

Łay Sranän

Dog Month

May 2024

Sranän hòlay!



It's Spring time!

Housing Help

Office Number 867-993-7100 ext.243
workorder@trondek.ca

Smoke Detectors

A reminder to all tenants, smoke detectors should not be removed or tampered with prior to official inspections by the Housing team. Any removals will be subject to fines.

If you require assistance with changing batteries, you can call Housing at 867-993-7100 ext. 243 or email workorder@trondek.ca

Spring Clean-Up

During spring season, please keep your yard clean, ensuring all water is drained and be sure to dispose of any dog waste. Elders requiring assistance with their yard can call Housing at 867-993-7100 ext. 243 or email workorder@trondek.ca

Spring Garbage Pick-Up

Unwanted Household items? Require a pick up? This service will run from May 1 to 31.

Bleeders

Make sure to shut off all bleeders from May 15 2024

Council Meetings

- May 8th** TH Council Meeting @ 5:30pm in Council Chambers* ***Available on Zoom**
- May 14th** Elders Council Meeting @ 5:30pm in Älä́t Nēhējēl
- May 22nd** TH Council Meeting @ 5:30pm in Town Hall Conference Room at the Gold Rush Inn in Whitehorse
- May 27th** Youth Council Meeting @ 5:00pm



Our office has moved in Whitehorse

New Location:

101-1191 Front Street.
Whitehorse. Y1A 0K5.

*Across the street from Shipyards Park
Whitehorse.admin@trondek.ca

Telephone No: 867-456-2180



JULY
25 - 28 2024

Moosehide Gathering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 21 Ätät Nēhējēl 5pm.



Sign up for a Youth based Advocacy Training Program with To Swim and Speak with Salmon.

This Indigenous-led project is recruiting Indigenous youth from the Yukon, Alaska, and British Columbia, to train them in Indigenous place-based knowledge, conservation, leadership, public speaking, governance, politics, and advocacy, as well as empower them to guide community-based research methods.

We are seeking a maximum of 15 youth who are 18-35 years old, including up to 13 who are Indigenous and a maximum of 2 who are non-Indigenous with strong long-term place- based ties to the Yukon.

Applications Forms are available on trondek.ca or by emailing swimandspeakwithsalmon@gmail.com

Deadline: Sunday, May 12, 2024

The K'äjit-in Zho team travelled to the Yukon Youth Summit!

Over the course of two days we engaged with youth and representatives from all across the Yukon making sure that their voices were heard, and that the strategy was going to be reflective of issues facing youth today and driven by those who are living this experience.

We also travelled with Mica Michon a recipient of a Youth Award, presented at the summit.

We were so proud of Mica for all the great work that he has done over the past year in engaging with Traditional Practices and it seems that the larger Territory agreed, honouring him with this award.



Percival Brian Henry

May 24, 1927 — April 6, 2024





Percy Henry was born on May 24, 1927, at the mouth of a creek on the Wind River, the son of Joe and Annie Henry. He lived in the bush until the age of four, then the family moved to Moosehide Village, where they resided for a while before moving to Dawson City. He learned many useful skills of traditional living like hunting, trapping, and fishing from his parents. He carried these skills all throughout his life, teaching others just like his parents taught him.

Percy met the love of his life, Mabel Taylor, and they got married on October 24th, 1958. They had nine children, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. In October of 2023, Percy and Mabel celebrated a whopping 65 years of marriage. What an achievement!

Percy has quite the resume: He was the captain of the George Black Ferry; he worked on the Brainstorm boat; he was a Deacon of the Anglican Church; he worked for the Council of Yukon Indians, for many years he was the Häkhè (Chief) of the Dawson Indian Band, and in 2005, Percy and Mabel were named Mr. And Mrs. Yukon!

One of Percy's favourite projects was working to revive the Hän language. He said, *"we nearly lost our language, these days we are busy solving old problems and too busy trying to get our land claims settled. People are forgetting their languages, their traditions, but if we do this we will no longer be a distinct people. The old way, the old teachings, are important for our future, just as they were important to our past. Our language and lifestyle identifies us for who we are. We must not lose what is precious to us."*

Percy dedicated many years to working with the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in language department, even in the late years of his life. It was important to him and he wanted everyone to learn. He may have failed with his daughter, Liz, who once announced to her family, *"we're having 'cluck' for dinner."* Both Annie and Teresa said, *"what, we're having chicken?"* and Liz said, *"NO, WE'RE HAVING FISH!"* (She was trying to say Łuk.)





Percy was passionate about his work. No matter what he was doing, from working in a sawmill to negotiating Land Claims in Ottawa, he always did everything to the best of his ability. He also had a lot of hobbies that he enjoyed in his free time. He liked to play games, he enjoyed going on drives, and he really loved to tell stories. His daughter Selina remembers her and her siblings sitting around the wood stove while he told them all kinds of stories late into the night, and as we all know, he never stopped telling stories. He also loved to take things apart and put them back together, like the house. He always had a project on the go. His granddaughter Annie went to visit him one day and heard all sorts of banging in the house, and when she got in she saw the fridge on the other side of the kitchen and Percy hammering off the door frame to a bedroom so he could fit the fridge in there. He said he needed more space in the kitchen—and that fridge is still in the bedroom today.

He loved to hunt and always needed to fill the freezer, even when he was an old man in his 70s, he would shoot a moose and then get someone to help drag it out and gut it for him.

Percy had a funny side, with a sometimes dry humour, and he was always cracking jokes. He held on to his sense of humour his whole life — he was even pranking the staff at the lodge. He loved meeting new people and making new friends and obviously made an impact as you are all here to celebrate his wonderful life. He will be missed by all.

Keep your land clean, keep your animal, that's your friend

You look after them, they look after you.

You look after your water, land, trees, you look after it, respect it.

That's our spirituality.

- Elder Percy Henry

CALL FOR
VENDORS



TR'ONDËK HWËCH'IN
Health Fair

May 12, 2024 Nänkäk Chëholay



Health Fair is seeking vendors and partners!

Are you a knowledge keeper, instructor, vendor, or practitioner interested in being at the 2024 Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Health Fair? The 2024 Health Fair is scheduled for Sunday, May 12th, at Nänkäk Chëholay.

To celebrate Mothers Day, the theme is "Nurture & Care for Every Generation"

We are seeking a variety health care providers and service organizations to actively engage with citizens as vendors at the Health Fair.

We are also looking to offer culturally oriented activities and workshops such as (but not limited to) beading & sewing, hide tanning, medicine making, dancing, archery, etc. We are seeking knowledge keepers to lead these activities.

Have questions or ideas? Contact Natasha, Community Health Rep, at community.health@trondek.ca



Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Youth 15-30,

Are you interested in increasing your knowledge and skillset in leadership, specifically within Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in?

Join Us at Nänkak Chëholay (R22) for a
3-day Leadership Training
Tentative Dates: Between May 6-8, 2024

Sign up or to find out more information or to register,
please contact Natalja Blanchard at:
867-993-7100 x 212 / Cell: 867-993-4285
natalja.blanchard@trondek.ca

A big Mähsi cho to everyone who attended Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Spring Camp 2024. From Friday to Sunday, a host of teachings and workshops took place, including martin skinning and how to prepare caribou hooves. It was inspiring to see older youth teaching younger youth the skills they learnt and passing on their traditional knowledge.

There were over 100 visitors, stopping by for activities, food, crafting, and sharing stories around the firepit. We are thankful to the Dawson General Store for their food donations and the Dawson Hardware store for the Dënezhu Bingo prizes.

'Erika came in a did a Hän teaching about caribou, and the parts of the caribou. When teaching them how to prepare and hoofs for rattle making for the Caribou Song. They asked me to sing the caribou song with them, was so proud of Mica, who has been going to the Hän Singers group singing. They sang along with me. Told them that song, is healing, and protects the Caribou Herd, and every First Nation Group has connection to Caribou, and comes when sung in times of hunger'

- Sharon Vittrekwa, Cultural Education Coordinator



Spring Camp





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The next camp will be:

Spring Hide Camp 2024

May 31 – June 7, 2024

Nānkāk Che'holay

Dorothy, Alexie, and Mary Jane Moses will be coming back to finish the hides they started with a few years ago.

Stay tuned for more details.



Wellness Special Events

For more information about events hosted by the Wellness team.
Call Wellness Reception at 867-993-7100 ext.164
wellness.reception@trondek.ca

Food and Nutrition Workshop w/Jackie Clancy

Thursday May 2, 10am—1pm at CJC

Outing on the Land

Wednesdays May 1, 8, 22, 29
Leaving CJC at 10am and back by 4:30pm

Mother's Day Dinner and Games

Friday May 10, 5:00pm at the CJC

Snack and Stitch

Thursdays, May 9, May 23
Thursdays at 6pm

Tombstone Tuesdays

Tuesdays, May 21, 28
Leaving CJC at 10am and back by 4:30pm

Movie Night

Saturday, May 25 from 6pm
Movie TBA

Monthly Smudging Ceremony

Monday, May 6
Dawson City Hospital 1pm





Aftercare Retreat

Nänkäk Chèholqy

Monday, May 13 to Friday, May 17

An on-the-land camp open to individuals in recovery, individuals aspiring to be in recovery, and individuals just coming out of relapse.

Cabins available:

Contact Zoey Smith & Charmaine Christiansen at 867-993-3639 or Wellness Reception at 867-993-7100 ext. 164 to book your cabin for one night or the full week.

Shuttles from town and back three times daily, in the morning, afternoon, and evening.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner served daily

Counselling supports on site.

Indigenous Plant Medicine, Tradition, and Nutrition representation in the healthcare system

An opportunity to share your vision and knowledge

*This event is only open to Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in
citizens and Indigenous people living in Dawson

May 2 10am to 4pm

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in
Chief John Jonas Centre
Stew and Bannock Lunch

YSPOR
Yukon Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research
Learning through our experience

Cultural Corner

Dänojà Zho is pleased to welcome to our team Cassidy Everitt as Gift Shop Supervisor and Heritage Programmer.

Cassidy would love to hear from Tr'ondëk / Hän Citizens if they would like their artwork/ beadwork/products to be considered for purchase for our Hammerstone Gifts Shop - Please email Cassidy at danojazho@trondek.ca.



Ni'ehlyat Nidähji

Jordan's Principle with Council of Yukon First Nations

Looking for Jordans Principle support? Please connect with Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN) Jordans Principle team in Whitehorse, the contacts and simple process are outlined below.

Step 1. Connect

A request for service can be made for an individual child or a group of children. You can make a request in two ways: Email or call the CYFN service coordinator at jordans.principle@cyfn.net or toll-free at 1-833-393-9200. We will assist you through the referral process and help you understand the scope of services eligible through Jordan's Principle.

Step 2. Provide Information

All requests for services will require:

- 1. Name, date of birth, and status number of the child*
- 2. Service requested*
- 3. Estimated cost*

Step 3. Submit the Request

The CYFN service coordinator will submit the request of your behalf to Indigenous Services Canada, and help you navigate the process upon approval.

For more information and the full application process please go to <https://cyfn.ca/services-2/jordansprinciple/>

Some beautiful Birch Bark Earrings. One of Ni'ehlyat Nidähji family workshops.

Follow their FB page for more details on upcoming activities.

SAVE THE DATE

Ni'ehlyat Nidähji
Family BBQ
Friday, May 31





Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in General Assembly

Saturday, May 11*, 2024 • 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Ätät Nëhëjël (TH Hall) • Zoom attendance available



**NEW
MAY
DATE**

- Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. and a feast will follow Assembly proceedings at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.
- To register for Zoom, scan the QR code on this poster. Please use your first and last name as per your Citizenship for your Display Name.
- For childcare and local rides, contact events@trondek.ca or (867) 993 -3175.



*Please note: proceedings of our General Assembly may continue through Sunday May 12.
An updated agenda will be available closer to the date of the event. Mähsj' cho for your patience.



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Please email communications@trondek.ca