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The Tribe moves into its Office Building

It was determination of the Solomon Tribal Council to move into its own tribal community building last summer. The tribal council worked hard in accomplishing its village priority of purchasing an office space here in Nome. After several months of negotiations, the office is now located at the corner of G Street and Nathan Barron Alley off of 6th Avenue (parallel to the Nome Recreation Center's ballfield). The building was originally a two story home at the corner of 6th and G Street. Prior to moving in, the tribal council converted the 5 bedroom home and reduced it to three bedroom unit on the second floor and renovated the entire downstairs into a 1200 square foot space which is used as the main office. The front door is located on the north side of the building on Nathan Barron Alley. Today, it has two apartment rentals and a two car garage with plenty of storage. The office is for the IGAP program, the Tribal Coordinator, the Bed & Breakfast operations and the Solomon Native Corporation office. Signs will be posted near the front door later this spring.



Annual Meeting Date Set

The Tribal Council selected Friday September 21st to have the annual meeting this year here in Nome at our office located at the corner of G & Nathan Barron Alley Street. 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 who do not live in Nome and wish to attend telephonically.

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Obituary of Francis Wright

March 11, 1918—June 1, 2017

Frances Cora Wright was born on March 11, 1918 to Fredrick Cook and Emma Iglaglaq at Council Alaska. Frances passed away peacefully on June 1, 2017 in Nome Alaska with her granddaughter Reatha Bahnke by her side.

Frances married William Stettinger, they had several children together. She enjoyed being a homemaker and a mother. She worked at various positions in Nome and Fort Davis throughout the next few years and enjoyed teaching her children the subsistence lifestyle. When she contracted TB she moved to Seward with her family to recover. After being treated, she stayed and worked in various positions. She traveled outside to visit her daughters and at times stayed in the Washington area. During this time, she became widowed but remarried Ernest (Pete) Wright and after his passing returned to the Nome area.

Frances made several camps with one near Bonanza, one in Topkok and one in Council. Throughout her years in the area, she traveled between Council, Golovin and White Mountain to visit family and friends. She looked forward to the end of the school year so that her grandchildren Rodney and Sherri Lewis would stay with her during the summer months gathering subsistence foods.

Frances stayed in the Norton Sound region for the remainder of her years. She once again took in family and began teaching them the traditional subsistence way of life and passed down her knowledge to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a good provider to her family and always had food on the table for visitors that would often stop by. Frances enjoyed 4 wheeling and boating for as long as her health would let her.

Frances is survived by her daughters; Natalie Walker, Frances Moncrief, Rose Totten and son Robert Bahnke. She had many grand children, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her late husbands, her siblings and her children, Caroline, Elsie, Jack, Katherine, Julia and grandson Kenton.

Tribal Council Names Youth Camp in Memory of Francis Wright



At the February tribal council meeting, it was by unanimous consent to name the youth camp in honor and memory of Francis Wright in recognition of the contributions she made to Solomon. Francis attended many of our tribal gatherings and meetings both in Nome and Solomon over the years. She also represented Solomon at the First Alaskans Institute's annual elders and youth conference. She also spent time with our youth during the annual camp telling stories of her experiences growing up in Solomon.

An evening of dedication and sharing of memories will be planned during the annual youth camp this year. Camp is scheduled the week of August 6th this year.

For questions, please contact Liz Johnson, Tribal Coordinator at 443-4985 or send an email to tc.sol@kawerak.org.

Interested in Serving on the Tribal Council?

Three seats are up for election this year: Seats A, B & D. 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.

Seats A & B & D are “open” seats 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 A or B or D, 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) Physically resided within the Nome/Solomon area for a period of one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the election in which the candidate seeks office. Reasonable temporary absences shall not be used to establish that this requirement has not been satisfied; and
- C) 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
- D) Enrolled as a tribal member of the tribe, and, if required by the tribe’s membership ordinance, a “Resident Member” as that status is defined by the membership ordinance; and
- E) Free of any physical or mental incapacity which would prevent the candidate from carrying out the duties of a council member.

In order to be considered for council candidacy to the council and your name included on the ballot, you must submit a Letter of intent and disclosure form to the Village of Solomon.

A Letter of Intent must certify that the candidate resides in the Nome/Solomon area, is a tribal member eighteen (18) years old or older, include a disclosure form, and any other information the candidate wishes the tribal membership to know. The disclosure form requires that the candidate list prior criminal history and any current pending criminal charges. Contact the tribal coordinator for the form.

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 6, 2018.

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 Vision

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

Solomon Community Mission

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.~~ DONE!
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 2017 annual meeting)

2016-2017 At A Glance



The Village of Solomon has concluded another very exciting year! We have for the seventh year in a row held our tribal youth spirit camp in Solomon with the help of our camp coordinators Helen Bohn and Jennifer Curran. This past year AFN celebrated 50 years since inception the conference focused on achievements in the past and planning for the future. The convention was held in Fairbanks. We had great representation from Solomon at AFN including; Clara Tootkaylok, Sara Tumulak, Annette Piscoya, Cameron Piscoya, Tessa Timbers-Payenna and I. We have multiple revenue streams coming in and are able to expand services as a result (BSRHA mini grant, NSHC Tribal Mini Grant, IGAP, B&B Revenue, S&T Funds, RAMAH funds) This past year we were able to purchase the land that was leased to the tribe from SNC. This has been a long term goal of VOS's.

We also are concluding our obligation to maintain the Economic Development Administration requirements of the B&B which allows VOS additional independence in operations. We have also been very blessed with an abundance of berries and fish this year.

Tribal Office Elections

Tribal elections were held with one open seat. Seat "C" which has the requirement as a Nome/Solomon residency was open for eligible tribal members. There were two candidates vying for the seat and the result was incumbent Elizabeth Johnson continuing to another term as our tribal members serving a three year term.

Membership Benefits

VOS is continuing to promote more Family, Cultural, Recreational, and Social Wellness Choices by purchasing recreational passes at the Nome Swimming Pool and Nome Recreation Center to allow for our tribal membership to take part in health and wellness choices as a family unit during the long winter months. We are also supporting our local hunters and gatherers in sharing traditional foods such as fish and game with others within our tribal membership. Through our hunter support agreement, the program will allow for support funds to purchase gas and other supplies up to \$250 (excluding ammo) to hunt/gather for our tribal membership and their families who cannot harvest traditional foods on their own. We had 6 families who participated in this program this past year and hope to continue into the future. Additionally, VOS is providing back to school supplies to students. This is a reimbursable benefit and the items purchased must be included on the back to school list provided by the school or otherwise approved by VOS. We are excited to begin offering this new service to our tribal members.

Bed and Breakfast Update

Reservations continue to be managed by the VOS office. Repairs done this year included plunging the septic system which was done by Bob Madden's service Suck and Shine and Nome Heating's Mike West. It will be closed soon for the winter months.

Conclusion

Thank you all for your continued support and commitment to the VOS. I look forward to the coming year and providing continued service to our members in our new and improved office!

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



Dear Tribal Membership:

This is my 3rd Annual Meeting as your Environmental Coordinator so I hope you can read this report in faith that I am doing the best I can to serve you all. I have created a presentation for your review to reflect the last IGAP fiscal year from 10/01/2016-09/30/2017.

I have listed every component listed in our IGAP work plan, which is what I am required to report on during the monthly Council meetings and at the end of each IGAP quarter (4x a year to EPA).

IGAP FISCAL YEAR 2017

FY17 IGAP Workplan Components:

1.1 Continue to meet monthly with Traditional Council—Have been attending regular Council Meetings

1.2 Continue to meet monthly with TC to ensure financial management of grant—Working with TC on the finances, also working on enrolling Council members to ASAP> So far it looks like we have Annette, Sarah and myself enrolled.

1.3 Attend and participate in Environmental trainings/conferences—I am the new Primary Rep for one of the 3 Alaska Positions for RTOC. We have a meeting on 9/20 in Seattle and I will be searching for an alternate for my position. Sarah and Liz have expressed interest in attending the ATCEM conference in Anchorage, AK in November for the next fiscal year.

2.1 Water Quality Experts will attend Water Quality training courses—2.2 Purchase necessary supplies for Water Monitoring activities—Derek has purchased necessary supplies

2.3 To conduct Water Monitoring activities as stated in approved QAPP—Sampling has begun & should end early October. This 3rd completed season of sampling to add to our goal for a 5 year baseline of water monitoring data.

2.4 Continue to revise QAPP as needed—Working on QAPP revisions. We would like to include monitoring specific mining metals for potential mining operations in the Solomon watershed. The revision is a long lengthy process.

3.1 Conduct a feasibility study on environmental climate for potential renewable energy sources. I am working with Rob Bensin on accumulating the right tools to conduct a feasibility study, we are also working on partnering with Kawerak to fund an updated, comprehensive Energy Audit.

3.2 Develop a Renewable Energy Plan—Hosted VOS' first Renewable Energy Plan Community gathering. I have attached my draft REP, we are planning another strategic energy planning gathering in Anchorage for our membership outside of Nome.

3.3 Decrease reliance on non-renewable energy sources (diesel fuel) by using the REP as a source in seeking outside funding sources—First Draft completed and approved Renewable Energy Plan by January 2018.

4.1 Host bi-annual IGAP updates and educational gatherings—Gathering during youth camp, the youth learned about Renewable Energy, had a presentation during the Renewable Energy Gathering and we ended in a full game of Jeopardy with all community members in attendance.

4.3 Host an Environmental Educational Youth Summit—Youth Summit was held at the Mini Convention center in Nome. We did not have many in attendance, it was finally a nice day outside for a Saturday, so we had about 17 participants. It was still fun and educational.

FY18 Grant Applications—We have been awarded our FY18 base gap grant. Waiting to hear on the Additional Funding Request for \$30k.

Sincerely,

Deilah

Deilah Johnson, Environmental Coordinator

New Website for Solomon Coming Soon!

The tribe has been working on a new website for the Village of Solomon. Once a final review by the Council has been completed, the website will be available to our tribal membership.

The website is another way of reaching out to our tribal membership both near and far. Forms and information along with photos of our activities and newsletters of the recent past will be posted for viewing.

For current activities and photos, those are posted on our Facebook page named “Village of Solomon”. This page is managed by our camp coordinators during the youth camp. Announcements are also made by the tribal coordinator.

The website was originally going live last year in December but due to setbacks, it is now scheduled to go live on May 1.

Solomon’s Schedule for 2018

February 15	Monthly Council Meeting
April 19	Monthly Council Meeting
May 17	Monthly Council Meeting
June 21	Monthly Council Meeting
August 6-11	Solomon Youth & Elders Camp/Tribal Gathering
August 17	Annual Tribal Elections
September 20	Monthly Council Meeting
September 21	Annual Meeting, Nome
October 19	Monthly Council Meeting
October	Tribal Membership Gathering, Anchorage (scheduled around Youth and Elders Conf.)
November 15	Monthly Council Meeting

There are four tribal gatherings scheduled in June, August and October (in Anchorage) and December.

Join the Council for dinner and participate in the scheduled Council meetings. Monthly Council meetings start at 5:30 PM at the VOS office.

Contact the office at 443-4985 or send an email to tc.sol@kawerak.org for more information and an agenda, a teleconference number and password for you to call in if you wish to attend telephonically.

Tribal Council Reorganizes at Its February Meeting

The tribal council held its reorganization and election of officers at its September meeting. Monthly meetings were also reestablished to meet on the 2nd Wednesdays of the month. Tribal members are encouraged to attend these meetings. Those who do not live in Nome are welcome to attend via teleconference. Contact the tribal coordinator for teleconference and pass code information and an agenda will be emailed to you. Here's how to reach your tribal council:

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President	Kirsten Timbers	ooga4me@hotmail.com
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Treasurer	Annette Piscoya	sookinik@gmail.com
Secretary	Liz Johnson	tc.sol@kawerak.org
Assistant Treasurer/ Secretary	Sarah Tumulak	sarahlyn931@gmail.com
Elder Representative	Myrtle Komakhuk	myrtlekomakhuk@yahoo.com
Youth Representative	Alex Gray	agrayt2015@gmail.com

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 along with receipts.
- 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 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.

Please note: This is primarily used to purchase gas and oil and is based on funding availability per calendar year. Receipts will not be accepted after December 31.

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.

Tribal members who would like a recreation center pass or swimming pass near where you live, please send an email to tc.sol@kawerak.org or call the office at 443-4985 to make arrangements for the purchase of one 30 day pass at a local recreation center.

Norton Sound Health Corporation Update

(With permission from CEO Angela Gorn, below is reprinted portions of her report to the Joint NSHC & Kawerak Board meeting on March 30, 2018)

NSHC has transformed its Tribal health care delivery into a patient-centered approach that cares holistically for the mind and body of patients and families. The National Committee for Quality Assurance just recognized Nome's Primary Care Clinic as a Patient Centered Medical Home at a Level III. NSHC is the only Tribal health system in the state to achieve this prestigious status.

A Patient Travel Liaison has been hired and is based in Anchorage to assist all patients traveling for medical reasons. When a patient misses a flight, requires lodging, experiences escort problems, or needs any other help during medical travel, please call Mark Allred at (907) 434-1323.

The Elder fund was revised to ensure any tribal member 55 years and older will not be required to pay any out-of-pocket payment for audiology, eye care, or dental supplies/service.

The Board of Directors has made Tribal Healing an integral part of the health care system. NSHC now has four Tribal Healers on staff, and one of the four is based in Stebbins.

Effective January 2018, NSHC's Wellness division will be expanded to offer more community education and disease prevention awareness. Programs will only be developed by engaging with communities to promote empowerment and self-care.

Quyanna Care Center improved the publicly reported quality rating from a 3 to a 5 based on a 5-star rating over the past six months. NSHC continues to expand Certified Nursing Assistant training to train local people. The home serves Native foods and embraces culturally relevant care by offering traditional activities.

The Office of Environmental Health has bed bug prevention and control kits available for residents living in the region. Please contact Emma Pate at (907) 443-3308 for more information.

The Village of Solomon's representative is Elizabeth Johnson on the NSHC Board of Directors. She serves on the Bylaws, Personnel & Policy Committee, the Clinical Services and Compliance Committees. She also serves on the Quality Assurance/Performance Improvement Committee.

Village of Solomon (VOS) Tribal Coordinator Update (verbatim)

TO: Village of Solomon Tribal Membership
FR: Elizabeth Johnson, Tribal Coordinator
DT: September 22, 2017
RE: Tribal Coordinator Report

The VOS tribal council continues to reach out to its tribal membership through the biannual newsletter so it is important to inform the tribe when mailing addresses change. We also reach out through emails for those that provide email addresses.

The VOS office 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 cards as a form of identification when asked to show a form of identification.

The office had a summer administrative intern provided by Kawerak this year. Elizabeth Alowa provided a report summarizing her experience as saying “I became a summer intern for the Village of Solomon through the Summer Youth Employment Program at Kawerak. Before this summer I had never heard of VOS, nor did I know the history for Solomon. I spent the last 8 weeks alongside of your tribal coordinator, Liz Johnson, - creating a database, mailing out the annual newsletter, ballots, and bills, and making the Village of Solomon website. I also helped out with B&B maintenance, filing, finances, and took calls and messages. Working as an intern at VOS was an eye opening experience; I learned something new almost every day. I became aware of the importance of a tribe, and how much time and effort goes into coordinating. Overall, this internship was a great experience. I’d like to thank Liz and the rest of the members of Village of Solomon for giving me this opportunity.”

The Tribal Council hosted its 6th annual tribal youth and elders camp in Solomon with 12 youth and 2 elders attending. We also welcomed several other youth campers who joined in the activities during the day. Helen Bohn and Jennifer Curran coordinated our annual youth camp. This year our camp was partly funded by NSHC, they partnered with Ruralcap to promote “Smoke Fish, not Tobacco”.

This year our Environmental Coordinator Deilah Johnson worked on teaching the VOS Annual Youth Camp attendees about Renewable Energy, encouraged them to be the future leaders of Solomon, which they created a community model of Solomon which included a small wind farm and solar panels on the B&B. The youth camp presented their model and ideas to the guests and community at the first Renewable Energy Planning strategic community gathering in Solomon on the last day of Youth Camp. The community was able to establish their Vision statement for VOS and their draft Renewable Energy Plan. They discussed goals and priorities for Solomon, the Environmental Coordinator was able to draft a plan from the gathering and is partnering with Dept. of Energy on the next few steps in completing an approved Renewable Energy plan by December.

We will be launching our website December 1st. Our summer intern Bessie did a lot of work on it this summer. Once our website goes online, tribal members will be able to access our tribal enrollment forms, our emergency assistance application, subsistence support forms, etc. Our newsletters and LEDP will be published there and our tribe’s information, educational documents that have been created by IGAP. This does not replace anything that tribal members already receive through emails and USPS. This is just another avenue of communication between our Council and our tribal membership.

The office is moving to a new location effective October 1st. The tribal Council is in the process of finalizing the purchase of a residential home on 6th and Nathan Barron Alley. Once office renovations are completed, the office door will be located on Nathan Barron Alley (north of 6th Avenue street). The 6th avenue entrances, there are two, are private entrances to the rental units only. Our first tribal membership gathering in our new office space will be in December for our children’s Christmas party in conjunction with the last tribal council meeting of the year.

Tribal Coordinator report continued...

The Anchorage based tribal membership meeting is scheduled on November 18th this year coinciding with the annual tribal environmental conference in Anchorage. A notice and reminder will be emailed/mailed to the membership.

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

VOS prints our newsletter biannually. Photos and announcements are always welcome.

Lastly, every year, VOS is interested in hiring a carpenter, laborer, bnb coordinator, housekeeper, and two camp coordinators next summer. These jobs are temporary only during the summer months. If you are interested in working for VOS, please contact the office at 443-4985 or send an email to tc.sol@kawerak.org.

Welcome New Tribal Members

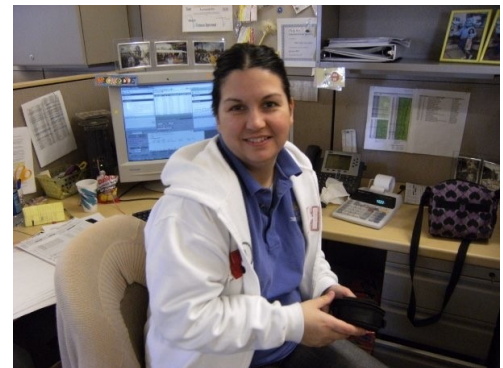
Layna Timbers-Payenna

Roselene Totten

Michelle Loomis

Alexander Loomis

Sydney Roberts

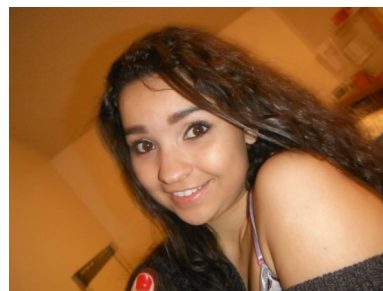


Michelle Loomis above, and Sydney Roberts middle photo.

Roselene Totten bottom and Alexander Loomis bottom right.



Layna Timbers-Payenna, pictured bottom right, with parents Heatherr and Kirsten and her sisters Tessa and Brittney Payenna.



Renewable Energy Plan Meeting Held in Anchorage in December



The Village of Solomon Environmental Department has been focused on Renewable Energy and this year, the Council approved our first Renewable Energy Plan. The Plan included two Strategic Energy Community Gatherings, one was hosted at the final day of Youth camp and the second was hosted in Anchorage this last December. This strong effort has resulted in an approved Renewable Energy Plan which opened the door to partner with Alaska Center for Energy and Power (ACEP), ANTHC's Energy Initiative Program, The Office of Indian Energy, and Kawerak, Inc.

This summer will include an Energy Audit at the Community Center and the first observation of the land for potential renewable energy sources for the time frame of 1 year. The Environmental Department has also formed an Energy Leadership Committee which meets quarterly and serves as an Advisory board to the Council and the Environmental Coordinator. Alternative Energy has been an ongoing priority under the Village of Solomon's Local Economic Development Plan (LEDP).



We hope to create an electricity framework to provide to our community.

If you have any further questions or would like to view a copy of the Renewable Energy Plan, you are welcome to contact your Environmental Coordinator at igap.solomon@gmail.com. The office in Nome is also equipped with one for your review. We look forward to moving forward and completing this Village Priority.

The Village of Solomon was also awarded an Additional Funding Request grant from EPA. The two components that are funded under this grant are: To purchase an IGAP truck and to remove the asbestos from the fallen down church as well as removing the tank near the bridge. This is all apart of cleaning up our community.

“Renewable Energy is....”

from Jaxson Huntsman's words, “..Energy that can be recycled”

Tristan Hudson's words, “...that makes things go”

Michael Tocktoo's words, “..an energy you can use over and over again by not using fuels”

The vision for the Renewable Energy Plan was developed at the first Strategic gathering last summer, which follows:

“Develop and innovate Renewable Energy that is consistent with our cultural identity.”

Back To School Supplies

Starting August 1, 2018, the Tribal Council has authorized the expenditure of up to \$100 for school supplies for our children for the 2018-19 school year. This is by reimbursement only for actual costs not to exceed \$100 dollars per child. An application must be filled out and you must attach:

1. A school supplies list and
2. Receipts that match the school supplies list.

Applications will be available starting August 1, 2018 from the office and will be accepted only until September 28, 2018.

Jobs at Solomon

The Village of Solomon will be advertising with the Nome Job Service for an office assistant to be located here in Nome. The office assistant will be assisting both the tribal and environmental coordinators providing clerical support to all VOS projects.

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, three camp coordinators may 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.

Solomon’s Youth & Elder Camp Scheduled

Solomon’s annual summer youth and elder camp is August 6-11, 2018. 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 6, 2018 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.

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 6, 2018 to be considered for airfare.

How can you contribute.....

To an Eco-Friendly Lifestyle AND celebrate Earth Day this year? Read below for the best tips and Earth Day ideas. Brought to you by your Environmental Department.

As Spring arrives, more sunlight becomes available for indoor planting! We all know that outdoor Alaskan planting is not always optimal, however, you CAN utilize the extra sun rays to help grow some indoor vegetables! Here are some tips to assist you in your new indoor garden 😊

Lettuce greens. Lettuce is surprisingly easy to grow and does not take up much space, making it an excellent choice for a sunny window. Look for lettuce mixes marketed as cutting lettuces or leaf lettuce varieties. With these, you can harvest the leaves and the plant will grow back, giving you more lettuce for half the work.

Start your seeds in a pot or a plastic bag with drainage holes. Fill with moist potting soil and sprinkle five to 15 seeds on the surface. Cover them with 1/8 inch of soil and mist them with a spray bottle until the surface is damp but not soaked. Place them in a sunny window or under a grow light and keep nice and moist. Thin the seedlings once they germinate, leaving the strongest to grow into delicious, fresh lettuce.

Carrots. You won't get monstrous carrots from an indoor garden, but with a deep enough pot you can enjoy fresh carrots year-round. Shorter carrot varieties need a pot at least eight inches deep and longer varieties require 12 inches to reach their full size. Choose a moistened organic potting soil mix and fill your container up to an inch from the top. Plant your seeds 1/4 inch deep. Keep your carrots in a sunny windowsill and keep them moist but not wet. Once they germinate, thin them so that each carrot is at least an inch apart from its neighbor. Plant a new batch of carrots every two weeks to keep them coming all year long.

Arugula. Spicy and delicious, arugula germinates quickly and grows even faster. Each plant gives you multiple harvests if you cut the larger leaves and leave the small ones at the center. Arugula prefers cooler temperatures, which makes it a perfect vegetable to grow indoors. Sprinkle arugula seeds in your container the same way you would lettuce. Water and place them in a sunny windowsill, thinning out weaker seedlings as needed.

Kale. Once a garnish and now a superfood, kale is a great vegetable to grow indoors. Like arugula, you can harvest the bigger leaves and leave the small ones for a later harvest. Plant a few seeds in a medium-size pot and cover with 1/2 inch of soil. Keep the soil moist and thin to one plant per pot, as kale can get pretty large.

Tomatoes. I was surprised at how long my tomatoes lasted indoors the first time I moved a potted plant inside. Had I added fertilizer, I suspect it would have lasted even longer. Tomatoes do well in containers, but they do like sunlight so make sure your tomato gets the best seat at the window. I highly recommend starting your seeds in a seed flat (egg cartons work well too) and transplanting them into a large pot when they are a few inches tall. This gives them sturdy roots. Trellis your tomato with a stake to offer further support and fertilize every two weeks.

For more info visit: <https://greatist.com/health/best-plants-to-grow-indoors>

Once you begin a sustainable food source in your own home, send in a picture for the newsletter so we can recognize your healthy choice to grow your own food.

This is also an excellent way to celebrate Earth Day, which is April 22nd, 2018. HAPPY PLANTING!

Other exciting ways to celebrate this International Holiday:

- Carpool, ride a bike, roller skate or walk for the entire day
- Refuse all disposable plastic products i.e. straws, plastic bottles, extra plastic packaging
- Start an indoor edible food source
- Take a hike
- Make your own household cleaners
- Turn off all your electricity for the entire day

RECYCLE!

Invest in a thermos for your morning beverages & carry it every single morning

Be sure to remember your reusable totes

Go paperless for all of your bills!

Reuse anything and everything you have! See picture for pasta sauce glass bottles reused, jelly glasses & juice glass bottles reused

Make sure you do not have any incandescent light bulbs, be sure to replace all of them with LED's or any eco-friendly light bulb

Spread the word about Earth Day



According to Wikipedia, "Earth Day is an annual event, celebrated on April 22, on which day events worldwide are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It was first celebrated in 1970, and is now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network and celebrated in more than 193 countries each year."



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Annual Meeting is
Friday, September 21, 2018
at 6 PM
at the VOS tribal office.