#### **AUGUST—NOVEMBER 2013**







# **ICWA** INDIAN CHILD WELFARE REPRESENTATIVE Jim Miller

#### Tribal Enrollment Becomes Essential For Receiving Health Care

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has made it necessary for all Americans to be covered by health care insurance. Beginning on January 1,2014, everyone must purchase healthcare insurance if they are not covered by programs such as Medicaid, Medicare or Denali Kid Care. Not maintaining health care coverage will result in penalties when paying taxes. The tax penalty could be as much as \$695.00 per adult and \$347.50 per child.

Alaska Natives and American Indians are exempt from this law if they can show evidence of enrollment in a federally recognized tribe or that they have Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) shareholder status. It is not good enough to simply have a Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) that is issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Port Graham Tribal membership enrollment process requires that you submit a copy of the birth certificate, baptismal record or other proof of

birth and parentage, also a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood with the Port Graham Tribal enrollment application form. For newborns and others who would like to be Port Graham Tribal members, the application forms are available from:

Port Graham Village Council P.O. Box 5510 Port Graham, AK, 99603

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jim Miller at the Council Office, the phone number is 907-284-2227.

It is a good day to be Native!



Port Graham Tribal Members

'Celebrated Life' on the Fourth and Fifth of July at the Community Center. Oh boy, it was fun to celebrate the Fourth in Port Graham

The fourth of July began with Chief Patrick Norman and Lawrence Yeaton raising the flag at the center getting everyone in a patriotic mood.

There was a float competition with the competitors participating in a parade at noon. The winner's of the float decorating competition were:

1st place 3rd place Violet Yeaton Martin Norman 2nd place

Calvin George

4th place

Fran Norman



Fran's Fourth of July Float

The Traditional Native Food Celebration of Life Cook-off was as competitive as ever with traditional dishes of baked humpy, akutag, and sekiag in the running for first, second and third places!

Keith Seville III, with his 1st place

**Baked Humpy** 

2nd place Kate Romanoff, with her

Akutaq

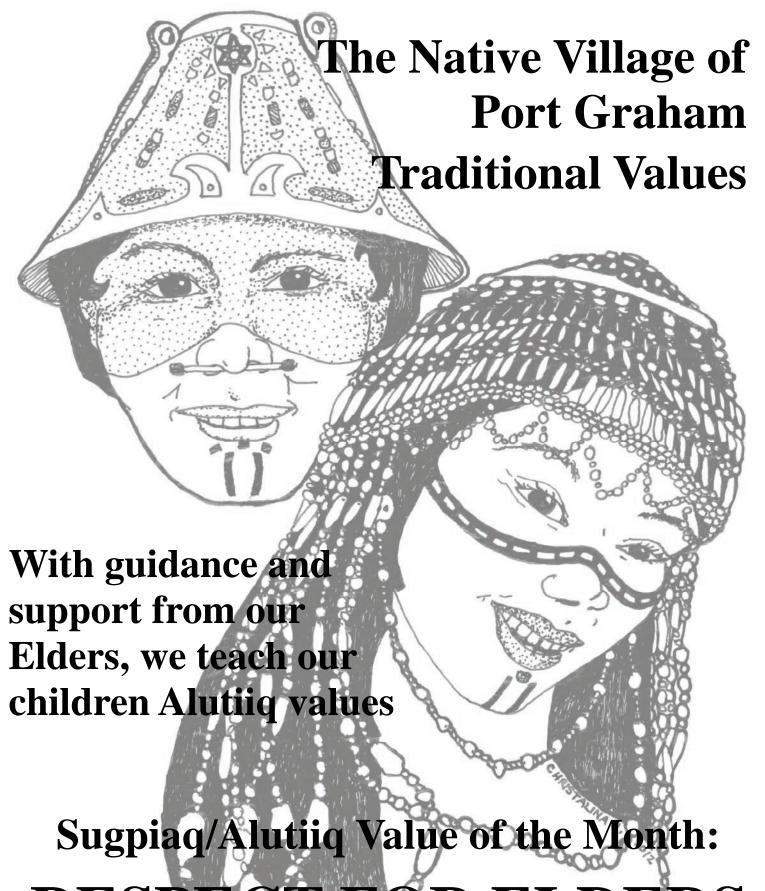
3rd place Fran Norman, with her

infamous Sekiag

Kids and grownup's alike had fun playing games at the center, particularly with the minute to win it contests. Poor Malachi worked so hard during the bobble head game, only to find out the step counter wasn't on to begin with! Facing the cookie was also fun to watch as each contestant came so close before we watched most of the cookies sadly hit the ground.

The fastest Aleut contest was an easy win for Natania Norman, with Storman coming in second just 10 seconds behind his lovely (and fast) wife. Christian Hensley ran in two minutes later for third place.

Look for more COL photo's on page 4



RESPECT FOR ELDERS

# **Community Events and Information**

# DO YOU HAVE INFORMATION FOR THE NEWSLETTER?

Do you have an announcement, news or an upcoming event you would like to include in the Port Graham Village Council's Newsletter, **Kalikahpet**?



Port Graham Village Council invites you to submit information to be considered for publication in our newsletter which can be viewed online at our website: www.portgraham.org

## PORT GRAHAM'S LIBRARY COMPUTER



The library computer is available to find jobs with the State of Alaska Jobs site and to enroll in the State of Alaska Library system, and also to check emails and general research. If any of the rules are broken you will lose your privilege to use the computer.

Hours of Operation are: 9:00 – 11:00 am



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# Killer Whale



#### PG School Dates to Remember:

Student's and their families came to a Back-to-School Luncheon on Wednesday, August 28, at Noon For Hot Dogs, Chips n Juice! There were introductions as we ate our lunch. It was great to see all the families there! Thank you all for coming to welcome our teachers & new employees.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Bobbi Sue McMullen at the school, 284-2210



## PORT GRAHAM CLINIC ANNOUNCEMENT



# CLINIC PHONE NUMBERS

If / and / or when the Clinic's direct line: 284-2241 is *not* in service,

AND the On-Call Cell phone: 284-3030 is also not working. Please use the clinics other number to reach the Clinic regarding an emergency or for an appointment: 284-2295

#### Reminder:

Every Thursday morning the entire clinic staff is in an online meeting. The only patients who will be seen are emergencies.

Thank you

### **Site Base Meeting**

Check with Bobbi Sue McMullen for the next scheduled meeting!

be involved in our youth's education!







Christalina Jager, TYPC

# Tribal Youth





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office really appreciates

photos so we

I'd like to give a big thank you to Heather Joseph for donating most of these

Face painting was enjoyed by all but Joslyn Joseph really had fun with it.



Right: Heather Odomin patiently watches Martin try to catch his egg.

document Port Graham's present that will be our children's past.

Below: Tia watches Cyrena expectantly while she catches their egg with finesse.





It's me, Christalina! I am happy and excited to tell you I am taking over the Tribal Youth Program Coordinator position.

I have an artistic background and intend to use it in my new job. I want to provide the youth in our community with activities and opportunities that will entertain them as much as engage them. They have consistently told us that they're "bored" ... that they want "SOMETHING TO DO!!" well, I want to give them something to do and a way to creatively express themselves!

I have some idea's intended help to instill traditional values we want our children to have. (one of the goals of our program) I'd be happy to hear of other idea's to help with that.

I am open to any suggestions that you may have regarding what I do as Tribal Youth Program Coordinator, Please do not hesitate to call me at the village council office, 284-2227.



Balloon Stomping Patrons await the "GO!" signal





Cyrena Joseph and Nathania Norman Compete in Pie Eating

# In Loving Memory...

Raphael Terry Dumont January 27, 2013—August 18, 2013

Raphael was very smart, he learned fast and enjoyed it. He was loving, he loved hugs and kisses. He was silly, he loved to laugh and play and throw his toys far. He enjoyed having visitors although he was Momma's boy.

Parents are Coty and Ephimia Dumont, and his older brother is Nehemiah Dumont. Raphael's godparents were Carl McClarrinon and Polly Thiele (Moonin).

His Grandparents are Clayton McGee and Sandra Smythia, Roderick (Sam) II and Kia Wilson, Mack and Anna Sue Ukatish. His uncles are Antone, Timothy, and Lavrentie Ukatish, Roderick II and Mischa Wilson Bradley Dumont, Damien Morgan, and Micheal Kvasnikoff. His Aunts are Verina and Seraphima Ukatish, Cheryl and Destiny Dumont, and Katelynn Hadley. His Great grandparents are Patricia McComack and Jerry and Peggy Smythia, Roderick Wilson I and Ephim Moonin and Vera Meganack. Funeral Services were held on Monday, August 26th, 2013 by Reverand Father Micheal Trefon at St Herman Orthodox Church in Port Graham.



We will miss our little Angel!
Now he is in heaven watching and praying for us.



Daniel Lee Kreun
May 17, 1970 ~ October 16, 2013

Daniel was born May 17, 1970, in Anchorage, Alaska of Glenn Dean Kreun and Bernice Pauline Moonin. In 1976, he moved to Wenatchee, Washington where he would spend his childhood on a small apple orchard. It was here he learned horticulture and farming skills taught by his father. Danny also enjoyed fixing small engines and repairing anything electronic, most of which was self-taught. After graduating Eastmont High School in 1988, he enlisted in the Marine Corps as an aircraft mechanic and after serving his country for four years, he returned to Washington, then moved to Missouri in 1994, where he lived his remaining years to fish, camp, reading numerous books and enjoying life the way he knew how. He loved his friends and family and those who knew him remember his unforgettable laugh.



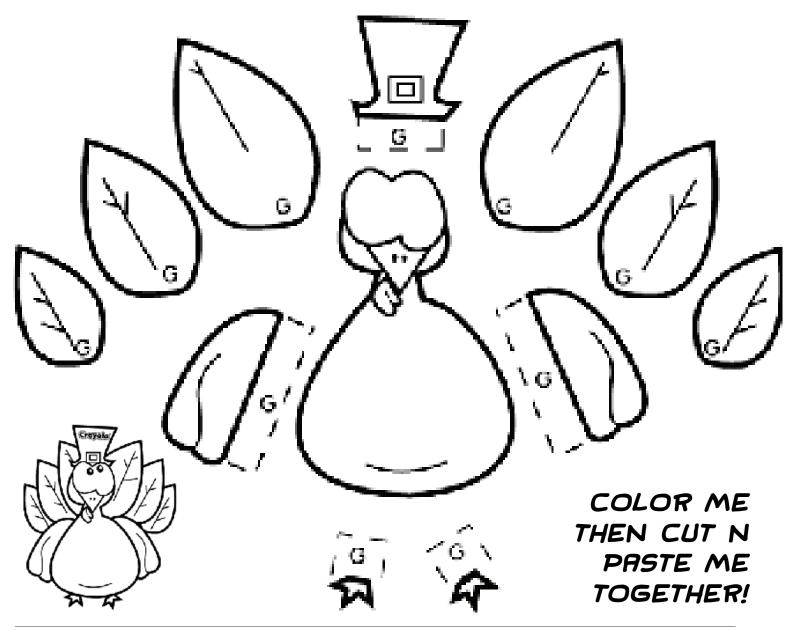
He is preceded in death by mother, Bernice Pauline Moonin and father, Glenn Dean Kreun, his maternal grandparents Demetri & Barbara Moonin, his paternal grandparents, Wilmer & Sophia Kreun his Uncles Martin, Dick and Elmer Moonin and Russell Kreun. He is survived by his Uncle Isaac Moonin and Aunts Jessie Sliney, Jean & Judy Moonin and his Uncles Roger and Warren Kreun and his Aunts Jean Ackerman, Wanda Wulf, Becky Meiners, Vonnie Bolkema, and Charla Bangasser. His siblings Alice Moonin, Daryl Kreun & Shelia Ivarsen, his nephews Joel Moonin, Darren Moonin & Parker Ivarsen, his niece Payton Ivarsen, his daughters Jasmine Tanape, Miranda Welch-Kreun & Zarah Welch-Kreun and his two grandsons, Antwan Nierstheimer and Cayden Nierstheimer as well as numerous extended family.

# I am thankful...

Almost every culture in the world has held celebrations of thanks for a plentiful harvest. The American Thanksgiving holiday began as a feast of thanksgiving in the early days of the American colonies almost four hundred years ago. In 1620, a boat filled with more than one hundred people sailed across the Atlantic Ocean to settle in the New World. The Pilgrims settled in what is now the state of Massachusetts. Their first winter in the New World was difficult. They had arrived too late to grow many crops, and without fresh food, half the colony died from disease. The following spring the Iroquois Indians taught them how to grow corn (maize), a new food for the colonists. They showed them other crops to grow in the unfamiliar soil and how to hunt and fish.

In the autumn of 1621, bountiful crops of corn, barley, beans and pumpkins were harvested. The colonists had much to be thankful for, so a feast was planned. They invited the local Indian chief and 90 Indians. The Indians brought deer to roast with the turkeys and other wild game offered by the colonists. The colonists had learned how to cook cranberries and different kinds of corn and squash dishes from the Indians. To this first Thanksgiving, the Indians had even brought popcorn.

In following years, many of the original colonists celebrated the autumn harvest with a feast of thanks. After the United States became an independent country, Congress recommended one yearly day of thanksgiving for the whole nation to celebrate. George Washington suggested the date November 26 as Thanksgiving Day. Then in 1863, at the end of a long and bloody civil war, Abraham Lincoln asked all Americans to set aside the last Thursday in November as a day of thanksgiving.





### ANA GOVERNANCE PROJECT HAPPENINGS

#### **AUGUST 2013- FOURTH QUARTER-YEAR TWO**

ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS PROJECT COORDINATOR

Daryl Kreun



# Community Health Representative CHR, Lydia McMullen

# COMMUNICATION & LEADERSHIP

Year Two, Fourth Quarter continued to provide trainings for Port Graham Council Members and Council Office

Staff. We had an opportunity to invite the Nanwalek IRA Council Members to attend a two day, on-site workshop with OSIYO "Leadership and Communication Workshop". This was a first for both Nanwalek IRA and Port Graham Council Members attending a Council training with topics covering Communication and Leadership Skill Styles and the Essential Elements of Good Governance.

Council Members were given the chance to learn, define and see that each member had his or her own unique strengths using the "StrengthsFinder 2.0" and "Strengths Based Leadership" Gallup Strengths Finder Program. This program showed each specific strategies for leading with their top five unique strength themes that enabled them to plot the strengths of each Council Member under the four domain of leadership strength; **Executing, Influencing, Relationship Building & Strategic Thinking**.



OSIYO Training with NANWALEK IRA & PORT GRAHAM VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Off-site trainings continue during fourth quarter with (6) Council Office Staff and (2) Council Members scheduled to attend additional trainings from August through October. Training topics scheduled are the following: "Project Management for Tribal Organizations", "OMB Circulars; Guidelines for Administering Federal Funds & Contracts", "Tribal Workplace in the Digital Age", "Administrative Professionals III; Job Tools", "Fund Reporting for Tribes and Tribal Organizations" and "Roles & Responsibilities for Council Members". October marks the Third and Final Year for the Administration for Native Americans Program and during this period ANA has provided (31) on and off site trainings to Council Office Staff and Council Members with (1) on site community involvement on Port Graham Village Community Strategic Planning Sessions.

#### Camaii Port Graham!

Unfortunately, my last day as Community Health Representative was on Tuesday, August 13, 2013. It was a pleasure working with the PGVC staff and I thank the whole village for the opportunity to work with you all.



Although there is no CHR in place, the food bank will still be opened for those in need on the following days:

#### November 26th, 2013 ~

Food Bank will be open from 1:00pm to 2:00pm.

This Institution is an equal opportunity provider.





Christalina Jager, Librarian

### Library Chatter on Gathering Our Heritage Project

# Gathering Our Heritage

# **Delving into Port Graham's History**

Hello, I am Christalina Jager, Librarian for Port Graham Library. Our library is in the process of identifying facilities which hold historic materials related to Port Graham, Alaska.

I have gathered an extensive list of repositories that may have items, i.e., documents; old photos or objects like masks, regalia, baskets and amulets, etc. We are requesting copies of documents and photos or information on objects so we can make this material and/or information available to our patrons.



We had the first "Elder Gathering" to review photos gathered and it was very informative and yummy! I wanted the elders to have good homemade snacks so I brought my dried reds, blueberry muffin cakes, red spread, cooked skins, and last, but not least, some akutaq (I made it with popping red eggs!). I enjoy spending time

with the elders and am so happy to share the stuff I'm finding about Port Graham! I love it when they smile big and say "Oh, yeah! I remember..." I just wish I could be wired so I can document every little thing they share with me! I held a second Elder Gathering in September and had another good turn out like the first. During the second Elder Gathering, I had documents, reports and various articles about Port Graham to review. I want to share this information with everyone, not just the elders; however, I encouraged the elder's to review what we have in hopes that they may remember any other thing, item, or document we don't have yet, or don't know about. I believe we can really build a good collection of information with the help and

insight of our elders and look forward to gathering more information from them and through their idea's we're collecting during our Elder Gatherings. A huge 'Thanks' goes out to all of our eldest elder's who participated in our gatherings!



As a librarian, I am often asked about research regarding something that happened in Port Graham long ago. I have come into contact with and reviewed most of the written word available to our village library patrons that documents Port Graham's history. I found references in documents to *other* documents that I could not find in our offices. In researching the wherea-

bouts of *those* documents, I became aware of additional documents and objects on a statewide level that we didn't have information about in our files. Those discoveries lead me to another and yet another. During my search, I even found a repository in Finland that holds a number of objects from in and around our region.

There will be an ongoing search for any items or collections of materials related to Port Graham.





The type of materials we are looking for are (not limited to) Documents: (for instance), surveys, registrations records, birth, death, marriages, and divorces. We're also interested in subsistence records, certificates, etc. basically, anything with the name Port Graham in it. Next, Old Photos of Port Graham, it's businesses and/or it's village members. And Thirdly, Objects of interest: (for instance), masks, amulets, hats, baskets, oil lamps, any type of regalia, and lastly, anything made by the hands of a tribal member

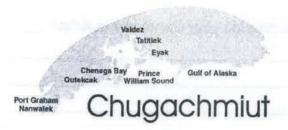
In regards to the objects of interest, we understand that some individuals have passed down objects from generation to generation, or items that they want to keep for whatever reasons and we're willing to professionally photograph and or copy any item that anyone would like to keep so our patrons can see what there is out there documenting our history.

It's a overwhelming task to find and collect the information of items that are out there. However, I believe the new knowledge we make available to our tribal members will be priceless.

Please help us by identifying anything you may have, we would be very appreciative for any assistance anyone can offer.

# Your opinion counts!

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LANGUAGE **EDUCATION NEWS** By Apamia

Camai!

I have begun working with the Port Graham Village Council as the Sugt'stun language assistant. I will be working at the school during spring semester which is after the

Christmas break. I will also be teaching the Head start students. For parents, I would like to create take home activities to help you learn too. I will be working with the students on a Traditional Value of the Month. This activity is in cooperation with the Village Council. They will post a Value of the Month in the newsletter and I will collect the tickets the students turn in at the school.

For now, I will be planning classes Ggwi Ipigua, I'm happy to be working again teaching our sugt'stun language. I still have more to learn as I am teaching Naklleg Sugt'stun Nupusnga (please speak to me in sugt'stun). Be patient with me as I strive to learn and teach the language.

> Quyanaakcak! Thank you so much for helping revive our language. Ephimia "Apamia" Dumont



# Chugachmiut Behavioral Health Substance Abuse Program

By Cisco, Chugachmiut Addiction Coordinator

Hello, my name is Cisco M. Penamora and I am the current Addiction Coordinator for the Chugachmiut Behavioral Health Substance Abuse Program. I am married to Flor Belen-Penamora and we have 22 year old son Andrew L. Penamora he is a senior student from Montana Tech majoring in Environmental Engineering.

I came to Alaska in 1985 and lived in the beautiful island of Kodiak until my move to Anchorage a month ago. I am an avid fly fisherman and Kodiak is conducive to that type of activities.

I graduated from University of Alaska Fairbanks with a Bachelor in Social Work. I am a License Baccalaureate Social Worker in State of Alaska. I am certified through ACBHC as Chemical Dependency Clinical degree in BS Fisheries from Laguna Polytechnic University of the Philippines. I also graduated from PWSCC-UAA with an AAS Degree in Disability Services and an AA in General Studies.

My work experience includes working at a Community Support Program as a Behavioral Specialist / Case Manager that provides direct care services to CMI and DD population in Kodiak for ten years. Then, I worked as a Residential Counselor and eventually becoming the Clinical Director of a 16-bed inpatient substance program in Kodiak for eight years. I worked as Clinical Supervisor for an IOP/OPC/CC coed program Mat-Sue Recovery in Wasilla for eleven months. Then I worked for Kodiak Area Native Association (KANA) as their Addiction Coordinator for almost ten years. The employment I have with KANA was an informative and learning experience. I enjoyed the village travel, meeting and working with client in their natural environment and being accepted by the community was an added blessing of the iob.

# **Port Graham Village Council** JOB OPENINGS



### Community Health Representative (CHR):

Acting as the liaison between PG's CHR program and

community residents, coordinating community activities with the assistance of the village council or its representative and providing outreach and assistance to individuals and families and the community.

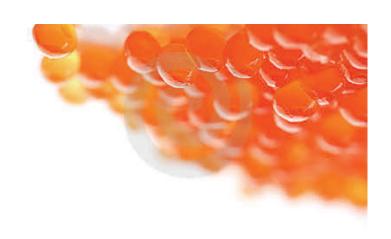
See the posted listings for more information at the council office.

### Port Graham Sugt'stun **Language Program Parent** Liasion:

Provide home-based child and family development support services to designated enrolled families in accordance with Port Graham Sugt'stun Language Immersion Programs guidelines, to provide a comprehensive, developmentally appropriate program for preschool children, their parents and the community tribal members.

### Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)

Under the supervision of the EMS and Safety Program Manager, this position provides public safety services including the enforcement of local ordinances and state laws. It also requires participation in and development of public safety education, emergency response to fire, medical emergencies, and search and rescue. The VPSO will work closely with the local Village Council and the Alaska State Troopers. Position is dependent upon annual funding.



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