

Wishes on wings



Twelve-year-old Veronica's birthday gift sent her sailing off the Dome. See story on page 3. Photo by Bruce Porter.

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Oops! No TV Guide this issue. Unfortunately our provider missed our submission deadline.



Employee of the Year
Congratulations Norm!



3 Gold Show 2015
Best weather the 29th annual event has seen in years.



8-9 Way to go Diggers!
Volleyball Club competed at national tournament in Calgary.



Max's has long distance calling cards now!

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NOON TO 5 P.M.
SUNDAY

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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.

Events

WEEKEND ON THE WING: June 5-6. Tombstone Territorial Park's annual birding festival. Join us for free walks and talks as we catch the return of migrating bird in to this sub-arctic tundra environment just south of the Arctic Circle. Visit the Tombstone Interpretive Centre, km 71.5 on the Dempster Highway.

COVER ME BADD VII: Friday, June 5 at the KIAC Ballroom. Doors at 7 p.m. \$5 at door. Local bands are formed for the sole purpose of performing two cover songs of their choice and one cover song selected by a secret panel of spectacle-loving elves. Come witness one of the wildest and most hilariously excellent events of the season.

6-DAY YOGA INTENSIVE WITH SABU: June 8-13. Begin to experience the benefit of a daily yoga practice when you commit to this 6 day yoga course. Classes are offered both mornings and evenings throughout the week, ending with a final class on Saturday. With over 25 years of teaching experience and study, Sabu Chaitanya guides students of all levels to develop greater health, strength, flexibility, balance and peace of mind. Classes follow a traditional Hatha Yoga Method using Breathing, Relaxation, Sun Salutations and Yoga Poses. \$120. Pre-register at www.sabuyoga.com.

6TH ANNUAL CHICKENSTOCK MUSIC FESTIVAL: June 12-13. On the third weekend in June the remote town of Chicken on the Taylor Highway is transformed from its winter isolation into an active placer gold mining camp and a musical family celebration called the "Chickenstock Music Festival". Nearly 1,000 people from Alaska and the Yukon Territory gather at the Busby family's "Gold Camp" to listen to musicians perform on a funky vintage stage supported by antique trucks.

LITTLE BLUE DAYCARE YARD SALE: June 13 at the Little Blue Daycare from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

COMMISSIONER'S TEA: June 13 at the Commissioner's Residence. This tradition, kick-started by the Martha Black in 1912, sees the Commissioner host an extravagant luncheon for Dawson residents and visitors alike. Dress in your favourite summer dress or fashionable shirt and sit amid the Commissioner's prize winning gardens. Contact Parks Canada at 993-7210 or www.pc.gc.ca/klondike.

COMMISSIONER'S TEA KLONDIKE BALL: June 13 at the Palace Grand Theatre. Enjoy an evening of musical entertainment, dinner and dancing. Get decked out in all your finest (period formal or formal) and step back in time with us. Tickets \$75; cash bar. Contact the Klondike Visitors Association at 993-5575 or kva@dawson.net.

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-October.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH #1: Meet first 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)

IN THE ODD GALLERY: ROSEMARY SCANLON X-RAY LAKE: May 21 - June 12. Artist Talk: Thursday, June 11, 7:30 p.m. The ODD Gallery is pleased to present a new series of watercolour paintings by Whitehorse artist Rosemary Scanlon. Scanlon's paintings are informed by iconography that represents centuries of accumulated tradition and belief. w

PINHOLE VIDEO WORKSHOP WITH ELIZA HOUG: Tuesday, June 9, 6-9 p.m. in the KIAC Classroom. FREE. All skill levels welcome! In conjunction with the Midnight Sun Camera Obscura Festival, June 17-21.

ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD: Screening of Suzanne Crocker's film on June 8 at 7 pm in the KIAC Ballroom. \$10.

DROP-IN PAINTING: Saturdays, 1-4 p.m., \$5 drop-in in the KIAC Classroom (enter through the back door). Inspire and be inspired by other artists. Bring your own ideas and painting surfaces. Paints, brushes & easels are supplied, no instruction offered.

HATHA YOGA WITH JOANNE VAN NOSTRAND: Mondays: 6:45-8 p.m., Thursdays: 5:45-7 p.m. & Saturdays 9-10:30 a.m. In the KIAC Ballroom. For more info or to register for classes, please contact Joanne Van Nostrand at [yogawithjoanne\[at\]me.com](mailto:yogawithjoanne[at]me.com).

Yukon School of Visual Arts

IN THE CONFLUENCE GALLERY: Robin Henry, Courtney Holmes and Carly Woolner. May 28 - June 13. Prompted by the strong emotional sentimentality of youth and community, the fort will host concerts, poetry readings and other public gatherings in a space designed to remind audiences of the imagination, make-believe and enthusiasm of childhood. Gallery hours: Friday/Saturday, 3-7 p.m.

ADMIN OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LIBRARY HOURS: Monday-Thursday 4-7 p.m. Sunday 1-5 p.m.

ART SUPPLY STORE HOURS: Lunch hours Monday - Thursday.

Dawson City Community Library

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, July 7 at 7 p.m.

SUMMER HOURS: Effective June 9 - August 1. Monday, noon - 6:30 p.m. Tuesday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Saturday, noon - 4 p.m.

Tombstone Interpretive Centre

REGULAR HOURS: Until September 13: Monday to Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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.

Diamond Tooth Gerties

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!: Showtimes 8:30 p.m., 10 p.m. and midnight.

Klondike Kate's Restaurant:

SUMMER HOURS: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday, 5-10 p.m.; Lunch Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Bruch Sunday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Closed Sunday Mondays.

HAPPY HOUR IS BACK: Tuesday-Sunday, 5-6 p.m.

The Westminster Hotel

WELCOME BACK HARMONICA GEORGE: Friday, June 5 in the Tavern, 6-9 p.m.

SPEED CONTROL: Friday/Saturday, June 5/6 in the Lounge, 11 p.m. - 2 a.m.

BENNY LEHOBBIT SWING DJ: Tuesday, June 9 in the Loung, 11 p.m. - 2 a.m.

DRIFTWOOD HOLLY: Thursday, June 11 in the Tavern, 6-9 p.m.

BARNACLE BOB: Friday, June 12 in the Tavern, 6-9 p.m.

THUNDER*UCK * HOAR FROST: Friday/Saturday, June 12/13 in the Lounge, 11 p.m. - 2 a.m.

BOG LOG III: Tuesday, June 16th in the Lounge, 11 p.m. - 2 a.m.

The Alchemy Cafe

CHESS CLUB: Sundays at 2 p.m. Bring a board if you have one!

HOURS: Tuesday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday/Sunday 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce

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

Town Council

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 as posted at the posted office.

Miscellaneous

ZUMBA: Fun, Latin-inspired fitness program for all ages and abilities! All summer long at the TH Hall. Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Drop in or purchase a 10-pass punch card.

An airborne birthday present

Story by Grace Snider

If you could give a unique-to-Dawson City birthday gift to a friend, what would it be? What if the sky was the limit?

For her twelfth birthday, I decided to offer my adventurous young friend, Veronica, the gift of a midnight paragliding flight off the Midnight Dome in Dawson. Barely batting an eye, as well as getting permission from her parents, Veronica accepted the gift.

It was around 11:00 PM on

the eve of her birthday, when we drove to the top of the Dome to meet Trevor Mead-Robins of Fly Yukon Paragliding who had agreed to take Veronica on a tandem paragliding flight.

The winds were not ideal at the usual launch site, so Veronica and Trevor hiked for about five minutes to a more northerly knoll. When they arrived there, they put on the flying harnesses, prepared the wing, completed their safety briefing and waited...and waited. They had to wait for the winds to cycle and

fill the wing, the lift from the wind being the most important factor for taking off in a non-motorized flying invention.

Before taking off, Trevor told Veronica that they would be running down the slope in front of them. And run they did. Trevor did not know this, but Veronica happens to be a very proficient runner. Good thing. With their combined force, the wing filled and Veronica and Trevor lifted off the ground, climbed over the approaching trees and launched into the skies above Dawson.

They must have had an amazing view, one I've never experienced. From my comfortable, both feet-on-the-ground vantage point at the top of the Dome, I saw a bright red kite gliding through the midnight sun sky and my heart soared.

When I next saw Veronica and Trevor, they had already landed on the grassy banks of the dyke, both wearing BIG smiles. Judging by the looks on their faces, I guessed that it had been an exhilarating experience.

Turns out that Veronica's

birthday glide - as well as being a unique flying adventure - broke several local records. She became the youngest, the smallest, and the only female member of the Midnight Sun Flying Club.

Records or not, I continue to marvel at Veronica's quiet confidence as well as her sense of adventure. To me, she is a very remarkable young person and someone for me to look up to!



Carlson wins AYC's Employee of the Year Award

Story & photos by Wayne Potoroka

Congratulations to Norm Carlson, Dawson City's Superintendent of Public Works, and, as of this May, the Association of Yukon Communities' Municipal Employee of the Year.

The award highlights the best in our municipal employees, and it was a pleasure presenting Norm with this honour at the AYC Annual Conference in my capacity as association president.

Norm was nominated by Dawson City Council. Competition's always stiff for this accolade, but the following submission from Council convinced adjudicators it was time Norm received this recognition. Way to go, Norm!

"Norm started with the town in the 1978 as a labourer. Over the years, with hard work and talent, Norm became the town's public works supervisor and responsible for integral parts of the town's infrastructure.

"He is incredibly proficient at



managing his public works crew, keeping the town's water and sewer systems operational, and maintaining the highest level of service. His area is responsible

for the much of the town's outward face—boardwalks, roads, garbage cans—and he does an incredible job keeping our town looking great.

"It's shocking that Norm has never received an AYC award for his long service to Dawson City. And if his nearly four decades of service isn't enough to garner this recognition, here's what should be: his handling of the myriad issues posed by our new sewage plant.

"Over the past few years, Norm has trained himself and his crew on the workings of the plant—a huge task when it's alongside the other responsibilities of the job. And the exceptional response Norm brought to the issues brought about by the plant is extraordinary. There have been several (including a failure at the plant that saw raw sewage backup and flow out the backdoor and a water line freeze-up that threatened the integrity of the town's water supply), but one incident stands out: the backup of our sanitary sewage system into our old screening plant, in 2014.

"Late one winter evening, Norm received a call that something was wrong at the screening plant. He arrived to find

sewage over five metres deep inside the plant. It meant shutting the main sewage plant down—a situation that quickly becomes critical without a speedy solution. Norm took charge of the situation and assembled a response team that included the fire department, government employees and local contractors. Under Norm's guidance, the team methodically dealt with the issues at hand and had the sewage plant back online before midnight. Norm also skilfully handled the subsequent boil-water advisory that visited our town for the next four days.

"It was an incredibly stressful situation for the town and something every community hopes they never face. But under Norm's leadership, the outcome was near perfect. For that, and all his contributions to our town, Norm is a deserving candidate of the AYC municipal employee of the year award."



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LETTERS

Safety first



A week after the Klondike River spilled two Dawson paddlers into the swift water, a third of their canoe was found, tangled in debris. Photos by Curtis Collins.



On what felt like a perfect evening, May 20, we pushed off from the bank of Rock Creek and rode into the Klondike. Twenty minutes later we were tossed into the cold, rushing water.

We are grateful to be among the few rescued survivors of this river.

We would like to acknowledge Colm Cairns for taking us out there and making sure our canoe was safe and we were knowledgeable about the trip ahead of us.

Much gratitude to the Sadlier family, Dan Davidson, Kar-

en DuBois, the Dawson RCMP, Jim Regimbal, Dawson Search and Rescue, Trans North Helicopters, the kind nursing staff at the Dawson Hospital, Tyson Bourgard and all our friends and community that have shared their care and support during and after the rescue effort.

We would like to encourage everyone to enjoy the river this summer but remember how dangerous it can be - please be respectful, be prepared and be safe. Paddle on.

Curtis Collins & Alyssa Friesen

ATTENTION KLONDIKE RIVER TRAVELLERS

Conditions on the Klondike River can vary greatly and change rapidly due to water levels

Incidents of Capsizing, becoming Stranded and other mishaps are not uncommon

Please observe the following suggestions and travel safely

COMMUNICATIONS

- **Prior to departure:** Advise someone of your plans and ETA Dawson. Phone them when you complete your trip. If you don't show up: they can initiate a Search.
- There is cell coverage between Rock Creek and Dawson. Waterproof a phone and take it with you. The sooner the incident is reported the sooner a search can be organized.
- For SEARCH and RESCUE call the RCMP: (867) 995-5555 or (867) 993-2677

BE PREPARED

It is not uncommon to become separated from your companions or your watercraft

- **IN your Personal Floatation Device or ON your PERSON** always carry:
 - A means of communication
 - A means of starting a fire
 - A survival blanket
 - BUG DOPE

If you become stranded you will be a lot more comfortable while you wait for Rescue.

BE SAFE

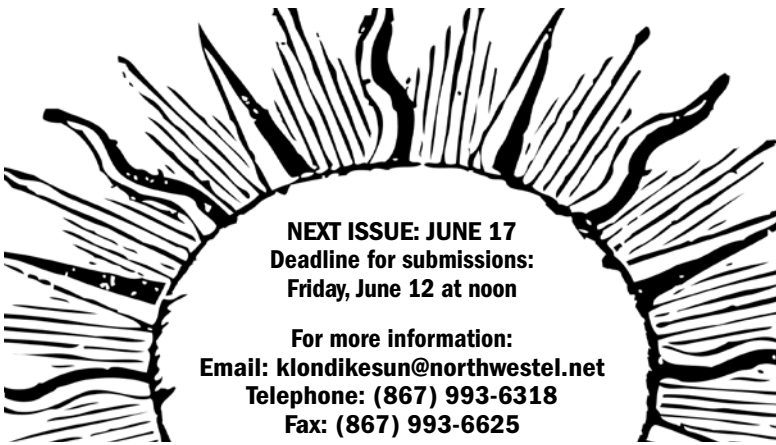
- **ALWAYS** wear a Personal Flotation Device when on the water and **ALWAYS** fasten it securely.

HAVE A GREAT TRIP

Dawson Search and Rescue

We want to hear from you!

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LETTERS/OPINION

Thank you, Dawson community

Now we know what it means, when we see a letter to the editor that says "How can I thank my community?", or "I don't know how to thank you all!". When a family suffers a disaster or difficulty, the community often rallies round in a glorious fashion to help get them back on their feet.

After a fire destroyed half of our production greenhouse, almost all of the flower and vegetable crop seedlings in it, and much valuable equipment, the outlook was rather sobering. As a wilderness homestead far from services, our operation is uninsured, and it provides our livelihood.

And then, Dawson to the rescue! Unknown to us, the community mobilized, thanks largely to Fire Chief Jim Regimbal who established a fund for our aid. Mayor Wayne Potoroka spread the word, Yukon News writer Ashley Joannou and Klondike Sun's Dan Davidson both wrote articles about the event that prominently mentioned the fund, and the "moccasin telegraph" was hard at work as well! Before we knew it, financial assistance was pouring in from Dawson, elsewhere in the Yukon, and indeed from elsewhere in Canada and even overseas. Among the donors were many who chose to remain anonymous. How do we thank them?

The help wasn't only financial: we received offers of practical help cleaning up; of seeds and seedlings; and of critical importance, we were given seeding flats and cell packs to allow us to continue planting. Our peace of mind was greatly helped by replacement fire extinguishers from Gil Bradet of Nordique Fire Protection in Whitehorse and the Dawson City Fire Department. Many individuals made thoughtful contributions of one sort or another, and many people spoke kind words of encouragement.

Repairs are now underway, and we are replacing necessary tools, equipment and supplies. We are busy planting, and looking forward to being able to harvest crops: later in the season than usual, and not quite as wide a variety as usual, but nonetheless we are growing again! This is the work we love, and the life we love, and we have to say: we love our community!

Thank you Dawson!

Grant Dowdell & Karen Digby

THANK YOU DAWSON!

Please accept our sincere gratitude for the kindness and generosity you have all shown in the past few weeks.

We are so fortunate to live in such a caring and compassionate community.

Your support will enable us to rebuild and move on after our devastating fire. For this we will always be thankful.

~ Todd, Rosey and Macy

Rest in Peace Ruby and Frankie



Stop teaching your kids to kill

By Florian Boulais

I walked out of a friend's place with gunshots and screams in my ears and visions of splashing blood and exploding bodies. I wondered what it all means. Why and what does it do to people to engage in such hyper realistic and hyper violent video games?

I worked at the video store for a winter and remember being very curious about why people watch movies, especially the violent ones. Why is the sight of people dying in horrendous conditions so compelling to us? I myself remember the thrill of watching Friday 13th horror movies. 10 years later, having studied a fair amount of psychology, sociology and doing an extensive amount of self reflection and I thought that it was time to look at that question once again.

I stumbled upon the work of Lt. Colonel Dave Grossman, a US army psychiatrist who has listened to thousands of stories of war veterans and has trained thousands of soldiers and RCMP officers.

This is what he posits: as humans, if there is violence around, we are compelled to learn about it as much as possible since, in the millions of years of evolution, our awareness of potential violence increases our chances of survival. All right, that explains why, but what does it do to us to be exposed to thousands of hyper violent acts year after year?

His research on how to make soldiers out of young men is extensive and far-reaching and answered that question. This is how it goes: the mental training of a soldier includes three forms of conditioning. These are classical conditioning, operant conditioning and social conditioning.

Classical conditioning (also known as Pavlovian conditioning) is done to desensitize the recruit. The exposure to increasingly violent movies raises the threshold of violence that is bearable by the soldier way up.

Operant conditioning (also known as B.F. Skinner conditioning) is the fostering of subconscious reflexes by repetition and rewarding a desired behavior - killing in this case. This is done with simulation of scenarios that are as realistic as possible. There is a direct relationship between the realism of the simulation and the enabling power of it. The desired behavior is then automatically repeated by the recruit in situations of high stress.

Social conditioning is done by exposure to a role model who has elements in common with the recruit, but has been rewarded by a higher authority for the performance of

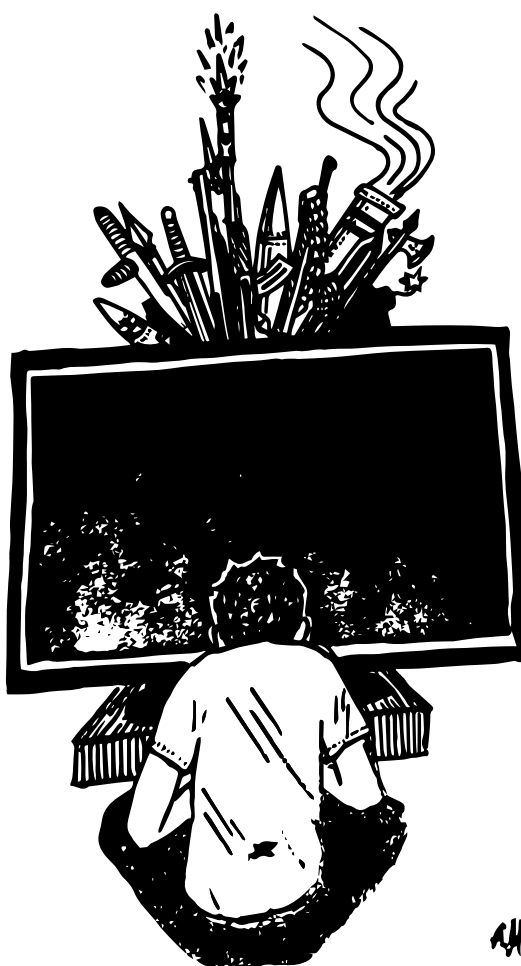
the desired behavior: resolution of conflict by the use of violence in this case. This role model is taken on by the drill sergeant in

tioning. They watch thousands of violent acts on television, they play hyper realistic killing video games and in some cases, the hyper violent and often dysfunctional hero becomes the role model of youths whose family structure is dysfunctional or nonexistent. Who is surprised that bullying is an increasing issue? I certainly am starting to understand why.

In the 1970's, a scandal broke out because a US general was training some men to become killers by using techniques of conventional conditioning. The public thought that this was not acceptable. Nowadays we are exposing children to full-blown military type conditioning. Is that not child abuse? Is there not an urgent need to regulate and educate about what we are doing as a society?

The whole medical community is unanimous: something needs to be done. A

multitude of studies have been done about the impact of violent media on children and all of them are unanimous. Not only does violence become an in-



the military.

To my very great surprise, I realized that this is what our children are going through these days: full blow military condi-

creasingly viable option for the resolution of problems for children, but as well it affects the children's ability to think. The exposure to violence at a young age literally shapes the attitude brain of a child in a different manner: they become hyper active.

At a young age, a child is not able to differentiate between what is real or not. Pictures on a screen can have the same impact on a child as real violence. For deep thinking to happen, the brain needs to switch from action mode to reflection mode but with all that violence, the default mode becomes action mode. No thinking is possible.

Now the very fabric of our society is at risk. Even though our lives are not at risk, we foster mistrust, fear and violence in our children. Bullying at the school is becoming endemic. While violent crimes are up, it isn't obvious how much they went up. People dying from violent crime are at least 4 times as high as they were in the 1960's (data from Interpol). We need to remember that the progress in medical technology, communication and omnipresent surveillance should have brought those levels down.

It is time to pressure our government to put some legislation in place to protect "what is young and tender because this is when the character is shaped", as Plato says in his book "The Republic".

Canoe mishap ends on a good note

Story by Dan Davidson

A canoe mishap in the Klondike River near Rock Creek on Wednesday night, May 20, and the following morning could have ended very badly, but the two canoeists had been rescued by early Thursday morning and are both at home recuperating after a harrowing adventure.

Alyssa Friesen, office manager at the Klondike Sun newspaper, and Curtis Collins, Director and Program Chair at the Yukon School of Visual Arts, were not expecting any trouble when they rented a canoe from Castlerock Canoe in Dawson and took it out to Rock Creek for what was to have been an evening's paddle back to Dawson. Collins had already made the trip on the three days previous to this outing with a different paddling partner with no difficulty.

They started out at 6:30 and were in trouble not long after that.

Collins figures that this time he just turned into the wrong channel, and they were suddenly faced with a much more turbulent current and many overhanging and low hanging sweepers. Avoiding one took them across the water into another and just like that the canoe flipped, spilling them both into water so cold that, as Fire Chief Jim Regimbal said later, "if it wasn't moving it would be ice."

Collins says they both tried to push the canoe to shore, but there were too many things in the way and the current was too fast. He yelled to Friesen to grab onto another sweeper and get to shore. Heading downstream for another fifteen minutes or so, he tried to stay with the canoe but was so buffeted about that he had to give up that plan as



A happy Curtis Collins with Fire Chief Jim Regimbal beside the rescue chopper from Trans North. Photo submitted.

he found his ability to move being hampered by the increasing cold and the impact of other tree parts floating in the turbulent water.

Seeing what looked like a shallower stretch coming up, he abandoned the canoe and swam/crawled his way onto what turned out to be a gravel island surrounded by high water and fast currents. He would be there all night.

Friesen, meanwhile, found she had not the strength to force her hands to work properly in the cold. Her rubber boots were dragging her down so she managed to get them off and swam/floated to a small island she

could see off to one side. She stayed there for some time, trying to get her movements under control and recover from the initial shock. After what seemed a long time she reluctantly decided to enter the water again at what seemed to be a shallow point, and made her way to the far shore, the shore away from the roadways.

Using a canoe paddle as a staff and bushwhacker, she decided her best bet was to walk upstream to where she would come to the settlement of Rock Creek. In her bare feet the trek was an ordeal that took hours, but around 5 a.m. she came upon the outbuildings of Kerrsdale Farm, where the Sadlier family have been living for the last year. Initially she just saw barns and thought she might take shelter in one of those, but then she spotted the house.

Jennifer and Loren Sadlier weren't quite up yet when they heard noises from their dogs and thought there must be an animal loose on the property, but one of their sons came to tell them there was a girl at the door. Jennifer went to find Friesen, clad in shorts and t-shirt, wearing a life-vest and clutching her paddle.

Sadlier says they brought her inside, and worked at getting her warmer, as she was numb

with cold. After about 15 minutes she was able to ask to use a phone and (this is the disclosure bit) called her editor at the newspaper (who happens to be writing this story).

Seeking to clarify just where the canoe had gone in the water so as to be able to pass this on to searchers, he contacted Karen Dubois in order to locate the owner of Castlerock, Colm Cairns. He and Dubois decided to phone the authorities. She called the RCMP and Davidson called Fire Chief Jim Regimbal to get things rolling.

Dubois learned that someone in Rock Creek had already called in with the word that they had heard a voice out that way calling for help. That would have been Friesen, who was seeing all kinds of animal signs during her struggle and, walking in fear of encountering a bear or a moose, was yelling and singing and making lots of noise.

Meanwhile Collins was on his larger island where he had managed to get two or three fires going to dry off his clothes and warm himself up. He says he wants to recommend Bic lighters for this sort of situation. Initially his hands were so cramped from the cold that it was hard to do anything, but they eased as he warmed up.

Eight hours after his rescue he

found it amusing that the other residents of the island, some nesting seagulls and geese, did not appreciate his presence there. He says the geese kept honking at him all night and the seagulls kept dive bombing at him.

In Dawson Jim Regimbal had also called the Mounties and Ranger Sergeant John Mitchell to get the search and rescue operation under way. This was to be a water and air effort, and Mitchell told Regimbal to go with the RCMP in the helicopter while another crew took the S&R boat. It was the chopper that spotted Collins' fires and saw him waving as it bobbed back and forth across the river.

"Less than ten minutes into the search," said Regimbal, "I spotted some smoke coming from one of the gravel bars and saw him waving at us."

"I said to myself, 'That's my ride,'" Collins said later on, realizing that this aircraft, unlike the many planes both he and Friesen recall seeing go by overhead while they were stranded, was looking for him. Regimbal bundled him into the chopper (stopping to make sure all three fires were out) and then back to Dawson by land, where he insisted that Collins go to the Dawson City Hospital to check on his injuries before going home.

The Sadlier family brought Friesen across the creek in their motorboat when they took their children across to catch the school bus, and Davidson took her back to town, with the heater in the car cranked up high. He also insisted she go to the hospital and she did so, after a quick stop at her apartment to get her Health Card ID.

The pair were kept under observation, wrapped in blankets, treated for injuries (Friesen's feet in particular) and released later in the day, Friesen around 4 o'clock.

"The river is ugly," Regimbal said, "and it's flowing so fast. People should stay off it for another week or so. The snow melt coming out of the Tombstones and the valley area just has to go somewhere."

"This could have been a real tragedy," he continued. "You don't normally end these things on a good note. I've never had a good one before, especially 12 hours later."

"This one all went well, right from getting the chopper to everything. As (RCMP Sgt) Dave Morin said to me this morning, 'I just can't believe how things come together in this town.'"

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St. Paul's receives CDF funding for repairs

Press release

The Yukon government has awarded more than \$1 million to 10 community organizations for projects that contribute to infrastructure development and community well-being.

The Copper Ridge Neighbourhood Association will receive \$157,000 in Community Development Fund (CDF) money for the development of an all-season, multi-activity community park. The association hopes the park will bring the community closer together through active and healthy living.

"The Copper Ridge Neighbourhood Association is excited to receive this funding to develop Winze Park," association president Josh Clark said this week.

"Through input from residents, the park features will focus on community building through family oriented activities, including a four-season surface, fitness equipment and a track designed for young children."

The Food Bank Society of Yukon has been awarded nearly \$90,000 to complete building renovations, which include re-designing the welcome room, improving the warehouse and dividing the space into two units.

When completed, the Boys and Girls Club will occupy part of the redesigned space on Alexander Street, providing a home for that organization as well.

"None of this work would be possible without the continued support of the Yukon government and the Community Development Fund," said Stu Mackay, the organization's president.

"From the initial start-up funding, to the support for the



Rev. Laurie Munro, Minister Elaine Taylor, Minister Vic Istchenko, Brenda Caley, Premier Darrell Pasloski, Chris Collin, Betty Davidson, Shirley Pennell, Kathy Webster.

purchase of the building and now with these renovations, the Yukon government has been an excellent partner in assisting us to provide emergency food to those in need.

"The feedback from the Boys and Girls Club, our clients, volunteers and staff has been very positive."

The 10 community projects will provide more than 7,000 hours of employment to about 60 people.

Other projects funded:

• **St. Paul's Anglican Church** – \$80,785 – To restore and enhance St. Paul's, in Dawson City,

by repairing and replacing the roof, repairing decay, installing eavestroughs, painting the building, and other improvements.

• **Friends of Mount Sima Society** – \$96,526 – To construct a beginner/intermediate double-track downhill mountain bike trail, a single-track trail suitable for four-season use by all skill levels, and to prepare a site plan for a climbing trail at Mount Sima Adventure Park.

• **Ta'an Kwäch'än Council** – \$153,924 – To install rip-rap along a 130-metre section of eroding stream bank on the

south side of McIntyre Creek downstream of Range Road, to prevent the creek from breaking its banks and flowing through the reclaimed former Range Road landfill.

• **Watson Lake Daycare Centre Society** – \$101,053 – To develop and install the Watson Lake Daycare playground.

• **Watson Lake Ski Club** – \$77,072 – To replace T-bar lift

cables, groomer tiller bars and fuel tanks.

• **Whitehorse Curling Club** – \$88,899 – To install an energy upgrade of outdated, inefficient curling surface lights and to install a separate meter for the ice plant.

• **Whitehorse United Church** – \$133,697 – To renovate and modernize a kitchen.

• **Yukon Arts Centre Corp.** – \$90,000 – To replace the existing analogue sound system (speakers, amplifiers and processors), which is dated and does not perform to contemporary standards, with a digital sound system.

The CDF offers three funding levels.

Tier I funding is available for requests of up to \$20,000. Tier II funding is available for applicants requesting \$20,001 to \$75,000.

Tier III funding is available for requests of over \$75,000. The next intake deadline is July 15 for Tier I applications.

Organizations are encouraged to contact the CDF advisors well before the deadline to discuss their applications and to develop their project ideas.

"The Government of Yukon is pleased to support projects that enhance existing community infrastructure or contribute to the development of new infrastructure that will provide health-related benefits for Yukon communities," said Economic Development Minister Stacey Hassard.

Minister pledges dollars, roadwork and land title to KPMA members

By Dan Davidson

Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Scott Kent addressed the public portion of the spring meeting of the Klondike Placers Miners Association (KPMA). Kent indicated to the membership that he, along with fellow ministers Stacey Hassard (Minister of Economic Development) and Wade Istchenko (Minister of the Environment), had met with the executive earlier in the day to discuss some issues.

"One of the most important things that we were able to accomplish and bring news of ... was an increase in the core funding for the association. We ask your association to participate and do a number of important things throughout the year, from legislative reviews and policy reviews. So we felt that it was time to take a look at that funding agreement and raise it from \$50 thousand to \$90 thousand."

There was general applause at

this news.

Kent indicated that in his other capacity as Minister of Highways, he was aware of there having been some issues with the opening of roads to placer claims this spring.

"We were able to deal with that," Kent said. "and I can assure all placer miners that in this year's budget, the spring road openings will definitely be part of it. It's been something that we've done in the past and we'll continue to do that under Highways and Public Works going forward."

Kent said that it was the intention of the government to identify the funding to do work on resource and loop roads.

"We'll make some investments this year and I'll put a line item in the budget for next year to make similar investments to make capital upgrades to those roads."

Kent reminded the group that 15 projects worth some \$416 thousand had been undertaken

by the territory's Placer Mineral Exploration project under the Geological Survey.

His last point was news about land title.

"We're looking for a mechanism to provide title to placer miners who have structures that predate the mining land use regs of 1999. We have a list of individuals that this will affect. We're going to adapt our rural residential policy to fit that so that some of you who have made investments and live on your claims that were built prior to that year are able to apply for title to your land."

In closing, the minister heightened back to the time he had spent between political careers working for the KPMA and reiterated his appreciation of the industry.

"Everyone at the cabinet table supports what you do and will try to make life as easy as possible."

GOLD SHOW

The 29th Annual Dawson City Gold show was a hot ticket

By Dan Davidson

Delegates to the 29th Dawson City International Gold Show had some of the best weather that this event has seen in years, including outdoor temperatures that were guaranteed to induce people to head inside to look at the arena booths if for no other reason than to cool off.

Chamber manager Beth Muller reports that there were 140 registered delegates at this year's event.

There were 65 exhibitors (up 6 from last year) spread among the 78 tables inside the Art and Margaret Fry Arena, and another 19 in the outdoor spaces.

Indoors one could find the usual assortment of mining companies, telecommunications companies, territorial and federal government departments, local and regional NGOs, financial services and regulatory agencies, RV and recreational vehicle sales companies, accounting and insurance firms, exploration companies, petroleum suppliers and companies

offering travel options by land and air.

Outside there was heavy equipment of all sorts, lumber, construction offerings, tire sales, more exploration companies, and many, many plants for sale.

Dawson's Victoria Day weekend is typically the beginning of Dawson's summer explosion of flowers, hanging baskets and gardens, and while fire damaged Dowdell and Digby Farm was not able to contribute to the blooms this year, Vogt Enterprises and Yukon Gardens did a rousing business.

The arena was open for visiting only during the afternoons this year, and so was busy during both Friday and Saturday. Dawson Chamber of Commerce member Mark Mather noted that there was such a crush of bodies on the second day that it was almost difficult to walk around the room.

The mornings focussed on a series of talks held at the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (TH) Community Hall. This left some

people a little confused as last year's breakfast and presentation series was held at the Palace Grand Theatre. Relocating to TH Hall was a relatively last minute decision due to another booking at the PG, and people didn't seem to be quite sure where to go on the first morning.

Breakfasts were handled by a crew from the Downtown Hotel, led by local manager Gerry Colbourne, and with food supplied by Bonanza Market on one morning at the General Store on the other.

On Friday breakfast was served by members of Dawson's town council. There were opening remarks by TH Deputy Chief Simon Nagano and presentations by AFD Petroleum (on Lubricant Fundamentals), by Groundtruth Exploration (on the use of new exploration methods, including drones) and by Eira Thomas of Kaminak (on developments at the Coffee project). The Chamber's Sara Enns emceed the morning.

After Saturday's introduction and remarks by Mayor Wayne

Potoroka, Chaofeng Zhang presented an overview of Chinese mining investment in Canada, with a focus on the Yukon.

Kaminak was back in the spotlight next, as Alison Rippen Armstrong spoke about the company's efforts to work cooperatively with TH in their development and environmental monitoring at the Coffee sites.

Keynote speaker for the conference was Larry Berman, of EFT Capital Management and weekly host of Berman's Call on the BNN network, who focussed on the need to use analysis and reason over emotion when planning investment strategies.

Chamber members were somewhat disappointed with the turnout at the speaker sessions, but the thinking is that perhaps they had not been promoted sufficiently, and the venue change from last year, which had better numbers for the talks, didn't help.

Social events during the weekend included open nights at Diamond Tooth Gerties and Friday night's Bill Bowie Dinner

and Auction at the PG. The late Bill Bowie, was pretty much the founder of the Gold Show back in the 1980s.

The Gold Show was bookended by two events that had nothing to do with it. On Thursday evening there was the "adult only" Boardwalk Burlesque Show at the PG, during which "Chevonne of the Yukon (Rachel Weigers)-and her entourage of local curvaceous Klondike beauties" showed off the moves they have been working on for weeks.

On Saturday evening the Dawson City Museum presented the fourth annual Breakup Comedy Festival, with the Debaters team of Steve Patterson, Charles Demers and Graham Clark, emceed by Anthony Trombetta.

In addition the Klondike Placer Miners Association held its Spring Meeting on the Friday afternoon.

It was a hot three days in Dawson City, during which period daytime temperatures in the sun hit the high 20s and low 30s for the entire time.

Local politicians celebrated the Gold Show and placer mining

Story & photo
by Dan Davidson

On day one of the Gold Show Simon Nagano, Deputy Chief of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, spoke to the delegates to the TH Community Hall after breakfast.

"On behalf of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in council and citizens it's my pleasure to welcome you to the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in territory. Chief Joseph sends her regrets as she is out of the territory until tomorrow.

"The Gold Show is a great part of this season and a great kick-off to the summer. I thank the organizers for keeping this important springtime tradition.

"This event is also a great chance to celebrate an important industry. Gold mining has been part of the Yukon's economy for over 100 years. Mining has helped our community to grow. Over time our first nation has learned to be involved in the industry in a meaningful way while remaining true to our val-

ues and our stewardship.

"Many of our citizens have found employment in mines and our first nations government has made mutually beneficial partnerships with mining companies that bring business, opportunities and support for our cultural and educational activities, while insuring that environmental concerns are addressed.

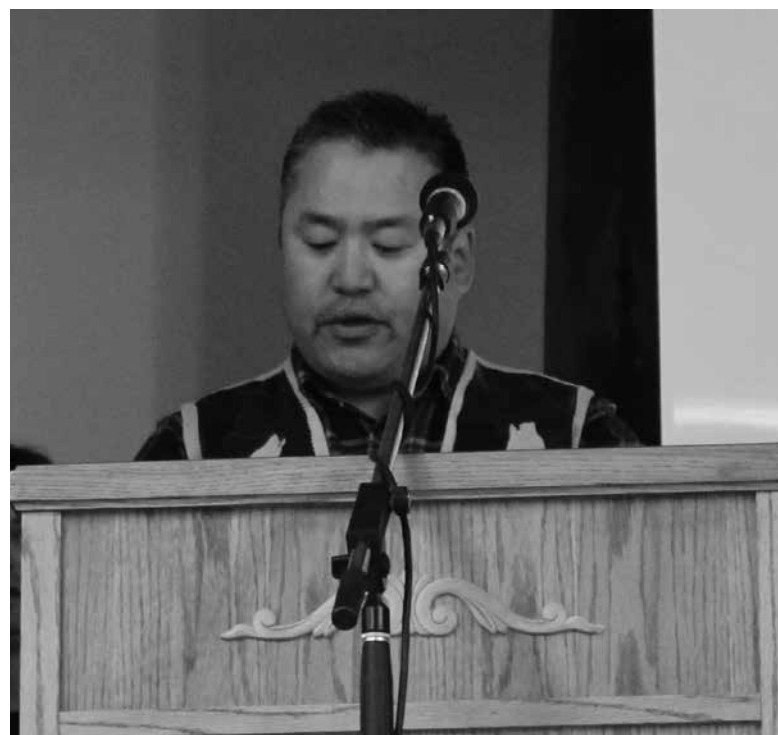
"TH is happy to support sustainable mining activity that supports our local economy and keeps wealth in the North of the Yukon. We acknowledge that working together is a positive way for achieving a common understanding that meets all of our needs.

"Reclamation has been noted by the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in government and the wonderful job you are doing to help sustain our land. I'd like to thank the organizers for the opportunity to speak and to thank everyone who took the time to be here."

On day two it was the turn of Dawson's Mayor Wayne Potoroka to say a few words.

"It's an honour to welcome you all to the Klondike. This weekend really is a highlight on Dawson's event calendar and a chance to celebrate an industry that employs so many residents, supports our businesses and contributes to the culture of our community.

"Anyone who lives in or works in or visits Dawson recognizes that there is something special about this place. I've been here for 22 years and that feeling has never left me for one day. We're all drawn by the personal



Simon Nagano, Deputy Chief of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in

freedoms and diversity we enjoy and we cultivate these values as a point of pride.

"Mining has been a major element in creating this community - unlike any other. The Gold Rush, of course, is full of stories of exceptional people doing exceptional things, but what is most extraordinary is that after nearly 120 years, mining is still happening in the same place by the same assortment of creative, resourceful and colourful characters.

"Putting words to how special mining is to our region is what the Tr'ondëk/Klondike World Heritage project is about. I invite everybody here today to visit the project booth over at

the trade show to get a little bit more informed about the project and share your stories about why this place is special. Your information, especially, as members of the mining community, is invaluable and will ensure the mining story of the Klondike lives forever.

"I'd like to salute the Dawson City Chamber of Commerce and the Gold Show organizers. Our community has come to rely on this trade show, as the miners have over the years. Thank you very much for making this the territory's number one trade event."



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GOLD SHOW

Kaminak's PEA pushed the company to a feasibility study

By Dan Davidson

Eira Thomas, president and CEO of Kaminak Gold Corporation, professed that she was happy to return to Dawson a year after her last presentation, to update folks on the latest developments at the company's Coffee Gold project.

"It's been a very big year for us," she told her audience at the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Community Hall. "We did our first Preliminary Economic Analysis (PEA) for Coffee, a project that we acquired from Shawn Ryan in 2008. Kaminak drilled a discovery drill hole in 2010. Since that time we've drilled about 250,000 metres, and we've outlined a resource of roughly 4.2 million ounces of gold."

She said that about 2.6 million ounces of these deposits can be extracted by heap leaching.

"That's a big value driver for this project."

A video presentation showed the length and breadth of the Coffee project with its many features, 130 km south of Dawson. A road to Dawson is one of the

possible access routes to this region, though it is currently reached by air and by river barge.

In the other direction, it is only 160 km northwest of Carmacks, should a road be built in that direction.

"Last year we completed our PEA, which basically determined that we have a very robust, high market, relatively low risk mining project in front of us. That PEA helped us to attract some key strategic shareholders.

"With those funds we were able to fast track this project right into feasibility. We've put together a very qualified group of individuals, northern consultants and contractors ... and we will be completing all of our field related work at Coffee by the end of June. That gives us the latter part of 2015 to complete the study with the aim of putting the feasibility study out in early 2016."

Not all of the assumptions in the PEA have remained stable since last year. The price of gold is down a bit, but so is the Cana-

dian dollar and the price of diesel is lower. These last two items are good news as far as the mine is concerned.

The PEA estimate is that the project could generate more than \$522 million if the price of gold should hover near where it is. Thomas said that the project still works even if the price were to drop as low as \$1000 per ounce.

"The plan is to mine about 53 million tonnes of mineralization, at an average grade of 1.23 grams. When Coffee goes into production we will be one of the highest grade heap leech gold mines in the world.

"This will produce 1.86 million ounces over an 11 year mine life. The average gold production is about 167 thousand ounces per annum."

That amount will be higher in the first two years in order to pay back the capital investment.

Since the company is still exploring a number of other potential ore sites in its area, the mine life is based on the four major sites where most of the exploration has taken place to date.

There are half a dozen or more other underexplored sites that show much promise.

The project as it stands does not need a tailings dam or a mill and the very simplicity of the operation is part of its appeal to the company and the investors.

The company put in a barge landing sight early on and was able to construct a road from there to the drilling sites, which enabled them to store material and operate year round and lower some of their transportation costs.

"Longer term," Thomas said, "it is our intention and our hope that we would build a permanent access road into the project area."

"The type of road that we're proposing to build to here is a forestry grade road, gravel, single lane with pull outs and radio control, perfectly sufficient for us to get our equipment in to build the mine and to provide fuel thereafter."

They won't be trucking concentrate out of the site. Both concentrate and the work force will travel by air.

They have looked at nine possible routes that might serve their objective, and part of Thomas' purpose for being at the Gold Show was to meet with the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, with whom the company has a development agreement, to discuss options.

Thomas concluded her presentation with a bit of a mantra, that this project was the right project, in the right jurisdiction and with the right team.

It was on a good development track, with a high-grade, low cost heap leech project.

It was in the Yukon, where there was year round access and nearby infrastructure.

It already has signed agreements with both the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and White River First Nations, and enjoys a favourable relationship with the Yukon government.

Finally, she felt there was a seasoned board and management team in place, and an experienced advisor in the person of Fred Lightner, Director of Mine Development, who has over 20 heap leach projects around the world to his credit.

GroundTruth: working to improve results in placer exploration

Story & photo by Dan Davidson

"As far as the world is concerned, everything gets more interesting when you use drones."

With that introduction from emcee Sara Enns, GroundTruth Exploration's Isaac Fage took to the podium at the 2015 Dawson City International Gold Show to demonstrate how much truth there was to that statement.

In a presentation entitled "Placer Exploration - New Tools Answering Old Questions" Fage, who has been working successfully in the gold exploration field since co-founding GroundTruth (GT) in 2010 with Tao Henderson, after spending 2004-2009 working for RyanWood Exploration, talked about the history of placer mining, outlined the historic methods of exploration and highlighted the new meth-

ods his company has been developing.

With both Fage and Henderson spinning out of the grand success that has been RyanWood (and Cathy Wood is on their board of directors), much of their effort so far has been concentrated in the hardrock exploration pioneered by Shawn Ryan and Cathy Wood, whose techniques of soil sampling led to the industry's excitement over the White Golden Saddle discovery (Kinross Gold Corp.) and the Coffee Gold Project (Kaminak Gold Corp.).

Recently, Fage said, the company has been turning its attention to the placer industry and looking for ways to be equally productive there.

Fage noted that the placer industry has a high start-up cost, and that such factors as the gold grade, depth and volume of pay

streak are critical.

So is the environmental impact of exploration, and GroundTruth aims to not only deal with the first variables, but to do so with minimal impact.

Remote exploration, he said, has gone largely unchanged during the nearly 120 years since the Gold Rush. Auger drilling, test pits, trenching and shafting remain central to the process, and these methods can be foiled by transportation costs, boulders and permafrost.

Fage proposed moving to a new method, one that would be more reliable, cost effective, practical and minimally invasive to the land, at least in the pre-mining phase.

The company begins with its successful method of soil sampling, which pinpoints the area it wants to explore. Then it moves to using the drone.

Through the use of drones Fage says a company can effectively, quickly and fairly cheaply map the area where it wants to work, achieving a resolution that is more detailed and more up to date than anything currently available in terms of satellite photography.

After that an electronic method called DC Resistivity enables GroundTruth to get a peek at what's below the surface without actually disturbing it much. Test runs made against established ore beds showed how well this method managed to map subsurface structures.

The final stage is actual drilling, but not with a standard piece of equipment. GroundTruth has developed a type of Rotary Air

Blast (RAB) Drill which is portable, mounted on a track base that can be driven to a site. It is faster than a standard drill and less expensive to use. Samples can be analyzed right at the drill site. This is all accomplished at about one-third the cost of heliportable trenching.

Fage maintains the GT method can provide a detailed "blueprint" of the area with the drone, model the bedrock and overbur-

den through DC Resistivity and provide efficient drilling with its new rig.

From an environmental standpoint, all of this can be done with minimal ground disturbance.

The presentation included a number of slides and video clips, which were quite impressive in spite of the limitations of the projector and screen. A number of these can be viewing at <http://groundtruthexploration.com>.



The GroundTruth Drone on display at the Gold Show.

Timber Processing Facilities Regulations

Yukon's Forest Management branch is seeking public input on proposed concepts for new Forest Resources Regulations for Timber Processing Facilities on Yukon public land.

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For more information contact Lisa Walker at the Forest Management Branch (867) 393-7406 or 1-800-661-0408 ext. 7406.

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LIBRARY MOVIE REVIEWS

with Chris Collins

The World's Fastest Indian

2 hrs 4 min

Anthony Hopkins

I found another gem! As I have seen many, if not most of the movies that interest me in the library, I have been selecting them more at random. The cover of this movie shows a man riding a streamlined motorcycle. I am familiar with the Indian brand, having been to Campleford, Ontario, where their last factory was in Canada, and my brother had one. So, I thought the movie would be about fast riding motorcycles. And, it is.

However, it is entirely a charming movie! Anthony Hopkins plays the life of Burt Munro, of Invercargill, New Zealand, the "southern most city of the British Empire." Munro actually existed, and the movie tells the story of part of his life. It blends parts of the real story to make the movie, but, it does give the ideas of his life very well.

Hopkins does not quite capture the New Zealand accent. He sounds more West Country English, which is at least south of his native Wales, but, not quite south enough! He plays the eccentric, bumbling, old man extremely well. Apparently, Munro's own children attested to how well Hopkins was like their father in real life. Munro was a man consumed with the idea of speed. He had an ancient Indian motorcycle, from the 1920's, and he was constantly working on it to make it faster. However, he was a man of very modest means, and, he would create his own tools, to make the parts that he needed. A whole row of old cylinders attest to this. His eccentricity both irritates, and endears his neighbours. One complains that he never mows his lawn, but Munro expresses surprise when the fire department shows up after an attempt to remove it by setting it on fire. Still, he is well loved in the community, as he is truly a gentle soul.

His big dream it to go to Bonneville, in Utah. There are salt flats there where all sorts of other eccentrics go to to try their stuff, setting speed records in the process Munro has very little money, and the story of him working his way to the USA is quite amusing. He has to buy a car to drive to Utah, and make a trailer for his bike, and, he meets interesting people on the way. After a breakdown in the dessert, he meets a native man who like Munro, has a bladder problem. Burt asks about a "native magic" solution, and gets the reply that there is, but, that it tastes terrible, so Western medicine is preferred.

Munro finally makes it to Bonneville. But, he has not registered, his bike does not pass the safety inspection - there is no parachute, for example. Munro says he does not plan on bailing out. No brakes? He is going to go fast, not stop. Racing tires? He uses regular tires with the tread trimmed off with a carving knife, making them racing tires "good to 300 mph." His gas cap is a cork from a brandy bottle - cork is light, so the machine can go faster. And, Munro is old. His age is not given in the movie, but, the real Munro was in his 60's on his first trip to Bonneville, and this is an issue as well.

They decide to drive alongside of him on a test, to see if he can handle the bike. It's original top speed was 54 mph, and they doubt he will go much faster than 70. He easily doubles that! At this point, everyone gets behind him; they want him to succeed, despite all his problems.

In real life, Munro set three world records there, one of which still stands today. The movie does change the details of the story, but, not the ideas, which result in a fine movie to watch. IMDB gives it 7.9; I give it 4 starts out of 5.



World Heritage project gets Yukon government funding

Press release

The Yukon government has awarded nearly \$600,000 to five community organizations for projects that enhance tourism and culture initiatives. "The Government of Yukon is pleased to announce its continued support of significant projects that provide economic benefits for Yukon communities," Minister of Economic Development Stacey Hassard said. "These projects will provide thousands of employment hours in the months ahead." Among the recipients is Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, to support its bid to have the Tr'ondëk-

Klondike area declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The First Nation will receive \$266,107 to further the development of a nomination dossier. The Department of Economic Development has been working closely with Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency to support the designation process. UNESCO designation of the site has the potential to promote Yukon worldwide and increase tourism to the region. "The community is rallying around the Tr'ondëk-Klondike UNESCO World Heritage site nomination, and this funding is critical to advancing the project.

Having our region on the list of World Heritage sites will have a positive impact on the Yukon's economy and share our unique story with the world," Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Chief Roberta Joseph said. The Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation will receive \$65,157 in funding towards the Van Tat Gwich'in Navigation Systems project, a research and mapping initiative that uncovers and details the intricate network of trails and water routes used by the Vuntut Gwitchin people in north Yukon. This funding will be used to create opportunities in employment, tourism and trapping by utilizing local knowledge to

research, mark and clear traditional travel routes. "This project will get our young people out on the land to learn our traditional routes and ways of travelling. We are hoping this project will also open up new areas of the traditional territory for trapping and encourage people to use the land more. Overall, this project will be a great benefit to our community," Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Chief Roger Kyikavichik said. Through these five community projects, the Community Development Fund will provide over 11,000 hours of employment to about 55 people.



Diggers scored two teams at national volleyball tournament

Story by Marjorie Logue
Photos submitted

So someone asked me how many teams we play against in our league. I answered "There is no league in Dawson City. Our players depend on our community members for practice. We organize super volleys and community members come out to play against our club travel teams."

The Diggers, to me, represent the essence of rural remote community living. Our teams could not be competitive at this level or even travel to this level of competition if it were not for all the hours of volunteer work, hours of practice, the dedication to fundraising by team members and their families, and the strong community support both financially and in the form of practice (teams to play against in preparation). Thank you Dawson!

This year Dawson City Volleyball Club was able to send two teams to the Canadian National Volleyball Tournament in Calgary, Alberta from May 12 to May 20. The U15 girl's team played six games, won several sets but was unable to place in the finals. Their coach Chuck Taylor was quoted, "For myself I'm very happy the girls picked a higher division to challenge their skills. It showed the team how tough the competition can be. It showed the team how much more they need to work and that every minute in practice counts. Most importantly it showed the team that they can compete in a higher division with really good competition. I would like to thank all the supporters, sponsors and all the parents supporting their kids and the Diggers organization. Thank you Erin Pasloski for all her help coaching and being a part of the team and Heidi Bliebung for organizing and making all this happen. It's an honour to be a part of all this. It's a fun and great experience. It's a some thing special when teams from Dawson can go down and bring back silver medals, last year the girls and this year the boys!"

The U16 boys' coach Steve Laszlo reported that, "The team slowly improved throughout the tournament. On Day 1 the team started slow but on Day 2 the boys were competitive in all their games but unfortunately they were not able to come up with a win".

The boys were placed in Division 2 Tier 4 for the third day of competition.

"On Day 3 the boys woke up with high energy and determination to compete. As a result, they were able to move on to the Gold medal game. The first game, the quarterfinals, was against the Saskatchewan Rattlers. This was a good game but our best game was the semifinal game against the Alberta Vipers. The last game we played



was against the Edmonton Fog and we just came up short and ended the tournament with the Silver medal."

Daniel Naef the U16 boy's assistant coach and long time Dawson Volleyball player commented that he enjoyed the experience of coaching at this level and this team. "We took the boys to see the Canadian National Volleyball team play against the Cuban National team on the Sunday night. It was a great experience for the boys. They got to see what real competitive Volleyball and what they can work towards if they are interested in competing at this level. This is an experience that they will never forget".

Heidi Bliebung the Dawson Volleyball Club president was quoted, "This is an fantastic opportunity for our youth, it has taught them the importance of team work, value of money and the rewards of a strong work ethics. I am really proud of both the teams and how far they have come in their skills development and their ability to compete and be competitive at such a high level".

Heidi also mentioned that these teams have been able to fund raise for these trips through hard work, snow shoveling, babysitting, recycling, stacking wood, community dances, yard sales, bake sales and much, much more. In addition the Club has been awarded major grants in the past from both Lotteries Yukon and the Dawson City Recreation Board.

The Dawson Volleyball Club would like to take this opportunity to thank the community of Dawson for the ongoing support and encouragement. These types of opportunities are priceless.



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Coffee House raises funds for Nepal relief

Story by Betty Davidson

Dawson's Coffee House & Open Mic happens the first Saturday of every month. There is no admission but each event tries to raise money for important causes. The May 16 coffee house was a fund raiser for 2 needs. The Grade 3/4A class ran the canteen for their field trip to Whitehorse and the door was run by Madison Betts to raise money for earthquake relief in Nepal. The grade 3/4's raised \$220.00 and Madison raised \$204.91 at the door for Nepal! Yay, Dawson!!

The money raised for Nepal went to PWRDF, Primate's World Relief and Development fund which is a social action organization in the Anglican Church. All funds raised by PWRDF were doubled by the Canadian Government till May 25. Over \$429,906 was raised across Canada before the matching deadline was reached. That means over \$859,000 will be used to help the hurting people of Nepal. None of this money is

used for administration purposes. In the past three weeks, over 40,000 men, women and children have been helped. Your donations are being used to provide shelter, food, clean water and sanitation, household items, psychosocial support and education needs as those in Nepal work to rebuild their homes and their livelihoods. PWRDF works with ACT Alliance (Acting Churches Together) and the Canada Foodgrains Bank to find out the needs from those who live in the disaster area and then provide what is needed. PWRDF is working with the Lutheran World Federation in areas that have been destroyed.

Dawson loves to sing and play music and it is obvious that it cares about needs both in Dawson and around the world. The next 3 summer Coffee Houses will likely be held at the Gazebo on the first Sat of each month in June, July and August. See you there!



High school student Madison Betts supervised the collection of funds. Photo by Sue Holland.



Debaters' audience disses the Gold Rush



Story & photo by Dan Davidson

Charlie Demers was very aware that his side of the debate subject chosen for the Debaters show staged at the Palace Grand Theatre on Saturday night was going to be an uphill struggle.

"I know I'm going to lose this debate," he said as he began to explain in some detail why there really wasn't any good reason to celebrate the Klondike Gold Rush.

His opponent, Graham Clark had already argued that there were lots of reasons to do just

that and Charlie figured that a Klondike audience wasn't going to want to hear anything to the contrary.

The Debaters, with host Steve Patterson, were in Dawson to perform at the Dawson City Museum's Breakup Comedy Festival, now in its fourth year.

The show opened with four offerings of traditional stand up comedy, led by Whitehorse's Anthony Trombetta.

While the introductory remarks indicated that the evening's fare might be a little more spicy than the Wednesday or Saturday offerings on the radio,

since CBC had declined to tape this performance for broadcast (ah, what a mistake that was), it quickly became clear that all four performers had taken note of the number of youngsters in the audience and had figured out ways to be suggestive with their innuendo rather than graphic.

Some of the gags in the stand-up had a slow burn as the audience took a breath or two to suss out what the guys were not quite saying.

That was the first half of the show. After the traditional Dawson City 10 minute intermission ("25 minutes," noted

Patterson), the show moved into the more traditional Debaters format, with both contestants offering their opening arguments, exchanging barbs in the bare knuckles round, giving goofy answers to Klondike themed questions in the firing line and wrapping it all up with closing statements.

Here's a thing that sometimes happens. When a debater figures he has no chance and might as well go for broke in terms of style and presentation, he or she just might turn the tide. Particularly if the other guys thinks he's got the thing sewed up. Just ask

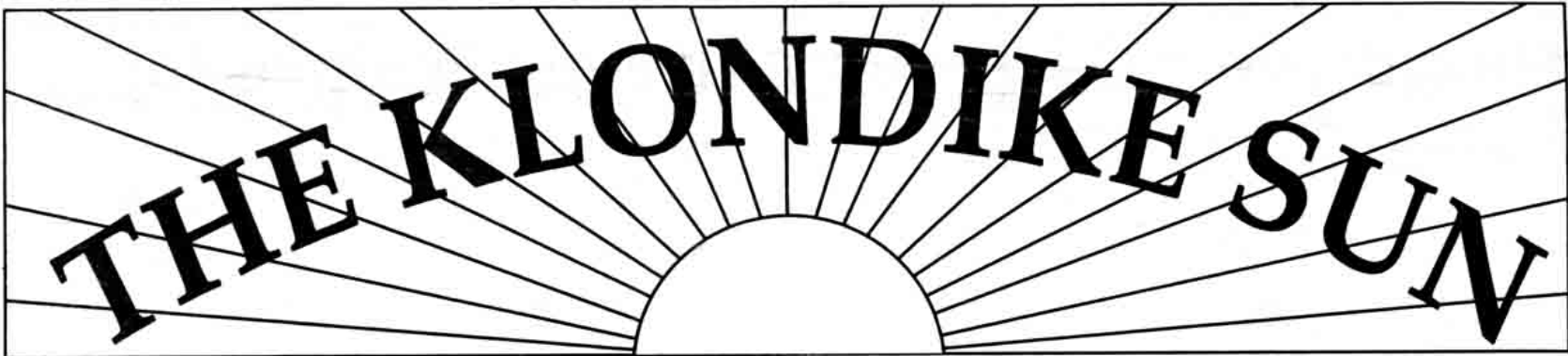
Jim Prentice, the former Premier of Alberta.

And that's what happened to Charlie. Much to his surprise, while the tally of points kept by Patterson was pretty close, when it came to the audience applause, there was no question at all. Charlie Demers won the debate handily (and with whistles and cheers as well as hands clapping).

It was a fine evening at the Palace Grand, and one that children of all ages could enjoy.



TWENTY YEARS AGO IN THE SUN



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Cst. Cory Hoehn and his horse "Justin" can be seen patrolling the streets of Dawson between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. See page 31 for details. PHOTO BY TIMOTHY SAWA

The museum picks up where KNHS leaves off

BY TIMOTHY SAWA

Paul Martin's budget may have received applause in the house of commons last February, but the City of Dawson certainly isn't clapping today.

Mac Swackhammer, the museum director, approached city council on May 29 requesting a \$10,000 grant to fund a portion of his summer programs. The programs are what he has set up to fill a gap left by the federally funded Klondike National Historic Sites.

"We are facing the same cuts as the rest of the Canadian federal departments," Al Fiske, Superintendent for the Klondike National Historic Sites, told the Sun. "Essentially it means we take 24 per cent out of our operation."

The summer programs in question consist of the animation of the town walking tours conducted by

KNHS. Swackhammer said he came forward suggesting a partnership between the museum and KNHS when they announced they would no longer be providing the street theatre.

"We've got 60,000 people coming here over the summer and we want them to have a good time. It's economically vital to the community to give visitors an absolutely outrageously pleasant experience," he said in an interview. "The museum is one of the agencies in Dawson which I think should start to take over some of the responsibilities that parks [KNHS] is leaving."

But with the new responsibilities comes the need for more money.

Swackhammer has approached council requesting that funding be pulled from the \$100,000 awarded to the Klondike Centennials Society by the city. But according to Mayor Art Webster the city has passed his request on to the KCS, and will not

make a decision until KCS has considered it themselves.

"If the Centennials Society maintains that it can't spare any of its budget because of its commitments then I am going to go back to council. And I am going to keep going back to council until council says no," said Swackhammer.

"Many of the councilors have waffled by saying 'this isn't a closed issue we won't do it now, we'll do it later, we'll keep the door open,'" continued Swackhammer. "They are going to have to give me the money or close the door."

Despite KNHS's decision not to run the street theatre, among various other down-sizing activities, Al Fiske maintains that Parks Canada has no intention of pulling out of Dawson City.

"We've been in Dawson City since the mid 60s and we have no intention of pulling out of what is a multi-million dollar investment."

Dawson goes to court

BY COREEN LARSON

Dawson City will be spending some time in the court room this month.

The city will appear in Dawson court June 13 facing charges laid by Fisheries and Oceans Canada. The charges concern a pair of 140-metre berms built into the Yukon River last August to help clear an obstacle in the sewage drainage pipe.

Fisheries officials say the berms destroyed and disrupted the fish habitat around the area and allowed harmful substances into the river. The town also failed to seek a proper permit before going ahead with the project.

However, the city says it had no choice but to take emergency measures before winter set in. The berms were built to help clear a piece of a telephone pole lodged in the sewage drain and to prevent further sewage back up through the winter months.

At the time, the city decided it had to act quickly to prevent further damage to the system.

Fisheries has laid four charges against Dawson under the Fisheries Act and two under the Yukon Waters Act. The department has also charged Klondike Transport Ltd. for working on the project.

Brian Campion, lawyer for the company, told the *Yukon News* that Klondike Transport had no obligation to check if the city had its permits

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Ralph Shaw is a witty raconteur with an infectious joy of performing; a showman with a vintage banjo-ukulele; a gifted songwriter who’s tender and comical songs are so deceptively sophisticated they appeal to every listener. Ralph is a founding member of children’s folk music group Birds of a Feather.

Some Dawsonites might even remember him from his last visit to the Yukon... 15 years ago! He probably has a few (one? two?) more grey hairs, and has been working on many more new stories, anecdotes, and tunes for us since his last trip north, for the Whitehorse Buskers Festival in 2000. Shaw will be performing show-tunes for the adults, and lively fun tunes for the wee ones at the KidsFest Events during the festival.

Whether he’s singing about a village vicar, a brothel handyman or embodying an evil cat, his hilarious and sometimes tender songs thrill audiences with music and laughter. On top of entertaining audiences at international festivals and ukulele clubs, he also leads a monthly get-together of 140+ ukulele strummers in his hometown of Vancouver, Canada.



James Hill

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How does a kid from Canada become what the Honolulu Star-Bulletin calls a “rare peer” of Hawaii’s premier ukulele players?

James grew up nearly three thousand miles east of Honolulu in the town of Langley, British Columbia, where ukulele instruction has been mandatory in many schools since the late 1970s. To his fourth grade classmates, the ukulele was a means to an end, a way for them to dip their toes into the vast ocean of music. For James, the uke was a sea of possibilities unto itself and inside its tiny wooden shell he saw his life in music. He was hooked.

James Hill has come a long way from that fateful day in fourth-grade music class. A seasoned performer with a fan base in North America, Asia and Europe, he has garnered wide acclaim for his ground-breaking approach to a chronically-underestimated instrument. Over the course of his first three genre-defying albums – *Playing it like it isn’t...* (2002), *On the Other Hand* (2003) and *A Flying Leap* (2006) – he re-wrote every rule that had previously kept the ukulele in the realm of novelty and obscurity.

“Hill has built a portfolio that stamps him as a singer-songwriter and all-round musician of the highest calibre.” - Rhythms

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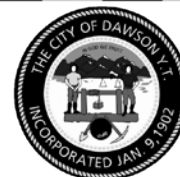
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Tuesday, June 16th

Tuesday, June 30th

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