

EKLUTNA VILLAGE NEWS



Spring 2024

NVE ANNUAL TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION

Congratulations to the newly elected Tribal Council members. It was a successful annual meeting on April 6. Over a hundred people voted in the election, the most in our history. Aaron Leggett was reelected president to a three-year term with 69 votes. Amanda Adams has joined the council as the new secretary after Dorothy Cook with 34 votes. Eleanor Wilde replaced Tresia Coleman on the tribal council as a trustee for the next three years with 69 votes.

Dorothy Cook was honored for her years of service to the tribe with a moose hide checkbook cover made by the beading group, a shadow box with a plaque that read, "with gratitude for your years of dedicated leadership to your tribe," a 6-inch beaded circle created by Eleanor Wilde of purple pansies, her favorite flower, a pair of snowshoes from Debbie Fullenwider, and beaded eagle feather by Eleanor Wilde as well.

More than \$1000 worth of prizes were handed out to tribal members who attended. There was more than sufficient food as people took home the extras afterward. NVE departments had tables with loads of information and there was a display of the Gathering Center designs and layout, information from Social Services, an energy survey, and flyers from the health clinic about the Health Fair on April 27th and services.

Thank you to those who voted both online and in-person. Congratulations again to all those who ran and to those who won.



Swearing in for the three new officers: Aaron Leggett, President; Amanda Adams, Secretary; and Eleanor Wilde, Trustee

Mark your calendars for April 5, 2025 for Next year's Annual Meeting.

We have already booked the Southcentral Foundation's Nuka Center of Care so we will be back at the same great location.

Native Village of Eklutna Tribal Council Members

Aaron Leggett, President
Shirley Craig, Vice-President
Kim Zello, Treasurer
Amanda Adams, Secretary
Eleanor Wilde, Trustee
Dustin Lorah, Trustee
Angeleen Waskey, Trustee

Mission Statement

To empower Idlughet Qayaht'ana (Eklutna Village People) and strengthen our Nation.



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TA Notes

From Brenda Hewitt



It's Spring! Yay! The staff has been incredibly busy these past few months, but the sunshine outside tells us that we are entering into our fun months. The Land and Environment office has been working on cultural designations, the river restoration, transportation (we are getting closer to getting that garage built!), and of course fish.

My sad news is that our long-time co-director, Carrie Brophil is leaving us to be with her family. We are trying to work on keeping her around through some contracting, but we will miss seeing her daily. She promises to still help with Culture Camp, and I'll bet we see her at Powwow too.

Kyle Robillard will be stepping up and doing many of the things Carrie was doing and of course Marc Lamoreaux is still moving us forward in Land & Environment. We will be hiring additional staff, however, so look on our website for the application form for two different positions in L&E. Social Services received a grant to help victims of crime and strengthen our tribal justice system. Three people are headed to Fairbanks for Tribal Court training and so we are gearing up to have an active tribal court soon.

Arctic Winter Games participation was a big success and thanks to Laura and Irene Chilligan for sitting at a table, greeting international visitors with a smile, a snack and an Eklutna pin. You were great ambassadors. And to Lewis Stephan for driving people to the games. Thank you to MatSu Health Foundation for the grant allowing us tickets to the events. The opening, closing and gala were highlights for all who attended.

Our Youth Group pilot after-school project is up and running under the capable guidance of Amanda Adams. It is great to see kids actively learning about the Eklutna people, our language and taking pride in their culture. So far, they've been hearing and reading stories by AE Stephan, cooking and they have started beading.

I am incredibly proud of the staff and team we have working for you every day. I don't get a chance to publicly thank them often enough. I hope you appreciate them too.

Brenda Hewitt





Native Village of Eklutna

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Need Help with Applications and Resources?

Family Health Resources are available through Southcentral Clinics (SCF). The team can screen and assist community members and beneficiaries to apply for additional insurance coverage and resources over the phone that may be available to them including:

Medicaid/ Medicare, Social Security, Veterans Health Benefits, TSHIP, food stamps and other assistance programs.

For assistance please call, Inga Moe 907-631-7352 at Valley Native Primary Care Center or Call the direct number at Alaska Native Medical Center 907-729-4470 and ask to speak to a Health Benefits Specialist.

Enrollment Drive Ongoing

NVE Enrollment office is conducting an Enrollment Drive. If you know of someone who has not got their enrollment paperwork submitted or needs to update or complete an application packet, please have them contact 907-688-6020 or email enrollment@eklutna.org. Enrollment applications can be found on the NVE website under the Forms tab.

NVE Food Bank

The NVE Food is open on Wednesdays at **1pm and closes at 4pm**. We are asking recipients to call the main office Tuesday or Wednesday morning before noon to place an order for a food box. The food bank is located beside the main office.

If a food box is needed outside of Food Bank Hours, please contact the office to arrange a pickup.

For more information or to order a food box, call
907-688-6020

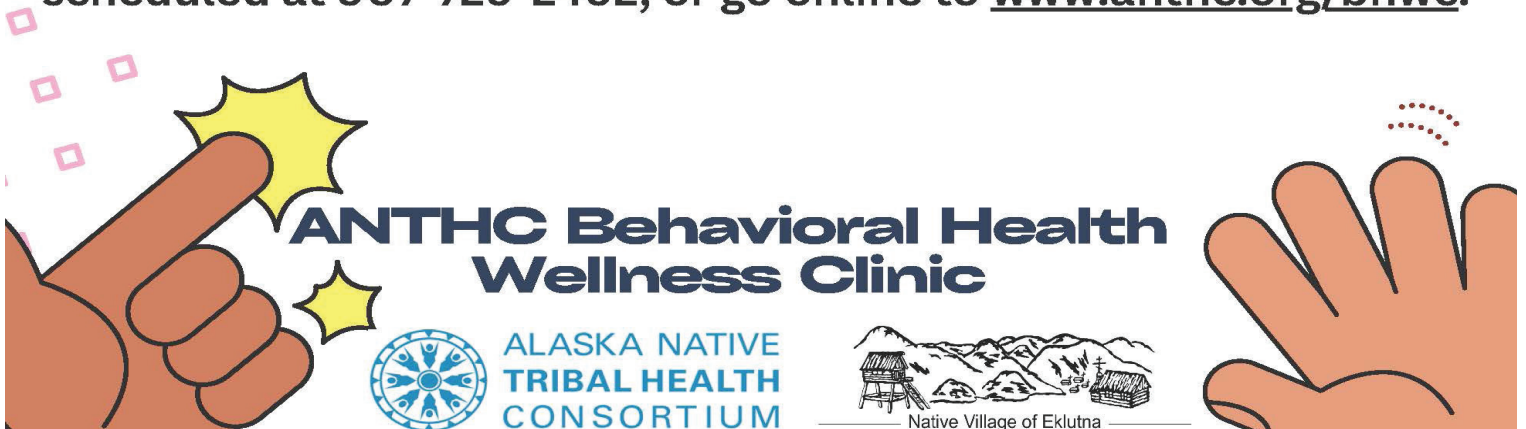
www.eklutna-nsn.gov





The ANTHC Behavioral Health Wellness Clinic (BHWC) currently has no waitlist and is available to complete same-week mental health and substance use assessments for adult tribal beneficiaries.

If you or another tribal member want an assessment and can attend telehealth appointments, you may contact the BHWC to get scheduled at 907-729-2492, or go online to www.anthc.org/bhwc.



NVE Assistance Programs

Below is a list of assistance programs Native Village of Eklutna offers. Assistance programs are offered to enrolled tribal members only. We have staff that will assist in filling out forms. If you would like more information on the programs listed below, or need assistance in filling out forms, please contact the main office at 907-688-6020 during business hours. Most forms can also be found on our website under the forms tab. www.eklutna-nsn.gov

- **Funeral** - Assistance with funding for funerals \$1500 limit
- **Housing Assistance Fund** - Assistance with mortgages, utilities, etc. Excludes phones. \$5000 limit
- **Housing Emergency** - Assistance with utilities, rent, etc. Excludes Phones
- **Food Bank** - Weekly service for those who need it. For emergency boxes call the main office.
- **Home Rehabilitation Assistance** - for exisiting homeowners for emergency repairs, \$5000 limit.
- **Social Services Department** - They connect, strengthen, and maintain healthy family relationships. For any assistance involving family, youth, or elders.

Tribal Member Assistance Update

NVE's pandemic related tribal member assistance funds have been depleted now. However, NVE continues to have HUD funds available to low income enrolled tribal members, Alaska Natives, or American Indians within NVE's tribal jurisdiction who are experiencing a housing emergency. This assistance can be used for rent or utility payments or other situations where a family may become homeless. Families are eligible only once every 3 years for these funds and the maximum amount was recently increased by the Tribal Council to \$1,500.

NVE's HUD program offers two more forms of assistance: (1) Down payment/closing cost assistance to encourage home ownership for tribal members who are first time home buyers. Eligible tribal members could receive up to \$5,000 in closing cost or down payment assistance with this program; and (2) Rehabilitation assistance for existing homeowners to improve substandard living conditions for low-income family homes. Up to \$5,000 is available to assist in improving the substandard living conditions of the homes of eligible families. There is \$18,500 remaining in the budget for this year for rehabilitation assistance.

If you would like to apply for these funds please call the office (907-688-6020) and Whitney can assist you in finding the correct form. The forms are also available on the NVE website under the Forms tab and then the Member Services Forms section.

If you need help of any kind, please reach out to NVE Staff. Collectively we are a wealth of information and may have directions to get assistance.



Has your contact information changed?

Please take a few minutes to make sure your current contact information is available to the Enrollment office. This is where all mailing lists come from for sending out newsletters, important information, and information for the annual meeting and elections. We would like to keep addresses, emails, and phone numbers up-to date.

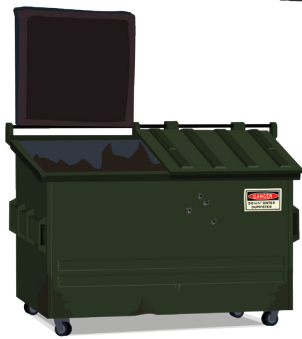
The Address Change form can be found under the forms tab on the NVE website (www.eklutna-nsn.gov/forms/) or contact the main office and a form can be emailed or mailed to you.





Native Village of Eklutna sponsored a three-day Tribal Clerk of Court Training in Anchorage during January 2024. Eleanor Wilde attended and said the training was "very informational and awesome". Sharron Munson also attended for NVE.

As Eklutna works to get our Tribal Court formalized, trainings like these are very important.



We have had some dumpster fires recently in the village. Please make sure any burn barrel items are completely out before discarding and that no lit items are thrown in the dumpsters.

Free financial literacy classes.

Check out <https://wisdom.edwardjones.com/us-en/edwow>



Eklutna Village Historic Park

Eklutna Village Historic Park has been named Anchorage's 3rd most peaceful place in a new analysis.

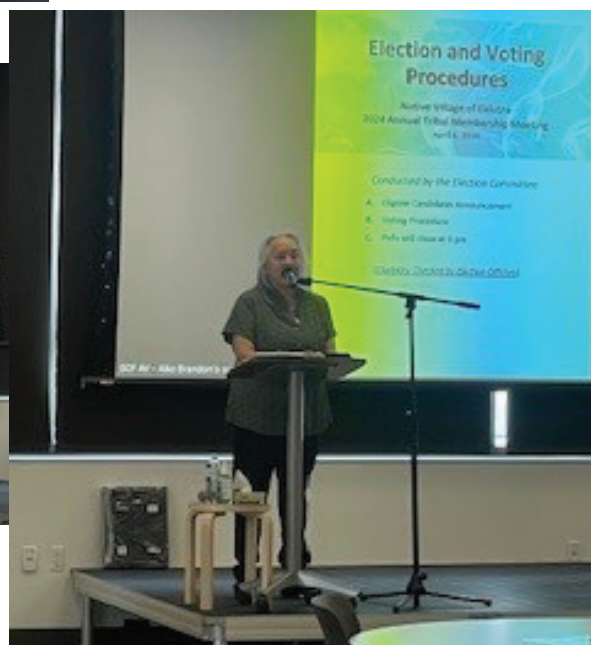
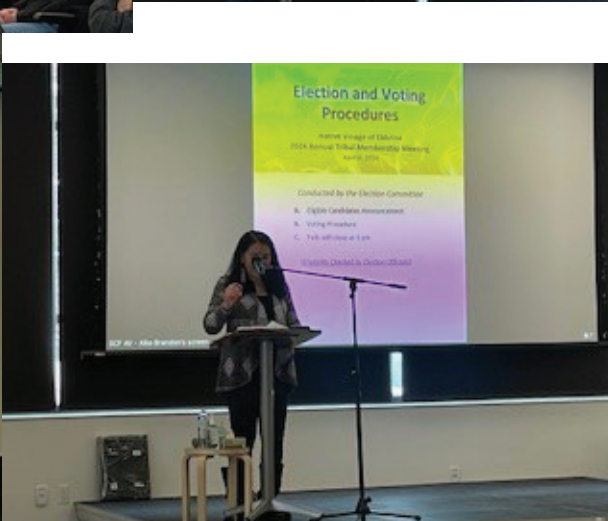
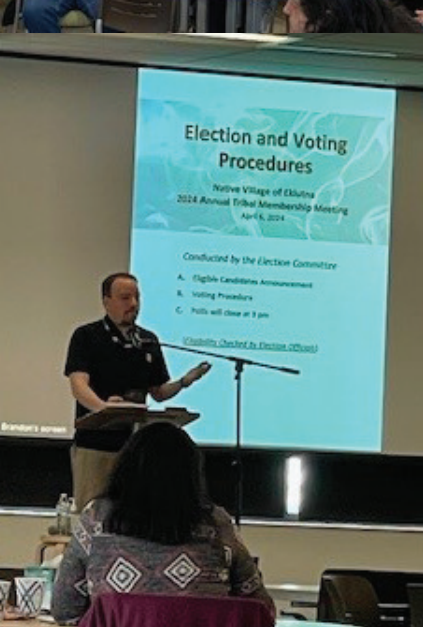
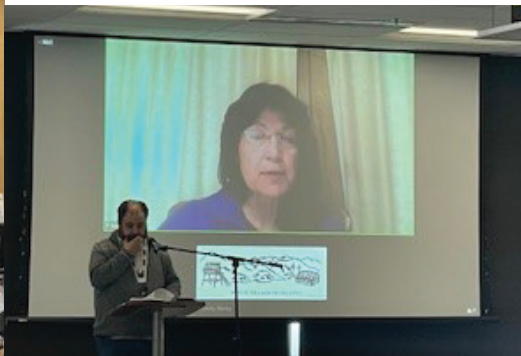
Spanning the UK, Europe, and the US, the new research by Earth.fm—a non-profit that is like Spotify but for nature sounds—aims to connect residents and tourists in some of the world's 'noisiest' cities with nearby parks and open spaces that visitors describe as calm and peaceful.

By analyzing visitors' reviews that mention words like "quiet," "relaxing," "tranquil," "calm," and "peaceful," researchers at Earth.fm gave each place a 'Quiet Score'—and Eklutna Village Historic Park came out among the top three.

Not only does this place our park in 3rd place for Anchorage, we are also ranked third in all of Alaska!



2024 ANNUAL MEETING PHOTOS





COMMUNITY NEWS

The community news is submitted by the community to showcase their family and loved ones. If you would like to submit news or a photo, please send to nve@eklutna.org or snail mail to 26339 Eklutna Village Rd, Eklunta AK 99567



Tashena Sapphire Craig, a Tribal Member, will be graduating on May 11 from Bristol Bay School District.

Brandon Chilligan will be graduating from East High School, Anchorage. He is also a Native Village of Eklutna Tribal Member.

A celebratory picnic will be held on May 25, 2024 @ 3PM at Mirror Lake to celebrate. All Tribal Members are invited.



Photo: Tashena Craig



The Native Village of Eklutna proudly announces our upcoming 2024 Pow Wow/Potlach.

“Where the River Meets the People”

August 3rd-4th, 2024, Starting at 11:00 am on Saturday & Sunday

At the Eklutna Village Pow Wow Grounds, Mile 26 North of Anchorage on the Glenn Highway.



Enjoy Alaska Native Arts & Crafts, Raffles, Youth Group Fund Raising, Drum/Dance Groups & Native Foods.

Volunteers, Sponsors, & Vendors

Please contact Angeleen Waskey at awaskey@eklutna.org or go to our Facebook page “Native Village of Eklutna Pow Wow”

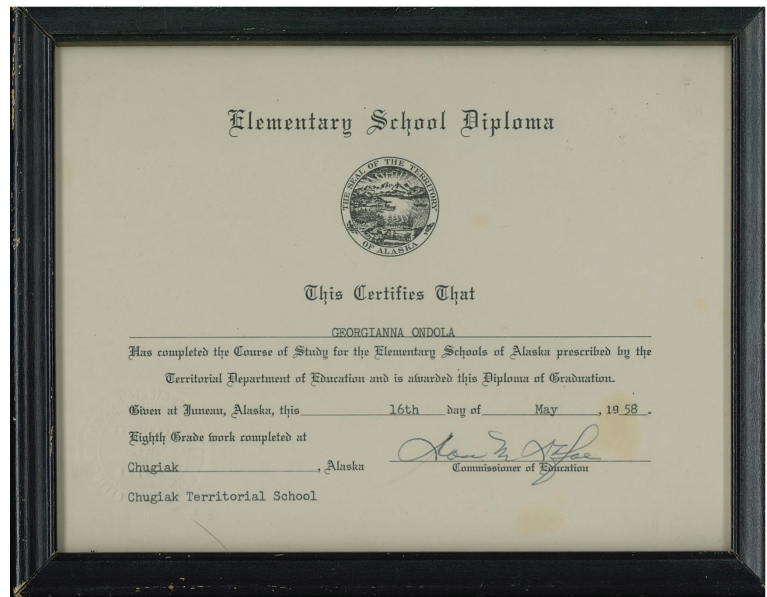
Memories



Do you have a memory that you would like to share with everyone? A story, a photo, a saying or a song? Submit it to nve@eklutna.org and we will place it here!



Georgina 'Gina' Ondola
9 years old, 1953



Georgina 'Gina' Ondola's
Highschool Diploma - 1958



A photo of Olga Alex Ondola, aka Grandma Olga. Year unknown.

Grandma Olga was born in Eklutna in 1911, died in Birchwood on March 10, 1965. She was the daughter of Eklutna and Matriona Alex, and the wife of John Ondola.

Grandma Olga's was the mother of George Ondola, Elsie Ondola, Ellen Ondola, Carl Ondola, Sophie Ondola, Dorothy Ondola, Roy Ondola, Georgianna Ondola, Sally Ann Ondola, and Herry Ondola.

Mark Lamoreaux and Maria Coleman pose with some of the debris taken out of Eklutna River Canyon in 2004





NVE Job Postings can always be found online at www.eklutna-nsn.gov/jobs/

There are no open job positions at this time.



Up-coming events will be posted to both the Native Village of Eklutna's and the Tribal Members only facebook page. If you would like to get on our email list for events, please reach out to Kyle at kroillard@eklutna.org

Beading classes will be held the second Friday of each month at noon. These are held in the Eklutna Community Clinic Conference room. All ages welcomed to attend.

- April 27 – Eklutna Health Fair, Eklutna Community Clinic
- May 5 - May 11 – NVE Community Clean-up Week/Municipality of Anchorage Community Clean-up Week with a picnic on May 11
- May 22 - plant walk in village area
- May 26 - Pow Wow Grounds Volunteer Day #1, 10am-2 pm
- June 10 - Eklutna Garden Volunteer day for Fence work
- July 8 - Eklutna Lake Plant Walk #1
- July 29- August 2 – NVE Culture Camp Week
- August 3 & 4th - Pow wow
- August 5 - Eklutna Lake Plant Walk #2

NVE Office will closed on:

- May 27th for Memorial Day
- June 19th for Juneteenth - Food bank will be moved to Thursday June 20th
- July 4th for Independence Day
- September 2nd for Labor Day



You're Invited!

Fr. Simeon and the Old St. Nicholas Church is inviting everyone to the *Radonitsa Service* on **May 14 at 8 am**, this service will include a blessing of graves.

Radonitsa is a commemoration of the dead observed by the Russian Orthodox Church on the second Tuesday of Pascha.



Aaron Leggett, in a powerful gesture, gives a land acknowledgment at a major conference of Alaska Native Corporations and Alaskan Tribal leaders in Anchorage, honoring the rich heritage and contributions of the indigenous people of Alaska.



The pavilion is accessible to use! If you would like to use the pavilion, come on over! There is still work to do on the grounds, and that will get done later in the season. If you would like to 'reserve' the pavilion for a function, please call the LE office. There is no fee to reserve.

The pavilion is located between the LE office and the Eklutna Community Garden.





HEALTHY EATING

Rabbit is becoming more popular as a meat source. It is a lean meat that is rich in omega-3 fatty acids, vitamin b-12, and minerals. They can be hunted year-round and are good game for young hunters. Recently they are becoming more popular and rabbit farms are on the rise. You can now find rabbit meat in most grocery stores.

Rabbit Stew

serves 4

- 4 rabbit hind quarters (or one whole rabbit)
- 2 TBS olive oil
- 3 TBS butter
- 2 TBS of flour
- 2 large onions, chopped
- 3 cloves of garlic
- 3 cups vegetable broth
- 8 oz can of tomato sauce
- 3 small to medium potatoes peeled (can substitute rutabagas or carrots), chopped
- Pinch of sage, thyme, parsley, salt, and black pepper



Heat olive oil in the pan and brown the rabbit pieces, remove after brown and set aside.

Brown onion in the same pot until translucent, add in garlic and stir for about 30 seconds.

Add in butter to onion mixture, let melt, then add in flour and stir until flour is incorporated.

Stir in broth, potatoes, and herbs/salt/pepper. Add in rabbit pieces.

Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to a simmer and simmer for about 1 hour 30 minutes. Add water if you need more liquid (everything should be covered).

We would love to post some local or traditional foods!

If you have a recipe that you would like to share with everyone please submit it to NVE via email at nve@eklunta.org or snail mail at 26339 Eklutna Village Rd., Chugiak, AK 99567.



NVE Directory

NVE has updated the phones and staff members now have direct lines. The department direct lines and emails are listed below. For general information contact the main office at 907-688-6020 or nve@eklutna.org.

Administration

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Sharron Munson
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Whitney Waskey
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Molly (Pepsi) Jacobson
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Enrollment

Sharron Munson (coordinator)
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Walter Ondola
wondola@eklutna.org
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Lewis Stephan
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Food Bank

Whitney Waskey
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907-390-9003

Office 907-688-8522

**Offices are open from 9am - 5pm
Monday - Friday**



February 1997 photo that ran in the local newspaper. The necklace that being worn was given to Dorothy by her sister-in-law, Susie Ondola. Photo provided by Dorothy Cook.

Congratulations Dorothy on your Retirement!

Dorothy Cook was elected to serve on the NVE Council as President in 1997. She held the President role until 2012. Previous to this, she was in the Treasurer seat on the council, she was elected to the secretary seat in 2018.

Dorothy continued in the Secretary role until the 2024 Annual Meeting in which she did not run for the position. Along with her role on the Tribal Council, Dorothy also filled other positions for the tribe. She stepped up to fill in for the Tribal Administrator role in 2021 until a new Tribal Administrator was hired and she also filled the role of Enrollment Officer for many years due to her knowledge of the families of Eklutna.

Dorothy was honored at the 2024 Annual meeting for her service to the tribe. She was gifted a shadowbox that was put together with items from other tribal elders and a beaded wallet from the beading group.

Dorothy choose to end her run as an officer of NVE in 2024 and will now be spending her winters in Arizona.



President Aaron Leggett presenting Dorothy Cook with the shadow box

Domestic Violence

Recognizing the signs of domestic violence can be difficult, as it often involves subtle forms of control and manipulation. Some common signs of domestic violence include physical injuries, frequent absences from work or school, changes in behavior, and isolation from family and friends. Other signs may include a partner who is excessively controlling, jealous, or possessive.

If you suspect that you or someone you know is a victim of any of these types of domestic violence, it is essential to seek help and support. This can include reaching out to a trusted friend or family member, contacting a domestic violence hotline, or seeking help from a local shelter or advocacy group.

Understanding the Different Types of Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior used by one person to control another in an intimate relationship. It can happen to anyone, regardless of gender, age, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status.

Victims of domestic violence often feel trapped, isolated, and ashamed. They may feel like they are to blame or that they deserve the abuse. It is essential to understand that domestic violence is never the victim's fault, and help is available.

Verbal Abuse

Verbal abuse is one of the types of domestic violence that involves the use of words to control, manipulate, or intimidate a partner. This can include yelling, name-calling, insulting, threatening, and belittling.

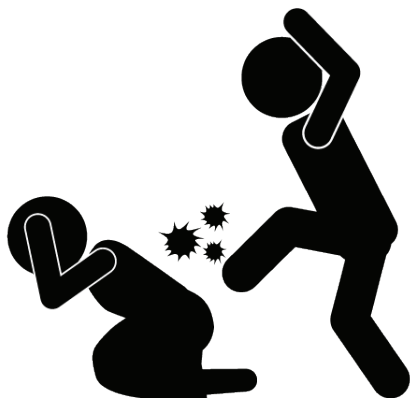
Verbal abuse can be just as damaging as physical abuse, and can lead to low self-esteem, depression, and anxiety. It is important to recognize and address verbal abuse in a relationship, as it can escalate into more dangerous forms of violence.



Physical Abuse

Physical abuse is the most visible form of domestic violence. It involves the use of force to cause physical harm, injury, or pain. Physical abuse can include hitting, punching, slapping, pushing, choking, or using weapons. Physical abuse is not always obvious. It can be subtle, such as grabbing or restraining someone, or causing minor injuries that are easy to hide. Victims of physical abuse may have bruises, broken bones, or other visible injuries. They may also experience chronic pain or health problems as a result of the abuse.

It is crucial to understand that physical abuse is never acceptable and can cause long-term physical and emotional damage. If you or someone you know is a victim of physical abuse, it is essential to seek help immediately.



Psychological Abuse

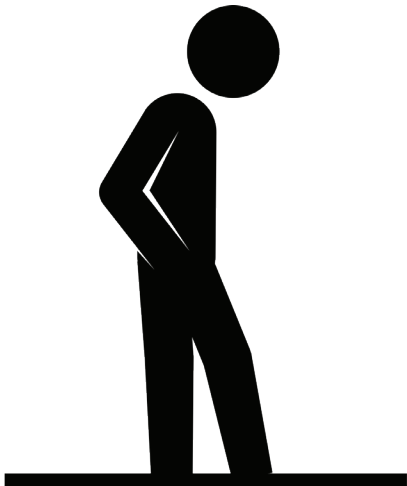
Psychological abuse is a form of domestic violence that involves the use of emotional manipulation to control and dominate a person. It can include verbal abuse, such as insults, threats, and name-calling, as well as gaslighting, which involves making the victim doubt their own perceptions and reality.

Psychological abuse can be difficult to recognize, as it does not leave physical scars. Victims of psychological abuse may feel like they are going crazy or that they are always walking on eggshells. They may also experience depression, anxiety, or other mental health issues as a result of the abuse.

It is essential to understand that psychological abuse can be just as damaging as physical abuse and can have long-term effects on a person's mental health. If you or someone you know is a victim of psychological abuse, it is important to seek help and support.



Emotional Abuse



Emotional abuse is a form of domestic violence that involves the use of manipulation, humiliation, and control to undermine a person's self-esteem and self-worth. It can include behaviors such as belittling, criticizing, and blaming, as well as isolating the victim from friends and family.

Emotional abuse can be difficult to recognize, as it is often subtle and insidious. Victims of emotional abuse may feel like they are not good enough or that they are constantly failing. They may also experience anxiety, depression, or other mental health issues as a result of the abuse.

It is essential to understand that emotional abuse is never acceptable and can have long-term effects on a person's mental health. If you or someone you know is a victim of emotional abuse, it is important to seek help and support.

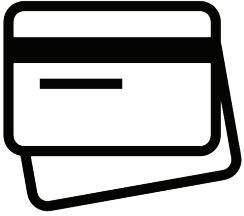
Sexual Abuse

Sexual abuse is a form of domestic violence that involves any unwanted sexual activity or behavior. It can include rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and any other form of sexual coercion or manipulation.

Sexual abuse can be difficult to recognize, as it often involves emotional manipulation and coercion. Victims of sexual abuse may feel like they have no control over their own bodies or that they are to blame for the abuse. They may also experience physical pain, as well as emotional trauma, as a result of the abuse.

It is important to understand that sexual abuse is never acceptable and can have long-term effects on a person's physical and mental health. If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual abuse, it is essential to seek help and support.

Financial Abuse



Financial abuse is a form of domestic violence that involves the use of money and financial resources to control and dominate a person. It can include controlling access to money or bank accounts, stealing money or property, or preventing the victim from working or earning their own income.

Financial abuse can be difficult to recognize, as it often involves subtle forms of control and manipulation. Victims of financial abuse may feel like they are trapped or dependent on their abuser. They may also experience financial instability, poverty, or homelessness as a result of the abuse.

It is important to understand that financial abuse is never acceptable and can have long-term effects on a person's financial and emotional well-being. If you or someone you know is a victim of financial abuse, it is essential to seek help and support.

Stalking and Cyberstalking

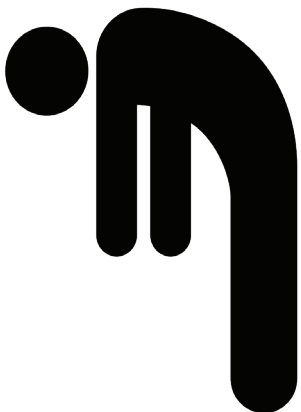
Stalking and cyberstalking are forms of domestic violence that involve the unwanted pursuit, surveillance, and harassment of a person. Stalking can include behaviors such as following, watching, and monitoring the victim's activities, while cyberstalking involves the use of technology, such as social media and email, to harass and intimidate the victim.

Stalking and cyberstalking can be difficult to recognize, as they often involve subtle forms of control and manipulation. Victims of stalking and cyberstalking may feel like they are being watched or that they have no privacy. They may also experience anxiety, depression, or other mental health issues as a result of the abuse.

It is important to understand that stalking and cyberstalking are never acceptable and can have long-term effects on a person's mental health and sense of safety. If you or someone you know is a victim of stalking or cyberstalking, it is essential to seek help and support.



Isolation and coercion



Isolation and coercion are forms of domestic violence that involve the use of control and manipulation to isolate the victim from family, friends, and support systems. Isolation can include behaviors such as preventing the victim from seeing friends and family or controlling who the victim can talk to or spend time with. Coercion involves forcing the victim to comply with the abuser's demands through threats or intimidation.

Isolation and coercion can be difficult to recognize, as they often involve subtle forms of control and manipulation. Victims of isolation and coercion may feel like they have no one to turn to or that they are trapped. They may also experience anxiety, depression, or other mental health issues as a result of the abuse.

It is important to understand that isolation and coercion are never acceptable and can have long-term effects on a person's mental health and well-being. If you or someone you know is a victim of isolation or coercion, it is essential to seek help and support.



Land and Environment Department

The Land and Environment Department has been working hard on the Eklutna River project – doing the behind the scenes work that is needed to work with our partners. We also have been working with Eklutna Inc. on some energy planning for the area, potential new joint projects, and collaborating on some existing projects. A survey was handed out during the annual meeting to get community feedback on what the energy needs are for the village. For anyone who did not attend the meeting in person, a link is posted on the website and on the Tribal Members only Facebook page. Responses to this survey will help guide the energy projects being planned.

We are gearing up for a busy field season. Technology is becoming our friend and we have been researching new methods to collect data more easily in the field. With some of the continuing education course we attended this winter, we have been able to work on making our lives a bit less complicated by creating an app we can use that will put the data we collect straight into a spreadsheet and maps!

And of course there is the paperwork! We have been researching grant opportunities, applying for funding, and working on educational activities. Culture Camp coordination has already begun! The interest in the culture camp is growing within the larger community. We will be having a few volunteer days this year to help get the pow wow grounds ready for culture camp and pow wow, and to help get fence up around the garden.



*Walter Ondola moving logs with
the new forks for the tractor!*

Scan the QR code to go to
the NVE L&E Webpage.





Spring Break Activity

The LE Department hosted an Environmental Education Day during spring break. The kids and youth who attended learned about the winter adaptations animals use to survive the long Alaskan winters. They saw examples of furs from many of our resident wildlife and performed an experiment to test the insulative properties of fur and blubber. They also took a trek from the Village down to the Inlet on snowshoes and skis. Afterwards, they warmed up around a campfire and enjoyed some s'mores!



Protecting You and Your Property: Tips for Keeping Bears at Bay

As human development spreads further into natural habitats, encounters with wildlife, including bears, become increasingly common. While bears play a vital role in our ecosystem, conflicts arise when they roam into residential areas in search of food. Here are some strategies for keeping bears away from your property.

Understanding Bear Behavior

Before implementing prevention measures, it's important to understand why bears are drawn to residential areas. Bears have a keen sense of smell and are attracted to easily accessible food sources. Trash cans, bird feeders, pet food left outdoors, scraps from harvested fish or game, and improperly stored garbage are all potential attractants that may entice bears to your property.

Proactive Prevention Measures

By taking proactive steps to eliminate attractants you can significantly reduce the likelihood of bear visits to your property:

1. Secure Garbage and Food Storage: Use bear-resistant garbage bins or enclosures and store them in a secure location, such as a garage or shed, until the morning of pickup. Avoid

leaving garbage bags outside overnight. If your dumpsters are equipped with bear-proof lids, be sure to engage the lock after use so the bears cannot gain access to the contents of the dumpster.

2. Remove Bird Feeders: Bird feeders are a tempting snack for bears, especially in early spring when other food sources may not be readily available. Consider removing bird feeders during bear-active seasons or installing bear-resistant feeders designed to deter bears.



3. Clean Outdoor Grills: After each use, clean outdoor grills thoroughly to remove food residue and odors. Store grills in a secure location when not in use.

4. Secure Compost Bins: If you compost food scraps, use a bear-resistant compost bin or keep compost indoors or in a bear-resistant enclosure.

5. Keep Pet Food Indoors: Avoid leaving pet food or water bowls outdoors, especially overnight. Store pet food indoors or in a bear-resistant container. This will also help keep mice and rats away.

By being proactive, we can create a bear-resistant environment minimize conflicts between bears and humans, while promoting the safety and well-being of both.

If you see bears in the Village, please report them to the Tribal Office at (907)688-6020 or the Land and Environment Department at (907)688-8522



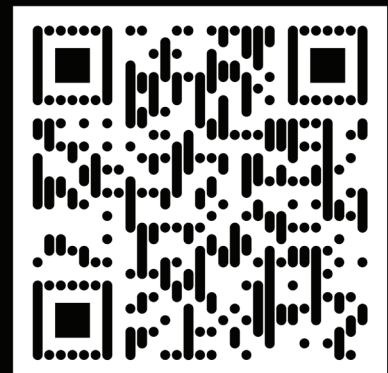
What is a Brownfield?

Brownfields are generally contaminated sites which could be targeted for cleanup and reuse or re-development. According to the EPA, a 'brownfields site' is defined as real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant. Another Brownfields site qualification is that there is no solvent responsible party.

Examples of potential Brownfields:

- Old or Illegal Dumps
- Abandoned structures with lead paint, asbestos, or other hazardous materials
- Petroleum Spills
- Old fuel storage areas
- Mine scarred lands

How to report a potential Brownfield site or to report a site you would like NVE to look into, please fill out the form on our website or scan the QR code below.



NVE Brownfield Reporter



JULY 29TH-
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NVE CULTURE CAMP



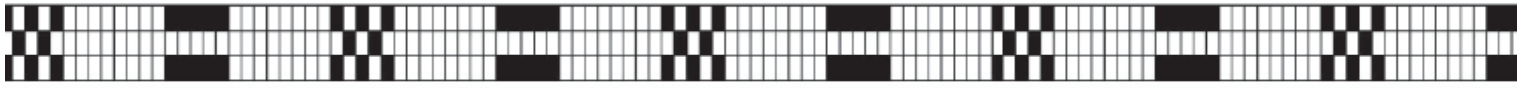
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When: 10-4 daily

Who: All ages welcome!

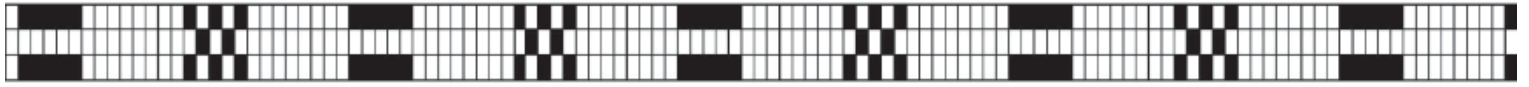
We kindly request an RSVP
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information.

ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE:
EDUCATIONAL FISH NET
SALMON PROCESSING
BEADING
TRADITIONAL FOODS
AND MORE!



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We are hopeful the salmon will return to us



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Dena'ina words for the season

Spring break-up - ten taydaa

Misty rain - kun k'eyiga

Sun - nu' uy

Beluga - quyushi

Hooligan - dilhi

Sandhill Crane - ndat





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