

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.



Bunny, Rusty and Jeff Swan line up to cast their ballots at the annual general membership meeting at the Dena'ina Wellness Center on Oct. 4. Eight names were on the ballot for three open seats.

Flu vaccine available

The Dena'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, in-

fluenza 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 Dena'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 Dena'ina Wellness Center at 335-7500 to schedule an appointment or if you have specific questions.



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.

Information about the fishery is located under the Educational Fishery tab on the tribe's website. Last year's

fishery pamphlet can be downloaded from the same page.

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.

The second meeting will be held on March 14. Times and locations will be announced later.

The topic of the March meeting will be the Kenaitze constitution and ordinance revisions.

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.

NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Idahdi: (Hello friend:) It was good to see so many of you at the Dena'ina Wellness Center for this year's annual general membership meeting.

It was the largest annual meeting we have ever had and the first held in the new Dena'ina Wellness Center.

We spent time during the meeting reflecting on the successes of the past year, and there were many.

Now we are hard at work on what will be the successes of the coming year.

Perhaps the largest project ahead of us will be the construction of a new Elders center.

We have already met with some of our Elders to discuss what they want to see in a new building. We will have more discussions soon as we put together a project management team in partnership with our Kahtnuht'ana Development Corp.

I will make sure that you are kept informed as we move forward.

I also hope you will help keep us informed by attending the quarterly tribal membership meetings you can read about on the front page of this newsletter.

We publish all of our Council and committee meetings on the tribal website. Look for meeting times on the Calendar of Events page.

There are opportunities for you to share your experience with our services, as well.

We are having success tracking and responding to concerns through our new computerized customer service tools.

The chiqinik cards you see at all our locations help us recognize employees who provide exceptional service.

At the annual meeting, I enjoyed talking with you again about the tribe's mission, its vision and its values. Please take a moment to read them again; they're on the back page of this newsletter.

Few things help promote our mission, vision and values better than the preservation of our Dena'ina language.

We are really excited that Kenai Peninsula College is teaching a Dena'ina language class this semester. You may have read about the class in a recent Redoubt Reporter newspaper article.

Members of your Council and some of our staff are in among those in attendance.

We will have an article about the class in our next newsletter, scheduled to come out near the New Year.

Watch our Facebook page for announcements about the college's Native American Heritage Month events.

I hope to see you at the membership meeting on Dec. 13!

— Jaylene Peterson-Nyren
Executive Director



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!

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Boulette, Brittany
Boulette, Camryn
Brooks, James
Burnham, Heather
Burnham, Hillary
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Costanios, Hazel
Coveyou, Sarah
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Coveyou, Rachael
Coveyou, Sarah
Cowitz, Austin
Cowitz, Broc
Cowitz, Samantha
Cox, Denise
Cox, Justin
Cross, James
Cross, James Jr.
Davis, Julia
Davis-Coilton, Angela
Deitz, Tracy
Demidoff, Emelie
Dolchok, Clifford
Dolchok, Mack
Edelman, Drasanna
Edelman, Jay
Edwards, Jamie
England, Patricia
Forstner, Ashley
Forstner, Louis V
Frost, Ashley
Frost, Gabrielle
Frostad, Brian
Frostad, Katheryn
Gibson-Rehder, Amee
Greene, Cathy
Greene, Tracy II
Gregoire, Mathew
Grothe, Garrett
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Moving soon? Please keep in touch

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

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Johnson, Austin
Johnson, Noah
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Walters, Marie
Wik, Ralph
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Taste of Alaska Raffle

Na'ini Social Services is holding a fundraiser for its food bank. Please donate peanut butter, jam or jelly, and canned goods at any Kenaitze location. One jar or can earns one raffle ticket for a basket of Alaskan foods! Chiqinik!



From the editor's desk

The Tribal Courier is a publication for members of the Kenaitze Indian Tribe. A similar publication, The Counting Cord, is distributed to tribal members and customers of the tribe's programs.

Find more information on the tribe's website at kenaitze.org and like us on Facebook at facebook.com/kenaitze.

For story suggestions or questions about content, contact editor M. Scott Moon at 335-7237 or by email at smoon@kenaitze.org.



NOTE FROM THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Hello, Thank you for reelecting myself, Jennifer and Mary Ann to represent you on the Tribal Council. This has been a hard-working Council and we are committed to more work in the coming months.



We are dedicated to developing ourselves as leaders, to supporting our committee members and the hard work they do, and to each one of you tribal members.

I hope you will help us by attending meetings to give us your feedback. We need to know what is important to you.

We are going to have three additional tribal meetings this year. We've announced dates and topics for the first two. We will let you know when the third is scheduled.

We have invested in tools to help us keep track of what we are doing well and what we need to improve on. I hope you will use them.

When you share your service experiences with a staff member, it helps us identify needs, enhance our programs and services and helps us thank staff who go beyond what is expected.

I hope to see you in December!

Rosalie Tepp

— Rosalie Tepp
Tribal Council Chairperson

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Kenai house for sale



Address: 412 Birch St., Kenai
Beds: 4 Sq. Ft.: 1,554
Baths: 1 1/2 Lot Sq. Ft.: 9,583
Carport: 1 Acreage: 0.22
Shed: 1 Year Built: 1972
Patio: 1 Remodeled: 2014

The Kenaitze/Salamatof Tribally Designated Housing Entity has a single-family, 4-bedroom, 1-1/2 bath 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 may be submitted to the Kenaitze/Salamatof TDHE.

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	\$48,750
3	\$54,850
4	\$60,900
5	\$65,800
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.

Recycling workshop planned

Celebrate the holidays, respect the earth and create 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 (mayonnaise, pickle jars, etc.)
- Beads and beading supplies

- Old Christmas cards
- Mall store shopping bags (plastic JCPenney, 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 administrative building next to the Family House.

For more information contact Brenda Trefon at 398-7933.

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

- Enrollment Committee
- Hunting, Fishing and Gathering Committee
- Health Committee
- Land Committee
- Traditional Healing Planing Team
- Kenaitze/Salamatoff Tribally Designated Housing Entity

Please address letters to:
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Attn: Tribal Council Chairperson
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The Big Picture



Youth & Elders

Matthew Minium laughs with Rosalie Tepp and Doug Gates, left, during a presentation at the Youth and Elders Conference in Anchorage. The conference preceded the Alaska Federation of Natives annual convention in October. At top, youth and Elders from the tribe discuss ideas for working together. Suggestions they came up with included getting Elders involved in the schools, encouraging youth and Elders to participate in the fishery together, have Elders share traditional stories with youth and joining for lunch and potlucks.

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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