

DINYEE NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2009

From Howard Taylor, General Manager

I hope that you have been able to stay warm this winter and are ready for some sunshine! All of us in the office are anxious to get spring underway as we have lots happening.

The project to do seismic testing in the Yukon Flats around Stevens Village and Birch Creek has been delayed until at least the fall. The weakness in oil prices (down over half) and the stock market (down over half) has caused the energy company to re-think the project. We are hopeful that it will have new life next winter. In the meantime we are working on other possibilities. As part of this project and our overall land management strategy, we have recently signed a contract with the Stevens Village Council's Natural Resources Office to carry out a scope of work for Dinyee that will greatly improve our oversight of the land, and hopefully help Stevens Village to attract grant money to use on natural resource projects on Village and Corporation Land. The Council has hired Steve Becker as a half-time employee to fulfill the contract.

Looking ahead to economic activity in the area, Dinyee has formed a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) with the Birch Creek Corporation to participate in various construction projects that may come in the Yukon Flats and other places. The LLC, called Arctic Contracting, has already negotiated a letter agreement with Doyon to fully participate in activities in the Yukon Flats. Many of you have heard about the gas exploration project near Nenana in recent months. Arctic Contracting was invited to submit a proposal for the construction of the access road and drill pad for this project. To make our capabilities stronger, we teamed with Brice, Inc. to make the bid. This Joint Venture is 51% owned by Arctic Contracting. We were recently awarded the contract and are mobilizing for it. This is a union job, so anyone in the Operators or Laborers, please let Maureen Mayo know if you would like to apply. It will be a short term, about 4-6 weeks, starting mid-April.

Alaska Reclamation is looking forward to another year. We need employees who are either in the Operators or can get into the Operators. You must be over 25 years or older and have a current CDL with over the road driving experience. Again, contact Maureen Mayo if you'd like to apply. We need you!

RVI Management continues to serve as the Stevens Village financial managers and we continue to do an excellent job. We will be managing the finances of both Arctic Contracting and Arctic Brice. We are always looking for new business and hope to have another village or two under contract soon.

I hope you all have a safe and fun Breakup!

2009 ANNUAL TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

On the afternoon of January 30, 2009, the Annual Tribal Membership meeting and Tribal Council Elections took place. The annual event is a Tribal Constitutional Provision mandated under Article VII – Meetings, Sec. 1, Membership Meetings. The meeting was called to order by then long-serving 1st Chief Randy Mayo after a quorum of enrolled tribal members registered at the door. After council member Reggie Joseph was given the honors of blessing the meeting by giving the Invocation, the people stood in a moment of

silence in honor of the tribal members who have passed away throughout the year. After the solemn recognition, a round of applause was given to recognize and celebrate the many new tribal members born throughout the year.

The business meeting started with Mr. Randy Mayo giving the Chief's address. He reminded the people to hold tight to Denaa cultural identity in a fast ever changing world which will not only be challenging but also rewarding. The Administration report was given by Randy Mayo followed by the financial report given by Mr. Howard Taylor of RVI Management, who is the Tribal Accountant through the financial and administrative agreement between the Council and RVIM. Mr. Dewey Schwalenberg, Tribal Natural Resource Director, was given the floor to report on the past year activities and to formally introduce Mr. Steve Becker, the Natural Resources and Environment Coordinator whom the Council officially hired in a previous meeting. Door prizes were raffled off after each report; the prizes consisted of 100% value-added Tribal Buffalo meat products in the form of meat sticks, sausage, and dried meat made with berries and buffalo fat. Congratulations to the lucky winners.

After the reports were given, the election process began with two Referendum Question Ballots in regards to Article V – Governing Body, Sec. 2, Eligibility and Article VIII, Sec. 3, Voter Qualifications. The first measure was passed by a slim margin while the second measure passed with overwhelming support. The floor was then opened for nominations of the 1st Chief position which ceased after Mr. Harold Simon and Randy Mayo were nominated. Harold Simon assumed the position of 1st Chief after the first ballot ended in a tie vote and voters went into a second ballot, in which the voters declared Mr. Simon as 1st Chief. Nominations for three council seats were opened; the nominees consisted of Randy Mayo, Herb George, Giovanna Stevens, Reggie Joseph, and Sonja Rubke. The voters decided after a one round vote that Randy Mayo, Herb George, and political newcomer, Ms. Giovanna Stevens, will each serve a two-year term on the Council.

The Stevens Village Council Term Ending

1 st Chief – Harold Simon	2011
2 nd Chief – Horace Smoke, Jr.	2010

Council Members

Rosemary Wiehl	2010
Kevin Smoke	2010
Deborah George	2010
Jeremiah Burgess	2010
Randy Mayo	2011
Herb George	2011
Giovanna Stevens	2011

Congratulations to the new and re-elected council members and to the new 1st Chief, Harold Simon. Last but not least, congratulations to Mr. Marty Smoke who won a barrel of gas as the final door prize.

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

The Oil Spill team went out on their quarterly training on November 13 – 17, 2008. The training centered on a variety of containment and recovery operations and equipment used at an oil spill. An overview was given on the Vikoma Vacuum Skimmer, a portable retrieval system used to pick up oil on water or land. The team took out and drove the Tucker, a vehicle commonly used in transporting people and equipment in the winter months. A “decon” area was set up which is used for the clean-up of crude oil on personnel and equipment, and some team members got fully out-fitted in protective outerwear as if at an actual oil spill. The quarterly trainings offer continual practice that keeps the team up-to-date and qualified to respond effectively in case of an emergency. The foremen were John Mayo and Pete Hjelm.



The Oil Spill Team getting an over view of the Vikoma Vacuum System



L-R Back Row: Alyeska personnel, Simon Matthew, Gary Atla, John Mayo, David Joseph, Pete Hjelm, Jennie Ortiz, Kevin Smoke. L-R Front Row: Charles Smoke, Ken Housley, Liz Smoke, Laurie Ginnis, Alyeska personnel, Lee Ann Ivey (standing).

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, March 14 at the Key Bank Building in Suite 402 in downtown Fairbanks. Please call Dinyee beforehand for the meeting time. Shareholders may attend the meetings and can request a copy of the meeting minutes from Dinyee if unable to attend.

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

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

Website update: The date of being up and running for the Dinyee and subsidiary websites has been extended for another month or two. Thank you for your patience during this time of website construction.

The Stevens Village Tribal Council offers scholarships for higher education. Dinyee has applications and can assist students in filling out and sending completed applications to the Tribal Office in Stevens Village. Interested students can also contact the Stevens Village Tribal office at (907) 478-7228. The application deadline for the fall semester is April 15, 2009.

In order to receive the newsletter, annual meeting notices, and proxies you will need to keep your mailing address current with Dinyee. Updated mailing addresses needed for: Curtis Evans, Jessie Wallingford, Robert John, and Gail Dinwoodie.

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

Shareholder News



Julius Dakota Simon w/ his mother, Glenda Simon – Julius was born Nov. 6, 2008 – His grandparents are Glenn Simon of Stevens Village & Teresa Winer of Beaver.



Malava Susan Zottola was born Jan. 22, 2009 to Jason Zottola & Yvonne Atlla-Zottola - Her grandparents are Gary Atlla of Huslia/Fairbanks & Maureen Mayo of Stevens Village/Fairbanks.



Lanavah Annette Smoke was born Jan. 31, 2009 to Horace Smoke, Jr. & Rosemary “Dee” Wiehl - Her grandparents are the late Horace Smoke, Sr. & Alice Smoke of StevensVillage/Fairbanks.



Dawn Dinwoodie sent in this picture of her son, Sage wearing his Tlingit vest for his 5th birthday celebration Nov. 22, 2008 - his Tlingit name is Kaa t'aawu (someone's feather), his father is Rod Worl, Tlingit Nation of the Eagle & Thunderbird clan. The Dinwoodie/Worl family live in Anchorage.



Lucy Jade Okpealuk-Harris was born June 14, 2008 to Dawn Okpealuk & Chris Harris of Anchorage - Lucy's grandparents are Stanley Okpealuk of Kotzebue & Leah (Simon) Okpealuk of Anchorage/Stevens Village.



Evan Stevens-Kozevnikoff at the Christmas Potlatch December 2008 at the Tribal Hall – his parents are Dawn Kay Stevens & Aaron Kozevnikoff Jr.- his grandparents are Don Stevens and Virginia Smoke, both of Stevens Village/ Fairbanks.

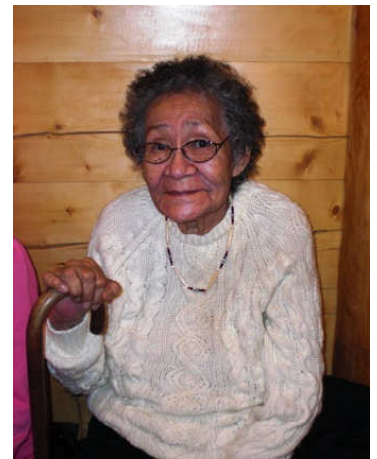
Athabaskan Fiddlers Festival – November 2008



The Nov. 2008 Athabaskan Fiddlers Festival was dedicated to the late Oliver “Oly” Ben – his family is pictured here at the Festival. **Front L-R:** Tasha George, Diane George, Anthony George, Derek Smoke, Deborah George. **Back L-R:** Angie Smoke, Timothy Smoke, Beverly George, Jacqueline George, Sheila Smoke.



Tasha George performed at the Fiddlers Festival in which her uncles, Oly Ben & John George, were honored for their years of playing music at the Festival.



Kitty (Pitka) Allen attending the Fiddlers Festival Nov. 2008 – enjoying the music and dancing.

Fairbanks Potlatch for Allen John – January 2009



Stevens Villager’s (L – R) **Don Stevens, Geraldine John, Jay Stevens & Nora John** (center sitting down), singing & dancing.



Earl John at the Fairbanks potlatch for Allen John.

Fairbanks Potlatch for John George – February 2009



Al Stevens leading the singers & dancers



(L-R) **Tyler Simon, Evelyn Parks-Lundeen, Cecilia Simon, Dawn Kay Stevens, & Jennie Smoke**



Evan Stevens-Kozevnikoff joining in with the dance group

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



Allen John

Allen John (also known as Joel Nicholi) passed away peacefully in Fairbanks on January 20, 2009. Allen was born on October 4, 1935 in Tanana to the Nicholi family and then was culturally adopted by Theodore and Lucy John and raised in Stevens Village. Allen attended school at Mt. Edgecumbe in Sitka and later joined the National Guard. Back in Stevens Village, he lived a subsistence lifestyle in between working as a firefighter and retired from the Laborer's Union after working on the pipeline. Over the years, Allen presided over the making of the moosehead soup which is traditionally cooked by the men of the village for potlatches. Having grown up in the traditional way, he taught by example the cultural values and practices of our people and always with a sense of humor.



Jeffrey "Stumpy" Adams

Jeffrey "Stumpy" Adams quietly passed away on January 30, 2009 at the Denali Center surrounded by his family. Jeffrey was born on June 28, 1930 in Stevens Village. He grew up in the traditional way and lived a subsistence lifestyle for most of his life. Jeffrey was as a firefighter and also worked on the Yutana Barge. He was a master carpenter and builder of birch bark canoes, boats, snow shoes, and sleds. Throughout the years, he passed on the traditional knowledge that was dear to him by teaching others in Stevens Village, especially to the young people. Jeffrey is remembered as a gentleman strong in cultural values and manners.



**John George at the November 2008
Fiddlers Festival**

John George passed away on February 8, 2009 at Denali Center. John was born February 2, 1940 in Stevens Village to Kilbourne & Mabel George. John grew up in Stevens Village and enjoyed fishing, trapping and hunting. He attended school in Stevens Village, Anchorage, & Mt. Edgecumbe; and later attended auto mechanic and flight school. His advice to the younger generation was to “stay in school and get your education; that’s the only way you will survive in this world.” He had a great love for his family and friends, for playing his bass guitar, and for taking road trips all over Alaska. John was honored at the November 2008 Fiddlers Festival for his many years playing and sharing his music at the Festival. He is remembered for his bright smile and kindness to everyone.

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 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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