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NEWS Briefs

Days numbered for Fort Providence crossing

The ice crossing on the Mackenzie River at Fort Providence remains open for both low clearance vehicles and commercial traffic, for now.

"It'll likely close in the next couple of days to light traffic," said Earl Blacklock, spokesman for the Department of Transportation.

He said the road will remain open for commercial traffic until "at least the weekend."

— Elizabeth McMillan

No more Prospector

City council amended the city's zoning bylaw on Monday night to allow for the building previously housing the Prospector and later the Old Town Landing restaurant to become a five-unit residence.

The motion was passed unanimously though not without some regret.

"I'm pleased to see that a use for this property is being brought forward," said city councillor David Wind at the city's Municipal Services Committee meeting on April 5.

"I am a little disappointed I won't be able to go the Prospector now and enjoy the beautiful views ... but I will be supportive of the motion," said Wind.

— Tim Edwards

Courthouse tour

The Yellowknife Courthouse will be offering a tour to Yellowknife residents today from noon until 1 p.m. as part of Law Day, a national outreach event by the Canadian Bar Association.

A sheriff's officer and a court clerk will guide the tour, and will be able to answer any questions about the court process or what their jobs are like.

Those attending the tour will be shown all the courtrooms, the court library, and the court registry.

— Tim Edwards

Talk on Chinese medicine

The Yellowknife Public Library hosts a free orientation to traditional Chinese medicine Thursday night at 7 p.m.

Registered acupuncturist William Porter will be talking about the fundamentals of Chinese medicine, a holistic system of prevention and healing based on the belief that different parts of the human body are highly interlinked.

— Tim Edwards

Have your say

How would you rate Health Minister Sandy Lee's performance as a cabinet minister?

Have your say at www.nns.com/yellowknifer. Poll results will be published in Friday's *Yellowknifer*.

Gold: US\$1,151.10
Last week: US\$1,133.80



To fundraise for her upcoming trip to Zambia to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, Katie Turnbull is auctioning a painting created by her sister Peggy Bell, pictured here at Taiga Yoga.

Yker heads back to African birthplace

Woman to volunteer with sisters and Habitat for Humanity

by Elizabeth McMillan
Northern News Services

Katie Turnbull vividly recalls the sharp smell of fresh lemons and biting into ripe mangoes as a youngster living in North Rhodesia.

Turnbell, 52, was born in Chingola, a small city in the country that became Zambia in 1964. At the time, her father worked in the country's mining industry. Six of her siblings were also born in the sub-Saharan country.

But the family returned to Canada in the mid-1960s during the period of political instability following Zambia's transition to independence.

"We kind of had to leave, and now (Zambia) has a level of sentimentality attached to it," says Turnbell. "I've always wanted to go back as an

adult, and with my (few) memories, I wonder if I'd feel anything."

For the first time since childhood, Turnbell is planning a trip to Africa, along with her sisters, Louisa Comber and Peggy Bell, who live in Calgary.

Comber, the eldest, was the one sibling born in Canada and was 16 when the family returned to Canada. Turnbell says she has the most vivid memory of their time there.

"She's got all the good stories, I just sit there fascinated when they tell me about them," says Turnbell.

The three sisters are embarking on a trip to Zambia this summer. Between Aug. 20 and Sept. 1 they will work in a rural village, Katete, close to the region where they used to live. Volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, the three sisters will

be building a 34-square metre house made of brick with a team of 20 volunteers.

"I don't know if we'll actually get a whole house built, but they're putting us to work," she explains.

Staying in a Habitat house, they'll be immersed in local culture and participate in community activities.

"They have no electricity, no plumbing. That's another part of the adventure as we're as girly girls as they go," says Turnbell, who is a yoga instructor and a property manager with the federal government. "It's a way to get to see the real world, not just the tourist world."

Bonding experience

Turnbell hopes to make her own contribution to the project by teaching yoga to the locals and volunteers,

which she hopes will be a bonding experience.

The sisters are covering the cost of travel to Zambia but the volunteer project costs \$1,750. They're soliciting donations and organizing fundraisers in Yellowknife and Alberta.

They're charting their efforts online (the Sisterhood of the Traveling Hammers dot.com) and plan to blog about their experiences when they arrive.

Turnbell is currently selling raffle tickets for one of Bell's paintings, which is on display at Taiga Yoga.

She hopes this trip is the beginning of other volunteer-based adventures.

"Once you get a taste of the outside world, you want to do more," she said.



Friday in Yellowknifer

New street names

Robertson shaft namesake honoured with road designation