



Central Council Holds First Annual Village Public Safety Officer Regional Training

Submitted By: Community Services & Self-Governance

The Community Services & Self-Governance (CSSG) Division is pleased to announce its Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) Program held its first annual VPSO Regional Training in Juneau. State Department of Public Safety funds were used to bring in six (6) VPSOs from the communities of Angoon, Hydaburg, Kake, Pelican and Thorne Bay. The training took place September 27–October 1, 2010 at the Vocational Training & Resource Center.



L-R: Aaron Loges and Scott Jackson (Kake VPSOs), Glenn Bixler (Pelican VPSO), Lt. Governor Craig E. Campbell, President Edward K. Thomas, Dept. of Public Safety Commissioner Joseph A. Masters, Clinton O'Malley (Thorne Bay VPSO), Charles Hartzell (Angoon VPSO), Deon Jones (Hydaburg VPSO)

The VPSOs were greeted by Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes

of Alaska President Edward K. Thomas, Lieutenant Governor Craig E. Campbell and Department of Public Safety Commissioner Joseph A. Masters. The VPSOs spent time learning about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) and how it affects the lives of some tribal members. Classes by State Trooper trainers shared learning techniques for Search and Rescue, how to talk someone down from an escalated state and defensive tactics. The VPSOs finished off the week with a dinner where CSSG Director Georgia Finau and State Trooper Sgt. Leonard Wallner spent some down time with the VPSOs and their families.

As President Thomas pointed out in his opening remarks, training is an important component of any program and this was an exciting time for Central Council's VPSOs. It is important for the VPSOs to not only receive training in law enforcement but for things like FASD as well. We look forward to the next VPSO Regional Training that will be offered in the fall of 2011. Central Council's CSSG Division continues to recruit for the VPSO Program. If you are a tribal member interested in a career in law enforcement, please contact VPSO Coordinator Jason Wilson at 907.463.7738 or email jwilson@ccthita.org.

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Jon Duncan Receives Leadership Awards



Jon Duncan

Congratulations to tribal member Jon Duncan who recently received the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development's Native American Top 40 Under 40 award, and was named to Diversity MBA Magazine's Top 100 Under 50 Diverse Executive & Emerging Leaders list for 2010.

The Native American Top 40 Under 40 award honors Native Americans who have shown excellence in community and/or profession. The Top 100 Under 50 Diverse Executive & Emerging Leaders list recognizes exceptional executives under the age of 50 who have achieved success in highly competitive corporate, government or entrepreneurial environments.

"It is an honor to receive the awards...my commitment to diversity in the corporate environment, coupled with my passion for our culture, guides me in my personal and professional endeavors and goals," said Jon Duncan.

Jon is the General Manager for Managed Business Solutions, a majority owned subsidiary of the Sealaska Corporation. He has over 15 years experience in a variety of executive, sales management, channels, sales and business development roles at Peakstone, MobileSys, Inktomi, McAfee/Network Associates, and Digital Pathways. Jon holds an MBA from St. Mary's College of California, and a BA degree in Politics from the University of California, Santa Cruz, graduating from both colleges with honors. Jon also served as a board member for the San Francisco Tlingit & Haida Community Council.

Jon is Eagle/Killerwhale, his Tlingit name is Gooch Tlein. He was born and raised in Juneau, Alaska. Jon is the son of Jim and Charlotte Duncan and John and Carol Aceveda-Forchemer; grandson of Roy and Galdys Aceveda; and great grandson of Billy and Fannie Friday.

Jon and his wife Claudine have three daughters Hazel, Madeline and Audrey, and reside in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Correction

In the September 2010 Tribal News, the name Naahaan Eide was incorrectly spelled and appeared on the cover and page 15. The corrected newsletter is available to download from our website at www.ccthita.org/info/newsletters/index.html.



Leilani Knight-McQueen Presents Robe Honoring Carol Jorgensen to EPA; Standing to the Left is Naahaan Eide Representing the Dakl'aweidi

Native American Heritage Month Potluck Celebration

Date: Friday, November 5, 2010

Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm

Location: Juneau Community Council
3235 Hospital Drive, Juneau AK 99801

Please join Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska for a potluck celebration on November 5, 2010 in honor of Native American Heritage Month.

The event will feature special guest speaker former Central Council President John Borbridge Jr. and a dance group performance. Sisterhood Stew and pilot bread will be served; traditional foods are encouraged for the potluck.

For more information, please contact Central Council's Office of the President at 907.463.7103 or email mkookesh@ccthita.org.

VTRC Receives PTDI and State Recertifications

Providing Stable Career Paths in Alaska

Submitted By: VTRC

Vocational Training & Resource Center (VTRC) Manager Laird A. Jones is pleased to announce that the Professional Truck Driver Institute (PTDI) recertification is complete and the VTRC Commercial Drivers License (CDL) program is recertified for another five years (through August 2015). In addition, the State of Alaska Postsecondary recertification was completed when the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education reauthorized the VTRC for another three years (through October 31, 2013).



From 2001–2010 the VTRC had 97 students train and obtain their Class A licenses. Since Fall 2005, 53 of the 97 Class A students received PTDI Certificates of Attainment. Of these students, 78% are currently gainfully employed.

Despite a slow-growth economy, driver training program administrators with recently certified or recertified Professional Truck Driver Institute (PTDI) courses are experiencing an increase in demand for their graduates and expect to benefit from the Comprehensive Safety Analysis (CSA) 2010 Initiative. And, with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's CSA 2010 Initiative set to become effective in November, the PTDI course-certified program will benefit even further because employers are placing additional efforts and resources on driver safety and PTDI provides national recognition.

The purpose of CSA 2010 is to improve commercial vehicle safety by further reducing accidents, injuries, and fatalities. Through this initiative, the government will assess and evaluate motor carrier safety performance and identify driver behaviors associated with safety risks. Prospective employers will be able to obtain information on driver records as they place more emphasis on safety.

Trucking is one of the more stable career paths in Alaska, the competition is fairly stiff. PTDI carries a good reputation and carriers hire our graduates because of PTDI's credibility.

Laird and Marilyn Torgerson (VTRC Administrative Assistant) completed the postsecondary application and participated in the Commission's meeting via teleconference. Laird would like to recognize John Lewis (CDL Instructor) and Marilyn for all their work on the PTDI application.

Education Programs Consolidated in VTRC

Submitted By: VTRC

In an effort to enhance the coordination of the Tribe's education programs, President Edward K. Thomas has implemented one of Central Council's Education Task Force recommendations to house the Higher Education and Johnson O'Malley (JOM) programs at the Vocational Training & Resource Center (VTRC).

President Thomas formed the Education Task Force to provide direction on how the Tribe can improve being a better advocate or resource to the Native community in the area of education. He stated that the high dropout rates among Natives are killing any opportunity for our people to improve the quality of life for future generations. The task force continues to meet to look at ways to improve Native student participation and performance in the education systems.

Higher Education staff members include Leslie Isturis (Higher Education Specialist) and Christina Vazquez (Clerk II). VTRC Manager Laird A. Jones provides oversight of the Higher Education program and the Juneau and Wrangell Johnson O'Malley programs.

FOSTER CARE

-IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT-

Are you thinking about becoming a foster parent?

To become a foster parent, you don't need a fancy house, a spouse, or extensive parenting experience.

You do need dedication, flexibility and patience.

Most of all, you need a strong desire to provide a stable, loving and supportive home for a child or youth who needs one.

Central Council's Tribal Family & Youth Services Department is recruiting Alaska Natives and American Indians to become foster parents.

There is a need in Southeast Alaska for culturally appropriate foster care for tribal children who are in the legal custody of the State.

For more information on how to become a foster parent, contact:

Gerri Mata, Foster Care Recruiter

In Juneau: 907.463.7350

Outlying Communities: 1.800.344.1432 #7350

Email: gmata@ccthita.org

Alaska Center for Resource Families
www.acrf.org

On the Road to Success

Submitted By: Bonnie Morris

It was a long road, but persistence paid off for Crystal Clevenger.

Crystal applied for TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) in February 2009, for her and her son, after having to quit a good job due to illness. While sick she was in and out of the hospital and faced a divorce. She met periodically with TANF staff and discussed career goals, children, family and barriers.

One day, after a meeting, she got up and said "enough is enough." She started working out and lost 20 lbs., and started thinking about what kind of career she wanted to pursue. She told herself it couldn't be just any job; it had to be a job that sustained her and her family, included finance, and a service to people. Then a thought came to her—no matter what, the IRS will still make you pay your taxes, it doesn't matter if there is a recession or not, and it's a service to people. She applied for a job at the local H&R Block office, and was hired December 21, 2009 as a first year tax preparer. Determined and quickly learning the rules, she passed several tests on her first round. When the Ketchikan H&R Block manager position opened, she successfully applied for it and was promoted in April 2010.

One of Crystal's goals is to give back to the surrounding communities and strengthen the work with tribal citizens. Crystal is thankful for the support the tribal TANF program offered her while she was dealing with serious events in her life. At the present time she has an on-the-job trainee working with H&R, a volunteer and soon an apprentice. She is also taking courses to become an enrolled agent, which would allow her to negotiate with the IRS. Her future goals include becoming an H&R Block franchise owner, to build stronger tribal relations, and taking a course in tribal law. She attended the H&R Block convention in Memphis, and received the "Tax Preparer of the Year" award recognizing her for the amount of taxes she had prepared. Her Tribal TANF case closed successfully March 2010.

Crystal is Haida Raven and her crest is Double Fin Killer Whale. Her mother is Angelina Lammers, and father Dennis Lammers. Her son is doing great in school and involved in little league. Her Haida name means, women with beautiful wings. Congratulations Crystal!



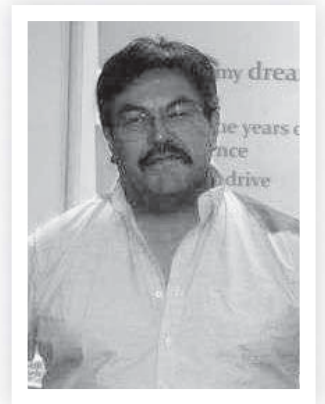
Crystal Clevenger

Wilson H. Nicklie, Jr.

My New Career

Before sharing my story with you, I would like to thank Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council), Southeast Regional Resource Center (SERRC), Sealaska Corporation and Goldbelt, Inc.

Like most residents of Southeast, I grew up commercial fishing. Subsequently, I worked briefly in the food service industry before embarking on a 20-year career in mining. Regrettably, I suffered injuries to my knees that prevented me from continuing my career in mining--causing me to choose a new career.



Wilson H. Nicklie, Jr.

In January 2010, I was at the Learning Connection taking care of personal business when a flyer caught my eye; it was about the Adult Vocational Institute (AVI) who was offering a five month course in Computer and Office Skills. Since I enjoy working with computers and was in need of a new career, I decided to research it further. In order to enroll I had to seek the assistance of Central Council and the SERRC. In January 2010 I was accepted into the AVI Computer and Office Skills program. The course was not easy, the classes were rigorous with short time frames to cover all of the information plus homework. In May 2010 I successfully completed the course and graduated.

Upon completion of the course, the SERRC staff continued to work closely with me. I secured my first job at Sealaska Corporation as an Intern for about three months, and began preparing and submitting job applications during lunch breaks and after work. Shortly before my employment ended, I was interviewed by Goldbelt, Inc. and was hired temporarily. I continued my job search while at Goldbelt, Inc. which yielded very few interviews. Finally, in September of 2010, I was interviewed by the State of Alaska, Department of Commerce and Economic Development and on September 29, 2010, I was hired and started my new career!

As stated earlier, it was not easy; studying hard, completing all my assignments on time, being determined to not take no for an answer, and continuing to apply for jobs. However, my new career did not happen just because of my determination; my new career would not have been possible without the assistance of Ozzie Sheakley, Lisa Long, Barbara Taug, Teresa Sarabia and Lorraine Jacobs of Central Council, along with Sheryl Weinberg, Kate Prussing, Wanda Whitcomb and Carol-lee Ryan of the Southeast Regional Resource Center, and to each of you a heartfelt thank you.

A message to all who think there's not a chance of something new, I'm proof of it! I can make things happen even with my bad knees, I walked that extra mile. Gunalch'eesh, Wilson H. Nicklie, Jr.



Visit Central Council's New Website
at www.ccthita.org

Mission
Preserving our sovereignty, enhancing our economic and cultural resources, and promoting self-sufficiency and self-governance for our citizens through collaboration, service, and advocacy.

Carrie Sykes Promoted to BEDD Manager

Central Council is pleased to announce the selection of Carrie Sykes as the manager of the Business and Economic Development Department (BEDD). This is a promotion from the position she held as the Economic Development Specialist since August.

Carrie has worked for over ten years in a variety of positions for the Tribe and is very familiar with the BEDD and Central Council. She is very knowledgeable about the economic conditions in Southeast Alaska and the needs of the communities and worked on the first Southeast Alaska Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy with Southeast Conference. She also brings extensive experience working with the Southeast tribes, cities/municipalities, and ANCSA corporations and is committed to improving economic development opportunities for future generations. Last year Carrie served as the Subsistence & Sustainable Development Coordinator for the Tribe.



Carrie Sykes

She is a tribal citizen and Alaska Native artist, member of the local community council, and ANS Camp 70. She graduated with honors from Crafton Hills College in Yucaipa, California with three Associate of Arts degrees (Business Administration, Marketing and Speech) and an Associate of Science in Computer Information Systems. Carrie will be continuing her education by pursuing her bachelor's degree from the University of Alaska Fairbanks Rural Development Program.

Carrie started in the manager position on October 19th, her office is located at 9097 Glacier Highway and she can be reached at 907.463.7177, or by email at csykes@ccthita.org. Please join us in welcoming Carrie!

All Nations Dance Group Celebrates 15 Years and Honors Vicki Soboleff

Submitted By: Fred Anderson

On Saturday the 16th of October the Native dance group “All Nations Children” celebrated their 15 year anniversary and honored Vicki Soboleff for her years of hard work and dedication to the kids. Over 120 people attended the event, and activities included a potluck dinner, mini golf, a clown making balloons for the kids and families to enjoy, and a dance performance by the group.



Vicki Soboleff

Several alumni dance members were in attendance. These alumni dancers have since graduated high school and moved on to college. Many attribute this to Vicki and her hard work and pushing them to stay in school. The parents of the children pulled together their money to get Vicki a silver Double Fin Killer Whale bracelet, which she is wearing in the photo above, grinning with joy.



All Nations Children

Annual Community Meetings

Submitted By: Georgia Finau

In September 2010 representatives from Central Council's programs traveled to Craig, Kasaan, Petersburg, Saxman and Wrangell for the annual community visits. The purpose of these trips is to meet with the tribal members and provide information on Central Council's programs. During these meetings, tribal members were provided with program information for Head Start, Native Lands & Resources, Tribal Family & Youth Services, Employment & Training/P.L. 102-477, Vocational Training & Resource Center, Higher Education, Adult Vocational Training and Enrollment. Each staff member gave a short presentation and tribal members in attendance were able to ask questions or meet individually with the program staff.

During the community visits, President Thomas took the opportunity to recognize Wrangell Head Start employees Carrie Wallace, Lead Teacher, and Sandra Churchill, Teacher Aide/Cook; and Tribal Family & Youth Services Field Staff Supervisor Henrietta Kato. Carrie was acknowledged for her 25 years of dedicated service to the Head Start Program; Sandra was recognized for achieving her Bachelor's degree in Childhood Development and Family Studies; and Henrietta was recognized for reaching her 15 year tenure with the Tribe. Congratulations to each of these individuals! These community meetings were a great opportunity to recognize the dedication of the staff and to share with the tribal members.

Central Council partnered with the Sealaska Corporation to provide information at the community meetings on the upcoming election, and voter registration assistance was offered to tribal members and their families so they could become eligible to vote. Sealaska Corporation has taken the lead and provided training to staff members to become official voter registration officials for the state of Alaska. It is important that we all participate in the democratic process and exercise the right to vote! The right for Alaska Natives to vote was a hard fought battle by our grandfathers. Sealaska representatives were at each of these community meetings. The more that we can partner with other entities, the better for our tribal members.

We thank all the tribal members that took the time to attend these community meetings. If there are questions on any of Central Council's programs please call 1.800.344.1432 or visit our website at www.ccthita.org.



President Thomas Presents Carrie Wallace with Tenure Award



President Thomas Congratulates Sandra Churchill on her Education Achievement



President Thomas Presents Henrietta Kato with Tenure Award



Petersburg Community Visit Group Photo

News From Head Start

Submitted By: Lisa Arehart



Elizabeth Price Surrounded by her Head Start Fan Club

Congratulations to Elizabeth Price from the Salmon Creek Tlingit & Haida Head Start program, she recently received her Child Development Associates (CDA) Credential!

To earn her CDA Elizabeth attended classes at UAS, completed six competency goals, an autobiography and developed a child development portfolio that promotes all she knows about children, their development and working with families.

Having her CDA opens many doors for Elizabeth professionally in Head Start as well as being a stepping stone toward her advanced degree, an AA in Early Childhood Education.

Elizabeth has been with the Head Start Program since October 2008.

We at the Salmon Creek Center are proud of the hard work she put into attaining her goal and improving her understanding of children.

Three cheers for Elizabeth Price!



Mark Your Calendars

October Events

- 1: Understanding Grief in Children & Teens – Juneau, AK
- 7: Elders Fitness, “*Litseeni k u.oo*” (Strong People) – Juneau, AK
- 14: T&H Elders Caregivers Council Monthly Meeting c
- 18-23: AFN Annual Convention 2010 – Fairbanks, AK
- 21: Elders Fitness, “*Litseeni k u.oo*” (Strong People) – Juneau, AK
- 28: Elders Fitness, “*Litseeni k u.oo*” (Strong People) – Juneau, AK

November Events

- 2-4: Enrollment Committee Meeting – Juneau, AK
- 3-5: Native American Fatherhood & Families Association 7th Annual “Fatherhood is Leadership” Conference – Mesa, AZ
- 4-5: 4th Annual Sitka Health Summit “Working Together for a Healthier Sitka” – Sitka, AK
- 5: Native American Heritage Month Celebration Potluck (Sponsored by CCTHITA) – Juneau, AK
- 5: Native Artist Market at JDHS (Hosted by Sealaska Heritage Institute) – Juneau, AK
- 14-19: NCAI 67th Annual Convention/Trade Show – Albuquerque, NM
- 17-19: The Alaska Children’s Alliance 2010 Alaska Child Maltreatment Conference “Trauma to Triumph” – Anchorage, AK
- 25: Thanksgiving Day (Observed by CCTHITA)
- 26: Native American Heritage Day (Observed by CCTHITA)
- 29-30: 20th Annual BIA Tribal Providers Conference – Anchorage, AK

December Events

- 1-3: 20th Annual BIA Tribal Providers Conference – Anchorage, AK
- 16-17: Executive Council Meeting – Juneau, AK
- 25: Christmas Day (Observed by CCTHITA 12/24/10)



Enrollment Committee Meeting

The next Enrollment Committee meeting is scheduled to take place in the Andrew Hope Building on November 2-4, 2010, in Juneau, Alaska.

For more information, please contact Central Council’s Program Compliance Department toll free at 1.800.344.1432 ext. 7359 or in Juneau at 463.7359.

Alaska Native Brotherhood & Sisterhood News

Submitted By: Janice Jackson

Senator Lisa Murkowski was again endorsed by Delegates of the ANB/ANS Grand Camp Convention in Saxman. Eighty-seven (87) representatives from as far north as Anchorage, and far south as Portland, Oregon adopted important resolutions, including, “Re-qualifying and Affirming the Traditional and Customary Hunting, Fishing and Harvesting Rights of the Tlingits and Haidas Originating from Saxman, Alaska, Pursuant to Title VII of ANILCA.” The complete list of resolutions can be viewed online at: www.grandcampnb.org/resolutions/2010/10-01.pdf.

Richard Jackson and Janice Jackson were installed as the ANB and ANS Grand Presidents. The last time a man and wife were voted in as Grand Presidents simultaneously was in 1945, when Roy & Elizabeth Peratrovich, widely known as advocates for the Equal Rights legislation in Territorial Alaska, were elected to the organizations highest post.



Center: Richard and Janice Jackson beginning the Installation of Officers Ceremony at Grand Camp 2010 in Saxman. Dr. Walter Soboleff, ANB Grand President Emeritus, and Mary Jones, ANS Grand President Emeritus, are pictured seated.

2010/2011

ANB and ANS Grand Officers:

ANB Grand President – Richard Jackson (Ketchikan)
ANB Grand First Vice President – Ray Dennis (Haines)
ANB Grand 2nd Vice President – Jeff Jackson (Kake)
ANB Grand Treasurer – Brad Fluetsch (Juneau)
ANB Grand Secretary – William Bird (Ketchikan)
ANB Grand Sgt-At-Arms – Doug Chilton (Juneau)
ANS Grand President – Janice Jackson (Ketchikan)
ANS Grand First Vice President – Cecelia Tavoliero (Seattle)
ANS Grand 2nd Vice President – Johanna Cabuag (Seattle)
ANS Grand Treasurer – Marietta Hopkins (Juneau)
ANS Grand Secretary – Beverly Russell (Juneau)
ANS Grand Sgt-At-Arms – Rhonda Loftuss (Wrangell)

During convention Delegates and Officers were able to complete and approve the week-long convention’s minutes and resolutions, thanks to the huge efforts of Grand Secretaries and Officers and the excellent “Boiler Room” volunteers and staff. ANB and ANS Grand Camp resolutions will be forwarded to the Alaska Federation of Natives.

Local Contacts: Richard Jackson 907.228.5292, Janice Jackson 907.247.2502, and William Bird 907.821.0547

Jake Mason



Jake and Hannah Mason

I am a 2007 Juneau Douglas High School graduate and am currently attending Dallas Baptist University in Texas. The Higher Education services at Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska has been such a blessing to me and my wife while attending college out of state. They have offered several scholarships each year to help pay for my schooling and there have been several occasions where I received an unexpected check in the mail. Just recently, I received a call from Higher Education Specialist Leslie Isturis offering me a ticket home for Christmas this year! I wasn’t planning on making the trip because we couldn’t afford it on our own, but Central Council was able to make it happen.

I am very thankful for how the education staff have taken a special interest in me as an individual and made the effort to know me by name. They have helped and encouraged me to succeed in my schooling and hopefully my future career as a teacher! I plan on returning to Juneau, Alaska after I graduate with a bachelor’s degree in education and hope to teach and make an impact in my community. I greatly appreciate all that Central Council has done to bless me and my family!



Child Care Providers Needed

Child Care Assistance Program

Southeast Alaska is experiencing a shortage of infant and toddler care. The Child Care Assistance Program at Central Council would like to increase availability by recruiting individuals who are interested in becoming child care providers.

Who should apply?

- Age 18 or older
- Tribally enrolled or interested in caring for tribally enrolled children
- Must pass criminal background check

Benefits:

- Criminal background check provided at no charge
- Business license
- Training in Pediatric CPR/First Aid, Early Childhood classes, and Child Development Associate Certification
- Health & safety equipment provided (fire extinguishers, safety gates, locks, etc.)
- Age appropriate toys & books provided

For information, please contact Central Council's Child Care Assistance program at 463.7140 or toll free at 800.344.1432 # 7140.



VPSO Program Partners with THRHA

Submitted By: CSSG

The Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) and Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska Partner Together for the VPSO Program.



The Community Services & Self-Governance (CSSG) Division Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) Program received funds from the State Department of Public Safety to help with public safety needs in our communities to upgrade existing VPSO Offices and holding cells.

Two facilities, one in Angoon and one in Kake, were determined to need extensive renovations. The VPSO Program worked with the THRHA personnel to identify what work needed to be completed on these local public safety buildings.

In Kake, it was identified the public safety building needed a new boiler to provide heat and hot water for the office as well as the holding cell.

In the community of Angoon, it was identified that the public safety building needed plumbing work for the holding cell as well as some work on the main heating system.

The partnership between THRHA and Central Council worked out very well. THRHA was not only able to come and list the work that needed to be completed in each facility, they also had work crews at both locations that could come in and do the repair work. This provided short-term employment opportunities for the local communities.

Central Council recognizes that we can provide better services to our tribal clients if we work together. We will continue to look at each project and see how we can best partner with other entities. Partnering saves time and money.

Central Council's CSSG Division continues to recruit for the VPSO Program. If you are a tribal member interested in a career as a Village Public Safety Officer, please contact VPSO Coordinator Jason Wilson at 907.463.7738 or email jwilson@ccthita.org.

Central Council welcomes news from tribally enrolled citizens. If you have news to share, or would like to receive Tribal News, contact:

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Kake VPSO Aaron Loges

The Community Services & Self-Governance (CSSG) Division would like to introduce Aaron Loges, the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) stationed in Kake.

Aaron Loges was born at Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital in Sitka, Alaska to Todd and Veronica Loges. Aaron spent the first 13 years of his life growing up in Kake, Alaska with his older brother Todd Jr. and younger sister Jennifer. Aaron and his family moved to Anchorage where he attended Chugiak High school and played JV and Varsity basketball alongside fellow teammate Mario Chalmers, who now plays for the Miami Heat NBA team. Aaron, along with his partner Marilee Morrison, are the proud parents of two children, Kymani Lee Loges and Ayla Aurora Loges.



Aaron Loges

In late 2006, Aaron and his family moved to Hilo Hawaii where Aaron attend the Hilo Police Academy. Aaron and his family moved to Kailua Kona Hawaii where he worked as an officer for three (3) years. Aaron has received many awards and was recognized by the City Council, Mothers against Drunk Driving (MADD) and the Police Commission for making the streets of Hilo safer by enforcing the DUI (Driving Under the Influence) law; through his diligence he recorded approximately 100 DUI arrests.

On March 31, 2010 Aaron's mother, Veronica Jean Loges passed away. While attending her funeral, Aaron learned of the VPSO position and decided to apply to honor his mother. Aaron and his family are happy to be a part of the Kake community and to be working alongside fellow VPSO Scott Jackson. Central Council is excited that this position has been filled by a tribal member who was raised in the community and has had training in law enforcement as a Police Officer.



Liv C. Gray

2nd Annual Liv C. Gray "Walk for Life"

Submitted By: Howard Gray

The 2nd Annual Liv C. Gray "Walk For Life" Breast Cancer Benefit raised a grand total of \$3,174! This was an increase of \$1,884 from last year's total of \$1,290!

Hoonah "Walk For Life" - \$2,450 Juneau "Walk For Life" - \$724

Aat tlein gunalcheesh to everyone who showed their support for these events. For the complete list of contributors please visit: www.ccthita.org/info/news/index.html.

I can't begin to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to those in Hoonah, Juneau, Anchorage, Skagway, Syracuse and beyond for supporting this second year effort. It is because of you, that we may help in the fight against the horrible disease that took my mother Liv Cheryl Gray, far too early. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Inflammatory Breast Cancer Research Foundation (IBCRF) which is based in both Alaska and Washington. IBCRF's primary focus is awareness and eradication of inflammatory breast cancer, an aggressive form of breast cancer. It is my hope that year after year, we can continue to grow the fundraiser and raise awareness about cancer in general. This year the walk was held in two locations simultaneously for the first time which shows great promise for the expansion of this great cause! The more awareness and fight we can bring to cancer, the better, as it is moving fast upon our villages in Alaska, affecting our mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, aunties, uncles, brothers, sisters, cousins, grandparents, nephews and nieces...something we can't afford to ignore. Again, *Aat tlein gunalcheesh* to everyone involved.

Highest respects,

Howard L. Gray
Son of Liv C. Gray





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Annette Ulmer Returns to Central Council

Submitted By: Business & Economic Development

The Business & Economic Development Department is pleased to announce that tribal member Annette Ulmer has accepted the position of Economic Development Specialist where she will be responsible for grant writing and the update of the Southeast Alaska Comprehensive Development Strategy (CEDS).

Annette previously worked for Central Council as the ANTESSI (Alaska Native Training & Education Support Services Initiative) Project Director for the Vocational Training & Resource Center. She also was the Grants Coordinator for the Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority where she provided grant oversight and administered the Indian Housing Plan. Annette is the owner of Ulmer Consulting and brings experience with Internet marketing and website development for small business through various multi-media methods.

She is an active Douglas Indian Association (DIA) tribal member and has served as the past President, assisted as the Tribal Administrator (during transition while selecting a permanent hire), and serves as the current Secretary. While at DIA, Annette successfully obtained ARRA funding and continuation funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



Annette Ulmer

Her tribal relationships and extensive experience will enhance her new position which she will start on November 1st at the Edward K. Thomas Building at 9097 Glacier Highway. Please join us in welcoming Annette!