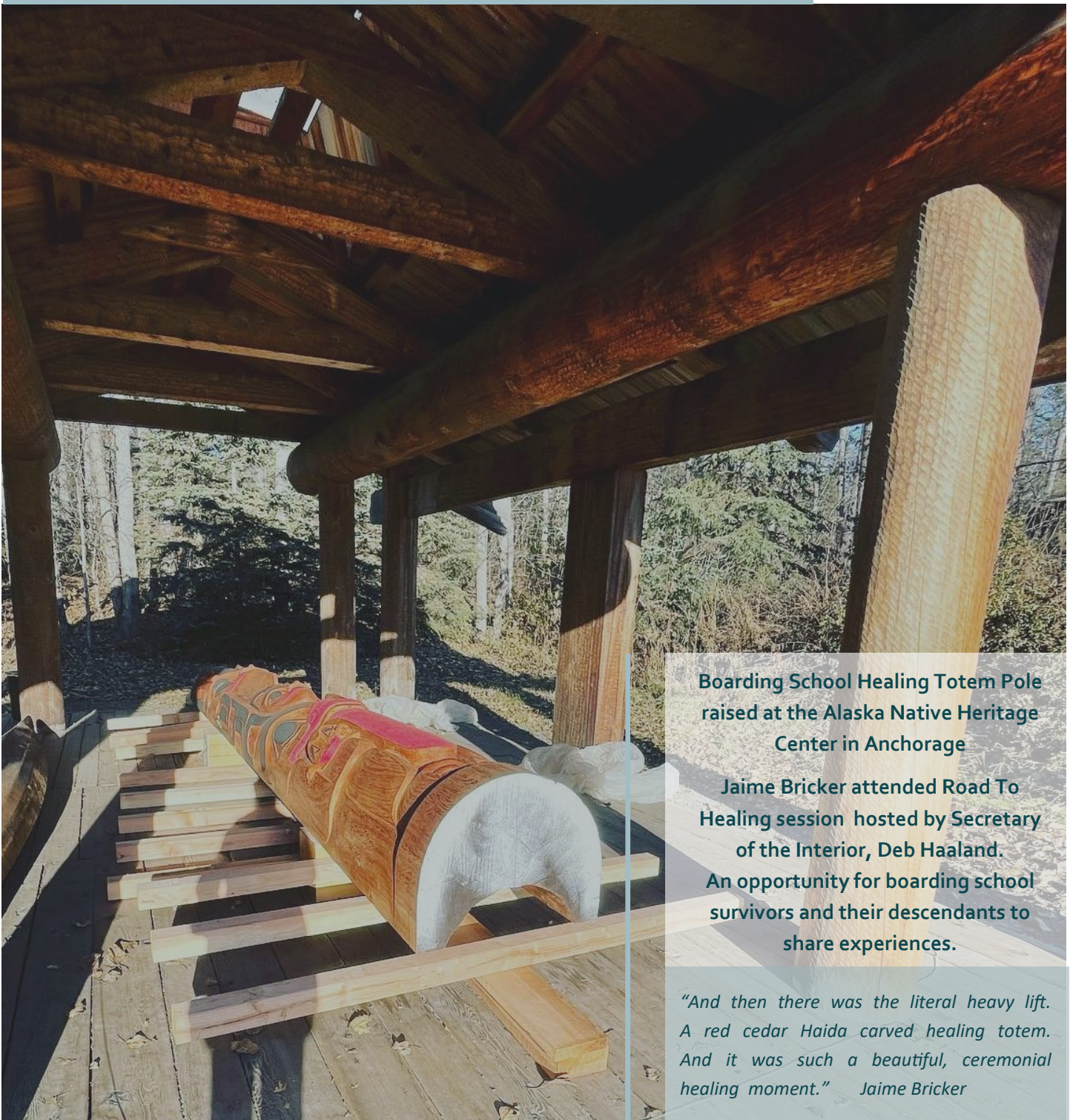


HÉEN AGUNATÁANI HÍT

WHITECAPS ON THE WATER HOUSE



Boarding School Healing Totem Pole raised at the Alaska Native Heritage Center in Anchorage

Jaime Bricker attended Road To Healing session hosted by Secretary of the Interior, Deb Haaland.

An opportunity for boarding school survivors and their descendants to share experiences.

"And then there was the literal heavy lift. A red cedar Haida carved healing totem. And it was such a beautiful, ceremonial healing moment." Jaime Bricker

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Mark Your Calendars:

January

February

15: Cultural Host Training - Sign up at <https://www.skagwaytraditional.org/stc-store>

16: Elizabeth Peratrovich Day

March

TBD: DIY Class



Prickly pear cacti from Larry Jacquot's walnut farm in California. Photo by Marla Belisle

Sigóowu Yees Taakw!

Happy New Year!

STC wishes everyone a wonderful start to 2024! And we hope you enjoyed our Christmas card.

STC would like to kindly ask members to update our office if you have a change in address or contact information.

Please send updated information to info@skagwaytraditonal.org

ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE & ART

On December 13th, Jaime Bricker delivered her first Cultural Host Training Seminar to a sold-out room! Several members of Jaime's family were able to attend, and she said that it made the experience very special on a multi-generational level.

Her grandmother, Lorna McDermott, helped Bricker end the class by sharing "The Story of How Mosquitos Came to Be". It was a story that Bricker has carried with her since childhood and the class participants really loved her theatrics!



STC is inspired by the positive feedback we got from participants. We hope to offer this training several times in the new year. Please reach out to STC staff if you are interested. Let us know what times and dates will work best for you.

Was the Trainer Knowledgeable?

"Her passion was obvious. She is a wonderful representative for local culture."

"Again, so knowledgeable and beyond what I expected. I would have loved more time in class or a part II."

"Jaime is not only knowledgeable but deeply passionate. Both of which are contagious."

What was the most valuable part of this seminar for you?

"Gaining understanding and insight into how to support/talk about indigenous culture."

"Hearing from an Alaska Native what are the values, messages, and the status of culture preservation. Also, I liked the time management. I like the pace."

"Practical information about how we (non-native people) can be advocates (ex. Land acknowledgements, Tlingit language, etc.)"

ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT by Colton Belisle



Stormwater Outreach

Also featuring John Hudson, we invited the 4th and 5th grade classes to our building for a demonstration. To start off, we located the storm grates along our road and mapped out where we thought they led to. Then, we poured in a dyed powder to follow along. It took a minute to make it through the leaf blockade at the exit, but when it did, the kids were surprised how far down the river the dye was traceable. Goes to show how much influence just one parking lot grate can have on a river system.

Air Quality

2023 was the last year you'll see our tripod air quality set-ups around town, as we have new systems! This new system is less invasive, more consistent, and more accurate. Stay tuned for the launch of our public data portal!



Salmon In The Classroom

BUGS! Guest-starring bug expert John Hudson. We brought a bucket of Pullen creek water filled with bugs to the classrooms to get a closer look at what lives in the streams with the salmon. Bugs have the same basic necessities as salmon, so looking at them can be a good way to gauge river health. Together, we learned the three most common species of caddisfly, stonefly, and mayfly; and then fed our findings to our tank!



Swim-Up

Our salmon have completed their swim up and are finally in their final stage before release at the end of the month! Late to the party, it looks like our rocks we had in the tank were just too effective at providing cover and our fry did not feel the need to leave its protection and swim up to get their gulps of air. With the rocks removed, we're back on schedule to close out our 2023/2024 season of Salmon in the Classroom!

FARM UPDATE

CALL FOR ARTISTS!

STC is looking for tribal artists who may be interested in designing a logo for the farm.

Deadline
March 31, 2024

Héen Agunataani Táay

NEW NAME: **Héen Agunataani Táay**

PRONUNCIATION: It sound very much like how it is written.

TRANSLATION: Whitecaps on the Water Garden

SIGNIFICANCE: Skagway Traditional Council's traditional house name is Heen Agunataani Hit (Hit means House and Taay means Garden/Farm)

The council selected this to keep and use the unique identity of the Skagway's Tribal Government.

ARTISTS (Any artists professional or not, children or adults): If interested in providing a logo design for the farm, please let us know. The Logo should be easily replicated and scaled as needed from small items such as pens all the way to the signage for the Farm. The logo should translate the goals and values of the farm and traditional council: Stewards of the Land, Food sovereignty, Inclusiveness, Multi-cultural (Skagway Traditional Council citizen bodies include as much as 7 various indigenous groups).

*Please note artists who submitted the selected art will need to sign a waiver of copy rights.

SUBMISSIONS: Logo arts can be submitted to info@skagwaytraditional.org [please title the email "Farm Logo" so we can find it] , mailed to PO BOX 1157, Skagway, AK 99840, or dropped off at the office.

Prize: Artists that has submitted the chosen art will be awarded with a year worth of free CSA bags for 2024 season (for Skagway awardees only) and an award of \$1000 USD

GATHERING OF ARTISTS



STC hopes tribal members enjoyed the opportunity to gather together and create something meaningful or continue work on a project.

Gunalchéesh Annemarie Hasskamp, for opening the doors to the community at the STC hall. And sharing your love and knowledge for weaving.



Glady Moran with her completed rug!



DOES YOUR FAMILY NEED ENERGY ASSISTANCE?

• WE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP •

THRHA will accept NEW applications for the FY 2024 Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) beginning November 1, 2023, for those legally disabled or over 60. Applications will be accepted for the general public on December 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.



COMMUNITIES SERVED





All Households

Angoon Kake Klukwan
 Craig Kasaan Metlakatla
 Hoonah Klawock Saxman
 Hydaburg

Tribal Citizen Households Only

Douglas Ketchikan Skagway
 Haines Pelican Tenakee
 Juneau Petersburg Wrangell

Program Qualifications

-  Copy of social security card for all members listed on the application.
-  Last 30 days of income verification: if you or anyone on the application (18 years or older) is employed, please provide copies of all income that is received for the prior month.
-  If you receive social security, SSI, APA, TANF, food stamps or general assistance, please send a copy of your most recent award letter. If you receive food stamps, a recent award letter that shows countable income can be used to determine your eligibility.
-  A copy of your fuel/oil, electric, and propane bills is required to process your application. If heat is included in your rent, please provide a copy of your rental agreement and rent receipt. If you live in subsidized housing, please attach a copy of your rental housing worksheet.

This program ends June 30, 2024, for fiscal year 2024.
 Apply at: regionalhousingauthority.org



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TAIYA COUNSELING SERVICES, LLC.

JOHN HISCHER, LCSW

Taiya Counseling Services, LLC is providing mental health services to Skagway residents Mondays through Wednesday from 8 am to 5pm. Additionally, reminiscent group, SMART recovery group, and other mental health outreach will continue under Taiya Counseling Services made possible by a partnership with the Tribe.

Currently, we accept Blue Cross BlueShield, BCBS FEP, Aetna, AK Medicaid, Medicare. For those without insurance we are able to provide limited sessions at nominal fee price. Please email us at Info@taiyacounseling.com if you would like to learn about it. This offer is provided thanks to funding support from the Skagway Traditional Council through May 2024. We are continuing to work towards being an in-network provider with most of the main insurance providers. You can reach John Hischer at his office phone (907) 983-2459 for more information.

Reminiscent Group

Time: Every Mondays at 3pm

Place: Skagway Traditional Council (11th & Broadway)

To get on the email list for reminders email us at
info@taiyacounseling.com



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SMART RECOVERY

Time: Every Monday at 6PM

Place: Skagway Traditional
Council at 11th and Broadway

**Discover
the Power
of Choice**



For more information please visit www.smartrecovery.org.



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Skagway Traditional Council Mission

“Our mission at the Skagway Traditional Council is to nurture and protect our tribal members by persevering cultural heritage, natural resources, improving partnerships and economic sustainability, while upholding tribal sovereignty.”



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This is a free newsletter brought to you by the Skagway Traditional Council.

For more information about tribal history, elections, activities, and upcoming events visit our website: www.skagwaytraditional.org

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