

**CITY COUNCIL AND ACDC ELECTIONS
OCTOBER 6, 2015**

City Council

Seat 1A – 2 year term Seat 2A – 3 year term
Seat 1B – 2 year term Seat 2B - 3 year term

Submit your application for candidacy to the City Clerk, between July 31–September 7, 2015. Candidates must have resided in Adak at least 30 days prior to filing candidacy and must be registered to vote in Adak. Local elections will be held on Tuesday October 6, 2015 in conjunction with REAA 8 Aleutian Region School Board Seat 3A.

ACDC Board of Directors

Seat 1A – 3 year term Seat 4A – 3 year term
Seat 4B - 1 year term

For candidacy information for ACDC contact ACDC's office at 592-2335.



Cruise Ship Silver Discoverer coming to port in Adak. The luxury cruise starts at \$28,000 per passenger.

Adak Fourth of July makes Al Jezeera America

Check out the Al Jezeera America website, and you can read an article by Ryan Schuessler on the Adak Fourth of July. Ryan was visiting Adak as part of his graduate studies on the Aleutians and interviewed several local residents. What was most surprising is the forum of Schuessler's article.

<http://america.aljazeera.com/multimedia/2015/7/fourth-of-july-from-the-edge-of-america.html>

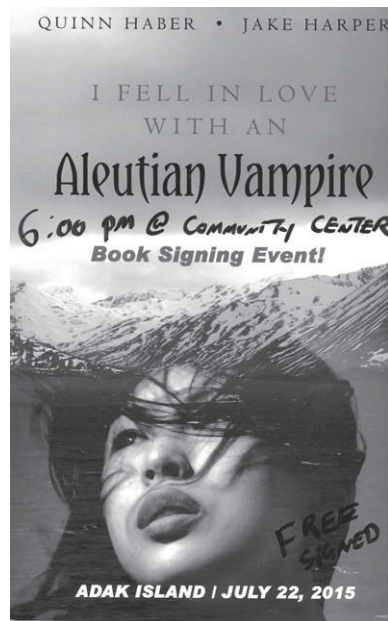
New Signs for Bayshore

Thanks to Bernardo Diaz and some hard work by April Smiloff, Bayshore Hwy will be getting some new "Do Not Litter" signs. Smiloff, who has been spending a lot of time picking up garbage around Adak's city roads, would like the community to have a say in the signs that will be posted. There will be ballots available to anyone who would like to vote on which sign should be palced on Bayshore Hwy.



Remember this one?

**Keep America Beautiful!
Please do not Litter**



Authors Quinn Haber and Jake Harper provided residents with free books signed by the authors at the Community Center. The book begins in 1942 on Adak Island.

"I Fell in Love with an Aleutian Vampire" is available in digital format or paperback on Amazon.com



USCGC Alex Haley gets a Change of Command



Top: Outgoing Commander Stephen White watches as Rear Admiral Meredith Austin salutes incoming Commander Seth Denning. Below: Layton Lockett and Elaine Smiloff present White with keys to Adak.



The Adak Eagle's Call



L) First place Dolly Derby winner Caleb Dushkin brought in a 4lb 14oz legendary Dolly Varden caught on the East side of Lake Andrew.

R) The Parade had about 30 participants, many of whom rode bicycles and 4-wheelers.

BL) Brooke Dushkin walks out of water with brother Cyrus behind her. All participants that took the Polar Bear Plunge received a free t-shirt.

BR) Christopher Laguna insisted on a working holiday.



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Front of Shirt

4th of July

Adak, Alaska

Contact the
City of Adak
907-592-4500



Back of Shirt

We will mail to you if ordering for someone out of town. Postage fee of \$5.95 will be added.

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August 12 – 14 USCG Boutwell will be in Adak

August 13 – USCG Boutwell Bonfire on Kuluk Beach. Public is invited

August 26 – City Council, 4:30 pm Council Chambers

Adak Clinic News [Phone: 907-592-8383]



The Adak Community Health Center was pleased to have a good turnout at the potluck/barbeque with Eastern Aleutian Tribes Jennifer Harrison, Executive Director and Dr. Danita Koehler the new Medical Director. Jennifer shared the EAT Strategic Plan and reported on how comments presented last year have been addressed. The plan and EAT's Monthly executive report are available at the clinic.

In honor of **National Community Health Center Week** – August 9-15 – the clinic will be hosting a **Clinic Open House** the afternoon of **August 12th 1 pm – 4pm**. You can have your vitals and blood glucose checked at no cost. Please do stop by and visit with our clinic staff.

Dental. Dr. Costa, will be in Adak from **August 30th** – September 13th. The clinic is signing up people who need dental care.

Please feel free to call or stop by the clinic to sign up for Jennifer's Monthly Report. We also welcome any questions or comments you may have.

Senta, Phyllis, & Esther



Each year in August, National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) provides an opportunity to highlight the value of immunization across the lifespan. Activities focus on encouraging all people to protect their health by being vaccinated against infectious diseases. In 2015, the National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC) is coordinating NIAM activities. People of all ages can protect their health with timely vaccination.



Awareness Month August.

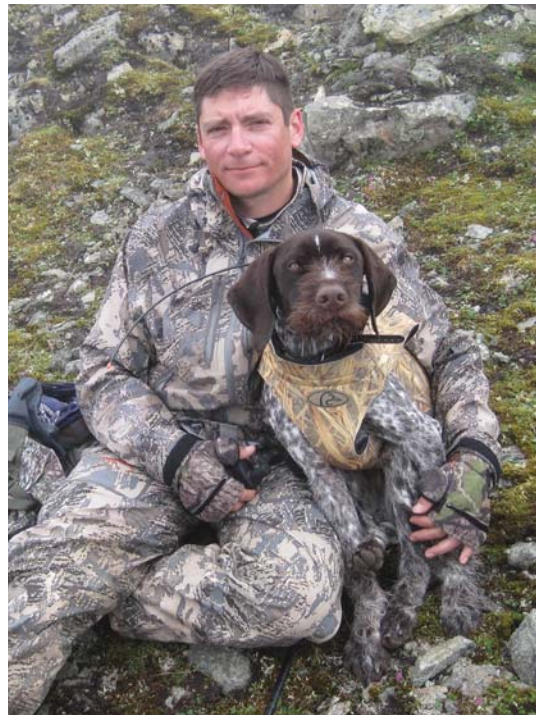
If you know of someone who has a medical condition that should be known prior to emergency treatment, log on to <http://www.medicalert.org> and order a medical condition identification bracelet or necklace for your loved one.

Biologist's Best Friend?

Last month Robb Kaler and Leah Kenney returned to Adak to continue their annual search for Kittlitz's murrelet nests in the mountains south of town. An elusive and little understood seabird, Kittlitz's murrelets are a species of management concern to the US Fish and Wildlife Service because of their low numbers and restricted range. Owing to their cryptic mottled plumage and secretive behavior around their solitary nest sites, locating murrelet nests is extremely difficult, and requires equal parts determination, keen eyes, and good luck. In the past, Robb and Leah relied almost entirely on hiking in suitable habitat (rocky ground, mostly above 1,000' elevation), hoping to come close enough to flush an adult off a nest. Talk about searching for a needle in a haystack--some birds don't flush until you are about to step on them, and they are virtually invisible until they move.

If eyes are not the best tool for finding Kittlitz nests, what about noses? Robb and Leah decided it was time to diversify their nest-searching arsenal, so this summer they brought an assistant with them: Otto, a ten-month-old Deutsch-Drahthaar (akin to a German wirehair pointer). To prepare for his important job, Otto began attending training clinics in February to introduce him to working with pen-reared birds. Robb and Leah also acquired four homing/racing pigeons (named Attu, Shemya, Nizki and Alaid), to ensure Otto had lots of exposure to live birds, nurturing his drive to point while discouraging the urge to chase. Since he is a young dog still learning the ropes, Otto's enthusiasm for birds in the field at Adak was kept in check with a retractable leash.

Using dogs and their amazing olfactory powers to get things done is not a new concept. Dogs have been helping people track and hunt game for about 12,000 years, and their detection skills have long been employed in searches for drugs, explosives, survivors, stowaways and other targets of human interest. Recently dogs have been helping not only humans, but other species that rely on us to protect them. One high profile use of detection dogs is in curbing the illicit trade in wildlife and wildlife parts, a multibillion dollar industry that threatens many species worldwide. "Conservation Detection Dogs" perform many other important tasks, from sniffing out biological targets for research to warding off predators that might otherwise suffer when coming into conflict with humans. In the last twenty years there has been an increasingly high demand for dogs trained in wildlife detection, and there are now Conservation Dog organizations that set national and international training standards to ensure quality control and help researchers understand what they can reasonably expect from their canine partners.



Robb and Otto take a break from nest searching in the Adak mountains. Why camouflage? Predator avoidance is the name of the game. During incubation and chick-rearing, Kittlitz's and marbled murrelets rely on cryptic plumage and secretive behavior at nest sites to avoid attracting ravens, eagles and other predators. For the same reason, murrelet nest searchers wear camouflage.

Capturing geese on Buldir



Even in the Aleutians, Otto is not the first dog to work alongside Refuge biologists. In 1989 an Oregon sheep man named Rob Lewis brought his border collies out to help with the Aleutian cackling goose translocations that were an integral component of the then threatened species' recovery. Every year biologists attempted to capture geese on Buldir Island, one of only two islands where fox farming didn't wipe out the species. Whole families of geese were released on islands from which foxes had been removed; goslings would return as adults to breed on the island from which they migrated in the fall, rather than the one on which they hatched, thus repopulating islands that had been gooseless for decades. The only problem was, first the geese had to be caught. It was a strenuous and dangerous job, struggling through dense vegetation trying to capture geese that often weren't visible as they scampered nimbly beneath the canopy--the holes weren't visible either, and people were frequently injured during those headlong wild goose chases.



No one really thought using sheep dogs would work, but the Refuge was ready to try anything. It turned out to be the perfect solution. Rather than panicking and fleeing, as the geese did when approached by humans, they froze, almost as if hypnotized, perhaps trying to blend in with their surroundings. As long as the dog continued to stare at the goose, it remained immobile, and biologists could calmly walk over and pick it up--the frantic scramble of previous years was replaced by quiet efficiency. The whole operation ran so smoothly, 140 geese were captured in only four days of work, more than had ever been caught before during the three week molting season, and for the first time not a single person was injured. Rob and his dogs returned to the Refuge for several years, capturing geese for translocation or banding. Tragically, one of Rob's dogs, Peat, a nationally known champion border collie, fell to his death while working on Chagulak Island in 1993.

Rob, Peat and Cap on Buldir



...Another good reason to keep a young dog like Otto on a leash when working in the mountains... So how did Otto do, his first time on the job? Of the five nests discovered in early July, Otto located two, and behaved perfectly, watching the birds fly into the fog rather than chasing them. Even more impressive, Otto patiently waited nearby in the blowing mist and fog as Robb and Leah deployed cameras and recorded nest information, clearly demonstrating that he holds a lot of promise to be one of the world's next great murrelet nest searchers.