

# **DINYEE NEWSLETTER    NOVEMBER 2008**

## **From Your General Manager**

This is an exciting time for Dinyee. In the next few weeks we expect to sign an agreement with an energy exploration company to authorize seismic studies on Corporation lands. This agreement will result in Dinyee getting royalties and other benefits should oil or natural gas be found on its lands. Also, we are in the final stages of negotiating an agreement with Doyon to joint venture and/or manage various parts of the exploration on their lands and ours for several years to come. This will mean increased opportunities for more business and profits for your Corporation, and more importantly, employment opportunities for shareholders and tribal members. Dinyee has also joined with the Birch Creek village corporation in a contracting partnership. Together we can take on much larger projects and our strengths complement each other. This partnership will increase the opportunities for tribal employment even further.

To help tribal members and shareholders access job opportunities, Stevens Village and Birch Creek are working to put together a list of people and their skills that we can give to other contractors and subcontractors (Doyon included). Every company working on any part of the exploration project wants to hire as many local people as it can and we want to give them a large and growing list of potential employees. *Dinyee is not doing the hiring*, we are simply providing this information to employers as a service to shareholders and tribal members. Depending on the job, the minimum age to work is 18. You must be able to pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol screen and be able to pass frequent random testing. Remember that all Dinyee property is a zero tolerance drug and alcohol zone.

If you are interested in a job this winter and can meet the basic requirements, please send us your resume, application, or a letter telling of your qualifications. We will keep a database and provide the information to potential employers. If you do not send in any information, we can't put you on the list! Please include all work experience you have had. You never know what kind of job will be needed by these people.

## **RVIM**

RVI Management recently helped the village council complete its latest audit and for the first time, the audit showed no findings that needed corrective action. We are making plans to begin actively marketing our services to other villages in the Interior and hope to have the opportunity to do management work for several more village councils.

## **ARI**

Alaska Reclamation had a busy summer, with lots of work on the highway system as well as in Anvik and Point Lay. The cool, wet weather made working conditions challenging and the high cost of fuel and fertilizer hurt our profitability considerably. We look forward to taking the winter off to rest up for another busy year next year.

## **River Villages, Inc. - Oil Spill Response Team (OSRT)**

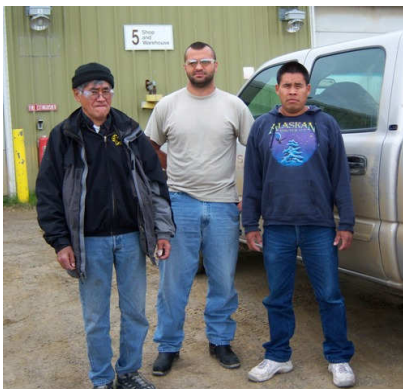
The 2008 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Oil Spill Response Training (OSRT) was held July 28 – August 1. It was an annual “Refresher” training geared to those members who have their Hazwoper certification. The subjects covered were Alyeska Radio Telephone System (ARTS), safe boat handling, safety at an oil spill site, and setting up a boom trolley system across the Hess Creek. Team members who participated were Jamey Joseph, Simon Matthew, Gary Smoke, Henry Smoke, Maureen Mayo, and Merrill Moses. The next quarterly training is set for November 13 – 17, 2008.



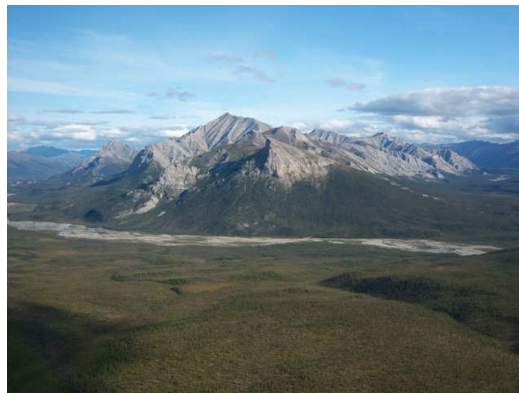
Team members & Alyeska deploying boom on both sides of Hess Creek



Front: (left) Gary Smoke, Simon Matthew (right) Henry Smoke, Merrill Moses  
Maureen Mayo. Top: (left) Jamey Joseph



L to R: Simon Matthew, Jamey Joseph, and Gary Smoke. Jamey will soon be deploying again overseas with the Military.



The Brooks Range



The Chandalar River before it flows into Chandalar Lake

The team was also called out to participate in a series of two exercises & one drill during August with Pump Station 5 personnel on the Chandalar River where it flows into Chandalar Lake. This is a remote area of the Pipeline system that was accessed by helicopter through the Brooks Range. It was a great opportunity for the team to put into practice boom deployment and to assemble helicopter sling loads in getting the equipment to the Chandalar, and those who participated will bring their experience back to the team's regular quarterly trainings at Pump Station 6. Team members included Jamey Joseph, Henry Smoke, Gary Smoke, Simon Matthew, Maureen Mayo, Merrill Moses, Elizabeth Smoke, Jennie Ortiz, and David Joseph.

*If you are interested in getting involved with the OSRT Team, you must be 18 years of age, be able to pass mandatory pre-employment drug testing, be in good physical condition, and live in Fairbanks or Stevens Village. Please contact Howard Taylor or Maureen Mayo for more information.*

## **Shareholder Relations**

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Saturday, December 13 at the Key Bank Building in Suite 402 in downtown Fairbanks. Shareholders are welcome to attend and since the time of this meeting has not been set, you will need to call Dinyee beforehand for the meeting time. If your unable to attend but would like to stay informed, you may request a copy of the meeting minutes from Dinyee.

By Board approval, the quarterly Board of Directors meetings are always set for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of March, September, and December, while June's meeting is set for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June. Following is the 2009 Board meeting schedule:

Saturday, March 14, 2009  
Sunday, June 7, 2009  
Saturday, September 12, 2009  
Saturday, December 12, 2009

Please keep your mailing address current with Dinyee in order to receive important correspondence such as annual meeting materials and the newsletter.

Updated mailing addresses needed for: Curtis Evans, Virgil Simon, Jessie Wallingford, Robert John, and Gail Dinwwodie.

If you have any questions regarding shareholder matters, such as filling out your Stock Will or updating one, contact Maureen Mayo at (907) 452-7162.

Dinyee Corporation and its subsidiaries, RVI & ARI, will soon have their own websites! They are currently being constructed with the target date of being up and running by the end of December 2008.

Although Dinyee does not have a scholarship program for higher education, the Stevens Village Tribal Council has a scholarship program. For more information, contact the Stevens Village Tribal office at (907) 478-7228 and Dinyee has scholarship applications at our office. The application deadline for the spring semester is December 1, 2008.

## **Shareholder News**



Roberto Burgess received a Doyon Competitive Scholarship & is attending UAF majoring in Business and is on the UAF basketball team. Roberto also graduated from Galena H.S. in May 2008.



Shawna Martin-Ben will graduate Dec. 2008 from UC Davis in California with a BA in Psychology & Communications - Shawna's parents are Claire Martin of California, and the late Melvin Ben of Stevens Village.



Kyle Smoke graduated from Cinnamon H.S. in St. George, Utah in April 2008 and is planning on attending UAF in the fall of 2009.



Congratulations to Dennis and Miranda Carroll of Circle, Alaska for the birth of Erin Marguarite born August 18, 2008.



Dennis and Miranda Carroll's other children: (left) Kaitlynn, age 8; (right) Denise, age 13; (center) and last but not least is Elaina, age 2.



Steven Ginnis III is holding his cousin Moses Sam Smoke (born May 22, 2008 to Kevin Smoke and Nikkita Holquin).



Congratulations to Charles and Terri Smoke for the birth of their son, Caleb Xavier Abraham Smoke born on September 8, 2008 in Fairbanks. Caleb's grandparents are Jenny and the late Henry Smoke, Sr. of Stevens Village, and Jerry Isaac of Tanacross.



Maureen Mayo (center) graduated from the Doyon Management Training (DMT) Program in August 2008 – shown here surrounded by her family.



Tyrese Pitka-Johnson (with his father Timothy Johnson) won the Baby Contest for Indian Clothing at the World Eskimo Indian Olympics in July 2008.



Nicole Pitka sent in this photo of son, Steven Ginnis III (the future chief of Stevens Village).



On the bank of the Yukon River at Stevens Village – Fall 2008.

The Board of Directors & staff of Dinyee Corporation express our condolences to the family and friends of the following who have recently passed away:



Oliver "Oly" Ben

The 2009 Fiddlers Festival will be dedicated, in part, to Oly

Oliver "Oly" Ben, passed away on Aug. 25, 2008 in Stevens Village. Oly was born near the village on the Dahl River in 1937 to Edna Ben George & William Ben Sr. He lived a subsistence lifestyle: hunting, trapping, fishing, and had a dog team, winning the Spring Carnival two years in a row with Beetles, his #1 dog. He was a Firefighter and worked at the water treatment plant for many years. Oly played the violin and guitar and enjoyed performing at events in Stevens Village, Rampart, Beaver, and Fiddlers Festival in Fairbanks; often playing with his stepfather, Kilbourne George, and his nieces, Sasha and Sarah. He will be greatly missed by family and friends from Stevens Village.



Linda Mae Mohn with her children & grandchildren

Steven Mohn, husband to Dinyee shareholder Linda Mae Mohn, passed away in September 2008 in Fairbanks. His family said "He loved to go to fish camp with Linda, duck hunting with his son, Thomas, cutting firewood for winter, visiting Stevens Village, and helping others. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and especially by his grandchildren, nieces, and nephews". He was laid to rest in Stevens Village.



Family & friends of Steve Mohn preparing for his Stevens Village potlatch

*If you would like to share news & photos on shareholder and descendents graduations, births, weddings, celebrations & events in the Dinyee newsletter, please e-mail us at [dinyeecorp@acsalaska.net](mailto:dinyeecorp@acsalaska.net) or call us at (907) 452-7162. You may also e-mail us if you would like to receive the Dinyee quarterly newsletter by e-mail.*

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