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## Doctors still concerned about medevac move

Doctors in northern Alberta are unconvinced that the transfer of medevac services to the Leduc airport will not jeopardize lives. See page 7.



## Fort Smith frolics at annual winter festival

Fort Smithers of all ages had a blast, indoors and out, during the annual Wood Buffalo Frolics winter festival. See pages 12-13.



## Forestry course brings career into classroom

Diamond Jenness school in Hay River is the first in the NWT to offer an intro to the forestry industry to high school students. See page 14.



## Girls practice bush living at first Taiga winter camp

The first-ever winter adventure camp for girls brought young women together from across the territory out on the land for a week. See page 21.



Aurora College student Joel Jackson, 23, skins a caribou in freezing -28C weather on Manchester Lake last Wednesday as part of the Environment and Natural Resources Technology Program winter camp. Five students from Fort Smith's Thebacha campus spent 10 days hunting and studying caribou. See page 16 for more.

## PM signs final devolution deal with NWT Public engagement process to follow in coming months

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG  
History was made on Monday in the NWT Legislature as Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced the conclusion of devolution negotiations with the territorial government.

"This is a historic day," the prime minister, who was joined by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Minister Bernard Valcourt and Arctic Council Minister Leona Aglukkaq, told the crowd.

"The heavy lifting is done," Harper remarked on the final transfer of power over lands, waters and resources to the territory.

"Negotiators have reached consensus on the terms for achieving devolution, giving the NWT an innovative, practical and effective governance model for the territory

that will contribute to jobs and economic growth."

As Harper congratulated NWT Premier Bob McLeod

The sleeping giant breaking free."

McLeod said the territory is poised to make the leap to

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*NWT Premier Bob McLeod*

for his "perseverance" and "hard work," the premier was given a standing ovation by MLAs and government officials in the gallery.

"It is a day of hopes, a day of dreams and a day of transformation," McLeod said, quoting lyrics from a Ted Wesley song: "O Canada, look north and see /

take on province-like responsibility and be less dependent on bureaucrats in Ottawa.

"Devolution will give us a suite of legislative authorities and tools that will help us ensure that development in our territory is responsible and sustainable. We have a special relationship with the land in the North and

we take our role as stewards seriously."

There will continue to be public engagement on the agreement over the coming months, with a final decision going to a vote in the Legislative Assembly.

"Before this agreement is signed fully, our government will consult with all Aboriginal groups," Harper added.

McLeod said the two outstanding Aboriginal governments - the Akaitcho and the Dehcho - will be welcome to join "when the time is right for them."

Resource revenue sharing details announced indicate Aboriginal groups that have signed on will split the 25 per cent of resource royalties based 70 per cent on population and 30 per cent on cost of living.

### Devolution timeline:

**Mar. 2004:** Devolution Framework Agreement signed by Canada, GNWT and Aboriginal Summit (a caucus comprised of NWT Aboriginal governments)

**Jan. 2011:** Agreement-in-Principle signed by Canada, GNWT and Inuvialuit Regional Corp.

**Feb. 9, 2011:** AiP signed by the NWT Métis Nation

**May 22, 2012:** AiP signed by Sahtu Secretariat Inc.

**June 2011:** First meeting of the NWT Devolution Main Table

**Oct. 15, 2012:** AiP signed by the Gwich'in Tribal Council  
**Mar. 8, 2013:** AiP signed by the Tlicho Government  
**Mar. 11, 2013:** Conclusion of NWT Devolution Negotiations

## Transmission line worker injured

An NT Power Corp. employee is recovering in an Edmonton hospital after being injured on the job last Friday morning. Company spokesperson Bob Kelly said the man was injured around 10:22 a.m. when a tree fell on a transmission line about 10 km east of Fort Smith. The man was part of a crew working on clearing brush in that area. Work has since been stopped and an investigation is underway. As a result of the incident, power in Fort Smith, Fort Resolution and Hay River was out for about 20 minutes in some places before the backup diesel generator kicked in.

## Hand gun incident leads to arrests in Yellowknife

A 17 year-old youth and 21 year-old man, both from BC, have been arrested after allegedly pointing a loaded hand gun in a threatening manner outside a Yellowknife night club on 50th Street early Sunday morning. Both are charged with four offences, including possession of a restricted firearm, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, carrying a concealed weapon and carrying a weapon in a vehicle. The two will appear in court Mar 12. No one was injured. The suspects remain in police custody.

## New numbers out for Beverly and Ahiak caribou herds

The Nunavut government's environment department released the results of its most recent caribou population survey last Thursday, estimating there are 124,000 Beverly caribou and 83,300 within the Ahiak herd. The survey, conducted in June 2011, included GNWT biologists. This was also the first time a calving ground visual population survey of the Ahiak herd was undertaken. The last calving ground population survey of the Beverly herd, flown in June 1994, estimated the herd at 276,000 caribou.



Transportation Minister David Ramsay gives remarks at the opening event for the Deh Cho Bridge in December 2012.

Photo: Paul Bannister

### Politics Infrastructure

# Deh Cho Bridge debacle beleaguers Inuvik-Tuk highway talks

## Canada commits \$200 million to project

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

A \$202-million, 1 km-long spectre is haunting the NWT department of Transportation.

Transportation Minister David Ramsay encountered a great deal of concern last Tuesday in the House as MLAs posed question after question seeking certainty that

the proposed permanent link to the Arctic Coast wouldn't be as tough on the public wallet as the Deh Cho Bridge.

Yellowknife MLAs Robert Hawkins, Daryl Dolynny and Wendy Bisaro spent the majority of the afternoon grilling the minister on the Inuvik-Tuktoyaktuk Highway, demanding information on federal funding for the project, potential cost overruns, the risk burden on taxpayers and the integrity of the future highway itself.

"Sometimes I feel that we are heading pell-mell down a road without considering what's at the end of the road when we get there, and I just want to say that I am extremely cautious about this project," Bisaro said. "Once bitten, twice shy...Having gone through the Deh Cho Bridge project, it certainly puts a different spin and view on what I see in terms of projects and the large costs involved, so I will be exercising caution."

Ramsay delivered the main estimates for the highway last week, announcing an operating budget of \$299 million for the 140 km all-weather road - an updated estimate following the recent completion of 85 per cent of the highway design.

Nearly \$12 million has already been poured into the highway to complete geotechnical and environmental assessments.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced Monday that the federal government will fund an extra \$50 million of the project, bringing Canada's total contribution up to \$200 million.

The northernmost portion of the Mackenzie Valley Highway project received the go-ahead from the Environmental Impact Review

Board in January as long as conditions were met, and the GNWT expects formal environmental approval from the federal government to be issued shortly.

Though Ramsay was emphatic that no agreement has, as of yet, been finalized, the unknowns and hypothetical failure scenarios were too

plan to mitigate the risks of the mega-project be made available to the general public as a plain language document outlining what "potential burdens Northerners may be taking on similar to what just happened to the Deh Cho Bridge."

While a risk matrix has been supplied to regular

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*Range Lake MLA Daryl Dolynny*

much for MLAs to let pass.

"With 85 per cent design completed in preparation of this updated cost estimate, what if the remaining 15 per cent of the highway is plagued with design issues or complications?" Dolynny asked. "What should happen to the cost-sharing agreement with the territorial taxpayers if the project exceeds \$299 million of that threshold? Are we accountable for 100 per cent of the overages?"

"The Auditor General of Canada was very clear on her analysis of the Deh Cho Bridge that our risk matrix for that project was, indeed, very poorly conceived and practically useless, so where is the risk matrix for this northern portion of the Mackenzie Valley Highway system?" he added.

Similarly, Hawkins requested that the government's

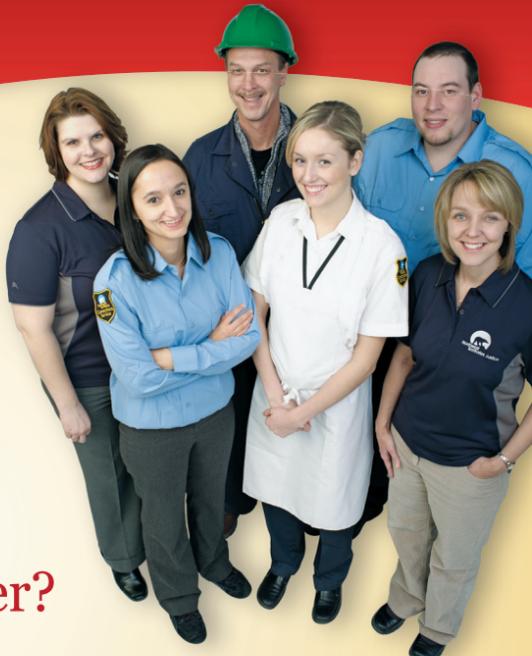
members, it has yet to be released to the public. Ramsay said the department is waiting until they finalize a cost-sharing deal with Canada before he lets the public know.

"We don't have a funding agreement with the federal government. We haven't wrapped up negotiations with the Inuvialuit on royalties and land tenure. There are some things that we have to finalize before we can get that number into committee and get another presentation before the standing committee. No decision has been made on this project," Ramsay reiterated.

"Once we get answers back from the federal government, our objective is to have that risk assessment, the risk matrix, out for public consumption hopefully by the end of this week," he said.

Those documents have yet to be released.

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# Premier touts NWT as national resource haven at Toronto industry conference

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

Mineral exploration spending is expected to decrease in all three Northern territories this year based on early projections by the federal government, but that isn't putting a damper on NWT Premier Bob McLeod's vision for the territory as the nation's up-and-coming resource powerhouse.

"More and more, ladies and gentlemen, it is becoming evident that the North is the future," McLeod told attendees of the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) convention in Toronto last week.

"Today's Northwest Territories is a land of opportunity. And we are also blessed with the resources the world wants...We have what the world needs. We have what the world wants and, in particular, what the world's hungry emerging markets want," he said.

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) announced last week that investment in the NWT is expected to drop from \$114.5 million last year to \$81 million in 2013 and it is not alone.

Forecasts for Yukon show a cut of more than half, from



Parliamentary Secretary Greg Rickford speaking at the Prospectors and Developers Association Conference on Mar. 4 alongside (from left to right) NWT Premier Bob McLeod, Michael Fox of Fox High Impact Consulting and Donald Bubar, CEO of Avalon Rare Metals Inc.

\$226.7 million last year to \$111.9 million this year.

Even Nunavut will see a decrease in exploration spending, according to NRCan, from \$443 million to \$312.7 million.

McLeod, though, is not phased. While 2013 may not be the year for the NWT, the premier is looking further ahead when it comes to

exploiting the territory's vast resource potential.

"Our territory exports \$2 billion annually, just in diamonds," he said. "We currently have three diamond mines in operation, and a fourth – Gahcho Kué – will begin production in two years. We have gold. We have bismuth, cobalt, lead, zinc, silver. We have the largest

deposits of rare earth metals outside of China. By 2017, a new project – the Nechalacho mine near Thor Lake – will begin production of 'total rare earth oxides.'

"And that is just mining. I am not even talking about the 81.2 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, the nearly seven billion barrels of oil waiting

to be developed or the 11,500 megawatts of hydroelectric output potential that could provide clean, renewable power to new resource development projects and export markets to our south," McLeod said.

But all that will not be possible without Aboriginal economic participation, he said.

"An idea has emerged in the public consciousness over the last several months – and this is something that has always been known, and true, in our territory – that it is not possible to separate the issues of resource extraction and Aboriginal participation in the economy," McLeod said.

"Looking to the future, we expect to see more Aboriginal participation in enterprises large and small where they aren't just employees, they will be owners. Aboriginal claimant groups already receive a share of the federal government's resource revenues from development in the Mackenzie Valley."

Parliamentary secretary for Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AANDC) Greg Rickford also spoke about Aboriginal participation in the economy at the

conference, highlighting the importance of education and training.

"According to the Conference Board of Canada, over the next five years alone, some 155,000 Aboriginal young people will reach working age," Rickford said. "This demographic shift represents a tremendous opportunity to address Canada's labour needs, while also improving the socio-economic conditions for Aboriginal people."

Even though there are close to 763,000 Canadians directly employed in the natural resources sector in Canada right now, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce is forecasting 81,000 more positions will need filling in the next decade.

"When we combine this young and growing population with the demand for employees in the natural resource sector, as well as the proximity of so many Aboriginal communities to those resources, Aboriginal communities are ideally placed to contribute to and benefit from natural resource development," Rickford said.

## Justice Inquest

# Inquest finds death of Yellowknife woman

## 'undetermined'

### Lander was shot by RCMP in 2012

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

A Yellowknife Coroner's jury ruled last week that the cause of the fatal shooting of Yellowknife woman Karen Lander last year was neither homicide nor suicide, but "undetermined."

Lander, 42, was killed when three RCMP officers shot her four times after she emerged from a Yellowknife home last March aiming a rifle at police.

She had barricaded herself in the home for 4.5 hours, during which police negotiators tried diffusing the situation, before she came out armed.

The jury said Lander died of gunshot wounds, but would not classify the manner of her death as either homicide, suicide or of natural causes.

A series of 35 experts and eyewitnesses testified for seven days, contributing evidence that Lander struggled with alcohol abuse, depression and borderline

personality disorder, along with ideas of suicide.

The jury made 16 recommendations to the RCMP, territorial government, Stanton Territorial Health Authority and the Yellowknife Health and Social Services Authority, including more training for RCMP in the use of non-lethal weapons, better communication between family physicians and emergency room doctors regarding suicidal patients and having psychiatric nurses work in emergency rooms.

The jury's recommendations are not binding and its ruling does not lay blame in Lander's death.

An investigation into the shooting by the Medicine Hat Police Service concluded that no charges would be recommended, since the RCMP were acting in the execution of their duties to preserve life and public safety.

The commanding officer for the RCMP, Chief

Superintendent Wade Blake, issued a statement following the completion of the inquest expressing condolences to Lander's family and friends.

"Our role is to protect our communities. Police work is high risk and when presented with circumstances such as this one, it affects us all deeply," he said.

"We must all work closely together in protecting and caring for our residents. We must examine this incident as a community to see how we can collectively implement practices which ensure those most vulnerable are protected and cared for."

Blake said both the detachment and division will review the jury's recommendations.

"The RCMP welcomes any opportunity to examine existing procedures and policies as they apply to front line policing and police operations in order to ensure that the best policing services to the public are being provided," he said.

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# World problems require diplomacy

Prime Minister Stephen Harper didn't offer any sympathy to the family of Hugo Chavez or his followers in Venezuela following the death of the colourful leader.

Harper's remarks offered that "...the people of Venezuela can now build for themselves a better, brighter future based on the principles of freedom, democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights." Of course the implication was that none of that was happening under Chavez. The official response from Venezuela was that Harper was "insensitive and impertinent" at a time when the country is mourning the loss of its leader.

Meanwhile, former prime minister Jean Chretien flew to Caracas and attended the funeral.

The two approaches from Canada seem incongruous. How is it two contradictory positions with two very different messages came from our county? It was not likely by design. Accident or not, it could be seen as brilliant. When it comes to diplomacy in a complex world, that is often how it should be done.

If two states do not get along, there should always be a second level of diplomacy, side doors offering mechanisms that can, possibly, foster improved relations. US President Barack Obama should take a lesson from that.

The Venezuelans, generally, have a soft spot for the United States. Most of them, like many Americans, love cars and baseball. A natural synergy exists. If it were to be recognized and appreciated, it could be developed. In fact, in baseball's 2012 World Series, there were Venezuelan players on both the Detroit Tigers and San Francisco Giants. You can bet Venezuelans, along with most

of America, were happily glued to their TVs watching a sport that both consider to be integral to their national identity.

That is a lot of common ground to work with. Instead of just shutting out Venezuela, the Americans would be wise to offer up ways - even unofficial avenues (like Jean Chretien attending the Chavez funeral) - for the two to connect.

Chavez, albeit charismatic and loved by half the populace, was a bit of a thug. His economic policies were not effective. The country under his direction has become lawless. Extraordinary poverty exists in a rich land. It is the murder capital of the world and kidnappings are commonplace. But the Americans, historically, have done some bullying of their own in Latin America, including what some consider to be criminal acts against other, much smaller countries. Chavez felt it his role to call them on it. That is not enough reason to isolate a whole country. Their politics may have been on opposite ends of the spectrum, but that does not mean the two countries could not find ways to get along.

Creating a situation that is polarized with no room to move is the wrong thing to do. Things will only get worse.

The same is true of North Korea, which recently threatened a nuclear strike against the United States. Regarded as a rogue state, it is being punished with sanctions that have increased its isolation from the rest of the world. That whole thing is headed in a bad direction. Something like creative diplomacy must be evoked to reduce the pressure before the unthinkable happens.

In 1994, North Korea was making threatening noises and the Americans

massed troops in South Korea, getting ready for war. At the same time, under the guise that it was a private mission, US President Bill Clinton sent former president Jimmy Carter to visit president Kim Il-sung in Pyongyang, the North Korean capital. Through that process, a way was found to allow North Korea to back down without losing face. The crisis was averted.

Something similar needs to be done today. With Kim Il-sung's grandson, current North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, in charge, we are back to a very similar situation. He feels pushed and is pushing back. His threats are dangerous; the consequences terrible. He obviously lacks wisdom. He is a political neophyte - only 30 years old and president for just two years, since his father died. He very likely knows no better. He might prefer to be on more friendly terms with other countries, but no option like that is presented. Something needs to be done before that mess gets out of hand. If threats and sanctions are not working, even making things worse, perhaps there is a carrot that will garner his attention, even win him over.

Canada used to be known for its creative ability to be the go-between in such matters - at a time when we did not blindly follow the Americans in everything they said and did. That ability to remain objective, establish our own position and act as a facilitator greatly enhanced the stature of our country in the eyes of the world. Perhaps it is time we re-established a more independent position and took up that important role again. The world could use more of it.



The Fort Smith Hawks initiation team cheers before one of their five games in the Hay River tournament this weekend. All tournament participants received medals. Teams from Yellowknife, Hay River, High Level and Fort Smith played in the tournament.

## ARCHIVES

### 15 Years Ago...

#### Snow shelter aids survival

As long as temperatures remain below zero degrees Celsius, building a snow shelter is one of the most important winter survival techniques to know for anyone who has to spend a night in the wilderness. Quinzhees are a popular option for people living below the tundra because they protect campers from the elements such as wind and cold, just like an igloo.

Issue: March 10, 1998

### 20 Years Ago...

#### Smithers rake in ski medals

Fort Smith skiers skied to gold, silver and bronze medals at the Territorial Ski Championships in Fort Smith.

Competing against local athletes were skiers from Inuvik, Kakisa, Yellowknife and Hay River.

There were 54 skiers competing for the classic races and freestyle events.

Issue: March 13, 1993

### 30 Years Ago...

#### Cable TV "on the air"

The 21st century has finally reached Fort Smith in the form of cable TV. Local business men Park Ange and Steve Bennett have finally begun transmitting cable television to the residents of Fort Smith.

Currently subscribers will have two channels which are CBC North and a 24-hour non-commercial all-movie channel.

Issue: March 12, 1983

# Boundary Commission needs input

*Editor,*  
 In response to your recent editorial on representation, the Electoral Boundaries Commission welcomes public comment on our interim proposals. However, these interim proposals have unfortunately been mischaracterized as final recommendations. Effective representation is about more than numbers. It is also about community of interest considerations such as language, culture and geography. The best way for a commission such as ours to understand these considerations is to hear from citizens. Our commission has, so far, heard from nearly 100 Northerners through presentations at public hearings as well as written submissions. Public hearings continue until Mar. 13 and written submissions will be received until Mar. 28. Before we make final recommendations to the Legislative Assembly, we look forward to hearing from more Northerners about what matters most in drawing our electoral boundaries.

Hon. Justice  
 Shannon Smallwood  
 Chair, Electoral Boundaries  
 Commission

COLUMNS

## Healthy food for young families

March is Nutrition Month across Alberta and its theme is "Choosing and Preparing Food for a Healthier You." This month, Alberta Health Services' dietitians are sharing tips on how to choose and prepare healthy foods for you and your family. The task of choosing and preparing healthy foods for your family starts at the home. What you plan to buy affects how well your family eats at home. Making the healthy choice the easy choice is one of

the best ways to help your children learn healthy eating habits. One way to stick to healthy eating is to plan a menu and make a shopping list before you leave home. All family members can help out by suggesting foods for meals and snacks. Ask your children to give ideas, and encourage them to include a variety of foods from all four food groups (Vegetables and Fruit, Grain Products, Milk and Alternatives, and Meat and Alternatives).

Plan to go to the grocery store when you are well-nourished and have a shopping list. If you bring your children along, let them help you shop. Talk about healthy choices, discuss prices and seasonal foods, and ask them to pick a new vegetable or fruit to try at home. At home, try to get everyone involved in preparing meals and snacks. Even young children can participate in some way. They can help you get ingredients from the pantry and measure them, rinse vegetables and fruit,

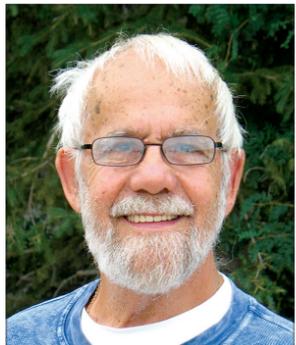
mix ingredients, shape cookies and set the table. Make food fun. When preparing meals for your children, try to offer different textures, shapes and colours. For example, by adding blueberries to oatmeal you can make "purple porridge." You can also use cookie cutters to cut cheese into fun shapes. Eating healthy foods can be another adventure and fun discovery in your child's life, and you have an important role in it. Alberta Health Services

## A Senior Moment Seniors Helping Seniors

The February activities of the NWT Seniors' Society meetings in Yellowknife included a workshop dealing mainly with "Creating Safe Communities for Older Adults." Day one: We received an update of work by the NWT network, including challenges and successes as well as activities planned for this year. This was the second face-to-face meeting on this important subject. There was an opportunity to meet and ask questions of the Honourable Tom Beaulieu, minister of Health and Social Services and minister responsible for Seniors. During the morning's proceedings, many questions were asked from the floor with

plenty of time to hear from the delegates, and did we all get an ear-full! It was a great exchange of concerns. It also so happened that the NWT Seniors' Society was planning "Celebrating 30 Years of Seniors Helping Seniors" at the same time as our meetings. What an opportunity to meet so many elders and special guests from across the Territories. After the fabulous dinner and dessert, a well put-together slide show was presented on the 30-year history of the NWT Seniors' Society. Altogether a great evening! Back to work: Days two and three were set aside for board meetings with an agenda stretching a full day and a half.

But day two held an interesting change after finishing our heavy business agenda. The Aurora Research Institute has started a "Community-Based Participatory Action Research Study" at Aurora College, Yellowknife. The purpose of this is for those concerned to work together to better understand exactly what things are important so that older adults in the NWT can live good lives. Some of the information that comes from this study could possibly affect decisions made by politicians in the NWT. Your delegate to our meeting has all the information and will expand on this project. No sooner did the Fort Smith group return than it was



Ib Kristensen

time for our monthly meeting. At it we decided to arrange a day trip to Fort Chipewyan by the winter road. The date will be Mar. 20 starting at 8:00 a.m. from the Senior Centre. The charge will be \$20 per person, first come, first served (we may have to limit due to space). Call me, Ib Kristensen, at 872-5455 and leave a message. Note: Lunch With the Bunch will take place this Friday at noon at the Senior Centre, and everyone is welcome. Spring, would you believe, is just around the corner.

### Elder abuse is bullying, too!

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## FACEBOOK FEEDBACK

### Northern Journal 2013

Union representatives joined the array of voices calling for an end to bullying last Wednesday on Pink Shirt Day, the national day to end bullying in schools and society.



Union calls for end to workplace bullying in NWT  
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Sonia Beaulieu-Edkins Trudeau  
 Hope it works in these school. Doubtful

Stella Wasylyshyn I remember one teacher who was definately a bully!!!!

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## Forecast

Inuvik		Yellowknife	
-28 High	-34 Low	-22 High	-26 Low
Wednesday			
-21 High	-31 Low	-21 High	-32 Low
Thursday			
-19 High	-26 Low	-20 High	-30 Low
Friday			
-22 High	-32 Low	-15 High	-27 Low
Saturday			
Norms: -18°C and -28°C		Norms: -6°C and -20°C	

Hay River		Fort Smith	
-24 High	-26 Low	-22 High	-26 Low
Wednesday			
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# NWT entrepreneurs meet with industry in Quebec

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

Industry representatives from the Northwest Territories had a date with business in northern Quebec last week thanks to the matchmaking efforts of NWT's francophone economic development agency, CDÉTNO.

A group of seven entrepreneurs and industry proponents from the territory visited the Abitibi-Témiscamingue region of Quebec last week to meet and network with members of the mining, oil and gas, and telecommunications industries in the hope that the two similar regions would be able to identify - and fill - each other's manufacturing, exploration and service needs.

"Prior to the visit, we made a list of all the companies working in the mining sector in the NWT and we found there was not a lot of exploration or manufacturing companies. That's why we decided to bring in collaboration with Abitibi," Anne-Christine Boudreau, CDÉTNO's economic development manager, told *The Journal* from a networking meeting in Val-D'or, Quebec Thursday morning.



A group of seven business people from the Northwest Territories met with industry representatives in Quebec last week to form potential partnerships around mining, oil and gas, and telecommunications.

Photo courtesy of CDÉTNO

"The NWT also has some things the region here does not have. They have the advantage of being connection to the Aboriginal groups and being able to work in that way," she added.

The NWT trade mission involved presentations by businesses from both regions,

networking events and visits to various business sites in Abitibi, and followed a similar visit made by Quebec entrepreneurs to Yellowknife one year ago, also arranged by CDÉTNO.

Darrell Beaulieu, president and CEO of Denendeh Investments Inc., told *The Journal* he

hoped the visit would identify opportunities not only for his company, but for Aboriginal businesses back in the territory.

"We're down here to meet some of the people who provide services to mines in the Abitibi area and northern Quebec, and services in the North,

Nunavut, in some cases...We just want to meet the people and see what services and products there are," he said.

"What's interesting is that the manufacturing sector here is making lots of products for mining and for oil and gas that we don't have

in the North," Beaulieu said of Abitibi. "So it's identifying some of the service gaps and product gaps, not only for Denendeh Investments, but the info we collect will be available to Aboriginal businesses."

Along with Boudreau and Beaulieu, delegates from the NWT included Dale Smith, general manager of Det'on Cho Corp., president George Mackenzie of the Tlicho Investment Corp., Patrick Doyle of Scarlet Security, Tom Hoefler from the NWT/Nunavut Chamber of Mines and Danny Cimon of Danmax Communications in Yellowknife.

"People from industry and the entrepreneurs from the NWT are having really interesting conversations, so hopefully some partnerships result," Boudreau said.

The trade mission was made possible through the support of the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor) and the NWT department of Industry, Tourism and Investment and was part of CDÉTNO's ongoing investment attraction strategy.

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### Arts & Culture Painting

## Artist wins phone book contest for second time

By RENÉE FRANCOEUR

A painting of ravens created from melted wax is the chosen work for the 2013-2014 Northwestel phone book cover

Chris DeWolf's *Ravens After the Storm*, an encaustic painting done with beeswax last May as part of a workshop, won the annual Northwestel Directory Art Competition.

"This painting has texture; you have to touch it, that's part of it," DeWolf said at the unveiling event hosted by Northwestel at the Northern Life Museum in Fort Smith last Thursday. "And I like ravens. They're big and majestic and they are a very Northern thing."

DeWolf, a Fort Smith artist who moved to the North 15 years ago from Halifax, also had her acrylic pelican painting chosen for the 2003-2004 phone book cover.

She plans to use the \$2,000 cash prize for a trip to Disneyland with her family.

"I was excited when I found out I had won and that I'm the first one to be a two-time winner in the competition," she said. "It's very flattering."

DeWolf has been an artist for as long as she can remember and works not only with paints,



Fort Smith artist Chris DeWolf unveils her winning piece.

Photo: Renée Francoeur

but also in graphic design and jewellery.

She graduated from the graphic design program at Nova Scotia Community College and went on to become the coordinator of the Artists of the South Slave Society. She also ran her own graphic design business, DeWolf Artworks.

"Northwestel is honoured to feature such a fine artist on our NWT directory cover this year," Mark Walker, Northwestel's vice president of business solutions and government relations, said in a press release. "We had a wonderful array of artwork submitted this year. It was a delight to have so much to choose from. We are confident

that Northerners will enjoy having this work in their homes and offices for the next year."

"I'd like to thank Northwestel for the art over the years and I understand several Fort Smith artists have won, so I'd like to say a special congratulations to our cover girl," Louis Sebert, Fort Smith's deputy mayor, said to DeWolf.

Other samples of DeWolf's work are on display at the Northern Life Museum for the month.

DeWolf was also the winner of the NWT Arts branding logo design competition and her art is a part of the Yellowknife Heritage Art Show permanent collection.

# Doctors unconvinced medevac move won't hinder health

## Edmonton air ambulance service moving to Leduc airport on Mar. 15

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

A coalition of Alberta doctors, medevac pilots and rural advocates is still urging the provincial government to reconsider its plans to move air ambulance services to the Edmonton International Airport near Leduc, despite attempts by Premier Alison Redford to quell worries.

Redford released a video on Tuesday claiming the quality of care will not change when medevac services are moved to the international airport following the City of Edmonton's decision to close the municipal airport on Mar. 15.

"I want to reassure you that the province of Alberta has a contingency plan, and we will not compromise on our responsibility for your quality of health care," she said. "That's why, in preparation for the airport's closure, we instructed a Health Quality Council of Alberta to review the steps we need to take to ensure patient safety."

She said there will be a patient care area on-site, a dedicated on-ground ambulance fleet and additional space in the hangar for patients to be moved indoors, and the most urgent patients will be flown to hospital by STARS helicopter. The situation at the international airport will be a "dramatic improvement" over what is currently offered, she added.

"Around 80 per cent of patients from northern Alberta use medevac services for scheduled procedures or for admission to a higher level of care; so in other words, not for emergencies. A new base at Edmonton International Airport will allow them to make that journey in greater comfort than ever," Redford said.

But the group called "Save Our Medevac Services" is still requesting the province come up with a different plan. Led by Dr. Kerry Pawluski, the coalition held a public meeting in Cold Lake last Tuesday night to again discuss its concerns that the transfer of medevac services will put Northern and rural lives at risk.

The meeting followed the release of an open letter to Albertans on Monday signed by 36 front line doctors - primarily from Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie and Lac La Biche - who are calling for the public to raise the alarm on the medevac relocation plan.

Currently, patients from northern Alberta or the NWT who require urgent care outside the bounds of their rural health centres are rushed to the Royal



Alberta's air ambulance service is currently performed by a fleet of 12 fixed-wing aircraft. Following the move to Leduc, the service will be done by helicopter.



Bruce McLaughlin, former NWT Health Minister, addresses a Lac La Biche audience during one of Save Our Medevac Services' public meetings.

Alexandra, Stollery Children's or University of Alberta hospitals in Edmonton by way of 12 fixed-wing air ambulances.

The doctors say the main issue lies in timing, as the STARS helicopter services do not offer the range or speed of the fixed-wing planes.

"In emergency medicine, time matters and minutes count," the letter states. "An added transport delay of 30 minutes can make the difference as to whether the patient survives or suffers negative health outcomes."

City Centre Airport, which will continue to be operational "well into 2014," until the province can find a solution that guarantees patients the "same timely access to the life saving equipment and specialists that they have today."

"The immediate plans for redevelopment only involve the NAIT (Northern Alberta Institute of Technology) expansion and the LRT (Light Rail Transit) line. That does not affect operations at the airport, so I don't understand why the provincial government has

of Alberta found that almost 4,000 patients arrived at Edmonton's City Centre Airport in 2010 by air ambulance and that 1,779 of those were critical or time-dependent.

"This is not fear-mongering or doctors being irresponsible, as some politicians are suggesting," Pawluski

said. "We're just providing factual information."

On the contrary, Pawluski said the provincial government is misleading the public about its compliance with the Health Quality Council's 18 recommendations for air ambulance services, such as the need for a dedicated lane for ambulances on the highway,

an overpass and an alternate airport runway within city limits, among others.

Pawluski said he hopes the government makes a turnaround before Mar. 15 when the new plan is implemented.

"They have every tool to make that happen. They can rescind this decision this afternoon if they want to," he said.

Even in the ideal conditions when the helicopter is there, there's no blizzard, everything's perfect, it's still going to be added time beyond what we have today. We're going from the best to the worst.

*Dr. Kerry Pawluski*

The physicians claim the move to the Leduc airport will nearly double the time it takes to get care. STARS spokesperson Cam Heke also admitted publicly that he is unsure whether or not the company will be able to deal with the increased pressure on its services.

"Even in the ideal conditions when the helicopter is there, there's no blizzard, everything's perfect, it's still going to be added time beyond what we have today," Pawluski told *The Journal*. "We're going from the best to the worst."

Instead, he recommends maintaining the "safest and quickest" route through the

decided to go ahead with this," Pawluski said.

He said the provincial government is lowballing the numbers on patients accessing critical air ambulance services. While the government has said only 60 patients a year require time-critical medevac care, Lac La Biche physician Dr. Richard Birkhill said he medevaced 120 critical patients from his emergency room alone last year.

"Even if there were five patients that were time sensitive per month...they're saying 60 deaths a year is okay," Pawluski argued.

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Students learn about parts of a dog sled at a winter cultural camp hosted by the Northland School Division (NSD).



Delores Pruden-Barrie, NSD supervisor of Aboriginal programs, works on unit plans in her office.



Donna Barrett, NSD superintendent, says Aboriginal languages have been strengthened across the division's 23 schools.

**Education Aboriginal Languages**

# Northland improves use of Aboriginal languages

## School division starts new review to measure progress

By RENÉE FRANCOEUR

Aboriginal language and culture is becoming increasingly visible across Alberta's Northland School Division (NSD) as the authority, serving mostly First Nations and Métis students in the northern part of the province, embarks on new community partnerships and hosts more culture camps.

"There has been an interesting shift happening over the last two to three years where we are seeing

an increase in Aboriginal language and culture in our learning system because that's what we've been working towards," Delores Pruden-Barrie, NSD supervisor of Aboriginal programs, told *The Journal*. "We have more Aboriginal resources and books on hand. We've gone from having one lesson plan to unit plans to whole long range plans now for more Aboriginal content."

Including experiential, on-the-land learning through

recurring events like culture camps as part of the curriculum has been a big part of that shift, Pruden-Barrie said.

"There's Cree immersion camps in some of our schools, wilderness camps in the winter, things like that where the students learn in a community setting instead of the classroom all the time, and they learn from community leaders and elders, so the traditional language is used and becomes a part of this too," she said. "Language enhances

their sense of identity and that in turn affects how we all interact and relate to the rest of the world. It's the most important thing."

In late February, NSD and Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council (KTC), made up of First Nations from the Atikameg, Alta. area, held a winter cultural camp where over 60 students participated in traditional activities including snowshoeing, fire-making and setting fish nets.

These camps, which NSD did not provide as recently as five years ago, offer a venue for community members and elders to get involved in their children's education as well, Pruden-Barrie noted.

"One young male student stood up during the talking circle at the end of the KTC winter camp and said he had learned so much about leadership at the camp, how to look after sled dogs, how to set snares and cultural teachings, like the woman who came and talked about how the teepee is symbolic of a mother and child in the womb. He said those are the things he needs. And this is only one student," Pruden-Barrie said.

Additionally, NSD is engaged in community projects such as the Bigstone Cree Nation Stewardship Project and band activities in Peerless Lake.

"Components of the Bigstone project are actually being taught in the classrooms. Two students made suggestions about what direction the community should go in terms of new technology, social media, etcetera," Pruden-Barrie said.

Supporting more of these types of activities in the curriculum has strengthened Aboriginal languages in the division's 23 schools, Donna Barrett, NSD superintendent, added.

"Years ago, the Aboriginal languages were taught in their classes and that was it, the rest of the day would go back to normal. Now, teachers understand that language and culture have to infiltrate the whole day, that experiential learning is a priority and that it's a part of the students."

### Division drafts action plan, begins audit

NSD set up a First Nation, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) advisory committee in December, comprised of principals and elders to provide direction in the drafting of a new action plan for increased infusion of Aboriginal content into curricula.

The action plan stems from a troubled NSD history. Former Alberta Education Minister Dave Hancock fired the entire 23-member board of trustees in 2010 due

to concerns about high staff turnover and low rates of student success. An inquiry board was then appointed to make a list of 48 recommendations, many of which called for the bolstering of Aboriginal culture and language in the schools.

This action plan further tackles the top five priority recommendations identified out of the 48 by the Northland community engagement team in March 2011.

"Right now, we have the committee and we have a tentative action plan drafted," Pruden-Barrie said. "They reviewed the plan at the last meeting and decided now is the time to do a FNMI program audit or review in all the schools so then we can keep moving this forward."

Last Thursday, NSD sent out the review, which is in the form of a questionnaire, to principals.

"The purpose of this is just to measure what we're doing well right now and where we need to go from here. It involves questions like what Aboriginal materials are being presently used in science, math, health, etcetera, how can we strengthen use of Aboriginal language," Barrett explained.

Pruden-Barrie plans to start compiling results from the review by April.

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# Radio hosts strive to keep Dene languages alive

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

It's not everywhere in Canada that you can hear, speak or read your own Aboriginal language on a daily basis.

But here in the North, all you have to do is turn on the radio.

CKLB hosts have been offering news, weather and conversation in the territory's five regional Dene languages of Denesuline Yati (Chipewyan), North and South Slavey, Tli-cho Yati and Gwich'in since the station's inception in 1982, eventually upping the broadcasted Dene language content to 75 per cent in 1996.

Denesuline host Marlene Grooms, the longest serving host at the station, has been delivering programming in Chipewyan since 2006.

Though she began her journalism career in English in the '90s, she eventually moved toward reporting in her first language because of the sense of urgency she felt around its survival.

"The Chipewyan language is dying," she said. "So I thought it would be important to do it and get stories out there to people and that way some of the non-speaking Chipewyan people would be interested in re-learning their language."



Lawrence Nayally reaches South Slavey listeners on his daily *Deh Cho on the Go* show on CKLB Radio in Yellowknife.

It's working, Grooms said, as her show is quite popular - not just with Denesuline people from the NWT, but throughout northern Alberta and Saskatchewan, where people can access CKLB programs online.

"This Monday, I had people from Black Lake and Fond

du Lac (Saskatchewan) visit me unexpectedly," she said. "They came to Yellowknife to see me and said they listen to me on the internet...So I know I've been listened to all over."

Grooms grew up speaking Chipewyan and, even though she no longer lives in

her home community of Lutsel K'e, continues to speak it with her family and friends in Yellowknife.

"For me, it's more meaningful to speak in your language than English, because when people speak the language and people tell stories in the language, you can't

really translate it effectively into English...In Chipewyan it's more meaningful."

While she said radio has an important role in preserving and promoting the language, more work needs to be done in the home and at schools to ensure younger generations aren't losing out.

Lawrence Nayally, one of the younger radio hosts at CKLB, agreed. Though South Slavey was his first language growing up in Wrigley, Nayally said Aboriginal languages are often put aside by youth in order to prioritize English in school.

It was his family that kept him speaking and understanding Slavey.

"My grandparents encouraged me to come back and live with them for a couple years, and in that time I re-learned the language," Nayally said. "Then they passed away and I thought, what do I do now? Who will I speak Dene with?"

Nayally then moved into radio in Yellowknife where he is excited to be promoting the language to people across the territory, including classrooms, on his "Deh Cho on the Go" show.

"I think radio has a big role," he said. "You can hear it daily on CKLB and CBC and it maintains that flow of information in terms of stories. A lot of people want to learn. There are young people interested in learning who tune into the station."

He said the station plugs into Aboriginal Language Month every March by teaching words of the day and having language exchanges between different hosts.

Recently, the station secured a fluent Gwich'in announcer for the first time in over 20 years. Evelyne Parry of Fort McPherson is now on the air daily.

"I want to share and speak my Gwich'in language as much as I can," Parry said.

CKLB's radio director Deneze Nakehk'o said having a Gwich'in voice back on the air is a relief, as the language has the fewest native speakers left in the territory.

"We are so happy Evelyne has joined us here at the station," he said. "Out of all the languages, Gwich'in is in the most dire situation, so it's so important we have it on the radio every day."

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# Yellowknife introduces its version of 'Burning Man'

## Art installation to go up in flames during Long John Jamboree

By RENÉE FRANCOEUR

The familiar and majestic ice castle isn't the only thing standing tall out on Yellowknife Bay this month to mark the second annual Long John Jamboree winter festival.

Transience, a 16-foot tall art project made of 110 wooden pallets and two-by-fours, went up piece by piece between Jolliffe Island and Dog Island on Mar. 2 and will remain there until Saturday: the designated burn day when it will be torched to the ground.

"In a celebration of winter, there is a place for fire," Lachlan MacLean, the main artist and organizer behind Transience, said. "We all appreciate a good warm fire in the winter and the pallets are a common sight in Yellowknife. So besides being readily available and burnable, that also brings some special significance - the whole structure becomes a comment on the transient nature of Yellowknife. There are certainly always lots of new faces coming through town, the seasons change dramatically. The structure itself is only here for two weeks, so it's a transient too."

MacLean, a team leader for reliability engineering at BHP's Ekati diamond mine,



Photo: Darren Jacquard

Yellowknife artists piece together the triskele-shaped Transience art project out of pallets and two-by-fours. Back, left to right: Lachlan MacLean, Michal Serafin, Daniel Gillis and Kuzman Jivkov. Front, left to right: Judy Mah and Kate Guay.

has attended multiple Burning Man festivals, an annual counter-culture art event, in northern Nevada's Black Rock Desert. When he moved to Yellowknife four years ago, he said the similarities between Nevada and the vast space on Yellowknife Bay were striking.

"I thought people should be utilizing the ice more and

I also feel there needs to be more venues for self-expression here, so when that's important to you, you just do things to make it happen."

Last year, MacLean and a group of 14 other artists wanted to do something "fire-oriented" for the Long John Jamboree and ended up implementing a series of fire pits. This year,

it was about taking that one step further, he said.

Transience, erected in the shape of a 3D triskelion or triskele (three, nearly interlocking spirals), should be understood as a public, open art gallery, MacLean said.

By coincidence, MacLean learned after the triskele's construction that the shape

was possibly once an ancient symbol of fire.

The group has nailed sheets of cardboard to some of the pallets for public expression.

"We've left carpenter's pencils and pencil crayons there and the public can wander through it, interact with it, contribute to it with words, drawings, anything...The idea is to

get people to take a moment to reflect about transience and change in their lives and pay a little more attention, thereby, to the current moment."

The main drive of the piece is to remind people that "everything is impermanent and will one day be ashes," he explained.

Visitors are also invited to submit their own artwork and leave it at the Transience site, so long as they do not mind it going up in flames as well. All artwork must be non-toxic as Transience is a "leave-no-trace event," MacLean said.

The burning of Transience, tentatively set to begin around 8:00 p.m. Saturday, will be a part of the jamboree's "Fire and Ice" event, an evening of the elements, which will feature fireworks, pyrotechnics and ice sculptures.

MacLean hopes to make the burning art project an annual jamboree affair, switching up the theme and structural shape, as well as the materials, every year.

The Long John Jamboree, packed with a number of winter activities from snow beach volleyball to a long john fashion show, kicks off Thursday on Great Slave Lake and wraps up Sunday.

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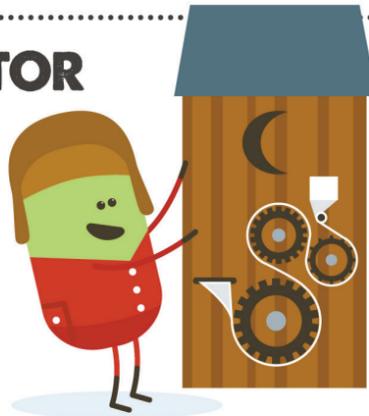
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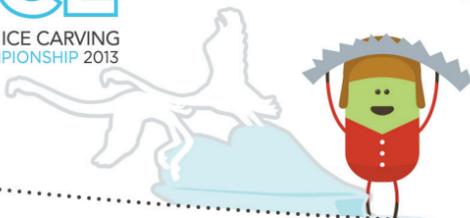
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Sanis Villeneuve gets her face painted by mom Heather during the Kids' Carnival last Friday.



Kezia McDonald tries her hand at the snow snake competition, a tradition at the Lookout.



Mad Trapper Robert Grandjambe of Fort Chipewyan took the grand prize for his costume at Friday night's ball.



Jomei Newkirk, 11, performs his own hip hop song called "My Choice" at the Youth Talent Show on Friday.



Two year old Layne Dievert enjoys the festivities.



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Don Bourke beckons moose cows during the moose and goose call competition after the community feast on Friday.



Speedy tobogganing enthusiasts (from left) enjoy the Sunday of sledding at the Lookout.



ditional Dene hunting game, at the Youth Northern Events Saturday.



Melissa Fraser calls the numbers at the sold out Bingo game Sunday at the Fort Smith Rec Centre.



taffy on a stick at the Sugar Shack.



Trynity Larsen shows the Muffaloose some love outside the Rec Centre.



Kenny Schaefer competes in the trap setting event at the Northern Games.

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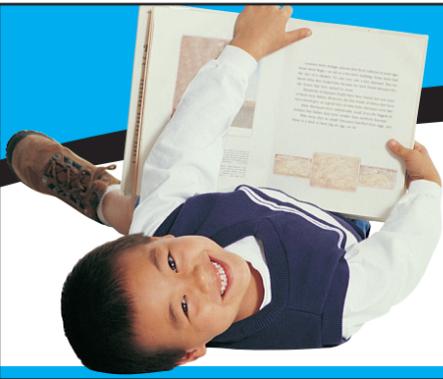
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from left) Lili Kikoak, Billie Bourque, Pyper Rehm and Liz Kikoak take a breather during a snowy

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# pathways to opportunity

education special section



## Forestry course brings careers into classroom *Diamond Jenness first in NWT to offer high school forestry training*



Photo: J.J. Hirst

Diamond Jenness' first forestry class counts the rings of different types of trees to determine their ages.

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

Hay River's burgeoning biomass industry has teamed up with Diamond Jenness school to help high school students take advantage of emerging job opportunities in the sector through a new pilot forestry course that began Feb. 1.

Offered to students in Grades 10-12, the course aims to introduce students to the career opportunities available through forestry and give them some preliminary experience in the field in case they decide to pursue it at the postsecondary level.

"Why we decided to offer this course has a lot to do with the local economy," Tim Borchuk, vice principal at DJSS, told *The Journal*. "Every indication has been given to us that we have a new pellet plant coming to town...and we wanted to keep as many people from here employed as possible."

Borchuk said local entrepreneur Brad Mapes, who is currently in the process of building a wood pellet manufacturing plant to supply the Hay River area and beyond with biomass heating supplies, approached the school about a year ago with the idea to train youth for forestry jobs in the community.

The school immediately jumped on board.

Teaming up with the Woodland Operations Learning Foundation (WOLF) in Slave Lake, Alberta along with the Alberta Distance Learning Centre in Edmonton, the high school has put together a five-module course that takes students through the social, economic, environmental and cultural significance of forests.

Throughout the semester, guest speakers from the industry and its offshoots are scheduled to present, and tentative

field trips with the department of Environment and Natural Resources' forest management division are in the works. Diamond Jenness is also hoping to coordinate a forestry camp with the Fort Vermilion school division this spring.

Students will also be given access to technology allowing them to use a simulated feller buncher and harvester to get a feel for working on the ground while in the classroom with the help of instructors from the forestry industry.

Instructor J.J. Hirst said while the two-credit course won't qualify students to necessarily enter the industry straight away, it is designed to get students thinking about what they might be interested in doing after school.

"The main purpose of the program is to expose students to different careers in forestry

- not just the harvesting aspect, but all available and related occupations that go with forestry," he said. "When we talked to the kids in the first class, most of them thought forestry is about driving a CAT. They don't understand the other important jobs that go with it. So hopefully this sparks an interest in them."

Hirst said the pilot project has received an incredible amount of support from the district education authority, the school division and the community in the hope that students will stick around after graduating.

"Everyone's on board with this," he said. "We want to give the kids a chance to see what jobs are available to them so when they leave our school they can work in Hay River and have a career to look forward to. We want our kids to see Hay River is a good place to be."

**"This experience opened our eyes to different cultures and gave us the opportunity to build friendships with students from around the world – global citizens who take an active role in international affairs."**

**Elyse Glor**  
Second-year Bachelor of Arts student



### MACEWAN

In mid-January, Elyse Glor and a team of MacEwan University students visited the Galapagos Islands as part of the National Model UN – Latin America conference. They participated in UN committee simulations alongside students from other universities in Canada, the United States, Europe and Latin America.

But the experience didn't end there. It went beyond the conference, taking the students to the Galapagos Islands' cultural and environmental sites. Taking full advantage of the opportunity, they also made time to help out in a number of community service activities, such as beach cleaning, reforestation and trail maintenance.

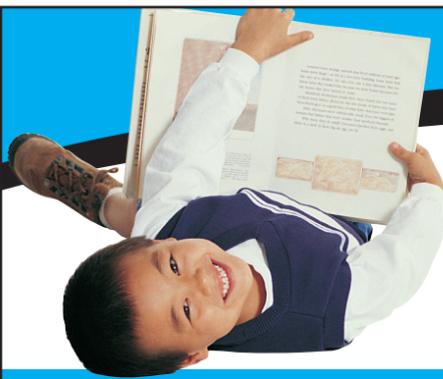
To top off an amazing week of extraordinary learning experiences, the students received the Outstanding Delegation Award at the model UN conference.

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## South Slave educators win Indspire awards

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

Two of the 12 educators selected from across the country for the brand new Indspire “Guiding the Journey” education awards just happen to be from the same small school district in the Northwest Territories: the South Slave.

Brent Kaulback, assistant superintendent of the South Slave Divisional Education Council (SSDEC), and Doris Camsell, an Aboriginal language instructor at Harry Camsell School in Hay River, were praised last week for their contributions to improving indigenous education in Canada.

Kaulback, who was instrumental in getting the first-ever South Slavey and Chipewyan dictionaries off the ground over the past several years, was given the “Indigenous Education Partner” award, which recognizes a non-indigenous educator dedicated to furthering K-12 indigenous student success.

Camsell is one of two recipients of the “Language, Culture and Traditions” award for her work with students integrating language, culture and traditional knowledge into classroom learning.

Both will receive the prestigious awards from Governor General David Johnston on Mar. 15 in Calgary at a gala featuring live entertainment by hip-hop artist and Aboriginal journalist Wab Kinew.

SSDEC superintendent Curtis Brown said both recipients are well-deserving of the national attention.

“She has been a bridge between two cultures, showing students how traditional knowledge and skills can be valuable in today’s world,” he said of Camsell. “Not only is she a teacher, but an invaluable resource person and a great role model for Aboriginal students.”

Camsell, who essentially spearheaded the introduction of Aboriginal language programming into Hay River’s schools 22 years ago, was also one of the founders of the NWT Dene Kede curriculum.

Camsell said it’s important to incorporate Aboriginal languages into what is predominantly an English environment.

“Language is what gives them (students) their



Photo: Meagan Wohlberg

Brent Kaulback and Doris Camsell were named two of 12 inaugural recipients of the new Indspire “Guiding the Journey” education awards.

identity and that’s where self-esteem comes in,” she said.

“Even when I was teaching, I always worked with the Aboriginal language

he said working with elders and youth to keep language alive has been very fulfilling.

“I recognize that language is essential to one’s being and that to lose one’s language really does take a part of you away,” he said. “Once you lose your language – the element that touches your heritage and traditions – you lose a little bit of yourself. And I see the individuals who know their language and are proud people and that’s what I strive for, helping to maintain that in the community. Any way that I can help the Aboriginal language instructors in that way, I do.”

As part of the honour, both Kaulback and Camsell will have the opportunity to meet other award-winning educators and share best practices at a series of workshops during the national gathering, Mar. 15-16.

Kaulback said he is greatly looking forward to learning about other successful programs throughout Canada, but admitted his district may have something to teach, as well.

“When I realize that this is a pan-Canadian award and two of the 12 are from our little district, it tells me we’re doing something right, even though we still have lots of work to do,” he said.

Also recognized were Kelly-Lee Assinewe, Tanya Leary, Neil Debassige and Lottie Keye of Ontario, Curtis Michael of Nova Scotia, Deloria Many Grey Horses of Alberta, Gordon Martell of Saskatchewan, Eric Wilson and Brandi Vezina of Manitoba, and Kirsten Barnes of BC.

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*Brent Kaulback*

“There’s a great decline in Aboriginal languages due to the Western school system that all students are mandated to attend.”

She dedicated the award to her ancestors and the future generations.

“We don’t walk alone,” she said.

Likewise, Kaulback said he had his team at the school division to thank.

“I’m absolutely honoured by the award and the recognition I’ve received for the work I’m doing, recognizing that I’m not the only one,” Kaulback said. “I work with people here (at SSDEC) who care just as much and who are just as excited by these kinds of projects as I am.”

Though he has only been officially involved in the production of classroom resources like books and dictionaries since 2005, Kaulback said the preservation and promotion of Aboriginal languages has been his passion since his career began 38 years ago.

instructors to build teacher-made resources that we could use in our programs. I always found it fascinating and interesting and I always wanted to help,” he said, recalling that he began working on his first pictorial dictionary during snow days while teaching in Baker Lake in 1980.

Brown called Kaulback’s work in the school division “outstanding,” saying his accomplishments place him in “the first rank of educators working with Aboriginal students” in Canada.

Kaulback is responsible for the creation of over 200 Aboriginal language books and was the first principal to produce graduates at Chief Sunrise School on the Hay River Reserve.

“To say he’s made a significant contribution to furthering K-12 Aboriginal student success is a bit of an understatement, to say the least,” Brown said.

Though Kaulback admits to having no natural affinity for studying languages,

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Christopher Blechert, 26, attempts to remove caribou teeth to find out the animal's age on Manchester Lake last Wednesday.



Erin Goose, 26, in red, heaves a fresh caribou up to be weighed.



Aurora College instructor George Peterson, centre, butchers the day's kill with students Alexander Yakupov, left, and Kyla Gray.



Atlantic Veterinary College student Tricia Fleming, right, explains to Joel Jackson what a healthy kidney looks like.



Peeling back the caribou hide, Erin Goose, right, and Christopher Blechert inspect the animal for abnormalities.



Joel Jackson prepares to set up the meat butchering tent with Northwestern Air's Cessna 185, which brings in camp supplies during the week, in the background.

Photos: Renée Francoeur

## Education Winter Camp

# Aurora College students delve into all things caribou

By RENÉE FRANCOEUR

Kyla Gray of Hay River now knows first hand what it takes to put dinner on the table, in the bush.

Gray, 25, shot and killed her first caribou last Wednesday as part of the intensive winter camp exercise for second year students in Aurora College's Environment and Natural Resources Technology Program (ENRTP).

"The adrenaline was just pumping. We came upon a group of six caribou. Five went to the left, one went right, stopped, and I shot her in the neck on the first shot," Gray told *The Journal*. "It took her down and I thought it had killed her so I was excited because I didn't want to have her in pain, but when we got closer, she got up and took off again."

It took Gray three shots in total to bring the 170 pound female barren ground caribou down. It was Gray's first time killing an animal.

Her work did not stop there, as she was also responsible for butchering her kill and preparing it for supper. After her classmates performed the

necropsy outside camp, in bitter -28C cold, she carved out steaks and stew meat.

Gray and four other first-year students from the program at Fort Smith's Thebacha campus left Mar. 2 to spend 10 days in the frigid wilderness of the South Slave, bolstering their survival skills and knowledge of caribou.

Flown by bush plane out to Manchester Lake approximately 260 km northeast of Fort Smith, the students set up their own camp, complete with tents, platforms of snow for beds, cookstoves and styrofoam toilets.

Next came time for the hunt. Each student had to shoot his or her own caribou during winter camp and, divided up into teams, was also responsible for dissecting the carcass and packaging the meat.

"It's the practical, hands-on side of the program, where they draw on everything they've learned," George Peterson, an ENRTP instructor, said at camp. "Some of them have it; they've grown up with bush experience. Sometimes we have people who are

completely new to the Canadian North, like Alex this year who is from the Ukraine."

Alexander Yakupov, 36, studied multiple Canadian programs when it came to

It's the practical, hands-on side of the program, where they draw on everything they've learned.

The high wind on the lake made it difficult to shoot straight, he noted.

Earl Evans, a Métis hunter and trapper born and raised in Fort Smith, was on hand

*George Peterson  
ENRTP instructor*

natural resource management when he decided to make a life change while living in Europe. He was sold on Aurora College particularly for the on-land experience it guaranteed in the Northern environment.

"I've been hunting for 15 years, but this was the first time I hunted caribou," he told *The Journal*, as he began slicing a hind quarter to wrap up and take back to the community. "That was incredibly exciting for me. It did take me three shots, though."

for the first four days to help students pick out their prey and skin the animals.

"I think he's probably the best caribou skinner around; he can do it in 10 minutes flat," Christopher Blechert, a student from Yellowknife, said. "I'm not going to lie, I was a bit queasy the first time Earl was skinning. Then, when I had to do it myself, it was okay...It took longer, and it's harder than he makes it look."

Evans, who led community hunts starting as far back as the late '70s and also worked

with the GNWT on wildlife surveys, watched carefully as students took measurements and peeled back the hides with their knives, reminding them to cut along the bone and sprinkle snow on blood clots to "clean it off, because the meat is still good."

Brett Elkin, a wildlife disease/contaminants specialist with the department of Environment and Natural Resources, assisted students with the necropsies, opening every organ and taking samples, such as the brain stem and lymph nodes, to check for disease.

"If this animal had anthrax, its spleen would be the size of a house, which it's not, so we're all good here," Elkin said, holding the organ up for everyone to see.

Last year, approximately 440 bison died from the bacterial disease, Elkin noted - the largest outbreak in NWT history.

With Elkin, the group also checked the caribou for parasites and defects, finding two cysts in one liver.

Tricia Fleming, a fourth-year student for the Atlantic

Veterinary College in Prince Edward Island, also travelled with Elkin to winter camp as part of her final practicum rotation period.

She tore apart one caribou's three, strong-smelling stomachs, bursting with half digested food, to show students how the animals absorb extra nutrients from the grass by means of the intricate honeycomb pattern on the interior of the reticulum chamber.

"Just look at everything and look at as many different samples as possible, so when you come across an abnormality, it'll stick out because you have all these healthy samples in your head to compare it to," she told students.

Friday the group was dropped off with just a few necessities about one kilometre from camp and forced to survive on their own. They had been instructed to build lean-tos and quinzhees for shelter. If their signal fire was big enough, the instructors would pick them up Sunday morning. If they couldn't see their signal fires, the students would have to wait a few more hours.

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Shania Desjarlais, right, chops firewood for the first time with Chelsea Elias, next in line.



N'dilo elder Edward Doctor, in green, and forestry officer Janice Ziemann, front left, teach the girls how to untangle a netted fish.



Tassie Lockhart-Drygeese snowmobiles around Bliss Lake to check the fish nets.

Photos: Jenny Crawford

**Education Adventure Camp**

# Girls learn winter survival skills at Taiga camp

By RENÉE FRANCOEUR

Six girls from across the territory have emerged from the bush with new life skills after participating in the first winter version of Taiga Adventure Camp, an outdoors-focused program seeking to empower young female leaders in the Northwest Territories.

"This winter camp provided an environment where the girls could really challenge themselves in more

ways than one," Jenny Crawford, Taiga's new executive director, said. "They had to learn to keep themselves warm and take care of themselves...We saw a lot of confidence building and empowerment happening."

The girls, between the ages of 13-17, snowmobiled two hours outside of Yellowknife to Bliss Lake last Monday where they spent five days setting snares, chopping wood and ice fishing with

nets. They were helped not only by camp instructors, but also by a N'dilo elder and GNWT forestry officer.

"It was a good experience and I have so many memories," Chelsea Elias of Inuvik, 17, said. "I think building the quinzhee was the best. We wanted to sleep in it, but the instructors said it was too cold."

Shania Desjarlais, living in Yellowknife but originally from Lutsel K'e, heard about

Taiga's winter camp from her aunt and decided to register to try "something new and different," she said.

"You know what was actually pretty cool? Not using my phone for five days. I liked that; didn't think I would," Desjarlais, 14, told *The Journal*. "We did a lot out there, just being on the land...I didn't want to leave, actually."

Crawford, who attended the winter camp, said the

transformation in the girls over just five days was remarkable.

"They started out very shy and nervous. Some girls had never snowmobiled before and didn't want to try it. Then, by the end of the week they were driving them by themselves, tipping ice to get water like pros."

That being said, the girls were all looking forward to a hot shower and washing their hair, Crawford joked.

Previously run by the YWCA in Yellowknife, Taiga was taken over by a new group of women called the Northern Youth Leadership Society (NYLS) last year.

The winter camp is part of NYLS's vision for Taiga, the only summer camp in the NWT specifically for teenage girls, to become a year-round program.

Plans for Taiga weekend workshops are also in the works, including ones geared for boys.

**Industry Aviation**

# Yellowknife stretches its wings, ladies only style

## *Girls Fly Too event fosters aviation interest in young women*

By RENÉE FRANCOEUR

Over 500 girls and women tested their wings Saturday at the Yellowknife Airport for the second "The Sky's No Limit - Girls Fly Too" event, a day of free helicopter rides that strives to get more females thinking about aviation as a career path.

Founded and organized by Trinity Helicopters pilot Kirsten Brazier of Yellowknife, Girls Fly Too also offered free tours of the air traffic control tower and flight service station this year in addition to other activities, including a display line of various aircraft where female pilots and engineers were on hand to answer questions.

Tammy Wotherspoon, NAV Canada site manager for air traffic control in Inuvik, Yellowknife

and Norman Wells, guided groups of 12 throughout the Yellowknife facilities to watch controllers in action, learn about aviation weather services and NAV Canada jobs.

"Aviation isn't something girls typically think about getting into, especially when it comes to air traffic control or as technologists...But we are seeing more females coming into NAV Canada, though we're still not equal in numbers," Wotherspoon said. "There's women working in all the sites I manage, but they are still part of the minority."

Military pilots Amanda Maki and Amanda Muhlig flew the turbojet CT-156 Harvard II from Moosejaw to Yellowknife for Girls Fly Too.

They told their flight

stories and showed girls around the aircraft's interior.

"I want girls and even older women to know they have options and just because there's not a lot of women in the field, doesn't mean it's harder to get into," Maki, 29, said. "The biggest thing is just raising awareness."

Last year the Yellowknife Airport won the Fly It Forward Challenge, part of the annual Women of Aviation Worldwide Week celebrations, and was named the most female friendly facility in the world after 500 participants took to the skies for Girls Fly Too.

Numbers for the 2013 Fly It Forward Challenge are currently being tallied. Brazier could not release the exact numbers for Yellowknife's participation, but noted the event had "bigger results" than 2012.

## Wood Buffalo Frolics 2013



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Players from the Blackouts prepare to take on the Bison during Friday's kickoff game at the Wood Buffalo Frolics men's recreational hockey tournament.

#### Sports & Recreation Frolics Hockey

## Fort Providence triumphs in Frolics hockey tournament

By RENÉE FRANCOEUR  
The Fort Providence Bulls defeated the Fort Smith Bisons

5-2 during the Wood Buffalo Frolics men's recreational hockey tournament Sunday.

It was a close game with the teams tied at 2-2 through two periods, Bison

player Jean Soucy said. "We're just getting too old for the young kids," Soucy joked.

The Bisons scored a total of 17 goals throughout the weekend. Fort Providence scored 26.

The Blackouts and TDC Ducks, both Fort Smith teams, faced off in the consolation championship, with the Blackouts winning 5-1.

The Bisons were in first place after the round robin games Friday and Saturday, followed by TDC in second and Fort Providence in third place.

The first playoff game Saturday evening pitted the fourth place Blackouts against the fifth place Moose from Fort Chipewyan. The Blackouts easily defeated the Moose, 8-2.

"It was a great weekend and all games were really close. There weren't a whole lot of blow-outs, which is typical of this tournament. Lutsel K'e struggled a bit," Soucy said.

The Bisons kicked off the tournament with a bang, maintaining a one-goal lead into the third period against the Blackouts Friday night during game one. They won 5-3.

Seven teams competed. Out-of-town teams included Fort Providence, Fort Chipewyan and Lutsel K'e.

Real Gauthier of the Bisons was named Most Valuable Player Saturday night and, in celebration of his recent 40th birthday, received a pie in the face.

### Northern Hockey Challenge: Round robin games end in western division

The Northern Hockey Challenge continued this weekend with Yellowknife smoothly defeating Inuvik in both games, finishing off with a 12-3 score Saturday. In the eastern division, Iqaluit narrowly lost its first game against Rankin Inlet 2-3 but came back in the second game on Sunday evening to win 8-4. Repulse Bay defeated Rankin Inlet Saturday, 10-8, but couldn't overthrow Iqaluit, losing with a score of 6-5. Games continue in the East this weekend with Repulse Bay facing off against Kuujuaq and Rankin Inlet going head to head once more with Iqaluit.

### Northern Ontario team takes Brier

Skip Brad Jacobs and his Northern Ontario team slaughtered three-time champion Jeff Stoughton of Manitoba to win the Tim Horton's Brier 11-4 Sunday evening in Edmonton. Ontario's Glenn Howard cleared the bronze medal game against Newfoundland's Brad Gushue. Skip Jamie Koe's Northwest Territories/Yukon team finished with five wins and six losses, placing seventh out of 12 teams.

### Gold for Canada in speed skating at Worlds in Debrecen, Hungary

Yellowknife's Michael Gilday and the rest of the Canadian team defended the men's relay world title in Hungary on Sunday, taking gold in the short-track speed skating world championships. Gilday and teammates Oliver Jean, Charles Hamelin and Charle Cournoyer finished behind South Korea, but they were penalized for interfering with Gilday, nearly causing him to fall during a turn. Russia took silver and the Dutch came in third.

### Meagher finishes Ski for Hope

Wood Buffalo Municipal councillor Phil Meagher finished the last 50 km of the Ski for Hope trek from Fort Chipewyan to Fort McMurray Friday evening. Meagher had originally set out Feb. 23 to cross country ski the 280 km journey to raise funds for the homeless in McMurray. Due to pneumonia, he was forced to quit 30 hours in. Friday's final haul took the 51 year-old about nine hours and 40 minutes. Meagher raised over \$11,000 for the Centre of Hope in McMurray, the local organization that provides services for the homeless.

### Walking Challenge results in

The third annual Mackenzie River Walking Challenge marched its final steps last Tuesday for 2013. Of the 73 teams participating in the virtual walk from Fort Providence to Tuktoyaktuk (a distance of 1,658 km), 52 made it, logging a grand total of 190,877 km. Beginning Jan. 7, challenge participants collectively spent over 38,175 hours walking. On average, each participant accumulated over 200 minutes of weekly exercise, which is 25 per cent more exercise than recommended in the Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines.

### Close races at Dehcho dog sled championships

James Wheeler of Clam Gulch, Alaska won the 31.5 mile, 10 dog 2013 Dehcho Sled Dog Championships in Fort Providence on the weekend during a close race with only three seconds separating fourth fifth, sixth and seventh places. Wheeler's time over the two day race was 1:42:12. In the 14 mile, six dog race, returning champion Dave Johnson of Tagish, Yukon came in first with a time of 42:54. The six dog race was a tight competition with less than a minute separating second to seventh places.

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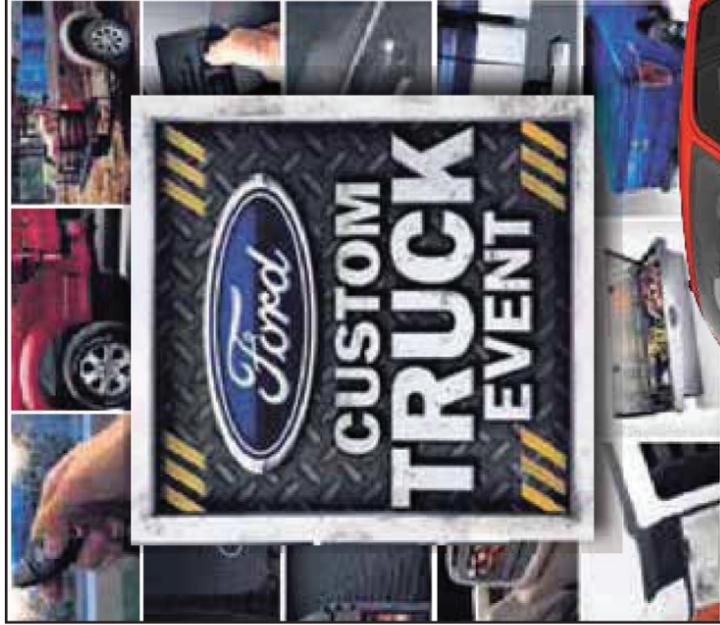
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