


# And the Winner of the Ice Pool is ...




Dawne Mitchell gives a big thumbs up to her winning ticket at this year's IODE Break-up Ice Pool. See story on page 3. Photo by Dan Davidson

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*It snowed here on May 18, but we're all trying to forget that... right?*



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Bubbles, water guns and sunscreen; Max's has everything you need to have fun this summer.

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# What to SEE AND DO in DAWSON now:

This free public service helps our readers find their way through the many activities all over town. Any small happening may need preparation and planning, so let us know in good time! To join this listing contact the office at [klondikesun@northwestel.net](mailto:klondikesun@northwestel.net).

## Events

**WEEKEND ON THE WING:** June 7-9. [dempstercountry.ca](http://dempstercountry.ca)

**COMMISSIONER'S TEA:** June 8 on the lawns of the Commissioner's Residence. Free and public welcome! Contact: Parks Canada (867) 993-7200.

**COMMISSIONER'S KLONDIKE BALL:** June 8 at the Palace Grand Theatre. Tickets available through the KVA. Call 867-993-5575 or e-mail [kva@dawson.net](mailto:kva@dawson.net). [www.commissioner.gov.yk.ca](http://www.commissioner.gov.yk.ca)

**DAWSON CITY MUSIC FESTIVAL TICKETS NOW ON SALE:** Thursday Pass to Wanda Jackson with the Trilliums, Weekend and Day passes are now available for purchase. Festival dates July 19-21. For more info [www.dcmf.com](http://www.dcmf.com).

## Meetings

**IODE DAWSON CITY:** Meet first Tuesday each month at home of Joyce Caley at 7:30 p.m. For info call Myrna Butterworth, 993-5353, Joyce Caley, 993-5424. Recess for summer July-Oct.

**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH #1:** Meet second Thursday each month at Legion Hall (3rd and King St.) at 7:30 p.m. Contacts Helen Bowie, 993-5526, Myrna Butterworth, 993-5353.

**PIONEER WOMEN OF THE YUKON:** Meet third Thursday each month at 7:30 p.m. at YOOP Hall. Contact Myrna Butterworth, 993-5353. Recess for summer June, July and Aug.

## Klondike Institute of Art and Culture (KIAC)

**PORTRAIT DRAWING WORKSHOP WITH MICHAEL MARKOWSKY:** Wednesday, May 29, 6-9 p.m. in the KIAC Classroom. \$8 +GST, free for seniors (55+). Supplies included. Produce your self-portrait with the Artist in Residence.

**COVER ME BADD:** Friday, May 31, doors at 7 p.m. \$5, 8 local bands perform 2 cover songs of choice and one selected by a super secret panel. Nothing but the hits! Money goes towards local artists' performing fees for future shows.

**BALSAM RANGE LIVE IN CONCERT:** Weds, June 5 at the Palace Grand Theatre. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. \$20 adv/\$25 at door. Tickets at KIAC and Max's. Five friends from the Appalachians blend bluegrass, folk, gospel and jazz.

**IN THE CONFLUENCE: THE NATURE OF THREE:** May 23-June 16. Amanda King, Rachel Siminovitch, Rebekah Millar. Gallery Hours: Thurs-Sun, 3-7 p.m. Gallery located at 3rd and Queen in SOVA.

**IN THE ODD: THEM THAR HILLLS: A BACKWOODS ALPHABESTIARY:** Veronica Verkley, May 16-June 21. A curious series of miniature dioramas. Gallery Hours: Tues-Sat, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**KIDS ART CAMP:** June 11-18, Tuesday-Thursday, 1 - 4 p.m. \$200/6 weeks or \$36/week. Ages 6-9.

**KIDS DANCE WITH CLAIRE LINT:** Fridays, Jun.7-26. Programs for ages 3 through 13. Please sign up by Jun.3

**PIANO LESSONS WITH BARNACLE BOB:** Apr.22-Jun.17, 8 half hour lessons, 3:30-1:30 p.m., Mondays, \$138. Time slots still available.

**SATURDAY DROP IN PAINTING:** 1-4 p.m. in the KIAC Classroom. \$5. Inspire and be inspired by other artists. Bring your own ideas and painting surfaces. Paints, brushes and easels are supplied. No intruction offered.

**LOCAL SIGHTINGS CALL FOR ENTRY:** New and local films are showcased as part of the Local Sightings festival, focused on the Pacific Northwest filmmakers. Info: <http://localsightings.nwfilmforum.org/>. Submission deadline: July1.

## SOVA

**ADMIN OFFICE HOURS:** Mon-Thurs, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**LIBRARY HOURS:** Closed until further notice.

**ART SUPPLY STORE HOURS:** Closed until May 13. Open after May 13 during Admin Office Hours.

## Yukon College

**UPCOMING COURSES & PROGRAMS:** Workplace Communications, June 4-5, 9-4 p.m., \$379+GST; Foodsafe, June8, 9-5 p.m., \$80. Call 8800 or [ycdawson@yukoncollege.yk.ca](mailto:ycdawson@yukoncollege.yk.ca) to register.

## Dawson City Community Library

**BERTON HOUSE READING:** Tuesday, June 18, 7 p.m. at the Library. A reading/presentation by writer-in-residence Melanie Siebert.

## Conservation Klondike Society

**DEPOT HOURS:** Sat, Sun, Mon: 1-5 p.m., Tues: 3-7 p.m. Donations of refundables may be left on the deck during off hours. Info: 993-6666.

## Dawson City Recreation Department

Get the Rec & Leisure Newsletter & stay up to date. Website: [www.cityofdawson.ca](http://www.cityofdawson.ca). Facebook: "City of Dawson Recreation". Contact us at 993-2353.

## The Westminster Hotel

**A BUNCH OF B.S.:** May 31 in the lounge, a tribute to Black Sabbath!

**SUSU ROBIN.:** Tuesdays in the Tavern at 7 p.m.

**ONSIE WEDNESDAYS:** Until the end of May wear your favourite onsie long underwear and receive happy hour prices all day long!

**GEORGE MCCONKEY:** Fridays in the Tavern, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

**FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS: LIVE MUSIC IN THE LOUNGE:** Starting at 10 p.m.

**SMALLIE SUNDAYS:** Enjoy happy hour small drafts on both sides! Regular live entertainment in the lounge on Friday and Saturday, 10 p.m. to close.

## The Midnight Sun Hotel

**LADIES NIGHT:** Thursdays

**THE KLONDIKE SONS:** Fridays starting on Friday, May 31.

## Bombay Peggy's

**BLACKJACK RUBIES:** Saturday, June 1 at 9 p.m. Opening acts, Noosa, Susu.

## Chamber of Commerce & Town Council

**CHAMBER MEETINGS:** Regular meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at the Downtown Hotel.

**COUNCIL MEETINGS:** 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Council Chambers. Public invited to ask Council questions during the question period, which takes place towards the end of each meeting. Meetings are also aired on Channel 12.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETINGS:** Council will be holding Committee of the Whole meetings on the 1st Monday and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

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**20TH ANNIVERSARY UMBRELLA FINAL AGREEMENT:** Wednesday, May 29, 2-3 p.m. at DZCC. Presentations, commemorative video, legacy project, light snacks, everyone welcome. Call 993-7108 for more info.

**POST-SECONDARY FUNDING APPLICATION:** New "earlybird" deadline: June 15. Regular deadline: July 15. See [trondek.ca](http://trondek.ca) for the application form or call Melissa, 7111, toll free 1-877-993-3400 ext. 111.

## Klondike Visitor's Association

**DIAMOND TOOTH GERTIES:** Open seven days a week May-Sept. Shows at 8:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m. and midnight. Happy Hour 11 p.m. - midnight. Late night food!

**I LOVE DAWSON CITY PHOTO CONTEST:** Have an awesome photo of Dawson City that will help us tell visitors why they will love Dawson? Win great prizes by entering your photo(s) to [kva@dawson.net](mailto:kva@dawson.net) by May 31.

## Ice Pool Winner Has Several Moments to Remember From This Year's Event

Story & Photo  
By Dan Davidson

Breakup 2013 is one that Dawne Mitchell won't forget for a while. Winning \$3872 in the IODE Ice Pool is memorable enough, but other events will enhance the memory.

For one thing, she was there when the ice shifted and the tripod floated away. Standing on the boardwalk behind the Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre, Mitchell recalled the events of May 15.

"I came down after work and I was standing here for quite a while. Victor (Henry) and I were chatting with a whole bunch of people right here. I was standing right under the cable ... and Victor said, 'Oh, look, the cable's starting to move.'"

Now the cable runs from the tripod in the river to the clock mounted on the side of the building, so when the tripod moves enough, the cable parts and stops the clock.

"The tripod started to lift, and I could see that, but I didn't really connect it to breaking.

Then all of a sudden it moved a bit more and then I heard the 'ping!' off the clock."

She was so wrapped up in the moment of watching the ice and hearing the initial noise of the break-up that she forgot to look at her watch.

When she finally thought about it there were several people calling out different times, according to what their watches and cellphones were reading at the time.

The clock was sealed up with red caution tape and the IODE's Joyce Caley, who had not heard the fire siren, was still at home, so no one knew what the official time was. When a couple of people made as if they were going to take the tape off and look, Dänojà Zho manager Glenda Bolt warned them off in a mock stern voice.

Mitchell went home, but half an hour or so later, feeling curious, she called Caley on the phone and asked what the time had been.

And that was the first that the surprised Caley knew that the ice had broken.

Story & Photos  
By Dan Davidson

The Yukon River at Dawson broke up at 6:08 on May 15.

The dike trail above the river had seen a lot of traffic during the day as people stopped off to look at the ice and wonder when it was going to go. After a series of years with breakups ranging from April 29 to May 7, this year has been very late.

The ice lingered until May 16 in 1985, but it hasn't broken later than May 12 in the years since then. The most recent May 15<sup>th</sup> breakup was in 1959 and the only other one until this year was in 1917.

The movement of the tripod on the ice snapped the cable running to the clock on the Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre at 6:08, snapped it with a resounding twang according to DZ manager Glenda Bolt, who was still there at the time.

Others who were present said that the noise of the ice was quite loud when it first began to move, but the sound had moderated by the time the clusters of crowd had gathered all along the dike from the Old CIBC Building to the ferry landing. By 6:30, after the fire siren sounded, the dike was lined with people in groups of 15 and 20, chatting and bidding a fond farewell to the ice that has lingered so long this year.

Notably absent from the waterfront was Joyce Caley, the official timekeeper for the IODE, who had not heard the siren go

## Break-up at Last on May 15



off.

It was after 7 by the time she was made aware of the breakup and headed to the river with her son, Bruce, to peel the red caution tape off the clock and read the time.

At that point there was no one still there watching the river.

She wouldn't have known then except that the holder of the winning ticket, Dawne Mitchell, called her to see if the time was indeed 6:08, as she had heard it was.

There was a cluster of guesses within a few minutes of either side of the actual time, but Mitchell was the only one right on the button. She will get the

entire prize, which is half the money raised by the ticket sales.

This year the IODE printed an additional 500 tickets, raising the number to 4500, and sold all but 278. That made a total of \$8444. Expenses were \$700, so that left \$7744 to be divided in two: \$3872 for Mitchell.

The IODE uses its half to support a number charitable activities.

"When one person gets it, I makes it all the sweeter," Caley said. "Thank goodness it did not go out on May 11 at 11 in the morning. There were 28 guesses for that date and time."



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# OPINIONS

## Uffish Thoughts: Making the Arts a Priority in the Klondike

### Story & Photo

By Dan Davidson

When you talk to former placer miner Greg Hakonson about the discussion he and local artist John Steins (now former mayor, but that came later) had about starting the Dawson City Arts Society back in the late 1990s, he says the idea was partly to give the Klondike an economic base that had more than a ten year life span, which is what you might expect from a lot of mining projects.

Hakonson is well aware that placer miners have been roaming the creeks since 1898 and seem to show no signs of stopping, but the short life of Viceroy's Brewery Creek Mine and the ten years of the Clinton Creek asbestos mine do tend to prove his point, as does the exploration slump that seems to be coming this summer after several years of frantic staking.

That discussion led to the formation of the Dawson City Arts Society (DCAS) in the spring of 1998. By that autumn DCAS had obtained the Oddfellows Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The building was moribund, but Hakonson spurred the drive to rebuild it and turn it into an arts showplace with the assistance of funding from "governments, other community associations, and the private sector, plus countless hours of enthusiastic volunteer participation, major

renovations were undertaken and the neglected structure was successfully resurrected" (KIAC website).

DCAS became the governing body and the Klondike Institute of Arts and Culture (KIAC) its program arm. The doors opened in December 1999 and in March 2000 Governor General Adrienne Clarkson attended the first art show in the ODD Gallery.

KIAC hit the ground running.

The first annual Dawson City International Short Film Festival was held the next month.

2001 saw the first Yukon Riverside Arts Festival, breathing new life into the Discovery Day celebrations, which had grown stale since the excitement of the centennial years (1996-1998). There was the grand opening of the KIAC Artist Residency, housed in the Parks Canada owned Macaulay House, and the first edition of the Youth Art Enrichment program.

Over the next few years the Arts for Employment program would be run in partnership with Yukon College, acting as a sort of pilot project for the eventual establishment of the Yukon (originally KIAC) School of Visual Art in another resurrected building (the former territorial liquor store/public library/social services offices) on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. That



building had been condemned and vacated but was restored to vibrant life and would eventually find itself attached to a new Yukon College extension, which might never have been built otherwise.

The list of programs that DCAS/KIAC runs or assists is extensive: community arts courses, visual arts, music lessons, media arts, dance and movement, writing workshops, performing arts, a summer art camp, concerts, theatre productions, monthly coffee house/open mic nights, the annual 48 Hour Film Competition, snow carving during Thaw di Graw. These are

general headings. The reports tabled at the latest annual general meeting in April have lists that go on for pages.

Current DCAS president Peter Menzies likes to refer to the society as being a key element in a cultural cluster in the town. It partners with the Dawson City Music Festival, Yukon SOVA, Yukon College, the Robert Service School, the Dawson Community Library, Parks Canada and the Berton House Writers' Retreat to accomplish a great many things.

Presently it is working on developing the second year of an ArtsGate project with the

newly formed Friends of Bear Creek Society, and is part of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in's regional economic development plan, looking to find ways to revitalize the use of the Palace Grand Theatre for live performances and establish some variety of Artist's Cooperative in the region.

In the 15 years since that conversation between their homes in the middle of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, DCAS has embedded itself in the community and added an artistic touch to the Klondike.

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# LETTERS

## Just Thinking

The most serious problem facing the world today, from a human perspective, is over-population. The explosion of the human population has resulted in pollution, habitat destruction, species extinctions, green house gas emissions causing global warming, acidification of the oceans and unsustainable over fishing.

The continued exponential growth of the human population is mathematically impossible and continuing in this direction will be devastating.

We have been able to grow the population to its current level of approximately 7 billion only by artificial and unsustainable means. That means of growth has been the use of oil. A single barrel of oil produces energy approximately equivalent to what a physically fit human could produce in 10 years of 40 hour work weeks, 50 weeks per year. This incredible amount of very cheap available energy has changed our lives. We can now accomplish things that were impossible just a couple of hundred years ago. We can propel hundreds of tons of metal high into the atmosphere to deliver people and goods to the other side of the world in just a few hours. Not too long ago in our history, the same task would have used wind power and ocean currents and taken months. Oil is what makes agriculture at the production levels necessary to sustain our population levels and to transport the produce to those populations possible. Oil drives the world and the economy.

We do not actually produce or manufacture oil. We extract it from the natural reserves found on this one small planet. It is the stored energy from the sun accumulated over billions of years.

The demand for oil increases exponentially every year, but the oil itself is a finite resource. We have just recently passed the point where our consumption of oil exceeds our ability to find new deposits. In other words we are now using oil faster than we can find it, drawing down the world's reserves, and it's getting worse as countries develop and populations continue to grow.

We have an ability to think in much more complex ways than any other species on the planet, yet we don't seem to have, or at least utilize, an ability to think of consequences for our actions very far into the future. We like to make things as pleasant as we can for ourselves without much thought toward the cost of our actions to future generations. We are squandering our children's inheritance.

Estimates as to the size of a sustainable (without oil) population vary somewhat but is generally thought to be about 1 billion or possibly a little less.

Despite the fact that population size is the root problem we really don't hear much about it. We hear more about trying to control the effects of over-population than we do about tackling the problem itself.

Why is that?

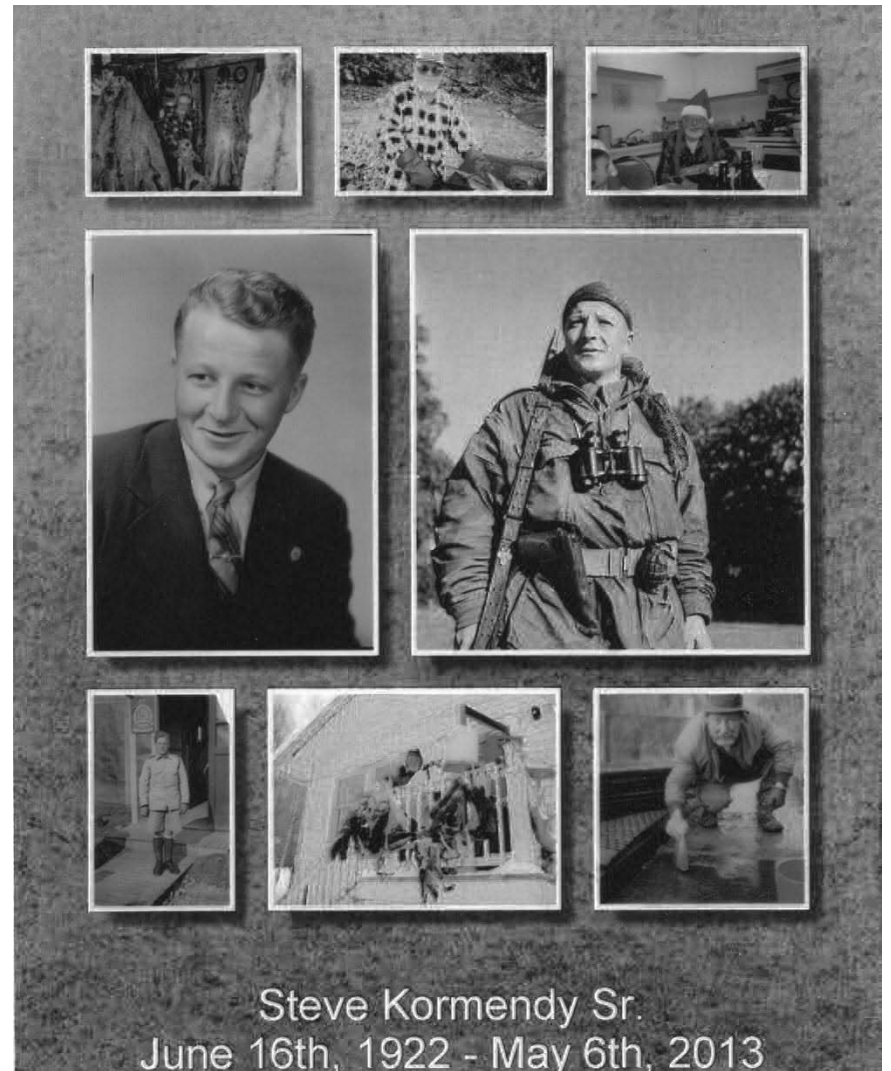
### Politics, Big Business and Religions.

I heard a mathematician explain exponential growth in the following manner. You start in the morning and place a single bacterium in a container. The bacteria divide and double once every minute. The container will be full at midnight. What time is it when the container is half full? The answer is that the time is 11:59 PM. What time is it when a second container would be filled? 12:01 AM. Now exchange the bacteria with humans and think of the container as planet Earth...

What time is it?

Ron Ryant, Dawson City

## OBITUARY



Steven Paul Kormendy was born on June 16, 1922, in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Steve's parents were enlisted soldiers in WWI, and after that war ended they immigrated to Canada. Steve was six years old accompanying his parents John and Elizabeth, brothers Ed, Frank, and John, and his sister. They built their homestead in Westlock, Alberta, as Steve's parents saw what was happening in Europe and did not want their sons to be part of another World War. During the depression, Steve enlisted with the Calgary Highlanders against his parent's wishes. For the first month of WWII, he was a guard at Buckingham Palace and then deployed to Holland, where he fought in the European campaign. Years of shooting game to help feed his family made him such an excellent shot that he was promoted to the rank of Corporal with the Highlander Scouts Platoon Section as a sniper. The platoon was highly trained in stealth and camouflage and the front scouts for intelligence and operating behind enemy lines.

Steve participated in D-Day, the invasion of Normandy, then moved north through the Netherlands. He also fought in the liberation of Holland and was eventually wounded in Belgium during an air raid. Steve was a highly decorated soldier of the Canadian Forces and received several medals during his tour of duty, including the Canadian Forces Decoration 12 Year Service Medal; the War Medal, 1939-1945; the 1945-1949 Star; the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal; the France and Germany Star; and the Defence Medal. Over fifty years after the war, he received the Medal of Remembrance from the Netherlands for his part in the Liberation of Holland.

The year 2005 was declared Year of the Veteran to honour those who fought in past wars. The Dawson City branch of the Royal Canadian Legion named Steve Veteran of the Year for this area.

After serving with the Highlanders for eight years, Steve was formally discharged, in 1945. He and a friend flipped a coin that would decide if they would, "heads," go to South Africa to mine or, "tails," go to the Yukon. The coin landed "tails up."

Steve first went to Atlin and then moved on to Elsa and Keno. He spent some time mining on the Stewart River, then moved on to Clinton Creek, and finally settled in Dawson, where he met his future wife, Peggy Semple.

Steve and Peggy were married on January 13, 1962, in Dawson City. Together they raised six children. Combining both Steve and Peggy's cultures, they taught their children to live off the land. Throughout their lives they were inseparable—hunting, fishing, trapping, mining, and growing their own vegetables.

Steve loved to spend time with his wife, children, and grandchildren. He enjoyed cooking for his kids and especially the grandchildren—they loved his chicken soup and dumplings. One of his grandchildren was heard saying "Grandpa makes the best bologna sandwiches ever." He never missed a day of cooking for the kids. He was a kind and generous man; he gave fish to those in need without hesitation. He loved to get dressed up and take Peggy out on the town dancing; they enjoyed their nights out immensely.

Steve became a member of the Yukon Order of Pioneers in 1974, and in spring of 2013, he was given the honour of becoming a life member. He was also an honorary member of the Dawson Ranger Patrol. He served as guest of honour for Patrol inspections and VIP functions. One of Steve's most important occasions was Remembrance Day. He would encourage family members to participate in the ceremony. He then would look around to see if the rest of the family, colleagues, and community members were in attendance, as he believed this was part of his life and why he and his comrades fought for freedom.

During the last few weeks of his journey, Steve spent time surrounded by his wife, children, and grandchildren and continued to enjoy his last sips of Royal Red.

Steve will be sadly missed by his wife Peggy, sons Peter (Margie), Ed (Janice), Steven (Petra), and Frank (Darlene), Darren (Austin), daughters Debbie (Richard) and Dawn (Ken), and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews, as well as his sisters-in-law, Shirley and Ann.

Steve is predeceased by his parents John and Elizabeth, brothers Ed, Frank, and John (Nelly), and one sister, as well as his brothers-in-law George, Jackie, John, and Richard Semple, and sisters-in-law Katherine McNab and Linda Chudy.



### Announcement!

# AGM

Join us

**Monday, June 17**

**6 p.m**

**at the Klondike Sun office on  
Front Street in the Waterfront  
Building**



## A New Face at the Sun!



Photo by Alyssa Friesen

by Samantha Elmsley

My name is Samantha Elmsley, and I am delighted to be joining the *Klondike Sun* team as the Student Intern this summer. Born and raised in Smiths Falls, Ontario, I am currently a student at the University of King's College in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where I study English and Early Modern Philosophy. During the school year, I write for the *Dalhousie Gazette* as Opinions Editor, a position I will be returning to in the fall.

Having never been west of Ontario in Canada, I thought this was the perfect summer to cram my partner's yellow Ford Focus with camping gear (we still aren't sure how we fit it in) and head to the Yukon. It took us two weeks to get here from Smiths Falls, including stopovers for hiking and hot springs. The warm people I've met in Dawson so far are making up for this brutally cold spring, and the pace of life is definitely to my liking (who knew some communities still slowed down on Sundays?). A big nature-lover, I'm excited to do lots of hiking and canoeing this summer, and to get to know the community through my work with the *Klondike Sun*.

Looking forward to a great few months!

Story & Photos  
by Samantha Elmsley

I rolled into town two Fridays ago, joining the ranks of summer workers flocking to Dawson City for tourist season. I'm here to fund my education, meet people and experience the great outdoors, but I'm also here to learn about my home for the next four months—so I'm embarking on all the tours Parks Canada has to offer.

Despite the budget cuts, Parks Canada has expanded its roster of tours this season. New this year is the Dawson Then and Now tour, a fact-filled walk around the city starting at 9:30 a.m., daily. The Robert Service Hike is also new and will kick off around June 1, departing from the cabin at 11 a.m. daily (weather permitting) to the Crocus Bluff. On this tour, visitors can get some exercise, listen to Service's poetry and learn about his life.

The Community Orientation Program, which is returning this year and which runs until July 15, particularly caught my interest. This program gives summer workers free admission to six listed Parks Canada locations and two walking tours, with a form signed by the worker's manager. It's a great chance for us to learn about our surroundings, from people who are far better at history than I will ever be.

The English major in me couldn't wait until June 1 for the Robert Service hike, so I headed out to the cabin for the stationary program. A small group of us sat around the wooden shelter as our guide, squinting in the bright sun, talked us through the life and poetry of Robert Service. "The Cremation of Sam McGee" is a different poem now that I've experienced the Tennessee man's pain myself, having camped (shivering!) through the quick blizzard on May 18.

After the talk we moved



into the cabin Service lived in during his time in Dawson. Its furniture, and even the cabin itself, seemed child-sized—Service must have been a pretty short dude. The ceiling was decorated with paper covered in what, at first glance, seemed to be swastikas, but the tour guide assured us that the design predated Nazi Germany, and that they were actually symbols of peace. This suited the cozy cabin, as well as Service's life story, much better.

The next morning I made my way down to the Visitor's Centre for the Dawson Then and Now tour. The walk is led by one Now guide, who provides information about life in present-day Dawson, and a Then guide, who dresses in period costume and performs short skits, communicating a sense of what it felt like to be living the Gold Rush era. For an hour and a half they walked us around the city, taking turns to point out the sights, covering everything from permafrost to social life.

Though the Then guide did a spectacular job of illustrating the historical Dawson, I was most fascinated with stories of life here today. Just across from the saloon, we stopped to hear about "Thaw di Gras", a festival that takes place the third week of March. Events include a number of lip-synch performances by locals (who

often, we were told, build sets and practice for weeks leading up to the event), a dog show, a cat show, and (now discontinued, probably for the best) a chainsaw-throwing contest.

The history of the *Klondike* has captured the imagination of many visitors, writers, and artists; but after two weeks here I feel drawn to the culture of today, the sense of community created out of isolation and friendly spirits.

At the end of the tour, our guides asked the group whether they had convinced anyone to stay and become a true Sourdough. If I had been asked that question a couple days ago, I would have laughed; after a week of positive experiences here, I'm taking the possibility more seriously.



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# Dawson and Yukon Sign Historic Landfill Agreement After More Than a Decade of Debate

Story & Photos  
By Dan Davidson

On May 16 the City of Dawson and the Government of the Yukon buried a bone of contention that has been an irritant between the two levels of government almost since the year the town took over the Quigley Landfill in 1997.

It has also been an irritant between the residents of Dawson and those outside the town boundaries. Since the landfill is used by both groups, the ratepayers in town have felt that those on the periphery weren't contributing anything but garbage to the enterprise, while rural residents have been heard to say that the town stole their garbage dump.

Quigley is located right on the boundary between the town and the rural settlements and was originally established by YTG during the period when Dawson's landfill was on the Dome Road, next to what is now the Moose Mountain Ski Hill. This was before boundary expansion in 1994.

There was an operating agreement for Quigley between the two levels of government to begin with, but it lapsed after about five years and councils ever since then have spent many hours complaining about the lack of a fiscal contribution from the territory for what was supposed to be a joint-use facility.

That impasse has vanished over the last few months since Elaine Taylor took over as Minister of Community Services.

The new three-year agreement signed on May 16 formalizes the solid waste management centre as a shared-use regional facility that recognizes equal access to the facility for residents living within the municipal boundary of the City of Dawson and those residing beyond.

"This agreement represents a collaborative approach to solid waste management services and moves Yukon toward the regional solid waste model supported by Yukon's Solid Waste Action Plan and the findings of the recent Our Towns Our Future Solid Waste Working Group," Minister Taylor said. "Arrangements like this will achieve long-term cost savings and efficiencies, and will allow for future planning of waste management needs."

"This three-year agreement for the Quigley landfill is the result of relationship building and acknowledges our shared responsibility for the sustainable operation of the landfill," said Mayor Wayne Potoroka.

"Over the life of this

partnership, the Yukon Government will contribute up to \$400,000 for capital upgrades and site assessments and 50% of our annual landfill operation and maintenance costs, up to a maximum of \$50,000, to cover peripheral users of the facility.

"(This agreement) means any talk of the folks living outside our town boundary not pitching in their share for the landfill ends today. And it means being able to begin implementing the solid-waste management plan we developed with the Conservation Klondike Society."

One of the major features of the agreement addresses an issue that came to a head under the Jenkins' administration just about two years back, when special waste (tires, old cars, metals, etc.) accumulated well beyond the ability of the landfill to contain it.

Through the agreement, says the press release, the Yukon government also agrees to assist with the transportation of special waste, metals, recyclables and other items that require off-site transfer.

This has happened in the past, but not in a timely manner.

While the government will contribute what is seen as a fair share of the capital and operating costs, the lion's share of the responsibility for Quigley's operations remain with the town.

"The City of Dawson will contribute to ongoing operations and maintenance of the facility," says the press release, "and is solely responsible and in control of the day-to-day management of the facility, including meeting all permitting requirements and groundwater monitoring."

"This agreement is the result of the strong relationship between Dawson City and the Yukon government and acknowledges our shared responsibility for the sustainable operation of the Quigley Waste Management Facility," Potoroka said. "On behalf of council and residents of the City of Dawson, I would like to thank everyone who played a role in the negotiation of this agreement."

As a gift to mark the occasion, Potoroka presented Taylor with a painting created on the back of a couch cushion salvaged from the landfill by Derian Blake, one of this year's students at the Yukon School of Visual Arts.

"This landfill agreement is the result of recognizing our efforts are better spent working with, rather than against, each other," Potoroka said. "This agreement has been a long time coming, and now that it's here, it represents a new high-water mark for municipal-territorial relations."



Minister Elaine Taylor and Mayor Wayne Potoroka signed the agreement in triplicate.

Councillor Stephen Johnson, Minister Elaine Taylor, Mayor Wayne Potoroka, Councillors Bill Kendrick and Kyla McArthur



## Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Declare Traditional Territory Frack-Free

### Press Release

DAWSON CITY – Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (TH) Chief and Council have declared areas under TH jurisdiction in TH Traditional Territory frack-free.

The declaration was made by unanimous resolution at a recent Council Meeting in response to concerns over the environmental impacts of the fracture-stimulation process, also known as hydraulic fracturing or fracking.

"The Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in have a direct relationship with our natural environment—it is part of our identity," said Eddie Taylor, Chief of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Hän Nation. "We believe fracking has the potential to worsen the impacts of climate change and affect our drinking water and natural environment."

Chief Taylor also noted that Yukon Energy plans to use natural gas to meet the growing demand for electricity. While the natural gas will be supplied from outside Yukon, Chief Taylor believes the territory will eventually be forced to exploit local sources of natural gas.

"We urge the Yukon Government and Yukon Energy to meet the growing demand for electrical energy through renewable energy sources and make carbon-neutral energy a primary goal," said Chief Taylor. "Climate change is a reality, and it's an increasing challenge for the North and a risk to the TH way of life."

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## HUMANE SOCIETY DAWSON UPDATE

with Katie Pearce, Humane Society Dawson

### Shelter Saviours



There have been times at the Humane Society Dawson where the shelter was unsure where they would find money for their next bag of dog food. Lately however, HSD has been extremely blessed and the community of Dawson City has been more supportive than ever.

In addition to all the donations of food, towels, blankets and toys from various people in the last month, HSD has had two very generous donations from two different businesses in town.

The first came from the Dominion Station. When Lynne Bowers came to our shelter coordinator to let us know that the Dominion Shell was going to be making a donation to HSD, we did not expect it to be so large. Owners Boyd Gillis and Sharon Edmunds donated \$1000.00 to HSD! That was a great surprise and will make a big difference to the general operations of the shelter, as well as contribute to our upcoming projects.

Then HSD was made aware of a problem that caused a lot of worry to our coordinator and board members, the roof at the shelter was leaking, badly. Everyone threw their heads together to brainstorm how we would find money to fix this problem before it got so bad it damaged other parts of the building. Luckily, when this problem was mentioned in a casual conversation to Lynne Hutton, Managing Director of Han Construction, her exact words were "we can do that." Sure enough, as soon as the snow melted a crew of Han Construction workers were out assessing the damage, and a day later were up on the roof tearing up tin, replacing insulation, and putting on drip caps. All of the labor and materials were donated; HSD never saw a bill. An unexpected expense like that could have had a very negative affect on the shelter, and there are truly no words to express how grateful HSD is for this donation.

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## 2013 is Another Flood Year for the Alaskan Town of Eagle

by Dan Davidson

Photos by Jackie Helmer

Residents of Eagle, Alaska, were hit by water and ice again this year on May 17. While this year's damage could not compare to what happened in 2009, the ice was thicker and perhaps even more impressive.

Interviewed on May 21, long time resident John Borg said that water levels had receded and that both channels looked like they would be running free with moving ice.

In 2009 there was major damage to the area by the waterfront below the Old Courthouse, but this year the ice and water hit mostly along the road to the airport on the south side of town and down by the site of the former Eagle Village, which was wiped out in 2009 and relocated further inland.

"There was half a dozen houses that had been rebuilt much higher than the original – but it wasn't enough."

As of Tuesday the highway department was still working to clear ice away from the old road that leads down to the former village and give access to the new village.

Jackie Helmer, another resident, reports that the road has been blocked for "1.5 miles by ice chunks 15-20 feet high in places."

The Helmers were not damaged.

"We've lucked out two times now. In '09 the water got right to our door but it didn't get in. The ice is a lot thicker this year and I'm surprised it didn't do more damage."

Borg said the ice had held the water back this year, but as the machines moved the bergs, the water was running through and eroding the roadbed.

Borg said that in 2009 the ice was pushed into

the village by other ice, but this year it seemed as if many of the bergs simply floated in and were deposited, which indicates that the water was very high at one point.

"Only a third of the ice would have been above water."

While Eagle shared with Dawson City the late season snowstorm that hit on May 18, but Borg says the sky has been clear and the sun shining ever since.

Towns farther

downstream have not been as lucky as Eagle from what Borg has been hearing. There's a jam 12 miles above Fort Yukon that had not let go as of Tuesday and Circle City was badly flooded.

"It got hammered pretty bad."

On May 21 The Alaska national Weather Service reported "major flooding in Circle City Sunday (May 19) and similar flooding is expected in Fort Yukon on May 21."



*Nick & Jean Turner's home and work shop located at the boat landing.*



*About 15 ft ice chunk in Jeanne subdivision, squished Ranger in front of it. The Ranger was squished in the 2009 flood.*



*15-20 ft ice chunks blocking the road to Eagle Village. the road is like this for about 1.5 miles. Alex Helmer is sitting on the smaller ice chunk, just to left of center.*





Scott & Alex Helmer in Jeanne subdivision standing in front of a massive ice chunk (Scott is 6 ft. tall.) The ice is sitting on the remains of a steel heavy equipment trailer.



This shows how massive the ice is. It was taken on May 18 and Tiffany Helmer is standing in front of the ice. The pic was taken in the old village (the other end of the blocked road.)

# More Break-up Pix

by Alice Thompson



Craig Harbor came out with a crew to pull the Klondike Spirit higher up on the road away from the bank to prevent damage in case of an ice jam scraping up the Yukon River banks.



Bryan Leary and Jim Leary watch the ice flow after breakup. "After 35 years of watching the Yukon River, this is only the second time that I was here when it (the breakup) happened," said Jim. The Leary's house is in the flood zone along Front Street.



# Celebrating our Past, Present and Future

Wednesday, May 29 marks the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Umbrella Final Agreement, the ground-breaking document that provided a framework for Yukon First Nations to become self-governing.

Commonly referred to as the UFA, the agreement was signed by the Council of Yukon First Nations and the governments of Canada and Yukon.

On the same day, four of Yukon's 14 First Nations signed their Final Agreements: Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, Teslin Tlingit Council, the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun and Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation. These agreements:

- Help keep our vibrant First Nation cultures and languages alive;
- Strengthen the social, political and economic structure of our territory; and
- Create a brighter future for all Yukon citizens.

Today, 11 Yukon First Nations are self-governing and Yukon is home to more than half of all self-governing First Nations in Canada.

This May 29, we encourage Yukon citizens to reflect upon this important anniversary and celebrate our past, present and future.

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## "This is the way this is supposed to work," said of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in/Kaminak Agreement

Story & photos  
by Dan Davidson

The weekend of the 27<sup>th</sup> Dawson City International Gold Show seemed a propitious times during which to announce an exploration agreement between the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and Kaminak Gold Corp., an event foreshadowed back in March when it was announced that CanNor would investing \$130,450 over a two year period to support the development of the agreement.

The agreement is linked to Kaminak's Coffee Creek Gold Project, a high-grade oxidized gold project in the emerging White Gold District in Yukon.

In the most general of terms, the agreement will provide for meaningful participation of the residents of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation during the exploration, advanced exploration and construction planning phases of the Coffee Creek Gold Project.

Actual hard rock mining in the area is still perhaps five years away from getting started, but the company's press releases continue to be positive in spite of the downturn in gold prices and the difficulties in raising capital that have developed

since the staking rush of the last several years.

The formal signing ceremony took place in the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Community Hall, emceed by TH's Director of Implementation Tim Gerberding. Elder Ronald Johnson gave an opening prayer before the speeches began.

The company and the First Nation had spent some time in discussions to come to a mutual understanding and respect for each other's goals, said Chief Eddie Taylor.

"For the First Nation it's for sure the health of the land and the water. To Kaminak it's to glean some gold out of the White Gold area. Today we're here to formalize that relationship. Signing this agreement makes Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in a partner in Kaminak's exciting and evolving Coffee Gold project and brings jobs, training opportunities and business opportunities to not only Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in but the community of Dawson and the Yukon as a whole. We're very much looking forward to these opportunities.

"It also insures and provides support for TH education and cultural activities throughout the year and in the different seasons.

"Above all, this agreement proves that Kaminak Gold Corporation is as much about leaving something behind as it is about taking something away."

Taylor praised CEO Eira Thomas for restarting a process that had become dormant and helping to push it through to this conclusion.

Thomas took the podium next and introduced members of her team.

"We're very, very pleased to be here today for this important milestone for our company. I'd like to thank

everyone for coming together to make this agreement possible. Although it came together very quickly in the few months since I joined the organization I have to acknowledge that there as a lot of good work that was done prior to that.

"In 2009 the Coffee project was just a dream. It was a soil anomaly about 130 kilometres south of here. Since that time, three years later, we're essentially sitting with our first inferred resource. We have a lot of work to do. We're pretty exciting about the potential for Coffee to eventually become a mine. Getting to that is going to take a lot of hard work and what's really important is that we have the support of the communities in which we are working. Tr'ondëk's support is particularly important for us."

At this point the document signing and exchange of gifts took place.

Yukon Chamber of Mine's president Rob McIntyre probably hit the high note of the day with his comments.



"This is a great day for mining in the Yukon and a great day for the First Nation," he said. "This is the way this is supposed to work. Seeing First Nations becoming involved as partners in mining operations



Chief Eddie Taylor and Kaminak CEO Eira Thomas shake hands after signing the agreement.

that tells you that the Yukon is maturing, the mining industry is maturing, that there is a way forward that's going to be mutually beneficial for everyone. Congratulations."

Bob Laking, representing Member of Parliament Ryan Leef, read a brief statement.

"I would like to offer my congratulations to the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and Kaminak Gold Corporation on recently negotiating an Exploration Cooperation Agreement. This is another exciting step in Yukon resource development.

"For the benefits to flow, it is necessary to get resource projects up and running in an effective and responsible way and to put agreements like these in place to ensure that revenues generated by these initiatives stay local.

"Under the Northern Strategy, our Government remains committed to promoting social and economic development, and ensuring that Northerners have greater control over their economic and political destinies. This strategy, and agreements like the one signed between Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and Kaminak Gold Corporation will ensure the prosperity of Yukon for years to come."

Tim Gerberding read a brief statement from MLA Sandy Silver, who was in Whitehorse attending the last day of the Legislature's spring sitting.

Silver mentioned the overlapping First Nations jurisdictions on the White River District and noted that the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in have pledged to act on behalf of the others.

"The Coffee Creek project is good news for the company, the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and the community of Dawson. It means jobs and opportunities. I look forward to touring the site when this winter finally ends. The project is an example of industry and First Nations governments working together and both parties are benefitting

from the agreement being signed today."

Gerberding continued with a surprise letter of congratulations from Golden Predator president William Sheriff, whose company signed a similar agreement with TH last August. Golden Predator's planned revival of the Brewery Creek mine had looked to be running long before anything in the White Gold district. Unfortunately, as Gerberding noted, regulatory delays in the YESAB process have put that project on hold for the present and it can only be hoped that it will still come to fruition.

Mayor Wayne Potoroka was



the last speaker of the day.

"It's an honour to be here and to deliver congratulations to the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and Kaminak Gold Corp. on the occasion of their signing an exploration cooperation agreement. Personally I believe in partnerships. In the Yukon, where we have a population that's smaller than many small cities in the south, partnerships are often the difference between success and a difficult time of going it alone. The agreement you folks are signing here today will go a long way towards realizing the objectives of both Kaminak and the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in.

"This progressive approach sets the right tone for development in our region and is something all citizens of Dawson City can very much get behind.

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# Northern Visionaries Greet the Morning at the Gold Show

Story & Photos  
by Dan Davidson

The 2013 Dawson International Gold Show brought back the idea of having industry related presentations over the two days of the trade show, but with a few new twists. These presentations were less about technical matters and regulations, as they had been previously, and more about general trends and innovations. They tended to break down into two categories: government and industry.

The first day of early morning talks was titled Northern Visionaries Pave the Way.

The Yukon government's Minister of Industry, Currie Dixon, who had the role of emcee for Thursday's set of talks, set



the tone of cautious optimism that seems to be coming from many quarters this year. After several years of unprecedented exploration activity and high gold prices, both sides of that equation have cooled down and Dixon predicted a summer that will look a bit like a slump if one compares it to the last five years, but should still see significant activity. And, he suggested, the slow down offers everyone a chance to take a deep breath and regroup.

"This gives us the opportunity to reconnect and establish those important relationships that allow us to continue to develop our industry, continue to develop our economy and to insure that when development does happen, that we see the benefits here.

"The relationships between the industry and the service and supply sector are absolutely so important. We consider mining and other industry as being the primary drivers, but when we look at the service and supply sectors around, those are truly the foundation of those industries, and those are the way that Yukoners participate so strongly in the economy."

Dixon's presence, along with that of the Premier and several other cabinet ministers, was an

indication that the government takes the trade show and the Klondike seriously when it comes to mining.

Marc Breault, of Paradox Access Solutions, gave a presentation on the various products and solutions his company has developed or



adapted to allow for access to difficult terrain while disturbing the area as little as possible. Paradox began with access mats that could be used as bases for rig and camp installations, but has branched out into road construction, mobile shops and all sorts of related installations.

Breault hinted that some of his company's technology might actually provide solutions to better and cheaper maintenance of Yukon's embattled highway system. Its construction methods have proven to be effective in permafrost regions elsewhere.

Breault noted that there's very little point in exploring and finding resources if you don't have reliable, affordable means of getting to them and transporting them out after you extract them.

On the matter of transportation the next speaker was Matt Vickers, a partner and CEO of Generating for Seven Generations (or G7G). Presently Vickers is working on a proposal



for a railway line that would extend from Fort McMurray through the Yukon via Watson Lake and Carmacks and joining with the existing Alyeska Pipeline at Delta Junction, approximately 130 kilometers southeast of Fairbanks. The

Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) currently carries oil from the North Slope to the Valdez marine super tanker terminal. The port of Valdez, he noted, is already experienced in the handling of oil tankers and is currently underutilized as the flow of oil from northern Alaska continues to decline. In addition, he said, there is a railway system in the state to which the G7G plan can be linked, making it a transportation line for many more commodities than just oil.

Vickers' talk focussed heavily on the negotiations that he has been carrying out with governments, First Nation groups in Canada, and tribes in Alaska. Aboriginal groups have been offered a 50% stake in the estimated 2,400 kilometre long railway.

Richard Wyman, of Northern Cross (Yukon) Ltd. was the last speaker of the day. Northern Cross holds exploration licenses for natural gas and oil in the Eagle Plains region off



the Dempster Highway and has been involved there since 1994, ramping up its efforts in 2006 and 2007, when it acquired additional assets. Building on exploration that was done there in the 1950s and 1960s, the company has spent approximately \$60 million and expects to send \$35 to \$40 million more in drilling and seismic activity.

It will move from 2-D to 3-D seismic exploration during 2013-2014. If all goes as expected, the company believes it could supply the Yukon's needs for LNG and oil from the resources, with product left over for export.

Darielle Talarco, outgoing president of the Yukon Chamber of Commerce, acted as moderator for the morning's talks, which were intended to stimulate a bit of debate between speakers, but there weren't a lot of questions or comments from the audience.



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## Francophone Day Proclaimed for May 15

Story & Photo by Dan Davidson

Mayor Wayne Potoroka flies the Francophone flag from below the center windows at City Hall in Dawson. On May 14 council passed a proclamation marking May 15 as Francophone Day in Dawson, citing the cultural, economic and social enrichment that French-speaking people “bring to the fabric of our community” and highlighting their “historical, cultural, economic and social” contributions to Dawson City.

To mark this day, the flag was mounted at noon.

## Kidnapping and Gold Fever in the Klondike

### Gold Mountain: A Klondike Mystery

By Vicki Delany  
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People have been looking for the “motherlode” or the mountain of gold for most of the history of gold mining in the Klondike. They usually end up settling for high-grade pay dirt or a rich quartz seam, but the legends continue. The notion of an Arctic (or Antarctic) valley kept in perpetual summer by hot springs and sheltered from the world by mountains is a legend regurgitated in a lot of pulp fiction as well.

Delany has combined the two things in this, the third of the Fiona MacGillivray Klondike adventures. *Gold Digger* and *Gold Fever* introduced us to Fiona; her teenage son, Angus; and the supporting cast of her Klondike setting, including miners, dancehall girls, small time entrepreneurs, prostitutes and members of the Mounties.

She is half-owner and the business mind behind the Savoy Salon and Dance Hall, which she runs along with Ray Walker. She has a couple of potential beaux in town, a journalist named Graham Donohue and Corporal

## BOOKENDS

by Dan Davidson



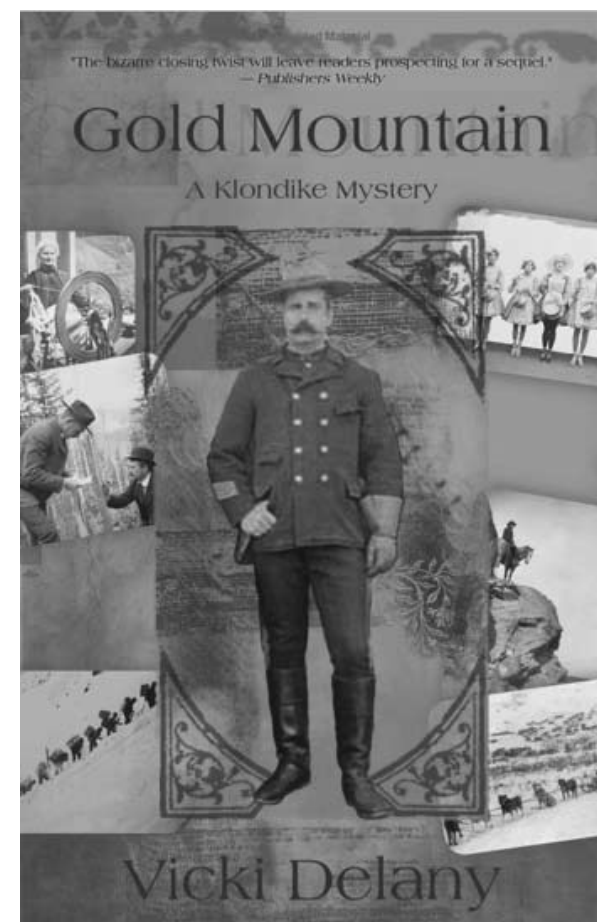
Sterling of the North-West Mounted Police, while another member of the NWMP keeps proposing to her.

In the first two books we learned a bit about Fiona's background, about how a peasant girl from the Isle of Skye managed to acquire an upper class accent and manners, and how her parents were murdered by the son of the manor lord. In this book we learn of her life with the Travellers (Irish Gypsies, not to be confused with the Romani people) and how she learned the skills that would enable her to survive when she finally left them years later.

We also get a look at her swift departure from Toronto in 1897, the result of her career as a temptress and high-class thief. Having heard of the Gold Rush she had thought to establish herself in a legitimate theatrical business in Skagway, but a brief brush with Jefferson (Soapy) Smith persuaded her to move on, and that's when she teamed up with Ray.

In Dawson City, she has fulfilled her dream. The Savoy is a success in the summer of 1898 and, while she is astute enough to know the rush won't last forever, she expects to come out the other end well enough off to start up again somewhere else without having to resort to crime.

Trouble has followed her from Skagway, however, in the person of Paul Sheridan, one of Soapy's lieutenants. He has two obsessions: the legend of Gold Mountain and Fiona. He is determined to combine them, and when she won't cooperate, he abducts her and sets off in search of his pipe dream, following a crude map that he somehow came into possession of. He tells several different



stories about this map, so we rather imagine foul play was involved.

Fiona's first person voice is the one that tells us most of the present time story and all of the flashbacks, of course. Most of the other point of view belongs to Angus, though other people do slip into the third person narrative portions of the book.

Once Fiona has been taken we follow two narrative threads, one being Sheridan's mad quest into the wilderness and the other bring the pursuit by Angus, Sterling and several others, who take up the trail about a day later. Both stories are interesting, and Fiona's flashbacks are triggered by events along the way that make her think back to her years as a young girl and teenager in Scotland and England.

Delany has ventured into other territory as well, writing several standalone novels and another series about Constable Molly Smith (five books and counting), set in present day British Columbia. According to the pre-order notices on Amazon.ca, there will be a fourth Klondike mystery, *Gold Web*, due out before this coming Christmas.

Vicki's finally going to visit Dawson City in person this June, doing readings and signings in both Whitehorse and Dawson, and I'm looking forward to meeting an author I have both read and interviewed.

Dawson residents are invited to a meet & greet

with members of the  
Yukon Advisory Council  
on Women's Issues in  
Dawson on Friday, June 14th



The Council will be hosting this event in KIAC Ballroom from 6 to 9 p.m. Food and refreshments will be provided.

This is an opportunity to talk with the council about issues women are facing in your community.

The Yukon Advisory Council on Women's Issues advises the Yukon government on ways to help advance the legal, social and economic equality of Yukon women.



## Rock Creek Weathers Another Flood Season

Story by Dan Davidson  
Photos by Alice Thompson

Flooding continued in Rock Creek over the Victoria Day weekend, with the road closed from both ends.

On Sunday evening (May 19), 19 cars and trucks were parked along the Klondike Highway at the south end of the Rock Creek Road.

Large pools of water were visible across the road for as far as the eye could see. The pools did not appear to be deep, but that is the high end of the settlement road.

The creek itself was running high. Driving toward Henderson's Corner, one could see the ice jam that has diverted water from the deeper channel into the creek, creating the problem.

At the north end of the Rock Creek Road, a closure sign was posted near the Rock Creek Fire Department access road.

Not far from there, a flash-flooded stream had washed out much of the road bed, baring the steel culvert that carries the water under the road.

This particular stream has breached the road several times in recent years. While a four-by-four truck could easily clamber through it, it would not be passable with a smaller car.

Water levels in the ditches along the highway are high from Dawson to Rock Creek.

Meanwhile, the Yukon government is advising residents of Rock Creek and Ross River that if their homes were flooded, or they have damaged or lost items due to the flooding, to register with the territorial Emergency Measures Organization EMO at: [emo.yukon@gov.ca](mailto:emo.yukon@gov.ca).



Rock Creek road flooded and the ice jam above the creek on May 19. Photos by Dan Davidson.



Those doing so should provide a name, community, property location/address and a short description of what has been damaged or lost.

A damage assessment team will visit next week to survey flood damage to properties.

A guide for re-entry to buildings impacted by flooding can be found at: <http://www.community.gov.yk.ca/emo>

Rock Creek residents are asked to call Emergency Social Services at 993-7890.

Ross River flood victims are asked to register with Emergency Social Services at 969-3200.

A moderate flood risk is still forecast for the Klondike River at Rock Creek, though a number of ice jams have cleared on the river, enabling the water to flow more freely.

Water levels dropped approximately six inches Thursday last as ice moved downstream.

When the remaining ice jams upstream release, water levels may rise, but are not expected to reach flood stage.

The Pelly River's main channel at Ross River is open in front of the village.

While the back channel still has some ice, water levels are not affected. The Ross River is open and flowing freely. There is no further threat of ice jam formation on the Pelly River downstream of the village.

When the upstream ice on the Pelly River releases, water levels will rise but are not expected to reach flood stage in the village.

Porcupine River ice at Old Crow is slightly thicker than normal, while upstream snowpack is 95 per cent of normal. Break-up is expected in the coming days.

The upstream snowpack



along the Liard River at Upper Liard is 141 per cent of normal. Peak water levels are expected during the first week of June.

A low flood risk is forecast for all other rivers at this time.

**Top Photo:**  
*Taken May-15 6:00 PM at Rock Creek.. water still in some of the roads but has mostly drained away.*

**Bottom Photo:**  
*An unofficial post-flood BBQ. A little early, as it turned out. Left to Right: Kennedy, Sonia Najman with dog Sasha, Sam Najman, Ketchup Najman, Elena Kennedy, and Jeremy Kull. By 9:00 PM on May 15th Jeremy Kull was celebrating the end of the flood by putting on an unofficial "Post Flood Rock Creek Barbeque" for his Rock Creek Neighbors. His cabin (in the background), had suffered a foot and a half of the Klondike River flowing through his house that day at noon. Fortunately, 45 minutes later the flood waters subsided, and water was only pooled in yards and in the road. Local Rock Creek residents were watching the river at the boat launch nearby, concerned there would be an ice jam if the river didn't break. When they heard the booming of the river ice breaking around 6:00 PM. they went home, and Jeremy dragged out his soaked carpets to dispose of later, and fired up his BBQ.*

*His comment: "I've been here for 3-1/2 years and this is my first flood. It was fun."*  
*Elena Kennedy retorted: "Having the Klondike in my kitchen is not my idea of fun."*

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Dawson Shelter Society

**Annual  
General  
Meeting**

**Dawson Shelter Society is holding  
their Annual General Meeting**

**WHEN: June 26th, 2013**

**@ 6:00pm**

**WHERE: Yukon College (upstairs)**

**Come out and learn what the Dawson  
Women's Shelter and CPNP Program are  
doing for our Community.**

Light Refreshments will be provided.

Contact 993-5086 or by email: [shelterdirector@northweste.net](mailto:shelterdirector@northweste.net)  
for more information.





# Authors on Eighth

## "Relatives" by Sandra Cairns

A Prose/Poem submission to the 2012 Authors on Eighth Contest. The contest submissions had to include Yukon animals.

### Relatives By Sandra Cairns Prose Poem: Those to be acknowledged know who they are, mussi

Sons of the mountains,  
daughters of the rivers, you  
ask what right I have to these  
words.  
The reply is for the oldest ears  
of the village, to whom we  
account for our presence as we  
roam the land.

*And for you whose loneliness is a  
cry  
To drink, drink  
By columns of heavenly fire  
Stones falling from the sky  
Stirred in your vodka  
Desire the staff you carry  
To live in the realm of gods*

*Know your place is here with  
your relatives,  
On the holy land*

only in a holy land, is the Pelly  
fox who traced spring art with  
his leaps,  
in the light snow of my gravel  
yard: one impossible great  
heart. – “This,” said the diviner,  
“means the beginning of love  
for you.”

It was love of all this, for  
only in a holy land, could I  
travel the roots of willows,  
and, leagues deeper, seek a  
mother’s heart, which is a  
vaulted clearing, where are  
the life cords of the lifegivers  
of the earth, where my cord  
is entwined with the cords  
of those who sit at the right  
side of Creator, of caribou and  
cow moose and ewes, and  
tendrils fine as silk embroidery  
thread of rabbits and mice and  
ground squirrels. The cord of  
a wolverine resembles a rope,  
entwined with the cord of its  
own prey even as the prey is  
consumed. And the light is the  
colour of bluebells.

Only in the holy land, Agnes,  
have we stalked ptarmigan,

your hair vibrant and your  
lipstick brilliant. You who had  
had to learn to love the bush  
all over again stole sideways as  
though your high-heeled boots  
were slippers, creeping down  
the dirt road by Beaver Creek  
with an old twenty- two.

only in the holy land, Bertha,  
are the caribou dizzy and stiff-  
legged braced on a springtime  
carousel of ice floes on the Old  
Crow River, wondering where  
to leap into the drowning  
current, while the hunters and  
meat cutters crouch on the  
banks muttering at the loss of  
so many feasts.

only in springtime in a holy  
land, Annie, could a baby  
porcupine, gnawing on wood in  
an old cache by Wolf Creek, be  
comforted by you, neighbour of  
a hundred years, “Don’t worry,  
your mummy be home soon.”  
Or a bull moose standing on the  
gravel road evoke deft knife-  
wielding women - “Hmm we  
used to make drymeat, one big  
sheet.”

only from the holy land, Joanne,  
could a drowsing grizzly - into  
whose dream the quester  
walked on your behalf, invoking  
snowbirds gusting from  
bank-side brush in a cloud of  
light, asking why you carry a  
snowbird’s name - reply, “To  
be of One Mind under a shared  
sky.”

Sometimes I have known the  
wild animals best by their  
absence. On the Klondike  
Highway in the ache of minus  
50, travelling to replace an  
elder’s cracked woodstove: not  
an animal on the way up, not a  
track on the way back. No eyes  
to witness the loving folly of  
two human beings. In Europe,  
missing their silent presence  
the way I miss my blood family  
at Christmas. For they are my  
family, made by the vaulted  
bluebell light.

To walk a city bereft of outlying  
grizzlies and moose; to cross  
roads where no lynx carry

intimations of secrets through  
no snow; to open my skull to  
a sky bereft of the scrolling  
calls of cranes in a thin pulsing  
light; to sit at a fire to which  
no fat is offered by a people  
dismissive of wolves; to witness  
a tent pegged down to a trail  
by a people ignorant of the  
movement of bears, no longer  
offering a voice to the moving  
dark that says, “Excuse us,  
we are only here for a little  
while”, is to walk without the  
assurance of a mystery that  
would inspire us to ask for a life  
of hundred years.

*Alone alone  
In the all one of dreaming  
It is your own voice you hear  
Singing to you  
From the camp kitchens of the  
north.*

For we eat of the same dish,  
share the same table, and  
more often than not we are the  
guests of the daily potlatch, as  
the animals travel high into  
these mountains and low into  
those valleys to take in the  
best berries, the strongest  
medicines, to call moonlight  
into their organs, and sunlight  
into their bones. All of which  
to offer us with their flesh.  
Sometimes we are called to  
dance for our hosts. To be  
self-conscious counters the  
generosity with which they  
have received us.

Those of our hosts who like to  
hear their names, like them in  
the language of the land.  
It is sweet to them, as sweet  
as your mother’s nicknames  
you foolishly left behind with  
your childhood and now regret  
from your loneliness when you  
long for her voice. So address  
our relatives courteously, using  
their country names.

You may seek these names from  
anyone who has never stopped  
boiling salmon heads.  
Anyone who has delighted  
in muskrat greens, anyone  
who cherishes their pounding  
stones, anyone who has  
dreamed beneath gopher skin  
blankets, played solitaire with  
cards worn thin. You may

acknowledge you have eaten  
plants grown in their ancestors’  
blood and ashes. They may  
consider this has improved  
your ears, could slowly wean  
you of vodka. They might  
disclose an ancient custom or  
two of the holy land. A sentence  
or less, from the books of truths  
that are the white hairs of their  
heads. For this you might bring  
them flour or oranges, not once  
but twice or more, this too  
being a courtesy.

You must do what they ask of  
you, the Family of the boreal  
forest, for to be without  
relatives is unholy in the holy  
land. Without your attending,  
the bears you see will be but  
stumps in the remains of a  
burn. The coyotes you hear  
but drunken cries from fellow  
poachers. The staff you carry

but a stick. With nothing left  
to point the way, or grace your  
trail, your palms will open in  
supplication to the incoming  
rain.

*To drink to drink  
You will be fugitive slaves in an  
ill-begotten time  
Alone alone  
By columns of earthly fire*

You must do what they ask of  
you, the Family of the boreal  
forest. The fragrance of heaven  
and earth rests upon their  
tongues, wild animals of the  
holy lands. They are the final  
medicine, when an entire  
nation is in danger.





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# Gold Show Speakers Extol the Land of Endless Opportunity

Story & Photos  
by Dan Davidson

Opportunities in mining and tourism were among the themes touched on by the second day roster of keynote speakers at the 2013 Dawson International Gold Show.

Conference chair Darielle Talarco introduced the speakers for the early morning session, beginning with Member of Parliament Ryan Leef.

Leef recalled moving to



Dawson City from Ontario with his family as a youngster in the 1980s and how the local church made them a farewell cake in the shape of an igloo.

"That shows what people though of the Yukon at the time and, at times, what people still think about the territory. There's so much unknown, so much mystique and mystery. There are so many great things going on in the Yukon that we know about and that I'm trying to share with my colleagues and Canadians about this

territory."

Leef rhapsodized about the history of Dawson and the visual impact of the tailings piles and the merging rivers.

He went on to speak of items in the 2013 federal budget that are of benefit to the territory, including funding for the Centre for Northern Innovation in Mining (CNIM), which is starting up through Yukon College.

Leef noted that this will make trades and technical training available for all Yukon students.

"We're going to keep Yukoners here. We're going to be able to train them here and we're going to employ them here."

Items like the Build Canada fund and the Gas Tax Fund will, he said, build things for the future, including the "critical infrastructure that keeps people here, whether that's affordable housing for seniors, hospitals, road, bridges ... that are going to make sure the community stays vibrant and healthy for a long, long time."

Not to be completely outshone in his local connections by Leef, Minister of Energy Mines and Resources Brad Cathers recalled that his first birthday party was in a Dawson campground before getting on to weightier matters.

The government has he said,



permitted three new mines in the last five years and has moved to expand offerings of risk capital at a time when venture capital is getting tight. It continues to promote the territory as a place to explore and do business.

Energy supply remains an issue for expansion of capacity, but Yukon Energy is looking into Liquefied Natural Gas as an available and more environmentally friendly way of meeting this need.

Cathers labeled the downturn in the mining sector as a natural result of an over-correction from the frenzy of the a couple of years ago and said his department people expect things to even out in the longer term.

Speaking of mines, Victoria Gold Corp.'s John McConnell was next up to the podium, to speak about the Eagle Gold project near Mayo. He confirmed that one of the biggest challenges his project is facing is getting access to energy, but also praised the government for the degree of support it gives the

industry as a whole.

The Eagle project has not been delayed, he said. It was simply being rolled out over three years instead of two, largely



due to the market realities and the slump in gold prices.

"Our intent is to spend close to \$20 million on moving things ahead this year."

Once they have their quartz-mining license in July, McConnell said they would be upgrading the roads and bridges to the site, doing earth moving on the site and preparing the leach pad, as well as spending about \$2 million on exploration.

Shelagh Rowles, the executive director of CNIM, spoke briefly



about how that project came to be as the result of a study completed in 2012. The six-year project plan has proposed dual credit mining occupation educational programs to be launched in Yukon communities at the high school level in cooperation with the University of Alaska and the Yukon Mine Training Association.

"We wanted to have avenues for people to secure employment at a number of different levels."

A major feature of this program involves the use of the mobile trades training facility recently purchased with the assistance of the territorial and federal governments. This lab will have the capacity to deliver heavy equipment mechanic, welding, millwright and electrical apprenticeship training and can be stationed in any Yukon community accessible by road.

"Our plan is to be as responsive as we can be to whatever activity is currently happening in the territory."

Dr. Amelie Janin, the Industrial Research Chair of the Yukon Research Centre,



outlined some of the features of her project, including Cold Climate Innovation, Technology Innovation, Northern Climate Exchange, Biodiversity Monitoring, Science Adventures, and Resources and Sustainable Development in the Arctic.

In particular Janin will be studying ways to improve the mediation of the impacts that mining projects have on their surroundings over the entire life cycle of the projects

"The objective is to help the mining companies improve the environmental programs and improve the technologies that they are using on site."

Kells Boland returned to the theme of transportation in a presentation he called *Yukon's Transportation Assets and Liabilities*, but which he jokingly referred to as "sitting on our assets and whining about our capabilities."

Boland says there is a familiar litany of liabilities when it comes to the Yukon. There are long highway distances that discourage mining. The Yukon doesn't have a railway. It doesn't have a port either.

On the asset side it has a heavy haul highway system, which supports the Wolverine, Minto and Bellkeno mines. This allows for bulk hauling with loads one-third over legal loads for access to ports in Skagway and Haines.



Boland noted we have the legacy assets of the Alaska Highway, which, up until the recent American budget crisis, was fully funded by the USA from Haines to the Alaska border. There is also the White Pass and Yukon Railway, which used to haul ore and could do so again.

Often overlooked is the active marine harbour at Herschel Island, which serves as a break-bulk point, wintering harbour for exploration vessels and even a port of call for cruise ships. Its importance may grow, Boland suggested, as the Arctic Ocean opens up.

Speaking a few days prior to the George Black ferry being launched for the season, Boland noted that a number of mining operations are supplied right from the ferry landing.

Boland also spoke briefly about ways to increase the strategic effectiveness of the assets the Yukon has, including multi-modal mine hauls, off-grid power generation and offshore oil and gas development.



## PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR THE NEW DAWSON CITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH SERVICES FACILITY

The Yukon Hospital Corporation invites members of the public to an information session provided by the Chair of the YHC Board of Trustees, Craig Tuton, and the Chief Executive Officer, Jason Bilsky.

Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
7:30 – 9:00 pm

at the Downtown Hotel Conference Room

*Please join us for refreshments afterwards*



## THIS IS JUST MY OPINION

by Al Sider

### Year-round Christmas; How to Keep that Christmas Feeling All Year Long!

This topic was suggested to me by a neighbour of mine. I was explaining how I was inspired to keep that "Christmas Magic or Spirit" all year long. It seemed to be an inspiring method to my neighbour, and so it was suggested that I prepare this for my next column. This is the result of that conversation.

As a child, and well into my youth, I had learned the special way my dad was able to keep Christmas, every single day of the year. Each month my dad would purchase thirty or so inexpensive trinkets, or chocolate bars. He would personally wrap each one of these with Christmas wrapping paper, while I sat at the table with him and watched him perform his monthly ritual. As I watched, I often thought that these were gifts for me and my siblings, but come Christmas, we never received one of these tiny gifts. After a few years passed, I became rather curious of my dad's ritual—so I asked him about it. What he told me surprised me in the extreme, it was something I had never considered, nor believed that my own father was capable of such a thing—I was definitely wrong about my father.

Every single day, before my dad went to work, he would pack in his lunch pail one of these tiny gifts, none of which ever had a label or name tag. While he was at his work, he would choose one stranger, regardless of rank, position, stature, colour, or wealth, gender, or age and he would give that tiny gift to one different person every single day—accompanying those gifts would be the simple phrase, "Merry Christmas!" Dad told me that in July and other various months (where Christmas in some form or another did not occur) the people receiving the gifts would give him funny and suspicious looks, but he never allowed that to deter him. On days that he was not working, and on holidays, he continued this by simply going out for a walk and finding someone he did not know, would hand them one of his little gifts. Not once did he recall ever receiving a "thank you" nor did he expect one, but he always believed that everyone who received his little present, appreciated the gesture. My dad continued doing this up until about two years before his death, when he became too ill from cancer to continue.

I am not able to continue that tradition today,

as I do not have the financial ability to continue what my father began, but my home is open to any who is in need, my home is decorated in the interior all year long. It is not an unusual thing for any person to become depressed from any cause, but depression for me does not become unbearable. As soon as I notice depression beginning to swell within my spirit, I turn on my Christmas lights, put on a Christmas movie or some Christmas music, and before too long, my depression departs. If I possessed the financial ability today to continue my father's wonderful practice, I would do it in a heartbeat. Would it not build a special, warm feeling inside you, to receive a Christmas gift in the summer months? Might it not inspire you to carry it on and give a Christmas gift to someone you did not know at any time of the year? Do you not suppose, that if you practised the simple tradition my father kept, you might not feel bad so often? I know that I would, and do, whenever I give something from the heart to someone in need (this does not include gifts of money to persons desiring to purchase booze or drugs—which I refuse to give) I always feel better. The idea that you or I can make just one person feel appreciated, feel that they are valuable to society (and to you), feel that life might just be worth living, are larger gifts than any material gift can offer. Yet, to pass out a simple gift, whether it costs one dollar or one hundred dollars, for no real reason and no strings attached, has the ability to do exactly those things mentioned above. Still, it must be realized, it is not the gift that makes the person feel better about life or themselves, it is the simple action. The action is what makes the difference. You could go out and purchase 365 small gifts each year, but keep them in your possession—where they become worthless—because no action is taken.

I offer this challenge to everyone of my readers, why do you not try this simple little thing for yourselves, you might just find a measure of joy and happiness you never dreamed you could experience? Just try to give one little thing to one different person, each and every single day, and as these old sayings go—"Try it, You just might like it!" and "Truly it is more blessed to give than to receive!"

Yet once again, as always, this is just my opinion.



*It wouldn't be a proper break-up if we didn't have a photo of Joyce and Bruce Caley and the Ice Pool clock in here somewhere. Photo by Mark Verdonk.*

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1 to 2 p.m. **Portaits** - Michael  
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 7 to 8 p.m. **DJ Robotic**  
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# Gold Show Weekend Shots



**The Snowshoe-Shufflers** - Left to Right: Calamity Sam (Hadley), Gold Claim Lorraine (Heynen), Lake Lebarge Marj (Marj Eschak), and Aurora Lauriealis (McCrory).

## Spotlight on the Snowshoe Shufflers

by Alice Thompson



A rapt audience of Dawson youngsters watch the Showshoe Shufflers strut their stuff from over the Beer Garden fence at the Gold Show Beer Garden on Saturday afternoon May 18th.



## At the Trade Show

by Dan Davidson

Fortunately the days immediately following Break-up were pleasant and the Gold Show venues were neither too cold or wet for Thursday and Friday. Outdoor venues packed up quickly on Saturday when the temperature began to drop and folks were safely out of the way before that freak snowstorm.



## The Last Snowman of the Season

by Alice Thompson



Seth (6) and Brody (4) put together the last snowman of our long Dawson winter on May 19th after our unexpected snowfall following the Gold Show.

This whimsical snowman was spotted at the corner of 6th and Albert and was just too adorable to resist photographing.

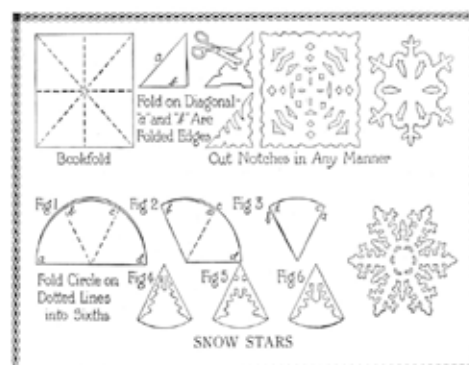
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Lisa took a holiday... she will be back with a page for you next issue!



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Asset Administrator Assistant: June 5 @ 4  
Tenders for Painting: June 6 @ 4  
Community Health Representative: June 7 @ 4  
Maintenance Worker III/ Tradeshelper: June 11  
Contract for Automated Bank Machine/Night Deposit: June 15

## Student Positions:

Jr. Cultural Program Assistant: May 29 @ 4  
Summer Youth Camp Assistant: May 31 @ 4  
Fish & Wildlife Summer Student: May 31 @ 4  
Heritage Sites Maintenance Crew

Worker: May 31 @ 4  
Collections Assistant: June 4 @ 4

Assistant Station Manager

## Positions Out of Town:

Mining – various  
Service Industry - various

## HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
Closed weekends and Stat Holidays

## CONTACT INFO

PHONE: 993-5176  
FAX: 993-6947  
www.klondikeoutreach.com  
E-MAIL: info@klondikeoutreach.com

## CLASSIFIEDS

### CHURCHES

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Corner of 5th and King. Services: Sundays at 10:30 a.m., Sat. 5 p.m., Tues. 7 p.m., Wed. to Fri. 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Contact Father Ernest Emeke Emeodi for assistance, 993-5361.

### DAWSON COMMUNITY

**CHAPEL:** Located on 5th Ave across from Gold Rush Campground. Sunday School at 10 a.m. Sunday worship at 11 a.m. All welcome. Pastor Ian Nyland, 993-5507.

**ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH:** Corner of Front & Church St. Sunday Services at 10:30. 1st and 3rd Sundays: Morning Prayer. 2nd and 4th Sundays: Holy Eucharist. 5th Sunday: Informal. Rev. Laurie Munro, 993-5381, at the Richard Martin Chapel, Tues - Thurs, 8:30 - noon.

### SUPPORT

#### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:

Meetings Thursdays, 8 p.m. at Richard Martin Chapel 104 Church St.; Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at Telehealth Dawson Health Centre; Saturdays at 7 p.m. at the TH Community Support Centre 1233 2nd Ave; info 993-3734 or 5095.

**MANY RIVERS:** Counselling and support services for individuals, couples, families or group counselling. A highly confidential service located in the Waterfront Building. We are a non-profit organization with a sliding fee scale. To make an appointment call 993-6455 or email dawson@manyrivers.yk.ca. See our website at www.manyrivers.yk.ca/.

### MINING

**WATER LICENCES/ LAND USE PERMITS/ ALL PLANS FOR PLACER MINERS ARE DONE!:** Call Josée, Fast-Track Land Management at (867) 993-5917, (819) 661-1427 cell, e-mail jb@northwestel.net.

**PLACER EXPLORATION:** Auger Drilling Services Available – Track mounted drill and heli-portable drill. Contact: Gateway Drilling Ltd. Clint Tracy, (780) 919-2107 or Grant at 867-332-9975.

### FOR RENT

**OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT:** CIBC Bank building. Size of office space can be customized/built to suit. Contact: Northern Network Security, 993-5644.

HEY DAWSON,

CLASSIFIED ADS

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## BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Advertise your business and services with The Klondike Sun! Submit your business card at a normal size of 2" x 3.5", \$25 per issue and yearly billings can be arranged.

### Cabin Fever Office & Event Services

Joanne Rice, Notary Public

Phone: 867-993-2490 **NEW E-file**  
Cell: 867-993-3678  
[jorice@northwestel.net](mailto:jorice@northwestel.net)

- Income Tax Services: Personal or Business
- Event & Office Support Service • Payroll •
- Resume's • Small Business Accounting •



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For Events & Special Happening

Community Dishes

Wheelie Bins (cans/bottles)

Recycling Info & Hrs: conservationklondike.org



### Alice lives and works locally in Dawson City

To view properties for sale in Dawson and area, call

Alice Thompson

Phone: 993-2532



Redwood Realty

www.coldwellbanker.ca

www.DawsonCityRealty.com



This could be your business card!

### It Figures Bookkeeping

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# THE CITY OF DAWSON

P.O. Box 308 (1336 Front Street), Dawson City, Yukon Y0B 1G0  
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NEW WEBSITE: [www.cityofdawson.ca](http://www.cityofdawson.ca) (updated regularly)



**NOTICE**  
**TO ALL RESIDENTS**  
**SUMMER IS HERE!!**  
**Let's do our part in**  
**conserving water.**

**ENSURE THAT YOUR**  
**WATER BLEEDER IS**  
**TURNED OFF.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL :  
THE CITY OF DAWSON @ 993-7400

## Dawson City Pool

### Summer Schedule

June 3<sup>rd</sup> - August 18<sup>th</sup> 2013

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Early Bird Lane Swim 6:30-8:30	Early Bird Lane Swim 6:30-8:30am	Early Bird Lane Swim 6:30-8:30	Early Bird Lane Swim 6:30-8:30	Early Bird Lane Swim 6:30-8:30		
Public Lessons 9:00-11:30	Daycare Lessons 9:00-11:30	Public Lessons 9:00-11:30	Daycare Lessons 9:00-11:30	Public Lessons 9:00-11:30	Private Lessons 10:00-11:30	
Aquafit 12:00-1:00	Lane Swim Parent&Tot 12:00-1:00	Aquafit 12:00-1:00	Lane Swim Parent&Tot 12:00-1:00	Aquafit 12:00-1:00	Aquafit 12:00-1:00	Lane Swim Parent&Tot 12:00-1:00
Public Swim 1:15-3:00	Public Swim 1:15-3:00	Public Swim 1:15-3:00	Public Swim 1:15-3:00	Public Swim 1:15-3:00	Public Swim 1:15-3:00	PublicSwim 1:15-3:00
Swim Club 3:30-5:00	Private Lessons 3:30-5:00	Swim Club 3:30-5:00	Private Lessons 3:30-5:00	Swim Club 3:30-5:00	<b>Inflatable Fun</b>  The inflatable will be available during the 1:15-3:00pm public swim every second Friday!!!	
Lane Swim Parent&Tot 5:00-6:30	Aquafit 5:30-6:30	Lane Swim Parent&Tot 5:00-6:30	Aquafit 5:30-6:30	Lane Swim Parent&Tot 5:00-6:30		
Public Swim 6:30-8:00	Public Swim 6:30-8:00	Public Swim 6:30-8:00	Public Swim 6:30-8:00	Public Swim 6:30-8:00		

#### 2013 Swimming Pass Fees

	Day Pass	10 Day Punch	Season
Child (3-12 yrs)	\$3.00	\$25.50	\$104
Youth (13-18 yrs)	\$4.00	\$34	\$143
Adult (19-59 yrs)	\$5.00	\$42.50	\$188
Senior (60+)	\$4.00	\$34	\$143
Family	\$12.00	\$102	\$468

#### 2013 Swimming Lesson Fees

- Pre-School (starfish, duck, sea turtle, sea otter, salamander, sunfish, crocodile, whale).... \$ 37.00
- Swim Kids 1-6.... \$50.00
- Swim Kids 7-10.... \$57.00

**Hot Tub**-Please bear with us as we wait for a new part to come in. Thank-you for your cooperation!

#### Special Events

**Canada Day**  
July 1<sup>st</sup> - Pool is open 3:00-5:00. \$2.00 entry!!!

#### Family Fun Day

Date: TBA  
1:00-4:00.  
Free Swim  
Face Painting  
Cookie Decorating  
Water Balloon Toss  
Scavenger hunt  
BBQ  
And much much more!!!

#### \*NEW\* Day Camp-"Survivor Dawson"

M-F 9-5:00am, Grade 2 & up  
Cost: \$100.00

Swim Camp meets Day Camp in this new & improved week long adventure!

Will you win Survivor Dawson? Join the Recreation Department and pool this summer for a week of immunity challenges, fun skill tests, and tribal council. We will be in the pool 9-11:30 M/W/F completing activities and games, including inflatable fun, water safety, scavenger hunts, tie dye and more! The challenge will continue when you are picked up from the pool to head out on your next adventure with the staff from the Recreation Department!

Don't forget your swimsuit, towel and snack to keep you going. Call the recreation department for more information and to register, spaces are limited.

#### Drop Off:

Pool- 9am M/W/F  
Rec Office-9am T/T

**Only offered once this summer! Don't miss out!**

#### Lane Swim

Come down and get a great workout! Lane swims enable the public to test and improve their fitness, endurance, and technique!

Parents and tots are more than welcome to swim in the designated areas. Please note that all tots must wear swim diapers.

#### Aquafit

This workout will keep you moving and having fun! It's low impact, you can work at your own pace, and no swimming abilities are required.

#### Parent & Tot

Come explore the wonderful world of water with your child, ages 1-5, during the numerous time slots

**Please Note:** All tots must wear swimming diapers. We have extras available for \$2 at the pool office.

#### Public Lessons M/W/F

**Set 1**-June 3<sup>rd</sup>- June 21<sup>st</sup>

**Set 2**-July 3<sup>rd</sup>-July 19<sup>th</sup>

**Set 3**-July 29<sup>th</sup>-Aug 16<sup>th</sup>

#### Bronze Medallion/Bronze Cross

Interested in becoming a lifeguard? These courses are the first step! Participants must be at least 13 years of age to take Bronze Medallion, or completed Bronze Star.

Bronze Medallion is the prerequisite for Bronze Cross.

For more information call the pool at 993-7412

#### Swim Club

Ages 8 & up  
Cost: \$125.00  
Starts: June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Looking for an activity that focuses on having fun and learning new skills? Swim club may be for you! Swimmers will practice four competitive strokes and Junior Lifeguard skills in a positive environment with an emphasis on personal bests!

Look-out for more information about up- coming swim meets and swim club events!

For more information, contact Brettanie or Tamika.

**Please Note:** Must be able to swim 4 lengths

#### Private Lessons

Cost: \$12.00/30min

Private lessons will be offered in half hour time blocks every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-5, and Saturdays from 10-11:30.

These are recommended for stroke and skill improvement or for swimmers who need one-on-one attention. All ages and skill levels welcome! Stop by the pool to register.

