March for Respect

Leona Santiago, Rural and Community Outreach Coordinator for AWARE in Juneau, traveled to Haines for the “March for Respect” event which was held on March 15th. Above is a picture of Haines Police Officer, Simon Ford, and Santiago during the March.

March for Respect

CIA members, Alice Daly and Ruth E. Dick, waiting for the March to begin. In response to this event, many women have expressed the wish for a talking circle to share their experiences. You may get more information by contacting Jackie Mazeikas at 907 766-6382. Champion yourself with this important cause.

Family Vacation in Hawaii

Maria Chambers received a wonderful all-expense paid Christmas gift from her son, Frederick Chambers-Piper, a trip to Hawaii. At the end of January, Maria and Frederick met up with her nephew, Easton Hagwood and ten other family members (from the Yukon) in Waikiki. Here, three of them are pictured on a sunset cruise in front of Honolulu. They enjoyed surfing, sun tanning, para-sailing, skydiving, and snorkeling! The family took in a luau on the anniversary of her Aunt Patt Delaney’s passing. The Hawaiian dancers looked amazing in their colorful costumes. Yet another highlight was when they went to the national pro-surfing competition at North Shore Beach where the waves were 15 feet and higher. It was such a great time with family, especially for her son whom she hasn’t had much time with in recent years. Maria, standing next to her son, is wearing three-inch heels! All three are CIA tribal members.

“Real Men Choose Respect”

“Giggles”, the clown, is pictured above with CIA member, Sue Folletti. 25 - 30 participants marched in the Klukwan village the day before, many of them school children. In Haines, there were 35 - 40 people who marched from First National Bank to the Haines library where Haines Chief of Police, Gary Lowe, spoke on domestic violence and shared some information.

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New Base Roll Descendant

Alijah James Thompson was born on February 6th to Dawn Shannon and Levi Thompson in Whitehorse, Y.T.

Alijah weighed 9 pounds 7 ounces and measured 22 inches. Alijah is the 5th generation on the 1940 Chilkoot base roll.

On Alijah’s paternal side, first generation is Jennie Thlunaut (May 1890), famed weaver of the Chilkat blankets and spruce root baskets. She devoted 75 years to this form of Pacific Northwest Indian art, creating more than 50 blankets and 25 tunics during her prolific career.

Edith Thompson (Feb 1917, daughter of Jennie) graduated valedictorian in 1936 from Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka.

Edith was an enthusiastic fisherman and gardener and loved to watch her grandsons play basketball.

John “Stubby” Thompson (September 1942) was born at Chilkoot Barracks in Haines. John was honorably discharged in 1969 after two tours of duty in Vietnam as a combat photographer. He received an air medal for his honorable service.

On his maternal side, great grandmother, Alice Metz Tagg (November 1911) is also on the CIA base roll.

Grandmother, Gale Thompson, is a lifetime resident of Haines and is working for Cornerstone Home Health.

Dad, Levi Thompson, is working as a carpenter for the Chilkoot Indian Association while mother, Dawn, is taking time off from Cornerstone Home Health. Welcome, Baby Alijah James!

x’eigaa kayaani disi (April Birthdays)
(when the land plants bud)

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Transportation Department  ~ S Hansen

Much is happening in the roads department as we anticipate 2012.

First off, we are gathering momentum for the 2012 construction season. Sidewalk crack filling, D-1 grading, and some remnant landscaping will be performed by our contractor, asphalt surfacing the whole subdivision has been advertised, and striping the asphalt will be performed by the Borough. We expect to be completed with the Chilkoot Subdivision project and have a formal hand-off to the Borough of the right-of-way by the end of this year’s construction season.

We are updating our Long Range Transportation Plan, a necessary part of our project organization. It is a sizable document used to offer a bit of history, show our current Indian Reservation Roads inventory, and describe the project envisioned by the Council. The current comment period ends at the end of March. We have for your viewing and input, a 57-page Long Range Transportation Plan draft in the front office. After the Council considers potential changes, it will guide the next five years’ projects.

We continue to partner with the Catholic Community Services to improve transportation for eligible riders, mostly seniors or disabled, of the Care-A-Van transportation service.

We have been told by our contractor that we’ll have a completed wood pellet feasibility study by the end of March. Copies will be available as soon as it’s ready for interested parties.

We have also begun research and site evaluations of potential agricultural sites the Tribe might be able to sponsor through grants. This is a new focus in the last several years. We hope to enable the Tribe and its members to further self-determination by generating a local food supply, which includes food vegetables and livestock. Through local participation, we may be able to open valuable markets for local industry. This year, we will research historical uses, review site potentials, market conditions, analyze soils, and consider costs involved in the process. Stop in anytime with your ideas. We’re pleased to hear from you.

Environmental Department  ~ L Williams

Our department is getting ready for the hooligan research to start back up this spring. This is the last year for this research project. There will be a full report of the 3-year research on www.chilkoot-nsn.gov, entitled: Harvesting and Respecting the Hooligan in the Upper Lynn Canal.

Here is an excerpt from the Journals of Captain Meriwether Lewis and William Clark (Feb 15, 1806)

The Chief and his party brought for sale a sea otter skin, some hats, sturgeon and a species of small fish, which has now begun to run and are taken in great quantities from the river. I find them best when cooked in Indian stile, which is by roasting a number of them together on a wooden spit without any previous preparation whatever. They are so fat they require no additional sauce, and I think them superior to any fish I ever tasted, even more delicate and luscious than the white fish of the lakes which have heretofore formed my standard of excellence among the fishes."

On another note, we have received word that the herring have just arrived Ketchikan. It looks like a good run this year, so get ready for the herring eggs!

During the month of April our community looks forward to the snow melt and cleaning up our environment. Our department is going to clean up some of the loose metal located down by the cruise ship dock during the minus tides. This will help keep the beach a little safer for swimmers and people that like to take walks on the beach.

We are also documenting information on subsistence areas that people use to harvest subsistence foods. This will be a helpful tool for the tribe to protect our subsistence areas.
Central Council
Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

Haines held their Tlingit and Haida Delegate to the Tribal Assembly Election on the third Thursday of March. Election Chairman, Delia Brouillette, reported that the official results for the local election were as follows:
42 David Berry Jr.
39 Georgiana Hotch
26 Mary Lekanof

The delegates from 21 communities will be attending the Tribal Assembly in Juneau, April 18 - 21, 2012.
The 2012 Tribal Host nominated and chosen is David Leask of the Seattle Chapter. The 2012 Tribal Hostess nominated and chosen is Marge Gamble of Juneau.
An Honor Dinner will be held for Executive Councilwoman, Mary Jones of Ketchikan.
Theme: “Sh yaa.awudaneiyi a kwaan”
“Respect People, Respect yourself, too, and other people will respect you.”
Dr. Walter Soboleff

Haines ANS, Camp 5
Invites you ladies to join our camp. Local or out-of-town. Just send a letter of interest. The dues is $12 per year to Treasurer, Carol Duis, PO Box 836, Haines, Alaska 99827. This year, we are gearing up to help the brotherhood celebrate their 100th year! The Grand Camp Convention will be held in Sitka, in October. The Haines camp is busy fundraising to send as many sisters as possible to the convention. It will be exciting! This weekend, March 31st will be our first Flea Market. We’re in a hurry for spring to arrive! If you want a table, phone Georgiana at 766-3903 (leave a message) or call 766-2323. “Happy Easter, all!”
Georgiana Hotch
President