



# VGFN NEWS

NEWSLETTER  
of the  
VUNTUT GWITCHIN  
GOVERNMENT



Issue #06, Volume #03

September 2003

## Do you know Peter Choo?



Peter was born in Old Crow around the 1850s. He married Mary here, around 1880. Mary died of tuberculosis in the early 1900s.

Peter's descendents would like to know more about him.

If you think you might know anything about Peter Choo or his family, please contact Tracy Kassi at VGFN.



## IN THIS ISSUE

Kathie Nukon <i>Social Administrator</i> _____	3	Joe Tetlich <i>Justice Co-ordinator</i> _____	6
Ida Tizya <i>Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk</i> _____	3	Harold Frost <i>Housing Manager</i> _____	7
Peggy Billingsley <i>Director, Recreation</i> _____	4	Marla Kaye <i>Accounts Receivable Clerk</i> _____	7
Mabel Tetlich <i>CELC Area 1</i> _____	4	Sandra Newman <i>Director, Government Services</i> _____	7
Glenna Tetlich <i>Community Wellness Worker</i> _____	5	Caribou Co-ordination <i>Sandra Newman</i> _____	7
Karen Rinker <i>Homework Tutor</i> _____	5	Catherine Mbae <i>Director, Finance &amp; Administration</i> _____	8
Graham Baird <i>Natural Resources Planner</i> _____	6	Kai Rannik <i>IS Technician &amp; Trainer</i> _____	8

---

[www.oldcrow.yk.net](http://www.oldcrow.yk.net)

**VGFN  
NEWS**  
NEWSLETTER  
of the  
**VUNTUT GWITCHIN  
GOVERNMENT**

VGFN News is the monthly  
Newsletter of the Vuntut Gwitchin  
First Nation Self-Government in Old  
Crow, Yukon, Canada.  
Contributions to VGFN News are by  
the employees of VGFN.

---

**VGFN Chief & Council**

**Chief:** Joe Linklater  
**Deputy Chief:** William Josie  
**Councilors:** Roger Kyikavichik  
Sandra Newman

---

VGFN News Editor: Kai Rannik  
[krannik@vgfn.net](mailto:krannik@vgfn.net)

---

**Kathie Nukon****Social Administrator****Social Assistance:**

In August 2003 there were seventeen people in need that received social assistance. Out of these, ten clients were employable but were unable to find employment. We continue to assist those people that are in on-going need.

SA clients are still required to declare all of their income for the month previous. This is very important.

I already have other information such as your hydro, water & sewer and rental.

For an appointment, please call me at 966-3351.

**Adult Care:**

For the month of August there were thirteen elders that received homecare services. Ten people were employed as Adult Care Workers.

As of August the workers have been put on the VGFN payroll. Workers are now paid on a bi-weekly basis and in pay periods. This will allow for deductions for the workers. This transition may have caused some confusion. If you have any questions, please call me, or the Finance Department.

Elders, if you need homecare, please call me for arrangements.

**Elders Wood and Fuel:**

The wood season starts October 1<sup>st</sup>. A list of elders to receive wood for this month has been forwarded to YTG. They will deliver the wood to the elders, as soon as it is possible for them.

Prior to the Air North fuel haul all elders' holding tanks were topped off with fuel filling all tanks. This was done to make room in the larger tanks at the tank farm. The amount of fuel elders received is recorded and you will receive fuel accordingly.

The Elder's Wood program does not have enough wood for the season. This is because not too many people went out to cut wood for the program this fall. The elders may have to rely heavily on the use of fuel for their heat source. I would encourage you to purchase your own wood, as well. I would like to put out a reminder that the wood/fuel program for the elders is only a subsidy to help them pay for heating costs.

**Aboriginal Healing Foundation****Project:**

I was hired as the community coordinator for the VGFN AHF program in August. Since then I've been orienteering myself with the program, going over and understanding the contribution agreement. I am doing this task along with the administration of social services.

I work under the direction of Roger Kaye and under the consultation of Heather Finton of R. L. Resources Ltd. of Whitehorse. She helps with the administration of the project.

The AHF program is funded by Ottawa to assist communities to deal with and heal from the impacts and traumas from the effects of the different forms of abuse that occurred in residential schools.

At the Health Fair on Sept. 18 written information was available, so people could read up on this project for Old Crow. If you have any suggestions for healing projects, as to what you would like to see, please call and I will connect you with one of the steering committee members.

Also, I'm working on establishing a resource library for the community. The information can consist of various information around the residential school issue. In this project the healing process has to have a component that reflects the issue.

The project began in May '03 and will run until April '05.

The goals of the project are:

- To work with the people of the VGFN to incorporate both traditional and non-traditional knowledge and practices into safe, accountable and community-based healing activities to deal with the effects of residential school.

- To also increase capacity among VGFN citizens for providing leadership in healing programs.

If you need more information, please call me.

In conclusion I would like to wish everyone another successful hunting season. Enjoy the fall time.

**Ida tizya****Accounts Payable/ Payroll Clerk**

Hello everyone:

I hope this report finds you all well, in good health and enjoying the fall weather.

**Employees**

As of June-August, 2003, we had 77-80 employees working for VGFN. This was mainly due to the high school students who took summer jobs with the First Nation, which I am very proud of. Experience from the various jobs during the summer holidays will enable them to think and plan more wisely on their future career paths, helping them become more self-sufficient.

**Cheques**

As a reminder, cheques for Local Accounts Payable are run every Tuesday afternoon after 2.30 PM and released on Wednesday at 1.00 PM. Cheques are picked-up from the department you worked for or, in their absence, at the VGFN Reception desk.

Please ensure your request for payment is forwarded to the department you are working for on a timely basis (each Monday afternoon, at the latest) to avoid delays in preparing your cheque.

**Work**

There are times when it gets very busy in the finance department, so you have to be very patient with us, but there are always people around to help. We still have to give Catherine (the Finance Director) chance to get to know the people in the community. Catherine is doing a great job as a Director. When I run in to problems Catherine is always there to help out.

Marla is also doing a great job as the Accounts Receivable Clerk and she is enjoying her position. Edna is expecting to be back to work at the beginning of November. I hope she had a relaxing four months off and is enjoying the company of her new baby.

Well, take care and enjoy the snowy days.



**Peggy Billingsley**  
**Director, Recreation**

Summer was a busy time for us in the Recreation Department and it was wonderful to have students helping to deliver a variety of programs. We couldn't have done it without them and we wish every success in school this year to Melissa, Myranda, Amanda, Dale, Nicole and Jenna.

Highlights of the summer included an aquatics program in July with Richele Bauer from Whitehorse, slime and rockets creations with Mad Science, plenty of baseball, an exciting mini-carnival, lazy movie afternoons and July 1<sup>st</sup> and Gwitchin Days celebrations (special thanks to the organizers!).

Wayne travelled to a Young Chief's Institute in Arctic Village and attended seminars on leadership and culture. He was even honoured with a special gift for being the most enthusiastic participant despite illness and setting a good example for the youth. We will be looking to send more of our youth to this institute next summer.

I spent 30 days on a challenging Outward Bound Leadership Development Program where I learned a great deal about myself and also about leadership. We learned technical skills in whitewater kayaking and canoeing, rock climbing, ropes course work, rappelling and we also participated in several

leadership seminars. I will be using these skills in developing and implementing an outdoor education program at the school, in the outdoors club that begins September 23 and in the new Aboriginal Youth Leadership Program we've developed.

After such a busy summer we took a couple of weeks to organize the plan for the fall and the schedule is now posted in the Northern Store. We have a number of activities planned in recreation this fall and we're ready to get underway. Here's the scoop:  
**Youth Centre:**

The Youth Centre will be open a couple of times a week for now. If we can get a few volunteers in place, we can have it open more often. Please check the schedule inside the store to see the times for the different age groups.

**Gym:**

The gym nights are scheduled according to age groups so please check the schedule inside the store. If you want to volunteer to supervise a gym night, please give us a call.

**Outdoors Club:**

A new Outdoors Club will be starting on Tuesday (ages 8+) and Thursday (ages 4 - 7) afternoons from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. We'll be doing things like hiking, learning about knots, practising first aid, participating in cooperative games and mushing! We meet in the gym right after school.

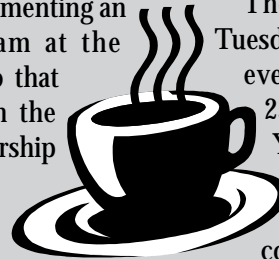
**Coffee Shop:**

The coffee shop will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings beginning September 23. We're setting up shop in the Youth Centre. Please note that the Youth Centre is open only to customers of the coffee shop at this time. Youth have scheduled drop-in times on other nights.

**Aboriginal Youth Leadership Program:**

This is a new challenging 10-month program for youth between 13 and 29. Each month participants will be involved in a certification course (canoeing, first aid, climbing, swimming etc.), in leadership training and in setting goals at school or for employment. The youth will also be developing and implementing two community service projects during the 10-months. The program winds up with a challenging expedition (still in the planning stage) and we are also seeking support to provide graduates of this program with a scholarship. Interested youth can still apply by giving me a call.

As you can see we're changing the focus of recreation somewhat to be more outdoor oriented and towards leadership training. If you are interested in more info on any of our programs or would like to volunteer we'd be happy to talk with you. Give us a call at 966-3238.



**Mabel Tetlich**  
**CELC Area 1**

Good day everyone!  
It has been a while since my last report. Here it is!

Welcome to Old Crow Ian and Norma!  
Welcome back to Gary Vokey, Fred, Lynda Heather and all the staff.

Welcome back to the students; it's pleasure working with you again. Welcome to Old Crow William and Katherine MACkellar.

For most of the months of August and September, I've been working on the school supplies fee for VGFN beneficiaries who reside out side of Old Crow.

The school cabin trip took place from September 10-14 , '03.

Students from grades 6-9 class participated in setting camp, hiking, picking berries, hunting and camp in the fall weather. Students enjoyed camping and having fun.



The purpose for these yearly fall trips is for students to experience living off the land in the fall, healthy living and connection with nature.

Mary Tizya has traditional cooking class every Wednesday and Friday mornings. Each class has a turn. Please donate caribou meat. Thank you.

Sewing classes will begin on September

19, '03 with Senior Class.

I'm looking for someone to come into the school Friday mornings to teach culture to the boys. Anyone who is interested, give me a call at 966-3200.

**Action Items for September**

**'03:**

1. Fundraising for dream catcher conference will begin on Sept 26 '03.
2. Hunting trip with Robert Leslie and three boys on September 26-28 '03.
3. Sewing class for grades 3-5 class to begin on September 24 '03.

**Thought for the day:**

Camping - The native people look at the land as their view of living, surviving.

## Glenna Tetlich

### Community Wellness Worker

How time flies! The summer came and went and here we are harvesting already for the winter. Hope that you are all enjoying the harvest season and the snow.

Here is a brief submission on the programs and projects that I'm currently working on:

### Youth Health & Fitness Project

Phase Three of the Youth Health & Fitness Project is proposed to begin in October 2003. There will be three sessions: fall (Oct-Dec), winter (Feb-Apr), and summer (July-Aug). The project will focus on activities that are both feasible and have a traditional basis within the community such as cross country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, running and dance, with related flexibility, endurance and strength training.

The core group of five children would continue to be the focus of Phase 3, however other children would be encouraged to make the commitment to join this group. We hope that over the course of Phase 3 more children will commit to participating in the group and will go through a trial period to make this happen.

The project will continue to offer a Family ski once a week to encourage



parents and children to enjoy recreational skiing, snowshoeing etc.

Proposals have gone out to various agencies for financial support. With this we are hoping to hire a permanent Manager/Instructor, an Assistant Instructor and an Equipment Manager by mid-October.

Dave Brook (instructor for Whitehorse team and former teacher of CZGS) and his daughter will be here the weekend of October 11<sup>th</sup> to do some training with our focus group and kick-start the third phase of this project.

The children that attended the training camp at Teslin Lake showed amazing potential both as athletes and contributing members of the Old Crow community. Each one of these children showed a significant improvement over the course of the summer both in terms

of attitude towards training as well as fitness levels. Health and Fitness can be important motivators when used alongside positive encouragement. With continued support from this community the success of this program can only grow.

### School Programs

I will be working with the school to determine other programs that I can deliver or be of assistance with in regards to health and wellness.

## Community Programs

Alcohol and Drug Services will deliver a workshop on Basic Knowledge of Alcohol & Drugs and Effects of Addiction on the Family with assistance from me. The times and dates have not yet been determined.

Ian Parker (YTG), CHR (Marion Schafer) and myself will be working with the tobacco reduction program in the school and the community. Ian attended the Health Fair on September 18<sup>th</sup> with some valuable information on tobacco and its effects; he also did a couple of presentations at the school with the older grades.

AA meetings will be held every Thursday evenings 7:00pm at the community campus. Once again any help in keeping these meeting ongoing would be greatly appreciated, as I will not always be available to chair the meetings.

Assessments and referrals to Alcohol & Drug Treatment Centers are ongoing. If you would like me to visit you at home you may contact me to make that request. It is difficult for me to determine what people's needs are if you don't ask for it and I don't want to put myself in a position to impose on anyone's privacy. You may also drop by my office, I'm here to support in anyway that I can; I prefer if you call first so that we can set a time that's suitable. My contact number is 966-3418.

where she is now burning up with the "heat." Smile! Melany moved in with a family in southern Alberta where she will advance her music and art as well as attend a Christian school.

I came home with a special feeling of wanting to see a good year again with the homework tutor program. This school-year we are looking for someone to work with the 6 - 9 graders. I look forward to training the person we hire while I continue to work with the K 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

The program will begin on October 1, 2003. This will have given you and the teachers time to see which children will need our help.

Thank you for the "warm welcome" you have given Rodger, David and I when we returned home

## Karen Rinker

### Homework Tutor

Greetings from your friendly homework tutor! It is good to be back home!

I have had a very busy spring and summer. In May I went to a Literacy Conference and received some valuable training on how to represent the literacy program here in Old Crow.

Our village is very literate compared to many other places in the world and we would like to keep it that way. The Literacy committee was very happy about how Old Crow worked together to see so many children reading last year. This year again I will be their representative, but I will be training a person (male or female) to expand this program in Old Crow. If anyone is interested in a

volunteer job, that will help the community, please just stop me on the street, and we will talk.

I traveled far too. Our family went all the way to Florida, where we saw Reuben, our son graduate from College as Valedictorian of his class. To some that might be a big word, but it means he got "A"s. He said to tell you all, Thank you for the letter of Congratulations, but he does give all the credit to God for his success.

In August we went down to Cree Country and worked with over a hundred children. We camped on the banks of the Baptist River, and had children come either to camp, make crafts, sing or swim. But there in Alberta something sad happened for us, but exciting for our girls. Melody flew out of Calgary to Florida,

**Graham Baird****Natural Resources Planner****Sheep Survey**

VGFN, Yukon government and GNWT shared costs for a sheep survey on the north Richardson Mountains. Biologists from the three governments plus a biologist from the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board took part in the survey, which began in late August. Fewer sheep were found this year as compared to the last survey in 2001. Survey data indicate that the population increased through the late 1980's and 1990's to 1997. Since 1997 the population has been declining.

**Sheep Hunting Proposal**

VGFN is jointly preparing a proposal with Yukon government and the Yukon Fish and Game Association to allow for a licensed hunt of the sheep in game management subzones 1-25 and 1-28 in the north Richardson Mountains. The hunt will be restricted to Yukon resident hunters only. Hunters will be required to have a permit. Only 2 permits will be issued per year and therefore only 2 sheep could be taken by licensed hunters each year. Mount Dennis, just west of Summit

Lake will be excluded from this hunt. The sheep on this mountain are to be managed for non-consumptive use. Vuntut Gwitchin hunters will also be asked not to hunt sheep on Mount Dennis. The proposal will be submitted to the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board, which will conduct a public consultation of this and other proposals.

**DFO Cabin on Fishing Branch River**

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans has begun construction of a cabin on the Fishing Branch River where they have a weir and camp used for collecting information on salmon that are spawning there. DFO has had a reservation previously administered by government of Canada and now by Yukon government, on the land at this site for many years. The reserve does not allow construction of a cabin and expires in 2006. The reservation is on VG Settlement Land. DFO must apply to Yukon to amend the reservation to allow construction of the cabin. VGFN is supporting an amendment to the



reservation and has also reached an agreement with DFO to replace the reservation with a lease. VGFN is presently preparing terms of the lease.

**North Yukon Regional Land Use Plan**

The first meeting of the new planning commission took place this summer. Commission members will undertake some training and orientation before the business of land use planning begins this winter.

**Peel Watershed Planning Region**

Meetings are taking place to finalize the General Terms of Reference for the planning commission. Once this is done the process will begin to select commission members and establish the commission.

**Training Program – Bear Viewing**

Robert Kaye and Moses Lord have begun the training program that is preparing them to manage bear viewing activities at Bear Cave Mountain. The first training took place with instructor Phil Tympany at his camp in northern B.C. where they learned about habituated bears. Training is to continue at Bear Cave Mountain this fall.

**Joe Tetlici****Justice Co-Ordinator**

Drinn Gwinzee Chilat kat! Just a brief overview of happenings in and around the Justice Department:

**Diversion eligibility:**

When a person has been ordered to appear in Court for different reasons, it can be a bit overwhelming, especially if it is your first offence. We at the Old Crow Justice Committee can divert you through the Justice Committee. The only requirement is that you acknowledge the wrong you have done and plead guilty. Understand that we can withdraw your application if you are not cooperating with us, if you get another charge or breach your conditions. We try to accommodate everyone however the ultimate decision depends on the Crown and the RCMP in conjunction with the Justice Committee. Once you are accepted the agreement is signed and you are given a

notice as to when you are to appear before the Justice Committee.

Not taking responsibility for your actions and not abiding by your conditions as set out by the Justice Committee can result in the charge being sent back to the Territorial Court. Most of the charges that we deal with are the section 2(b) tickets, consuming alcohol in a prohibited place.

Since there has been no Native Court worker in the community I have been assisting Clients who are to appear in Court. Please give me a call if you are in need of assistance with legal matters.

**Treatment Options:**

Over the past few years the Interagency Committee has been getting suggestions from the members in regards to "on the land camp". We have been working with interested parties in trying to make that happen. The Interagency Committee was established from a December meeting in which the community's top priority was

Drug and Alcohol problems. This committee is ongoing, if you are interested in sitting as a concerned member give us a call. The more people we have on the committee the stronger we are.

**Community Resources:**

We have been taking community concerns very seriously and periodically we bring in resources in from the outside. These resources are brought in for the benefit of the community, for all to utilize. Unfortunately only a few are taking advantage of the opportunity. These people are highly skilled in their work and we ask that you take the opportunity to meet with them if need be.

**Administration of Justice:**

I have been assisting with the implementation of a justice plan for the region. However we are waiting for a response from the Federal Government in regards to our work and budget plans.

## Harold Frost

### *Housing Manager*

Hello, shaluk naïi gwichin!

Here's a short report on Housing.

This month has been pretty busy as we are heading into winter and trying to accommodate everyone's needs. This summer has been very busy also, with 4 retrofits completed (units 755, 765, 865 and the youth center). Also, we are presently retrofitting 4 more units. These are units 510, 440, 360 and 375. Units 510 and 440 should be done by Christmas.

I'm still working on setting up the Housing Advisory Board. At present the list of interest parties for this board has been put to C&C for final selection. When they OK this, the board will be set up. I'm traveling to Whitehorse on October 6, '03 for the CMHC conference. Part of the workshop will be on how to set up the Housing Board, so this will be helpful to us.

As winter approaches there will be some need to winterize your home. As these requests come in, we will respond according to this policy: If you pay rent we assist. If you don't pay rent then you are not eligible for help unless otherwise stated. Please make an attempt to pay your rent on time!

I don't have too much to add, except: Everyone have a good fall and I hope everyone gets their caribou and their winter supply.

## Marla Kaye

### *Accounts Receivable Clerk*

Good day to all the Vuntut Gwichin members and the resource people who are working here in Old Crow. I would like to say that it is good to see that winter is finally on its way. It was nice to wake up on the morning of September 17, 2003 and seeing the ground covered with fresh snow.

I would like to welcome to Old Crow Kim and his Family (RCMP), all the teachers and Mariko who is volunteering at the daycare. Hope you enjoy your stay in Old Crow.

As far as my job goes, I am really enjoying it a lot. Since I started working here in the Finance Office, everyday I wake up excited to come to work because Ida and Catherine make it so enjoyable and pleasant. There are days when it gets really busy in the office but I don't mind it at all. Working hard makes the day go faster and you get more done. I find my work much easier as time goes by, and also working with the public in town has been great. I find it helpful when people get along with each other; it makes everyone's job much easier.

In closing, I just want to say: Thank you to the people for their cooperation and patience. I hope you all have a fantastic Fall and Winter, and make sure you bundle up and keep warm.

## Sandra Newman

### *Director, Government Services*

What a busy time of year. We have three projects going: units 510, 360 and 440. We will be starting on unit 370 soon.

Unit 865 has been completed. We commend the carpenters on doing a great job! This unit will be rented for seven years. This income will be put back to the amount of money that was used to renovate it.

Monitors are provided for the elders. This is to help them feel comfortable in their homes. VGFN still owns the monitor, tank and accessories. If an elder vacates their home, then the monitor will be returned to VGFN and used for another elder. This is a service that is provided for the benefit of the elders.

As time and finances permit, Government Services will fix people's bathrooms that have their septic unit under their houses. We started this process this fall. I estimate that it will take approximately five years. We will let you know when your name comes up.

Ronald Frost, Harold Frost and Dorothy Frost will be attending a Housing Conference in Whitehorse in October.

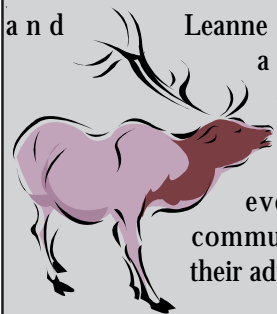
We are starting to get ready for the Winter Road. We would like to take out all the old fuel tanks and bring in a couple of more. We also want to send out scrap metal that has been accumulating in our yard.

## Caribou Co-Ordination

### *Sandra Newman, Councillor*

VGFN had a dinner for Karston and Leanne. This couple traveled to the Refuge this Spring. They followed the Caribou for five months.

The evening turned out nice. Bertha cooked us a delicious meal. Karston and Leanne then showed us a video of some of their adventure. They told everyone in the community hall about their adventure.



Karston and Leanne are now on their way to Washington, D.C. to attend Wilderness Week and share their story with people down there. We wish them luck in their journey and thank them for their hard work and dedication to the Porcupine Herd. Mahsi.

Chief Joe Linklater, Moses Lord and Sandra Newman are on their way to Washington, D.C. This is to take part in Wilderness Week. Wilderness Week consists of some training and then visiting the senators and representatives on Capital Hill. This is a busy time for this event.

Right now is the time to start with the

tours again and let the people of the United States know that this is still a major concern for us. When you do this type of work, you have to constantly show up in the States. The general public tends to forget that this is going on and that they still need to call or write their Senators.

Joe and Sandra will then head to Ottawa, Ontario to meet with the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs. The Caribou Department works closely with Foreign Affairs. This meeting is to encourage the Government of Canada to continue to support us at the International Level.

**Catherine Mbae****Director of Finance**

Good day to everyone in town!

Time is sure passing fast! It has been a couple of months since we had a newsletter. Everyone has been so busy at the office the last while; getting ready for the General Assembly in August, working with the summer students and just enjoying the summer with family. In my last newsletter, I expressed my worry that summer may never come since it was still snowing on May 22! But summer came, and it was great to be outdoors and enjoy walks in the countryside, the sunshine and all those many hours of daylight (since am used to 12 hours of daylight, each day felt like 2 days to me, that is why I feel summer was here for a long time).

I hope the ladies enjoyed the berry-picking season like I did. In Kenya we pick coffee beans and a few other berries, but I have never seen so many berries before; the bushes were all yellow, blue and red! Though the bugs were many and the bites not pleasant, knowing I will enjoy a blueberry / cranberry / salmon-

berry muffin or pie later in the year when it gets dark and cold makes it a small price to pay to get those berries picked. I also hope you all had a good harvest season and brought home lots of fish, caribou, and moose for the winter months.

**Work and Staff**

The last few months have been very busy here in the finance office. Marla has been learning new things on her job and Ida is managing a bigger payroll each payperiod and also more accounts payables since the summer months were full of new projects. They are both doing a great job.

For the month of July I was working on the budgets which I presented at the General Assembly in August. August was also busy for me since Ida was away on leave for 2 weeks and I was covering for her. I took personal time off for about 10 days in September to travel to Vancouver for holidays. I will be spending the remainder of September and early October preparing for the six-month expenditure review with each department and with Chief and Council against

budgets and also to plan our next six months spending priorities.

In addition, I will be working with Marla and Ida on various assignments in the office. Ida will be working on various reconciliations to keep our payables up to date. Marla will be working on the Accounts Receivables (Water and Sewer and general Receivables) to ensure they are current. Any overdue accounts will be receiving reminder bills to settle the account in the near future.

**Meetings**

Norman McIntye of Mackay and Partners continues to represent VGFN at the SFAC meetings. There is a meeting scheduled for next month in Whitehorse. He is also working on the Gross Expenditure Base (GEB) as we continue to prepare for the review of our Financial Transfer Agreement with Canada. This is a lengthy process and continues to take some of my time.

I hope you are all looking forward to fall and winter, with all the new activities like dog mushing, trapping, skiing and snowshoeing. Keep well and warm!

**Kai Rannik****IS Technician & Trainer**

The past few months have been very busy here in Information Systems. Most notably, preparing all the Annual General Assembly Departmental reports for publication was a huge undertaking, as I imagine it is every year. All the reports had to be gathered, edited and then formatted. The completed booklet was sent out to Whitehorse to be printed and assembled, then sent back to Old Crow in time for the GA. Many people put in a lot of extra working hours in order to ensure the GA went well. Congratulations to all involved on a job well done!

Also new in the IS department is Tammy Josie. Tammy has been doing well since she started, showing a great deal of talent and a willingness to learn. You may have noticed some of her photos appearing on VGFN.net. Among other things, Tammy is working on a picture collection of the Elders for the Old Crow web site. She has been interviewing the Elders

she photographs, hearing many interesting stories of days gone-by. This project should prove to be interesting for all. Great work, Tammy!

Paul and I have been working together with Stephen Frost Jr. (representing Northwestel) to set up a high-speed Internet connection at the Nursing Station for Marion Schafer. There were some challenges along the way, but the connection is now up and running. Marion is no longer having difficulty receiving her e-mail and is happy with the service. Recreation is looking into DSL service at the Youth Centre as well, which will be the last step in bringing the high-speed service to all of VGFN in Old Crow.

Inside the VGFN building, Paul and I have been working on several updates to VGFN.net. Payroll Templates, Departmental Fax Cover Pages and Letterheads as well as various forms are now available directly through our internal website. All VGFN staff working within the main offices should take a look at these changes. We hope you will find

them convenient and effective.

Eventually, our plan is to clean out the shared S: Drive and use it only as a temporary method of sharing information within our offices. Ideally, no one should be working from their S: Drive.

If you or your department has any forms that should be made available to staff via VGFN.net, please inform Paul or me. We will be sure to make the necessary changes and/or additions.

Note, as well, that VGFN.net includes a new monthly calendar for your convenience. The images in this calendar can be changed to reflect the spirit of VGFN. Please submit any photos you'd like to see on the calendar to Paul.

Throughout the past months I've also been helping people with their computer issues as they arise. Please feel free to contact me any time you feel that you'd like to understand more about your computer or a program you're working with. I'll be glad to help.

Enjoy the cooler weather!



<b>Name</b>	<b>Departing</b>	<b>Returning</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Tina Dickson</b>	September	October 6	Personal	-
<b>Joe Linklater</b>	September	October 8	Meetings	Ottawa
<b>Sandra Newman</b>	September	October 7	Meetings	Washington, Ottawa, Calgary
<b>Tracy Kassi</b>	October 6	October 8	Personal	-
<b>Peggy Billingsley</b>	October 8	October 23	Personal	-
<b>Kai Rannik</b>	October 8	October 27	Personal	-
<b>Tammy Josie</b>	October 22	November 2	Personal	-
<b>Peggy Billingsley</b>	October 24	October 27	Youth Leadership Project	Whitehorse

# October 2003 Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p><b>1 Youth Centre</b> Movie Night 6:30 to 8:30 Ages 7 to 11</p>	<p><b>2 Gym</b> Ages 11 to 13 6:30 to 7:45 Ages 14+ 8 to 9:30</p>	<p><b>3 Youth Centre</b> Ages 4 to 7 3:30 to 4:45 Ages 8 to 10 5 to 6:45</p>	<p><b>4 Radio Auction</b> <b>Coffee Shop</b> 5 p.m.</p>
<p><b>5 Youth Centre</b> Ages 4 to 7 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Ages 8 to 10 5 to 6:45 p.m. Ages 11+ 7 to 8:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>6 Youth Centre</b> Ages 4 to 7 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Ages 8 to 10 5 to 6:45 p.m. Ages 11+ 7 to 8:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>7 Gym</b> Ages 4 to 7 6 to 7:30 p.m. Ages 8 to 10 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. <b>Coffee Shop 6 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>8 Gym</b> Ages 11-13, 6:30pm Floor Hockey Ages 14+, 7:45 pm Riverbank Mtg, 7:30 <b>Coffee Shop 6 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>9 Gym</b> Ages 11 to 13 6:30 to 7:45 Ages 14+ 8 to 9:30</p>	<p><b>10 Youth Centre</b> Ages 4 to 7 3:30 to 4:45 Ages 8 to 10 5 to 6:45</p>	<p><b>11 Outdoor Day</b> Family Scavenger Hunt 2 to 3:30 p.m. <b>Coffee Shop 6 p.m.</b></p>
<p><b>12 Happy Thanksgiving</b></p>	<p><b>13 Happy Thanksgiving</b></p>	<p><b>14 Gym</b> Ages 4 to 7 6 to 7:30 p.m. Ages 8 to 10 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>15 Gym</b> Ages 11 to 13 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Floor Hockey Ages 14+ 7:45 p.m. <b>Gunfishy Q&amp;A noon</b></p>	<p><b>16 Gym</b> Ages 11 to 13 6:30 to 7:45 Ages 14+ 8 to 9:30</p>	<p><b>17 Youth Centre</b> Ages 4 to 7 3:30 to 4:45 Ages 8 to 10 5 to 6:45</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>
<p><b>19 Youth Centre</b> Ages 4 to 7 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Ages 8 to 10 5 to 6:45 p.m. Ages 11+ 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>20 Youth Centre</b> Ages 4 to 7 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Ages 8 to 10 5 to 6:45 p.m. Ages 11+ 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>21 Gym</b> Ages 4 to 7 6 to 7:30 p.m. Ages 8 to 10 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>22 Gym</b> Ages 11 to 13 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Floor Hockey Ages 14+ 7:45 p.m. <b>Coffee Shop 6 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>23 Gym</b> Ages 11 to 13 6:30 to 7:45 Ages 14+ 8 to 9:30</p>	<p><b>24 Youth Centre</b> Ages 4 to 7 3:30 to 4:45 Ages 8 to 10 5 to 6:45</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>26 Youth Centre</b> Ages 4 to 7 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Ages 8 to 10 5 to 6:45 p.m. Ages 11+ 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>27 Youth Centre</b> Ages 4 to 7 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Ages 8 to 10 5 to 6:45 p.m. Ages 11+ 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>28 Gym</b> Ages 4 to 7 6 to 7:30 p.m. Ages 8 to 10 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. <b>Coffee Shop 6 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>29 Family Pumpkin Carving</b> 6 to 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>30 The Great Pumpkin Hunt</b> 4:30 to 6 p.m. This is a family event!</p>	<p><b>31 Happy Halloween!</b> Party 6 p.m. Haunted House 8 p.m. Boo!!</p>	