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Annual Meeting Date Set for September 22, 2017 in Nome

The tribal council selected Friday, September 22nd to have the annual meeting this year here in Nome. During the annual meeting tribal members will hear reports from the Council and VOS staff. Results of elections will also be announced.

Dinner will be provided at 5 PM and the meeting will begin at 6 PM. Teleconference lines are available to those that do not live in Nome and wish to attend telephonically.

Please contact the office at 443-4985 for more information or send an email to tc.sol@kawerak.org.

Arctic ovens were set up outside of the Solomon Bed & Breakfast and waiting for guests to arrive from White Mountain. The B&B was open for three days in March for a group of tourists from China.



Solomon's Francis Wright Turns 99 Years Old

In March of this year the family of Francis Wright held a birthday party for her in celebration of her 99th birthday here in Nome.

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Birthday Party for Francis Wright



Top L to R back row: Kirsten Timbers, Annette Piscoya, Liz Johnson, Candace Amaktoolik, Leona Kenick, Brian and Donna James, Melissa and Floyd O'Connor. Center row L to R: Alayna and Tessa Timbers-Payenna, and sitting are Helen Larsen and Francis Wright. Kneeling L to R: Unidentified girl, Jaylene Ondola, Sarah and Jack James.

Happy Birthday

Below is Jack James wishing his Francis Wright a happy birthday with a kiss and hug.



Below is Brian James talking to Francis Wright during her birthday party with Melissa O'Connor looking on in the background.



Interested in Serving on the Council?

There is one (1) seat up for election this year: Seat C. Ballots will contain a list of qualified candidates for voters to choose from. Voters will choose one (1) name

from a list of candidates on the ballot. Voters will also be able to write in one candidate as an alternative to candidates on the ballot.

The one candidate receiving the most votes for the declared seat will be elected to the Council.

Seat C is an “open” seat only to tribal members residing in the Nome/Solomon area. In order to be eligible to hold a position as a council member for Seat C, a person must meet the following qualifications:

- (A) Eighteen (18) years old or older by the date of the election in which the person seeks office; and
- (B) No convictions within the last ten (10) years for any crimes which would be a felony in Alaska, except for State fishing and/or hunting convictions; and
- (C) Free of any physical or mental incapacity which would prevent the candidate from carrying out the duties of a council member.

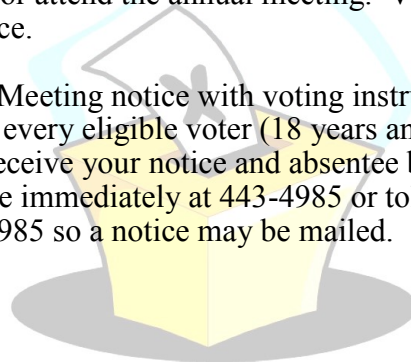
Letters of Intent-Sixty (60)-Forty (40) days Prior to Election:

Candidates must declare their candidacy in writing through a Letter of Intent in accordance with Section IV of the election ordinance. Letters of Intent must be received by the tribal council no sooner than sixty (60) days and no later than forty (40) days prior to the election in order for a candidate to have their name included on ballots. Letters of intent must be received by July 7, 2017.

Absentee Voting

In addition to voting on Village of Solomon’s election day, absentee voting is allowed. Absentee ballots will be mailed to each eligible voter 30 days prior to election day. Tribal members may choose to submit an absentee ballot prior to election day if they are unable to vote on election day or attend the annual meeting. Voters may only vote once.

The Annual Meeting notice with voting instructions will be mailed to every eligible voter (18 years and older). If you do not receive your notice and absentee ballot, please call the office immediately at 443-4985 or toll free at 1-855-443-4985 so a notice may be mailed.



2016-2020 Village of Solomon (VOS) Local Economic Development Plan (LEDP) Summary

Solomon Community Mission

“To increase cultural awareness and promote the well being of our tribal members while protecting our environment”.

Solomon Community Mission Vision

By 2020 Solomon will:

Have the VOS & SNC working together for capacity building and creating new projects.

Enhance the local economy while staying true to subsistence traditions.

Empower ourselves and each other as a community to enhance and strengthen our social and economic future.

Strive for unity.

Engage and empower our youth to be leaders.

Utilize our elders and youth to revitalize our culture and traditional values.

Solomon Community Development Goals for 2016-2020

Develop Solomon into a viable community.

Maintain and increase tribal self-sufficiency.

Assist our tribal members to foster future growth and become leaders.

Jointly Approved Solomon Development Priorities 2016-2020

1. Obtain a tribal community hall/office in Nome.
2. Expand and improve our ICWA services.
3. Assess effects of climate change and collaborate for Salmon enhancement and testing in Solomon.
4. Fully effective operation of the Solomon Bed & Breakfast (business plan, obtain land, tourism development, gift shop, alternative and renewable energy).
5. Create and manage our own transportation program for Solomon (roads, boat harbor, airstrip).
6. Improve our language resources in our dialect (immersion school, educational resources, writing children's books and Solomon history books).
7. Improve access in public schools to learn tribal government, Alaska Native history, and math and science using our environment as a tool.
8. Advocate for restorative justice and tribal input into culturally appropriate sentencing of our tribal members.
9. Work with other Nome-based tribes to develop culturally related classes and activities for all ages to pass on cultural knowledge and promote wellness.
10. Improve education and enforcement of land use rights in and around Solomon.
11. Clean up land and old church site, improve drainage, and add historical markers in and around Solomon.
12. Advocate for an affordable family-friendly laundry/washeteria/carwash in Nome.

For a full copy of the 2016-2020 Village of Solomon LEDP can be found online at <http://www.kawerak.org/ledps/solomon.pdf>

Village of Solomon (VOS) President's Report by Kirsten Timbers (excerpt from report presented at the 2016 annual meeting)

2015-2106 At a Glance

The Village of Solomon has concluded another very exciting year! We have for the sixth year in a row held our tribal youth spirit camp in Solomon with the help of Helen Bohn and Leah Komakhuk as our camp coordinators last year. And we held our fifth Anchorage based tribal membership meeting during AFN in October of last year. We were able to visit with tribal members, provide door prizes and give brief reports from the IGAP program with Deilah Johnson, a report from Tribal Coordinator Liz Johnson and myself on VOS in general including Kawerak, ICWA and BSRHA. We also sent several tribal members as delegates to AFN for the main convention and for the FAI elders and youth conference. Financially VOS is doing very well. We have multiple revenue streams coming in and are able to expand our services as a result. We are also in the process of purchasing the land that VOS has been leasing from the Solomon Native Corporation that the B&B sits on.

Tribal Office Elections

Tribal elections were held with three seats open, Seat "E", "F" and "G", all three seats allow for non-Nome residents eligible to run for seat provided that they met all other requirements. Results were Sarah Tumulak from Anchorage, Myrtle Komakhuk from Anchorage to serve as elder representative or seat "F" and Alex Gray from Nome to serve as our youth representative, seat "G". Brian James did not seek re-election this year opting to spend more time with his family. He served over 20 years on the tribal council and for the last 10 years as Solomon's representative on the NSHC board of directors. Recognition of service will be held at Solomon's annual meeting. Reorganization of officers was scheduled on September 22nd.

Officer Reorganization

President—Kirsten Timbers
 Vice President—Cameron Piscoya
 Treasurer—Annette Piscoya
 Secretary—Elizabeth Johnson
 Assistant Secretary/Treasurer—Sarah Tumulak

Staff

Tribal Coordinator—Elizabeth Johnson
 IGAP Coordinator—Deilah Johnson
 IGAP Field Worker—Derek Johnson
 Grantwriter—Tim Stettinger
 ICWA worker—Kirsten Timbers &
 Elizabeth Johnson

The Village of Solomon's Tribal Council has authorized the tribe to enter into Rule 11 agreement with the Alaska Court system here in Nome to allow the option of involving the tribe in state court cases and utilize culturally appropriate restorative justice approaches in cases involving our own tribal members. The tribal council met with Lisa Jaeger from Tanana Chiefs conference and John Bioff from Kawerak for a meet and greet with Ms. Jaeger who shared her experience as a facilitator for other tribes that have or plan to enter into an agreement with the Alaska Court system.

Bed & Breakfast Update

Reservations managed through the VOS office. Repairs done this year by Ray Peterson and Andy Piscoya throughout the building and the generator house. B&B closed now for the winter. B&B will not be open to the public during Iditarod but we will have a group there for three days.

Village of Solomon (VOS) IGAP/Environmental Coordinator Report by Deilah Johnson

FY17 IGAP Workplan Components:

Continue to meet monthly with Traditional Council

Continue to meet monthly with TC to ensure financial management of grant and attend and participate in Environmental trainings/conferences – Council members, Sarah Tumalak & Annette Piscoya both attended AFE. Tribal Leaders Summit is 3/29-3/31/17 for two council members attend along with the environmental coordinator Deilah Johnson.

2.1 Water Quality Experts will attend Water Quality training courses

2.2 Purchase necessary supplies for Water Monitoring activities- Toward the end of FY16, Derek & I stocked up on water sampling supplies

2.3 To conduct Water Monitoring activities as stated in approved QAPP – Beginning in May

2.4 Continue to revise QAPP as needed – We will be revising the QAPP and will submit to Council for approval once drafts are completed. Currently working with Doug K. (ADEC) on addressing Effluent testing for future mining operations in the Solomon watershed. He has made some great suggestions, but I want to make sure that this is what we want. I will discuss during meeting.

3.1 Conduct a feasibility study on environmental climate for potential renewable energy sources

3.2 Develop a Renewable Energy Plan – After Robert Bensin and I will be able to purchase/receive the right data tools, we will conduct collection in Solomon during Spring.

3.3 Decrease reliance on non-renewable energy sources (diesel fuel) by using the REP as a source in seeking outside funding sources – Awaiting.

4.1 Host bi-annual IGAP updates and educational gatherings – Next meeting should be early Fall.

4.2 Continue to educate Tribal members on the 3R's by sending out bi-annual educational postcards – Sent out Postcards

4.3 Host an Environmental Educational Youth Summit- Sent out invitations for partnership in this Summit to take place on the last day of the VOS Youth Camp. I sent out letters to at least 6 different entities so far.

Earth Day was Saturday April 22, 2017. VOS hosted a movie screening of 'A Plastic Ocean' created by the Plastic Ocean Foundation. The movie screening was shown Friday evening at the Elementary School in Nome. The ticket to attend the movie will be a pledge to not use disposable plastics the following day, Earth Day. I have been working on a Rasmuson Foundation Tier 1 grant application to purchase human generated bicycles for setup at the Community Center/Bed & Breakfast. The grant application has been approved by the Council and will be submitted as soon as all required documents are ready. The 4 bikes generate electricity to charge small electronics by storing the electricity in a battery for instant use or later use. This concept will help the tribe learn how to create and use renewable energy in Solomon.

We had a 3R's Creative Video Contest this winter, with a deadline of January 15th, 2017. Andy Piscoya won a VOS Emmy Award for his efforts. Congratulations Andy, Great Job!

(IGAP report)

The VOS Environmental Dept. has been producing 'How-To Videos' on YouTube . Please contact Deilah Johnson for the web address at igap.solomon@gmail.com.

The FY18 IGAP Grant application was submitted prior to the deadline, as well as a Backhaul project proposal for Additional Funding. Deilah will be working with VOS' EPA Project Officer on negotiations the next few months until EPA makes a decision by September 2017.

The Environmental Dept. will continue to work under IGAP funds until we are told not to. We are working toward understanding Climate Change, as we are learning, you will too.

Searching for Alaska's Territorial Guard Members

In 2000 ATG members were granted US veteran status acknowledging the contribution of the Native Alaskans who bravely served our country during WWII. The ATG Task Force was assembled and has been searching for ATG members in order to provide them with honorable service records, including an honorable discharge.

The task force is committed to finding and assisting these veterans, their families, dependents and survivors in receiving all the benefits and rewards entitled to them. Our goal is to locate 100% of the ATG members, begin correcting the oversight of the past, and allow future generations access to their ancestors' service records.

For information Please direct requests for documentation to:

Ms. Mercedes Angerman, Chief ATG Task Force Manager
phone (907) 334-0874

<http://veterans.alaska.gov/alaska-territorial-guard.html>

Solomon's Schedule for 2017

May 18	Monthly Council Meeting
June 15	Monthly Council Meeting
July 7	Letters of Intent Due
July 10	Youth Camp Applications Due
August 5	Environmental Youth Summit
August 11	Membership Gathering/ Solomon
August 6-12	Solomon's Annual Youth Camp
August 17	Monthly Council Meeting
August 18	Tribal Elections
September 22	Annual Meeting/Nome
October 16-18	FAI Elders & Youth Conference
October 19	Monthly Tribal Council Meeting
November 16	Monthly Council Meeting
November 27-Dec 2	BIA Providers Conf/Anchorage
December TBD	Monthly Council Meeting & & Children's Christmas Party

Monthly Council meetings start at 5:30 PM at the VOS office.

Contact the office for more information, an agenda, phone number and password for you to call in if you wish to attend telephonically.

Promoting Family, Cultural and Social Wellness for our Tribal Membership

The Village of Solomon promotes and supports healthy choices by offering recreation and swimming passes to allow for our tribal membership to take part in health and wellness choices as a family unit.

Registration fees for culturally relevant courses such as language, sewing, learning about medicinal plants, kuspuk making and subsistence food processing is also paid for by request by sending an email to tc.sol@kawerak.org. Approval of funds is based on grant funds available.



Pictured left is Sophia Piscoya who regularly attends our council meetings with her dad Cameron Piscoya who is Vice President of the Council. The monthly meetings are open to any tribal member who wants to attend and hear how we manage the affairs of the tribe.

Contact the office if you would like to attend either in person or telephonically.



Pictured above is Tristan Hudson taking instruction during his gym class at a local recreation center in CA where he lives with his parents Deilah Johnson and Trevor Hudson.

Village of Solomon Provides Hunter & Subsistence Support to Tribal Members

Through the Village of Solomon's hunter/subsistence support agreement, the program allows for support funds to enable local tribally enrolled members to purchase gas, oil, or other supplies as needed (excluding ammo) to hunt/subsist for our tribal elders, membership and families who are not able to harvest traditional foods on their own.

Guidelines:

- Must be enrolled tribal member of the tribe, Village of Solomon
- Must submit completed and signed application below
- Must show proof of sharing catch (photo and/or signed statement of what was provided)

Applicants who meet the above guidelines will be allowed reimbursement of \$250 for gas and motor oil, or other supplies as needed (excluding ammo) per household per calendar year which is also be based on funding availability as set by the Council. Receipts must be attached to application/agreement in name of applicant.

These guidelines are based on trust in the hunter to share his/her subsistence catch with tribal elders and families who are not able to harvest traditional foods on their own.

Interested in Becoming a Foster Parent?

There is a shortage of homes in our own region, especially Alaska Native homes. 100% of the children who are in foster care in the Bering Straits region are Alaska Native and many of these children must be sent far from home when it is unsafe for them to live with their families because there is no other option for them here.

To foster a child, you do not need to be married, wealthy, employed full time, or a homeowner. You can choose the age and gender of the child or children who would fit best in your family and you can always say "No" to any placement for any reason. All you really need is a background free from violence, to be free from current substance abuse, and to be willing to love and care for a child who is in need. A monthly stipend is available to assist with the cost of caring for a child and all foster children have 100% of their medical and dental costs covered. You will be offered training and support. The State of Alaska's Office of Children Services also offers an additional stipend for childcare for working parents.

Foster parenting can be the most difficult, joyful, rewarding, heartbreaking thing you ever do - and it can make the biggest difference in the life of someone who stands to lose home, family, culture, and identity and yet has done nothing wrong. If you feel that you might be able to offer your home to a child please contact Kawerak, at (907) 443-4372 or fcr-case@kawerak.org.

Jobs at Solomon

Upcoming jobs available this summer is a b&b coordinator, carpenter, maintenance and laborer workers to open and close the Solomon Community Center. During youth camp, two camp coordinators will also be hired.

The tribal council is also looking for volunteers to cook food for tribal gatherings and quarterly meetings of the tribal membership. If interested in employment with the tribe, please call the office at 443-4985 or send an email to tc.sol@kawerak.org.

2017 Environmental Educational Youth Summit

WHO: All youth are invited, we kindly request if you are under the age of 8 to be accompanied by an environmentalist above the age of 12.

WHERE: Mini Convention Center Nome, Alaska.

WHAT: Fun environmental education activities with your local Environmentalists.

WHEN: Saturday August 5th, 2017. Opening doors at noon.

The VOS Environmental department is partnering with the National Park Service, Kawerak, Inc., UAF Northwest Campus Gay Sheffield this year. For more information contact Deilah Johnson by sending an email to igap.solomon@gmail.com.

Solomon's Youth & Elder Camp Scheduled

Solomon's annual summer youth and elder camp is August 6-12, 2017. Youth under the age of 8 is welcome to attend only with parental supervision. Much of the activities will promote healthy spiritual wellness and environmental education. Limited airfare is provided to those that live outside of Nome. A completed application must be submitted to VOS by the deadline of July 10, 2017 in order to be considered for airfare.

Contact the tribal coordinator if you're interested in volunteering to supervise youth during camp, or driving, cooking and cleaning.

NEW! This year VOS will offer a camp extension for kids over the age of 12 to stay a few days extra to participate in silver fishing/canning at Solomon's Okitkon Shelter where participants will also build a fish rack/smokehouse for tribal members to use. Kids under 12 will need to have parent/guardian on-site of activities.

To request a camp application, contact the tribal coordinator at 907 443-4985 or send an email to tc.sol@kawerak.org. Applications are due Monday, July 10, 2017 to be considered for airfare discounts.

Village of Solomon (VOS) Tribal Coordinator Update

The Council continues to reach out to its tribal membership through newsletters so mailing addresses need to be current. Please contact the office if you need to update your mailing address.

The VOS also continues to issue tribal ID cards. The tribal membership card can be used as a form of ID. The United States government and the State of Alaska recognizes tribal enrollment as a form of identification when asked to show a form of ID.

Our Tribal Council meets the third Thursday of every month. A teleconference line is available for tribal members to participate. Contact the office for an agenda and password for access to meeting.

Tribal coordinator Liz Johnson completed the Foraker Group's four month program in Nonprofit Management, a program designed for Alaska nonprofit professionals in leadership positions who want to enhance their management skills and explore a full range of issues and best practices to use in their organizations.

Pictured above is David Karp shoveling out a "mini" fridge" that doubles as a window in preparation of guests arriving at the Solomon Bed & Breakfast during Iditarod.

Pictured right is Liz Johnson with Caitlin Woods at the Nome Elementary School in March. Caitlin's 6th grade class grew lettuce as part of their science class.



Welcome New Tribal Members

Below photo is Bobby Curran holding his granddaughter **Clementine Lasley**, daughter of Nicole Curran in Anchorage, Alaska.



Above photo is **Liam Miles Nyitrai** born to Harmony Huntsman-Piscoya and Russell Nyitrai in Sterling, Alaska.

News & Noteworthy

If you have photos you would like printed in our biannual newsletter, please contact the tribal coordinator at 443-4985 or send an email to: tc.sol@kawerak.org.

New Tribal Training and Development Manager at Norton Sound Health Corporation

It was announced in the weekly NHSC Update by email that VOS President Kirsten Timbers was selected as the new Tribal Training & Development Manager at the Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC). Kirsten brings with her several years of business management/tribal management experience, as well as a master's degree in Public Administration. As the Tribal Training and Development Manager, Kirsten will be planning, directing, and coordinating training and development programs to promote employee development and training as well as Tribal Member hire initiatives. She will also assist with the administration and management of the NSHC scholarship and internship program and provide support as needed to the Human Resources Department.



Kirsten was born and raised in Nome and studied at Fort Lewis College as an undergraduate. She is married and has three children. NSHC is excited to have Kirsten in this new position.

Cameron Piscoya promoted to Human Resources Director at Sitnasauk Native Corporation

Sitnasauk released a press release on April 4th announcing that VOS Vice President Cameron Piscoya was promoted to HR Director at Sitnasauk Native Corporation here in Nome. According to the press release, Mr. Piscoya was identified in 2014 as an excellent candidate to participate in a succession plan to learn all aspects of human resources with the ultimate goal of being promoted to lead the department with the planned retirement of Richard Dyson. Cameron has successfully completed human resources training, mentoring, the Sitnasauk Shareholder Executive Leadership Program, and practical applications while participating in community activities and raising a growing family. According to Mr. Richard Dyson, Vice-President of Human Resources, "Cameron has demonstrated his innate abilities to absorb and process information very quickly and has taken initiative to learn and implement new processes to improve the department and Corporation."



Lottie RoseAnn Analoak-Schulling joins the family of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schulling in April 2017 in Nome.

October Membership Gathering Celebrates Katie Stettinger



Above photo: Katie Stettinger, Preston Sund, Dylin Tumulak and Annette Piscoya holding Katie's cake.



A tribal membership gathering was held in October last year at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel where tribal members gathered to celebrate the contributions of Katie Stettinger who then resided in Anchorage. Katie was the elder representative on the Tribal Council for the last three years and opted not to seek re-election when her term expired in August.

By email Brian James acknowledged Katherine "Katie" Stettinger for her many years of service on the tribal council (as Kawerak elder rep. & bird migratory committee) by saying "she was also as a very dedicated employee on the Solomon Community Center/Bed and Breakfast where she hosted and manned the Solomon BNB for several years during Iditarod and also summer guests. Katie also helped by working on the Solomon Community Center/BnB during its remodel work and as host, maid and laborer. When Solomon did not have a good enough vehicle to use to tow the heavy garbage hauler that weighed thousands of pounds of barrels, Katie allowed Solomon to use her own personal truck to haul the many, many loads of left over barrels from Solomon to the Nome Landfill which the Village of Solomon cleaned that BIA left. Katie believed in the Solomon Community Center especially the Solomon Bed and Breakfast business and was always ready to help in anyway shape or form."

Katie Stettinger passed away on April 27th in Anchorage and a Nome service was held shortly following her passing.

Her family has scheduled a memorial to be held on July 15th in Solomon.

The Village of Solomon's tribal council extends condolences to the family of Katie Stettinger. Her strong presence on the tribal council is already missed by all who served with her.



Helen Bohn holding Riley Sund and infant Penelope Huntsman, children of Lily Huntsman.



Obituary of Katie Stettinger

Katherine Stettinger was born to Frances Wright on July 12, 1943 at Fort Davis ~ Nome, Alaska. Katie passed away from pneumonia at the Alaska Native Medical Center on April 27, 2017, with family by her side. Katie was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer "Mycosis Fungicides", she was the first person in the State of Alaska to be diagnosed with this rare form of cancer - which she courageously battled for nearly the last 20 years of her life. Anyone who knew Katie knew she put up one hell of a fight as she had the will to live for her mother.

At a young age Katie's mother became very ill and Katie and all of her siblings were taken away and split up because her mother could not take care of them. Katie went to a Catholic orphanage until the age of 14 when her mother was able to get her back and later on she then graduated from high school.

Katie was known as a hard worker and in fact she could out work most men. Katie worked as a housekeeper, maid, bartender and then eventually she went to school in Tulsa Oklahoma and she got certified in gas and arc welding ~ unlimited thickness and in all position and she could also wire feed weld as well as TIG/MIG.

Katie was married for a little while in Sparks (Reno), Nevada to her husband and friend Donnie O'Halloran until a strong calling pulled her back to Alaska as she was to independent and strong willed. Katie did not have any children of her own, but she was a mother to lots of nephews, nieces, cousins and she was a dear friend to all whom were lucky enough to be called a friend.

Katie was a straight shooter and she was not afraid to tell you exactly how it was and her word was her bond.

Katie worked a welder on the Alyeska Pipeline, on the world's largest off shore gold mining dredge known as the BIMA, Nome Gold, Q-trucking, City of Nome

Katie proudly served on the Village of Solomon Tribal Council, Kawerak Board of Directors, Migratory Bird Council, Kawerak Elder representative, Norton Sound Health Corporation Board of Directors.

Katie loved playing cards and she was an avid pinochle player and she loved to read. Katie also loved being out in the country especially at Solomon riding four wheelers, going for snow machine rides, boating, gold mining, she especially loved her pets Buddy & Tuffy and being with her close family and friends.

Katie is preceded in death by her brother Jack and sisters; Carol, Julia and Elsie.

Katie leaves behind her beloved 99' year old mother Frances Wright of Solomon in QCC, sisters Frances "ducky" Moncrief of Seward, Natalie and John Walker of Tularosa, New Mexico, Rose Totten of Seattle, Washington, her brother Bobby Bahnke of Nome, and her and lots n lots of nieces, nephews, cousins and her best friend Susan.

Sad News for Solomon:

While this newsletter was being assembled, the Village of Solomon received the sad news of our treasured elder Francis Wright had passed away on May 1, 2017 here in Nome. Her family will have her memorial in Solomon on July 15th together with her daughter Katie Stettinger. The tribal council extends its heartfelt condolences to the family of Francis, she will be missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

What is Renewable Energy?

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Energy from a source that is not depleted when used, self-sustainable such as wind and solar. Renewable energy is also called "clean energy" or "green power" because it doesn't pollute the air or the water.

Why don't we use renewable energy all the time?

Unlike natural gas and coal, we can't store up wind and sunshine to use whenever we need to make more electricity. If the wind doesn't blow or the sun hides behind clouds, there wouldn't be enough power for everyone. Another reason we use fossil fuels like coal and natural gas is because they're cheaper. It costs more money to make electricity from wind, and most people aren't willing to pay more on their monthly utility bills.

Where does renewable energy come from?

Wind

Like the propeller blades of an airplane, wind turbine blades use the moving air to power an electric generator that supplies an electric current.

Biomass

Power companies like Alliant Energy are also working with customers to find new ways to make electricity, from crops like switchgrass and even from cow poop!

Solar

Have you ever used a magnifying glass to make something melt or burn? If yes, then you were using solar power!

Hydro

Hydro means "water" in Greek - so "hydro power" is energy made from water.

Geothermal

Have you ever seen pictures of a volcano or a geyser? If so, then you've seen geothermal energy in action!

The more we use renewable energy, the better off our environment will be!

What kind of Renewable Energy can be used in Solomon?

The Environmental Coordinator has been working with the Bering Straits Energy Champion, Robert Bensin in setting up and implementing a Wind & Solar Assessment to determine whether or not it is feasible for Solomon to utilize as an Energy source.

Your Environmental Coordinator has also been taking UAF Classes for an Occupational Endorsement Program on Sustainable Energy and finding resources for knowledge in California where she has recently relocated.

<http://www.alliantenergykids.com/EnergyandTheEnvironment/RenewableEnergy/000625>

A Chance to Win a Prize

Directions: Below is Solomon’s Village Priorities which the tribe re-prioritizes every year. On a scale of #1-12, place a number in the yellow rank # box next to each priority listed below indicating the level of importance to you with 1 being the most important, 2 less important and so forth. There are 12 priorities so you cannot use the same number twice.

Rank #

Obtain a tribal community hall/office in Nome.	
Expand and improve our ICWA services.	
Assess effects of climate change and collaborate for Salmon enhancement and testing in Solomon.	
Fully effective operation of the Solomon Bed & Breakfast (business plan, obtain land, tourism development, gift shop, alternative and renewable energy).	
Create and manage our own transportation program for Solomon (roads, boat harbor, airstrip).	
Improve our language resources in our dialect (immersion school, educational resources, writing children’s books and Solomon history books).	
Improve access in public schools to learn tribal government, Alaska Native history, and math and science using our environment as a tool.	
Advocate for restorative justice and tribal input into culturally appropriate sentencing of our tribal members.	
Work with other Nome-based tribes to develop culturally related classes and activities for all ages to pass on cultural knowledge and promote wellness.	
Improve education and enforcement of land use rights in and around Solomon.	
Clean up land and old church site, improve drainage, and add historical markers in and around Solomon.	
Advocate for an affordable family-friendly laundry/washeteria/carwash in Nome.	

Is there a topic of concern that is not listed on the priorities list? YES NO

If yes, please list: _____

Communication is essential for tribal members both near and far. Has the tribal council done a good job in communicating with you? YES NO

Please explain: _____

Your Name: _____ Tribal Enrollment No: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Phone No: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ E mail: _____

Do you need a tribal identification card? YES NO

Do you need to enroll anyone in your family into the tribe of Village of Solomon YES NO

Thank you for participating in the annual re-prioritizing of Solomon’s village priorities. Upon submitting to the Village of Solomon by email to tc.sol@kawerak.org or fax to 907 443-5189, your name will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a prize!. A name will be drawn during the annual meeting on September 22nd in Nome.



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Box 2053
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SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!

Village of Solomon's Annual Meeting is

**Friday , September 22, 2017 at 6 PM in Nome at a location
TBD (to be determined)**

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

**Election day is Friday, August 18, 2017 in Nome at the office located in
the BSNC building's Suite 101 on Front Street**

Hours: 8:30 AM t o 4:30 PM .

Contact the office if you need a ride to vote