



FNA Welcomes Executive Director

December 2008



Fairbanks Native Association (FNA) announces the hiring of Steve Ginnis as the Executive Director. A Gwich'in Athabascan, Steve was born in Fort Yukon, Alaska where he attended high school. Following graduation, he served in the U.S. Army before attending the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Steve served as President of Tanana Chiefs Conference, (TCC) from 1999-2002. Prior to TCC Steve served in many service-oriented capacities, including Chief and City Manager for Fort Yukon; Chairman for Alaska Inter-Tribal Council (AITC); TCC Board member; Doyon limited; Council for Athabascan Tribal Governments (CATG); Yukon Flats School District; and area Vice President to the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI).

Steve has long been recognized as an advocate for self-governance and subsistence rights for Alaska Natives with particular focus on fisheries, self-determination, and recognition of Tribal Governments. Steve has twenty years of experience in planning, programming, and policy development.

Steve Ginnis, Executive Director

"I look forward to being a part of FNA and getting to know the staff and programs. I am proud to say that my family has benefited from services offered by this fine organization."



Greetings.....



Dear Staff:

A New Year is fast approaching and the Holiday season is in full swing -

Christmas shopping seems to be the theme of most commercials but one important thing to remember is: Its not the receiving of gifts but the giving that really matters. Most importantly: Giving of yourself is a precious gift that you can give to your families & friends. So this holiday season make sure to take time building memories with loved ones: play board games, watch a movie and snuggle those precious gifts we call our children, grandbabies, nephews and nieces- while creating memories that will last a lifetime.

I would like to express my appreciation and thank each and every employee of the Fairbanks Native Association for your hard work and dedication of service to FNA, we would not be where we are today without you.

In closing, I pray that you and your families are blessed this holiday season!

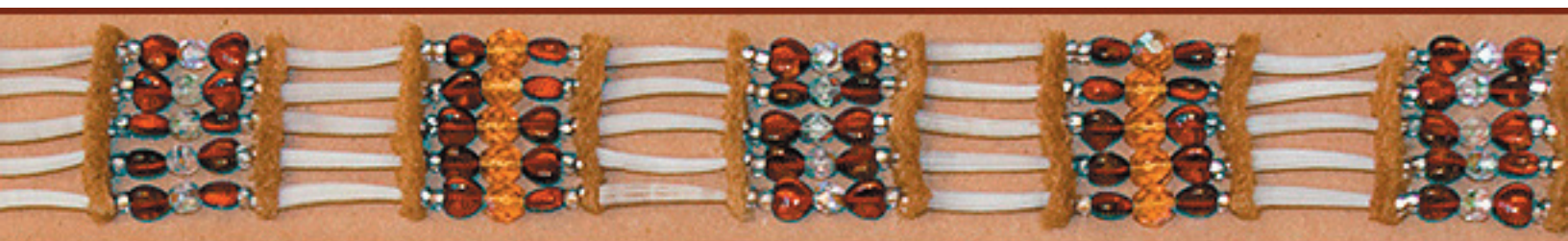
With much respect,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rhonda Joseph". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Rhonda Joseph~ FNA President

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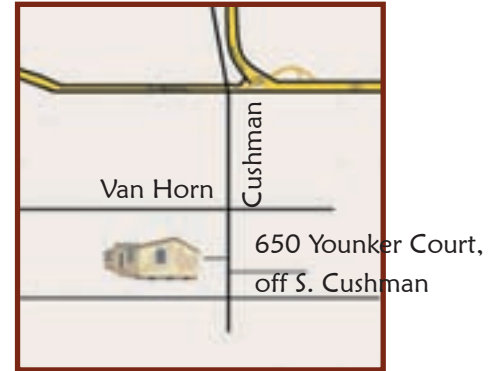
"TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON, A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN...ECCLESIASTES 3:1"





OPEN HOUSE

Friday, December 19, 2008 3-6 p.m.
Open House Gateway to Recovery



The building has just been completed for our new detoxification center. It will be located on South Cushman adjacent to the new Fairbanks Community Mental Health Center, and will provide a behavioral health campus atmosphere. Enhanced services will integrate mental health and substance abuse treatment to better meet the patient's needs.

A unique partnership has been formed with the State of Alaska, local non-profits and private stakeholders to better serve the Fairbanks community. The doors will officially be opened January 2009.

You are welcome to attend the Open House.



A partnership of
Fairbanks Native Association,
Fairbanks Memorial Hospital,
Fairbanks Community Behavioral Health Center,
Tanana Chiefs Conference Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center
and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority



CHE'GHUTSEN' HALLOWEEN PARTY



Brayden Cruger

In September Ch'eghutsen' held a community youth activity (Ch'eghutsen' Disco) in which 23 youth participated in games and dancing. In October we held two events, Pumpkin Harvest in which 59 youth and parents participated in decorating pumpkins. In addition we held our annual Halloween carnival in which there were 268 youth and parents participating in various activities. In November we held another youth dance (Ch'eghutsen' Bash) in which 30 youth participated.

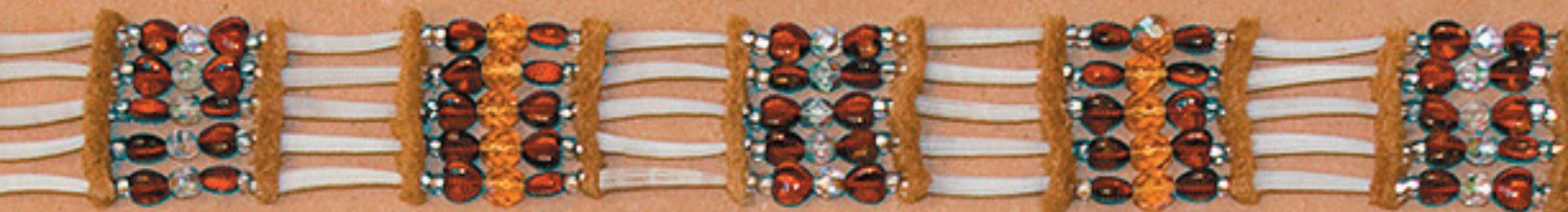


COMMUNITY SERVICES/ELDERS Thanksgiving Lunch

The Community Services Department and Elders Program hosted a Thanksgiving Luncheon on Tuesday, November 25th for the Community and our Elders. There were about 150 individuals who participated. This meal is an annual event held by the Community Services Department and provides a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Native foods were also part of the menu.



Mr and Mrs Ray & Doris Smyth



Friday, December 5, 2008,
6:00 pm - Midnight
Elks Lodge- Antler Room

Join us for

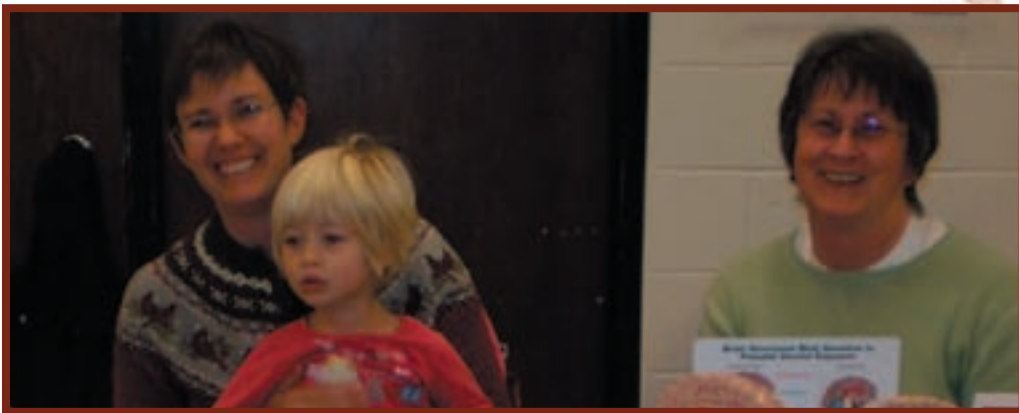
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PRIZES, & SURPRISES!*



EARLY HEAD START WINTER CARNIVAL



On November 7th, 2008 Early Head Start held a Winter Carnival at Tanana Middle School for the EHS families. Parents and families were provided with information from various community agencies such as Project Teach, RCPC, Fort Wainwright Fire Department, Fort Wainwright Police Department, Volunteers in Policing, and a special appearance from McGruff the Crime Dog. It was estimated that 50 families were attendance.



2008 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

October 2008



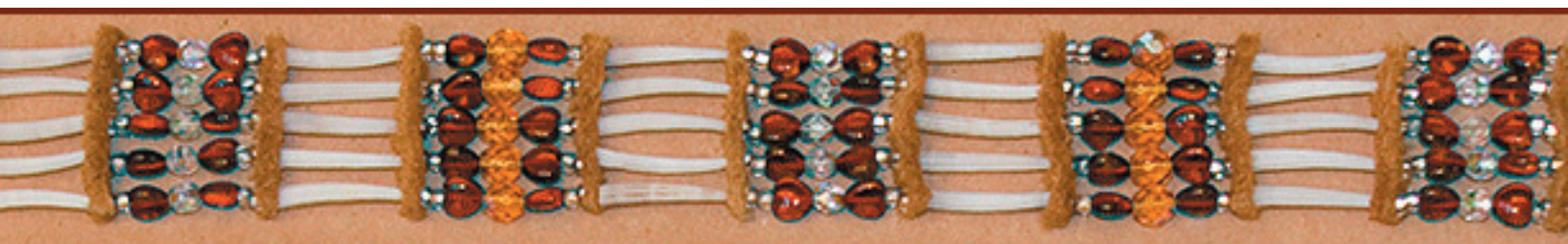
Crystal Hill Head Start Data Tech

November 2008



Elaine Pitka, Elders Coordinator

We would like to recognize the Employee of the Month committee members: Mary Willey, Head Start; Freda Williams, Community Services; Hazel John, Long House; and Rhonda Howard, Human Resources. Thank you for volunteering your time to make this happen!



FNA- JOM

9th Annual Alaska Native Youth Basketball Tournament
Tanana Middle School
March 9, 10, 11, 2009

Three Divisions: (Co-Ed)

I- Grades 3-6

II - Grades 7-8

III - Grades 9-12

Eligibility Requirements: BIA/JOM Certified

For more information and/or application:
Nikki Guthrie at 451-6201

2008 Annual Potlatch



Kimberly Dullen, Elijah McGinty, Nita Esmailka

Our Annual potlatch will be held on Saturday March 21st, 2009.

Applications for Miss FNA, Princess and Baby are due on March 13, 2009 by 5pm.

We are looking for donations and volunteers. If you're willing to help contact Maurine McGinty at 452-1648 ext. 6235



Happy 88th Birthday
POLDINE!



Poldine Carlo, FNA Founding Member celebrates her 88th birthday TODAY! We would like to recognize Poldine for always giving her time so generously to FNA and to the Fairbanks community. Happy Birthday!

2008

SERVICE

AWARDS

Janet Baker	5 years
Alice Weckwerth	5 years
Amy McLoughlin	5 years
Yuliya Kermes	5 years
Michelle Brockway	5 years
Eric Schaetzle	5 years
Mike Doppler	5 years
Ruth Esmailka	5 years
Karen Mumford	5 years

Cynthia Wood	10 years
Linda Woods	10 years
Robert Finke	10 years

Caroline Flores	15 years
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Thank you for your

SERVICE to

FNA & the Community

