GRADUATION 2021
This year we were able to hold an in-person graduation ceremony! The weather was great and we had the ceremony outside. There were 21 snakaey (children) in the 2020-2021 school year from pre-kindergarten through 11th grade.

Congratulations to all the Ya Ne Dah Ah students on all their ugheldze ghitnaa’ (hard work)!

- Flowers that were handed out
- Beaded necklaces that were handed out
- Blankets that were given to young women
- Graduation Dance Entrance
- Graduation Dance by young snakaey and teachers
- Blanket protection ceremony and blessing for young women
- Graduation Dance by older snakaey and teachers
Administration & Accounting Department

Chief Gary Harrison—Chairman
Shawna Larson—Vice Chairwoman
Philip Ling—Secretary
Doug Wade—Treasurer
Kari Shaginoff—Member
Sondra Shaginoff—Member
Lisa Wade—(Sabbatical)

Acting Executive Director
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Council Meeting Schedule
Executive Session—Third Wednesday of each month
Departmental Business Session—Fourth Wednesday of each month

Snakaey had a great time at camp!
See everyone next year!!
Braided River Festival — decolonizing days

In 2021, Chickaloon provided a great example of inclusion to help celebrate all the people who help make Nuutah (Palmer) a great place to live, work, and play. The Alaska Native Marketplace and educational activities were located at the Palmer Depot, in the middle of all the festivities. Everyone had an opportunity to learn more about the Mat-Su Photovoice Project and post a hand written comment or drawing of what they like about their town.

Chickaloon Spirit—Katherine Wade, page 15

Elders and Clan Responsibility

Making sure the Clan don’t make themselves look like a bunch of idiots; intervene whenever you see someone is heading that way. It is our duty to see that each one of us is respectable, kind, loving, and understanding. Listen and take heed to others that try to make you a better person.

I have gotten many scoldings from my Aunt Mary whenever I got out of line, up until she passed away. She was my Elder and I respected her views. This is the way a Tribe functions.

If I am the Clan Elder, you must respect what I say and no disrespectful back-talking when I tell you something I’ve always tried to be fair-minded. I don’t unnecessarily pick on anyone for nothing. If anyone gets a scolding from me, they got it coming. It’s for their own good to make them a better person. Anyone should feel honored to be scolded by an Elder. That means you are important to the Tribe.

They used to say, “Be thankful when one of our family reprimands you for something. That means they love you, because we’re not all perfect. Nobody claim to be perfect.” Don’t get poched up whenever your relative tries to talk some sense into you. Take it and think about it. It’s not easy for someone to reprimand a person. Not an easy job. But if you love them, you have to take that chance of being ridiculed by the one you’re trying to help.

Usually when somebody gets way out of line, you don’t just jump on them right then and there. You talk it over with your Elders, your smart people, the ones that care about the Tribe. Ask if they think they need reprimanding, discuss that situation, feel good about that.
School Fun
Miss Rebecca Hobbs has been keeping the snaekey (children) busy with learning and fun during summer school.

Fishwheels in Action—Chitina and Tazlina
Nek’eltaeni (Creator) has blessed us with the availability of two fishwheels to use this summer, one in Chitina and the other in Tazlina. From the Chitina location we were able to gather 20 luk’ae (salmon) that we needed for this year’s culture camp activities. The luk’ae gathered at both locations allows us to provide for our Elders by koht’ae ko’dozolts’ii (living Native traditions).

Tsin’aen to Kari Shaginoff and Ben Meyer for their ugheldze’ ghitnaa’ (good work) by driving to and from the locations, operating the wheels, and processing the fish.
Museum Specialist, Selena Ortega-Chiolero will be the new Vice-Chair for the Native American Archives Section of the Society of American Archivists. It is a three-year position that involves leading conversations and coordinating programs that support Indigenous communities’ access to cultural materials housed in outside repositories and also educating non-Tribally affiliated organizations and institutions about how to collaborate and work with the source communities.

ESD Nationally

Environmental Stewardship Department
ESD participates in Braided River Festival—decolonization days

ESD at an Archeological Site

Onsite with Katie Krasinksi, Fran Seager-Boss, Angie Wade, Genevieve Dolfi, Almeria Alcantra, and Rain Wade, who took the photo

Facilities & Housing Department

Housing Grants
The BIA Housing Improvement Program (HIP) is a Housing Grant Program to help eligible American Indians or Alaska Natives renovate or build new houses. Please check out BIA.gov website for more details: https://www.bia.gov/bia/ois/dhs/housing-improvement-program

There is no deadline to submit an application. You can turn in your application year around to your Tribe and they will forward to the BIA office. The more households that apply, would increase BIA funding for our service area.

If you are a Tribal Citizen OR an American Indian/Alaska Native that resides or wishes to reside in our service area, turn your completed BIA Housing Application in to our Administration office at 9255 N Glenn Highway, in Palmer.

Applications are available on the BIA.gov website or contact Samantha Ange, Facilities Director by email at: smange@chickaloon-nsn.gov
Elders Lunch

Elders Lunch has resumed but at limited capacity so attendees have sufficient space to visit with others but not be crowded. If you would like to attend, please contact Dorothy Boatright at 907-745-0704.

Department Director

Philip Ling is the new Health and Services Director. His love for the Tribe will be a great asset to the department. He will retain his Council position as Secretary.

Photo is his family at Crazy Horse Memorial Monument they visited while in South Dakota.

Justice Department & Tribal Court

Chickaloon Village Traditional Council and the Tribal Court are working with the Alaska Native Justice Center (ANJC) to provide for the legal needs of CVTC and our Tribal Citizens.

ANJC’s office is located at 3600 San Jeronimo Drive, Suite 346, Anchorage, Alaska, 99508. They have a new website, https://anjc.org/, to further explain their connections to the community.

Below is a snapshot of their topics of specific services. You are welcome to contact them at 907-793-3550 or if needing to call collect then 907-793-3558 or email at anjcinfo@anjc.net

For Victims & Survivors
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victims and Survivors
Human Trafficking Victims and Survivors
Victims of Other Crimes
For Elders
Services for Elders

For Reentry
Adult Reentry
Youth Reentry

For Self-Representation
Clinics for Family Justice

For Tribes
ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act)
Tribal Justice Support
Resources for Tribal Justice
Legal Policy Updates
I hope this story of my trials and tribulations might inspire others to better themselves, as my story would not have been written the same without the inspiration I found in others.

I graduated from Palmer High School in 2011. There I found my passion for the geospatial sciences in my junior and senior years while working at completing the then new ESRI/Digital Quest S.T.A.R.S. program. The program aimed at getting youth involved in GIS and the geospatial sciences in general. It worked! In my last semester in the program, I made a connection through a local guest speaker and landed an internship working for Terrasond Ltd. based in Palmer. Accordingly I began to look into options for pursuing post-secondary education involving the field.

It was only with an endless amount of financial and emotional support from friends, family, our Tribe (Chickaloon Village), CIRI, and the State of Alaska that I was able to move forward. I began working towards my bachelors of science in Geomatics with an emphasis on spatial analysis and remote sensing at the University of Alaska Anchorage that fall (2011). It was not at all without hiccups and growing pains along the way. College is not an easy mountain to summit. Sometimes your best isn't enough. Sometimes your papers come back with a failing grade when you thought for sure you were writing at the top of your class. I knew that whatever came of each bump in the road I had better keep moving on, knowing a better life was waiting once I had that degree in my hands.

During my time at the University I worked summers, and winter breaks wherever I could. I continued to work for Terrasond Ltd. until summer 2013. My last job with the company was the most exciting. We completed a bathymetric survey contract for NOAA near the red dog mine facilitated by a 105 foot research vessel and her crew.

In summer 2014, I was fortunate enough to land a position working in CVTC’s transportation department as a GIS intern. That summer, I completed a multi-campus mapping project for the Tribe, and other various miscellaneous tasks. In summer 2015, Brian Winnestaffer and the Transportation Department gave me the opportunity to complete the Construction Equipment Training program at NIT (Northern Industrial Training). I completed the course successfully and found myself enjoying operating many types of equipment. In the years that followed, I helped make good on the Department's personal investment in myself by assisting in completing various construction projects. I was proud to assist in the improvement of the Moose Creek Campground, the Callison Street project, the landscaping and parking improvements at the Administration campus, as well as road improvements on and around Annie’s Road, just to name a few.

It took nearly 6 whole years to complete my degree, and in 2017, I graduated with my bachelors of science in Geomatics. I skipped the official university ceremony, and instead spent May 13, 2017, giving thanks to the people who were just as responsible for my success as I was. Without the support I received, I wouldn't have made it far at the university.

In fall 2017, after working another summer for CVTC, I decided to move to Phoenix, Arizona, to get some clearer perspective. Kristina Duncan and I moved in with her mother and father (who accepted me, and has since treated me as their own) while Kristina worked toward her degree in psychology and I enjoyed the better part of a year off from both work and school.

In 2018, I returned to Alaska to work a summer for CVTC Transportation and complete another course at NIT. This time I pursued, and completed, the Professional Truck Driving training program. At the end of the summer I flew back to Phoenix to begin working.

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From Chief Gary Harrison's Desk

5 FEBRUARY 2014

Human Rights Committee Secretariat
8-14 Avenue de la Paix
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Switzerland
Attention: Kate Fox/Sindu Thodyil

TO: The Members of the United Nations Human Rights Committee, 110th Session at the Palais Wilson in Geneva
10 to 14 March 2014

RE: INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA EXAMINATION

ADDENDUM to September 8, 2013

In the 1867 Kostlitzev Memorandum Descriptive to the Treaty of Gesson between Russian and the United States of America, the inhabitants are to be protected from spoliators. Well, the United States became the super-spoiliators. There are a series of acts and non-actions.

There is a tale of neglect and abuse documented in several books, articles, papers and I will provide a small amount of them.

Diamond Jenness, (1886-1969) Canada's most distinguished anthropologist studied the Arctic Eskimo, traveled and documented the communities and conditions of life. The Churches Dominion over the indigenous communities were established by dividing Alaska amongst the various churches (cult groups), and some include: Presbyterian, Catholic, Russian Orthodox, Moravians, etc. As a child I attended the Seventh Day Adventist Boarding School in Bristol Bay Mission School. My experience was unpleasant. Many of my Aunts, Uncles, my father and many cousins were sent to different boarding schools i.e., a few went to Eklutna Boarding School, a few attended Mt. Edgecumbe, and a few attended the Catholic Boarding School in Tazlina etc.,...

Power, Crime and Mystification by Steven Box published in 1983.

Numerous Researchers have produced evidence consistent with the view that criminal law categories are ideological reflections of the interests of particular powerful groups. As such, criminal law categories are resources, tools, instruments, designed and then used to criminalize, demoralize, incapacitate, fracture and sometimes eliminate those problem populations perceived by the powerful to be potentially or actually threatening the existing distribution of power,
wealth, and privilege. They constitute one, and only one way by which social control over subordinate, but 'resisting' populations is exercised. For once behavior more typically engaged in by subordinate populations has been incorporated into criminal law, then legally sanctioned punishments can be 'justifiably' imposed.

In a society such as ours, populations more likely to be controlled in part through criminalization." page 7.

"At the same time, crimes of the powerless are revealed and exaggerated, and this serves the interests of the powerful because it legitimizes their control agencies, such as the police and private prison system service, being strengthened materially, technologically, and legally, so that their ability to survey, harass, deter, both specifically and generally, actual and potential resisters to political authority is enhanced." page 6.

All of this is happening in Alaska to the indigenous peoples is covered in the 1987 July U.S. Arctic Research Plan by Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee, Washington, District of Columbia which include:
National Science Foundation
Department of Commerce
Department of Defense
Department of Energy
Department of Health and Human Services
Department of Interior
Department of State
Department of Transportation
Environmental Protection Agency
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Office of Science and Technology Policy
Smithsonian Institution
The Arctic Region is recognized as a natural laboratory and maintains an Arctic Investigations Laboratory, page 216. In 1986 serological screened all Alaska Natives and by 1987 80% vaccinated. Babies are still vaccinated with the Hepatitis B Vaccine upon birth. Parents are better educated today on the effects of these vaccines and the contraindications that might occur and some parents are in disagreement with the vaccine schedule that Alaska Native Medical Center and other native health corporations. The Strecker Memorandum show's the relationship of Hepatitis B and A.I.D.S. and how these vaccines could cause A.I.D.S. People don't die from A.I.D.S. people die from cancer and various treatments of cancer and from pneumonia. We have epidemic rates of cancer and pneumonia now. I here the reports as sit on the Board of Directors of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium for the Unaffiliated Tribes.

A People in Peril: A Generation of Despair, a 10 day newspaper series that began February 19, 1988. It was the first in a series of three put out by the Anchorage Daily News and they won a Pulitzer Prize for the 1988 series.

2010 Census. Alaska Natives make up 15% of the population of Alaska.
After 5 months of job hunting, I found work at Maricopa County Assessor’s Office Ownership and Mapping division as a GIS Property Technician. Upon arrival I was subjected to a 600 hour training course whose purpose was to convert a layman into a real property title machine. My duties included processing hundreds of the many thousands of title-transferring deeds received by the office on a daily basis, resolving customer inquiries via title chain research and correction, as well as mapping tax parcels according to each parcel’s respective legal description to define a taxable square footage used on the treasurer’s tax-roll. Following training I entered production and worked diligently at setting myself apart from the others. Here again, I had copious amounts of support at my back from both in the office, and family near and far.

After two months out of training I received a recognition award for my efforts and contribution to the team from management. A year after my hire date, I became increasingly involved in office-wide projects. After the completion of each project, I found myself being hand-picked for another. This continued until I elected to end my time at the office in April 2021.

At this point, having spent 4 years, (more or less), out-of-state I was ready to go home. Kristina and I, despite the covid restrictions, made the pilgrimage by road via Canada and many US states from Phoenix, Arizona, to Palmer, Alaska. Having attained perspective, and a lot of self-reliance based confidence, I am ready to dedicate myself and all I have learned to serving our people, culture, and ideology.
CHICKALOON VILLAGE TRADITIONAL COUNCIL RECOGNIZES AND AFFIRMS THAT EVERY CHILD MATTERS. OUR PRAYERS TO THE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES OF BOARDING SCHOOLS. NEVER AGAIN!

Ts'tonhna' nene' ghestnaa eł izdaa (I live and work on Matanuska River land).