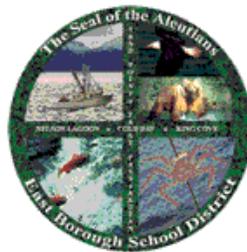
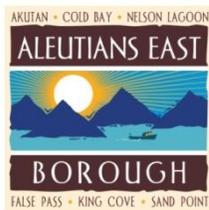


## In the Loop



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

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### **AEB Holds Strategic Planning Meetings in Communities**

The Aleutians East Borough, with the help of consultants from Professional Growth Systems (PGS), is building a strategic plan that will enlist the help of AEB communities to move important projects forward. During the months of October and November, the AEB and PGS consultants met with communities to discuss competitive assets, threats, opportunities for growth and goals.

“Our strategic plans are visual, interactive maps that are put together on an annual basis,” said John Gregoire, consultant with Professional Growth Systems. “Every three months, there’s an expectation of completion towards the larger goal. It allows greater involvement from everybody in getting from today to tomorrow.”

“These meetings are really important,” said Sand Point Mayor Glen Gardner, Jr. “It’s an opportunity for the communities to express what they need, and hopefully get that in front of a



Sand Point’s planning meeting focused on goals such as improving harbor infrastructure, resource management of fish and strengthening legislative advocacy. Photo by Theo Hunt.

board that can see that we need to work together and make sure all communities are represented fairly.”

Sand Point community leaders and residents focused on several community goals. Those include improvements being made to the harbor/dock, air and ferry service, investment in the school infrastructure, competition for fish processors, economic diversity, improvements to health service,

working relationships and communication.

“We’d also like to improve harbor infrastructure, resource management of fish and strengthen our legislative advocacy,” Gardner said. “We’re going to work on improving public safety and infrastructure. We’d like to create a new safety center, which would include the police department, fire and EMS, and have them locally situated in the community.”

Tiffany Jackson, Executive Director of the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe, said the Sand Point community was ready for this to happen and to work with the Borough.

“When the opportunity to participate in this strategic plan came to Sand Point, there were issues with travel and the plane getting here late (carrying consultants with Professional Growth Systems). It was a late evening, and we still had a roomful of people that were there, wanting to participate and make sure their voices were heard.”

In King Cove, residents brought up similar issues raised in other communities, such as travel challenges and poor Internet connectivity. On the other hand, some of the community goals are unique.

“Our number one goal is getting the road to Cold Bay finished,” said Dave Bash, King Cove City Council Member. “Getting elder care is another one of our priorities. We’re trying to make progress on turning our old community center into an assisted living facility for the elders. That would help create jobs and keep the elders in town.”



King Cove’s top goals include building the road from the community to Cold Bay, transforming the old community center into an assisted living facility for elders and economic/harbor development. Photo by John Gregoire.



King Cove's youngest meeting participant, Presley Schneider, Mayor Henry Mack's granddaughter, lends a hand. Photo by John Gregoire.

Other goals King Cove came up with include economic/harbor development, establishing a community greenhouse, involvement of youth, community health, sustainable resources and more entertainment options.

Cold Bay's community goals include increasing the population, retaining/growing employment, a new/improved dock, building a breakwater and harbor, establishing neighbor relations, becoming part of APICDA and APIA via tribal affiliations and improving the communication infrastructure.

"One of the things that we'd like to see in the future is to look into different opportunities to build in our community," said Cold Bay Mayor Dailey Schaack. "Another thing is our school. We have six pre-school kids right now and a couple of babies. So down the line, there will hopefully be enough kids to start a school again, and that would be great. It will be

an opportunity for more families to come in, knowing that there's a school here."

Mayor Schaack said building a new clinic or improving the current one is another important goal.

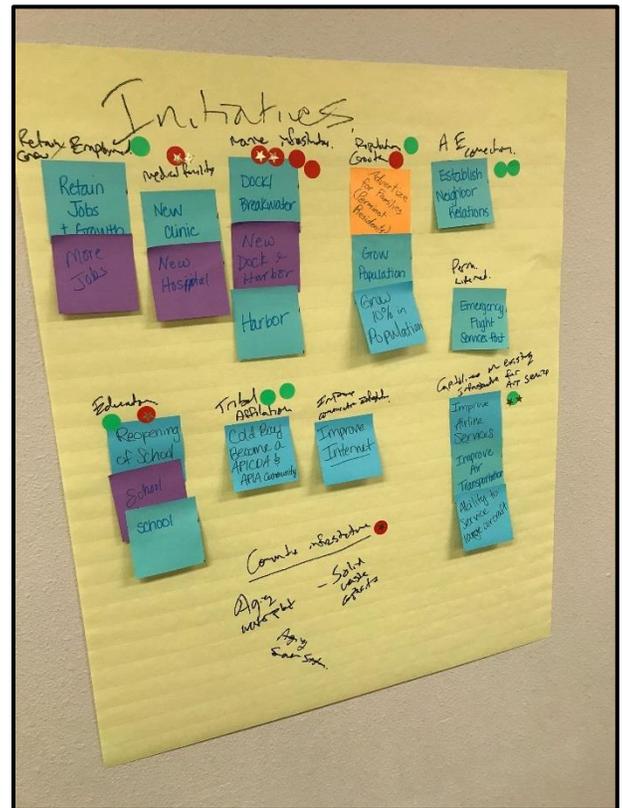
"I don't think people really realize how many medevac flights come here from all over," she said. "The clinic could stand a lot of improvement."

Additional goals include capitalizing on the existing infrastructure for improved air service and improving the community's infrastructure, such as the aging water plant and sewer/solid waste system.

Some of the same concerns and goals listed in other communities were also brought up in False Pass, as well as some strategic initiatives unique to the city.

False Pass Administrator/Clerk and Borough Assembly Member Chris Emrich said there are two big ones that immediately come to mind.

"Keeping the school open and improving transportation logistics," he said. "This is the first year that we're below ten students. We're at six, actually."



Cold Bay's strategic initiatives include growing the population, reopening the school in the near future, increasing jobs, a new/improved clinic, marine infrastructure, community infrastructure and improving air transportation. Photo by John Gregoire.

Emrich is hopeful more families will move in and the student population will increase, especially with Trident Seafoods investing in the seafood plant.

The unreliability of airline service is another big concern, and one that Emrich and other residents hope will change.

“When you go for two weeks without getting mail and you have old people here without medications, it could get deadly at some point,” he said. “We had 12 days in July and 12 days in September without air service and mail delivery. We understand the weather is a factor, but when the weather’s nice and there are no planes from the airline, we’re just kind of shrugging our shoulders.”

Other goals listed by community leaders and residents include a transportation infrastructure update (airport expansion, dock improvements), new heavy equipment, residential weatherization, energy efficiency (renewable energy), year-round fish processing access and increased housing.

During the planning meeting in Akutan, community leaders and residents described several goals including economic (lower cost travel and tourism), workforce development (job training at Trident) more housing, good, affordable internet, dividends from the corporation and building a strong community.



Goals for False Pass include keeping the school open, improving transportation logistics, increasing the population, a transportation update, energy efficiency and year-round fish processing access. Photo by John Gregoire.

Akutan Mayor Joe Bereskin said another big goal is building a road to the Head of the Bay.

“The tribe is working on that one, and the City is helping,” said Mayor Bereskin, “but the community felt that the Borough could help more financially and speak out on our behalf.”

Another future goal is to come up with a less expensive marine link from the airport compared to the helicopter operation, which the Borough is currently operating.

Nelson Lagoon’s goals include increasing the population, upgrades and repairs to the dock, and renovate/open the school and have the tribe operate it. In addition, the community would like to have a new loader.

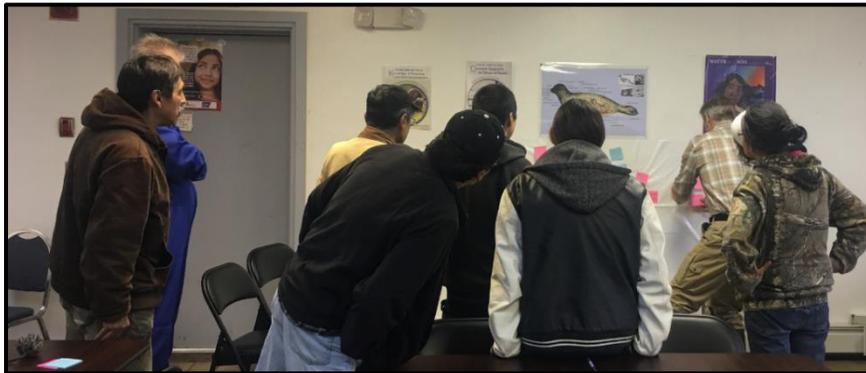
“I would say growth is one of the top goals,” said Samantha McNeley, community presenter and Nelson Lagoon resident. “Bringing more families in and economic development are also important.”

McNeley said the community would love to have a store and fish plant operating as part of that economic development. In addition, she and other residents would like to see the restaurant, which used to be operated by the Tide’s Inn Café, resume operations.

“The big stove is there and all the equipment,” she said. “It would just need someone to get it started.”

Another strategic initiative includes developing more community leaders.

“Mainly getting the younger people involved,” she said. “We want to be involved.”



Akutan’s goals include building a road to the Head of the Bay, economic development, workforce development, more housing, good, affordable internet, and building a strong community. Photo by Mary Tesche.

PGS’s John Gregoire said overall, there’s a lot of passion and a great desire to better collaborate with the Borough as communities and individuals to get more for the overall region.

“Everywhere I went, it was apparent that people felt they could do more together, and that could

only be good for all the communities,” he said.

“If the Borough wants a better relationship with the communities it serves, this is a good way to do it,” said Akutan Mayor Joe Bereskin.

The next step, as the process moves forward, will be a three-day AEB planning session scheduled this week for Dec. 13 – 15<sup>th</sup> at APIA in Anchorage.

“It’s an opportunity for communities to share their stories with the Borough at the meeting for strategic purposes,” Gregoire said, “so as the Borough is planning, it can build strategic initiatives that address some of the needs. What the communities can expect is the development of a plan that’s easy to understand, monitor and participate in with the Borough. The hope is that the plan comes together in a way that communities can be partners in the process of getting through the year and completing projects.”

Gregoire said the session will include presentations from the communities, as well as information and perspectives from AEB Mayor Alvin Osterback and the Borough Administration. The Assembly will also spend a day working on getting clarity and continuity around the potential initiatives. Then the last day, the Assembly will focus on specific strategic initiatives.

“After that session, the Mayor, the Borough Administration and those folks doing the work will get together and plan out the detailed projects,” said Gregoire. “There will be a mix of strategic initiatives within the Borough.”

Gregoire said that will come back to the Assembly at the next meeting following the new year for final approval of the projects and the plan.

“Along with these projects, people will see internal improvement projects to make the function of doing business as the Borough better,” Gregoire said. “That will include plans to improve the way the Borough interacts and serves the communities.”

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## **Agdaagux Tribe President, Coast Guard Admiral Testify at U.S. Senate Hearing on King Cove Road**

Coast Guard Admiral Paul Zunkunft and Agdaagux President Etta Kuzakin testified in front of the



**“An 11-mile-long road has been denied time and time again, most callously by former Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, in which the lives of birds were put above the lives of people,” Sen. Sullivan said. “It’s outrageous, and it has to stop.”**

U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries & Coast Guard about why it’s so important for the King Cove road to be built. The hearing also focused on the Coast Guard’s readiness, including how a string of hurricanes have affected the nation’s only multi-mission military force to continue operations at such a high tempo.

“The recent hurricanes that have made landfall have significantly stretched our nation’s service capabilities,” said Senator Dan Sullivan, Chairman of the Subcommittee. “The Coast Guard’s assets

are spread thin, but likely no more so than in the vast areas of my home state of Alaska. There are places where the Coast Guard has the only available assets capable of providing life-saving

transportation and service that the majority of lower 48 states take for granted.”

Earlier this summer, Senator Sullivan accompanied Admiral Zunkunft on a trip throughout Alaska and in particular, to remote King Cove, which is accessible only by air and sea.

“Emergency medical transportation is very challenging, especially during severe weather, which restricts accessibility of King Cove’s local airstrip more than 100 times a year,” Sullivan said. “There’s no road access between King Cove and nearby Cold Bay. Cold Bay has one of the longest runways in Alaska, leaving the U.S. Coast Guard as the only alternative to evacuate patients during inclement weather.”



**Etta Kuzakin, President of the Agdaagux Tribe of King Cove, testified that without the Coast Guard’s help, she and her youngest daughter would not have survived.**

Four years ago, Etta Kuzakin, President of the Agdaagux Tribe of King Cove and lifelong resident, went into early labor on a day when gale-force winds and dangerously high seas prevented air and boat travel in and out of the community.

“My only hope was for the Coast Guard to send a helicopter from Kodiak for me,” said Kuzakin. “Without them, I wouldn’t have been able to get out, and neither I nor my daughter would be here today to tell our story.”

Kuzakin told the subcommittee that she had planned to fly to Anchorage well ahead of her due date, however, her baby had plans of her own.

“I know it’s not the job of the Coast Guard to medevac pregnant women, but I thank God every day for their courageous, selfless devotion to the people of Alaska and their willingness to put themselves in harm’s way to ensure our safety,” she testified. “It’s because of the men and women of the Coast Guard station Kodiak that my beautiful daughter, Sunnie Rae, is alive. Every time my daughter smiles, I am reminded of how easily things could have turned out differently.”

Chairman Sullivan said every time the Coast Guard is dispatched from Kodiak, more than 500 miles away, to conduct an emergency rescue mission in King Cove, it costs as much as \$210,000 per trip.

Sullivan asked the admiral how a single-lane gravel, non-commercial road between King Cove and Cold Bay would help the Coast Guard better respond to these emergency rescue missions in terms of cost as well as the risk to the lives of the brave men and women he leads.

“This is not a benign operating environment, as you well know,” Admiral Zunkunft said. “I cannot foot stomp loud enough about the criticality of building out this 11-mile stretch of road. It will provide the life line that this community needs to higher level health care.”



“I cannot foot stomp loud enough about the criticality of building out this 11-mile stretch of road,” said Admiral Paul Zunkunft, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Senator Sullivan said Kuzakin’s medevac story is indicative of so many other stories that demonstrate what the Coast Guard does.

“It needs to be known in this body,” he said. “An 11-mile-long road has been denied time and time again, most callously by former Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, in which the lives of birds were put above the lives of people. Whether it’s you and your daughter, or the brave men and women of the Coast Guard, it’s got to stop. It’s outrageous!”

Sullivan said it’s very powerful for this committee to hear these important anecdotes of the daily heroism that we see in our Coast Guard.

“Hopefully, it will bring about on emphasis on fixing this issue,” he added, “and to make sure that we’re moving forward with our Coast Guard Authorization Act, that passed out of this committee with strong bipartisan support.”

To listen to the entire hearing, click [here](#).

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## **King Cove Honors Community's War Veterans with Special Ceremony, Potluck Celebration**

The City of King Cove and the King Cove School joined forces last month to pay tribute to the community’s war veterans during a special Veterans’ Day ceremony and potluck dinner celebration.

“We have a lot of veterans living here,” said King Cove Mayor Henry Mack. “Every year, as Veterans’ Day came upon us, I started thinking we should be doing something special for our veterans, so this year, we put it on the calendar.”

Last year, the school held a celebration, and several of the veterans showed up. This year, the mayor discussed holding a City – School joint celebration for the community’s veterans in the school’s gymnasium.



King Cove Police Chief Robert Gould speaks during the Veterans’ Day Celebration in King Cove. Photo by Gary Lamar.

“The kids sang five songs for each service represented,” said Mayor Mack. “It was nice to have them be part of it. It turned into a community-wide celebration.”

Seventeen veterans living in King Cove were honored for their service. Twelve who were in town at the time, showed up to take part in the event.

“Herman “Buddy” Bendixen was the eldest gentleman there,” Mack said.

There were also several Vietnam War veterans, as well as those who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Several veterans who served in North Korea during peace time were also honored.

King Cove School Principal Gary Lamar, a speaker at the event, offered words of gratitude to the veterans and shared a story about a conversation he had with his father many years ago.

“I come from a long line of veterans,” Lamar said. “Many years ago, I asked my dad, who served during the Korean War, whether he thinks about his old war buddies. He said, every day because of you.”

Lamar said he was surprised by his dad’s response and questioned him further.

“My dad said those boys fought, died and went into the grave at 17, 18, 19



Members of the community paid tribute to veterans living in King Cove and thanked them for their service. Photo by Gary Lamar.

years old. They never got a chance to go to college, have a job or a career, but we did. They never got a chance to have a family, but we did,” Lamar explained. “They never got a chance to buy a house, but we did. He told me they’ve been lying in the grave for the past 50 years while we’ve been doing all these things. They gave their very lives so that we might have these things. That



The community filled the school gymnasium to honor King Cove’s veterans. The veterans were also presented with a special plaque for their service. Photo by Gary Lamar.

had a great impact on me. It’s so important to honor these veterans because they were willing to give up everything so that we might live.”

After the mayor and principal recognized each of the veterans, the vets were presented with a special plaque for their service. Later that evening, veterans and those who honored them came together for a community potluck.

“That was awesome,”

said Mayor Mack. It was attended by a lot of folks.”

“It was possibly the biggest event I’ve seen since I’ve been here,” Lamar added.

Mayor Mack hopes next year will be even bigger.

“Next year, we’ll advertise a little bit more, and hopefully, we’ll fill up the whole gym,” he said.

*Those honored include: Herman Bendixen (Alaska Territorial Guard), Howard Christiansen (Army), James Gould (Navy), Michael Uttecht, Jr. (Army), Simeon Kenezuroff (Alaska Territorial Guard), Daniel Gould, Sr. (Navy), Allen Miller (Navy), Daniel S. Cochran (Army), Dennis Cochran (Army), Christopher M. Babcock (Army), Richard Bailey (Navy), Mark Mitchell (Army), Pamala Hess-Mitchell (Army), Ron Wickstrom (Marines), Knute Anderson (Alaska Territorial Guard), George Yeager (Navy) and Glen Mack Sr. (assisted with draft, U.S. Postmaster).*



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## **Trident Invests in APICDA Subsidiaries**

*Agreement reached for joint ownership of Bering Pacific Seafoods,*

*False Pass Fuel Company and Cannon Fish Company.*

Juneau, Alaska – Larry Cotter, CEO for the Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association (APICDA) and Joe Bundrant, CEO of Trident Seafoods Corporation (Trident) announced today that the two entities reached an agreement in principle for Trident to make an investment in APICDA’s processing facility and fuel farm in False Pass, Alaska, and in Cannon Fish Company, located in Kent, Washington. APICDA and Trident will have joint ownership in all three of the operations.

Trident has an outstanding track record of sound management and sustainable practices. As a multi-site operator in the Aleutian-Pribilof region, they will help APICDA maximize the volume of product, focus on providing year-round employment and contribute greater tax revenue to the City of False Pass. The False Pass plant, Bering Pacific Seafoods, processes salmon harvested from the Southwest and Bristol Bay regions of Alaska.

Cannon Fish Company is a secondary processing plant which takes fish initially processed in Alaska and produces high-quality finished products for the retail market. Trident’s investment in Cannon Fish Company will allow Cannon to better compete on a global stage with new markets and new products.

“We are excited to partner with Trident in these operations,” said Larry Cotter. “Trident has a long history of adding value to Alaska’s fishery resources, which has benefited the state’s fishermen and its fishing-dependent communities. Trident’s investment offers APICDA the opportunity to focus greater resources to develop needed fishing industry infrastructure in our other Community

Development Quota (CDQ) communities of Nelson Lagoon, Atka and St. George as we did in False Pass.”

Joe Bundrant noted that “APICDA has done a remarkable job improving the opportunities for residents of the communities it represents. Trident is really proud to have been a partner with APICDA in various programs since it was formed in 1992.”

Both Trident and APICDA share the vision that the False Pass processing facility has great potential and are committed to make it more productive and efficient to better support and serve area fishermen.

Trident is a seafood company that currently operates ten shore-based processing plants in Alaska, and value-added processing operations in the lower-48, Europe, Japan and China. APICDA represents the communities of Atka, Nikolski, Akutan, False Pass, Nelson Lagoon and St. George. Both companies have shared a commitment to investing in Alaska, and for Alaska, for the benefit of the communities, fishermen, employees and customers around the world.



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## **Long-time APICDA CEO Announces Retirement**

*Larry Cotter, Community Development Quota (CDQ) program pioneer, founding CEO of APICDA and APICDA Joint Ventures will retire Dec. 31, 2018.*

Juneau, Alaska – Larry Cotter, CEO for the Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association (APICDA) and APICDA Joint Ventures, plans to retire at the end of 2018. The APICDA board has formed a transition team and will launch a search for a new CEO in February.

“It’s been my pleasure and distinct honor to be involved with APICDA since its inception. Serving our communities, working alongside the entities devoted to sustainable communities throughout the Aleutian-Pribilof region and being immersed in the fishing industry at all levels has provided a wonderful career for which I am deeply grateful,” said Cotter. “It’s not an easy thing to retire from a company that you love, with a purpose that you love, filled with people that you respect and love. But everything has its time.”

“Larry is a true visionary and will be greatly missed by the residents of our communities, the fishing industry and the board and staff at APICDA. He was instrumental in the original formation of the Community Development Quota (CDQ) program. In the past 25 years, the CDQ organizations have generated over \$1 billion in assets, built needed infrastructure in the 65 participating villages to stimulate commerce and provided thousands of scholarships and workforce development opportunities,” said Mark Snigaroff, APICDA board chair. “It has been a program that has truly worked to sustain our western Alaska villages, and Larry has been its greatest champion.”

“Larry’s unwavering commitment to our communities is reflected in every decision he has made over the course of his 25 years of service to the residents of the APICDA CDQ villages. The impact of his work will be felt for years to come in the region, state and industry,” said Justine Gundersen, APICDA Joint Ventures board chair.



Larry Cotter, CEO for APICDA and APICDA Joint Ventures, plans to retire at the end of 2018.

Cotter has lived in Alaska and worked in the commercial fishing industry since 1974. He spent over four years as a seafood processing worker in Juneau, and eight years as a labor organizer and representative for seafood processing workers and longshoremen. Cotter served on the Advisory Panel to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council for six years and as a voting member of the council for an additional six years. This was during the transition years when foreign fishing was being phased out and domestic allocation issues were first coming to the forefront. During that time, he was chair of several committees including the Bycatch Committee and Crab Management Committee. Cotter also served as chair of the council’s Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee and Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute’s Responsible Fisheries Management Committee.

## Tiffany Jackson Named President-Elect of the Alaska Association of School Boards

Tiffany Jackson, president of the Aleutians East Borough School Board and National School Boards Association member, was recently selected as President-Elect of the Alaska Association of School Boards.



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This isn't the first time Jackson has taken on this role. In November 2014, she was elected President-Elect. She served in that position until she stepped up as President of the Association in 2015.

"A few months ago, I was anticipating my service with the Executive Committee coming to an end in November," Jackson said. "With an unexpected vacancy in this position, it took a little soul searching to decide whether I could make the commitment to serve again. However, the Association has been doing such great work. I think the board felt it was important to maintain some consistency in order to keep our momentum going. I am honored that they trust me to continue in this position. I take the responsibility very seriously."

Jackson said she's thankful for the opportunity to continue serving all of Alaska's school boards in advocating for the state's students and public education. She'll serve one year as President-Elect. Next year, she'll step up as President of AASB after Michael Swain's term as President concludes. Jackson said working to increase the achievement of Alaska's students is the reason she continues to serve.

"There are a number of ways we can go about doing this," she said. "As President Swain has mentioned, school boards across the state need to be united in our advocacy for Alaska's students. We also need to continue our work on Equity in Education. We need to make sure our students' education is relevant to them and that it prepares them for the future, in whatever career or vocation they choose to pursue."

# King Cove Girls' Volleyball Team Places Third at 2A State Tournament



(From left to right: Nicole Gould, Emmaly Brandell, Christina Aichele, Jalayla Duarte, Elaina Mack, Lelonnie Brandell, Raietta Kuzakin and King Cove Rookies Coach Gary Lamar.

The King Cove girls' volleyball team has been riding a wave of victory and exhilaration this season. The Rookies played exceptionally well at regionals, putting them in first place. That qualified them to play at the state tournament, a remarkable feat in itself.

“In basketball, you compete with the 1A schools in Alaska, but in volleyball, you have to compete with 1A and 2A

schools, which is very difficult because you're competing against the big schools,” said King Cove Rookies volleyball coach Gary Lamar. “We were the only 1A school in this year's 2A tournament.”

The tournament was held at Dimond High School in Anchorage Nov. 30th - Dec. 2nd.

While competing with big schools might have seemed like a daunting task, the King Cove Rookies rose to the occasion.

“We managed to get third place in state,” Lamar said, “and it was absolutely wonderful! It was a lot of fun.”

It was a lot of work, too, but the King Cove Rookies know how to



The King Cove Rookies played their first match against Wrangell. The Rookies ended up getting third place overall at the state tournament.

have a good time, even while sweating it out among the big schools on the court. The girls played five matches at the state tournament. They won three games and lost two. Their record is 32 – 2. The first match at the tournament was against Wrangell.

“That’s another huge school with about three times as many kids as we have,” Lamar said.

Wrangell ended up winning, 3 to 1.

The second match up was against Chevak.

“We beat them 3 to 0,” Lamar said.



Coach Gary Lamar discusses strategy with the King Cove Rookies. “They all did an exceptional job,” he said.

Next up was Kenny Lake. King Cove repeated its performance, coming out on top, 3 to 0.

Unalaska proved to be more challenging, but King Cove demonstrated they had what it took to pull off another victory, 3 to 2.

“We beat them in the first game,” said Lamar. “Then they beat us in the second and third game, so we had to win the last two. That was the battle of the Aleutians,” Lamar chuckled. “It was fun.”

King Cove won 3 to 2.

The last match was against Petersburg, another big school. Although the Rookies

competed well, it was a difficult match.

“Petersburg had so many kids they could bring in,” said Lamar. “It was tough.”

The Rookies lost 3 to 0.

Overall, winning third place at the 2A state tournament was a remarkable accomplishment for the Rookies. Emmaly Brandell and Jalayla Duarte were both named to the all-tournament team.

Coach Lamar said he’s proud of the hard work from all the Rookies.

“They really did a great job,” Lamar said. “They fought like crazy and never quit. “I just can’t say enough about them. They all did an exceptional job.”

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## Sand Point Elders Receive Turkey Lunch

*By Jerri Nyberg*

Some of the elders in the community were surprised last month (Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>) with a nice turkey lunch, prepared by Jerri Nyberg's Culinary Arts students. It was fun to see their faces light up when they opened their door to find a random act of kindness handed to them. The students felt proud to have prepared and delivered these meals. Our only regret is that we were unable to serve all the elders in the community, however, we are thrilled that we have so many elders residing here!



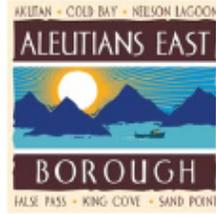
Wolf Jackson, Jackie Gronholdt, Melrose Ceballos, Nelly Aquino and Payton Stroud assemble lunches for the elders. Photo by Jerri Nyberg.

The lunch included turkey, stuffing, rolls, cranberry sauce, corn and pies! Everything (excluding the corn:) made from scratch, including the pumpkin pie, made from fresh pumpkin!

Over the past four years, donations from our QT Tribe, Alaska Commercial and AEBSD have made this project possible! We are thankful to live in such a caring, giving community!



Joseph Ortega delivers a turkey meal to a very happy Mr. Suh. Photo by Jerri Nyberg.



# Aleutians East Borough Planning Work Session

**Date:** December 13-15, 2017

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Location:** Aleutian Pribilof Island Association  
1131 East International Airport Road  
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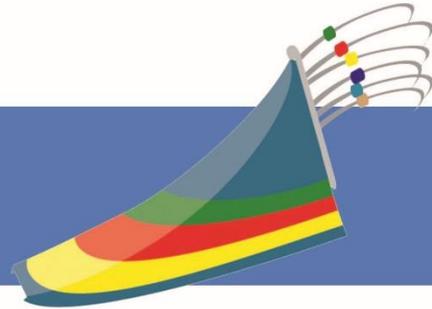
Borough communities and other entities in the region will be presenting to help the Borough finalize its strategic plan.

This meeting is open to the public and refreshments will be provided.

For more information please contact:  
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