

CTA Newsletter

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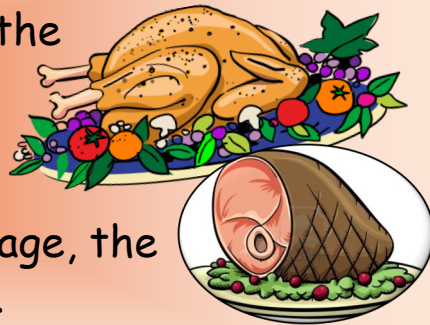
Mark Your Calendars!

Be on the look out for actual dates for the

Thanksgiving Turkeys in November

Holiday Hams in December

We will be posting notices on our facebook page, the CTA website, email, and around town.



NO INFORMATIONAL MEETING

This year, due to COVID, we are not having an in-person meeting to respect the social distancing mandate. We will be sending out via mail an informational packet of our tribal programs that benefit our members. Please call our office, at 907-826-3996, if you have any questions!

Environmental Department

CTA Environmental Department hosted the Trash Tag challenge to encourage tribal members and Prince of Wales residents to cleanup spent fireworks that contribute to pollution of our land and waters.

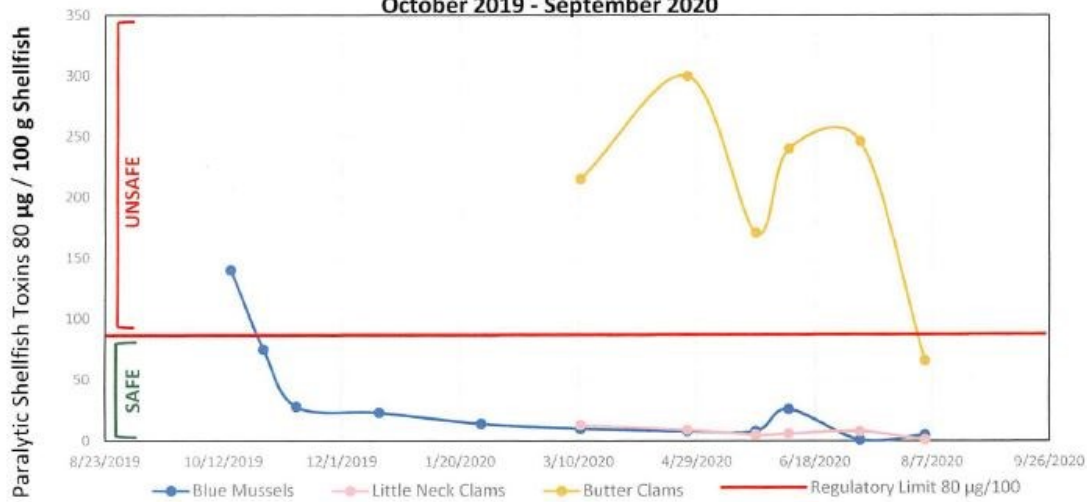
In the past, the department has worked with Craig HS students at the Christopher Thibodeau Memorial ballpark and helicopter pad to help pick-up after Craig's 4th of July events.

The department decided hosting the Trash Tag challenge would be the best plan of action for this year's 4th of July events and with adhering to all the recommended preventative measures.



False Island PSP Results

October 2019 - September 2020



Total Samples Tested: 24
Samples exceeding the regulatory limit (all species): 6

Blue Mussel Data:

Total Blue Mussel Samples: 11
Blue Mussel samples exceeding the regulatory limit: 1

Little Neck Data:

Total Little Neck Clam Samples: 6
Little Neck Clam samples exceeding the regulatory limit: 0

Butter Clam Data:

Total Butter Clam Samples: 6
Butter Clam samples exceeding the regulatory limit: 5

The Environmental Department has been collecting bi-weekly shellfish samples since the spring of 2016, day or night. Even though we had a difficult year, we managed to collect a sample a month to keep this data going. This graph shows the last year of data from 2019-2020.

Transportation Department

The transportation department has been hard at work on several different projects.

TRANSIT SYSTEM

The transit is now offering limited local services between Craig and Klawock. Please refer to our Facebook page for more information and new updates to the schedule. The drivers and staff continue to take extra precautions, including wearing a mask and continually disinfecting the buses throughout the day.

TRACT P

Tract P is again accessible from Cold Storage Road to the lower CTA offices parking lot. We have made significant progress over the past few months, and this phaser of the project is nearing completion. Last month the stormwater system was installed and completed. The next step will be to build the curb, gutter, and sidewalk from Cold Storage Road to the CTA office. This is an exciting stage of the project because it is the point where we will finally begin to see our team's hard work take form. The goal is that before this new year, the road and sidewalks are open and ready for use. We will build the sidewalks with concrete and pave the road at a later date.

SEARHC

Our crew has completed another phase of work at the lot adjacent to Alicia Roberts Medical Center. The area has seen significant improvement since we began developing it earlier this year. If you are driving by, you will notice the site is now starting to take shape. This is the result of a partnership between CTA, SEARCH, and a local builder. Our crew is developing valuable new skills while at the same time assisting SEARCH to do meaning work.



Pictured left is the SEARHC lot in progress.

Pictured next is an interesting find on Tract P by the transportation crew.

CTA Enterprise

As we head into fall at the CTA Smoke & Gift Shop, we have been busy stocking our shelves with merchandise for those days you just want to stay home. Perfect mugs, beautiful puzzles, color books, journals, blankets, hoodies, & more...all detailed with beautiful indigenous art! We continue to maintain fully stocked shelves for all your tobacco needs and can special order things if needed. We have added several new local artists' products to our shop floor and think you can find the perfect gift for just about anyone.



CTA SMOKE & GIFT SHOP Business Hours:

⇒ Monday—Friday:

8:30 AM—7 PM

⇒ Saturday & Sunday

11 AM—6 PM

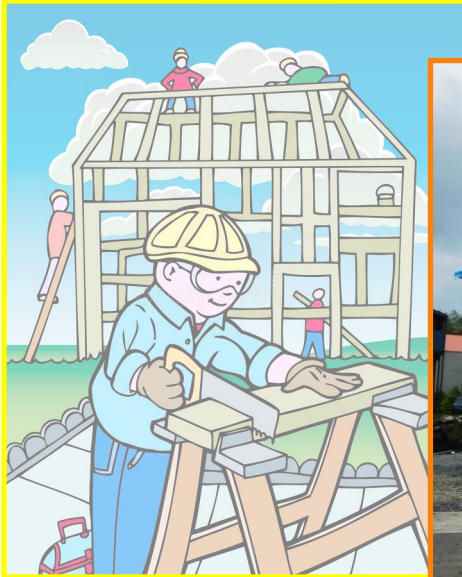
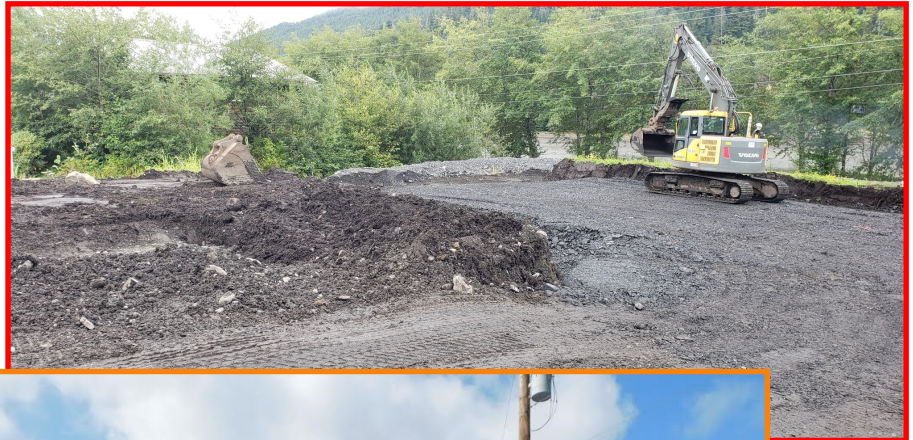


We now have
an ATM inside
our building
for your shopping
convenience!



To keep up with our new arrivals
like our page on facebook @
www.facebook.com/CraigTribeGifts

Housing Department



The Craig Tribal Association received an ICDBG Imminent Threat grant from HUD to build a new duplex at the Tract 18 Subdivision, to alleviate overcrowding in our community, and to lessen the threat of Covid due to overcrowding. All materials are being ordered and the CTA Construction crew just finished building the foundation for this new duplex. Construction is estimated to be completed by July 31st, 2021. Gualch'eesh, Haw'aa to THRHA for writing and securing this grant on behalf of the CTA. THRHA will be responsible for the construction of this new duplex.

The CTA 4-Plex is scheduled to be completed by Spring 2021. It will have (4) three bedroom units that will include heat, water/sewer and propane range, dishwasher, refrigerator and on-demand hot water tanks. If you would like to be considered for these units, please contact our Housing Department for CTA rental applications. You can reach us at 826-3996, or get the rental application from the link on our website: www.craigtribe.org.

New Employees



Welcome to the team Algie Frisby as our new Transportation mechanic. Although born in Anchorage, he grew up locally in Hydaburg. He is proud to be an Alaska Native standing as 1/2 Haida and 1/2 Aleut. Algie enjoys all kinds of saltwater fishing, hunting, snowboarding, carving and wood-working in his off time. Glad to have you aboard our ship!



Our newest addition to the Financial team is Arlyn James, as the Accounting Technician. She comes to us, with her family, from the Philippines all the way to Throne Bay. She had previously lived in Washington, but has been coming to Prince of Wales for the last 8 years staying at her cabin on Wadleigh Island and recently decided to move here permanently. She really enjoys cooking, baking, camping, fishing and being with her family the most.

DID YOU KNOW...

Rose hips are ready for harvest after first frost.

Rose hips are very high in vitamin A, B, C, E & K, along with rich in calcium and iron. Rose hip can be used in teas, made into jellies, candied for bake goods, or ground into a fruit leather. Rose hips have been turned into a powder and studied for medical as well. It was used to be a reducer for osteoarthritis symptoms. (More information on can be found in the revised edition of "Alaska's Wild Plants: A guide to Alaska's Edible and Healthful Harvest")



Our Way of Life



Help us, help our resources! If you haven't already, drop us your email address to receive the quarterly newsletters electronically. You can email environmental@craigtribe.org or call us at 907-826-5125.

Tlingit and Haida Potatoes

Have you ever heard of Julie's potatoes on Prince of Wales? For the local Haida's of Kasaan, they probably have Haida potatoes growing in their garden's courtesy of Julie Coburn herself. Julie Coburn of Kasaan was equivalent to the 'keeper of the potato seed' that was passed down from her family for over a hundred years. In an interview with Edible Alaska Magazine she stated "[she] never called herself [that], she just did it because she wanted to." "[She] just did it for the community." The villagers of Kasaan, with the help from SEARHC, the Organized Village of Kasaan's tribal office, the local school and the Alaska Native Funds have done a great job of continuing Julie's work to keep the longevity of this delicacy.

Now, north of Kasaan, we run into Tlingit territory, and they also have potatoes, referred to as "Maria's potatoes". According to an article written by Charles Bingham on the Sitka Local Foods Network website, he states "Tlingit potatoes have been present in Tlingit gardens for more than 200 years ago. The potatoes originated from Mexico or Chile, and were traded items in Southeast Alaska in the early 1800s."

Pictured right are Tlingit Potatoes (Maria's Potatoes) in Sitka in a community involved program. Picture credit: sitkalocalfoodsnetwork.org.



There are many stories on how potatoes have gotten to Southeast Alaska, but we do know that they are still culturally growing. For the experience, you may have to try both, because each has a unique flavor. One family, describes Julie's potatoes as buttery without adding any butter, and Maria's potatoes is its' own strain, creating a distinct, inherent taste.

For the full story of Julie's Potatoes, please visit <https://sustainablesoutheast.net/tlingit-and-haida-potatoes-eyes-into-a-unique-history/> and for more information about Maria's Potatoes please look at <https://sitkalocalfoodsnetwork.org/tag/tlingit-potato/>. I'm not an expert by any means, so if anybody has any more history or information on Haida potatoes and/or Tlingit potatoes, please let me know @ 907-826-5125.



Pictured left are freshly harvested Haida Potatoes in Haida Gwaii. Picture credit: bcfoodhistory.ca/haida-potatoes.

Our Way Of Life

Venison Marsala

This recipe/picture is courtesy from www.food.com

Ingredients

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.—Deer: Backstrap or Tenderloin
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.—Flour
 $\frac{1}{3}$ c.—Grated Parmesan Cheese
1 tsp.—Salt
4 Tbsp.—Butter
 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.—Sliced Mushrooms
2—Chopped Green Onions
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.—Beef Broth
2 Tbsp.—Lemon Juice
 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.—Marsala Wine or Apple Juice
Chopped Parsley



Directions

Trim meat and cut into $\frac{1}{4}$ " slices.
Combine flour cheese and salt in a mixing bowl.
Dredge meat into flour mixture.
Melt 2 Tbsp. butter in a skillet.
Brown meat for 1 min per side, then set aside.
Add remaining butter to skillet and melt.
Sauté onions and mushrooms.
Add beef broth, lemon juice and wine.
Mix well before adding meat, then cover.
Simmer 10-15 minutes.
To serve, pour pan juices over meat and sprinkle with parsley!

Some call petroglyph's our native ancestors' artistic expression and some believe they were directional landmarks, but whether you agree with either statement, they are some of history's beautiful artifacts. The word petroglyph comes from the Greek break down for rock and carving. The Southeast town of Wrangell, AK has the most recorded petroglyph in an area, that is accessible for viewers. Though, we cannot know for certain of the meanings on the rock carvings, the local Tlingit's are happy to preserve cultural findings. Along our Southeast Alaskan islands, these magnificent rocks can be found.

This picture and caption from the Book "The Mystery of Fire Trees of Southeast Alaska", by Mary Ida Henrikson on page 35.



Apparent sun rays in this petroglyph may indicate an interest in astronomical phenomena among Alaska Natives.



Pictured above is called "Face Petroglyph" located on Petroglyph Beach in Wrangell, AK.

What do you think about petroglyphs?

Healthy Homes

The Dirty Truth About Your Cleaning Products:

Do you have products like bleach, Drano, bug spray, rat poison, Clorox wipes, and other cleaning materials? Do your products have alarming words like caution, warning, flammable, poisonous, danger or harmful? Where do you keep these types of hazardous products in your household? Sometimes, we don't fully realize the danger a product poses and unthoughtfully store or improperly use the.

Not all cleaning products are hazardous and the best way to know is by reading the label. Companies will add on the bottle a list of ingredients that it is made up of; this comes in handy when you are determining if a product is dangerous and have to be kept. They also print directions on how much to correctly use and what temperature should your storage be kept. A "life hack" that is highly suggested is to write important details, (like an expiration date, directions, warnings, etc.) with permanent ink directly on the bottle because labels can be accidentally removed. Organization is key when it comes to storing chemical compounds after labeling. A system is beneficial because less accidents happen and when you are looking for something specific, it will be easier to find.

More commonly, households will store their cleaning supplies under the kitchen or bathroom sink due to accessibility and to utilize space, which is totally fine for folks with no pets or children. Natural cleaners, also known as cleaning mixtures, are usually based with baking soda and vinegar, and can be kept in those convenient spaces. Though, products with those capitalize letter, bold-colored warnings, usually mean it has chemicals that are harmful to human health and should be stored in a high cabinet that is preferably lockable. Kitchens, bathrooms, and pantries are usually not a safe place because fumes from the product if not cared for can get into food, toothpaste, and other consumable items.

Taking the necessary precautions can prevent a future disaster. By reading the labels to make sure the items that are hazardous to our health are taken care of and will help your peace of mind that everything is well. Sometimes, we forget and put things in convenient places, but now is the reminder to double check and keep everyone safe!



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Transportation Technician: Tina Grasser

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Environmental Planner: Shannon Isaacs

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Smoke Shop Clerks: Lynn Hilleary & Roberta Falkner

CTA Tribal Council

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