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Suckling represents Yukon River Fisheries

By Karen Harvey

Nenana fisherman Ted Suckling recently returned from a whirlwind trip to Washington D. C. where he lobbied our Alaskan delegation as a representative of the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association.

Suckling talks about his trip and the importance of the work of the Association in the company of friends Victor Lord, Edgar Monroe and George Jensen outside the door of his workshop located across from his house on 1st Street. All these men have lived and fished for most of their lives in Nenana.

Suckling, representing the Upper Yukon River, and Bill Alstrom from St. Mary's, representing the Lower Yukon River, met with Alaska Representative Don Young, Senator Lisa Murkowski, and an aide from Senator Stevens office in Washington D.C. to personally lobby for Yukon River fishery related projects. The FY 2008 Funding Request asks for funding for "Yukon River Salmon Fisheries, Monitoring, Research, Education and Revitalization" from the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration/National Marine Fisheries Service and through the Pacific Salmon Recovery Fund.

The Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association (YRDFA) was organized in 1990 as a means of fostering cooperation among the many different subsistence and commercial fisheries and villages along the Yukon River, its tributaries and along the coast.

"The reason [for the association] is to unite the fishermen," says Victor Lord. Prior to the unification brought about by the Association, subsistence and commercial fishermen often worked at cross-purposes. "I didn't know, there really are good people down river," laughs Lord.

Organization of all the fishery interest groups has brought a unity that has opened the way for funding for education, monitoring and research which should assure the



adequate continuation of the Yukon River Salmon fishery resource.

The represented area is organized into six Yukon River regions, a coastal region, Koyukuk and Flats regions. Thirty representatives and alternates serve on the board of directors, some from each region. This year a non-voting seat was created for Canadian representation, says Suckling. Approximately 50% of the salmon on the Yukon originate in Canada. Lord holds the Y-6 Seat #2 and Suckling is the Alternative for the same seat.

Jill Klein is the executive director of YRDFA and has the full support of the Board of Directors, says Lord.

Suckling attended the YRDFA annual meeting in Pilot Station at the end of February. At this meeting the board members discussed planning and spending priorities. These priorities range from providing educational information, pursue marketing of wild Yukon salmon and conservation of salmon habitat. Some of the funding goes to studies of anadromous fishes, says Suckling. Anadromous - now that's a big word, Ted. It references migratory fish such as salmon that hatch in fresh water and migrate to the

(See FISHERIES, Page Two)

Nenanan graduates college

Washington State University has announced that Bridget Janelle Overbey, has received her Bachelor of Science in Animal Sciences, SUMMA CUM LAUDE, at Washington State University. Summa Cum Laude is for achieving a cumulative grade point average of 3.90 or better.

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Letter to the Editor

But who's counting?

The appearance of the Visitor Center makes a statement just because of its location.

But, the flowers really set it off.

Karen Harvey had talked to Nancy Shaw at Workshop Acres Greenhouse to say she'd help plant the beds. When I got back she talked with me also.

After contacting the City of Nenana, I was told money had been set aside. So, the

Letter from the Editor:

Again, we've missed publishing a couple of issues. We sincerely apologize. I will be dealing with Memorial Service for my Dad who passed away recently. The next issue after this is also a little up in the air on

dates. Hopefully, it will be published July 19th. If not, you readers can expect it July 26th. Sincerely,
Diane Jensen, Editor/Publisher

wheels were set in motion.

Dave Shaw came down and picked up the window boxes. Nancy and her assistant Angela Bitter planted them. Said they had fun. No boxes are alike. On June 12th, Karen brought them to the Center with flats of flowers to plant. Mel Harvey followed shortly and placed and screwed the boxes in place.

The planting began around 10:00. Karen did take a lunch break.

While she was planting, a tourist commented on all the work. Her comment was something like "Work, I'm just playing in the dirt."

She was asked how she was. Wearing a load hat—bright orange and red flowers with greenery on a yellow background, she replied, "I'm as happy as my hat!" What an attitude!

By 4:00 in the afternoon, the skies were blackening. She buttoned everything up just before the downpour came. Said she'd be back in the morning to finish up.

All beds were completed by around 10:00 a.m.

That's not all. She's volunteered to keep the beds, boxes and baskets watered throughout the season. She is a dear?

I went down to pay my bill at Workshop Acres. Aaron and Nancy confirmed, saying Cherrie Forness, Ice Classic Manager, had picked up the tab for all the flowers. Ice Classic took care of it as well as the hanging baskets from Ann's Greenhouse.

I say all of this to justify my title. So many have pitched in to make our Visitor Center the showcase it is today.

(FISHERIES, From Front Page) sea and then return to their birthplace to spawn. Local hire is utilized where feasible. Support of the subsistence fishery is also an important priority of the association, adds Suckling.

One resolution adopted at the spring annual meeting is for continued support of monitoring salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea Pollack fishery. The Association is working with the North Pacific Council and other groups to come up with an effective method for reducing salmon bycatch. Observers are placed on the Pollack fishing boats to monitor the number of salmon caught, says Suckling.

A June 15th article in the Fairbanks News Miner reports on marketing efforts for Yukon Salmon. Though the YR DFA is not mentioned in the article, it has been instrumental in this marketing development, says Suckling. "YR DFA's work with the Yukon River Fisheries Marketing Association, which brings together fish processors on the Yukon River, has made great strides in

recent years and months in helping bring Yukon River wild salmon to consumer markets." (quote from April 2006 Yukon fisheries Update- a publication of YR DFA.)

In the News Miner article, Pat Rogan, a marketing representative for Cannon Fish in Seattle, says the Yukon Kings are superior to the Copper River salmon. I am in the company of fellows that whole-heartedly agree. Because the fish have so far to travel spawn, they are much oilier than the Copper River salmon. It's this oil-richness that makes Yukon Salmon taste better say Yukon fish supporters. And better for you — -Omega 3 salmon oil has been proven to help relieve rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, psoriasis, lupus, and other autoimmune inflammatory conditions. Omega 3 fish oil is nature's most effective protector against heart disease and stroke, says a nutritional web site.

When he was in D.C., Suckling attended a fish tasting event at the Donovan building. Seafood from Yellow Fin Tuna to shrimp was prepared by professional chefs. It was a buffet

of the best of the best of seafood and the Yukon Chums were the best tasting, says Suckling.

Neighbor Ron Carter walks over to join the mid-morning gathering at Suckling's shop. Then Leland Alexander arrives on his 4-wheeler. They all agree Yukon Chums are the best.

Both Suckling and Lord understand and appreciate the many issues facing the fishing industry and both stress the importance of cooperation and unity of the fishermen and women through the YR DFA. Through the association the people on the Yukon River system who depend on commercial fishing and subsistence can work with federal and state agencies such as Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Through unity they can meet the association state core purpose: "sustained fisheries through cooperative management."

For more information about the YR DFA, you can visit their web site at www.yukonsalmon.org. YR DFA also publishes a newsletter several times a year—information on how to receive a copy is available on the web site or write YR DFA at 725 Christensen Drive, Suite 3-B, Anchorage, AK 99501.



"Happy as her hat," Karen Harvey takes a moment to pose while planting flowers at the Visitor Center.

Photo by Glenys Bowerman

And I did count the flowers Karen "helped" to plant. She did it all. There were 350 plants she'd bedded in.

Want to say a big thanks to all mentioned, but especially Karen! . . . Glenys Bowerman, Nenana Valley Visitor Center Hostess

little add-on note from Karen

Dear Editor:

Because I had the privilege of typing the foregoing letter from Glenys's hand written letter into the computer for transmission to the Messenger, I get a chance to comment on it. I resisted the almost unbearable urge to "edit" the letter.

Thank you for the complements, Glenys.

The most challenging part of this volunteering effort on my part is my almost daily battle with the hose. Water hoses and I have never quite come to amicable terms. This affliction of mine does, however, add another layer of service to my efforts —entertainment. And, I thought no one saw that watering wane drop off the end of the hose, causing the hose to drop to the ground and drown my backside. A visitor did see it and hear me yelp—well, the water was cold! I told her it was okay to laugh since she was about to burst. Glenys saw it too.

I've listened to Glenys and Bud Krause talk to our visitors who stop by the Center. They are doing a great job and we could not ask for better representation of our community.

Having the last word and loving it . . . Karen Harvey

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6. Uniqueness
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In Nenana

4th fun by Karen Harvey

Pie in the face. Marilyn Dugger, decked out in red, white and blue for the 4th of July celebration in downtown Nenana, congratulates the winner of the pie-eating contest.



New Nenanan



by Diane Jensen

Photo above shows new Nenana baby Gene Martin, born June 27th to Jeff and Jessica Martin. Little Gene is named after his "Poppa Gene" Jensen of Nenana. Little Gene Martin weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. Little Gene has three siblings, Dalila, 3, Calie, 2, and JJ, 1, although all three turn another year older this month. Congratulations!

NOTICE OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on **October 2, 2007**, an election will be held at the Civic Center in the City of Nenana for the purpose of electing municipal assembly, and school board members. The polls will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. on **October 2, 2007**.

Seats available for election are the following:

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School Board Seat B (three year term)-currently held by Marilyn Dugger
Advisory School Board Seat South-currently held by Cherrie Forness

Candidate Filing: All qualified voters who desire to have their names placed on the official ballot as candidates for any office to be filled at this election must file petitions of candidacy with the Municipal Clerk on or before **5:00 p.m. on August 31st, 2007**. Petitions of candidacy forms may be obtained from the office of the Municipal Clerk. A candidate for election to a municipal office shall have been a municipal voter for not less than twelve consecutive months preceding the date of the election.

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S. Ridlington, City Clerk
 832-5441

by the way

by Karen Harvey



This writer appreciates your comments on subjects reported and for topics you would like to see in this column. You may send items of interest directly to this writer by e-mail tinker1karen@yahoo.com

Former Nenana residents recently pass away:

Nadine Lebert, a former long time resident of Nenana, died on May 27th at Sutter Lakeside Hospital in Lakeport, California as a result of complications following an auto accident in February. She retired from nursing when the hospital at Tanana closed. Tanana is where she met and married her husband Jim, says friend Marge Riley. She helped deliver many babies up and down the Yukon River, adds Marge. Nadine and Jim bided their time between his home here in Nenana and her family home in California.

Jim is returning to live in Nenana and should be here by the time this is published.

Barbara Craig died on June 2nd in Portland, Oregon. Barbara and husband Glen lived on Little Goldstream Creek, north of Nenana most of the time since 1972. Over the years they spent time prospecting for gold on the Fortymile River at Kantishna and in Nevada. She is survived by her four children, eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Her husband preceded her in death last year.

Twink Terry visits: Twink Terry, a Nenana School Teacher in the early 70's, stopped by the school last week. Remember him?

Farthest North Bridge Club:

The following is a message from Penny Wakefield who manages the web page for the bridge club in Fairbanks. She made me promise to put this in the Messenger. So here goes.

The Farthest North Bridge Club announces the winners for the month of May,

Winners in "A" — Pat Dubbs and Ivan Grondin - tie

Winner† in "B" — Karen Collier

Winners in "C" — Karen & Mel Harvey - tie

and on June 8th The Harveys placed 1st in Flights B and C and 3rd in the A flight and on June 15th the Harveys placed 2nd in the†B flight and 3rd in A flight.†

All this means that we have been doing unusually good at bridge lately.

Pretty book: A professional photographer friend of ours from Haines stopped by again this year to say "Howdy." She was by last year on a photo trip to Denali Park. The result of that trip is a beautiful photo journal book entitled *Alaska/Yukon/Arctic light - Gifts of the Wild* by Kathleen M.K. Menke. Copies of the book are available from Rough Wood Inn. If they sell out before you get your copy, let me know. My husband the bee-keeper made it in the book on page 66—the only page with photos of people. Kathleen says she saw the same sow and cub that appear on the cover of that book this year at the park in about the same spot. She's sure it was the same ones.

Man who never returned:

While talking with Ted Suckling (see fishery article this paper), he mentioned that we didn't get to see much of Washington D.C. while he was there. He was in D.C. for just two days, most of which were booked with meetings. Also, being from a metropolitan area such as Nenana, he was a bit unsure about using the mass-transit system in the big city. I teased him about getting on the train and becoming like the man in the song who never returns. Remember the song about the fellow that gets on the train and doesn't have the sufficient fare to get off? "He rides forever bla, bla, bla and he is the man who never returned." That started the group there—Ted, Victor Lord, Edgar Monroe and George Jensen—trying to remember the lyrics, the name and or the group that sang the song. I sort of forgot about it after the morning's interview. Not so with Victor and Edgar. They puzzled over it and got Nick Monroe involved. They figured it out it was a Kingston Trio song. I looked it up on the Internet and sure enough—there were the entire lyrics and a bit of history of "Charlie on the MTA." And it was beneath the streets of Boston that he rode forever. His wife tossed him a sandwich through an open window each day—why she didn't toss him a nickel, I don't know. I understand that years later poor ol' Charlie may have been able to get off the train when he got old enough to qualify for a senior discount fare.

Also while he was in Washington D.C.

Ted Suckling also had meetings while he was in Washington concerning the Alaskan Native Viet Nam Veteran's Allotment Act. Watch for a short article on this in next week's paper.

Library summer reading —

Get a Clue: Saturday's (June 16th) mystery at the Nenana Public Library was to find out what crime beside murder was committed at the Library. The dozen or so children (this group was 10 years old and over) followed paper footprints on the floor to a closed door behind which a "dead body" lay. When the door was opened, the criminal played by Christine Krause escaped out of the library leaving clues in her wake. The children then followed clues to locate the criminal and determine the nature of the other crime. All ends well—the clues lead away from the library and back again where the children discover Mrs. Krause preparing a pizza party for the group. The "dead person" played by Rolland Grace even comes alive to join the party. Saturday, June 23rd will be for children under ten years of age and the final party, open to the participants of the summer reading program, will be on Saturday, June 30th. For more information, contact Darcia at 832-5812.

Samuel Minnema

A word from God's Word

Abraham man of Faith

This week I thought I'd talk about Abraham whom I've found to be an excellent example of faith. The first part of scripture that lets look at is in the twelfth chapter of Genesis. In this chapter the Lord calls Abraham to leave his family and home and to leave to a land that the Lord will show him. The Lord then promises that he will make Abraham a great nation and will bless him. Lets look at Genesis 12:1-5: " Now the Lord had said unto Abram, 'Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's

house, unto a land that I will show thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed'. So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came." So they packed up their stuff and left not knowing where they were headed or what was ahead of them. He took his possessions and Lot his nephew came with voluntarily. I should say that it's not mentioned that Abram had ever heard of this God that spoke to him and told him to leave. So in complete faith he left. He then sojourns in various places and eventually he and Lot decide to separate because the land cannot support both of their flocks and herds in the same place. Abram gives Lot the first choice of places to go, Lot proceeds to take the best land and leaves Abram to find what he can elsewhere. To skip ahead a little bit the Lord promises Abram in Genesis 18:10 that he will have a son. "... and lo Sarah thy wife shall have a son..." Now this may not sound too surprising, but earlier on in Genesis it explained that Sarah his wife was not able to have children; furthermore, it goes on to say in Genesis 18:11, " Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age..." Sarah and Abraham were also too old to have children. So it would be a miraculous thing if Sarah would indeed give them an heir. Nevertheless the Lord promises them a son. Now Abraham isn't given a son over night, he must wait a good many years before he sees the results of God's promise. Genesis 21:2-3: " For Sarah conceived and bare Abraham a son in

his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare unto him, Isaac." Now is where the most difficult test of faith occurs. Abraham finally has the son that the Lord promised him. A son in which would inherit all his wealth which the Lord blessed Abraham with. The Lord decides to test Abraham's faith, however great it may seem, in Him. He tells Abraham to sacrifice his only son Isaac on an altar to the Lord. Lets read it in the word, Genesis 22:2: "And He (the Lord) said, 'Take now thy son thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.'" Abraham obeyed his Lord and brought his son and the necessities for an offering with him and heads to the mountain which the Lord shows him. Genesis 22:9-13: And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham': and he said, 'Here am I'. And He said, 'Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy only son from me.' And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son."

Now that was faith. First he waits for a son that the Lord promised him, when he finally is blessed with Isaac his son the Lord tells him to sacrifice Isaac to the Lord. However, our Lord wouldn't do that, his test of faith to Abraham stops short and a ram is provided in his stead.

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515 Clothing

Dirty clothes stacked up? Wash & dry them all at the same time with the washers and dryers in your local Laundromat. Nenana Laundromat in Downtown Nenana is open for your convenience from 9 am ‘til 10 pm daily. Nenana Laundromat is located just off the main street behind Hair We Are & the Courthouse at the rear of the Tortella Building.

OTHER MERCHANDISE

If we don’t have what you need, we may be able to stock it, just let us know! See a vast variety of items of all description at Coghill’s General Store in Nenana.

519 Office Stuff

Copier giving you fits? Can’t get A repair guy to pay you a call? Call Boynton Office Systems, 1 907 457-4535 for better service.

528 Heating Fuel

To arrange for home delivery of heating oil, call 832-5445, or 1 800 478-5447. Nenana Heating Services.

568 OPEN AIR MARKET, HEALY
Healy Saturday Market
Vendors Wanted. For more information call Eda -683-2495 or Terri - 683-1323

OTHER MERCHANDISE

We have lots of TREASURES,

you name it, we may have it, and ...the dust is free! See at Used A Bit in Fairbanks, 2740 Picket Place. Picket Place is one road over from the Animal Place on Peger Road.

OTHER MERCHANDISE
Lumber for Sale

6”, 8” and 10” two and three sided house logs. Lap siding and board and batten siding. Also various size and style sheds and cabins for sale. Spencer & Sons Lumber Company. See at mile 315 Parks Highway or call 1 907 832-5280. 02/08/07

CHALLENGE ALASKA

2007 WHEELCHAIR RACE

SADLER'S ULTRA CHALLENGE



July 16 Community Potluck at Nenana Civic Center 6:30 to ???

--Bring your favorite dish--
--Meet and Support the Racers--

Racers arrive in Nenana on Monday afternoon of July 16 and leave Tuesday morning July 17.

Aaron's Car Wash

Cars \$10.00
Trucks or Vans \$20.00

Hours
Monday 10 to 6
Tuesday 4 to 6
Wednesday Closed
Thursday to Saturday 4 to 6

Located at Workshop Acres, mile 300 Parks Hwy behind Nenana Heating

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