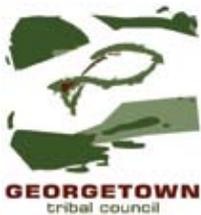


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2009 Tribal Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Camp



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2009 Georgetown Annual Meeting

Georgetown Tribal Council held its 2009 annual meeting at the Mellick's Lodge in Sleetmute on July 18

The meeting this year was short and sweet. Here are meeting highlights:

Will Hartman, Tribal Liaison/Acting Tribal Administrator gave updates on the projects he's been working on. One of Will's biggest achievements was the successful completion of the ANA Tribal Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Camp. Members in attendance were given brightly colored t-shirts supplied by the ANA youth camp. This year's winning design was sent in by Kristy Vanderpool and it surely helped to brighten the damp and dreary weathered day.

Helen Traylor, Environmental Coordinator talked to members about her projects and gave away some more of those awesome reusable shopping bags.

Dan Moreno also attended the meeting and gave a presentation. Dan is managing our BIA roads program and was previously contracted by GTC for technical assistance with the same program. Welcome aboard Dan!

Election Results Charlene Malapit of Mikunda Cotrell was at the meeting to announce the election results for seat E. Rebecca Wilmarth was elected to serve the three year term. Rebecca was an ANA Youth Camp Attendee and it is great to see that the program is producing tribal leaders! Seat E was previously held by Gary "Isa" Fredericks, GTC would like to thank Gary for all the work he's done and time dedicated to Georgetown.

Lot Selections were made by the newly appointed Land Committee members Michael Fredericks, Val Dudley, and Michael Murphy. Those who were selected will be receiving their lot permits in the mail which will need to be signed and returned to the GTC office for approval by the Council.

Most Contributing Tribal Member was handed out at the end of the meeting. This year's award went to Will Hartman, congratulations and keep up the good work!

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Housing Scholarships

Housing scholarships are available for Tribal members enrolled in vocational school, seminary, college or graduate school full time.

For information call the GTC office or log on to our web site georgetowntc.com



Thank you...

to Rachel Paulding for submitting her recipe for Apple Bread featured in the previous newsletter.

Council Update

GTC Begins Accepting Donations For Community Development

Georgetown Tribal Council has received its first donation officially kicking off its fundraising efforts to build a community center. GTC has opened a savings account with a donation from Tribal Council Secretary David "Buddy" Kutch. We have since received more donations and have commitments from several more Tribal members to donate money to the cause. Donations will be used to pay for fundraising events in the future. The Tribal Council and the Community Standards Committee have been tasked with finding opportunities for fundraising, but we have recently had to turn

down opportunities due to the lack of unrestricted funds. We now have access to unrestricted funds to begin organizing fundraising events. If you know of any events in your community please notify Will Hartman at the GTC office or any of the Community Standards Committee members Irene Venes, Debby Hartman, Richelle Vanderpool, Billy Evans or Connie Vanderpool. If you would like to make a donation you can send a check or money order made out to Georgetown Tribal Council 4300 B street, Suite 207 Anchorage, AK 99503.

Georgetown Projects Receive Impact Evaluation

Georgetown Tribal Council has recently undergone site monitoring and impact evaluations visits from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Administration for Native Americans. These visits are designed to ensure GTC has the proper policies and procedures in place and gather information from Tribes to help provide better service. These visits also allow us to showcase our abilities and accomplishments as a Tribe.

Chris Watson and Nancy Gale from ANA traveled throughout the region gathering information about the many projects funded by their agency. They met up with Current and former GTC staff Will Hartman and Michael Fredericks, and Council Member Jonathan Samuelson during this summer's camp in Sleetmute. They were able to discuss the issues in the region that led to the organization of the project and how it will impact our Tribe in the future. They were very excited to here that former camper Rebecca Wilmarth was elected to the Tribal Council this year. Inspiring and educating our youth was purpose to the camp and it is clearly a success.

Shortly after camp, GTC had a site visit in the office from Contract Specialist Mary Ann Nelson of the BIA. She met with the Council and staff and discussed our Tribal Priority Allocation grant, which is GTC's main source of funding. She also reviewed our policies and financial procedures to ensure we are in compliance. Mary Ann was glad to see that all our contracts are in order and have policies in place.

We would like to thank both the BIA and ANA for helping to fund GTC projects and sure the future of our Tribe and community.

Did You Know?



- In Alabama it is illegal to wear a fake moustache that causes laughter in church.
- Mosquito repellents don't repel. They hide you. The spray blocks the mosquito's sensors so they don't know you're there.
- "Tom Sawyer" was the first novel written on a typewriter.
- Carnivorous animals will not eat another animal that has been struck by lightning.
- Every second, Americans collectively eat one hundred pounds of chocolate.
- All polar bears are left handed.
- One gallon of used motor oil can ruin approximately one million gallons of fresh water!

The Future is Bright

2009 Tribal Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Camp

For one week this summer, some of Georgetown's brightest youth took part in the second ANA Tribal Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Camp. This year's camp, held July 11 - 18, was a huge success!

Camp activities were much the same as last year's and included visits to Donlin Creek, Napaimute and the George River Weir. Campers received information on the many aspects of scholarships, did some

water quality testing and participated in the construction project. The visits to different sites were very beneficial and informative. The kids (and counselors) learned about educational and economic

ideas and opportunities in the region. At Donlin Creek it was emphasized how important decisions today are in respect to the future. Whether it be further education, employment or even personal well being.

The weather alternated between sunny blue skies and cloudy pouring rain as it often does in Alaska, but that did not halt any efforts of the campers and lead carpenter Pete Evans to finish this year's construction project. A beautiful, brand new, storage shed now stands in Georgetown thanks to our young leaders and their instructor.



While the camp brought about many important issues and beneficial knowledge, it did not come without fun. Throughout the week, campers enjoyed swimming and inner-tubing on the river, casting lines at some of the best fishing spots and a camp out one of the near-by sandbars.



Donlin Creek is Slipping Through Our Cracks...

We are on the midst of allowing one of the largest mines to open in our backyards without our care. Why? We need to educate ourselves on the scientific/engineering and stakeholder perspectives of hard rock mining. Mining is a very complex process that engineers study for years; we need to play catch up. However, the chemistry and reclamation process is the most important to stakeholder because they are manually stimulating chemical processes that would not natural or only over an extended period without man's help. The reclamation will not return the mine to natural state. So let's really get involved in the mine; not emotional but with knowledge.

Proposed Kuskokwim Area Mining Activities

Donlin Creek (proposed gold mine): Donlin Creek is an advanced exploration project in the feasibility stage. It is operated by the Donlin Creek LLC, a limited-liability company that is jointly owned by Barrick Gold Corporation and Nova Gold Resources, Inc. on a 50/50 basis. Barrick is currently the world's leading gold producer with mines in Nevada, Africa, Latin America and Indonesia.

If constructed, Donlin Creek is expected to be one of only a handful of gold mines worldwide that is capable of producing more than one million ounces of gold annually, making it a true world-class asset.

Donlin Creek is located on lands owned by the Kuskokwim Corporation (TKC) (surface rights), the 10,900 hectare (27,000 acre) property. While Calista Corporation, the second largest of Alaska's Native corporations, owns the subsurface rights in the historic Kuskokwim Gold Belt of southwest Alaska.

Feasibility Study

NovaGold released the results of a feasibility study, expected to be adopted by the board of Donlin Creek LLC in May 2009, outlining the production and economic estimates for development of the Donlin Creek asset.

The Donlin Creek mine has been designed as a year-round, open-pit operation. With the current 29.3 million ounce reserve base, the anticipated mine life is in excess of 20 years with a mill throughput of 53,500 tons per day. Gold production for the first 12 full years is expected to average nearly 1.5 million ounces annually.

Life of mine production is estimated at 1.3 million ounces of gold annually, for total production of 26.2 million ounces of gold over 20 years. These production levels would make Donlin Creek one of the major gold producing mines in the world.

A construction decision will be made following receipt of permits, with production anticipated in 2015 based on the feasibility study timeline.



Like last summer, this camp culminated with our annual meeting, held in Sleetmute. At this meeting the ANA youth camp project met one of its ultimate goals. On July 18th, 2009 Rebecca Wilmarth was elected to serve a three year term on the Georgetown Tribal Council. Rebecca was a participant in the first ANA Tribal Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Camp, and we are excited to see what she will bring to the table. Congratulations to Rebecca and to the ANA project.



There were four new campers this year as well as two returning including:

- Jordan Evans**
- Tyler Samuelson**
- Arnold Evans**
- Renee Wilmarth**
- Diana Evans**

Shane Wilmarth, a tribal member of Napaimute, also joined the Camp.

Thank You!

Many thanks are in order for the success of the camp. First and foremost Will Hartman, Project Director. Thanks also to the following individuals and organizations: Pete Evans, Ruby Egress, Jonathan Samuelson, Valerie Dudley, Margie Mellick, Helen Vanderpool, Nick Mellick, Barrick Gold/Donlin Creek, Melissa Smith and the George River Weir staff, the Village of Napaimute, David Griso, and the many friends and Tribal members that contributed time to the camp.

Thank you to Val Dudley for the photos in this newsletter.

A Better Future

It's A Bird, It's A Plane; No... It's Fugitive Dust

What is fugitive dust? Dust is particulate matter (PM) consisting of very small liquid and solid particles suspended in a gas or liquid. Fugitive dust is PM suspended in the air by the wind and human activities. It originates primarily from the soil and is not emitted from vents, chimneys, or stacks.

What are the effects of fugitive dust on public health? Fugitive dust is made up of fine particles. Due to the small size and weight of particulate matter (10 micrometers or less in diameter, compared to 70 micrometers for the average human hair), it can remain airborne for weeks.

When inhaled, it can travel easily to deep parts of the lungs and may remain there, causing respiratory illness, lung damage, and even premature death in sensitive individuals. Additionally, breathing these fine particles can increase susceptibility to respiratory infections and can aggravate existing respiratory diseases such as asthma and chronic bronchitis. Even short-term exposure to dust can increase the severity of respiratory problems.

Measures You Can Take To Control Fugitive Dust

- Spraying water or chemicals to control dust during demolition of buildings or structures, construction operations, grading operations or the clearing of land for commercial, industrial, or residential development.
- Applying water, chemicals or some other covering on martial stockpiles and other surfaces that can create air-borne dust.
- Using hoods, fans, dust collectors or water sprays to suppress dust during material handling.
- Employing containment methods during sandblasting or other similar operations.
- Covering or wetting open bodied trucks, trailers, or railroad cars when transporting dusty materials.
- Cleaning dusty material from paved street and parking surfaces.
- Planting and maintaining ground cover.

Sources

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Air Pollution Part 2: Preventing and Controlling Air Pollution

Air pollution is the release of chemicals, particulate matter, or biological materials that cause harm or discomfort to humans or other living organisms, or damages the natural environment. It can affect our health in many ways with both short-term and long-term effects.

Measures You Can Take To Prevent Air Pollution

- Encourage your family to walk to the neighborhood market.
- Whenever possible take your bicycle.
- As far as possible use public forms of transport.
- Don't let your father drop you to school, take the school bus.
- Encourage your family to form a car pool to office and back.
- Reduce the use of aerosols in the household.
- Look after the trees in your neighborhood.

- Begin a tree-watch group to ensure that they are well tended and cared for.
- Switch-off all the lights and fans when not required.
- If possible share your room with others when the air conditioner, cooler or fan is on.
- Do not burn leaves in your garden; put them in a compost pit.
- Make sure that the pollution check for your family car is done at regular intervals.
- Cars should, as far as possible, be fitted with catalytic converters.
- Use only unleaded petrol.

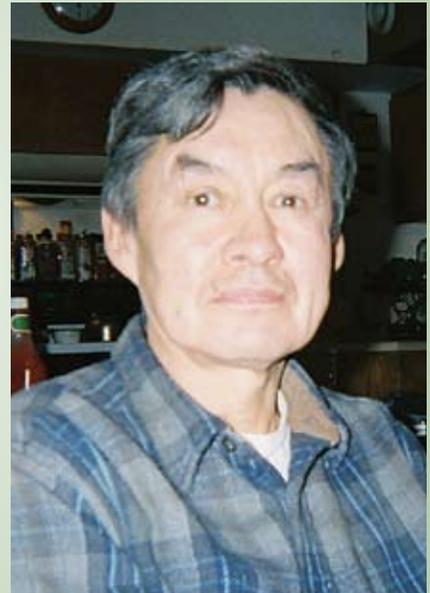
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:: member spotlight ::

Pete Evans

Pete is an original member of Georgetown and now resides in Bethel. He is a carpenter by trade and has been working for the Association of Village Council Presidents Housing Authority off and on for 15 years as well as other local contractors in Bethel. With AVCP Pete has been working on their home weatherization program upgrading homes with new windows, doors and insulation as well as other improvements. Pete recently took the job of Construction Instructor for our Tribal Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Camp. He led the kids through the construction of a 10'x12' shed in Georgetown. The shed which took approximately two days to erect is located near the site of the future community center and will be used to store supplies for water testing and other projects. During the camp he said he had a "real good time" teaching the kids and it was very enjoyable to help out and visit Georgetown. After completion of the shed Pete donated his time for the remainder of the week driving the boat and assisting the counselors which allowed him to stay in Sleetmute for the annual meeting, at which he was a nominee for the most contributing Tribal member of the year award. In the coming years Pete is looking forward to retirement and building on his lot in Georgetown or native allotment just down river from Georgetown.



Jarring Salmon: How To With Debby Hartman



WARNING: Improper handling or procedures can result in fish that is unsafe to eat. Jars that are not properly sealed must be refrigerated and eaten immediately. If you are unsure of the safety of preserved foods DO NOT EAT THEM. The University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Program provides up to date information on preserving subsistence foods, they can be contacted at www.uaf.edu/ces or 1-877-520-5211

Smoked salmon chunks or strips
Pressure cooker - MUST BE CLEAN
Jars with matching lids
"Jar gripping" tool
For additional taste add sliced jalapenos!



- Fill jars with smoked salmon and add any additional seasonings.
- Cover jars with lids loosely, not tight.
- Add approx. 1" of water to the pressure cooker. (USDA recommends 2-3" of water)
- Stack jars into the cooker and cover according to directions.
- Check that the pressure valve is open to allow "venting" (steam to come out)
- After cooker vents for approx. 3 minutes, close the pressure valve. (USDA recommends at least 10 minutes of venting). Cookers vary so reference the instructions.
- Once closed, the pressure gage will start rising. When your gage reaches approx. 12 lbs. adjust the heat to maintain that pressure. (USDA recommends 10-11 lbs).
- NOTE: Do NOT allow your pressure to over 15 lbs!
- After 90 minutes turn off the heat. (USDA recommends 100 minutes).
- Once the pressure is down to zero, open the valve to release any remaining steam. DO NOT OPEN the cooker until the pressure drops to zero.
- Remove the cooker cover.
- Use "jar gripper" tools to remove the jars of cooked salmon. WARNING: The jars will be very hot.
- Once the jars are out they will start "popping" (sealing).

Let the jars cool and enjoy!

Our Beauty



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