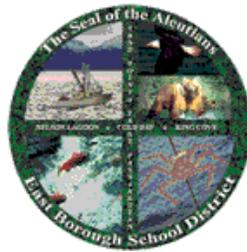
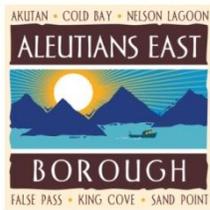


## In the Loop



Eastern Aleutian Tribes

Bringing the Aleutians East Borough, the AEB School District and Eastern Aleutian Tribes together by sharing common goals.

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## Cold Bay Dock Undergoes Transformation; Receives Extensive Repairs



Crews have been engaging in major repair work on the Cold Bay dock since early September. Photo by Paul Schaack.

The Cold Bay dock has been a hub of activity lately as crews work diligently on major repairs. The overhaul includes replacing a number of wooden pilings around the dock, refurbishing fenders along the sides, replacing deck panels, ten ladders as well as work on concrete areas. It's a big job that's scheduled for completion by the middle of this month. The \$1.5 million project began in early September.

“It’s certainly needed,” said Tom Weed, project manager of Weed Engineering. “This is kind of a band-aide, but it will last quite a number of years. It’s a good temporary fix.”

The much-needed repairs include replacing about 16 timber piles, some of which were missing. Weed said the crews are also replacing the pin piles.



The overhaul includes replacing wooden pilings, refurbishing fenders, replacing deck panels and ladders as well as work on concrete areas. Crews are also replacing pin piles. Photo by Anne Bailey.

“They’re the metal piles that stick down in the ocean,” Weed explained. “There’s a metal sleeve on the fenders that fits down over that pin pile to pull the fender in place, and they’re replacing all of those.”

In addition, the project calls for replacing 80 feet of the big timbers along the edge of the dock. A large-scale

project such as this entails using equipment that can handle the job.

“We have a crane on the barge that’s 210 feet tall,” said Weed. “Because of that, the FAA required a permit, and a flag had to be placed on top of it. It’s a pretty big outfit here.”

The project also includes divers who had to bring material up from under the water.



The \$1.5 million dollar project is slated for completion by mid-October. Photo by Harold “Hap” Kremer.

“Fortunately, there were no problems,” Weed said. “They were able to get a hold of three fenders and pull out some of the pin piles by hooking onto them and vibrating them out. They were able to get all of that done without any problems.”

Weed said the project is moving along well and he’s impressed with the contractor and crew from Turnagain Marine.

“Turnagain has a really good crew,” said Weed, “and everybody’s working all the time, keeping busy on the job.”

Despite the strong winds the Aleutians and the southern Alaska Peninsula are known for, Weed said the weather hasn’t presented any major challenges.

“It does blow here a little bit,” he chuckled. “That’s for sure.”

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## Sand Point Dock Repair Project Goes Out to Bid



A request for proposals to conduct design and environmental work on Sand Point’s city dock went out last month. The RFP closed yesterday. Photo courtesy: City of Sand Point.

The City of Sand Point will soon decide which company will conduct the design work to replace the community’s 31-year-old dock. A request for proposals went out last month, and closed yesterday (October 1<sup>st</sup>).

The dock is currently in disrepair, but is used extensively.

“It’s where all the freight, seafood and goods come into town,” said Sand Point City Administrator Andy Varner.

The City received \$9.6 million from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to get the job done. The design and environmental work is expected to take about a year. Varner said DOT hopes to issue the construction funding by August of 2016. The project is scheduled for completion in late summer of 2017.

In the meantime, Varner is hoping the City will be able to go forward with a design for a dual face dock.

“So we would keep the existing dock space and build a new one right next to it on the breakwater to double our space,” he explained. “That would be beneficial because then we can bring in larger vessels and we can tie up two vessels at once. We’ll

find out soon whether that’s feasible for the design process.”



The City received \$9.6 million from the STIP program to replace the community’s 31-year old dock. Photo courtesy: City of Sand Point.

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## TDX Receives Grant to Heat Sand Point Buildings with Excess Wind Power



TDX has received a \$380,000 grant to use excess renewable wind power to heat buildings in Sand Point. Photo courtesy: TDX Power.

TDX Power will soon be using excess renewable power to heat buildings in Sand Point, significantly reducing utility costs in the future. The company has received a \$380,000 grant to move forward with plans to heat buildings in Sand Point

using excess wind power. The grant is from round eight of the renewable energy fund and is administered by the Alaska Energy Authority.

“I absolutely think that renewables can be and will be cost effective compared to the conventional power generation,” said Kord Christianson, president of TDX. “We’ve set an internal long-term goal for the community of Sand Point to be 70 percent renewable by 2022.”

That long-term goal includes not only heating larger commercial buildings, but also residential buildings. For the short-term, Christianson said TDX has identified a number of different potential thermal hosts. Those thermal hosts include the school, the health clinic, the city office, and some offices down at the port. The question is which buildings would provide the best economic value.

“We’re identifying what are the best loads where we can have good electrical connections meeting the transmission distribution transformers and where we can cost-effectively integrate those thermal systems into existing buildings,” said Christianson.

Another criterion that TDX has is that there has to be a public benefit.



**TDX Power has identified a number of different potential thermal hosts. Photo courtesy: TDX Power.**

“Let’s say we are providing a lower cost source heat for the school,” said Christianson. “One of the conversations is, well, maybe the pool offers a free swim night once a month. Essentially, how can the school give back to the community because they’re spending less heating the pool?”

Christianson said another way of looking at it is perhaps the school is able to heat the pool when the alternative might otherwise have been to turn it off for a couple of months because of the cost.

“Or they reduce the price of what it costs to go swimming for one night,” he said. “We don’t want to do something that just lowers the cost. We want to be able to translate that into a public community benefit.”

While TDX explores the various possibilities of thermal hosts in Sand Point, the company has to also identify how it will be done.

“We have to explore a number of different possibilities of how we do it, one of which is to use a heat pump,” Christianson said. “So if we can take one unit of renewable heat or excess energy and turn it into three units of heat, well, that’s a better value proposition than just making one unit of hot water.”

As TDX begins to implement renewable alternative heat, it may only be slightly less expensive, possibly five to ten percent less than diesel.



**TDX Power has a long-term goal for Sand Point: to be 70% renewable by 2022.**

“There has to be a reasonable value proposition to the end users, which dictates that you have to sell it for something less than what you’re paying right now, or no one’s going to buy it,” he said.

Christianson believes that utility consumers will still be inclined to use the alternative heat with even a small discount. Over time, that alternative will pay off in a big way.

“My guess is, it will always be less expensive than what the fossil fuel alternative is until such time that the project is paid off,” said Christianson. “Then it will be significantly less.”

Even though renewable energy such as wind power is intermittent, TDX learned about 15 years ago that the renewable power source still provides stability.

“Instead of controlling the generation (wind power), maybe what we do is we let the generation



**In St. Paul, TDX has been able to turn the diesel off in its high wind penetration system and operate wind only 20 to 30 percent of the time, without batteries or electrical storage. Photo courtesy: TDX Power.**

go up and down, but we add a load on top of the conventional load so that it matches the generation,” Christianson explained. “If we can switch that variable load on and off quickly enough, then even the renewable generation is going up and down, up and down, but we can still have stability.”

Christianson said that system allowed TDX to turn the diesel off in its high wind penetration system at St. Paul and operate wind only 20 to 30 percent of the time, without batteries or electrical energy storage.



“Many people said, wait, you can’t do that,” Christianson said. “But the fact is we’ve been doing it for the past 15 years.”

TDX Power has even larger aspirations for the future of three of the communities it serves: St. Paul, Adak and Sand Point. The goal is for St. Paul to be 80% renewable by 2020; for Sand Point to be 70% renewable by 2022; and for Adak to be 70% renewable by 2023. Christianson said that renewable energy can be taken a step further to power electric vehicles.

“Technology is improving all the time, and with professional chargers, all of those electric vehicles also become a storage medium,” he said. “Electric vehicles would make a lot of sense. Looking out 5 to 7 years, I think that’s within the realm of possibility.”

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## **Rasmuson Foundation Awards Grant for Church Bell Tower Construction in King Cove**

*Submitted by Suzanne Bobo*

The Rasmuson Foundation, Alaska’s foremost charitable family foundation, has awarded a grant of \$24,422 in support of the construction of the Elders’ Bell Tower to St. Herman Church in King Cove, a remote fishing community of about 950 year-round residents, located near the southern tip of the Alaska Peninsula.

The Elders' Bell Tower will be a freestanding tower approximately 30 feet high designed to house King Cove's seven historic bronze church bells, cast in San Francisco in the 1880s. Originally, the bells were housed in Holy Resurrection Church in Belkofski, a once-thriving Aleut village with a richly adorned Orthodox church. Gradually, the residents of Belkofski moved to nearby villages which offered them economic opportunities. The church's rich inventory, including a beautiful iconostasis containing numerous icons from Russia, was transferred to King Cove, 12 miles away by boat, where a new Orthodox church was built in the 1980s.



The Rasmuson Foundation has awarded a grant of \$24,422 toward construction of the Elders' Bell Tower to St. Herman Church in King Cove.

Due to the often punishing weather of the lower Alaska Peninsula, where wind gusts of 70 mph and more are common, it's especially vital for the bell tower's design to be precisely engineered. The largest bell has a diameter of 35.5 inches and weighs an estimated 850 pounds. A steel frame and a deep, secure foundation are two elements of the future tower now being considered by planners.



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The project relies on the participation of volunteers to provide the labor. A team of four men from the Sacramento area of California is planning to return to King Cove to oversee the tower construction in 2016. These generous volunteers are no strangers to King Cove. They came in the summer of 2012 and stabilized the church, which was in great need of emergency repairs. The volunteers are of Russian heritage and find inspiration in traveling to Alaska to restore a church with history dating back to the Russian period.

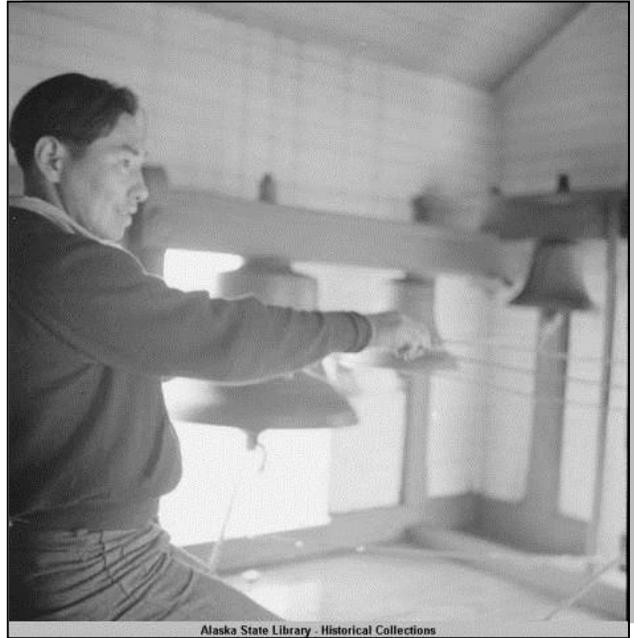
Through the building of the bell tower, the local church hopes to promote the importance of historic and cultural preservation in a part of rural Alaska where many signs of Russian influence have disappeared. For many, especially the elders of the community who grew up in Belkofski, the Orthodox Church is a tangible connection to both their cultural and religious heritage. For the younger generations, the church offers a glimpse into the rich history of both

their region and faith. By dedicating the bell tower to the community's elders, the church seeks to honor and thank them.

"The bell tower is a way of bringing people together and celebrating our community's heritage," said Father Andrei Tepper, rector of St. Herman Church. "We are a people of faith, and restoring the bell shows that we are serious about preserving the historical items that have been passed on to us. We want to be good stewards, and this is an important step towards protecting and preserving our heritage, our inheritance, our faith."

"We are grateful for all the generous donations we have received from individuals, parishes and organizations throughout Alaska and the lower 48 in support of our restoration."

Rasmuson Foundation's financial contribution challenges the community to step up and raise a matching amount that would go towards the church's final



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fundraising goal. The parish expects that the bell tower construction will be the first phase of an overall rehabilitation project for the King Cove church. Further funds are needed to continue the reconstruction over the coming years. Donations are tax deductible and may be sent to: St. Herman Church, P.O. Box 169, King Cove, AK 99612.

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## Four AEBSD Cross Country Runners Heading to State Championships

Tomorrow (Saturday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>), four cross country athletes from Sand Point and King Cove will represent the Aleutians East Borough School District in the state championships in Anchorage. Chloe Gardner, Colton Mack and Brittany Gardner all of Sand Point as well as Marylee Yatchmeneff of King Cove will compete in the state championships at Bartlett High School tomorrow.

“I’m very pleased that we’re sending four of our kids to state,” said Amy Mack, AEBSB Athletic Director. “That’s great!

On top of that exciting news is the fact that Chloe Gardner, a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student from Sand Point, ended up being the fastest cross country runner for the girls’ race at the regional competition in Unalaska last weekend.



Four AEBSB cross country student athletes will compete in the state championships tomorrow (Oct. 3rd). Photo by Jacklynne Dela Cruz.

Marylee Yatchmeneff, a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student from King Cove, placed 5<sup>th</sup> among the Region 1 – South 123A state championship girls’ qualifiers. Brittany Gardner, a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student from Sand Point, placed 7<sup>th</sup>. Colton Mack, a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student from Sand Point, placed 5<sup>th</sup> among the Region 1 – South 123A state championship boys’ qualifiers.

“The course in Unalaska was very fast with light hills, making the times very competitive and quick,” said Sand Point cross country coach Austin Roof. “All of our runners did personal bests at the race, and we are so proud of them all!”

These athletes, along with others from the AEBSB, have been working hard to get to this point. Last month, on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, more than two dozen student athletes from King Cove, Sand Point and False Pass competed in the districtwide race in King Cove.

“We had a great turnout, and we’re very proud of our kids,” said Mack.

In the girls’ districtwide race, Elaina Mack, a junior high school



First place in the girls’ AEBSB’s district cross country race went to Chloe Gardner of Sand Point. Marylee Yatchmeneff of King Cove came in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Brittany Gardner of Sand Point came in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Photo by Jacklynne Dela Cruz.



First place in the boys’ AEBSB’s district cross country race went to Colton Mack, followed by Ryder Gundersen and Spencer Selsman. Photo by Jacklynne Dela Cruz.

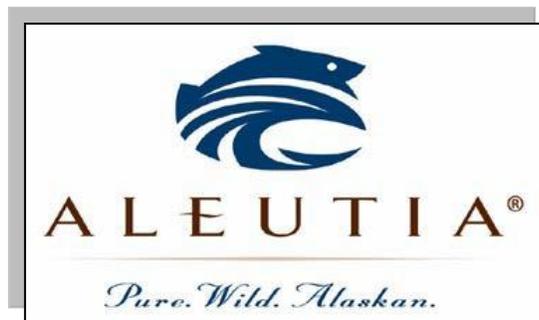
student was the first athlete to cross the finish line. However, because she’s in junior high, she was unable to place for the regional qualifiers.

“She did very well,” said Mack. “We look forward to getting her in a couple of years.”

The first place girls went to Chloe Gardner. Marylee Yatchmeneff came in second and Brittany Gardner came in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Colton Mack came in first for the boys’ race, followed by Ryder Gundersen and Spencer Selsman.

With the districtwide race and the regionals under their belts, the four AEBSD athletes (Chloe Gardner, Colton Mack, Brittany Gardner and Marylee Yatchmeneff) are primed for the state competition and the trails at Bartlett High school in Anchorage tomorrow.

“I’m excited to watch them race,” said Mack. “I’m sure they’ll do just as well at the state championships.”



## **Aleutia Announces Sockeye Donation to School Lunch Programs in Akutan, False Pass, King Cove and Sand Point**

**SAND POINT, AK (September 25, 2015)** — Students in Akutan, False Pass, King Cove and Sand Point will enjoy premiere wild sockeye salmon at their school lunch tables this year thanks to a donation by Aleutia. Aleutia is donating sockeye salmon fillets to schools in the region to insure every child has access to this locally harvested “superfood.”

“Sockeye salmon is a traditional food. It tastes great and is full of healthy Omega-3 fatty acids which are important for brain health and general well-being,” said Aleutia President Danny Cumberland. “By making sure every student can enjoy Aleutia sockeye at lunch, we are helping give our kids an advantage they deserve.”

Aleutia worked with school lunch programs in each community earlier this month to determine their needs. The organization is distributing the following:

- Akutan – 25 pounds
- False Pass- 35 pounds
- King Cove – 100 pounds
- Sand Point -100 pounds

While some communities have already received their salmon, the organization is now seeking transportation for delivery to the others.

#### ABOUT ALEUTIA

Aleutia is a unique, community-based sockeye salmon brand that was founded by local salmon fishermen in 2001. Harvested at sea around the Eastern Aleutian Islands and Western Alaska Peninsula, Aleutia sockeye has gained recognition as a premium quality salmon with a distinctive clean, ocean-fresh flavor. Every Aleutia salmon is hand-picked at sea and iced immediately to maximize flavor, freshness and appearance. In addition to sockeye salmon, Aleutia also holds community LLPs for lease to harvesters in King Cove and Sand Point. In 2008 it purchased red king crab and Bairdi crab quota to help keep crab processing activity in the community of King Cove. Visit Aleutia online at [www.aleutia.org](http://www.aleutia.org) or [www.facebook.com/aleutia.seafood](https://www.facebook.com/aleutia.seafood)



Aleutia president Danny Cumberlidge helped deliver fillets to Sand Point School principal Chris Bennett last month for the school lunch program. Photo courtesy: Aleutia.

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## **New Cold Bay Clerk Amazed by Community’s Beauty, Recreational Opportunities**

Angela Simpson has been on the job as Cold Bay’s new city clerk for a little over one month, and she’s still in awe of the spectacular scenery surrounding her.

“This community is very nice with stunning beauty,” she said.

Simpson hails from the Bristol Bay area, where she lived for the past decade. Her husband has been a commercial fisherman in that area for 30 years. She worked in the Lake and Peninsula School District's accounting department, and was a clerk prior to that. So with her previous background, coming to Cold Bay to fill the clerk position here seemed like a perfect fit.

"It's very similar to what I've done before," she said. "I like the interaction with the people and being a good support to the community. I also like reaching towards the goals of growth and development."

In addition, Simpson said the timing for making a big change seemed right.

"Our friends were moving out from the community where we were living, and it was changing," she said. "So we decided to take on a new adventure. My husband had been in Bristol Bay for 30

years, and we just decided we would like to see a different part of the state."

Simpson is looking forward to playing tourist in her free time during the warmer months of the year.

"I'm kind of excited to be on the ferry system and to be able to see more of Alaska," she said.

"We weren't able to do that much before because of the high cost of airfare."



"Cold Bay is a very nice community with stunning beauty," said Cold Bay clerk Angela Simpson. "We're really looking forward to taking part in new adventures here." Photo by Harold "Hap" Kremer.

Enjoying the recreational opportunities that Cold Bay has to offer is another bonus of living here.

"We're really looking forward to taking part in new adventures here, such as hunting and fishing."



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*Don't ever think your vote doesn't count, because in ...*

1845 - ONE vote brought Texas into the Union.

1868 - ONE vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment.

1876 - ONE vote gave Rutherford Hayes the presidency of the United States.

1960 - ONE vote per precinct elected John F. Kennedy President.

... AND IN THE STATE OF ALASKA ...

1978 - Jay Hammond won the nomination for Governor over Walter Hickel in the Primary Election by just 98 votes statewide. That's less than 1/4 vote per precinct!

2006 - A TIE was broken by a flip of the coin to determine the winner of the House District 37 Democratic Primary results in which incumbent Representative Carl Moses lost his seat to challenger Bryce Edgmon.

... AND IN ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ...

2009 - A TIE was broken by a flip of a coin between Brenda Wilson and Dick Jacobsen to determine the candidate to be in a Run-off Special Election for an Assembly seat in which Brenda Wilson won.

2011 - ONE vote elected incumbent Mayor Stanley Mack as AEB Mayor. That one vote gave him excess of 40% of the votes cast which prevented him from being in a Run-off Special Election with Glen Gardner, Jr.

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**Get out to vote October 6, 2015!**



## NOTICE OF ELECTION TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015

The Aleutians East Borough will have its Regular Election on October 6, 2015 in order to fill the following seats:

### THE FOLLOWING SEATS ARE OPEN:

#### ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:

SEAT C.....THREE (3) YEAR TERM  
SEAT D.....THREE (3) YEAR TERM

#### ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD:

SEAT A.....THREE (3) YEAR TERM  
SEAT F.....THREE (3) YEAR TERM

Polling places will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 6, 2015 and the precinct polling places will be located as follows:

#### Communities:

Sand Point  
King Cove  
Akutan

#### Polling Places:

Municipal Bldg.  
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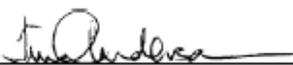
If you plan to not be in your community on October 6, 2015, you may vote absentee in person with the Borough Clerk or with an Assistant Clerk below September 21, 2015 through October 5, 2015 until 12:00 noon. You may also request an application for an absentee ballot by phone, fax, e-mail, or by mailing a written request. The last day to request a ballot by mail is September 29, 2015. The last day to request by electronic transmission is October 5, 2015 no later than 12:00 noon and ballot must be returned to the Borough Clerk no later than 8:00 p.m. Election Day.

There are no polling places in Cold Bay, False Pass and Nelson Lagoon. Ballots are mailed to all registered voters in those communities. If you wish to have your ballot mailed elsewhere you need to fill out an absentee ballot request application.

SAND POINT AEB OFFICE.....TINA ANDERSON  
KING COVE CITY OFFICE..... KIMBERLY NEWMAN  
AKUTAN CITY OFFICE.....AMANDA TCHERIPANOFF  
COLD BAY CITY OFFICE.....ANGELA SIMPSON  
FALSE PASS CITY OFFICE.....CHRIS EMRICH  
NELSON LAGOON VILLAGE COUNCIL.....NANETTE JOHNSON

If you have any questions, please contact the Borough Clerk at 383-2699 or outside Sand Point 1-888-383-2699.

Borough Clerk, P.O. Box 349, Sand Point, AK 99661  
E-mail: [tanderson@aeboro.org](mailto:tanderson@aeboro.org) Fax: 1-888-737-3524

  
Tina Anderson, Borough Clerk

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**Aleutians East Borough  
October 6, 2015  
SAMPLE BALLOT**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Mark ballots by placing an "X" in the box indicating your choice. If you are writing in a candidate's name you must also check the box with an "X".
  2. Erasures will invalidate the ballot. If you mark the wrong box or spoil the ballot, return it to an election judge who will exchange it for a new ballot.
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**Aleutians East Borough Assembly**

Vote for not more than one  
Assembly Seat C – 3 Year Term

- CHRIS BABCOCK  
 WRITE IN
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**Aleutians East Borough Assembly**

Vote for not more than one  
Assembly Seat D – 3 Year Term

- BRENDA LEE WILSON  
 CHRISTOPHER EMRICH  
 PAUL R. GRONHOLDT  
 WRITE IN
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**Aleutians East Borough School Board**

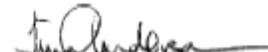
Vote for not more than one  
School Board Seat A – 3 Year Term

- GLEN GARDNER, JR.  
 JASON BJORNSTAD  
 WRITE IN
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**Aleutians East Borough School Board**

Vote for not more than one  
School Board Seat F – 3 Year Term

- DEMETRI TCHERIPANOFF  
 NIKKI HOBLET  
 WRITE IN
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Borough Clerk

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## Recently Released Reports of Interest:

[Izembek Natl. Wildlife Refuge report - Kodiak-Aleutians Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council - Fall Meeting - Sept. 2015](#)

[Aerial Survey of Emperor Geese and other water birds in southwestern AK- Spring 2015](#)

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### Eastern Aleutian Tribes Monthly Report – Sept. 2015



Dr. Danita Koehler's presentation at the community potluck in Adak – July 2015.

#### Service

- “Caught Ya Caring” Winners from September All Hands Staff Meeting:
  - **Olivia Wall** (Physician Assistant in Whittier) – I would like to nominate Olivia Wall for her help this past month. As a CHA, there are times we need to consult on more complicated patient problems. She has been a pleasure to work with, always willing to take patient reports, and help with medication prescriptions. Thank you for being so approachable and kind.
  - **Marla (MG) Moore** (Behavioral Health Clinician in King Cove) – Marla was great with the patient from a behavioral health standpoint and was an excellent resource in making the decision to medevac. (Picture on left.)
  - Deborah Malavansky (Administration Assistant, Anchorage) – I would like to nominate Deborah. She



Marla (“MG”) Moore, Behavioral Health Clinician in King Cove.

is always cooperative and willing to help out. Debbie, you are great.

• **Adak - Upcoming Services:**

- October 4 – 10<sup>th</sup> - Marla (MG) Moore, BH Clinician
- December 7 – 18<sup>th</sup> - Ben Steward, DHAT

• **Akutan - Upcoming Services:**

- September 21 – 25<sup>th</sup> - Dr. Ubedei, SCF Optometrist
- October 10<sup>th</sup> – Beverly Spud, BHA (return to Akutan)
- November 20 – December 6<sup>th</sup> - Ben Steward, DHAT



• **Cold Bay - Upcoming Services:**

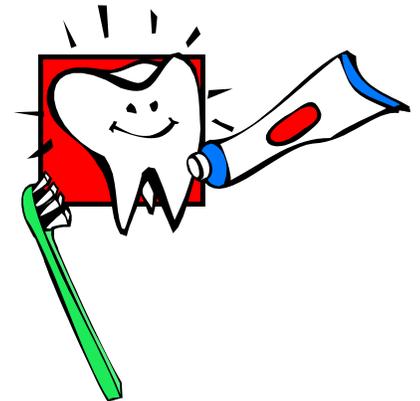
- October 21 – 28<sup>th</sup> - Ben Steward, DHAT
- November 16 – 19<sup>th</sup> - Ben Steward, DHAT

• **False Pass - Upcoming Services:**

- September 11 – 25<sup>th</sup> - Ben Steward, DHAT
- October 19 – 23<sup>rd</sup> – Dr. Sarah Steinbarger, SCF Optometrist

• **King Cove - Upcoming Services:**

- September 16 – October 4<sup>th</sup> - Dr. Costa, Dentist, and Gaby
- September 21 – 25<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Saunders, SCF Village Doc
- September 27 – October 21<sup>st</sup> - Ben Steward, DHAT
- October 19 – November 4<sup>th</sup> - Dr. Costa, Dentist, and Gaby
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Health Fair (Nolan the Colon is coming.)



• **Nelson Lagoon - Upcoming Services:**

- November 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> - SCF Optometry
- November 9 – 15<sup>th</sup> - Ben Steward, DHAT

• **Sand Point - Upcoming Services:**

- September 22 – 25<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Millie Lyerly, SCF Dentist
- September 28 – October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jennifer Harrison, Executive Director
- October 1<sup>st</sup> – Community Potluck (I am inviting Nolan the Colon to come with me.)
- October 5 – 17<sup>th</sup> - Dr. Costa, Dentist, and Gaby, Dental Assistant
- November 16 – 20<sup>th</sup> - Dr. Sarah Steinbarger, SCF Optometrist

• **Whittier - Upcoming Services**

- October 12-13<sup>th</sup> - Dr. Costa, Dentist, and Gaby, Dental Assistant
- October 13<sup>th</sup> – Health Fair (Nolan the Colon is coming.)
- October 13<sup>th</sup> – Marla (MG) Moore, BH Clinician
- November 5 – 8<sup>th</sup> - Dr. Costa, Dentist, and Gaby, Dental Assistant

- **On-Call After-Hours Services** - This month we distributed magnets to help communicate that **EAT provides on-call after-hour services for emergencies only**. The magnets describe what is considered an emergency.
  - We would like to apologize to **Whittier** for sending the magnets, because we do not actually provide any after-hours services in Whittier. The magnets describe what is considered an emergency and also includes the 911 number to reach the City's EMS services for transport into Anchorage.
  - We would like to apologize to **Sand Point**, because the bottom of the magnet can be confusing. Please only call 911 for emergencies as defined on the magnet. The 911 dispatcher does not take after-hours messages for the clinic, like to cancel an appointment or to request a medication refill. Please call the clinic during normal work hours for non-emergencies.

### People

- Welcome our New Hires:
  - **George Gundersen**, Clinical Information Clerk (CIC) / Information Technology (IT), Sand Point (first day September 4<sup>th</sup>)
  - **Ashlyn Brandell**, Clinical Information Clerk (CIC), King Cove (first day Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>)
  - **Martha Shane**, Community Health Aid Trainee (CHA-T), Akutan (first day October 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Open Positions:
  - **Behavioral Health Aides/CHR\*** – Akutan (An itinerant is working in Akutan, but she could help other villages if we could fill this position with a full-time person.)
  - **Behavioral Health Clinical Manager** - Anchorage/50% traveling (We are looking for a Psychiatrist, Physician with added certification in Addiction Medicine or Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner.)
  - **Clinical Information Clerk (CIC)/Janitor\*** - Akutan
  - **Community Health Aides\*** – Adak and Nelson Lagoon
  - **CIC/Community Health Representative (CHR)\*** – Akutan
  - **Dental Health Aide Therapist (DHAT)\*** – Sand Point (We are looking for an experienced DHAT or a resident of Sand Point that wants to go to DHAT training in July 2016 and work as a traveling Dental Assistant until they go to DHAT training.)
  - **Health Benefit Specialist/CIC** – (King Cove or Sand Point) – We are looking for a resident of King Cove or Sand Point to become a Health Benefit Specialist. They will be trained as a back-up CIC. This position requires travel to all the other sites 50% of time.
  - **Intermittent Janitor\*** – Adak and King Cove (part-time)
  - **Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant** – Adak, Akutan, and Sand Point, and recruiting for Itinerants
  - **Planning and Development Manager** – Any Site

\*Note: No experience necessary. Training will be provided.

- Promotions:
  - Sarah Curwen, Office Coordinator, King Cove (first day September 28<sup>th</sup>)

## **Report on Events:**

- William Dushkin, Vice Chairman, and I attended the **Behavioral Health Summit** on September 16-17<sup>th</sup>. Highlights of the meeting were:
  - Reviewed the Alaska Behavioral Health Systems Assessment Final Report.
    - **62,815 or 11.5% of Alaska adults** are estimated to need treatment for an illicit drug or alcohol problem
    - Prevalence of Substance Abuse Disorder **among males in Alaska is significantly higher** than among females, but an equal number are accessing treatment services. (This is due to priority for pregnant women, so they can get in easier.)
    - Alcohol or illicit drug dependence or abuse among Alaska's youth **ages 12 to 17 has steadily declined** between 2002-2003 and 2012-2013 from 9.5% to 4.7%.
- I attended the **ANTHC Medical Services Networking Committee** meeting on September 18, 2015. The highlight of the meeting was:
  - Learning about the Anchorage Mayoral Transition. Mayor Berkowitz wants to accomplish these **goals related to Detox and Treatment**:
    - Establish a committee to recommend changes on planning/ zoning changes. (60 days)
    - Coordinate grant writers to fund treatment program for opiate/heroin addicts. (6 months)
    - Increase city's investment in detox and substance abuse treatment facilities (3 years)

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