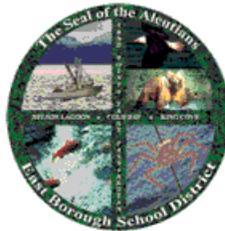
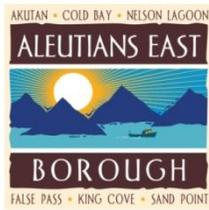


In the Loop



Bringing the Aleutians East Borough, the AEB School District and Eastern Aleutian Tribes together by sharing common goals.

PenAir Pulling Out of Air Taxi Business in SW Alaska



This fall, PenAir plans to transition out of the air taxi business, which serves small communities in Southwest Alaska.

PenAir announced plans this week to phase out of providing air taxi service to small villages and towns in the Aleutians and other parts of Southwest Alaska so the company can instead focus on larger hub communities. For years, PenAir has served more than 45 communities, including King Cove, False Pass and Nelson Lagoon. The air taxi business was the foundation upon which PenAir was initially built.

However, two days ago, the airline CEO, Danny Seybert, sent a letter to customers, stating that changes in the airline industry have forced PenAir to

refocus its business to ensure long-term success.

“As a result of that reevaluation, this fall, PenAir will begin the process of transitioning out of the Part 135 (Air Taxi) business and concentrate our resources on expanding our scheduled 121 operations,” the letter said. “A singular concentration on the 121 operations will enhance PenAir’s ability to serve more effectively and efficiently our customers and our major hubs of King Salmon, Dillingham, Cold Bay, Sand Point, St. Paul, St. George, Unalakleet, Aniak, Unalaska, McGrath, Presque Isle (Maine), Plattsburgh (New York), Bar Harbor (Maine) and Boston with our larger Part 121 aircraft.”

Seybert said PenAir will continue offering air taxi service to the smaller communities until another airline picks up the routes.

KAKN-FM reported that the airline is citing financial reasons for wanting to stop air taxi service to small communities in Southwest Alaska. According to an Anchorage Daily News article, Seybert said not all the non-hub routes were losing money, but it has become increasingly obvious that getting out of the air taxi business would be financially best for the airline.

According to KUCB, the largest community that will be impacted by PenAir’s announcement is Akutan. Seybert sent a letter to the Department of Transportation stating that the airline no longer wants to fly to the community, which has been financed by federal subsidies through DOT’s Essential Air Service (EAS) program. Seybert told DOT that the airline wants to cut that route as soon as September 1st. As a result, DOT will seek new bids for the federal contract to the nearby island of Akun. However, until a new EAS provider has been selected, PenAir plans to honor its contract with the community of Akutan.

[Read more - Anchorage Daily News article](#)

[Read more - KUCB article](#)

False Pass Harbor Utility Project Nearly Complete

Commercial fishermen in the Aleutians can now look forward to electrical, potable water and fire protection service at the False Pass Harbor. The City’s harbor utility project is substantially complete and is in use. It includes an underground electrical and water main extension. The



utilities were extended to and installed on the floating docks. It also includes the installation of life rings, ladders and fire extinguishers. The electrical and lighting improvements include electrical service pedestals for the boats and low-level lighting throughout the harbor. Potable water distribution



The utility project includes electrical, potable water and fire protection service at the False Pass Harbor.

extends to all floats and includes hose bibs for each slip. Two all-season potable water connections will be provided to allow wintertime water at the harbor. A fire hydrant is located near the top of the gangway and a dry stand pipe fire suppression system has been installed on the floats.

Funding came from the Denali Commission (an award of \$996,461) and from a state Community Development Block Grant (\$400,000). The goal of the project is to provide economic development and safety for the community and its fishermen. The harbor utility project is expected to be 100 %

complete by this fall.

Cold Bay Gets Dock Rehabilitation Grant

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced more than \$363 million in grants for state highway projects this week, including funding for the Cold Bay Dock Rehabilitation Project. The Federal Highway Administration invited states, cities, tribal governments and local planning organizations to apply for federal funding from 12 grant programs. Nearly 1,500 requests poured in from every state, Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C., totaling approximately \$2.5 billion.



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dock. This will help to maintain the critical access ferry route in Southcentral Alaska. The funding amount for the project totals \$386,442.

AEB Community Development Coordinator Anne Bailey applied for the grant Dec. 20, 2011.

“I’m so excited that we have received this funding for the Cold Bay Dock,” said Anne. “The dock is in dire need of repairs. This will help to improve the overall structure and will aid in preserving this critical piece of infrastructure for the community and transportation network.”

Sand Point’s Major Road Paving Projects Wraps Up



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The City of Sand Point has just completed major road paving projects in town. The 2.5 mile School Loop road has been in the planning and design phases for over three years. Finally, the project has been completed. In addition, the city also managed to pave the area in front of the East Wall, the interior of Gear Shed #2 and a partial paving of the road from the old clinic to the harbor bridge. This

particular area of the road needed major work near the Anchor Motel and the Sand Point Public Works crew did an outstanding job repairing the road base. It is anticipated that this short section will be paved next summer.

King Cove's Recycling Program is a Big Hit with Residents

King Cove's recycling program has come a long way since its inception in 2004. The community's recycling center currently accepts everything from aluminum, tin cans, number one and number two plastic and cardboard to lead acid batteries, tires, glass and e-waste.

"We pretty much accept everything except Styrofoam," said AnnDee Roehl, IGAP (Indian General Assistance Program) Coordinator with the Agdaagux Tribal Council of King Cove.

"Everything we get, we ship out on coastal boats for free to places in Washington that take it on a space-available basis," she added. "Freight boats come in every week, and when they go back to Washington, they're usually empty. So we ask them if they can take

four to six

pallets full of

recyclable material. They take it, and it's no problem. We find places in Seattle that take the material for free. It's been an awesome cooperative process," she said. "I just love it."

None of this would have been possible without the community's support. Several years ago, residents identified a number of environmental concerns, such as the landfill filling up, litter throughout the City and



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The recycling center accepts all kinds of tires, including tires from bikes, cars and 4-wheelers.

bears getting into dumpsters. In 2003, the Agdaagux Tribal Council applied for a grant through the IGAP program. A year later, the Council established an environmental committee and hired a coordinator. As it got rolling, the environmental department purchased a Conex container and soon afterward, began accepting recyclable material.

Educating the community about the consequences of littering, burning or burying waste has been a big priority.

“We have this saying. If you burn it, you breathe it. If you dump it, you drink it,” said Roehl. “It’s great because everybody knows us now. We have a website and a Facebook Page,” she added.

The recycling program continues to grow in popularity. Recycling bins can be found outside of the recycling center, the City Shop, the school, the old gym, the coffee shop, Gould’s Store, the bars and the Bingo Building.

“The amount of stuff that we get is just awesome,” said Roehl. “The community involvement is amazing. When we have a cleanup day, local entities are very willing to donate prizes. It’s a very cooperative community.”

The benefits are two-fold. Recycling is good for the environment, and the money the recycling program receives, goes back into the community.

“We use that money for educational kids’ camps or for projects in the schools, potlucks and other fun activities,” said Roehl.

The tribe’s environmental department plans to take recycling to a whole new level in the near future. Right now, the environmental program accepts glass, but is unable to recycle it or crush it. Next year, the tribe is getting a glass crusher. The department will update its environmental plan in 2013 by identifying the community’s latest environmental problems and solutions.

“We’re running out of natural resources,” said Roehl. “So we’re constantly educating the communities and the schools. It’s great that people are so willing to help to make this program work.”

For more information, visit the links below:

<http://atkcenvironment.webs.com/>

<http://www.facebook.com/AleutiansEastBorough?ref=hl#!/agdaaguxtribe.kingcove>



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Nelson Lagoon Gets Burn Unit to Reduce Waste in Community



Nelson Lagoon's new burn unit can hold approximately 2 to 3 truckloads of waste.

Nelson Lagoon recently purchased a burn unit for the community's landfill to help reduce waste. The community was able to buy the burn unit from Tok Welding, thanks to an IGAP grant program through the EPA.

"The efficiency and emissions make this burn unit closer to an incinerator rather than a typical burn unit or burn box," said Mark McNeley, Environmental Department Director with the Nelson Lagoon Tribal Council.

McNeley said the burn unit has an 8 foot, 12 inch stack extending up from the top of the unit at the

opposite end of the doors. It holds approximately 2 to 3 truckloads of garbage and can burn about 80 percent of it in one hour.

McNeley said this unit is far better than a typical burn box, which doesn't have a lid. This unit is completely contained and therefore prevents birds and animals from carrying garbage out of it.

"It works great," he added.

Pyramid Project Resumes Exploratory Activity on Unga Island

By Michelle Johnson, Projects Coordinator and Community Engagement Alaska Earth Sciences

Antofagasta Minerals and Full Metal Minerals with the support of Alaska Earth Sciences are planning to continue exploratory activity on the Pyramid Project located northwest of Balboa Bay. The 2012 summer program consists of helicopter supported low impact geologic mapping, rock, soil and stream sediment sampling and drilling up to 12 core holes.

Access to the project area and work sites on a daily basis will be by helicopter and ATV vehicles on existing roads/trails.

Equipment will initially be barged from Sand Point and then mobilized to the drill sites by helicopter. At the completion of the drill program, equipment will be transported back to Sand Point via barge.

The maximum depth of any one hole will be about 1800' and all drilling fluids will consist of environmentally

safe biodegradable polymer products. Nearly half of the proposed drill sites

will be placed on existing disturbance from previous exploration conducted by Quintana/Duval in 1975. Any new disturbance will be nominal with minimal vegetation cleared and partial leveling by hand tools, with a temporary wooden platform constructed for the drill to sit on. Total acreage of new disturbance during the 2012 program will not exceed 1.0 acres.

All new disturbances will be reclaimed concurrent with drilling. Reclamation will consist of re-contouring of disturbed ground and re-seeding with natural vegetation and original moss-matt (if and where present). Initially during site construction, topsoil and organic overburden will be separated and stockpiled for reclamation purposes.



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constructed.

Local Sand Point residents, Shumagin and Aleut Corporation shareholders will be hired whenever possible, with 2 Shumagin shareholders already brought in to assist with camp construction and operations.



Exploratory activity on the Pyramid Project northwest of Balboa Bay continues this summer.

Four water source sites have been selected from which water will be pumped. Pumping machinery will be avoided if anadromous fish are present.

A 24 man camp is located at the head of Balboa Bay on private native land. This camp consists of tents only and no permanent structures have been

Absentee Voting Starts August 13th for August 28 primary

Absentee in-person voting for the August 28, 2012 Primary election begins August 13th. Ballots for all districts will be available in each of the Division of Elections regional offices and other locations throughout the state.

If you would like to vote by mail, you must submit an absentee ballot application to the Division of Elections by August 18, 2012.

For a list of absentee voting locations, or to obtain an absentee ballot application, visit the division's web site at www.elections.alaska.gov

Absentee and Early Voting page at http://www.elections.alaska.gov/vi_ea_ev_ip.php

2012 Candidates page: http://www.elections.alaska.gov/ci_pg.php

News from Eastern Aleutian Tribes

Eastern Aleutian Tribes Visited By Health Resources Services Administration

Eastern Aleutian Tribes was visited by representatives from the US Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) in July. Bonnie Petty, Kevin White, Bill Garron, and Kathy Schaeffer reviewed EAT July 16-20. Ms. Petty looked at financials, billing, sliding fee scales, collections, procedures, licensure and HR files. Bill Garron is a UDS expert. They provided a performance and compliance review. They were in Anchorage for 2 days, and traveled to Cold Bay and King Cove, where they reviewed the clinic and interviewed staff, community members, Board Members, the Mayor, and the EMS crew.



Dental clinics will be conducted in August in Akutan, False Pass, King Cove, and Sand Point weather-permitting.

King Cove

August 1-9, Dr. Costa & Erik

August 13-26, Becky
August 27-31, Dr. Costa & Erik

Sand Point

August 1-10, Becky & Chelsea

August 13-17, Chelsea
August 17-31, Dr. Costa & Erik

False Pass

August 10-26, Dr. Costa & Erik

Akutan

August 11-14, Dr. Apetroaei

Behavioral Health

If you believe you have a need for Behavioral Health Services, please contact your Community Clinic or call Behavioral Health directly at

Emergency COPE Line—800-478-2673

King Cove Clinic – 907-497-2311
After Hours –907-497-8203

Sand Point Clinic – 907-383-3151
After hours – 907-386-1227



Eastern Aleutian Tribes recently received a letter from the Community Health Aide Board recognizing EAT for our 100% certified CHA rate, and for consistently being above 90% certified since 2008. Although there are 27 other health organizations like ours in the State of Alaska, only five are certified at 100%, and nine are completely uncertified. EAT is pleased to announce that Delores Mack of Nelson Lagoon recently attained her CHA Level II, and Joe McMillan of Sand Point is currently attending class for his Level IV. Congratulations to both of them!

EAT Employee News

Maria Johnson has accepted the position of Interim Director of Finance at Eastern Aleutian Tribes. Effective Monday, July 23, Maria took over the helm from Mike Donley, who has accepted a position with Nana Development. Maria's past employment includes Assistant Director of Alaska Operations of Medicaid at First Health for the State of Alaska; Alaska Regional Hospital Decision Support Director; and Geneva Woods Health Care Services Vice President of Pharmacy.



Maria Johnson

She says it is a privilege to be back at Eastern Aleutian Tribes, and that she will work collaboratively with everyone, in an open work environment. She can be reached at Mariaj@eatribes.net.



Rachael Ferguson

There's a new voice answering the phone in the Anchorage office. EAT is pleased to welcome Rachael Ferguson as our new Administrative Assistant. Rachael is a Calista Descendent who has experience in administrative duties, and extensive experience as a Personal Care Assistant (PCA) through which she became certified in CPR and First Aid. She is currently pursuing her Bachelors of Science degree at UAA.

Also new on board; Nell Marie Churchill started as an HR Assistant July 30. Nell recently moved back to Alaska after two years in Billings, Montana. Her previous experience includes work with several attorneys, the Alaska Court System, the Federal Bankruptcy Courts, and in HR at ANTHC. She is originally from Wrangell (where much of her family still resides) and is a shareholder with Tlingit & Haida Tribes of



Nell Marie Churchill

Alaska and Sealaska. She lives in Anchorage now with her husband Jerry and black lab/rottie mix Sadie.



Olegario Carrillo

A warm welcome to our new itinerant PA-C, Olegario Carrillo. Olegario will begin his tenure with EAT based in Sand Point, and will rotate through each community in turn. Olegario grew up in Los Angeles, where he spent his early years in health care working as an EMT and ER Trauma Technician. He received his Bachelor's Degree at University of California, Davis and his Physician Assistant certification from Emory University in Atlanta. As a PA, he worked four and a half years on the Navajo Reservation, and spent the last four years working in Interior Alaska villages. He says he loves the back country, and spends much of his time exploring, although getting lost in an alder patch can test one's love for hiking. He is appreciative to be part of EAT.

In other employee news, Behavioral Health Director Gary Williams has announced that he will retire shortly. Jeff Parker will assume the duties as Interim Director and move to Sand Point until a replacement is hired. Tara Ferguson will act as Interim Clinical Director until a new one is found.

The Following Positions are Available at Eastern Aleutian Tribes:

Director of Finance, Anchorage - Under limited supervision, plans, organizes, and directs the financial and fiscal services functions; including the development, interpretation, coordination, and administration of the corporation's policies on finance, accounting, insurance, accounting procedures, internal controls, and auditing.

Director of Clinical Services - Provide administrative supervision to the clinical services providers and support staff. Oversee all aspects of healthcare delivery, regulatory compliance, policies, procedures, and best practices.

Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant- Full time/Itinerant - Adak, Akutan - Full time – **Continuous Recruitment** - Provide preventative, primary and emergency care and work as a team with other health care providers, CHA/P and first response team to ensure continuity and quality community health care.

Community Health Aide - Full time/Itinerant - Akutan- Full time - Provides primary (acute, chronic, and preventive) health care and emergency care to those seeking health services in an



assigned village. The Community Health Aide/Practitioner CHAP base of operation is in the village clinic.

All Providers and CHA/P providers may be asked to travel for short term coverage assignments at other clinic sites within Eastern Aleutian Tribes.



REGISTER FOR DENALI KIDCARE OR MEDICAID SERVICES TODAY THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2012. ELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ENTERED TO WIN AN IPAD 3! CONTACT YOUR CLINIC FOR MORE INFORMATION!!

If you are a Veteran, a Veteran's dependent, the surviving spouse, child or parent of a deceased Veteran, a uniformed Service Member, or a present or former reservist or National Guard member, you may be eligible for VA benefits. In order to be eligible to receive VA care through EAT; veterans need to be enrolled with the Veterans Health Administration. A link is available on the EAT webpage, at <http://www.eatribes.org>. Please contact your local EAT Clinic or Community Health Center if you have any questions.

Job Opening: City of False Pass

Assistant City Maintenance Person



Appointment: Mayor (and as delegated)
Wage: Range 6
Worksite: Airport, landfill, roads, electrical utility, pump house and municipal dock
Hours of work: On call to assist or replace the maintenance person
Classification: Regular part time

Minimum Qualifications:

1. Ability to work with minimal supervision and carry out written and oral directions.
2. Good physical health; ability to lift 70 lbs.
3. Ability to work cooperatively with agencies such as PHS, VSW, DOT and other governmental agencies.
4. Ability to read and follow instructions from manuals, identify and order parts, materials and supplies.
5. Experience with pump hoses, small engines and heavy equipment operation and maintenance and power plant operation and maintenance.
6. Successfully pass power plant operator and Public Health Service qualification tests.
7. Possess valid Alaska Drivers and CDL licenses.

Job Description:

Assists when needed or fills in for the maintenance person as needed, in the maintenance and repair of the water and sewer system of the city, including all existing and/or future wells or water sources, water transmission or distribution lines, pump houses, treatment facilities, sewer lines, septic tanks and sewage disposal facilities, etc. Acceptable safe practices must be followed in the performance of all work.

Assists when needed or fills in for the maintenance person as needed, in the operation of pumping equipment to transfer raw water to treatment plant or distribute processed water to residential, commercial and industrial establishments: turns valves, pull levers and flip switches to operate and control pumps that transfer water from reservoirs or wells to the treatment plant or to transfer processed water to consumers. Reads flow meters and gauges to regulate equipment according to water consumption and demand. Inspects equipment to detect malfunctions, such as pump leaks or worn bearings. Records data such as utilization of equipment, power consumption and water output in log. Controls treatment plant machines and equipment to purify and clarify water for human consumption and consumer use. Operates and controls electric motors, pumps and valves to regulate flow of raw water into treatment plant. Dumps specified amounts of chemicals, such as chlorine, ammonia, lime and fluoride into water or adjust automatic devices



that admit specified amounts of chemicals into tanks to disinfect, deodorize, clarify and treat water. Start agitators to mix chemicals and allow impurities to settle to bottom of tank. Turns valves to regulate water through filter beds to remove impurities. Repairs and lubricates machines and equipment, using hand tools and power tools. Tests water samples to determine acidity, color and impurities.

Assists when needed or fills in for the maintenance person as needed, in the operation of heavy equipment to maintain the airport runway, to include grading as necessary in summer and snow removal in winter. Grades all public roads and streets on an as-needed basis in the summer and removes snow from the roads and streets in the winter. Maintains the sanitary landfill to include proper and timely burying of wastes. Collects solid waste from the municipal dock on a regular schedule established by the Council. Connects the electric distribution line to service equipment to include electrical generation equipment and submits timely purchase requests for all repair parts, maintenance supplies, materials, checks meters on a monthly basis for electric utility, and all other duties as assigned. When city maintenance person is absent, submit a monthly report of ongoing projects.

Title IX

Chapter 75 – Personnel Policies

City of False Pass

8/26/2010





**2012 Eddie Mack Sr.,
Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser**

**King Cove
Polka Party
Last Hook Off Bar**

August 24th 2011

Featuring Marge Ford

9:00 to Closing

\$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per couple

EMSF DINNER

King Cove Old Gym

(Location may change.

Will make announcement)

August 25th, 2011

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

\$10 per plate for 8th grade on up

\$5 plate for Kindergarten to 7th

No charge for children under Kindergarten down

RAFFLES

All tickets purchased for raffles are used in both drawings, you do

Not need be present to win.

DOOR PRIZES

You Must Be Present To Win



August 31st to September 3rd

2012 Adult Big Fish Prizes

1st \$1000

2nd \$750

3rd \$500

Food, competitions, games, arts & crafts, and fun for the whole family!

Cold Bay Silver Salmon Derby

2012 Derby Schedule Sept. 7th - Sept. 9th

Friday

2pm-6pm: Fishing at Russell Creek

6pm: Dinner/Raffle at Community Center

***Please bring a side dish or dessert**

9pm: Adult Kick-Off Party @ Bearfoot

12am: 4-Wheeler drawing @ Bearfoot

Saturday

8am- 8pm: Fishing at Russell Creek

1pm: Raft Race at Hatchery

Sunday

8am-5pm: Fishing at Russell Creek

5pm: Rubber Ducky Race

5:30pm: Awards at Russell Creek

***Please note the change of date, this is to accommodate the ferry schedule.**

Got News?

If you have news you'd like to share, please email ltanis@aeboro.org or call AEB Communications Manager Laura Tanis at (907) 274-7579.



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