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A REPORT TO THE MEMBER TRIBES OF TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE

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2021 TCC Convention: We are Still Here

It's been a year since the 2020 convention was postponed after encouragement from numerous tribal leaders due to COVID-19. This year's 2021 TCC Annual Convention and Full Board of Directors Meeting was held at the Westmark Hotel in Fairbanks on March 17th & 18th, and was a special hybrid meeting with several board members joining remotely, as well as in person. The meeting had closed doors to the public and only included subregional members, executive members, and key staff.

Although it was closed to the public, the meeting was streaming live through the TCC website, and on Facebook Live. During the two days, total views reached 3212 viewers.

The tribal members and Chiefs discussed important issues concerning public safety, energy, burial assistance,

broadband internet, water and sewer, and also included recognitions for several people for their outstanding service to the tribes, including Beverly Krupa, Tom Kriska, Professor Illingworth, and our health care workers and other essential workers. They also heard keynote speaker Valerie Nurr'araaluk Davidson speak about this year's Convention theme – Resiliency and Renewal.

"Resilience is about bouncing back after a stressful or a traumatic event or after there has been some sort of a pressure. Renewal is really about picking yourself and moving on afterwards," said Davidson during her speech, "Quite frankly, we're really good at both of those things. Native people are so good at both of those things. We have all demonstrated resilience because we're still here. We're still laughing, we're thriving, and we're still making it."

The amount of support was evident in the room after every single body in the room gave Davidson a standing ovation.

This year, the Secretary/Treasurer seat was on the ballot, along with the Upper Kuskokwim and Lower Yukon Subregion positions, and Youth Advisor. Charlie Wright of Rampart won over Jerry Isaac, and Chaiyy Albert for the Secretary/Treasurer position, Claude 'Joe' Petrusku of Nikolai won the Upper Kuskokwim Subregion, and Eugene Paul of Holy Cross was re-elected to the Lower Yukon Subregion. Alex Hanna of Minto also joined the Executive board and took up Jolie Murray's seat as the new Youth Advisor.

TCC would like to express their gratitude to our previous members, Jerry Isaac, Nick Alexia, Sr., and Jolie Murray for their years of service to our tribes.

See photos from this year's convention on pages 7-9 of this newsletter.



#TCCDoseofHealth—Tell Us Why You Got The COVID-19 Vaccine!

Tell us why YOU decided to get the COVID-19 vaccine and you will be entered into a random drawing to win some great prizes!

- Take a photo of yourself with a caption or sign telling us WHY you got the COVID-19 Vaccine
- Post your photo to Facebook and use the hashtag #TCCDoseofHealth
- Make sure your photo is set to public so we can find you!
- That's it! You are now entered into our giveaway!

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MISSION STATEMENT

Tanana Chiefs Conference provides a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development, and culture of the Interior Alaska Native people.

VISION

Healthy, Strong, Unified Tribes



TCC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

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2nd Traditional Chief

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Upper Kuskokwim

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Yukon Flats

Eugene Paul/Holy Cross
Lower Yukon

Frank Thompson/Evansville
Yukon Tanana

Norman 'Carl' Burgett/Huslia
Yukon Koyukuk

Peter Demoski/Nulato
Elder Advisor

Alex Hanna/Minto
Youth Advisor

CHIEF'S REPORT



Dear Tribes and Tribal Members,

Last month TCC held our 2021 Annual Convention and Full Board of Directors Meeting here in Fairbanks. The event was a condensed two-day meeting where delegates could participate virtually or in-person. It was nice to finally see our tribal leadership in person and I am grateful that we were able to do so because of the successful rollout of the vaccines and the preventative safety measures we put in place at the recommendation of our health professionals.

I would like to welcome the newly elected members of our Executive Board; Charlie Wright of Rampart as our Secretary/Treasurer, Claude 'Joe' Petruska of Nikolai as our new Upper Kuskokwim representative, and Alex Hanna as our new Youth Advisor. I would like to thank outgoing board members Jerry Isaac, Nick Alexia, Sr. and Jolie Murray for their years of service to the board and to our tribes.

I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge our health services staff for their hard work over the past year. Team TCC's vaccine distribution was so successful that it made National news and was featured on NBC's Today Show. It's amazing to think of the contrast between today's COVID-19 pandemic to the 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic. In 1918, 80 percent of the deaths in Alaska were Alaska Native people and today it is the Alaska Native Tribal health organizations leading the charge in the distribution of the vaccine. I am beyond proud of TCC staff and their tireless work in ensuring that our tribes are healthy, safe and protected.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that as the weather warms up and the snow starts to melt it will become dangerous to travel on the rivers. Please make sure that you are practicing proper travel safety by checking the weather and letting people know where you are going and when you plan to return. You can find more safety tips on page 12 of this newsletter.

As always, TCC will continue to work towards our vision of *Healthy, Strong, Unified Tribes*.

Anaa Baaseé,
PJ Simon
Chief/Chairman

TCC Calendars Still Available!



TCC calendars are here and have been mailed to all tribal offices in the TCC region!

Do you live outside the region or state?

Send your mailing address to
Communications_Dept@tananachiefs.org
and we will mail you one!

Meet Our Executive Board

Second Traditional Chief Trimble Gilbert - Arctic Village

By Leona Long, *Public Relations Specialist*

As he prays for his people, the Rev. Dr. Trimble Gilbert looks out the window of his log cabin at the majestic wooded mountains surrounding Arctic Village.

"All people, non-Native people and Alaska Natives, they are all my people," says Trimble, an Episcopal priest. "I talk to them everywhere I go. Because the love I have, I want to help whoever wants help. I want everyone to be one people. In my heart, I love all the people in Alaska."

Trimble says he thinks a lot about the next generation and the social unrest going on in the world. He says people are going too far with fighting and not working together.

"We need to be one unified people," says Trimble. "Everyone needs to hear the good way and love one another."

Trimble is the Second Traditional Chief and spiritual leader for Tanana Chiefs Conference and the 42 Athabaskan tribes the nonprofit consortium serves.

In 2016, University of Alaska Fairbanks recognized Trimble's lasting

contributions to students and Alaska with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. His traditional wisdom bridges western knowledge taught in the classroom with everyday life in rural communities.

As an elder professor, Trimble emphasizes the importance of education when he speaks to students.

He never attended school — instead he watched and listened to elders who taught from life experience. Trimble taught himself to write by copying the words from food commodities like sugar and flour bags.

"I never quit learning," Trimble says. "I learned because people needed it. Now I encourage young people to earn their degrees and help make Alaska and our world better for everyone. I want young people to learn the new technologies that are taking over in our world so that they can help our people and learn how to take care of themselves and others."

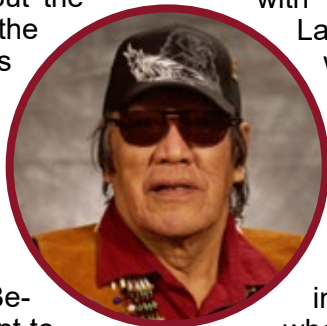
Born in 1935, Trimble grew up at the edge of what is now the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. He learned

the traditional ways of his ancestors. He watched and listened to his elders to learn how to tan caribou skin and fish, trap and hunt for food. For centuries, the Gwich'in people followed the moose and caribou. Trimble recalls that during times of starvation, anyone strong enough, including women and children, would pull sleds within a 100-mile radius of Arctic Village looking for food.

He has trapped hundreds of wolves and wolverines, using their thick fur to make parkas, mittens, hats and other clothing to survive brutal Arctic temperatures. He and his wife, Mary, are also accomplished skin sewers.

Now 86, Trimble is an accomplished fiddler performs at jig dances. He taught himself how to play the fiddle in the late 1940s. Since then, he has toured and performed in Canada, Washington state, Washington, D.C., and throughout Alaska.

"I can't read music," says Trimble, whose father and grandfather were square-dance callers. "I taught myself how to play the fiddle by listening to a Canadian station on a transistor radio. I love to see my family and the young people dance."



2021 TCC Election Results:

TCC Executive Board of Directors

Officer Positions:

- **TCC Secretary/Treasurer**
Elected: Charlie Wright, Rampart
3 Year Term (2021-2024)

Subregional Positions:

- **Upper Kuskokwim Subregion**
Elected: Claude 'Joe' Petruska, Nikolai
3 Year Term (2021-2024)
- **Lower Yukon Subregion**
Elected: Eugene Paul, Holy Cross
3 Year Term (2021-2024)

Youth Advisor:

- **Elected:** Alex Hanna, Minto
3 Year Term (2021-2024)

TCC Advisory Boards

Regional Health Board:

- **Yukon Tanana Subregion**
Elected: Andrew Jimmie, Minto
3 Year Term (2021-2024)
- **Yukon Koyukuk Subregion**
Elected: Martha Demoski, Nulato
3 Year Term (2021-2024)

Education Council:

- **Lower Yukon Subregion**
Elected: Alfred Demientieff
3 Year Term (2021-2024)
- **Yukon Koyukuk Subregion**
Elected: Gertie Sam
3 Year Term (2021-2024)
- **Yukon Flats Subregion**
Elected: Nadine Carroll
3 Year Term (2021-2024)

AFN Village Representative:

- **Elected:** Julie Roberts-Hyslop, Tanana
3 Year Term (2021-2024)

Interior Athabaskan Tribal College Board Trustees:

- **Upper Kuskokwim Subregion**
Elected: Martha Runkle, Nikolai
3 Year Term (2021-2024)
- **Yukon Flats Subregion**
Elected: Jenny Pelkola, Loudon
3 Year Term (2021-2024)

IRHA Board of Commissioners:

- **Seat A**
Elected: Patricia McDonald, Healy Lake
3 Year Term (2021-2024)
- **Seat B**
Elected: Marvin Deacon, Grayling
3 Year Term (2021-2024)



TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCES THANKS THE OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE

CAIHC Expansion Planning Update

On February 25th and 26th, a cross functional group consisting of TCC's Executive Management Team and clinic staff met to holistically review each health services line plan for the Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center (CAIHC) expansion to ensure everyone is on the same page for timelines, needs and expectations. TCC is working on the details of the project plan for staffing needs, policies, procedures, and workflows for both the expansion of existing services and the implementation of

new services at CAIHC. Construction of the facility remains on scheduling with the opening of services planned for 2022.



Certified Flagging Course

The ATSSA Flagging Certification training course will offer flagging skills required for individuals who are already working in the construction field as a flagger or those interested in becoming a flagger. This certification will satisfy the State of Alaska requirements for working as a flag person on all construction projects.

Certification valid for 4 years.

Westmark Hotel - Fairbanks

Friday, May 7, 2021 10:00am - 1:00pm

Price: \$125 (includes materials)

Please make all checks/money orders payable to Northern Dame Construction

Register: Fill out a TCC Employment & Training Application AND Northern Dame Construction Registration form and return with payment to Evelyn Ekada at TCC 907-452-8251 ext. 3231, evelyn.ekada@tananachiefs.org. If tribal member is in need of financial assistance, please contact TCC E&T, Evelyn Ekada.

Deadline: Friday, April 30, 2021
Class Size is Limited to 15 People.



TRIBAL PEACE OFFICER LOGO CONTEST

TCC's Tribal Development Division recently held a youth logo contest for their Tribal Peace Officer Program, where youth under the age of 18 submitted artwork to be featured on promotional materials. 14-year-old Alana Moses of Fairbanks was selected as the winner of the contest and picked up her brand new iPad prize.



1st Place - Alana Moses

WINNERS:

1. Alana Moses of Fairbanks
2. Callie Van Dyke of Fort Yukon
3. Gorden Vent of Huslia



2nd Place - Callie Van Dyke



3rd place - Gorden Vent

**TCC WOULD LIKE TO THANK
THE COMMUNITIES OF HUSLIA
AND KOYUKUK WHO HAD THE
MOST PARTICIPATION FROM
THEIR YOUTH!**

RESILIENCY & RENEWAL

2021 Annual Convention - Day One



RESILIENCY & RENEWAL

2021 Annual Convention - Day Two







April is **ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH**

Tips for Quitting Alcohol

It can be challenging rebuilding a life without alcohol.

Here are some tips on how to help rebuild a life without alcohol.

- Let your family and friends know you're quitting alcohol
- Develop new interests without alcohol
- Find rewarding ways to spend your time that don't involve alcohol
- Ask for help from others.

When asking for support from friends or family, be specific.

This can include:

- Not offering you alcohol
- Not using alcohol around you
- Giving words of support
- Going to support groups or starting support groups

For more information visit websites and resources:

SAMHSA's National Helpline –
1-800-662-HELP (4357)

<https://www.suicideinfo.ca/resource/alcoholandsuicide/>

<https://www.rethinkingdrinking.niaaa.nih.gov/>

<https://www.alcohol.org/guides/alcohol-fueled-emotions/>

<https://www.suicideinfo.ca/resource/alcoholandsuicide/>

<https://www.alcohol.org/resources/coronavirus-and-alcoholism/>

The Impact Alcohol Has On Your Mood

Drinking alcohol can affect your mood causing negative emotions and distress. Drinking can make you feel anxious, overwhelmed, or depressed. In fact, many of us already have feelings of anxiety and sadness. When we drink, these feelings can worsen or increase and as a result, our risk for suicide rises because it alters our thinking. Our ability to think clearly and make good choices gets harder and for those of us who are having feelings of suicide, drinking can increase our risk factor because we may not make good choices and act impulsively. When we feel stressed, overwhelmed, anxious or sad—we can use our coping skills to help us feel better instead of drinking.

What are some things you do instead of drinking? We would love to hear about your healthy wellness activities.

Email us at

Prevention@tananachiefs.org

**For more information on
Suicide Prevention contact:
Division of Wellness & Prevention
Zhiiniidzelt'aey Project**

Call us: 1.800.478.6822 • (907) 452.8251
Ext 3420

Or email us at

Prevention@tananachiefs.org

Long Term Effects of Alcohol Abuse

Binge drinking and continued alcohol use in large amounts are associated with many health problems, including:

- Unintentional injuries such as car crashes, falls, burns, and drowning
- Intentional injuries such as firearm injuries, sexual assault, domestic violence
- Increased on-the-job injuries and loss of productivity
- Increased family problems, broken relationships
- Alcohol poisoning
- High blood pressure, stroke, and other heart-related diseases
- Liver disease
- Nerve damage
- Sexual problems
- Permanent damage to the brain
- Vitamin B1 deficiency, which can lead to a disorder characterized by amnesia, apathy and disorientation
- Ulcers
- Gastritis (inflammation of stomach walls)
- Malnutrition
- Cancer of the mouth and throat



Did you know?

An estimated 95,000 people (approximately 68,000 men and 27,000 women) die from alcohol-related causes annually, making alcohol the third-leading preventable cause of death in the United States.

Source: <https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/brochures-and-fact-sheets/alcohol-facts-and-statistics>

Meet Our New Staff

Tribal Development Program Coordinator

My name is Crystal Frank. I'm Gwich'in from Vashraii K'oo (Arctic Village) and I'm also a tribal member of the Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government. My parents are Kenneth Frank and Caroline Tritt-Frank. I am a Gwich'in language learner and transcriber. My hobbies are running, landscape photography, exploring hiking trails with my dog and traveling in Gwich'in country for fiddle dances. I love cooking on the fire and picking blueberries in the fall.

I received a Masters of Arts degree in Rural Development from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. I've worked for UAF for the past eleven and a half years. As of November 2020, I accepted a position with TCC as the Tribal Development Program Coordinator.



For questions regarding the TCC Tribal Development Division, please contact me at crystal.frank@tananachiefs.org or ext. 3962. Mahsi'.

Crystal is responsible for:

- Being the first point of contact.
- Providing clerical, administrative and program support essential for the Tribal Development Division.
- Ensures the constant flow of incoming/outgoing communications.
- Manages department calendars and scheduling meetings.

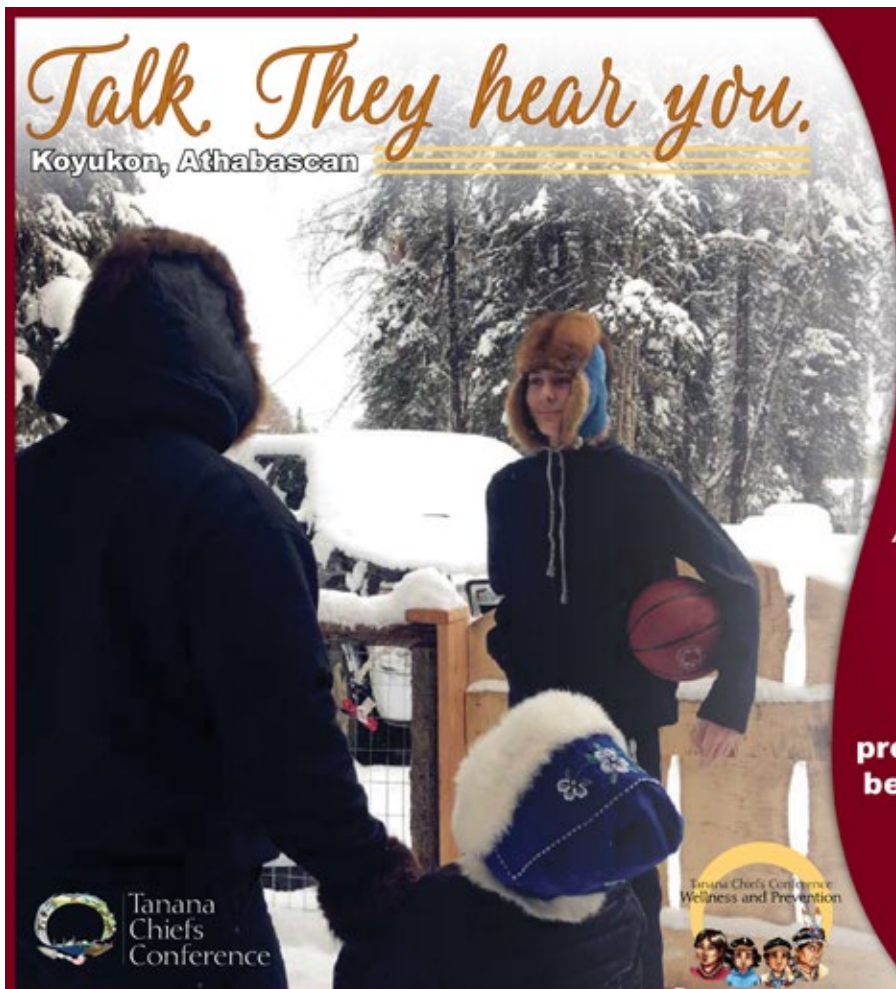
Community Planning Coordinator

My name is Selina Sam. I am the new Community Planning Coordinator in the Tribal Development division here at TCC. My parents are the late Billy Sam of Alatna and Janice (Folger) Sam of Tanana. I grew up in Tanana before moving to Fairbanks to attend UAF in 2012.



I have received my bachelor's degree in Rural Development with a concentration in Rural Community Business and Economic Development from University of Alaska Fairbanks in 2017, and a master's degree in Public Administration from University of Alaska Southeast in 2019. Before joining the TCC team, I previously worked at the UAF Interior Alaska Campus as a Community Outreach Facilitator, and as an Academic Advisor for the UAF Dept. of Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development.

Moving forward, I will be working with TCC communities on planning efforts including awarding Community Planning Specialist and Grant Development Specialist positions within our region, as well as assisting communities prepare and update their community plan. I am very excited to be a part of the Planning and Development team and I look forward to working with you. I can be reached at 907-452-8251, ext. 3385, or by e-mail at Selinaj.sam@tananachiefs.org.



**Skook, ne'ooghe
neggenaa' kkaa
yeł tledenleet de
do'ots'en'.**

**Kk'adaa dezez ghu yəhyel
hetaaghsaak.**

**Saakkaaye lon k'edeeteey
k'ehezes ts'uh tl'ogho hevyel
hetodaak ehoo.**

**Alarming number of pre-teens are drinking
alcohol—which makes it urgent to find
every opportunity to talk with your kids
about the dangers of underage drinking.**

**For more information on alcohol
prevention and tips on how-and-when to
begin the conversation please contact:**

**Prevention through Wellness Project
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prevention@tananachiefs.org
www.underagedrinking.samhsa.gov**

SPRING TRAVEL *Safety Tips*



MAKE A PLAN

Have a plan in place when you travel; tell someone where you are going, what route you plan to take, and when you plan to return.



CHECK THE WEATHER

You must be prepared for any extreme weather that comes your way.



BE PREPARED

If traveling by snow machine, make sure that it is in good condition with enough fuel to get you where you need to go and back.



SLOW DOWN!

Slow down and avoid traveling across bodies of water when uncertain of the ice thickness. With warmer temperatures it gets harder to predict the thickness and relative safety over rivers and lakes.



PACK FOR SURVIVAL

You never know what might happen while traveling, so it's important to prepare yourself with survival gear, such as; a knife, axe, or saw, a flashlight, flares or a strobe, waterproof matches, high-energy food or bars and electrical/duct tape.



DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

Drinking impairs your judgment and increases the risk of getting into an accident and getting lost.



DAISY NORTHWAY Tok

"I remember I went with my mother out on the trap line. I was maybe three years old and we were in a dog sled," Daisy recalls, "All of a sudden, we ran into overflow. My mother quickly pushed the sled up the bank and we had to spend the night there."

Daisy's mother built them a shelter and got a fire going to keep them warm.

"The only other memory I have of my father was him packing me along the banks of the creek going into George Lake," says Daisy.

That was the only memory that she has of her dad "I have no memories of moving out of Healy Lake."

In the 1940's, an epidemic wiped out the majority of the Healy Lake population.

Daisy remembers her mother telling her about that time. In the epidemic, her parents lost three children and their own parents. "They buried them in a mass grave because [they] were so tired near the end," explains Daisy, "They were the only ones capable of digging holes, you know, to bury people."

Due to the epidemic, residents moved to Little Gerstle to escape....

To hear Daisy's full story,
Visit www.tananachiefs.org/legacy-of-our-elders/

TCC's *Legacy of our Elders* series documents the lives and stories of Elders throughout the TCC region. These videos are available on our website.

LEGACY
OF OUR
ELDERS



APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and Tanana Chiefs Conference would like to do our part in raising awareness. National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to strengthen families to prevent child abuse and neglect. Through this collaboration, prevention services and supports help protect children and produce thriving families.

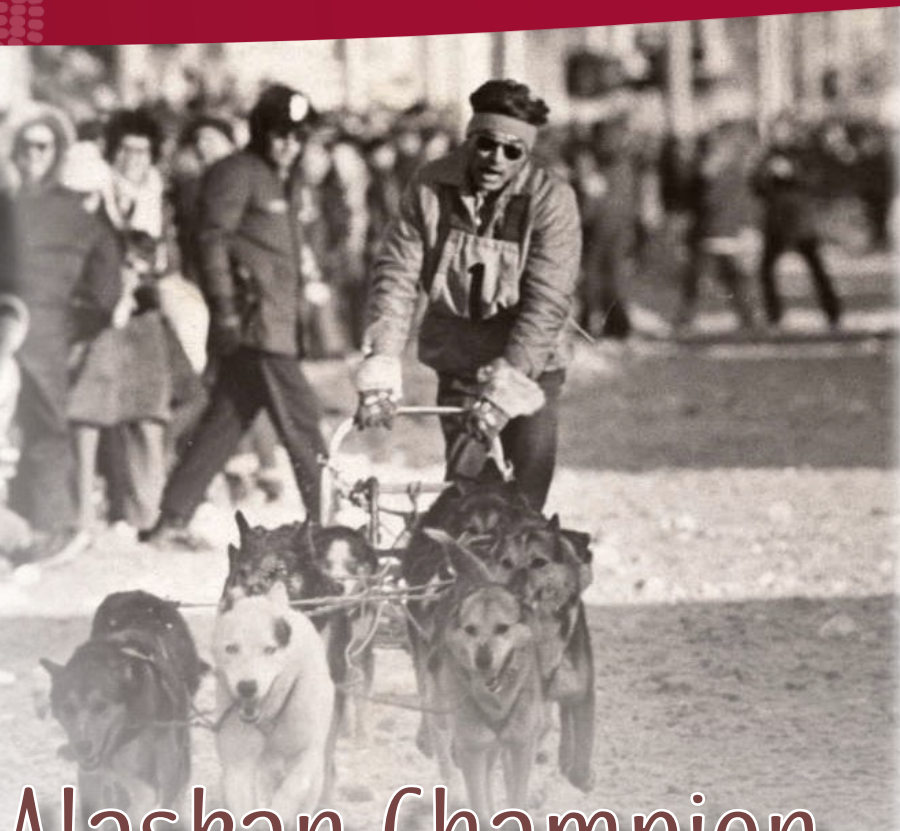
When thinking of our children in all of our communities—let us remember our Athabascan Values:

- Self-sufficiency and Hard Work
- Care and Provision for the Family
- Family Relations and Unity
- Love for Children
- Village Cooperation and Responsibility to Village
- Humor
- Honesty and Fairness
- Sharing and Caring
- Respect for Elders and Others
- Respect for Knowledge & Wisdom from Life Experiences
- Respect for the Land and Nature
- Practice of Native Traditions
- Honoring Ancestors
- Spirituality

TAKE ACTION and join TCC in support of Child Abuse Awareness:

- Take a picture wearing blue and use the hashtag **#ChildAbusePreventionMonth** and **#GoBlueDayAK**
- Wear blue every Friday for the month of April
- Use the Facebook Frame made by Tanana Chiefs Conference!





April 29th Honoring A True Alaskan Champion

If there was a word to describe the late George Attla Jr. it would be 'champion.' He was known across Alaska as just that; a champion of Dog mushing, of the traditional lifestyle, and for Native Alaskans.

Born in 1933 at a fish camp just below Koyukuk on the Yukon River, George was raised in a subsistence lifestyle- fishing and hunting off of the land with his family. By the

1950s George had already become a legendary open-class sprint dog racer. His name was known and respected throughout the world. Known as the "Huslia Hustler" Attla Jr. won countless races and was even inducted into the first Alaska Sports Hall of Fame and later named the Best Musher of the 20th Century.

Governor Steve Cowper proclaimed April 29, 1988 as "George Attla Day"

and Tanana Chiefs Conference felt it was important to also recognize his multiple accomplishments and name April 29th as "George Attla Day". Submitted by the Beaver Village Council in 2015, the Full Board of Directors passed resolution 2015-01 to honor him on that day. On April 29th, all TCC calendars now read "George Attla Day" and it will remain a time to honor a true Alaskan champion.

"You're trying to beat time and then eventually time catches up with you. You can try your best; you may beat the competitors but you can't beat time."

-George Attla Jr.-
In Attla's Tracks



COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE *Spotlight*

Lydia David - Tetlin Health Aide

By Linden Staciokas

There are a lot of ways to find your calling in life. For Lydia David, it was motherhood that led her to a now 17 year career as a health aide. Despite all the time that has passed, recalling the circumstances can be hard for her. "My daughter was born prematurely. She had medical problems and for the first two years had to be on oxygen. It was a rough time. I didn't understand much about what was going on with her."

Her daughter grew stronger and eventually her survival was no longer a day to day worry. About that time, Tetlin's health aide position became vacant. Lydia, who had been a good student in her science high school classes, had her interest in biology reignited during her many contacts with health aides, nurses and doctors who worked so hard to keep her daughter alive. In addition, her mother had been a health aide before Lydia was born, and had spoken frequently about those experiences. The job opening seemed like it was meant for her.

Born in Fairbanks but raised in



Tetlin, Lydia had to travel to Anchorage for the first two segments of training, and to Nome for the final two. She describes the courses as "intense." Most adults will say that memorizing in high school seemed much easier than learning a lot of new material as an adult, but there was plenty of support from the instructors and the camaraderie of fellow students. Before long, Lydia had passed all the requirements and was back in Tetlin, now working as a health aide for her family, friends, and neighbors.

The job turned out to be as rewarding as Lydia had hoped. "The best part of this job is helping people. I make sure things are followed through on. I don't just provide treatment, I sometimes have to be an advocate. I make sure people get the help they need for the problem they came in for. I don't look at things they may have done wrong in the past, but what they need now."

The hardest part of the job, according to Lydia, is losing someone. The amount of paperwork, which has increased significantly during the pan-

demic, is also a frustration, as is being on call 24 hours a day because she is the only health aide in Tetlin.

At the same time, there have been improvements that have made the job easier, especially in the area of technology. "I went from carrying around 15 pounds of books to look things up, to an iPad," says Lydia. "And the communication available between providers is much better now, which means better services for patients."

"When she is not working, Lydia loves to travel and go boating, but mostly her time is filled with caring for her family. Additionally, her home is a hub for community children who like hanging around her welcoming home. "I just really like kids, and the kids know that my home is open to them at any time." She says.

Lydia has no plans to leave Tetlin or her position as a health aide. And who knows? By opening her home to any children who want to stop by, she may have already become the inspiration for a boy or girl who will become the next health aide, when Lydia is ready to retire and pass the iPad of medical knowledge onto to the next generation.

Choose *Tradition*
Not *Addiction*



Tobacco Prevention & Control Support:

Learn more about services we can offer to your community and maintain connection with ongoing support.

**Last Wednesday of each month,
starting March 31st, 2021
10:00am - 11:00am**

For More Information:

Frank Yaska

Tobacco Prevention Policy Specialist

1-800-478-6822 x3547

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Letters to the Editor, other written contributions and photo submissions are welcome. However, space is limited and program-oriented news has priority. We reserve the right to edit or reject material. Letters and opinions are not necessarily the opinions of Tanana Chiefs Conference. Material submitted anonymously will not be printed.



Tanana
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Find Your Purpose

JOIN OUR TEAM: WWW.TANANACHIEFS.ORG/CAREERS

Village Vacancies

- Alatna:** Community Health Aide/Practitioner
- Allakaket:** Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Community Health Representative, Village Public Safety Officer
- Anaktuvuk Pass:** Behavioral Health Aide
- Anvik:** Substitute Elder Nutrition Cook, Village Public Safety Officer
- Arctic Village:** Home Care Provider, Substitute Elder Nutrition Cook, Village Public Safety Officer
- Chalkyitsik:** Behavioral Health Aide, Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Tribal Family Youth Specialist, Tribal Workforce Development Specialist, Village Public Safety Officer
- Circle:** Carpenter, Laborer, Project Supervisor, Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Tribal Family Youth Specialist, Substitute Elder Nutrition Cook
- Dot Lake:** Behavioral Health Aide
- Eagle:** Home Care Provider, Tribal Administrator - Onsite Supervisor, Village Public Safety Officer
- Evansville:** Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Elder Nutrition Cook
- Fort Yukon:** Home Care Provider, Preschool Assistant Teacher, Preschool Lead Teacher
- Galena:** Cook (EHS), Health Executive Secretary I, Infant/Toddler Teacher, Nurse Practitioner - Primary Care, Service Desk Technician
- Grayling:** Village Public Safety Officer
- Healy Lake:** Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Tribal Workforce Development Specialist, Village Public Safety Officer
- Holy Cross:** Home Care Provider
- Hughes:** Community Health Aide/Practitioner - Itinerant, Family Visitor
- Huslia:** Home Care Provider, Preschool Assistant Teacher, Village Public Safety Officer
- Kaltag:** Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Tribal Workforce Development Specialist
- Koyukuk:** Carpenter, Laborer, Project Supervisor, Community Health Aide/Practitioner
- Manley Hot Springs:** Community Health Aide/Practitioner
- McGrath:** Preschool Assistant Teacher, Tribal Workforce Development Specialist, Village Public Safety Officer
- Nenana:** Behavioral Health Aide, Infant/Toddler Teacher
- Nikolai:** Home Care Provider
- Northway:** Behavioral Health Aide, Carpenter x2, Laborer x2, Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Preschool Assistant Teacher, Project Supervisor, Village Public Safety Officer
- Nulato:** Behavioral Health Aide, Home Care Provider, Village Public Safety Officer, Substitute Teacher/Assistant Teacher
- Old Minto:** Camp Counselor, Old Minto Family Recovery Camp Traditional Counselor, OMFRC Camp Laborer
- Rampart:** Behavioral Health Aide, Community Health Aide/Practitioner
- Ruby:** Behavioral Health Aide, Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Substitute Elder Nutrition Cook
- Shageluk:** Tribal Administrator - Onsite Supervisor
- Stevens Village:** Community Health Aide/Practitioner
- Tanacross:** Behavioral Health Aide
- Tetlin:** Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Village Public Safety Officer
- Tok:** Physician Assistant - UTHC, Service Desk Technician, Tok Sub - Regional Primary Care Physician, Wild Land Firefighter Type II Crew Member
- Venetie:** Tribal Administrator - Onsite Supervisor, Village Public Safety Officer

Region- Wide Vacancies

- Community Health Aide/Practitioner - Itinerant
- Trades and Training Coordinator

YOUTH WELLNESS WARRIORS VIRTUAL SESSIONS SCHEDULE:

April 7, 2021

Class Theme: Leadership

Traditional Value: Responsibility to Village & Unity

April 14, 2021

Class Theme: Our Communities as Family

Traditional Value: Practice of Native Traditions

April 21, 2021

Class Theme: Activities Together

Traditional Value: Family Relations & Sharing

April 28, 2021

Class Theme: Communications

Traditional Value: Honesty & Fairness

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