

SUMMER 2022

Village of Solomon goes SOLAR at the Community Center

The Village of Solomon Environmental Dept. hosted a 2 week long 7kW rooftop solar panel installation training with 3 trainees from the Nome area who registered. The Install was directed by the non-profit organization, GRID Alternatives Tribal Dept. and funded by their sister organization, Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund (who received a lump sum from Wells Fargo to distribute via grant application program through TSAF). The Village of Solomon was only 1 of 2 Alaska tribe's to receive the funding in a nationwide call for proposals.



VOS hired Brewster Bohn to film and document the entire process of the install, which had been edited and produced on the Village of Solomon's Enviornmental Coordinator youtube page as a documentary. The install crew fought climate change and were forced to lay 18 pv modules on the roof on a Saturday, which prompted Cameraman Brewster to assist in laying the mods on the roof. Nome Nugget Newspaper noted that the last rainiest summer was in 1935. The road to Solomon after Bonanza bridge almost washed out due to the heavy rains.

Tribal member Brewster Bohn putting the camera down to help install a PV panel on the roof

After many unexpected challenges, the inverter, battery storage, solar panels, and all the wiring had been completed by August 1st. With that, the Install crew was able to turn off the generator and completely run the facility solely on the panels and bat-

tery storage. It was at this time, the Environmental Coordinator fought back tears. The planning for this project and idea for this project, began in 2017.

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President's Report by Kirsten Timbers

2022 At a Glance

The Village of Solomon is excited to host our full 5 day Francis Wright Youth & Elder Camp in August, concluding camp on Saturday August 6^{th} , with our Annual Meeting. We have hired two new staff; a new Tribal Coordinator and our first B&B Coordinator. The Council has been working on our first Affordable Housing Strategic Plan, utilizing American Rescue Plan funds the tribe was able to purchase a total of 4 lots from the City of Nome on the upcoming new subdivision, east end of the 6^{th} avenue in Nome. We've hired Arcadis to assist in coordinating the purchase of gravel construction and coordinate with the utility for expansion to serve our future homes, tentatively completing 3 new single family homes and one new community facility on those lots, all before the end of summer 2023. We will be more than excited to share more news on these developments as they progress forward.

Membership Benefits

VOS continues to promote Family, Cultural, recreational and social wellness choices by offering reimbursement for gym memberships, Rec Center Passes, sport associated costs/fees, swim lessons and courses pertaining to our cultural preservation to allow for our tribal membership to take part in health and wellness choices as a means to encourage family engagement throughout the winter. We have been able to double our available funds in our tribal wellness benefit. We have also doubled our hunter support agreement pot of funding to allow for financial support for subsistence activities, excluding ammo. VOS is providing back to school supplies to students. This is a reimbursable benefit and the items pur-chased must be included on the back to school list provided by the school or otherwise approved by VOS.

We are currently still offering COVID electricity and internet reimbursements through our Center for Disease Controls grant award.

These applications are available on our website, www.villageofsolomon.org and if you need assistance, please contact our COVID support staff, Amy Johnson at amyj@villageofsolomon.org

Please subscribe to our website as our staff have kept announcements up to date as we continue to pro-

gress in providing as many benefits to our community as we can.

www.villageofsolomon.org

Quyanna

For all of your continued support and commitment to the Village of Solomon. I look forward to serving our tribe moving forward with exploring new, innovative ways to promote the health and well being of our membership.



Kirsten Timbers pictured with daughters, Llayna and Tessa during a swim meet in Nome, Alaska

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE TRIBAL COUNCIL?

Three (3) seats are open this year, seats E, F & G. Seats E, F and G are "open" seats meaning that in addition to tribal members residing in the Nome/Solomon area, they are open to tribal members who do not reside in the Nome/Solomon area and are not a "Resident Member" as defined by the membership ordinance. In order to be eligible to hold a position as a council member for Seat E, F or G, 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.

In addition to (A) through (C) immediately above, Seat F is specifically designated as a Youth Seat. In order to be eligible to hold a position as a council member for Seat F, a person must be at least 18 years of age, and no older than 24 years of age.

In addition to (A) through (C) immediately above, Seat G is specifically designated as an Elder Seat. In order to be eligible to hold a position as a council member for Seat G, a person must be at least 55 years of age or older.

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 June 21st, 2022.

Elections will be held on August 5th, 2022 prior to the Village of Solomon Annual Meeting in Solomon on Saturday, August 6th, 2022.

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.

Submit your Letters of Intent to tc.sol@kawerak.org

Please keep your contact information up to date with the office, contact Sherri Lewis if you need more information on where to find the form.

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST YEAR, WE UTILIZE OUR NEWLY APPROVED E-VOTING FOR OUR ANNUAL ELECTIONS.

There will be in-person voting on August 5th, 2022 at the office in Nome. Mail in voting (absentee voting) and now E-VOTING! We will provide you with your unique link in order vote online.

Solomon's 2022 Schedule of Activities

August 1st—6th Elder Camp	Francis Wright Youth &
August 5	Annual VOS Elections
August 6	VOS Annual Meeting
August 18	Monthly Tribal Council Meeting
September 15	Monthly Tribal Council Meeting
October 20	Monthly Tribal Council Meeting
November 17	Monthly Tribal Council Meeting

BED & BREAKFAST COORDINATOR

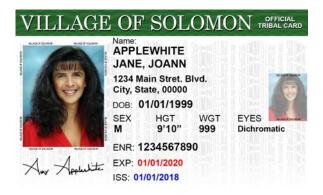
The Village of Solomon has officially hired their first Bed & Breakfast Coordinator. None other, than our own, Wilma Amaktoolik. Granddaughter of the late Francis Wright, daughter of Sherri Lewis and Frank Amaktoolik Sr.

Wilma is eager to learn all B&B business in order to enhance the client experience and move forward in implementing the new B&B business plan. Wilma has two young children of her own and will also step in as Alternate Tribal Coordinator. Wilma can be reached at Wilma@villageofsolomon.org



With much staff turnover, there has also been transition. Amy Johnson has taken on the role of COVID support staff and the new Environmental Assistant to enhance our Environmental Dept. She

EXAMPLE ONLY EXAMPL E ONLY



New Tribal IDs are here!

Please contact the office to get yours printed.

Our Tribal Coordinator has been printing them off and mailing them out. These are RE-AL ID's accepted by Federal law and meeting the new identification requirements.



plans to become certified to collect water samples for the continuation of the water monitoring program and will be escorting our partner from the Army Corps of Engineers Biologist, to perform eDNA sampling. Once the partnership with our Civil Planning partnership with the Corps is completed, Amy will continue the eDNA sampling for continued data collection. Amy can be reached at amyj@villageofsolomon.org

Environmental Coordinator Report

By Deilah Johnson

Hello Village of Solomon! I am excited to continue serving as the Environmental Coordinator as we move forward in accomplishing our environmental goals. We have recently hired a new Environmental Assistant, Amy Johnson who will be working in the office ensuring we are able to provide our tribal community with the most updated research, knowledge and activities in outreach and education as it has always been the forefront of our department. With that being said, please watch out for any virtual gathering announcements as we progress forward in our EPA FY2022. We have successfully managed our Indian General Assistance Program Grant from 2013 even throughout a pandemic.

I am proud to also acknowledge our 7kW rooftop solar panel system install that took place at the end of July 2021. The project was funded by Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund through a Wells Fargo grant. The entire install was a true experience. I was able to put my renewable research to the test and got to do real-life hands-on renewable energy in our own community building. I will forever cherish the experience. Tribal member and recent highschool graduate, Brewster Bohn flew to Nome to document the project to which, we produced an hour long youtube documentary available for your viewing on my igap.solomon@gmail.com channel. If you would like to watch the slideshow of photos, that video is also on the channel as well as any other educational videos over the years.

I had been nominated and selected to receive the individual Alaska Energy Efficiency Partnership Awards The Alaska Energy Efficiency Leadership Awards are an initiative of AEEP and is intended to recognize individuals and organizations successfully making strides toward the AEEP's mission of Alaska someday becoming the most energy-efficient state in the nation.

We have officially received a partnership with the US Army Corp of Engineers Alaska Division, on an environmental study in Solomon primarily focused on the fish & bird habitat's and species within our watershed. The study is to take place over the timeframe of 1 year. Fully funded by the Army Corps, we will have their biologist travel to Solomon each season to study and document as no such data exists to date. This will complement our water monitoring data we had collected over the course of a 5 year period. We'd like to continue collecting water quality data, if you or someone you know is interested in the seasonal position of collecting water samples - please send an email to deilah@villageofsolomon.org or go on our website, print the employment application and email that to the tribal coordinator.

As always, if you have any suggestions on how to better serve you or our community in regard to our environment, please contact me directly. I love hearing your feedback and suggestions.



Deilah Johnson during July 2021 solar install at community center, pictured as a selfie when the first combine box attached to the inverter was just placed in the former tool shed.

Development Coordinator Report

The Village of Solomon has been managing their CDC grant in response to COVID, which has provided internet support and electricity assistance. With that, the tribe has also been able to purchase a new office vehicle. The extended CDC grant will close June 2022. The Council has directed me toward developing our very own Affordable Housing Program, updates and announcements moving forward will be coming 2023.

With our new LEDP in the final draft stages, I will have more projects in the grant writing aspect for the tribe. LEDP should be completed and approved by the end of the year. I look forward to continuing the grant writing for our tribe as we achieve many more community goals and dreams.

VILLAGE OF SOLOMON TRIBAL MEMBER

UPDATE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Tribal Member/Head of Household:	
Tribal Enrollment #:	
Physical Home Address:	
Current Mailing Address:	
Phone Number:Email:	
Best way to reach me is by: USPS mail phone email	e
Please list the Name of Child/ren Living in Home in K-12:	
	_Tribal Enrollment #:
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School:	
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Please provide this information when calling the office to up mailing address current so that you continue to receive our and any other important information that the Village of Sol	r newsletters, tribal election and annual meeting mail out

You may also fax this form to 907 443-5189 or send an email to Amy Johnson, Tribal Coordinator at tc.sol@kawerak.org.

the tribal membership.

Kawerak Representative Report by Kirsten Timbers

Kawerak contracts with the state and federal government to provide services to residents of the Bering Strait Region. Kawerak's organizational goal is to assist Alaska Native people and their governing bodies to take control of their future. With programs ranging from education to housing, and natural resource management to economic development, Kawerak seeks to improve the Region's social, economic, educational, cultural and political conditions. Kawerak is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of the president (or designee) of the IRA or traditional Councils, two elder representatives and a representative from the regional health care provider. Kawerak reorganized in 2006 and we now have four divisions:

Children and Family

Services Community

Services Division

Education, Employment & Training

Division Natural Resources Division

Note: Services are provided only to those tribally enrolled in one of the 20 federally recognized tribes of the Bering Straits region. Tribal members enrolled with the Village of Solomon are eligible for many of the services listed with priority given to those that live in Nome and the Bering Strait region. For more information, visit www.kawerak.org

Bering Straits Regional Housing (BSRHA) Representative Report

The Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority (BSRHA) operates through a Board of Commissioners comprised of five members who are responsible for policies and procedures as well as oversight of all activities carried out by BSRHA. Through a minimum of four meetings annually, the Housing Authority Board provides general direction for all fiscal and organizational activities of the Housing Authority management and staff.

Kirsten Timbers has served on the BSRHA board of Commissioners for three consecutive three (3) year

terms. She represents the communities of Council, King Island, Nome, and, Solomon. Her term expires: 10/15/2022 and Alternate is Ruth Ojanen.

Crime Prevention & Drug Elimination Grant: BSRHA supports crime prevention and drug elimination activities through the Youth Grant program. Member

tribes of BSRHA will have the opportunity to create and operate programs that will have a direct impact on reducing crime and drug use among youth in our region. The maximum grant awarded is \$10,000 per tribe. The participating youth must be occupants of affordable housing. The grant is awarded on a reimbursement basis with all costs requiring proper documentation. If there is no documentation of participants being in affordable housing, the grantee will be responsible for a matching contribution.

Housing Preservation Grant: This grant is a forgivable loan for up to \$25,000 to allow (3) low-income, Alaskan Native homeowners the opportunity to perform repairs to their primary residence.

UAF BRISTOL BAY CAMPUS/ SOLAR DECATHALON

VOS Tribal member and Environmental Coordinator, Deilah Johnson participated in

the 2022 Solar Decathalon, hosted by National Renewable Energy Lab in finals as the only team in the design competition representing Alaska. Deilah had graduated the UAF Sustainable Energy endorsement program in 2019, her former professor asked if she'd be interested in joining another class, just to compete. She was asked

Spring 2022, accepted by fall semester and got to work with her class, which started out with 10 students, more than half were engineers or architects by major. By second semester, there were 4, none of which were engineering students. The team decided to base their project design on the Village of Solomon's purchased corner lot in Nome and went to work on all aspects of the design of a new single family home located in Climate zone 8, a subarctic climate with nothing but the occupants experience in mind as they moved forward with their design goals. After competing virtually against 101 col-

legiate teams across the globe, they were selected as 1 of 10 to advance to the finals. This required a 60+ page narrative of all details of the design, a 90 second media pitch, a physical small scale exhibit (constructed out of legos) and an 8 minute presentation to compete in person at the National Renewable Energy Lab in Golden, Colorado. After a 15 minute jury panel discussion once their presentation was heard, the following day they were awarded 3rd place in their division. They designed a hybrid single family home, made of four 40' shipping containers and tradi-

> cessing room of course a solar panel The team, now retired

University of Alaska Fairban Bristol Bay Camp Team Asriav illage of Solomon Hor

entry way and one game profor subsistence activities, and 15kW rooftop placed on a single slope roof. Asriavik, gifted their trophy to

UAF instructor Mark Mastellar.



Top right photo, Deilah pictured with team. Middle R photo, Deilah with mother and Tribal member. Liz Johnson holding the trophy and Instructor Mark Mastellar.





2022 Solar Decathalon participants at NREL in Golden, CO

COVID SERVICES

COVID RELIEF SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COUNCIL MANAGED THROUGH THE OFFICE

On August 20th, 2020 the Traditional Council approved Resolution 2020-05, declaring a Public Health Emergency in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Since the resolution was approved and passed, the Tribe has had the ability to provide all membership with covid relief services using the CARES Act Funds, Grants from various funding agencies and the new American Rescue Plan Act funding to mitigate the direct affects of the coronavirus and any variant of covid19 to the VOS tribal community.

CURRENT COVID RELIEF APPLICATIONS TO SUPPORT MEMBERSHIP

INTERNET SUPPORT - to provide financial assistance for the high cost of internet services per household on a monthly basis

ELECTRICITY ASSISTANCE - to provide financial assistance for the high cost of electricity per household on a monthly basis

LAPTOP - You may apply for a chromebook online due to a more virtual world during the pandemic

Please note, the Council meets regularly to discuss future services to respond to the global pandemic, and especially how it has negatively impacted our community. Announcements will be made as developing services continue.

Eligibility Criteria:

All applications have criteria to meet in order to qualify for the relief services you are applying for. Please follow the guidelines, facts, qualifications or instructions under each services. Each application has information available on the website, or you may request a digital or paper copy by emailing Amy. All questions in regard to covid services, contact Amy directly at her email, amyi@villageofsolomon.org.

To receive regular updates and news announcements sent directly to your email inbox, please subscribe on the website to receive emails when announcements are made.

FRANCIS WRIGHT YOUTH & ELDER CAMP

The Village of Solomon is pleased to announce we will be hosting our 5 day in person Francis Wright Youth & Elder Camp. Camp applications can be submitted until July 8th, 2022. Contact the office for a faxed copy, scanned/emailed copy, USPS mailed copy or go to our website and download our PDF to fill out and submit.

With having our Youth Camp back on schedule, we are accepting employment applications to fill two Camp Coordinator positions.

All membership is welcome, although we kindly request that if you are under the age of 8, you are with a chaperone. We accept camp applications for youth between the ages of 8-18 years of age and elders 55+, all membership is welcome otherwise. However, our priority is targeting our 8-18, 55+. WE ALWAYS WELCOME VOS GUESTS AND VOLUNTEERS.

Camp will take place August 1st—6th, completing our last day of camp with our Annual Meeting, potluck, youth presentations and in unity.

If you have any questions, please contact Deilah at deilah@villageofsolomon.org, Sherri Lewis at tc.sol@kawerak.org.

News & Noteworthy from Solomon

Congratulations to CLASS OF 2022, our own Derrick Henry graduated and is looking forward to using this huge milestone to advance into the world of work.





CONGRATS! To recent 2022 high school graduate and tribal member, Imari Bright. Pictured with younger brother, Decker Wacker at her graduation ceremony. Imari is going to begin her Anthropology studies at Fort Lewis College in fall 2022. She had recently spent several months managing VOS Covid programs for the tribe.

Welcome to the Village of Solomon

The tribe is always accepting new enrollment applications that have direct lineage to Solomon ancestors. Here's a snapshot of our newly enrolled members.



Welcome to the world and VOS Julian Steele Rosa, son of tribal member Julia Davenport



Recently enrolled, Autumn Olson.

Daughter of tribal member Vickie
Olson

New VOS Youth recently enrolled, Evelyn (on the left) and Eleanor Cage on the right; daughters to Joel Cage and Katie Duggin.

Welcome to the Village of Solomon

Jordan is a rising junior at Canyon View High School in Cedar City, Utah. She is very busy student involved with National Honor Society, Theatrical Productions, Volleyball, Basketball, and throws for Track and Field. This year, Jordan tied for 2nd place at Track and Field Regions, earning herself a spot to throw at State Championships in the discus.

Daughter of Jim Davenport Jr.





Jessica graduated from Canyon View High School in Cedar City, Utah and was a 4-year varsity swimmer and water polo player. Jessica is studying BioMedical Laboratory Science.

Jessica is an avid fisherman, like her Dad, and caught her first Grayling in the Council River. Jessica comes home to Alaska as much as she can to spend time with her Aunt, Uncle, and cousins.

Daughter of Jim Davenport Jr.

Do you have any news, noteworthy stories to share with the VOS Tribal community?

If so, we're always looking to highlight our tribal members in the newsletter. Send an email to tc.sol@kawerak.org with photos, stories, accomplishments and we would love to consider printing in our newsletter.

We will do our best to include as much as possible, and we'll do our best to distribute a newsletter biannually.

Ways to contact the tribe:

Tribal Coordinator: Sherri Lewis, tc.sol@kawerak.org

Development/Environmental: Deilah Johnson, deilah@villageofsolomon.org

COVID Staff: Amy Johnson, amyj@villageofsolomon.org

B&B Coordinator: Wilma Amaktoolik, wilma@villageofsolomon.org

President: Kirsten Timbers, oonga4me@hotmail.com

Vice President: Cameron Piscoya, capiscoya@gmail.com

Treasurer: liz@villageofsolomon.org

Secretary: Annette Piscoya, sookinuk@gmail.com

Tribal Coordinator

"My name is Sherri Lewis, I am the granddaughter of the late Frances Wright of Solomon. My Inupiaq name is Kamouyuk. I enjoy subsistence activities, taking walks, long summer rides in the country and spending time with family. After living in Golovin for 30+ years, I moved to Nome a little over 3 years ago. I have always had a passion for tribal government and am excited to be working in this field once again."

Sherri Lewis has experience in tribal government affairs, Indian child welfare act and native corporation business. Her expertise will assist the Tribal Council in maintaining and enhancing all programs, projects and services to full capacity for Village of Solomon community. Although not enrolled with VOS, she does have children enrolled and strong ties to the Solomon land growing up with Granny Franny.

Please give Sherri a warm welcome when calling the office. Sherri is excited to learn all about the VOS community and all the programs within in order to maintain tribal operations. Please contact Sherri for a new REAL ID card now that the new ID printer is fully operational, she can be reached at tc.sol@kawerak.org. Call the office, 907-443-4985. If Sherri does not know the answer at the time of the call, she will find it out and get back to you promptly.



Did someone say New Housing?

Affordable Housing Strategic Program Plan Update

The VOS Council has been meeting regularly for final drafts and plans in implementing their first ever, Affordable Housing Plan. With the recent pandemic, the housing scarcity across the Region had only become more visible. The Council has recognized this as an epidemic and when the US Treasury allocated the tribe federal funds, the plan was to ensure the community receives as much support in the best ways possible. The Council decided to obligate a percentage toward hiring a B&B Coordinator, purchase lots within the City of Nome to encourage VOS new homeownership mirroring Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority homeownership programs, continue the need for electricity and internet support to households, provide CARES kits to households, and renovate the garage at the current office building into a new apartment. During quarantine matters amid the pandemic crisis within Nome, the upstairs apartment was needed to assist overcrowded households in mitigating the spread of COVID19. The tribe recognizes the need for more housing and wants to ensure moving forward, tribal members will have access to appropriate living conditions.

With that, the tribe has also received their first Indian Housing Block Grant to purchase a tiny home on wheels to serve as an isolation home when/if needed by tribal members needing to quarantine from their home in order to protect elderly and the youth in their households. The tiny home on wheels will tentatively be delivered on the last barge 2022.

Please subscribe to the website as staff continually update the website. Www.villageofsolomon.org. You may scroll to the bottom and any news updates, will be directly emailed to your inbox for immediate release.

TRIBAL WELLNESS FUND AVAILABLE

The Village of Solomon strongly promotes family preservation and culturally relevant activities for all tribally enrolled members of the Tribe. The Village of Solomon provides reimbursement for such type activities.

Please provide the following information in order to be considered for reimbursement.

First & Last Name:	Tribal Enrollment #
Current Mailing Address:Email_	Contact
Phone Number:Email_	<u> </u>
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Rec Center gym pass at local gym (Nome residents receive directly from VOS)	
Swimming Passes (Nome residents receive directly from VOS)	
NSHC Camp department related fees: it was for)	(please list what
Sports fees & Supplies	
Outdoor activity Supplies, such as sleds and ice skates	
Cultural related Courses offered by NWC (Nome only)	
Reciepts and amount of reimbursement requesting: \$\$	
By signing below, I understand that if this application is approved, my check wis Friday check issuance and then mailed to the address provided above. No has submit request to admin@villageofsolomon.org_or mail to: Box 2053, Nome	and deliveries, no exceptions. Please
Signature:	Date:

This form is available on the website at www.villageofsolomon.org/forms-applications

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AUGUST 6TH, 2022 @ 1 PM IN PERSON AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER