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news from the big beach

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Qutekcak Native Tribe is the tribal organization serving the Native community of Seward, Alaska, created to promote the unity, self-determination, and empowerment of our members and other Native people residing in the Eastern Kenai Peninsula by providing services that will strengthen Native people by increasing opportunities, and enhancing their mental, physical, and spiritual well-being, in harmony with our land and traditional values.

You're invited!

Alaska Native Arts & Craft Fair with Salmon Bake

Friday, May 15th

Noon—7:00pm

Saturday, May 16th

10:00am—4:00pm



This event is open to the public and the Craft Fair is FREE!

Salmon or Buffalo Steak Meal = \$17.00/person,

Buffalo Burger Meal = \$10.00/person,

Hamburger or Hot Dog Meal = \$8.00/person



QNT Culture Center
221 Third Avenue Seward, AK
Call for details (907) 224-3118

Volunteer opportunities available



COUNCIL UPDATES



Federal Recognition Update

On April 22, 2009 the Alaska Director for Senator Mark Begich, Ms. Susanne

Fleek visited with the QNT Council to gather information in support of our Federal Recognition. QNT has submitted a formal request for organization under the Alaska Amendment to the Indian Reorganization Act to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, March 2008. Ms. Fleek was able to tour the North Star Health Clinic and the Alutiiq Pride Shellfish Hatchery.

FREE Transportation from Seward Bus Station to Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC)

Did you know that if you ride the Seward Bus Line to Anchorage for an appointment at Alaska Native Medical Center that you can request a ride from Chugachmiut? All you need to do is request the clinic staff to inform the Chugachmiut Social Worker what day and time you will be in Anchorage. They'll pick you up and drop you off!



This service is available *only* if you do not have the resources to get from the Bus station to ANMC (no family, friends or funds). Please remember the Social Worker is not able to take you for shopping or other "extra" errands.

Thanks, Chugachmiut!



You're Invited

The QNT Council is an elected body representing you and your interests in QNT's future.

You are welcome to attend the monthly QNT Council meetings to learn about what's happening in the tribe and to present your ideas and concerns.

Meetings are typically held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The next Council Meetings are scheduled for

May 12th and June 9th.
Please join us!

Please call to confirm time and date



Strategic Planning

The QNT Council spent a few days in early April reviewing the QNT Comprehensive Plan, here Ms. Joan Domnick assists the Council in developing strategies to improve services, identify improvement to current services, identify services needed and review long range goals. The final draft of the Comprehensive Plan should be reviewed this summer.



YOUTH PROGRAM UPDATE

Qutekcak NYO Travels to Palmer!

The Qutekcak Native Youth Olympics team traveled to Palmer to compete at the Alaska Job Corps Invitational. The students on the team are Ariana Stevens, Chris Towsely, and Tori De-Groot from Seward Middle School and Garrett Hansen, Robin Standish, Jake Towsely, Billy Joe Wardlow and Kenan Napoleon from Seward High School.

Team Qutekcak came home with 5 medals and two athletes finishing in the top 7! Robin Standish received 1st place in the Kneel Jump with a distance of 38". She also received a 2nd place finish in the Girls Two Foot High Kick with a height of 65". Garrett Hansen came in 1st in the Wrist Carry with a distance of 420' 3". He also came in 3rd in the Indian Stick Pull. Jake Towsley had a 2nd place finish in the Eskimo Stick Pull. Ariana Stevens finished in the top seven for her event, the Indian Stick Pull and Billy Joe Wardlow finished in the top 5 for his event, the Seal Hop.

All of the students went to this competition with one goal in mind! That goal was to beat their personal best. They all met this goal and exceeded it! They will be a force to recon with at state, April 23—25, 2009. Come to Anchorage and cheer on these outstanding athletes!

Melanee Stevens, Youth Coordinator & NYO Coach

SPECIAL THANKS
to Y South Health Association
for sponsoring our NYO Team
Uniforms!!



Presented by
The Native Nations Institute
for Leadership, Management,
and Policy (NNI)
At The University of Arizona, Tucson
Registration deadline is July 1, 2009
Please download the application form
from our web site nni.arizona.edu

Qutekcak Dance & Drum Group practices every Tuesday from 3:30—4:30pm at the Tribal Offices located at 221 Third Avenue. Classes are open to all those interested! Call for more info.

Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)

You are eligible if you are between the ages of 14-21 and in need of part-time job.

Please note the SYEP a youth program that is a "needs-based" program; meaning all eligible youth must meet low-income guidelines.



If you have the desire to work and learn about the world of work, come and get an application!

Happy Summer!

LEARNING & CULTURE CENTER

Qutekcak Learning & Culture Center Volunteer Project Update

This project kicked off with an enthusiastic start on Thursday, March 19th with the participation of fifteen tribal members in an evening of cultural sharing.



Together, we viewed a cultural film called *A Thousand Roads* and engaged in a discussion that reminded each of us that “The roads that lead out of [our Native] communities are the same ones that return us home” (W.Richard West, Jr.—Founding Director, National Museum of the American Indian).

The group worked to select a list of topics to focus on during the project period and the following were chosen: Native food, Subsistence, Language, Values, Music, Dance, Artifacts and Art. There is much to be done during the next several months to prepare the curriculum and to share it with each other and the group is anxious to get started!

A special thanks to all who participated in this event: Ariana Stevens, Dodi Randall, Kenny Blatchford, Branden Ramoth, Danielle Deer, Diane McRae, Maranda Nelson, Bruce Martin, Tami Dotomain, Ida Murdock, Ellen Simpson, Julie Kenick, Judi Sweeney, Trudy Dotomain and Anna Gunter.

If you would like information about this ANA project, please contact Chellie Skoog at (907) 224-3118.

Eight Stars of Gold Museum Exhibit on Display at the Qutekcak Learning & Culture Center

The Eight Stars of Gold exhibit, in conjunction with the Seward Statehood Celebration, is now on display at the Seward Community Library and Qutekcak Learning Center. This exhibit will be featured as part of the **First Friday Art Walk on May 1st from 6pm—8pm**. Stop by the QLCC for some refreshments and to view this exhibit.

ALASKA’S FLAG TELLS ITS STORY: In March 1927, a middle school student at the Jessie Lee Mission Home in Seward received a telegram that left him pale and speechless: he was the winner of a territory-wide contest to design a flag for Alaska. Benny Benson’s simple design, featuring the Big Dipper constellation against a dark blue background, would soon be flying on poles from Ketchikan to Barrow.

The inspiring story of Benson and his flag is told in *Eight Stars of Gold: The Story of Alaska’s Flag*, an exhibition that opens at the Seward Community Library and Qutekcak Learning Center on April 17th, and will run through May 31st. The exhibition, commemorating the 75th anniversary of Alaska’s flag, was organized by the Alaska State Museum in Juneau and is currently traveling around the state.

Benny wrote: “The blue field is for the Alaska sky and the forget-me-not, an Alaskan flower. The North Star is for the future state of Alaska, the most northerly in the union. The Dipper is for the Great Bear, symbolizing strength (sic).” Benson later worried about the spelling error, but the judges apparently overlooked it.

Benson’s flag helped rally the territory for the long and difficult campaign for statehood. It also inspired Marie Drake, secretary to the Commissioner of Education, to write a poem that later became the lyrics for the song *Alaska’s Flag*, which is still performed at many official state functions. Elinor Dusenberry wrote music to accompany Drake’s lyrics.

The exhibition includes reproductions of Benson’s winning design as well as 26 other designs submitted by Alaska students and information text panels. Online educational materials that complement the traveling exhibition are available through the State Museum’s Web site at www.museums.state.ak.us.

NORTH STAR HEALTH CLINIC

“We are here to be helping hands to support someone to choose a new life.” ~Ethel Lund, Elder Chugachmiut Health Services serves beneficiaries in the communities of Chenega Bay, Nanwalek, Port Graham, Seward and Tatitlek. Our goal is to support your “wellness journey” and to provide you with excellent, “holistic” health care through all the stages of your life. Our services include: community based primary care and prevention services, pharmacy, health promotion/education, chronic disease management, tobacco prevention and control, behavioral health, dental services and contract health. For more information or to schedule an appointment please contact your local Chugachmiut clinic. (North Star Clinic/Seward: 224-3490/Dental: 224-4925; Nanwalek: 281-2250; Port Graham: 284-2241; Chenega Bay: 573-5129; Tatitlek: 325-2235). **Innovations In Planned Care (IPC II):** Our team continues to work with the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Indian Health Services (IHS) and 40 tribal teams from around the USA to improve care for patients with chronic diseases. Thank you to Maggie Simmons, Team Member and QNT for their support.

Dental Program: The team in Seward consists of Dr. Shane Murphy, Sarah Benjamin, Gala Davis and Melody Wallace. Angela McKinney, Dental Hygienist/Assistant and Dr. Nolan Davis have been hired to provide dental services to regional communities. Dr. Murphy’s current schedule is every other Monday and Tuesday. If you are a Chugachmiut beneficiary please contact 224-4925 to schedule an appointment. Dental Hygienist, Sarah Benjamin is also accepting appointments. **The Fitness Center is OPEN!** Hours of operation are M-F 8:30 am to 5 pm. All users must participate in an orientation session (30-45 minutes) and sign a waiver before using the center. We are contracting with ResurrectionBODYWORKS to conduct orientations and maintain the equipment. Please call Melody at 224-4925 to schedule an orientation appointment. **Tobacco Prevention and Control (TPC):** Welcome to Trudy Dotomain, Tobacco Prevention and Control Coordinator. Trudy will be working with all the communities and AVTEC to assess tobacco use, promoting community involvement in addressing tobacco use and eliminating exposure to second hand smoke. Tool kits and media materials will be developed. Trudy will represent Chugachmiut at the state grantee meetings and the Seward Wellness Coalition.

We are committed to continuous improvement of the services we offer and are always interested in your opinions. Please contact Cheri Hample, Division Director for questions, concerns and/or information. Office: 224-4901; Cell: 440-4344; email: cheri@chugachmiut.org.

Chugachmiut Regional Survey

In cooperation with QNT, Chugachmiut will conduct a survey in Seward in July (dates to be announced) via an independent survey team. We are seeking feedback on our current services and performance, and suggestions for future service offerings. All BIA, IHS, QNT and Chugachmiut beneficiaries are invited to attend and participate. **Chugachmiut would like to know: How are we doing? What can we do better? Do you know about our services? What types of services would you like to see offered?**

All survey responses are confidential.

All Alaska Natives not already enrolled in a tribal organization are encouraged to enroll with QNT or to contact Chugachmiut. Contact Connie Pavloff at QNT: 224-3118. or Jerry Luken at Chugachmiut: 1-800-478-4155.

ALL WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR A MAJOR DOOR PRIZE!

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

Calling All Alaska Native Artists! You could win \$2,000!!

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is pleased to announce a call-out for artistic entries for the 2009 Alaska Native and American Indian Heritage Month poster contest.

Theme: Our Land, Our Animals, Our People: We Are One

Artistic Entry Guidelines:

- Artwork must be an original design and reflect the theme
- The name of the piece and a written narrative about the artwork must be included with each entry—200 word maximum
- 2 dimensional artwork is to be 18"x24"
- 3 dimensional artwork is to be a minimum of 6" & a maximum of 3 feet

Artistic entries **MUST BE RECEIVED** by July 1, 2009

Winner will be notified and a nationwide news release will be forwarded to various media for the announcement and showcase of the winning artist.

For further information or to submit your piece, contact: Molly Voeller, Public Affairs Specialist
800 W Evergreen Ave., Suite 100 Palmer, AK 99645, 907-761-7749, molly.voeller@ak.usda.gov



Qutekcak Native Tribe Membership Enrollment

Enrollment is open to any person residing in the Seward area who is of lineal descent of a base member, or is at least 1/4 Alaska Native. We will need a copy of your Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) and state-issued birth certificate. For more information or to obtain an application, please call 224-3118.

Honoring our Elders: QNT is currently constructing an exhibit in the culture center focused on honoring our elders. We've been successful in photographing 14 of the tribal elders with the help of One Shot Photography. We'll continue obtaining photos, please call Sandy at (907) 224-3118 to schedule your appointment (in home appointments are available—just ask!). Next we'll be writing brief biographies and posting a state map indicating the origins of each elder. Stop by and check out our progress!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dawnell Wallace: "Find a career that makes you happy going to work."

I'm the third youngest of 13 children. My family was originally from Nome and White Mountain. I lived in Seward for twelve years, but I also lived in Anchorage, Soldotna, and Eagle River. I went to Seward Elementary School, Soldotna and Wendler (Anchorage) Middle Schools, Chugiak High School, and the Alaska Military Youth Academy.

When I was a child, I had a huge imagination—my dad got me a sewing machine when I was nine, and I wanted to be a fashion designer. I loved to dig up rocks and find old artifacts, and I wanted to become an archeologist. I also loved building things with wood. We kids weren't allowed to use the sharp cutting tools, but we nailed boards together to make things anyway.

I've always been interested in mechanics and machinery. My dad had a huge old Caterpillar bulldozer and an old dump truck in the back yard. I remember reading his diary; he talked about going out and sitting on the machinery just to think about things. I do that, too.

When I'm under a vehicle working, I have to focus just on that and all my problems seem to fade and I don't think about them. My advice to students is to find a career that makes

you happy going to work. But also think about the future growth of the job field you choose—find out whether there will be a job for you when you finish your training or education.

"When I'm under a vehicle working, I have to focus just on that and all my problems seem to fade..."



DAWNELL WALLACE -
High School:
Chugiak HS, Chugiak, AK
Alaska Military Youth Academy,
Anchorage, AK
Current Student at:
AVTEC



SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES—SIGN UP TODAY!

Call or Email Michael Bernard (907) 335-0669 / mbernard@kenaitze.org for more information.

Native Arts Camp 2 sessions (June 8-12 / June 15-19) Grades 7-12—Overnight Camp @ Spirit Lake
Students will discover and explore traditional and contemporary modes of Alaska Native Art. Alaska Native instructors will help students build a comparative knowledge of indigenous and western art and develop their own personal artistic style in a series of visual arts and media, music, dance and digital arts projects.

Fish Camp (July 13-17) Ages 10-14—Overnight camp in cabins @ Spirit Lake
Luq'a Dnagh Tdighleleh has been established to teach the cultural and traditional subsistence way of life that was established by the early Dena'ina. Elders and youth harvest fish at the Tribe's Water-front and traditional sites.

Susten Camp (August 3-7 & August 10-14) Ages 13-18—Day Camp
Susten is two weeks with a trained archaeologist to teach the youth in methods of archaeology. Susten will provide exposure to job opportunities within state and federal agencies that manage our ancestral lands. Applicants must have attended at least one K.I.T. camp and must meet specific educational requirements.

~ Happy Birthday ~

May

3 Kenneth Blatchford
 3 Carl Christiansen Sr.
 6 Perry Buchanan
 8 Gertrude Dotomain
 9 Erica Larson
 9 Gary Larson
 10 James Goreson
 10 Marshall Ronne Jr.
 11 Brian E. Stanley
 12 Kimberly Goreson
 13 Sandra Hansen
 14 Crystal Wheeler
 15 Arne Hatch
 16 Brian Blatchford
 16 Thomas Shea
 17 Patricia Johnson
 20 Robert King
 21 Hjalmar Christiansen
 22 Darius Wallace
 23 Elena Endresen
 24 Joshua Dotomain
 Andre-
 24 anna Pruitt
 26 Daisy Blatchford
 26 Nena Butts
 26 Brian W. Stanley
 27 Jacquelyn Stettinger
 28 Patrick Wallace
 29 Mary Gunter
 30 John Davenport
 30 Micheal Hibbetts
 31 Dreana Brown
 31 Randolph Galeshoff

June

2 Richard Janson
 3 Daniel Tolson
 4 Bruce Martin
 6 Carl Wassilie
 7 Thomas Buchanan
 8 William Hansen
 11 Diana Rhodes
 12 Peter Peterson
 13 Jeremiah Hubbard
 13 Nancy King
 13 Jasen Nelsen
 13 Tanner Young
 14 Hans Peterson
 17 Kiia Hubbard
 17 Sarah Nicolet
 18 Alek Cushing
 20 Frank Marine III
 21 Ellen Setters
 21 Richard Simms
 22 Raymond Endresen
 22 Helen Painter
 22 Alice Shea-Hansen
 23 Lettie Buchanan
 24 Eldon Zinis
 26 Savannah Holtman
 27 Maranda Nelson
 28 Lola Becker
 29 Melissa Buchanan
 29 Leona Foucheaux
 30 Jay Gottschalk

QUYANA (Thank You)

*Gratitude makes sense of our past,
brings peace for today, and creates a
vision for tomorrow*
~Melody Beattie~

Kathleen Barkley

Thank you for the donation of YARN to our Elder & Youth Groups! This will be a great addition to our crafting supplies!

Y South Health Association

Thank you for supporting the purchase of our Native Youth Olympics Uniforms for competition!!

Anne Hatch

Thank you for coordinating the baby shower for Tami Dotomain!


Tracy Bartley

Thank you for helping out with QNT's Youth Programs & NYO!

Carson Hatch

Thank you for handling our recycled paper needs!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

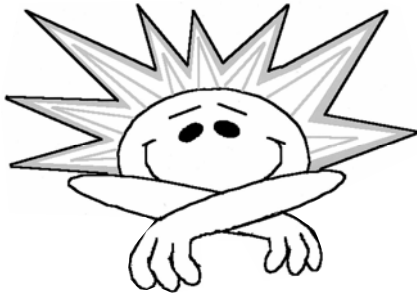
QNT will be doing  **SPRING CLEANING** on Wednesday, May 6th from 9am until 3pm. This includes washing windows, raking the yard, sweeping sidewalks and other tasks to prepare for the busy summer season. Stop by to lend a hand or give us a call for more information on how you can help.



Happy Spring!



Transportation is provided to QNT Elders and disabled tribal members on Wednesday of each week for afternoon clinic and dental appointments, shopping, banking and a visit to the post office. **To be included in the weekly transportation, please contact the office by 3pm on each Tuesday.**



Join the Sunshine Club

Donate monthly to the QNT Sunshine Club. Earnings go to general operations that grants do not cover. QNT, a non-profit organization, provides services to the community, our elders, and the youth. You do not need to partake in any activities to donate.

Special thanks to those who have contributed during this fiscal year:

- Rita Goshorn
- Caroline Toloff
- Gilbert Ollestad
- Judi Christiansen
- Kenton Lee
- Esther Ronne
- Charlie Larson
- Diane McRae

IMPORTANT DATES!



May 1st—First Friday Art Walk, 6—8pm

QNT is currently hosting (along with the Seward Library) the “Eight Stars of Gold Exhibit” on loan from the Alaska Museum. As well, we’re showcasing our “Honoring Our Elders” exhibit in the Culture Center. Please stop by to enjoy these two exhibits and some refreshments.

May 1st & 2nd—Statehood Symposium

Reception at AVTEC on 4th on Friday and Symposium at the Legends building on Saturday from 10am—3:30pm.

May 6th—QNT Spring Clean Up

Volunteers Needed!! Please stop by between 9am & 3pm to help clean up our yard and to spring clean the facility.



May 10th—Mother’s Day

Remember to call your mother! Tell her your love & appreciate her!



May 15th & 16th—Alaska Native Arts & Craft Fair with Salmon Bake @ QNT

This is QNT’s 2nd Arts & Craft Event. The event will run on Friday from 12noon—7pm and on Saturday from 10am—4pm. Please come and enjoy the arts at the fair and a yummy meal provided by CRRC’s Salmon Bake.

May 19th—QLCC Volunteer Culture Sharing

The QLCC Volunteer Project will have it’s next meeting and culture sharing opportunity.



May 25th—Memorial Day

QNT Offices Closed

June 4th—QNT Offices Closed

The QLCC Volunteer Project will be taking a field trip to the Kenaitze K’BEQ site near Cooper Landing. QNT’s offices will be closed .



June 21st—Father’s Day

Remember to call your dad! Tell him you love & appreciate him!

This is your newsletter!

We invite you to call or stop by with articles, suggestions, announcements, greetings, births, weddings, or community concerns.

The Wave is printed every two months. The deadline for the next issue is: **06/19/09.**

Call: (907) 224-3118



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Changing with the tides, in harmony with our people, land and heritage.
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Member - *Nena Butts*

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Community Representative.— *Maggie Simons*
QLCC Program Coordinator — *Chellie Skoog*
Youth Coordinator— *Melanee Stevens*
Van Driver/Maintenance—*Ike Dotomain*
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Monday

8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Tuesday

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Friday

8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday

CLOSED