons may pick up a copy of the art show criteria at the Museum or call 993-5291 for more information.

The Museum is also hosting a series of lectures over the next few months. Dick North, Julie Cruikshank, Barb Hogan and Dick Harrington are just a few of the upcoming lecturers. These lectures are free of charge and everyone is welcome to attend.

YTG's Community Development Fund has recently approved funding to the Museum to compile a photo recording of the Yukon Ditch.

The Yukon Ditch played an important role in early hydraulic mining. It was a system of pipes, flumes and a ditch that carried water a distance of seventy miles to the Klondike Gold Fields between the years of 1909 and 1933.

Presently, limited information is available on the Yukon Ditch. Hikers, skiers and hunters now penetrating the area pose a threat to the historic ditch. The

Museum is now in the process of photo recording as much as possible while the sites are still intact. Barb Hogan and Greg Skuce, along with guide Brian Dupont will be going out on horseback doing a photo documentation of the Ditch. The end product, a written report including research, documentation, photographs and maps, will be available to the public through the Dawson City Museum.

We are looking for background information on the Yukon Ditch. Anyone with information, photographs, or who worked for YCGC when the Ditch was shut down between 1925-1933 are encouraged to contact the Museum. If you can help us in our quest for Yukon Ditch information, please leave your name and phone number at 993-5291.

Last of all, we encourage everyone to show your support of the Museum by purchasing a membership. Benefits of membership include free admission to the Museum, a discount at the gift shop and invitations to special events. Contact Jan at the Museum for more information.



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Vet Visits Increase

by Jennifer Williams

Good news for Dawson City pet owners, Dr. Jim Kenyon or his new business partner Wendy Royle will be holding a clinic in town every three months beginning in September.

During his recent visit the last week in June Dr. Kenyon spoke of his new working arrangements. Even after two long days of treating the area's quadrupeds he was enthusiastic when asked about the opening of his joint small animal practice in Whitehorse.

"It was serendipitous" said Kenyon of his meeting with a colleague who shares a similar desire to provide veterinary services in remote areas. Both he and Dr. Royle had separately been deliberating making changes in their lifestyle and work environment for a long time. Kenyon and Royle first met and started talking about their dissatisfaction with office work last winter while treating Huskies. "The whole idea formed in Dawson City during the Quest," said Dr. Kenyon, "and then this spring things just fell into place."

In six days Kenyon drove a truck packed with equipment from Toronto to Whitehorse so that the clinic would be set up in time for its July 5th opening. He has negotiated an arrangement with The Toronto Hospital,

where he is the Director of Veterinary Services, such that he can be in the Yukon for four months of the year. Therefore Dr. Royle will be running the clinic for the majority of the time. She should have no problems considering that she has been working in the area and in a similar capacity for quite a while.

Kenyon first arrived in the Yukon for a short visit in 1988, twenty days later he bought a cabin on Judas Creek. He has been back every year since, covering his expenses by doing clinics when and where he can. A modern day James Harriot in the sense that he has worked under some unusual and particularly trying conditions without losing his sense of humour. Anyone who has spent time in the boiler room at the Fire Hall can appreciate the strength of character required to perform marathon surgeries in there.

Regular readers will know Dr. Kenyon from his columns in the *Klondike Sun* called "Our Very Own Vet" and Canadians will get a chance to see him in action on an up-coming episode of "On the Road Again" sometime in October on C.B.C.

In the meantime animal owners in the Dawson City area can rest assured that they can get a quarterly report on the state of "their very own pets" health.



Dr. Jim Kenyon & assistant Suzanne Guimond treating Skeena in Fire Hall Boiler Room

Photo by Jennifer Williams

Filming the Underside of Dawson

by Dan Davidson

They're filming in Dawson again, but this is one stretch of video tape that will probably never make it to the movie theatres. This film is of what might delicately be called Dawson's underside. Inspection crews are running video cameras through Dawson City's sewer and water mains to determine the exact extent of damages to the system.

So far the exercise, the most extensive diagnostic examination in several years, has revealed a number of streets where major repairs will need to be done. According to Mayor Peter Jenkins, Sixth Avenue is the worst of the lot, but there are additional problems on Third Avenue and along Front Street that will also need attention.

All of this may lead to sewer replacement work on the order of \$800,000.00, most of it, according to Jenkins and city works superintendent Norm Carlson, due to the fact that the territorial government in the early 1980s tried to save some money by not using the best grade of pipe that was available at the time.

So extensive is the examination of the system this summer that Carlson says the city has had lengths of service pipe thawed out in the last week just so they could be examined. While it may seem strange to think of sewers freezing while the above ground temperature is hovering around +29 degrees C, Carlson says this isn't unusual at all in Dawson. There are some sections where there is a system that is out of service. Such sections freeze during the winter without actually causing any damage, and the insulation around the pipes keeps them frozen well into the summer unless they are thawed. Usually they aren't unless they are needed.

Jenkins says that any replacements to the system are being

done with the best grade of pipe available, as they were in the 1985 replacement of the Fifth Avenue mains. None of this replacement pipe has given the city any trouble so far; it is the original installation that is collapsing. Carlson says that stability in that system depended heavily on the disturbed perma-frost "freezing back" once the pipe was installed in order for it to work. Too much of it didn't, with the present results.

City council is particularly anxious to have these repairs done as soon as possible. When the system was turned over to the City of Dawson in the mid-eighties, it came with a 20 year declining guarantee, which sees the territorial government share the cost of repairs to a lesser percentage each year of the system's operation. This year's repair bills will be subsidized to the tune of 45%; next year it would be less.



OBITUARY

JOHN ROBERT COLBOURNE

SEPTEMBER 22 - MAY 14, 1991

Born in Thunder Bay the family moved to Vancouver, B.C. when Jack was six months old. After graduating from high school he was in the delivery business, sawdust, and ice, and while doing that he met a Yukoner that advised him to go to the Yukon, which he did in 1937.

He worked in the Firehall there for three years, and while there built a boat.

In 1941 he married Ethel Westgarde, and bought a transportation business from Sam McCormick, which included two taxi cabs, a Model A Ford, and a van that was used as a hearse and ambulance. He made a weekly trip to Quartz Creek with mail and groceries, and never missed a Wednesday in spite of 50 and 60 below weather.

Later Jack and Ernie Schink bought Hickey's Garage, corner of 3rd Ave. and Queen Street. They also mined on several of the creeks, and owned most of Paradise Hill.

In 1954 and 1955 Jack was Mayor of Dawson City. As guests he had the Mayor of London, and Mexico, and N.R. Crump, President of C.P.R. Railway.

In 1956 he moved the family to Penticton, and he returned to Dawson in the summertime. Two years later he moved to Houston, B.C., where he drove school bus for twelve years, and in the summer vacation went to Dawson, lived in a little house on 7th Ave. and King Street. Jack acted as tour conductor on gold mining tours, as he knew the history, and many stories of the creeks.

He is survived by his wife Ethel and son John born in St. Mary's Hospital in Dawson City in 1945, and son Tom born in 1955, five grandchildren and sister Mary Wilmett in Vancouver, B.C.



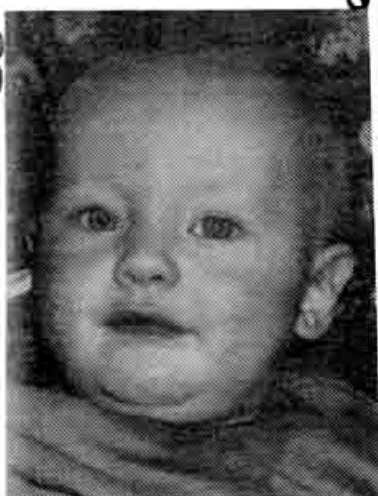
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| July 10 | "The Last Great Trail Drive"
a lecture by Dick North,
author and historian |
| July 17 | "Skookum Jim, The Discovery
of the Klondike in Native Oral
History" by Julie Cruikshank
University of British Columbia |
| August 2-5 | "Danielle Shula" a show of
recent works |
| August 9-26 | "Yukon Expressions" a multi-
media art show sponsored by
the Dawson City Museum |
| August 21 | "Scenes from the Ice Age: Ice
Age Animals from the Yukon",
a lecture by Dick Harrington
Curator of Quarternary Zoology
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| T.B.A. | "An Overview of Yukon
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Mad Dogs and Running Enthusiasts go out in the Solstice Sun

by Jennifer Williams

On the eve of June 21st people passing by must have asked themselves why otherwise sane individuals would subject themselves to a 5 kilometre run when temperatures reached close to 30°C.

The answer in part was an event organized by Run Dawson, but as for the motivation of individuals it would perhaps be easier to explain the structural feat of Stonehenge than to rationalize the behaviour of running enthusiasts to the unconverted.

The 4th Annual Solstice Run had its largest field yet with 28 participants of varying ages and paces. The McCauley clan cleaned up winning three of the six categories; Bob McCauley and his daughter Tara placed first in the Men's Masters and the Junior Female (ages 13-16) categories respectively. In the Boys 12 years and under Division ten year old Kevin McCauley and nine year old Nathan Dewell tied for first while Malcolm Dewell (the youngest competitor at age 7) came in second.

The top three in the Men's Open finished within 20 seconds of each other. Kevin Anderson was the first across the finish line with a time of 18:51 closely followed by Rene Nadeau

(19:01) and Ross Sailer (19:10). In the Men's Masters Division Lyndsay Beck placed a respectable second.

Jane Vincent, Dawson's Olympic hopeful for cross-country skiing in 1992, won the Women's Open handily in 20 minutes flat. Janet Helton-Johnson is also to be congratulated for her winning performance in the Women's Masters class. Run Dawson member Meredith O'Connor was the fourth woman to finish the course which earned her third place in the Women's Open Division.

Thanks to the following volunteers (who ran the show if not the course); Norma Kobayashi, Kelly Chow, Ted Paine, Joanne Hunston, Maureen and Ryan Gillen, and Helen and Samuel McCall. Bob McCauley managed to be both the race organizer and a participant without being run off his feet.

The Solstice fun run was a good warm-up for the upcoming Dome Race. However on July 20th when Run Dawson members are joined by visitors from far and wide such seemingly masochistic tendencies can no longer be attributed to "the rotation of the earth".

Photo by Jennifer Williams



Photo by Ryan Peterson



Photo by Dan Davidson

Kids Softball

So many kids registered in this years May / June program that it had to be split by ages. At left are the winners of the junior (T-Ball) league, while the senior winners are seen below.



Photo by Dan Davidson

Run Dawson ... Run

- Janet Johnson

The emphasis for all the running events sponsored by Run Dawson is on participation and fitness rather than winning. Anyone interested in running, from the casual to the serious runner, is welcome to join our fun runs held weekly at the Gazebo on Front Street on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

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Dawson Medical Clinic would like to acknowledge the arrival of Dr. Steven Howells who will be working in conjunction with Dr. Parsons.

He is accompanied by his wife, Janet Howells, who is employed by YTG as the regional occupational therapist. This is a new position in Dawson which will be discussed in a future issue of the Klondike Sun.

We welcome them to Dawson as they assist in enriching the health of the community.

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Thank You

I have so many thank-yous to so many people in this town that they would fill an entire page - so I'll have to condense them.

Thank you (of course) to our marvellous fire dept. and to Kareen Brickner for saving our home. Thanks to Bill & Fran for putting us up and putting up with us, and thanks to the wonderful people who did laundry, helped clean up the soot, got my drycleaning out, and offered their time and moral support. Thanks to all the people who got everything working again: wiring, plumbing and the garage repairs. I want to say a special thanks to Brian, Phil, Pamela and Brian for hanging in there for the whole month of June.

Everybody's work is so much appreciated!
Shelley, Greg & Alex

THANK YOU

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