



# Uhtlān Gwēł

## (Galore Pack Sack)

### 2013 Field Season Complete



Galore Creek wrapped up a successful drill program in late August. Working closely with drilling contractor Tahltan Drilling Services Corporation, we achieved our goals for the program with a strong safety record and slightly ahead of schedule. GCMC would like to thank its contractors and suppliers, the large majority of which were Tahltan businesses, for their excellent work in helping us this past season. Although our camps are closed for winter, environmental baseline monitoring work is ongoing, as in previous years.

## Celebrating Tahltan Day

Recognizing the anniversary of the 1910 “Declaration of Tahltan Tribe” on October 18 is an important tradition at Galore Creek. In addition to awarding our GCMC-Tahltan Nation bursaries, we have arranged a cake for the celebration of Tahltan Day. This year Tahltan Language Instructor Sonia Dennis presented the cake, baked and beautifully decorated by Fanny Lindstrom, to the students at Dease Lake School, on behalf of GCMC.

GCMC was also pleased to support the Tahltan Language Revitalization Team in its important work towards revitalizing the Tahltan language. The team has done innovative work creating teaching videos with fluent speakers and making these resources available for

learners of all ages to download on iPods and other devices. We met with members of the team earlier this year and learned that access to a laptop equipped for video editing was a limiting factor. GCMC provided the team with a MacBook Pro laptop and accessories for video editing, in recognition of



*Tahltan Day cake for Dease Lake School students*

Tahltan Day. You can learn more about the work of the Tahltan Language Revitalization Team at: <http://www.tahltan.org/news/tahltan-language-revitalization-effort-underway>



*Albert Mensies and Tylor Edzerza  
Tahltan Drilling Services Corp.*

## Working at Galore Creek Then and Now – Henry Vance's Return After 50 Years

This past summer we were privileged to host a site tour for Henry and Janet Vance, two Tahltan elders whose history with the project goes back more than 50 years! Henry worked on the Galore Creek Project back in 1959 when he was 18 years old. Janet has helped GCMC over the years with Tahltan translation and spelling of camp names and the S-61 transport helicopter that was utilized in 2007, *Tuh' da Det' ah* (Soaring Eagle).

Henry's dream to take his wife Janet to the visit the project, where two of their sons worked this season, became a reality when GCMC's Ann Ball organized a tour this summer.

Henry and Janet arrived via helicopter from their home in Telegraph Creek and were met by their sons at the Uhtlān camp in the Galore Valley. Henry shared stories of the project in the 1950s, when he worked as a driller's helper on the little Wisconsin drills that were common at that time. He was also a load master at the Anek, the beach area below the Scud River where the barge from Wrangell, Alaska dropped off drilling supplies to be flown in to the Galore Valley with the little helicopters. He recalled "The fresh groceries were flown in by a Husky float plane out of Prince Rupert to the Anek, which was our only access to groceries for the camps." The Anek was so busy that it had its own camp where Henry and the rest of the crew stayed.

Following the tour Ann presented Henry and Janet with framed pictures from their tour, to recognize their visit and contributions to the project, which they display proudly at their home in Telegraph Creek.



*Henry and Janet Vance at Uhtlān Camp*

## **Congratulations to the 2013 GCMC/Tahltan Nation Bursary Award Winners**

GCMC offers a bursary award program for Tahltan members pursuing post-secondary education. A call for applications is issued in the fall and bursary awards are granted on October 18 in conjunction with Tahltan Day. Applications are reviewed by a committee of GCMC staff and Tahltan members for the following criteria: academic achievement, community involvement, and educational and career goals. Bursaries are not restricted to educational programs directly related to mining, but special consideration will be given to applicants whose career goals relate to the mining industry. This year we moved two \$1000 awards to the academic category due to insufficient applicants for the non-academic bursaries. We wish our 2013 winners much success in their studies. We've profiled a few of this year's winners in this issue.



*Calvin Carlick— 1st place Academic*

### **2013 Award Winners**

#### **Academic**

- 1st place—Calvin Carlick—\$2500
- 2nd place—Gayleen Day—\$2500
- 3rd place—Jamie Davignon—\$2000
- 4th place—Kiana Ball—\$2000
- 5th place—Tanya Ball—\$1000
- 6th place—Nathan Skubovius—\$1000
- 7th place—Reginald McGinty—\$1000

#### **Non-Academic (\$1000 each)**

- 1st place—Phil Fraser
- 2nd place—Leigh Lindstrom
- 3rd place—Alysha Johnny Hawkins

My name is Calvin Carlick. I am a 29 year old Tahltan man that has six-month old twin girls and a beautiful wife (Jericho Carlick). I currently reside in Iskut B.C.

I am enrolled in Royal Roads University's Bachelor of Commerce - Entrepreneurial Management online program. I started March 2013 and am enjoying the challenge of school whilst working full time and maintaining a high grade average.

I would like to acknowledge GCMC for offering such a generous program to Tahltan scholars and alike. The bursary is highly appreciated and will go towards subsidizing the soft costs of schooling. I plan to purchase myself a personal laptop (Ahem...MacBook) and all the necessary programs that are utilized in completing assignments.

Once again, thank you GCMC!

## Bursary Award Winners 2013 (continued)

I would like to thank all the judges for selecting me as the 2nd prize winner of the GCMC 2013 Bursary awards. After the many challenges I am faced with on a daily basis when it comes to school and being a single mother this money will be greatly appreciated and will help me have a wonderful Christmas and it's going to be nice to share the wealth with my immediate family for all their support and love that they have given me since I started my education journey. Medu for such a wonderful gift, it is well appreciated.

Gayleen Day



*Gayleen Day—2nd place Academic*

Thank you for selecting me for this award.

This scholarship will assist me in my goal of becoming a mining engineer. I am currently in my first year of engineering and have already completed a 3 year diploma in architectural and engineering technologies. This scholarship will help with the financial burden of university helping me pay for school books and materials.

Thank you again for awarding me with this scholarship.

Regards,

Nathan Skubovius

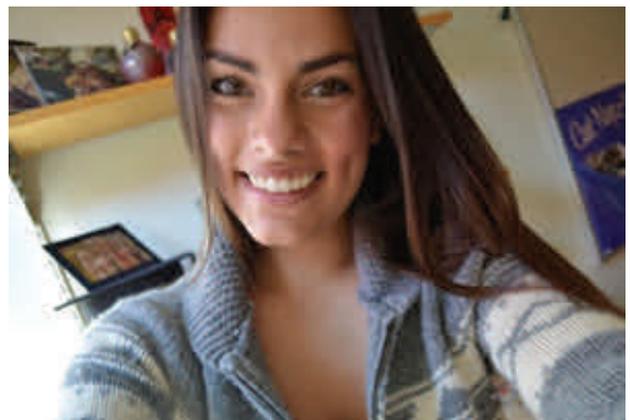


*Nathan Skubovius—6th place Academic*

My name is Kiana Ball, my Tahltan name is Koṣṭīn, I am from the Ch'iyōne clan. Winning this GCMC bursary is going to help me out in a huge way. Just before I was informed that I had won it, I was in a predicament trying to figure out a way that I would be able to come up with the money for my \$1900 dorm fee, which is due on Dec 1st. Thankfully I have won this bursary and I will use it pay for my accommodations for my second term in Sociology at the University of Victoria.

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Kiana  
(Koṣṭīn)



*Kiana Ball—4th place Academic*

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