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If anyone has anything they would like to add to future Newsletters, please send to the Finance Office, attention Lisa Thomas, before the 25th of each month.

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Yekooche Partners With Royal Roads University

News Article from the Victoria-Times Colonist by Jeff Bell.

A native group in northern B.C. has signed a "ground-breaking" agreement with Royal Roads University that will allow its members to establish an online learning system to help their move toward self-government.

The 200-plus members of the Yekooche First Nation, centered about 230 km northwest of Prince George, are entering the final few years of a treaty process with the federal and provincial governments that will result in the formation of their own government structure.

"It's very much unprecedented, and it's very exciting both for the Yekooche First Nation and Royal Roads University," Royal Roads chancellor Bob Skene said of the agreement, formalized yesterday at the University's campus in Colwood.

Skene said that Royal Roads, with a reputation for its

online learning technologies, could be entering several more agreements with the Yekooche to help them build up their knowledge base as they move toward becoming a self-governing community. Agreements could be coming with other First Nations as well, he said.

"This particular initial agreement is with respect to technology and the ability to communicate as if you were in Victoria, versus being 230 km northwest of Prince George."

Yekooche Chief Allan Joseph told him the youth in the community are especially excited about the prospect of the technological links being created, Skene said.

Firm ties with the Yekooche are already in place, most notably with the university's School of Peace and Conflict Management.



Royal Roads University

Dean Joseph, one of the Yekooche Treaty Negotiators, said the agreement is a positive step.

It's going to prepare our people for the challenges we have down the road," he said. Skene said the university benefits as well.

"I think this will be great from a Royal Roads perspective in terms of a learning curve for us, and it will be a benefit to the other First Nations as we move forward."

New Mental Health Therapist

Hadih & Hello,

I am honored to be welcomed to your community. My name is Melanie Lansall. I am the Mental Health Therapist for your community. My days will be Mondays and

Tuesdays. For the month of October I will be available for appointments at around noon on those days. I will be having meet & greets and there will be light snacks, sandwiches. If you have the time please come

and see me. I will also be in an office at the school. Everything in private sessions will remain private and confidential. Any questions call the Health Clinic at 612-4370 ext 8370.

Treaty Settlement Land Tour

Yekooche held a Land Tour on August 22 to 25th which included the Yekooche, Nan T'lat, Ye koos lee and Ucausley reserves. The reason for the land tour was to give BC and Canada a clearer picture or understanding of what Yekooche is negotiating for. BC and Canada only see our land on maps and in pictures. If they walk on our soil, this will



Cunningham

help in our Treaty Negotiations, not only for BC and Canada but also for the Yekooche Band Members. The tour was very successful on water and land. I would like to thank the two youth who participated, Bonnie Joseph and Maybelline John, in the land tour, Ralph Joseph, Adrian Joseph, and Jason Joseph for doing such a wonderful job as guides, and Anthony Johnnie for

the use of his boat and motor. Our deepest appreciation for Sally and her family for such a wonderful Babine smorgasbord which was very tasty and filling.

Mussi Cho to all who participated in this long past due event.

Dean Joseph

Check out the website under Treaty –treaty update for more photos.

www.yekooche.com

Land Tour Journals of Bonnie Joseph and Maybelline John

Journal of Bonnie Joseph

August 22, 2006

We left Yekooche at 8:00am Tuesday morning and some of us walked on the trail out to the lake by the graveyard way, and we all rode in two boats on Stuart Lake. We saw a deer and young eagle. Ben found a watch in Mudbay. In the cabin Pam saw a packrat above her head. We also went to my grandparents island to have lunch and campfire tea. After that we all went to Sandy Beach. Then after that we all arrived back to Stuart Lake about 3:20pm in the afternoon. So we all had fun today. I hope we all have fun tomorrow too in Babine. When we went to my grandparents island to have hotdogs and tea and coffee we all built two rock men to leave our mark. We video taped everything on this trip. We asked them questions. They are enjoying everything we do everyday.

August 23, 2006

Leaving Yekooche at 8:00am. Maybelline couldn't make it today because

she's too stiff to come today. We are going up the river. The river of Babine Lake. We are going to have a fun day up here. After that we are going up to the fishes where they did that in Babine Lake. We see rats and ducks. We drop Rob, JP, Paul at some kind of land on Babine Lake, a land where doing the fishes. Jason Joseph is driving us around on Babine Lake. We are all enjoying ourselves. This is beautiful; do this kind of things like this more often. O.K. now we are making our way back down the river now. Now we stopped to do some fishing for supper tonight. Bob's paddling the boat across the river. Now we are going back to the cabin to have tea and coffee, lunch and a snack. We arrived back at the cabin about 12:15pm in the afternoon.

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Lake. It's a wonderful day, it's sunny beautiful day. Play good music too. And we hike up on Babine Mountain and we could see all the Babine too.

Down from the mountain its beautiful up here. Nice view up here too. Could see everything in Babine. Our day is going wonderful this is a perfect day too. Now we are going back down the mountain so it's going

to be fun. We stop at the rest area place first place and after that we went across to 6 mile and did some fishing there too. After that we went across to 4 mile and did some more there too. We picked up some eagle feathers to on the island where we are doing some fishing. So our day was wonderful. We came back to the cabin for dinner and tea and coffee. Rob catch 6 trout when we stopped to fishing area.

August 24, 2006

It's a beautiful Thursday morning

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Cunningham Lake. We are going to be walking in the old road to Cunningham Lake. There's some old cabin too. This is going to be a good trip. Now we are going to tour around the first meadow in Cunningham. They are video taping around on Cunningham Creek in the first meadow and now we are leaving from here. Now we are putting the boat in the lake and ready to take off up the lake.

Adrian went up the lake with people in one boat and Ralph up with some of them in one boat. Me and Dean stayed behind to watch camp and cook for them and make sure there is tea for them. We also cut the grass too. We are enjoying our day in Cunningham Lake. I video tape everyone as they were coming into the cabin and ask them some questions about there tour of Cunningham Lake. I hope they do this more often because I enjoy everything about it. I enjoy the 4 days of this tour. I had a good time. There are tours out here today doing some fishing in the lake. I hope everyone enjoys themselves out on this tour out at

Cunningham Lake. And now I am just sitting around at Ralph's cabin. Be bored watching the fire burn and watching the smoke going up to the sky also nice and cool out here.

Journal of Maybelline John
Treaty Settlement Lands Tour
With BC and Canada Treaty Negotiation Team

For BC, Pamela Miller
Canada, Ben Clermont, Paul Paterson, John Paul Rankin
YFN, Rob Diaz, Bob Reiter

A three day tour of Yekooche First Nations Territory.

The territory Boundaries hold, Babine Portage, Yekooche on the Stuart Lake, Whitefish and the whole of Cunningham Lake. Each is ideal for hunting, fishing, trapping.

Out on Stuart Lake, we visited, Mudbay island, a cabin belonging to Louie John still stands perfectly useful, some ancient Native rock paintings, Sandy Beach. Very beautiful spending the day out on the lake, is like whole season spent. For first time visitors, ash smudging is required for these traditional camps.

Community Home Support

Hi Everyone!

Just wanted to say "thank you" to the community members who come out and support our community luncheons. The volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you to our homemakers and janitor for keeping an organized schedule and being committed and consistent. It was a great experience for me at the end of September, Sally Mae, Margaret and myself went out of the community to pick cranberries. We decided to go on the old wagon trail

which is the old road to Cunningham. They both shared their stories about the trail and how it was formed. It was a very peaceful journey; we enjoyed the ride.

I would like to encourage the young people to start visiting the Elders and assisting them with what they want to do around their homes and community. They also expressed to me that there is no young people active to start using Cunningham cabin and trails. Their wish is to see young people being active this

winter and use the cabin and trails.

I will be posting our Nurse Brian's schedule and our new Mental Health Therapists schedule for the month of October. My schedule is flexible and open for any events and I can arrange for patient travel. Please let me know ahead of time to meet your expectations.

Thank you,
Deborah Abraham C.H.S.W.

Fabian Joseph — Perfect Attendance in September

Fabian Joseph had perfect attendance at school for the month of September. Yekooche has given Fabian a perfect attendance award for his effort and commitment to his education.

October 2006

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Timesheets Due				Pay Day	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
					SA –mid-month	Payroll Cut off
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Environmental Presentation Timesheets Due				Pay Day	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Treaty Week				SA Day	Payroll Cut off
29	30	31				
	Timesheets Due					

- **Oct 2** Timesheets are due today
- **Oct 6** Pay Day
- **Oct 14** Payroll Cut-off
- **Oct 16** Timesheets are due today
- **Oct 16** Morrow Environmental Presentation
- **Oct 20** Pay Day
- **Oct 23-28** Treaty Meetings (Van & PG)
- **Oct 28** Payroll Cut-off
- **Oct 30** Timesheets are due today

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE NOTICE

CHEQUE ISSUE DATES:

Midmonth Only
October 15th, 2006
November Basic Needs Issue
October 27, 2006

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Mona Anatole, Social Development Worker, will be in the community during the last working week of October, prior to social assistance issue date October 27, 2006. The date that she will be in the community will be posted in advance.

Please note all clients must be present to submit monthly renewal forms and Budget & Decision Forms, this will take place on a monthly basis. **In addition Hydro bills must be submitted during this week. Please note it is the clients responsibility to submit the**

hydro bill. In event that the above noted documentation is not complete, the social assistance cheque will be withheld.

In the event that the above information is not completed your social assistance will not be issued. According to the Social Development INAC's policy you must present all necessary information prior to a cheque being issued.

SPECIAL NEEDS UPDATE

Please note that extra food vouchers or gas requests made under this budget will be denied, due to INAC's Policy, these requests no longer fall under the guidelines. All social Assistance clients are asked to budget their monthly assistance cheque's, and use it only for the necessities.

Life Skills & Literacy

We encourage all social assistance applicants take advantage of the upcoming new and exciting Life Skills and Literacy Program. Note that the program is mandatory in order to receive continuing social assistance unless further authorized not to attend by the social development worker. All recipients unless they have a disability stopping them from working, must be willing to undergo training, and the Life Skills program is part of it. Please see further information in the newsletter outlining the courses and the incentives with respect to future employment.

In the event that you have questions about the program or would like to sign up, please contact Mona.

See pg 7 for details on Life Skills Program

ON-RESERVE PHONE NUMBERS

<u>House Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
100	David Joseph	612-4385
101	Jason Joseph	612-4374
102	Burton Joseph	649-2030
105	Victoria Joseph	612-4373
106	Sally Joseph	612-4386
108	Chris Joseph	612-4397
110	Alfred Joseph Sr.	612-4372
112	Florence Joseph	612-4382
200	Triplex	612-4357
202	Larry Finden	612-4358
203	Amanda Holland	612-4362
204	Vivian Tom	612-4359
206	Sue Clarke	612-4363
207	Carrie Sanders	612-4368
208 Upstairs	Resource House	649-2031
208 Office	Resource House	649-2032
208 Office (Vivian)	Resource House	649-2033
208 Office (Sue)	Resource House	649-2034
209	Professional Trailer	612-4369
212	Melissa Joseph	612-4376
214	Walter Paul Joseph	612-4392
215	Hank John	649-2038
216	Allan Joseph	612-4379
	Chief Toll-free	1-866-682-6826
218	Lisa Joseph	612-4398
223	Johnny Joseph	612-4388
227	Amanda Joseph	649-2039
226	Marlene Joseph	612-4361
228	Mathew Joseph	612-4375
231	Teddy Joseph	612-4389
235	Dominic Joseph	649-2035
300	Jackson Joseph	612-4384
311	Susan Joseph	612-4380
313	Partner Schielke	612-4381
319	Steven Joseph	612-4391

FUNNIES

Two rednecks, Jethro and Fester, meet on a country road. Jethro is carrying a big bag labeled, "CHICKENS". "CHICKENES, eh?" says the Fester. "Hmmm, if I guesses how many chickens you gots in dat there bag, will you give me one?" "Heck," says the Jethro, "Iffin you guess right, I'll give you both of em." Fester scratches his head and guesses, "Ummmm... five?!!"

Frank and Bubba were driving home from the bar when Frank noticed blue lights flashing in his rearview mirror. Bubba got scared stiff and started freaking out because of the beers they had in their laps. Frank told Bubba just to be quiet, do what he does, and let him do the talking. Frank then ripped the label off his beer, licked the back of it and slapped it onto his forehead. Bubba went right along and done the same. The officer walked up to the truck and asked, "Have you had anything to drink tonight?". Frank replied, "No sir. Not a drop." The officer looked confused and said, "You sure?" "Yep," said Frank. The officer in a mad voice said, "Then what's that on yall's forehead?" Frank said calmly, "We're alcoholics and our doctor said it would be best if we were on the patch."

Tim is shopping to find a Barbie for his daughter when he notices he knows nothing about Barbie and there aren't even prices on them. So, Tim brings three Barbie dolls to the checkout. "Hi, how may I help you," says the checkout guy. Tim replies, "I have three Barbies and I need to know what they are and how much they cost?" The checkout guys says, "Well, the first one is Princess Barbie and she is \$20 dollars. The second one is Forever Barbie and she is \$25 dollars. The third is Divorce Barbie and she is \$250. "What!?" Tim shouts. Are you kidding me?!! Why is Divorce Barbie so much?" The checkout guy explains, "Well, Divorce Barbie comes with Ken's house, Ken's car, and everything else Ken owns!!"

The Anderson family just moved into their new home when a neighbor asked 5-year-old Tommy Anderson how he liked it.

"It's great," Tommy said. "I have my very own room and my brother Alex has his own room, and Jamie has her own room too! But poor mom, she is still with dad..."

A woman is sitting at a bar enjoying an after work cocktail with her girlfriends when an exceptionally tall, handsome, middle-aged man enters. He is so striking that the woman can not take her eyes off him. The man notices her overly attentive stares and walks directly toward her. Before she can offer her apologies for rudely staring he leans over and whispers, "I'll do anything, absolutely anything that you want me to do for \$20... But, on one condition." Flabbergasted, the woman asks what the condition is. The man replies, "You have to tell me what you want me to do in just three words." The woman considers his proposition for a moment and then removes a \$20 bill from her purse, which she presses into the man's hand along with her address. She then looks deeply into his eyes, and slowly, and meaningfully says, "Clean my house!"

What do you call cheese that isn't yours?
Nacho Cheese!

The phone rings at FBI headquarters. "Hello?" "I'm calling to report my neighbor. He is hiding marijuana inside his firewood." "Thank you very much for the call sir," replied the dispatcher. The next day, FBI agents sneak up on the neighbor's house. They search the shed where the firewood is kept. Using axes, they bust open every piece of wood, but find no marijuana. They yell at the neighbor and leave. The phone rings at the neighbor's house. Hey, Bill, did the FBI come?" "Sure Did!" "Did they chop your firewood?!" "Yep!" "Great, now it's your turn to call. I need my garden plowed!!"

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. Suddenly, the man realized that the next day, he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00 AM for an early morning business flight. Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me at 5:00 AM." He left it where he knew she would find it. The next morning, the man woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 AM and he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't wakened him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed. The paper said, "It is 5:00 AM, Wake up." Men are not equipped for these kinds of contests. God may have created man before woman, but there is always a rough draft before the masterpiece.

**Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA)
For
Yekooche First Nation**

**Jean Marie Joseph School Library
October 16, 2006
11:00am**

The Government of Canada and the Yekooche First Nation are to enter into an agreement to transfer ownership of Reserve lands from the Government of Canada to the First Nation. As part of this process, an environmental site assessment (ESA) is to be completed by a qualified Assessor to determine the environmental condition of the reserve lands of the First Nation.

The Yekooche First Nation wishes to conduct Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA=s) based on the Canadian Standards Association (CAN/CSA) Standard Z-768-01 *Phase I Environmental Site Assessment*, (henceforth referred to as CSA Standard). The four key aspects of Phase I ESA are:

- a) Records Review
- b) Interviews
- c) Site Visit; and
- d) Evaluation of information and reporting

The ESA will be conducted by Morrow Environmental Consultants Inc. Representatives from Morrow Environmental and INAC will be making an introductory presentation in the **Jean Marie Joseph School Library on October 16, 2006 at 11:00 am. All Band Members are encouraged to attend.** After the presentation, Morrow Environmental would like anyone with any knowledge of the land and past/present environmental concerns or contaminated sites to share that information and the location.

If you have any questions, please contact Partner Schielke

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Life Skills & Literacy 12 Week Program

Week One – Success In Employment & Business & Success Maker Program

Learn about note taking, listening skills, overcoming barriers, time management, setting goals, employment skills, job searching and interviews. Success Maker Program begins on day two and runs daily 2-40 minute sessions for 5 days a week. Success Maker continues for 12 weeks.

Week Two – Communication Skills & Success Maker Program

Learn about speech construction, how to write business letters, public speaking and how to work as part of a team. Success Maker Program.

Week Three – Office Procedures & Success Maker Program

Learn about office equipment, computer systems, customer service, arranging travel plans and how to set up and maintain an office. Success Maker Program.

Week Four – Computers & Success Maker Program

Learn about different kinds of computers, computer storage capacity, hardware, software, email and the internet. Success Maker Program.

Week Five – Finance Level 1 & Success Maker Program

Learn about spending patterns, financial goal setting, income and expenses, mail and bill processing, monthly budgeting, banking, shopping techniques and saving. Success Maker Program.

Week Six & Seven – Success Maker Program

Students will continue working with Success Maker daily for two weeks.

Week Eight – Step it Up & Success Maker Program

Learn about Law of Attraction, visualization, employment planning and career counseling, set up with Career Counselor specifically trained for clients with major barriers to employment. Success Maker Program.

Week Nine & Ten – Success Maker Program

Students will continue working with Success Maker daily for two weeks. They will also be working with a Career Counselor for employment and transition.

Week Eleven – Finance Level 2 & Success Maker Program

Learn about spending patterns, setting sound financial goals, income and expenses, setting monthly budgets, protecting your family and saving for the future. Success Maker Program.

Week Twelve – Business Skills & Success Maker Program

Learn about mission statements, business finances, taxation, business plans, marketing, human resources, and much more. Small Group Major Project. Success Maker Program.