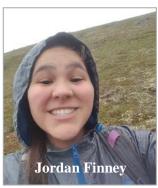


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# **Congrats To The First Chuchuna Scholarship Fund Recipients!!**

Kijik wishes to extend sincere congratulations to Jordan Finney and Hannah Smith who each have been awarded a scholarship of \$2,500! Hannah will be attending the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where she plans to major in wildlife conservation, and Jordan, a psychology major, will be attending the Kenai Peninsula College. Both recipients submitted their applications to the Kijik Education committee. The committee members are Marilyn Balluta, Stevie Hobson III, Rick Delkittie Sr. and Darlene Nolan. Chairperson Betty Chilcott is an ex officio member.





The Chuchuna Scholarship Fund (CSF) was established in April 2017 under a mineral exploration agreement between Chuchuna Minerals Company and Six-Mile Mining Company (a.k.a. Quaterra Resources, Incorporated). Chuchuna Minerals Company is jointly owned by Kijik Corporation and Alaska Earth Sciences, Incorporated. The scholarship fund is administered by the Kijik Education Committee for the benefit of Kijik shareholders and their descendants. The scholarship fund mission is to develop shareholder opportunities that allow for personal growth and development. The CSF exemplifies Chuchuna's commitment to Kijik shareholders and responsible and environmentally sound mineral development.

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Please join us in congratulating Hannah and Jordan and wishing them success in their academic pursuits!

### From the Chair...

(NOTE: Chairperson Chilcott was not able to write her usual letter to the shareholders for this issue of the Homelander. Betty, as many of you are aware, is preoccupied with caring for her family as they undergo some medical challenges. Betty apologizes to the shareholders for not being able to submit a letter for publication and hopes to be back on track by the time of the next issue. Betty thanks all those who have wished her well and extends her sincere gratitude for your patience.)



### Summer 2017- Update

### Kijik Aviation Services, LLC

KAS has experienced tremendous growth over the past six months. KAS was awarded its first federal contract in June from the US Food and Drug Administration Center for Tobacco Products to assist in Tribal Outreach and Communications with regard to underage tobacco use. It is a nation-wide contract planned to operate for about two years through 2018.

KAS joined a team with PRL Logistics to bid on the construction and operation of new housing facility at Alaska Aerospace Corporation's Pacific Spaceport Complex in Kodiak. The PRL / Kijik team won the contract. KAS will perform provide project management for the exterior security and IT communications installation at the new facility. This was a competitive bid to perform important work at a key joint federal and state satellite and missile launch facility. The win reinforces KAS's continued value in the commercial and government aerospace market sector.

#### International Data Systems, LLC

Kijik's IDS subsidiary continues to expand its footprint in the IT and network management, both in Anchorage, Alaska and the lower 48.

IDS has added new customers in Alaska and continues to look for appropriate opportunities to provide expert IT and network management services to the commercial and government sectors. As planned, IDS submitted its application to enter the SBA 8(a) program to improve competitive value in the federal contracting market.

IDS was also on the PRL winning team for the housing project at the Kodiak launch facility and will provide the security camera system and Internet/Phone/Cable TV systems for the 200 bed facility. Alaska Aerospace has several launches scheduled over the next 3 to 5 years. IDS expects to be a key provider of IT services for both state and federal operations.

KAS and IDS have both been successful in growing their businesses in 2017 so far. They will continue to expand business prudently in Anchorage and Alaska and throughout the US as well in the federal government arena.

## **Groundhog Project Report**

As part of our commitment to inform shareholders of Groundhog exploration activities, we will include periodic newsletter reports describing our operations and progress. Some of you may recall from previous meetings our announcement that funding was limited (actual funding less than \$1.4 million) and therefore our exploratory program is correspondingly small. By the end of this season, we will have drilled 4 holes. We did, in conjunction with associated geophysical work, gain a better understanding of the geology and information essential for future exploration planning. At this time, we are not anticipating any major funding increases, for 2018, but are hopeful the funding level will remain about the same.

Following the April 24th closing of the agreement with Six Mile Mining Company, a subsidiary of Quaterra Resources, Inc., the required exploration permit applications were submitted, on May 1, 2017, to the Alaska State Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Chuchuna received



the requested permits on July 6th and mobilization of drill operators and equipment began on July 12th. Actual drilling operations began on July 19th.

The response to Chuchuna's (Alaska Earth Sciences) employment recruitment effort from Kijik shareholders and shareholder descendants was very positive. Over 20 shareholders and shareholder descendants expressed an interest in working on our exploration program and submitted an employment application for the labor, driller helper and driller positions available through the project. We were, unfortunately, not able to provide employment to all but over the course of the program we were able to employ 10. Additionally and because of our relationship with Alaska Earth Sciences (AES), a Kijik shareholder was deployed to another AES worksite near Juneau.

In addition to the drilling and geophysical survey work, Chuchuna did engage other contractors to perform key services. Stephen R. Braund & Associates was retained to perform an "archeological pre-clearance" of the proposed drill sites. The purpose of this work was to assure no uncatalogued archeological resources would be affected. Their study concluded no archeological resources were present at any of the designated drilling locations. Valerie Watkins, a qualified wetlands specialist, was retained to conduct a survey of the drill locations to assure none of the selected drill sites were on wetlands. Her review concluded the drill sites were not on wetlands.

Drilling operations, for 2017, are expected to be completed the week of August 28th. The reclamation of all drill sites is generally done immediately following the completion of drilling at each location. The above picture illustrates the first dill pad location that has been reclaimed. As is evident, the vegetative mat, which is removed in pieces when the site is prepped for the drill pad, is put aside and saved so it can be put back into place when the site is reclaimed.

Once the funding and plans for 2018 are fully known, we will report that information to you but we invite you to ask any questions or present any comments you may have concerning the Groundhog project by contacting the Kijik office.

### JOB OPENING - Nondalton Tribal Council - Administrator

#### **Purpose**

To oversee the management and administration of all programs, projects and functions and assure they are implemented in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the Nondalton Tribal Council and in compliance with appropriate Tribal, Federal and State laws and regulations; and to provide day to day efficient and effective program management for the Tribal operations, Economic development and higher education programs.

### **Organizational Relationships**

The Tribal Administrator is accountable to the Nondalton Tribal Council for the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities. This is a management position and will have supervisory responsibilities over the employees employed by the Nondalton Tribal Council.

- Applications are at the Nondalton Tribal Council office.
- Must have a resume along with application.
- Position is Open until filled by qualified applicant!

For more information on the Administrator position contact the Nondalton Tribal Council Office at (907)294-2257.



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