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Record Turnout at 34th Annual Meeting of Shareholders



BSNC Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Left to right: Roy Ashenfelter, Tony Weyiouanna, Sr., Eileen Norbert, Percy Nayokpuk, Louise Bauman, Eugene Asicksik, Henry Ivanoff, Tim Towarak, Gail Schubert, Stephan Ivanoff, Neal W. Foster, Clara Langton, Johnson Eningowuk, Homer E. Hoogendorn, and Lincoln Trigg, Sr.

President/CEO Tim Towarak called the 34th Annual Meeting of the BSNC Shareholders to order at 10:27 AM on October 4, 2008 in the Anchorage Downtown Marriott Hotel. This year had a record attendance of 235 shareholders. Senator Donald Olson gave the invocation. President Tim Towarak introduced Karola Moore of Sramek-Hightower, and corporate attorneys Phillip Blumenstein and Cheryl McKay.

Karola Moore announced the close of registration and reported there were 321,031.760 shares of stock eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting, which equaled 56.98% of total outstanding voting stock.

Executive Vice President Gail Schubert introduced Chairman Henry Ivanoff. Chairman Henry Ivanoff welcomed all the Shareholders. The following Board of Directors introduced themselves: Roy Ashenfelter, Tony Weyiouanna, Sr., Eileen Norbert, Percy Nayokpuk, Louise Bauman, Eugene Asicksik, Gail Schubert, Stephan Ivanoff, Neal W. Foster, Clara Langton, Johnson Eningowuk, Homer E. Hoogendorn, Lincoln Trigg, Sr., Tim Towarak and Henry Ivanoff.

Board Treasurer Clara Langton introduced staff from the Nome office: Jerald Brown (VP of Finance), Peggy A. Hoogendorn (VP of Administration), Kimberly Gooden (Special Executive Assistant), Rose Koezuna-Clark (Receptionist/IT Tech), Matt Ganley (VP Land & Resource), Irene Anderson (Land & Resource Manager), Myrna Outwater (Assistant Stockholder Registrar), Carmill Goldsberry (Lead Accounting Clerk), and Kirsten Timbers (EVP Bering Straits Foundation).

Gail Schubert introduced guests and Anchorage staff: Jack (former President/CEO) and Tiny Carpenter, Joseph Masters (State of Alaska Commissioner of Public Safety), Rick Foster (VP Business Development), Wally Powers (CFO), Christina Hamlin (HR Administrator), Jenette Paulson (VP Bering Straits Information Technology), Heidi Varga (Contracts Specialist), Lisa Cofield (Accountant), Sharon Westlake (Director Human Resources), Bruce Hellenga (Subsidiary Operations Manager), Melinda Hardin (Receptionist), Arlene Ludwig (Payroll/AP Clerk), Jim Barr (Senior System Administrator), Buell

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BSNC Shareholder Dividend Mailed

BSNC declared a shareholder dividend at its August 7, 2008 regular board of directors meeting in the amount of \$1 per share with a total payout of \$633,316 to all of its shareholders. Checks were mailed shortly before the Thanksgiving holiday.

"We're very pleased that our 2008 financial performance has allowed the corporation to pass some of those earnings on to our shareholders," BSNC President and Chief Executive Officer Tim Towarak said. "We thank our shareholders for their support as we've sought to recover from the losses incurred in our early years."

If you have not received your dividend please contact the Shareholder Department at 1-800-478-5079 or 907-443-5252.



BSNC Greetings

Tim Towarak, President/CEO

On behalf of the BSNC Board of Directors and our growing family of employees, I would like to convey a heartfelt Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our shareholders and their families! We hope BSNC has given you many reasons for feeling good about our corporation that ties us together as a family, and we look forward to another prosperous New Year.

The Year 2008 has been an interesting one for BSNC. We had a record amount of gross income (over \$113 million), record profits, and we now have over 400 employees across Alaska and the lower 48. Most of our villages have also finally received title to their lands, with the subsurface concurrently being transferred to BSNC. This totals over 2 million acres of subsurface which our 6,300 shareholders own jointly through their ownership interests in BSNC. We also had our largest annual meeting in October with over 230 shareholders attending the meeting in Anchorage. As a measurement of how BSNC is doing today, compared to five years ago, these numbers demonstrate that positive changes have and are continuing to take place for us.



With the current downturn in America's economy, we anticipate that BSNC may feel that crunch eventually and management has begun to plan for that. Along with the economic downturn, we also have a new Administration in Washington D.C., and a vast change in the political make-up of Congress. How all of this may impact BSNC's ability to continue to secure government contracts under the SBA 8a Program is being monitored by management, especially since over 80% of our income derives from federal contracts. Because of these changes, management is looking for ways to diversify our revenues in order to maintain BSNC's current level of growth.

While we constantly look to improve the company financially, the BSNC Board also realizes their responsibilities "to improve the quality of life...and to preserve our cultural heritage," as outlined in our Mission Statement. Formation of the Bering Straits Foundation and BSNC's contribution of a good portion of its profits to the Foundation enhances that effort. The Foundation recently held its Annual Native Arts Auction and generated additional revenues for its scholarships and fellowship programs. Many of our future and current students attending college and training centers will benefit from these funds.

Finally, as stated, we had a very successful Annual Meeting in Anchorage and wish to thank all of our Shareholders in the south-central region for their attendance. It was historical in that was the very first time that we held an annual meeting outside of Nome, which we did because of the large concentration of Shareholders who now live in the Anchorage area. Fred Sagoonick of Shaktoolik replaced Johnson Eningowuk of Shishmaref on the Board and we want to both welcome Fred and thank Johnson for his past years of service on the Board.

BSNC Mission Statement

To improve the quality of life of our people through economic development while protecting our land, and preserving our cultural heritage.

Elders Honored at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Native Village Corporations select Elders of the Year

Elders of the Year 2008

“In appreciation for all your accomplishments in maintaining our traditional lifestyle and the determination to share your valuable knowledge with our youth in preserving our culture and heritage of the Bering Straits Region.”



Donald Jemewouk
Golovin Native Corporation



Esther Bourdon
Sitnasuak Native Corporation



Anna Etageak
Unalakleet Native Corporation



Willa Ashenfelter
White Mountain Native Corporation

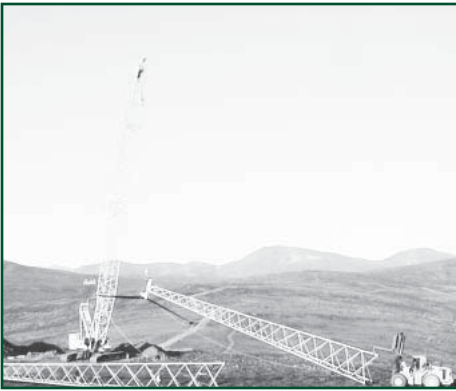
Other recipients include Berda Wilson, Council Native Corporation; Esther Kalerak-Bahnke, Solomon Native Corporation; and Pete Sereadelook, Wales Native Corporation.



George Ashenfelter accepts the Elder of the Year Award on behalf of his mother Willa Ashenfelter of White Mountain Native Corporation.



Colleen Powell accepts the Elder of the Year Award on behalf of her aunt Berda Wilson, Council Native Corporation. With Colleen are her sons Michael, far left, and Patrick.



ONE, TWO, THREE: The first wind generator is lifted into place at the Banner Wind, LLC wind farm located at Bonanza Hill, 5 miles northwest of Nome. Pictured below are seven of the 18 wind generators with the Rock Creek Mnie in the back.

Banner Wind, LLC: Nome's First Commercial Wind Farm

Banner Wind, LLC is a joint venture between Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC) and Sitnasuak Native Corporation (SNC) that installed the first commercial wind farm near the city of Nome. Western Community Energy is the project developer that assisted with the wind farm from the initial stages of analyzing Nome's wind to designing the site, and erecting the windmills. STG, Inc. was the primary contractor on-site and was responsible for site preparations, foundation design and construction, as well as raising the windmills with the crane. Nome Joint Utility Systems (NJUS), Eagle Electric, BSDC and SVI Trucking all assisted with the project as well.

Construction of the foundations to house each windmill and the construction of an access road to the wind farm site began in September 2008. Installation of eighteen (18) Entegrety EW-15 windmills started in October and are projected to completely installed and were commissioned at the end of November.

Currently, Nome receives 100% of its power from

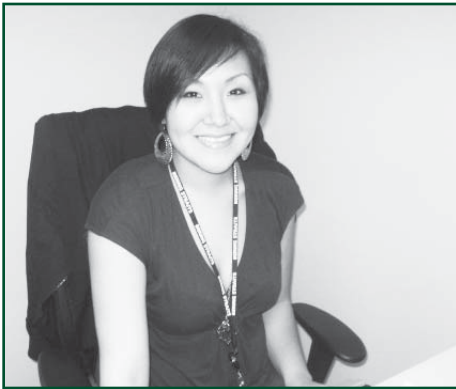
diesel generation. The wind farm will provide 900kW of power with a maximum output of 1,170kW to the NJUS electric grid over a 20 year extendable project time frame. Instead of selling the energy at the avoided cost rate allowed by law, Banner Wind has committed to selling the energy at a fixed or floating price below the avoided cost calculation. Selling the energy at a fixed rate will provide savings to NJUS, which could assist in lowering energy costs to its customers. If oil prices continue to rise dramatically as they have been, that savings could be significantly higher than currently projected.

Revenues from the wind farm will be shared equally between BSNC and SNC. BSNC plans on dedicating 50% of its profits from this project to the development of renewable energy projects in the villages around Nome. Providing for renewable energy projects in villages should help reduce the dependency on oil and ultimately help reduce the cost of energy in the villages.



Photo taken by Brian Jackson, Western Community Energy.

New BSNC Employees at the Anchorage Office



Hayley Asicksik
Human Resources Intern

Pensacola, FL. This winter Hayley will continue correspondence classes at home and online to complete her Bachelor's degree and is expected to graduate in August of 2009.

Hayley Asicksik is a BSNC descendent and is the daughter of Eugene and Rhoda Asicksik of Shaktoolik. Hayley started working as a summer intern in the Human Resources department and has enjoyed learning more about the company. "I came into this company knowing very little about it and now I'm very proud to say I'm honored to be a descendent. I've seen the potential of our company and I look forward to its success." Hayley graduated from Dimond High school in 2003 in Anchorage and received her associate's degree in 2006 from the International Miracle Institute in



Daisy Acoman
Security Administrator

Daisy Acoman is the new Security Administrator for BSNC. She graduated from Anthony A. Andrews High School, which is in St. Michael. She is the daughter of Theresa Chiskok, who is originally from St. Michael, and the mother of three. Daisy recently moved back to her home state, after three years of working in Atlanta, Georgia, as an Over the Road Driver. She is grateful to be working for her own Native Corporation.



Haven Harris
Proposal Coordinator

Haven Harris is a BSNC shareholder and the son of Denise Warnke Barengo, grandson of Marge Apok Tropher, and great grandson of Robert and Martha Apok.

Haven was hired October as a Proposal Coordinator. Haven is very excited about the opportunity to work at BSNC during such an exciting period of growth for the organization. Haven is studying to obtain his Masters degree in Business Administration at UAA. "I look forward to working in a new industry and having the opportunity to learn from the group of people that are working to make our subsidiaries so successful," said Haven.



Norma Nashalook
Human Resources Assistant

Norma J. Nashalook is a BSNC shareholder and the daughter of Lenora H. Nashalook and the late Andrew C. Nashalook. Her older brother Fred Sagoonick was recently elected as a board member of BSNC. Norma is a 1990 graduate of UAF and holds a BA degree in Rural Development. Norma is the Human Resources Assistant. Norma indicated that working for BSNC has always been her goal; in the past she has held positions in a service organization and sees this as an opportunity to work for her corporation and be part of the support for the shareholders.

To learn more about job opportunities with BSNC please contact Human Resource staff.

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Russell (Subsidiary Controller), Hayley Asicksik (HR Intern), Lissa Kimball (Facility Security Officer), Travis Carlsen (Network Administrator), Tony Dixon (Operations Manager), Valerie Leavitt (Payroll Clerk), Barb Towarak (Accounting Clerk), Deanna Morrison (Payroll Clerk), Norma Nashalook (HR Assistant), and James Ingram (Inuit Operations Manager).

Board Secretary Roy Ashenfelter presented the November 10, 2007 Annual Meeting of Shareholder minutes for approval and they were approved unanimously.

Nominations Committee member Tony Weyiouanna, Sr. informed the Shareholders that Eugene Asicksik, Louise Bauman, Neal W. Foster, Stephan Ivanoff, Clara Langton, Percy Nayokpuk, Gail Schubert, Tim Towarak, Lincoln Trigg, Sr., and he serve as the Nominations Committee. Tony Weyiouanna, Sr. presented the incumbent nominees as follows: Roy Ashenfelter, Johnson Eningowuk, Homer E. Hoogendorn, Henry Ivanoff and Eileen Norbert. Other nominees included Perry Mendenhall, George Olanna, Sr., and Fred Sagoonick. Candidates Roy Ashenfelter, Johnson Eningowuk, Homer E. Hoogendorn, Henry Ivanoff, Eileen Norbert, and Fred Sagoonick addressed the shareholders.

Neal W. Foster and Stephan Ivanoff presented the Elder of the Year awards to Berda Wilson, Council Native Corporation; Donald Fred Jemewouk, Golovin Native Corporation; Esther Bourdon, Sitnasuak Native Corporation; Esther Kalerak-Bahnke, Solomon Native Corporation; Pete S. Sereadlook, Wales Native Corporation; Willa Ashenfelter, White Mountain Native Corporation; and Anna Etageak, Unalakleet Native Corporation.

Karola Moore handed out ballots and opened balloting for 30 minutes.

Twenty (20) early bird prizes of \$500 were drawn from those proxies received by 5:00 PM, September 10, 2008. The winners were: Charles A. Steve, William G. Jack, Darlene M. Prine, Tiffany Catt, Susan Bogan, Lena R. Weyiouanna, Gerald Trigg, Marla J. Schwent, Sarah A. Ringstad, Jonathan Weyanna, Sr., Alicia M. Iyatunguk, Christine Koonuk, Donald J. Johnson, Clifford Tocktoo, Judith F. Alvanna, Matthew B. Tiulana, Jerry David, Sr., Jacob A. Martin, Elaine Upickson, and Reeve Hall.

Thirteen (13) prizes of 15 were drawn from those proxies received by October 1, 2008. The winners were: 15) Charles R. Parker for \$500, 14) Rhonda A. Curtin for \$500, 13) Paul B. Roberts for \$500, 12) Joel M. Oyoumick for \$500, 11) Richard M. Etageak for \$500, 10) Jessica E. Emerick for \$500, 9) Robert S. Angnabooguk for \$500, 8) Pauline R. Gaul for \$1,000, 7) Sherry Jo Otton for \$1,000, 6) Teresa M. Komakhuk for \$1,000, 5) Lena M. Anungazuk for \$1,000, 4) Betty Bains-Jordan for \$1,000, and 3) Karen F. Nashalook for \$1,000.

Door prizes were won by Arthur Martin, Fleece pullover; David P. Oksoktaruk, Jacket; Susanne Toliver, Fleece pullover; Tommy Herman, Sr., Jacket; Haven Harris, Jacket; and Ellen Baize, Jacket.

Karola Moore reported that Roy Ashenfelter, Homer E. Hoogendorn, Henry Ivanoff, Eileen Norbert and Fred



Newly elected board of director, Fred Sagoonick, addresses the shareholders at the Annual Meeting.

Sagoonick were elected to the Board of Directors.

President/CEO Tim Towarak gave a report on the operation of BSNC and its subsidiaries. Chief Financial Officer Wally Powers gave a presentation on the financial overview of BSNC and its subsidiaries. Executive Vice President Gail Schubert gave a presentation on 8(a) operations. VP of Land & Resource Matt Ganley gave a presentation on land and resource activities. President/CEO Tim Towarak opened the floor for questions and comments from the Shareholders and announced that BSNC will be issuing a Shareholder dividend in November of \$1 per share. The Board of Directors and staff answered questions about finances and operations; and accepted compliments regarding BSNC's achievements since bankruptcy.

Chairman Henry Ivanoff thanked all the shareholders for attending the Annual Meeting and expressed his appreciation for a tremendous turnout. President/CEO Tim Towarak said he appreciated everyone for coming to the meeting and said that this is probably the largest turnout. Director Louise Bauman thanked the Shareholders for asking questions and asked for a round of applause for our outgoing board member Johnson Eningowuk and thanked him for his time and commitment he provided to the Board. Chairman Henry Ivanoff thanked Johnson Eningowuk for his time. Johnson Eningowuk thanked all who voted for him and congratulated Fred Sagoonick.

Susan Bell and Thomas Tiulana each won an Alaska Airlines mileage ticket. The grand prize and first prize were drawn from those proxies received by October 1, 2008. The first prize of \$2,500 was won by Isaac Nashoanuk of Stebbins and the grand prize of \$5,000 winner was Marie Reader of Nome.

Fred Sagoonick thanked everyone who voted for him and said he is very humble by his election to the Board. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.



BSDC is First to Obtain Energy Raters in Region

Home Energy Rebate Program

Bering Straits Development Company (BSDC) has entered into the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) Energy Rating program. BSDC employs the first two certified AkWarm Energy Raters in the Bering Straits region. Anthony Parsons and Robert Bensin recently became certified to perform the As-Is and Post-Improvement energy ratings in order for people to take part in the Home Energy Rebate Program, offered by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC).

The Home Energy Rebate Program has no income requirements. The rebate program assists homeowners in making the best energy-efficiency improvements for their home. The program requires a certified home energy rater to evaluate homes before and after the improvements. The greater the home energy efficiency improves the greater the possible rebate. The homeowner has 18 months from the date of the As Is energy rating to apply for the rebate. The Home Energy Rebate program provides rebates up to \$10,000 to homeowners who improve the energy efficiency of their homes.

BSDC charges \$600 plus sales tax for an As-Is energy rating and \$300 plus sales tax for the Post-Improvement rating, plus the cost of travel and lodging. If a community has three or more homes scheduled with BSDC to have an energy rating completed at the same time, then AHFC will pay for the travel and lodging costs of the energy rater. Thus, the home owner will not have to pay for travel and lodging for the energy rater.

The cost of these ratings are covered by AHFC and reimbursed directly to the homeowner, up to a combined total of \$500 (\$325 for the As-Is rating and \$175 for the Post-improvement rating). Actual cost of ratings may vary by rater and individual house characteristics.

AHFC also offers a loan program to help homeowners make cost-effective energy improvements. The Second Mortgage Program for Energy Conservation is available for owner-occupied properties. Applicants may apply for up to a \$30,000 loan with a maximum term of 15 years.

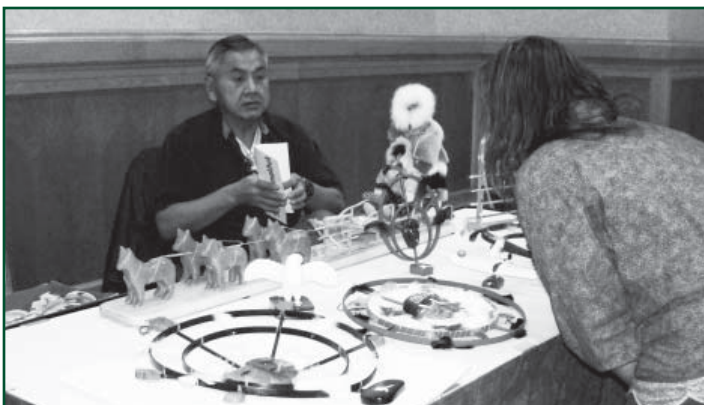
BSDC can be reached by calling 907-443-5254. To sign up or get more information on the Home Energy Rebate Program go to www.akrebate.com or call 1-877-AKREBATE (1-877-257-3228). Contact AHFC at 1-800-478-2432 to apply or get more information on the Second Mortgage Program for Energy Conservation.



Johnson Eningowuk, former board member, thanked the Shareholders for voting for him and congratulated Fred Sagoonick for being elected to the board.



The Kingikmiut Drummers of Anchorage.



Artist Sam Komakhuk displays his artwork at the Annual Meeting.

Bering Straits Aerospace Services Acquires Two More Contracts

BSAS CV-22 Contract

Bering Straits Aerospace Services, LLC (BSAS) and subcontractor Bell Aerospace Services, Inc. (BellAero) were awarded the new contract to provide non-personal Contractor Maintenance Support (CMS) services for the Air Force's Special Operations Command (AFSOC) and Air Education and Training Command (AETC) CV-22 aircraft. The CV-22 is a new weapons system that currently has limited organic (in-house) maintenance capability. Because of that limited capability and the complexity of the aircraft, the maintenance concept is a combined effort of Air Force and CMS technicians for both Organizational level (O-level) and Intermediate level (I-level) maintenance. CV-22 aircraft have the primary purpose of combat and training missions driving both Continental United States (CONUS) and Outside Continental United States (O-CONUS) support requirements.

BSAS and BellAero participate cooperatively with the Government to provide aircraft maintenance "touch labor" support. Our Team performs aircraft inspection, troubleshooting, removal and replacement of parts, repair of aircraft systems/subsystems, and system operational checks. We currently provide these services at Hurlburt Field, Florida, and Kirtland AFB, New Mexico. As the CV-22 fleet grows, the CMS requirement will also grow. Cannon AFB, New Mexico, will be added in October 2009, and by 2013, two other squadrons, possibly overseas, are anticipated to be added, for a total of five squadrons.

The CV-22 aircraft located at Hurlburt Field, Florida, and Cannon AFB, New Mexico, are operational assets that are deployed overseas to conduct and support AFSOC operations. CMS personnel assigned at those locations are required to deploy or perform temporary duty worldwide, potentially to regions of conflict, combat, or contingency operations. They are prepared to deploy in as little as 24 hours.



CV-22 Rapid Roping at Hurlburt Field, FL

BSAS Tunner/Halvorsen Contract

BSAS was awarded the follow-on contract to Inuit Services, another subsidiary of BSNC. The contract is to provide Advisory and Assistance Services to the Tunner/Halvorsen Systems Squadron (T/HSS), the Air Force System Program Manager for both new Tunner and Halvorsen Aircraft Loaders. The Tunner Program is in the early stages of system sustainment, and the Halvorsen Program is in the latter stages of production and sustainment planning phases. The T/HSS is also the program manager for the Air Force's Deployable Cargo Screener Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration (ACTD) Project, which automatically screens cargo at aerial ports for contraband. The T/HSS has also managed a special project known as Enhanced Technical Orders (ETO), involving the design and demonstration of state-of-the-art electronic TO concepts to facilitate maintenance operations.

BSAS serves as chief advisor to the Government Program Director on all aspects of the program. It also serve as chief financial advisor on tasks necessary to develop and facilitate Government approval of program funding and conduct required budgeting activities. In addition, our team performs:

- Total configuration and data management.
- Updating of Technical Manuals.
- Logistics management.
- Production Management, including production, depot overhauls, and unscheduled repair activities.
- We provide administrative support to assist program office personnel.



The Tunner outperforms its predecessors—to date it is five times more reliable and 150-350% more capable.

Winners Split \$300,000 in Seed Money

Two are residents of the Bering Straits region

Eleven of the 42 Alaskan entrepreneurs competing at the third Alaska Marketplace Competition (AMC) in Anchorage walked away with a share of \$300,000 in seed money. The AMC, an initiative of the AFN, is sparking grass roots development in rural villages by funding Alaskans' innovative ideas for new ways to revitalize rural economies from the ground up. Winners hail from a broad range of communities across Alaska.

The 2008 AMC theme, "Innovations for Thriving Communities," reflects the AFN's ongoing commitment to addressing the most pressing needs of our rural and Alaska Native communities.

"We wanted to capitalize on the excitement generated by this year's competition at the Convention, so we're calling for another round of proposals due by January 15, 2009," said Julie Kitka, President of AFN.

The Year 3 competitors, who spent months honing their innovative ideas, pitched their business plans and innovative concepts to a respected panel of judges. The judges evaluated participants' concepts according to their innovation, sustainability and profitability, job creation and exemplification of Alaskan cultural heritage. The top vote getters left Anchorage with a portion of the seed money to launch their ideas.

2008 Alaska Marketplace Winners include A Cut Above Quilting, Barbara Ramos of Bethel for \$46,575; Kvichak Organic Produce, AlexAnna Salmon of Igiugig for \$36,900; Porcupine River Timber, Dacho Alexander of Fort Yukon for \$30,000; The Meyers' Farm: Farming on the Tundra, Tim Meyers of Bethel for \$30,000; Forest Firewood, Mark Leary of Bethel for \$29,060; C Side Lumber, Fred Sagoonick of Shaktoolik for \$27,945; From Shellfish Subsistence to Sustainable Farming, Marie Bader of Homer for \$27,945; Cup'ik Dance Songs of the Tundra, Dr. John F. Pingayak of Chevak for \$25,000; The Dugout, Louise Walcott of Nome for \$18,630; Southeast Alaska Livestock Production & Processing, Clint Daniels of Sitka for \$18,630; and Tundra Woodworks, Patrick Hall of Chevak for \$9,315.

The People's Choice Awards were chosen by the Public and each recipient is awarded \$1,000. Old Harbor Corporation, Tatitlek Corporation, & NANA Regional Corporation sponsored the People's Choice Awards. The Best Display was awarded to A Cut Above Quilting, Barbara Ramos of Bethel; the Most Innovative was awarded to Birch Water, Martin Kelly of Pilot Station; and the Best Example of Culture & Traditional Values was awarded to Yupik Arts, Cecilia Frenzle of Delta Junction.

The mission of the AMC is to stimulate innovation and economic development in rural Alaskan communities. Managed by AFN, the AMC partners include BP, ConocoPhillips, Denali Commission, Shell, Alyeska, Bristol Bay Native Corporation, and NANA Regional Corporation.



Shareholder Fred Sagoonick of Shaktoolik won \$27,945 to start his lumber company, C Side Lumber, in Shaktoolik.



Nome resident Louise Walcott received \$18,630 to start her mobile food business, The Dugout, in Nome.

ALASKA MARKETPLACE

Alaska Marketplace Fourth Competition Time line

Submit your Innovative Idea to the 2009 Alaska Marketplace Competition

Over \$300,000 will be awarded!

Submissions must fit the theme of "Innovations for Thriving Communities" and one or more of the following sub-themes:

1. Affordable Energy
2. Practical Use of New Technology
3. Innovative Ideas to Reduce the Cost of Living
4. Investing In People
5. Rural Housing of the Future

Applications due by January 15, 2009, 4:30 PM AST

Return completed applications by mail, email or fax to:

**Alaska Federation of Natives
ATTN: Alaska Marketplace
1577 C Street, Suite 300
Anchorage, AK 99501**

**phone 907.274.3611
fax 907.276.7989**

**email submissions@alaskamarketplace.org
web www.alaskamarketplace.org**

Another Successful Auction Raises Money for the Foundation

Thanks to all the artists and volunteers

The Bering Straits Foundation (BSF) 6th Annual Arts Auction was held on Thursday, November 14 at the Nome Mini Convention Center. There were over 100 hand crafted arts and crafts that were donated to the event. The works included: fine original paintings, kuspuks, ivory carvings, bone carvings, masks, jewelry, crab, halibut, jars of pickled beluga, and much, much more. Richard Beneville was the auctioneer and did a truly wonderful job. He had intimate knowledge of the artists and kept the crowd laughing and bidding high.

The evening began with a mouth-watering home cooked spread of moose, reindeer and musk ox stew, fry bread and an array of desserts all available for just \$5. While people dined, the Nome Native Youth Olympics provided entertainment. Vanessa Tahbone and Calvin Bell discussed the historical significance of NYO strengthening techniques and did demonstrations of the Alaskan High Kick, Two foot high kick, One foot high kick, and One arm reach.

The silent auction was running continuously throughout the evening and had 33 arts & crafts pieces. The items included numerous hand knit items, jewelry, books, jam, and more. The silent auction brought in over \$700.

Raffle tickets were also sold though out the night and were available for a \$1 donation. The raffle items included a round-trip ticket on Bering Air, a round-trip ticket on Frontier/Hageland, jackets, 40 gallons of heating fuel and much, much more.

The first round of live auction arts and crafts began at 6 pm. There were 41 items in the live auction. Some of the highest selling pieces included: Alaska Airlines tickets from BSNC, an original painting "Memory of Watching the Children Go" by Kathy Mallory, Sno-Cat accessed ski trip for 4 from BSNC, and "Owl Family" print by Karen Olanna.

During intermission, Kirsten Timbers, BSF Executive Vice President, introduced past BSF scholarship



BSF Intern Miles Reader, BSF EVP Kirsten Timbers and student volunteer Kellen Baker prepare items for the BSF auction, held on November 14.

recipients who were in the audience which included: Dawn Salesky, Denise Olin, Tiffany Martinson, and Debbie Evans. She also invited fellowship recipients to discuss the events that they were able to attend after awarded fellowships. Cori Eide discussed her participation at the AFN Youth and Elders Conference and reported that she was selected as the AFN youth representative for the Bering Strait Region. Vanessa Tahbone spoke about participating in the World Eskimo Indian Olympics. She competed in numerous Native Youth Olympic events and said she enjoyed her experience.

The second round of live auction arts and crafts began at 8 pm. There were 41 items in second live auction. Some of the highest selling items included: an original painting "Woman of Mystery" by Patrice Shook, Wood Whale Painting by Ron Senengetuk, Ivory handle serving fork by Howard "Weyahok" Rock, a set of 5 Ivory & baleen dice by Vincent

Pikonganna, Whale Bone carving of a Walrus by Jason Iya, Custom Quiviut Gloves by Loretta Bullard and Alaska Airlines tickets.

The event was well attended and much fun was had by all! This year the BSF Auction raised \$13,500 for the Bering Straits Foundation scholarship and fellowship programs.

A big thank you to our 2008 Auction donors and volunteers!

Helen Morrison, Esther Koezuna, Jimmy Carlisle, Allen Rylander, Myron Wheeler, Carolyn Schubert, Gail Schubert, Diane Norbert, Carol Gales, Jason Iya, Clara Langton, Sherry Otton, Vince Pikonganna, Patrice Shook, Kathy Mallory, Clara Langton, Marcella Venable, Charlie Johnson, Lincoln Trigg, Sine Holly, Jerald Brown, Deb & Toby Anungazuk, Berda Wilson, Perry Mendenhall, Karen Olanna, Audrey Aningayou, Scott Aningayou, Laura Evans, Mary Rasmussen, Sam Komakhuk, Kirsten

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Rock Creek Mine Operations On Hold Indefinitely

BSNC management recently initiated discussions with NovaGold managers about the recent announcement that the Rock Creek mine is suspending operations. NovaGold has expressed hopes that the mine will reopen this Spring depending on factors including financing and the price of gold. More to come in the next Agluktuk.



Dawn Salesky, a past BSF scholarship recipient, displays her new purchases at the auction.



Paintings & kuspuks, donated to the BSF Auction, on display to be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

BSF Auction

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Timbers, Matt Ganley, Angela Larson, Richard Beneville, Mary Jane Litchard, Josie Reader, RoseAnn Timbers, Tony Weyiouanna Jr., Tony Weyiouanna Sr., Moriah Sallaffie, Irene Anderson, Katie O'Connor, Loretta Bullard, Tim & Rose Towarak, Louise Kuntz-Tadda, Clara Olanna, Frances Alvanna, Nancy Mendenhall, Louise Bauman, Loretta Bullard, Gemma Carlisle, Pauline

Hooten, Caroline Brown, Rita Hukill, Darlene Hawk, Carmill Goldsberry, Debbie Evans, Sharon Sparks, Kimberly Gooden, Rose Fosdick, Mike Sloan, Monica Chase, Bob & Vera Metcalf, Ethel Karmun, Delia Oozevaseuk, Kacey Miller, Miles Reader, Emmylou Vial, Vanessa Tahbone, Calvin Bell, Kavik Peacock, Casey Perkins, Tiffany Martinson, Jay Craft, Kari & Cyril Lyon,

Kellen Baker, Tressa Mocan, and Cori Eide.

All donors and volunteers were entered to win an Alaska Airlines ticket and the lucky winner was Scott Aningayou who donated a pair of whale bone geese with baleen necks and ivory eyes. The geese brought in \$190 for the Bering Straits Auction. Thank you Scott and congratulations!

Accessing Medical Care by IHS Beneficiaries Outside of Alaska

Are you or do you know an Alaskan Native from the Bering Straits Region who may be traveling or moving outside of Alaska, or attending college and may have questions on what needs to be done should they need medical care? If you do, please share this information with them.

Verification of eligibility for Indian Health Services (I.H.S.) and Contract Health Services (C.H.S.) is required to receive care at the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) in Anchorage, Alaska and other tribal facilities; eligibility is verified with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) or a tribal enrollment card issued by a tribe on the list of federally recognized tribes. Please contact any BIA office if you want to verify if your tribe is on this list. If a person does not have a tribal enrollment card and wishes to obtain a CDIB, please have them contact one of

the BIA offices in Alaska: Juneau, 1-800-645-8397; Fairbanks, 1-800-822-3596 ext. 5; or Anchorage, 1-800-645-8465 ext. 1. It may be necessary to provide proof of Alaska residency before CHS authorizes payment for medical care.

CHS requirements:

*For travelers and movers, authorization for medical services received outside the State of Alaska is limited to emergencies only.

*If moving outside Alaska, emergency care may be authorized for the first 180 days of the move. You will be required to show proof of the actual move date and can do this with one of the following: airline ticket(s) or gas receipts. The burden of proof is at the ultimate responsibility of the mover(s).

*CHS must be notified within 72 hours (including weekends and holidays) of the start of the emergency services. Notification is the ultimate responsibility

of the patient and/or family. However, anyone acting on the patient's behalf can provide the notification. ANMC CHS can be reached by calling: 1-800-478-1636 or 907-729-2470. Leave a voice mail after hours with your name and contact telephone number.

*All available eligible I.H.S. facilities must be utilized instead of private facilities for CHS to assist financially, if individual(s) is eligible.

*Students attending school on a full-time basis outside the State of Alaska are encouraged to contact ANMC CHS at 1-800-478-1636 or 907-729-2470 for instructions on how to access health care.

For more information about accessing health care while outside of Alaska, go to www.anmc.org or call them at 1-800-478-1636 or (907) 729-2470.

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