The Kawerak Regional and Rural Providers conference on Jun 1-4 offered workshops, meetings, and talking circles addressing a host of triumphs and challenges in western Alaska. Each day began with a keynote speaker, whose message was aired on KNOM each morning.

To hear excerpts, go to: http://www.knom.org/wp/blog/2015/06/08/in-their-own-words-keynote-speakers-from-the-kawerak-regional-and-rural-providers-

Keynote speakers from the 2015 Kawerak Rural Providers’ Conference, from left to right: Donna Lee Ann Barr, Andrea Irrigoo, Lucy Apatiki, & Darlene Trigg.

Photos: Nome Chamber of Commerce.
See more regional conference photos on page 5.

Lemonade Day 2015, By Alice Bioff Business Planning Specialist and Trisha Walters, E-commerce Specialist

The purpose of Lemonade Day is teaching business skills through experiential learning. “Tell me and I’ll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I’ll understand,” a Chinese proverb. Over 325 youth at approximately 170 stands across the Bering Strait Region opened up for business on Lemonade Day, June 13. One might think teaching business skills to youth K-12 would be difficult, but thanks to the national program called Lemonade Day, it can be done in a way that is fun and exciting for the entire community. After visiting a few stands and receiving feedback from parents, we find that Continued on page 8

Most Creative Product Award: Cedar Busk, Ourea Busk, Violet Jack, Ezra Jack, and Turi Busk won in Unalakleet with the stand Tundra Treats! They will each receive a $20 gift card and a children’s size Lemonade Day apron. Thank you everyone who took the time to vote!

“Our lemonade stand was named “Tundra Treats”. We built our stand out of recycled wood pallets and scrap wood. We also themed our stand after the tundra and used a variety of berries in all our treats. We had blueberry lemonade, blueberry cinnamon rolls, salmonberry vanilla cupcakes, and cranberry-orange bread, all made from tundra berries.”

Ublaakun suli translated in the Inupiaq language means: Tomorrow again!
Quyanna! Visit our website at www.kawerak.org.
Life in Alaska Native coastal communities revolves around the ocean and all that it provides. For thousands of years, Itupiap, Central Yup'ik, Cup'ik, St. Lawrence Island Yupik, and Aleut communities along Alaska’s Bering and Chukchi seas have depended on marine resources to meet their physical, nutritional, spiritual, and cultural needs. This dependence is the foundation of a reciprocal relationship between the people and the ocean that has been maintained since time immemorial.

“Walrus will always be part of our lives... The food, the way we talk about our stories, how we interact with people, how we respect people for doing this and doing that. That is basically how I think all the subsistence hunting does for us... it bonds us together and that is why we live here in this community. ... we are subsistence hunters. It will always be strong in the community.” - John Sinnok - Shishmaref.

Now, however, Alaska Native hunting and fishing communities face cumulative pressures from ocean changes. Sea ice is diminishing and becoming increasingly unpredictable, fisheries are declining, and culturally important species such as the Pacific walrus are under threat. These changes upset travel routes and subsistence strategies of hunters, make the seas less safe, impact animal migrations, and undermine food security.

From Barrow to Bristol Bay, Alaska Native communities depend on the Pacific walrus as an important source of food, as well as materials for skin boats and ivory to support practical and artistic traditions of carving that also provide small amounts of money in an otherwise cashlimited environment. Pacific walrus are integral to the way of life, cultural identity, and community health of the indigenous people of the Bering and Chukchi seas.

**Impacts to Walruses**

The impact of deteriorating sea ice, which walrus depend on for resting, calving, nursing, and other uses, is becoming more widely recognized. Now a new sea change threatens the walrus, and Alaska Natives. The main food source for walrus - clams and other benthic calcifying organisms - is vulnerable to ocean acidification. Lower pH levels in ocean waters can impede shell formation, weakening and killing clams and other seafloor invertebrates. The same factor that is causing the sea ice to shrink (carbon dioxide emissions) also is driving down pH in the Bering and Chukchi seas, whose cold waters are already particularly vulnerable to acidification.

Alaska Native subsistence hunters view ocean ecosystems as interconnected and recognize that negative impacts on a prey species reverberate up the food chain. People are part of this food chain. There is considerable uncertainty about how various species will fare under more acidic sea water conditions, and if walrus will be able to find the appropriate prey, particularly if diminishing ice forces walrus to rely on coastal haul-outs, constraining their foraging to smaller areas. Cumulative threats to walruses and clams are expected, however, presenting cause for concern for Alaska Native subsistence communities and their cultural continuity.

Our walrus hunting is from a very long time ago … For the future, neqegakhput panineng (it is still our food). One hundred years from now I’d like to see our community still hunting walrus. More than ever we need to help each other, let us work together. - Jason Papiuiki Newpwakakot - Gambell

**Impacts to Communities**

Respect, reciprocity, and avoiding waste are traditional ecological principles of ocean stewardship for Alaska Native communities of the Bering and Chukchi seas. Communities limit their harvests and take only what they need each year. Respect and thanks are given to the walrus through song and dance and other gestures of a spiritual nature to ensure balance. Food sharing and gifts to elders and families in need strengthen community cohesion and well-being. Walrus hunting is one of the ways through which older family members impart ocean knowledge, subsistence skills, and stewardship principles to younger generations, beginning with family hunting trips in childhood.

If practicing stewardship and minimizing the waste of ocean resources were purely local actions, Alaska Native communities might exert greater influence through their traditional institutions and co-management roles. But the vast majority of ocean resource consumption is global, and the pollution from fossil-fuel burning thousands of miles away is already manifesting in climate and ocean changes that affect small-scale subsistence communities along the Bering and Chukchi seas.

The Bering Sea communities most dependent on Pacific walrus, Gambell and Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island and Little Diomede in the middle of the Bering Strait, have suffered severe food shortages in the past two years. Unusual sea ice and weather conditions have blocked their hunters’ access to the walrus, causing record low harvests and forcing them to declare walrus harvest disasters in order to obtain food aid.

Now, the Pacific walrus population remains healthy despite rapid habitat change. The communities of Gambell, Savoonga, and Diomede are hopeful that favorable hunting conditions will return in coming seasons, but their experience gives a taste of the perils looming as carbon dioxide emissions rise. These changes threaten not only food resources and community resilience, but cultural survival and physical and psychological well-being. Subsistence cannot be separated from culture, and the possibility of unavailable marine resources hangs heavy on the hearts and minds of Alaska Natives.

**The Future for Walrus and Walrus-Reliant Communities**

Alaska Native rights to marine mammal subsistence harvests are recognized specifically in the Marine Mammal Protection Act.
Walk for Life, By Panganga Pungowiyi, Wellness Director

The 7th Annual Walk for Life was held as a statewide event on May 9 to demonstrate the strength of our communities by celebrating our own healing and showing support for those in need. The Nome Native Youth Leadership Organization hosted the Walk for Life in Nome. Participants met at Old St. Joe's Church. Sea-side residents made flowers, and residents carried banners, signs, and showed support by walking together, along with other communities across our region and throughout the State.

“Dance for Life” at the Diomede School.

Suicide, addiction, violence, and sexual abuse affects everyone. Whether it is our life or someone else’s, we all can make a difference. Special thanks to all that joined Kawerak, NSHC, NPS, Leaders of Life and Nome Native Youth Leadership Organization as we showed support for the community.

White Mountain Walk for Life had 100 participants.

An Ocean Way of Life
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and more broadly in other patterns of federal law. The Eskimo Walrus Commission sees this type of management strategy as one that neglects the larger and more dangerous threats: carbon dioxide emissions, increased Arctic shipping, and other industrial pressures. If subsistence harvesting is not the issue, can harvest reductions be an effective solution? Hunting restrictions will not improve the condition of the sea ice or the pH of the ocean, so the threats to the walrus population will continue to exist whether subsistence harvests are reduced or not. Furthermore, under this harvest reduction scenario, Alaska Native subsistence hunters would be left to bear the burden for the consumption behavior of people thousands of miles away. If an Endangered Species Act listing doesn’t protect walrus from loss of habitat and prey species, how might ecosystem approaches to management better protect these marine mammals for both biological and cultural well-being?

Going Forward

Protecting the Pacific walrus from the future impacts of climate change and ocean acidification is a top priority for the Eskimo Walrus Commission. In December 2014, the Commission issued a resolution urging the U.S. government and state of Alaska to reduce carbon dioxide emissions; invest in ocean acidification research to better anticipate and mitigate its impact on marine ecosystems, including people; and invest in renewable energy. These actions appeal to the governments’ responsibilities to protect the well-being of citizens, fulfill trust responsibilities to Native American tribes, and to protect Alaska Native subsistence needs. These management actions also take an ecosystem approach that focuses on integrated and dynamic environment and human interactions at multiple scales. This includes strategies that are preventative in nature, focusing on understanding and addressing system threats, rather than only reacting to single species concerns.

Walrus play a significant part in Alaska Native coastal communities’ connections with their environment. An entire way of life, together with cultural identity, food and economic security, self-determination, social cohesion, traditional knowledge, and community health, depend on these connections. Anthropogenic ocean acidification could mark a turning point for the food web of clams-walrus-people in the near future. Alaska Native hunters face these concerns every day, but for people living elsewhere, or living in the same part of the world but with different lifestyles, these issues are not so apparent or pressing. The Eskimo Walrus Commission will continue advocating for reductions in carbon dioxide emissions to protect the Pacific walrus population that Alaska Native people depend on. The scale of the challenge will make progress, let alone success, difficult, but too much is at stake to let this effort fail.

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**For full references and information about the authors see the full article at: http://earthzine.org/2015/04/24/pacific-walrus-and-coastal-alaska-native-subsistence-hunting-considering-vulnerabilities-from-ocean-acidification/**

Kawerak’s Vision: “Building on the inherent strength of our cultural values, we shall assist our tribes and residents to create a positive future.”

In keeping with this Vision Statement, Kawerak has increased its training and technical assistance services to tribes in the following communities:

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Planning Museum Exhibits
By Amy Russell-Jamgochian, Cultural Center Project Director

This past April, Cultural Advisors appointed by their tribes throughout our region met with the Cultural Center’s staff and exhibit designers in Nome to plan the first exhibits to be installed in the new cultural center, which is scheduled to open in late 2016.

Pictured from Left to Right, Back to Front are Cultural Advisors Luisa Machuca (Council), Morris Nassuk (Koyuk), Robert Keith (Eiliak), Edwin Weyiouanna (Shishmaref), Teresa Sockpealuk Perry (Shaktoolik), Jenny Lee (Teller), Paul Rookook Sr (Savoonga), Peter Buck (White Mountain), Martin Aukongak (Golovin); Albert Durolluk (Mary’s Igloo), Helen Olanna (Brevig), Merlin Koosnaka (Kawerak Elders Advisory Council), Vincent Pikonganna (Nome elder), Moriah Sallaffie (staff), Amy Russell-Jamgochian (staff), Thomas Kirk (Stebbins), Alfred Sahlin (Nome Eskimo Community) and Charlie Fritske (St. Michael). Not pictured but also vital contributors to these meetings were Lorena Panipitp (Unalakleet), and John Pullock (King Island).

Kawerak held its annual Tribal Coordinator Training in Nome on April 6 - 9. Tribal Affairs welcomed nearly all of the villages of the Bering Straits Region including Donna Katchatat (Golovin), Laverne Kimoktoak (Koyuk), Jacinta Martin (Stebbins), Emily Kobuk (St. Michael), Velma Johnson Unalakleet), Dorothy Barr (White Mountain), Walter Seetot (Brevig-Mission), Janice Knowlton (King Island), Cora Aboyuluk (Mary’s Igloo), Cerene Sepulu (Savoonga), Elizabeth Johnson (Solomon), and Charlene Isabel (Teller).

The training this year included a variety of topics and guest speakers. Laurie Johnston from Analytical Solutions trained staff regarding accounting with a special emphasis on budgets; how to create and maintain. Other speakers included Barb Fagerstrom (Human Resources), Will Gemar (Accounting), and Carol Piscoya (Community Service Division Vice President). Program presentations were given by: Denise Michels (Transportation), Summer Larsen (IT Dept.), Sara Lizak (Vocational Rehabilitation), Alice Bioff (Business Planning Specialist), Anahma Shannon (Environmental Coordinator), and Jessica Farley (Child Care Director).

A variety of topics were covered during the 3 days of training with Tribal Affairs Staff of Cheri McConnell (Program Director), Arlene Charles (Accounting Specialist Southern), and Joleen Olson (Accounting Specialist Northern). Tribal Coordinators worked on quarterly “To-Do” lists, goal setting and the new Super Circular 2015 OMB changes. The Tribal Coordinators included Kawerak staff as well as other guests who came in for the Cultural Advisors Committee meeting to their annual potluck (pictured below) that included muktuk, greens, fry bread, berries, smoked salmon and other delicious foods.

Honorary Employee
By Cathie Straub, CPA, CFP®, Director, APCM Wealth Management for Individuals

When I got into the business of financial planning and managing money in 1992, the second client to sign up with me was Kawerak. When I moved over to Alaska Permanent Capital Management (APCM) in 2009, Kawerak moved with me. APCM, as a fiduciary investment manager, is ideally suited for managing pooled retirement plans, such as Kawerak. I have been traveling to Nome twice each year for many years to present to the Trustees and to the Kawerak employees, as participants in the Plan. At my most recent trip in May, I was truly surprised and extremely honored to be recognized by the Trustees in front of all of the employees. I have been in this business for 23 years now. So for those of you wondering if you can have a successful retirement plan for 23+ years, the answer is yes. To be recognized for such gratifying work is an honor. Thank you to Kawerak for the recognition and for giving me permission to share this honor.

Tribal Coordinator Training
By Tribal Affairs Staff
New Social Science Team, By Julie Raymond-Yakoubian, Social Science Program Director

Kawerak’s Social Science Program recently hired two new staff. Cindy Conwell-Wieler is the Research Assistant and Dominque Hall is a summer intern. They will both be working closely with me on Kawerak’s new project about region residents’ Knowledge, Beliefs and Experiences of the Supernatural Environment. We’re excited to be working with them!

“I was born and raised in Kotzebue, the youngest of nine children. As with many families in rural Alaska subsistence was a very important, and we all worked together as a family. I am married to Jay and we have four wonderful children: Iris, Derek, Erica and Landon. My interests first and foremost are; my family, camping, fishing, berry picking, sewing and flying. Jay and I find it ironic and figure it must have been destiny with our families historical friendship. We must have had the opportunity to stay around traditional values and Native culture. After I finish school, I am planning on giving back to the community. I’m currently working for Kawerak as a Social Services Intern which is a great opportunity as it allows me to learn more about traditional knowledge and culture.”

– Dominique Hall

Cindy Conwell-Wieler.

Aerialist, Crystal Worl, from Juneau (left).

State Legislative Memoriam of Helen Pootoogook (above), and Shishmaref dance group (below).

Dance groups met & continued on Middle Beach each night (left), Children & Family Services staff at the conference (above) and Greenland performer Simon Lynge (above).

Tikigaq Point Hope dancers (above).

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Local Economic Development Plans Help Our Communities Reach Goals

By Simon Strickling, Planning Development Specialist

Local Economic Development Plans (LEDPs) help our communities reach goals because of agreement in identifying issues and collaborative planning. Updating the LEDP priority projects lists annually also plays a role in setting local goals. LEDPs document how the community members met to plan for their common good and came to agreements about their vision and priority projects, the roadblocks standing between them and their vision, ways of dealing with the roadblocks, and the next steps to move their strategy forward.

This year, the communities of King Island and Golovin have adopted new LEDPs that will guide their development for the next five years. Their visions show how they want their communities to be in five years with goals in all areas of life including education, community involvement, language/culture, infrastructure, and employment. They recognized roadblocks to their progress like challenges with communication, funding, available staff and turnover, and job qualifications. Then they listed all the innovative practical actions they could take to deal with the roadblocks and move toward their visions over the next five years, the first year, and the first 90 days. Along with what actions to take the first 90 days, they included who, when, where, why, and how, for each priority.

There are multiple benefits to LEDPs. Perhaps most important, the process of creating an LEDP brings community members together in a team effort that all have interest in, and each participant’s views are contributed equally. All the participants understand the vision they are moving towards and the work they must do to make it reality. LEDPs give new employees and council/board members an overview of what the community is working on, why and how they are doing it. Outside agencies can clearly see that the community has put careful consideration into their plans. Knowing the community is in agreement about what to do, gives outsiders confidence in working with them, providing technical assistance, and more opportunities for funding projects.

Most of the communities in our region have current LEDPs. Kawerak congratulates King Island and Golovin on the completion of their new plans. A lot of effort goes into making them and even more work is necessary for them to continue being as useful as possible.

To develop projects efficiently and as quickly as possible, each community is encouraged to review their top priority projects list at least once a year and revise them as needed. When a project is complete, it is good to remove it and replace it with other projects that the community has identified so new projects can qualify for outside funding and other resources. The process of reviewing and revising lists can be easily completed by a community’s governing entities at a single joint meeting and helps build and maintain momentum for the most critical local projects.

All of our region’s LEDPs can be viewed at http://www.kawerak.org/cpd.html or at www.kawerak.org on each community’s page. Feel free to call or email if I can help with any questions. Contact Simon Strickling, Planning and Development Specialist at 907-434-1063 or email cpd.pds@kawerak.org.

King Island Priority Projects

1. Community Hall
2. King Island Grant Writer
3. More Housing and Housing Improvements
4. Continue Road Project
5. Elders and Youth Services
6. Strengthen Cultural Activities
7. Encourage Technical and Trade Schools
8. General Assistance
9. Relocate Cape Wooley Camps
10. Transportation Services for Community Members

Volunteer Making a Difference

By Katie Bourdon Workforce Development Director

Heather Penayah, in Savoonga, has been a great volunteer in her community! She has provided volunteer work activities for the City of Savoonga, the Presbyterian Church, Savoonga Head Start, Kukulget, Inc. and more recently for the tribe doing Elder Care. She has a positive attitude, a willingness to help others, and a love for her family. Heather's Elder Care activities include doing errands, providing transportation and helping with local shopping, preparing and cooking food, house cleaning, and assisting with clinic appointments. She is very happy with her placement. Not only does Heather provide a service to her community, but she also earns her assistance benefit. Thank you to Heather for her service and to the Savoonga IRA for collaborating with Native Employment Work Services!

All of NEWS (Native Employment Work Services) clients are referred from the Division of Public Assistance. Not all clients on TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) are referred to NEWS. Currently, we have clients in Elim, Gambell, Savoonga, and Stebbins. Clients’ skills and interests are assessed to determine a positive volunteer work activity placement for them. During the summer months, clients are heavily involved in subsistence activities, but continue to volunteer time to earn their assistance benefit. If your village organization does not have a current Site Agreement with KNEWS, please contact us for more information at 1-855-443-4275 or check us out on the web at www.Kawerak.org under Education, Employment and Training. The Site Agreement allows for TANF clients to volunteer at your organization to learn valuable work habits and skills, and earn their assistance benefit.
**Macaroni Fish Salad — Katherine Mike, Stebbins**

Boil fish (any kind) and then refrigerate for 1 day  
Boil ½ box of macaroni  
Boil 8 eggs  
¾ cup of relish  
½ green pepper, chopped  
¼ chopped onion  
One 6 ounce can of olives  
Add mayonnaise until salad is not dry  
Add all together and garnish with parsley and curry powder

Food for the Soul - Bering Strait Non-Salmon Fish Preparation and Recipes

Kawerak's Social Science Program now has available a wide variety of books, posters, reports and other information for region residents. Visit the Social Science Program webpage at [www.kawerak.org/socialsci.html](http://www.kawerak.org/socialsci.html) to view, download or print books on traditional knowledge of ice seals and walrus, a poster on ocean currents, a glossary of Diomede dialect words and phrases, a non-salmon fish cookbook, and many others. These documents are products from many of Kawerak's ongoing and completed traditional knowledge and social science projects.

**Children holding a salmon in Stebbins**

From: Kawerak Social Science Program (2013)  
Food for the Soul: Bering Strait Non-Salmon Fish Preparation and Recipes  
Compiled by Meghan Topkok & Julie Raymond-Yakoubian. Kawerak, Inc.  
Find the whole recipe book at [www.kawerak.org/socialsci.html](http://www.kawerak.org/socialsci.html).

**President Obama Is Coming to Alaska in August**

**By Melanie Bahnke, Kawerak President**

Barack Obama will travel to Alaska sometime in late August, and will most likely also visit rural Alaska.

**New Social Science Resources Available**

**By Julie Raymond-Yakoubian, Social Science Program Director**

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**Orphaned Wildlife**

The Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Nome reminds the community no one except ADF&G and the Alaska State Troopers are authorized to take orphaned wildlife into possession. Here are steps to take when coming upon orphaned wildlife during spring travel.

**Do Not**

- Do Not touch, handle, or pick up any animal or bird.  
- Do Not approach muskox groups. Newborn muskox calves are easily trampled and killed when groups run.  
- Do Not approach cow moose and new calves. Cow moose can be aggressive and dangerous.

**Do**

- Report the location, type, and behavior of animal that appears orphaned to wildlife officials.  
- Avoid approaching or touching animals or birds that appear orphaned. It is illegal and may result in a fine up to $10,000 & one year in jail.

**Help protect wildlife and yourself!**

Report an orphaned animal to the following Nome offices:  
Alaska Dept. Fish & Game  
Alaska State Troopers  
443-2271  
443-2835

**Inupiaq Values:**


**Native Village of Brevig Mission Annual Meeting**

— Saturday, March 28, 2015.

Photo by Pearl Mikulski.
Living and Celebrating Our Native Culture, By Corporal Marcus Barr, Brevig Mission VPSO

Retired Kawerak President, Loretta Bullard (left), about to enjoy fresh crab, harvested by her husband, Roy Ashenfelter, and personally delivered to her while she was traveling in Mesa, Arizona. Kawerak appreciates Loretta's continued support of regional efforts.

My brothers, (right) Marc Barr, Edward Barr Sr., and Paul Kakoon Jr. butchering walrus near Wales, and my mom Mary Barr (far right), fishing at Mizzak.

May 29 was our walrus hunting trip 15-20 miles north of Wales, one of our main traditions during the spring. During that time, meat is harvested, given away and fermented. June, 30 at my camp, Mizzak, was my first net set of the 2015 fishing season.

Higher Education Graduates, By Brian James, Workforce Development Specialist

In May, 8 students graduated, 2 with a Master's Degree, 5 with a Bachelor's Degree and 1 with a Certificate. Amber Cunningham, of the Native Village of Unalakleet, earned a Master's Degree in Teaching & Learning from the University of Alaska Anchorage. Stephanie Emery, of the Native Village of Shishmaref, earned a Bachelor's Degree in Environment Science from the University of Alaska Anchorage. Sarah Katongan, of the Native Village of Unalakleet, earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Alaska Anchorage. Janelle Murray, of the Native Village of Elim, earned a Certificate in Rural Human Services from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Lauren Reimers, of the Native Village of Shishmaref, earned a Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology from East Central University in Ada, Oregon. Trisha Walters, of the Native Village of Council, earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Alaska Southeast. Kirsten Kaukutroq Timbers earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Alaska Southeast. Kirsten is the daughter of the late Bryan and RoseAnn Timbers. They grew up in Nome and is a tribal member of the Village of Solomon. Kirsten graduated from Nome Beltz in 2000, and went on to obtain her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Human Services from Fort Lewis College in 2005. Since that time, she has lived and worked in Nome serving on her tribal council, the Kawerak Board of Directors, and Native Corporation Board and other positions. Kirsten currently works as the Manager for King Island Native Corporation. She began her degree in 2012, and with support and encouragement from her wife, Heather; nieces, Brittney; and daughters, Layna and Tessa.

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Participants are learning how to work with money, greet potential customers and negotiate with partners. These are just few of the life skills learned participating in the annual event.

On Lemonade Day, youth were not limited to just selling lemonade. The young entrepreneurs sold a variety of items such as frybread, bratwurst, rhubarb, and toys. To inspire youth to get creative, Kawerak organized a Most Creative Product contest with funding from the Bering Sea Lions Club. The contest winners were Cedar, Ourea and Turi Busk and Violet and Ezra Jack at the stand "Tundra Treats" in Unalakleet. Their products were themed with local, tundra berries. They sold blueberry lemonade with tundra blueberries, blueberry cinnamon rolls, salmonberry vanilla cupcakes, and cranberry-orange bread. In addition, they built their stand out of recycled wood pallets and scrap wood. Congratulations to the Busk and Jack children!

Special thanks to the following organizations that provided financial and other support to bring Lemonade Day to the entire Bering Strait Region: Bering Sea Lions Club, Bering Straits Native Corporation, Sitnasuak Native Corporation, Bering Air, and Kawerak, Inc. Kawerak, Inc. Community Planning and Development Department staff look forward to planning the event again in 2016. If your organization would like to bring Lemonade Day to the entire Bering Strait Region: Bering Sea Lions Club, Bering Straits Native Corporation, Sitnasuak Native Corporation, Bering Air, and Kawerak, Inc. Kawerak, Inc. Community Planning and Development Department staff look forward to planning the event again in 2016. If your organization would like to

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During the week of the Kawerak Regional/Rural Providers Conference, Faye Ongtowasruk of Wales, Alaska wasn’t able to attend the Elders General Assembly to receive a plaque and a resolution from Kawerak in appreciation for her service to Kawerak Elders Advisory Committee. Family members shared the news with the Quyaana Care Center (QCS) staff and they provided a time for her to be honored and recognized on June 11 at QCC.

The Natural Resources staff members: Rose Fosdick, NR VP; Clarissa Eide, NR Assistant; Lena Danner, Reindeer Herders Association Specialist joined Eskimo Heritage Program staff: Yaayuk Alvanna-Stimpfle, Director, and Marjorie Tahbone, Cultural Materials Development Specialist to attend the recognition of Faye Ongtowasruk. She served from 2006 – 2013 as a KEAC member. During her time, she participated in a Smithsonian Institute Arctic Studies Inupiaq language project. She was part of a team of elders from the Inupiaq speaking region of Alaska. They described the items and spoke in Inupiaq. Faye was recorded speaking of a traditional high kick ball from Wales, which is now included in Inupiaq language lessons. Faye was very active in her community in teaching the Inupiaq traditional ways and cultural activities. Kawerak is saddened by the passing of Faye Ongtowasruk, one week after her recognition, on June 18. Her funeral service took place in Wales and a memorial take place on July 12 at the Lutheran Church in Nome.

The Caleb Lumen Pungowiyi Scholars Program is excited to announce the recent graduation of three scholars. In May, Stefanie Armstrong (Native Village of Kotzebue) earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Civil Engineering, Malorie Johnson (Native Village of Unalakleet) earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Rural Development, and Denali Whiting (Native Village of Kotzebue) earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Alaska Native Studies. These young leaders represent the future of conservation, subsistence, Alaska Native culture, and education as they follow Caleb’s example of balance and tradition.

Caleb Lumen Pungowiyi was a champion for the Arctic marine environment, and the Caleb Scholars Program honors his memory with an academic scholarship to support future leaders as they work to cultivate thriving Alaska Native environments.

The $5,000 per semester scholarship is open to students from the Arctic Slope, Northwest Arctic and Bering Strait regions who have completed at least 36 credits toward a preferred degree program.

To see a list of the preferred degrees, to learn more about the scholarship program, or to obtain an application, please visit www.calebscholars.org or call (907) 443-4361. The deadline to apply for the fall 2015 semester is July 31.

Congratulations Stefanie, Malorie, and Denali!

Denali Whiting of Kotzebue (right).
Retirement, By Lew Tobin, Regional Training Specialist

I retired from Kawerak on June 26. Kawerak has been very good to me over the last 15 plus years which I have worked at this current position. More than that, Kawerak has always been a great place to work since my first position in 1976 when Bob Madden hired me for the Adult Basic Education program under Mary Alexander’s supervision. Back then, all of Kawerak was housed in two floors of the Old Federal Building on Front Street. I estimate that I have worked almost 25 years for Kawerak in 4 different positions. Including that first job, I’ve enjoyed each position and each task. Collectively, I have worked for Kawerak more than half of my working life. I know that Kawerak has gained as much as I have through our various partnerships.

I have enjoyed my coworkers, and the all friendships I have gained. I have also enjoyed knowing that I was making a difference by what I contributed to this region through Kawerak. Every task was an adventure and a learning experience. I hope everyone else has as much satisfaction and experiences as much support with what they are doing as I did while working through Kawerak. I will be staying in Nome after I retire, but I think I am may be sleeping in later than the rest of you who are still working, so I may not see you as often. I wish all of you, and Kawerak, the best of everything in the years to come.

Best Wishes to a Wellness Warrior
By Panganga Pungowiyi, Wellness Director

Kawerak Wellness has been highlighted for its achievements over the last 5 years. Bridie Trainor has been the driving force behind the Wellness efforts, bringing a unique creative energy balanced with the ability to bring diverse team members with dynamic strength to the table. Bridie has been heavily involved in the creation and maintenance of many wellness initiatives for the Bering Straits Region including Camp Igaliq, Walk for Life, Bering Strait Region Youth Leaders, Safety Patrol, and Regional Wellness Forum. When Bridie speaks about her resignation she maintains that she is not leaving Wellness, but is instead reshaping how she is involved. Bridie will remain as Co-Chair of the Regional Wellness Forum for the remainder of her term. She is also currently promoting wellness in our region by working with the Nome Emergency Shelter Team (NEST). Bridie completed her last days in the office with a bang by ensuring relevant wellness-focused topics were available at the Rural Provider’s Conference, for both adults and youth. We are excited to see how she will help shape the wellness of our region through her new role.

Lew Tobin with Santa at the Kawerak Christmas party.
D.A.R.E.  By VPSO Corporals, Deborah Kaningok Apatiki and Barret Eningowuk

The D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program mission is “Teaching students good decision-making skills to help them lead safe and healthy lives.” D.A.R.E. is a successful program, the first of its kind anywhere in the world. The vision of the program is, “A world in which students everywhere are empowered to respect others and choose to lead lives free from violence, substance abuse, and other dangerous behaviors.” Debra is happy to serve as a local resource and was privileged to work with 6th grade teacher Marcus Yonce’s class at the Hugo Apatiki Memorial Elementary School in Gambell in April and May.

E-waste Event May 28-29
By Anahma Shannon, Environmental Coordinator

Thanks to all the volunteers (pictured above) and everyone in the community that helped make the E-waste Event a success. Recycling keeps our environment healthier and cleaner for future generations.

President Awarded at 2015 Leadership Summit
By Kawerak Vice Presidents

Over 500 people attended the Annual Leadership Summit on April 20-21 where Melanie Bahnke, Kawerak President, was one of 10 award recipients of the Alaska Community Foundation’s (ACF) inaugural 2015 Rural Leader Getaway Program (RLGP) award. The ACF, Rasmuson Foundation and The Foraker Group are invested in strong leaders across the state, but they acknowledge the unique challenges of leading in rural communities. They designed the award to recognize our rural leaders and provide them with the opportunity to step away from their jobs, rejuvenate, and refresh so they can more effectively lead; all very bright and eager to learn, were taught how to resist peer pressure and refrain from drug use, violence, and other high-risk behaviors. Barret taught the DARE class to two 5th grade classes in Shishmaref, including ten lessons about making safe and responsible choices in their everyday lives. Each student wrote a DARE report, and each received a t-shirt, as well as other prizes for the best report and most respectful student. This year was a great success, and Barret thanks staff for inviting him to their classrooms. Both Debra and Barret look forward to teaching again DARE in the next school year.


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Native Village of Brevig Mission: The US Army Corp of Engineers sought an Environmental Assessment (EA) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the proposed Alaska Deep Draft Arctic Port System. Previously, USACE had completed a study for the Brevig Mission, but at that time, the Nome causeway is the only site carried for- ward. The locations being proposed include the Nome causeway, Port Clarence, and Cape Riley. Our tribes, the Brevig Mission Council, and Native Village of Mary’s Igloo have been working with the Alaska Department of Natural Resources on the APMA application for dredging in Brevig Mission. We believe this project turned out great. NVC has welcomed 3 new members and make Tribal ID cards. NVC report of all the highlights of NVC. We were available to see the community working together to make ends meet. About 70 community members enjoyed the foods served. Only replacing broken and weather worn crosses and our burial site upgrade would be a historical project. Not need continued support, because this will be one of the best changes with our transportation, stabilizing, and protecting our beach from fall storms. Now more vessels passing through Diomede a harbor will be needed. 6) Loosen large boulders above the village. Funding to sta- bilize or moving them to a safer area. We can work with any funding agency that deals with eminent threat. 3) The community will work together to get the right mix of ends, our transportation was down and out for the longest time. This challenge has taught us the important of needed Emergency Service to intervene especially when we are dealing with our community in need. A community would experience from the activity. BSRHA will continue to support locals to apply for the health aide posi- tion. Diomede would like to participate in the training/ workshop for the vessel activities. Not certain when this is going to happen. We believe the location of Diomede will play an important part with vessel activities. Our school is getting ready to leave to the Little Dribblers in Golovin next month. This is the first school trip we had since last year. It will be good for the kids that are going. We wish them well. Norton Sound Dental arrived in March for a week or so. In April Eye Care and hopefully a field doctor will come. Tribal President Robert F. Soolook Jr. will attend ANICA Annual Meeting March 31 – April 1. AEW Commissioner Henry Soolook will at- tend the meeting in Fairbanks in July. Our NSEC Repre- sentative Cassandra Akhiluk did not attend the meet- ing in Vegas March 16-20. We are super thankful for all the Klawak staff that works with Diomede. Our Klawak Representative, Andrea Okpealuk, has worked hard for our community. We appreciate all efforts, time, and consideration by all entities.

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Class parents have also been fund raising for their class Meal Program and currently we have an After School Kirstie Ione for tickets, drawing will be held on May 15, Olson, Autumn Bring, Harriett Henry, Cameron Olson or their families have been busy raising funds to send the Tribal Family Coordinator along with 5 students and approaching 2015 drilling season. Kirstie Ione, CEC in March. Janise Wilson, Bering Straits Native Corporation of Fish and Game and NSEDC were also present. Michaela employees arrived quickly which limited the damage. The community. Last December the Koyuk Covenant Plan and our Local Energy Priorities, in hopes to reduce resolution to support the Tumet Industries, LLC for construction of 2015 Iditarod most of the students greeted the mushers that came through Koyuk. In March we passed a No Smoking on tribal property. Signs were posted with a beautiful summer photo of Goilovin that read: "Tobacco is not a part of our Inupiat tikisuitas. Please do not smoke or chew tobacco products on our CEC owned property. Help protect the air out of respect for Elders, and love for our children and nature. Quoyana for your cooperation." Two seats are up for the upcoming elections and Annual Tribal membership in March. We are thankful to announce the Development Coordinator funds will automatically go to the tribes, formally called Grant Writer funds. We will have a Strengthening Community was able to secure grant funding through NSEDC to help with our building expansion project. Native Village of Koyuk- We held our Annual Meeting in December with a change of 2 new officers. The new officers are President, Lola Hunsaker and Secretary, Travis Dewey. A Tribal Coordinator applicant is pending ap-

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proceeds to go towards class projects, family potlucks and calculating baseball tournament fees. The 1st day of each month, we have Family Fun Night with TFC Kirstie Ione. Sewing Circle is every Tuesday and Thurs-
day evening with sewing coordinator, Virginia Askomak-
gak. The Great One Gorham and Brad Cook will each hold a Men's Bible Study every Thursday night, Sunday morning Service. His wife, Julie Olson holds Sunday School for the children during the morning service at the Fire Station. She also does the Junior High Bible Study on Sunday evenings, Women's Bible Study every Wednes-
day and they both do the Game Night at the Fire Hall every Saturday night. The NSEDC Development Coordinator came to Golovin to get each house sold signed up for the 2015 NSEDC Energy Subsidy Program to apply a credit to our electric utility accounts. Our own CEO TFC, Kirstie Ione was awarded the 2014 Mat-

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Cherie Eskers have been busy (Golovin)- We will host the next quarterly joint meeting in March. Jerry Iannov, NSEDC Education, Employment and Training Director as well as Shane Morris, BERSHA Construction Manager and William Thompson, Tribal Council Director of Re-

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Resident of the NEC newsletter was sent to the printer and is waiting grant announcements that were adopted by the Tribal Council in February. With the increase in meetings pertaining to subsistence, energy Subsidy Program, and someone from the Bering Sea Community Building survived a power surge back in November, but we had a good turn out from the community for BSNC. We also had a new shop building and will be making additions to the community building.

Eishens, a young man from Savoonga, father of 3 and providing essential services for the community. The council in- ternship program was started in the fall. The tribe had pizza and provided their input on our Native Village of Shaktoolik-We held our annual meeting in Nome in September at the XYZ Senior Center. There were almost all the materials and gravel to complete drainage work and the construction on N-Street and are regrouping to complete the project early summer. We actively participated in the planning and inaugural festivities for newly elected Governor Bill Walker and Lt. Governor Byron Mallott. With the help of the NSEC and the Nome-BC, BSNC did a wonderful job working together to roll out the red carpet to showcase the diversity and togetherness of our community. The NEC Tribal Transportation Safety Plan that was adopted by the Tribal Council in February. With the adoption of this community plan, we can now pursue resources to address safety issues identified in the plan. We applied for Tribal Transportation Safety Funds to add signage to the Nankin Hill Safety Plan and are waiting grant announcements that will be issued at the end of February. The spring 2015 edition of the NEC newsletter was sent to the printer and will soon be available for distribution. The newsletter is posted on our web-site: www.necalaska.com.

Of concern is our new Congress and the funding future and those members controlled by the federal government that has long vowed major funding reductions. In late 2013, all programs were mandated budget cuts through sequestration. We weathered 2014, but face additional cuts this year. We are grateful for the grant announcements known at this time and we won’t realize the full impact until several months into the fiscal year. The projects included: an expanded Science Exploration Activities (starts in the summer of 2015). We have an Environmental Program, and we had thirty students in the Jr. Science Explorer Clubs which are de- signed to expand science exploration activities (started under the Native Village of Shaktoolik grant). We had another successful New Year’s Event. Our clinic was renovated this past summer and the Norton Sound Health Corporation CEO Angie Gong and staff attended the grand opening. We had Eskimo Dancing at the Community Hall for this event. Operation Santa had come to Shishmaref on December 6, at our school. Our clinic is also going to have a new shop building and will be making additions to the school this coming summer. We had a successful Special Tribal Membership Meeting on that took place in December with our guest present, John Bioff – Kawerak General Council Chair.

Salomon-We held our annual meeting in Nome in September at the XYZ Senior Center. The celebration began with a special event on Saturday, August 9th, followed by a meeting on August 10th. We had a good turn out from the community for BSNC. We also had a new shop building and will be making additions to the community building. The Annual Meeting was

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worked in this position before for almost two years prior to working with Andre, Russian exchange student, and the birds, berries, edible greens, fresh water/saltwater fish will be given after the birth and after round up. In June 2015.

In our school visits to work with classrooms. Staff attended the Tri-Party and the Native Village of Port Heiden, that live reindeer recently mainly because of the female deer will be given after the birth and around up. In December, Bryant Hammond from the Kawerak, Inc. Community Planning Development Department at-

tribe has been approved 3 out of the 4 requests for grant proposals to NSEDF.

Native Village of Potter-Courts continue to work with Mary’s igloo IGAP on recycling and educating our children and youth. They are working on setting up a Community Environmental Committee, and they do school visits to work with the students. Staff attended the following: 1) Northwest Water Rights Conference, Anchorage, AK October 9-10, 2) Alaska Rural Water As- 

sociation: Anchorage, AK October 27-30, 3) Alaska Tribal Environmental Management (ATCEM): Anchorage, AK, October 27-31, 4) Alaska Forum on the Environment, Anchorage, AK February 9-14, and 5) Re- gional/State Environmental Programs. Our attended the Native Village of Stebbins Conference in Anchorage, AK March 2-6, 2016. We held our annual elections in October. New council members are: President Jenny M. Lee, Vice President Blanche Okbaak-Garmie, Secretary Tanya Ablawalak, Treasurer Wesley G. Okbaak-Members: Dolly R. Kugzruk, Jolene Oksalesk and Norman Menadelook Sr. We had three Council members, the Tribal Coordinator, and the Tribal Family Service Coordinator attend the BIA Tribal Work confer- ence in December. IGAP also had two staff attend the confer- ence. We are continuing to work with West- 

ern Mining Action Network (WMAN) on our opposition to mining in our area. We are networked with Clean Water Act, Center of Water Advocacy, Mary’s igloo and Brevig Mission Tribes. We have been working with NEHIC on turning over our Clinic Lease to them. We con- 

tinue to provide the kids’ lunches to patients to attend New Site, Airport, and Nome when needed or author- ized by a Doctor. Teller Traditional Council continues to support community events. Donations were made for the Community Thanksgiving Feast, Community Christ- mas Feast, Community Christmas Games and the Commu- nity New Year’s Firework show. Also, funds were donated to the Teller High School Basketball team. Both our boys and girls teams went to State! The Teller Lady Aklacs came in 3rd place during State! 

Native Village of Unalakleet-Tribal staff include: Gen- eral Manager/Elder Services Director Tracy Cooper, Housing Director/Consultant Myrna Johnston (ANC), Housing Associate/Assistant Patti Huhta, Grant Writer Dominick John-Dominick (ANC), Book Keeper Janine Innokokin, Tribal Enrollment Officer Velma Johnson, NALEMP/Grants Administrator Victoria Kotongan, IGAP Coordinator John Henry Jr., Pulltubs/Bingo Manager Isabelle Ryan, and Head Cook Ruth Batchford. Em- 

ployee through Kawerak are: Transportation Planner Steve Ivanoff, Tribal Family Coordinator Marie Ivanoff, VPSOs Timothy Pehle and Jon Shivel, and Tribal Coordi- 

nator Velma Johnson. Teller Council President Jacob Ivanoff, Vice President Merlin Johnson Jr., Secretary Charles Degarn, Treasurer Deahl Doug Katchag, Council Members Mary Freytag, Reuben Maxhuk Jr., and Rodger Maxhuk are employed through NVU is very depend- 

ent on grant funding and the ever-shrinking availability of State and Federal dollars is a huge concern. One NVU Housing program goal is to provide safe, decent, afford- 

able housing for the Tribe. They are now looking to sub- contract out the work to licensed and bonded carpen- 

kers, plumbers, and electricians, and currently have two Title VI home renovations scheduled for this summer. We sold all of our equipment to local businesses and an- 

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rollment, please contact the TEO if you have any ques- 
tions or need more information. Our TFC deals mainly with BIA, Corps of Engineers, and the US EPA. The corporation and the city on the Emergency Evacuation Plan to finalize, add, and make the best possible sugges- 
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orgon, the 800,000 community energy fund. There will be an energy meeting in the future in the tribe, city, and corporation. Earlier this fall the new AVEC Power Plant was in full operation. AVEC sta- 
dards for the electric tie down going to St. Michael early in January. The new AVEC power plant will supply the neighboring village with electric power. In January the tribe and Stebbins Housing Authority re- 
cen-
Construction continues on the new Richard Foster Building which will house the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum, the Kegoayah Kozga Library and the Kawerak Cultural Center. The steel frame was finished in December 2014 and this spring construction resumed. The project is set to be completed by the end of 2015 and the grand opening will be in late December 2016. The Cultural Center team is working on many tasks to be ready for the grand opening, including exhibit design, collections management and fund-raising.

If you or your organization is interested in making a donation to Kawerak’s Cultural Center you can send a check or money order to Kawerak, Inc. at PO Box 948 Nome, AK 99762 or use PayPal at: www.kawerak.org/bccs.html

Kawerak is a 501(c)3 and your donation is tax deductible.

We will be posting a donor wall in our new space, and donors who wish to be recognized will be placed on the donor wall at the following levels:

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- Walrus $300,000
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- Halibut $100,000
- King Salmon $75,000
- Red Salmon $50,000
- Silver Salmon $25,000
- Chum Salmon $15,000
- Pink Salmon $10,000
- Trout $5,000
- Arctic Char $1,000
- Tom Cod $500
- Herring $100

Kawerak would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who has contributed to Kawerak’s Cultural Center. In 2015 the Cultural Center has thus far received donations from the following people and organizations.


A big thank you to you all!