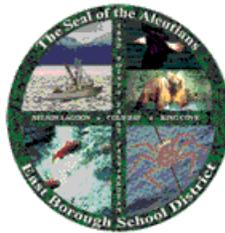
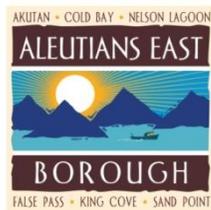


In the Loop



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

Reclaim Alaska's Substance Abuse Summit Reaches for Solutions

Those planning to attend Reclaim Alaska's Substance Abuse Summit in September should be prepared to roll up their sleeves and come armed with solutions. The first-ever substance abuse summit for the Aleut region (Sept. 10 – 12, 2014 in Anchorage) is promoting the gathering as 'Not just another conference... Be ready to take action.'

That's exactly what several organizations are planning to do. The A-Team (Aleut Team) comprised of the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, the Aleut Corporation, APICDA, the Aleutians East Borough, the Aleutian Housing Authority and others are tired of seeing the damage substance abuse has done to its people and communities. The conference is designed to bring people together from health organizations, law enforcement, tribal groups and the fishing industry to combat a problem that has plagued the region for years.

“We want to contribute in any way that we can and be part of the overall strategy to help stop the abuse of drugs and alcohol in our region,” said Unisea Senior Vice President Tom Enlow, who is based in Unalaska. “It’s very troubling, and it’s a problem throughout Alaska as well as across the United States.”



“We want to be part of the overall strategy to help stop the abuse of drugs and alcohol in our region,” said Unisea Senior Vice President Tom Enlow.

Unisea is one of several organizations taking part in the conference. Enlow also plans to participate on a panel as a fishing industry representative.

“We didn’t have to think very hard about getting involved,” Enlow said. “We want to be good corporate

citizens of the community. We have the resources that can help.”

Enlow says Unisea has been a fixture in Unalaska for more than 40 years.

“For us, it’s really about making sure that we get them (drug dealers) before drugs get into the hands of young kids and before they destroy another life,” Enlow said.

Aleutian Housing Authority (AHA), the primary provider of affordable housing in the region, has seen first-hand how drugs can destroy lives in the Aleut communities. AHA Executive Director Dan Duame said the drug problem has become significantly worse in recent years.

“It impacts everything that goes on out there,” he said. “It affects residents and their abilities to meet their financial obligations and maintain their homes.”

“When your neighbor’s (drug) activities are carrying on, it disrupts the whole community,” said Patty Paulus, AHA housing service assistant. “When you’re dealing with families that have substance abuse issues, it affects the children. It affects the future of your communities. How are these communities going to be sustainable?”



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AHA has been forced to deal with the negative impacts of substance abuse.

“Taking someone’s home away is a serious thing,” said Duame. “We have some pretty stringent rules and regulations that we need to follow in order to that. Unfortunately, if push comes to shove, that’s what we have to do. It’s a very hard thing to do, particularly when kids are involved.”

Enlow and Duame are hopeful positive results will come from the summit.

“It’s going to take time, and it’s going to take persistence,” Duame said. “But hopefully, this will be the start of taking some positive steps toward resolving the problem.”

“We’re excited to participate in this summit,” Enlow added. “We want to contribute in a meaningful way to the pool of ideas that will help battle this problem.”

To register for the summit, [click here](#).

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Interior Secretary Tells Alaskans to “Get Over it” on King Cove Road Decision

Majority Leader Pruitt shocked at blunt reaction from question posed at White House



Alaska House Majority Leader Lance Pruitt released the following statement in reaction to U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell’s unprofessional comment when asked by Pruitt about her intentions to reconsider her Record of Decision on blocking a land trade that would lead to the development of the long-sought King Cove-Cold Bay Road.

In a meeting at the White House last Friday (July 25, 2014), sponsored by the National Conference of State Legislatures with three Obama

Administration cabinet secretaries, Pruitt asked Secretary Jewell if she knew when she would respond to numerous requests from local residents, the legislature and Alaska’s congressional members to reconsider her decision to block the proposed land trade between the state and federal governments.

“I was shocked and taken aback at her quick and callous comment indicating that there were bigger issues and that Alaskans need to just ‘get over this.’ It angers me that the person who holds the power to simply shut down this vital public safety project would be so quick to dismiss my question, and showcase in front of legislative leaders from across the country her arrogance and lack of respect to our entire state.”

“King Cove residents deserve a response to their letter requesting reconsideration. I asked the question after meeting with both Senator Begich and Senator Murkowski yesterday. Sen. Murkowski sent a letter to Secretary Jewell just two days ago on the issue, and asked me to follow up. I didn’t expect such a hand-waving dismissal. Sadly, it’s not surprising, except for the setting. Bald face, contemptuous federal overreach was on full display, in front of my peers from across the nation.”

[Read more](#)

Seven Months Later, Still No Help for King Cove

Sen. Murkowski Calls Out Jewell’s Failure to Act, Urges Return Visit to Alaska Village

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R- Alaska) sent a letter to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell last week, criticizing her ongoing failure to protect the health and safety of the people of King Cove, Alaska.

Murkowski’s latest letter comes exactly seven months after Jewell rejected a life-saving road to provide the isolated community with emergency medical access to the all-weather airport in neighboring Cold Bay.

“As you are likely aware, the months since your decision have held no small amount of disappointment, frustration and anguish for those who live in King Cove,” Murkowski wrote to Jewell.

“Throughout that time, both local leaders and Alaska’s elected officials have repeatedly sought



Sen. Lisa Murkowski

to convince you to reassess your position and to fulfill your promises to this remote community. Unfortunately, the record shows that you have not sought to resolve the very real risks residents face, and instead have done little to nothing to actually help them.”

In her letter, Murkowski outlined a lengthy series of correspondence, inquiries, and questions from King Cove and other Alaska officials that Jewell has received. Despite promising to help the community, Jewell has ignored – and failed to respond – to any of those efforts.

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King Cove Tribes, Community Leaders Write Impassioned Letter to President, Pleading for Life-Saving Road through Izembek Refuge

King Cove tribal and local government leaders sent a heartfelt [letter](#) to President Obama earlier this month (July 8, 2014), hoping to convince him to allow for a small gravel road connecting the remote community to the all-weather Cold Bay Airport, located just 25 miles away. King Cove has been battling for the road for decades in order to medevac seriously ill or injured patients during frequent periods of severe weather.

“We must have this road through a refuge, Mr. President, and provide for our families a life-saving way out of town when medical emergencies strike,” the letter states.

The letter is signed by the Agdaagux Tribe of King Cove, the King Cove (Native) Corporation, the Belkofski Tribal Council, The City of King Cove and the Aleutians East Borough.

“Everyone in this town of 960 wakes up praying that no one in their family will get hurt on a day when the fog will not lift or the wind refuses to lay down. Everyone in this town categorically rejects the notion that our lives are not equal to the lives of geese and swans, or the idea that a minimally used, one-lane gravel road will substantially disrupt their migratory lives. We’re hoping that you meant it when you spoke before the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe last month, and declared that we need not give up our culture to be part of the American Family. From where you stood in North Dakota, your voice carried all the way to our remote section of Alaskan coastline.”

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Contractor Paves Way for Smoother Airport Road in Sand Point



QAP will arrive in Sand Point in mid-August to re-pave the city's main airport road leading into town.

Sand Point will soon see more traffic than usual on the city's main airport road leading into town, as crews prepare to repave the aged and cracked road surface. The project went out to bid earlier this summer and was recently awarded to QAP.

"They're loading up barges with gravel right now," said Andy Varner, Sand Point Administrator, "so they're starting to mobilize.

QAP plans to begin paving in mid-August.

The cost for the facelift will be \$2.75 million.

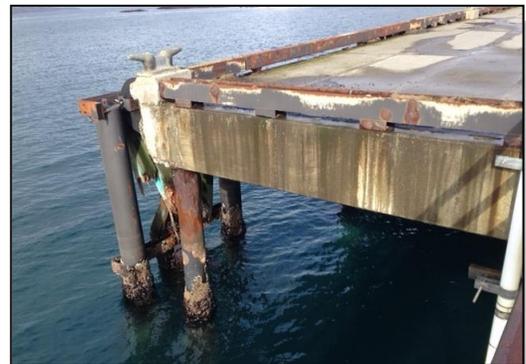
"I wasn't sure it would get done this year because it was such a short timeline," Varner said.

However, QAP plans to meet that timeline by getting the paving done in about a month. Crews will pave more than a two-mile stretch of road, including a section near the Trident plant.

"They're planning to have it wrapped up by mid-September," said Varner. "A lot of people – residents and folks on the city council – are looking forward to it."

Sand Point's Plan to Rebuild Dock in the Works

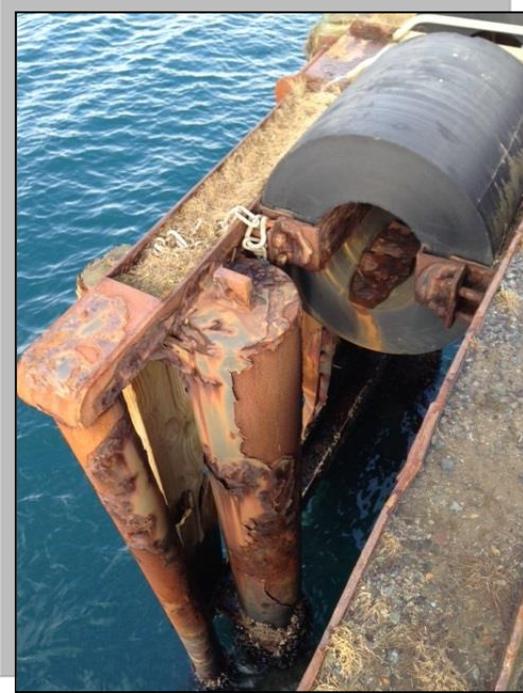
Sand Point's dock is often a hubbub of activity, especially during the busy summer months when thousands of pounds of seafood product are being offloaded. On top of that, the dock also gets several visits every summer and fall from the Tustumena, as people take advantage of travel on the ferry. This kind of



Sand Point is requesting funds from the Alaska Legislature to replace its dock.

use and abuse can take its toll as the decades roll by. That's why city officials have been requesting funds from the Alaska legislature for years to repair the damage.

"Essentially, the dock has a lot of cracking in the concrete structure," said Sand Point Administrator Andy Varner. "The pilings are corroded and misaligned in some places. The dock face is damaged. But primarily, it relates to the amount of steel underneath the dock that's been corroding away for more than 30 years."



"Essentially, the dock has a lot of cracking in the concrete structure," said Sand Point Administrator Andy Varner.

About four months ago, city officials met with Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT) Commissioner Patrick Kemp in Juneau to discuss possible options. That meeting turned out to be very fruitful.

"The Department has been very helpful with this," said Varner. "He (Kemp) is of the mindset that we should try to replace the dock, so that's what we're proceeding to do."

money, and the City of Sand Point matched it to fund a preliminary design report. The request for proposals is due today.

"So we'll find out soon which engineering firm will create the preliminary design," he added. "That will give us the concept of what it should look like as well as a cost estimate."

If all goes as planned, the city will have a dollar amount by September to help get the ball rolling.

"Then we'll take that figure to DOT and the legislature, and hopefully that will get into the next budget."

DOT provided some seed



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British Adventurers Visit AEB Communities while on Global Trek



Sarah Outen and her teammate, Justine Curgenvan, are half-way through a grueling human-powered global expedition. On their way, they visited several communities in the Aleutian Islands and along the Alaska Peninsula. Photo courtesy: Sarah Outen

Last year, she became the first woman to row solo from Japan to Alaska. Today it's a new and exciting journey for British adventurer Sarah Outen. Currently, she is half-way through a grueling human-powered global expedition

which began underneath the London Bridge in 2011 and recently, took her to several

communities along the Alaska Peninsula and the Aleutian Islands. She hopes to wrap up this

bold endeavor by the fall of 2015. Her goal: to loop the planet using a row boat, bike and kayak. For Outen and her teammate, Justine Curgenvan, it's a charity fundraising and storytelling mission as well as an incredible adventure. Along the way, she visits schools and community centers, hoping to inspire others to take on their own challenges.

“She is amazing and has a lot of strength and determination, both physically and mentally to do what she is doing,” said King Cove



King Cove resident Della Trumble and her niece, Jada Bear, met with Outen and Curgenvan during their visit. Photo courtesy: Sarah Outen.

resident Della Trumble, who met with Outen and Curgenvan recently when they visited the community.

While there, Trumble took the two women on a tour of King Cove.

“They did a presentation at the culture center about their trip last year from Japan to Adak and from Adak to here,” said Trumble. “They also gave the kids a few rides in their kayaks. The kids loved both of them and had a great



Jada Bear tries out Outen's kayak. Photo courtesy: Sarah Outen.

time.”

For Outen, the highlight of her expedition has been meeting people in the many communities where she has stopped.

“That experience helps to personalize the history of these islands and the peninsula for me,” she said via email. “We have been warmly welcomed into all the communities. One of my favorite parts of the whole journey has been hearing stories and learning about life out here, past and present. I have really enjoyed letting people, especially kids, try out our kayaks.”

Ian Shangin of Akutan was all smiles as he tried out Outen’s kayak during her visit there.



British adventurer Sarah Outen gives lessons to Ian Shangin of Akutan. Photo courtesy: Sarah Outen.
Peninsula communities.

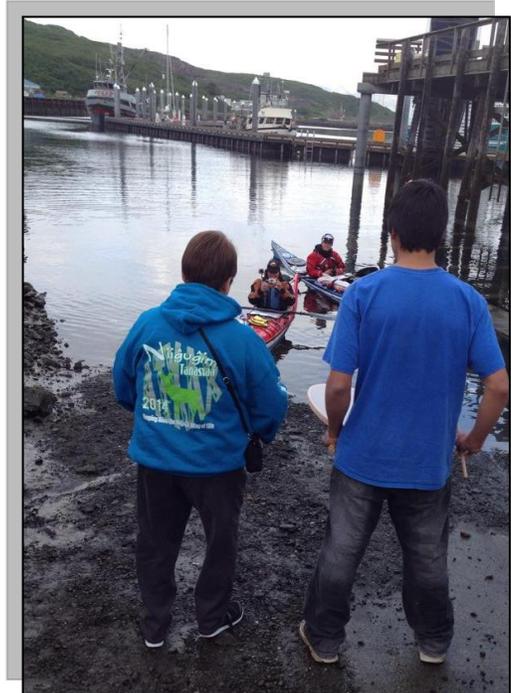
“My nephew and my son (Ian) had rides in her kayak,” said Josephine Shangin, the tribal transportation assistant with the Native Village of Akutan. “They (Outen and Curgenven) gave them lessons. Sarah said the locals were very hospitable, friendly and helpful.”

During her visit, Outen learned how important fisheries are to the Aleutian Islands and the Alaska

“During our short stay in Akutan a couple of weeks ago, we were given a quick tour around the outside of a fish processing plant, enough to get a sense of the scale of the operations and the volume of fish going in and out,” she wrote.

When Outen and Curgenven arrived in Sand Point, they visited the kids and instructors at the QTT culture camp.

“We watched young teens skinning an octopus in a traditional food foraging class,” Outen wrote in her blog. “We also watched a table of first-timers start the laborious process of preparing grass to weave a tiny basket, while in another corner, glass beaded headdresses were being made. On another table, traditional drums were taking shape.”



QTT Culture Camp instructors and students sing and drum as Outen and Curgenven continue on their journey after visiting Sand Point. Photo courtesy: Qagan Tayagungin Tribe.

Outen also delivered a presentation in Sand Point.

“It’s awesome what she is doing,” said Shangin, who also teaches language at the culture camp every year. “The presentation of her journey during the last two years and how she began is amazing.”

Sand Point police officer Michael Livingston showed Outen and Curgenvin around, provided her with accommodations and connected her to people in town for kayak repairs.



“I think Sarah is a tremendous role model for youngsters who have great ambitions,” Sand Point police officer Michael Livingston said. Photo by Eric Tupper.

“I think Sarah is a tremendous role model for youngsters who have great ambitions,” Livingston said. “I think what she’s doing is awesome. They have been very professional in their approach and have carefully thought through everything to make their journey as safe as possible. What they’re doing is really super cool.”

During her expedition, Outen has gained a lot of knowledge about the terrain and the often challenging weather in Alaska.

“The biggest challenges of this stretch of kayaking from Adak to Homer have been the big passes, the changeable weather and the

unpredictable currents and tides,” said Outen. “My favorite thing is the contrasting landscapes and abundant wildlife,” she said.

“It’s been a lot of fun to track Sarah and Justine to see where they are,” Livingston said. “The last time I checked, they were close to Katmai. Maybe they’re going to paddle over to Kodiak and then up to the Barren Islands and then to Homer.”

Outen and her teammate, Curgenvin, have been very appreciative of the people who have hosted them during their visits to the communities.

“I think people have been really supportive of our journey and keen to help where they can,” said Outen. “They’re also eager to learn about what it’s been like for me – both this section and my overall journey from London. People want to know why I set out, what the places and people have been like where I have visited. Of course, they also want to know about the Royal Family.”

To learn more information about Outen's journey and to track her progress, visit the link below:
<http://www.sarahouten.com/>

QTT Culture Camp Shares Fascinating Aleut Culture with Students in Sand Point



On the final day of culture camp, students launched the igyax they built at the spit beach. Photo courtesy: Qagan Tayagungin Tribe.

Imagine going back hundreds of years in time to learn how your ancestors survived and celebrated their rich culture on the beautiful, windswept Aleutian Islands. That's exactly what 87 kids in Sand Point did this summer at the 2014 Culture Camp, hosted by the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe (QTT). Students entering kindergarten through 12th grade learned and honed their skills at creating original

Aleut regalia, drums, bentwood hats, dance,

storytelling and practicing the Unangan Tunuu (Aleut) language.

One of the highlights this year was building a 12-foot-long igyax out of driftwood, with the assistance of instructor Marc Daniels. On the final day of culture camp, the campers launched the igyax they constructed at the spit beach.



Throughout the two-week camp, kids were fully immersed in a variety of activities. Photo courtesy: Qagan Tayagungin Tribe.

Throughout the two-week camp (July 14 to 24, 2014), the kids were fully immersed in a variety of activities. The younger kids enjoyed learning about tide pools, arts and crafts, language and dance. As the campers come back, year after year, they advance at their skills.

“Dance Group 1 has been here since kindergarten. They’re slowly working on their regalia,” said Culture Camp Director Carla Chebotnoy. “Dance Group 2 is the older group (7th – 12th grade). They have full regalia and head dresses. It’s considered a privilege to be among the older groups.”



Campers work on Aleut dancing. Photo courtesy: Qagan Tayagungin Tribe.

Chebotnoy said typically it’s mostly the girls who are excited about working on the regalia. However, this year, the boys have



Anthony wears his completed regalia. Photo courtesy: Qagan Tayagungin Tribe.

become more interested in the craft.

“The boys have really gotten into it this year,” said Chebotnoy. “We actually had three boys complete their regalia. Usually we have one, maybe two complete theirs.”

The number of campers has increased this year to a total of 87. That’s six more



Making drums is a popular activity for the campers. Photo courtesy: Qagan Tayagungin Tribe.

than last year.

“This year, we had some come from Anchorage, Seattle and King Cove,” Chebotnoy said. “A lot of older boys have also joined.”

Chebotnoy says making drums is one of the biggest draws for the boys.

The process of creating them begins with boiling strips of oak wood in a pan. Next, they are bent around objects. The handles are made from alders and attached to the round rims. Once they’re covered with fabric, a clear finish is added to make the drum tighter and the sound

better.

“They really like it because they enjoy drumming to the sound,” she said.



Spending time with elders. Photo courtesy: Qagan Tayagungin Tribe.

Enjoying the various aspects of the Aleut culture is what the camp is all about. The instructors find it rewarding to pass down the traditions to the younger generations to help perpetuate their heritage. Without the teaching, the traditions and the language would be lost.

“I remember growing up in Sand Point and hearing my grandmother speak the language with the ladies we called ‘the church ladies’,” said Chebotnoy. “We went to the Orthodox Church, and they always spoke the language when they were together. Now, there are no elders around that speak Aleut (fluently) in Sand Point anymore. It’s so important that we don’t lose our traditional language and culture.”

Language teachers begin instructing the camp children in the Aleut language just before they enter kindergarten.

“The kids are very excited about learning the language,” said Chebotnoy.

Chebotnoy’s two daughters, Shalene Jackson and Karis Porcincula participated in the camp for years.

“Now both of my daughters are instructors and can speak some of the language. I hope that my grandson is able to grow up learning and sharing the language, too,” she said.



Instructor Sharon Kay leads a group in basket weaving. Photo courtesy: Qagan Tayagungin Tribe.

Building Alaska: UAF Construction Trades Technology Students Remodel Sand Point City Office Building; Learn Technician Level Skills to Repair and Maintain Toyo Stoves

Registration is open for UAF's Fall 2014 Semester. Call (888) 474-5207

By Leona Long, marketing coordinator at Interior Aleutians Campus



Sergio Porcincula (left) and Ken Spjut (right) lay flooring in the Sand Point City office building as part of their Construction Trades Technology coursework.

Ken Spjut finishes what he starts. Especially when it's picking up where he and his UAF classmates left off when they remodeled Sand Point's city office building as part of three Construction Trades Technology (CTT) classes.

In December, Spjut was one of three CTT Interior-Aleutians Campus students who gave the city office building a makeover. They ripped up stained carpeting and replaced it with wood flooring.

"My classmates and I worked until we ran out of supplies," says Ken Spjut, who is responsible for maintaining Sand Point's six city-owned buildings. "After that, I ordered supplies and finished refurbishing the building. All the training I got from the classes was incredible because I now go into every project with more confidence."

The building's facelift was warmly received by the community.

"The CTT students have done some awesome work fixing up the city building in Sand Point," commented Michael Livingston, a local police officer. "City Hall was built around 1964, but the CTT students have it looking and feeling like it was built in 2014! From brand new carpet in the basement hallways, to hardwood floors on the second floor, and the fine

tuning of the oil furnaces, as well as new sheet rock with fresh paint in other parts of the building, City Hall is looking tremendous! Thank you so very much to the amazing CTT students who have made us proud to work in Sand Point's City Hall.”

Rather than just reading a textbook, students learn construction skills by working on a project like remodeling Sand Point’s city offices building. After a brief classroom lecture, the instructor demonstrates safety precautions and skills like carpentry or Toyo Stove repair. For the remainder of the class, students learn the skills by finishing the work.

Any mistake is a welcome teaching opportunity because many students learn best by fixing what was done incorrectly.



Left to right: Michael Hirt, program head for Construction Trades Technology and Bryan Uher, administrative manager for Interior-Aleutians Campus at the completion ceremony in Sand Point.



Left to right: Patrick Brown, Max Chebetnoy and Sergio Porcincula of Sand Point receive their occupational endorsements in Construction Trades Technology from the UAF Interior –Aleutians Campus.

The CTT classes taught in Sand Point lead to a UAF rural facility maintenance occupational endorsement. The curriculum is a collection of nine one and two-credit classes that give students an overview on how to trouble shoot boilers and heating and cooling systems; finish carpentry, building repairs, installing cabinets, counter tops and flooring; plumbing; appliances and safely using power tools. Each class includes face-to-face instruction from instructors with decades of practical experience and hands-on training.

“I am taking Construction Trades Technology classes to further my education and move up in my field of work in facilities maintenance,” says Max Chebetnoy, who works for the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe.

In January, Anthony DeAngelis taught I-AC’s Toyo Stove and Appliance Repair class in

Sand Point. The hands-on class taught students technician-level skills in about a week. The students learned the tricks of the trade and carefully guarded MacGyver techniques to maintain and fix Toyo stoves.

At the beginning of the class, the students were hesitant. Days later, they had created four working Toyo stoves from 10 discarded units Anthony found at the landfill. Additionally, they repaired stoves brought in by community members.

“I teach my students to the same standard that I was trained as a certified Toyo technician,” says Anthony, who has a decade of experience as an electrician and heating technician. “At the end of the class, my students are competent and empowered to fix their own stoves.”

Registration is now open for the 2014 fall semester. UAF classes begin in September. Many I-AC classes begin in October and are available via audio conference. Students who register early have the best chance of getting the classes they want and staying on track for graduation. I-AC’s student services staff is here to help, and they are just a phone call or email away. The staff can help you improve your grades with FREE math and English tutoring, resolve computer problems or answer your financial aid questions.

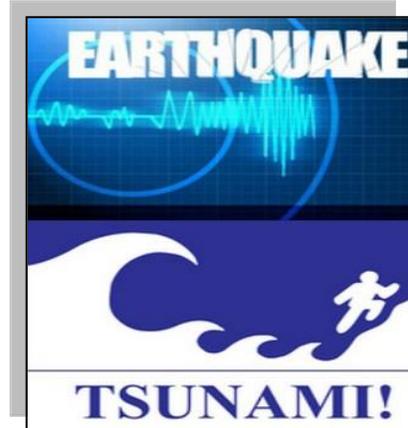
Previously the Aleutians Pribilof Center has offered classes in art, computer sciences, welding technologies, foreign languages, marine and atmospheric science classes. Students can also choose from a wide selection of distance learning courses to earn credits toward a university certificate, associate’s, bachelor’s or master’s degree. For more information about the Construction Trades Technology program or to register, call Interior-Aleutians Campus 1-888-474-5207 or visit www.uaf.edu/iac.

7.9 Earthquake Rattles Aleutian Island’s Nuclear Test Site

By U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Legacy Management, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association (members of the Amchitka Working Group)

Several earthquakes with magnitudes ranging from 6.6 to 7.9 occurred approximately 20 to 40 miles off the northwest coast of Amchitka Island on June 23 and 24, 2014. The magnitude 7.9 main shock occurred at a depth of about 60 miles below the surface and triggered a tsunami warning in the region, which was later cancelled. If the magnitude 7.9 earthquake had been

shallower, the likelihood of an actual tsunami would have been greater. Scores of aftershocks with magnitudes ranging from 4.8 to 5.9 were also recorded later in the region. The depth of these earthquakes ranged from 22 to 70 miles beneath the earth's surface. The main shock and most of the other earthquakes represent deformation of the Pacific plate after it has been subducted beneath North America. Such intermediate depth earthquakes are a normal feature of most subduction zones. The magnitude 7.9 main shock was one of the largest immediate-depth earthquakes ever recorded beneath North America, although larger intermediate-depth earthquakes have occurred in other places.



These seismic events occurred soon after the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) had repaired the satellite telemetry link for the seismic station on Amchitka, which also restored communications to USGS-Alaska Volcano Observatory seismic networks on nearby volcanoes. Shortly after the repair of the station on Amchitka, the USGS-Alaska Volcano Observatory coincidentally began detecting low-magnitude seismic events on Semisopochnoi Island, approximately 35 miles east-northeast of Amchitka. This shallow seismic swarm continues, although it now appears to be declining in activity with time.



The seismicity of Amchitka has been of interest to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and its predecessor agencies for many decades. During the planning for the nuclear testing on the island, the USGS was commissioned to evaluate the seismic conditions on Amchitka. Based on that work, the USGS concluded that the region surrounding Amchitka was in a seismically active region of the earth. Amchitka is cut by a series of extensional faults that have

clearly been active within the last 2 million years. However, there was no evidence of significant seismic activity, such as surface fault rupture on Amchitka during the past 10,000 years.

The DOE Office of Legacy Management (LM) is responsible for the monitoring of three underground nuclear test sites on Amchitka. As part of this monitoring, the USGS will be monitoring the Global Positioning Survey coordinates of seven geodetic stations on Amchitka to understand if there has been differential shifting, which could indicate active faulting on the island. The USGS plans to conduct the geodetic monitoring in 2016.

DOE-LM also monitors seven sites on Amchitka where contaminated drilling muds from the nuclear testing emplacement shafts are encapsulated in engineered earthen containment cells called *mud pit caps*. The mud pit caps are designed with gentle slopes and a multi-component cover that includes a geomembrane for added durability in extreme conditions. However, during strong ground shaking events, the potential exists for the side-slopes of the mud pit caps to fail. Side-slope failure is more likely to occur if the soils that comprise the cover are wet. Because precipitation occurs nearly every day of the year on Amchitka, the probability of wet soils is nearly guaranteed.



The DOE's next regularly scheduled site inspection is 2016. However, because of the severity

of the recent seismic activity, DOE plans to visit Amchitka this summer to assess the integrity of each of the seven mud pit caps and compare current site conditions to observations made in the summer of 2011. DOE-LM's site visit in 2014 would also include an inspection of the three detonation sites where a monument marks the surface location of the underground detonation. While on the island, and moving from one site to the next, personnel will also observe the condition of the extensive road system on the island, focused on Infantry Road. In the past, the road has been washed out at places making vehicular travel difficult.

No additional assessment of the integrity of the underground blast cavity would be performed during the 2014 site visit. However, the seismic monitoring network, which was repaired earlier this year, will continue to transmit important seismic data to scientists at the Alaska Volcano Observatory, who will share the data with the National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colorado and the Alaska Earthquake Center in Fairbanks through the Advanced National Seismic System (ANSS). Furthermore, the results of the on-island monitoring from the 2014 site visit will be provided to Amchitka project stakeholders, including the Alaska Department of Conservation, and the Aleutian Pribilof Island Association.

SWAMC Announces Opening of 30-day Comment Period on Latest Update of CEDS

The Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference is happy to announce that the 30-day comment period on their latest update of the Southwest Alaska Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy has opened. The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is the product of an ongoing regional planning process. It is updated every five years and builds upon SWAMC's previous planning efforts. The CEDS is the guiding document for all of SWAMC's efforts and provides staff with the background and direction they need for working with partners, allocating funding, and prioritizing efforts that support economic development in the region.



The CEDS draft may be downloaded at:

http://www.swamc.org/files/SWAMC_CEDS_2014-2019_DRAFT_6-30-14.pdf

Please direct all comments to SWAMC's Interim Director, Erik O'Brien, at EObrien@SWAMC.org. Your feedback is welcome.

News from Eastern Aleutian Tribes

By Jennifer Harrison, EAT Executive Director

People

- Welcome our New Hires:
 - Linda Mack, HR Assistant, Anchorage (first day July 21st)
 - Christopher Jones, IT Technician, Anchorage (first day July 21st)
 - Joanna Karlsen, Primary Care Technician (PCT), Sand Point (first day August 4th)
- Open Positions:
 - Community Health Aides – Akutan, Cold Bay, and Nelson Lagoon

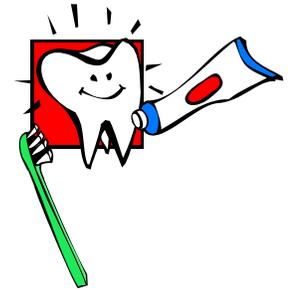


- Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant – Akutan
 - Behavioral Health Clinician – Sand Point
 - Accounting Medical Billing Clerk – Anchorage
 - Clinical Information Clerk (CIC) / Janitor - Akutan
- We are restarting the **Internship Program** in the Anchorage office. It will provide training and financial support to qualifying regional tribal members pursuing higher education or a medical vocation. The intern will perform a wide range of entry level professional duties, and observe operations at three clinics. Program activities provide the intern with knowledge of EAT methods, procedures, information systems and standards.

Service

- Customer Service Winners from July’s All Hands Staff Meeting:
 - **Dave Shortland** (Itinerant CHAP, Sand Point) was nominated by his co-worker. We had a seriously ill patient last week that required medevac. It is impossible to provide all of the details in the context of this email, but our patient required a tremendous amount of physical and medical interventions. Dave was not on call that night. He chose to stay and help with the patient. He stayed with the patient and exhausted himself providing care. Dave has repeatedly volunteered throughout his time here in Sand Point. His support for our patients is greatly appreciated.
 - **Suzie Schwarz** (PA, Adak) was nominated by her co-worker, because he was so grateful after his recent stay in Adak. It was the second night he was there and he went out for a long walk and the next day had so much pain in his right foot that he could hardly stand on it when he woke up. He had been dealing with pain in his right big toe for seven plus years, he has been told he is getting older and it is most likely arthritis. No work up ever done. He mentioned to Suzie that he woke up with the pain and also how he has been having pain for some time. She said, “why don’t we work it up, take a few pictures”. He thought “sure, maybe I can find out what is really causing the pain”. So Suzie did the work up and took the x-rays and he has a free floating piece of bone in the joint of his big toe. So now he has hope that something can be done to reduce the pain he has been having for all these years. He just wants to let the [Executive Director] know how appreciative he is that Suzie did what was needed. She didn’t go above and beyond just what was called for. He wrote “I can’t stop thinking if this had been done the first time I went to have it checked out all of the years ago, I could have possibly been pain-free”.
- I have the following trips planned, so that I can visit with community members in person.
 - Akutan via ferry through Sand Point, King Cove, Cold Bay, and False Pass in August 20-28th
 - Nelson Lagoon on September 29th – October 3rd (tentative)
 - Sand Point – November 10-15th (tentative)

- EAT Dental Department
 - Cold Bay: Erik Linduska, DHAT, on July 25th-August 8th
 - Sand Point: Dr. Costa on August 18-29th and September 15-26th
 - False Pass: Erik Linduska, DHAT, on September 1-12th
 - Nelson Lagoon: Erik Linduska, DHAT, on October 6-17th
 - Akutan: Dr. Costa on October 20-31st



- Upcoming Emergency Management Services Classes (Call **Susan Shoemaker** in Sand Point at 907-903-0255 for more information)
 - ETT: False Pass: October
 - ETT – EMT1 Bridge – Sand Point: November

Financial

- June was a good month with net income.

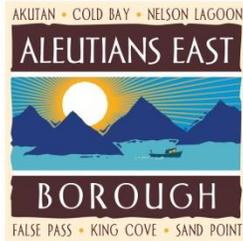
Growth/Innovation

- Webpage is under construction and should be a new layout within the next month.
- We are working on creating a video on the Founders' Story for Eastern Aleutian Tribes. The next step is to find a contractor to help us. Please contact me if you would like to be part of this exciting project.

King Cove City Clerk Wins Aleut Corp. Photo Contest

King Cove City Clerk Savannah Yatchmeneff won the grand prize for The Aleut Corporation Photo Contest. Her photo is titled "Making Wishes" and features Bailee Drew Wilson. Savannah was awarded an iPad for her winning photo.





Akutan Marine Link

Helicopter service is provided between the Akutan Airport and the village of Akutan.

To make reservations please go to:

<http://www.akutanairportlink.com>



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“Reclaim Alaska: The Aleut Solution” SUBSTANCE ABUSE SUMMIT September 10-12th, 2014

*Understanding The Problem & Tried Solutions
Turning Hope into Action
Developing Strategies to Reclaim Alaska*

Location:

The Coast International Inn – 3450 Aviation Avenue – Anchorage, AK 99502
907-243-2233

Use Group Name Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association or Group #180284 for special room rate. Code expires 8/27/14.

Pen Air Travel Between Anchorage and Cold Bay - \$289 each way; Sand Point - \$289 each way; St. George - \$329 each way; St. Paul - \$329 each way. Travel between 9/7-9/14. See Pen Air Reservations for terms and conditions.
Promo Code: SAS14

Registration is open: <http://2014substanceabusesummit.eventbrite.com>



In partnership with our “A-Team” (Aleut-Team) partners, APIA has formed a committee to plan a first-ever Substance Abuse summit for our region. We are pleased to invite you to participate in this region-wide gathering of Aleut communities. Anyone wishing

to help sponsor or contribute to the Summit please contact the 2014 Substance Abuse Summit coordinator April Arbuckle, Assistant Community Health Services Administrator at april@apiai.org or call 907-276-2700.

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