Tribe reelects three council members

A record number of tribal members attended this year’s annual general membership meeting in October, where they reelected Mary Ann Mills, Rosalie Tepp and Jennifer Showalter Yeoman to serve two-year terms.

Following the meeting, the Council met to elect its officers. Rosalie Tepp was elected chairperson; Jennifer Showalter Yeoman, vice chairperson; Liisia Blizzard, secretary; and Audre Gifford, treasurer.

Members also approved adding another 102 members to the tribe’s roll, leaving the tribe 1,592 members strong.

Tribal leadership gave reports detailing tribal successes during the previous year, including the grand opening of the Dena’ina Wellness Center, purchase of the Beluga Apartment building and finishing the year with nearly $2 million in savings.

Executive Director Jaylene Peterson-Nyren recognized the hard work that was accomplished in recent months after speaking about plans for the coming year.

“It has been a difficult but worthwhile year. We have done a lot and I do appreciate it,” she said.

Quarterly tribal meetings planned

The Tribal Council has announced plans to host three additional tribal meetings in the coming year, along with the annual meeting that occurs on the first Saturday in October, to help keep tribal members informed and to take comments on issues affecting the tribe.

The first meeting will be Saturday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Dena’ina Wellness Center. The meeting will be in the large classroom on the second floor. It will not disrupt the center’s normal business hours.

The topics of the December meeting will include next year’s tribal fishery plan and recommendations for items to include in the time capsule that will be enclosed inside the sculpture located in the Dena’ina Wellness Center’s Gathering Space.

The time capsule is a cylindrical metal tube that will be placed inside the fish trap in the center of “Dena’ina Rising,” the sculpture of ravens hanging from the Dena’ina Wellness Center’s oculus.

Suggestions will be taken for items to include in the capsule, then the suggestions will be voted on.

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The existing constitution, and proposed changes, are also available on the tribe’s website. Find them on the Tribal Commissions and Committees page.

Printed copies of the fishery plan and the constitution are also available at the administration building.

Flu vaccine available

The Den’a Ina Wellness Center has flu vaccines available for any Indian Health Service customer. Now is the time to get vaccinated.

Influenza (often called “flu”) is a virus that infects the nose, throat, windpipe and lungs. The virus is highly contagious and is spread from one person to another by coughing, sneezing or talking. Influenza infections typically occur between October and April each year. Typical symptoms include fever, chills, muscle aches, congestion, cough, runny nose, and difficulty breathing. Other viruses can cause symptoms similar to influenza. But, influenza virus is a more common cause of severe, fatal pneumonia.

The influenza vaccine is recommended for ages 6-months and older. There are both nose sprays and shots available. The nose spray vaccine is recommended for ages 2 to 49 who meet certain criteria. Shots are for 6-months and older. The Den’a Ina Wellness Center also has a special vaccine for adults 65 and older. This vaccine offers Elders a boost in their immunity against the flu and is highly recommended by the Centers for Disease Control.

Please call the Den’a Ina Wellness Center at 335-7500 to schedule an appointment or if you have specific questions.
Help find an address, maybe win an iPad

Please help find correct addresses for the following people. Help find one of these addresses and you will be entered to win an Apple iPad. Thanks for the help and good luck!

Name: Gluten
Address: 555 Main St.
City: Any City
State: Any State
Zip: 99999

Name: Ham
Address: 666 Main St.
City: Any City
State: Any State
Zip: 99999

Name: Cheese
Address: 777 Main St.
City: Any City
State: Any State
Zip: 99999

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Address: 888 Main St.
City: Any City
State: Any State
Zip: 99999

Name: Rice
Address: 999 Main St.
City: Any City
State: Any State
Zip: 99999

Name: Beans
Address: 1010 Main St.
City: Any City
State: Any State
Zip: 99999

Moving soon? Please keep in touch

Please keep your contact information current so you don’t miss important mailings from the tribe.

Send updates to:
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Johnson, Noah
Johnson-McCubbin, Ron
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Watten, Marie
Wagner, Mike
Wilcoxson, Virginia

Kenai house for sale

The Kenaitze/Salamatof Tribal-Designated Housing Entity has a single-family, 4-bedroom, 1½ home for sale in Kenai.

The home includes a spacious living area with a fenced in backyard. It has been fully remodeled with new appliances, cabinets, flooring, plumbing, electrical, bathrooms and heating systems.

Interested families must be pre-qualified with a bank or other lending institution before applications can be submitted to the Kenaitze/Salamatof TDBE.

The price of the home may be reduced for individuals who meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Kenaitze/Salamatof tribal member or other
- Alaska Native or American Indian people
- Meet the following annual income limits:
  - Household Size | Income
  - 1 | $42,650
  - 2 | $47,750
  - 3 | $54,850
  - 4 | $60,950
  - 5 | $67,600
  - 6 | $70,650
  - 7 | $75,550

The home is located at 412 Birch St., in Kenai. For more information, contact Shayna Franke at 335-7230.

Recollecting workshop planned

Celebrate the holidays, respect the earth and give back! Christmas gifts from recycled and re-usable materials at the Holiday Recycling Workshop on Saturday, November 29, from 1 – 4 p.m. at the tribe’s Family House on Willow Street.

The workshop is free, but please donate one of the items listed below for the activities, or bring a donation of canned goods for the tribe’s food bank:

- Jars with lids (mayo/mustard, pickle jars, etc.)
- Heads and building supplies
- Old Christmas cards
- Mall store shopping bags (plastic, polyethylene, GAP, or other semi-strong plastic bags)
- Cloth and clothes to be cut up for crafts
- Empty cereal, cake mix, or cracker boxes
- Donated items for the Holiday Recycling Workshop may also be left at the boxes located at the Early Childhood Center and the administers building next to the Family House.

For more information contact Brenda Trelfa at 335-7230.

Committee members sought

The Executive Council is accepting letters of interest from people interested in serving on a tribal committee. They include:

- Art and Interior Committee
- Finance Committee
- Court Code Committee
- Constitution Review Committee
- Early Childhood Center Policy Committee
- Education Committee
- Elders Commission
- Election Board

To submit your application, please send the following information to: Kenaitze Indian Tribe Attn: Tribal Council Chairperson P.O. Box 988
Kenai, AK 99611
Our Mission
To assure Kahtnuht’ana Dena’ina thrive forever.

Our Values
These are the beliefs and principles that define our people and will assure our future as a tribe:

Family: Honoring and sustaining health and happiness of family as a first responsibility

Stewardship: Respectful use of land, resources and all creations

Spiritual Beliefs: Acknowledging the existence of a higher power and respecting spiritual beliefs

Education: Passing down cultural knowledge and traditions and supporting formal education

Our Vision
By 2025, the Kahtnuht’ana Dena’ina have enhanced and strengthened the prosperity, health and culture of their people and tribe by:

• working toward united effort with Native organizations and other governments that impact our people.
• developing and implementing a tribal education system.
• living our traditional values and practices.
• empowering our sovereignty.
• continuing to demonstrate resiliency.
• striving for excellence in all of our programs.
• elevating the wellness of our people.
• using our talents and resources to ensure we are able to take care of ourselves and share with others.

Addresses and phone numbers

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150 N. Willow St., Kenai, AK 99611
(907)335-7200
(907)335-7239 fax

Early Childhood Center
130 N. Willow St., Kenai, AK 99611
(907)335-7260

Tyotkas Elders Center
1000 Mission Ave., Kenai, AK 99611
(907)335-7280

Yaghanen Youth Programs
35105 K-B Dr., Soldotna, AK 99669
(907)335-7290

Environmental Program
35105 K-B Dr., Soldotna, AK 99669
(907)335-7287

Dena’ina Wellness Center
508 Upland St., Kenai, AK 99611
(907)335-7500

Na’ini Social Services
150 N. Willow St., Kenai, AK 99611
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