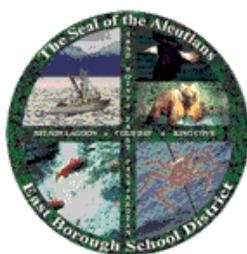
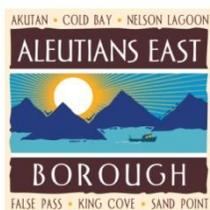


In the Loop



Eastern Aleutian Tribes

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

Geotextile Container Revetment Recommended as Alternative to Dilapidated Nelson Lagoon Seawall

Nelson Lagoon could see construction of a new shoreline protection measure as soon as this fall, if all goes as planned. The village is planning to go forward with the geotextile container revetment, the most affordable alternative recommended by HDR, the engineering firm hired by the Borough to study the extent of Nelson Lagoon's erosion. However, the project will most likely have to be done in phases, as funding becomes available.

The community, situated on a spit, is surrounded by



A new shoreline protection option will soon be built to replace Nelson Lagoon's dilapidated seawall. Photo by Anne Bailey.

the Bering Sea on one side and Nelson Lagoon, on the other.



In the fall of 2013, a storm hammered the community's shoreline, knocking down portions of a timber seawall that had been in place for nearly 30 years. Photo by Laurie Cummings, HDR.

In the fall of 2013, a storm hammered the community's shoreline, knocking down portions of a timber seawall (on the lagoon side) that has been in place for nearly 30 years. Portions of the battered breakwater were completely flattened, leaving homes exposed to potentially severe storms and pounding waves. HDR documented additional shoreline

erosion since that storm on the east side of Nelson Lagoon.

"It actually had been a very successful structure (up until that time)," said HDR Planner Laurie Cummings. "It had an extremely long life expectancy for this type of structure, and it has withstood the test of time, but it needs to be replaced with something newer."

A year ago, HDR presented the community with several options. Based on HDR's preliminary analysis, the firm determined that three of them were reasonable alternatives based on the initial capital costs of the project. They included a gabion mattress revetment, a timber seawall with a gabion pad or geotextile containers.

"We wanted to identify a project that would be affordable within the likely available resources of the community," said Cummings.

The first option, the gabion mattress revetment, would cost just over \$1 million. The second alternative (the timber seawall) would cost nearly \$1.6 million. The third and more affordable option, the geotextile container revetment, would cost approximately \$794,000. HDR ultimately chose the last alternative as the recommended option for Nelson Lagoon.



HDR chose the geotextile container revetment as the recommended option for Nelson Lagoon.

"We like this recommended alternative because it can be developed in phases with local labor," said Cummings. "So you can develop the high

priority areas, and then gradually extend it as funding becomes available.”

Cummings said the best way to visualize this alternative is to think of it as a very large sandbag.

“It would be about eight feet by eight feet in length,” Cummings said. “It’s really big and has a lot of bulk, so it can’t be moved by waves. We would have a series of geotextile containers made out of a high strength geotextile fabric that is filled with sand, with two on bottom and one on top, to act as a seawall. Fortunately, the community has a lot of sand, and you have equipment that could be used to fill and place the bags in Nelson Lagoon.”

Cummings said another nice feature is that if a bag happens to get damaged, it can be replaced easily.



HDR Coastal Engineer Ronny McPherson and Planner Laurie Cummings met with Nelson Lagoon residents during a public meeting on May 27, 2015. They discussed the recommended option and gathered additional input from residents. Photo by Laurie Cummings.

“A lot of environmental agencies are on board with this type of alternative because if it gets damaged, it’s just releasing local sand back into the environment,” she said. “It’s not something that’s been imported from outside of the ecosystem.”

HDR had initially proposed two access points that would be keyed into the beach. Cummings said any additional openings would undermine the effectiveness of the revetment. However, feedback from residents at

the meeting suggested removing the access points and instead having one continuous seawall with the geotextile containers.

HDR is recommending against removing sections of the existing seawall that are still upright.

“If it’s already fallen and flat, definitely go ahead and remove that,” said HDR Coastal Engineer Ronny McPherson. “But if it’s still there and upright, we’re just going to push this revetment in front of it. We’re afraid if you were to try to pull that wall out of there, you might have some technical failure in one of the (exposed) houses.”



HDR is recommending removing only the sections of the existing timber seawall that have fallen completely flat. Photo by Anne Bailey.

HDR conducted a 55-year projection based on historical aerial photographs. The team also used another tool, computer modeling, to examine effects from tide and the wind during a storm event. The analysis demonstrated that multiple buildings and the community's airport could be adversely affected by erosion over the years if protection measures aren't put into place soon.

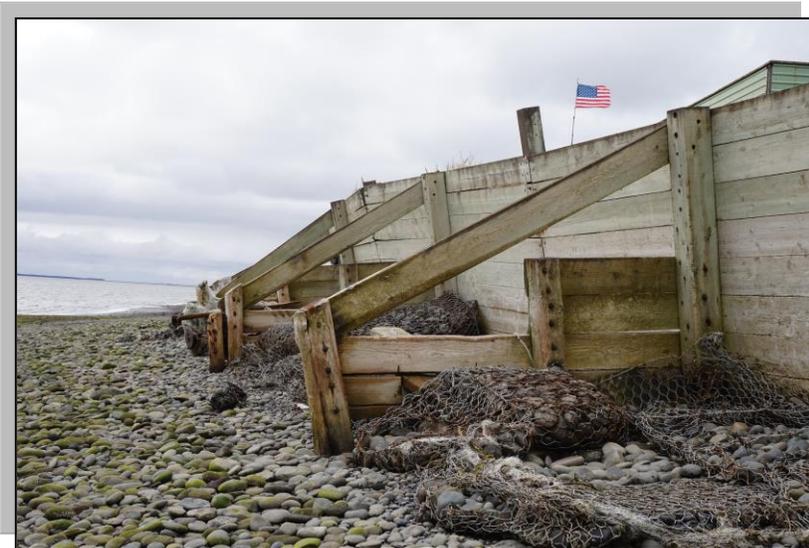
Coming up with funding for the shoreline protection alternative has been another key component to making this project happen. Aleutians East Borough Assistant Administrator Anne Bailey has been busy during the past several months exploring various options to secure the necessary funding.



AEB Assistant Borough Administrator Anne Bailey has been busy during the past several months exploring various options to secure the necessary funding for the new shoreline protection option. Photo by Laurie Cummings, HDR.

“I applied for a community development block grant (CDBG) through the State of Alaska,” Bailey explained. “We

received \$225,000 for the project, which isn't enough. The entire structure would cost approximately \$794,000. The Borough has donated \$108,000. APICDA and the Nelson Lagoon Corporation have donated another \$100,000.”



HDR Coastal Engineer Ronny McPherson said residents should leave any upright portions of the existing seawall in place. “We’re just going to push the revetment in front of it,” he said. “We’re afraid if you were to try to pull that wall out of there, you might have some technical failure in one of the houses.” Photo by Laurie Cummings, HDR.

Bailey is hopeful there might be additional money in the CDBG fund that's overflow from other projects. If that's the case, it's possible the state may provide additional funding. In any case, she said based on HDR's analysis, this project can be done in a piecemeal fashion.

“If everything goes as planned, I'm hoping for the August time

frame,” Bailey said. “At least we can start ordering materials, get them to Nelson Lagoon, and then begin construction through the end of October.”

McPherson explained that the bags would arrive from the manufacturer with an opening to allow for filling them up with sand.

“The manufacturer would provide some sort of sewing machine, which is like a crazy stapler on steroids,” he said. “Then you just go across the top and it’s sealed.”

Utilizing local labor, Nelson Lagoon residents would make use of the resources they have, which include a front loader and a forklift. The geotextile containers can be stacked in different heights along the shoreline, depending on the need.

“So how do you guys feel about the equipment that you own, as far as trying to construct something like this?” McPherson asked Nelson Lagoon residents at the public meeting.

“This is totally do-able,” said Mark McNeley, Environmental Director with the Tribal Village of Nelson Lagoon. “I like the idea of moving the material to a nearby location and then bagging it up there.”

McPherson said all of this is manageable. He said it just depends on how efficient crews can be with it.

“Well, they’re innovative,” said Justine Gundersen, Nelson Lagoon Tribal Administrator.

“Oh, I know you can do it,” McPherson said. “That’s not even a concern of mine.

As far as the location is concerned, McPherson recommended placing the geotextile containers as close to the vegetation line as possible. So basically, that first container would butt up against the ledge, and the next one would go on top.”

One of the residents asked whether the geotextile containers would be stacked in different heights in various areas or would it simply level out. McPherson said his design currently calls for stacking in a pyramid fashion.

“But there’s nothing to say that you can’t go higher or lower in places or have a different configuration, depending on what’s needed,” McPherson said.



After the meeting, HDR Coastal Engineer Ronny McPherson took measurements along the shoreline to document any additional erosion. Photo by Laurie Cummings, HDR.

As the public meeting wrapped up, the HDR team left the designs with Nelson Lagoon residents so they can study them further and determine if any additional changes need to be made.

“You’re doing a good job,” said Gundersen. “All of you.”

In the meantime, many in the village are starting to feel relieved that steps will be taken, possibly as soon as late summer, to begin protecting the community’s eroding shoreline.

APICDA Opens Fish Processing Plant in Washington State

APICDA’s Cannon Fish Company hosted an opening event in May at their new seafood processing plant in Kent, Washington. Congressman Don Young and Washington’s Ninth District Congressman Adam Smith attended along with APICDA’s Board Member Justine Gundersen, from Nelson Lagoon. The offices of Washington Senators Murray and Cantwell were represented in addition to Gov. Inslee’s Washington Maritime Industry office.

“The reason we constructed this plant in Washington State instead of Alaska is pretty basic,” explained Larry Cotter, APICDA CEO. “There is no transportation link between the Aleutians and anywhere else in Alaska unless we ship down to Seattle and then back up north—which doesn’t make economic sense. APICDA has spent \$17 million in False Pass the last three years to construct a year round processing plant and a fuel terminal. We probably have another \$5 million to go. APICDA needs to expand our Atka plant to year round capability —probably another \$17 million. We need to construct a harbor in St. George —at least another \$10



Representative Don Young and Justine Gundersen, APICDA Board Member from Nelson Lagoon, cut the ribbon at APICDA's Cannon Fish Company's new fish processing plant. Photo courtesy: APICDA.

million. APICDA will not generate enough money from our royalties and revenues from our community investments to cover these costs; hence, we must also be invested in out-of-community businesses, like Cannon Fish Company, that are profitable,” added Cotter.

This facility ties directly into APICDA’s processing plants in Alaska —the Atka Pride Seafoods plant in Atka and the Bering Pacific Seafoods plant in False

Pass —and enhances the viability of all three facilities. The new facility also demonstrates that CDQ investments benefit communities and states beyond Alaska.

“We are pleased to be opening this new energy efficient, state of the art facility in Kent to process premium Alaska seafood that positively impacts commerce in two states and feeds the world. Owning and operating a primary and secondary processing plant of our own has long been a goal of Cannon Fish Company. This facility will provide us the ability to reduce costs and control our own production. It is a game changer for us,” explains Pat Rogan, Cannon Fish Company’s President.

APICDA acquired Cannon Fish Company, a value-added seafood processing and marketing company that caters to a nationwide network of retailers, restaurants, specialty grocers and institutions, in August 2013.



Sen. Murkowski Notifies Jewell of Latest King Cove Medevac

Marks 8th Medevac in 2015 and 24th Since Rejection of Life-Saving Road

Washington, DC – U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, yesterday sent a [letter](#) to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell urging her to reverse her devastating rejection of a life-saving road for the remote community of King Cove, Alaska.

Murkowski’s letter was prompted by news of another medevac from King Cove. The medevac – of a woman in her 80s struggling with internal organ issues – was carried out by Guardian Flight on the morning of May 21, nearly 20 hours after she first arrived at King Cove’s medical clinic.

It marked the eighth medevac of 2015, and the 24th medevac since Jewell rejected a nearly 300:1, congressionally-approved, presidentially-signed land exchange needed to facilitate a short, gravel, one-lane, non-commercial road from King Cove to the all-weather airport in neighboring Cold Bay.

Earlier this year, in an appearance before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, [Jewell was unaware](#) of the number of medevacs from King Cove, both this year and in total since her misguided decision on December 23, 2013. Murkowski sent Jewell a [full list of the medevacs](#) in early March, and will notify Jewell of each additional medevac.

The short road is necessary in order to provide King Cove with reliable access to medical care in the event of emergencies and severe weather conditions, which it has lacked since the federal government created the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge. Last week, *National Review* published a feature on this issue entitled “[Deadly Environmentalism](#).”

A copy of Murkowski’s latest letter is attached. More information King Cove’s life-saving road is available on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee’s [website](#).

Deadly Environmentalism

By Ian Tuttle

Reprinted from the June 22, 2015 issue of National Review

For an Alaska town, the price of a wildlife refuge is paid in human lives. The 950 residents of King Cove, Alaska, have been trying to build an emergency road to nearby Cold Bay. They have been trying to build the road for 40 years.

King Cove is near the western tip of the Alaskan Peninsula; a few miles west begin the Aleutian Islands. King Cove has a school and two churches and a Chinese restaurant, and its economy is buttressed by the presence of PeterPan Seafoods, one of the largest commercial fishing operations in North America, whose seasonal employees constitute about one-third of the local population. But like most towns in the Alaskan bush, it has only a small clinic and no full-time physician. For everything from minor surgeries to delivering a baby, residents must venture to a proper hospital — 625 miles away, in Anchorage.



Rarely can that be done direct from King Cove. The town's 3,500-foot gravel airstrip, built in 1970 in the Delta Creek Valley north of town, cannot accommodate large aircraft, and the single- and twin-engine aircraft that use it are particularly vulnerable to King Cove's weather and geography — which are, to put it lightly, forbidding. The airstrip is situated between two volcanic peaks, which funnel into the valley winds that regularly reach 70 mph. And while clear, calm days do visit King Cove, bad weather — thick fog, lashing rain, driving snow — is Mother Nature's curse on King Cove a third of the year, sometimes more.

So getting to Anchorage requires first getting to next-door Cold Bay, a hamlet of 100 people, mainly transient state and federal employees, that happens to be home to a 10,000-foot, all-weather airstrip capable of handling the long-distance flight to the state's largest city. (Why tiny Cold Bay has such an outsized role in King Cove's story is something of a historical accident: Cold Bay Airport was built in World War II, when this distant patch of the Alaska Territory became a strategic outpost against a possible Japanese invasion. The site chosen, Army engineers agreed then, and locals agree now, was the only one in the area suitable for an airstrip of such size.)

The problem is getting to Cold Bay. In clear weather, that can be done with an air taxi from King Cove's airstrip. But when the weather is foul, making the trip to Cold Bay requires a boat (and calm seas) or a medevac helicopter (often supplied by the Coast Guard) — and, potentially, more time than a patient has.

To solve this problem, King Cove residents have sought to build a one-lane, gravel road from



U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell visited King Cove on Aug. 30, 2014. Four months later, she rejected the proposed road linking King Cove to the Cold Bay Airport.

King Cove to Cold Bay, across the two-mile-wide isthmus that links the towns. Nineteen miles of the 30-mile road already exist. But eleven miles remain — and they traverse the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.

This is one infrastructure project in which the Obama administration has not the slightest interest. In August 2013, with King Cove's decades-long effort seemingly about to come to fruition — a bill having passed Congress, the president having signed it — Sally Jewell, secretary of the Department of the Interior, flew to King Cove and, to people

who told her of loved ones waiting desperately for a rescue helicopter, and of friends perishing in plane crashes in the cloud-swathed mountains, announced: “I’ve listened to your stories. Now I have to listen to the animals.”

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King Cove Police Department’s K9 Receives Bullet and Stab-Protective Vest



Faro, the King Cove Police Department’s K9 officer, wears his new bullet and stab-protective vest. Photo by Officer Brad Schneider.

The King Cove Police Department’s K9, “Faro”, has received a ballistic vest, thanks to a non-profit organization, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., and Alaska K9 Center. The organizations raised \$1,452.00 for K9 Faro’s vest. The protective gear arrived on May 14th.

“We were ecstatic when we saw the vest,” said King Cove Officer Brad Schneider, Faro’s handler. “It was like Christmas Day! We could tell it was very well-made.”

Schneider says having a bullet and stab-protective vest to protect Faro is critical.

“First and foremost, it’s about officer safety,” said Schneider. “Faro is an officer of the law, and we need to protect him, just like our human police officers. We get into a lot of bad situations at times during our police work, so this vest will be a huge help.” Currently, Schneider is helping Faro get used to the vest. That includes hiking with the police K9 through difficult terrain while the two-year old German Shepard wears the vest.

“This type of training is similar to what we would do if we were tracking a crime suspect,” said Schneider. “Faro seems to be doing just fine with it.”

Faro and Officer Schneider were trained in narcotics detection and tracking at the Kasseburg Canine Training Center in New Market, Alabama. Both officers received certification through the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association in November 2014. Faro was put into service with the police department on Nov. 28, 2014.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c (3) charity located in East Taunton, MA whose mission is to provide bullet and stab-protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. Each vest costs \$950.00 and has a 5 year warranty. The nonprofit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially life-saving body armor for their four-legged K9 Officers. Through private and corporate sponsorships,



Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provided over 1402 law enforcement dogs in 49 states with protective vests since 2009 at a cost of over \$1.3 million dollars.

King Cove Police Officer Brad Schneider is helping Faro get used to the vest. That includes hiking with the police K9 through difficult terrain while the two-year old German Shepard wears the vest. Photo by Officer Steve Cochran.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. announces their “Hog Wild for K9s” t-shirt is now available online for a \$15.00 donation at www.vik9s.org. Proceeds will provide bullet and stab protective vests, for police dogs actively working without the potentially lifesaving equipment.

The organization orders the U.S. made vests exclusively from distributor Regency Police Supply in Hyannis, MA who also does the custom embroidery on the body armor. Vests are manufacturer by Armor Express in Central Lake, MI.

New K9 graduates as well as K9's with expired vests are eligible to participate. The program is open to law enforcement dogs who are US employed, certified and at least 19 months of age.

For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 508-824-6978. Tax deductible donations accepted via mail to: Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. P.O. Box 9 East Taunton, MA 02718 or the website: www.vik9s.org.

King Cove City Building Gets New Roof, Siding

It's a well-known fact that King Cove often faces extreme weather conditions. Buildings in the city of 950 residents often take a beating as a result. As the years go by, that kind of wear and tear takes its toll, and the City's 15 year-old office building is no exception.

"The vinyl siding it had just didn't seem to hold up to the weather that well," said King Cove Public Works Director Joe Calver. "We decided to change it to HardiePanel (the concrete board)."

The roof shingles also refused to be ignored.

"It was leaking pretty badly," said Calver. "There was a bunch of rotten stuff, so we had to change everything."

The project began in late May with a crew of five people. In many other parts of the country, a summer construction job such as this one could get completed without many challenges. However, in King Cove, it's a different story.

"The weather – it's always the weather," Calver said. "It was raining just about every day. One day, we had a typhoon come through, and it was blowing about 50 mph. We were, of course, working on the roof when it happened. We had the shingles off, and it was raining, so it just made a mess everywhere."

Nevertheless, the crew persevered.



A crew from King Cove's Public Works Department replaced the siding and the roof shingles on the City's office building. Photo courtesy: Joe Calver.

“I told Bonnie Folz (King Cove’s Administrative Manager) that I’d have it done before I left on vacation, and lo and behold, it looks like we’ll make it.”

The crew did make it, and King Cove’s City Building is now better able to withstand the community’s frequent punishing weather. In the meantime, with this project behind him, Calver can truly relax while basking in the Hawaiian sunshine with his family while on vacation.

King Cove Firemen’s Picnic Draws Large Crowd

The King Cove Firemen’s Picnic is always a popular event. However, this year, the 18 year-old tradition had a number of “firsts”. This year was the first year the firemen’s picnic was held in the old high school gym rather than the community center.

“It was a little bit less congested,” said King Cove Fire Chief Chris Babcock. “We had about 180 people show up.”



A pig, donated by the AC Store, was thawed out in preparation for the King Cove Firemen’s Picnic on May 30th. Photo courtesy: Chris Babcock.

The picnic also featured something new and different on the menu.

“This is the first year that we did a full roasted pig,” said Babcock. “It was a 130-pound pig.”

AC donated the pig. Volunteer firefighters Ricky Delacruz and Seward Brandell Jr. helped to get it ready for the big event by cooking it in a pit the night

before the picnic. Of course, traditional favorites, such as hamburgers and hot dogs were part of the menu, donated by the King Cove Corporation. Residents also brought beans, salads and other food for the potluck.

Besides good eatin’, picnic-goers always look forward to the raffles. One raffle which disappeared for the past four years made a come-back – the raffle for a 4 X 4 ATV.

“Four-wheelers got a little bit expensive, so we stopped doing it for a while,” said Babcock,



Traditional favorites such as hamburgers, hot dogs and other side dishes were also part of the potluck. Photo courtesy: Chris Babcock – 2013 Firemen’s Picnic.

“but Lake City Power Sports in Seattle gave us a sweet deal on a 2015 rancher 4 X 4 ATV. So we raffled it off.”

Two-hundred tickets were sold at \$50 a ticket. In the end, Jeremy Mack became the proud owner of a new ATV.

Another raffle included a round-trip airline ticket to Cold Bay by Grant Aviation as well as a round-trip ticket to Anchorage from Pen Air. Tickets for that raffle cost \$1 each. Sunshine Gould was the lucky winner.

We all love our smart phones, so another raffle offered an iphone 6 with 128 gigs, donated by GCI. That raffle also cost \$1 a piece. Avery Samuelson can now be seen around town carrying his new iphone.

Door prizes were also offered at the picnic. Babcock said the event is a great time for fishermen to take a break from their boats so they can visit and relax, along with other community members.

“It’s basically our only fundraiser of the year,” he said.

The money raised allows the fire department to give back to the community for a variety of causes and events, such as for a scholarship to graduating seniors, the fireworks display on the 4th of July and the Santa parade during Christmas time.



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“We’re able to donate to other entities in our community and buy things for our own firemen, such as hoodies and t-shirts,” he said. “We certainly appreciate the support from our sponsors, such as the Aleutians East Borough, the City of King Cove, GCI, PenAir and Grant Aviation,” said Babcock. “We look forward to doing this again next year.”

Sand Point Organizations Make Preparations for Fourth of July Celebration



The Fourth of July holiday is just around the corner, and Sand Point organizations are busy putting the finishing touches on several events centered on kids.

“Most people want to go do things on their own on the 4th of July,” said KSDP General Manager Austin Roof, “so this year, there will be several events for a few hours focused mostly on kids.”

This year, KSDP is teaming up with the Sand Point Women’s Club and the Close Up Class to organize events in celebration of the Fourth of July.

“Last year, KSDP tackled it all,” said Roof. “It was a banner year and an amazing Fourth of July. We had loads and loads of carnival games, a huge barbecue, tons of food, karaoke, and a big bike parade. It was the full-on shebang,” he said. “There were a lot of key people to make it happen that day, but the preparations were really done by me and one other person. It was a huge success, but it was a whirlwind. It was crazy!”

Because tackling such a huge amount of work was pretty overwhelming, KSDP decided to team up with other groups to do something similar, but on a smaller scale.

“Instead of doing carnival games, we’re going to have a series of contests, such as the three-legged race, potato sack race and a survival suit race. Then we’ll give out prizes for the top one or two winners,” Roof said.

The Close Up Class is focusing on the holiday barbecue, and the Sand Point Women’s Club is organizing the bike parade. Roof is hopeful that spreading the workload among a few groups will make the planning process easier.



“Everyone who has tackled this in the past has gotten burned out,” Roof said. “I want to prevent burnout as much as possible and keep this going.”

Last year, the City of Sand Point contributed about \$2,500 to help launch the Fourth of July festivities.

“That covered a lot,” said Roof. “The station also sponsored a raffle.”

This year, Roof estimates the Close Up Class will spend a couple hundred on food for the barbecue while making money on the food offered on the day of the event. He said the Women’s Club will probably spend another couple hundred on the bike parade. The contests will also figure into the expenditures. Because the events will last only a few hours (late morning to early afternoon) rather than all day long, Roof believes costs will be much lower this year.

In any case, Sand Point can expect to have a fantastic time on Independence Day.

“My goal is to have something sustainable over the long haul,” Roof said.

First Aleut Orthodox Church Camp in False Pass Debuts this Summer

By Nikki Hoblet

Father Andrei Tepper is scheduled to do the first Aleut Orthodox Church Camp in False Pass this summer. He is tentatively traveling to False Pass on the June 5th ferry and staying until June 19th. We are anticipating between 10 to 15 kids that will attend the camp. He will travel to False Pass with his family, which includes his wife, Matushka Aleksandra, and three sons, Matthew, Timothy and Herman.

This will be his second trip to False Pass with his entire family, but the Father has visited more himself for church services, funerals and baptisms. During all of his visits he does at least one day of Bible school with the children. Most recently he came during Pascha, and the kids had a wonderful experience of picking pussy willows, decorating them, and blessing them. This ritual is usually done with palm fronds but they used what they had access to.

The children are looking forward to Church Camp and are thankful for Fr. Andrei’s contributions to our community. A few words from Fr. Andrei about camp:



Father Andrei Tepper venerating a new icon that was donated to the False Pass Orthodox Church by Gilda Shellikoff. Photo by Ruth Hoblet.

“The patron saint of our camp is Alaskan Saint Peter the Aleut, a boy martyr whose example of love and faith in Jesus Christ we strive to imitate in our lives.”

The theme of our camp is “The Great Commission”: the Lord’s commandment in Matthew 28:19-20: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them all that I have commanded you...”



Matushka Aleksandra leads the choir in church services. Photo by Ruth Hoblet.

We will learn how the Alaskan Saints sought to be faithful to the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations beginning with the arrival of monks from Russia in 1794. We will learn about St. Herman of Alaska, St. Innocent, St. Peter the Aleut, St. Yakov Netsvetov, St. Juvenaly, Blessed Matushka Olga of Kwethluk, and other saints such as St. Nicholas.

On a daily basis, we will learn how to pray and read from the Bible, practice making and decorating icons, learn from the lives of the saints and make a mural depicting the saints of Alaska. We will also work on church reading and singing and learn about many of the teachings of our Christian Faith. We are also planning

to teach some Aleut language to the children as well. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate!”

Congratulations to Sand Point’s Graduating Class of 2015

Sand Point’s graduating Class of 2015 includes Desiree Mobeck, Marieanna Larsen, Alex Gilbert, Glen Krause, Alyssa Ludvick and Kleyvin Larsen. Photo courtesy: Marta Varga.



Congratulations to King Cove's Graduating Class of 2015



King Cove's graduating class of 2015 includes Kailee Rae Calver, Peyton Lee Kuzakin, Cameron Lee Samuelson and Timmy J. Mack. Photo courtesy: Etta Kuzakin.



Congratulations to Akutan's Graduating Class of 2015

Akutan's graduating Class of 2015 includes Shawn Philemonof, Anesia Kudrin and Anthony Shangin. Photo courtesy: Prophetess Hayden.

Congratulations to Sand Point's 2nd Semester Honor Roll Students!

Brittany Gardner	Very High Honor Roll	4.0
Summer Pilcher	High Honor Roll	3.5
Jillian Bjornstad	Very High Honor Roll	4.0
Chloe Gardner	Very High Honor Roll	3.83
Evan Wilson	Honor Roll	3.16
Edmond Cumberlidge	Honor Roll	3.25
Lila Gundersen	Honor Roll	3.125
Jesse Starnes	Honor Roll	3.375
Logan Thompson	Honor Roll	3.25
Neleshaj Aquino	Honor Roll	3.28
Nicole Gundersen	Honor Roll	3.28
Ryder Gundersen	Honor Roll	3.00
Michael Herndon	High Honor Roll	3.71
George Jackson	Honor Roll	3.00
Felicia Johnson	Honor Roll	3.00
Payton Stroud	Honor Roll	3.28
Abraham Bravo	Honor Roll	3.28
Joshua Bravo	Honor Roll	3.28



Naomi Krause	Very High Honor Roll	3.85
Colten Mack	Very High Honor Roll	4.0
Breeanna Mobeck	Honor Roll	3.28
Silvanna Morris	Honor Roll	3.00
Dantezza Pangilinan	High Honor Roll	3.57
Jonni Pilcher	High Honor Roll	3.57
Jonathan Rotter	Honor Roll	3.14
Michael Stroud	Honor Roll	3.14
Madison Thompson	Very High Honor Roll	4.0
Alex Gilbert	Honor Roll	3.16
Glen Krause	Honor Roll	3.00
Kleyvin Larsen	Honor Roll	3.33
Marieanna Larsen	High Honor Roll	3.75
Alyssa Ludvick	High Honor Roll	3.5
Desiree Mobeck	High Honor Roll	3.71
Justin Mobeck	High Honor Roll	3.75

HONOR ROLL STUDENTS



Congratulations to Sand Point's Top Ten Accelerated Readers



Sand Point School - ACCELERATED READERS FOURTH QUARTER OF THE 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR

1.	Summer Walls	2 nd Grade	338.00 points
2.	Michael Herndon	9 th Grade	308.00 points
3.	Jillian Bjornstad	11 th Grade	277.00 points
4.	Breeanna Mobeck	10 th Grade	248.00 points
5.	Keira Galovin	2 nd Grade	198.00 points
6.	Dantezza Pangilinan	10 th Grade	195.00 points
7.	Keeley Dushkin	2 rd Grade	190.00 points
8.	William Dushkin	3 rd Grade	153.00 points
9.	Acey Buenaventura	6 th Grade	152.00 points
10.	Joshua Faunillan	5 nd Grade	141.00 points

Sand Point accelerated readers who read more than two million words:

Michael Herndon, Jillian Bjornstad and Breeanna Mobeck

Sand Point accelerated readers who read more than one million words:

Dantezza Pangilinan, Jermaine Cogo, Joshua Faunillan, and Acey Buenaventura

News from Eastern Aleutian Tribes

Submitted by Jennifer Harrison, EAT Executive Director

People

- Welcome our New Hires:
 - **Lynn Fuller**, Clinical Information Clerk (CIC)/Janitor, Cold Bay (first day May 4th)
 - **Eddie Mack**, Travel Technician, Anchorage (first day May 11th)
 - **Gary Williams**, Behavioral Health Clinical Manager, Anchorage (first day May 18th)
 - **Marla Moore**, Behavioral Health Clinician, King Cove (first day May 26th)
 - **James Cronk**, Community Health Aide (CHA), Adak (first day June 8th)
- Open Positions:
 - **Behavioral Health Aides (BHA)*** – Akutan and Nelson Lagoon (part-time)
 - **Clinical Information Clerk (CIC)/Janitor** - Akutan
 - **Community Health Aides (CHA)*** – Adak, Akutan, and Nelson Lagoon
 - **Community Health Representative (CHR)** – Akutan (part-time)
 - **Janitor** – Sand Point (intermittent)
 - **Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant** – King Cove, Sand Point and Itinerants
 - **Planning and Development Director** – Any Site
 - **Registered Nurse (RN) Case Manager / Community Health Aide*** - Cold Bay
 - **Registered Nurse (RN) Case Manager** - King Cove

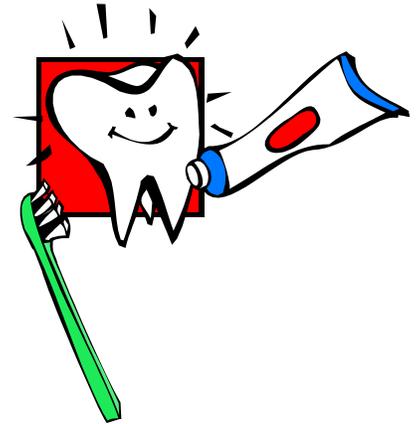


EAT employees in Anchorage celebrate Red Nose Day. May 21, 2015.

*Note: No experience necessary. Training will be provided.

- Promotions/Transfers:
 - **Beverly Johansen**, Lead CIC (King Cove)
- Service
 - “Caught Ya Caring” Winners from May All Hands Staff Meeting:
 - **Joann Miller** (CMS, King Cove) for helping so much with the provider lunches for while Dr. Saunders was in. She helped set up, get everything cut up before hand, and also did most of the afterwards cleaning. Thank you Joann for making this week provider lunches go so smooth.

- **Valerie Clewis** (Accts Receivable, Anch) because she is so thorough! I can't thank her enough. She always has my back! And she is so kind! Such a joy to work with!
- **Executive Director:**
 - Akutan via Ferry from Sand Point: June 4-13, 2015
 - Sand Point: July 6-10, 2015
 - Adak: July 26 – 30, 2015
- **Medical Director – Dr. Danita Koehler:**
 - Sand Point: June 21 – 25, 2015 (tentative)
- **Dental Services:**
 - King Cove: May 26 – June 6th (Dr. Costa and Gaby, DA)
 - Sand Point: June 7 - 19th (Dr. Costa and Gaby, DA)
 - Nelson Lagoon: June 16 - 28th (Ben, DHAT)
 - King Cove: June 6 – July 19th (Dr. Costa and Gaby, DA)
 - Cold Bay: July 6 – 19th (Ben, DHAT)
 - Sand Point: July 20 – 30th (Dr. Costa and Gaby, DA)



Growth

- EAT is working on implementing their HRSA Expansion Services grant which includes increasing physician, physical therapy, optometry, and substance abuse treatment services.
- **Report on Events:**



On May 28, 2015, EAT along with the City of King Cove, APIA and our consultants (Agnew::Beck), hosted a focused community meeting to discuss the feasibility study results, current financial analysis activities, and potential business plan for a **senior residential facility** in King Cove. **29 people participated in the meeting**, including 9 Elders and representatives from the Agdaagux Tribal Council and Belkofski Tribal Council. Most of the discussion focused on

the desire for nursing assisted living, but the feasibility of it only being for **independent living** at this time. Great ideas were shared on how to manage the facility with a caregiver and how it can become a senior center that all Elders can enjoy, not just the ones living in the facility. APIA shared information about their new Personal Care Assistant (PCA) program that is just starting,

how it will benefit Elders that qualify for the services, and how it might benefit the senior residential facility.

Job Announcement:

City Clerk/Treasurer City of Cold Bay

Closing Date: July 8, 2015

JOB SUMMARY:

The City of Cold Bay, Alaska, is a small community with a population of 89. The City is seeking candidates for the position of City Clerk/Treasurer. This position works under the direction of the Mayor and City Council. The incumbent fulfills the responsibilities of a municipal clerk and treasurer according to State and local law, including preparing and maintaining the City's legislative actions and proceedings, assuring compliance with Open Meetings Act and public record laws, attending and documenting council meetings, maintaining City records, serving as the custodian of City funds, and serving as a parliamentary advisor to the City Council. The clerk/treasurer also performs clerical, bookkeeping/accounting, and administrative support to the City of Cold Bay.

Primary tasks / functions:

- Filing
- Maintain record books and codes
- Provide general clerical support for City officials
- Answer public inquiries or direct inquires to the appropriate source
- Post notices of Council meetings remind Council members of meetings and hearings and prepare meeting packets
- Attend council meetings and take meeting minutes
- Process payroll and conduct billing for City services
- Supervise local elections
- Serve as city employees' insurance contact

- Other duties as assigned and as required of a municipal clerk according to State and local law

Necessary Skills:

- Familiarity with common computer programs and office machines
- Knowledge of City administrative practices and office procedures
- Knowledge of responsibility and authority of city officials
- Strong integrity and professionalism
- Knowledge of mathematics and basic bookkeeping
- Good organizational, communication and math skills

Requirements:

Experience as a municipal clerk/deputy clerk or considerable clerical experience.

Knowledge of financial, bookkeeping and office procedures.

Experience using Quickbooks Pro.

Minimum Qualifications:

- High School Graduate or GED, four years of office experience at the level of a Secretary or Administrative Assistant or Bookkeeping/Accounting work experience, and a minimum of two years education or experience in Bookkeeping/Accounting.
- **SUBSTITUTION:** Equivalent combination of experience and education college courses in secretarial sciences or business administration may be substituted for the required experience on the basis of 2.5 semester hours of credit for one month of experience up to a maximum of three years.
- Experience directly related to municipal financial accounting is preferred.

Complete job description can be sent to you by contacting the City Clerk/Administrator by phone (907)532-2401 or by email at coldbayak@arctic.net

The salary range for this position is \$18.00 and \$20.00 an hour depending on experience and education.

Housing may be available.

To be considered for this position you must submit a cover letter, resume and City Application to Dawn Lyons, City Clerk/Administrator, PO Box 10 Cold Bay, AK 99571 or coldbayak@arctic.net by July 8, 2015

Summer Job Opportunity from Aleutia



If you are from King Cove, False Pass, Sand Point, Nelson Lagoon or Akutan and will be in Anchorage this summer, Aleutia may have an opportunity for you. We are seeking two to three people to staff our Anchorage Saturday Market booth for up to three weekends this summer. This is a fun job where you will meet visitors, introduce them to the region and sell delicious Aleutia smoked salmon and sockeye salmon. You will be paid hourly. You must love working with people and enjoy talking about life in the remarkable eastern Aleutian Islands and Western Alaska Peninsula. Some cash handling experience is preferred. Call Cheryl at 907-383-5909 for more information.

Aleutia

408 Main Street

Sand Point, AK 99661

direct: 907-317-9910

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Job Openings:



Human Resources Recruiter

The Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association (APICDA), a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, is seeking an experienced Human Resources Recruiter. The Recruiter is responsible for full life-cycle recruiting; recruit, screen and recommended placement of field, administrative and management positions by using creative sourcing methods (internal and external). Active recruiting through inter-industry networking. This position acts as a secondary HR generalist in non-recruiting seasons.

QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's degree in human resources, business management, or other closely related field with two (2) years of progressive HR Recruiter/Generalist experience. Work experience or education may be substituted for equivalent. Working knowledge of federal and state labor law; ability to communicate and work effectively with co-workers and APICDA customers. Proficient knowledge of Word, Excel, Internet Explorer, email and HRMS systems. Knowledge and understanding of APICDA, the region it represents and the CDQ program preferred. Travel required to remote Alaska locations.

BENEFITS:

Medical, dental, vision, life insurances, 401(k), paid-time off (PTO) and holidays.

COMPENSATION: DOE

Please visit www.apicda.com for an employment application. Applications, cover letter, and resume, should be submitted to: hr@apicda.com



Secretary / Receptionist

Position Summary: Full-time permanent Secretary / Receptionist position located in Juneau, Alaska. The Secretary/Receptionist manages the day to day operations of the office, providing clerical support to APICDA and AJV staff, working directly with the customers of our region.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Answers central telephone system and directs calls accordingly.
- Receives the public and answers questions, in person and by telephone; responds to inquiries from employees, citizens and others and refers, when necessary, to the appropriate person, official or department.
- Prepares outgoing mail; sorts and distributes incoming mail.
- Duplicates and distributes materials.
- Composes, types and edits correspondence, reports, memoranda and other material.
- Assists public with the use of department facilities.
- Directs, and or tracks, task priorities, scheduling, and tracking work assignments, ensuring the availability of resources.
- Reports plans, progress, and results to supervisor, as requested.
- Must possess strong computer skills – Familiarity with online applications, Microsoft Suite, basic office equipment.
- Operates basic office machines as required.
- Strong attention to detail.
- Other duties as assigned.

Education and Experience:

Minimum of two (2) years' experience working independently in an administrative position Will be punctual, have an outgoing personality, possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills, have a well-groomed appearance, and the ability to receive and act upon direction from multiple supervisors. The applicant must have a strong secretarial background and the ability to work on a variety of special projects. Must be dependable, organized, learn quickly, and multi-task. Prior experience in fishing industry, native organizations, and/or corporate level experience is preferred. High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Possess/maintain a valid

driver's license. Equivalent experience may be substituted on 1:1 basis for education requirement.

Compensation: DOE - Please visit www.apicda.com for an employment application. Applications should be submitted to: hr@apicda.com. APICDA is an EEO employer.

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