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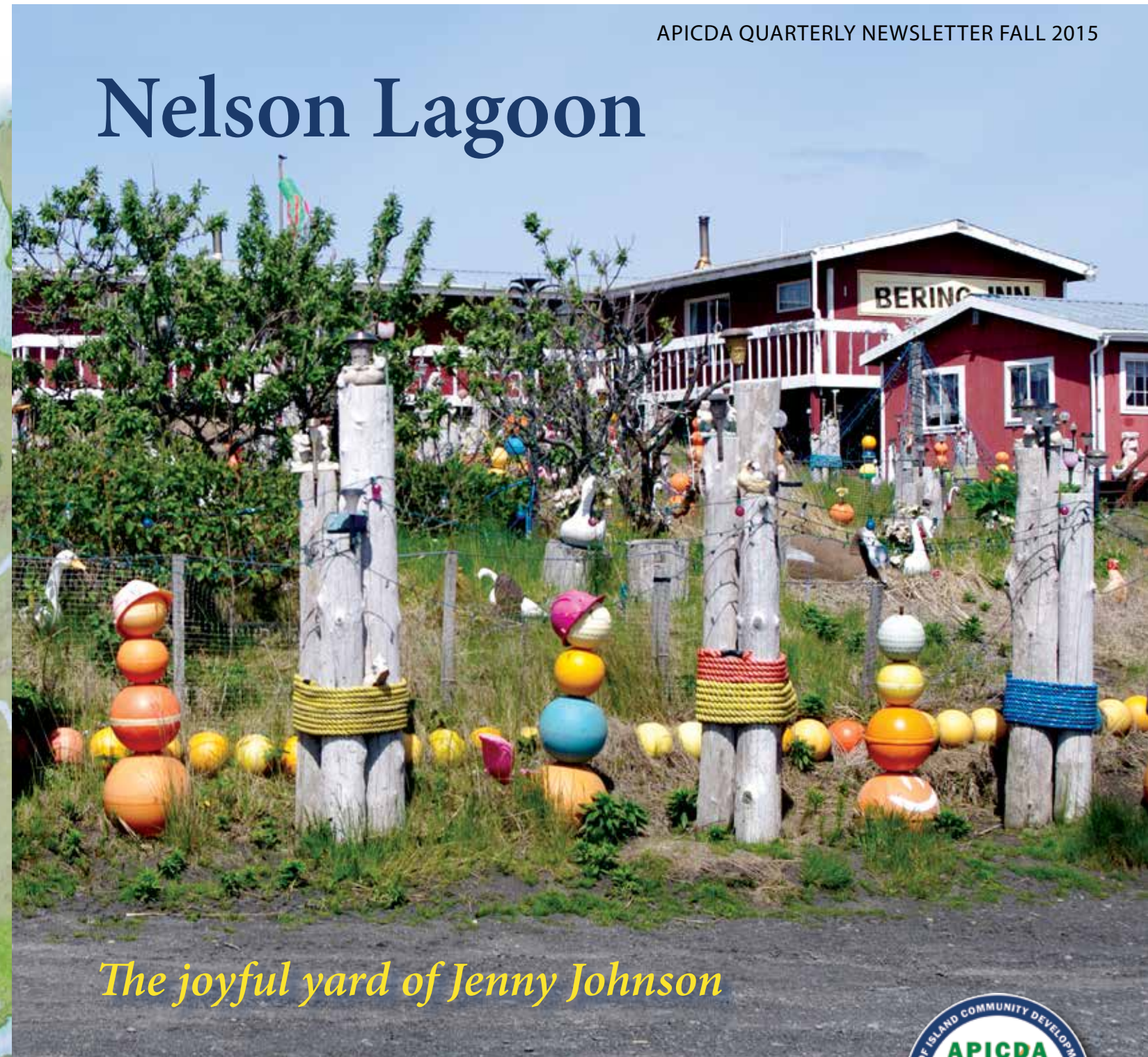
Nelson Lagoon



St. George Puffin by William Tyler Lekanof.



APICDA Communities



The joyful yard of Jenny Johnson

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Message from the CEO



Larry Cotter
Chief Executive Officer

Dear APICDA Communities and Stakeholders,

THE UNITED STATES has assumed the Chairmanship of the eight-nation Arctic Council this year and next. It's a big deal. The biggest show will be President Obama's visit to Alaska this month where he will address the state department hosted conference Global Leadership in the Arctic. But that is just one of many, many events that will be hosted in Alaska during the next two years.

Why is this important to us? By definition, everything north of the Aleutians and the Alaska Peninsula is considered the Arctic. That includes all of our communities. We have a lot at stake— from resource management to resource extraction to ports and harbors and climate change. A few examples:

- While the Army Corps of Engineers is focusing on development of a deep water port in the Arctic— which would be ice bound for much of the year— it also makes sense to have St. George serve as an alternate Arctic port given the fact it is the northern most ice free port in the country.
- The Great Circle Route runs right by the northern side of the Aleutians. Far too many accidents have already occurred, and we are sure to see more. If the nation is serious about maritime safety and casualty response capability, a harbor in Atka is a necessity.
- We need to continue our excellent management of our Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands fisheries, which requires that we address ocean acidification and other threats resulting from climate change.

*“Climate change
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in the Arctic.”*

In 2014, the Alaska Legislature passed legislation to create the Arctic Infrastructure Fund. This fund provides financing for various entities, including non-profit entities like APICDA, to purchase fishing rights and boats, and borrow money to fund harbors and other infrastructure.

Climate change is affecting all of us, particularly in the Arctic. It's a good thing governments are paying attention finally because it is real and our communities are going to live with the consequences. Let's make sure to participate as much as we can. ▴

Larry Cotter, APICDA Chief Executive Officer



Cannon Fish Company Hosts NFI Future Leaders

This summer Cannon Fish hosted the National Fisheries Institute Future Leaders class of 2015 for a tour of the new Kent facility, a salmon cutting demonstration, and a presentation and Q & A session on APICDA's Community Development activities. This was a great opportunity to showcase the new plant and we enjoyed the chance to spread the word about our mission as an Alaska seafood company serving a greater purpose. It was an honor to welcome this next generation of seafood industry leaders from all over the United States. ▴



NFI Future Leaders class of 2015 in Seattle.



In July Cannon processed and shipped our first fresh fillet custom order. The team did a great job pushing smaller than expected fish through the facility. In August Cannon processed round fish into h&g (headed and gutted) and roe.



APICDA/Cannon Fish Donation

Special thanks to Cannon Fish Co. for facilitating the donation of halibut to the 2015 Urban Unanga Culture Camp in Anchorage and salmon to the Alaska Pacific University Gala in June. The culture camp kids made 45 halibut fish pies during their traditional foods class. A variety of traditional arts and customs were taught including: bentwood visor construction, Aleut dance, food prep, drum building, basket weaving, headdress and regalia sewing, kayak construction and Unangan language and history.



Aleut halibut fish pie.



Girls with Aleut headdresses they created during APIA's Urban Unanga Culture Camp 2015. —Photos by Shasta Anderson.

ON THE COVER:

Jenny Johnson's yard of ornamental buoys and plastic flamingos has been an art in progress for nearly 15 years. Her collection glows at night with solar lights enchanting her guests at the Bering Inn in Nelson Lagoon, Alaska.

Photo by Michael Vickers, June, 2015
<http://michael-vickers.artistwebsites.com/>



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Welcome New Staff



ALEXIS LANGDON is our new Operations Data Analyst in the Anchorage office. Alexis has an extensive background in finance, database management, regulatory compliance and emergency management planning. During her tenure at AVTEC and the Alaska Career Academy she became familiar with the CDQ groups due to their generous scholarship programs. Alexis is a life-long Alaskan and a survivor of the 1964 Good Friday Earthquake in Anchorage. Alexis is a proud University of Oregon alumnus and resides in the eclectic Spenard neighborhood area of Anchorage with her two daughters.



MONICA HINSON-WILSON is the new Receptionist in Juneau, and comes to APICDA with a background in childcare and a passion for Alaska's youth. Born and raised in Juneau, she is currently working on continuing her education through the University Alaska Southeast (UAS) and graduating with a degree in Humanities. Monica was Supervisor/CDA Associate at Little Feet Childcare Facility and most recently was Lead Teacher at the Kidz Planet Learning Center in Juneau.



PAUL GOVERS has been hired as the new Production Manager at BPS and comes to APICDA with broad knowledge of commercial seafood production. Paul was the Production Manager for North Pacific Seafoods from 2001-2004. More recently, Paul has been working on commercial equipment for Washington Automated. Outside of work, Paul has a passion for fitness and personal finance.



CHANTAE KOCHUTEN has accepted the newly created Field Office Administrator position. Chantae has been with APICDA since 2013 and has served as an Intern, Administrative Assistant and Travel and Board Coordinator during her tenure. In her new role she will be serving as a corporate liaison for the field operation offices. This position works with all directors, managers and staff to assist in strengthening communication and internal relations for the Operations department. Chantae is originally from False Pass. Congratulations, Chantae!



Cannon Fish Company welcomes BRIAN Y. CHEN Ph.D., to the APICDA team as our new Quality Assurance Manager at their processing facility in Kent, WA. Brian brings over 16 years of experience as a QA Manager and has worked with companies such as AMES International Chocolate, Northwest Frozen Seafood and Starbucks Coffee. In addition to past experience as an Auditor, Brian brings several certifications including ISO 22000 Coordinator training, Internal Auditor Training by AIB, HACCP Coordinator Training by AIB and is a Certified SQF Practitioner by SQFI.

Brian enjoys spending quality time with his wife and daughter fishing, biking and gardening.



SABRINA BRACHER has accepted the Accounts Payable Specialist position in Juneau. Sabrina comes to APICDA with significant administrative and bookkeeping experience. Previously, Sabrina served as the Office Manager and Bookkeeper for Silverbow Inn & Bakery in Juneau. ▴



A misty day in Atka, August 2015. —Photo by Alexis Langdon.

Meet Mike Petersen

General Manager Alaska Longline Company

MIKE PETERSEN has extensive experience fishing in the waters of the Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands and Gulf of Alaska as well as the Washington and Oregon Coasts. He has a proven record of upholding exceptional health and safety standards among crew members and delivering outstanding product in a timely fashion. "I



believe in providing the best tools and the best information possible to the captain and crew and then let them catch the fish," says Petersen. "Since things change minute to minute at sea we rely on their best judgment to keep all on board safe, obey the law and prosper in a very challenging environment" Petersen added.

Alaska Longline Company is a partner and subsidiary of APICDA which manages the Prowler Fisheries fleet made up of five steel-hull longline vessels; the F/LL *Prowler*, *Bering Prowler*, *Gulf Prowler*, *Ocean Prowler* and *Arctic Prowler*. These vessels fish for Pacific cod, sablefish (black cod) and turbot. In 2014, the Prowler fleet caught 12,000 tons of cod. In 2015, they are set to catch 16,000 tons of fish, and the goal for 2016 is 18,000 tons.

Petersen was hired in 2013 as General Manager of Prowler Fisheries. At the time Larry Cotter said, "Mike has been fishing for 43 years and has served as Captain on a wide variety of fishing vessels since 1979. He is a strong and proven leader in the industry. I know he will be a strong asset and his breadth of experience will benefit the whole company." Mike was born in and resides in Seattle but called Alaska his second home for all of his fishing years. He used to spend seven to eight months a year in the Bering Sea and the Gulf of Alaska, always based in Unalaska/Dutch Harbor. His father and grandfather were active in the salmon business before Mike went fishing the first time. His grandfather spent many years fishing and salting salmon at the canneries in False Pass and Port Moller, finally retiring at 84 years of age.

Mike met his wife, Shelli, in Unalaska where she was attend-



The Arctic Prowler and Gulf Prowler are freezer longliner vessels that operate in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska. These vessels harvest Pacific cod, sable fish (black cod) and turbot.



ing high school. She was living in Unalaska with her parents and grandparents. Her grandfather, Walt Berthelsen and grandmother, Marie, ran Carl's Commercial for many years where they were very close with the families in Unalaska. Being one of only two stores in town, Carl's was the lifeblood of the community and kept many in Unalaska afloat during tough times. Marie was born on Sanak Island, an ancient Aleutian village, now abandoned.



Mike and Shelli, 1970s.

Alaska Longline, LLC was formed in January of 2015 to manage the business of Prowler Fisheries originally located in Petersburg, Alaska. It is a 25/25/25/25 partnership between APICDA Joint Ventures, BJ Ventures, LLC, Wrenchhead, LLC and Omega-3 Inc. ▴

"To me, it's all about fish. It has been since 1970." —Mike Petersen

False Pass

—Story and Photos by Nikkita Shellikoff

EARLIER THIS YEAR, Father Andrei Tepper and his family decided to move to False Pass after several years of living in King Cove. They are waiting for final confirmation on their request and look forward to serving the faithful and devout people of False Pass on a full-time basis. False Pass residents have shown a “positive enthusiastic response to wanting to learn more about the Orthodox Church and its teachings,” Fr. Andrei says. The family is drawn to the beauty of the area and appreciates how close False Pass is to King Cove so that they can maintain friendships and continue providing religious services.

Many priests are often prepared for missionary work, traveling between villages and small towns, such as in Fr. Andrei’s case. After leaving Saint Herman’s Seminary in Kodiak, Father requested to come to our region due to the many

years the area has been without clergy. Father Andrei feels strongly that the Aleutians are the most important focus for the church in Alaska.

For two weeks this past June, Fr. Andrei visited

False Pass along with his wife Matushka Aleksandra and their three sons, Matthew, Timothy and Herman. They held a camp for the kids to help them learn more about Orthodox Christianity. The activities included making prayer books, learning about the saints and understanding the teachings of the Russian Orthodox Church. It was well received by all of the kids, some of whom are part of the church choir and are learning to be readers (also called lectors).

Established between the fifth and sixth centuries of the Common Era,

(Above) Father Andrei teaching summer camp.

False Pass bible camp students.



Father Andrei Tepper and family during the "Blessing of the Fleet" in False Pass in July 2015. Photo by Nikki Hoblet.

the Eastern Orthodox Church is one of the oldest forms of Christianity with approximately two hundred million members worldwide. One area of concentration is in the southern coastal regions of Alaska, as a result of Russian “discovery” and occupation. The first monks from Russia arrived in 1794. Back then, people lived across Isanotski Strait in Morzhovoi Village but in the 1960s it was abandoned and everyone moved to False Pass, although a church was never built.

The Larsen Center in False Pass has acted as a temporary church for services and visiting priests. It may be short on space, but everyone seems to make do. After hearing the community wanted to have a more permanent altar, rather than setting it up and taking it down every time a priest comes for a visit, the decision was made to leave it up. Having a designated chapel area is important for teaching and

readers’ services to be accessed by the faithful even when a priest isn’t present. There is not much in the way of icons and other religious items, but everyone seems to make do with what little there is.

One of the big hopes for a number of years is that a church will finally be built in False Pass. If you ask anyone in town, they are more than likely to tell you that they would like to see a church built. “Wherever there is a church, it is most often the heart of a community,” says Fr. Andrei. The icons that were saved from the church in Morzhovoi Village, some

of which came from Russia, will need cleaning and restoration and hopefully will find a permanent home in False Pass. Having the icons that were saved is quite important, not only as a connection to the past but also in teaching the future generations.

The prospect of having a resident priest here is a very welcomed change. Once Fr. Andrei’s request is confirmed and his move to False Pass is complete he will be making plans to visit our other APICDA communities. ▲

Elli Hoblet works on the cover of her prayer book during the summer bible camp.



Russian Orthodoxy

The Eastern Orthodox Church, a branch of Christianity also known as Eastern Orthodoxy, Orthodox Christianity, or the Orthodox Church, identifies its roots in the early Church, particularly as it developed within the Greek-speaking eastern branch of the Roman Empire. The Eastern Orthodox Church accepts the first seven Ecumenical Councils (which were held between 325 and 787 C.E.), and regards itself as the True Church. The Eastern Orthodox Church is organized with an episcopal structure including the Four Patriarchs of Alexandria, Antioch, Constantinople, and Jerusalem (the Patriarch of Constantinople is the first of equals) and consecrated bishops (whose lineage is believed to be traced back to Jesus’ apostles). Their worship is highly liturgical and extremely iconographic, both of which are central to the Church’s life, history, and practice. Eastern Orthodoxy is strongly doctrinal and places great authority in the Bible, the Creeds (Apostles’ and Nicene), and the seven ecumenical councils. Like all other Christians, Orthodoxy is Trinitarian, believing that God exists in three persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).

The Wedding Ceremony

In the Eastern Orthodox Church Holy Matrimony is considered a Sacred Mystery (sacrament), and the sign of the marriage is not the exchange of rings (that takes place at the betrothal) but rather the placing of crowns on the heads of the bride and groom. For this reason the ceremony of the wedding is referred to as the Crowning. ▲

A Wedding in Nikolski



Congratulations to APICDA Board Member Andrew “A.J.” Lestenkov and his bride Tasha Hillhouse who were married July 19, 2015 at St. Nicholas Church in Nikolski, Alaska. Father Evon Bereskin from Unalaska officiated. —Photos courtesy Lestenkov Facebook.



CONDOLANCES



PAUL DIRKS
July 27, 1980 – June 13, 2015

Paul Dirks, a commercial fisherman and life-long resident of the Aleutian Islands, died unexpectedly on June 13, 2015, at the age of 34. Paul was born in Anchorage, Alaska and attended school in Atka and Unalaska. Fishing was in Paul's blood and he made his living in the manner of his ancestors, on the Bering Sea. He fished halibut, cod, salmon, and crab, and his first job was on the F/V Arctic Dawn with the Helgevolld family. He also was a crewmember on the F/V Erla-N when it was a *Deadliest Catch* vessel. Paul was a crewmember of the F/V Pacific Sounder at the time of his death.

Paul was a devoted son, brother, uncle, and friend. Shy and introverted, he would often reach out on Facebook and by text message, telling his loved ones how much he cared for them and that he was thinking of them. He spent many fun times playing X-Box games with Colton and Katie Dirks and Jesse Tutiakoff. He had a quiet sense of humor, an unknown depth of thought, and was generous with his love. He gave of himself to those who were less fortunate than he, blessed with an abundance of familial love. He will be deeply missed by his friends, family and all who knew him.

Paul is survived by his parents; Katherine M. (Yatchmenoff) and Larry W. Dirks, Jr., of Unalaska; his brother Kevin Dirks, of Unalaska; his sister Rachel Dirks Jolliffe and her husband, Mike; nephews Kyle Nevzoroff and Colton Dirks, of Unalaska; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins throughout the Aleutian chain and Alaska. He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents, Irene & William Yatchmenoff, and Lydia & Larry Dirks, Sr., and infant sister Periscovia.

A funeral service was held at the Church of the Holy Ascension in Unalaska with Paul's cousin, Father Evon Bereskin officiating.



BARBARA ANN WITSOE
July 10, 1970- May 10, 2015

Barbara Ann died unexpectedly in her sleep sometime the night before Mother's Day. She had myotonic dystrophy

which affects the nerves and how they communicate with the muscles. Her health had been deteriorating more and more in recent years. She was born in Seattle and spent most of her life there. Her mother, Helen Herrick, died last June (from the effects of the same disease). She is survived by her father, Michael Witsoe, step-mother, Debra Witsoe, her brothers, Michael (Lars) and Warren, sister, Wendy, sister-in-law, CariAnn, and nephew Owen, plus a lot of aunts and uncles and loads of cousins. She is also survived by her boyfriend of eight years, Francisco Deleon and his family. We are very grateful for the care and love he gave to her. Barbara was laid in her final resting place next to her mother Helen "Louise" Herrick in Akutan, AK on June 28, 2015 a potluck followed at her aunt Lydia and Ray Vincler's house.



ARTHUR CARL MCGLASHAN
Oct. 2, 1983-July 1, 2015

Arthur Carl McGlashan, 31, passed away on July 1, 2015, at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage, Alaska. He was born on Oct. 2, 1983, and was a lifelong resident of Alaska, which included Akutan, Dutch Harbor and St. Paul Island. Arthur graduated from Akutan High School and was employed by the U.S. Postal Service and was a bartender for Akutan Roadhouse. Playing bass guitar, writing poems, being outdoors were a few of his interests, but spending time with family and friends was always important to Arthur. If there was any way he could help he always did.

Arthur was a member of the Russian Orthodox Church. Arthur is survived by his sisters, Gail Enosa of Anchorage and Pamela Oaksmith of Raleigh, N.C.; brothers, Tom Jr. and Alec both of Akutan; stepsisters, June Shabolin of St. Paul, AK, and Kathy Labert of Dewitt, Calif.; uncles, Jacob Stepetin of Akutan and Arthur Stepetin of Anchorage and Gabe and Wilbur McGlashan of Sand Point, Alaska; aunts, Jennie Webster, Florence Anderson and Vera Pelkey, all of Akutan, Jennie Guffy of Washington and Anna Mack of King Cove. He is also survived by his many cousins, nephews, nieces, and numerous other family members. He is preceded in death by his mother, Anna Oaksmit; and his father, Tom C McGlashan Sr. A visitation for Arthur was held on Monday, July 13, 2015 officiated by Father John Zabinko at Janssen's Evergreen Memorial Chapel in Anchorage. A final service and burial was held in Akutan, Alaska. ▴

St. George Gets a Greenhouse

—Story and photos by Angel Drobnica

To improve nutritional offerings and address the lack of fresh produce available, the APICDA board sponsored an initiative to develop greenhouse projects in each of our communities. Due to their remote locations, each of APICDA's member communities rely on boat or air cargo services to transport food. The extended delivery time leads to very limited and often aged selections of fruits and vegetables.

Over a week long period in August, a 26 ft. geodesic greenhouse made to withstand very high winds was constructed in St. George. The structure is similar to 4 others located in Nikolski and Nelson Lagoon. While the dome is passive solar by design and stores thermal mass in a large internal water tank, the city strategically located the dome in close proximity to their power plant for future utilization of waste heat in the winter months.

A number of APICDA staff and St. George residents were instrumental to the success of the project. Special thanks to Laurence Prokopiof, James Merculief, Emil Lestenkof, Aaron Merculief, Dennis Lestenkof, Pat Pletnikoff and seven year old, Tristan Merculief. ▴



Angel Drobnica, APICDA's Renewable Energy and Fisheries Liaison assists with construction.

(Right) This aerial view of the completed greenhouse was taken by Aaron Merculief using a GoPro Hero attached to his remote controlled acrobatic plane.



APICDA Training & Education Programs

APICDA offers higher education and supplemental scholarship programs to support and encourage the education and training goals of community residents. The programs enable our residents to have access to college and university programs and to qualify for jobs within the region that may otherwise be filled by non-CDQ residents.

To Apply:

Applications must be completed, submitted and RECEIVED in the APICDA office by:

- APRIL 1 for the summer term(s).
- JULY 1 for the fall and spring semesters award.
- NOVEMBER 15 for the spring semester award.

For Information about application instructions and requirements:

Please contact APICDA's Training & Education Coordinator Anfesia Tutiakoff education@apicda.com or www.apicda.com



Emil William Berikoff Sr. 1944 - 2012
Emil Berikoff, Sr. served on the APICDA board for 15 years. His contributions as a trusted board member and to the APICDA community were invaluable.

Congratulations, 2015 Fall Emil Berikoff Sr. Memorial Scholarship Recipients!

A total of \$100,052 was awarded to 60 students in scholarships to the following students for the fall semester.

Recipient:	Community:	School:
Jessica Andersen	Unalaska	Humboldt State University
Darling Anderson	False Pass	University of Alaska Fairbanks
Shasta Anderson	False Pass	University of Alaska Anchorage
Ken Balbarino	Unalaska	University of Alaska Anchorage
Tatiana Barraclough	Atka	University of Alaska Anchorage
Nikita Bereskin	Akutan	University of Alaska Fairbanks
Sarah Bereskin	Aktuan	Skagit Valley College
Noah Betzen	Unalaska	University of Alaska Fairbanks
Raul Carpentero	Unalaska	University of Alaska Anchorage
Erin Dickson	Unalaska	University of Alaska Anchorage
Nikita Dirks	Atka	University of Alaska Anchorage
Joey Fernandez	Unalaska	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Joshua Fernandez	Unalaska	University of Alaska Anchorage
Christina Gordon	Unalaska	Carroll College
Rachell Gulanes	Unalaska	University of Alaska Anchorage
Martin Gundersen	Nelson Lagoon	University of Alaska, Anchorage
Bethany Hladick	Unalaska	Willamette University / Political Science
Kevin Huynn	Unalaska	University of Alaska Anchorage
Jacob Jones	Unalaska	Central Washington University
Anesia Kudrin	Akutan	University of Alaska Fairbanks
Celeste Kukahiko	Unalaska	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Anthony Lekanof	St. George	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Jana Lekanoff	Unalaska	University of Alaska Anchorage
Jesse Lestenkof	St. George	University of Alaska Anchorage
Tiana Lestenkof	St. George	University of Phoenix
Alec Magalong	Unalaska	University of Alaska Anchorage
Austin Magalong	Unalaska	University of Alaska Anchorage
Derick Magnusen	Unalaska	University of Massachusetts Boston
Juan Malanzo	Unalaska	Renton Technical College
Cole McCracken	Unalaska	University of Arizona
Bobbie McNeley	False Pass	University of Alaska Fairbanks
Danielle Merculief	St. George	University of Alaska Anchorage
Desiree Merculief	St. George	University of Alaska Anchorage

Dasha Moyer	Unalaska	University of Alaska Anchorage
Vincent Naanos	Unalaska	Pacific Lutheran University
Tommy Nguyen	Unalaska	University of Alaska Anchorage
Jaila Pili	Unalaska	DePaul University
Rosie Pound	Unalaska	The Art Institute of Portland
Kanisia Price	Unalaska	Western Washington University
Joshua Prokopiof	St. George	University of Alaska Fairbanks
Michael Remolino	Unalaska	University of Alaska Anchorage
Ashley Robinson	Unalaska	University of Alaska Fairbanks
Taytum Robinson	Unalaska	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Cameron Samuelson	False Pass	Pacific University
Raven Samuelson	False Pass	Pacific University
Shayla Shaisnikoff	Unalaska	University of Alaska Anchorage
Haliehana Stepetin	Akutan	University of Alaska Anchorage
Jacob Stepetin	Akutan	Stanford University
Robin Stepetin	Akutan	University of Alaska Anchorage
Melissa Streitmatter	Unalaska	Yakima Valley Community College
Sugabo Jhiddle	Unalaska	University of Alaska Anchorage
Claudine Tungul	Unalaska	University of Alaska Anchorage
Kiecel Tungul	Unalaska	University of Alaska Anchorage
Michael Tutiakoff	Unalaska	University of Alaska Fairbanks
Amber Vernon	Unalaska	Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Asia Vernon	Unalaska	Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Levi Vernon	Unalaska	University of Alaska Fairbanks
Danielle Wittern	Unalaska	Western Governors University
Hunter Wittern	Unalaska	University of Montana
Rachael Yatchmeneff	Unalaska	University of Alaska Anchorage

Student Loan Repayment Program

The Student Loan Repayment Program is available to residents of the APICDA communities. This program repays a specific dollar amount (up to \$5,000 per year) of a graduate student's loan as long as the program requirements are met. This program was created to encourage graduates of the APICDA Region to return to the region for employment and career opportunities.

The program went into effect on January 1, 2014, and will only include students who are enrolled in a degree program on January 1, 2013, or later. An applicant must have maintained full-time residency in one of the APICDA communities for at least five years immediately before the application date, and must intend to return to, or work for the benefit of, the APICDA region upon award of a degree.

If you have any questions, please contact APICDA's Training & Education Coordinator: Anfesia Tutiakoff at education@apicda.com; or see the APICDA website for the application, instructions and requirements at apicda.com.

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Congratulations to Janice Krukoff who graduated in Spring 2015 from the Alaska Career College with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Business Administration and Computer Technology. Janice was an APICDA scholarship recipient and is now working for the Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association as their Project Specialist/Initiative Liaison.



2015 Fall GPA Scholarship Recipients

The following students earned GPA Scholarship for the fall term by earning a GPA of 3.5 or greater and will receive an additional award.

3.5 - 3.74 GPA	\$500 per term
3.75 - 3.99 GPA	\$750 per term
4.0 GPA	\$1,000 per term
Jessica Andersen	\$1,000
Sarah Bereskin	\$1,000
Noah Betzen	\$1,000
Bethany Hladick	\$1,000
Jacob Jones	\$750
Jana Lekanoff	\$750
Jesse Lestenkof	\$750
Derick Magnusen	\$500
Tommy Nguyen	\$1,000
Haliehana Stepetin	\$ 750
Robin Stepetin	\$1,000

WINS 2015 Recipients

The following students received a \$2,000 Work Invest Now (WIN) Scholarship. Students qualify, by applying for summer employment with APICDA or subsidiary company. Students who complete employment in good standing qualify for the WIN scholarship in addition to their Emil Berikoff Sr. Memorial Fund Scholarship.

- Shasta Anderson
Tourism Expeditor Intern
- Robin Stepetin
Human Resources Intern
- Celeste Kukahiko
Medical Assistant Intern at APIA

Training & Education Programs *(continued)*

Supplemental Education Scholarship Increase

The T&E Committee and Board of Directors has approved an increase in funding for our residents from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per year for the Supplemental Education Scholarship. The increase was suggested because residents have not been taking sufficient advantage of our traditional scholarships. In addition to the increase of training funds available, we would like to emphasize that APICDA is committed to seeing that our residents utilize the scholarship to their full advantage. This would consist of getting the training they need to secure a job within their chosen career field, or to advance within their current career. The Supplemental Education Scholarship has not been increased for some time, and it was appropriate to reevaluate the award to better meet the needs of today's students.

There is a need for mid-level workers in the job market, if you are interested in pursuing a vocational or trade school certificate and need funding; please contact our Training & Education Coordinator, Anfesia Tutiakoff for information on the Supplemental Education Scholarship.

APICDA's Community Liaison Officer (CLO)

Each APICDA member community has a Community Liaison Officer (CLO). The CLO is the local contact for information about APICDA. Each of our CLO's is dedicated to supporting our Training & Education programs.

April Pelkey – akutancl@apicda.com

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Carleen Hoblet – falsepassclo@apicda.com

Katie Johnson – nelsonlagooncl@apicda.com

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Melanie Prokopiof – stgeorgecl@apicda.com

Patty Lekanoff-Gregory – unalaskaclo@apicda.com

Here are some of the duties our CLO's assist with:

- Employment with APICDA and our fishing partners.
- Scholarship applications and information.
- Enrollment in local trainings sponsored by APICDA.
- Internship applications and information.
- School Grant information and application assistance.
- APICDA Miscellaneous Grant Program.
- A resource of information to assist in continuing ed.



Student interns Robin Stepetin (Akutan) and Shasta Anderson (False Pass) worked out of APICDA's Anchorage office this summer. Robin assisted the HR department and Shasta helped expedite supplies for Tourism's Aleutian Adventures. Both will be returning to their studies at University of Alaska Anchorage in the fall.

Community Activities

This summer's first activity was "Planting 101." April Pelkey, from Akutan highlighted her event on Facebook and shared her photos and thoughts with APICDA. Melanie Prokopiof, of St. George planted seeds with youth in May. They gathered soil to plant vegetables and flowers. Melanie reported the students had a lot of fun planting and were looking forward to seeing growth. Katie Johnson and the youth in Nelson Lagoon also planted seeds in early June. We are very excited about the activities that have been conducted and would like to thank the APICDA Community Liaison Officers for supporting the newly added Community Activity Program. If you have any suggestions on activities, be prepared to share your thoughts in October 2015 when we send out the community survey.

This past August we sent out school supplies to each student attending school in our communities. A big thank you to the Anchorage office for their donations to this event. ▲



Makarius Swetzof enjoying his time during camp.

Akutan Culture Camp



"Planting 101" in Akutan.



Teachers and students on the Akutan School playground.



Culture camp boys busy working on their Aleut visors.



Akutan Dancers perform on the Alaska Ferry.

Salmonberry Cobbler

Ingredients:

- 3 cups salmonberries (or blueberries)
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup butter

Directions:

Mix together flour, sugar, baking powder and salt, then stir in the milk. Melt butter in a 9-inch square pan. Pour batter over melted butter in pan. Do not stir. Place berries evenly on top of batter. Do not stir. Bake at 400 degrees for 30 minutes. Yum.

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Options:

If you add 1 egg, the cobbler will be more cake-like. Also, when tested, we mixed raspberries with chopped apples and rhubarb proving this is a "no fail" recipe. —Editor.



Paige Charity Bereskin first time picking berries with her Auntie Carmen. —Photo by Carmen Bereskin, Akutan, August 2015.

APICDA Vision Statement:

The Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association (APICDA) will develop commercial and sport fishing industry related opportunities to enhance the long-term social and economic viability of the coastal communities and their residents in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands.

APICDA will optimize benefits to its member communities and their residents through the development of infrastructure and fishery support services in the communities, the acquisition of seafood related businesses, including fishing vessels and/or processing facilities and support service industries at economically beneficial prices, and the acquisition of harvest and processing rights. By enabling the communities to participate in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Island fisheries,

APICDA will:

- Promote and participate in business opportunities with capital investment funds;
- Relieve chronic social problems through the creation of jobs, and encourage individual growth through educational and vocational opportunities;
- Promote community control over their individual economic and social destinies; and,
- Continue to assist each community as they make the transition from reliance upon a CDQ allocation to economic and social self-sufficiency.



Who We Are

APICDA (Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association) is a vertically integrated seafood company responsibly harvesting, processing and marketing wild Alaskan crab, pollock, cod, black cod, halibut and salmon from the Bering Sea and Pacific Ocean in a sustainable manner. We maintain the highest standards of quality for our wild Alaskan seafood from the icy ocean waters to the table.

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About APICDA

APICDA (Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit incorporated in the state of Alaska. Our charitable purpose is to develop stable local economies in our member communities of Akutan, Atka, False Pass, Nelson Lagoon, Nikolski and St. George.

Our focus on community development sets us apart from the typical seafood company. The region's seafood resources have provided for families in our communities through many generations. By doing business with APICDA, you assist our work to better the lives of people in the communities throughout the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands.



2015 Photo CONTEST

Send us your best shots by October 1!

We are looking for images from the APICDA communities of:
Atka, Akutan, False Pass, Nelson Lagoon, Nikolski, St. George and Unalaska.

All original photos must be maximum resolution for quality reproduction use in APICDA's 2016 Calendar and/or 2015 Holiday Card. Capture the seasons, holiday traditions, cultural events, people at work, children at play, wildlife and scenics.

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October 8-9-10 —Egan Center

and at the
 Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN)
 Annual Convention
October 15-16-17 —Dena'ina Center

We plan to visit with old friends and make new ones while promoting our job opportunities and the Aleutian Marketplace Business Plan Competition.

We are delighted to have the opportunity to attend both of these important events!







