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Technology Tips for Traveling

BY STEVE BAMBAKIDIS AND ANDY PFEIFFER

Always be cautions when traveling using public wi-fi networks. These are ones that do not require a password to join like coffee shops, the airport and restaurants.

1. Check before connecting: Make sure you are connecting to the advertised Hot-spot and not the wrong one! For instance, 'THE ANCHORAGE AIRPORT' vs 'TSA_ANC'. Most locations will advertise which network is theirs.
2. If it doesn't require a password to join, avoid using email programs to send sensitive information such as financial information or passwords.
3. If you can, it's better to use your cell phone's 'hotspot' feature instead of a public hotspot if it's not encrypted.
4. Try to only go to sites that have 'https' instead of just 'http' in the beginning. This will provide at least some encryption between you and the destination.

Also, when travelling with your personal technology and going through security, be aware of your equipment as it goes through the x-ray machine and when you get off the plane.

1. Many thefts happen right off the x-ray machine by scoundrels waiting on the other side before you get there.
2. Don't pack delicate laptops in your check-in luggage.
3. It's best to not put your equipment, phone or laptop in the overhead bin when possible.

These helpful tech tips are brought to you by NVE's IT department.

Safe travels!

Tribal Enrollment

Update on Tribal Member ID Cards

BY LENNETTE RONNEGARD

The Native Village of Eyak issues ID cards to tribal members as directed by the Traditional Constitution and Bylaws. They are available through the tribal enrollment clerk.

In the past, ID cards issued were valid for one year from the date of issue to active tribal members.

Recent changes, effective January 1, 2019, make ID cards with an expiration date five years from the date of issue. This will be more convenient for tribal members who until now have had to renew their cards annually.

ID cards will now also be available to inactive tribal members. Inactive members are tribal members who no longer live within traditional village boundaries (the Cordova Area). Inactive members will have a special IA designation on their cards and the photo background will be different from active members.

This is the first time ID cards have been made available to members who no longer reside in the local area.

Cards must be applied for in person. To be eligible for an ID card, active and inactive tribal members must also have proper documentation on file. This includes a birth certificate, Certificate of Indian Blood (issued by the BIA) and an application. Our cards are federally recognized. You can board an airplane on a domestic flight, rent a post office box or get onto a US Military Base with your NVE tribal ID card.

More information is available through the Tribal Enrollment Clerk, Lennette Ronnegard. Office hours for enrollment are Monday through Friday, 3-5 p.m. Other times may be available by appointment by calling (907) 424-7738.

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National Indian Health Board

Henrichs earns Local Impact Award

Robert Henrichs has been awarded a 2018 Local Impact Award from the National Indian Health Board. He was presented the award at the Annual Heroes in Health Gala on Sept. 19 in Oklahoma City, OK.

He served as president of the Native Village of Eyak Tribal Council for more than 20 years and started their annual Sobriety Celebration and Memorial Potlatch, which has been running for 25 years.

Henrichs negotiated to bring Indian Health Service funds from the local hospital into the tribe. He also successfully submitted a Health Resources and Services Administration primary care grant to hire doctors and behavioral health providers.

Henrichs currently holds a position on the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and continues to advocate for increased collaboration between tribal and city health services in Cordova.

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Get Help with College Student Housing

BY SEAN O'BRIEN

Our HUD grant program for College Student Housing Vouchers is currently open.

Designed to help with housing expenses for those that are enrolled in a higher education programs ie: College with a minimum of 12 credit hours or accredited trade schools. Those that meet the eligibility requirements will receive up to $1,000 per semester and up to $2,000 per year. This grant is distributed to the school or landlords directly.

Applications are available to tribal members at the Tribal Public Works office located in Native Village of Eyak's main office at 110 Nicholoff Way in Cordova.

For more information, please contact Sean O'Brien at 907-424-7738.

Thank you letter

NVE Scholarship Recipient Applies Skills in Cordova

My name is Duke Anderson. I was born and raised in Cordova. NVE helped me with a scholarship that enabled me to attend training for heavy equipment I and II and my Class A commercial driver's license. The school I attended was in Sun Prairie, WI, where I spent a total of 10 weeks in class and working in the machinery. Since returning to Cordova, I have been working at NVE using the certifications and CDL I earned in Wisconsin. I have gained experience with multiple pieces of heavy equipment and am looking forward to continuing to practice my skills and master new ones. I am very happy to have been given this opportunity and would like to thank NVE for their involvement in setting me on this career path.

-Duke Anderson





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ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES CONVENTION

Quyana Alaska

Cordova Ikumat Dance Group Performs During AFN Convention

STORY & PHOTOS BY EMILY MESNER





The Cordova Ikumat Dance Group was in the spotlight in Anchorage on Oct. 18, as one of more than a dozen Native dance groups performing during two days of Quyana Alaska.

Native dance groups from across the state gathered at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage Oct. 18 and 19, to offer evening performances for thousands of visitors in attendance for the 2018 Alaska Federation of Natives convention.

The performance by Cordova Ikumat Dance Group, whose youngest member is just a year old, played to a growing crowd on the first night of Quyana. The event was organized back in 1982 to restore traditional dances and ensure they are passed on to future generations. "Quyana" is a Central Yup'ik word that means "thank you."

The Cordova Ikumat Dance Group has a wide representation of Native cultures, including Athabascan, Aleut, Sugpiaq, Eyak and Tlingit, as well as other diverse cultures.

The dance group formed in 1997 with help from the late Lydia Robart of Port Graham. They have performed at numerous events throughout the state. For all but one member, however, this was the group's first Quyana performance.

Dance group leader Brooke Johnson and drummer Holly West provided a steady beat for the dancers with their Alutiiq-style drums made out of airplane fabric.

Jessica Weaver performed with her 1-year-old son Greyson O'Brien.

"It was a lot of fun!" she said. "It surprised me how well he did, since it was past his bed time."

He rocked back and forth in the baby carrier that Weaver wore as she danced and sang, taking note of the audience smiling throughout their performance.

"I hope he will continue dancing when he's older," she said.

Performers included: Angela Butler, Brooke Johnson, Denise Olsen, Holly West, Alice Graves, Allison Ritter, Harley Klix, Daisy Klix, Aaliyah Tiedeman, Willow Tiedeman, Taylor Tiedeman, Kiley Burton, Jessica Weaver and Greyson O'Brien.

Native Village of Eyak tribal council secretary/treasurer Pam Smith watched proudly from the first row as they performed.

"I thought they were great," she said. "I was really surprised how their regalia had really advanced. They all looked quite beautiful up there."




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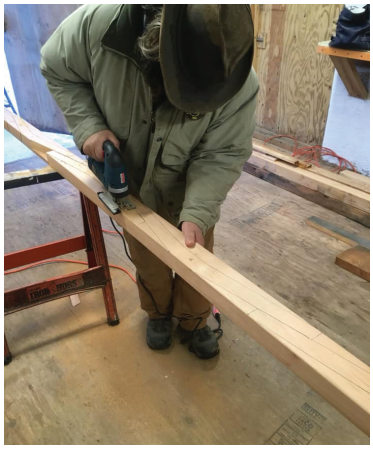








ILANKA CULTURAL CENTER









Boat building

Qayaq and Palaaq Class Begins

STORY BY EMILY MESNER
PHOTOS BY BROOKE JOHNSON

Over the next few months, yellow and red cedar from Washington is being meticulously carved and shaped in Cordova by participants and instructors in the Ilanka Cultural Center's boat building class with a goal to make 15 qayaqs (kayaks) and two palaaqs (skin boats).

"It all takes way more time than you'd think," said cultural director Brooke Johnson. The bow will be the most intensive part of the building process, estimated to take roughly 10 hours to carve.

Brooke applied for a National Park Service grant to Indian Tribes, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian organizations through the park's historic preservation fund. The Native Village of Eyak was awarded a little over $43,000 to complete this project.

As part of the grant, NVE has hired qayaq instructor Mitch Poling to assist in the creation of the boats. He will visit Cordova once a month for five days each visit. His next visit will be in the beginning of February.

It was in Chenega, where Poling was raised, that he found his love of the Alutiiq-style traditional boats.

While in town, Poling is also going to try to help repair NVE's older palaaq, built about 15 years ago, that was damaged during heavy snow in 2012.

In addition to the 15 qayaqs, one 26-foot long palaaq is being created and then gifted to NVE's Miqwanwasaq Day Camp.

"Our lives were circled around a lot of the things that happened on the water," Brooke said.

She hopes to take the campers out on Eyak Lake with the new palaaq this summer.

"I'm trying to get us on the water more and I'd like us to do it on our traditional ways," she said.

Duke Anderson will be creating a miniature palaaq as well.

Aaron Bowman and Tina Fox were also hired by NVE to be the group's palaaq instructors.

"The act of making these, we're able to get more Tribal members involved," Brooke said.

NVE elder care coordinator Jackie Ladd has also worked with Brooke on the creation of the boat house, two heated and insulated lockers at the Prince William Marina. This gives Tribal members a place to gather and work on projects as well as a storage place for tools, she said.

This year's Annual Ilanka Cultural Center Membership Dinner was Jan. 22 at the Cordova Center and featured skits of some of the Chugach and Eyak Legends. The dinner, which also includes a year-long membership, cost $25 to attend. An ICC membership can be purchased any time of the year and costs $20. ***See photos and coverage of the ICC Membership Dinner in the next edition of the Eyak Echo.***











LANGUAGE PRESERVATION

On the Tip of the Tongue

Eyak Film Premieres at Anchorage International Film Festival

STORY & PHOTO BY EMILY MESNER

Eyak pride and resilience echoed in the Alaska Experience Theatre in Anchorage during the world premiere of French filmmaker Vincent Bonnay's feature-length documentary, "On The Tip of The Tongue" (Sur Le Bout De La Langue).

A showing of the film will take place from 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, hosted by the Eyak Cultural Foundation, at the Cordova Center.

Filmed in Cordova, the documentary follows Eyak people on their journey to regain their language, culture, land and identity stolen from them many years ago, although the pain still palpable today.

Bonnay's solely independent film was one of just 160 selected for the 2018 Anchorage International Film Festival, which received more than 1,000 entries.

"This film was a really interesting one of how...just someone took it upon themselves... to learn about another culture to try to keep those memories and that spirit alive," AIFF programming director Samona Norombaba said of Bonnay and his main character, French linguist Guillaume Leduey. "I love the film, but even more than that, I love hearing him talk about it. He very much believes in the story that he's telling."

Bonnay spent the past six years working on this film, following the Eyak people as they held Eyak Culture Camp and Leduey, who helped teach them their language.

"You have too many films that would say that what happened to the Native people in Alaska and anywhere in the U.S. and North America basically has been sad, and it is sad ...," Bonnay said. "I felt like this is not my goal. What I wanted with this film was just show to everyone else ... yes what happened was awful ... but moving forward and now people are fighting for their right, fighting for their existence."

At the end of the premiere, Bonnay asked all Eyak people in the audience to stand, and they did, to thunderous applause.



> "In this tiny little room here today, we shared a story together here that means so much to people."

"I think it's so beautiful and so important that something as sort of trivial as a film festival can do something that big ... something that means so much to the people's history and culture and self-feeling and to bring them together at a place like this," said Norwegian filmmaker Ida Theresa Myklebost. "In this tiny little room here today, we shared a story together here that means so much to people."

"This film is relevant for any nation that has seen their culture eroded away and had languages be lost, both in the past and also languages that are facing extinction in the future," she said.

"It really was a journey," said Eyak Cultural Foundation President Jenna May of the film.

Bonnay and May have a strong bond, evident in the way they joke with each other.

"The great thing about Vincent is that your name in Eyak," May said, looking to him. "k'uLA'ahshiyah," he responded.

"Little muskrat," she said. "Badass muskrat," he corrected with a laugh.

"He is like that, the k'uLA'ahshiyah, because he helps with everything, so you don't really know he's filming half the time," May said.

During his time in Cordova filming, he also helped at the Eyak Culture Camp and helped the youth at the camp create an Eyak cooking show.

Bonnay, Leduey and May were looking for other contacts to showcase his film, including the United Nations, which has declared 2019 the International Year of Indigenous Languages, and the Administration for Native Americans.

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This data is being collected in order to apply for an in-stream flow reservation for the protection of fish and wildlife habitat. We have about 2.5 years of data and are well on our way to the 5-year minimum dataset that the state requires for the application.

For more information, email Jimmy at james.paley@eyak-nsn.gov or call NVE's main office at 907-424-7738.

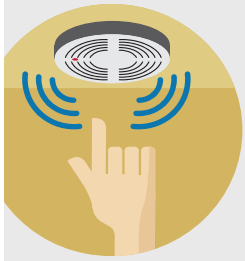
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Smoke Alarms

- ☐ Smoke alarms are on every level of the home.
- ☐ Smoke alarms are inside and outside sleeping areas.
- ☐ Smoke alarms are tested each month.
- ☐ Smoke alarm batteries are changed as needed.
- ☐ Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old.



Test your alarm regularly.
Your smoke alarm is working if it makes a noise when you press the "test" button.

Cooking Safety

- ☐ The cooking area has no items that can burn.
- ☐ People stay in the kitchen when they are frying, grilling, boiling, or broiling food.
- ☐ Pot handles are always turned toward the back of the stove.

Escape Plan

- ☐ There is a fire escape plan that shows 2 ways out of every room.
- ☐ Everyone knows where the safe meeting place is outside the home.
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- ☐ All electrical cords are in good condition and not broken or cut.
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- ☐ Candles are in sturdy fire-proof containers that won't be tipped over.
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Children are sometimes curious about fire.
If you have children in your home, lock up any items that can start a fire (matches, lighters, cigarettes, etc.) and make sure children cannot reach candles.

TRIBAL FAMILY SERVICES



Food Distribution Program

on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

WHAT IS FDPIR AND HOW DO ALASKA TRIBES APPLY?

The FDPIR is a federal program that provides a month's supply of supplemental nutritious foods to income eligible Alaska Native, American Indian, and non-Indian households residing on a reservation or in a federally recognized (Alaska Native) tribal community, or in approved near-areas containing at least one tribal enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe.

Federally recognized tribes in Alaska are all eligible to administer FDPIR provided they can to follow USDA regulations to guarantee food safety, protect client privacy, and meet on-time reporting requirements.

HOUSEHOLD ELIGIBILITY

A household application for FDPIR is available in a few select Alaska tribal communities. Households can apply and be deemed income eligible on the same day they contact a tribal agency that administers the FDPIR program. To view a current list of active federally recognized tribes administering the FDPIR program in Alaska visit: https://www.fns.usda.gov/fdpir/fdpir-contacts

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Food Distribution Program

The Native Village of Eyak is participating in the Food Distribution Program through ANTHC on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).






HOW TO APPLY

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NVE Presents Builder Buddies Program

STEM Club Nights

- **WHAT:** Join us for an evening of fun and exploration with STEM Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities.
- **WHO:** NVE tribal children* Kindergarten-8th grade and their male parent, caregiver, relative,or role model. (Male Builder Buddy only requires a tie to the tribal child).
- **ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE:** The child must be eligible to be enrolled in or be a member of the Native Village of Eyak tribe.
- **WHEN:** Feb. 27, 2019 6:30-8 p.m.
  March 20, 2019 6:30-8 p.m.
- **WHERE:** The Masonic building
- **PLEASE REGISTER:** Email Jess Weaver at jessica.weaver@eyak-nsn.gov or call 424-7738.

Each family will be given a 3-month subscription for a STEM Activity Kit to use during the Club night as well as at home.

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Tribal Youth Council
Last Wed. of each month during
Highschool lunch - CHS boardroom
For more info, contact Jess at 907-424-2232



Raven Grease Bowl

BY MIKE WEBBER

This unfinished Raven grease bowl is made from yellow cedar. The tail feather area has a human face with a nose and an upper lip. The lower lip creates the bowl where rendered fat would be stored.

Meat or fish in the old days needed to be dried to 100% so it would not spoil. You would then dip the fish or meat into the grease bowl to moisten and flavor it. The wings have an ovoid that represents movement of the wings. Inside the ovoid is a profile of a human with u-shapes and split u-shapes that would represent feathers.

I always incorporate humans in animal carvings or vice versa, as we use their spirit and motifs in our regalia.

This grease bowl is going to Larry and Brenda Fulton.





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