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Birth

Hazel River Alexandra Belgarde



Proud parents Odessa Belgarde and Jesse Macdonald of Cordova, Alaska are happy to announce the birth of their first daughter. Hazel River Alexandra Belgarde was born at 8:04 a.m. on May 4 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces and measuring 20 1/2 inches. Maternal grandparents are Teri Melugin and Neil Moore and paternal grandparents are Cecily Hottinger and Michael Macdonald. Great-grandparents are Christine Belgarde and Kathy Hottinger of Cordova. Congrats to the new family!



Graduate

A message from graduate Chandelle Erbey

Thank you to the Native Village of Eyak for their continuous support and generosity throughout my undergraduate and graduate studies! Without you this accomplishment would not have been possible. I look forward to the next step as I begin my first job and continue to serve others in the sports medicine world and beyond.

Thank you!!
Chandelle Erbey

Birth

Kaliakh King Hansen

Teal and Aaron Hansen of Cordova welcome the birth of their son Kaliakh King Hansen. Kaliakh was born at 1:51 a.m. on June 4 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 9 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 22.5 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Toni Godes, Mike Webber and Katrina Hoffman of Cordova. Kaliakh joins his big sisters Gravina Irene and Katella Baleen.



*Have a special life announcement
to share in the Eyak Echo?*

EMAIL IT TO US AT
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(Please put "Eyak Echo" in the subject line.)



Photos courtesy of DENR

An update from the Department of Natural Resources

BY MATT PICHE

Department of Natural Resources –
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This spring marked the 21st year of NVE's Copper River Chinook Salmon Monitoring Program. In 2021 we continue the annual fishwheel mark-recapture study to estimate the inriver abundance of adult Chinook salmon passing through Baird Canyon on the lower Copper River. The data produced by this study is used to help manage sustainable fisheries and maintain a healthy Chinook salmon population. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the National Park Service estimate harvest in all Chinook salmon fisheries on the Copper River, this harvest data is combined with NVE's population data to monitor total returning run size, system-wide escapement, assess the annual sustainable escapement goal, and calculate the preseason run forecast.

Additionally, this is the third and final year of a Copper River Chinook salmon radio-telemetry study conducted by NVE and ADF&G Division of Sport Fish. NVE tags a proportion of the salmon run passing through Baird Canyon and a series of radio towers on the Upper Copper River mainstem and within the six major drainages log individual Chinook salmon as they pass by. In addition, over 50



hours of aerial surveys are conducted each year over all drainages to locate tagged Chinook salmon on spawning grounds and fish in route between tower locations. This study provides distribution (i.e. what percentage of Chinook salmon spawn in each tributary) and stock specific run timing (i.e. when each

stock passes through Baird Canyon, past each tower location, and arrives at their spawning grounds).

NVE is also using the fishwheel sampling platform to assist other researchers with their studies. This is the 5th year NVE has assisted the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Division of Sport Fish with adult recovery of coded wire tagged Chinook salmon as part of the first inriver and ocean survival study on Copper River salmon. NVE is also assisting the Prince William Sound Science Center with a Sockeye salmon energetics study to investigate the impact of body size on migratory success and monitor the prevalence of pathogens.

Lastly, this summer will be year one of a four-year feasibility study on the Klutina River (tributary of the Copper River) to monitor the abundance of Sockeye and Chinook salmon. NVE will be using the same equipment and similar techniques in use at the ADF&G Miles Lake Sonar station. If the sonar feasibility study is successful, we hope it will provide the foundation for further in-depth studies on food web productivity, juvenile and ocean survival, water chemistry, and modelling the future of Copper River salmon populations on a glacially dominated lake system. NVE and Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission will locate a suitable sonar site along the Klutina River in 2021 with full season sonar operation anticipated to begin in spring of 2022.

If you would like to learn more about NVE's salmon monitoring programs, please reach out to the Department of the Environment and Natural Resources. ■



ICHC UPDATE

BY JESSICA ARASMITH

Operations Coordinator

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At Ilanka Community Health Center, we are proud to always strive for new ways to strengthen and expand our services. Continuity of care is one of our top priorities. To help in this ongoing endeavor we have built two strong comprehensive care teams who are happy to assist you: Benjamin Head, MD, Delia Reyes, FNP and their nursing staff; and Brian Iutzi, MD and his nursing staff. All our providers are board certified in Family Medicine. Dr. Head and Delia Reyes both enjoy women's health and Delia is working toward a board certification in Psychiatry. Ilanka's excellent staff can also assist with chronic disease management and Dr. Iutzi's Team assists with Substance Use Disorder Treatment.

To help us help you, please let us know who your preferred provider is at your next appointment.

New to our comprehensive teams are Licensed Nutritionist Barbara Soloman and Behavioral Health Clinician Sun Young An. If you are interested in making an appointment for a referral, please call us at 907-424-3622.

Accessibility to care is a top priority. Ilanka offers rides to and from Ilanka Clinic appointments with our new wheelchair vans to make it easier for patients with limited mobility to attend their appointments. All other elder rides are coordinated through the Elder Ride Program at 907-253-7230.

Another new service we will soon be offering is at home assistance to help our elders with Medicare enrollment! Jessica Jones, our Outreach and Enrollment Specialist, will soon be making house calls. If you are interested or have questions, please contact her during clinic hours at 907-424-3622, option #2.

Ilanka Clinic continues to provide COVID-19 testing and vaccinations. Ilanka Clinic and CCMC share the COVID-19 Vaccination registration list, so please call 907-424-3045 or register online at www.cdvcmc.com.

Don't forget — we have a nurse line available to anyone calling after hours or on holidays. A licensed registered nurse is available for medical advice and questions. This service can assist you in deciding whether or not a clinic appointment or even an emergency room visit is recommended. To reach our after-hours nurse line, please call 907-424-3622 and follow the prompts.

ILANKA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Flu symptoms can include:

FATIGUE *
(FEELING VERY TIRED)
HEADACHE
MUSCLE ACHES
OR BODY ACHES
Runny or stuffy nose
CHILLS
COUGH **SORE THROAT**
FEVER

*Not everyone with flu will have a fever

Benefits of Flu Vaccination

- Flu vaccination reduces your risk of getting sick, being hospitalized, or dying from flu.
- Flu vaccination can reduce the risk of having a heart attack in people who have heart disease.
- In people who have diabetes, flu vaccination can reduce the risk of being hospitalized with flu or from their diabetes.
- Flu vaccination has been shown in some studies to reduce severity of illness in people who get vaccinated but still get sick.
- Getting vaccinated yourself may also protect people around you, including those who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies and young children, elders, and people with certain chronic health conditions.



CALL **907-424-3622**
TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT,
705 Second St.



PERSONALIZED QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY



Ilanka Cultural Center

Cedar Woven Hat Class

Make a Tlingit-styled hat with master weaver Holly Churchill



5 weeks of class held @ the Masonic between September 20th-October 9th.
 5:30-8pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays
 & 10am-4pm on Saturdays (lunch Noon-1)
 Class capacity: 14 Students
 Class Cost: \$200

2 Elder scholarships available! Contact Jackie Ladd for more information. jackie.ladd@eyak-nsn.gov

Must be a current 2021 Member to sign up for Cultural Classes. Single memberships: \$20

To sign up for class OR to become a member: call 424-7903 to pay over the phone, or come into our gift shop (711 Main St.) during open hours (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10am-4pm). You may also sign up for a membership online at https://ilankaculturalcenter.com/product_cat/memberships

This class is funded in part by The CIRI Foundation.



ICC Cedar Hat Class

Woven hat class set for Sept. 20-Oct. 9

BY TEAL HANSON

Ilanka Cultural Center Coordinator
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We are excited to announce a Tlingit-styled cedar woven hat class taught by master weaver Holly Churchill. This is a 3-week class will be held from Sept. 20-Oct. 9.

A cedar hat is projected to take about 40 hours to complete and there are 48 class hours available. This gives you time to catch up if you happen to miss a class or two due to scheduling or gives more time for those who need it.

There are two elder scholarships available. Contact Jackie.ladd@eyak-nsn.gov for more information. There is also an NVE educational scholarship available to a tribal member who is interested in taking the class, but not able to pay the class fee. The scholarship application can be found on NVE's website at www.eyak-nsn.gov. Please send applications to brooke.mallory@eyak-nsn.gov.

Let us know if you'd like to sign up! Pay over the phone 907-424-7903 or in person during ICC's open hours. ■

Traditional skills

Skin sewing with Gloria Cunningham

A beginning skin sewing class was taught by Gloria Cunningham in April. Students provided their own fabric and pre-stretched animal hide. Gloria then showed students the proper way to cut the hide and complete a 12x12 inch pillow.

Hides are available for purchase at ICC to consortium members. Non-native students may not work with sea otter but there are a variety of other animals available to them, like land otter or beaver.

Get notices on more upcoming class opportunities like these by becoming a member of Ilanka Cultural Center at www.ilankaculturalcenter.com.



How to a stretch hide

You will need:

- Plywood board, at least the size of the hide
- Staple gun
- Spray bottle filled with water, or leather conditioning spray
- Animal hide: see otter, beaver, land otter (non-native students may not use sea otter)

Instructions:

1. Lay hide down on plywood stretcher board.
2. Spray the skin of the hide until soaked with water or leather conditioning spray.
3. Get the staple gun. Start at the head of the animal. Staple to hide on the edge of the skin a couple times, about one half-inch from the edge.
4. Moved to the tail end of the hide. Pull the hide tight, staple a couple times.
5. Go to the left or right side of the hide. Pull tight and staple. Repeat the steps, moving across from the last stable, moving in a circle. It is helpful to have a friend for this part to help stretch the hide, hold the board, and staple.
6. Leave hide on the stretcher board overnight.
7. Remove staples.

Scan to learn more!





ILANKA CULTURAL CENTER GIFT SHOP



Food Distribution Program

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. The service is open to the entire community.

WHAT FOODS DOES THE PROGRAM OFFER?

Each month income eligible households receive a food package to help them maintain a nutritionally balanced diet. Participants may select from over 70 products including, but not limited to: Fresh produce, canned fruits and vegetables, meats, poultry, fish, canned soups, spaghetti sauce, pastas, cereals, rice, cheese, egg mix, box & canned milk, flour, cornmeal, bakery mix, crackers, beans, juice, nut mix, peanut butter, butter & vegetable oil.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Contact a representative to schedule an appointment

Email: tfsassistant@eyak-nsn.gov

Applications can be found at eyak-nsn.gov/programs/tribal-family-services/#fdpir

WHERE IS PICKUP?

The FDPIR food pantry is located at Bayside storage locker #87.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Call NVE at **907-424-2227**

and ask for FDPIR representative Linda Powell

Now conveniently located at
711 FIRST STREET

(The old trooper building)

907-424-7903

10 A.M.–4 P.M. TUES - FRI

10 A.M. - 2 P.M. SAT

ILANKACULTURALCENTER.COM

BECOME A MEMBER!

\$20 for individuals, \$50 for the whole family!

Get notices & priority on upcoming classes.

EMAIL DANAYA.HOOVER@EYAK-NSN.GOV

OR CALL DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS



Culture Week

Call for Volunteers

BY DANAYA HOOVER

Cultural Director

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Ilanka Cultural Center is planning for 2021 Cultural Week which will take place at Mt. Eccles Elementary September 27-30. This is a week-long event where culture, language, dance, stories, crafts, and food are shared with Cordova's children. This is a unique and very special opportunity to pass on traditional ways, skills, and knowledge with the youth. Each day, the kids rotate around to different lessons and teachers, and participate in fun and educational projects and activities. We are looking for volunteers to help aid in classes, help cook for the potlatch on the last day, and clean up. Any High School students who participate can earn community hours. If you are interested in participating in this year's event, please contact Danaya Hoover by email danaya.hoover@eyak-nsn.com or call 907-424-7903.



Kim Aspelund shows students how to properly harvest devil's club.



Processing devil's club harvested by students out Power Creek.

Botanical expedition

Harvesting traditional plants around Cordova

BY DANAYA HOOVER

Cultural Director

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Kim Aspelund, Traditional Plants Educator, taught a plant class on June 5 at the Masonic Lodge where students harvested devil's club and spruce tips for devil's club salve, spruce tip lip balm, and cottonwood bud cream.

The elder-friendly class included a two-hour harvest trip out Power Creek Road. Chairs were made available to those who needed them so they could sit and be involved in stripping devil's club.



Sisters Danaya and Jessica Hoover mix up spruce tip lip balm.



Kim Aspelund demonstrates making devil's club salve.



Mixing up some cottonwood cream with instructor Kim Aspelund.

Eyak language classes

Eyak language classes are held Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. on Skype. Sign in to listen to Eyak Legends, stories by Anna Nelson Harry and learn words and phrases. If you would like to learn on your own, there are two excellent resources: eyakpeople.com and eyak.org. If you have any questions, please contact Brooke at brooke@eyak-nsn.gov or 907-424-2288. *AnA'ahdah*

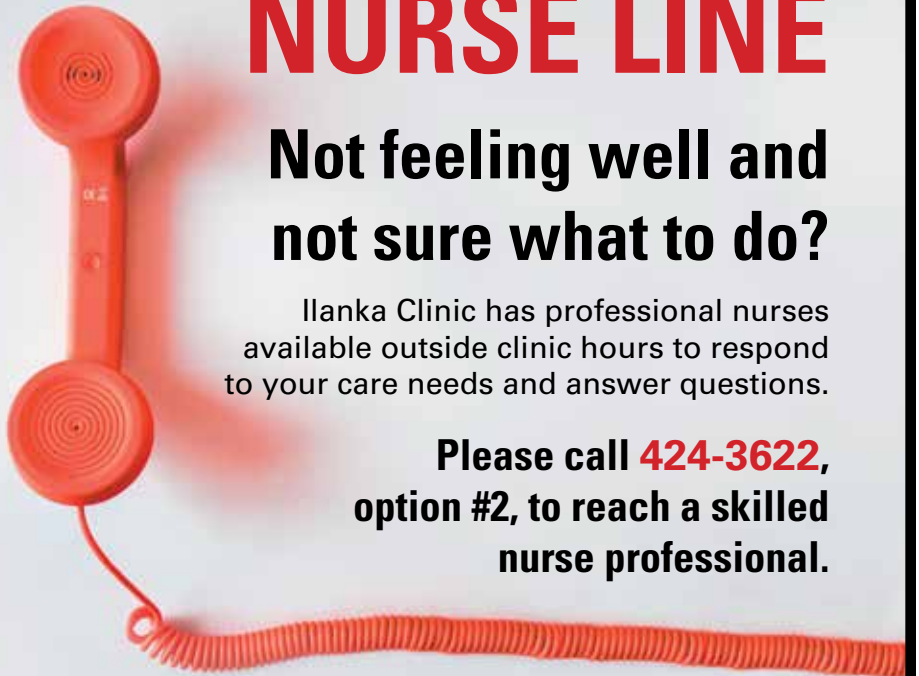
ILANKA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

NURSE LINE

Not feeling well and not sure what to do?

Ilanka Clinic has professional nurses available outside clinic hours to respond to your care needs and answer questions.

Please call 424-3622, option #2, to reach a skilled nurse professional.



CLINIC HOURS

8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday - Friday
Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



CALL **907-424-3622**
TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT,
or stop by **705 Second St.**



PERSONALIZED QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY



Elder Services update

New activities for Elders

BY JACKIE LADD

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Elder sewing circle

It is time to get some programs started back up after a long time of social distancing. The NVE Elders sewing circle will take place from 1:30-3 p.m. every Tuesday of the month. We will be meeting in the NVE upstairs boardroom. Bring a project to work on and some good conversation to share.



Out and About Elder rides

Are you looking forward to a ride out the road to see wildlife, visit with friends or maybe watch someone fishing at the cove? Then call the Elder Program new phone number (907-253-7230) and sign up. The Elder Program will offer this service weekly to Elders every Thursday from 2-4 p.m. We will be using the new Ilanka clinic van for our rides.



Toss Barnes and Skye Steritz at Elder Distribution.



Bruce Campbell, Rachel Hoover and Skye Steritz at Elder Distribution.

Elder Distribution

The Elder Program started doing distribution last year when the main NVE office closed its doors due to COVID.

The funding was made possible by receiving grants under the Older American Title VI program. The Elder Program organized monthly food distribution with the thought of planning nutritional meals, healthy activities and offering safety supplies to Tribal Elders. The wind, the snow and the sideways rain did not stop our distributions.

We were later joined with the Native Conservancy who is providing Elders with additional subsistence food. This always brings a smile to an Elders face and up lifting support to very special people, our Elders.

With restrictions being lifted and more in person gatherings we are hoping to start mug ups again soon. You ask what is a mug-up, it is a free lunch time meal for NVE Elders to gathering with friends. It is also an opportunity to share information about community programs and events.

Keep an eye out for Tribal Family Services new location in the Pioneer Building on main street.



WINNER

At one of our Elder Distribution, we offered a door prize and here is a picture of the winner. Congratulations Margaret Olson, happy grilling!



Boathouse Workshop

Located in the Prince William Marina, lockers C7 and C8 are a workshop space for NVE members to work on wood projects. The Elder Program and the Ilanka Cultural Center joined together funding to provide this space to hold Cultural classes or a space Elders can share their wood working knowledge. It's heated and has tools to get you started on that special project.

If you are interested in teaching a class or need a space to complete a project, contact Danaya at ICC or Jackie with the Elder Program to schedule to use the Boathouse workshop. Come check it out July 21, Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. ■



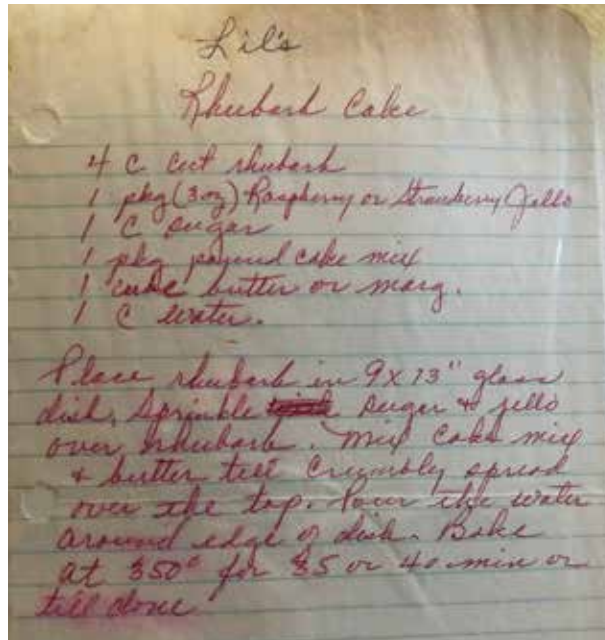
Elder Program scholarships

Scholarships bring cultural activities to elders

BY JACKIE LADD

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The Elder Program offers Cultural Class Scholarships to NVE Elders. If you are interested in taking a class and need a little help paying for the application class fee, contact Elder Services Coordinator Jackie Ladd by email at Jackie.Ladd@eyak-nsn.gov or by phone at 907-424-2230.



Lil's Rhubarb Cake Recipe

Courtesy of Raven Cunningham's family cookbook, which features recipes from her Great-great grandmother Alice Clock of Peak Island and grandma Dolly Clock.

The Eyak People, DaXunhyuu

Giyah Traditional and Contemporary Subsistence Patterns

BY RAVEN CUNNINGHAM

Native Village of Eyak Tribal Council member

Traditionally, clans owned the salmon streams, halibut banks, berry patches, intertidal regions, egg harvesting areas, and land for hunting. As long as the area was used by the clan, they had ownership and rights to the area. Food harvest was seasonal and therefore had to be preserved for the winter months until the following early spring. Their food was preserved by being smoked in a smokehouse or dried by wind or sun.

The Eyak adapted some subsistence customs from their Alutiiq/Sugpiaq/Chugach Region neighbors to the West, and others from their Eastern neighbors, the Tlingit. Oceans and rivers supplied their main source of food, salmon being the most important.

There are five species that run up the Copper River Delta and Orca Inlet area: *te'ya'lee* (King or Chinook), *AdAte'ya'* (Silver or Coho), *cha'ch* (Red or Sockeye), *tiitl'* (Chum or Dog salmon), *kaashk'* (Pink or Humpy). *dAG lab* (Steelhead trout), *waaw* (herring), *k'uDA'uhdg waaw* (herring eggs), and *saag* (hooligan) were also caught and eaten.

Harvested sea plants included seaweed *tiishiyah* (broad) and *iinLxAwah* (red), beach asparagus, and goose tongue. Eyak men fished for *LAGtiiX* (halibut) with hook and line from *AXAih* (dugout canoes), *dug jiidaadAG* (clams) from the beaches, and hunted *geeLtaag* (seal) and *sabs* (sea otter) with spears by sneaking up on them when they are resting on the beach, rocks, or ice.

In the spring and summer, the Eyak collected shoots, plants and *la'mahd* (berries). In the fall they hunted *GAnuh* (ducks), *naaXAg* (geese), and *GAX-tl'* (swan), while *k'uLdiyaann* (grouse), and *dlaaq'Aya'* (mountain goat) were hunted year around. *XAwaa* (dogs) aided in hunting for *lixah* (brown bear) and *ts'iyub* (black bear). *k'uXaashg* (beaver), *XaangAdiinyanh* (porcupine), *k'ujAX-Ayaash* (marten), *k'uLA'ah* (muskrat), and *dALAXeeg* (marmot) were taken with deadfalls and snares. Today, these subsistence patterns are still a crucial part of the Native people's cultural identity. ■



Photo courtesy of Mark King

Mark King netting eulachon, also called candlefish, in the Copper River.



Catching hooligan and salmon Subsistence fishing program

In the previous Eyak Echo, collecting spawn on kelp from the Sound was featured. Here we have hooligan fishing in the Copper River and salmon fishing on the Delta. Mark King and Tina Fox are the primary food gatherers for the Program, with Danaya Hoover and Brooke Mallory coordinating permits and Tribal Members as participants.



ABOVE: Mark King and Tina Fox on a subsistence opener on the Copper River Flats.

LEFT: Tina Fox vacuum packs fresh salmon.

Photos courtesy of Mark King



New hire

NVE welcomes Jamie Foode as Traditional Harvesting Coordinator

Cama'i, my name is Jamie Foode. My given mother is June Anderson of Cordova, my Umma is Elizabeth Foode of Cordova, and my father is James Foode of Cordova. I have accepted the position of Traditional Harvest Coordinator with The Native Village of Eyak. I recently graduated from the University of Alaska Fairbanks with a Bachelor of Arts in Rural Development through their Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development Department. I look forward to working with you all! Please reach out if you have any questions. You can reach me on my work cell at 907-429-3100, or via email at Jamie.Foode@eyak-nsn.gov.

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



The Copper River Family of Companies Quarterly Update

A Letter from Sylvia Lange, ANGS Chairman

Hello Fellow Tribal Members,

You are a Tribal Owner of ANGS. ANGS manages and oversees, on behalf our Tribe, the Copper River Family of Companies. Your NVE Council understands our ownership of this "Family of Companies" as a vital means to further the vision and mission of our Tribe. The Native Village of Eyak has been a proud participant in the Small Business Administration 8(a) program since 2006. We have been building upon that experience, and I'm happy to report that our Copper River Family of Companies have had their best year in history (even through the pandemic) and continues on an upward trajectory that has led us into another record breaking year. Since October 2020, I have served as Chairman of ANGS. 2020 was a year of restructuring at ANGS, welcoming a new CEO, Kevin McLaughlin, and many other changes including new board members, and implementing new policies and procedures. We are now reaping the benefits of that process, and we continue increased oversight, transparency, and communication. This success is due to many factors, not the least of which is the contributions of the prior ANGS Board and we thank them for their long years of service.

The ANGS Board maintains a regular calendar of meetings, both monthly and quarterly, as well as two standing committees, finance and governance, that report to the full board. The ANGS board meets with CEO Kevin McLaughlin, along with his entire executive team. Our CEO provides detailed and thorough reports to the entire ANGS Board in our monthly meetings. In addition, Ed Mangini

(our CFO) provides detailed financial reports of all the companies, and presents those reports to the ANGS Board, including more in-depth presentations to our finance committee quarterly. We feel our working relationship with our CEO and his management team, provides sound and proper oversight over our companies. As part of our new initiative regarding increased transparency, we will give a brief overview of our companies and will include a highlight of one of our programs. I hope to include a report in each Eyak Echo going forward, focusing on a different company each time, and am happy to answer any questions you may have about your companies.

Gunalch'eech,
Sylvia Lange
(Tlingit/Sugpiaq)

ReconCraft's Vocational Training Program

The Copper River Family of Companies, in addition to providing revenue back to NVE, also wants to provide job opportunities and vocational training. The team successfully launched our first Vocational Training program here in Cordova this year. The purpose of the Reconcraft Vocational Training is to give back to our Tribal community and provide mentoring and job skills to interested Tribal Members as well as community members. Our first graduating class included: Carson Trumblee, Stephan Ronnegard, and Mason Ladd and we are very proud of their accomplishment. Our Vocational Training Program is just a first step on exciting programs our





companies will provide to NVE now and in the future.

ReconCraft, a Copper River Company, is a leading maritime vessel manufacturer that leverages their advanced, 3D engineering and design techniques to create ruggedized marine vessels for the toughest waterborne missions in the most demanding operational and maintenance environments on earth.



The Copper River Family of Companies

The Copper River Family of Companies brings a complementary set of solutions and services that support the diverse requirements of our Federal and Private Sector clients. Proud participants of the Small Business Administration's (SBA) 8(a) Business Development Program, the Copper River companies consist of both current and graduated SBA 8(a) entities and have been supporting a variety of long-term Government contracts since 2006. With capabilities spanning from Cyber Security to Information Technology, and Construction Management to Maritime Manufacturing, Copper River has a vast past performance that spans across multiple sectors and supports a wide-range of requirements. The Copper River Family of Companies includes:

- Copper River Shared Services
- Coho Consulting Group
- Coho Construction Management
- Coho Technology Solutions
- Copper River Technologies
- Copper River Infrastructure Services
- Copper River Cyber Solutions
- Coho Integrated Solutions
- Reconcraft
- TACG
- Copper River Information Technology
- Moss Cape
- Copper River Enterprise Services



Graveyard shift

After virus delays, volunteers return to cemetery cleanup

68 bags of grass removed from Pioneer Cemetery

BY ZACHARY SNOWDON SMITH

In 2020, the annual Bill Hansen Jr. Pioneer Cemetery Cleanup was canceled for the first time in its then 10-year history. This June, with coronavirus restrictions lifted, volunteers returned to Cordova's Pioneer Cemetery to clean up two years' worth of plant growth.

About 30 volunteers participated in the June 22 cleanup, including current and former Eyak Corporation board members, staff and shareholders; Native Village of Eyak staff and tribal members; and assorted other local volunteers. Visitors participating in the event included Jeff Stutzke, a hydraulics engineer for the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

Volunteers operating four weed trimmers took about two hours to clear the cemetery, said Eyak Corporation Cordova Lands and Office Manager Tiffany Beedle, who coordinated the cleanup. Eyak Corporation Vice President Brennan Cain was among the volunteers who helped rake and bag enough cut grass to fill 68 bags. Volunteers also chipped paint from wooden grave markers, although the threat of rain prevented immediate repainting. Repainting will take place during calmer weather, Beedle said.

The event is named after Bill Hansen Jr., an Eyak Corporation shareholder and NVE tribal member who advocated for cemetery maintenance. The event is a joint venture between the Eyak Corporation, NVE and the city, which loaned weed trimmers, rakes and other equipment to the project. For volunteers, the event was capped off by a barbecue provided by NVE. ■



Photo by Zachary Snowdon Smith/The Cordova Times

Taylor Tiedeman preps a grave marker for repainting at Cordova's Pioneer Cemetery.



Photo courtesy of Brennan Cain

Cemetery clean-up volunteers enjoyed a complimentary BBQ lunch as a thank-you for their efforts.



Tribal Member Photos



Photo courtesy of Teal Hansen
Hansen family patiently waiting the arrival of their baby in Anchorage. May 22, 2021.

Photo courtesy of Raven Cunningham
Red salmon in the smoke house.

Photo courtesy of Teal Hansen
Gravina Hansen, 6, and Teague Webber, 7, at the Mt. Eccles music concert April 27, 2021.



Photo courtesy of Teal Hansen
Just a few of Bill and Irene Webber's great grandchildren: Gravina Hansen, Logan Webber, Teague Webber (grandchild), Emberlyn Eike, Myron Hodges, and Katella Hansen. May 6, 2021.

Photo courtesy of Teal Hansen
Webber descendants: Ashley, Teal, Aaron, Misa, Heidi, Gravina, Levi, and Katella. May 31, 2021.



Photo courtesy of Teal Hansen
Great grandfather Bill Webber Sr. reuniting with one of his youngest great grandchildren, Katella Hansen, 3 years old. May 6, 2021.



Photo courtesy of Raven Cunningham
A jar of smoked salmon ready to be made into dip.

Alaska Press Club

The Cordova Times awarded best weekly second year in a row

The Cordova Times retained the title of best weekly at this year's Alaska Press Club Awards. A complete list of awards won this year includes:

- **First place, Best Weekly Newspaper** (small and large circulation) - The Cordova Times; Margaret Bauman, Vivian Kennedy, Annette Potter, Dick Shellhorn, Zachary Snowdon Smith
- **First place, Best Comprehensive Coverage** of the COVID-19 Pandemic (all media) - The Cordova Times; Margaret Bauman, Zachary Snowdon Smith
- **First place, Best Humor** (all media) - Cordova Chronicles: "Order in the court"; Dick Shellhorn
- **Second place, Best Page Layout and Design** (small and large circulation) - The Cordova Times; Annette Potter
- **Third place, Best Social Media Presence** (all media) - The Cordova Times Facebook page; Margaret Bauman, Vivian Kennedy, Annette Potter, Zachary Snowdon Smith

Recipe

Smoked Salmon dip

BY RAVEN CUNNINGHAM

- 1 jar of smoked salmon
- 1 8-oz container of cream cheese (I prefer jalapeño flavored)
- 1 Tbsp dill
- 1/4 tsp brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp thyme
- 1 tsp garlic
- 1/2 tsp smoked paprika
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper

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Youth spotlight

State Wrestling title

Gunnar Davis placed third among nine in freestyle wrestling at the Alaska State Wrestling tournament at the Lions Cub in Wasilla from April 29-May 1. He also placed second in Greco-Roman style, with 12 kids in his bracket.

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