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Selkirk First Nation News

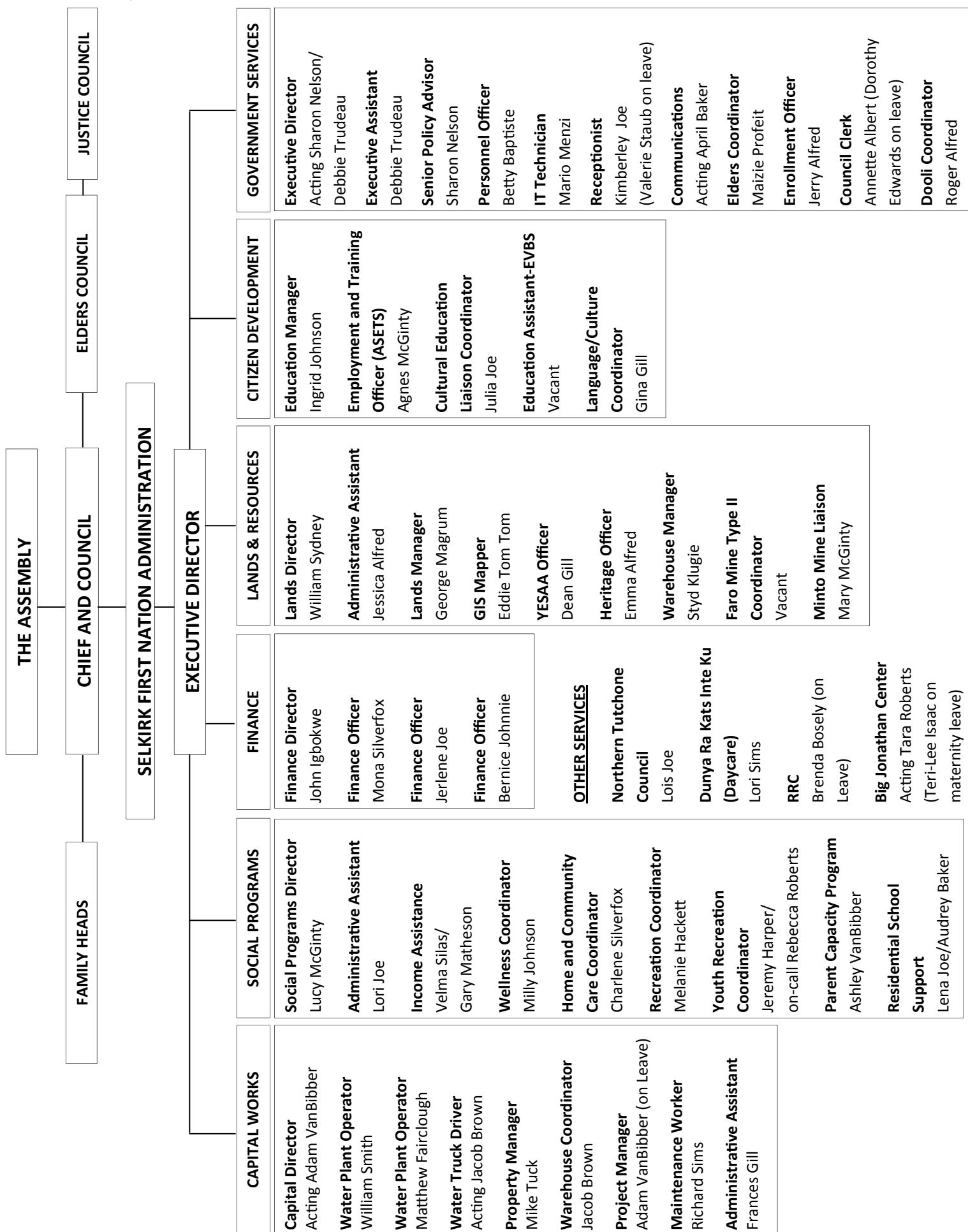
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Here's looking to the future! SFN's High School Class of 2013! Desiree McGinty, Duran Simon, Kiley Marcotte

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Chief and Council Highlights

Greetings Selkirk First Nation Citizens,

This Spring and early Summer has been a very busy time for Chief and Council. There have been numerous major staffing changes; our Executive Director, Joseph Gosnell, Jr. left the position in April. Since then Selkirk First Nation has been actively searching to fill the position of Executive Director, with one round of interviews held so far. It is a demanding job that requires a variety of skill sets from knowing how to set a budget and workplan to understanding the Final and Self-government Agreements, to managing the Human Resources, etc. Until the position is filled, Sharon Nelson and Debbie Trudeau are Acting Executive Director and sharing the duties.

The following are some of the highlights that Chief and Council have been working on and continue to work with the Departments on:

Lands and Resources

- ⇒ Responding to YTG's legislation changes such as the Wildlife Act, Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act (YESAA), etc.;
- ⇒ Reviewing and approval of the Lhutsaw and Ta'tla Mun Management Plans; these have now gone to the Selkirk Renewable Resources Council for a final approval before going to Yukon government for signing off;
- ⇒ Responding and overseeing the mining files and meetings, including a Community Meeting on the Casino Mine (proposed route), meeting with the technical teams for Minto Mine, setting up tech teams, etc. for Casino Mine, planning for Minto's Closure Plan which includes tours of reclaimed mine sites, monitoring the Coop Agreement items, etc..

Health and Social

- ⇒ Developing and finalizing the Social Assistance Policy; and
- ⇒ Offering employment opportunities for Citizens while the Social Assistance Office closes for the summer;

Education

- ⇒ Developing and finalizing a Post Secondary Policy;
- ⇒ Working with SFN Education staff, YG education department, etc. towards a resolution of education matters in Pelly Crossing. Related to this, SFN is working with senior officials on an Education Memorandum of Understanding with YG. Watch for more information coming on this MOU.
- ⇒ Attending and supporting the numerous SFN graduates at their ceremonies, etc. A Post-Secondary Awards dinner and celebration is planned for July 5 in which SFN will provide a monetary gift to each Post-secondary graduate and those who are continuing their studies;

"Chief and Council would like to congratulate all who have completed their studies and note the number of citizens who are either graduating or continuing their studies. This is the future of the First Nation and C&C would like to encourage all to finish their education. "

Enrollment

- ⇒ C&C have worked with the Enrollment Office to process all new applicants and those who were dual citizens with another First Nation. This work is almost completed with an up-to-date Citizen list.

Housing

- ⇒ As noted in the Report from Capital, the new log homes and trailers will be ready for occupancy soon. As well, C&C will be looking at more housing options in the near future.
- ⇒ Supporting the Acting Capital Director with training to ensure he and other SFN citizens are prepared and trained for Director positions.

General Governance

- ⇒ Continue with regular meetings and updates with the RCMP; new Detachment Commander Josh Weise has been attending meetings monthly to keep C&C up to date on happenings in the community;

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Heath and Social Update Submitted by Ashley VanBibber

The H&S staff have been planning a restructure for the past year, with Marilyn VanBibber as the lead researcher. H&S staff attended a meeting at the end of May in Whitehorse to discuss the final report. In the near future the report will be presented to the steering committee then to C&C for approval.

Other program updates:

Parent Capacity Program ~ We just recently had two workshops with parents; the first one was with Wendy Burgess, from Many Rivers. There were nine participants throughout the two days. We also had an Active Healthy Kids Workshop, with the parents and there were six participants for this half day workshop. They all got to take home a goody bags with fun games and Activities to play with their children. I'd like to thank everyone for showing up and I hope to see you at other parenting events.

Home and Community Care ~ The hot lunch provided healthy food for Eliza VanBibber students, elders and community members. This ended in June and will start back up in the fall. Basic home care for elders has been running fairly smooth and will be an ongoing program. Happy Feet Clinic will be here this month please look for posters around the community. Also we are trying to bring a vet here to Pelly to help with the number of dogs in the community, but we just don't have the numbers so please, come sign up your special friend to be neutered or spayed for just \$50 per dog.

Community Wellness ~ Submitted by Milly Johnson

The Community Wellness Program has been busy submitting applications for treatment programs for citizens who are interested in attending programs in B.C., or Alberta. There is a process which includes filling out the application forms; right now there is a

waiting list, some of our citizens who are attending are through the Justice system, and some are interested in attending the Family Program. The usual follow up is through the Probation Order and it is networking with the Probation Officer. The other support networking is lining up counselling for individuals who are interested with the Many Rivers, Bill Stewart, or Alcohol & Drug Service.

The Selkirk First Nation budget is not in place yet to plan for any community events, one event that the Community Wellness sponsored with the Recreation was the Community Stick Gambling, and another one will be planned.

Two of our staff will be starting the Residential School Support program again, Lena Joe and Audrey Baker to provide former students follow up with counselling and bring in workshops related to Residential School.

The AA Group meeting will be eventually starting pending on the budget and hopefully it will be on its own with interested community meetings, or the meeting can be held at the Health Centre through the Tele Health.

I have been juggling my time with the Council duties, and I will do my best to do the follow up with the clients I have being working with. I would like to congratulate the ones who have completed their treatment program and to keep up the positive changes.

In the evenings, I plan to do some fundraising to provide some financial support for some citizens who are traveling for Medical reasons. Bingo Evenings will be posted.

Thank you for your patience! And enjoy the warm summer! In unity, Milly Johnson.

Please keep in mind: Budgets have

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yet to be approved so events will be cut short until we know how much we really have.

Social Assistance Program ~ Submitted by Gary Matheson

The SA Department has been very busy. There are job opportunities during the summer with/for SA clients. They have been doing a great job with the Community Greenhouse/Garden and Beautification project, where a crew cleans up areas in the community, as well as Elders yards. The River Front is the other project. They have been busy getting the River Front ready for use, with a new basketball court. They have many plans and ideas in the works.

There have also been wood contracts given out and the wood cutters are working hard to make sure the community has enough wood for the up coming winter. A thanks goes to them.

So if you are out and about and want to see the developments of how these projects are doing, please feel free to do so.

Have a great and safe summer from your SA Department.



Beautification project

- ⇒ Other meetings and discussions on various governance issues such as Resource Revenue Sharing Agreement, the Constitution Committee, etc.;
- ⇒ Reviewing SFN's contracting process; we are working to ensure that all contractors that work with SFN have a signed contract with clear deliverables outlined.

Staffing

- ⇒ Reviewed and finalized the new SFN Human Resource Policy which will be adopted in the near future;
- ⇒ Overseeing recent staffing changes: We would like to wish good luck to Darcy Marcotte who has left the organization and Ellie Marcotte as she moves on from the Faro Mine Coordinator position, and welcome to the team our new Finance Director John Igbokwe, Emma Alfred (Heritage Officer), Gina Gill (Language and Culture Coordinator), Tara Roberts (Big Jonathan House), all the Workers out at Fort Selkirk, our summer students who are helping out in the office, the Garden, Riverfront and Beautification workers (summer employment) and April Baker (working on the Newsletter until we get the position posted). Welcome to everyone! (Sorry to anyone we may have missed on this list.)

The other major item we have been working on with all the Directors and Manager is workplans and budgets. This has been a learning curve for everyone involved and we are hoping the process set this year will help make it easier next year. We are almost completed the reviews and our new budgets will be in place soon.

We'd like to wish everyone a Happy Summer and stay safe out on the water.

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- ⇒ Review of the Northern Tutchone Council; a review is currently underway of what the three First Nations would like to see in the mandate of the NTC;
- ⇒ Strategic Planning: the first stage of meetings with the community, youth and Elders has been completed. C&C would like to take a step back to see what the next steps will be in the Strategic Planning process. The information that has been collected from the community meetings has been incorporated into a Document that will be used in future planning.
- ⇒ Meeting and keeping updated with the Selkirk Development Corporation on their activities; and

Recreation Update Submitted by Melanie Hackett

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ummer has finally arrived, and with it the swimming pool has opened!

Please welcome Kasia, our pool manager for this year – she's a long ways from home! Beginning of June saw a fun pool opening party and BBQ. Swimming lessons are offered every day, and those that attend regularly will have the opportunity to go on trips to swim with other kids around the Yukon.

We've recently had a Mother's Day lunch and Father's Day BBQ and archery shoot, and now upcoming Aboriginal Day promises to be a fun day full of activities. There will be a hand games tournament leading up to it, and several contests as well as a crafts booth for kids, and lots of food.

On June 24-28, there will be an outdoor ecology summer day camp for ages 8 and up. From July 2-5 we will take several youth to Whitehorse for a leadership training workshop. There are several other

trips for youth being planned, including canoeing, horse packing, swimming and rock climbing. Details will be confirmed.

We also have our regular recreation schedule for evening activities, which includes archery, baseball, soccer and the school gym for ages 7 and up. Keep your eyes open for a new schedule now that school is out. Activities for younger kids may be incorporated, and parent or guardian participation is mandatory for 6 and under. The pool schedule currently includes swims for young children every day.

There is also now an after lunch walking program Mondays and Thursdays. Pedometers are provided, as well as snacks for walkers. Meet at the Health and Social building at 1 pm.

Melanie

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Hello! My name is Kasia Lach, and I am the Pool Manager for the summer. I was born and raised in a Polish family in Brampton, Ontario, and am currently studying Life Sciences and World Language Studies at Queen's University.

I have worked in Aquatics for the past 5 years and have traveled to the Yukon for another Aquatic opportunity.

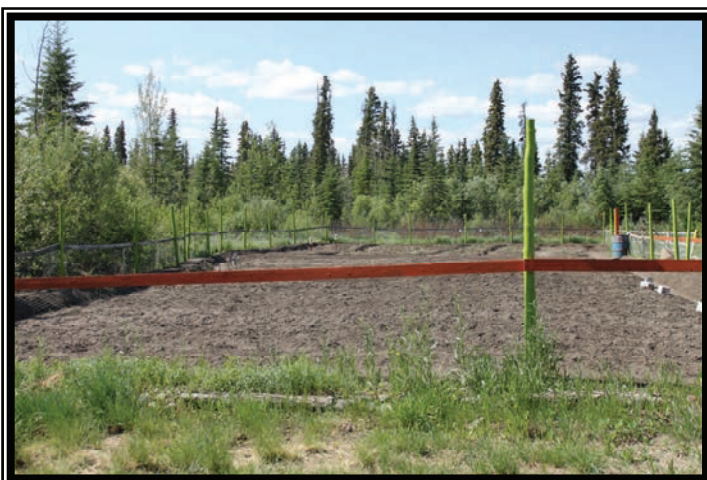
I am enjoying my time thus far in the Yukon and Pelly Crossing, and I am excited to learn more about your culture and traditions.

I enjoy running, hiking, camping, and learning about languages and cultures.

We have a new pool schedule for the summer, and I am looking forward to meeting you all at lessons, public and late night swims.



Pelly Crossing Community Garden By April Baker



The Garden is situated at the back of the Pelly River Campground.



Pelly Crossing's Community Garden and Green House Team! Also includes Vicky and Annie Joe

The Community Garden and Green House are well maintained by Jean Van Bibber and her team: Ella Harper, Annie Joe, Vicky Joe, Nora Harper, Ricky Joe, Nichole Alfred and Rachelle Hager. So far, they have planted: peas, potatoes, radishes, lettuces, turnips, carrots, herbs and many, many more vegetables at the garden; and tomatoes, cucumbers, corn, more lettuces and herbs at the green house. You name it, they have it! Everything looks great! They *just* got their water pump working

as I was looking around; they were very pleased to water the garden with a hose, rather than packing water from the river. Some of the vegetables were in the sprouting stage, while others were well on their way. The team was getting ready to plant some new plants, such as, more herbs, sunflowers and other flower beds. It will look great and I look forward to their market! Jean said, "Hopefully we can have a market, but mostly, we'd be proud to *give* our produce away to locals."



The Green House is located where the old Yukon College was situated.



Vicky Joe working on a soon to be beautiful structure of flower beds.

Meet SFN's New Finance Director

FINANCE DIRECTOR
SELKIRK FIRST NATION
JOHN M. O. IGBOKWE, MSC

Born into a Christian Family in Nnewi City in South Eastern Nigeria, I am the third child in a large brood of three girls and eight boys. My father, Chief Gabriel Igbokwe, an importer and widely respected businessman, was a civic and community leader, who served many terms on the city's Local Government Council. My mother was CEO to a stable of super-active kids. I attended my city's premiere all-boys secondary school where in my final year I was elected president of the school's Press Club.

Three years after I graduated from secondary school, I travelled to the Philippines with an eye for a law degree. My plans quickly shifted when it became clear law was not a viable option under the peculiar legal system of the Philippines. I hold two business degrees - a Bachelor's degree in Accounting and a Master's in Finance. I earned my Master's degree from the oldest university in Asia and the largest Catholic university in the World, - the 400-year old Pontifical University of Santo Tomas in Manila, Philippines. I am currently finishing my CMA program and will become designated in either late July or early August 2013.

Professionally, I have longer than fifteen years of experience in various Senior Accounting and Finance/Corporate Services roles. For more than three years, I worked as the **Director of Finance** in the Adult Corrections Division of the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing of the Government of Saskatchewan. I held leadership responsibility for the preparation and implementation of a budget of over \$105 million and a subordinate reporting line that consisted of 21 direct reports from financial managers across the Province. Before joining the Provincial Government, I had founded and for three years as **President/Director of Operations**, operated **Destiny Manpower Services Ltd**, an Alberta human resources recruitment company that sourced staffing for Canadian companies and households exclusively

from overseas.

For close to three years, I had also worked as the **Director of Finance/Municipal Treasurer** for the Towns of Peace River and High Level in northwestern Alberta. At both towns, I effectively executed the mandate of the Municipal Treasurer under the Municipal Government Act.

I had also held the position of **Financial Analyst** in the Ministry of Restructuring and Government Efficiency of the Alberta Provincial Government. Before that, I worked as the **Senior Accountant** for Mindoro Resources Ltd, a TSX-traded, Edmonton-based mining company that operated in the Philippines. For four years, I also had worked doing full-cycle accounting as the **Controller** at IAG Ltd, now known as Ian Murray and Company Ltd, a management consultancy in the City of Edmonton, with offices in Mexico City and the USA. For seven and half years (1993 – 2000), I was the **Director of Finance** and **CEO** of Probit Rent-A-Car, a Manila, Philippine-based company.

I have lived and travelled through many cultures of the world. I particularly enjoyed the years I lived in the Philippines, HongKong China, Taiwan, and South Korea. In my spare time, I love volunteering with community organizations. My hobbies include reading, writing and listening to Christian music. I have coached junior soccer and hope that sometime in the future, I would be able to get Pelly youths playing soccer during the summer months. I am excited about my coming to Pelly and look forward to working with Chief and Council and the Administration to make Pelly a stronger community.

I am married with three children.



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Pictures (by April Baker) of the Timber Home in Willow Creek Subdivision—Open House was June 18.



May Gathering 2013 Submitted by Jessica Alfred

The 13th Annual Fish and Wildlife May Gathering took place on the 21-23rd of May 2013 in Pelly Crossing at the Link Building. Elders and guests from Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation



and Nacho Nyak Dun (Mayo) joined the Selkirk First Nation elders and community members at this important Fish and Wildlife Gathering.

The first day was allotted for Traditional Self Governance presented by representatives of the three communities and a "40 years ago" History of the Final Agreement presentation prepared by the Grade 12 Eliza VanBibber students Desiree McGinty



and Duran Simon. The second day was set aside for Biologist Mark O'Donoghue and the three Northern Tutchone Annual Harvest Reports. The third day of the May Gathering was designated specially for the demonstrations of the elders/hunters traditional skills. Each day consisted of exciting traditional activities and anticipated door prizes.

We would like to thank the Selkirk Spirit Dancers for their breathtaking fashion show and showcasing their new handcrafted regalia; their hard work and dedication with the dance group is an inspiration to all as they revitalize a very important aspect of our Northern Tutchone culture.

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Heritage Report Submitted by Emma Alfred

I was hired as Heritage Officer on May 31, 2013 and started my first day of work with a meeting on the Ft. Selkirk project with the Lands Director, William Sydney and the two cooks. I cleaned out my new office. Got my e-mail up and running and am still waiting for the phone to be hook up properly.

My duties include helping James Mooney with the Archaeology program for Casino Mine find a person from here in Pelly. It was a struggle to find one person, even with the job posted for three days. Daniel Alfred worked for two weeks. One other person signed up but had another job offer and couldn't go.

I also helped Bruce Barrett with getting one person to do archival work for one week in July at Ft. Selkirk. Ruth Gotthardt will also be there with another student. They will record what artefacts there are at Ft. Selkirk today.

My next task was to take three Elders to a meeting in Dawson City at a camp outside of town called Land Of Plenty. This meeting was an update on Her-

itage Legislation with the northern communities of Dawson, Old Crow, Mayo, Pelly and Carmacks. With the help of the Elders' input, the meeting went well. The Elders were Alice Joe (who sat on this before), Annie McGinty (who came for the first time) and Steven Silverfox (his first time as well). The Elders from the other communities enjoyed themselves as well. There were events such as, Indian Bingo, story time and card games. Steven Silverfox and I walked around the camp with Ralph Blanchard as our guide. I learned a lot at this meeting, and so did the Elders. They enjoyed themselves at this kind of meeting and talked about how they got to meet new people and enjoy a different country. The food was plenty and everyone enjoyed themselves at the whole camp. Some Elders liked it so much they wanted to stay two more nights! It was also very hot and hard to find shade, that was the only thing that naturally happened.

This all I have for the month of June.



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The turnout at the gathering was substantial with approximately 250 people on the first day, 200 on the second day and around 200-225 on the third day. Nesta Hager was hired to coordinate this year's May Gathering and to work with the project manager orchestrating the traditional foods, materials and supplies.

I would like to thank all the community members for helping out where needed and contributing their time during the third day to demonstrate traditional skills. Each year the May Gathering gets bigger and the expectations become broader so therefore I am

grateful to come from a community where people help out and volunteer their time during an extraordinary and unique gathering.

If you have any questions or comments to any of the meeting topics please do not hesitate to come see me in the Lands and Resources Department.

Have a wonderful day and enjoy the rest of the beautiful summer months!

Sincerely,
Jessica Alfred
Administrative Assistant
Lands and Resources Department

Citizen Development Department Submitted by Gina Gill

The Education & Training programs have been very busy during the past months as this is Graduation season. This year there were two graduates from the Eliza Van Bibber School: Desiree McGinty and Duran Simon, and one grad from Porter Creek Secondary School: Kyley Marcotte. Congratulations Graduates!

The CYFN Grad was held in Whitehorse on June 7th under the big tent by the river at the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre. It was a beautiful day as 104 Yukon First Nation graduates walked across the stage. They received words of inspiration and encouragement from National Chief Shawn Atleo and CYFN Grand Chief Ruth Massie.

The Eliza Van Bibber grad ceremony was held at the Link Building on June 13th. Many volunteers assisted in transforming the hall into a breath-taking ancient Roman theme. The grads received words of encouragement from the SFN Chief & Council, MLA Jim Tredger, Principal Pat Berrel, A/Chair of the School Council Mike Tuck, and Superintendent Greg Storey. During the Traditional Ceremony, members of Selkirk Spirit Dancers performed their entrance songs and the grads received many gifts from SFN, family and friends. Later, everyone danced into the night to the music of a popular DJ. Many thanks to all who volunteered and assisted in the set-up and take-down of the hall, and to all who contributed in making the grad a success.

A Post-secondary Awards Event is being planned for July 6th to honour those who have graduated from their post-secondary programs, and all those who have successfully completed another year of their post-secondary education. This past year, there were 27 Selkirk First Nation post-secondary students in a variety of studies. Notices about the Awards Event will go out to the community in the coming days.

Education Manager

The Education Manager has been busy with preparing budgets for the fiscal year, assisting with grad ceremonies, and working on a new policy for post-secondary student funding. The year has been very busy with the good number of post-secondary students. With the new policy coming into place, it is expected that we will again have a large number of post-secondary students this coming year.

Community Education Liaison Coordinator & Education Assistants

The CELC program has been busy with a number of cultural projects happening at the school. A successful Cultural Education week was held in March with the students having the opportunity to ice-fish and set up a traditional winter camp. Some exciting cultural projects are being planned for the new school year starting in August.

Cultural events included setting up a wall tent, stick-gambling, story telling, bannock making, ice fishing, and native language. The cultural week ended with a stew and bannock and closing comments regarding the carving project, that Eugene Alfred worked on throughout the school year with EVB students.

Employment & Training

Agnes McGinty took over the Employment-Training Officer position in April. She has been very busy learning all the aspects of her new job. This year her program is funding the summer student project, the HEO program, and assisting with the Riverfront project. There are also a number of students taking short courses such as First Aid, Hospitality and Tourism.

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The Riverfront Park will have green grass, picnic tables and benches, a gazebo, a basket ball court and a scenic view of Pelly River.

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Language & Culture Coordinator

The language and culture position is a new one and we would like to welcome Gina Gill to her new duties as the coordinator. The Master Apprentice Language pilot program is ongoing under an agreement with CYFN. This project is an opportunity to promote sustainability of our Northern Tutchone Language. Main duties will be setting up the office and properly organizing and establishing the Language and Cultural resources. A language conference and other activities are planned for the upcoming year.

Capital Department Submitted by Mike Tuck

Capital has been very busy with putting the finishing touches on the Haven Timberhomes and the Duplex Trailers. We are in the process of hooking the water lines/sheds up to each home, and finishing the lighting installations in the log homes. Our target is to have everybody who was allocated these homes to be moved in by the second week of July.

Upon finalization of our budget, we hope to begin some renovation projects sometime this month. We appreciate the community's patience while we sort through the large pile of applications for renovations. We hope to continue with some needed interior renovation work throughout the winter months as well.

Some of the work we have planned is to fix and possibly replace the roof of the administration building, as well as to assess the work needed to bring the recreation building up to standard, and if feasible to start with some repair work there.

The Link building was painted inside this winter and

the SFN logo will be put up on the far wall by the end of summer.

Our old grader finally reached the point where it was too costly to repair and maintain, so we purchased a 2002 H140 Caterpillar grader to replace it. With a reliable machine we will be able to better maintain the roads both in the summer and winter. We expect our grader to be here and running with-in the next few weeks.

We are also trying to pay close attention to those homes that experience water freeze-ups in the winter. We hope to address the issues during the summer months in order to avoid having some of the problems we experienced last winter start up again in the cold weather.

We are looking forward to a productive season and again ask for your patience as we work through a long list of issues that housing faces on an on-going basis.

Lands & Resources Update Submitted by Jessica Alfred

Minto Mine: The Lands and Resources Department has been busy with mining interests regarding Minto Mine Phases V/VI and along with their reclamation plan for phase IV.

Casino Mine: The file has recently started again. The Lands and Resources Department has been engaged with the company frequently. SFN hosted a community meeting at the Link Building earlier this spring with updates and information from Casino.

Yukon Water Strategy: We have been engaged in meeting on Y.T.G with their proposed Draft Yukon Water Strategy. A meeting was held in Pelly Crossing July 5 from 10-1 at the Link building.

The Lands Department staff have been participating in Y.T.G Reclamation and Closure Planning for Quartz Mining Licenses Meetings.

Draft Yukon River Watershed Plan: The plan includes Water Quality Standards that were developed by the Watershed Council and will be tabled at the upcoming meeting in Mayo in August

SFN Hired Heritage Officer Emma Alfred on May 30th which will be a benefit to the Lands Department

Winter 2013 Projects: Need Rock Bridge Construction and Tatlemun Lake Cabin Repair

Uncles Retreat: The Lands Department assisted with the Uncles Retreat for Northern Tutchone Men. The Retreat was to gather and share knowledge about Dooli related to survival and personal conduct. The

retreat was held at Minto Landing for 5 days on June 17th-21st, 2013, the participants camped at the site for the full duration. The staff that conducted the 5 day retreat included coordinator Styd Klugie, facilitator Doug Urquart and Chris Allaway and the laborers.

Department of Fisheries and Oceans Chinook Salmon Forecast: The 2013 Yukon River Chinook Salmon run is late and well below average as anticipated in the preseason outlook. Travelling at an average of 50km per day, the first fish are expected to reach the Canadian border late in the first week of July or perhaps even slightly later. High water may delay travel times, especially if sustained for prolonged periods. It is the 6th year for the Sonar Program located near Eagle Alaska; this program guides Canadian management actions. Commercial and domestic fisheries will remain closed and the First Nation fisheries are asked to proceed with caution until more information becomes available. The preseason outlook is far below average run, the total border escapement target of 44,000 to 49,000 Chinook salmon. This would place the run in the YELLOW management zone.

Yellow Management Zone Definition: Boarder escapement Projections in the 30,000 to 51,000 range means this will require closure in the commercial, domestic, and recreational fisheries and restrictions will be considered in First Nation Fisheries. More information about this will be coming as new information comes in. Watch for postings.

It is advised to let the first run through and **ONLY** harvest the second run (King salmon).

~Lands & Resources



Opening of Jack Fish Lake Cabin - Now open for SFN citizens to use.



It was a day of ice fishing after the official opening of the cabin.



Update Meeting with Whitehorse citizens.



Community update meeting.



Selkirk Development Corporation update meeting with community.



RCMP Open House.

SFN's Youth Conference Feedback Submitted by Lori Sims

Summary of Conference by April Baker

I have a summary of feedback from five groups of youth who attended the first ever SFN Youth Conference held at the Link building in Pelly Crossing April 30 to May 1, 2013.



Education: more field trips outside of Yukon, music instructors for guitar and piano lessons, more time out at camps learning about trapping and hunting, Spirit dance group back at school, not enough text books and need science equipment, cooking/economics class, need new desks, student lounge and drop in center;

Jobs: job shadowing, helping Elders, mechanics training in high school, skidoo/small engine training, U-Haul, lawyer, doctor, more after school jobs, fire-fighter/fire truck driver;

Wellness: NO drugs/alcohol, activities for young girl/boys, consume healthier foods, healthy restaurant, more people exercising, more sports, more housing, culture center/traditional cooking;

Community future: bigger community, new bigger pool, free Wi-Fi, more community events, speaking traditional language, less alcohol/drugs, new day-care/head start, recycling center, hotel, laundry mat, more businesses, more opportunities for youth;

Recreation: Need new recreation building like Car-macks with a exercising room, new equipment, new furniture, a big gymnasium, a café and a game room, small movie theatre, water park for summer, bigger skate/bmx park, after school programs;



The #1 "What youth want to see," STOP BULLYING: name calling, scratching, gossiping, abuse, fighting, hitting, punching, rumors, pushing, judging people, swearing, making fun of others/laughing at others, yelling and disrespecting.



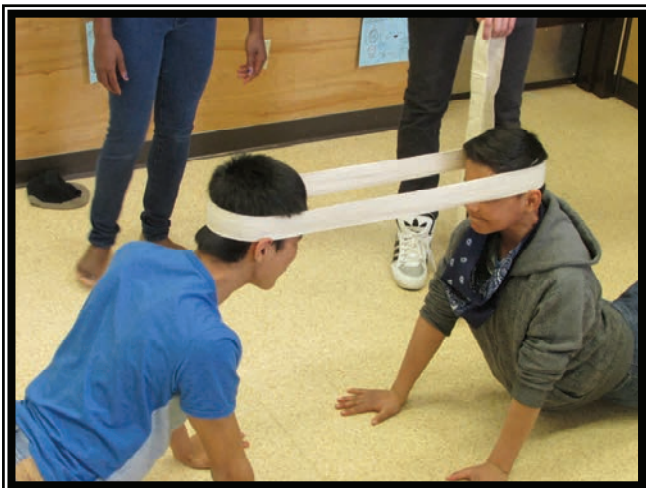
The following activities took place:

- ◆ Workshops and activities with BYTE (Bringing Youth Towards Equality)
- ◆ Storytelling with local Elders

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- ♦ Arctic and Dene Games with Yukon Aboriginal Sports Circle
- ♦ Motivational Speeches from accomplished aboriginal role models
- ♦ Stick gambling tournament (Cash prizes)
- ♦ Dooli Project with Elders
- ♦ 5-Year Strategic Planning (A chance for youth to have input in the planning with Selkirk First Nation)
- ♦ Smudging and Spiritual Virtues with Carmen Baker
- ♦ Community dinner on May 1, 2013 with fashion show and performance by Selkirk Spirit Dancers



Selkirk Spirit Dancers

By April Baker

We have had a busy schedule performing at various events: the May Gathering, EVBS Culture week, the Native Grad, peoples personal celebrations, LSCFN GA, just to name a few. Requested by popular demand: Aboriginal Day and the Adaka Festival in Whitehorse. AND...WE WERE CHOSEN TO REPRESENT YUKON AT THE Assembly of First Nations Annual GA July 15-19! Whitehorse is hosting the AFN GA at the Kwanlin Dun Culture Center. 500 Chiefs from across Canada will be present!

The dancers are very proud and thank Carmen and Teri-Lee for keeping us going strong! We would especially like to thank the children for making our performances so powerful and up lifting. We thank all our grandmothers, mothers, aunts and sisters for all their hard work in sewing our regalia, and last but not least, a BIG thank you to SFN Chief & Council for all your support. Mussi Cho!

We are currently working on making the dance group a non-profit society and changing our name to the Hucha Hudän Dancers. The group consists of 30+ Northern Tutchone, Selkirk First Nation.



Dooli Elders Conference (Carmacks March 19-21, 2013) By Martin Morberg



Chief Kevin McGinty offered some words of encouragement to the Elders and Dooli Project. He spoke of prioritizing Dooli and touched base on the lack of use of the archives. He also mentioned the need for unity between all First Nations involved and to work together and have this traditional governance available for our future generations.

The next steps for Dooli's fiscal year are as follows:

- Dooli Booklets
- Teacher's guide for all books and booklets
- Family Tree workshops
- Code of Ethics manuals
- Language meeting and curriculum development
- Auntie/Grandma and Uncle/Grandpa retreats

Elder Councils from the Northern Tutchone communities of Carmacks, Pelly, and Mayo met for Dooli Meetings in Carmacks. White River First Nation was also invited and will be added to the list of First Nations that are in full support of the Dooli Project. An opening prayer initiated the meeting and the group started with introductions of clans and First Nation names. After everyone was welcomed the meeting started with the first item on the agenda, the successful Uncle's Retreat hosted in Carmacks in May 2012. Those that had participated in the Uncle's Retreat informed the Elders of the positive impact it had on those involved. The Retreat was a time for healing, teaching, and spending time on the land. It has inspired Northern Tutchone people, and plans are underway to have Retreats on the land for women, aunts, and grandmas, and also for an Uncle's Retreat hosted by Selkirk First Nation. The Dooli team wants to wait for warm weather so that SFN Elders can take part in the Uncle's Retreat.

The Dooli team also touched base on the budget. A Sharing Agreement is also being planned between Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation, Na Cho Nyak Dun, Selkirk First Nation, and White River First Nation. Copyright was also a discussion with many questions on copyrights and permissions for wider distribution of materials.



Parenting Workshop (April 16 & 17, 2013) By Martin Morberg



Parent Educator, Wendy Burgess from Many Rivers Counseling Services hosted a parenting workshop for some of the local mothers in Pelly Crossing. The workshop was based on the strengths, good qualities, and knowledge of the parents. Wendy also offered much of her own experiences and knowledge she has attained through parenting and employment. Wendy asked many questions to give the mothers a chance to ponder on parenthood:



- Parenting – what's important to you?
- How to be the parent you want to be?
- What values are important to you?
- How to accomplish these values?
- What is discipline?
- Why do children misbehave?

It was with these questions that she gave the mothers a chance to educate themselves on parenting skills and decide what it is they want for their children.

Wendy was encouraging and supportive with all the information mothers had shared. The workshop was more interactive than lecture based, there was a lot of laughter, good energy, and participation. Wendy also left the mothers with educational and resource booklets and informed them that there was Many Rivers Counseling and Services available from Dawson City through the local nursing station.

Mussi Cho to Ashley VanBibber for coordinating and Wendy Burgess for facilitating. For more information on Many Rivers please contact, 867-993-6455 (collect), or dawson@manyrivers.yk.ca as they serve the community of Pelly Crossing as well.



EVBS Cultural Week (April 14-17, 2013) By Martin Morberg



community. Education Manager, Ingrid Johnson also shared a few words with the students on behalf of SFN. Ingrid informed the students that they were very fortunate to have such Elders available who can incorporate cultural aspects into their education. She also wished the students well and encouraged them to enjoy themselves over the next few days.



The kick-off to EVB's Culture Week started with an Opening Prayer from local Elder Clara Silverfox. Once all were welcomed, Principal Pat Berrel informed the students that they had an exciting week ahead of them with activities such as:

- Ice fishing for grayling
- Storytelling with local Elders
- Trapping with local Elder Don Trudeau
- Stick gambling
- Culture camp



Principal Pat Berrel also expressed the need to respect Elders and the importance of their teachings. He also mentioned that EVB School will be looking to foster a cultural vision for school programming over the next year and he also encouraged participation from older students and referred to them as the future leaders of this



EVBS Cultural Week continued



Eugene Alfred has been working on a carving with the EVBS students and the unveiling of their artwork was included in the closing ceremonies. Eugene expressed that art can assist the children with their Northern Tutchone identity and can help teach who they are as First Nations people. He also touched on how visual aspects like the carving tell a story. This particular carving tells the story of “Crow Making the World”. The story was retrieved from the Heritage Department in Selkirk First Nation as was told by Elder Tommy McGinty. Eugene also spoke of how proud he was of the students and that he was happy they had something cultural to look forward to in school. Mussi Cho to Eugene Alfred for this work.



The Closing Prayer was done by Principal Elder Jean Van Bibber. Closing remarks were given by Councilors Milly Johnson and Jeremy Harper along with Principal Pat Berrel and CELC Julie Joe.

Pat Berrel also notified the community that there will be Professional Development day Meeting on May 24, 2013, where he is looking to incorporate a year-long cultural vision into next year's school curriculum. A performance by our local and lovely Selkirk Spirit Dancers wrapped up the evening's celebration. Mussi Cho to all who contributed to EVBS Cultural Education Week.



Large Aspen Tortrix (Yukon Forest Health)

The large aspen tortrix (*Choristoneura conflictana*) is a native defoliator of trembling aspen (*Populus tremuloides*) throughout aspen's range in Yukon. Populations periodically reach outbreak levels that persist for up to two years. Outbreak damage results in severe defoliation, branch dieback and gnarly, stunted tree form. Successive years of outbreak can result in extensive tree mortality. Natural factors such as harsh weather, predation or depletion of available food sources usually keep populations in check.

Severe large aspen tortrix infestations were first recorded around Teslin Lake in the early 1980s and

these outbreaks caused extensive tree mortality. Severe defoliation of trembling aspen was recorded near Braeburn in 1998 and around Haines Junction in 2000 but the populations collapsed in 2001. Since then, large aspen tortrix populations have been in decline, coinciding with the rise in aspen serpentine leafminer (*Phyllocnistis populiella*) populations. This suggests that the effects of interspecific competition and/or climate change are less advantageous to the tortrix. In Alaska, the ten-year tortrix cycle ceased in the early 1980s, coinciding with when mean annual temperatures began to increase.



No green leaves, they were all eaten up.



It looked like fall time in the spring.

In Yukon, the large aspen tortrix completes its life cycle in one year. Adult moths emerge from late June to July. The eggs are laid in groups on the upper side of the leaf and hatch after approximately ten days. First instar larvae feed heavily on leaves, often resulting in the skeletonization of the upper surface. In late August, larvae move to protected areas of the tree (e.g., bark crevices, dead bark, or mossy stems and branches) and construct spun shelters in which they overwinter as 2nd instar larvae.

The following spring, larvae emerge and commence feeding on buds and new leaves. The 3rd instar larvae continue feeding heavily on new foliage and buds before rolling a leaf into a shelter (**photo 1**). It is at this stage that most of the damage occurs. The

larvae pass through the remaining three instars within the leaf roll and, after consuming much of their shelter, pupate in mid-June. Adult moths emerge one to two weeks after pupation.

Definitions: *Instar*: the stages in the growth of a larva before it pupates.



Photo 1

Selkirk First Nation Class of 2013

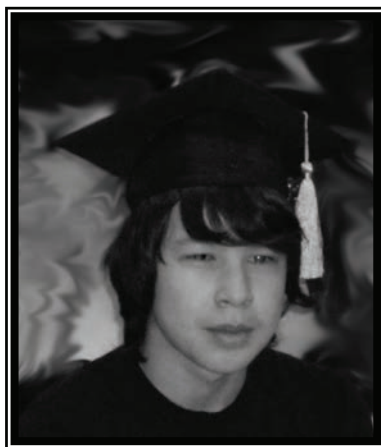
Congratulations!

Kindergarten Grads: Rosland Roberts, Mariah Grennan, Amber Firth-Ward from Eliza Van Bibber School

Junior High Grad: River Baker-Silas from Elijah Smith Elementary

Secondary High Grads: Kiley Marcotte from Porter Creek High; Desiree McGinty and Duran Simon from Eliza Van Bibber School

Post-Secondary Grads: April Baker from Multimedia Communications, Yukon College; Jennifer Ward, Office Administration, Yukon College; Robert Joe, Degree Motion Picture Arts, Capilano University; Lovejoy Fulton, Bachelor of Business Admin., U Of Alaska; Chantel Obrien, Office Admin., Yukon College.



Recognizing Our Children of Eliza Van Bibber School

AWARD	GRADE	NAME
Citizen Award	1-7	Chanelle Firth-Ward
	8-12	Brandon Brown
Academic Excellence	1-7	Breyze Firth-Ward
	8-12	Cody Gill-Sims
Athlete of the Year	1-7	Eric Stewart
	8-12	Tyler Charlie
Attendance & Punctuality	1-7	Daniel Tuck
	8-12	Daylen Alfred
Most Improved (LA)	1-7	Tyra Gill
	8-12	Kindra Stewart
Most Improved (Math)	1-7	Keyshawn Sawyer
	8-12	Nikolas Roberts/Duran Simon
Student of the Year	1-7	Cassandra Johnnie-Harper
	8-12	Maureen McGinty
Northern Tutchone	1-7	Chanelle Firth-Ward
	8-12	Cody Gill-Sims
Most Improved (Class)	K	Rosland Roberts
	1-4	Joshua Roberts
	3-6	Riley Gill
	6-8	Erik Stewart
	8-9	Gavin Joe
	10-12	Chantel Edwards
CELC Fine Arts Award	K	Rosland Roberts
Alexandra Harper-Johnnie	1-4	Cassandra Johnnie-Harper
	3-6	Keyshawn Sawyer
	6-8	Kyland Simon
	8-9	Kindra Stewart
	10-12	Desiree McGinty
CELC Cultural Role Model Award	K	Maria Grennan
	1-4	Maverick Sam
	3-6	Tayte Van Bibber
	6-8	Erik Stewart
	8-9	Maureen McGinty
	10-12	Tyler Charlie

Recognizing Our Children of EVBS continued

2013 SFN Leadership awards:

2 High School students

Desiree McGinty and Cody Gill-Sims

2 Jr. High students

Thor Harper-Johnston and Maureen McGinty





NOTICE TO ALL SELKIRK FIRST NATION POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS:

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION FOR PSE FUNDING FOR THE FALL SEMESTER IS JULY 15, 2013. ALL FUNDING APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THAT DATE – APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER JULY 15TH WILL BE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT INTAKE DATE OF NOVEMBER 15, 2013.

PLEASE CONTACT SELKIRK FIRST NATION MANAGER OF EDUCATION AT education2@selkirkfn.com FOR APPLICATION FORMS AND A CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.

Thank you, Ingrid Johnson

Hets edan ku will be
closed June 21 to July 24.
The college will
re-open July 25.

Register for FALL PROGRAMING/courses:

- ♦ Thinking of going full time to Yukon College in Sept 2013? Apply now for admission.
- ♦ Unsure of your choices? Call the Career Centre at 1-867-668-8720. Avoid the last minute rush!
- ♦ HEO-Heavy Equipment Operator, Aug. 26-Spet. 27. ETO Graduation, Friday Sept. 27.



Hets edan ku Update

The Pelly Crossing College Campus has been very busy. April has been the Pelly Campus' busiest month to date.

Courses that started in April included: Master Gardener Course, Heavy Equipment Operator (HEO), First Aid, New Driver Training, ENFORM Chainsaw and Living with Loss workshop.

Seven students registered for the Master Gardener course taught by Kathy Kruse. Topics included: soil fertility, compost, green house and gardening, landscape planning and botony. There has been a lot of interest for this course and with two greenhouse projects going in Pelly Crossing. We expect in the future to have even more interest. This was a great opportunity to produce local food.

The Heavy Equipment Operator Course started April 15th. This credit full-time course was kicked off with a Standard First Aid taught by Graham Swainson. The following week included: work place skills from YMTA, Workers Compensation and ADS. Due to break up and barge transportation for on-site work at Minto Mine the course will resume Aug.26th with WHMIS, TDG, Fall Arrest, Front Loader Simulator and on-site instruction. Funding for this course: NABE, SFN and Pelly Carmacks Training Trust Fund (PCTTF).

The Chainsaw safety ENFORM course funded by PCTTF April 9-12 had six students graduate. This course included safety, chainsaw maintenance, bucking, handling and operations. This was an industry standard certification.

The New Driver Training taught by Barbara Evans of Main Street Driving School took in 14 students for registration of a 40hr Defensive Drivers Course. Completing this course will prepare students for their final drivers test and lower their insurance costs.

The Living with Loss workshop was done via video link and took in 7 registrations. We had strong support from SFN for this important workshop.

We had Hospitality and Tourism May 6-10.

May 28 & 29, Traffic Control graduated 7. Capital Works is seeking those grads for the Pelly Road Improvement Project!

Please contact Adam Van Bibber.

For folks interested in starting courses/programs in September it is important that you confirm funding with your First Nation and see course availability.

Hets edan ku had a busy year! A big thank you to our funders: NABE, SFN, Campus Committee and Pelly/Carmacks Trainer's Fund.

In conclusion, we are looking for ideas/suggestions for programs and courses for the college's three year plan. Please call 537-8800.



June 2013

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1 CAFN Culture Center G
2	3 C&C Mtg 10am-5pm	4 C&C Mtg 10am-5pm	5 C&C Mtg 10am-5pm	6 C&C 10-5	7 CYFN Grad (Whse)	8
9	10 HR Policy Review C&C	11 Budget Review 10-5 C&C Travel	12 Construction contract EVBS Awards day 1pm	13 EVBS Grad 1pm	14 C&C Budget 10-5 C&C Present EVBS 10am	15
16 Father's Day	17 C&C Budget 10am	18 Court	19 C&C 10-5	20	21 Aboriginal Day Stat holiday	22
23	24 Travel	25	26	27	28 Travel	29
30						

July 2013

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 Canada Day Stat Holiday	2 Budget Mtg.	3 C&C 10am-5pm	4 C&C (Education)	5 Budget Mtg.	6
7	8	9	10 Budget Mtg.	11 Director Mtg 1pm Staff Mtg 10am	12	13
14	15 Travel	16	17	18	19	20
			AFN General Assembly (Whitehorse)		C&C (Whse) Travel	
		No Council Mtg				
21 Fish Camp Season ⇨	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Fish Camp Season ⇨	29	30 C&C 1-5pm	31			

Greetings/Classifieds

Welcome aboard Tara Roberts! Tara was hired as the Coordinator of the Big Jonathan Center for this season while Teri-Lee is on maternity leave.

Minto Mine Employment Liaison Office

Please drop by the office anytime to inquire about employment opportunities, employment information, if you need assistance in completing an employment application or writing your resume.

Thank you and I look forward to working with you. Have a nice day!

Mary McGinty

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Welcome aboard Summer Students! Work hard and then you can play hard *after* work!

Happy Birthday to our eldest Elder in Pelly Crossing, Kathleen Thorpe! WOW! May you have a great year being 90! Kathleen's special day was June 17.

Kathleen enjoyed having her family over to help her celebrate her special day. 😊



At the age of 90, she enjoys her restful days, "because it's only natural, when you are this age."

SFN Jackets for sale:

2 styles and colours to choose from

Cash or cheque payable to SFN

\$50.00 each

Health and Wellness AA Program:

Meetings are pending to start (TBA) in the basement of the Main Admin Building every Wednesday night at 7:00pm. Mr. Frank Patterson from Mayo may come to Pelly and help with facilitating the AA meetings. If you are involved with the courts this could be helpful for you. Watch for postings and come and see what it's about. You may not regret your time.



Happy Birthday Milly!
Have a good one and don't visit Gerties!
From Charlene Silverfox.



Happy 7th Birthday to my sonny boy Ethan! Love you always, Mom, Dad, little sister & brother.

Happy belated Birthday to my God-daughter Michelle! We love you "sister Dell!" 😊
Momma Apple & lil' sis & bros.

Happy belated Birthday Uncle Les, "More or Less!"
Love from baby April. "Us babies gotta stick together."

Happy Birthday to my beautiful, silly niece Kaylyn Baker for July 14. Keep making everybody laugh, it's the best medicine! Love, Auntie Apple & Family.

Greetings/Classifieds continued

BELATED WISHES:

March 4th: Franklin Roberts, my sweetheart, Happy Birthday and many more windfalls may you walk over. Love Charlene and family.

March 23: To my sweet girl Maggie, Happy Birthday and many, many more to come. Love always, Mom and Franklin.

To our sister Maggie, have a good one, enjoy your day! Love always, Sisters Charabelle and Lynzee, brother Gordie.

To Franklin, Happy Birthday and many more thanks for all the years you were with us and the great guiding! Enjoy your day, love Gordon Maggie and Lynzee.

Happy Birthday to Darren J. Enjoy your day and have

fun! Love always Dad and Charlene.

To Grandpa Franklin, Happy Birthday, Love Smiley Zedhryx.

To My Auntie Maggie, Happy Birthday, Love your sweet baby Zedhryx.

Happy Birthday Daddy for May 29th. Love Always and Forever Your 2 Sons, Luca and Levi xoxo

May 2nd: Happy Birthday John Igbokwe

I don't know if any one sent in Happy Anniversary wishes to my Parents...on APRIL 10TH it was their 58th. And Birthday greetings to my Dad for April 25th, he is 84.

Happy Birthday to my beautiful niece Dawn Duquette for June 19. Had a good one! Love, Auntie & Family.

Happy Birthday "Ant" Milly! Love you lots, from ALL your nieces and nephews.

"One Shot Milly," enjoy your special day on July 10. Love always, big sis Audrey & bro in-law Richard.

Happy Birthday to our 1st Grandbaby Kaylyn Jasmine. Love Gramma & Grampa.

Congratulations Mark & Chantelle on your wonderful bundle of joy, Xavier Stuab! Born April 22, 7lb 8oz.

A BIG, big Happy 4th Birthday to our daughter Savanna for July 25. Love always, Mom & Dad.

I would like to wish a special Happy 4th Birthday to Savanna Victoria Janette Joe-Edwards. Miss you & love you lots! Always, Chantal ♥

Happy Birthday to Uncle Frank Johnson! Hope you enjoyed your special day at the Uncles Retreat! Love from your whole family!

Happy Birthday Kaylyn! Love always, Auntie Carmen, Darren and kids.

Happy Birthday Auntie Milly! Thanks for everything! Love always, Carmen, Darren and kids.

Happy Birthday to my big girl Kaydence Silas for turning the big 3 on Aug 31! Hope to see all her little cousins at the party!

Happy Birthday to Momma Dear on Aug. 14 and a very big Happy 45th Anniversary Mom & Dad on Aug. 19! Both of you are the best and deserve the best! Much love-n-stuff from your children, grandchildren & great-grandchild - the Bakers.

Fish Camp Season is Near!

Did you remember to get your workers hired?

1 Youth (13+)

1 Adult

Per camp

Attention

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Correction from the last SFN News: because it was the first issue of the New Year, it was suppose to be Volume 9, Issue 1 (not Vol. 8, Issue 6).

MUSSI CHO!

The **Pelly Moonlight Walkers** would like to thank our sponsors and those who helped fundraise so we could participate in the Canadian Cancer Society's **Relay for Life** events in Dawson City and Whitehorse on May 25 and June 1, 2013.

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Last Words By April Baker

It feels very good to be back at work, especially for my First Nation! I always enjoy coming home and I am looking forward to fish camp season.

School felt like it was forever! It was hard work and I am proud to say, I Graduated with Honors from the Multimedia Communications Program at the Yukon College in Whitehorse.

I enjoy working in the Communications Office at SFN. I went to school for this type of work and I am good at what I do, so that's a bonus!

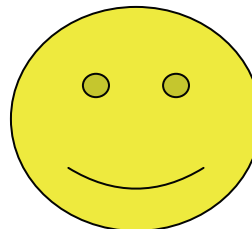
I wish you all a beautiful summer, despite all the caterpillars and moths! Stay safe and have fun.

I hope you enjoyed reading this issue of SFN News!

If you want copies of any pictures, our door is open. I have plenty of pictures!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to pop by the office, call or email.

Have a nice day!



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