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IT UPDATE

EASIER ON THE EYES

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Having a hard time reading your computer screen? Did you know Windows 10 has several features that can help you see your screen more easily? They are called 'accessibility features' and are easy to turn on. You can change the contrast of your screen, change the screen font, and even turn on 'Dark Mode' which helps save power!

To turn on 'High Contrast Mode'

- Select the Start button, and then select Settings > Ease of Access > High contrast.
- To turn on high contrast mode, select the toggle button under Turn on high contrast.

To change the size of the fonts and icons:

- Click on the Windows icon and type "Settings" and click on the Settings app in the search results.
- Click on the Ease of Access

Windows may display a "Please wait" screen for a few seconds, after which the colors on the screen change.

- Select the theme that works best for you from the Choose a theme dropdown menu.
- To turn off high contrast mode, select the Turn on high contrast toggle button again. Windows may again display a "Please wait" screen for a few seconds, after which the colors on the screen change back to default.

menu option.

- Under Display, use the slider under the Make text bigger heading to adjust the text to the size you want it. As you adjust the slider, you will see a preview of the new text size above.
- When you've adjusted the text to your preferred size, click Apply.

To turn on 'Dark Mode'

- Click on the Windows icon and type "Settings" and click on the Settings app in the search results.
- Select Personalization > Colors
- Select the "Dark" option from the drop-down menu under the "Choose your color" section.





NVE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Tribal Response Program

HOW TO REPORT A SPILL

BY IVY PATTON

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Native Village of Eyak's (NVE) Department of the Environment and Natural Resources is home to a Tribal Response Program (TRP) whose abilities range from tank inspections to spill response training, and spill response. Although we are able to respond to hazardous spills, you should never call NVE to report a spill. Instead, please call the **State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Spill Response Hotline at 907-269-3063** during regular business hours; outside of business hours call **1-800-478-8100**.

When spills are properly reported to DEC their protocols will initiate an appropriate response by a qualified organization, which may or may not be NVE. When this procedure is followed, DEC can delegate response to NVE and reimburse NVE for expenses incurred in the response. If you are the responsible party and wish to hire NVE to remediate a hazardous spill, you are still required to follow proper reporting procedures. Properly reporting a spill can only limit your liability for the spill.

NVE maintains an inventory of spill response equipment that is used for training purposes but can be accessed in the event of an emergency. If DEC requests, we respond to a spill we are reimbursed for the supplies we use in order to maintain our training inventory. We offer a 40-hour HAZWOPER course every one to two years that any member of the community may attend at no cost, and we maintain a roster of qualified spill responders.

The best way to deal with a spill is to avoid it.

NVE will conduct a Home Heating Tank Assessment free of charge. If you wish to have your tank inspected, or if you have any general questions about spill prevention or response, please call NVE's Environmental Coordinator, Ivy Patton, at **907-424-7738**.

State of Alaska Oil/ Petroleum Spill reporting requirements:

TO WATER:

Any release of oil to water must be reported as soon as the person has knowledge of the discharge.

TO LAND:

Any release of oil more than 55 gallons must be reported as soon as the person has knowledge of the discharge. Any release of oil more than 10 gallons but less than 55 gallons must be reported within 48 hours after the person has knowledge of the discharge. A person in charge of a facility or operation shall maintain and provide to the Department monthly a written record of discharge of oil from 1 to 10 gallons.

TO IMPERMEABLE SECONDARY CONTAINMENT AREAS:

Any release of oil more than 55 gallons must be reported within 48 hours after the person has knowledge of the discharge.



ILANKA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Spring has sprung at Ilanka Clinic

BY JESSICA ARASMITH

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Spring has sprung at the Clinic. Boats are moving around in the water and the canneries are starting to fill up. With more people arriving in town, there will be more people out and about. Since COVID-19 is still an active virus, please take advantage of free N-95 masks and home tests which are available at Ilanka Clinic front desk. The clinic also continues to offer COVID-19 Vaccinations along with a 2nd COVID-19 booster, which is available for those aged 50+ years or who are immunocompromised. If you would like to confirm if you qualify for a 2nd booster, please contact the Clinic at 907-424-3622.



Fresh paint

You may have noticed some slight changes in the clinic. We've painted a few rooms and have created a special pediatric room. The pediatric room is bright and fun, full of things for children to look at and games to play. Schedule your child's next wellness visit today! We like to see you and your kids not just when you are sick but when you are healthy too!

Health and Wellness 411

Ilanka Community Health Center is always working on better ways to assist our patients and the community of Cordova. In response to recent patient surveys, we are increasing our patient educational opportunities. Barbara Solomon, Licensed Nutritionist, is hosting a monthly get-together in the Wellness Center called "Health and Wellness 411". Barbara is sharing information on a variety of topics and how our body's organs and systems are designed to work with food to promote less stress, better sleep, weight loss, and overall better health. Join us from noon to 1 p.m. on June 8 for a 411 discussion with Barbara on Food Allergies and Food Intolerances.

Women's Day

Ilanka Clinic will also be hosting a "Woman's Day" event in June. Ilanka Providers will be available to provide information on OB, Diabetes, Nutrition, Pediatric CPR, and more. Please join us 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 25 for a relaxing day where you can chat with Ilanka Providers, learn about health, eat some good food, and check out some local vendors. If you have questions about this event, please contact Jessica Arasmith at 907-424-3622.

Do you have High Blood Pressure?

Ilanka Clinic offers a hypertension program to assist you in getting your blood pressure under control. Self-monitoring blood pressure equipment will be provided which allows the patient to forward blood pressure data to their provider for review without having to schedule an appointment. If you are interested in participating, please talk to Ellen Sheridan, RN Case Manager. She will answer your questions and if you choose to participate, set you up with everything you need.



ICHC

National Stroke Awareness Month

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May is National Stroke Awareness Month. According to the CDC a stroke occurs in the United States every 40 seconds. That's about 790,000 strokes every year. Nearly everyone in the U.S. has been affected by or is close to someone who has had a stroke. Advancing age and a family history of someone who has had a stroke are two risk factors out of our control.

Below, are five things we can start doing today to help prevent a stroke:

- 1. LOWER BLOOD PRESSURE:** Having high blood pressure can double or even quadruple your stroke risk if it's not controlled. It is the number one contributor to the risk of stroke in both women and men. Lowering your blood pressure can be done in many different ways. Reducing your salt intake, getting more exercise, quitting smoking or medication are just a few of them. If you have any concerns about high blood pressure, come in to discuss this with your physician today. Here at Ilanka Clinic, we have

a dedicated hypertension program where qualified individuals can obtain a free digital blood pressure monitoring cuff that communicates directly with your phone and with us to help you take control of your blood pressure.

- 2. LOSE WEIGHT:** There is no one size or shape that fits all, but many of us would benefit from even just a little bit of weight loss. Sometimes just 5-10 pounds is enough to make a significant improvement in blood pressure. Once again, if this is something you've been thinking about but just aren't sure how

to do it or where to find the motivation, come in to discuss it. We can help!

- 3. EXERCISE MORE:** Exercise can contribute to losing weight and lowering blood pressure, but not always. However, studies have shown that even if you don't lose weight or lower your blood pressure, just the physical exercise reduces your stroke risk. Any amount of exercise is better than nothing. A good goal is to exercise for 30 minutes at a moderate intensity at least 5 days a week. Be sure to consult your physician before starting any new exercise routines.
- 4. TREAT DIABETES:** If you have diabetes, the elevated sugar concentration can damage your blood vessels which increases your risk of blood clots that can cause strokes. If you have diabetes make sure you work closely with your doctor to keep it well-controlled. If you worry about developing diabetes, come in to discuss this with your healthcare provider. Most adults should be screened for diabetes every 1-3 years. Catching it early and then managing it closely prevents strokes.
- 5. QUIT SMOKING:** Smoking thickens your blood and increases plaque buildup in your arteries. Vaping does the same. If you smoke or vape, you're probably tired of being told you need to quit. It's so much easier said than done but come in to talk about it today. We can share some tips and tricks that may help you on your journey.

Recognizing the signs of a stroke and getting someone prompt medical care can be the difference between life and death or long-term impairment.

Using the F.A.S.T. acronym is an easy way to spot these signs.

- **"F"** stands for facial drooping.
- **"A"** is for arm weakness.
- **"S"** stands for speech difficulties.
- If you spot any of these signs then it is **"T,"** time to call the ambulance.

In strokes, time is brain cells. The sooner your loved one receives treatment the greater the chance for complete or near-complete recovery. You may make that difference for them if you familiarize yourself with F.A.S.T. Happy Stroke Awareness Month and have a wonderful summer!



ILANKA COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC

Welcome New
Employees:

Stacie Chappell:

Ilanka Community Health Center welcomes Stacie Chappell to the Revenue Cycle team as the new Revenue Cycle Specialist. She is assisting with accounts payable, insurance billing and Purchased Referred Care.



Stacie was born and raised in Cordova. She loves it here and enjoys many activities including harvesting wild berries and mushrooms with her family, assisting her dad with fishing, and coaching the High School Girls Basketball team. She is excited to be part of the Ilanka Clinic team!

Tiffany Algozine:

Tiffany has joined the front desk team as the new Outreach and Enrollment Specialist. Tiffany is responsible for Medicaid travel or enrollment needs for Medicaid, Medicare and Marketplace Insurance (Affordable Care Act).



Tiffany loves to bake and enjoys walking with her puppy. She looks forward to working with tribal members needing travel as well as assisting you with any coverage enrollments.

Laura Appleton:

Laura is one of the newest members of the front desk team and holds the position of Registration Specialist. Laura will be greeting you and assisting you during the registration and check-in process.

Laura loved growing up in Cordova and has recently moved back to make Cordova her forever home. She thoroughly enjoys the outdoors, kayaking, 4-wheeling, and going out on the water. She is excited to be back in Cordova and to be working with Tribal Beneficiaries and other patients at the Clinic.



NVE Elder rides are back!

We are offering rides again but strongly recommending utilizing family and friends to keep a small contact group. It is helpful if you can call ahead of time and schedule rides when you know you want to go somewhere.

We are asking all Elders to please sit in the backseat with your face mask on.

Contact Jackie Ladd

Elder Services Coordinator

907-253-7230

for information on Elder Services, activities and events.

8AM - 5PM Monday thru Friday



CHUGACH REGIONAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Help document Tradition Ecological Knowledge on marine mammals

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Chugach Regional Resources Commission (CRRCC) is asking for your help to document Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) on marine mammals in the region.

CRRCC's new Marine Mammal program would like to build capacities to manage marine mammals within the region and work on the issues of blood quantum that inhibit the continuation of our cultural traditions to younger generations in the Chugach Region.

We as Alaska Natives define ourselves by the traditions of obtaining, processing, and distributing wild resources. Marine mammals play a significant role in food security and provide a source of revenue through the sale of arts in areas where there are few income opportunities.

Please help us understand how marine mammals are utilized in your household. It is important to us as we move forward on creating co-management agreements for the region that we take your thoughts and considerations into account. This survey could take as little as 7 minutes.

Ready to take the survey?



Visit survey.alchemer.com/s3/6690768/Marine-Mammal-Utilization-Survey to start or scan the QR code below with your phone.

TRIBAL FAMILY SERVICES

TFS moves to new location at Pioneer Square Building on Main Street

BY JESSICA WEAVER

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The Tribal Family Services Department has moved to Main Street at the Pioneer Square building. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Tribal Family Services Department is comprised of Elder Services, Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), Family Programs, Wellness Programs, Resource Programs, Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), Domestic Violence Advocacy, Food Distribution on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) and Food Bank.



Marie Nichols and Helen Makarka.



Alberta Lawson and Arleene Olsen.

TRIBAL FAMILY SERVICES

Elder's Sewing Circle

BY BREE MILLS

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Elders are invited to join us each Tuesday from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. at the Tribal Family Services building on Main Street for Elder's Sewing Circle.

No sewing required! Puzzles, knitting, snacking, beading, etc. are all welcome and encouraged! Join us for two hours of weekly fellowship, laughter, and community.

Contact Chris Belgarde at 907-429-7230
if you need assistance with a ride to attend.



NVE ELDER MUG-UPS

STARTING MAY 19, THURSDAY
NOON - 2PM

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

JUNE 23

JULY 21

AUG 25

AUG. 25

SEPT 22

OCT. 27

NOV. 18, TURKEY BASKETS 10- 12

DEC. 14 CHRISTMAS PARTY

TRIBAL FAMILY SERVICE OFFICE
MAIN ST.
PIONEER SQUARE BUILDING

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
JACKIE 907-253-7230 OR
CHRIS 907-429-7230

**BRING A DISH TO SHARE WITH FRIENDS
POTLUCK LUNCHEON**



Master carver

Totems hewn from 850-year-old tree will guard new science center

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY ZACHARY SNOWDON SMITH

For The Cordova Times

A pair of totems carved from a roughly 850-year-old red spruce tree will keep watch over the entrance to Prince William Sound Science Center's new campus. Mike Webber began on the totems in December, often working for 12 or more hours per day in the Cordova workshop where he carved his first totem over 20 years ago.

Webber has previously carved five totems, including one owned by the Native Village of Eyak and two replicas of historical totems on display at Wells Fargo's First Street venue. Working on commission means Webber has been able to keep little of his own artwork, and he said he was pleased that his newest totems would stay in Cordova.

The new totems are carved in the style of house posts, traditionally placed at the entrance of longhouses used by Alaska Native leaders. As the iconography on a house post conveys the identity and background of the people inhabiting a longhouse, these totems will communicate something about the work done by PWSSC at their new facility, Webber said.

Webber has already finished work on the first totem, which was funded by the Eyak Corporation. Standing 8 feet 2 inches tall, the totem's carved designs include a raven and an octopus, symbolizing knowledge and intelligence, respectively. The totem is crowned with a watchman, who keeps a lookout for danger, and an "Eyak eye," symbolizing the Eyak people.

The second totem, funded by the Chugach Corporation, remains a work in progress, and Webber hopes to have it finished by April 15. Using a Tlingit artist style similar to that of the first totem, it will include a bear grasping a humpback salmon—a symbol for Webber's family group, which includes around 300 other people in Cordova. Tuesday, Webber said he'd already made three attempts at carving the bear's mouth, but had not yet managed to get its fanged grin just right.

"I'm wasting so much time on those lips!" Webber laughed. "You always get stuck somewhere, so this is where I'm stuck."

While the first totem symbolizes creation and intelligence, the second will symbolize strength and sustainability, Webber said. Both totems will be weatherproofed but left unpainted, and will be installed at the PWSSC facility using low-profile metal brackets in a surrounding featuring rough-hewn wood.

Before starting work on the tree — which Webber has dubbed the "grandmother tree" for its longevity — Webber said a blessing thanking the tree for its sacrifice and calling on the spirits of his ancestors for guidance.

"It's been around a long time and it's seen a lot of changes in the world — it's a great tree to honor this type of art, in my mind," Webber said. "It's bittersweet starting a totem because... it felt like I connected with some ancestors while I was doing it — it was exciting to have that sensation."



Mike Webber and a half-completed totem. (March 15, 2022)



Mike Webber reviews designs for a totem in progress.



Detail on a totem.



An octopus motif symbolizing the intellectual pursuits of Prince William Sound Science Center.



Mike Webber carves a totem.



Mike Webber and a completed totem



Mark King helps gather fresh herring roe in April.



All photos courtesy of ICC

Danaya Hoover helps distribute herring roe on kelp to tribal members in April.



Fresh herring roe on kelp harvested in April.

ILANKA CULTURAL CENTER

Subsistence Program distributes roe

waaw k'udA'uhdg

BY JESSIE ALEXANDER

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On April 4, NVE's Subsistence Program distributed herring roe, waaw k'udA'uhdg (Eyak), on Main Street to Tribal Members.

The herring roe was harvested on sea kelp that morning in Cedar Bay. This was the first day the herring roe was sighted in Prince William Sound marking the beginning of Spring! Mark and Jessie plan to return to harvest more roe once more spawning is sighted.

NVE's Subsistence Program also plans to harvest hooligan and seagull eggs this spring to distribute. It is our great pleasure to provide traditional foods to our Tribal Members.

If you have any questions about the Subsistence Program, please contact Jessie at jessie.alexander@eyak-nsn.gov or 907-429-3100.



Photo courtesy of Jessie Alexander
 Jessie Alexander with her family.

ILANKA CULTURAL CENTER

New Traditional
 Harvesting
 Coordinator

BY JESSIE ALEXANDER
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Hi! My name is Jessie Alexander and I am your new Traditional Harvesting Coordinator. My family and I moved to Cordova last summer from Petersburg, AK. I'm excited for the opportunity to help provide healthy, traditional foods to the members of NVE! We are already gearing up for a great year of harvesting, so please contact me if you are interested in participating in the following subsistence activities:

- Seagull Egg Harvest; May 1 – May 31st
- Herring Roe Harvest; March 15 – June 15th
- Hooligan Harvest; April 1 – June 30th
- Subsistence Salmon Fishing; May 15 – Sept 30th
- Halibut Fishing; April – October

If you have any questions about the Subsistence Program, please contact Jessie at
 jessie.alexander@eyak-nsn.gov
 or 907-429-3100.

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 907-424-7903

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 MONDAY through FRIDAY
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 Get notices & priority on upcoming classes.

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OR CALL DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS



Teal Hansen's completed paddle depicting her family. Teal shown on the left and Aaron shown on the right. Three children in the middle, Gravina at top, Katella in the middle, and Kaliakh on the bottom. Photo by Teal Hansen

ILANKA CULTURAL CENTER

Cultural Classes

Suncatchers, Alutiiq Dance Regalia, Paddle Carving, more

BY TEAL HANSEN

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Ilanka Cultural Center's (ICC) first cultural class of 2022 was a Suncatcher class taught by tribal member Denise Eleshansky with help from her husband, Kenneth, on January 6 at the Masonic Lodge. This was Denise's first-time teaching, and she did a wonderful job. She had her plate full, with 12 students, which included five children, three of which were only 7 years old! This was the first class to teach young children since the start of my employment.

Our second cultural class took place at the end of January and end of February. The Alutiiq Dance Regalia workshop was held over two 1-week intensive classes at the Masonic Lodge. The workshop was taught by Kodiak's Alutiiq artist, Hanna Sholl. She showed 15 students photos of ancestral regalia that now reside in collections on the other side of the earth. Hanna taught students how to design their own regalia, how to make a custom fitted dress/shirt, many different traditional embroidery stitches, and cultural customs. Separate from the students learning how to make dance regalia, she helped organize and teach Mary Babic how to replicate a regalia artifact. Mary, already an accomplished skin sewer and cultural artist, will have this replica completed in time for the 2022 Sobriety Celebration and it will be on display in our Ilanka Museum afterwards. This workshop



Photo by Teal Hansen

The Northwest Coast Design Class working on their paddle design. Rob Ammerman, John Stack, David Saiget, Mike Webber helping Amiee Gloe, and John Yakanak.

and project were funded in part by the NPS Historic Preservation Fund Tribal Heritage grant. We are beyond grateful for this grant and Hanna for helping return traditional knowledge to our area.

ICC's following classes were taught by tribal elder and master carver Mike Webber. Mike's paddle class was held at the end of February and his design class was held in early March at the Masonic Lodge. Six students carved out a 50" yellow cedar paddle and then drew a Northwest Coast design for the paddle. Many students were even able to start painting their paddle in class. We look forward to seeing the paddles when they are completed!

Scheduled upcoming classes include a Mother's Day Beaded Salmon Leather AirTag class taught by tribal member Kanisha Tiedeman Lohse in April and a Beginning Painting class taught by Tribal Council member Sylvia Lange in May. An open craft night will also be held every Thursday in April for any past student or tribal member.

WE ARE ALWAYS EAGER TO REPATRIATE KNOWLEDGE TO THIS AREA AND OUR TRIBAL COMMUNITY.

If you have a skill or craft you would like to teach or learn, please email
Teal.Hansen@eyak-nsn.gov



Photo by Teal Hansen

A portion of the regalia students pose with their projects. Faith Barnes, Teal Hansen, Kanisha Tiedeman Lohse, Arlene Olsen, Hanna Sholl, Danaya Hoover, Anya Honkola, and Mary Babic.



Photo by Teal Hansen

Mary Babic, the Traditional Regalia Replicator, studies her project.



Photo by Teal Hansen

Faith Barnes learns different traditional embroidery from Hanna Sholl in the Alutiq Regalia Class.



Photo by Teal Hansen

Mary Babic and Raven Madison lighting a seal oil lamp to start the class off with good intentions.



Photo by Teal Hansen

Denise Eleshansky and some of her students from the first Suncatcher Class proudly display their projects at the end of the class. Back row, from left, Denise Eleshansky, Vivian Kennedy, Savannah Eike, Angela Bolin, Daria Songer, Kayley Delozier, front row from left, Adelyn and Aurora Gloe, Teague Webber, Gravina Hanson, and Darcy Saiget.

Mike Webber helping John Stack with his paddle design.



Photo by Teal Hansen



John Stack completed his paddle depicting an eagle and a killer whale. Photo by John Stack



Jamie Foode working on her dance regalia.

Photo by Hanna Sholl

Winter Festivities

Russian Christmas



Photo courtesy of Darrel Olsen

Kenneth Eleshansky twirls the star during Russian Christmas at St. George's Russian Orthodox Church on Saturday, Jan. 8.

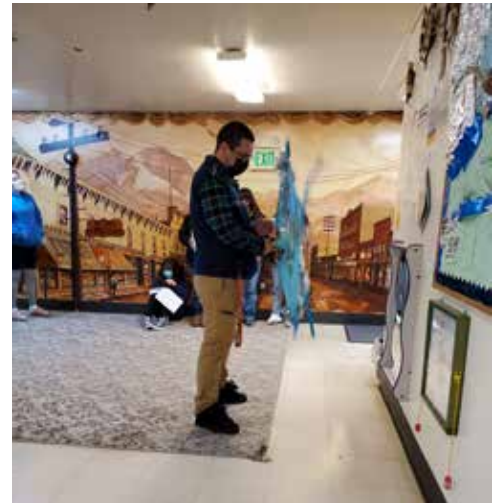


Photo courtesy of Reyna Newirth

Kenneth Eleshansky twirls the star at the Ilanka Community Health Center during Russian Christmas on Saturday, Jan. 8.



Photo courtesy of Reyna Newirth

Russian Christmas festivities at NVE on Jan. 9.



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Russian Christmas festivities at NVE on Jan. 9.



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Russian Christmas festivities at NVE on Jan. 9.



Tribal Member Photos SHARE YOUR PHOTOS IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER BY EMAILING THEM TO ECHO@EYAK-NSN.GOV. *1MB+ JPEG images work best. Please include brief caption info, photo credit and first and last names of those pictured.



Aaron Hansen throwing Kaliakh in the Hawaiian air.



Teague Webber, Katrina Hoffman holding Kaliakh Hansen, and Mike Webber in Hawaii, February.



Gravina 7.5 years, Kaliakh 8 months, & Katella Hansen 4.5 years.

Share life announcements and Tribal member photos in the Eyak Echo

EMAIL US AT
echo@eyak-nsn.gov

(Please put "Eyak Echo" in the subject line.)



For information on Elder Services, activities and events

Contact Jackie Ladd
Elder Services Coordinator

907-253-7230
8AM - 5PM Monday thru Friday

NVE TRIBAL COURT

*Available to the entire community
Everyone is welcome*

Native Village of Eyak's Judicial Department offers:

- Conflict Resolution
- Family Mediation
- Restoration
- Juvenile Diversion
- Child Welfare (tribal members only)
- Intervention

For more information, contact
Rebecca Campbell Calfina at

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Rebecca.Calfina@eyak-nsn.gov or courtclerk@eyak-nsn.gov



Prince William Marina

2.5 MILE WHITSHED RD. IN CORDOVA, AK

BOAT & LOCKER
STORAGE

BOB LADD, MARINA MANAGER

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Native Village of Eyak FDPIR Services

(open to the community of Cordova)

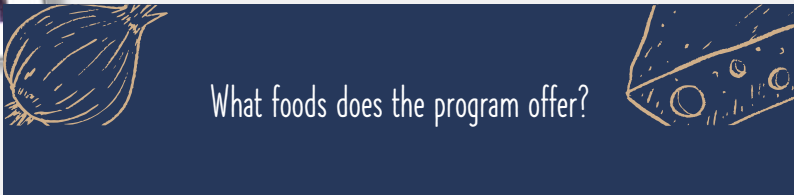


Questions & Answers



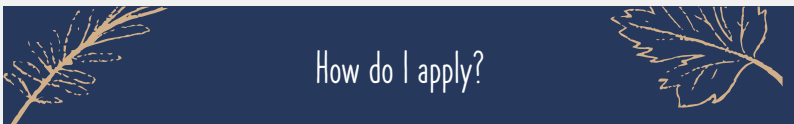
What is FDPIR?

FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) provides monthly nutritional food to income eligible households (who are not enrolled in SNAP) in a federally recognized tribal community.



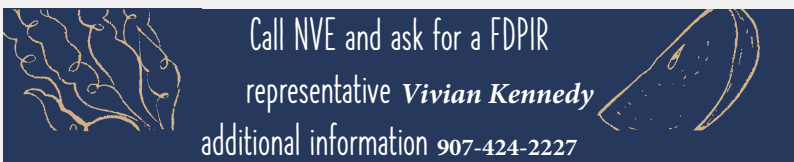
What foods does the program offer?

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How do I apply?

**Contact a representative to schedule an appointment
Email: vivian.kennedy@eyak-nsn.gov
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**IF YOU HAVE INTEREST IN THE COMMITTEE, PLEASE
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