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Beringia Museum of Culture & Science *Taking Shape!*

By Kaci Fullwood, Project Director

Exciting plans are being made! New partnerships are forming! Work sessions are underway, and you are invited! The Beringia Museum of Science & Culture planning project is gaining momentum and taking shape. Join the tribes of the Bering Strait region in developing an international, cutting edge, fresh and innovative, science & cultural facility, here in the heart of Beringia—Nome, Alaska. This facility will not only exhibit the latest in circumpolar research, but provide a wide array of cultural programming experiences for our children, our curious visitors and learners of all ages. The Beringia Museum will hold the heart of our region, as a place to safely care for, and display our rich history in artifacts, and the many innovations of the people who have called Beringia home for thousands of years. A place for dance groups to gather, practice and perform has been a priority of the leaders of the museum. Survey results have shown that people wish to use this facility to connect with and meet other folks and visiting scientific researchers. This project is about collaborations between people like you and me, local tribes, municipalities, state agencies, and international organizations. These collaborations will continue to provide a strong, diverse and rich foundation from which to realize an indigenous culturally rich museum; the dream of our elders, coming true!

In 2004, the Kawerak Board of Directors with foresight and determination, purchased the 28,000 square foot lot, located north of the Methodist Church and south of the Kawerak office buildings, for the express purpose of building a museum/cultural center. An Administration for Native American's three year grant



was received by Kawerak in the fall of 2005 to develop plans for a museum facility.

Since then, an organizational structure, Leadership Team, Bylaws, Collections Policy, and architectural concept design have been set into motion, through the hard work of many dedicated individuals across Alaska. We are pleased to present you with the 10% Concept Design for the Beringia Museum on page two of the U-News. This design is the result of work sessions attended by many representatives across the region who donated their time

opportunities, scientific exhibits and cultural programming reaching deep into each village in the Bering Strait. The dynamic economic engine the Beringia Museum will provide through increased tourism and scientific research bring a new paradigm of opportunity, bursting with potential, for our region!

The growing list of entities that believe in and help create the synergy that is creating this new museum include, UAF/Museum of the North, International Arctic Research Center, Bering Strait Native Corporation, Bering Strait

There is no better indicator of the spiritual health of our city, its neighborhoods and the larger region than the state of the arts. The arts deepen our understanding of the human spirit, extend our capacity to comprehend the lives of others allow us to imagine a more just and humane world. Through their diversity of feeling, their variety of form, their multiplicity of inspiration, the arts make our culture richer and more reflective.

Jonathan Fanton

President, MacArthur Foundation

towards the challenging work of creating a building design that would meet our needs and lift our spirits simultaneously.

The economic development opportunities the Beringia Museum project offer for the entire region are exciting as well as much needed. Results from a recent study by Americans for the Arts show that the economic impact of arts and culture are valuable contributors to the business community. Nonprofit arts and culture organizations are employers, producers, consumers and key promoters of their cities and regions.

We plan to use the museum facility as a "hub" for our region, with "spokes" of tourism

Foundation, Alaska Department of Fish & Game and Arctic Studies Center/Smithsonian Institute. We hope to soon include many other organizations who wish to join this unique collaboration of scientific & cultural interchange. We invite you & your organization to join us and our partners in an effort to revitalize and highlight for all to share in, not only the rich culture of the region, but the economic opportunities that the Beringia Museum of Culture & Science will generate. Please feel free to contact Project Director, Kaci Fullwood at 907.443.4340 or culture@kawerak.org for more information.

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President's Message: Tumet Industries, LLC is up and running!

By Loretta Bullard

We wanted to update tribal members and region residents on a major Kawerak initiative, which staff have been busy working on since spring of 2007.

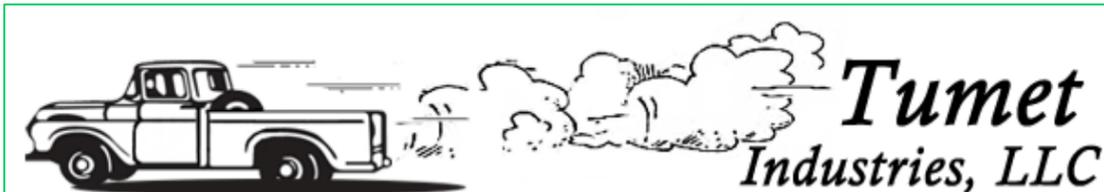
Background - Kawerak Transportation:

Kawerak was authorized in 1994 by 19 of the 20 federally recognized Tribes within the Bering Straits Region of Alaska to contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to provide Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) transportation planning services throughout the region. In 1998, Kawerak negotiated an agreement with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to transition the entire BIA IRR Program to Kawerak. In 2000, under contract with BIA, Kawerak began to provide the entire scope of the IRR Program, from planning, selection of projects, design, right-of-way, permitting and environmental monitoring, to construction. Via the contract, BIA turned over the amount of funding each of our member tribes was eligible to receive (through the BIA IRR Program) - to Kawerak. The Kawerak Board then decided which transportation projects got funded and when. The level of transportation funding managed by Kawerak has steadily increased over the years. In 2000, we managed \$538,000 in BIA roads planning funds. In 2006, we managed \$5,779,764 in transportation related funds from BIA, the State of Alaska, the COE and the Denali Commission. Just recently Nome Eskimo Community has indicated their intention to contract independently with BIA starting in January 2008 for the IRR Program within the Nome area.

Since 1998, Kawerak has been responsible for developing long range transportation plans for member villages, developing a Bering Straits Region Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), developing and managing control schedules; developing and updating the BIA IRR inventory for the participating tribes, addressing right of way, survey, environmental, permitting and other issues, planning and designing projects to address transportation and roads needs; providing for construction of projects to standard – either through force accounting or contracting with for-profit construction contractors; and managing the funds and reporting associated with all of the above.

In 2003, Kawerak began **compacting** with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the BIA IRR Program. This is a higher level of contracting, in which we have greater flexibility to manage the program with minimal reporting and reduced BIA oversight.

Through its Transportation Program, Kawerak has: developed village specific Tribal Transportation Plans in consultation with each village's federally recognized tribal council; added 3,500 miles to the BIA IRR inventory for the Bering Straits Region, thereby tripling the level of IRR funding made available for transportation and related projects;



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constructed transportation infrastructure improvements in the villages - that would have otherwise not been constructed; provided the 9% local match required under the State Transportation Improvement Program - thereby increasing the likelihood that state funded projects will be constructed in our villages; access new funding sources to meet village transportation needs. We applied for and received Denali Commission Access funds to undertake transportation related projects in four of our villages; assisted in forward funding ERFO projects in our villages with subsequent reimbursement by the Federal Government; and set in place diverse partnerships to address transportation needs.

For example: Kawerak and the Army Corp of Engineers are jointly funding bathometric, environmental and geotechnical surveys to explore the feasibility of constructing a combo harbor/ airport facility in Diomedede;

- Kawerak worked in cooperation with the University of Alaska on a Dust Abatement Demonstration Project – to test the duration and effectiveness of several different dust abatement products in a high subsistence use area;

- Last year, with support from 7 funding partners (including Kawerak's Transportation & Community Planning & Development) successfully completed an aerial digital mapping project of all villages in the region. This will be a tremendous help in community planning and future infrastructure development.

Kawerak, using funds received via its contract with the BIA IRR Program and from the Denali Commission (for the Koyuk Project), has planned, designed and managed the construction of the following projects:

Kawerak has a number of projects in the design phase including: Diomedede Community Boardwalk, Diomedede Harbor, Unalakleet Community Roads, Brevig Mission Community Streets, Stebbins Community Roads, Shaktoolik Evacuation Road and Gambell Community Streets and Evacuation Road.

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CONCEPT DESIGN

First Floor

Second Floor

1. Main Entry Vestibule
2. Lobby
3. Gathering Space
4. Stage
5. Storage
6. Dressing Rooms/Storage
7. Kitchen
8. Stair/Elevator Tower
9. Restrooms
10. Exhibit Gallery I
11. Classroom I
12. Eskimo Heritage Program/ Admin Office

Phase II

13. Exhibit Gallery II
14. Sales/Gift Shop
15. Artisans Workshop
16. Classroom II
17. General Offices

BETTISWORTH NORTH Architects and Planners

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

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

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

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

Kawerak Child Advocacy Center Determined to Tackle Child Abuse

By Monica Chase, CAC Educator

The Kawerak Child Advocacy Center's employees are focused and determined to educate our regional communities about the importance of recognizing the signs of abuse, believing the child, being supportive and reporting the abuse. Educating our children and their trusted caregivers about sexual abuse and the signs of abuse is long overdue. As a problem within our society, sexual abuse needs to be addressed and brought to light that it is happening at a staggering level and it needs to be stopped.

The Office of Children's Services State Statutory Report, (<http://hss.state.ak.us/ocs/statistics>) for August 2007 states that alleged sexual abuse reports that were received from August 1-31, 2007 at **189**. In *one month* the entire state of Alaska reported that **189 children** alleged to have been sexually abused. This is a staggering number in itself, but think about how many children are not reporting. Nationally it is estimated that one in four girls and one in six boys are sexually abused before their eighteenth birthday. This means that 67% of all reported abuse is occurring on children under the age of 17 and the median age of reported sexual abuse is nine years old. Twenty-two percent of all victims are under the age of eight and 50% of all victims of forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object, and forcible fondling are under twelve.

There are some basic signs of abuse that adults should be aware of. Physical signs of sexual abuse that may be present are possibly having torn, stained or bloody underwear, have trouble sitting or walking, pain or itching along with bruises or bleeding in the genital area, or a sexually transmitted disease. Behavioral signs to consider are the child may have an unusual knowledge of sex or act in a seductive manner. The child may fear a particular person, seem withdrawn or depressed, go through a sudden weight gain or lose weight. Shying away from any form of physical contact or even running away from home are signs that abuse has happened or is happening. Other indicators of

abuse are when the child subtly comments about instances with certain adults. Statements such as, "I don't like being left alone with my babysitter," or "I always feel funny when I am with my dad," should trigger an alarm that there is an underlying issue and the child is attempting to reach out to you.

Normal sexual behavior for a child that has not experienced sexual abuse differs for the various age groups. From age two through five, children are beginning to notice differences between male and female body parts while learning the "terms" their family is comfortable with. Between ages six through eight, children are increasingly aware that their bodies are distinct and may partake in play sessions that allows them to notice these differences. Anything from age nine to ten, adolescents become self-educating with friends. This means that they "talk" about the subject of sex in a teasing manner, making jokes amongst themselves. Ages eleven to eighteen are the years when adolescents begin developing relationships with their peers. These relationships can be exploratory in nature and are done out of curiosity. This does not illustrate the full magnitude of sexual behavior in any one child, but outlines what is expected from a child who has not been sexually abused.

When a child discloses sexual abuse there are many things that go through the trusted adults mind. Shock, disbelief, thoughts of "Why didn't I see this?" A child needs the trusted adult to be an active listener, an arm of support, they need to know that by disclosing sexual abuse that they are going to be *believed*. Encourage the child to talk freely, ask open-ended questions such as, "What happened?" A child may tell parts of what happened to gauge the reaction of the trusted adult, try not to overreact, either negatively or emotionally as this can lead to the child shutting down and becoming frightened. Once the child discloses the abuse, call the local law enforcement office or the Office of Children's Services. Remember to tell

the child that they were brave to disclose the abuse and that the healing can begin, because they are believed.

If the child disclosed sexual abuse to a mandate reporter, meaning a teacher, doctor, health aide or bus driver, the abuse has to be reported to the Alaska State Troopers, the local Police Department, or the Office of Children Services. It is imperative that the report be made without delay. Usually within 24 hours is the time allotted for mandate reporters, or anyone who was informed of the abuse. Once the report has been made the child will be interviewed at the Child Advocacy Center.

The CAC Educator will begin traveling to each of the villages in the Bering Straits region to conduct presentations on mandate reporting and sexual abuse awareness. It is with these presentations that the Child Advocacy Center hopes the silence of sexual abuse will be broken. *Today is the day*, talk to your child about sexual abuse. Ask questions, inform them, and let them know that it is okay for them to talk to you. If you have any questions or would like further information please contact the Kawerak CAC at (907)443-4376. 🌸



Child Advocacy Center playroom where children can play with toys, games, puzzles, paint or read. Norton Sound Health Corporation's Behavioral Health Services also provides therapy in the room.

Are you looking to work at home?

Do the neighborhood children hang out at your house?

Do you want to help your community with child care needs?

Have you ever thought about becoming a Family Child Care Home Provider?



Benefits include:

- Working at home
- Choosing your own hours
- Owning your own business
- Getting paid to work and play with children
- Work daily, evenings and/or weekends

Support from Kawerak Child Care Services and C.A.R.E.S. Resource/Referral include training, resources & materials

KAWERAK CHILD CARE SERVICES

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443.9073

**Call today to make a difference
in the lives of children!**

Unipkaaġ Corner — * Unipkaaġ means "story, myth, or fable" in Inupiaġ.

Below are two short stories from the *Eskimo Heritage Stories Elementary Reader for the 5th Grade by the Elders of the Bering Straits Region*. Kawerak's Eskimo Heritage Program has the rest of the series of Elementary Reader books for grades K-6th.

Currently we are in the process of cataloging, transcribing, translating and digitizing hundreds of hours of elder interviews. The EHP collection includes 1,200 audiotapes, 300 videotapes, 7,000 slides, 3,500 photographs and a small library. EHP is always open to adding to the collection. If you have personal photographs or recordings that you would like to make available for generations, please contact us. We will assist in duplicating or in recording your collection onto CD or DVD.

If your school or community is conducting any research and documentation of Elders, please contact EHP for collaboration. We can provide as much assistance as we can via staff and/or equipment. If you would like to volunteer within our program, we have many opportunities for community service and involvement in EHP.

We hope you enjoyed these stories, please share with your children or family! For more translations from English to Inupiaġ, visit www.alaskool.org and click on "languages" for the on-line Inupiaġ dictionary. Contact the Eskimo Heritage Program at (907) 443-4386 for more stories, if you would like to contribute to the EHP collection or if you would like to volunteer. ❄️

Snow Giant

By Myra Seppilu, Savoonga

A Long time ago there was a little boy who lived with his grandmother. One time the weather was very bad. The snow blew so much they could not go out to get food. One day they ran out of meat. The little boy was always hungry. The boy's grandmother scraped little oily things to cook for him. But he was still very hungry.

One day when they woke up the wind was blowing the snow so hard they couldn't see. The little boy put his clothes on fast. He was cold. He was hungry. "What are you going to do?" his grandmother asked. The boy did not say anything. He just put on more clothes. Then he put on his raincoat and went outside. The snow hit him with a blast. He looked around him to see his location, then he walked inland. He had to bend almost in half against the wind. It howled and blew snow across the sky. The boy put his head down and kept walking. Then, he saw a shadow. How could this be in the middle of a storm? He squinted his eyes and looked again. There it is! A giant shoveling snow! The giant was chipping a snow bank with a hand adz. He filled his huge shovel with snow and threw the snow over his head. So this is where the bad weather and blowing snow came from! The boy thought about what he had to do. He had to take the hand adz away from the giant. The giant kept chipping the snow bank. Finally, he put the

hand adz down to shovel the snow. The boy grabbed the adz and ran home. He ran as fast as he could. He was very scared.

When he got home he went in the curtained living area quietly. "My, my. You have lots of snow on you. Go shake the snow off," his grandmother said. The boy was so scared he did not move. Even when she told him the snow would melt on his clothes he did not move. Then they heard a noise outside. Footsteps! The footsteps went up to the top of their igloo. The air vent opened. It was the snow giant! "Give me my adz," the giant shouted! The boy did not move or say anything. "Give me back my adz," the giant shouted again! "What does he want," the grandmother said. "If you have what he wants, give it back to him." "I will not give it to him. He makes the snow blow hard." "I heard you," the giant said. "If you give me my adz I will stop shoveling the snow." "Give it to him," the grandmother said. The boy took the hand adz and went out to their shed. There he banged the adz on the house mast until it was dull. He went back into the house and threw the adz out the air vent at the giant. "Here! I have sharpened it for you," the boy said. The giant took his hand adz and went away.

That night the boy and his grandmother slept without waking up once. No snow blew and no wind howled around the



Illustration by George Smart

house. In the morning, the sun shining through the air vent, woke him. Oh, it was warm! The boy went outside. All the snow had melted. The creek nearby had no ice and was loaded with fish. He grabbed two fish with his hands and took them home. His grandmother cooked them and they ate a good meal. The boy set a fish net in the creek and caught more fish. They cleaned them and hung them in the sun to dry. Now they had lots of food. The boy was not hungry again. (I think that boy gained weight!) ❄️

The Two Boys Mean To Birds

By Molly Tocktoo, Shishmaref

My father used to tell a story about two boys. They were two young boys, almost full grown. During the springtime they plucked a bird. They took all of its feathers off while it was alive. After they plucked it, they let the bird go. The bird went into the river and drifted. It drifted down the river into the ocean, it looked like it turned into something. It looked like someone using a kayak. Then it was no longer seen. Time went by.

One winter the two boys went seal hunting. It was the time when

the ocean was just starting to ice up. The boys were in their kayaks. One of the boys' kayaks became blocked by the ice. He was the one that had plucked the feathers from the poor little bird. He died out there in the ocean. He was caught by the drifting ice. That is why children were told not to play with living things. We were told not to bother birds or any other living creatures. We were told not to pluck them while they are alive, or to cut them. These creatures have someone watching over them. They are living things and must be treated kindly. ❄️

NOME ENERGY SUMMIT

By Barb Nickels, CPD Director & Jennifer Demir, Energy VISTA

The Bering Strait Development Council (BSDC) and the Nome Chamber of Commerce sponsored the 2nd Annual Energy Summit held in Nome on September 26 & 27 at Pioneer Hall in conjunction with the Kawerak Regional Conference. Participants included local homeowners, small business owners, interested individuals, and representatives from Village Corporations, City and IRA/Traditional from the region.

Barb Nickels, Director of the BSDC welcomed the participants and provided an overview of the April 2006 Energy Conference hosted by Mitch Erickson, Executive Director of the Nome Chamber of Commerce. She explained that this Energy Summit is a follow up from the 2006 Conference.

Scott Waterman, Energy Specialist with Alaska Housing Finance Corporation spoke on two topics. The first topic was Peak Oil – The Economics of Energy Efficiency and Weatherization. He explained why energy prices are on the rise and provided an insight to the question of: "Is the world nearing its peak today?" Today oil is on the back side of the peak and is much more expensive to produce this is also compounded by the serious gap between supply and demand. The global community is asking themselves if Saudi Arabia is really up for the challenge of opening the taps for a never ending flow of crude. He also spoke about where energy efficiency and renewable fit into our energy future.

In regards to weatherization, Mr. Waterman showed that heat, air and moisture move through our homes constantly which have a dramatic affect on the cost of utilities, the cost of maintenance, the comfort, and the health and safety of our houses. Mr. Waterman



A site visit was made to the residence of Gary Hart to get a first hand look at how he is cutting his energy costs. Mr. Hart is the first in Nome to install solar and wind combined to heat a local residence, and may be the first in Alaska. Photo by Ronna Engstrom



Nome Energy Summit participants listen to presentations by Scott Waterman with Alaska Housing Finance Corporation. Photo by Barb Nickels

showed how the flow of heat, air and moisture can be managed to provide a safe, healthy, durable, comfortable and affordable home. The group also looked at the seven top things that can be done to weatherize your home to make it as energy efficient as possible.

ABS Alaskan's Jim Norman spoke on energy conservation and stated that just changing your light bulbs to energy efficient CFL light bulbs will make a definite impact on your electric bill. Three of the door prizes that were given out included 35 CFL light bulbs. Those who won have agreed to replace the existing bulbs in their house and to track the difference

"Is the world nearing it's peak today?"

*Scott Waterman, Energy Specialist
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation*

for one year in their electric bill.

The Shaktoolik Native Store is installing two wind turbines with assistance from ABS Alaskan. Wind turbines are one of the oldest forms of renewable energy used in the world. From medieval wind mills that actually milled grain, to traditional farm wind mills that pumped water for livestock and irrigation, to the modern alternator-driven electric wind generator, wind turbines have helped man-kind for centuries. Wind turbines are recommended for any year-round energy system. Often the best days for wind energy are the gloomy days when solar panels aren't at their peak.

Mr. Norman also discussed the positives of solar power and added that Nome and the region have many opportunities. Solar power is one of the simplest forms of renewable home power. Photovoltaic (PV) panels have no moving parts, and need no complicated control mechanisms. Solar panels are the closest thing to a "plug and play" independent power source you'll find and are one of the most popular sources of alternative energy for home power systems.

AmeriCorps VISTA Leader, Lisa Michels informed the group that RurAL CAP started an Energy VISTA program in March 2007 and there are 11 VISTAs in different communities

working towards developing energy plans. Jennifer Demir, a Rural CAP VISTA is working with Kawerak to develop energy plans for the 15 communities in the Bering Strait region.

Tom Schulte of 21st Century Green Technology came all the way from Las Vegas, Nevada to introduce products to Alaska. Two of the products, SuperTherm and Sunshield paint were presented to the participants speaking to the heat load vs. heat transfer, reflective coatings vs. ceramic insulation coating, laboratory tests, field performance and implementation costs. Mr. Schulte noted that the Sunshield paint is designed to keep heat inside your home rather than leaking it out. There was much discussion on the testing that was done in Nevada as opposed to the climate in Alaska. Mr. Schulte has since contacted Cold Climate Research in Fairbanks and will have the products tested in a cold climate environment.

Todd Hoener of Golden Valley Electric presented; different types of lighting and their efficiency, calculating savings with energy-efficient lighting, designing and optimizing natural daylight and artificial lighting for your home and more. Lighting represents about 20% of electrical consumption in the United States and it's estimated that this amount could be cut in half if older, less efficient lighting were replaced with more energy efficient, modern lighting. Mr. Hoener left many energy efficient light bulbs he had brought with him to be given to participants to try.

Chris Rose, Executive Director of Project REAP (Renewable Energy Alaska Project) talked about all the advantages of renewable energy and how coastal villages should look at hydro and tidal energy sources along with wind and solar. Mr. Rose used Kasigluk and Tooksook Bay projects as examples. They both have wind generation projects that have saved them about 50,000 gallons of fuel per year. He went on to say that the villages of this region would benefit from small wind turbines.

A site visit was made to the residence of Gary Hart for those interested to get a first hand look at how he is cutting his energy costs. Mr. Hart is the first in Nome to install solar and wind combined to heat a local residence, and may be the first in Alaska. He has combined wind and solar power to heat hot water and a glycol tank, which in turn, heats his home. Mr.

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Teller Education Workshop

By Dawn Salesky, E.E. & T. Vice President

On August 28, 2007, the community of Teller hosted a job fair through the Teller School. Kawerak and Northwest Campus facilitated a community workshop in the evening to brainstorm ideas to support education in Teller. Residents of all ages participated. Here are their ideas:

How can we support education in our community?

By Encouraging Each Other to be More Educated

- Have your child go to school Mon-Fri, and try not to let them miss school
- By becoming more involved with student activities
- Encourage kids to come to school more often & Let kids study
- See what your children are doing in school
- Through parent involvement
- By encouraging learning, staying in school, and having fun doing it!
- Read with your kids at home
- We can all pitch in to help everyone understand
- Baby-sit for people when they need it.
- Encourage our children to stay in school
- As parents, we can work more with the teachers and volunteer more
- Alumni can share their success from their education
- Show examples to the kids in our village
- We can help our community by making sure that the children make it to school

By Encouraging Children to Be Successful in School

- Don't drop out!
- Help each other in school if they need it.
- Follow directions
- By doing your homework
- Being prepared & Go to school
- If you are going to school, keep it up! Don't drop out!
- Not skipping school and don't fall
- By being on time



By Respecting and Being Responsible For Culture

- Help Elders with something (like cooking)
- By learning Eskimo culture as well as other cultures
- By learning from our elders
- Through community support
- By finding a good bilingual /bicultural teacher
- Do good things and never bad things
- No prejudice

By Making Opportunities for Out of School Youth & Adults

- Offer college courses that relate to jobs in Teller
- By offering hands on schooling in Teller
- Save some money for college
- By attending Job Corps or AVTEC
- Offer ongoing GED classes at night
- More training courses in Teller

By Community Involvement in Education: Policy Making

- Go to the AEC meetings
- More transportation between the New Site and Teller

By Respecting Other People by Listening

- Listen to teachers while in school
- Listen to our parents and don't talk back

SPANS Application is now available!

By Kristen Timbers, Bering Straits Foundation Executive V.P.

Bering Straits Foundation, Kawerak, Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation and Norton Sound Health Corporation have partnered together to ease the process of applying for higher education scholarships for the people of our region. The new application is temporarily called "SPANS" which stands for "Seward Peninsula Application Network Scholarship."

This application is applicable for individuals going into accredited college or vocational education programs. Previously, applicants were re-

quired to complete different application forms which all required similar information. Now applicants can simply fill out the one SPANS application and submit photo copies to each organization along with the other required documents specific to each agency. The table below notes the terms funded and the application deadlines. To download the application go to: www.kawerak.org/servicedivisions/eet/hes/index.html. Then click the "higher education application" on the left frame. At the end of the application is additional information from each entity. 

Terms Funded & Deadlines	BSF	Kawerak	NSEDC	NSHC
Fall Term Deadline	June 30	July 15	Graduating Seniors April 30 & others June 30	Graduating Seniors April 30 & others June 30
Spring Term Deadline	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Summer Term Deadline	Call BSF	April 15	Contact NSEDC	No
Vocational Training Deadline	No Deadline	Call Kawerak	No Deadline	Same as Fall & Spring



Determination turns students into grads

Certified itinerant community health practitioner, emergency medical technician II, mother, wife, medic on medevacs, part-time student, graduate.

These terms describe the many hats of Northwest Campus student **Rena Booshu**, who will receive an associate of applied science degree with an emphasis in community health in December.

“What people say you cannot do, you try and find you can.” This quote by Henry David Thoreau has inspired Booshu to overcome many challenges. It will help her reach



Rena Booshu



Luann Ashenfelter

future goals. She is interested in becoming a paramedic and in pursuing a bachelor’s degree in health services administration.

Luann Ashenfelter wanted her children to grow up in White Mountain. She wanted to stay at home,

work full time, be close to her family—and earn a college degree.

So when her youngest children reached junior high, Ashenfelter started taking distance courses to become a highly qualified paraprofessional teacher aide while working toward her degree.

Ashenfelter credits her supportive family for her success.

“My ‘almost’ husband, Dan, cooks and cared for our children while I was audio-conferencing, and my four children supported my decision to focus on my education after I helped with their edu-

cation,” she said.

“My brothers and sisters strive to complete tasks to the best of our abilities. This we learned from our parents, George and Willa, and I am grateful for the values they instilled in us. Those values carry me through the classes I take.”

Ashenfelter graduates with honors in December with an associate of arts degree from Northwest Campus. Her long-term goal is to become a teacher, demonstrating in her own classroom the importance of education and giving back to her community.

Find a job in nature!

Do you like to hunt and fish, and being out in the country?

Do you have an interest in contributing to the health of your natural environment?

Do you have respect for your culture and the traditional knowledge of your elders?

Is your spirit fueled by the natural beauty that surrounds us?

If so, the Northwest Campus High Latitude Range Management certificate program might be for you!

The 2-year, part-time program relies on local experts and university faculty to teach courses relevant to our region and the circumpolar north.

This program will prepare you for entry-level jobs in ecology, biology, natural history, environmental science, wildlife management and natural resource management.

The HLRM program relies heavily on traditional ecological knowledge of local people. Students are active participants in all courses.

Full scholarships are available for 10 students! You must have a high school diploma or GED. Submit your application or ask questions at any time. Anyone interested in nature is encouraged to apply. Courses are also available individually; you need not enroll in the entire program to take a course.

For more information please:

- Call **Barb Oleson**, NWC Student Services Program Manager, at 443-8402 (or 1-800-478-2202, ext. 8402);

- Call **David Smith**, NWC assistant professor of High Latitude Range Management, at 443-8421 (or 1-800-478-2202, ext. 8421);

- Visit the Northwest Campus web site (www.nwc.uaf.edu) for more details and to download the HLRM application form.



TOP: Eric Booshu and Debbie Boolowon of Gambell pose wearing immersion suits, designed to help people survive cold-water emergencies. **ABOVE:** UAF Marine Advisory Program agent Heidi Herter teaches the huddle formation in Gambell. In small groups, this formation is recommended to minimize heat loss while in the water.

Free class teaches survival in cold water

A training called Surviving Cold Water Emergencies is available in the Bering Strait region.

Learn to recognize and treat hypothermia symptoms, properly care for man-overboard and near-drowning victims, maximize your chances of survival in the water and prepare an emergency kit for your boat.

The one-day training was offered in Gambell and Savoonga in October. Heidi Herter, University of Alaska Fairbanks Marine Advisory Program agent for the Bering Strait region, and Jason Hymer, injury prevention coordinator at Norton Sound Health Corporation, taught the course. Both instructors are affiliated with the Alaska Marine Safety Education Association (AMSEA).

Be more prepared! Trainings are free of charge. **To schedule a class in your community**, please call the UAF Marine Advisory Program at 1-800-478-2202, ext. 8410, or send email to heidi.herter@uaf.edu.

SURVIVAL TIP: Coast Guard-approved Float Coats provide excellent flotation and warmth in cold water emergencies. They are comfortable to move and work in during summer and can be layered under clothing during winter. *These jackets are available from NSHC for only \$105 (list price is \$300).* Call Jason Hymer at 1-888-559-3311, ext. 4539.

Meet our faculty!

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



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SPRING SCHEDULE

APPLIED BUSINESS

ABUS F102A 1 cr
Keyboarding

CRN: 39427 **Staff (Nome)**
Instruction in the mastery of alphabetic keyboard touch-typing. Skills mastered can be applied to typewriters, CRTs, computer terminals, or other equipment with a keyboard.
No registration deadline. No late registration fee.
Days & Times TBA with instructor. Open entry.
NWC • On campus

ABUS F142 3 cr
Office Accounting I

CRN: 39429 **Melanie Burtis (Nome)**
Basic accounting procedures in retail, service and trade businesses. The complete accounting cycle, including record keeping, posting and preparation of financial statements, bank reconciliation, payroll computations and closing books. Accounts receivable, accounts payable, purchasing, credit and other accounting requirements.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 1/10. No late registration fee.
Th — 1pm to 5pm — 1/17 to 4/24
NWC • On campus

ABUS F154 UN1 3 cr
Human Relations

CRN: 38987 **Michael Hannigan (Nome)**
Attitudes, self-concepts, personal communication styles, motivation, interactions, positive reinforcements, team building and leadership development.
T, Th — 3:30pm to 5pm — 1/15 to 5/1
NWC • DISTANCE (Audio conference and on campus)

APPLIED ART

APAR 150 1 cr
Uġatqaq-Kuspuk Making

CRN: TBA **Asaaluk Irelan & Marilyn Koezuna-Irelan**
Students will learn to size and cut out a kuspuk pattern, sew calico fabric, and add trim to create a custom-made, King Island-style kuspuk.
REQUIRED SUPPLIES: Sewing machine, scissors, thread, straight pins, and a loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirt or a kuspuk that fits (to help you size your pattern). Students will need about three yards of calico fabric and two packages of rick-rack. Fabric must be brought to the first class session so that pieces can be cut out. Rick-rack will be needed at the second class session.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 1/22. No late registration fee.
Su — 2pm to 5pm — 1/27 to 2/24
NWC • On campus

APPLIED PHOTOGRAPHY

APHO 193 1 cr
Photography in the Digital World

CRN: TBA **Laura Davis (Nome)**
A general introduction to digital photography, with an introduction to the use of Adobe Photoshop CS3 as a means for editing, manipulating, and printing photographs. An emphasis will be placed on the art of photography, through shooting assignments and in-class critiques. The class will culminate in the production of a final project and a gallery display.
REQUIRED SUPPLIES: Epson digital photo paper. A digital camera, must be digital SLR or point and shoot with zoom capability and 3 or more megapixels.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 1/10. No late registration fee.
Th — 7pm to 9pm — 1/17 to 4/17
NWC • On campus

ARCTIC SKILLS

ARSK F147A/B 1-2 cr
Arctic Survival

CRN: 39431 & 39434 **Michael Hannigan (Nome)**
Designed for those traveling for work or recreation in the arctic. The focus is on preparation and development of knowledge and skills to cope effectively with the difficulties and dangers to which travelers are frequently exposed. Topics include appropriate survival kits, clothing options, nutrition and hydration needs, shelter construction, signal development, cold weather injuries and safety issues related to modes of transportation. The two-credit option includes two field practicums.
RECOMMENDED: College-level reading skills.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 2/5. No late registration fee.
T — 7pm to 10pm — 2/12, 2/19
W — 7pm to 10pm — 2/13, 2/20, 2/27
F — 9am to 5pm — 2/29 (day practicum)
Sat-Sun, 9am on 3/1 — 10am on 3/2 (overnight practicum)
NWC • On campus (practicums at other locations)

ART

ART F101 3 cr
Introduction to Ceramics

CRN: 39460 **Louise Kuntz-Tadda (Nome)**
Making and firing clay objects. Study of clay methods, forming decorations, glazing and firing.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 1/9. No late registration fee.
W — 6:30pm to 9:30pm — 1/16 to 4/30
Sat — 12noon to 3pm — Open Lab
NWC • On campus



- Full schedules for spring 2008 semester will be sent to students from recent semesters and to organizations, but not to all post office boxes
- The registration deadline is Jan. 4 (unless otherwise indicated below)
- For full details, visit www.nwc.uaf.edu or call us at 1-800-478-2202

ART F193 1 cr
Japanese & Western Woodcut Traditions

CRN: TBA **Jody Isaacson (Nome)**
This course is an examination of the modern Japanese woodcut medium Sosaku-Hanga as well as the traditional German Expressionist woodcut. Students explore their own images through various techniques with this aqueous print medium. We will print by hand as well as use the printing press. You will work with a master woodcut artist who is passionate for this historic medium.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 1/11. No late registration fee.
F — 5:30pm to 10pm — 1/18
Sat — 10am to 6pm — 1/19
Sun — 12:30pm to 6:30pm — 1/20
M — 5:30pm to 9:30pm — 1/21
NWC • On campus

AUTOMOTIVE

AUTO F170 1 cr
Snowmachine Maintenance and Repair

CRN: 39480 **Brian Marvin (Nome)**
Fundamental skills for operation and repair. Engine tune-up, lubrication, belt and track repair, alignment, and basic problems encountered during operation.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 1/18. No late registration fee.
F — 6pm to 8pm — 1/25
Sa — 9am to 4:30pm (w/1 hour lunch) — 1/26, 2/2
NWC • Class will meet at NACTEC shop

AUTO F193 1 cr
4-Wheeler Maintenance and Repair

CRN: 39490 **Brian Marvin (Nome)**
Fundamental skills for maintenance and repair of a 4-wheeler. Engine tune-up, lubrication, clutch and belt (if applicable), transmission troubleshooting, tire and wheel repair, alignment, and other basic problems encountered during operation.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 2/8. No late registration fee.
F — 6pm to 8pm — 2/15
Sa — 9am to 4:30pm (w/1 hour lunch) — 2/16, 2/23
NWC • Class will meet at NACTEC shop

BIOLOGY

BIOL F104 UN1 3 cr (n)
Natural History of Alaska

CRN: 38997 **Claudia Ihl (Nome)**
The physical environment peculiar to the North and important in determining the biological setting; major ecosystem concepts to develop an appreciation for land use and wildlife management problems in both terrestrial and aquatic situations.
NOTE: May not be used as biology elective credit for a major in biological science.
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: This course will be delivered over the Internet using Blackboard. You must use a computer to participate in class. To learn more, please visit www.nwc.uaf.edu, click on "For Students," and then click on "NWC Guide and Orientation to Learning at a Distance (GOLD) Process."
M, W — 5:10pm to 6:40pm — 1/14 to 5/5
NWC • Distance (Audio conference and Blackboard)

BIOL F104X 4 cr (n)
Natural History of Alaska (with lab)

CRN: 39254 **Claudia Ihl (Nome)**
The physical environment peculiar to the North and important in determining the biological setting; major ecosystem concepts to develop an appreciation for land use and wildlife management problems in both terrestrial and aquatic situations. May not be used as biology elective credit for a major in biological science. BIOL 104X fulfills the Natural Science Core requirement.
NOTE: This section open only to paraprofessional teacher aides of the Bering Strait School District and HLRM students.
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Lab is the standard 40 hour lab. The dates and times and place of the lab intensive will be determined by the instructor. For more information, you may contact the instructor. This course will be delivered over the Internet using Blackboard. You must use a computer to participate in class. To learn more, please visit www.nwc.uaf.edu, click on "For Students," and then click on "NWC Guide and Orientation to Learning at a Distance (GOLD) Process."
M, W — 5:10pm to 6:40pm — 1/14 to 5/5
NWC • On campus and DISTANCE (Audio conference & Blackboard)

BIOL F193 1 cr
Introduction to Global Warming and Climate Change

CRN: TBA **Claudia Ihl (Nome)**
The purpose of this class is to give students the basic scientific background knowledge they need in order to understand and critically interpret the large amount of information on climate change that is available today. We will compare today's climate change with those of the past, dissect critical arguments for and against human causes of climate change and examine evidence for climate change and its consequences in our region from scientific studies and traditional Native knowledge.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 3/25. No late registration fee.
T, Th — 6:30pm to 8pm — 4/1 to 5/1
NWC • On campus

BIOL F111X UN1 4 cr (n)
Human Anatomy & Physiology I

CRN: 36404 **Claudia Ihl (Nome)**
Integrated view of human structure and function for students in pre-professional allied health programs, biology, physical education, psychology and art. Course covers cells, tissues and organs, skeletal and muscle systems, the nervous system and integument.
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: This course will be delivered over the Internet using Blackboard. You must use a computer to participate in class. To learn more, please visit www.nwc.uaf.edu, click on "For Students," and then click on "NWC Guide and Orientation to Learning at a Distance (GOLD) Process."
M, W — 6:50pm to 8:20pm — 1/14 to 4/30
NWC • Distance (Audio conference and Blackboard)

DEVELOPMENTAL MATHEMATICS

You should take the ASSET to find out which math class you are ready for. If you place into Pre-Algebra, you could take ABUS F155 or DEVM F050. If you place into Elementary Algebra, you should take DEVM F060. (TTCH F131 should only be taken if you do not require DEVM F105.) If you place into Intermediate Algebra, you should take DEVM F105. Contact an advisor to find out which MATH class you need for your degree.

DEVM F060 3 cr
Elementary Algebra

CRN: 39504 **Mike Rutledge (Nome)**
First year high school algebra. Evaluating and simplifying algebraic expressions, solving first degree equations and inequalities, integer exponents, polynomials, factoring, rational expressions, equations and graphs of lines.
PREREQUISITE: Grade of C or better in DEVM 050, ABUS 155 or appropriate placement test scores. Prerequisite courses and/or placement exams must be taken within one calendar year prior to commencement of the course.
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Internet access during class for Blackboard is strongly recommended, but not required. To learn more, please visit www.nwc.uaf.edu, click on "For Students," and then click on "NWC Guide and Orientation to Learning at a Distance (GOLD) Process."
M, W — 5:10pm to 6:40pm — 1/14 to 5/2
NWC • Distance (Audio conference and Blackboard)

DEVM F106 UN1 4 cr
Intensive Intermediate Algebra

CRN: 36319 **Mike Rutledge (Nome)**
Algebraic topics. Includes exponents, radicals, graphing, systems of equations, quadratic equations and inequalities, logarithms and exponentials, and complex numbers using alternative teaching styles.
PREREQUISITES: Grade of C or better in DEVM 060, 062, DEVM 105 or appropriate placement test scores. This course satisfies elective credit only. Prerequisite courses and/or placement exams must be taken within one calendar year prior to commencement of the course.
NOTE: This course satisfies elective credit only. Whereas DEVM 105 is designed to successfully lead students into MATH 103X, DEVM 106 is geared to prepare students who are advancing into MATH107X.
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Internet during class for Blackboard is strongly recommended, but not required. To learn more, please visit www.nwc.uaf.edu, click on "For Students," and then click on "NWC Guide and Orientation to Learning at a Distance (GOLD) Process."
M, W — 12noon to 1:30pm — 1/14 to 5/2
F — 12noon to 1pm — LAB
NWC • Distance (Audio conference and Blackboard)

COMPUTER INFORMATION AND OFFICE SYSTEMS

CIOS F105A 1 cr
Computer Software Application: QuickBooks I

CRN: 39492 **Melanie Burtis (Nome)**
Extensive coverage of a specific microcomputer application.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: One week before course begins. No late registration fee.
M, T, W, Th, F — Times TBA — 2/18 to 2/22
Location: Shishmaref
T, W, Th, F — Times TBA — 4/29 to 5/2
Location: TBA

CIOS F105B 1 cr
Computer Software Application: QuickBooks II

CRN: TBA **Melanie Burtis (Nome)**
Extensive coverage of a specific microcomputer application.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: TBA. No late registration fee.
M, T, W, Th, F — Times TBA — 3/24 to 3/28
Location: TBA

CIOS F110 UN1 3 cr
Microcomputer Operating Systems

CRN: 36405 **Joe Mason (Nome)**
Comprehensive exploration of a current microcomputer operating system: use, configuring, installing and administering. Topics include end-user and technical support.
RECOMMENDED: CIOS 150 or equivalent computer literacy including saving/retrieving files, use of office applications, Internet and e-mail.
NOTE: Objectives map to the CompTIA 2006 A+ Certification.
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Computer (less than 3 years old) with Windows XP (Professional Edition preferred), e-mail, and Internet access during class. You must use a computer to participate in class via Elluminate Live (E-Live). To learn more, please visit www.nwc.uaf.edu, click on "For Students," and then click on "NWC Guide and Orientation to Learning at a Distance (GOLD) Process."
M, W — 6:50pm to 8:20pm — 1/28 to 4/30
Course will include two 3-hour Saturday sessions sometime during the semester (TBA).
NWC • On campus and DISTANCE (Elluminate Live)

CIOS F135A 1 cr
Microcomputer Spreadsheets: Excel I

CRN: 39493 **Melanie Burtis (Nome)**
Comprehensive exploration of topics related to using microcomputer spreadsheets. Includes creating, formatting and revising spreadsheets; creating formulas, graphics and charts; and using spreadsheets to organize, analyze and query information.
RECOMMENDED: CIOS 150 or equivalent computer literacy including saving/retrieving files, use of office applications, Internet and e-mail.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 1/07. No late registration fee.
M — 2pm to 5pm — 1/14 to 2/11
NWC • On campus

CIOS F135B 1 cr
Microcomputer Spreadsheets: Excel II

CRN: 39494 **Melanie Burtis (Nome)**
Comprehensive exploration of topics related to using microcomputer spreadsheets. Includes creating, formatting and revising spreadsheets; creating formulas, graphics and charts; and using spreadsheets to organize, analyze and query information.
RECOMMENDED: CIOS 150 or equivalent computer literacy including saving/retrieving files, use of office applications, Internet and e-mail.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 2/18. No late registration fee.
M, W — 3pm to 5pm — 2/25 to 3/19
NWC • On campus

CIOS F135C 1 cr
Microcomputer Spreadsheets: Excel III

CRN: 39495 **Melanie Burtis (Nome)**
Comprehensive exploration of topics related to using microcomputer spreadsheets. Includes creating, formatting and revising spreadsheets; creating formulas, graphics and charts; and using spreadsheets to organize, analyze and query information.
RECOMMENDED: CIOS 150 or equivalent computer literacy including saving/retrieving files, use of office applications, Internet and e-mail.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 3/24. No late registration fee.
M — 2pm to 5pm — 3/31 to 4/28
NWC • On campus

CIOS F146A 1 cr
Using the Internet I

CRN: TBA **Joe Mason (Nome)**
Presentation of the Internet. Includes using and configuring current World Wide Web and e-mail tools; developing searching strategies; current and future trends; and basic web authoring.
RECOMMENDED: Basic computer literacy, including saving and retrieving files and using basic software.
No registration deadline. No late registration fee.
Days and Times TBA with instructor. Open entry.
CDE & IL • DISTANCE (web-based)

CIOS F146B 1 cr
Using the Internet II

CRN: TBA **Joe Mason (Nome)**
Presentation of the Internet. Includes using and configuring current World Wide Web and e-mail tools; developing searching strategies; current and future trends; and basic web authoring.
RECOMMENDED: Basic computer literacy, including saving and retrieving files and using basic software.
No registration deadline. No late registration fee.
Days and Times TBA with instructor. Open entry.
CDE & IL • DISTANCE (web-based)

CIOS F146C 1 cr
Using the Internet III

CRN: TBA **Joe Mason (Nome)**
Presentation of the Internet. Includes using and configuring current World Wide Web and e-mail tools; developing searching strategies; current and future trends; and basic web authoring.
RECOMMENDED: Basic computer literacy, including saving and retrieving files and using basic software.
No registration deadline. No late registration fee.
Days and Time TBA with instructor. Open entry.
CDE & IL • DISTANCE (web-based)

CIOS F150 1 cr
Computer Business Applications

CRN: TBA **Melanie Burtis (Nome)**
Basic introduction to using a computer and office applications. Includes the operating system, how to save/retrieve files; word processing, document creation and formatting; spreadsheets (basic formulas and functions); and the Internet (browsing, searching and e-mail). (Provides basic computer literacy and prepares for CIOS 110, 130, 134 and 146. No previous computer experience is required.)
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 3/25. No late registration fee.
T, W, Th, F — Times TBA — 4/1 to 4/4
Location: White Mountain

CIOS F210 UN1 3 cr
Hardware Configuration and Troubleshooting

CRN: 36406 **Joe Mason (Nome)**
Fundamental hardware and software configuration and troubleshooting. Includes installing, removing and configuring computer hardware components; installing and configuring software applications and operating systems; diagnosing hardware and software problems; and developing troubleshooting and configuration procedures.
RECOMMENDED: CIOS 110 or equivalent skills.
NOTE: Objectives map to the CompTIA 2006 A+ Certification.
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Computer (less than 3 years old) with access to the Internet during class time, and e-mail. Access to the following is required: an electronic toolkit, an electronic wristband, a digital camera, and a working PC (in addition to the one used to connect to class) that can be taken apart and put back together. You must use a computer to participate in class via Elluminate Live (E-Live). To learn more, please visit www.nwc.uaf.edu, click on "For Students," and then click on "NWC Guide and Orientation to Learning at a Distance (GOLD) Process."
T, Th — 6:50pm to 8:20pm — 1/29 to 5/1
Course will include two 3-hour Saturday sessions sometime during the semester (TBA).
NWC • On campus and DISTANCE (Elluminate Live)

DEVELOPMENTAL STUDIES

DEVS F105 UN1 3 cr
Intensive Reading Development

CRN: 36408 **Joe Mason (Nome)**
Develops vocabulary, reading strategies, speed and comprehension needed to read, understand and retain information in college textbooks and the skills to write, in essay form, about material read.
PREREQUISITES: Placement level COMPASS Reading 70-80, ASSET Reading 38-43, ACT 17-21, SAT 860-990 or permission of the instructor.
T, Th — 5:10pm to 6:40pm — 1/15 to 5/1
NWC • On campus and DISTANCE (audio conference)

What courses should I take?

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

Here's how to contact Northwest Campus advisors:



Kacey Miller

- Based in Nome
- Serves Nome, Brevig Mission, Diomed, Elim, Gambell, Golovin, Savoonga, Shishmaref, Teller, Wales, White Mountain
- 1-800-478-2202, ext. 8416 / nkmlm@uaf.edu



Reese Huhta

- Based in Unalakleet
- Serves Koyuk, St. Michael, Shaktoolik, Stebbins, Unalakleet
- (907) 624-3157 / nnrsh@uaf.edu

How much do courses cost?

- Tuition is \$128/credit
 - » 1 credit = \$128
 - » 2 credits = \$256
 - » 3 credits = \$384
- UA fee: \$3 per credit
- Some courses also have distance education fees and book, lab or materials fees

Where can I find more information?

Course details, including prices, will appear in the College of Rural and Community Development spring schedule, due out in January. Meanwhile, so you don't miss registration deadlines, please visit our web site: www.nwc.uaf.edu

How do I register?

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

International Polar Year SPEAKER SERIES

The University of Alaska Fairbanks Marine Advisory Program and Northwest Campus are sponsoring a speaker series to mark the 2007-09 International Polar Year (IPY).

The purpose of IPY is to focus research and attention on the polar regions and their significance worldwide.

IN NOME

Dates are noted below.

IN VILLAGES

Through a partnership with Bering Strait School District, we will bring most speakers to villages via BSSD videoconference equipment. Village presentations will normally be the same day as the Nome talk, from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Final details for the Nome and village talks will be publicized in advance.

SUSAN SUGAI

Sea Ice Monitoring in the Bering Strait
Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2007

AMBER LINCOLN

Bering Strait Artifacts, European Museums, and World History
Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008

DAVID ATKINSON

Bering Sea Storms: Not Just Leftover Typhoons
Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008

IGOR KRUPNIK

The Changing Arctic: IPY and Northern Residents
February date TBA

TERRENCE COLE

Mutiny, Murder and Cannibalism: The Tragic Tale of A.W. Greely
Friday, Feb. 29, 2008

GAY SALISBURY

Inspiration for the Iditarod: Leonhard Seppala, Nome and the 1925 Serum Run
Saturday, Mar. 1, 2008

LARRY KAPLAN

Eskimo Languages of the Bering Strait and Beyond
Tuesday, Apr. 15, 2008

JEAN CARLO

Arctic Voices: Contemporary Art from the Circumpolar North
Tuesday, Apr. 29, 2008



Metal sculpture instructor Cam Kristenson helps student Erica Pryzmont with her muskox sculpture. Kristenson plans to offer another metal sculpture class during spring semester.

DEVS F110 1 cr
College Success Skills

CRN: 39498 **Mike Rutledge (Nome)**
An introduction and overview of the diverse skills, strategies and resources available to ensure success in the college experience. Topics include study skills, time management, career planning, stress management, communication skills, test taking and personal development skills.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: TBA. No late registration fee.
Days and Times TBA
NWC • On campus and DISTANCE (mode TBA)

EDUCATION: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ED F593P 3 cr
Standards-Based Instruction

CRN: TBA **Rick Holt (Nome)**
Investigating the ongoing discussion between standards-referenced and standards-based instruction. Explore current systemic efforts to move schools and entire districts into performance-driven standards-based systems.
PREREQUISITES: Teacher certification or instructor approval.
NOTE: This course will require 3 hours a week during the semester, having mostly online assignments, forums and chats. It will be supported by a weekly 90-minute audio conference.
T — 4pm to 5:30pm — 1/22 to 4/29
NWC • Distance (Audio conference and Moodle)
To sign up for this course, call the Reinventing Schools Coalition at (907) 357-9080 or e-mail the instructor at rholt@reinventingschools.org. You can also write to: Reinventing Schools Coalition, SBD Course; PMB 352; 1830 East Parks Highway Suite A-113; Wasilla, AK 99654. Course fee of \$260 is payable to the coalition.

ENGLISH

ENGL F111X 3 cr
Introduction to Academic Writing

CRN: 38717 **Joe Mason (Nome)**
Instruction and practice in written inquiry and critical reading. Introduction to writing as a way of developing, exploring and testing ideas. Concentration on research methods and techniques.
PREREQUISITE: Placement examination or DEVE 070.
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: This course will be delivered over the Internet using Blackboard. To learn more, please visit www.nwc.uaf.edu, click on "For Students," and then click on "NWC Guide and Orientation to Learning at a Distance (GOLD) Process."
M, W — 3:30pm to 5:00pm — 1/14 to 5/5
NWC • Distance (Audio conference and Blackboard)

HEALTH

HLTH F107 9 cr
Nurse Aide Training

CRN: TBA **Staff (Nome)**
Basic nursing skills necessary to assist the nurse and be an efficient health care team member. Presents positive communication skills while providing care of residents' physical and emotional needs in a variety of health care settings. Content satisfies the theory and skills needed to take the state of Alaska exam to become a certified nurse aide.
PREREQUISITES: High school graduation, GED, and 10th grade reading level by exam or permission of instructor. Student must be in good physical condition and have current immunizations or permission of instructor.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: TBA. No late registration fee.
Days and Times TBA
NWC • On campus and TBA

HIGH LATITUDE RANGE MANAGEMENT

To learn more about the Northwest Campus High Latitude Range Management certificate program and apply for a scholarship, visit www.nwc.uaf.edu, click on "Our Programs," then click on "High Latitude Range Management."

HLRM F120 1 cr
History of Alaskan Ungulates

CRN: 39499 **David Smith (Nome)**
Review the history of domesticated ungulate populations, free-ranging and fenced systems, in Alaska beginning from the 1890s to present. Emphasis will be placed on traditional activities on the Seward Peninsula.
NOTE: This course will be taught in a 2-day intensive format with audio conference follow-up.
Days, Times and Location TBA

HLRM F140 2 cr
High Latitude Range Management

CRN: 39501 **David Smith (Nome)**
Policies and terminology of range and range management, specific to Alaska and the Arctic. Review current vegetation inventory techniques used by federal and state agencies. Identify and sample Alaska forage plants. Examine range production systems in Alaska for a variety of species, domesticated and wild. Development of a high latitude range management plan.
PREREQUISITES: NRM 101 and BIOL 104 or permission of instructor.
Days, Times, Location and Delivery Mode TBA

HIST F193 1 cr

Nome: The City on the Edge of the World

CRN: 39502 **Terrence Cole (Nome)**
This one-credit course on exploring the history, literature and lore of Nome, Alaska, will be offered in Nome at the start of the 2008 Iditarod. Intended for both newcomers as well as longtime residents, the course will provide a lively and informative look at the events, cultures, characters and controversies in the history of Alaska's largest gold rush town, as well as the story of the original Iditarod Trail and the famed 1925 Serum Run. In addition the course will also offer detailed advice on the practical aspects to help students to explore the history of Nome, the Seward Peninsula and Alaskan history themselves, discussing sources, resources, and research techniques.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 2/20. No late registration fee.
W, Th — 7pm to 10pm — 2/27, 2/28
F — 7pm to 9pm — 2/29
Sat, Sun — 1pm to 4pm — 3/1 to 3/2
NWC • On campus

LIBRARY SCIENCE

LS F101X 1 cr
Library Information and Research

CRN: 39503 **Peggy Wolfe (Unalakleet)**
Introduction to effective library research methods and principles of information organization and retrieval. Emphasis on applied experience with finding and evaluating information, especially through use of library catalogs, journal indexes and Internet resources.
NOTE: This course is being offered exclusively for paraprofessional teacher aides of the Bering Strait School District. Delivery will be via Moodle for the Thursday sessions. The final two sessions will be at an intensive in Unalakleet on 5/23 and 5/24.
R — 5:10pm to 7:10pm — 5/1 to 5/22 (via Moodle)
F, Sat — 5/23 & 5/24 — Times TBA (Location: Unalakleet)

NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

NRM F101 UN1 3 cr
Natural Resources Conservation and Policy

CRN: 39039 **David Smith (Nome)**
Conservation of natural resources including history, ecological and social foundations. Examines principles of sustained yield, carrying capacity, supply and demand, and world population growth as applied to agriculture, range, forest, wildlife, fisheries, recreation, minerals and energy management. A wide range of perspectives is presented to help students develop a personal philosophy toward natural resources. Prepare a multiple resource observation plan for an undeveloped area on campus. Optional all-day field trips take place the first two Saturdays of the semester.
PREREQUISITES: Placement in ENGL 111X.
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: This course will be delivered over the Internet using Blackboard and Elluminate Live (also called E-Live). You must use a computer to participate in class. To learn more, please visit www.nwc.uaf.edu, click on "For Students," and then click on "NWC Guide and Orientation to Learning at a Distance (GOLD) Process."
T, Th — 5:10pm to 6:40pm — 1/15 to 5/1
NWC • On campus and DISTANCE (Elluminate Live)

PSYCHOLOGY

PSY F240 UN1 3 cr (s)
Lifespan Developmental Psychology

CRN: 36411 **Michael Hannigan (Nome)**
The psychology of human development from conception to death. Critical emphasis on theory and research within the field of developmental psychology with attention paid to similarities and differences in development across cultures. Topics include the psychological ramifications of physical development along with cognitive, personality and social development across the lifespan.
PREREQUISITES: PSY 101
M, W — 5:10pm to 6:40pm — 1/14 to 4/30
NWC • DISTANCE (Audio conference and on campus)

SCIENCE APPLICATION

SCIA F161 1 cr
Birds of Alaska

CRN: 39505 **Peter Bente**
Biology of birds including behavior, anatomy, physiology, ecology, systematics and field identification.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: TBA. No late registration fee.
Days & Times: TBA
NWC • On campus and field trip

SOCIOLOGY

SOC F100X UN1 3 cr (s)
Individual, Society & Culture

CRN: 36412 **Michael Hannigan (Nome)**
AUDIO CONFERENCE COURSE: An examination of the complex social arrangements guiding individual behavior and common human concerns in contrasting cultural contexts.
T, Th — 5:10pm to 6:40pm — 1/15 to 5/1
NWC • DISTANCE (Audio conference and on campus)

WELDING AND MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY

WMT F140 2 cr
Metal Fabrication

CRN: 39506 **John Thoreson (Shishmaref)**
This class will teach the student how to plan, design, and construct projects made from metal. The class will help round out the students welding skills and put them into real-life situations. The students will review safety and shop procedures and learn through hands-on training as well as classroom instruction.
PREREQUISITE: Previous weld or machine tool training.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 1/16. No late registration fee.
W — 6:30pm to 9:30pm — 1/16 to 4/30
Two additional 4.5-hour Saturday lab sessions will be scheduled with students. Instructor to finalize course days and times with students.
Location: Shishmaref School Welding Shop



AFN Announces Alaska Marketplace Winners

On October 24, 2007, the Alaska Marketplace, an initiative of the Alaska Federation of Natives, which aims to spark grassroots development in rural communities by inviting Alaskans to submit ideas for new ways of revitalizing their communities.

The competitors, who spent months developing their business ideas, were given the opportunity to pitch their business plans to top executives from around the world. The judges evaluated the business plans according to the finalists' innovation, sustainability, profitability, job creation and exemplification of Alaskan Native cultural heritage.

While the judges are experts and business leaders in their respective fields, they were impressed by the competitors' enthusiasm, originality

and commitment to their communities: "When you talk to people with so much passion, all you see is endless potential," said Carla Beam, the Director of Community Affairs for BP Alaska's Community Support Program. We are proud to announce the four Winners of the Alaska Marketplace from the Bering Straits Region:

St. Lawrence Ivory Exchange: awarded \$25,000

Airport Pizza: awarded \$30,000

Aksik Heat Distribution System: awarded \$30,000

Kiita Adventure's: awarded \$35,000

For more information about Alaska Marketplace and a full description of all the finalist, please visit www.alaskamarketplace.org.

Norton Sound Health Corporation new Hospital Update

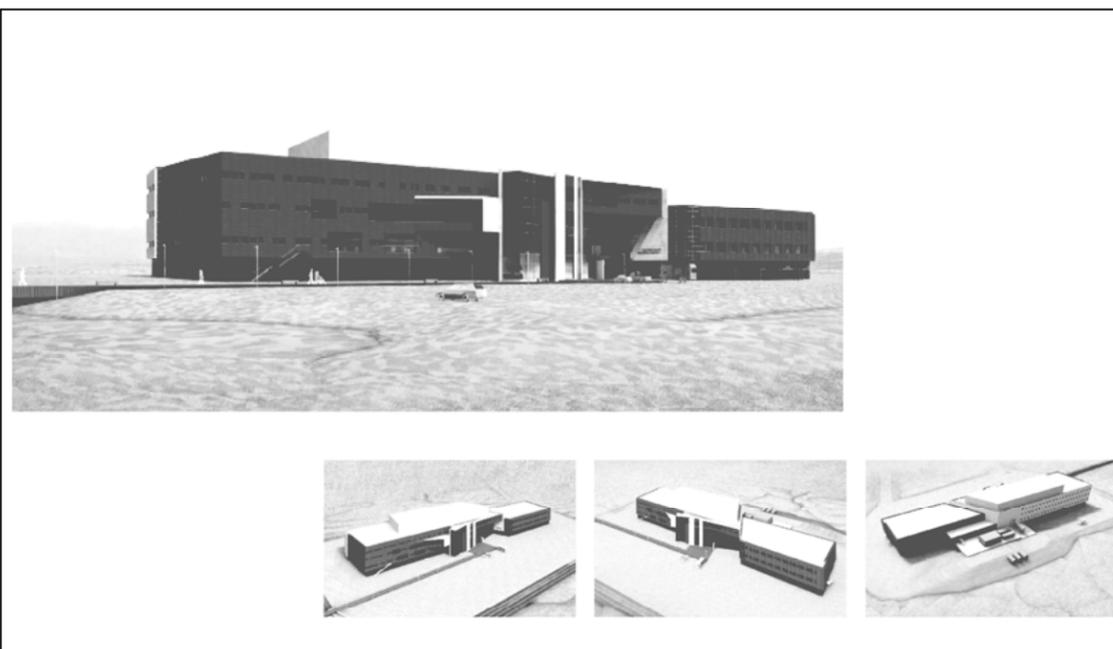
By Trevor Colby, NSHC President

New Hospital Advancements: We presented final schematics to IHS for comments. The IHS review process is a labor and time intensive process. We met with the design team in Seattle to discuss the comments and present the design. In the field of over 400 comments, we processed through the major issues. We believe that the main issues raised have been or will be resolved as we are proceeding with the project.

We have purchased over \$700,000 worth of pad materials that are on their way to Nome from Seattle. The Denali Commission supported our initiative to achieve cost savings measures on the project and have supported our initiative to advance construction by modifying our award to allow us to begin site development. We will be dependant on '08 funds to purchase the gravel and fund the contractor's costs for pad installation. We are advancing our projected construction schedule as fast as possible to allow for an earlier completion date if funding were to become available earlier than anticipated. We are working closely with IHS to ensure they understand our initiatives. If partial funding were to begin in '08 we estimate a savings to the government to exceed \$5 million dollars in cost escalation.

We have also issued the notice to proceed on Design Development which will be the most labor intensive portion of the design for our staff. We have also accepted the proposal made by the design team to initi-

ate a pile test early. The test will allow us to have better information regarding the depth the piles will be driven into the bedrock. Based upon the initial geotechnical data the surface is deteriorated, so it is unknown how far into the rock it will be driven. With this information the pile order can be more precise. We want to be prepared to order piles as soon as funding comes available. This test will allow us to not only be prepared, but also to reduce a cost that we will be able to reinvest in other facets of the construction.



Continued from page 5 NOME ENERGY SUMMIT

Hart, known as "Huggy Bear" to most, installed a Whisper 200 Windmill and solar panels on his roof. Mr. Hart and Jim Stimpfle attended the first Energy Conference in Nome April of 2006 and realized then that a prototype would be needed to convince others that it is possible to heat a home in Nome with a combination of wind and solar.

Jerald Brown, of Bering Straits Development Company explained how Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC) determined their mechanical system needed to be upgrading using energy efficient products. By installing two new high efficiency boilers and new piping, the energy bill was cut by 50%. Mr. Brown stated that pay back of expenses to put in the new systems happened within two years. BSNC continues to look for resources to further reduce their energy usage and have completed research and planning and are installing new solar panels on the front of their office building on Front Street.

John Handeland, General Manger for Nome Joint Utility Systems (NJUS) spoke to the importance of data documentation and that it takes about a year to get an accurate data count of useable energy sources. Stating that wind is the most promising for the region, he also mentioned that there are some obstacles, for example, would migratory birds be affected. Recent wind monitoring has been done at the East side of Nome on Anvil Mountain; however, the equipment was destroyed and the data card stolen. NJUS is working with the Department of Energy to identify energy alternatives.

As energy consumption continues to be a concern, especially with the high cost of fuel in rural Alaska, it is the responsibility of all individuals, small business owners, villages and regional organizations to continue to educate themselves and to work together to identify and implement alternative energy solutions. Please contact Jennifer Demir for more information at 443-4259 or email her at energyvista@kawerak.org.

Kawerak Full Board of Directors Meeting held September 17 ~ 19 in Nome

Below are the Village Reports from each representative

Lucy Oquilluk- Mary's Igloo Traditional Council: We are in the process of hiring a Tribal Coordinator. Mary's Igloo Bingo was able to purchase three bicycles for the Teller Traditional Council's annual village clean up. The clean up was a huge success with people, young and old picking up trash. An elder's potluck was held on August 12th at the community hall. Elders enjoyed traditional foods followed by a dance performance from the Teller Dance group.

We are all set to begin the Adult/Kids night at the community hall with adult supervision. There will be board games, arts and crafts and educational videos. This will be a way to get together and to give our adults and kids something to do. We are sending four individuals to the Bering Straits Regional Conference. We hired one carpenter and one laborer to install two windows in our building because it was so hot this summer. They are installing a new door on our storage shed.

We have requested QuickBooks training and Melanie Burtis from Northwest Campus will teach the class in November. We will have the tribal coordinator, bingo M.I.C., and alternate M.I.C. go to the training. Also, Teller Traditional Council and Teller Native Corporation will attend the training. The council and John Bioff went over Tumet, L.L.C. and the TERO ordinance which made it easier to follow our policies and procedures. People tried to dry fish but it was too hot, damp and too many flies. This year there was a lot of berries. People are starting to pick blackberries and cranberries now that the salmon berries and blueberries are too ripe.

Shirley Martin- Native Village of St. Michael: The Native Village of St. Michael successfully closed out the 2006/07 HIP grant agreement. The homeowner is still waiting water and sewer hookup. Activities that have taken place since our last report in March include the construction of our new school. Material for the school did not arrive until late July and it looks as though the completion date has been set back. Our local Native Corporation received the bid for gravel for the Unalakleet Airport Project through Quality Asphalt & Paving (QAP) and they have been busy transporting the gravel. QAP has maintained the haul route. This is great for the City roads in town and also for the IRA and St. Michael/Stebbins highway to the gravel pit. QAP's presence has benefited other businesses and organizations as well.

This year our community clean up was a combined effort with EPA and the Raven and Birch programs. Donations for raffles were received from AC, NSEDC, Kawerak, Bering Air, NSHC, Rural Cap/Birch, St. Michael Fuel Co., SMK Corporation, & SMK IRA. A picnic was held afterwards to reward those that participated in the weeklong event.

Our Dept. of Defense "Nalemp" program gathered and prepared the old U.S. Army remnants/debris for back haul to Seattle. Our environmental program replicated the same project with the Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council on this issue. St. Michael submitted a supporting letter to the Bering Straits Economic Development Council for backhaul within our region. We have reapplied for more EPA/IGAP funds. The closeout for the EPA/IGAP grant will be in September.

We were funded a 2007-08 State DHHS Tribal Youth Court grant to establish a youth court to address minor youth offenses locally. The St. Michael IRA was also awarded a COPS grant to purchase a four-wheeler, cart, snow machine, sled, 10 handheld VHF's and a satellite phone for future search and rescue activities. The furnace and water/sewer issues that prevented Head Start students from attending school late last spring have been fixed. We would like to thank Patty Eningowuk and C.O. Kawerak Head Start's maintenance for all their help in making sure that Head Start begins on time this fall. The joint Qiqerrtaq Reindeer Herd did a handling and corralling activity this past July. We are thankful to Tim Gologergen and Kawerak's Reindeer Herders Association once again for assisting us with the tally efforts. We were unable to get an accurate count of herd, because they were scattered, but an estimate number is 1,000 +. Every year, beginning in the spring we deal with bears. Fish and Wildlife Troopers out of St. Mary's made a visit to St. Michael for a joint community meeting with Stebbins on how best to deal with the numerous bear encounters. We were notified about when and how many bears are allowed to be killed throughout the year as well as alternatives to avoid killing them. Early this summer our IRA office made contacts with Shellenc Castleman, Munaqsri Senior Services Program Director, to see what type of elder services are available due to the elimination of NSHC's Personal Care Attendant (PCA) Program. Ms. Castleman and Marilyn Koezuna-Ireland made a visit to our community to interview possible eligible elders to receive PCA type services. Just recently, a registered nurse with the State of AK, Div. Of Senior and Disabilities Services was in St. Michael to do assessments that will ultimately determine if they qualify for these services. IRR program personnel were in St. Michael to do dust control on our local roads—which were found to be environmentally safe. We've had residents complain of various personal irritants/reactions to the substance. We are looking forward to begin conducting cultural and recreational activities through a 21st Century grant through the Bering Straits School District. The project will begin in September 15, 2007 and run through May 2008, on weekends only.

Irene Aukonga- Chinik Eskimo Community:

Irene noted they had their meeting on the 3rd and had several questions for Kawerak regarding: transportation/dust control, VPSO recruitment, Head Start and moose

hunting qualifications for the area.

Gregory Toolie- Native Village of Savoonga: Gregory apologized for not having a report. He stated that in May, when the snow melted, they fixed up the roads and were doing commercial fishing. They had a contract for the new High School, and they want to fix up the new airport for dust abatement. The new High School building is done and it is a nice building. They will be having an open house at the end of the month.

Luci Eningowuk-Native Village of Shishmaref: The Native Village of Shishmaref had several congressional visitors this week which included: Senator Stevens, Senator Murkowski, and Secretary Spelling. The IRA Council is requesting follow-up with the individuals about the issues that were discussed for our community. School started on August 20 and the Headstart will start on September 4. We have more media coming to Shishmaref. The seawall project continues with 625' of protection. Also, we had visitors from Evangelical Scientist come on August 26-28. This group totaled 18 people and gave a global warming presentation at the community hall and toured the village. The Shishmaref Environmental Program recently completed a dump renovation project. We need to address the curfew in our community and we are currently struggling to have a local Village Public Safety Officer due to lack of funding. The new tannery building will soon open for business and we are planning to have a grand opening. Our subsistence hunting was a little hard this spring due to poor ice conditions although berry picking was plentiful.

Michael Thomas- King Island Native Community: King Island is in the process of reviewing the LEDP. King Island Native Community and the King Island Native Corporation are working together to address the needs of our community. Since the approval of King Island's Long Range Transportation Plan in February 2007, maintenance has begun on Crete Creek Road. King Island is updating the following ordinances: Membership, Elections and Tribal Governance. We have received the Progeny ID works system. Enrollment ID cards will be available soon. We are updating the rolls and promoting enrollment. A grant writer was hired. They have completed 3 grant proposals, one will be submitted to 7 granting agencies for potential funding. In August, Charlene Saclamana was hired as Tribal Coordinator.

Ellen Richard- Native Village of Wales: We were blessed with successful subsistence gathering — our salmon berries were plentiful!! The Native Village of Wales annual meeting was held on June 29 and the results are: Luther Komonaseak, President; Kelly J. Anungazuk, Vice-President; Madeleine B. Okpealuk, Secretary; Michele A. Ongtowsruk, Treasurer; Members; Ellen J. Richard, Walter M. Weyapuk, and Winton Weyapuk Jr. We have a couple of elders who sit on regular/special meetings they are Pete Sereadlook and Faye Ongtowsruk. We are very busy preparing for our 2007 8th Annual Kingikmiut Dance Festival. Joe & Catherine Senungetuk were here July 17-21 for a writing workshop with people attending. The IGAP Program hired nine Laborers to upgrade the cemetery, and seven laborers were hired to cover up the old house project. The Wales Native Corporation held their annual meeting on July 13. The officers elected were: Winton Weyapuk, Jr., President; Walter M Weyapuk, Vice President; Lucy Kitchen, Secretary; Joanne Keyes, Treasurer, and members are: Ellen J. Richard, Christine Komonaseak, and Luther Komonaseak. The Native Village of Wales hosted the 4th of July foot races, etc. and a cook out. Winton Weyapuk, Jr. ordered trail staking material with a grant from NSEDC; included in the grant were laborers. Anna Oxereok & Vanessa Tingook successfully completed CPR training at Nuuk. A joint leadership meeting was held with ACAT in July. The Council updated personnel policies and is working on the TERO Ordinance.

Lincoln Simon- Native Village of White Mountain: President Simon attended the Tribal Justice and Safety Consultation, Training, and Technical Assistance sessions in Phoenix, Arizona at the end of July. Berney Richert, U.S. Department of Commerce, EDA visited our ITC building in July. He had heard that we are doing very well with the building and received info on the various rentals. He looked at the Bed & Breakfast lodging. He commented on the excellent use the Tribe is making of the ITC Building. Michael Dotson, Transportation System Planner from U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highways Administration was here on August 6 to make sure the IRR Inventory listing of the Scow John Road and Elementary Bend was accurate. Kawerak Dust Control was here on August 8th. Thanks to Kawerak for the program. Thanks to Kawerak for the reimbursement for fuel which AITC was able to reimburse up to 200 gallons of fuel. We have submitted to NSHC the application for the Diabetes Prevention/Healthy Living grants to hire a gym coordinator for the 2007-2008 school year. Bering Strait School District no longer employs the gym coordinator position for past 3 years now. Geoff Butler, Alaska Building Science Network was here at the end of August to do building assessments of the City, School, and IRA for energy efficiency. Willa Ashenfelter and Phillip Brown will be attending the Regional Conference. NSEDC funded the River and Camp clean-ups this summer. We are thankful for that. The IGAP grant continues the recycling program and hired a temporary Landfill Operator who is upgrading the landfill. The council is impressed with the work that Bob Fagundes is doing. The new school project is underway. The Tribe adopted an Ordinance regarding Tribal Employment Rights (TERO). The Tribe also adopted a Resolution electing to become a member of Tumet Industries, LLC & authorizing submission of required tribal information to the Small Business Administration for purposes of

achieving SBA 8(A) certification for Tumet Industries, LLC in July. The BSSD school started August 21st and the Head Start students started September 10th. We have a new Tribal Family Coordinator, Jessica Brown (July). Thanks to NSHC, we will be receiving exercise equipment.

Merlin Henry- Native Village of Koyuk: Congratulations to Georgianne Anasogak — IRA Council Secretary! We moved into the IRA Building in June and the Head start portion is almost done. We have a couple new positions open, ANA (Administration for Native Americans) Project Director and ANA Project Youth Coordinator. Duration of program is September 30, 2007 — September 29, 2008. Morris Nassuk was recently hired for Temporary Grant Writer which will last four months. We would like to welcome our new principal Kevin Hunking, Teachers Debbie Joon Cross and Corren Smith, Jean Mute — Secretary, Beverly Leonard-Taxac as cook. The Elder Meal Program will start after Labor Day. We do not have a VPSO yet. The job is still open. If you are interested please contact Kawerak VPSO Program, Native Village of Koyuk or the City of Koyuk. The food bank is active again—thanks to all volunteers! Good luck to our students that are attending in Mt. Edgecumbe, Galena, University of Alaska Anchorage and AVTEC! Welcome back Wassillie & Jean Mute! They are thankful for work to the parsonage and the church. The group was from the Arctic Barnabus Ministry. The IGAP (Indian General Assistance Program) will be hosting a Fall Clean-up starting September 10-28. They would like to thank all the organizations for donating items for the Pop Can Recycling program. Congratulations to the winners for July recycling: Maryann Charles, Arlene Charles, Myra Henry and Lola Hannon. Sign-up sheets are posted for Bering Straits Regional Conference and AFN/First Alaskans Elders and Youth Conference for interested tribal members to attend. There are plans for Teen Center youth activities to create a community album and research files for past presidents, plans to order plaques and display at the IRA office. We had a fun, busy summer, plenty of masu, greens, fish, berries, moose, ducks, geese, and beluga hunting.

Carolyn Ahkvaluk- Native Village of Diomede:

Carolyn reported that the first two houses were done a month ago, and another one will be done next week.

Kermit Ivanoff, Sr- Native Village of Unalakleet:

Kermit reported that salmon is abundant. He expressed concern for the youth of his Village. They are speeding around until early morning and gambling. We are experiencing high rates of vandalism, thievery, and curfew violations. We do not have a VPSO. The North River Counting Tower used to enumerate salmon abundance has closed. Thanks again to Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation funding; the extension for the Myles Gonongnan/Aaron Paneok Memorial Hall was completed on June 25 using local people for construction and non-locals for installing the electrical and sprinkler system.

Quality Asphalt Paving, the company awarded the contract to pave the runway, began July 15. After two community meetings with QAP, D.O.T. and Kawerak, a number of people have completed heavy equipment operator training/flagging and are currently employed by QAP. QAP has made a practice to hire locals, we are thankful for gainful employment that benefits the community and contractors. NOVA Gold held a community meeting on July 12 to introduce and explain the gold mining operations in Nome and recruited new applicants. The U. S. Army Corp of Engineer's draft plans and specification for the Unalakleet Erosion Control Project are completed. The plan is to place rock revetment along the mouth of the Unalakleet River over the gabions and slope down into the water so when the waves break, the slope will reduce some of the wave energy that causes erosion. While the Corp only has funds to complete the design, funds for construction in 2008 is questionable. The local AmeriCorps representative sponsored by RuralCap has completed a home energy audit training program and now will perform energy audits for residential homes. Homeowners already have seen a significant reduction on electrical bills by reducing electrical hot water heater use and replacing light bulbs to energy efficient light bulbs. We look forward to more energy audits that will benefit more homeowners. With the high cost of energy and fuel; educating the homeowner on what appliances use the most electricity in a house helps greatly to reduce energy bills. Keep up the great work. The Bering Strait School District started construction on three teacher housing complexes. The units are scheduled for completion in December. Commercial Silver Salmon has seen another bumper year. The seafood plant operated by Norton Sound Seafood Products has been busy 24 hours a day and provided employment in July to September. The fishermen are equally happy. The B.I.A. Housing Improvement Program has awarded a contract to construct a house for one of our elders. Construction is slated for September and they are waiting for the materials to arrive from Anchorage any day now.

Clifford Johnson- Nome Eskimo Community: Clifford reported that he tries not to have meetings in the summer. The summer programs are in full swing with Basketball camp and other youth services. The board is attending training and they have a new ID system. There was a discussion on the table with regard to the artifacts that were found in the harbor. NEC is trying to get those back, stating that those artifacts belong to the Tribe and not to the City of Nome.

Fred Pete- Stebbins Community Association: Fred reported there are three-one year council seats open and they will have elections September 28. The Food Bank has reopened with help

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from USDA. They are located in the new IRA building. The old building is now apartments for low income families. The Boys and Girls club is in progress, the teen center needs to be renovated, a person from HUD is going to do an assessment on September 26. Subsistence hunting is in full swing. We are hunting birds, belugas, and ugruks. The CAMP Program taught young people how to swim. This year they were funded by ASA activities. We are having problems with our young people making home-brew, bootlegging, and using dope.

Marlin Sookiyak- Native Village of Shaktoolik: Marlin reported that the Kawerak and DOT dust control eliminated dust at both the north and south side of the village. They are also setting up for Whaling camp. They have ordered whaling nets and tents. In July, NSEDC held a fair with goodies for the children and elders. There was a bear mauling July 31st. The individual is still in the hospital, and they are doing a lot of skin grafts. He still might lose his foot. They are working with Army Corps Of Engineers (ACOE) on the Evacuation Road. We have an alternate Tribal Coordinator and school has just started with the Bering Straits School District. We had good salmon fishing and we also had crabbers that brought money into our village. We'd like to thank Kawerak Staff for their services and for what they provide for our villages.

Steve Longley- Native Village of Council: Steven reported that they held elections and Chase Gray is still on the Council. This summer they adopted a LRTP and donated \$1,500 to the Regional Wellness Forum for Safety Patrol.

Gilbert Tocktoo- Native Village of Brevig Mission: Gilbert reported that the BSRHA units do not have a back up heating system. Under the Housing Improvement Program guidelines, it states that they have to provide their own back up heating system. The EPA program is working on the Multipurpose Facility, but they haven't received materials for completion. The tank farm is under construction right now. The last barge filled up one of the tanks and we are experiencing high prices for fuel and gas. The school district has a two unit housing. The Tribal Council, School District, Native Corporation, and all local governing Boards made a joint effort in building a new playground.

Jacob Ahwinona- Elder Rep:

Jacob reported that he attended the Beringia Museum Project at the Old St. Joes Church and the report will be in the Elders Advisory Report. He gave the invocation for the reception that was held for Murkowski, Stevens, and Young. He stated that his daughter Cynthia Ahwinona also

traveled with them and they all went to Shishmaref. He said that it was good to see his daughter again. He also reported that he spoke to Kaci Fullwood about the Beringia Museum Project. He told her that from the Elder's perspective, they support her all the way.

Jenny Lee- Teller Traditional Council:

Josie Garnie reported that they are going to have a Cultural Festival at the end of the month that is piggybacking the Regional Conference. They will be having elections in October, and five seats are open. The water and sewer for the clinic has been fixed. The Tribal Coordinator is working on grants.

Annette Piscoya- Native Village of Solomon: Annette Piscoya reported that Solomon will be having their election next month, and they have rescheduled their annual meeting to October. They also hired a Tribal Coordinator, and they will be moving into the Old Federal Building next week. They had their Bed & Breakfast opened this summer and she stated that they did pretty good for their first summer.

Melvin Apassingok- Native Village of Gambell: Melvin Apassingok, Alternate Board Member for Eddie Ungott. Gambell has had a busy summer. Fourth of July was a beautiful day to have activities outdoors for a change. Our military clean-up efforts are still continuing in Gambell. Tons of debris have been removed again as of this month. NVG has on-going summer projects with State DOT & PF to upgrade our airport. The Bering Sea Sub Network with the Aleut International Association is documenting the flora and fauna due to climate change. We had a great treat from NSEDC in July. Eugene Asicksick and the staff came out for a Fair at Gambell. Everyone enjoyed the treat. We had Mr. Daryl Koo-ley, CEO of BSRHA, and Barb Amarok, NWC, came for the August IRA Meeting. We are happy that these new agency employees are willing to work with the villages to improve working partnerships through cooperative efforts. We hope that the ten new units will be completed soon for families to move in to before winter. We are in the process of developing a "Wellness From Within Conference" with Dr. Bob Chaney from South Central Foundation.

Merlin Koonooka- Elder Rep: Merlin reported they landed three whales in one day. This was followed by a good walrus, berries, and fish harvest. We are having an artifacts controversy. EACM has given their blessing to local Native organizations (either Sitanuak or Nome Eskimo Community) for artifacts to be returned to their rightful tribes. Alaska Natives were there before the miners. This is significant. We recently had one person missing. It

has been about two weeks now. Search and Rescue conducted a search. Savoonga also came and helped with the search. We tried to get the State Troopers to help find out what happened, but the State Troopers declined the request. Our concern now is that when we call the State Troopers for help, they won't respond. We also bring up the need for a VPSO. There seems to be one in other places before there is no one in Gambell. Jacob Ahwinona and I went in front of the Senate VPSO Task Force to testify, but we didn't get a chance because they had already made a list of speakers. We hope that people come to testify at the Regional Conference next week so that we can be heard. Robert Keith stated that we should ask Senator Donald Olson to give preference to the elders during their testimony time at the Regional Conference. Clifford Johnson urged villages to call the Nome Volunteer Fire Department if and when the State Troopers are not compliant. We have traveled to villages without the State Troopers before. We would act right away. Gilbert Tocktoo included Shishmaref Emergency Services to be available in emergency situations. He says that he has a lot of men that are available in case anyone needs help.

NSHC Rep: Robert Keith gave the NSHC report and stated that Brevig Mission lost their Physician's Assistant this past summer and is requesting another one.

Robert Keith- Native Village of Elim:

Robert Keith reported the HIP program is back and , they are going after a RDA Grant to fix up houses. They also need to rehabilitate the Molly Hootch School. They met with a Uranium Engineer from Mexico. They only found 1/12 of what they need to find up there. They are exploring on the west side of Darby. Elim didn't want uranium mining on the Tublitulik River. They also want to explore the Fish River. We bought an ID card maker, but after printing only 3 or 4 cards it broke. We met with the new Alaska State Trooper, and Gina Appolloni. VPSO Program Director. The State Trooper conveyed the best interest in working with the people. He said that it was nice to see someone positive and willing to work with the community. They are waiting to see if the BSRHA will allow us to renovate the old store to house either our Physicians Assistant (PA), or our VPSO, because housing has been a big problem. We do not want to lose our PA. Our community is a lot healthier when we have a PA. There will be a memorial service for Ernest Saccheus on September 28.

Kawerak, Inc. Hosts 8th Annual Grant Writer Symposium

By Barb Nickels, Program Director, Community Planning & Development

In an effort to build alliances and infrastructures to best utilize resources, Kawerak's Community Planning & Development (CPD) hosted this year's 8th Annual Grant Writer Symposium October 9-11 in Nome at Pioneer Hall. The Symposium seeks to increase a community's capacity to be able to undertake economic development projects by providing the education and training necessary to seek state, federal and private grant funding.

The Symposium consisted of multiple workshops at two different venues, ranging from Elements of Grant Writing facilitated by Tom Okleasik of Northwest Planning and Grant Development to providing basic Excel skills to our newest grant writers in the region at Northwest Campus. Other partner agencies that participated in facilitating workshops included; Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development (DCCED), USDA Rural Development, Rasmuson Foundation, Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, Administration for Native Americans, and Mary McRae Miller with Alaska Funding Exchange.

CPD provided scholarships for 17 grant writers in the Bering Strait region from both the IRA's and cities to attend this three-day event. Besides those from our area villages we invited local Nome organizations to attend and had representatives from Nome Eskimo Community, Kawerak staff, Bering Sea Women's Shelter and more. There were a total of 34 participants from 16 different communities. This annual training is especially great because it comes with no registration fees.

There were many great comments made by Symposium participants. Joanna Wassillee, a new grant writer from White Mountain stated, "She was glad she had the opportunity to attend this training and she learned many things to take back with her. I am looking forward to helping my community." Local resident Kerry Webster, new to the Bering Sea Women's Group stated "I was not aware of all the grant agencies and opportunities available. It was great to see the big picture of organizations funded through grants." RurAL CAP Energy VISTA, Jennifer Demir, also attended the training and was thankful for the learning experience and wished to thank CPD for a successful training session and all the good food.



DCCED Staff explaining the Community Development Block Grant application
Photo by Barb Nickels

Kawerak Announces Employee of the Month: March ~ August 2007



Barbara identified new innovative ways to add personnel to help address the 2007 Board priorities (energy, alternative energy, home retrofit).

March 2007
Barbara Nickels



Alma came up with ideas to teach the children in a home-base atmosphere when the Head Start building was not available (frozen pipes, etc).

April 2007
Alma Snowball



John has done a tremendous amount of work in helping to get Tumet Industries, LLC organized and up and running. He drafted or reviewed Tumet Industries, LLC legal documents.

May 2007
John Bioff



Summer has taken the lead role as Project Director for the Accounting/HR software upgrade. Summer is the sole source of contact for Arctic IT at Kawerak.

June 2007
Summer Larsen



Malinda has delivered fresh salmon to Elders on her own time. She has maintained contact with the teachers to ensure they are successful.

July 2007
Malinda Besett



Ginny has completed a lot of work in organizing Tumet Industries, LLC. She is also involved with the computer conversion from American Fundware to Great Plains Software.

August 2007
Ginny Emmons

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Over the past several years, while constructing projects in the villages, Kawerak has been approached by the State of Alaska and other entities, who have expressed interest in contracting with Kawerak to get work done at the

2002	Elim Culvert Replacement	\$ 415,124
2004	Shishmaref Seawall: 450 ft	\$2,719,224
2005	Solomon Road	\$ 499,093
2006	Koyuk Community Streets	\$5,965,172
2007	Village Dust Abatement	\$ 281,000

village level. Because we were not a construction contractor, however, we were not able to do work for them.

Tumet Industries, LLC

In December 2006, Kawerak staff recommended and the Kawerak Board approved establishing a Kawerak wholly owned for-profit corporation for the purpose of contracting and constructing highway and heavy construction projects in the Bering Straits Region of Alaska. An interim Board of Advisors was appointed by the Kawerak Board at their Full Board meeting held March 30, 2007. The Kawerak Board created Tumet Industries, LLC to accomplish the following goals: provide training, employment and income opportunities to village residents; retain and maximize economic benefits of projects within the region; make a profit and generate a source of funding to Kawerak and member tribes, whereby we can lessen our dependence on State and federal funding sources for service delivery; protect Kawerak's non-profit corporate assets; create a vehicle to contract with the State and other entities to undertake road and airport construction and maintenance work to standard in our villages; and improve the transportation infrastructure in the region.

On March 5, 2007, Articles of Organization for Tumet Industries, LLC were filed with the State Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development and approved by Commissioner Emil Notti. Tumet Industries, LLC has applied for and received a Contractors License and an Alaska Business license. In addition, Tumet is insured and has other permits and numbers (EIN, DUNS, etc.) required to conduct business in the State of Alaska. We also have Tumet Board of Advisors approved; procurement, personnel and management policies. Tumet Industries, LLC is fully operational and positioned to bid to undertake construction work let for bid by Kawerak, state and federal agencies, city governments and other entities in Northwest Alaska.

It is anticipated that Kawerak will: continue to plan and design and coordinate funding for transportation improvements in our region's villages; (**basically, all activities up to construction**); and contract with Tumet Industries, LLC and other for-profit road construction firms to construct projects in the villages.

In June of 2007, the Tumet Board selected Cliff Johnson to serve as the interim manager for Tumet Industries, LLC. Since his hire, Cliff has been extremely busy.

In spring of 2007, Eagle Electric (an 8a Subsidiary of Bering Straits Native Corporation) and Tumet Industries, LLC formed a Joint Venture (Arrigah, JV) for the purpose of contracting with the Army Corp of Engineers to undertake construction of 625 feet of sea wall at Shishmaref. This project is about 76% done and will be completed in the spring of 2008.

In the summer of 2007, Tumet contracted with Kawerak to undertake maintenance on the Cape Wooley Road (from the Teller High-

way to the Cape Wooley Lagoon). This project is complete. This winter, Tumet will undertake a trail-staking project from the end of the Kougarok Road to Serpentine and from Shishmaref to Serpentine. This project will be completed once snow is on the ground and snow-machines are able to travel.

Kawerak and 15 of the 20 tribes in the Bering Straits Region are now in the process of amending the Tumet Industries, LLC Agreement to provide for 51% tribal ownership of Tumet. Majority tribal ownership of Tumet will qualify Tumet to apply to participate in the SBA 8a Program. This will enable Tumet to negotiate directly with the federal government to undertake projects.

The member tribes of Tumet just recently selected their representatives to the Tumet Board of Advisors. Robert Keith, Merlin Koonooka and Loretta Bullard have been appointed to represent Kawerak on the Tumet Board. The central villages have selected Melvin "Duma" Otten to serve as their primary rep and Frederick "Buster" Murray as alternate. From the northern-most villages, Darlene Turner will serve as primary rep and Ellen Richard will serve as alternate. From the Teller, Brevig, and Council areas, Gilbert Tocktoo will serve as primary rep and Barb Vial will serve as alternate. From the southern villages, Shirley Martin has been selected as primary rep and Elsie Cheemuk will serve as the alternate.

The new board has their work cut out for them, but we're confident that they will do a great job. We'll continue to provide updates on Tumet Industries, LLC as work progresses. If Villages have upcoming projects, we would welcome the opportunity to bid on them. Contact Cliff Johnson, Tumet Manager at (907) 443-4278. 

Bering Strait Regional Conference Youth Wellness Team

By Kirbi Fullwood, Wellness Coordinator

Thirteen youth from Bering Strait villages of attended the Bering Strait Regional Conference from September 25-27. The youth participated in the 1st Annual Youth Wellness Team, a joint project of Kawerak and the Bering Strait School District (BSSD) to promote healthy youth.

Youth were selected who showed an interest in the wellness of his/her self and their community, passed the high school qualifying exam and who did not get to participate in other similar opportunities.

The purpose of Youth Wellness Team is to provide an educational/inspirational opportunity to the youth of our region and help them see the bigger picture of life; to motivate, empower and assist them with obtaining their self-identity and self-esteem needed to realize that each of them can stand up and be a positive role model for their communities. Each student will develop a community project which will be used to meet part of their high school graduation standards.

The goals of the Youth Wellness Team are: 1) To empower youth with the awareness and knowledge that they have the power to choose a healthy and productive path by making decisions that will lead to a full, rewarding, well-rounded, and productive life. 2) To develop positive self-identity and self-esteem. Youth will be able to firmly say, "I can and I will live a healthy and productive physical, mental and social life." 3) Youth will share this knowledge and be role models in their communities.

During the Conference, students wrote in their journals every day on their feelings, motivations, inspirations, ideas and thoughts they had while they were here. The journals can help to motivate them for the community projects when they return home. The journals can also rekindle the feelings and excitement they felt during the week. Youth were asked to remember that there are many exciting times in life, even when they are feeling down, and that there are so many little things that they can do to make a big difference in their lives and the

lives of those around them!

Monday was a travel and get acquainted day. Each student was given a Youth Wellness Team sweatshirt. Introduction games and ice breakers made everyone feel comfortable - being silly and laughing together. The introduction game was a fun way to remember everyone's names!

During the Conference youth listened to some excellent motivational speakers. Father Michael Oleksa stressed that it takes the whole community to support, love, encourage and genuinely care for youth in order for them to succeed. Chief Clarence Louie explained how his Band (tribe) owns many million dollar businesses and how they provided jobs for not only his tribe but other tribal members as well. He said you have to work hard and learn new ways. Earl Polk had everyone laughing with his personal life stories. The Youth Wellness Team then served lunch at the Rec center for the Elders meeting. We were all proud of the youth working as a team and so well together.

The Youth Team joined other students at Nome Beltz Jr./Sr. High School listening to Earl Polk. He began his presentation with humor and had the whole school roaring with laughter. He talked about risk takers and how people can take responsible risks. He shared the story of two boys. One boy was struggling with suicidal thoughts and actually had a firearm in his hands but his best friend talked him out of taking his life. After talking awhile, the mood was much lighter between them. When they got up to go, the boy who had been thinking of taking his life bent down to pick up the rifle and check the safety, the rifle accidentally went off and tragically shot and killed his best friend who had just talked him out of taking his own life. His friend was just 15 years old. Earl shared the grief that he and his family felt and how such small things in life make a big difference, like knowing and practicing gun safety at all times. Earl now travels around the state sharing this story to encourage people to be careful, and practice safe gun use and to always remember that the little things in life make a big difference. The story had a very strong impact on the youth.

Youth attended panel discussions and workshops such as "Net Making", "Village Fire Fighting" "Jobs, Jobs, Jobs" and how to make seal oil! The seal was divided up and participants were encouraged to get some meat if they wanted to bring it back to their homes. One of the Team participants brought some meat to her grandmother, who was

very grateful! Students also learned how to cut up and skin a caribou. They learned how cut the legs the proper way if the leggings were going to be used for mukluks.

Arnold Thomas moderated a panel on setting short and long term goals. Other panel members were Francis Alvanna, Earl Polk, Rahnna Parker and Vanessa Tahbone. Youth also listened to a panel presented by young community members who attended college and/or technical training and their experiences. Kirsten Timbers of the Bering Strait Foundation organized the panel. Each youth shared what their aspirations were for after high school graduation. Students have to fill out only one application for scholarships and training instead of applying individually to Kawerak, Bering Straits Foundation, NSEDC and Norton Sound Health Corporation. This application process is much simpler! The deadlines are July 31 and December 31 for collage scholarships and six weeks prior to the start of Voc Tech training. Kirsten Timbers encouraged youth to apply!

One evening, youth joined in an intense talking circle led by Earl Polk. He shared stories of pain and growth in his life and how he overcame those hard times. He set the mood for the talking circle by burning a small evergreen limb. He walked around the circle and asked everyone what the smell reminded them of and how it made them feel. It reminded almost everyone of a camp fire and the fun times they had sharing and just relaxing.

Once the mood was set, students passed the branch around the circle, something real to hold on to while each person shared what was in his/her heart. First, students introduced themselves, told where they were from and then something that was in their heart. Everyone shared emotions and experiences, opening up to one another and sharing the things that made each one special as individuals. It was an emotionally intense time for everyone, but it was good to open up and let some of the pain go that was in some hearts! Youth were encouraged to conduct their own talking circles in their communities and to remember that talking circles don't always have to be a time to cry, they can be a time to just share and even laugh.

Youth also greatly enjoyed watching the Native Dance Celebrations for two nights. During the conference they also helped to serve Elders at lunch and at general sessions.

On the last day of the conference students wrote chose a community service project. Some of the projects are a weekly Local Litter Patrol with friends, helping elders and mentoring younger students (helping them with homework or teaching them to read). Students will start their projects within the first couple



The Bering Strait Youth Wellness Team with their Tutqiksug sweatshirts. Tutqiksug means, "At peace or content (within)" in the Inupiaq language.

Youth Wellness Team *continued from page 15*

weeks after returning home. They will share their project ideas and ask a community member to be a role model for them who will give them guidance and support. They will also recruit peers so that their project has a greater impact. They will first do an action plan for their project. At the end of the school year they will compile a poster board with a short description of their project with photos of them working. They will also describe how the project made them feel and how their communities responded to them. Next year their poster boards will be displayed at the Regional Conference and they will be recognized for all their hard work. Please take notice of the hard work the youth in your communities are doing. Each of them are special and have amazing personalities! I enjoyed every minute of the time we spent together! Good luck to all the Youth Wellness Team participants! 🌟

A BIG thank you to:

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- Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center,***
- Nome Community Center,***
- Bering Straits Native Corporation Foundation,***
- Frontier Flying and to everyone else who helped out!!***

2007 Bering Strait Regional Conference



The **2007 Bering Strait Regional Conference** was a great success! Over 300 individuals registered and many more stopped by to attend workshops, check out the arts and crafts or visit with friends. Highlights of the conference included keynote addresses by Earl Polk, Jr. and Chief Clarence Charlie. There were nearly 20 workshops held throughout the three days; several had especially high turnouts such as; "Search and Rescue" by Chief Paul Burke, "Learn to Dance, Native Style" by the Suurimmaanitchuat Dancers from Barrow and the informative workshop by Detective Kevin Vandergriff with the Anchorage Police Department Crimes Against Children Unit.

In the evening entertainment included the well-attended Singspiration on the first night and two nights of the "Let's Dance Celebration!" Undaunted by power outages the Eskimo dancing continued until well past midnight. Visit Kawerak's website to see more pictures from the Celebration at www.kawerak.org. 🌟

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"Uvlaakun sulii" translated in Inupiaq language means: *More tomorrow!* Quyanna!



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Corrections from the July Issue!

- MaryJane Anuqsraaq Litchard wrote the article, "Are You An Alaska Native Artist?"
- The troops we recognized have moved from Camp Navistar to **Camp Buehring** with a new zip code of **09330**.