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SUMMER 2008 ISSUE

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

by Loretta Bullard, President

Do you think the United States is on the right track with foreign policy, the economy, the price of energy, development of alternative energy, global warming, the budget deficit, and domestic spending? Do you think the President of the United States, our Senior Senator, our only Congressman, and our State Representatives are doing well in their elected position – or not?

The 2008 Elections will soon be upon us. As was exemplified when Tony Knowles was elected Governor, rural and urban Native votes **can** decide the outcome of a State election, but only if we vote! Now is your chance to express your opinion in **a way that counts**.

We would like to encourage residents 18 years of age and older (or those who will be 18 years old by election day) to register to vote – and to vote during the Primary and the General Election. Elections are scheduled as follows:

GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE BERING STRAIT REGION	2000 Voter Turnout	2002 Voter Turnout	2004 Voter Turnout	2006 Voter Turnout	1994 # Regis Voters	2000 # Regis Voters	2006 # Regis Voters	2006 Pop
Brevig Mission	78%	67%	71%	66%	110	145	176	324
Diomedes	41%	39%	53%	37%	68	89	82	110
Elim	63%	54%	62%	66%	134	186	156	294
Gambell	57%	50%	59%	54%	177	253	267	643
Golovin	63%	43%	65%	52%	73	91	104	154
Koyuk	64%	76%	72%	71%	130	148	171	368
Nome	48%	43%	50%	45%	1,855	2,279	2,231	3,540
Savoonga	57%	51%	62%	51%	282	341	262	712
Shaktoolik	58%	51%	60%	56%	114	154	126	214
Shishmaref	63%	56%	61%	63%	264	309	314	615
St. Michael	60%	54%	57%	53%	134	171	184	446
Stebbins	54%	38%	54%	48%	154	238	256	612
Teller	64%	47%	53%	47%	138	156	140	258
Unalakleet	50%	52%	49%	53%	353	454	477	727
Wales	64%	41%	57%	49%	98	100	93	139
White Mountain	35%	39%	54%	56%	128	198	137	224
					4,212	5,309	5,276	9,380
Village Average	57%	51%	55%	55%				
Regular Average	53%	48%	53%	51%				
Statewide Average	61%	51%	67%	51%				
National Average	60%		64%					

Registration Dates & Deadlines

Election	Date	Register by:
Primary Election	Tuesday, August 26	Sunday, July 27
REAA School Board	Tuesday, October 7	Sunday, Sept. 7
General Election	Tuesday, November 4	Sunday, Oct. 5

A national study conducted after the 2004 elections, found that:

- 46.6% of those individuals who did not register to vote, did not do so because: "They were not interested in the election or not involved in politics";
- An additional 17.7% did not register to vote because they missed the registration deadlines;
- 19.9% of registered voters did not vote because they "were too busy and had a conflicting schedule;"
- 15.4% of registered voters did not vote because of "illness or disability;"
- 10.7% of registered voters did not vote because they "were not interested."

I encourage region residents to be proactive and organized in terms of registering to vote – and turning out to vote. The State Legislature and Congress set the funding levels for rural services and infrastructure, establish state and federal laws, and create state and federal policies as it relates to fish and game management, land use policies; resource development, amendments to ANCSA, etc, etc, etc. Rural Alaskans are **profoundly impacted** by what happens in Juneau and Washington, DC.

As you can tell by looking at previous General Election returns, we have room for improvement for registering people to vote and getting

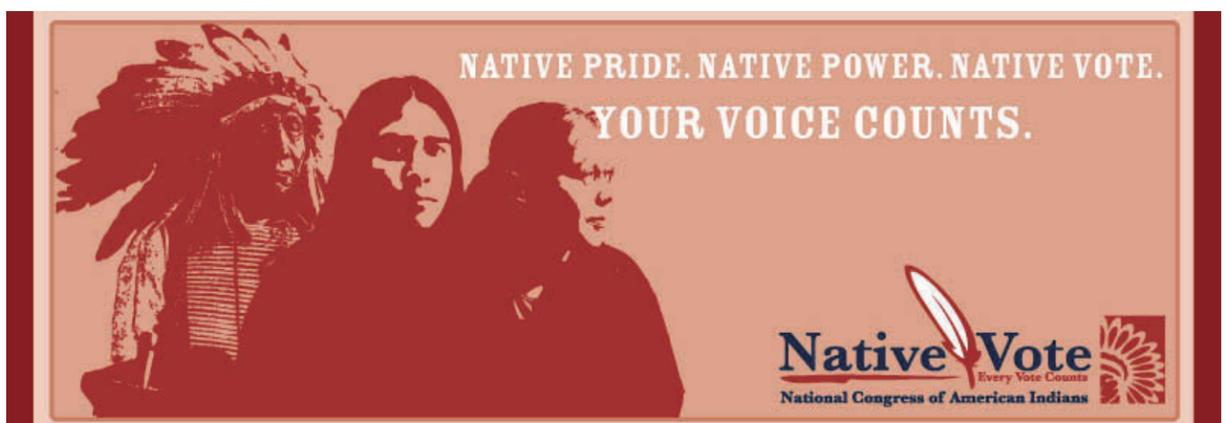
them to the polls. In looking at the voter turnout and registered voter information over the last four elections, you will notice that:

- Koyuk and Brevig were leaders in turning out to vote – **Congratulations** to these two communities; in 2002 and 2006, our regional voter turnout was higher than the statewide average;
- In 2000 and 2004, the years when Presidential Elections were held, our voter turnout was less than the statewide average;

I included information: on the number of registered voters in the region in 1994 as a base year, since it was soon after that that Kawerak undertook a major voter registration drive. Between 1994 and the year 2000, we were able to increase the number of registered voters in the region by 1,097 individuals! Unfortunately, not all of the individuals whom we registered to vote, did not vote in the 1996 elections – so our regional voter turnout percentage went down from 66% voter turnout in 1994 to 56% in 1996. However, the raw number of people actually voting increased from 2,611 votes cast to 2,805 votes cast.

Looking at the number of registered voters by community for 2000 and 2006 shows those communities which have made an effort to register individuals to vote. Declining numbers of registered voters may also reflect a diminishing population.

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VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

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We encourage the leadership of the Tribal Council, the City Council, the Village Corporation and interested village residents to organize a get out the vote effort at the local level by:

- Reviewing the village registered voters list;
- Identifying eligible individuals in the village who are not registered to vote. Have the youth undertake a drive to register eligible youth to vote. We have many, many youth – many of which are not registered to vote.
- Contacting individuals who are not registered and help them to register to vote. The Village offices should have voter registration forms. If they don't, forms can be down loaded off the State Division of Elections website (www.elections.state.ak.us)
- Encouraging people who will be camping, hunting, house bound or traveling on Election Day to vote absentee. People can vote absentee up to two weeks prior to the scheduled election.
- Putting up a VOTE-VOTE-VOTE banner in your village on election days – have the Elders and youth drive through the village on a four wheeler on election days (with balloons and noise makers) with a mega-phone reminding people to vote – put up signs around town – call people and remind them to vote - make it fun!
- Offer rides and encourage all registered voters to vote.

Rural votes can tip elections one way or another – but **only if we vote**. We all have opinions one way or the other as to whom we should vote for and why. Regardless of who folks vote for, we encourage you to turn out and vote. Please encourage your urban friends and relatives to get out and vote too! As of June 2, 2008 (application deadline), the following individuals have filed to run for office:

United States President:

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| Bob Barr (Libertarian) | Cynthia McKinney (Green) |
| Chuck Baldwin (Constitution) | Ralph Nader (Independent) |
| John McCain (Republican) | Barrack Obama (Democrat) |

United States Vice President:

Candidates to be announced

United States Senator:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Mark Begich (Democrat) | Gerald L. "Jerry" Heikes (Rep.) |
| Bob Bird (Alaskan Independence) | Ray Metcalfe (Democrat) |
| Michael D. Corey (Republican) | Roderic H. Sikma (Republican) |
| David W. Cuddy (Republican) | Ted Stevens (Rep) -Incumbent |
| Fredrick D. Haase (Libertarian) | Vic Vickers (Republican) |

United States Representative:

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Diane E. Benson (Democrat) | Sean R. Parnell (Republican) |
| Ethan A. Berkowitz (Democrat) | Don R. Wright (AK. Independence) |
| Gabrielle LeDoux (Republican) | Don E. Young (Rep.) - Incumbent |
| Jake Metcalfe (Democrat) | |

State Representative District 39

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| Richard Foster (Democrat) Incumbent | Charles Pullock (Democrat) |
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State Representative District 40

- Reggie Joule (Democrat) - Incumbent

State Senate District T

- Donald C. "Donny" Olson (Democrat) - Incumbent

To register to vote, find out about absentee voting or location of polls go to: www.elections.state.ak.us or call the Region IV Elections Office at (907)443-5285. Regional election returns will be reported in a future edition of Uqaaqtuaq News.

The Right to Vote

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude. – Fifteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (1870)

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex. – Nineteenth Amendment (1920)

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“Building on the Inherent Strength of Our Cultural Values, We Shall Assist Our Tribes to Take Control of Their Future.”

In keeping with this Vision Statement, Kawerak is increasing training and technical assistance services to tribes.

Kawerak Divisions are:
 Community Services
 Employment, Education & Training
 Children and Family Services; and
 Natural Resources.

SERVING THE VILLAGES OF:
 BREVIG MISSION
 COUNCIL
 DIOMEDE
 ELIM
 GAMBELL
 GOLOVIN
 KING ISLAND
 KOYUK
 MARY'S IGLOO
 NOME
 SAVOONGA
 SHAKTOOLIK
 SHISHMAREF
 SOLOMON
 STEBBINS
 ST. MICHAEL
 TELLER
 UNALAKLEET
 WALES
 WHITE MOUNTAIN

Higher Education Recipient receives Masters in Arts

Curtis Ivanoff, 37, from Unalakleet, recently completed a Masters of Arts degree in Christian Ministry from North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago, IL and graduated with High Honors. He currently serves as campus pastor for Alaska Christian College (ACC), an Evangelical Covenant Church-affiliated school located in Soldotna, that primarily serves students from rural Alaska. Ivanoff was on the visioning team that started the school in 2001 and has been a faculty member since that time.

Curtis grew up in Unalakleet and attended the University of Oklahoma, initially aspiring to a career in dentistry. "I had to write a paper about a career I was interested in and I wrote a paper on teaching. I thought, why am I majoring in dentistry if I'm really interested in teaching," Curtis explains. So, he changed his major to math with the intention of returning to rural Alaska as a teacher.

He graduated with a B.A. in Math in 1992. He married his wife Kristi who he had met while in Oklahoma and both participated in the Teachers for Alaska Program at UAF earning their secondary teaching certifications in Math and Language arts. They accepted teaching positions in Noorvik. After two years, Curtis was offered a teaching position in his Unalakleet. "We loved our time in Noorvik, but I didn't want to pass on the opportunity to teach in my hometown, so we moved and I taught and coached girls' basketball. It was a great time," Curtis said.

During his undergraduate education, Curtis was involved with a campus ministry that enabled him to grow in areas of faith. He travelled to Kazakhstan for a seven week mission-trip and he was also a counselor at Covenant Bible Camp where he had attended throughout his youth. As he served as a public school teacher, he and Kristi also served the churches in the communities as a volunteer youth leader holding youth group meetings in his home. "The youth were very hungry for a spiritual dimension to their life. They enjoyed having a fun, healthy alternative activity and my wife and I enjoyed investing in their spiritual lives. Sometimes we would have as many as 40 teens crammed into our apartment living room," Curtis said.

In 1998, Curtis received the Bering Strait Teacher of the year award at the same time as he was deciding to leave public education to pursue

ministry full time. He served as associate pastor for the Unalakleet Covenant Church for two years where his primary responsibility was coordinating youth ministry. During that time he also served as co-director for Covenant Youth of Alaska helping to coordinate youth ministry efforts for the Covenant church state-wide. In that role, he served on the visioning team that was starting Alaska Christian College and was then approached about serving as an instructor.

"I wasn't surprised that they offered Curtis a job with the college," Kristi explained. "I was shocked though when he told me he was actually considering it. I thought we'd be in Unalakleet for life." The position in Soldotna provided a chance to combine Curtis' passions: teaching students and sharing his faith.

Not having any formal ministry training, Curtis began taking graduate-level seminary classes through Regent College in Vancouver, BC and North Park Theological Seminary (NPTS) in Chicago. As his seventh year with ACC approached, Curtis had the opportunity to take a sabbatical year to study full time and decided to attend NPTS for one academic year in order to complete his degree. He received an Ethnic Diversity Scholarship from NPTS. He also received scholarship funding from Kawerak and the Bering Strait Foundation to assist with costs of education.

Kristi, along with their children Charis (9), Nathan (6) and Joshua (2) embarked on a year-long adventure living in urban Chicago. Curtis said, "We had an exciting year in Chicago. While I spent many hours in the library and in classes like Hebrew and Church History, we managed to

experience the sights, sounds and tastes of Chicago."

Curtis and his family have recently returned to Soldotna to put his master's degree to work at ACC. "The experience the students have in their time at ACC is rich in so many ways. I really believe it is one of the best places students can go for secondary education. We provide academic challenge, spiritual care, and emotional support like no other institution in the state," Curtis said. "And our Native food nights are incredible!"

Curtis travels to the Norton Sound region as often as possible for ongoing ministry activities and summer subsistence activities and hopes that more students from the region will attend ACC in the future.

Submitted by Brian James Work Force Development Specialist



Pictured above from left to right are Curtis' parents Henry and Betty Oyoumick from Unalakleet, his wife Kristi and children Charis and Nathan (not pictured is his son Joshua).

Community of Nome Unites to Battle Underage Drinking

By Barb Nickels, Community Planning and Development Director

The Communities Against Minors Consuming (CAMC) is a sub-committee of the Regional Wellness Forum (RWF). It was established in 2006 to concentrate and tackle issues on underage drinking. Recently, the State of Alaska distributed a draft **Plan to Reduce and Prevent Underage Drinking** and



asked for public comment on the plan. The RWF as well as the CAMC met numerous times to discuss the State's plan to see if it was something that could work in our rural region. Norton Sound's Behavioral Health department was also contacted by the State to review the plan. With members of multiple youth service agencies and public leaders, a Town Hall meeting was organized and held on April 2nd at Old St. Joe's. These Town Hall meetings are a part of a national effort to prevent underage drinking.

According to the underage drinking as-

Pictured to the left is Robert Froehle & Chief Paul Burke as they address the group.



Pictured above is Barb Nickels as she captures public comments.

essment done by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Juvenile Justice investigators examined statewide efforts and organized more detailed in-

quiries by interviewing 203 key informants from 17 rural and urban sample communities.

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Victoria Ongtawasruk Awarded Child Care Credential

By Malinda Besett, Head Start Director

Victoria Ongtawasruk of Wales, Alaska was awarded the Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The credential was awarded by the Council of Professional Recognition in Washington, DC which represents the early childhood education profession.

CDA is the only major national effort to improve early childhood education and care by evaluation and recognition the skills of individuals providing care. The first Credential was awarded over 30 years ago, and now 49 states plus the District of Columbia include CDA in their child care licensing regulations.

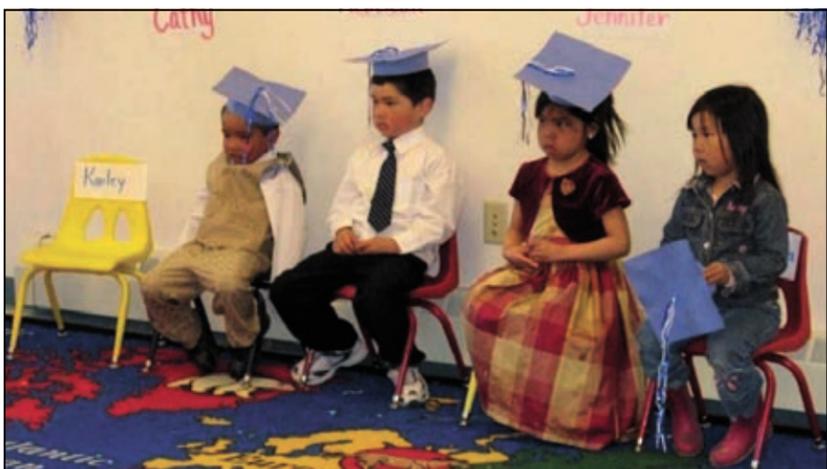
Parents who use early education and care are especially concerned today about their children's welfare. With this in mind, as part of the CDA assessment process, every candidate for the CDA Credential is observed working with young children or families by an early childhood professional. In addition, the candidate must demonstrate the ability to work with families to develop children's physical and intellectual capabilities in a safe and healthy learning environment.

The CDA Credential is having a positive effect on the quality of early childhood education and care. Its impact is evident in center-based and home visitor programs as well as family child care, the most com-



Pictured to the left is Victoria Ongtawasruk working with Head Start students from Wales.

mon form of care for children under 5 years old. Congratulations Victoria! Childcare staff and parents wanting information on CDA should write to the Council for Professional Recognition at 2460 16th Street, NW, Washington DC 20009-3575, or call the Council at (202) 265-9090 or (800) 424-4310.



Pictured to the left are :Kawerak Head Start Teller Graduates. Good Job!



Pictured above is Kawerak Head Start staff and students all dressed up for the *Mother Goose 4th of July Parade*. This year's theme was Baby Beluga.



Pictured above is a blue fish (Virgil Walker) and an orange starfish (Martin Kimoktoak).



Pictured to the left is a pink starfish (Lupe Callahan).

(continued from page 3) Community of Nome

"The consequences of underage drinking in Alaska reflected in the increase in the number of alcohol-related accidents among youth requiring hospitalization of 66.3% between 1991 and 1998. Over this period, Alaska averaged 30 suicide attempts annually among youth where alcohol was a factor."

Nome's Town Hall meeting brought Mayor Denise Michels, concerned citizens and youth to challenge the ongoing problem of underage

drinking. A panel of experts were available to field questions and to share information on the youth services they provide. It was evident after listening to most of the panel members that these services are available *after* a minor is in trouble with drinking. Here are some of the comments and suggestions made by the town hall meeting.

- Bring more youth programs to Nome and the region
- Engage the youth in program decision

making

- Focus on positive rewards for non-drinking youth
- Ensure penalties given to youth through the court are completed
- Partner with agencies to get a treatment center in Nome
- Get involved in Family Court
- Hold parents accountable

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Long Time Head Start Employee Earns Degree

by Malinda Besett, Head Start Director



Pictured above is Joyce Takak, Head Start Lead Teacher at the University of Alaska Fairbanks graduation held May 8, 2008.

Joyce Takak from Elim earned her Applied Arts of Science degree in Early Childhood Education in May of 2008 from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Joyce has been working for Head Start since 1987. Her career in Head Start started off as a teacher's aide. Since then she has earned her Child Development Associate and is now a lead teacher.

You can always find Joyce surrounded by her family and enjoying time outdoors. She says, "I have taught children who are having their own children attend Head Start." She continues to be a role model for other teachers and parents by sharing what she has learned through the western world and what has been passed down to her from her parents and grandparents. One of Joyce's goals has been to earn her AAS degree and continue on to her Bachelor's Degree. Joyce can remember her mother saying to her as a child, "No matter how old you are, you can go to school." The Kawerak Head Start Staff would like to Congratulate Joyce on earning her college degree.

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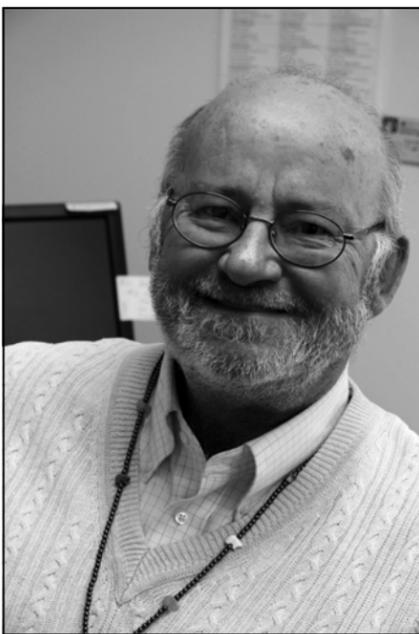
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Michael Lake is the new President/CEO

Norton Sound Health Corporation's Chairperson Emily Hughes is pleased to welcome Michael C. Lake as the President/CEO of the Corporation. From 2000 to 2006, Michael was the President/CEO of a Corporation which owned and operated five (5) Acute Care hospital's in the southeast. With over thirty years of healthcare experience, Michael has vast experience in Acute Care, Long Term Care, Home Health Care, and Hospice.

Michael has also been active in mergers and Acquisition work, having closed over \$700 million in healthcare mergers and acquisitions. Michael was born in Bad-Nauheim, Germany and raised in Georgia. He Earned his bachelor's degree from North Georgia College. Mr. Lake also served in the U.S Army from 1967 to 1969, as a forward observer, with the 3/11 Artillery, 1st Cav, in the Republic of Viet-Nam.



NSHC President Michael Lake.

Please join the staff and board of the
Norton Sound Health Corporation

for the
Grand Opening of the new PATIENT HOSTEL
Wednesday, July 30 at 3:00 pm at the corner of 6th & N St.
Ground Breaking for the NEW HOSPITAL
Wednesday, July 30 at 4:00 pm at the corner of the bypass road & N St.

The public is cordially invited to both events. King Island Dancers will perform and refreshments will be served after the grand opening of the patient hostel.



NORTON SOUND HEALTH CORPORATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Norton Sound Health Corporation has a wide range of job opportunities in the health care field. If you would like to review job announcements or apply for a position, you can download an application at www.nortonsoundhealth.org/jobs.

Resumes and/or job applications can be faxed to 907-443-2085, or mailed to: Norton Sound Health Corp Attn: Human Resources P.O. Box 966 Nome, Alaska 99762 Please call Human Resources office at 443-4506 for more information.

Need help with your
MEDICAID/Denali KidCare
Renewal Application?



Let us help.

Please call:
NSHC Patient Benefits
1-888-559-3311

RENEWALS SUBMITTED ON TIME
HELP ENSURE YOUR
MEDICAID BENEFITS CONTINUE

Elder Wisdom from the Eskimo Heritage Program Archives

Brought to you by the Natural Resources Department's Eskimo Heritage Program to meet Kawerak's Goal: "We will re-instill wellness, culture and pride as the norm in the Bering Strait region."

Topic is Healthy Living

I used to use this one . . . that makes you drunk. We call it "Kivinatuaq". Kivinatuaq sounds like a staining, which would be like staining oneself, one's nature and one's being. It sounds like getting twisted about, but not really physically. It would be more mentally than it would be physically. Never again have I taken that one.

From William Kaputak of Little Diomedea

Excerpts below are from various Elder interviews.

February 24, 1981

They'll just keep on drinking and lead a careless life without guide, we got to put that guide into them while they are young and so they could behave when they get old and then we get good business men... He is a fool if he doesn't do what he knows...

April 22, 1983

...(UE of King Island) Those kids that are taking this thing not alcohol, but other like marijuana and dope and things like that-affect their brain. Next

morning, they are cranky, want to get mad real easy-quick to answer back. They don't love no body-they got no care for nobody. That's how they are, they get...their brain is affected. ... (W.S. of Wales) Right now things will just get worst, all the time, worst, worst, worst. ... (M.S) Unless, like the elders say, saying at the convention-we have to teach our children our native ways. ... (CI of St. Lawrence) The only Eskimo way of saying is -regardless of that young kid listen to you or not, just keep on telling him. Telling him what is right; we tell our other folks, so we do that way-so we tell our young folks what to do right-whether they listen us or not-keep at it all the time. Life time teaching, so we do our best whether we come up with good answers or not. We are not going to stop, someday we will make it. Keep at it. Something will come up.

April 11, 1983

S: Wales, Alaska: IRA Council, they formed their own Council 12 members to a group. That's their way of leading their

village up there. Everything seems to be working fine. That's before alcohol and things like that came around to the villages. The Council took care of everything; the people of the village respond whatever they were told like they make trails from Wales to Tin City to get driftwood. The trail is so rough, they use axe-they also used picks to make a trail; these kinds of stuff to help the people in the village.

February 24, 1986

EK of Teller....but one thing I am really concerned about the young people, they are talking about marijuana and booze. They don't make it in Teller. They don't make it in Alaska, I don't think. This makes me concerned real bad about our young people. ... I am concerned about the young people too the way those problems are that marijuana they are talking about marijuana and this liquor reach our little town in Teller. They are talking about it too. I'm not the only one concerned about it, every older people are concerned about the problem, about the young people.

For more information about the Eskimo Heritage Program, review tapes, look at pictures or donate to the collections call Colleen Reynolds, EHP Director at (907)443-4386 or via email at creynolds@kawerak.org or Eva Menadelook EHP Specialist at (907)443-4387 or via email at emenadelook@kawerak.org.

Trash Talk *The Bering Strait Regional Backhaul Project*

Kawerak's Community Planning and Development program (CPD) and the Bering Strait Development Council (BSDC) are excited to announce a new project designed to extend the life of your landfill! The *Bering Strait Regional Backhaul Project* wants to get those ATVs, broken down refrigerators and leaking freezers out of your dump!

In 2007, a new project was proposed that will assist Bering Strait communities in extending the life of their landfills. The project, entitled the *Bering Strait Regional Backhaul Project*,

"This project allows us to help our communities accomplish something that would be very difficult to do on their own," states Pearl Mikulski

seeks to remove large items from community landfills and expand current recycling efforts in Western Alaska. The project is part of a comprehensive regional plan, focusing on community development and planning. As the project progresses, Kawerak has committed dedicated personnel to review the feasibility and logistics of the project, implementation and evaluation and has also obtained an AmeriCorps volunteer to begin working full-time on the project itself.

"This project allows us to help our communities accomplish something that would be very difficult to do on their own," states Pearl Mikulski, Kawerak's Economic Development Planner who will be assisting with the project. "We believe it is our responsibility to assist in improving economic, social and the environmental quality of life for our residents. This project does exactly that."

Proposed project options include removing large items from landfills, expand recycling programs and selling scrap metal, electronics, and used batteries to recyclers. The project is also reviewing ways to dispose of hazardous materials like Freon and glycol.

Although the project is only in the initial planning stages, over 15 local communities and agencies have expressed their support. As more people learn about the project, the BSDC anticipates unanimous cooperation from all Bering Strait communities. The BSDC isn't afraid to get its hands dirty with this project and believes it's an exciting time to be in waste management!

For more information on this project, please contact CPD's Barb Nickels or Pearl Mikulski at 877-219-2599.

NSEDC SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE 2008

BUSINESS IDEAS NEEDED – AWARDS OF UP TO \$35,000

What is the NSEDC Small Business Initiative? The NSEDC Small Business Initiative (SBI) is an avenue for individuals to promote and develop business ventures in an effort to help alleviate social and economic issues facing the Norton Sound region. The SBI is patterned after the Alaska Federation of Natives highly regarded *Alaska Marketplace* and is aimed at identifying and funding business ideas that will stimulate and facilitate economic development in the Norton Sound region. Norton Sound entrepreneurs are invited to submit an application for a business idea that demonstrates economic sustainability.

After a series of reviews and interviews by an independent panel of judges, selected participants will present their ideas to the panel in person for the opportunity to be awarded a grant of up to \$35,000. Applications, eligibility criteria, resources and contact information is cur-

rently available at www.nsedc.com.

If you would like help with your application, Kawerak's Community Planning & Development (CPD) program is offering technical assistance to individuals. CPD is also offering the use of their Small Business Development Center's public use computers for participants to go online and fill out the application. Staff is available 9am-5pm for assistance. Contact Barb Nickels at 877-219-2599 to set up an appointment or come on by the offices. The Small Business Development Center is located in the Kawerak 'new' building on the first floor in the back.

Act now, the deadline is July 31, 2008

Submitted by Barb Nickels, Community Planning & Development Director



Being "ResourceSmart!" How It Benefits You & Your Community

By Alice Bioff, Norton Sound Health Corporation, Patient Benefits Manager

Tribal health organizations nationwide such as Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) find they must increase their reliance on third party revenue such as Medicaid/Denali Kidcare to supplement the high cost of providing quality health care services.

Prior to 1976, Indian Health Service (IHS) providers were solely funded by direct appropriations from Congress. Third party revenue was not collected and billing systems did not exist. However, times have changed. Since 1976, IHS facilities such as NSHC have been able to bill Medicaid and Medicare directly as third party revenue sources, bringing in additional revenue to help fund the cost of providing services.

Finding alternative funding sources other than IHS revenue is critical because Federal IHS appropriations continue to be funded at the same level each year despite rising costs of all health care operations. Consequently, IHS appropriations are not nearly enough to cover the continually increasing health needs of our region.

Recently the IHS and the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) have developed a campaign called "Being ResourceSmart" to raise awareness within tribal communities across the nation that enrolling into Medicaid and other health resources is important to our patients, families and communities. NSHC embraces this campaign and hopes that it will bring to light the importance of enrolling into programs like Medicaid/Denali KidCare because of the challenges we face in providing health care services with inadequate I.H.S funding. According to IHS and DHHS, "Being ResourceSmart means learning about and enrolling in programs and services that may be available to you and your family."

Medicaid is the second largest revenue source for NSHC, second only to IHS compact revenue. The more Medicaid enrollment, the more IHS funds are available to make improvements and increase services at NSHC. Our patients, families and region all benefit as a result.

Most importantly, Medicaid/Denali Kidcare is a great benefit for our patients. Everyday we see patients who benefit from having the coverage, especially those who are traveling to Anchorage for appointments. When patients travel away from home they find comfort in



knowing that their hotel and taxi expenses are taken care of by Medicaid. Another great Medicaid benefit is the new preventative and restorative dental care for adults. Eligible adults can receive coverage for dental services such as exams, cleanings, tooth restorations, crowns, root canals and dentures, up to an annual cap of \$1,150 per person per state fiscal year. These are just a couple of the benefits of Medicaid. For more detailed information on the many great benefits of the Alaska State Medicaid, please visit:

http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dhcs/Medicaid_Medicare/

Not everyone is eligible for Medicaid/Denali Kidcare. Eligibility requirements must be met such as income and resource limits. To assist

patients in applying for Medicaid and other alternate third party resources, NSHC has created the Patient Benefits Department. The Department is staffed with five Patient Benefits Specialists with offices located in Unalakleet, Elim, Savoonga and Nome.

Each Patient Benefits Specialist assists patients with enrollment into Medicaid by acting as an advocate for the patients when working with the state and federal agencies, assisting with the application process, tracking the application to ensure it is processed in a timely manner, and notifying patients if eligibility is ending. Please note we are not eligibility technicians and do not determine if someone is eligible for benefits.

We understand that the process of applying for health resources and navigating the health insurance and billing processes can sometimes be overwhelming. We are here to help. In addition to assisting with enrollment, Patient Benefits Specialists also assist with other NSHC programs such as the Sliding Fee Scale and Financial Planning applications. For more information on these programs or Medicaid enrollment please give us a call.

Zoe Ivanoff	Unalakleet	(907) 624-3346
Darla Jemewouk	Elim	(907) 890-2001
Tisha Kingeekuk	Savoonga	(907) 984-6905
Brenda Adams	Nome Office	(907) 443-3323
	Toll Free	1(888)559-3311

Taking the time to enroll into Medicaid and other health resources benefits you directly, and will also benefit all of us as we continue to seek the best possible health care services for this region. You may be contacted by a Specialist to be screened for services. We are also more than happy to take your calls.

Meet our faculty!

Northwest Campus currently has six full-time faculty on staff. If you have a question about a course, you might want to contact the instructor directly.



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FALL SCHEDULE



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

ASLG F110 1 cr (h)

American Sign Language Practice

CRN: TBA

Pearl Mikulski

Skill development in use of American Sign Language. Conducted entirely in sign language with aspects of deaf culture included. All skill levels. May be repeated twice for credit. Graded pass/fail.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 9/5. No late registration fee.

F — 6:00pm to 7:30pm — 9/12 to 12/5

NWC • Class meets at Bible Baptist Church

APPLIED ART

APAR F150P 2 cr

Attigi Parka Making

CRN: TBA

Asaaluk Irelan & Marilyn Koezuna-Irelan

Introduction to traditional crafts such as basket weaving, birch bark basket-making, beading, carving, canoe or kayak making, etc. Topics vary based on community need and interest and will be identified each semester. This semester's topic will be making a traditional parka.

PREREQUISITE: APAR 150 Ugalqaq Kuspuk Making or kuspuk-making experience.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 8/29. No late registration fee.

Sun — 2:00pm to 5:00pm — 9/7 to 11/16

NWC • On campus

APAR F150P 1 cr

Intro to Traditional Crafts: Traditional Portraiture

CRN: TBA

Autumn Falls

The craft of traditional portrait drawing and painting has been passed down through the centuries—through apprenticeships up through the 19th century, and then through the atelier method. This workshop method allows students of all skill levels to learn portraiture together while getting instruction in portrait technique and use of various media. In this course, students will learn the atelier craft of painting and drawing in any traditional medium they choose: oil, watercolor, pastel, graphite, charcoal, ink, pencil, etc. Instruction in the various media will be given as needed, at each student's level of skill. Portrait painting and drawing will be taught, breaking down the topics into simple, easy-to-understand ideas that help students paint and draw. This course emphasizes self-expression by developing spontaneous artistic ideas into a more focused, crafted style, and is open to beginning students through advanced students.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 8/28. No late registration fee.

T, Th — 6:00pm to 9:00pm — 9/4 to 9/30

NWC • On campus

APPLIED BUSINESS

ABUS F102A 1 cr

Keyboarding

CRN: TBA

Joe Mason

Instruction in the mastery of alphabetic keyboard touch-typing. Skills mastered can be applied to typewriters, CRTs, computer terminals, or other equipment with a keyboard.

NO REGISTRATION DEADLINE. No late registration fee.

Days & Times TBA with instructor. Open entry.

NWC • On campus

ABUS F154 UN1 3 cr

Human Relations

CRN: 79111

Michael Hannigan

Attitudes, self-concepts, personal communication styles, motivation, interactions, positive reinforcements, team building and leadership development.

T, Th — 3:30pm to 5:00pm — 9/2 to 12/11

NWC • DISTANCE (Audio conference and on campus)

ABUS F220 3 cr

Microcomputer Accounting: QuickBooks

CRN: TBA

Melanie Burtis

Basic microcomputer principles. Includes entering transactions, analyzing results, correcting errors and organizing business finances. QuickBooks is a widely used accounting software application.

PREREQUISITES: ABUS 101 (Principles of Accounting I) or permission of instructor.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 8/26. No late registration fee.

T — 2:00pm to 5:00pm — 9/2 to 12/16

NWC • On campus

ART

ART F101 3 cr

Introduction to Ceramics

CRN: TBA

Louise Kuntz-Tadda

Making and firing clay objects. Study of clay methods, forming decorations, glazing and firing.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 9/3. No late registration fee.

W — 6:30pm to 9:30pm — 9/10 to 12/20

OPEN LAB: Sa — 12:00pm to 3:00pm

NWC • Ceramics & Art Studio

ART F193 1 cr

Beginning Bookbinding

CRN: TBA

Heather Neal Kasvinsky

This class is an introduction to techniques, materials and resources for creating books. Instruction includes the following: Preparation of materials and design choices for Japanese stab binding, origami books, pamphlet stitching, accordion folds and exposed stitch/multi-signature structures. Students construct a variety of book structures from a single sheet to a multi-section hardcover blank book.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 10/2. No late registration fee.

Th, F — 5:30pm to 9:30pm — 10/09 to 10/10

Sa — 10am to 6:30pm — 10/11

Su — 12:30am to 7:30pm — 10/12

NWC • On campus

BIOLOGY

BIOL F104X 4 cr (n)

Natural History of Alaska

CRN: TBA

Claudia Ihl

The physical environment peculiar to the North and important in determining the biological setting; major ecosystem concepts to develop an appreciation for land use and wildlife management problems in both terrestrial and aquatic situations. May not be used as biology elective credit for a major in biological science. BIOL 104X fulfills the Natural Science Core requirement.

NOTE: This section open only to paraprofessional teacher aides of the Bering Strait School District and HLRM students.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Lab is the standard 40-hour lab. The dates, times and place of the lab intensive will be determined by the instructor. For more information, you may contact the instructor. This course will be delivered over the Internet using Blackboard. You must use a computer to participate in class. To learn more, please visit www.nwc.uaf.edu, click on "For Students," and then click on "NWC Guide and Orientation to Learning at a Distance (GOLD) Process."

Lab fee to be collected at start of lab.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 9/2. No late registration fee.

M, W — 6:50pm to 8:20pm — 9/10 to 12/10

NWC • Distance (Audio conference and Blackboard)

BIOL F112X UN1 4 cr (n)

Human Anatomy & Physiology II

CRN: 79113

Claudia Ihl

Integrated view of human structure and function for students in pre-professional allied health programs, biology, physical education, psychology and art. Course covers cells, tissues and organs, skeletal and muscle systems, the nervous system and integument.

RECOMMENDED: High school biology, high school algebra, CHEM 105X-106X or CHEM 103X-104X, ENGL 111X.

PREREQUISITES: BIOL 111X

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: This course will be delivered over the Internet using Blackboard. You must use a computer to participate in class. To learn more, please visit nwc.uaf.edu, click on "For Students," and then click on "NWC Guide and Orientation to Learning at a Distance (GOLD) Process."

M, W — 5:10pm to 6:40pm — 9/3 to 12/10

NWC • Distance (Audio conference and Blackboard)

BIOL F193 1 cr

Climate Change in Alaska

CRN: TBA

Claudia Ihl

The purpose of this class is to give students the basic scientific background knowledge they need in order to understand and critically interpret the large amount of information on climate change that is available today. We will compare today's climate change with those of the past, dissect critical arguments for and against human causes of climate change and examine evidence for climate change and its consequences in our region from scientific studies and traditional Native knowledge.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 9/30. No late registration fee.

T, Th — 6:00pm to 7:30pm — 10/7 to 11/6

NWC • On campus

COMPUTER INFORMATION AND OFFICE SYSTEMS

CIOS F105 1 cr

Computer Software Application: QuickBooks

CRN: TBA

Melanie Burtis

Extensive coverage of a specific microcomputer application. This basic course will cover the highlights of using QuickBooks.

Dates & times TBA; course will be offered in Unalakleet, Savoonga, Shaktoolik, and St. Michael.

CIOS F110 UN1 3 cr

Microcomputer Operating Systems: A+

CRN: 79114

Joe Mason

Comprehensive exploration of a current microcomputer operating system: use, configuring, installing and administering. Topics include end-user and technical support.

RECOMMENDED: CIOS150 or equivalent computer literacy including saving/retrieving files, use of office applications, Internet and e-mail.

NOTE: Objectives map to the CompTIA 2006 A+ Certification. Companion course is CIOS 210: PC Hardware Configuration and Troubleshooting.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Computer (less than 3 years old) with Windows XP (Professional Edition preferred), reliable Internet access during class time. You must use a computer to participate in class via E-live. To learn more, visit nwc.uaf.edu, click on "For Students," and then click on "NWC Guide and Orientation to Learning at a Distance (GOLD) Process."

M, W — 6:50pm to 10:00pm — 9/8 to 10/22

NWC • On campus and DISTANCE (Illuminate Live)

CIOS F210 UN1 3 cr

PC Hardware Configuration and Troubleshooting: A+

CRN: 79115

Joe Mason

Fundamental hardware and software configuration and troubleshooting. Includes installing, removing and configuring computer hardware components; installing and configuring software applications and operating systems; diagnosing hardware and software problems; and developing troubleshooting and configuration procedures.

RECOMMENDED: CIOS 110 or equivalent skills.

NOTE: Objectives map to the CompTIA 2006 A+ Certification, and the companion course is CIOS110: Microcomputer Operating Systems.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Computer (less than 3 years old), reliable Internet access during class time. You must use a computer to participate in class via E-live. To learn more, visit nwc.uaf.edu, click on "For Students," and then click on "NWC Guide and Orientation to Learning at a Distance (GOLD) Process." Access to the following is also required: an electronic toolkit (small), an electronic wristband, a digital camera (and the ability to import photos into a Word document and label them), and a working PC (in addition to the one used to connect to class) that can be taken apart and put back together.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 10/13.

M, W — 6:50pm to 10:00pm — 10/27 to 12/17

NWC • On campus and DISTANCE (Illuminate Live)

DEVELOPMENTAL STUDIES

DEVS F104 UN1 3 cr
University Communications: Grammar and Composition
CRN: 79116 Joe Mason
 Introduces the unique methods of communication required at the college level. May be repeated.
T, Th — 5:10pm to 6:40pm — 9/9 to 12/11
NWC • Distance (Audio conference and Blackboard)

DEVS F110 1 cr
College Success Skills
CRN: TBA Reese Huhta
 An introduction to and overview of the diverse skills, strategies and resources available to ensure success in the college experience. Topics include study skills, time management, career planning, stress management, communication skills, test taking and personal development skills.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 9/2. No late registration fee.
T, R — 1:30pm to 3:00pm — 9/9 to 10/9
NWC • Distance (video conference & more)

MARINE SCIENCE AND LIMNOLOGY

MSL F111X 4 cr (n)
The Oceans
CRN: TBA Heidi Herter
 Study of the oceans from the broad perspective offered by combining insights from biology, physics, chemistry and geology. Topics include the evolution of the oceans and marine life, forces acting on water and the resulting currents and waves, and relationships between the physics and chemistry of water bodies and their biological productivity. Societal questions related to fisheries management, global climate change and pollution will be discussed.
NOTE: Available only to high school students in the Bering Strait and Nome Beltz school districts. This section spans over both fall 2008 and spring 2009 semesters. The dates, times and place of the lab intensive will be determined by the instructor.
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: This course will be delivered over the Internet using Blackboard. You must have access to both a computer with Internet and a speakerphone to participate in class. To learn more, please visit www.nwc.uaf.edu, click on "For Students," and then click on "NWC Guide and Orientation to Learning at a Distance (GOLD) Process."
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 10/21. No late registration fee.
T, Th — 1:30pm to 3:00pm — 10/28 to 12/18, 1/13/09 to 5/5/09
NWC • Distance (Audio conference and Blackboard)

MATHEMATICS

DEVM F050 3 cr
Pre-Algebra
CRN: TBA Mike Rutledge
 Operations with whole numbers, fractions, decimals, percents and ratios, signed numbers, evaluation of algebraic expressions and evaluation of simple formula. Metric measurement system and geometric figures.
PREREQUISITES: Appropriate placement test scores.
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: This course will be delivered over the Internet using Blackboard and Elluminate Live (also called E-Live). You must use a computer to participate in class. To learn more, please visit nwc.uaf.edu, click on "For Students," and then click on "NWC Guide and Orientation to Learning at a Distance (GOLD) Process."
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 9/2. No late registration fee.
T, Th — 5:10pm to 6:40pm — 9/9 to 12/11
NWC • Distance (Elluminate Live)

DEVM F060 3 cr
Elementary Algebra
CRN: TBA Mike Rutledge
 First year high school algebra. Evaluating and simplifying algebraic expressions, solving first degree equations and inequalities, integer exponents, polynomials, factoring, rational expressions, equations and graphs of lines.
PREREQUISITE: Grade of C or better in DEVM 050, ABUS 155 or appropriate placement test scores. Prerequisite courses and/or placement exams must be taken within one calendar year prior to commencement of the course.
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: This course will be delivered over the Internet using Blackboard and Elluminate Live (also called E-Live). You must use a computer to participate in class. To learn more, please visit nwc.uaf.edu, click on "For Students," and then click on "NWC Guide and Orientation to Learning at a Distance (GOLD) Process."
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 9/2. No late registration fee.
M, T, Th — 2:00pm to 3:00pm — 9/9 to 12/11
NWC • Distance (Elluminate Live)

DEVM F105 UN1 3 cr
Intermediate Algebra
CRN: 79060 Mike Rutledge
 Second year high school algebra. Operations with rational expressions, radicals, rational exponents, logarithms, inequalities, quadratic equations, linear systems, functions, Cartesian coordinate system and graphing. To matriculate to MATH 107X from DEVM 105 a grade of B or higher is required.
PREREQUISITES: Grade of C or better in DEVM 060, DEVM 062 or appropriate placement test scores. Prerequisite courses and/or placement exams must be taken within one calendar year prior to commencement of the course.
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: This course will be delivered over the Internet using Blackboard. You must use a computer to participate in class. To learn more, please visit nwc.uaf.edu, click on "For Students," and then click on "NWC Guide and Orientation to Learning at a Distance (GOLD) Process."
M, W — 5:10pm to 6:40pm — 9/3 to 12/10
NWC • Distance (Audio conference and Blackboard)

PSYCHOLOGY

PSY F240 UN1 3 cr (s)
Lifespan Developmental Psychology
CRN: 79121 Michael Hannigan
 The psychology of human development from conception to death. Critical emphasis on theory and research within the field of developmental psychology with attention paid to similarities and differences in development across cultures. Topics include the psychological ramifications of physical development along with cognitive, personality and social development across the lifespan.
PREREQUISITES: PSY 101
M, W — 5:10pm to 6:40pm — 9/3 to 12/10
NWC • Distance (Audio conference)

PSY F250 UN1 (Cross-listed with SOC F250 UN1) 3 cr (s)
Introductory Statistics for Behavioral Sciences
CRN: 79183 Michael Hannigan
 Statistics applied to social scientific topics. Includes descriptive statistics, frequency distributions, sampling distributions, elementary probability, estimation of population parameters, hypothesis testing (one- and two-sample problems), correlation, simple linear regression and one-way analysis of variance.
PREREQUISITES: MATH F103X, MATH F107X or MATH F200X.
M, W — 3:30pm to 5:00pm — 9/3 to 12/10
NWC • Distance (Audio conference)

RELIGION

RELG F193 1 cr
Gilgamesh: Civilization's First Epic
CRN: TBA Paul Korchin
 The great hero-king Gilgamesh—ruler of Uruk in ancient Sumer—enjoys power and fortune without equal, being two-thirds divine and one-third human. Alas, as partly mortal, Gilgamesh is fated someday to die, and this knowledge propels him along a remarkable journey of adventures with his faithful cohort Enkidu, as Gilgamesh searches for the meaning of life—and death—amid a world that will endure long after he (and we) are gone. This seminar will focus upon a close reading and critical analysis of the Gilgamesh story in English, supplemented by linguistic, archaeological, artistic, and cultural references to the Sumerian and Akkadian originals from roughly four thousand years ago. A recurrent topic of inquiry will involve the primeval substance and structure of the epic genre, and how it resonates in famous subsequent examples such as *Odyssey* and *Beowulf*.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 9/26. No late registration fee.
F — 6:30pm to 9:00pm — 10/3 to 11/7
NWC • On campus

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RD 250 1 cr
Grant Writing for Community Development
CRN: TBA Melanie Burtis
 Basic elements of grant proposals and processes of preparing proposals for governmental and private funding sources. Emphasis on applied skills through preparation of actual grant proposals.
SIGN-UP DEADLINE: 7/18. No late registration fee.
W, Th — 9:00am to 4:00pm — 8/6 and 8/7
F — 9:00am to 12:00noon — 8/8
NWC • Elim (TBA)

SOCIOLOGY

SOC F100X UN1 3 cr (s)
Individual, Society and Culture
CRN: 79122 Michael Hannigan
 An examination of the complex social arrangements guiding individual behavior and common human concerns in contrasting cultural contexts.
T, Th — 5:10pm to 6:40pm — 9/2 to 12/11
NWC • Distance (Audio conference)

SOC F250 UN1 (Cross-listed with PSY F250 UN1) 3 cr (s)
Introductory Statistics for Behavioral Sciences
CRN: 79187 Michael Hannigan
 Statistics applied to social scientific topics. Includes descriptive statistics, frequency distributions, sampling distributions, elementary probability, estimation of population parameters, hypothesis testing (one- and two-sample problems), correlation, simple linear regression and one-way analysis of variance.
PREREQUISITES: MATH F103X, MATH F107X or MATH F200X.
M, W — 3:30pm to 5:00pm — 9/3 to 12/10
NWC • Distance (Audio conference)

NON-CREDIT WORKSHOPS

Ceramics for Kids
CRN: TBA Louise Kuntz-Tadda
 Learn the basics of ceramics during this workshop including creating, glazing and firing pottery.
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Limited to youth ages 7-14.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 9/20. No late registration fee.
Sa — 10:00am to 12:00noon — 9/27 to 11/1
Fee: \$100 (includes supplies)

Framing and Matting
CRN: TBA Angela Hansen
 Learn the skills needed to mat and frame your own art or photographic prints. This workshop will introduce students to the supplies, tools and techniques of mat cutting and framing with both metal and wood frames. Students will take home new skills and a ready-to-hang piece of art.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: TBA. No late registration fee.
Fee: \$65 + materials

Northwest Campus Writers Group
CRN: TBA Nancy Mendenhall
 This writers workshop is open to anyone age 16 and older who is interested in a peer critique of their works in progress, and who will bring samples of their own work of fiction, personal history, or other nonfiction to share. We will all offer positive critiques for each other's samples. Regular attendance and participation are important! We will meet once weekly for nine weeks; dates to be set at Oct. 7 meeting.
First meeting: T — 7:00pm to 9:00pm — Oct. 7
Nine regular weekly meetings, day TBD — 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Fee: \$20

Register for fall!

If you are pursuing a degree, please check your degree plan and consult with your advisor, Kacey Miller or Reese Huhta, before signing up for any courses. Your advisor will help ensure that you register for appropriate courses you need for your degree.

Here's how to contact our advisors:



Kacey Miller

- Serves Nome, Brevig Mission, Diomedes, Elim, Gambell, Golovin, Savoonga, Shishmaref, Teller, Wales, White Mountain
- 1-800-478-2202, ext. 8416
nnklm@uaf.edu



Reese Huhta

- Serves Unalakleet, Koyuk, St. Michael, Shaktoolik, Stebbins
- 1-888-624-3158
nrsh@uaf.edu

How much do courses cost?

- Tuition is \$131 per credit
 - » 1 credit = \$131
 - » 2 credits = \$262
 - » 3 credits = \$393
- UA fee: \$3 per credit
- Some courses have distance education fees and book, lab or materials fees

Where can I find more information?

Course details, including prices, appear in the College of Rural and Community Development spring schedule, which will be delivered to area post offices. The schedule is online at: www.nwc.uaf.edu

How do I register?

- Call us at 1-800-478-2202 or, in Nome, at 443-2201
- Print a registration form at www.nwc.uaf.edu, then fill out the form and fax it in or drop it off at campus

Learning centers

You can also get assistance at the following NWC learning centers:

- St. Michael
- Savoonga: 984-6345
- Shishmaref: 649-2287

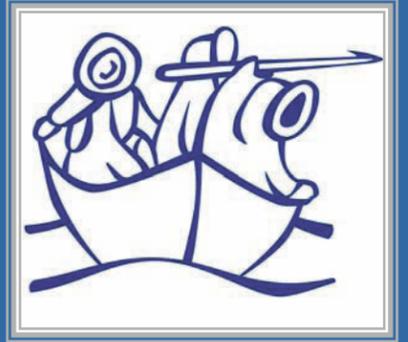
Registration deadline:

August 24

(unless otherwise indicated above)

NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY

Nome Eskimo Community was organized under the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) of 1934 as a Federally Recognized Tribe. Nome Eskimo Community (NEC) was formed in 1939 by the Nome Native population. NEC's initial authority was mainly political, as the tribal governing body. The primary purpose of NEC is to design and implement programs for increased quality of life and well being of its tribal membership and Natives who reside in Nome.



NEC currently has 2,400+ tribal members who benefit from services. According to the US Census of 2000, there are 1,789 Alaska Natives residing in Nome, over 1,500 of these are NEC tribal members. Nome Eskimo Community is governed by a seven member tribal council. In 2003, the NEC tribal council adopted a 5-Year Strategic Plan which provides the council and staff direction. Primary goals for the organization are:

- To strengthen the Tribe's governing capacity and grow as an organization.
- To create economic opportunities, and strengthen and expand services that enhances the quality of life and instills pride and self-confidence for Tribal members.
- To utilize our culture to enhance our unity, communication, and proudly maintain a lifestyle that strengthens our identity as a sovereign tribe.

Nome Eskimo Community

P.O. Box 1090 ~ Nome, Alaska 99762
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 HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Email: nomeeskimo@gci.net

NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY (NEC) Tribal Services goal is to ensure that tribal members have their essential needs met and are trained, job ready and qualified for employment. Tribal Services works through various activities to achieve this goal. These services include:

Higher Education provides scholarship funds to students who pursue secondary education by enrollment in an Associate, Bachelor or Masters (based on availability of funds) Degree program.

Vocational Training assistance is available for students who wish to pursue job skills necessary to obtain and/or retain employment. Eligible applicants must be accepted into to a certified vocational trade school, certificate, diploma or apprenticeship program at an accredited institution. Academic programs must be full-time and in an institutional setting.

Direct Employment assistance is available to eligible applicants who require financial assistance for transitional needs to secure and/or retain employment in the Nome service area. Transitional needs may include: travel costs, household staples, professional work attire, work gear specific to their job duties, tools, rental and utility assistance or other needs.

Welfare Assistance provides temporary financial assistance to meet the essential needs of eligible Alaska Native and American Indian residents of the Nome service area. Individual Self-Sufficiency Plans (ISPs) are developed using specific steps to increase self-sufficiency by meeting

employment goals.

Burial Assistance provides financial assistance for funeral expenses when other financial resources are unavailable.

TRIBAL YOUTH PROGRAM (TYP) purpose is to increase and enhance activities which will promote education, culture and healthy lifestyles for Alaskan Native and tribally enrolled youth enrolled in Nome Public Schools (NPS). During the school year NEC receives referrals from NPS for students needing homework assistance or for students with truancy or behavior issues. Referrals may be received by parents and students as well.

After School Study Program provides homework assistance for students in K-12th grade. This program begins in October and ends in May. Monday-Thursday from 2 PM -6 PM.

A Project Advisory Team (PAT) was created with a mission to plan, implement and monitor strategies to address the needs of tribal and Alaska Native youth. This team of advisors establishes important and vital community links between the local agencies that provide youth services.

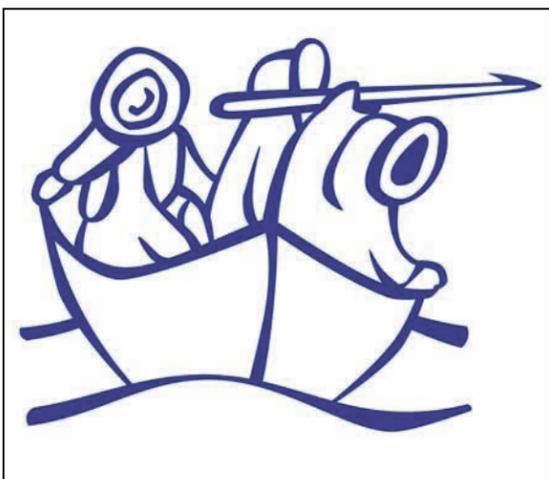
Pre-school Scholarships are available to NEC tribal member children enrolled in the Nome Pre-School. Applications are available through Nome Pre-School and Nome Eskimo Community.

After School Activities are available for children in grades K-6th as an alternative to child care.

Cultural Activities are provided throughout the year to instill cultural values among youth. In the summer, activities provided range from picking greens with elders to watching seal cutting presentation. NEC also works with Nome Public Schools to provide Eskimo Games and Inupiaq language for students in elementary school. In **2006** youth built three built or repaired fish racks for Elder NEC tribal members. In **2007** NEC partnered with various organizations to provide a week long Summer Youth Camp at Pilgrim Hot Springs (see picture below).



In addition to cultural activities NEC partners with other youth programs to provide positive activities that promote healthy children and families. The Nome Recreation Center, Nome Community Center, Kawerak, the Nome Youth Facility, the Norton Sound Health Corporation CAMP department and NPS are a just a few of our local partners. **Since 2005** NEC has partnered with the Challenge Life Youth Foundation out of Fairbanks to provide a five day basketball camp for youth in grades 4th-12th. For more information about NEC Tribal Services please call (907)443-9121.



Nome Eskimo Community Housing Department

The NEC Housing Department is now accepting applications for Weatherization Services.

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Income qualifications, based upon the size of the family
- Tribally enrolled to NEC
- Must own the property
- Own no other property
- Must reside in the home

Interested tribal members may contact Catherine Kakaruk, Office Coordinator for the Housing Department at 443-2246 or 443-9102. Applications are available at the NEC office at 200 West 5th Avenue.

NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY

Message from the Executive Director: Nome Eskimo Community Highlights & Updates

I'm pleased to share with the residents of our region the wonderful and exciting happenings at Nome Eskimo Community. I was hired as the Executive Director for our Tribe in the fall of 2001. At that time, NEC had four employees and an Indian Self-Determination contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to fund General Assistance and Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) activities, and a Native American Housing and Self-Determination (NAHASDA) grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide housing services to membership. NEC's annual funding, with the majority being NAHASDA, was roughly \$1.2 million per year. At that time, NEC was also plagued with contract issues that took a couple years to resolve before achieving compliance.

In 2004, I participated in strategic planning with the Tribal Council to create a 5 year strategic plan that identified specific goals and projects that the tribe wanted to accomplish by 2009. The primary goal of the plan was to exercise self-determination and pursue Self-Governance compacting status with the Department of Interior. This status would not only afford the opportunity to provide additional services directly to membership, but would increase our funding level. In 2005, we were granted Self-Governance status and increased our funding level to over \$2.4 million. This was an exciting time as we hired additional staff and created a Tribal Services Program to provide education, employment, training, and youth services, and the Family Services Program that not only intervenes on behalf of member children who are taken into State custody but provides supportive services to these children and their families.

In 2006, we received a 3-year Tribal Youth Grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice to expand on youth services by partnering with the Nome Public Schools to address truancy and also work with youth to achieve academic attainment. We were also successful in securing an agreement with Kawerak and the State of Alaska, Department of Health & Human Services to receive Title IV-E reimbursement funds to supplement our Family Services Program; we're the only Tribe in Alaska to have such an agreement. And in 2007, we received a 3-year Communities Empowering Youth grant from the Department of Health & Human Services for organizational and community capacity

building; our partner organizations are the Nome Community Center and Nome Public Schools.

This year, we received a 4-year Environmental Protection Agency grant to develop a Tribal Environmental Program. We also withdrew our Indian Reservation Roads funding from the Kawerak Transportation pool to develop a Tribal Transportation Program and pursue a partnership with the City of Nome to pool resources for projects in our community. We're researching a Tribal Energy Grant, and are seeking resources to sustain housing activities and expand the Family Services Program to provide intervention and prevention services.

We're also developing a website that we anticipate being available in the fall; our address will be www.necalaska.org. Information about Nome Eskimo Community, its services, and program applications will be available on-line for clients to download.

Today we have twenty employees and an annual budget of over \$3,000,000 (not including our transportation funds). While recently working on a report, I realized the full impact that NEC has on our membership and in our community. While compiling data, we found that during 2007, NEC expended over \$600,000 for direct services and served over 1,600 people through our services and activities in the community. This is phenomenal for a Tribe who a few years ago, provided limited services.

Our Tribal Council meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month and members are welcome to attend to keep apprised of issues and/or provide input. This year, we're planning for a potluck with entertainment for our annual meeting scheduled for Saturday, November 15th. We look forward to sharing our activities and updating the membership on our success in 2008. Have a wonderful and safe summer.



Denise Barengo ,
Executive Director

The **Nome Eskimo Community Tribal Resource Program** was created to increase NEC's administrative capacity to start, operate and manage a tribal environmental program.

The NEC Tribal Resource Program will monitor the effects of industrial development on water, land, air and habitat resources, establish partnerships with agencies to address climate change and its effects



on Arctic and natural subsistence resources and collect data for the NEC Tribal Council to make proactive decisions and comments on the implementation of future projects that impact the environment. The program is funded by an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Indian Governmental Assistance Program (IGAP) grant

For more information about the NEC Tribal Resource Program contact Austin Ahmasuk, Tribal Resource Specialist/EPA at (907) 443-9127 or via email at aaahmasuk@gci.net.

Nome Eskimo Community Housing Department

NEC Housing Department is accepting applications for Buy Down Assistance Services. The program is designed to increase home ownership and affordable housing opportunities to eligible low income tribal members. The program provides counseling on housing activities, responsibilities and the process from applicant to homeowner. HUD eligibility criteria are:

- HUD Income limits based upon size of the family
- Must be First Time Home Buyers
- Tribal members must successfully qualify for a mortgage loan through a lending institution insured by the FDIC
- Own no other property

Interested tribal members may contact Catherine Kakaruk, Office Coordinator for the Housing Department at 443-2246 or 443-9102. Applications are available at the NEC office at 200 West 5th Avenue.

Our website www.necalaska.org is under construction. Stay tuned for more updates.



Kawerak Full Board of Directors Meeting held April 10 ~ 11 in Nome

Below are the Village Reports from each representative

Galen Pushruk—Mary's Igloo Traditional Council:

Mary's Igloo Traditional Council (MITC) donated funds for the Teller Activities Committee Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt. The clinic project is underway. We changed our annual meeting to October (usually July), a date will be determined later. MITC Bingo hosted a school fundraiser for the senior trip to Washington D.C. The High School Basketball season is over, but the elementary basketball team is hosting a tournament on March 28-29. So far the teams that are attending are Teller, Brevig Mission, Shishmaref, and a possibility of Nome Elementary. GO AKLUQ Cubs!! The ski team traveled to White Mountain on March 20-22. Native Youth Olympics practice has started.

The Teller Fitness Center is now open within the school. A grant was funded by NSEDC through the Teller Traditional Council with help from Jay Thomas the Principal of Teller School. Equipment like treadmills, rowing machines, ecliptic machine, weight bench, and exercise bike are in the fitness center. Thank you Teller Traditional & Jay Thomas school Principal. The City ran out of heating fuel a couple of weeks ago and borrowed 3000 gallons from the Bering Strait School District. We thanked BSSD for letting the city borrow heating oil. Spring is around the corner and fishing will be underway again for Teller residents. We will be fishing for tomcods and pike. Our concerns include the NSHC eye clinic and the Search and Rescue vehicles. We would like to see an eye doctor, hopefully one that will make trips out to the villages to see people in the rest of the Norton Sound Region. Also we are concerned that the clinic vehicles are being used for personal transportation which isn't appropriate. In conclusion the Native Village of Mary's Igloo will continue to work together with the different tribes and school to better the community as we have in the past.

Richard Elachik—Native Village of St. Michael:

St. Michael staff held a week of holiday activities; Christmas carnival and games, youth disco dancing, fiddling, Christmas raffles, surprise gift openings, community feast, and New Year's fireworks! Our organization spent \$10,000 on the activities. We were fortunately reimbursed by BSRHA's Crime Prevention and Safety program and would like to thank them for sponsoring the activities. Our Annual Tribal Membership Meeting was held in January 19, 2008. Thank you to Kawerak for your donation. We faxed the results of the elected council members to some of the regional IRA's, but not all, sorry to those Tribes that have not yet received this info. The results are as follows: Shirley Martin-President, Virginia Washington-Vice President, Elsie Cheemuk-Secretary, Milton Cheemuk-Treasurer, Richard Elachik, Sr.-member, Esther Andrews-member and John Lockwood-member.

Our EPA/IGAP program is planning for the annual spring clean-up. We purchased a trash burner and will obtain additional equipment to heat our IRA building. We are also looking into investing in an incinerator to reduce the garbage at the landfill. We have applied for another IGAP grant. Our recycling of pop cans and electronics are improving. We are preparing for our 2nd backhaul of debris for this summer/fall; a representative from Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council will be visiting soon. As a result of a joint meeting with local entities and BSSD personnel, our new school should be finished by August or early September '08. There will be room for four (4 year old) students in the new school. We will be planning the grand opening.

Courtesy of NSEDC's suicide prevention money, we held a Youth Easter egg hunt. A local resident will assist in the Salmon Variability Study this summer. We are glad to see this being done. We have also submitted to Kawerak potential residents for subsistence hunting knowledge as a resource. On behalf of the membership and community of St. Michael, we'd like to thank Kawerak for their assistance in getting the fuel from CITGO to our households, it was much appreciated.

Eleanor Amaktoolik,—Chinik Eskimo Community:

Concerns: #1. The Roads program is still one of the biggest concerns for Chinik Eskimo Community (CEC). The community wants an update on Golovin roads/trails. #2. CEC would also like an update for the Head Start program next school year. The enrollment is expected to be 11 children (also the CEC council would like to know whether or not Kawerak will be covering the rent for space used and if an aide could be hired to assist in the classroom for next year.

CEC held their Annual Elections and Meeting in February: Irene Sockpealuk-President; Eleanor Amaktoolik-Vice President; Maude Paniptchuk-Secretary; Dean Peterson-Treasurer; Duane Lincoln-Member; Maggie Moses-Member and Irene Aukongak-Member.

The EPA program is busy educating youth on recycling pop cans. They have handed out can crushers to households and the school so the cans will be ready to ship out. The CEC is also in process of starting a Search & Rescue program. They have purchased two snow machines with the help of NSEDC Benefit share funding. The grant writer is seeking funding for SAR team supplies and new store building built here

in Golovin.

Delbert Pungowiyi—Native Village of Savoonga:

This summer the airport will be upgraded. The construction of the new school has started and should be completed by summer 2009. Delbert is confident they will have local hire for the projects. We will be getting two new turbines through AVEC. Whaling season kicked off with one small whale on Monday. Next will be walrus hunting season. Had a three-year project with UAA regarding reindeer Lichen. Island can safely hold three thousand reindeer, can't go much higher, over grazed in the past years. Two thousand reindeer on island. Project with UAA, they leased the land for \$.25 an acre for \$300,000, and set up exclusion zones. Lichen depleted in the zone will be allowed to grow back. Have radio collars on reindeer, if reindeer go into the zone, they will know to send reindeer herders out to move them out of the zone. There will be chronic reindeer disease testing in Alaska (Savoonga included). There is concern that caribou may bring in disease. Sometime this summer University of Alaska will offer a diving for ivory class for underwater archeology. We have old village sites underwater.

Edwin Weyiouanna—Native Village of Shishmaref:

The community of Shishmaref will host Congressman Don Young on March 27, 2008. IRA Council held their regular meetings on March 12 & 24th. Our grant writer is seeking funding for a new clinic. Jim Sanders was here March 17 to meet with our grant writer. The Inupiaq Days and Spring Carnival will be held April 9-11. The school has added community educational programs in the evenings. Our Tannery may close at the end of this month and will be open seasonally. The clinic continues to have freezing problems and last year we had 65 confirmed cases and 45 or 46 unconfirmed cases of Echovirus 6.

Michael Thomas—King Island Native Community:

King Island Native Community (KINC) held its annual elections and community gathering December 29. KINC and King Island Native Corporation have held quarterly meetings to address community needs. As a result of the joint meetings they have created a mission statement: "Ugiuvagmiut" which means: we shall ensure the continuance of our heritage and values for current and future generations by working together. KINC has started an afterschool tutoring program. Two tutors were hired to address the community needs. KINC and King Island Native Corporation recently attended an Indian Reservation Roads training, followed by a roads symposium in Fairbanks. Also, KINC and IRA council sent three representatives to a Saturday training session on the following A-87, A-133 and 25 CFR part 950 to address fund accounting policies.

Ellen Richard—Native Village of Wales:

The Native Village of Wales & community experienced a great loss of our President, Walter M. Weyapuk due to health reasons. Walter served on the Council for many years and was an active member; he also served on the Wales Native Corporation since the beginning and also served on the City of Wales. He will be greatly missed by everyone. Ellen J. Richard was elected to serve as President for the remainder of his term June 27, 2008. Anna M. Oxereok was appointed to fill his seat until the remaining of his term which will be up June 2009. The City of Wales held a public meeting with Doug Poage, VSW. Kawerak Attorney, John Bioff came here in February to meet with the Council on amendment options for our Election Ordinance--The Council Manual. He suggested we identify issues and he would bring information back to the Tribal Affairs Department.

Our Grant Writer, Sean Komonaseak completed a NSEDC grant for Sprinkler System Survey. This was awarded and the work was completed last month by George Stevenson. Sean is now working on another grant to get the actual work done on the Sprinkler system. He is also writing an ANA grant for the 2008 Kingikmuit Dance Festival. A joint meeting was held with BSRHA. Our monthly IRA and IGAP meeting are on going. We have five new Tribal members. Our Traditional Coordinator did a head count of our community and the population is at 138. Ellen J. Richard, President and Joanne Keys, Tribal Coordinator were gone most of the month for family medical reasons. We would like to wish everyone safe, successful hunting.

Melvin Otton—Native Village of Koyuk:

President Melvin "Duma" Otton will be attending his first Kawerak Board meeting next month. ANA Youth Leadership and the EPA IGAP programs are busy with Elders Inupiaq nights, Spring Clean-Up, and Environmental Committee and Youth Leadership meetings. Food Bank distributions started a couple months ago-slowed down last fall due to low inventory items at the Alaska Food Bank-this program sure helps our community. Shaktoolik/Koyuk Easter get-together was held in Shaktoolik March 21-23. Thanks to City of Koyuk for sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunt. Congratulations to the White Mountain Lady Wolves and the Elim Eagles for making it to the State IA Boys and Girls basketball tournament in Anchorage. Two tribal

members passed away during the last couple of months, our prayers and condolences to the families in late January 08 and late March 08. Koyuk is busy-people coming from Unalakleet and Shaktoolik to hunt and fish, we are glad to share our resources. People are out enjoying the spring weather, caribou hunting and fishing. Iditarod went by fast. Thank you to Kawerak for providing funds for our grant writer and managing CITGO oil distributions. Kawerak Accounting/Training Specialists Irene Navarro and Kristy Koelsh visited in February. Retirement potluck for Merlin Henry, outgoing Native Village of Koyuk council member. December 07 held elections with four seats to NVK. Council members as follows: Melvin "Duma" Otton, President; Anthony "Toni" Kimoktoak, Sr., Vice President; Georgianne Anasogak, Secretary; Lola Hannon member, 3 still seated: Frank Kavairlook, Sr., Beverly Leonard-Taxac, and Maggie Otton

Patrick Omiak Sr. Native Village of Diomede:

March activities that occurred in Diomede: fundraised \$102 by cake walk for internet services for the Afterschool Program at the Rec. Hall, need at least \$632 for equipment and six months of internet basic services. Will not purchase GCI internet equipment until funding is secured. IRA Council also hosted the Easter Egg hunt, children's bingo with Easter toys and baskets as prizes. On March 28th IRA Council hosted the children's Eskimo Baseball on the ice. Would like to have the baseball game to continue while the ice is in good condition. As for business, a lot of our meetings or small projects are on hold until the ice runway is open. This is considered one of our worst years for runway (transportation services). The reason is broken heavy equipment, lack of community working together to do manual shoveling and weather of course. During our monthly meeting on Friday, March 21st the IRA agenda included: resignation approval from our long term council member and previous IRA President Carolyn Ahkvaluk, she moved to Nome and is working with Kawerak, we consider her resignation a loss for us. IRA elective office is tabled until further notice, waiting for a council member to return home from medical leave. The council accepted four more tribal membership enrollments and approved to relinquish one member, that lived outside of Diomede for the past seventeen years. Our Family Tribal Service Coordinator (ICWA), Suzy Iyapana, is approved to attend training in Minnesota on April 17th-23rd. Our tribal council training needs are: Role and Responsibilities, Supervisor's Training Manual, and Grant Management. Hired a temporary Grant Writer with the remaining money carried over from last year. Hired Andrew Milligrock for 225 hours. Barbra Nickels, Kawerak CPD Director was notified last month regarding the remaining unspent funding carry over. Currently, the City of Diomede is unable to hire a Rec. Hall janitor to keep the building clean and haul oil. Native Village of Diomede posted notice for temporary janitor and hired Louis Ozenna until the City of Diomede is able to maintain the building. The funding approved is from our General Fund and is budgeted for the duration of six weeks. With transportation services poor in Diomede, outside training is not happening for ISWMP Coordinator and Acting President Arthur Ahkinga. Community is concerned about Norton Sound Health Corporation's annual visits to Diomede for eye care, dental, field doctor and public health nurse. They were expected to come by the end of March, still waiting for the ice runway in April. NSHC Village Health Services, Tia Wilson is trying her best to find an Itinerant Health Aide to cover for one Health Aide that is on maternity leave until May. Currently staff is updating the tribal enrollment files, a lot of missing supporting document and having difficulties with assigned enrollment numbers (out of sequence). May need assistance from either Kawerak or Progeny if possible. Should have definite details with this dilemma. Our tribe is interested in supporting the re-organization of our Senior Council and would like to have an assessment or survey on Elder's needs. There was a March 28th public meeting re-scheduled by Kawerak DOT regarding the Inalik Trail Improvement Project, Small Boat Harbor, and Airport. This meeting is very important to our community and our staff is willing to bake, make walrus stew or crab soup. Currently there are 11 interested community members that are participating in the Kawerak GED Program. Opened the IRA Office in the evenings for Tabe Testing, intakes and enrollment. Hard to say how this will go, they are pretty serious about this program.

Janice Dickens - Native Village of Unalakleet:

The Native Village of Unalakleet held their Annual Meeting on February 23 to hold elections and inform members of past and future developments. The election results are as follows: Kathy Johnson, President; Kermit Ivanoff, Vice-President; Louisa Paniptchuk, Treasurer; Janice Dickens, Secretary; Teri Paniptchuk, Council member 1 year term. Congratulations to two new council members serving for the first time, Louisa and Teri! Both of them are capable of good ideas, and as emerging leaders, they will take on an increasing awareness, understanding and appreciation of Unalakleet issues. A big welcome to both of you.

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Through the generosity of Kawerak, Inc., the IRA council was successful in obtaining a grant writer for a new Elder Assisted Living Facility. The IRA council again extends a "Thank You" to LaVerne Anagick who spearheaded the feasibility study for the project. Your help was invaluable and we wish you the best in your future endeavors. Other grants obtained are: from the NSHC Diabetes Program, funds for an Activities Coordinator, who will begin a softball program for the elementary and youth ages, among other activities. The Elder Nutrition Lunch Program was funded for 3 years by the Title VI, US Depart. of HHS, Administration on Aging. The nutrition program serves daily lunches Monday to Friday, provides transportation to the post office and stores and allows elders to socialize during lunch. NSEDC has funded the Camp JB Salmon Counting Tower for this coming season. This community based monitoring program, with the assistance of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game examines the salmon runs and provides data for management use. Without the generous support of NSEDC and the ADF&G, the program would have been extremely difficult to continue.

In hopes of preserving our Eskimo language, Henry Oyoumick submitted a language preservation grant to the Alaska Humanities Forum that will include recording Elders' pronunciation of Eskimo words and phrases. The recordings saved to a computer so users can punch in a command and will get immediate response to a phrase or word. The project will begin this spring.

The new Housing Director, Dwayne Johnson has completed the NAHASDA Annual Performance Report and developed the 2008 Indian Housing Plan for HUD. In addition, the new BIA funded house will be ready May or June, when the water and sewer system is installed. Great news for the new home owners!

The Unalakleet governing bodies and entities met for a week with Kawerak Local Economic Development (LEDP) expert, Pearl Mikulski to begin the first stage of the LEDP. A first draft of the LEDP will be available for the community input this spring and a second draft available this summer that will outline strategies to obtain high priority capital projects.

On Jan. 18 local representatives from Unalakleet Valley Electric Co-op, IRA, City, Bering Strait School District, and Unalakleet Native Corporation met with the Alaska Energy Authority and discussed the acquisition and funding for new diesel generators and a possible wind turbine for the year 2010. The new generators will replace obsolete generators with energy efficient ones. The wind turbine generator feasibility study is near completion and the community will decide from three options for alternative energy.

After about three years of a moose moratorium, we have a registered hunt for 14 to 16 moose this fall. Thanks to the leadership of the Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee who initiated the moratorium and the cooperation of the ADF&G and the people of Unalakleet.

Linda Lone —Native Village of White Mountain

We had our annual meeting, mid-December and we welcome new members, Mary Charles an Elder Representative, Carl Brown. Willa Ashenfelter and Linda Lone got reelected and would like to welcome them back to the council. The Native Village of White Mountain (NVWM) has joined a Qawiiraq dialect & culture nonprofit organization (Tupgvik, Inc.) formed by Roy Agloinga and Eric Morris. Members include: White Mountain, Golovin, Solomon, Council, Teller, and Mary's Igloo. We hosted a workshop that included an elder and a council member from each organization April 30 to May 1st. We are excited about this since we are losing our important Inupiaq language. We hired a Solid Waste Management (SWM) coordinator and assistant with the ANTHC grant and will develop a SWM plan. The group consists of City Council members, IRA Council Members, and members from the community. Alaska Building Science Network representatives performing lighting upgrades March 10-14 for the City, IRA, Store and School buildings. Willa Ashenfelter will visit the Head Start Schools to teach basic Inupiaq language and other traditional values with funding from Kawerak Elders Program from Alaska Community

Services. We sent a letter of support to Senator Olson for the \$13 million dollar funding for health care centers in rural Alaska.

Fred Pete Sr.—Stebbins Community Association:

Received our new Honda today; made the purchase with \$7,904 from road funds. We need a motion to amend road budget. Stebbins Native Corporation Grazing Permit fee (\$800) was paid to be in compliance with SNC reindeer grazing policy. St. Michael had paid and filed their grazing permit 4/2/08.

NRCS equip contract meeting is scheduled in Nome April 21. Yukon River Drainage Association has sent two resolutions for adoption and passage, before April 15.

CAMPFIRE USA is slated for June 29-July 12. Plan to house campfire personnel at the IRA building. Program fee (\$6,225) is due June 1. We sent a request to SNC & City to help pay for fee. This is a 2 week recreation, water and safety program.

HIP program Roy Isturgis with BIA is aware that SCA wants to contract the HIP program. Mr. Isturgis had planned to travel Unalakleet and Stebbins in February and only made it to Anchorage. He will try again in April. Public notice of application to U.S. Army for the Stuart Island Rock Quarry, comment deadline is April 3 and submitted support of the project. SCA request to Kawerak Roads for new subdivision road construction project. See response from John Alvis, Director, IRR Kawerak.

Sandra Tahbone, Kawerak Subsistence Resource Director, sent a request to SCA/IRA for a support letter "intend to implement options year two of the Avian Influenza sampling contract with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, letter of support sent on April 2 to Eric "Billy" Trigg.

Gabriel Takak, Sr. - Native Village of Shaktoolik:

The Shaktoolik Clinic was funded. The IRA annual meeting has been postponed until the last weekend in April due to Tribal and/or Council members being absent from the village. There are 4 seats open for the IRA Council election. The IRA Council still needs to adopt mitigation plans. This year the hunters have to travel far from the village to hunt caribou and people are starting to get crab.

Johnee Seetot - Native Village of Brevig Mission:

The Native Village of Brevig Mission (NVBM) was awarded funding from ANTHC/Intergraded Solid Waste Management grant program to develop an ISWM plan. Grant writer Johnee Seetot has formed a committee of five members of the community which meets on a monthly basis.

Scheduled projects for this year are; renovation of the old Post Office to a new holding cell, a new bulk fuel tank farm and a new power plant. GCI will install equipment for the use of cell phones, and construction of the new Brevig Mission Health Clinic. Also, Julie Raymond-Yakoubian, a Social Scientist from Kawerak, will be starting in May a three year project called "Traditional Knowledge & Norton Sound Salmon Variability."

Once again, Brevig Mission will have a NSHC Physician's Assistant (PA)—Kim Matthews, she will begin in April. Bill Pfeifer is the new VPSO. He is from Kenai and is married to Mary (Olanna) with three children. Brevig Mission welcomes both the PA and VPSO.

Funding for the Multi-purpose building ran out, the building still needs minor construction, water and sewer repairs before our offices can be moved. The Post Office was moved last fall. Linda Tocktoo ICWA/Family Services Coordinator has started a sewing classes with funding for the material from NSEDC community benefit shares. Sewing classes are held at the community building several times a week.

Children in grades kindergarten through 12th grade enjoyed an Easter egg hunt with lots of door prizes. After most of the eggs were found, adults had a chance to go out looking for eggs. The following afternoon, Kawerak Head Start staff had an Easter Egg Hunt for the younger children ages 1 to 5 year olds.

Jenny Lee—Teller Traditional Council:

The Teller Traditional Council along with the school has opened a Community Fitness Center (located in the school and

open five days a week). NSHC CAMP Diabetes Prevention grant funds were used for exercise equipment and the salary for a fitness center attendant; and funds from NSEDC awarded to Teller School were used to purchase exercise equipment. We are working with NSHC Code Blue Program and Mary's Igloo Traditional Council to purchase convex vans for clinic storage. We are working with the Tupagvik, Inc., a non-profit corporation, to preserve the Qawiaraq dialect. The community and children's' Easter egg hunt were held this year.

The Teller School will be hosting an Elementary Basketball Tournament March 28-29 with six teams attending. The 5th and 6th grade classes will take a Math/Science field trip to Fairbanks April 21-23 with focus on Climate Change. The senior class trip will be going to Washington D.C. in April. The last day of school is scheduled for May 16. The construction of the new Teller Clinic is still underway. The community and clinic staff are excited for the new clinic.

Donated funds to the Teller Eskimo Dance Group to attend the 2008 Yupik Days in Gambell. Eight dance members attended this year along with three students with the school. Everyone is patiently waiting for warmer weather.

Teller held a joint community meeting on April 3 to review and implement Teller's Community Priorities; *tank farm expansion, new sewage lagoon, VPSO housing, water/sewer, multi-purpose building, search and rescue and teen center.* Organizations involved were: Teller Traditional Council, Mary's Igloo Traditional Council, City of Teller, Mary's Igloo Native Corporation, and NSEDC Community Representative. We were also given updates from our NSEDC Community Representative, Joe Garnie and our AVEC Representative, James Pushruk. This was a good meeting for all who participated. We are planning on having joint meetings regularly in the future. The next meeting is scheduled for May 8. We are hoping that other community organizations will be able to attend.

Eddie Ungott—Native Village of Gambell:

We have had four tribal members pass on. We've had a hectic time in our office trying to meet day to day business activities with both our secretary and finance officer resigning. We've been looking for another qualified person to fill our FO position. Our school held Annual Yupik Days on March 28 & 29, and I am proud to say our guests included a Teller Native dance group. We held our annual meeting in December and had a very large turnout. In spite of all the global warming we've had a colder winter temperatures. We are patiently waiting for our IRR road and is finally becoming a reality after all these years of waiting for our evacuation roads.

Merlin Koonooka—Gambell Elder Representative:

We are still waiting for roads in Gambell; you don't see anyone driving cars or trucks in Gambell obviously because of lack of streets or roads. I returned from the *International Expert Meeting on Responses to Climate Change for Indigenous People and the Communities and the Impact on their Traditional Knowledge Related to Biological Diversity-Arctic Region* held in Helsinki, Finland. I was the only person invited from Alaska and the second person from the U.S. and a conservative representation from the D.C. area. There were people from Greenland, Canada, Russia, and Saami people from northern Finland and surrounding countries. All others were from various organizations like UN, ICC and other governments, etc. There was a total around 30 or 40 attendees. The meeting was under the United Nation's Convention on Biological Diversity which originated several years ago in Kyoto, Japan. My report was well received and welcomed. As a result of the meeting, a number of recommendations were drafted with most of them encouraging involvement of indigenous people and traditional knowledge in all reporting and decision making. The government of Finland funded this meeting. There were PHD's, lawyers, etc. in attendance and I felt like I was the only expert on local and traditional observation. The Aleut Int'l Assoc. and the Bering Sea Sub Network were involved in the selection process for me to attend.

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Mitigation Plan to formalize their emergency management plans.

Here is what Michael says about his experience and thoughts as a grant writer:

The Kawerak Grant Writer Assistance Program is invaluable to communities in our region. It provides a variety of implementing our community development goals to where they become a reality. Although not all the grants I have written on behalf of the community are funded, I use those that are

denied for funding as learning tools to further develop those projects and re-submit them for the next funding cycle. I've taken advantage of just about all of the Grant Writers' Symposiums offered by Kawerak's Community Planning & Development. I've learned to incorporate that information into my grant writing skills. One of my biggest accomplishments has nothing to do with getting grants awarded; it was getting the local leadership organizations to work more closely with each other. I've developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between

them which outlines the duties and responsibilities that each of them have to the residents in Shaktoolik. This MOU was signed by the Shaktoolik IRA, City of Shaktoolik, Shaktoolik Native Corporation, and the Shaktoolik Elders Advisory Committee in 2005. Communication and collaboration between organizations, whether they are local, regional, state, or federal is always stressed during the annual Grant Writer's Symposium and it makes securing funds for Shaktoolik so much easier when everyone is working closely together.

Kawerak Announces Employee of the Month: Dec 2007 ~ Feb 2008



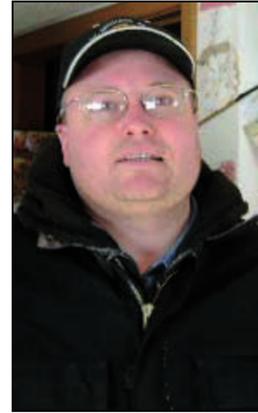
Dec 2007
Angela Miller
LMS Specialist I

Angela makes it a pleasure to work at Kawerak. She volunteers to help in other departments when we are short staffed. She is often seen setting up, cooking or cleaning up at employee functions.



Jan 2008
Gina Appolloni
VPSO Director

She consistently exemplifies extraordinary pride in her position and the company for which she works. She is the first volunteer for any 'extra' activities. She continuously offers to extend a helping hand to fellow employees.



Feb 2008
Darren Billingsley
Head Start Bus Driver

He has consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty with a smile on his face. He is always willing to fix broken furniture when needed, wash dishes, and deliver laundry.

KAWERAK NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION Program Relocations and New Staff

Eskimo Heritage Program and **Subsistence Program** recently exchanged office/work spaces. Eskimo Heritage Program, composed of 2 staff, 1 volunteer and many fire proof file cabinets, is now located in Kawerak's Ublugiaq (new) building in Room 107. The Subsistence pro-

gram, composed of 2 staff, is now located in Talailuk building. Eskimo Heritage Program's collection of photographs, slides, video and audio recordings, interviews and books continues to grow each year and they outgrew the space.

Eskimo Heritage Program has a new Program Director, her name is Colleen Reynolds. Colleen has a great background for the position; she's a teacher who has experience in working in schools and understands the need to provide local traditional knowledge and history to our young people.



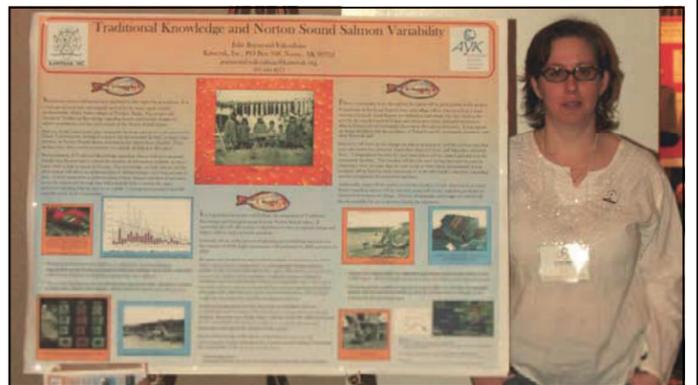
Subsistence Program also has a new Program Director, her name is Sandra Tahbone. Sandra is not new to the program; she has worked in the program as a program coordinator and program director, in the past. Sandra has a great background for her position; she wholeheartedly practices the traditional ways of harvesting, putting away the natural bounty in the region.



The Fisheries Program also has a new Program Director, Michael L. Sloan. Mike is a great addition to the division; he received a BS in Marine Science from the University of South Carolina. Mike previously worked with Kawerak's Education, Employment & Training Division and with the National Marine Fisheries Service as a port sampler, fisheries observer and resource manager throughout Alaska. Most recently Mike worked as a fisheries observer in the Gulf of Maine/ Georges Bank region of the North Atlantic.



Social Scientist Julie Raymond-Yakoubian joined Kawerak several months ago. She is working on a project to document the changes to salmon populations and the environment, by conducting interviews with Elders in the region. Her project is titled "Traditional Knowledge and Norton Sound Salmon Variability." Julie brings needed capability to Kawerak; in which we are striving to provide valid, useable, recognized documentation of traditional knowledge to Western scientists. Julie has a Masters Degree in anthropology and is currently working on her PhD. She is working with 8 villages this year and will continue the interviews and documentation of Elders in 7 villages next year.



Safety Patrol Volunteer Makes an Impact on Savoonga Family

Local resident, Dorcas Bloom signed up her great granddaughter, 10 year old Zhane Akeya, for Iditarod Safety Patrol as she was flying in from Savoonga for the Iditarod festivities. Dorcas wanted her to participate as it would be a good eye opener and a chance for her to see that youth also have volunteer opportunities. Zhane's mother is very proud of her young daughter. After participating in the Safety Patrol, Zhane commented, "It was really good not to see any-

one drunk on the streets and that it hurts her when she sees people that are highly intoxicated." Dorcas was very surprised by her comments and said it would be good to have youth from the surrounding villages come to Nome for safety patrol. If you would like to volunteer for the Safety Patrol, please call Mimi Farley, Wellness Coordinator at 443-4325 or email her at: mfarley@kawerak.org.



Wales Iñupiat visit British Museums for a First-Time Review of Artifacts

By Rose Atuk-Fosdik, Vice President of Natural Resources Division

Faye Ongtawasruk, Barbara Weyiouanna, and Ron Senungetuk, all from Wales, joined Pearl and John Goodwin of Kotzebue and Amber Lincoln a PhD candidate at the University of Aberdeen, on a trip to England in January to study some of the oldest Iñupiaq ethnographic artifacts in the world. The collections held in the U.K. museums dated to trading between the Iñupiat and British naval officers 180 years ago and were viewed for the first time by representatives of the Iñupiat of northwest Alaska.

The visiting group of Iñupiat were invited by the British Museum (BM) to document and analyze the ethnographic objects—some 130 objects. The group was also hosted by the Pitt Rivers Museum (PRM) in Oxford to view



Pictured above is Ron Senungetuk and Faye Ongtawasruk examining artifacts

approximately 120 objects. The collections comprised of tools and clothing; walrus and whaling harpoons, caribou and seal skin footwear and ivory bow-drills with engraved depictions of animals, hunting and dancing scenes and other daily activities.

The trip was coordinated by Amber Lincoln in collaboration with the Native Village of Kotzebue. The visitors from Northwest Alaska were selected because of their cultural knowledge and expertise.

During the visit, the group identified the source and processes for gathering materials, highlighted sewing and carving techniques, discussed how and when tools were made as well as their various uses. The visit was important for Iñupiaq Alaskans to learn more about where their material heritage resides. Although many American Indian and Alaska Native tribes know where their artifacts are in North American museums, few people know their locations in European museums. The visit was filmed for later distribution to Iñupiaq communities where few Alaska Native people have seen the objects.

Museums and the communities are better served when there is good communication and strong relationships built between the museums and the people the museums represent. Such exchanges offer potential for better understanding of ethnographic collections and more enriched educational programs.

The artifacts collected during 1826 and 1827 by officers aboard the *HMS Blossom*, are part of a larger collection that originated pri-

marily from Diomedes and King Island, Norton and Kotzebue Sounds, Hotham Inlet, and the northeast tip along the Arctic coast between Point Hope and Point Barrow. The *Blossom's* main objective was to re-provision Commander John Franklin's overland expedition traveling through the Canadian Arctic, but the officers were also ordered to collect ethnographic and natural history specimens for the newly created public British museums.

Sponsors of the visit were the National Park Service's Shared Beringian Heritage Program, the Native Village of Kotzebue IRA, Kawerak, Inc., the Thaw Charitable Trust, Bering Straits Native Foundation, the British Museum and the Pitt Rivers Museum.



Barbara Weyiouanna and Faye Ongtawasruk riding the train in London.

GRANT WRITER SPOTLIGHT: Michael Sookiayak, Sr.

By Sterling Gologergen, Regional Grant Specialist

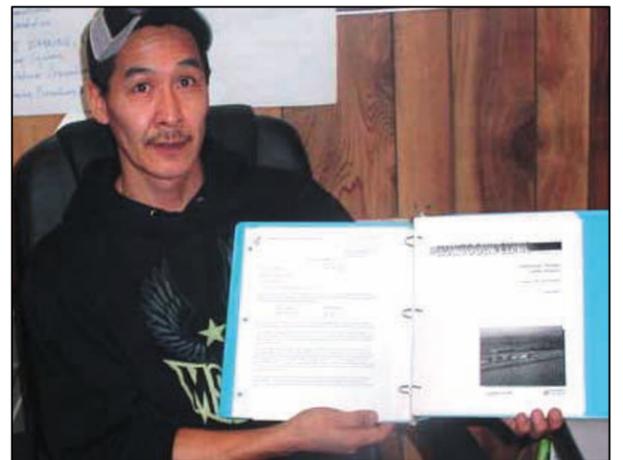
Twice a year, Kawerak's Community Planning & Development (CPD) program sends an invitation to the region's IRA and Traditional Councils to apply for Grant Writer Assistance. Applications are submitted by Tribes needing financial assistance for short-term contracts that will pay the wage and fringe for a community-based grant writer for a 16-week period. The Grant Writer Assistance Program goal is to assist the grant writer in developing a project proposal that is funded. The program also pays for grant writer travel to the Annual Grant Writer Symposium and other grant writing training workshops. Sterling Gologergen, the Regional Grant Specialist, maintains communication with each grant writer and provides technical assistance throughout the grants process. All tribes are provided technical assistance to their staff for grant writing.

Michael Sookiayak, Sr. has worked for the Native Village of Shaktoolik as the grant writer since 2003. His primary responsibilities are to research, analyze statistics, write and prepare federal, state, foundation and corporate grant applications for submission by the Native Village of Shaktoolik. Barb Nickels, Program Di-

rector has worked with Michael for the last four years and states, "If we could clone a grant writer, I would choose Michael. He is always striving to gather more information, enhancing his skills at every opportunity, and most of all, his attitude and love of his community comes out in all of his writings."

Based on individual grant data requirements, these grant applications are used to implement community development projects as documented in their Local Economic Development Plans (LEDP). Shaktoolik's LEDP (2006 – 2011) was developed by community leaders and residents with technical assistance from Pearl Mikulski, Economic Development Planner for CPD.

Some of Michael's accomplishments as the grant writer for the Native Village of Shaktoolik include securing grant funds for the following: Indian General Assistance Program from USEPA (\$220,000) for an environmental program; Health Clinic from IHS Tribal Equipment Funds (\$301,795); Health Clinic from Denali Commission (\$245,358) for design planning; Community Wellness (\$125,000) from, DHSS;



Pictured above is Michael with the IHS Award letter for Shaktoolik Clinic equipment.

Elders and Youth Camp (\$17,356) from NSDEC; and Community Wellness Initiative (\$18,597) from Alaska Federation of Natives.

Michael has also assisted the Shaktoolik Tribal Coordinator with other community development projects, including obtaining cabins and a boat for the Shaktoolik Elders and Youth Program. He is currently working with Shaktoolik's community leaders on a Local Multi-Hazard

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BERINGIA MUSEUM OF CULTURE & SCIENCE Welcomes New Director



Pictured is Trudy Anderson, the new Beringia Museum of Culture and Science Director.

Trudy Anderson recently started at Kawerak as the director of the Beringia Museum of Culture and Science. Previously Trudy served as the President/CEO to the Alaska Native Health Board. She resigned that post when approached to contract with the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health to implement the national Indian Country Methamphetamine Initiative. After implementing this new initiative, she respectfully declined a second year contract when asked to relocate to Washington, D.C. Instead she chose to return to Nome and work for the people within the Bering Strait Region. Trudy has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Organizational Management from Alaska Pacific University and she is also a certified Paralegal. Most importantly she is the mother of three daughters, Rachel (18), Halie Mae (14) and Ema.

Did You Know . . .

“Misdemeanor” is a crime punishable by fine and a term of imprisonment not to exceed 1 year. “Felony” is a crime for which the punishment in federal law may be death or imprisonment for more than one year.

Merriam-Webster Dictionary of Law

Most job applications will ask this question: *“As an adult (age 18) have you been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony?”*
Most employers will do a background check



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FELONY : NO RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS
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“Uvlaakun suli” translated in Inupiaq language means: *More tomorrow!* Quyanna!