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ELDER INTERVIEW

By: Marty and David

Last week I had the opportunity to interview Ruth Demmert. Mrs. Demmert has lived in Kake for most of her life. She moved away a couple of times, but always came back home. She says that there is no place like Kake. Ruth is planning a few surprising things for the 100th year of Kake day which is on the 8th of January. Ruth became more involved in her native culture, such as dancing and talking in Lingit, when she started having her children.

Her biological father was Kagwantaan, but her father that she grew up with was her grandfather who was Chukandeidi. Ruth had commented that a lot has changed since she was younger. She said that church was always involved in everyone's lives. She stated that life was simple when she was growing up, and that the younger people now-days have to make more decisions that she didn't have to make. She had also said that while growing up they didn't have the movie

theatres, they didn't have paved roads, and the lights went out at a certain time—life was simple. She said that when she was growing up she never said that she was bored; she stated that she would help others with subsistence and have family time. The most fun activities that she recalled was basketball, baseball in their yards, and kick-the-can and just simple games. They had radio's they could listen to be entertained, and other than that they would listen to their grandparents tell them stories.

She said that we should incorporate our culture in our daily lives, and that back in the day she would hear her parents and grandparents speaking the language and now we have to teach it. Mrs. Demmert then said that back then they did not have to teach respect but now days we have to teach it. Ruth's grandparents knew when to go fishing, when to jar them, when the season was right to dry the fish, and when to hunt the land animals. Ruth had also said that

CARTER SEMPLE

BY: CHRIS LERMA

Today, November 8, 2011 we attended a presentation about drugs and alcohol. The man, who presented this to us, was named Carter Semple. Carter was originally for Washington D.C. and he moved to Juneau Alaska. In the presentation he talked about smoking tobacco and drinking alcohol. Carter had actual pig lungs. One lung was clean and the other was made to look like smokers lungs. The smoker's lungs were completely black and very disgusting. Over all this presentation was filled with tons of information and I think everybody learned a lot from it.

she remembered her grandfather telling her not to hunt the female animals, because they were the ones that were going to multiply. She said that there was seasons for digging for clams, there were seasons for picking berries, seasons for hunting. Ruth also commented that they always lived by the calendar, and now they have to teach it the way

learned it growing up. The way they learned the calendar was when the geese would fly and when the bears were born.

Ruth believes that the youth has to be taught Lingit traditions every day and that it is not sufficient enough for the youth. She believes it is not sufficient enough for this generation because basketball interferes,

wrestling interferes, and TV mostly interferes with our daily life. The advice she gives to this generation is to go far with your education, and that the rewards are many. Ruth also said that there is a lot of choices to make in life, she said never forget your Lingit life and who you are and where you are from.

***To see the complete Interview with Ruth please visit the following link:**

http://kakeschools.com/Elder_Interviews.html

YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

By Brittany Bourdon

I was chosen to go to the 2011 Youth Leadership Institute. There were over 100 other high school students that attended YLI (Youth Leadership Institute). The conference started on November 3 through the 6th and it was from

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. What I learned from YLI was a lot more leadership skills and what it takes to be a leader and what a leader would do. We had some guest speakers come and talk to us; one of them that really got my

attention was Craig Scott from Rachel's Challenge. I think that the YLI was a really good experience for me. I made a lot of new friends, and I hope to go again next year.



KAKE VOLLEYBALL

By: Louise Kadake

Angoon and Gustavus came here for a volleyball meet. Kake and Gustavus played the first game of the night, and Kake and Angoon played the last the game of the night. We beat Gustavus, but lost to Angoon. The next day, it was the same routine as the first day. We lost to Angoon and won against Gustavus. I think that Kake played good for the first time ever playing volleyball together.

Tanessa Ashenfelter

A couple of weeks ago, Angoon and Gustavus came here for our first meet, we beat Gustavus both matches and lost to Angoon both matches. I think we did okay for our first meet. We just needed to work on having control on where we hit the ball, staying low, and calling for the ball. After our Angoon trip we are now tied with Angoon. We both won five and lost three. Gustavus won two and lost six. We have improved a lot since our meet here.

Talia Davis

A few weeks ago Gustavus and Angoon came here to play some volleyball. The first night we beat Gustavus and lost to Angoon, and the second night was the same, we beat Gustavus and lost to Angoon. It was our first games playing as a team and I think we did pretty well. We also go to see where our weaknesses were and where we had to come together as a team. It was fun and I learned a lot.

ANGOON VOLLEYBALL

By: Talia Davis

This week our volleyball team had the opportunity to travel to Angoon to play against them and Gustavus. The first night we lost to Gustavus and beat Angoon. The next night we won both of our games against Gustavus and Angoon! I think all three teams really stepped it up and I was much more intense. I really had fun playing against them and I can't wait to go to Gustavus.

Louise Kadake

Last week our volleyball team and Gustavus went to Angoon. The first game of the night was Kake against Gustavus and we lost to them. Then Angoon played Gustavus, and Gustavus also won that game. The next day we won both games. We beat Gustavus 3 to 1 and Angoon 3 to 2. I think that the last game against Angoon was the most intense, because it was very close until the end.

Tanessa Ashenfelter

November 3rd and 4th, we went to Angoon to play Angoon and Gustavus. On our first night we lost to Gustavus, we played them 3 matches. We beat Angoon by 2 on our 5th match. The next day we did even better we won both our games Gustavus we played 4 matches and Angoon we had 5 matches again. Overall, I think we did pretty well, but we just need to work on staying low and I need to work on setting the ball. This trip was pretty fun and our games against Angoon are pretty intense.

OUR NEXT TRIP WILL BE TO GUSTAVUS ON NOVEMBER 28TH AND 29TH

CRAIG WRESTLING

By: Martin Lopez



Just last weekend our Thunderbird Wrestlers, which include Jalen, Angelo, and I, set off for another wrestling tournament in Craig. Sadly, Chris was unable to come because of a loss in his family and he also had bronchitis. This trip ended fairly well, Jalen taking 1st in his weight class, Angelo taking 4th in his weight class and myself taking either 5th. Next week we will be going to Ketchikan where we will be wrestling kids from southeast and also from the state of Washington.

JR. HIGH BASKETBALL

By: Talia Davis

This week the Angoon Jr. High Eagles came to play basketball. The first night the boys played first and won 44 to 17, Greg Bennum led the boys with a total of 13 points and Baldomero Aceveda right behind him with 12 points. On the Angoon side Jerry Sibley led with 13 points. The girls played next and won 38 to 6, Jackie Bennum leading the girls with 14 points. Mariah James and Kylie Kookesh led the Angoon girls with 2 points each. The next night the girls won 33 to 9, Jackie Bennum again leading with 17 points. Mariah James led the Eagles with 6 points. The boys also won their game 36 to 17, Baldomero Aceveda with 12 points and Greg Bennum with 11 points. The Angoon boys had 8 points from Jerry Sibley. The Kake Lions will be leaving to P.O.W. this Wednesday (November 10th).

*****The Kake City School District is a Drug/Alcohol and Controlled Substance **FREE** Facility. Please **DO NOT** enter if you are under the influence of any of these or you will be asked to leave immediately.*****

JOB SHADOWING

Community of Kake,

On behalf of the Kake City School District, and Reaching New Heights program, I would like to once again thank all businesses/individuals that took part in the job-shadowing experience for our high school students. Each of our 17 students took part in 10 hours of on the job training, and in doing so gained valuable skills, experience, and knowledge. Over the course of the next 3 years we hope that this experience continues to grow and expand within our community.

By: David

I Job Shadowed for Robby and Elaine at Sagebrush. They taught me how to so use a sewing machine, how to make a water proof bags and how to test it to see if was good enough to sell online or in person. On the last day they said we can make whatever we wanted, so I stared making a guitar case and Chris made a gun case. We did not finish though, but they said we can by anytime we want to finish. This was a fun experience. I felt that I learned everything I could from Robby and Elaine, and this would be something I would want to do again.

By: Talia

Last week the high school had the opportunity to job shadow a few local businesses. Nicky and I were assigned to the City of Kake. Most of the time I was in the office looking up things on the computer or shredding papers. However, I got out a couple of times. One day I got to drive around with the V.P.S.O. and another day I was able to go up to the water treatment plant and do a backwash on the water, which is cleaning out the filters. I think this was a very good experience to prepare us for after high school.

By: Chris

This week I got an awesome opportunity to work with Robby and Elaine at Sage Brush. They had a really cool factory and I wouldn't mind working there if I was 16 or older. I made shoulder straps for bags and I this week I got an awesome opportunity to work with Robby and Elaine at Sage Brush. They had a really cool factory and I wouldn't mind working there if I was 16 or older. I made shoulder straps for bags and I also learned how to use a sewing machine. The sewing was difficult at first but I quickly caught on, and I didn't even sew any of my fingers to a bag! Sage Bush bags are very durable and extremely water proof. They do a water submersion test en every single dry bag, and I got the chance to test 6 bags. Overall, this experience was very fun, and I would do it all over again. Also I learned how to use a sewing machine. The sewing was difficult at first but I quickly caught on, and I didn't even sew any of my fingers to a bag! Sage Bush bags are very durable and extremely water proof. They do a water submersion test en every single dry bag, and I got the chance to test 6 bags. Overall, this experience was very fun, and I would do it all over again.

By: Brittany

The high school had a chance to do job shadowing for an entire week. I was placed at the clinic and on the first day I got to see someone's mole get cut off, the second day I went with the P.A's when they had patients to see. The last day there I ran around with some of the P.A's in the van and give people some flu shots. I got to get medicine for someone who needed it. When you get it from the medicine room you scan a thing and then select on a computer which one you will get. There are two big machines there and it holds the medicine but it looks like a vending machine. I would like to do the job shadowing again and be at the clinic I enjoyed it there and had a lot of fun.

By: Marty

Last week the entire high school got to participate in job shadowing through various companies in Kake. I got to work at Kake Tribal Corp. for one week working for my mother Pamela. I mainly worked towards the next audit that they will have. My jobs duties included but not limited to; entering bills, paying bills, and I even got to make my first check. I think that this is useful in many ways. This showed me what it was like to work in an office, and it also helped me to decide what I want to do when I grow up.

By: Louise

Last week, the whole high school had the opportunity to do Job shadowing. This program was to let the students get the experience to work in local businesses. It was a week long. I was chosen to help out Mrs. Davies with the 2nd grade class. The main things I did were correcting the kids work, and do projects with them. One thing that I learned you have to do with the elementary is to multi-task. I didn't actually get to do much, but it was still a fun learning experience.

By: Tanessa

I got to job shadow with Debbie Johnson-James; she is the secretary for Kake High school. I was only here for two days of the shadow, but I had a lot of fun. On the first day, we began with picking up the mail from the post office. After we went to the post office we came back to the school and she had me put the stamps and the labels on envelopes. The second day we had to go and pass out some school board packets. We also stopped off at the stores and post office to hang up the school board letter. I ended the day with Sophia, we hung up Halloween decorations on the bulletin board. This experience was good, and I liked it a lot. There was always something to do and I didn't really get bored.

CHANGE

**If you had the power to change ONE thing in our community what would it be?
How would you do it? Why would you do it?**

By: Talia Davis

If I could change one thing in the community I would change the dog problem we have. I think it's pretty disgusting how many dogs that just run around town. I would change this because I hate seeing dogs, or even puppies, just randomly roaming anywhere like they own the town. A few ways we could change this is just tie up your dog, or maybe even keep them in a fenced off area. Also, so the population of dogs doesn't increase, get your dog(s) fixed. I know there's a law that you must keep your dog(s) tied up but not many people follow it, and the community should enforce it more. Maybe someone could form a group that could go around and collect the dogs and bring them back to their owners and tell them what needs to be done. If they needed help they could assist them and get a few supplies and tie up their dog for them, if that really had to be done. That's what I would change about the community.

By: David Friday

If I had the power to change one thing I would probably change the old elementary school. I would want to change it because it is not really a sanitary and safe place for people to play by. The way I would change is by first tearing down the school. I would this by asking for volunteers. Then I would set up a prize bingo, I'd set up just enough to get enough money for the supplies. I'd also do food sales and I'd ask to do labor work for people to raise money. I will do this long enough for me to get the money I need to buy the supplies to finish the project. The supplies I would buy would be materials for skateboard ramps, a better basketball court, and a small movie theatre.

By: Marty Lopez

I think that there needs to be many changes in Kake, but one change in particular is our current library system. I think that our town needs a well-maintained public library with set hours and a librarian. I would hope that people would utilize this building for their unique purposes. I believe that reading affects us in many ways. It expands our vocabulary so that our papers look smarter and so forth. Secondly, it is always nice to have a good book at hand so whenever you hear someone say "I am bored" then you could tell them to go read a book. Third, it is a place that everyone could go there for internet access and other things like that you find in different public libraries.

By: Tanessa Ashenfelter

If I got to change one thing in Kake it would be to take down the old houses that people don't live in anymore and add build a fun place where people can go, like an indoor pool or a new park that has a covered basketball court. Why I would do this is because it would clean up the town and it would also give something for people to do. How I would do this is I would hire professional people that can take down these old buildings and I would also hire some people in the community that wanted to help out. I would raise money by having food sales, and do lots of prize bingos.

By: Chris Lerma

If I could change one thing in Kake, I would make sure that we could have a DMV. Our community needs a DMV because most of the drivers here don't have license, and most can't afford to travel to Juneau to get one. It is possible to get a learners permit here, but it takes forever to get the test and it also takes forever to get your results back. On the other hand, getting a driver's license is a whole different story. People are not able to get a driver's license here because there is too much paved roads for people to get an off road license. By do this however, I would probably have to attend a lot of city meetings and be involved in a lot more than I could handle.

By: Louise Kadake

If I had the power to change one thing in Kake, I would take down the old grade school. I would get rid of the building, because it is a hazardous for our community's health. I think that the vandalism all over the building is very ugly and disrespectful. Removing this building would make Kake more presentable. It would also give more space to build something for better for the youth to be around. I would hire people to do this job. I would provide all the safety gear, and all the tools they would need to take down the grade school. I think it would be a safe thing to do for the community.

By: Brittany Bourdon

If there was one in Kake Alaska is the trash that you see on the side of the roads and the beaches. The trash on the sides make Kake look dirty and we need to put more garbage cans around town so that people could throw their things in the garbage can and not on side of the road and at the beaches. When people are at the beach they throw garbage in the water and leave it there on the beach and if they keep throwing it in the water some of the marine life could mistake it for food, eat it and die. Some of things that we throw away we can be hurting the environment. Please help keep Kake a clean place.

By: Jhett Valandra

There is one thing Kake needs, and it's a bank because yesterday when we were going to cash a pay check at S.O.S. but their boss was gone. We had to go to the fuel station and cash it but we had only gotten 200 of 500. The fuel station did not have enough money for our check and we barely had enough money, so we had to wait until the next day. We need a bank so that we will always have money and it will always be safe.

By: Shawn Merry

If I can change something in our community I would tell people to pick up trash if they see some on the ground. I would change it by having a trash day every month. I would also go put trash cans everywhere, or you can recycle cans. Trash can make cities or towns look bad. Some people are nice and pick up trash everywhere they see some. Don't throw trash on the road so they don't crash or it might have a thumbtack in it the bag or in the box. It would look a lot better if we kept Kake clean.

By: James Jackson

If I was to change the community I would ask people with dogs to start tying them up. It would make the community better because the dogs can attack people. Some dogs use to try and jump on me. This is how I'd change this: If they are big dogs they could have a double chain. I would knock on everyone's door that has a dog and give them some material that should keep them tied up. But if I didn't finish it in one day I would continue the next day. One of the reasons I would do this is because they can get into trash, and maybe go to the bathroom all over like on someone's yard and people don't like that. Some dogs can be useful by frightening the bears away, but when they run loose into the city they can attack people, get into garbage, even scratch people's cars with their claws. The owner of the dog would probably need to pay for the scratches on the car. That is how I want to change the community.



Help Support the Thunderbird Basketball Team:

We are currently selling "Spirit Towels" for **\$10**. If you are interested you can see Debbie Johnson-James in the Elementary Office or Anthony Ross in the Tech building.

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We have recently updated our website kakeschools.com, and will continue to update it throughout the rest of the year. On our homepage you will find an *Events Calendar* that can be printed and/or viewed anytime you like. Currently under construction is the *Lingit Homepage*, and we have recently added an elder interview video which you will find on the front cover of this issue.

Upcoming Events:

11/12/11-Community Economic Development Potluck @ 4:00 p.m. KCSD students will be serving our community.

11/23-11/25-No School for Thanksgiving Break





