



UNANGAN TIDE

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WWII Commemoration in Dutch Harbor, AK

Special points of interest:

- Thanks to everyone who participated in the 75th Anniversary Commemoration!
- Check out our new Website & Facebook page! See page 5.
- Join us on the Fourth of July! See page 4.
- We have new summer interns! See page 3.

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By Carter Price *Summer Intern*

The WWII commemoration of the Bombing of Dutch Harbor and the Aleut Evacuation was a successful event, June 1-4. Veterans, evacuees, community members and tourists from all over the world showed up to attend. Unalaska was put on showcase with the 3 day event. The commemoration started with a gathering at the Eagles View Elementary, standing room only. The attendees watched and payed their respects to the veterans as the colors were posted to begin the ceremonies. There were Japanese film makers throughout the commemoration, their goal was to get footage through the event and

document stories of the Unangax people to broadcast on one of their largest television stations in Tokyo. The reporters told us that the Japanese people were never told about this historical event. Or very few know of what happened in the Aleutian Islands during WWII.

The Qawalangin Tribe hosted a presentation by Helena Schmitz of ANTHC whose family was from the Island of Attu, and prisoners of war that were taken to Japan during the Aleutian Invasion. The opening ceremony had remarks from different entities that were a part of the event. This event was very important to the evacuees and the vets. Stated by many, the celebration was a "healing process".

You could tell there was a burden lifted during the event. On the second day of ceremonies, there were town bus tours along with a coast guard cutter tour. There was also presentations in the High School Auditorium on the History of the Bombing of Dutch harbor by Jeff Dickrell, and the Aleut Language presented by Moses Dirks. There were numerous fly overs from historic military WWII planes Grumman G-21 Goose and a Harvard Mk IV, which people were able to fly around town in. The last day of the commemoration consisted of a luncheon provided by the Qawalangin Tribe. Closing ceremonies were attended by Senator Murkowski, Mayor Kelty, Governor Walker, Veteran Vince TutiaKoff, and tribal President, Tom Robinson.



Archeological Project in Unalaska

By Dr. Virginia Hatfield

Henry Simmonds, an intern with the Qawalangin Tribe, helped kick off the Community Archaeology Research Program. Led by archaeologist Dr. Virginia Hatfield, preparations for the community archaeology program began with the help of Henry and Scott, a volunteer. This team began work at the archaeological site, UNL-208 or Uglugax Site, in Summer Bay, of which only a fragment is still intact. What remains of this site will

be investigated this summer to recover and preserve this small piece of the Unangax heritage. As a part of the prep team for these investigations, Henry helped “profile” the site exposed in the bluff by the Bering Sea (Figure 1). Henry carefully cleaned and examined the stratigraphy (layers of natural and cultural deposits) and identified three feet of cultural activity—mostly trash like burned wood, fish and other animal bones, and many large flat charred stones, called griddlestones, used for

cooking. Henry and the others then used a sediment core to look at the extent of the deposits across the site. Here you see Henry using the core (Figure 2). Excavation of the site from the top of the site is now underway. Henry helped to clear away the grass, putchki, and other vegetation; set up four 1X1 meter units for excavation (Figure 3); and excavate the first 3 levels of these units. Henry played a major role in getting the Community Archaeology Research Program (CARP) underway.



“Henry played a major role in getting the community Archaeology Research Program Underway ”



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

Youth Job Opportunity

By Leticia Pureza

Environmental Coordinator

The Tribe is very excited to inform that we have received a small grant from ALPAR to fund Youth Litter Patrollers. This grant is meant to keep the town of Unalaska clean while providing the youth with summer job opportunities. The job position is to collect trash and marine debris from design-

nated areas. The environmental department is currently on the planning stages for this grant, therefore, clean up dates and locations are not yet specified. The clean ups are expected to happen on a weekend day. The current **expected** dates are: July 29th, August 5th, August 12th, and August 19th. We are expecting to hire 5 Youth Litter Patrollers and we are accept-

ing applications at this time! Also, to make this a significant clean up effort, we are looking for volunteers. So, please help spread out the word. For job applications, go to theqawalangintribe.com and for more information, feel free to contact Leticia Pureza at 907 – 581 2920, or igap.qtribe@gmail.com.



Meet our Summer Interns!

Alanna Kochuten



Hello! My name is Alanna Kochuten. I am Aleut and Japanese and was born and raised in Unalaska, Alaska. After graduating from Unalaska City High School in May of 2016, I embarked on a new chapter in life; I moved to California. As of May 2017, I have completed my first year at the California State University Maritime Academy, where I am majoring in Marine Transportation. I am on track to graduate in three years with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Marine Transportation, as well as a 3rd Mates License that is issued by the United States Coast Guard. I have returned to Unalaska for the summer to work and save up for next school year. After returning in the end of April I came upon this incredible opportunity here at the Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska, in which I am a part of. I am honored to have gotten this internship and am excited to contribute to both the Tribe and my hometown of Unalaska!

My name is Onya Enkhbat and I came from Mongolia about four years ago and graduated from Unalaska City School District in 2016. I am currently pursuing a Civil Engineering major and a Spanish minor at UAA. This coming academic year, I am planning on studying abroad in Spain in order to finish my Spanish minor requirements in addition to taking basic GER classes. I am exhilarated to work with the Qawalangin Tribe this summer and to work on environmental projects that would help our community! As an environmental intern this summer, I will be helping the Tribe's environmental department do environmental assessments on the island as well as working in the office.

Onya Enkhbat



Carter Price



My name is Carter Price and I have lived here my whole life. I am an Aleut and a tribal member of the Qawalangin Tribe. I have been the Youth Representative for the Tribe for two years now. During my senior year job I shadowed for the Tribe one period a day for a high school credit. Now I am one of the Summer Interns for the Qawalangin Tribe, I will be working with the Environmental department this summer. I have just recently graduated from Unalaska City High School. I will be attending Houghton University in upstate New York this fall, where I will be on the basketball team and earning my major in Environmental Studies. I plan to come back to Alaska with further knowledge about conserving the environment for the future generations to come.

My name is Henry Simmonds and I am a 15-year-old student at Unalaska City School. I am going to work as a summer intern for the Qawalangin Tribe and the local museum to help excavate an archaeological site that was recently found. I have experience in the work force with my last summer job as a cashier. This job was only meant for the summer so I did not let the job carry on into school or any extracurricular activities for the fear of it hindering my learning experience. I am involved in many sports such as cross country, wrestling, basketball, and N.Y.O. which makes me quite able for the labor that I am about to be doing this summer.

Henry Simmonds



U.S. Navy Searches For Explosives Around Town

By Onya Enkhbat
Summer Intern

A group of U.S. Navy representatives came to Unalaska in the beginning of June to inspect World War II explosives that may be present in the water around the island. They held a meeting open for public on June 6th at the high school auditorium to give awareness to the public. Our environmental coordinators, Chris Price and Leticia Pure-

za, attended the presentation to learn about the activities that would be held around the island. According to Leslie Yuenger, the Navy presenter, possible World War II explosives are most dangerous to recreational divers, boaters, and fishermen. Yuenger also mentioned that their search will include "no more than three miles offshore and no more than 120 feet deep" in the body of water. According to KUCB's re-

cent article about this Navy project, "they're using a remote-controlled underwater vehicle to investigate potential hazards and determine whether the objects are metallic. If they are, the Navy will deploy a microwave-sized camera to capture video of each item." Lastly, the results of the investigation will be released in fall 2018 before the Navy's final decision of whether or not to remove the explosives.



Free Fire Alarm Installation Event

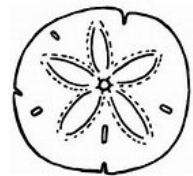
By Chris Price
Environmental Director



Members of the American Red Cross of Alaska, South Central Disaster Action Team have committed to coming to Unalaska this fall to conduct door-to-door installation of FREE smoke alarms, completion of a home-safety checklist, provide education on and help to plan home fire exit drills. We will be partnering with the Lions Club and the Unalaska Fire Department. Would you like to get on the

list for a new smoke detector? Would you like to get help in creating a fire drill or evacuation plan for your home or apartment building? The Qawalangin Tribe will be working on promoting this event on the radio and on Channel 8 during the coming months. Give us a call if you would like more information and to sign up for this free opportunity. Call 581-2920 and get on the list.

"The Tribe would like to invite all of Unalaska to join us for the 4th of July Celebration!"



Fourth of July Celebration

By Leticia Pureza
Environmental Coordinator



The Tribe would like to invite all of Unalaska to join us for the Fourth of July Celebration. Come play a variety of **free** games, try to win some game prizes and participate on our silent auction. It will be fun for the whole family. **When:** Fourth of July; **Location:** Tutia-koff Field; **Time:** 1 pm.

Also, The Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska and the Ounalashka Corporation (O.C.) are sponsoring the float race this year. Tribal members and O.C. shareholders are invited to join us **at Front Beach at 12 pm** to release the floats. And make sure to watch for their awesome designs during the 4th of July parade.



The Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska, a federally recognized sovereign nation of the United States since 1989, vows to exercise its powers to further the economic and social well-being of all its members, and in doing so, will safeguard and support the Unangan language, culture, customs and traditions for those generations to come.

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Visit Our New Website & Facebook!

By Onya Enkhbat
Summer Intern

As interns, one of the many projects we worked on this summer was reconstructing the Tribe's website. Especially, Alanna has been working diligently on reconstructing the new website since the beginning of May. The main reason for rebuilding the website is updating it to a newer and better domain so that our viewers can enjoy the sophisticated look. In addition, we added more contents such as, bios for each summer intern under the *Staff* section of *About Us*, and descriptions of different environmental programs under the *Environmental Department* section. You

can also find necessary forms, employment opportunities, recent newsletters, and much more! Another major change is the name of our website; it is *theqawalangintribe.com*, not *qawalangintribe.com*, due to some issues we had with the online server. Moreover, we created a new Facebook page named *Qawalangin Tribe Environmental Department*. You can find related articles and our website link from our Facebook page as well. We are also currently working on the post production of several film projects that will be up on both our website and Facebook page soon. Please like and share to support our new website as well as our new Facebook page!

Announcements

- Regular Council meeting to be held on June 29
- Fourth of July Celebration coming up
- Camp Qungaayux will take place July 30 to August 5
- Upcoming regular council meetings to be held July 27 and August 24
- All Tribal and community members are welcome to join our monthly meetings every last Thursday of the month. We would love to hear from you!

