

Kawerak Newsletter

"Qaniqta" meaning "Let's Talk" in the Inupiaq dialect

KAWERAK, INC., UAF NORTHWEST CAMPUS, AND OTHERS WITH NEWS FROM THE BERING STRAIT REGION

SPRING 2015

Kawerak Higher Education Services

by Brian James, Workforce Development Specialist

Kawerak provides scholarships to eligible tribal member applicants who are accepted for enrollment in an accredited college or university, and have documented financial need after other sources of funds have been applied. Grants may be used for tuition, room, board, textbooks, required fees, transportation, personal and miscellaneous expenses related to attendance at an institution of higher education. Kawerak may continue to provide scholarships to eligible students who meet the academic requirements and maintain academic progress. Students not meeting the above requirements are placed on academic probation for the following term to allow academic standards to be met. Scholarships are not an individual right, and Kawerak may approve or deny funding and determine the amount of funding in accordance with its policies. These policies are administered uniformly and applicants who do not meet eligibility criteria will not receive funding. All scholarships will be subject to funding availability.

Objectives and Achievements

- To increase the number of tribal members

who receive Associate, Bachelor or Masters Degrees.

- To provide technical assistance and information to students in obtaining the necessary financial resources to fund their education.
- To provide the highest level of services to students through active coordination with other programs and agencies, including school districts, scholarship committees, college counselors and Financial Aid Officers.

The number of scholarship recipients has increased dramatically over the past seven years, from 80 students in 2005 to 152 students in 2014 who received Higher Education scholarships. In calendar year 2014, we had twelve students graduate: ten with a Bachelor's, one with an Associate's and one with a Certificate.

As we enter the spring 2015 semester, we have the highest number of participants in our Higher Education Program and we are pleased to see students with adequate levels of scholarships.



Bering Strait Health Consortium recognizes Jacklyn "Jackie" Ivanoff and Theresa Olanna (above). There was a Nurse Pinning Ceremony, December 11, 2014 at Norton Sound Regional Hospital. Several family, friends, and supporters gathered together to celebrate their achievements. Both graduated from the University of Alaska Anchorage Nome-based Nursing Program and are now employed by NSHC. More graduate photos on pages 9 and 19.

Tools for the Next Generation of Hunters

By Amy Russell-Jamgochian, Cultural Center Project Director

Last year Vince Pikonganna became concerned when he encountered some young men that had been oogruk hunting with harpoons they had fashioned themselves using guesswork and available materials. He was particularly worried for their safety when he saw that their harpoons had aluminum tips with rusty blades. "Rust and a bearded seal do not mix too well. No matter how strong you are, if you harpoon an oogruk with a rusty tip, it will not go in. It's just gonna bounce out," Vince shared. He said that could lead to a dangerous accident. "Everything that the Inupiaq does is to prevent accidents from happening...that's the Inupiaq way of thinking. You've got to think ahead."

Taking heed of the harpoon tips used by his family and other King Island hunters for many years, Vince determined that today's young hunters need an all-brass tip that follows traditional design, because brass is easy to keep in good shape and does not rust, and the traditional harpoon design has been developed to penetrate and hold the toughest hides over thousands of years. He spoke with the Beringia Center and Jeff Rasic of the National Park Service, who knew of a way to create a harpoon tip model that could be continuously

recast in brass, and a new project was formed. By Christmas, Vince carved a wooden model of a King Island style harpoon tip, and the Park Service made a 3-D laser scan of it, and sent it off to make the first replica.

Working with the Beringia Center, Vince fine-tuned the plastic version and they sent it back to the Park Service to make the final mold for the brass tips. This March, Vince received the first brass tip and drilled the holes to make it a fully functional harpoon tip for hunting oogruk. He now plans to work with Jeff Rasic to make more replicas for young oogruk hunters to use. Vince also plans to work with young hunters to explain why elders' knowledge about the way tools need to be is so important, for protecting hunters and preventing accidents.



Plastic harpoon tip made with 3-D plastic printer.



Final tip cast in brass.



Vince showing the brass harpoon tip that was made using his design. Vince carved a wooden harpoon tip that the National Park Service converted to a plastic model using a 3-D printer. The plastic model was used to make a mold so harpoon heads could then be cast in brass. Working with Vince, young hunters will now be able to obtain solid brass harpoon heads for oogruk hunting.

Bering Strait Voices on Arctic Shipping Workshop

Excerpt from the Bering Strait Voices on Arctic Shipping Report



2014 Bering Strait Voices on Arctic Shipping Workshop Participants—Photo by Diana Haecker, Nome Nugget.

In September 2014 Kawerak hosted the Bering Strait Voices on Arctic Shipping workshop in Nome to gather as many agencies and tribes in one location to discuss the issue of increased shipping in the Arctic. Below is an excerpt from the report. The full report is available from the Kawerak Marine Program.

Why this workshop was held?

Kawerak Inc. is concerned about the impact of increased Arctic shipping on the Bering Strait region and has been proactive in seeking funding to help address this issue. This workshop held by Kawerak was a first step to obtain input and guidance from the 20 tribes and 16 local governments in the region. Melanie Bahnke, President of Kawerak Inc., opened the workshop and provided context to how this workshop fits in with a longer term process initiated in the region by Kawerak. She noted that at both Federal and State governance levels, people living far away are making plans about the Arctic without input from the people who reside in the Arctic. Furthermore, there is not one single plan about the Arctic, but multiple plans developed by different agencies and entities. These plans are often developed without input from the region, and then agencies provide a public comment period during which they expect the indigenous community (including tribes and Kawerak) to provide written comments. Melanie noted that following this workshop, Kawerak should request agencies to comment on this workshop report during a 90-day comment period. Further impetus for the workshop provided by Melanie was that many of the reports don't have the benefit of telling the story through the lens that people living in

the region can provide. Melanie noted: "It is time for us to make sure our story is being told. If our story is not told, we will be in the position where we will be placed on the endangered species list. Food security is a cornerstone of our identity as a culture. Threats are real and imminent. Yet we need to find economic opportunities and find balance."

Over the past 100 years indigenous peoples living in the region have experienced significant change that includes a history of assimilation. Arctic shipping could bring added change; to be prepared for this change means being active participants in decision-making processes. Community leaders can't afford to be quiet. Instead they should demand a seat at the table, and be active participants when decisions are being made about the region. Future generations and survival of the unique cultures in the region will depend upon it.

Melanie also noted that workshop participants come from a long line of people who have survived and thrived in a challenging environment. To survive meant being adaptive and using new technologies. "We rely on air, seas and land to sustain us. Not just physically, but emotionally, mentally and spiritually. Yes, we do have challenges, but our region is so blessed with the way we are able to live off land and sea."

Climate change is another challenge the region has been dealing with – erosion, fall flooding, and changes in sea ice patterns and winds. More recently, the region has been on the forefront of responding to unusual mortality events and oiled marine mammals; people are seeing things they have not previously witnessed. Melanie noted that with all of

these changes, there is a need for baseline information. It is difficult to track changes without a common baseline.

Melanie further stated that communities need to be sustainable; so it is important to be mindful of economic opportunities. Alaska Native Corporations have succeeded in a business model, many of the top businesses in the state are owned by the Alaska Native Community. Melanie recounted a resonant story about comparing a fleet of buses with a fleet of fisheries/boats. She stated that "...we used to have to ask for a seat on the bus, we then learned how to drive the bus, then we owned a bus, and now we own a fleet of buses. The economic benefits from this model of owning a portion of the fisheries quota (CDQ programs) have provided benefits to the communities. When provided with opportunities, we do rise to the top. We don't want to miss out for our kids. We don't want to miss out when we are bearing the most risk."

Melanie closed her opening remarks by challenging workshop participants to engage, and to be an active part of the decision-making process to protect natural resources for future generations through thoughtful and deliberate actions. And, this workshop would be a first step in this process. "No one else can do it for us. Decisions will be made that will affect us for a long time moving forward. We are writing chapter two. We can no longer afford to have people living thousands of miles away make decisions for us."



Photo (above) courtesy of Eskimo Heritage Program Archives.

"Protect the environment from harm to the land, sea, air, and wildlife."
Participant, 2014 BSVAS Workshop

KAWERAK'S VISION: "Building on the inherent strength of our cultural values, we shall assist our tribes and residents to create a positive future." In keeping with this Vision Statement, Kawerak has increased our training and technical assistance services to tribes in the following communities:

**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**

Changes in the Arctic 1987 By Kendra Nichols-Takak, EHP Specialist



*Job Kokochuruk and Bertha Adsuna, 1987.
Photo courtesy of Eskimo Heritage Program Archives.*

In 1987 Kawerak's Eskimo Heritage Program and the University of Alaska Fairbanks Northwest Campus Media Center produced a video entitled *Changes in the Arctic*. Eileen Norbert and Cary Bolling interviewed Job Kokochuruk and Bertha Adsuna. During the interview both elders shared their knowledge about weather predictions and changes in the Arctic.

Bertha Adsuna grew up in Golovin and the Nuuk area while Job Kokochuruk was from

Fish River area.

Both story tellers were living in Nome at the time of the interview.

Bertha learned about the weather from her father. She said that her father was a silent type, a man of few words, but she always would listen when he spoke. "And when he said something, it means something," Bertha explained. Her father told her that he could hear the storm coming two or three days before it happened. He said that he would hear a humming in his ear. Bertha's father taught

her how to know when the weather would clear up. "After it rain or storm he always watch for the west clearing up. He said that part never lies. If it clears up from the east it {good weather} don't last." Also, her father would look at the moon and look at the ring around it. He would count the number of stars in the ring around the moon, and then he would know how many days the wind was going to blow.

Bertha mentioned in the interview that

another elder had told her that there will be a time in the future when the winters are short and fall time will come late. Then Alaska will have weather like down in the lower 48 states. That prediction in the interview seems directly related to our weather today.

Knowing the weather is a vital skill while living in the Arctic. Job shared his knowledge of how to read weather signals. "When it {weather} suddenly gets too clear in a short time, ...don't believe it! When a bad storm suddenly clears up bad weather will come again real fast and more severe. If people do not know the signals they will be caught in bad weather," he said.

In the interview in 1987, both Job and Bertha agreed that the weather patterns have changed. They said that the weather can no longer be predicted using only the knowledge they gained as children.

Changes in the Arctic video interviews #2005.014.054 and #205.014.072 with Job Kokochuruk and Bertha Adsuna are approximately two hours and are available at Kawerak's Eskimo Heritage Program.

Kawerak Marine Program Funded by the Oak Foundation &

The Pew Charitable Trust By Austin Ahmasuk, Marine Advocate

The Kawerak Marine Program is one of seven programs in the Natural Resources division. The program will focus on potential impacts of increased marine shipping on individuals, subsistence resources and the environment within our region.

The Marine Program advocates for local priorities and will propose actions to minimize negative impacts of increased shipping in the Bering and Chukchi Seas.

Arctic marine transits to transport resources and people from all parts of the globe have increased in the last decade through ice free Arctic waters.

National and international agencies are developing strategies to take advantage of the polar marine routes to lessen costs of shipping.

Kawerak must engage in these important discussions because of the great potential impacts to our way of life. Subsistence resources, the environment, and culture are vital aspects of Alaska's first people and the public at large.

Kawerak invites tribes, native corporations and municipalities of the Bering Strait region to submit comments and concerns regarding human health, culture, and the ocean as we undergo and experience change in our environment. If you would like Marine Program staff to assist you in understanding those changes or advocating your concerns please contact our office at the following address:

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*Meat hanging to dry in Diomedea, Alaska (above)
Photo courtesy of Eskimo Heritage Program Archives.*

*Subsistence Hunters (left)
Photo courtesy of Eskimo Heritage Program Archives.*



Photo (above) courtesy of Eskimo Heritage Program Art Archives.

**"Protect our waters, remember our resources are like money in the bank. It's what we have to survive."
Participant, 2014 BSVAS Workshop**

**"We want to see our subsistence way of life continue."
Participant, 2014 BSVAS Workshop**

Kaatiluta “All of Us Together”

By Moriah Sallaffie, Cultural Center Development

The third annual Kaatiluta event was held at the Nome Recreation Center on the last Saturday of November to celebrate Alaska Native and Native American Heritage month. Kaatiluta, means “All of us together” in King Island Inupiaq. Many individuals and organizations collaborated to host this annual event. Kaatiluta 2014 was another successful celebration, with over 300 people attending. Activities were provided by the Nome Native Youth Leadership Organization and Leaders of Life from Nome Beltz High School (NBHS) which hosted a craft table where the youth colored pictures, made snap bracelets and handcrafted picture frames. The NBHS JROTC started off the evening by presenting the colors followed by the King Island Inupiaq Catholic Choir singing and providing the invocation. The potluck of caribou stew, baked salmon, fry bread and crab dip was fol-

lowed by performances by the newly-formed, Nome-based St. Lawrence Island Drummers and Dancers. Third grade students from Nome Elementary School danced with the King Island Drummers and Dancers, who closed out the night. Every elder who attended was given an armful of goodies, including berry buckets, thermoses, hats, flashlights and salmon filets. Kaatiluta continues to be successful because of the people who turn out to celebrate the beautiful cultures of the Bering Strait and Norton Sound region, the groups who perform, the organizations that donated resources, and the staff and volunteers that work hard to organize and coordinate this one day celebration.

Quyanaqpuk to all those who attended and worked hard to make the event possible.

Photos courtesy of the National Park Service.



Kawerak Employee Spotlight



Trisha Walters (left), E-commerce Specialist, will be graduating in May with a Bachelor of Business Administration with a Concentration in Marketing from University of Alaska Southeast.



Steffen Verdin (left), Construction Project Specialist, graduated in December with an AAS degree in Applied Science from the University of Alaska Fairbanks—Northwest Campus.

New Employees



Carol Piscoya (above) - Carol was born and raised in Nome. She is married to Roy, and they raised six children and adopted two, with one remaining at home. She has held positions at: Norton Sound Health Corporation, the State of Alaska DCRA, Bering Straits Native Corporation, Nome Eskimo Community, and Nome Public Schools. Carol served on various boards and committees and has been a foster parent for 27 years. Carol is the Community Services Division (CSD) Vice President. This position oversees and manages Tribal Affairs, Community Planning and Development, the Village Public Safety Officers program, and the Diomedes Essential Air Service Grant. Carol works to recommend and implement new or expanded strategies for the CSD division. She also works with other divisions to coordinate services and activities that meet the needs of the region and Kawerak's strategic goals. She has a passion to help people in any way possible. Her parents, Andy and Hannah Miller, taught her to always help our people in any way that we can, to teach our young children the importance of family and keep our culture alive.



Tony Weyiouanna (above) - Tony is an Inupiat Eskimo from Shishmaref. His wife is Fannie and they have four children Tony Jr., Daphne Flora, Perry Lee and Clarence. Tony has worked as the Shishmaref City Clerk, Shishmaref City Planner, Manager of the Shishmaref Tannery, Native Village of Shishmaref Grant Writer, Kawerak Transportation Planner, carpenter and welder. Also, he has served on various boards in Shishmaref and in the Bering Strait region. Currently, Tony is working for Kawerak in the Land Management Department as LMS Specialist II. Some of his duties include: working with Native allottees in drafting wills, processing applications for gifting of Native allotments, advertising of sales for Native allotments, sub-dividing of Native allotments, negotiating sales, addressing Native allotment trespass issues, and other land issues regarding Native allotments.

Austin Ahmasuk (below) - Austin is the Marine Advocate. As the Marine Advocate, he focuses on potential impacts of increased marine shipping on individuals, subsistence resources and the environment within the Bering Strait region (see the articles on pages 2-3).

Freida Moon-Kimoktoak (below) - Freida 'Narsuak' is the granddaughter of Esther and the late Albert Kimoktoak, Sr. and the late Frieda and Henry Moon. She is the daughter of Molly and the late Allen C. Kimoktoak. She was born and raised in the Koyuk. She has four children: Heather, Donovan, Brent and Noah. Freida lives in Nome and has also lived in Kotzebue for several years. Before joining Kawerak, Inc. she was the Native Village of Koyuk EPA/IGAP Coordinator and worked on ways of protecting the soil, water and air. She is now working as the Marine Program Specialist.



Moriah Sallaffie (above) - Moriah is Yup'ik from Bethel, but has lived in Nome since she was young. She likes to say that she is Inupiaq by proximity, or honorary Inupiaq, with family from Council and White Mountain. Some of her biggest joys in life come from working with people, establishing relationships and making connections. She is excited to come to work every day. Her work as Cultural Center Development Coordinator revolves around community outreach and developing relationships with potential funders for the exciting cultural center project. She enjoys and values working for an organization with supportive coworkers and with a mission that aligns with her cultural values (see her articles on page 4 and 19).



Village Based Training Programs *By Lew Tobin, Regional Training Specialist*

Village-Based Training Programs are training programs that are located in the villages. Village-Based Training was started with one of Senator Ted Steven's infamous ear-marked grants in 1999 (Those grants provided all the start-up money for tools and equipment and the first 5 years of operation). We operated under diminished capacity through the Denali Fund until 2007, but now limited funds for this program are coming out of the '477 Compact' fund. That is why Village Trainings have been reduced. We send the instructors and teaching materials to the village and conduct the classes there. Most classes are between 2 days and 2 weeks long. We have two types of VBT classes; one where Kawerak is the main sponsor and pays all costs, and a second where Kawerak partners with another entity and adds what is needed to make the classes work in the villages. Because of limited funding, Kawerak partnered with the University of Washington-Seattle to provide Hazwoper and OSHA training to a number of villages (that have demonstrated a need for the classes) at about half of what it would cost us to provide these classes by ourselves. Northwest Campus UAF will provide accounting and business classes and also subsistence classes like Qivuit processing, Kaspag

and Mukluk making classes; with Anvil Mountain Correctional Center to provide training for their inmates in Carpentry and Safety. This year we partnered with a construction company to provide Asbestos Abatement training for work on the State Building, in Nome.

Last year, we had 104 students who completed the Village-Based Training Classes given in their villages. The Nome students included 9 for the Asbestos Abatement classes in Nome, and 9 for students from the AMCC program. All the rest were from the villages outside Nome, but in our region. We have a Village-Based

Training coming in May, in partnership with NSHC to train 15 beginning carpenters in St. Michael for a housing project NSHC is building there, this summer.

We are also working with BSNC to recruit up to 40 Protected Species Observers to work on Shell Oil drill rigs in the Bering Sea, this summer. Our Hazwoper and OSHA Safety courses will start in March and be in the villages of Shishmaref, Savoonga, Nome, St. Michaels, and Elim, this year. For more information contact Lew Tobin at: 1-888-898-5171 or 907-443-4388.

A Captioned Phone Is Installed at Kawerak

By Sara Lizak, Vocational Rehabilitation Program Director

The Kawerak Vocational Rehabilitation Program worked together with the Assistive Technology Center of Alaska to install a captioned telephone for people with hearing loss. It is located in the Education, Employment & Training Division Lobby and was installed on April 2nd. Pictured below is a captioned telephone. Essentially, a captioned telephone allows a person with hearing loss to be able to read what the person on the other end of the line is saying. Everyone is welcome to try the phone out once installation is complete. This telephone will serve as a valuable tool. We look forward to meeting the needs of individuals with hearing loss who would like to use a phone while at Kawerak!



Expand Your Horizon



CONSTRUCTION *with Ryan Ford* TRADES TRAINING

CTT F131, F132, F133 • 3 credits • Limited to 15 students
Monday, May 4 - Tuesday, May 12 • LOCATION: Bingo Hall
Sponsored by Norton Sound Health Corporation

CLASS SCHEDULE

Mon, May 4 • 8am-5pm
Tues, May 5 • 8am-5pm
Wed, May 6 • 8am-5pm
Thurs, May 7 • 8am-5pm
Fri, May 8 • 8am-12noon
Sat, May 9 • 8am-12noon
(No class Sunday, May 10)
Mon, May 11 • 8am-12noon
Tues, May 12 • 8am-12noon

Learn facilities maintenance and basic construction skills! This 48-hour training covers:

- **Facilities Maintenance Basics:** Safe tool use, job site hazards, etc.
- **Interior Repairs:** Drywall basics, woodwork trim, window replacement
- **Flooring Installation**

Students who successfully complete this practical, hands-on training may be eligible for hire by the contractor building a triplex for NSHC in St. Michael this summer.

Sign up at the City of St. Michael Office: 923-3222
Deadline to sign up is 5:00pm on Friday, April 17



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Village Based Training Opportunities

by Lew Tobin, regional Training Specialist

24-hour Hazwoper training in Shishmaref March 30-April 1

8-hour Hazwoper refresher training in Shishmaref on Mar. 31 for anyone qualified

8-hour Hazwoper refresher in Savoonga on April 2-3 for anyone qualified

24-hour Hazwoper training in St. Michael on April 27-29

8-hour Hazwoper refresher in St. Michael on April 28 for anyone qualified

10-hour OSHA (Occupational Safety Hazards Awareness) in St. Michael April 31-May 1

40-hour Hazwoper training in Elim May 4-8

24-hr and 8-hour Hazwoper refreshers in Elim also available during that time (check with instructor)

For more information contact: Lew Tobin at 1-888-898-5171 or (907)443-4388

Olanna-Kakaruk Herd Separation Handling

By Lena Danner, Reindeer Herders Association Specialist



Some of Olanna's reindeer joined part of the Kakaruk Herd on the Kakaruk range near Teller. The herders had a separation handling in February, 2015. Herders returned the deer back to their own ranges and almost 1,000 reindeer were successfully handled, ear marked and ear tagged. *Photos taken by: Tally Man: Tim Gologogergen, Jr.*



Veggies for Pennies

by Simon Strickling, Planning Development Specialist

I've been growing fresh organic vegetables on my kitchen counter all winter for about 1/16 the cost of organic lettuce from the grocery stores in Nome. Bering Strait residents want more affordable fresh fruits and vegetables and some would like to grow their own. But gardening is especially challenging in our region because of soil quality, extreme temperatures, and equipment costs in addition to the time, skill, and energy required for success.

I've been experimenting with growing sprouts because they are cheap, highly nutritious, easy to grow all year long, don't require expensive equipment light grow-lights, only need a few minutes of attention every day, and don't require any special skills for success. Any kind of seed or bean can be sprouted and I've tried about a dozen delicious varieties. The most common are probably bean sprouts like the kind found in many Asian recipes and alfalfa sprouts (as shown in photo) that go

great on sandwiches and salads.

Alfalfa sprouts take five or six days to grow. Here's how the process works: first, the seeds are soaked in water for 8-12 hrs. Then they are spread in a single layer in the sprouting container. They are rinsed two or three times a day. When they have grown to the desired size, they are broken up, rinsed, and drained. They keep well in a refrigerator for a few days. www.sproutpeople.org is a great source of detailed information about sprouts and sprouting.

There are lots of excellent sprouting kits for sale on the internet. I am using a few of the Victorio VKP1014 4-Tray Kitchen Seed Sprouters because they have 4.5 stars on www.amazon.com, but I haven't tried any others. Every morning and night I pour two cups of water into them and every evening I spend a few minutes rinsing my harvest before storing it in my refrigerator or eating it. Most

Food for the Soul - Bering Strait Non-Salmon Fish Preparation and Recipes

Sheefish Chowder — by Minnie Barr, Shishmaref

- Get a frozen, filleted sheefish out of your freezer and start defrosting
- When it is about halfway defrosted take the skin off
- Boil ½ of a big sheefish in 1 quart of water
- Boil the fish until the meat becomes loose from the bone
- Remove from water and debone it with a fork, return de-boned meat to the pot
- Add about 1tbs of salt, several tbs. of curry, pepper, lots of onions, diced potatoes and carrots if desired
- Then add 2 cans of Cream of Mushroom soup with 1 cup of a (not too thick) flour and water mix
- Simmer until vegetables are soft

½ of a big sheefish prepared this way will serve 4-6 people



View of Shishmaref.

From: Kawerak Social Science Program (2013)

Food for the Soul: Bering Strait Non-Salmon Fish Preparation and Recipes

Compiled by Meghan Topkok & Julie Raymond-Yakoubian. Kawerak, Inc.

Find the whole recipe book at www.kawerak.org/socialsci.html



Victorio VKP1014 4-Tray Kitchen Seed Sprouters (above: photo from www.amazon.com).



Unsprouted alfalfa seeds (above: photo from www.sproutpeople.org).

Alfalfa sprouts ready to eat after a few days (below: photo from www.sproutpeople.org).



of the time I grow too much for myself and have to give it away or trade it.

The least expensive sprouting seeds I've found are 2.5 lbs of alfalfa seeds from Todd's Seeds for \$19.99 with free shipping on Amazon Prime. That's \$8/lb. Each pound of seeds can grow anywhere from 7-15 lbs of sprouts, which works out to \$0.53 to \$1.14 per pound. Organic lettuce costs about \$16/lb here in Nome. That's about 30 times as much as I pay to grow sprouts. I don't think I've even seen organic lettuce for sale in our village grocery stores, but if it was available in them, it would probably cost even more.

Alfalfa Sprout Nutrition:

- Vitamins A, B, C, E and K
- Minerals: Calcium, Iron, Magnesium, Phosphorus, Potassium, Zinc, Carotene, Chlorophyll, Amino Acids, Trace Elements
- Protein: 35%

Vocational Training

by Lew Tobin, Regional Training Specialist

Kawerak's Vocational Training provides scholarships for any tribal members of this region going to Vocational Training to receive an AA degree, or certificate, that can be obtained in two years or less. We allow a bigger scholarship for tribal members who are residents of the region, and a One-Time Only scholarship of \$500 for tribal members who do not reside in the region. We try to keep all the training sites within the state of Alaska, if possible. Kawerak Scholarships do not cover the entire expense of the training programs, but are designed to help defer the training expenses, when combined with the other scholarships (NSED, NSHC, BSF, Pell Grants and the State DOLWI support) that are offered from this region.

We use the CACHE Scholarship application for our initial scholarship application which allows students to complete one application that can be used by NSED, NSHC, BSF and Sitnasuk. The State of Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Investment (DOLWI), and the Pell grants are separate, but vital, forms for the students who need the maximum support. We are different from the Higher Ed Scholarships which are designed for 4-year or more, College-Bound Students, although we both use the same CACHE application to start our process. We had 38 students in Vocational Training, last year. 15 of those students are carrying over to 2015, 21 finished their programs, successfully, 2 students dropped out last year. Most of our graduating students went to school inside the state (18 students) in one of six institutions (in order of most students to least): Alaska Career College [7 students], Amundsen Educational Center [4], AVTEC [3], NWC-UAA Nursing Program [2], UAF Airplane Mechanic, and [1] Iliisagvik Information Tech [1].



Jennie Tokeinna
Medical Assistant Specialist

Medical Assistant Specialist
Graduated March, 2014
Working: NSHC



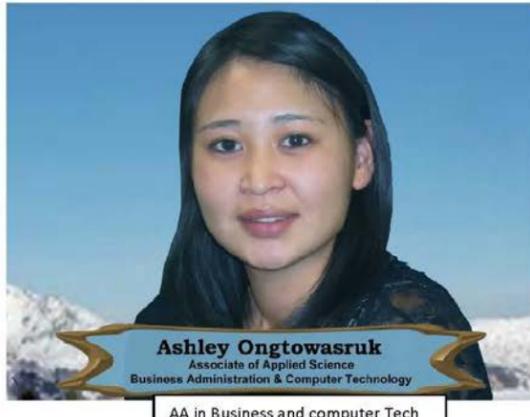
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Associate of Applied Science
Business Administration & Computer Technology

AA in Business and computer Tech
Graduated March, 2014
Working: Shishmaref Tribal Coord.

Graduates of Alaska Career College from our region for the year 2014

Caleb Pungowiyi's Passion Continues to Inspire Leaders

By Kristine McRae, Caleb Pungowiyi Scholarship Program Specialist



Caleb Scholar, Yosty Storms enjoys the sunshine on the sea ice near Barrow.

Isaac Bailey, the fourth graduate of the Caleb Pungowiyi Scholars program

(see picture on page 9) earned his degree in Chemistry in December. He is from the Native Village of

Council, and among a growing number of Alaska Native college students to receive the prestigious Caleb Lumen Pungowiyi Scholarship. The scholarship, which awards \$5,000 per semester to five Alaska Native students from the three northern regions, seeks to inspire future leaders who will take an interest in the balance and preservation of the Arctic's marine environment. In addition to Caleb's tenure as president of Kawerak in the 1990's, he worked at local and international levels to create policy that recognized the importance of traditional knowledge in research and conservation efforts. Since 2012, four scholars have graduated with degrees in Biology, Chemistry, Alaska Native Studies, and Rural Development. Current scholars are: Stefanie Armstrong and Denali Whiting from

Kotzebue, and Joanne Semaken and Malorie Johnson from Unalakleet. The program's newest scholar, Shaylyn "Yosty" Storms, also from Unalakleet, studies Natural and Environmental Science at UAA. In addition to the scholarship monies, Caleb Pungowiyi Scholars also supports two scholars in summer internships, which provide work experience and opportunities for students to broaden their knowledge of Arctic issues. A five-member advisory committee serves to select scholars and to guide students through their academic programs.

To learn more about the Caleb Scholars Program, visit www.calebscholars.com or contact us via email at cpp.spec@kawerak.org.

Native Employment Services Program

by Katie Bourdon, Workforce Development Director

Kawerak's Native Employment Work Services (KNEWS) is a fairly new program that partners with the Division of Public Assistance's Nome Work Services Program. KNEWS serves ATAP (Alaska's Temporary Assistance Program) families in our region by coordinating volunteer work activities at local organizations, so clients can earn their ATAP benefit, fostering job skills and a positive work ethic, as well as enhancing community services are KNEWS goals for clients. KNEWS would like to thank our local organizations in each community for their support and collaboration with our program and clients. The teamwork between everyone helps create a healthier community. Parents can volunteer and make a difference in their communities and earn their

ATAP benefit for their families. KNEWS renews Site Agreements with organizations each year and updates available work activities at least annually. We have a PowerPoint Presentation about our program available on Kawerak's website, www.kawerak.org, under the Program & Services tab, select Employment, Education, & Training and then select Native Employment Work Services. If the PowerPoint takes too long to download, then click on the Overview in the PDF format to easily read the slides. There is a KNEWS Timesheet located on the website too, so clients can document their work activity hours and have them signed off by their supervisor. Thank you again to all our work-sites for their support and to our wonderful clients who work hard for their families!

More Graduates

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Erica Wood (right), is the granddaughter of Ron and Tula Huffman, and graduated in May with a Bachelor of Science International Studies and Agriculture at Virginia Polytechnic Institute State University.



Isaac Bailey (above), is the son of Annie and Tury Bailey, and graduated in December with his Bachelor's of Science in Chemistry.

Nicole Atkins (below), is the daughter of Earl Atkins, Jr. and Emilietta Grays (Brown) and graduated in May with a Bachelor's Degree in Human Services at Alaska Pacific University.



Natalie Longley (right), is the granddaughter of Berda Wilson and Gary Longley, and graduated in May with a Bachelor's of Human Biology and a Minor in Psychology at Seattle Pacific University.



Training Opportunities

By Lew Tobin, Regional Training Specialist

Bering Strait Regional Apprenticeship Program (BSRAP) is a Federal Apprenticeship Program (of the same sort the unions use for their apprenticeships) that Kawerak started in 2005 and has maintained, since. We are a limited program in that we only accept businesses that are working in the Bering Straits Region, and only allow them to use residents of this region as apprentices. We have 12 apprentices total, allowed in only five fields of expertise: Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing, Heavy Equipment Mechanics and Operation, and Laborers (the latter two categories were added for special cases, and have not been

used much). We have processed two apprentices through the entire program into Journey-people (Dennis Bahnke and Diana Ellanna), and currently have a full slate of 12 apprentices, all in the electrical and plumbing fields. We are supported by the Bering Strait Regional Housing Authority (BSRHA), and the Bering Strait School District (BSSD) primarily, but have also worked with Emmons Mechanical, PK Electric, and NJUS in the past. Each Journey person on the job can only be responsible for one apprentice. The companies hire the apprentices, and Kawerak has been providing the administration and classroom training for the program. **C.N.A. and Certified nursing Cohorts:** Over the last 6 years, Kawerak has been part of the Bering Strait Health Consortium which was formed by a Group of agencies in and beyond the Bering Straits region to create a nursing program specific to the

Norton sound region, and in this way "grow" our own nurses from this region for our needs. We are on our third round of Nursing cohorts and have two students in the program: Darcee Perkins, and Katie Ellanna. We have graduated 5 nurses in two different Cohorts. Each Cohort last two years. We have had at least 5 Certified Nursing Assistant trainings in that time period. C.N.A. Training lasts 6 weeks. The next training will be this spring (May 18-June 13). Deadline for the applications to enter this training is March 27. **Driver's Education - Vehicle Training and final testing** has been hampered by a lack of a DMV person in Nome until recently, and also by losing the vehicle and instructor two years ago. We have a group of agencies (NSEDC, NACTEC, NWC-UAF and Kawerak) working towards restarting a program again.

Before Cleanup Effort.



Dumpsite Cleanup in Council

By Rhonda Hanebuth, Tribal Coordinator, Native Village of Council

The Native Village of Council partnered with Council Native Corporation and the community members to clean-up the dumpsite in Council. There was a lot of participation from the community, and without them this event would not have been very successful. Two side dump loads FULL of junk were hauled out of Council.

During Cleanup Effort. Photos by Barb Gray.



After the Cleanup Effort.





Savoonga developing reindeer resource

By Suzanna Caldwell
Alaska Dispatch News

Lifelong Savoonga resident Richmond Toolie couldn't wait to talk about the reindeer herd he manages.

But there was a catch that March day. Toolie, 52, had to meet a plane that was to carry precious cargo for Savoonga residents: reindeer meat they hope will provide much-needed cash in the mostly subsistence economy of the village of 650.

"Mother Nature is getting ready for all the sea mammals," Toolie said of the snowy, windy weather. While those conditions are good for the walrus and whales St. Lawrence islanders will look to hunt this spring, it's not so great for planes trying to get in and out.

It was a lack of those marine mammals in 2013 that spurred the people of Savoonga to take greater advantage of another natural resource in its free-roaming reindeer herd.

For a village that relies heavily on walrus not only for food but for cash generated by ivory sales, 2013 brought an economic disaster for the communities of Gambell and Savoonga, with the state issuing a disaster declaration allowing them to access emergency-relief funds.

The situation served as a wake-up call for Savoonga. Fearing another year of poor harvests, the village came together to expand its economy and get more access to cash—crucial in a place where food can cost triple what it does in urban Alaska and gas costs \$6.50 a gallon.

"We have great deer out here. We might as well make use of it," said herder Michael Kralik, 24. "It's something good to lean on for the winter."

"Instead of wringing their hands and crying about it, they actually did something about it," said Greg Finstad, program manager for the UAF rein-

deer research program and a faculty member at UAF's Northwest Campus. Finstad developed and now runs the high-latitude range management program, a certificate program that caters to animal herders in the region.

The reindeer herd is owned by the Savoonga tribal council, giving members of the tribe access to the animals. There have been limited sales for years, but with help in the form of an NWC mobile processing facility delivered to the island in March, the council hopes to give markets and restaurants even more access to the locally grown meat.

Finstad said villagers could safely harvest 600-800 reindeer annually from its herd of about 3,000. Each carcass can sell for \$1,000 to \$1,500—major money for the village.

To help promote that, Finstad and others traveled to Savoonga in March to teach a course on processing reindeer meat according to state and federal standards.

But Finstad gets the sense that it goes beyond just another class for villagers. In a phone interview, Finstad said the class started with 17 students but grew to 25. Class sizes usually shrink, he said. But as word got out, more people kept showing up.

"I'm so in awe with the people out there," he said. "As an educator, it was great."

Finstad also brought with him NWC's U.S. Department of Agriculture mobile processing unit, a Conex trailer that will stay on the island for the next few years. The goal is to give villagers a chance to learn on the unit so they can decide whether to build their own.

Currently villagers can do a "field slaughter" with the reindeer—process the animal in the field under strict guidelines and sell the meat to a small list of retailers, many in the Nome area.



Last November, Savoonga residents participated in a Meat Production course—which included learning about the mobile reindeer production vans.

The USDA unit allows them to slaughter and process animals in such a way they can sell the meat to a broader range of markets and restaurants. They could make value-added products, including sausage and other prepared meats.

The field-processed animals come with certain caveats—including that the meat must be frozen from the time it's killed until it is sold to the end user. Even then, the meat comes with a note saying it must be cooked to 160 degrees to be safe to eat. Animals processed in the new facility will not have such restrictions and will be sold in a manner similar to that of any other commercial meat.

State veterinarian Bob Gerlach said having access to that USDA stamp means producers can sell their meat for a higher price.

It also means better food safety, Gerlach said. For example, if there is a food-borne outbreak of disease in USDA-certified food, it



can be traced back to the source.

It's been a challenge to keep reindeer meat in stock, according to Greg Giannulis, owner of Mike's Quality Meats in Eagle River. He's been buying the meat for the past month. The butcher shop gets its reindeer from many villages in Northwest Alaska, Giannulis said. No matter where it comes from, it always sells quickly.

With more people interested in local food, Giannulis said, he could easily double his sales.

"People can't get enough," he said.

That's a sentiment the people of Savoonga are happy to hear about.

"It makes me feel great," Toolie said. "It's a little income and employment for people who took classes. It's a long winter with no jobs out here."

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Students enrolled in the Northwest Campus High Latitude Range Management Program gathered in Nome for a 10-day intensive this March. Students studied business math, and took an HLRM course in which they learned about tundra plants eaten by reindeer.

Reindeer science for the next generation of herders

The University of Alaska Fairbanks Northwest Campus offers a 32-credit certificate program, High Latitude Range Management (HLRM), that prepares students for a career in the Alaska Native reindeer industry. Students from the Bering Strait region meet in Nome three times per year for intensive courses. Additional training is offered online.

During the fall 2014 semester, a new cohort of Savoonga residents participated in their first hands-on HLRM course on St. Lawrence

Island. Students were introduced to two mobile reindeer production vans that will be used to process and package reindeer meat. USDA and state rules and regulations were learned firsthand in March, with students drafting customized standard operating procedures and a hazard plan for inspected reindeer meat.

The HLRM Program collaborates with partners at the community, national, and international level. An applied approach to scientific learning rooted in traditional knowledge guides curriculum development.

NWC bringing more courses to area villages

UAF Northwest Campus is bringing more courses to regional villages, thanks to partnerships with local and regional entities.



Patti Lillie, NWC village outreach coordinator

NWC delivered 26 village-based courses over the last two years, working closely with tribes, cities, and schools to provide instructional space and other support for mostly short-term courses like the Off-Highway Driver License workshop, Modern Kaspeq Sewing, or Beginning Ivory Carving.

The most common courses requested for face-to-face delivery include the off-highway driver license workshop, the off-highway commercial driver license course; boiler troubleshooting and burner repair; modern kaspeq sewing; and beginning ivory carving.

Some courses are taught by adjunct instructors who travel to area villages. In many cases, a village resident is qualified to teach a course in his or her village and works with NWC staff to develop the course.

The off-highway driver education courses we provide prepare students to pass the state written exam, which allows residents to get an off-highway driver license without taking the "behind the wheel" test.

Off-highway driver and off-highway commercial driver licenses are valid only in communities not connected to a road system.

Although these licenses are not valid in cities like Nome, Anchorage or Fairbanks, they often meet employability requirements for village jobs. They are also adequate for people who want to drive legally in their village but do not plan to drive in cities.

The Boiler Troubleshooting and Burner Repair course has also been extremely popular in the region.

This 28-hour course introduces students to the world of facility maintenance and provides an in-depth understanding of how boilers and burners work, equipping students with the skills needed to provide heat and hot water in homes and community buildings.

Instructor Dan Phinney has traveled to a number of villages to teach the course. He uses a mix of hands-on demonstrations and practice, a diverse collection of YouTube videos, and other multimedia resources to make his course relevant to students of all ages.

During class, students get experience and develop confidence in their new skills by working on boilers and burners in village homes or at the local IRA building, church, or even the post office.

In Shishmaref, students worked with Phinney to repair 14 boilers and burners in the community within a week. In Wales, students found what was causing a carbon monoxide detector to sound at the IRA building, and were able to test the boiler for combustion efficiency.

NWC plans to continue expanding the list of courses offered throughout the region.



New leader of UAF rural campuses visits NWC

Evon Peter was named vice chancellor for rural, community and Native education in August 2014. He visited Northwest Campus in February to meet with staff, the NWC advisory council, and the public. Peter, who is Neetsaii Gwich'in and Koyukon from Arctic Village, brings a wealth of leadership experience to the position. Above, he is pictured (at far left) with NWC advisory council members, including (from left): Nathan Pitt, NACTEC; Laureli Ivanoff, Nome; Brandy Arrington, Nome Public Schools; Shawn Arnold, Nome Public Schools; Carl White (back), BSSD; Mary David, Kawerak; Angie Gorn, NSHC; Brian James, NSHC; and Bob Metcalf, NWC director.

We work with tribal and city councils, community members, and regional partner organizations to identify courses that promote self-sufficiency, workforce skills, small business ventures, and creativity and self-expression.

In many cases, village courses are funded by community-based training grants from Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, or by funds from Kawerak's Employment, Education and Training Division.

To learn more about organizing courses in your community, contact Patti Lillie, NWC village outreach coordinator, at 1-800-478-2202, ext. 8406 / polillie@alaska.edu.

The following courses were taught in Bering Strait villages during the 2014-15 academic year:

Off-Highway Driver License Workshop

Instructor Glen Tate

- Unalakleet
- Gambell

Boiler Troubleshooting and Burner Repair

Instructor Dan Phinney

- Shishmaref
- Wales
- Elim
- Gambell
- Koyuk
- Brevig Mission

Boiler Troubleshooting and Burner Repair; Residential Heating Controls

Instructor John Garrison

- Unalakleet (for BSSD maintenance staff)

Modern Kaspeq Sewing

Instructor Michelle Konig

- White Mountain
- Shishmaref
- Shaktoolik
- Golovin

Fur Skin Sewing

Instructor Alec Akeya

- Savoonga

Basic Accounting and QuickBooks

Instructor Daven Hajari

- Golovin

Inupiaq Parky Sewing

Instructor Ruby Jones

- Shishmaref

Introduction to Facilities Maintenance and Repairs & Interior Repairs

Instructor Larry Kava

- Savoonga

Introduction to Facilities Maintenance and Repairs; Interior Repairs; Flooring Installation

Instructor Ryan Ford

- St. Michael

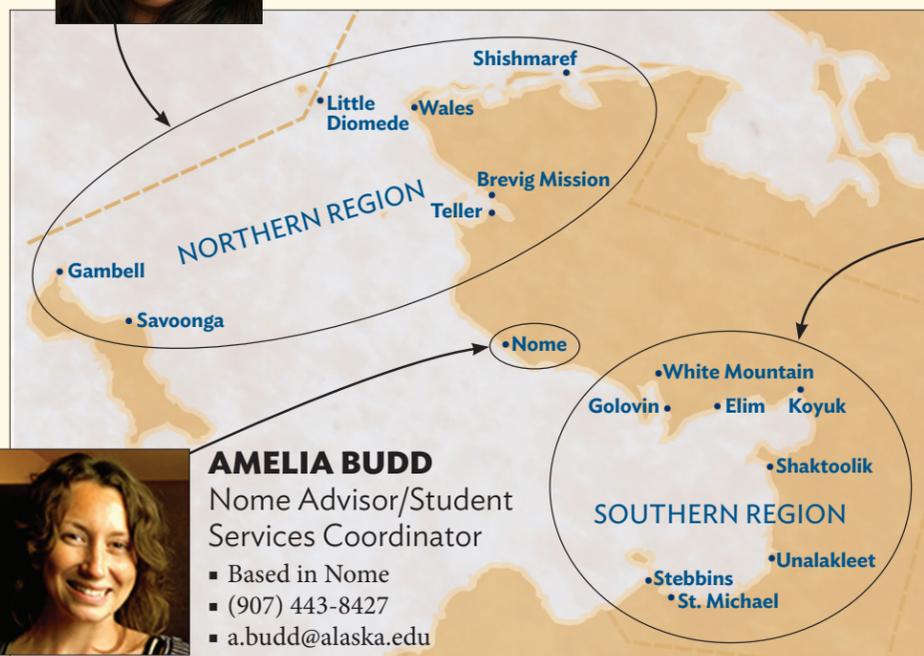
NORTHWEST CAMPUS ACADEMIC ADVISING TEAM

Northwest Campus advisors are an important resource for our students. Contact your community's advisor using the information below!



ANNIE WEYIOUANNA Northern Region Advisor

- Based at NWC's Shishmaref Learning Center
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- a.weyiouanna@alaska.edu
- Skype: annie.k2000



AMELIA BUDD Nome Advisor/Student Services Coordinator

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- a.budd@alaska.edu



KATHY COMMACK Southern Region Advisor

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- kicommack@alaska.edu
- Skype: KathyCommack

Congratulations!

to the following employees & board members who were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the mission of Kawerak. Please join me in recognizing their performance for 2014!

Melanie Bahnke, Kawerak President

20+ Years of Service

Robert Keith, Native Village of Elim

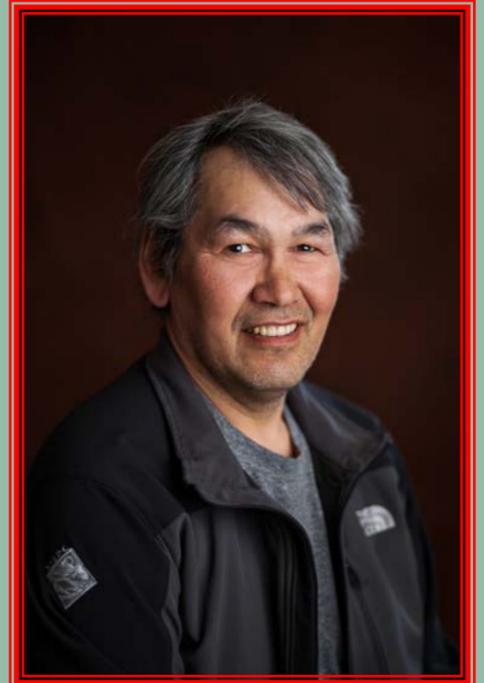


After 20+ years of service as Kawerak Board Chairman, Robert Keith is taking a reprieve. Robert will continue to represent the tribal organizations of the Alaska on the national Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee, and will provide continued leadership to the people in Elim in his role as the Vice President of the Elim IRA. Robert has been our Kawerak Board Chairman for 18 years, and was on the Kawerak Board for 20+ years consecutively. He was selected by his 22 fellow board members as Board Member of the Year in 2003, 2009, and 2010. He was also on the State of Alaska's Rural Governance Commission years back, along with the current Lt. Governor Byron Mallott. He has held other noteworthy positions in the region, such as being on the Norton Sound Health Corporation Board, the Bering Strait Regional Housing Authority Commission, the Tumet Ltd. Board of Directors, to name a few. Under his leadership, Kawerak's array of services for the region increased significantly, and our revenues have increased from an estimated \$5 million/year to around \$30 million/year. He is well-known on the national, state-wide, and regional level for being a stand-up guy who speaks eloquently on behalf of the people in the region. He has provided our organization with great leadership, and led the Kawerak Board with humility, integrity, wit, and wisdom. He has a thick skin and is a problem-solver with a knack for bringing a sense of calm wherever he is.

Robert's leadership as the Kawerak Board Chairman leaves very big shoes to fill. In his typical optimism, his response was to chuckle and say "you guys will be alright." At the Spring 2015 Board Meeting, Frank Katchatag was elected Kawerak board Chairman.

2014 Board Member of the Year

Each year, during the December Full Board meeting, the Kawerak Board selects the Board Member of the Year. Robert Keith, Kawerak Board Chair is pleased to announce that the Kawerak Board selected Frank Katchatag as Board Member of the Year for 2014 by secret ballot. Frank received a Kawerak jacket, a plaque and two round trip tickets on Alaska Airlines. Congratulations Frank on this recognition. Quyanna!



Frank Katchatag
Native Village of Unalakleet

Matthew Iya Award 2014

This award is given to an employee who helps make Kawerak a great place to work, who has a fun, positive attitude, a great work ethic and is supportive and appreciative of other employees. This employee recognition is in memory of Matthew Iya who was our Eskimo Walrus Commission Director at the time he passed away in 1992.

Kirstie Ione, Golovin Tribal Family Coordinator
Nominated by Donna Katchatag



Other nominees included:

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| Rose Atuk-Fosdick | Donna Katchatag |
| Alice Bioff | Sarah Kristiansen |
| Barb Fagerstrom | Sara Lizak |
| Jessica Warren | Donna Ray |
| Daniel Harrelson | Deb Trowbridge |

Employee of the Year 2014

Donna Ray, Chief Financial Officer



Donna Ray, CFO, was voted as 2014 Employee of the Year by Kawerak employees. Congratulations Donna! Other eligible nominees included:

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| Donna James | Pearl Mikulski |
| Olga Downey | Lola Hannon |
| Sara Swann | Marilyn Sheldon |
| Mary Jane Litchard | Bryant Hammond |
| Cora Ablowaluk | Charlene Isabell |
| Heather Peyanna | |

Kawerak Employees of the Month



January 2014
Pearl Mikulski



May 2014
Donna Ray



September 2014
Cora Ablowaluk & Charlene Isabell



February 2014
Olga Downey



June 2014
Marilyn Sheldon



October 2014
Heather Peyanna



March 2014
Lola Hannon



July 2014
Mary Jane Litchard



December 2014
Colleen Deighton



April 2014
Sara Swann



August 2014
Bryant Hammond



January 2015
Deborah Apatiki

Choose Respect March 2015

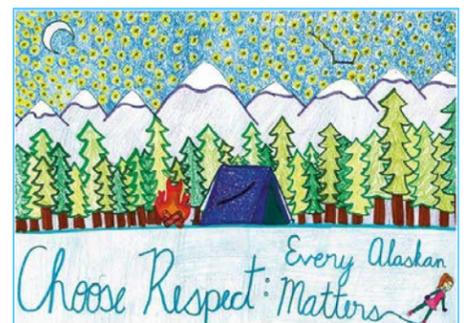


Several organizations in Nome participated in the Choose Respect March.



Cpl. VPSO Barr and Sgt. Olanna along with students and teachers participated in the Choose Respect March in Brevig Mission.

Choose Respect Marchers joined others around the state of Alaska on Wednesday, March 25 to challenge Alaskans to stand up against domestic violence and sexual assault. For more information go to ChooseRespectAlaska.com.



Kawerak Full Board of Director's Meeting held Sep. 24-25, 2014 in Nome, Alaska.

Below are the Village Reports from each representative

Native Village of Brevig Mission—The tribe is still in the process of upgrading the Teen Center/Cafe and work is still being done in the interior building. Hopefully, everything will be completed before the fall season is over. School started in Aug. The community welcomed 4 new teachers for the school year. For the Head Start program, we still have about 20 Head Start children that are still on a waiting list. June and July were busy months, holding teleconferences with Teller concerning gold mining at Grantly Harbor. Mining did not occur. A teleconference was also held on the Pilgrim Hot Springs Unatuq, LLC. We would like to say thank you to the regional entities, such as, Kawerak, and NSEDC for their strong support on our courses and workshops along with UAF Northwest Campus for their past training workshops that included Basic Accounting and QuickBooks, Off-Highway Driver License Workshop, and Beginning Carving. Also, on the last week of August there was a 40-hour Hazwoper training that was completed. There was a great turn out from the community for all those training sessions. More training and workshops will also be scheduled.

Village Clean-Up will be this fall, with no dates scheduled as yet. Pt. Clarence update: as part of its ongoing efforts to assess the viability of Pt. Spencer as a future arctic deep water port, the State of Alaska is proposing to conduct a comprehensive site characterization investigation (SI) of the contaminated sites associated with the historical Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Loran Station facilities. The State of Alaska has requested a license from the USCG to perform a comprehensive site characterization study at the decommissioned Pt. Clarence station. Salmon of all species were abundant this summer with more reds running this summer compared to past years. Also, abundant were salmonberries, black and blueberries. Be safe and enjoy the fall season.

Native Village of Council—We hired Barb Gray as the new Environmental Coordinator in Apr. to manage our IGAP grant. We also hired Elijah Johnson as the Environmental Assistant in Aug. Rhonda Hanebuth was hired as the Tribal Coordinator in Apr. The tribe has a membership meeting scheduled Oct. 4, in Anchorage. We held our first Anchorage membership meeting last year and it was very successful. Our transportation program has a maintenance project scheduled for the fall. We are partnering with BSNC & the state Alaska Municipal Land Trustee for gravel. The plan is to resurface approximately 5,000 ft. of the main road in Council. The tribe has welcomed five new members this year. We partnered with the corporation and the community to clean up the dumpsite in Council. (See the article and photos on page 9.)

Native Village of Diomed—The tribe elected new council members in Jun. during the annual meeting: President, Robert F. Soolook, Jr., Vice President, Jerry Iyapana, Secretary, Cassandra Ahkvaluk, Treasurer, Andrea Okpealuk, Sgt. at Arms, Kristy Kunayak, Member, Edward Soolook. One vacant seat will be filled in Sep. In Jul. our long term TC, Etta Ahkinga resigned and moved out of Diomed. She has done a lot for our tribe and the community of Diomed, and she will be missed. We are in the process of hiring a new TC. Kawerak Tribal Affairs has temporarily hired Frances Ozenna as Acting TC, and she has been working hard. Newly appointed Representatives are: Cassandra Ahkvaluk-NSHC Representative, Andrea Okpealuk-Nanuq and EWC Commissioner, and Robert F. Soolook-ANICA Delegate. Andrea Okpealuk is still our Kawerak Board Member and serves on the Natural Resources Committee. AEWG posted notices seeking an AEWG Commissioner for Diomed. One registered Whaling Captain is interested.

State of Alaska, DCCED Director Melissa Taylor and Government Specialist Yuri Leahu came to Diomed to meet with the Tribe regarding the city administrative functions. Emergency appointment of City officials in Aug. were: Mayor, Cassandra Ahkvaluk, Vice Mayor, Andrea Okpealuk, Secretary Treasurer, Kristy Kunayak, and Member, Robert F. Soolook, Jr. This visit was to determine why the City of Diomed failed to operate for the past two years. All departments are in jeopardy of losing State/Federal funding which will hurt the commu-

nity. During the meeting, the officials asked the Tribe to take over the city functions and sign a MOA for at least one year or less. Although the tribe did not sign, they agreed to work with the city for a couple of weeks. We submitted Revenue Sharing reports, changed bank signers, and hired cleanup crew to organize paperwork. So far the city has met and did emergency hires for City Administrator and City Clerk. They have been busy. Notices were posted for 7 City Council Members to be elected in Oct. There are at least five community members that filed interest. The City is moving, but not as fast as we hoped. Possibly by Dec. the City will be able to run as it should. There has been a drastic city revenue decline, a loss of about two thirds of funding. State Revenue Sharing for two fiscal years is pending until reports are submitted. The Diomed Joint Utilities has not sent an electricity bill to any customers this year and PCE Funding with AEA was suspended until reports and billings are to date. The city needs to hire a Utility Clerk, Power Plant Operator, VPO, and Alternates. The tribe still supports the city improvements in hopes that next year they will be better serving our community. The Tribe is trying to set an example of how to function and discuss solutions to problems. The Tribal office has been busy with city matters.

The Tribe appointed a Children's Committee to work with ICWA and OCS: Andrew L Milligrock, Frances Ozenna, Cassandra Ahkvaluk, Edward Soolook, and Kristy Kunayak. They are actively involved with Kawerak TFS through teleconferences. They meet at least every 2-3 months. Their duties remain confidential, and they passed the criminal records background check that were required. Our tribe is thankful for this committee.

Since Feb. the tribe has taken over the US Postal Contract that the city had for the past twenty years. The Tribe hired a Postal Clerk in Apr. Operations are running smoothly. We organized the Post Office and balance daily financials. The Nome Post Office is satisfied with operations. The Post Office is still located in the city office, and the tribe is paying the monthly rent.

The tribe applied for a grant from BSRHA for youth activities and was awarded \$10,000 in Apr. We applied for an ANTHC grant for \$20,000 and hope to be awarded for the Inaliq Hazardous Waste Management Program. We applied to NSEDC-OEF for a Garbage Collector and Elder Assistance Program for \$60,000. The tribe was awarded in May with \$120,000 from NSEDC for the clinic match funds. We applied to Kawerak for Grant Writer Assistance funds to secure multiple grants for the new clinic. The total project is for 2.3 million dollars, and we have secured \$565,000. The tribe has hired Bettisworth to complete the plan and design. It is hard to determine when we will have a new Clinic building. We will get our Grant Writer busy applying for funds.

During our annual meeting in Jun. we voted to return the IHS health compact back to NSHC. The tribe administered these funds since 1996. We hired many health-care providers, allowed training in management and co-partnered with NSHC with Health Aide's required trainings. We hope NSHC is able to hire a full time health aide. The tribe encourages supporting our health aides for all the wonderful work they provide. NSHC will begin operation in Oct., and we wish them well.

Our IGAP started in Oct. Marlene Ahkinga was hired in Jan. She has shown tremendous progress with our environmental plan and concerns, and is educating our community about recycling and proper disposal. She had children's activities throughout the year. We were approved a 2-month extension and will close the grant in Dec. She attended every meeting and invited the EPA to visit Diomed in Aug., but it was canceled due to weather.

Marlene applied for an ANTHC grant and is seeking grants for environmental projects. She attended outside workshops and trainings and brought us important information. Without the IGAP, we would have not gone far, nor had the time and energy to have our beach cleanup project. The Tribe's IGAP partnered with NSEDC for a major beach cleanup project. IGAP has three workers and NSEDC has a cleanup crew of four. They started in Aug. A lot has been hauled, separated, and moved. This crew's motivation and strength has made a difference.

Our beach is the main activity area for children. It used to be a subsistence work area but because of the mess, the community took their meat home to process. Even for hides for flushing bubbler it was not a healthy or safe place to work. Fall storms have damaged our beach. Trash and large scale metal was thrown. Even pipes are entangled; our beach is so unbearable to look at. We are tired of seeing this every year. It affects how we feel about our hometown. Two tenders with NSEDC cannot remove everything this year. We may have to look for funding next year unless multiple trips by barge/tenders are made. IGAP took pictures.

Our air transportation services has seen very little improvements. There is a long wait for EAS funding to match for Monday's passenger's services. We still pay \$400 direct to Nome and \$200 to Wales. This cost has reduced travel, and the weather has its toll with scheduled services. Evergreen Helicopters sold out to Erickson Helicopters at the beginning of the year. As of June notices were posted that Erickson Helicopters would no longer take passengers coming into Diomed, but they allow people to travel out. Mostly patients leave unless outside business people are here awaiting leave. Now we know that our transportation services will be the biggest part of our future concerns. Last winter there was no ice runway which affected our healthcare, although NSHC Dental and Eye Care came as scheduled. During this time we usually got a doctor and other practitioners and easier travel into Nome for appointments instead of waiting a full week to return home. We do appreciate EAS days; we recognize that Kawerak's efforts have made it possible.

We were expecting to see more vessel traffic this summer. We did see some barges and the Coast Guards visited once. This summer Diomed was a hot spot for swimmers from Africa, Morocco, Russia and a lone kayaker from France. One tour ship visited and another is scheduled in Sep. This is a time when our community works together to entertain by Eskimo dancing and guiding them around.

Subsistence hunting was rather poor. We got one walrus this spring, a dozen bearded seals and a few ringed, spotted, and ribbon seals. Weather and ammunition shortages are to blame. There could have been more days the boats would have gone out. We are hoping the fall hunting will make up for the spring hunt. It was a great summer for murre egg and birding. Summer was perfect for greens, beach cabbage, Eskimo potatoes, and salmonberries.

Home brew and drugs coming into Diomed has caused so much damage. There was less hunting, less Eskimo dancing, fewer families doing proper traditional storage and preparation of a variety of foods, and less ladies gathering and family ties were severed. It shows in our community. Our school's spirit is broken and some lose the will to face life's challenges. We need to intervene and support families that are raising our future generation. We need to promote more care to the few elders we have. It is not often enough that we provide programs that focus in those areas.

School started in Aug. with 20 kids enrolled. We have two new teachers and a new principal. Principal Pam Potter is enjoying our school and is expecting new changes. Parents would like to see Kawerak Head Start Program return. It has been a long time since that program ran. We also need a certified Teacher/Teacher's Aide.

Changes are slow here. We are grateful for the older people here that depend on subsistence traditional lifestyle. Change for wellness and sense of belonging or even working together is our tribal focus. We lost a lot of elders and it seems that we are looking for a leader amongst us. For the longest time it seems that we do not Eskimo dance or even care about social gatherings. Now we have this year to focus on togetherness. We are expecting goodness.

Native Village of Elim—Elim had good returns/ escapement on all species of Salmon. Commercial and subsistence fishing was good except for restrictions on Kings. Silver runs were strong, but it was too damp and cool for making dry fish. We received a grant from

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NSEDC to re-enforce the Moses Pt Slough trails and roads where we park our boats. We also reinforced the NSSP fish buying pad. We needed to fix the damaged section (four miles) of road going to Moses Pt before the slough project started. BSSD is building two teacher housing, and our church had the City build a pad for a new parsonage to be constructed next year. The City's heavy equipment was busy this year.

Our Store has been planning a new fuel dispensing system for the last two years. Hopefully it will work 24/7 with a debit/credit card. Our tank farm is a mile away from our store which is the biggest challenge (setting up a remote access system). The tri-entities have been working with USACE and Kawerak to get a boat harbor built close to our tank farm. The city started the process over twenty years ago. We used to park boats in Elim long time ago. Now the weather changes quickly and our elders say it is a lot windier. We have a lot of marble, but it degrades in salt water. Finding a granite source would lower the cost and improve the Cost Benefit Analysis for the project. Elim's leaders started the project and it has been an exercise in perseverance. USACE and Kawerak are supportive partners.

We have new staff in our IRA office. We are switching to Exede and dropping Hughesnet. Exede is faster and cheaper. The tribe and city had some buildings energy audited through Bering Straits Foundation. BSF received a USDA REBG grant and hired Wisdom & Associates, Inc. to do the audits. We forwarded the clinic energy audit to NSHC. The tribe replaced about 20% of our lights with LEDs and will start replacing our clinic lights and review other options in the audit.

Elim, Koyuk, Shaktoolik and Unalakleet were a part of the Norton Bay Climate Change Adaption Plan. The goals of the Norton Bay CCAP are to assist Native communities to: 1) Obtain funding for emergency preparedness and/or relocation 2) Mitigate and/or adapt to impacts of rising water temperature/stream bank erosion on aquatic habitat; 3) Increase safe access to and protect subsistence resources; 4) Increase education and outreach; 5) Set precedent in the Norton Sound Region and throughout Alaska for climate change adaption planning; and 6) Improve economic conditions in Native village communities. Kawerak and NSHC staff were a party to this significant effort. We have been adapting and responding to changes as best we can, and no Salmonberries and not much dry fish is not a positive change.

Native Village of Gambell—Our spring for a second year in a row proved to be again a disastrous year for walrus, as our hunters were unable to access the spring migration due to prevailing south west winds that pushed the ice towards land that got piled up again on our west beach. Some of us were lucky to catch bull walrus on the east side as we launched from five miles east of our village. We had to compensate our meat harvest with bearded seal and spotted seal during the past spring as it was abundant within our vicinity. The executive board meeting was held in Teller, Alaska this year and the village was nice to have our presence there.

Our IGAP program started off and our membership was willing to stop throwing hazardous materials in our landfill including recyclables, batteries, etc. We still need to get education on Freon removal from discarded refrigerators and freezers and also TV's. We also have a bunch of excess scrap metal from old tanks and ATV's.

Our seal hunters were doing well, but two oiled seals were once again caught this month. We don't know where they are swimming in from. The commercial island fisheries were pretty successful with halibut. I think the quota was reached as the fishers were finding new areas for halibut. Salmon and blueberries were abundant this year as people gotten their fill. Some are still picking blackberries.

Chinik Eskimo Community (Golovin)—The tribe applied for the Youth Grant and gives special thanks to BSRHA, for supporting our youth during the 4th of July festivities. The corporation will host a joint meeting in Sep. Darla Jemewouk was in Golovin in Jun. to help with Tribal exemption forms needed for next year's taxes. A successful Open House for the Search and Rescue Building was held in Jul. We give special thanks to Rasmuson, NSEDC

and crew along with Admin. Dora Davis. We held a BSRHA Board of Commissioners meeting in Jul. Kawerak Transportation held a meeting in Jul. to discuss the future plans to protect public infrastructure community streets projects since the lower part of town is located in the flood zone. The Golovin Bay Water Shed Alliance meeting will be hosted in Golovin in Sep. The new Water Storage and Treatment Plant up hill is near completion. Next year they'll lay water lines. Berries were scarce and fish this year was below average.

King Island Native Community—The tribal coordinator has been out for a few weeks. The tribal council has not met this summer as they were busy hunting. The hunting was poor. The Rasmuson Foundation will be looking at the extension to the King Island building. Transportation Phase 1 was completed— Campsite to Cape Woolley with trail markers to cabins and to the rock house with actual reflectors. The cabin shelter is up in Cape Woolley. The King Island dance group is happy they were able to attend the Wainwright Singspiration for the first time. Dec. is the King Island dance group election. Jul. will be the transportation audit.

Native Village of Koyuk— The tribe's transportation program has been busy filling ditches, repairing culverts and clearing brush. The IGAP program has been busy doing recycling, collecting e-wastes, and held an Environmental Carnival. NSEDC hired a few local people to count fish at Iglutliq. Several were able to commercial fish this season. Subsistence Silver Salmon fishing was good this year but Fish and Game limited King Salmon so very few of us were able to get any. The berries were not so good this year. Our Elders Committee has been meeting, but we are not sure we will have funding for it next year. We are proud of some of the local students at Mt. Edgcombe and Galena, and some who went to college. Our building is having some issues with the boiler, and one side of the building the foundation is sinking.



Koyuk Environmental Carnival-photo by Beverly Leonard-Taxac

Native Village of Mary's Igloo— The tribe will have the annual elections late this year, which will be held in Oct. due to a busy summer. The berries have been plentiful again which is amazing due to hardly any snow last winter and spring. The 10th Annual Teller Cultural Festival will be held on Sep. 26-27 in the school gym. Charlene Isabell and Cora Ablowaluk are the festival coordinators. We look forward to seeing everyone again this festival!

Nome Eskimo Community— It was a very busy summer with an abundance of youth and cultural activities, program projects and planning for the 2014-2015 season. In addition to staff taking time off to partake in seasonal harvesting activities. In May, several council members attended the 2014 spring Self-Governance Conference in Arlington, VA and in Jun., the council members attended the NCAI mid-year conference in Anchorage. The council members will attend the 2014 AFN Convention in Oct. and a couple representatives will attend the 2014 annual NCAI scheduled for late Oct. In August, Council members, Mary Carter and Sharon Sparks, along with several staff participated in the US Coast Guard Recognition Day activities on behalf of NEC and were fortunate to receive a tour of the Cutter Healy. In addition, Janice Doherty, NEC President and Mike Sloan, Tribal Resource Specialist represented NEC at a meeting with Penny Pritzker, Secretary of Commerce and Dr. Kathryn Sullivan, NOAA Administrator during their recent visit to Nome.

We hired several NEC member youth as interns to assist with the many summer activities. Rachel Stiles worked in the Tribal Resources Program assisting with environmental activities and the Reindeer and Environ-

mental Project for youth. Beth Herzner and Kaylene Evans worked in the Youth Program and were responsible for coordinating outdoor club and cultural activities. In Jun. and Jul. we partnered with the Nome Community Center to co-host several Camp Crave outings and in Jul., we hosted a week long Alaska Native Education Science Camp at Council. In Aug. we held the annual Challenge Life Basketball Camp.

As part of an Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse grant, we retained a consultant who traveled to Nome to film a "wellness" commercial to reach out to youth, young adults, and parents to help reduce under-age drinking. We were fortunate that filming occurred during the month of Aug. when the weather was beautiful and provided an abundance of sun that allowed for colorful outdoor scenes. The commercial should be ready for airing before the holiday season. In addition to the commercial, we'll be working on the fall edition of the NEC Newsletter that will be filled with highlights of the many wonderful activities sponsored by NEC.

A void in our staff was created by the departure of life Skills Coordinator, Mason Evans, who decided to return to school this fall. Mason was an exceptional role model, a positive influence for many youth, and will be missed by all. This vacancy will be filled in early September. Toni Smith has joined our team in the position of youth coordinator. Toni was born and raised in Nome, is familiar with the people, culture, and issues impacting our community which enables her to bring local knowledge to the team. Youth staff are extremely busy preparing for the academic school year and winter activities.

Our Accountant Debra Peacock decided to be a stay-at-home mom. Stephanie Vacek was promoted to Accountant and Nina Hanebuth was hired to fill the Accounting Specialist position. In July, the Tribal Council accepted the 2013 audit which once again was a clean unqualified audit with low-risk grantee rating. With the audit complete, staff are working on the 2013 final and 2015 Indirect Cost Proposal.

In August, the Family Services Program co-hosted Trauma 101 training in Nome with our local social service organizations. Thirty trainees from the region participated and learned about complex trauma and its negative impact on children and families.

The Safe Routes to School Safety Plan was completed and presented to the Nome School Board in May. Based on safety concerns identified in the plan, we submitted a grant to the Federal Highway Administration Tribal Transportation Safety Program to purchase and install flashing speed and school zone lights within a blocks radius of Nome Elementary and Preschools, and fluorescent vest for parking lot and crosswalk attendants. The Tribal Transportation Safety that encompasses the community as a whole will be complete by year-end.

The design for the East End Road project is complete. Phase I of the project that includes correction of drainage problems and surface rehabilitation on N Street will be done in September. The work will be completed in partnership with NJU and the city. This summer, NEC submitted a proposal to the US Department of Transportation to secure additional funds for the project.

We received a Tribal Transit grant that will allow us to provide transport services for Nome Preschool, after-school activities, and additional needs as identified. A bus will be purchased this spring, barged to Nome next summer, and services will begin fall 2015.

We received a BIA Youth Initiative grant to fund a Youth Reindeer and Environmental Project in partnership with the Davis family, and a BIA Special Project grant for the Family Services Program to coordinate training applicable to child welfare activities such as the Trauma 101 training.

We were invited to submit a full proposal to the Rasmuson Foundation for funds to renovate our main office facility. Our application will be reviewed by the Foundation Board in November. In the event of approval, materials will be ordered and work will begin in spring 2015.

The Tribal Council convenes in regular session in October at which time they will review proposed modifications to administrative and program policies. Three Tribal Council seats will be on the ballot for elections

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scheduled for November 5 - 6, and the annual membership meeting will be held on November 6.

Native Village of St. Michael—The EPA/IGAP continues the recycle program throughout the village. On Apr. 22, we held an Earth Day class for the elementary students in the IRA Library building. We held spring clean up for all ages including adults from May 19 – 30. Picnic and prizes were given to the volunteers who picked up the most ALPAR bags with trash. The staff took erosion measurements as scheduled in Jun. The DoD Nalemp/ Tribal Response IRA programs had a HAZWOPER class with the help of Lew Tobin in Apr. There were a total of 16 participants. The program also started again on the Dredge Point site for the Army Corp of Engineers under the DoD Nalemp program in May with a crew of 5 tribal members. The quarterly reports for the St. Michael IRA programs and major grants occurred during this time.

The BSRHA contractor, TBI Construction, is in the finishing stage of the 2 new homes in St. Michael. The home owner of one of the homes has yet to be determined. The St. Michael IRA Housing Improvement Program home construction will begin in Jul. after the barge arrives. The St. Michael Katherine L. Kobuk Memorial clinic has one new health aide for the village and is in process of hiring another new health aide. The local water and sewer system had frozen water pipes for the entire village in May. Thank you to the ARUC village staff who work so very hard to get the water pipes going for the entire village.

The tribe held a reindeer tri party meeting in May regarding the reindeer management agreement with the Stebbins Community Association and Theodore Katcheak, owner's of the reindeer herd. John Bioff, Alice Bioff, Marie Katcheak, Rose Fosdick and Lena Danner were assisting with the reindeer management agreement.

The last basketball tournament was held in St. Michael in May, the AJ memorial tournament. The last day of school in was May 16, with senior graduation held on Mother's day, May 11th, with 9 boys. Our congratulations goes to them. The Kawerak Head Start program held graduation ceremony for eleven students on May 14, in the City gym.

Native Village of Savoonga— This summer, we have experienced some thunder and lightning (this happens rarely) along with the village of Gambell, which was hit harder. After 15 long years, we had the pleasure of welcoming 12 men, our relatives from Russia. They stayed 3 weeks and went home with gifts. We enjoyed gathering and Yupik dances with them. Fishing season was getting ready to wrap up until NSEDC approved 10,000 additional pounds to the quota. The fishermen are pleased and are still fishing until that quota is met. NSEDC is sponsoring non-exempt temporary entry-level employment for the tribe to hire an Office Worker which will benefit our offices. We will hire after our regular monthly meeting in Sep. NSEDC also has hired local people for beach clean-up and are still out there. We are currently working with UAF on an experimental reindeer processing plant and hope that one day we will have a Reindeer Processing Plant for commercial packaging. The FUDS project at Northeast Cape employed local laborers to clean up the site at the old military site. BSRHS has hired local men to work on their housing projects, and weatherizing.

Native Village of Shaktoolik— The city and the tribe are working together to build a berm with gravel that was donated by the corporation. It is a replica of a natural berm that was built over time which was analyzed by a couple of state engineers. The city also secured funds to protect the village water source from further erosion. With funds from BSRHA, the tribe held their annual elder and youth summer camp toward the end of Jul. It was separated into two age groups. Further happenings include the tribe requesting a new VSI on behalf of the local clinic staff. Commercial crabbing is over, commercial and subsistence salmon fishing are winding down and school has begun. The tribe is putting on a fall carnival to raise money for tribal members who need help in time of emergencies.

Native Village of Shishmaref— This has been a very

busy summer for the tribe. We have recently hired laborers for the IGAP program to do some recycling and village cleaning efforts before the grant closes the budget for labor positions. We are also accepting seal biosamples in agreement with the state as our hunters are currently in the seal hunting season. Included in this report are the last few months of major topics discussed in our meetings: 1) Grant Writer Assistance application was submitted, 2) ASA Grant was submitted, 3) Community members moved into their new BSRHA homes. 4) There have been a few break-ins that are in the process of being resolved, 5) Berry picking was adequate, although scarce in some areas. It was a short picking time due to berries over-ripening quickly. A few areas had a lot of salmon berries down West Coast, 6) We ran out of unleaded gasoline for a couple of weeks, 7) We had a successful Wellness Picnic this year, although funding was hard to obtain and the picnic was late, 8) A dead gray whale came to our shores. It looked like the death was caused by a Killer Whale, 9) We were able to harvest some mukluk for the community members. We are renovating our Clinic building and hoping it will be done before the Dec. deadline, 10) Our Annual Spring Clean-up was a success, and 11) The school is building a new shop and a garage.

Village of Solomon—The tribe is pleased to be a recipient of NSEDC's outside entity grant this year which funded our Okitkon shelter project. We now have a shelter cabin at mile 31 of the Nome Council Highway. A wood stove was installed and the cabin has been painted red. A satellite phone will also be installed before the road closes this year. Our youth campers stocked it with drift wood as well.

We also received \$25,000 from the Rasmuson Foundation for the purchase of a 15 passenger van replacing our old van that was mainly used for transportation during our annual youth camp. For the past two summers, our youth held a car wash during youth camp as their contribution toward the purchase of the van.

We hired a new Environmental Coordinator, Deilah Johnson, who will carry-out the remainder of our IGAP grant, ending this month. We have a 5 member environmental planning team charged to review the results of last year's assessment and brainstorm ideas for long term and short term solutions. With IGAP funds we purchased a 200-gallon water tank and 5 bear resistant trash containers. The water tank will be stationed down by the Community Center provided for tribal members to use as potable water when the Community Center is closed. We have been told that we will receive another two year IGAP grant.

We held our annual youth and elders camp the first week of Aug. Our tribal member Jennifer Curran, living in Illinois, came up to Nome as our camp coordinator this year and spent some time visiting family members before and after youth camp. We have had two tribal membership gatherings this year; one was in June with BSRHA as a guest speaker to discuss housing needs. We also reviewed and reprioritized our village priorities from our Local Economic Development Plan (LEDP). The second tribal gathering was in Solomon at the end of youth camp. We have scheduled another one in Oct. for our Anchorage area tribal membership before the start of the FAI Elders and Youth conference. We held tribal elections with three seat open. Elizabeth Johnson was re-elected to her seat "C", Deilah Johnson was a write-in for seat "D", and Emmylou Vial was a write in for seat "E". We will reorganize officers at the Sep. council meeting. Our annual meeting is scheduled in Sep. in Nome at the XYZ Senior Center.

The B&B was open all summer hosting a few group retreats which included NSHC's Board of Directors. We are participating in Bering Straits Foundation's energy grant program in which an audit was conducted last month and shared with the Council providing recommendations that would upgrade our community center to an energy efficient building. The B&B will be open the second week of Mar. Iditarod festivities.

Stebbins Community Association—Subsistence gathering and hunting went well for all Stebbins hunters and gathers this year which follows towards early spring and ends this late fall. The community and St. Michael held a

Wellness Walk this summer and everything went well. After the Wellness Gather and Walk we held a potluck and Eskimo dancing. The two tribes and Ted Katcheak-Tri-Party Reindeer Herd owners had to tear down the reindeer corral in Stebbins because much of the gravel source was near the old reindeer corral in which the gravel was used to do the community streets by TUMET. The new reindeer corral is now on corporation lands. The Tri-Party is working with the Native Village of Port Heiden to sell the Port Heiden IRA 60 live reindeers.

The community streets project started in June and was completed in mid August. The Native Village of Stebbins now has a better road system, thanks to TUMET for doing an excellent job. TUMET also did the re-surfacing of the community's airport. The old AVEC tank farm was removed near the community's existing airport and the new AVEC tank farm in the middle of the village is now able to operate. AVEC is also working on putting utility poles towards St. Michael. FEMA and Homeland Security meetings went accordingly. They came to the Native Village of Stebbins assisting the people that lost their homes and their property during last Nov. storm. They had a meeting with the municipality and assisted the people with clean up efforts. The Stebbins IRA will be having their annual tribal meeting sometime in Oct. and will have four seats up for election.

Native Village of Teller—The IGAP is working with Mary's Igloo IGAP on recycling plastic bottles and cans in our community. The tribe is working with Western Mining Action Network on our opposition of mining in our area and is networking with Clean Water Act, Center of Water Advocacy, Mary's Igloo and Brevig Mission Tribes. Teller Traditional Council had two representatives attend the Energy Workshop held in Nome in Aug. hosted by the Department of Energy. A plumber came to Teller to start accessing the clinic septic system in Aug. We continue to provide transportation for patients to and from New Site, Airport, and Nome when needed and/or authorized by a doctor. We were awarded a Youth Grant from RurAL CAP. This specific grant focuses on youth ages 12-17. We took approximately 20 youth and 5 elders out on berry picking field trips to Salmon Lake in Aug. The 10th Annual Teller Cultural Festival is scheduled for Sep.

Native Village of Unalakleet— Elder Services: Linda Towarak joined NVU as Elder Care Coordinator for "Ikayuqti" for our Care Coordination business. Linda will coordinate in-home services for the Elderly or disabled, and she will receive further training. She will assist Elders who meet state Medicaid waiver standards and will provide assistance to Elders who remain in their homes but still require assistance with daily living activities. She will be a resource for families providing Elders with respite care and chore assistance. NVU is still in the planning process to build an Assisted Living Facility on the hillside and working on the preparations for land survey and water/soils sampling and design. We are fortunate to partner with the Foraker Group and have completed the pre-development phase of planning with their assistance. NVU partnered with the city for a successful CDBG application to assist with design costs in the planning phase. Agnew Beck completed a favorable feasibility study for assisted living.

IGAP Environmental Specialist Assistant, John Henry, reported: He aided in the logistics and transport of e-waste via connex from UNK to Seattle by contacting different barge companies for cost estimates. He submitted a 2015 RFP for the Community Environmental Demonstration Project Grant to assist elders in UNK between the ages of 65-70 to replace their light fixtures with eco-friendly, longer lasting, and energy saving LEDs. He assisted "Sissy" Kotongan getting smaller e-waste items to Nome via Bering Air. He worked on and distributed "reason-to-recycle" batteries and fluorescent tubes flyers; and put together a power point presentation on ways high/school students can help recycle in the community and school. He worked on the energy audit application from the USDA Rural Business Energy Grant provided by Manager, Taz Tally, for both the NVU Office and AP/MG Memorial Hall building. They are working on a DOE grant to provide alternate energy to tribal build-

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4th Annual Lemonade Day June 13, 2015

by Alice Bioff, Business Planning Specialist

This year will be the 4th Annual Lemonade Day within the Bering Strait Region. Lemonade Day is a FREE community educational program designed to teach youth how to start, own and operate their own business – a lemonade stand! The program kicked off in Nome for the first time in 2012, but just in Nome. In 2013, the event went region wide. The days leading up to the event take some planning and preparation with a caring adult by their side. Using the free “Lemonade Day” workbook provided, the youth learn the following life skills: setting goals, planning for success, budgeting, finding investors, advertising their product, purchasing supplies and serving their customers. They learn that it is not impossible - they can do this! Having a business is attainable! Most importantly, we want to see the kids have fun, learn the basics of business and empower the youth to take ownership of their lives and become active members of their community.

The youth are not limited to just lemonade. There can be stands with

baked goods, ice tea, coffee, trinkets and arts and crafts! Youth are encouraged to set a goal and plan for what they would like to do with their profits: saving some, spending some, and giving back to the community by donating some to a charity. It is especially remarkable to see so many of the youth donate portions of their profits to things like: the Nome Food Bank, the King Island Project and St. Jude’s Research Hospital.

Lemonade Day is a National program brought to Alaska by: UAA’s College of Business and Public Policy and Center for Economic Development. There is a tremendous amount of coordination that happens to support the youth. Without the many volunteers, participants, sponsors, and partners, Lemonade Day within the Bering Strait Region would not be possible.

If your organization is interested in bringing Lemonade Day to your community, please contact (907) 443-4366 or email: bp.spec@kawerak.org. Lemonade Day this year will be Saturday, June 13, 2015.



Melody and Kathy Bergamaschi, Lemonade Day 2014.

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ings. He is working on a Small Community Energy Response Plan toolkit which is to be later reviewed with City and other key players for completion; and planning to work with the City on the USDA Rural Project Water and Waste Grant in order to acquire City landfill burn boxes.

Tribal Enrollment Officer, Hazel Sagoonick, reported: The amended Tribal Membership Ordinance with the blood quantum change has created a flurry of activity, along with the issuing of IDs for the new students going off to college. The collection of family trees is on-going and all Tribal Members are being asked to come in or call in to see that their family tree is correct and files are up-to-date.

The Elders Nutrition Program was open all summer thanks to the NSEDC OEF program. Donations of traditional and customary foods including wild game that is whole or quartered, seafood, berries, vegetables, and wild plants may again be accepted and is requested to help supplement the store-bought foods of this most important program.

Sub-Regional Clinic: Henrietta “Tia” Wilson was unanimously chosen as the NVU Representative to the NSHC Board because of her past experience as a long-time healthcare provider and because she is a strong advocate for ALL the people in our region. Dr. Bieberly is now here with his wife until Oct. and Dr. Goslin has left with his family. The maintenance upkeep on the clinic has started with painting the window trim that has needed attention for several years. Newly hired clinic Manager Carol Charles will begin in Sep. and Sharon Johnson is back to being a full time Health Aide, bringing the number of our CHA/Ps back up.

IMPORTANT All tribal members should carry a TRIBAL ID with them to Nome or Anchorage as it is now required in order to receive IHS benefits and attempts of medical insurance fraud and identity theft are being reported.

Community: Lt. Gen. Thomas Bostick and Col. Christopher Lestochi, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Alaska Dis-

trict visited in Aug and toured the progress of the Rock Revetment at the mouth of Unalakleet River which received funding from USACE-Alaska Coastal Erosion Project. They did a mini tour of the community and surrounding area with Tracy Cooper, NVU General Manager and Steve Ivanoff, Transportation Planner. The 2013 storm surge would have done a lot more damage to homes and infrastructure if the Rock Revetment was not there (even though it is not complete) as the surge washed out hundreds of feet of the water transmission and electrical lines to/from Power’s Creek. We are very grateful for this project. Also, Senator Mark Begich, US DOT Secretary Andrew Foxx, and US Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Zukunft visited Unalakleet in Aug., to discuss increased shipping through the Bering Straits, spill response and training, coastal erosion, Arctic ports and infrastructure and US Arctic Policy. A round-table discussion took place with BSNC President/CEO Gail Schubert, Kawerak President/CEO Melanie Bahnke, UNC President Steve Ivanoff, Bering Sea Alliance GM Art C. Ivanoff, NVU General Manager Tracy Cooper, City Mayor Middy Johnson, and Laureli Kineen, NSEDC Public Relations.

Native Village of Wales—July 14-Aug. 8 the IGAP had a successful clean up. There were about 70 tourists who visited Wales from a cruise ship that came. We also had Silver Discoverer International Swimmers visit Wales. IGAP Committee attended ETEP Training in Nome Aug. 25-27, 2014. Our clinic is being renovated. We hosted our 15th Annual Kingikmiut Dance Festival Aug. 29-31. The dance groups that performed were Anchorage, Gambell, King Island, Point Hope, Anaktuvuk Pass and Kotzebue.

Native Village of White Mountain—We are pleased that our State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services, Nutrition, Transportation and Support services has been funded for FY15 Elder’s lunch program. Our Environmental Programs continue to get data from Ichupak for the in-stream flow reservation and we need one and a half more years of data to obtain our water rights from the State of Alaska. The Tribe was awarded

a grant to teach the youth the process of drying fish which includes seining, cutting, and taking care of them. The fish we caught were divided to the interested families that wanted some and we were able to take the children blueberry picking for one day. Thanks to Randall Huffman for the grant application and Dorothy Barr, Tribal Coordinator for coordinating the activities and grant reporting.

We completed our Kawerak Transportation Plan in July, and we thank the Kawerak Transportation program for that opportunity and also for assisting us with that. School has begun and we are happy for returning teachers. We have best wishes for Adrian Barr Jr., Jessie Ashenfelter and Rayna Buck-Nassuk, 2014 graduates who are furthering their education by attending college. Thanks also to the BSRHA Youth Crime Prevention grant and donations from the City of White Mountain, NSEDC, and White Mountain Native Corporation for the four-week CampFire USA program.

We are sad to announce that our pastor Ross McElwee and his wife Ruth are leaving White Mountain. Ross was also our BIA Grant Manager and Field Technician who was knowledgeable on our water reading data and input for our In-stream Flow reservation and he also did most of the work on our State of Alaska Water rights. They will be greatly missed. The construction of three new homes with BSRHA is nearing the end. We thank BSRHA for that opportunity since we have housing availability issues. The IGAP Program coordinated the spring clean-up again which went well and have started an Environmental poster contest for the children. Eskimo dancing has started and the tribe is happy to announce that Leanna Appassingok is the new dance instructor. Thanks for Elsie Vaden for the opportunity to send in our State and Federal priorities for FY15. We do not have an interested person to serve on NSHC Board yet but the notices are posted in public places. Pete Katongan and Roberta Charles wed on August 30th in Unalakleet. They reside here in White Mountain. We wish them the best.

The “Alaska Rebel” Comes to Unalakleet

by Marie Ivanoff, Tribal Family Coordinator, Unalakleet

On February 3, 2015 Samuel Johns, known as the AK Rebel, an Ahtna and Gwich'in Athabaskan motivational speaker, traditional musician, and rapper came to Unalakleet. He lives in Anchorage now, but grew up in Copper Center, a village on the road system that had few opportunities and easy access to alcohol. He said that living in a village is a hard life. Some people find peace living the subsistence lifestyle which has many challenges, but others get caught in the cycle of addictions. He shared that he suffered depression after losing family members to addictions and turned to alcohol himself for about five years. He regrets the time he was not present for his first daughter during those years. Samuel believes one way to break the cycle is to have good local role models, and now he shares his story with youth living in rural villages. He's proud to tell everyone that he has been sober for seven years. He reaches out to youth with his stories and his songs, because he believes that drumming and story telling are healing, help unite people, and connect us to our Native cultures.

Samuel performed at the Unalakleet School Gym in the evening and spoke about alcohol and drug addictions, subsistence, and lifting hope. There was a good turnout of youth and

adults that attended. Samuel sang some traditional songs with his drum, then he sang some rap music. The audience enjoyed his performance, especially the young children and teens. After he shared his stories and music, everyone stayed for refreshments and to socialize with him. The youth took this opportunity to ask Samuel questions about his life and his music, and adults told him they appreciated him for making the time to come and share his story. Now when you walk the halls of the school, you can hear the youth listening to Samuel's music on their iPods. The community members would like to thank the Unalakleet School, the Native Village of Unalakleet and Kawerak for helping to make this event possible. It was a huge blessing to participate in this successful event.

Samuel Johns premiered his latest music video, “Wake Up,” at the 2014 Alaska Federation of Natives Convention in Anchorage in Oct. The song is about the need to rise up against suicide and domestic violence. His songs are available on Sound Cloud, Facebook Vimeo and YouTube.



Samuel Johns with Cody Ivanoff, son of Burker and Carol Ivanoff.

INUPIAQ VALUES:
Knowledge of Language | Knowledge of Family Tree | Sharing | Humility | Respect for Elders | Love for Children | Cooperation | Hard Work | Respect for Others | Respect for Nature | Avoid Conflict | Family Roles | Humor | Spirituality | Domestic Skills | Hunter Success & Responsibility to Tribe.

The Importance of Trail Stakes/Markers

By Denise Michels, Kawerak Transportation Program Director

Traditional routes are actively used as a road system for subsistence hunting, fishing and trapping to provide food and income throughout the winter. These same routes are also used to travel between villages and to hub communities for meetings, appointments, shopping and to visit family and friends by snowmachine and ATV.

Winter weather conditions such as blowing snow, along with white out conditions can make travel nearly impossible and make it hard to find routes that are not marked. Trail markers aid lost travelers to the nearest community. Most importantly trail markers are valuable resources in airborne search and rescue efforts by guiding search and rescue teams to lost travelers.

The Kawerak's Transportation Program (KTP) project agreement with the State of Alaska's Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF) completed trail stake construction and placement along various routes in the Bering Strait Region. Trail stakes were placed between the Kougarock Bridge to the National Park Service (NPS) Serpentine Hot Springs border and from Shishmaref to the NPS park border in 2008. In 2013 stakes were placed between Brevig Mission and Wales.

KTP conducted trail stake maintenance in September 2014 for both projects. Many of

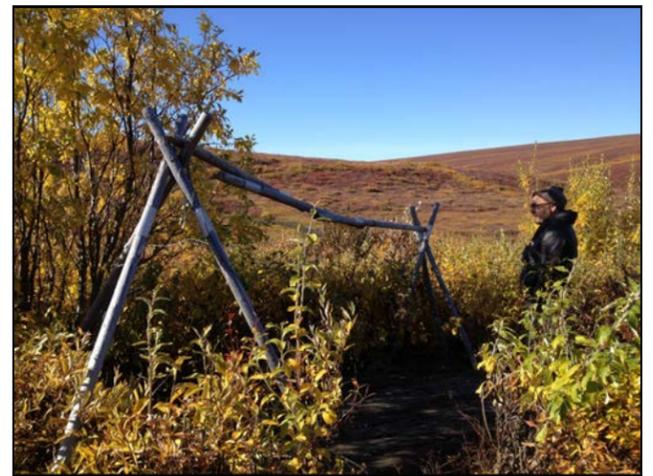
the trail markers were missing or destroyed. It was disturbing to find that trail stakes had been sawed off and only 3 feet of the stakes remained (the top with reflectors lying on the ground being useless to travelers) in one section of the trail between Kougarock and the Serpentine border. On other sections trail markers were destroyed and used to get ATV's unstuck, or used to cross long strips of wet tundra. Of the missing stakes, we found some that were used to create a tent frame at North Fork.

We thank the land owners: State of Alaska, Bering Land Bridge Alaska (BELA), and Village Corporations for being committed in providing site control for public safety.

Good Samaritans

Trail markers play an important role during the winter by aiding travelers who are disoriented and most importantly help search and rescue personnel locate lost travelers.

Please be a Good Samaritan and report to Kawerak Transportation if you notice any destroyed markers or if you had to use any markers to get you out of a bind. If you are traveling on a route where you see a trail marker that has fallen, please reinstall it for other travelers. One day you maybe in a position of needing trail markers to get you home to your family safely. KTP's phone number is 443-4395.



Trail stakes used as tent frame at North Fork in 2013.



Broken trail stakes in 2013.

More Graduates *Continued from page 9*



Maddy Alvanna-Stimpfle (left), is the daughter of Jim and Bernadette Alvanna-Stimpfle. She graduated in December with a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education and Alaska Native Studies from the University of Alaska Anchorage.



Emmy Lou Vial (right) is the daughter of Cliff Vial and the late Violet Tucker. Ms. Vial graduated in December with a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and a Minor in Nutrition. Emmy Lou is planning on obtaining her Master's degree soon.

Language Task Force

By Moriah Saffallie, Cultural Center Development Coordinator

Kawerak's Cultural Center staff brought together a task force of Inupiaq, Yup'ik and St. Lawrence Island Yupik language experts to brainstorm ideas for a new name for the cultural center that is culturally appropriate and inclusive of all three major Indigenous languages of the Bering Strait and Norton Sound Region. More details coming soon about the selection of our new name and how you can be involved. Please call Moriah Saffallie at 907-443-4341 for more information.



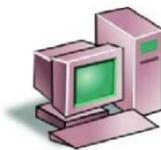
Left to right, front: Rose Attatayuk (Yup'ik), Phyllis Walluk (St. Lawrence Island Yupik) and Josie Bourdon (Inupiaq)
Left to right, back: Ursula Lyons (Yup'ik), Linda Gologergen (St. Lawrence Island Yupik), Annie Conger (Inupiaq) and Bernadette Alvanna-Stimpfle (King Island Inupiaq).

Photo taken by Amy Russell-Jamgochian.

Electronic Waste Event - Fri. and Sat. May 29 – 30, 11 am – 4 pm

We'll take: TV, computers, VCR, monitors, printers, laptops, stereos, cell phones, etc.
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Nome, Alaska

The RPC is an annual gathering designed by rural Alaskans who are substance abuse treatment providers, youth, Elders and family members interested in celebrating the continual growth of the Alaska Native Sobriety Movement. This year's RPC is in conjunction with the Kawerak Regional Conference and will feature ceremonies, hands-on cultural events, talking circles, workshops, keynote speakers and more! Each evening will be filled with Traditional Native Dancing, other entertainment and a potluck on Wednesday evening. Please bring a dish from your community to share.

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

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