

# Recipe for success

*Baker and mechanic put their skills to the test at territorial skills competition*

## COFFEE Break

by Andrew Rankin  
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Douglas Sittichinli is on a mission to create the perfect cream puff.

But the 16-year-old admits it's no easy task.

It has to have the right flavour, texture and contain just the right amount of cream.

"I'm still trying to make a cream puff that works out perfectly," he said with a laugh.

The Samuel Hearne Secondary School student has a passion for making desserts, so much so that he typically spends four nights a week baking up a storm in his kitchen.

Just ask him and he'll tell you he makes a mean chocolate chip cookie, and his bread ranks right up there with the best of them.

"It's actually quite fun. It's just something that I've always really liked to do."

In fact he plans to make a career out of it, hoping one day to open up his own bakery. He doesn't give a hoot about what anybody thinks of his ambition.

"It's a job," he said. "I think

if you like it, you should just do it."

Douglas was among 20 students from the Inuvik school who travelled to Yellowknife

to compete in the 12th annual Territorial Skills Competition on April 20. Held at four different facilities in the capital city, the event had students from around the Territories competing in several disciplines, including baking and cooking, welding, carpentry, hair-styling and workplace safety.

Douglas, of course, competed in the baking category and prior to the event he said he was hoping for a top-three finish. He also said he was thrilled to just participate.

"I'm just looking to learn more about baking and to just have fun," he said.

The event is designed to encourage students to pursue careers in skilled trades and technology. A career expo sponsored by the territorial government and the North Slave Career Centre was

scheduled to be held at the high school gymnasiums.

Douglas' schoolmate Kandace Sittichinli, 18, was ready to put her mechanic skills to the test in the small engine category. Last year she placed third against some stiff competition.

"I beat some boys, too," she said with a laugh.

In the fall she'll attend college to become an automotive mechanic.

"I've always been interested in it. I love working with my hands."

The handy teenager is forever tinkering with her 1997 Ford Escort LX. She regularly changes the oil in her mom's vehicle, for a fee of \$50, of course.

She can hardly wait to get her hands dirty full time.

"Everyone tells me I can do it; I know I can too," she said.

*"I think if you like it you should just do it."*

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Kandace Sittichinli poses beside her prized 1997 Ford Escort LX on Monday, just a few hours before flying to Yellowknife to compete in the Territorial Skill's Competition.



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### Earth Week Challenges April 22 - May 1

**Walk to School - Walk to Work Challenge**  
Can your company or school get the highest percentage of people walking during Earth Week?

**Top companies and schools will win prizes!**

#### Recycled Art Contest

Using junk, recyclables and (clean) garbage, can you make a piece of great art?

Judging to happen during the 2010 Great Northern Arts Festival - July 9 - 18.

For more information and to pick up registration forms, please call 777-8600.

#### Coming Soon!

Monster Community Garage Sale  
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Did you know that the Town of Inuvik has a curfew by-law for persons under 16 years?

"Persons under 16 years shall not be in any public place from 10:00pm until 7:00am the following morning Sunday through Thursday and 11:00pm until 7:00am the following morning Friday and Saturday, unless this person is accompanied by his/her parent, guardian or other person 18 years or older having lawful custody, care or control of the person under 16 years."

### 2010 Firefighters Ball A Night at the Oscars

Dress up or come as your favourite movie star.  
Awards, live comedy and dancing to follow.

Saturday, May 1, 2010

Cocktails 6:00pm

Dinner 7:00pm

Midnight Sun Complex

Call 777-8611 or see any firefighter for tickets

### Squash Clinic

Spider Jones (Sport North) is coming to town this weekend to offer coaching, technique and training in squash.

\$10 - Please call 777-8636 to sign up!

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