

SUN'AQ TRIBE OF KODIAK

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of Kodiak
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- Brenda Schwantes, Chair-woman
- Madelyn Brown- Vice Chair
- Gary Watson, Sec/Treasurer
- Olga M. Malutin, Member
- Thomas Johnson, J. Member
- Iver Malutin, Member
- Johnny Reft, Member

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GENERAL ELECTION—CALL FOR CANDIDATES

The 2008 Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak general election will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 by mail-in ballot. The purpose of this election is to elect four members to the Sun'aq Tribal Council. The four positions to be filled on the Tribal Council are currently held by John Reft, Gary Watson, Iver Malutin and Olga M. Malutin. The new terms are one seat for a two year term and three seats for three-year terms.

Any tribal member who is 18 years of age or older and is able to present evidence of living in the "Community" (Kodiak Road System) for at least one year directly preceding the Election is eligible to vote.

If you are eligible and interested in running as a candidate for Tribal Council and you wish to have your name

included on the official ballot, you must complete and deliver a candidate application to the tribal office by 4:30 pm on Monday,



November 3, 2008. Ballot packets will be mailed to all eligible voters on November 18, 2008. All ballots need to be voted and returned to the tribal office by the official election date of December 3, 2008.

Appearing on the ballot for this years election

One of the items to be presented on the ballot this year to be voted on is Arti-

cle 111- Membership section v. Proposed constitutional amendment.

Shall the Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak limit enrollment to Alutiiq people of Kodiak, living here for one year with intentions of remaining indefinitely?

This would remove the existing provision allowing the applications of persons who are Alaska Native(e.g. Tlingit, Inupiat ect) or Native American (e.g. Navajo, Cherokee ect) descent living and intending to remain in the Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak's jurisdiction.



CHAIRWOMAN SCHWANTES, ON "WHO SHE IS".

Cama'i to all our Citizens of the Sun'aq Tribe! As your new Chair, let me re-introduce myself to you. I am married to a commercial fisherman and I come from a family of fishing and subsis-

tence users. I have two children, Eric is eighteen and Wesley is eight. My great-grandmother's name was Olga Naumoff from Afognak Island, and my great-grandfather was Anton Larsen.

After receiving my Bachelor's of Science in Education, I continued my education and received my Special Education endorsement. When I returned to Kodiak I worked for

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“We have strengthened our relationship with Native Village of Afognak and Woody Island”.

Kodiak Area Native Association for approximately twelve years in a variety of programs. I supervised Tribal Government, VPSO, Housing Assistance, Education, and Environmental while utilizing VISTA volunteers . As a Sun’aq Council member I can assure you that your Council is hard at work. As a group we are working on a number of significant issues such as Economic Development, Healthy Families/ Youth, Elders, Education and environmental issues. There are many sub-committees to the Council

who spend long hours discussing issues which are taken to the full Council for consideration. These committees look at finances, personal policies, and enrollment. The upcoming election is of great importance. It will be your opportunity to vote on a number of significant issues including revising our Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance. This effort is to clarify who you as Sun’aq member want to be welcomed into our Tribe. Please feel welcome to attend our council meetings. If you cannot make

evening meetings, we welcome your email or phone contact regarding any concerns you may have.

**Best Regards
Brenda Schwantes**



**TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR BOB POLASKY SAYS,
“WORKING TOGETHER WORKS”.**



All too often Tribal governments, much like non-profit organizations, seem to be constantly competing with each other, for funding and recognition. Sometimes going after any kind of grant or funding opportunity

seems to be the goal. I don't think that's the way it is in Kodiak. We certainly don't think that way, and our actions show it. The only funding we seek is after we have set clear goals and direction for our future. Once our goals have been established we look for the specific resources to meet them, both financial and human. Over the past few years we have strengthened our relationship with Native Village of Afognak and Woody Island, our two neighbor tribes. Our staff and programs are often inter-

twined with theirs, supporting and enhancing each others. We seek to avoid duplication of services. Rather, we compliment each others and realize the community is better served by doing so. When it comes to health family programs, we coordinate. When we deal with environmental protection of tribal resources, we talk to each other and share approaches to problems. This is also true of our relationship with Kodiak Area Native Association. It is stronger than ever. Seldom does a day go by where our staff and theirs

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are not coordinating programs in one way or another.

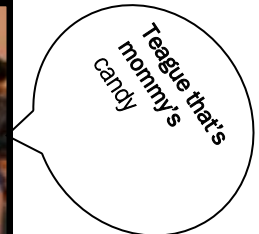
No better example of our friendships can be made than with the Kodiak Alutiiq Dancers. After briefly struggling, a consortium of Sun'aq, Native Village of Afognak, Woody Island, and the non profit, Sun'ami, joined together with a new approach, setting up a joint committee to oversee the group, sharing in funding and

resources, and just as importantly, recruiting dancers. It's just starting again, but it looks very encouraging with over two dozen performers practicing again.

It's time to dispel the notion that Tribes and Tribal Organization only compete with each other. The way we do things in Kodiak can serve as a model for the rest of our State. It's a testament to the leader-

ship and staff of all our tribal groups.

Bob Polasky



Pictures to the left taken at the Halloween Fun Day, October 18, 2008.



Apple Dunking!



Friday, November 21st to Sunday, November 30th Time: 6 P.M. Fri- 9 A.M. Sunday
Theme for the weekend will remind all of us how important it is to care for our families, our world, and ourselves.

COME MAKE FAMILY MEMORIES AT CAMP!!!!!!!

Meals, Beverages and Snacks will be provided

There will be no charge for the weekend ☺

Single Parent Families; Married Without Children, Dating Couples are all welcomed also.



Family Fun!!!!!!!

Stipends will be given to families that attend!!

PLEASE CONTACT SUN'AQ TRIBE @ 486-4449
ASK FOR TERESA STUTES FOR INFORMATION



OCTOBER IS
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE
AWARENESS
MONTH.

Working Together to End the Violence

Nearly 25% of surveyed women and 8% of surveyed men said they were raped and /or physically assaulted by a current or former spouse, cohabiting partner, or date at some time in their lives. One in four adolescents also reports verbal, physical, emotional, or sexual abuse each year. These teens may be at a greater risk for unhealthy and abusive relationships as adults. Working together, men, women, and teens can change attitudes and perceptions about domestic violence and ending violence. We can stop the cycle of violence.

If you or someone you know is being abused, call Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Center's Hotline @ 486-3625.

Call Women's Advocate at
Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak @
486-4449.



Call National Domestic Violence Hotline @
800-799-SAFE (7233) or
800-787-3224 (TTY).

Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak

Native Women's Empowerment and Advocacy Project



AKSANA MATHER
Project Coordinator / Women's Advocate

Community Outreach, Education and Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Support and Advocacy for Native Women.

Call 486-4449 or e-mail amather@ak.net

I WISH

Today I've scratched your skin and slapped your face,
I've screamed and yelled, I've promised to destroy this place.
I am a woman in a rage, an angry one,
I have a lot of things to say to you, I'm far from done.

I still remember what a happy man you used to be,
I wish that life was different now for you and me,
I wish that you were sober for a single day,
I want to talk, and I have nothing good to say.

You go to work, then you come home, and drinking starts...
You call me names and all your works are sharp as darts.
I am your waiter, cook and maid, that's very sad,
Kids are afraid of you, they're terrified of their own dad.

"Bring that, take this, shut up, move off and disappear",
Those words are hurtful and that's all that I can hear.
I do not want to live like that— no pride, no grace!
"Shut up, you woman, don't bother me and know your place".

I have no job, I have no friend, no one who'd care.
I am forbidden to go out—I wouldn't dare.
You said that if I cheat, you'll kill us both,
I feel that all my life is a walk on toes.

I am afraid to live with you, afraid to leave,
I am not strong enough for that, I'm timid and naïve.
I wish you'd listen to those things I have to say,
A wasted life—this is a price we both will pay.

*Aksana Mather
on behalf of abused women*



We invite Kodiak women to join us for
Craft Nights

Every Thursday

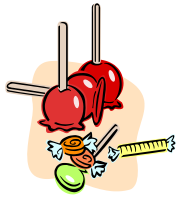
At the Sun'aq Tribal Center-2nd Floor
6:00pm to 8:00pm

Knitting , crochet, beading, quilting,
embroidery or other art projects.

Bring your artwork with you and
if you don't have any, come any-
way we will help you to start
one.

We will talk, laugh, share and
have a good time.





New program offers a link between education and employment.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE WORLD OF EDUCATION ?

Kodiak Community College GED CLASSES OPEN

The Adult Basic Education Program at Kodiak College offers GED classes, preparation, and practice testing free of charge to all adults of the Kodiak archipelago. Students may get started at 486-1201 to schedule an initial assessment and advising session. We have some new opportunities for study this year, including a new reading and writing class, and a math class. Come see our newly remodeled room! Located in room 208 the hours are Monday through Thursday, Daytime: 9:00—3:00, Evenings: 6:00-9:00pm.



Basic Skills and General Education Development (GED)

- Assessments
 - Individual Tutoring
 - Books, CDs, online study programs
 - Short courses (check with the lab for schedules)
 - Test preparation and official GED practice tests
- Study at your own pace, at home, or in our lab.

*For more information contact Adelia Myrick at 486-1243 or 486-1201
E-mail: amyrick@kodiak.alaska.edu*

New Alaska Department of Labor Grant opens door to the Kodiak Career Center.

New program offers a link between education and employment. Kodiak Career Center will help you plan your next school or career move. Are you looking for a new job or career? Do you need to pass the GED or get a high school diploma of 16 and 24 to get there? Whether you recently left school or haven't thought about school in a while, the Kodiak Career Center offers young adults between the ages of 16 and 24 a "one-stop shop" for education and employment assistance. Young adults who leave high school before earning a diploma are limited in their employment prospects. A nationwide report found that students who do not finish high school, on average, earn \$9,200 less per year than those who finish high school. Many of those who left school early said that they would go back to school if they could enroll

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in program for students their age. The Kodiak Career Center will provide young adults who left school early an opportunity to continue their education. The program offers several educational services including academic tutoring, high school credit recovery, and GED test preparation. Young adults who are not interested in high school classes will find the correspondence or GED test preparation offerings an attractive alternative. The Kodiak

Career Center's Bruce Dotterrer is aware that many young adults have responsibilities that require an alternative schedule, "our goal is to create a plan that fits your needs."

The Kodiak Career Center is a new program funded by the Alaska Department of Labor. The program is designed to provide education and employment support to young adults in the Kodiak community ages 16-24. Individuals who are interested in more infor-

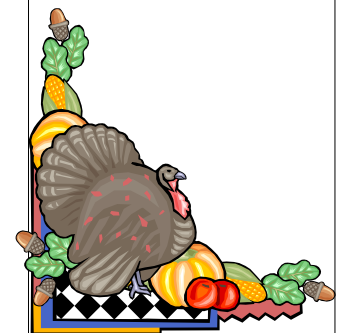
mation about the Kodiak Career Center are encouraged to call or email administrator

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or Nicola Belisle (486-3105 x4; nicola.belisle@alaska.gov).



KATHERIN ELLANAK HEADS UP OUR ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT



As of August 15, 2008 Katherine Ellanak is the new Natural Resources/Environmental Coordinator for the Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak. She is Yup'ik and is originally from Hooper Bay, Alaska. She lived in Ouzinkie, Alaska with her

late husband, Daniel Ellanak from 1998 to June 2008. She worked as the environmental programs assistant until his passing and was then promoted to his position of Environmental Coordinator.

Katherine has also had the experience of being on the National Tribal Operation Committee for Region 10, Alaska. She is currently on the planning committees for the Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management and the Alaska Forum on the Environ-

ment. Katherine has been actively seeking solutions to break barriers on rural water and solid waste issues while participating on the Alaska team ACCESS Infrastructure Task Force Committee.

Katherine says "Quyana" to the Tribe for being able to serve them.

**Katherine Renee
Ellanak**



(Once is not enough).

Frank Peterson explains the Indian Child Welfare Act services that are available through the Social Service program.



Frank Peterson
Director of Social Services/
ICWA



Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) services:

ICWA services are available for children who are enrolled or eligible to be enrolled in **the Sun'aq Tribe**. **In order for a child to be eligible to be enrolled they need to be the descendant of an enrolled member or be an Alaska native, or American Indian and not be enrolled in another Tribe (or willing to give up enrollment in another Tribe) who has and currently lives in Kodiak for the last year.** However, if a child is currently involved in an ICWA matter, the Tribe of origin has the right to deny any request for disenrollment.

ICWA applies to children who are in state custody (Child in Need of Aid cases or CINA), from the moment they come into custody, until they are returned to their parent or adopted.

ICWA does not apply to custody cases between two parents (even if one parent is non-native). Although some reservation Tribes with Tribal court systems (Lower 48 Tribes) will become involved in Divorce or custody cases between parents, the **Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak cannot become involved in a custody matter between parents.**

What does ICWA do for Tribal children? ICWA mandates a higher level of service for parents and children involved in ICWA matters under a clause in the act called **"Active Efforts."**

ICWA also provides placement preferences.

- Return to parents (native or non-native)
- An extended family member (native or non-native)
- **A member of the child's Tribe**
- A member of another Tribe
- A non-native foster placement

A residential facility (least restrictive possible)

When a child's Tribe intervenes on behalf of a child in an ICWA case, the Tribe becomes a party to the case, just as the parents, the State Office of Children's Services, and the Guardian Ad Litum. The Tribe may be represented by an Attorney (same as the other parties) or be represented by a non-Attorney ICWA representative. The Tribe becomes entitled to all documents, reports, case notes, and letters regarding the case. The Tribe may participate in all meetings, court hearings, case plans and mediations. The Tribe can provide information regarding placement options and recommendations for placement and services.

If you have questions regarding ICWA please call me, I'm always happy to answer questions and hope to be of assistance.

Sales Expanding for Sun'aq Tribal Enterprises

In addition to seafood sales to Puyallup Tribe's Emerald Queen Casino and Skagit Tribe's Semiahmoo Resort in Washington, Sun'aq/Wild Source has begun to enter the health food market with sales to two outlets in Florida.

We have also been in contact with an economic consortium of Indian Tribes, "The Native American Group" with leadership provided by the Seminole Tribe, with has extensive interests in the Hard Rock Café chain.

Our purpose is to enter a national procurement system for goods and services among the Tribes. We have queried the Executive Chef of the DC Museum of the American Indian. Why not sales to the Seminole's Hard Rock Café in the New Yankee Stadium, the 2010 Olympic venue of the Canadian First Nations Pavillion at Whistler, British Columbia? The White House?

With our Section 17 Charter having been achieved for our seafood enterprise, we are now able to proceed with cautious optimism, however disturbing the news of the current state of the economy.

DAVE MONTURE

DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING



Together As One" Activities Schedule

Teen Time at the KANA Wellness Gym: We are putting together a program for the teens with a variety of activities for them to choose from.

Teen Time: Tuesday & Thursday evenings 5:30-6:30 @ KANA GYM

NYO Skills: Monday & Wednesday evenings 5:30-6:30 @ KANA GYM

Homework clubs are held at the Middle School and the High School right after school .

Contact Teresa Stutes for more information. 486-4449



NATIVE VILLAGE OF AFOGNAK Healthy Families Tribal Collaboration- More Halloween Fun!!!!

What: Harvest Festival

Where: Army National Guard's Armory Building

When: Friday, October 31st – 5pm – 8pm

Events: Haunted House, Alutiiq Dancers Fundraiser, Costume Contests, Carved Pumpkin Contest, Food, Dancing, Games – Prizes (Grand Prize is a Nintendo DS!)

Costs: FREE

Open to the public





For more information on the Powwow you can visit their website at www.gatheringofnations.com/powow

NEW DANCE COORDINATOR HAS PIZAZZ BEYOND IMAGINATION!

Marsha Madriaga is excited to announce that the Kodiak Alutiiq Dancers have started up again. They are meeting three days a week for practices. The practice schedule is Tuesday and Thursday from 4:15pm - 5:00pm and on Saturday from 3:00pm - 4:00pm. The meetings are held at the Sun'aq Tribal building in the bingo hall.

This enthusiastic Dance Coordinator is beginning the process of looking into various event opportunities for the dancers to observe and learn such as the Gathering of Nations Powwow of more than 500 tribes from Canada and the United States in April. Another event will be the annual

Camai Festival in Bethel which takes place in March. This is a gathering of native dance groups from across the state over a three day period.

Another plan of Marsha's is to teach the dancers various arts and crafts. She is hoping to have workshops for bentwood hats, headdress, mask, and regalia making.

Marsha encourages all who are interested to please come and join the dancers. Those with experience in these areas who would like to donate their time in helping to teach are also encouraged to please come. We have had an overwhelmingly great turn out for practices and always welcome more joiners.



Marsha Madriaga
Alutiiq Dance Coordinator

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WHOLE LOT OF ACTION GOING ON WITH OUR ELDERS AND YOUTH!

Johnson O'Malley program enables youth to attend AFN

We are very proud of our students!

The Elders and Youth Conference was held October 20-21 2008 in Anchorage. This year's theme was - **Celebrating 25 Years... Wisdom from Our Elders, Spirit of Our Youth.** We were fortunate enough to send 9 students and two chaperones. Our students created a resolution that focused on the need for more Youth Support Groups for Native Students with family members that have Drug and Alcohol addictions. The resolution passed with a few minor changes!

Also Nina Gronn 😊 was selected as our Regional Koniag Youth Representative and

Florence Pestrikoff 😊 was selected as the Koniag Regional Elder Representative. Our students represented our regional well and we are very proud of them.



Youth heads to Alaska Federation of Native Convention.

Aren't they

BOOtiful!

Sun'aq Halloween FUN Day

Our Halloween Fun Day on October 18th was a great success with over 100 people attending! The focus was on Healthy Family Activities. The participants enjoyed bobbing for apples, decorating Halloween bags and pumpkins, the Monster Mash and lots of Family Fun. To celebrate Healthy Families the kids wrote down positive things about their families on Ghosts, Witch Hats and Pumpkins. Stay tuned for our next Healthy Families Event!

Halloween Fund
Day Monster
Mash

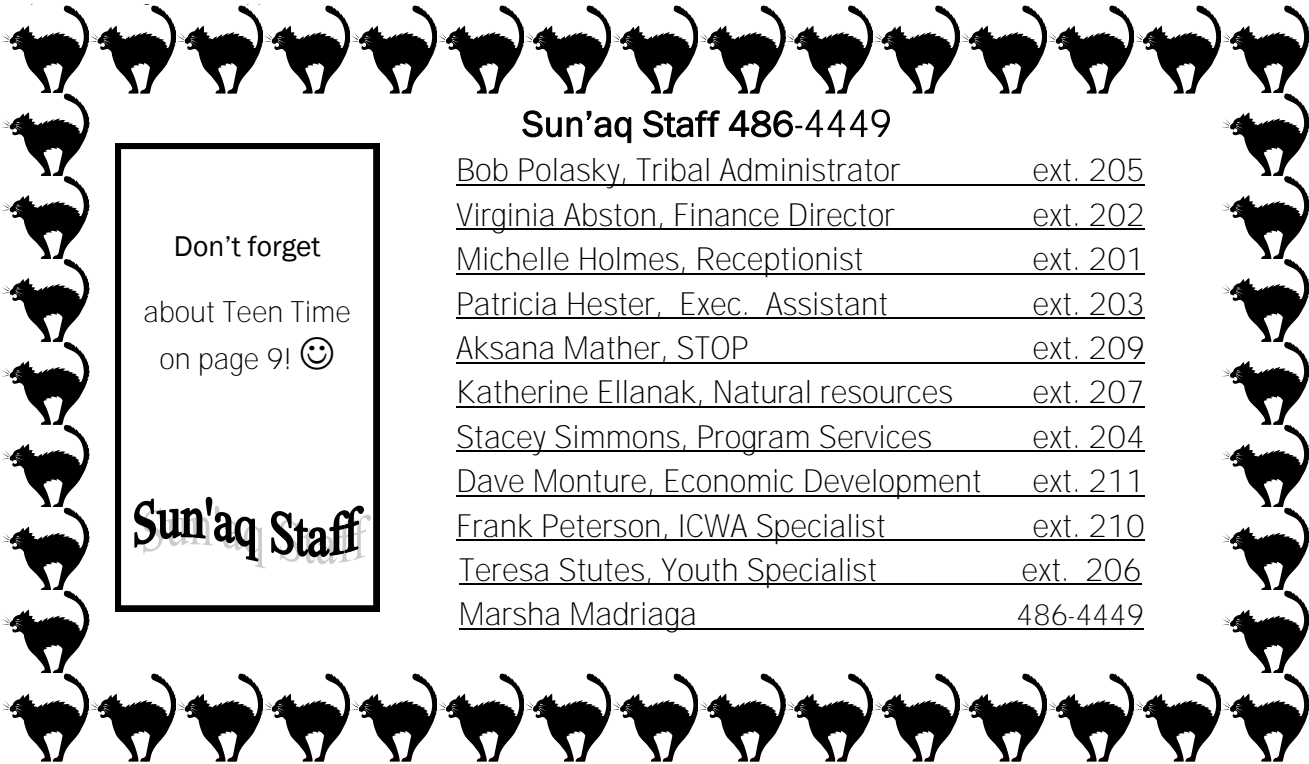


THE SUN'AQ TTIBE WANTS everyone to have a Safe Halloween, follow these simple tips and everyone gets a treat!

- Make sure young children are accompanied by an adult or responsible teenager when they go door to door.
- If children are going to be out after dark make sure they carry flashlights.
- Teach your children to use the sidewalks if they can. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the street facing cars.
- Instct children never to eat anything until they are home and the treats have been carefully examined. Throw away anything unwrapped. Check the wrappers of commercial treats for evidence of tampering. Call the local police department if they is any suspicious treats.
- Leave your porch lights on so children will know it is ok to visit your home.
- Decorate costumes and treat bags with reflective tape for easier night visibility.

HAVE A SAFE AND FUN FILLED HALLOWEEN!





Don't forget
 about Teen Time
 on page 9! 😊

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Sun'aq Tribal Bingo

Regular weekly schedule as follows: Tuesday through Thursday & Saturday; Doors open for pull tabs and bingo sales at 6:00 pm.

Bingo session starts at 7:30 pm Friday-Doors open at 6:00 pm. First session starts at 7:00 pm, second session starts at 10 pm. Special sessions are held from time to time and are posted in the local newspaper.