

March 2014



Organized Village of Kasaan

Earth Day Fair

The Tribal Environmental Coalition (TEC) & partners will be hosting this years fair at the:

- Klawock City School Gym
- Tuesday, April 22nd
- 10AM – 2PM.

Everyone is welcome to come & learn about Climate Change, Emergency Preparedness, how to be Energy Wise, information on the newly formed Prince of Wales Island Watershed Association, and much more.

The TEC is also looking for interested POW students interested in entering in to the annual Earth Day Logo Contest! So artists get out your crayons, markers or pencils and show off your artistic creativity & create a logo for Earth Day and you will have a chance at 1 of 10

prizes! Logos will be on display at the Earth Day fair & the participants will select the winner.

Prizes are as follows:

- 1st Place \$75
- 2nd Place \$50
- 3rd Place \$25
- 4th – 10th Place \$15 each

Logos must be submitted no later than Wednesday, April 15th, 2014 to one of the Prince of Wales Tribal Offices in Craig, Hydaburg, Kasaan or Klawock with the student's first & last name & grade, Teacher name & School name on the backside of the logo! Hope to see you there!

Submitted BY OVK Environmental Depart.

Kasaan Community Trash Pickup Coming Soon!!!

please watch for advertising of our Annual Community Trash Pickup! We are still planning the event and are trying to schedule it during the month of April 2014.

Let's all work together to keep Kasaan a "Beautiful Town"!

OVK Environmental Department Updates

E-Recycling announcement & information on grants awarded to OVK Environmental department. Raven AmeriCorp updates

New construction in Kasaan & article on Parnell Administration

Info on new facilities in Kasaan and ones perspective on Parnell's Administrations' comments re: victims of domestic violence.

Newly Elected President/CEO of Kavlico & POW Mining Symposium

Pictures & article of Louis Jones visit to Kasaan. Plus information for the 2014 POW Mining Symposium IV

OVK Environmental Department Updates



Electronics Recycling

Mark your calendars for:

- **May 6th & 7th,**
- **9am-3pm, at the**
- **Craig Tribal Hall (1330 Craig/Klawock Hwy.),**

The POW-Tribal Environmental Coalition (TEC) will be collecting old electronics to be properly recycled. Fact: Electronic waste is some of the most harmful waste to our environment. Various metals can cause serious health & contamination issues. Our electronic recycling volume has increased, & would like to see this continue.

We will be charging \$ 0.35/lb. to collect recyclables. Our “e-waste” is shipped to Washington for proper recycling.

OVK Receives 2014 ACF-ANF Award

For the third consecutive year, OVK receives the Alaska Conservation Foundation-Alaska Native Fund Award (ACF-ANF).

The Prince of Wales Tribal Sea Otter Commission (POW-TSOC)



established communications with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS)-management authority regarding Northern sea otter (*enydra lutris Kenyonii*).

ACF-ANF has generously funded the creation of the POW-TSOC.

Since the re-introduction of Northern sea otter to POW in 1968, no management plan was created or implemented. The vast increase in

Northern sea otter population draws concern with our customary & traditional harvesting of natural resources: sea cucumber, clams, cockles, etc.

Alaska Conservation Foundation

The commercial diving industry has also taken its toll.

Northern sea otter are protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA)- which provides regulations on harvesting & artisanship.

POW-TSOC serves as a Tribally authorized co-management body. It has equal representation from each POW Tribe (Craig, Hydaburg, Kasaan and Klawock).

Submitted by OVK Environmental Dept.

Kasaan Stream Habitat Mapping Project

OVK partnered with The Nature Conservancy and applied for (and received) funding from the Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund through a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to do stream habitat mapping within the Kasaan Bay Watershed System. Our customary & traditional use of salmon is the main concern for this project.



Three (3) streams will be updated in the Catalog of Waters Important for the

Spawning, Rearing, or Migration of Anadromous Fishes and its associated Atlas (AWC): Karta Watershed; Paul Young Creek; and Poorman Creek.

This project will provide legal conservation measures and protection for these watersheds and will develop an effective baseline inventory of important salmon habitat.

It will also map baseline salmon distribution and habitat conditions in these three watersheds.

Submitted By OVK Environmental Dept.

OVK RAVEN AmeriCorp Program

OVK's RAVEN-AmeriCorp Program was funded for its second consecutive year. Carol Fletcher-OVK RAVEN member successfully completed last years program. Congratulations Carol!

One of Carol's projects is focusing on the Kasaan Cultural Learning Center. Other projects include recycling; trash & marine debris projects; classroom visits; community garden and fulfilling other requirements to complete OVK's RAVEN AmeriCorp Program.

Submitted By OKV IGAP

My name is Carol Fletcher; I am an AmeriCorps Raven Member that works with the Kasaan community for a second year. Recycling is big here with the Alley Cat that community member's use for aluminum and plastics #1 & #2 and the totes for recycling glass. I want to take recycling one step further by showing students how using worms to recycle leftovers comes around full circle!

We have some awesome projects about to start for this year. These include students

learning about composting, with worms!! Our hands on project will show the students how their lunch leftovers become organic fertilizer! This organic fertilizer will be used in our next project the community garden. Each student will be learning to grow their own food from seed to harvest and journal each step of the way. We will be growing food outside in garden beds and inside our own community greenhouse, using our own organic

fertilizer and learn the difference of why different plants need different environments to thrive and produce.

This month we will be starting our seeds in the science classroom using a grow light versus plain sunlight. We will also be learning how organic versus chemical fertilizer can be so much better for our environment and the foods we eat!

Submitted By Carol Fletcher

New Construction in Kasaan

If you've visited Kasaan lately, you can't miss all the new construction going on all over town! In 2013 the Tribe completed construction on the new medical clinic that is now owned & operated by SEARHC & two new short-term rental cabins built by a local (POW) contractor with local wood. The Tribe also completed renovations of the KAVILCO owned "red bunkhouse" building that now serves as the new OVK Tribal Office. 2013 also saw the start of the Chief Son-i-Hat Whale House Renovation Project that has an expected completion date of Spring 2016.

The other project that you can't miss as you head through Kasaan towards the historic trail that leads to the Whale House, is the construction of the new "Community Facility & Totem Trail

Café." Construction of the new facility by Marble Construction of Ketchikan is well underway & should be completed by mid-May 2014. The community facility & Café is part of the Tribe's development of a cultural campus that already includes the Carving Shed & rental cabins. The new facility that overlooks the shores of Kasaan Bay will have rough-cut red cedar siding similar to the siding on the adjacent Carving Shed. Local carvers Stormy Hamar, Harley Holter & Eric Hamar milled & hand adzed 5 beautiful red cedar columns that support the porch roof. The inside of the building will have wood floors, a commercial kitchen, dining area & a small retail space. So stop by this summer & check out the beautiful new buildings in Kasaan.

Submitted By Jon Wunrow

Parnell Administration Should Stop Blaming Victims of Domestic Violence

The Alaska state legislature recently held hearings about the state's low prosecution rates of domestic violence for the state's failure to prosecute.

In response to a legislators question, Attorney General Geraghty said, "This is part of the problem...many victims don't want to – they change their mind. It may have all been a, not a prank necessarily, but a vindictive move by the victim to get back, at the perpetrator – her husband or significant other, whatever."

Let's be clear: Reporting domestic violence is not a "prank" and it is not "vindictive". It is an attempt to enforce our laws. When Alaska has the highest rates of domestic violence in America, it is outrageous that our own Attorney General would be blaming domestic violence victims for the state's failure to prosecute criminals.

If the prosecution rate is too low, that is the fault of the administration, & particularly the Attorney General. It certainly is not the fault of women. I have worked with female victims of domestic violence. If the "recant," as A.G. Geraghty says, it is only because they do not have any other options except to return to an abusive environment. Let's not blame the victim for that circumstance.

Alaska is a big state, with many rural

communities that lack courts. Dozens of rural communities lack law enforcement, either VPSOs or state troopers. To address this problem, the bipartisan Indian Law & Order Commission, headed by Republican Troy Eid, called on the Parnell Administration to strengthen local tribal sovereignty to prosecute sexual assault.

Troy Eid, who was a prosecutor appointed by President George W. Bush, said that Alaska's highest-in-the-nation rate of sexual assault is linked to the Parnell Administration's opposition to local tribal sovereignty. Sadly, A.G. Geraghty rejected the Indian Law & Order Commission recommendations, on the premise that the state should not work with local tribes to prosecute crimes. Given Alaska's rural character, the Parnell Administration position does not make sense.

This background brings us back to the hearing in which A.G. Geraghty blamed victims of sexual assault for the failure to prosecute crimes. After failing to have enough law enforcement & failing to work with local tribal courts, the Parnell Administration is blaming the victim. It is time for the administration to take responsibility for its own actions: Gov. Parnell should condemn A.G. Geraghty's statements & work to step up the enforcement of sexual assault.

Submitted By Marina Anderson

Kavilco' s newly elected President/CEO

In January 2014, Kavilco, Incorporated elected a new President/CEO for the first time since it's founding. The Kavilco Board of Directors elected Vice President Louis Jones to succeed former President/CEO Louis Thompson, who passed away on January 8th. President Jones felt that his first order of business was to come to Kasaan.

On February 11th, accompanied by his

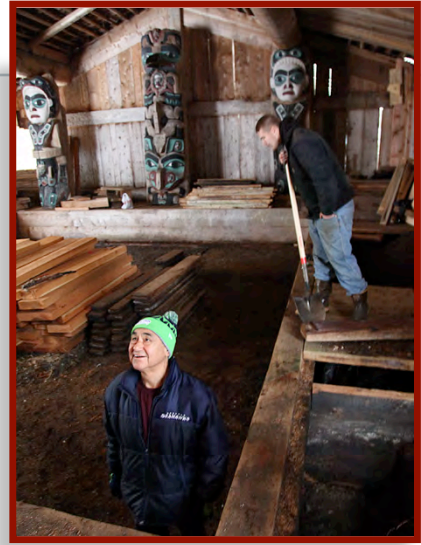
brother-in-law George Demmert, President Jones visited Kavilco buildings in Kasaan, including Naay I'waans, Chief Son-i-Hat Whale House. Afterward, OVK held a staff luncheon with Mr. Jones as the honored guest. As usual, the OVK Transportation Department put on quite a spread & everyone had a good time. (Pictures on page 5).

Submitted By Fred Olsen



Picture at left: Kavalco President/CEO Louis Jones dished up first at an OVK staff luncheon in his honor (brother-in-law George Demmert behind Mr. Jones)

Pictured on right: President/CEO Louis Jones enjoys tour of renovation process inside Naay I'waans, Chief Son-i-Hat Whale House (also pictured is OVK apprentice carver Harley Holter)



Prince of Wales Island – Wide Mining Symposium

Save the Date!

April 24th & 25th, 2014, the Organized Village of Kasaan will be hosting the
2014 POW Island – Wide Mining Symposium IV @ the
Craig Tribal Association Hall –Craig, Alaska

The Symposium will serve as a forum to allow residents of Prince of Wales Island to discuss mining issues currently taking place on the Island.

Registration deadline is April 18th, 2014. Registration will be acceptable via fax or email.

Fax to (907) 542-3006 attention Paula Peterson or scan & email to paula@kasaan.org

There is a Fee for the Symposium – to cover the cost of the Symposium, snacks, lunch for two days & dinner the first evening. If you need a receipt, please provide information.

~ Full Symposium Registration: \$60.00. ~ One-Day Registration: \$30.00

~ Or Speaker Registration: \$30.00

Registration Fee can be sent to:

Organized Village of Kasaan
PO Box 26 – Kasaan
Ketchikan, AK 99950-0340



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT,
PAULA PETERSON AT paula@kasaan.org

Ship	Day	Date	Port	Arr Time	Dep Time
Alaskan Dream	MON	5/26/14	KAS	2:00pm	5:30pm
Alaskan Dream	THU	5/29/14	KAS	8:00am	12:00pm
Baranof Dream	SUN	6/8/14	KAS	2:30pm	6:30pm
Alaskan Dream	WED	6/11/14	KAS	2:00pm	5:30pm
Baranof Dream	THU	6/12/14	KAS	8:00am	11:00am
Alaskan Dream	SAT	6/14/14	KAS	8:00am	12:00pm
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Alaskan Dream	SAT	6/28/14	KAS	8:00am	12:00pm
Alaskan Dream	SUN	7/6/14	KAS	2:00pm	5:30pm
Alaskan Dream	WED	7/9/14	KAS	8:00am	12:00pm
Alaskan Dream	MON	7/21/14	KAS	8:00am	12:00pm
Alaskan Dream	THU	7/24/14	KAS	2:30pm	5:30pm
Alaskan Dream	THU	8/7/14	KAS	2:00pm	5:30pm
Alaskan Dream	SUN	8/10/14	KAS	8:00am	12:00pm
Alaskan Dream	SAT	8/23/14	KAS	2:00pm	5:30pm
Alaskan Dream	TUE	8/26/14	KAS	8:00am	12:00pm

Coming Soon!

The ALASKA DREAM CRUISE begins its 3rd summer visiting the community of Kasaan! See schedule below...

OVK JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

For
2 TRUCK DRIVERS
Salary DOE

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must have a CDL
- Native Preference will apply

JOB APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OVK TRIBAL OFFICE

A complete resume may be submitted with a job application

CLOSING DATE IS
APRIL 20, 2014 AT 12 PM

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