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Desiree Stickler

Graduated cum laude from the University of New Mexico with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, on August 21st. Desiree currently lives in Albuquerque and plans to work for the Indian Health Services hospital in Santa Fe. Desiree is the daughter of Robert and Diane Stickler (SEARHC) of Haines, Ak. Chilkoot Indian Association is very proud of Desiree (and those who offered her support) for a job well done!! If you have a daughter or son in college, we want to hear from you.



Chilkoot Indian Association



January * February * March * 2010

CIA Tribal Administrator Resigns

After five-and-one-half years, Greg Stuckey resigned his position as Tribal Administrator to take employment with HUD as their Administrator Advisor. Greg shares that it was his sincere pleasure to serve our Tribe as he learned a lot about federal programs, management in general, and working within the political world. Greg's work with Chilkoot Indian Association was successful in moving the Tribal agenda forward

and we're very happy with his progress. Our subdivision is under construction and the Defense Bill has been signed into law with language returning the Tanani Village to the Chilkoot Tribe. Under Greg's leadership, we started the development of a computerized training program, we have funding for a microloan program for starting new Tribal-member-owned businesses, and we have

begun programs aimed at assisting our youth in becoming future leaders. We have grown into a two million dollar organization with strong partnerships within our community and with our Alaskan Delegation. Greg was successful in assembling an unbelievable team of professionals working for our Tribal government. Janice Hill serves as the interim Tribal Administrator.

Membership Meeting

Tuesday,
 February 16th, 2010
 5:00 pm
 Haines ANB/ANS Hall
 Rides may be available for our Elders.
 Please bring a salad or a side dish.

Welcome new Tribal Administrator



James Carnahan

Door Prizes!
 100 gallons fuel - Delta RT Ticket for 2 - Air X Captain's Choice Suite
 \$100 gift certificate(s)
 \$100 Savings Bond
 Tlingit Doll - V. Lemke and more. . .

Our Vision

"Chilkoot Tribal members are culturally centered, physically and mentally healthy, economically successful, and integrated into the community and the Tribal government is a model of excellence in serving its members."

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Meetings are every 3rd Thursday. Join us!

Our Mission

“The Chilkoot Indian Association represents a Native Sovereign Nation. We integrate Chilkoot culture, values, and beliefs into daily life and work to improve the quality of life for our members and our community.”

Initiative Petition

Chilkoot Indian Association had its first Initiative Election. This process was developed through our Tribal Constitution Amendments passed in 2007. The question on the ballot read, “Shall Tribal

Council meetings be open to only duly enrolled tribal members unless specifically invited to the tribal meeting by the Tribal President?” 108 members voted. 82 voted yes; 25 voted no; and one

ballot was invalidated for lack of a signature. CIA Tribal Council meetings will be open to members only. The Tribal Administrator and Dr. Bob will prepare a statute that will simply remove the word “Shall.”

Stimulus

The Federal Government passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in 2009, fondly referred to as the “Stimulus Bill.” This stimulus bill allocated \$1.3 million for competitive ICDBG (Indian Community Development Block Grants) for Alaskan Tribes. Chilkoot Tribe wrote and received a \$432,000 ICDBG, which means we pulled in a third of the money for Alaska for this program. HUD also received \$255 million for competitive IHBG (Indian Housing Block Grants) nationally. The Tribe wrote and received a \$1.9 million dollar IHBG. Tribes were also eligible for several formula driven allocations from the Stimulus Bill, Chilkoot Indian Association re-

ceived \$75,000 from HUD through this formula. The Tribe spent the past two years battling BIA for our Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) update which ultimately led to us going from an annual allocation of \$400,000 to \$1.4 million. This hard work paid dividends with the Stimulus Bill as well. Because the money from the Stimulus for IRR was based on a formula, we increased our portion of those funds from \$340,000 to \$1.2 million. If you look at all of the funding we received from the Stimulus Bill, you will see that Chilkoot Indian Association did extremely well, receiving over \$3.6 million dollars,

sadly, upon Greg’s departure. This success should be attributed to the Strategic Planning we did in prior years to set up projects for these funds as well as the capacity of our employees to deal with the administrative burden of requesting and administering these funds. So what are we doing with all of this funding? We are building a second four-plex of low-income apartment units, weatherizing our low income members’ homes, building the first road in Chilkoot Estates, and completing a feasibility study on developing a pellet or wood chip plant in Haines. Thank you, Greg, we wish you and your family well!!

Sawmill Creek Fish Study



Abbey Martin, Teslin Podsiki and Nicole Stickler

In October, 2009, Haines High School Citizen Scientists began a research project in Sawmill Creek where it crosses CIA land. CIA wants to know if there are fish in Sawmill Creek, and if so, what kind. They also want to monitor the creek during the construction of Chilkoot Estates. That is what brought Citizen Scientists, Abbey Martin, Teslin Podsiki, Nicole Stickler, Pam Randles and Dan Egolf out to set traps. Minnow traps were baited and set in areas where the water was flowing but not flowing too fast. Fish were caught and, one by one, measured. There were Coho salmon, cutthroat trout, dolly varden char and stickleback. Due to poor weather, the entire stream on CIA land could not be trapped and mapped. Students will return in the spring to complete the baseline count. Fish populations will be closely monitored throughout the construction of Chilkoot Estates.

Vista

We have taken advantage of the Federal government’s VISTA programs this year. We now have two full-time volunteers through this program. Andy Berry is working with environmental issues and Fred Brouillette is working with culture and youth programs. Two Tribal members are earning work experience in a popular field right here

in Haines. Not only is the Tribe receiving additional human resources to work on our important programs but these members are starting a possible new career as well. Fred is working with TYP coordinator, Rod Hinson, cleaning up our graveyards under the direction / watchful eyes of our Elders and assisting with other Youth

Leadership programs the Tribe will be putting on in the coming years. Andy is working with Brad Ryan on renewable energy research as well as other environmental capacity building research. We are proud to offer these valuable programs to our community as well as teach our Tribal members about a new career.

Chilkoot Bear Monitoring Position

Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, is recruiting for a “Park Specialist.” This position requires possession of, or access to, firearms/ammunition. This position will be the primary field opera-

tions employee assigned to assist managing bear/human interactions and recreational activities in the Chilkoot River Corridor with emphasis on ensuring safe bear/human interactions.

The position requires interpersonal communication skills to inform & educate people in the field & at public forums to encourage safe behavior in bear country.

h’een taan’ax
kayaani disi
(when the underwater plants bud)
MARCH

- 1st Cecilia David
- 2nd Verna Adams
- 3rd Kelsey Albecker
- 3rd Carrie Valentine
- 5th Gerald Albecker
- 5th Bradley Wilson
- 6th Lisa Albecker
- 6th Harriet M. Brouillette
- 6th Athena Gross
- 10th Viva Landry
- 13th Linnea Leiter
- 13th Luke Williams
- 14th Daylight Savings
- 14th Nancy Denny
- 15th William Albecker
- 16th Maria Chambers
- 16th Karl Tompkins
- 17th Jennifer Preus
- 17th Jasper Strong
- 17th St. Patrick’s Day
- 19th Nickolas Degtoff
- 19th John Katzeek
- 20th 1st Day of Spring
- 21st Kimberly Mohon
- 22nd Kelly Johnson
- 23rd Louise Smith
- 24th Shane Martin
- 25th Rima Lake
- 25th Jessica Williams
- 26th Wayne Chambers
- 27th Christy Matthews -Ruby
- 28th Palm Sunday
- 28th David Dunn
- 28th Dixie Hayes
- 29th Seward’s Day
- 29th Passover Begins
- 30th Alice Daly
- 30th Austin Davis
- 31st Mia Berzanske

All CIA Offices will be closed March 29th

- Staff
- Tribal Administrator (Interim)
Janice M. Hill
- Associate Tribal Administrator of Finance
Theresa Raven
- Human Resource and Organizational Development
Dr. Robert Whitcomb
- Environmental
Dr. Brad Ryan
- Transportation
Scott Hansen
- Housing
Glenda S. Sullivan
- Curtis Stickler
Construction Manager
- HR Assistant / Reception
Georgiana Hotch
- Tribal Youth
Rodney Hinson
- AmeriCorps Vista Volunteer
Andrew S. Berry
- BIRCH Volunteer
Fredrick Brouillette
- IT
Warren Johnson
Alex George - Intern
- T&H Social Services
Stella Howard
766-2810

S'eeek disi
(when the black bear cubs are born)
FEBRUARY

- 1st Kalee Clayton
- 2nd Stella Howard
- 4th Jennifer Cook
- 4th Amber Matthews
- 6th Christina Williams
- 8th Les Katzeek
- 10th Lori Katzeek
- 11th Rhonda Degtoff
- 11th Raymond Dennis
- 12th Lincoln's Birthday
- 13th Melanie Hess
- 14th St. Valentine's
- 15th Patrick Price
- 15th Jeremy Strong
- 15th Presidents' Day
- 16th Elizabeth Peratrovich Day
- 17th Mary Folletti
- 17th Ash Wednesday
- 18th Ronald Jimmie
- 22nd Tyler Lebert
- 22nd Robert Skulka
- 22nd Alicia Young
- 22nd Washington's BD
- 23rd Joyce Simons
- 24th Gwen Sauser
- 25th Hillary Ivie
- 25th Marcelle Laidlow
- 26th Theodore David
- 26th Brendan Winders
- 27th Evans Sparks
- 28th Michele Berzanske

The CIA Tribal Youth Program is a CIA / SEARHC & Juvenile Justice Partnership !!

All CIA Offices will be closed February 15th

The past few months have been very busy for the Chilkoot Tribal Youth Program, says coordinator, Rod Hinson. In July, Rod took four youth to a National Youth Leadership Conference in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Tribal members, Kimberley and Jolene Lemieux, and Brian Huntsman attended the five day event. Haines Highway youth, Harley Williams also accompanied them. While billed as a leadership conference, it turned out to be more of an Indigenous Soccer tournament. The soccer event had run short on funds so they approached the Department of Justice, Tribal Youth Program, and asked if they would help with expenses, if they included leadership in with their soccer tournament. The government agreed but required that the CIA Tribal youth be in-

cluded. That is how we were invited to go. Our youth had to play soccer in the 105° weather, but they all survived.

Rod rented a car and took the youth around the area so they could see some of the culture of another part of our country. The extreme hot dry desert conditions were quite a contrast to our Alaska weather. One of the big events for our youth was going to a real Tex-Mex restaurant. They were amazed at the low prices and then they could not believe or eat all the food that was served.

October 3 - 7th, he took five of the local youth to Girdwood for a Domestic Violence and Equality Leadership conference (pictured below). These youth did a wonderful job representing both CIA and Haines community. They stood up for their beliefs and were

willing to explain what and why they felt. The accommodations were quite different from the New Mexico State University dorms they had to stay in earlier in the year. They stayed at the Alyeska Resort which is a four-diamond hotel that placed mints on your pillow each evening. Gene Tagaban was one of the speakers at the conference. The youth were allowed to attend any of the sessions they wanted, so Kim, Hunter and Rod went to two of Gene's classes. On the way home, the group decided they were going to attempt to get funding to bring Gene to Haines so he could speak in our school. In the future, when these opportunities arise, please consider sending your children or grandchildren. It could be the one thing that changes their life for the better.



CIA Tribal Youth Program

Chilkoot Subdivision



Four-Plex "A"



Four-Plex "A" - another view



Four-Plex "B"



Four-Plex "B" - another view



View of the heating system



Vapor barrier - getting ready to insulate



Zach & Bryan - ready for the day!



Their "Work Trailer"

Update on the Chilkoot Estate Four-Plexes: 1st four-plex - the electrical and plumbing are complete. Curtis and his crew are putting in the insulation and getting ready to apply the siding. 2nd four-plex—the foundation and framing are complete. The heating system, plumbing, electricity, and the windows and doors will be installed soon. CIA's housing committee will be putting rental policies in place before too long.

Congratulations Crystalyn Lemieux!!

CIA congratulates Crystalyn in making the Chancellor's List in her first semester!! To be eligible for the Chancellor's List, a student must be an admitted undergraduate degree/certificate seeking, student enrolled in at least 12 UAA credits graded with academic letter grades and must have earned a grade-point-average of 4.00 for the semester. Crystalyn is the daughter of Ken Lemieux and Stella Howard of Haines.

CIA's Student Achievement Program

Teolani Lynch
Sophmore HHS
3.97 gpa

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Alisha Young  
Freshman HHS  
3.68 gpa

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Kimberley Lemieux
1st quarter
Junior HHS
3.18 gpa

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Kimberley Lemieux  
2nd quarter  
Junior HHS  
3.03 gpa

Keep up the great work!  
We're proud of you!



Potlatches

March 16th, 2010

Sheet'ka kwaan

Emma [Hopkins]

Olsen

KIKS.ADI

Tin.aa (Copper Shield) Hit

S'e (Clay) Hit

Dagistinaa Yadi

T'akdeintaan dachxan

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August 14th

Keex'kwaan - Kake

Norman Jackson

"Stiihl daa {Aaneetk'i}

KAACH.ADI

Xaak'w Hit

Freshwater Marked

Sockeye House

Tsaagweidi yadi

Kaach.adi dachxan

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Della Cheney

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August 2010

Keex'kwaan - Kake

Karen Laverne

(Demmert)

Tally

"Aanshaawatk'ee"

KAACH.ADI

Xaak'w Hit

Freshwater Marked

Sockeye House

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# CIA and Haines Borough Public Library Receives \$149,998 Grant

Chilkoot Indian Association has received a \$149,998 grant from the Institute for Library and Museum Services (IMLS) in support of its Enhancement Grant. The grant, *Community in Transition: Building on our past; looking to the future*, is specifically designed to connect tribal and community member needs with library services to build a stronger community. Our partnership developed the project to harness the power of Tlingit cultural skills and knowledge to improve family and community sustainability in this isolated rural location during difficult economic times. Specific projects for youth will focus on native culture, local foods, trading and bartering, and indigenous science concepts to encourage familiarity with cultural information. Presentations will be made on renewable energy sources, energy conservation, recycling, barter of goods and services, and nutri-

tional value of local foods. Kee Heywood, a previous Dragonfly mentor, will be contracted to work with the library's Film Club to create two films to document and preserve elders' knowledge, experience, and practices in traditional life skills valuable in today's world. A variety of training programs will assist patrons in gaining technology skills. "We are pleased to offer this service to our Tribal members and the community," said Greg Stuckey. "Our strategic planning efforts have revealed the need to preserve and explain our culture, engage our youth, and provide opportunities for active learning. This program was developed to specifically target those goals."

The grant will be used to help pay for the Children and Youth Services Coordinator, the Education Coordinator, the Technology Coordinator and two Native youth Library Pages. The grant also includes monies for books, sup-

plies, hiring the film consultant, and elder honorariums. "This means the Library will have additional resources to continue the wonderful children's programs and will leverage the Waldo's generous donation," says Stuckey. "It also means the training programs and technology classes will continue, which are always requested from membership."

"The Tribe and the Library have been partners for eight years now and with the new grant we will have funded our joint activities for a decade at the conclusion of this project" says Stuckey. "This partnership is the benchmark that we measure our other partnerships against to determine success. I am extremely proud of this partnership and the many benefits we bring to our community through its projects," says Stuckey.



## Did You File?

picked up at the Haines Borough Public Library or you can apply online at <http://www.pfd.alaska.gov/>

Deadline to file is March 31st, 2010. "Pick, Click, Give"

You can now apply for your Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend. Paper application(s) may be



# Mutilation of Headstone(s)

*In recent months, Native headstone(s) were mutilated at the cemetery beside what we now know as Tlingit Park. Here are two responses:*

This is such sad news. Over the years, I have walked from the fort to town going through that beautiful spot with the wonderfully carved marble headstones, a strong

memory of the past. There is some sick thinking with whoever did this. This is why education at an early age by FAMILY and school is so important. A few years ago, I carved the faces and lettering for the folks who erected this plaque within 20 yards of those stones. If the people could only read what it says. ~David Svenson~



HAA LEEK'WU HAS KA HAA YATXI HAS DU YAA ATOOWANEI—  
Respecting  
Our Grandparents  
and Our Children.



I believe as a kwaan, we overlook far too much. We need to stand up and say, "Dei A We'!" Our own newsletters need to start discouraging all slights and insults. The more we let people get away with what we might otherwise regard as petty, the more they continue to do as they will. Of course, the vandalism of the headstone(s) is not petty vandalism! Could this

have been done by kids? If, done by non-Tlingit children, their parents attitude is "kids will be kids." We as Native people are supposed to just accept this? If, done by our own Native children, our tendency is to ignore the situation but isolate our own children further from us, as the adults. I see this as one of the symptoms for ignoring our children because of their past destructive behaviors. Our attitude as adults has been "we've tried doing things for our children

before but they only ended up destroying property, so we stopped planning activities for them." Our children will make mistakes but that is no excuse to abandon them. We acknowledge the destructive behavior, correct it the best we can and plan new strategies and activities for them, and with them. Has anyone asked Bob Sam if he can help? Lee Heinmiller too also has information about those grave sites (that were vandalized.)  
Tommy J. Jimmie Jr.

t'aasw'ak disi  
(when the geese fly)  
JANUARY

- 3rd James Hart
- 4th Samuel Denny
- 5th Briteny Hicks
- 5th Deni Hoy
- 6th David Berry III
- 7th Lorin Phillips
- 10th John Hagen
- 12th Andrea Ferrin
- 13th Samuel Johnson
- 13th Randy Katzenmeyer
- 14th Norman Smith
- 15th Sarah Virg-In
- 16th Jacob Ivie
- 17th Rachel Sparks
- 18th Shannon Lemons
- 18th Martin Luther King Day
- 19th Brice Norton
- 20th John Earl Gross
- 22nd Ryan Cook
- 26th Donald Graham
- 26th Shori Long
- 26th Rhiannon Thomas
- 27th Mark Paddock
- 28th Jeremiah Denny
- 29th Brandon Digsby
- 29th Theodore Hart

Koo.eex (Jilkaat kwaan)  
Saturday, September 4th



1981 - 2021

"Shaawtlaax"  
Dakl'aweidi  
Lukaax.adi yadi

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Chilkoot Indian Association wants this newsletter to be more about the membership. We want to hear from more of our members on an a variety of topics: from a

new birth in the family (or death), great grades, graduations. . Let's get more involved in this form of communication with other members of our Tribe. Drop me an

article and a picture if you can to Georgiana at [ghotch@chilkootnsn.gov](mailto:ghotch@chilkootnsn.gov). Send me your email address so I can get more information out to you on scholarships, info, etc.

## From the Editor