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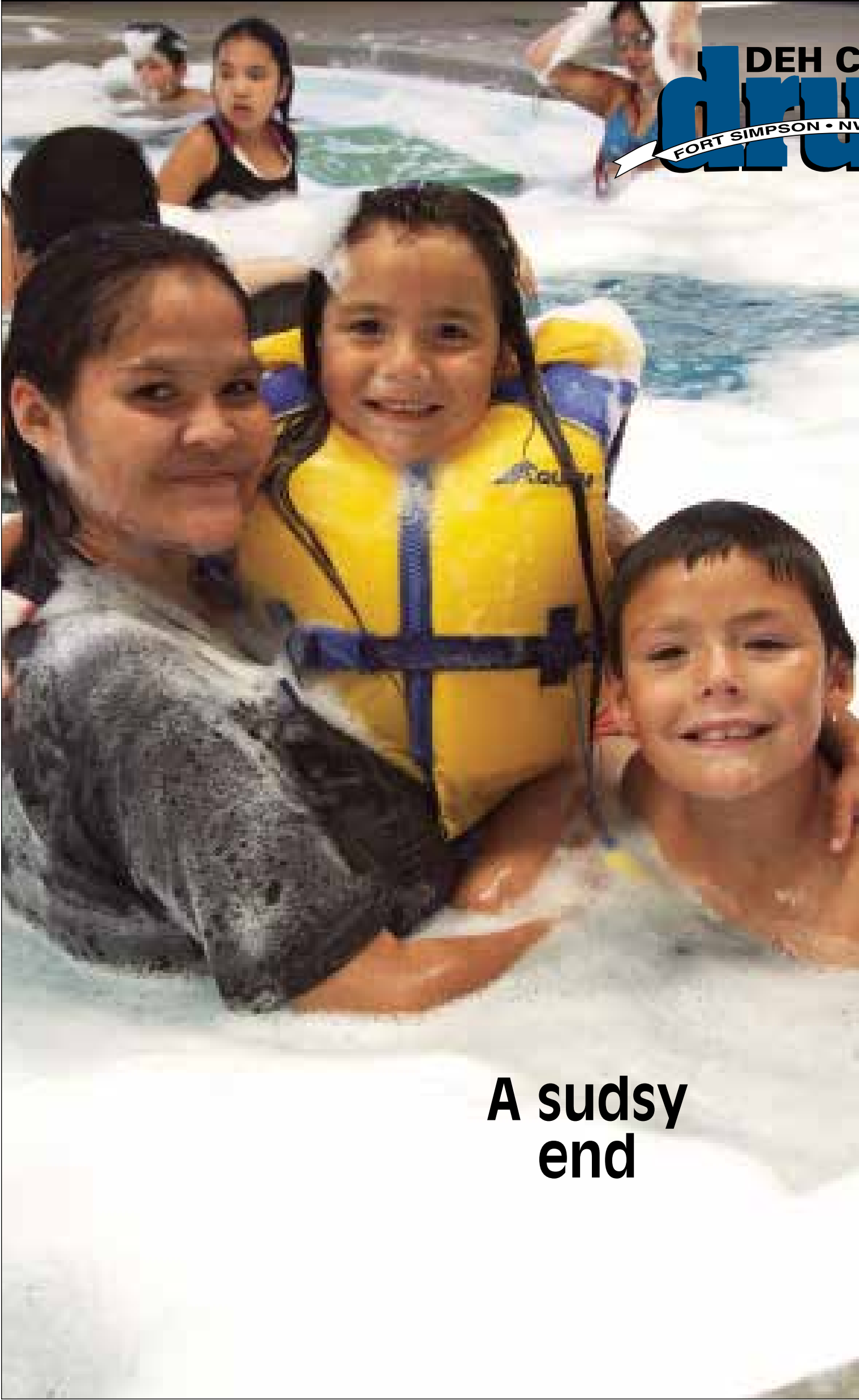
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A sudsy end



Lisa Kraus, left, and her children Meeka Edda, 5, and Hayden Kraus, 9, are among the people who joined in the bubble bash held on Aug. 31 to mark the last day of swimming at the Fort Simpson community swimming pool. A large amount of Palmolive dish soap, and the combined kicking power of all of the swimmers, was used to create the bubbles.

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Challenging new frontiers

Cadets spend summer developing a multitude of skills

by **Roxanna Thompson**
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Lidlii Kue/Fort Simpson

Learning to play the bagpipes, climbing on glaciers and ziplining were among the new experiences members of the 2860 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps had this summer.

Nineteen members of the corps in Fort Simpson attended summer training programs offered through the cadet program. The summer programs give the cadets the opportunity to continue the training they do during the school year, and to apply that training in new ways and in new environments, said Capt. Steve Nicoll, the corps' commanding officer.

At the Rocky Mountain Summer Cadet Training Centre outside of Cochrane, Alta., Cadet Master Cpl. William Alger spent three weeks learning how to play a

practice chanter, the first step in learning how to play the bagpipes. Being able to play the bagpipes has been one of Alger's goals for a number of years.

"I thought it's an interesting instrument," he said.

Being at the training centre was like going to school, except the only subject was bagpipes, said Alger. There were classes every day and tests every week.

Alger, 15, can now play arpeggios and strikes and is working on the song Mary's Wedding. He practises every day and hopes to return next year and learn more about the instrument.

"I had an excellent time at the camp and I highly recommend it to anyone who wants to go," he said.

Cadet Sgt. Robert Harold, 16, had a more adventurous summer experience.

Harold spent six weeks at the Rocky Mountain centre participating in the leadership and challenge course. The cadets focused on a different activity each week including mountain biking, white water kayaking and canoeing, alpine trekking, horseback riding and first aid, rock climbing, and glacier climbing.

"We got to do a lot of cool things," he said.

Before the start of each new activity, the instructors would teach the cadets all the skills they needed as well as new leadership styles, said Harold. Participants were also given an introduction to risk management, route planning and problem solving.

The course was all about developing leadership skills and challenging those skills in new environments, he said. The glacier week was one of Harold's favourites.

The cadets hiked seven hours to the base of a glacier where they set up a



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Cadet Master Cpls. Rebekah Isaiah, left, and Jordanna Snider of the 2860 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps of Fort Simpson paddle a canoe during the basic expedition training course at the Whitehorse Summer Cadet Training Centre in July.

base camp. Every day they climbed to the summit of a different mountain surrounding the glacier.

"It was a fun experience," he said.

Master Cpls. Rebekah Isaiah and Randall Hardisty were among five cadets from Fort Simpson who went to the

Whitehorse Summer Cadet Training Centre for the three-week basic expedition course. Activities during the course included abseiling, ziplining and rock wall climbing. The cadets also completed a three-day and a five-day field training exercise.

Isaiah, 14, said she found

the five-day exercise, which included covering more than 100 kilometres by canoe, foot and bike, challenging. The water was rough during the canoeing portion and it rained for the last three days, she said.

"I was happy to get back to camp," said Isaiah.


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NEWS Briefs

New playground equipment

Two new playgrounds have been installed at Bompas Elementary School in Fort Simpson.

The playground equipment in the school's green wing, used by classes 3 and 4, was removed in 2010 because it was old and dangerous, and there were concerns about the wood leaking toxins. Parents, staff and community members fundraised to pay for new equipment for the green wing, as well as the red wing, where aging equipment was being used by students in classes 5 and 6.

Through fundraising, corporate donations and funds from the territorial government, the school reached its goal of \$60,000 last June. The equipment was installed between Aug. 28 and Sept. 3.

"The kids are excited," said principal Kelley Andrews-Klein.

Fewer black bear complaints reported

The number of nuisance black bears being reported to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in Fort Simpson has declined.

Following an annual pattern, an increased amount of bear activity was noticed around the village beginning at the start of August. The last call about bears made to the wildlife emergency-reporting line was during the weekend of Aug. 24 and 25, said Carl Lafferty, the department's regional superintendent.

Lafferty said he believes the department dealt with all the problem bears that were creating the complaints. The department has killed 12 problem bears in Fort Simpson since May, with the majority of the kills taking place in August. Two bears were also successfully relocated.

"It was a fairly busy time for the officers," he said.

The number of problem bears that were destroyed is average compared to other years, said Lafferty. Residents shouldn't let their guards down, however, he said. Bears will still be active until they begin to hibernate around the end of October.

Annual Terry Fox Run in Fort Liard

Echo Dene School will be holding its sixth-annual Terry Fox Run this month.

The event will take place on Sept. 13. Last year, students and staff fundraised more than \$1,000 through the run, a number they hope to beat this year, said William Gowans, the school's principal.

Students follow a route through the community during the event. Some run and others walk, or do a combination of the two.

"It's a really good time. The kids really enjoy it," said Gowans.



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During a tour of the Scotty Creek research site, Bill Quinton, second from right, and Jennifer Baltzer explain one of the studies being conducted to David Livingstone, left, the chair of the science committee for the partnership between the territorial government and Wilfred Laurier University, and Michael Miltenberger, right, the territorial minister of Environment and Natural Resources.

Deh Cho muskeg at centre of climate change study

Researchers examine rapidly-changing boreal peatlands on permafrost near Checkpoint

by Roxanna Thompson
Northern News Services
Scotty Creek

An area of muskeg located in the Deh Cho is attracting more and more researchers who are examining the changes that are taking place in the ecosystem and what they could mean for the future of the area.

Bill Quinton, an associate professor with the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, Ont., has been conducting research at Scotty Creek since about 1995. Scotty Creek is an approximately 150-square-kilometre catchment basin that empties into the Liard River.

In 1999, a seasonal presence was established at the site, which is located about 50 kilometres south of Fort Simpson near Checkpoint. Since then, researchers have been staying at the site annually, from mid-March to late August or early September.

The site was used almost exclusively for hydrology research until 2012. It became apparent, however, that an interdisciplinary approach was necessary, Quinton said during a tour of the site on Aug. 28.

The overall question directing the research being conducted at Scotty Creek is how climate warming and associated landscape changes, as well as human-created disturbances, are altering the ecosystem function of boreal peatlands on discontinuous permafrost.

"It's a very rapidly-changing place," said Jennifer Baltzer, an associate professor with the Department of Biology at Wilfred Laurier University.

The permafrost is thawing and, as it does, the boreal forest is being converted into bogs. The change has the potential to alter the nature of water cycling in the ecosystem, as well as the volume and timing of runoff from the drainage basin.

Researchers are also looking at the effects of the ecosystem changes on carbon storage, water storage and forest productivity. The changes

"It's a very rapidly-changing place."

Jennifer Baltzer

taking place at Scotty Creek are representative of what is happening in areas of discontinuous permafrost in other places including Alaska, Manitoba and Quebec.

"It's verily widespread change," said Baltzer.

Scotty Creek is attracting more researchers, in part because of the aspects that make it unique. Quinton has amassed 14-years-worth of baseline data from Scotty Creek.

There aren't many research sites, especially in Northern Canada, that have that many years of data, said Baltzer. It's one of the few well-instrumented sites on discontinuous permafrost.

This summer, the population at the research site's camp on Goose Lake peaked at 20. Between 30 to 40 people spent time at the camp throughout the research season.

Baltzer began coming to the site in 2011. As an ecologist, she is examining how the community of plants is changing as transformations take place in the peatland. The changes can include the type of plants that are found, how they are growing, how much carbon they are

storing and how much water they are using.

"We're working at the same questions from different angles," she said.

Michael Miltenberger, the territorial minister of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, was among the people who toured the site on Aug. 28.

"I think they're doing a significant amount of critical research," he said, one day after the tour.

The data that has been collected there since 1999 relating to water and permafrost is like gold to researchers and accounts for one of the reasons increasing numbers of researchers want to go there, said Miltenberger.

One of the studies at the site Miltenberger said caught his attention is examining the impact of cutlines on areas of discontinuous permafrost. Heavy equipment used on cutlines compacts the ground surface, which allows water to accumulate in the created depressions. When the forest is removed, more sunlight can hit the area. The combination of the two factors leads to permafrost melting under cutlines and seismic lines.

This summer, thermosyphons were installed at the research site on a cutline made in 1985 to see if they can lead to the regrowth of the permafrost. It's clear cutlines have an effect on wildlife, but this is a different type of effect that hasn't been seriously considered before, Miltenberger said. The results of the

research will show if there are other steps that can be taken to minimize the effects of cutlines, he said.

Having long-term research centres such as Scotty Creek in the NWT is good news for Northerners, said Miltenberger.

"It's critical for us to understand what is happening to the environment," he said.

The research taking place at Scotty Creek is part of the Canadian Aquatic Laboratories for Interdisciplinary Boreal Ecosystem Research (CALIBER) program the territorial government and Wilfred Laurier University entered into in 2010. The territorial government is contributing \$2 million over five years to the \$6.3-million program.

CALIBER was designed to develop leading-edge scientific studies to ensure the sustainability of Northern ecosystems.

"It's been a good investment, it's been a good partnership," said Miltenberger.

Through the partnership, Miltenberger said he hopes to expand research, such as that being done at Scotty Creek, up the Mackenzie Valley.

Edward Cholo, a community monitor for Liidlii Kue First Nation through the Aboriginal Aquatic Research and Oceans Management program was also on the tour.

Cholo, who used to have a trapline through the Scotty Creek area, said it's good researchers are looking at the rate permafrost is melting.

On his current trapline, Cholo said he's seen permafrost plateaus melt leaving behind trees in a watery depression.

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Country food reassurances offered at Kakisa workshop

Second annual event focuses on issues surrounding fish and mercury

by Roxanna Thompson
Northern News Services
Ka'a'gee/Kakisa

Concerns about mercury levels in fish, and the sources of that mercury, were once again the primary topic at an annual workshop.

The second annual A Return to Country Foods workshop was hosted by the Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation in Kakisa from Aug. 27 to 28. Thirty-five people including representatives from most First Nations and Metis groups in the Deh Cho, as well as presenters, attended the workshop organized by the Dehcho's Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management program (AAROM).

The workshop is about bringing together leaders and researchers to discuss the results of ongoing studies related to mercury in the Deh Cho, said George Low, the Dehcho's AAROM co-ordinator.

A positive message about the continued benefits of eat-

ing country foods, particularly fish, is stressed during the event.

"We're trying to promote eating fish," Low said.

This year, participants listened to presentations by officials and researchers from Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the territorial government, Environment Canada, Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, Ont., Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, as well as AAROM, who spoke about studies that are currently underway and the results so far.

"It was a pretty good discussion," said Low.

A roundtable discussion also gave each participant the opportunity to speak about their concerns. Many of those concerns, including whether the levels of mercury in lakes are increasing and why, and if fish should still be consumed, are already being addressed by work that is underway, he said.

Chief Stan Sanguiez of Jean



photo courtesy of George Low

Deanna Leonard, left, with Fisheries and Oceans Canada's fisheries management, speaks to participants in the A Return to Country Foods workshop about the Tathlina Lake study. Participants include facilitator Peter Redvers, left, Angus Sanguiez, Heidi Swanson, Priscilla Canadien, Mike Wilkie, Henry Tambour, Joe Lacorne, and Deh Gah Got'ie First Nation Chief Joachim Bonnetrouge.

Marie River First Nation was one of the participants at the workshop. The first workshop was held in Jean Marie River in August 2012.

"Of course, a lot of communities in the region are concerned about mercury," he said.

Health advisories that have been issued with guidelines about how much and what types of fish to eat from certain lakes have scared a lot of people, said Sanguiez.

The A Return to Country Foods workshop is important because it gives researchers a chance to explain about mercury.

Sanguiez said he finds it reassuring to learn about the studies taking place and looks forward to hearing about their results. Many of the presenters gave reassurances that mercury is not as big of an issue as people think, he said.

People who attend the workshop can pass on the message that fish is still good to eat as long as the right fish is chosen and portion guidelines are followed.

"I'm not so scared about

fish anymore," he said.

Sanguiez said one of his concerns is whether the federal government will continue to provide funding for continued research into mercury in fish and how mercury is getting into the environment.

When Prime Minister Stephen Harper visited Hay River last month, all he talked about was economic development in the North, said Sanguiez.

"If we don't complete these surveys people won't really know what is happening," he said.

Sanguiez said he hopes the workshops continue on an annual basis.

"People need to understand what mercury is about."

During the workshop, Mike Low, a technical adviser with AAROM, presented the initial findings of a study conducted by the program about what types of country foods are being eaten in the Deh Cho and how often.

There had been a concern that the health advisories are deterring some people from eating fish, said George.

The survey was conducted in five Deh Cho communities. Only the results from Fort Simpson and Kakisa have been summarized to date.

The results show many people in smaller communities are still eating fish and country foods, said George. Few people have changed their eating habits as the result of concerns about mercury. The majority of respondents wanted more information about mercury.

In addition to the two-day workshop, a one-day youth ecology camp was held on Aug. 29. Students from Kakisa, Jean Marie River and Fort Providence participated.

It was good to show the students how traditional knowledge and scientific knowledge are being combined together in studies, said Sanguiez.



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Facilities for youth play an important role in the Deh Cho.

They are places where young people can hang out after school or during the summer and to participate in a variety of activities. The facilities provide opportunities for youth to socialize, stay engaged, as well as give them a place to hang out where they can feel safe and secure.

The Deh Cho Friendship Centre is an example of one of these facilities. Although the centre is available for all community members to use, its primary focus is on aboriginal youth.

On any week night during the school year, there are often a handful of youth at the centre participating in activities, using the gym facilities or computers or playing video games.

The centre also provides summer employment for six students every year. These students spend most of their time planning and implementing summer activities for youth.

The centre was recognized this summer for its work in Fort Simpson when the National Association of Friendship Centres presented it with an outstanding friendship centre award. The centre, which was incorporated as a society in 1979, has provided 34 years of service to the community and will hopefully provide another 34 and more.

Community pools are another important youth facility in three Deh Cho communities. This summer, the new pool in Fort Simpson was filled with young swimmers almost every day.

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Youth activities

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Facilities vital to keeping youth engaged

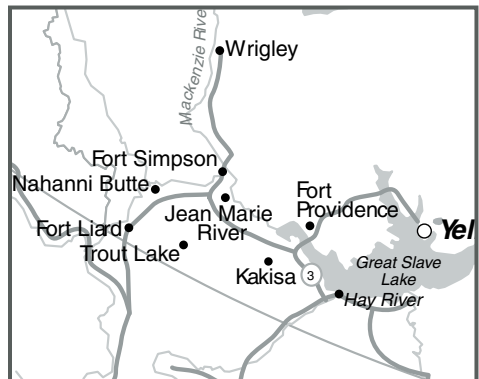
The importance of community swimming pools both for youth and other community members has been recognized by the Hamlet of Fort Providence. The hamlet council made every effort to have its pool renovated and reopened before the end of the summer.

Delays prevented the pool from opening, but undoubtedly it will be filled with children as soon as weather permits next summer.

Facilities such as the Deh Cho Friendship Centre and community pools often don't receive much attention. They do, however, play important roles in fostering the growth and development of the region's youth.



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COOKING FOR THE MASSES

Joshua Lafferty helps ensure the hotdogs are cooked evenly during Thomas Simpson School's corn boil in Fort Simpson on Aug. 30. The annual event marks the beginning of the school year in the village.

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Friendship centre recognized

Fort Simpson facility receives national award for excellence



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The Deh Cho Friendship Centre in Fort Simpson was one of 17 centres across Canada to receive an outstanding friendship centre award from the National Association of Friendship Centres. Aaron McNab, the centre's executive director, accepted the award on the centre's behalf this summer.

by Roxanna Thompson
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Liidlii Kue/Fort Simpson

The friendship centre in Fort Simpson has been recognized on a national level for the work it is doing.

The Deh Cho Friendship Centre was one of 17 centres across Canada to receive an outstanding friendship centre award. The awards were presented during the National Association of Friendship Centres' (NAFC) annual general meeting in North Battleford, Sask., on July 24.

This is the first year the awards have been given on a national level, said Virginia Gluska, the NAFC's program officer for the Aboriginal Friendship Centre Program (AFCP). Staff with the funding program developed the idea to create the awards.

"Friendship centres are very diverse and very community-based," said Gluska.

"There are a lot of friendship centres that are doing a lot of amazing things in their community. We wanted to acknowledge these centres that are exceptional."

Seventeen awards were given to centres that have shown excellence in all areas of programming, community support, financial man-

agement, board stability and partnerships. Each province or territory nominated two centres, except for Ontario, which nominated three. The Northwest Territories/Nunavut Council of Friendship Centres nominated the Deh Cho Friendship Centre and the Tree of Peace Friendship Centre in Yellowknife from the NWT for the awards.

"It was a very good sense of accomplishment," said Aaron McNab, the executive director of the friendship centre in Fort Simpson, about accepting the award on behalf of the centre.

The friendship centre also won an outstanding friendship centre award.

McNab said the centre has been doing well both financially and with its programs for awhile, in part because of the amount of experience he has in the friendship centre movement. McNab has worked at the centre for 12 years and is familiar with the AFCP.

The centre also has a stable senate with long-standing members who provide direction for the centre. Percy Hardisty, the chair of the senate, is one of the founding members of the Fort Simpson centre. Other senate members include Lorayne Menicoche-

Moses, Emma Amundson and Billy Villeneuve.

The centre was incorporated as a society in 1979.

The centre runs a number of programs throughout the year, the primary one being Cultural Connections for Aboriginal Youth. Through the program, the centre offers after-school and evening activities including handgames practices, traditional sewing and arts and crafts, as well as a summer employment program for youth. A youth committee helps guide the youth programming for the year.

"I always look at it as providing an opportunity for personal and community development," McNab said about the centre. He added that during the school year, approximately 15 people, mostly between the ages of 14 and 24, use the centre's gym on a daily basis. Another six or so younger youths stay on the centre's first floor where they use the computers and sometimes watch movies or play video games. It's a healthy, safe environment for people to be a part of.

The centre also assists other community organizations with their programs and events and runs a food bank and a Christmas hamper program, among other things.

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A STYLISH ENTRANCE

Graduate Amanda Simba, right, enters the evening celebration for the graduating class at Deh Gah School on Aug. 16 on the arm of her escort, Jade Bonnetrouge.

Muskeg offers climate clues

RESEARCH Feature

by Roxanna Thompson



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Scotty Creek

A long-standing research site is situated in the Deh Cho.

Located approximately 50 kilometres outside of Fort Simpson near Checkpoint, research has been taking place at the Scotty Creek research site since about 1995.

Bill Quinton, an associate professor at Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, Ont., established a camp at the site in 1999.

Since then, researchers have been at the site annually from mid-March to late August or early September. This summer, a maximum of

20 people were at the site at one time with 30 to 40 people coming through the camp.

Although they have different specialties and areas of interest, throughout the season the researchers are mostly examining how climate warming and associated landscape changes, as well as human-made seismic disturbances, are altering the ecosystem function of boreal peatlands on discontinuous permafrost.

A number of officials, including Environment and Natural Resources Minister Michael Miltenberger, were given a tour of the research site on Aug. 28.



Oliver Sonnentag, an assistant professor at the University of Montreal, speaks about the work he is doing to record how much carbon is taken in and released by the ecosystem at Scotty Creek. The instrument beside Sonnentag is an infrared gas analyzer for measuring methane.



Bill Quinton, who founded the Scotty Creek research site, changes a storage module in a data logger that records information from instruments measuring snow depth, wind speed, and short- and long-wave radiation.



Environment and Natural Resources Minister Michael Miltenberger, at front of canoe, Nicholas de Pelham, an Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management community monitor with Liidlil Kue First Nation, Miltenberger's executive assistant James Tolley, and David Livingstone, chair of the science committee for the partnership between the territorial government and Wilfred Laurier University, paddle across First Lake to reach a second camp at the research site.



Edward Cholo, left, and Nicolas de Pelham, Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management community monitors for Liidlil Kue First Nation, look at maps that show the extent of the permafrost thaw at Scotty Creek since 1947.

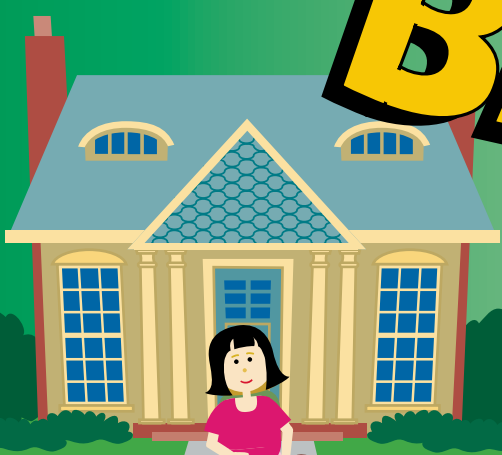


At one of their test sites, the researchers have installed thermosyphons on a seismic line that was cut in 1985. They are trying to determine if the permafrost, which melted in part as a result of the forest being removed from the line, can be regenerated.

BACK to SCHOOL

Safety

Jaywalking is dangerous.
Obey street



Jaywalking is dangerous.
Obey street signs.

You avoided a dog you didn't recognize.
Go forward
1 space.

Always use the sidewalk when walking to and from school.
If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.



Start



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Before they go to school, remind the kids about the dangers of thin ice.

Loose drawstrings and objects should be secured, so they don't get caught in the pedals of your bike.

You left
your
backpack
in the aisle.
Go back
1 space.

WE DELIVER.



Jaywalking is dangerous.
Obey street signs.

You waited until the bus
came to a complete stop
before leaving your seat.
Go forward 1 space.



You let
your
friend sit
on the
handlebars
of your bike
on the way
to school.
Go back
3 spaces.


Practice good behaviour on and off the bus. Don't get talked into breaking the rules!

If you miss the bus,
call a parent
or guardian to
drive you to school.
Never ask
a stranger!



Be aware of street traffic around you. Avoid wearing headphones while walking.

You stayed up late and had a bad start to your school day. Go back to sleep.



You got
talked into
breaking
the rules.
Go back
1 space

Hey, kids! School is starting, and here is a little game to remind you how to get to school safely. To play, you will need some buttons to use as game tokens and a die.

Place the tokens on Start, choose a player to go first and have them roll the die and move their token the number of spots on the die. The first person to reach the school is the winner.

Get a good night of sleep, so you can start each school day feeling refreshed

You stayed
in your
seat while
the bus
was
moving.
Move
forward
1 space

You
played in
the street
while
waiting
for the bus.
**Go back
1 space.**

Personal well-being will ensure success in your educational endeavors and life

You waited for the bus 5 steps from the curb. Move forward 2 spaces.



A stylized illustration of a blue bird with an orange beak and legs, standing on a green background next to a dark green, conical tree. The bird is facing left, and the tree is to its right.

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Finish

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Etanda Hardisty-Beaverho
"Swimming and not having to go to school."



Charlene Brown
"I'm going to miss sleeping in and staying up late and hanging out with my friends."



Kyra Sanguez
"I'm going to miss visiting with my friends from Jean Marie River and sleepovers."



Mikayla Lafferty
"Going to the pool and going to my friend's house."



Grace Day
"No school and playing games with my brothers."



Fiona Yendo
"Swimming and biking."

What are you going to miss about summer once it's gone?

Student of the week



BRODIE SNIDER

Age: 10

Parents: Kathy Konisenta and Darrell Snider
School: Bompas Elementary School in Fort Simpson
Teacher's remarks: "He's been working really hard in class, following all the classroom guidelines and taking responsibility for his actions," said Leanne Jose about Brodie. "He's been a pleasure to teach."
Favourite subject: Brodie likes Dene Zhatie. "It's fun," he said.
Book of choice: Brodie has read one of the books in the Harry Potter series and is looking forward to reading the others.
Favourite food: White rice with soya sauce.
Hobbies and pastimes: In his free time, Brodie likes to play outside and walk around with his friends and play Black Ops 2 on his Xbox.
Career aspirations: Brodie would like to be a RCMP officer in Fort Simpson because he would get to arrest people and drive the RCMP trucks. Brodie said he would only use the lights and sirens on the trucks in the case of an emergency.

Horoscopes Sept. 5-11

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20 Aries, someone whose opinion matters to you may disagree with you on an important point. Use your powers of persuasion, and both of you will be better for it.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21 Take your upbeat attitude to new heights this week, Taurus. New challenges will emerge in the coming weeks, so find new inspiration and things will go smoothly.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21 Gemini, keep your head on straight over the next week, which figures to be hectic. Cool heads always prevail, and your calm approach will be noticed by others.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22 Cancer, your ingenuity is treasured among the people closest to you, but those who do not know you may be unfamiliar with the tricks you have up your sleeve. Take time to show them.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23 Leo, someone wants to take your relationship to another level, so let this person know you are on the same page. Otherwise, you both may be floundering around for some time.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22 Virgo, good news awaits on the job this week, even if it is totally unexpected. Nonetheless, it can be exciting to know that someone is watching out for you.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23 Libra, you may be excited about an upcoming event or getaway, but don't let your anticipation get the best of you. Remember, you do need to plan and pack.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22 Scorpio, embrace a challenge that presents itself this week. No matter the scale of the challenge, you will soon find you're up to it, and so will those around you.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21 Sagittarius, be open to new experiences, as you do not know when surprises are going to come around the bend. This week may prove to be a real eye-opener.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20 It's time to ditch any bad habits that have been holding you back, Capricorn. Set a new course, with new goals, and those old habits will soon be an afterthought.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18 A heightened sense of urgency may have you jumping into a situation, Aquarius. But give this situation the careful consideration it deserves. Keep your eyes on the future.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20 Pisces, now is the time to redirect some of your professional ambitions to your personal life. It's an effort worth making.

Call of regret

Something has bugged me for the past few months, and I suddenly remembered you gave me good advice a couple of years ago.

A little background – I was engaged to "Adam" until his friend shared proof he cheated on me each time he was out of town on business. We broke up, but he kept e-mailing, texting and calling, telling me how much he missed me.

A year after our breakup, I learned from a mutual friend that Adam's new girlfriend was pregnant and they were getting married. I continued receiving texts from Adam, but didn't respond.

I live within five miles of a town devastated by a tornado in May, causing many deaths and injuries. I did not have cell-phone service for a few days, but shortly after it was restored, I received a call from a number I did not recognize. It was Adam's mother. She lives in a different state, and I only met her two or three times. She said Adam is married, and she wanted to apologize for the way he treated me. I was taken aback, but I thanked her.

My first thought was Adam asked his mother to call me to make sure I was all right and let me know he was married. I have no idea how she would have my number if he had not given it to her. Even if she had it while we were engaged, I cannot imagine she would have kept it.

Why would she feel compelled to apologize for her son's

An innocent bystander trying to help

I know how this must sound, but give me a minute. My best friend's girlfriend is ruining him and he seems oblivious. He's changed so dramatically, I barely know him, and he has alienated his mother when they were always so close.

He's not a confident person and battled for years to find love. Unfortunately, now he is in the prime of his career and making large amounts of money.

As a result, he's attracted the wrong type of woman and gotten himself into an outrageous amount of debt.

I tried my darnedest to accept her, but I cannot do it. They recently celebrated their two-year anniversary, and he

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behavior? My sister thinks she is feeling her mortality and trying to mend fences.

Aubrey

Aubrey, a nurse from New Orleans told us about the mother of two young children who had terminal cancer. When the nurse started to offer sympathy, the other woman cut her short. "I don't have time for that," she said.

She told the nurse what she needed from her, and gave detailed plans for the final weeks of her life, which included taking her children to the Mardi Gras parade and leaving a film record for them. Death clarifies life. The phone call from Adam's mother was the call of regret she tried to make two years ago. She realizes, because I failed to raise a good man, you suffered. It wasn't you. I know it was my son. He won't apologize, but I will apologize for him because I feel I am at fault. We remember what a scoundrel Adam is. Don't hold lingering thoughts he cares about you. If he contacted you through his mother after he married, it makes him appear even worse.

Wayne & Tamara

is talking marriage.

Leon

Leon, sex is a powerful tool, and if she's got game, the hook is set so deep, there's no way she won't land this fish. Financial ruin might be his only escape. Some things, like a fever, have to run their course. Be there for him when things fall apart.

Wayne & Tamara

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Golfers challenged at Club Championship

Players compete individually at Seven Spruce Golf Course

by Roxanna Thompson
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It was every golfer for themselves on the Seven Spruce Golf Course last week. The Club Championship was held on Aug. 24 and 29. The event was the second golf tournament of the year in Fort Simpson that followed a stroke play format with each golfer competing individually, instead of in pairs or four-somes.

Climate Muyambo won both the men's gross and net divisions. Muyambo's gross score was 172 and his net score, which takes into account a player's handicap, was 136.

Muyambo has only been playing golf for three-and-half years. He took up the sport while living in Yellowknife after he went for lunch at the Yellowknife Golf Club, swung a club and was told he had a good swing. After that,

Muyambo started to go to the driving range.

Muyambo said he enjoys all of the greenery at the Seven Spruce Golf Club where he started playing this summer. Just looking at the course is enough to make you want to play, he said.

"Yellowknife is different," he said. "It's like playing in a desert."

The first day of the Club Championship was a bit tricky because it was windy, which affected ball flight, said Muyambo. The weather was calmer on Aug. 29.

"It was a good round. I was pleased with the results," he said.

For Muyambo, hole seven is the most challenging of the course. Because the green is on top of a hill, you risk not

having the ball roll all the way up or over shooting and having the ball roll off the green, he said.

Second place in the men's divisions went to Roger Pilling for a 188 gross score and 152 net score.

In the women's category, one person also took both divisions. Sheila Pollard finished with a 212 gross score and a 156 net score. The closest competitor was Val Gendron with a 230 and 158.

Pollard said her round on Aug. 24 was challenging.

"I had some interesting shots that I had to recover from," she said.

In one case on the fourth hole, Pollard found her ball in an unplayable lie against the base of a tree, just off the green. She took a drop and

managed to salvage the hole by chipping in for a par.

For Pollard, stroke and scramble format tournaments are equally enjoyable.

"There are different challenges and different strategies, but they're both lots of fun," she said.

The tournament started with a good turnout on Aug. 24 with 16 men and six women, said Pilling, who organized the tournament together with Gendron. Last year, about 12 people participated in the tournament.

Unfortunately, bad weather on two following days meant that the second day of the tournament had to be postponed until Aug. 29 and not everyone was able to make the second day, he said.

Pilling said next year, he hopes to implement a clearer system for determining handicaps at the course because some golfers weren't sure what their handicap was.



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Steven Lenoir watches closely to see if he's made a successful putt on hole five during the first day of the Club Championship at the Seven Spruce Golf Course in Fort Simpson.

Another summer without swimming

Fort Providence pool opening delayed until next year

by Roxanna Thompson
Northern News Services
Deh Gah Got'ie Koe/Fort Providence

Fort Providence residents will have to wait until next summer to dip into the hamlet's refurbished swimming pool.

The Hamlet of Fort Providence undertook major renovations of the pool this summer to correct problems in the pool's original inadequate ventilation system that allowed mould to grow in the building. The hamlet originally hoped to reopen the pool, which had already been closed for two summers, as early as mid-July.

The delay in the arrival of a subcontractor to work on the pool's chlorination system, meant that the pool couldn't be opened as planned, said Susan Christie, the hamlet's senior administrative officer.

"We did our best," she said.

The subcontractor began work on Aug.

26. Knowing in advance about the delay, the hamlet council decided during a meeting on Aug. 8 that the pool wouldn't open this year, said Christie.

News of the decision was passed around the hamlet through word of mouth.

"We haven't received any concerns or feedback," she said.

The renovated pool is expected to open next June as soon as weather conditions allow. The community normally holds a celebration every year when the pool opens so there will likely be one for the reopening, Christie said.

Christie said almost all of the work on the pool has been completed. The mould was cleaned up by a specialized company and all of the flooring and some of the wall components were removed.

"It's bright and it's colourful," she said.

The ventilation system was also upgraded with new fans and ductwork, and the mechan-

ical systems were upgraded as well.

As of July, the hamlet was planning to spend \$786,000 on the pool renovations. The final cost hasn't been calculated yet and it may be more than the estimated value, said Christie.

To make up for the third summer without a pool, the hamlet's recreation department organized approximately six trips to Hay River over the course of the summer so youth could swim in the pool there.



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Shanita Landry, bottom, plays with her brother Conrad Landry during a pool party in July 2010. This was the last summer the pool was open. The pool opening is delayed until next year due to continued renovations.



NICHOLE KOVACS

SPORTS CARD SOCCER

Age: 10
Fort Simpson

Nichole enjoys playing soccer with her friends. "You get to exercise by running and when you kick the ball, it's exercise for your legs, too," she said. The most important rule in soccer is that you're not allowed to hang onto the ball with your hands, she said.

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NOW LOCATED in Drayton Valley. BREKKAAS Vacuum & Tank Ltd. Wanted Class 1 & 3 Drivers, Super Heater Operators with all valid tickets. Top wages, excellent benefits. Please forward resume to: Email: dv@brekkaas.com. Phone 780-621-3953. Fax 780-621-3959.

Tenders on the Web

All tenders advertised in our papers are also available on the NNSL website
www.nnsl.com

For more information on how to access them, contact:
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The Municipal
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INVITATION TO TENDER

Sealed tenders marked "Village of Fort Simpson, Trucked Water Services Tender, September 20, 2013, and the name of the Bidder" will be received at the Village Administration Office, Village of Fort Simpson, NT, until 1:00 pm local time on Friday, September 20th, 2013, at which time the Tenders will be opened in public.

Tender documents may be obtained on or after 1:00 pm August 29th, 2013, at the Village Administration Office, Village of Fort Simpson, NT.

One set of Contract Documents will be available for each bidder. Contract Documents may be examined at the Village Administration Office, Village of Fort Simpson, NT.

The successful bidder will be required to provide a Performance Bond in the amount of TEN (10%) of the contract price.

The Village reserves the right to reject any or all Tenders or to accept the Tender most favorable to the interest of the Village. The lowest tender or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

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Canada Post

INVITATION TO TENDER
Fort Simpson (NT) to Wrigley (NT)
Highway Service

Canada Post Corporation is inviting tenders for a mail transportation contract for up to five (5) years, starting November 1, 2013.

The service includes the conveyance of Mail by highway between Fort Simpson (NT) and Wrigley (NT) as well as the provision for contingency services during the Freeze/up and Break/up period of the Mackenzie River. The contractor is required to provide 1 minivan and driver to fulfill the service requirements as identified within the tender package.

Tender package; including terms and conditions may be obtained by contacting:
Canada Post Corporation
Attention: Michael Sullivan
2701 Riverside Drive, Suite N0780
Ottawa, ON K1A 0B1
Phone: 613-734-3495
Email: michael.sullivan@canadapost.ca

Or obtain directly from the Canada Post URL below:
<http://www.canadapost.ca/cpo/mc/aboutus/suppliers/transportation/transportation.jsf>

All drivers must be able to attain a Security Clearance in accordance with Canada Post security requirements. Interested parties must complete and submit the tender form in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the tender package.

All submissions must be received at the specified location, no later than 14:00 local time in Ottawa on September 20, 2013.



From anywhere... to anyone

Did you have the Winning Bid?

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JUST FLOATING ALONG

Lydia Nelner floats around the Fort Simpson community pool with the help of a pool noodle on Aug. 23. Although outside temperatures have started to drop, the pool was still full of youth during the public swim session.

COMMUNITY Clips

with Roxanna Thompson

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Connecting with culture

Liidlii Kue/Fort Simpson

Teachers at Bompas Elementary School and Thomas Simpson School will be participating in a cultural orientation on Sept. 5 and 6. Students at Bompas will begin attending the annual fall culture camp on Sept. 9. Students will visit the camp with their grade.

The First Air Open golf tournament will take place at the Seven Spruce Golf Course on Sept. 7. Golfers will play in teams of two over 18 holes.

Soccer tournament
among neighbours

Acho Dene Koe/Fort Liard

Echo Dene School will be holding an invitational soccer tournament from Sept. 27 to 29.

The schools in Fort Simpson, Fort Providence and Nahanni Butte have been invited to send teams.

Preschool began in Fort Liard on Sept. 3. Registration applications are available at the hamlet office.

Farewell to RCMP Const. Andrew Boyd and his family, who are transferring to Yellowknife.

Happy belated birthday to Margaret Klondike on Aug. 31, John Gonet on Sept. 2, and Doris Duntra on Sept. 4.

Congratulations to Janetha Berreault and Chris Letawski on the birth of their baby girl, Ava Sunday, on Sept. 1.

Learning on the land

Pehdzeh Ki/Wrigley

Students at Chief Julian Yendo School may be participating in a culture camp next week organized by Pehdzeh Ki First Nation. There are 18 students at the school this year.

Three handgames teams from Wrigley did well in the tournament in Tulita. The teams placed in second, third and fourth.

Representatives with the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board will be in Wrigley on Sept. 9. They will be in town for a scoping session for the Mackenzie Valley highway environmental assessment.

New faces at school

Sambaa K'e/Trout Lake

Steve and Lynn MacFadyen are the new teachers at Charles Tetcho School in Trout Lake. Students at the school participated in a community fall harvest last week.

Lessons by the lake

Ka'a'gee Tu/Kakisa

Students at Kakisa Lake School may be joining community members in a fall hunt and traditional activities, such as berry picking and fishing, at Tathlina Lake beginning on Sept. 7. There are three students at the school so far this year.

Happy birthday to Julian Canadien on Sept. 6.