

# Takotna's Environmental Newsletter

The events Nell, the students, and Rosalie did were, listened and learned with Reilly Kosinski, and David Grisso:

\*Takotna's  
E-Waste  
2008

\*Water  
Quality  
Training

\*Total  
Reclaim  
Outreach

Do you know  
what's living  
on the bottom  
of the Takotna  
River?

New Environmental Assistant hired.  
Rosalie Perkins has started working in  
the Environmental Office and has  
written and published this portion of  
the Takotna Environmental News.

**\*Reilly Kosinski**  
**is the Outreach**  
**Coordinator for**  
**Environmental**  
**Services and**  
**David Grisso is**  
**part of the**  
**Watershed**  
**Council**

**Catagories**  
**About :**

-Total Reclaim  
Outreach  
-Water Quality  
Training  
- E-Waste

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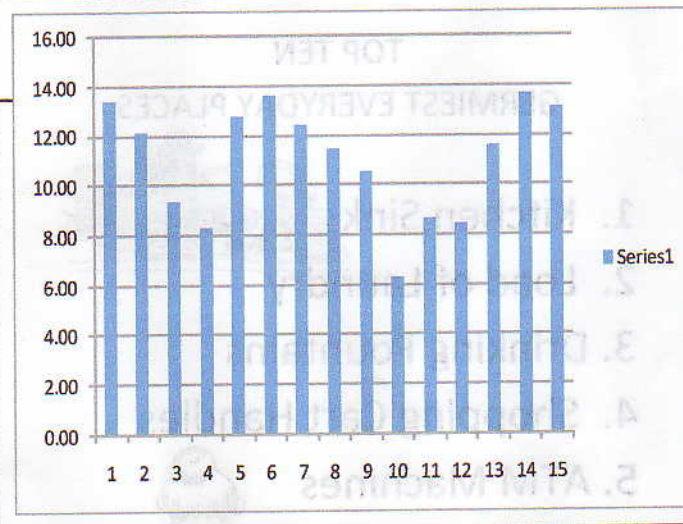
# Takotna Environmental NEWSLETTER

December 2007 Issue #1

## Village Environmental Issues

In November everyone was sent an Environmental Survey. Almost every adult in the Community has returned the survey. THANK YOU! So far it is clear that the highest priority of concern is the oil spills around PHS and the old generator house. There are not funds in IGAP for cleanup, but there are Brownfield Grants available. Just remember that work on this and the Sterling Landing cleanup will require Hazwopper certificates.

1. Hazardous Waste in landfill
2. Maintenance of landfill
3. Military activity
4. Contamination of subsistence foods
5. Raw sewage disposal
6. Contaminated soil
7. Old drums
8. Old vehicles/equipment/ATV
9. Trash in Village



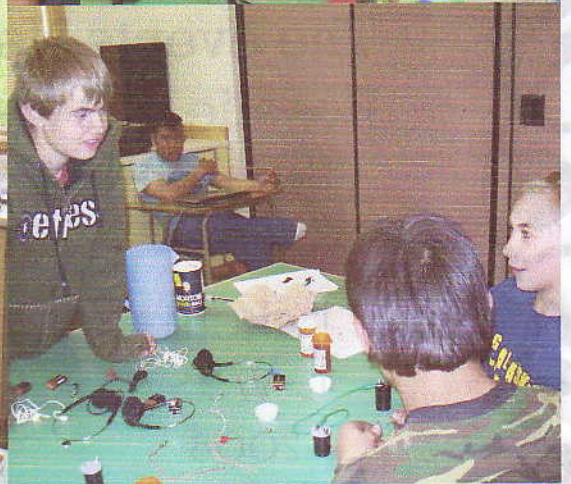
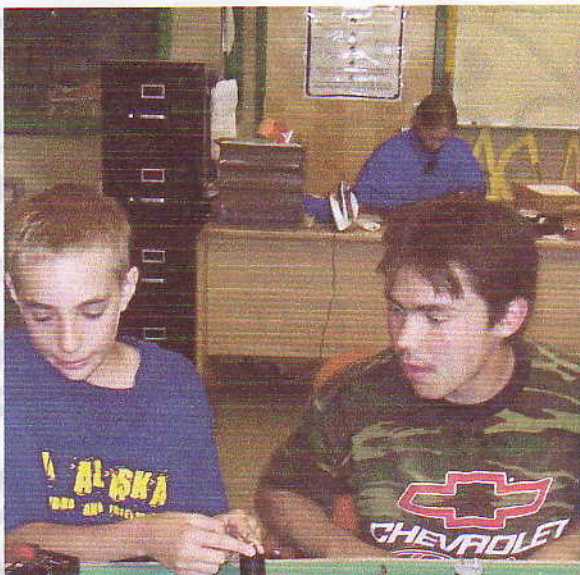
### Additional Comments from

sorting at dump  
educate  
children  
pump septic  
clean up old  
dump sites  
Lead batteries  
disposal of old  
oil

**Interested in  
helping solve  
these Issues?**

**Join the  
ENVIRONME  
NTAL  
COMMITTEE!**







# INFORMATION

## The 4 R's - Recycle, Reuse & Reduce

### BURNBOX

**Have you noticed a difference in the burnbox this year. One likely reason is diapers.**

**Takotna has 4 babies using an average of five diapers a day. That's over 500 diapers a month going into the burnbox. The new diapers have the ability to hold a lot of moisture and keep expanding.**



**Add the diapers of the babies with the other absorbant items we use and it is no wonder things are not burning well.**

### SOLUTION

If we are able to start a garbage collection service, we will have better burning of the burnbox.

The Takotna Village Council has a job posted for someone to work at the landfill, Safe Water and ANTHC are working on plans for the monofill at the landfill and we can all help by getting involved in the plans for the landfill.

Come by the office or give me a call:  
Nell Huffman  
298-2548

*Please do not dispose electronics in the dump*



**Do you have old telephones, cd players, MP3 players, cameras or other small electronics?**

**Bring them to the Environmental office for recycling. Later this summer we will be having a collection of old computers, monitors, televisions and other large electronics.**

**Please do not dispose of them in the dump.**

**We have arrangements for these to be backhauled to Anchorage.**



# Taiotna News

Summer of 2008



## A new Cook for the Elders Program!



Hello, my name is Sylvia Rico. I'm from Fresno, California. My son, Manuel Martinez, come here to live with daughter-in-law Amanda and my first granddaughter, Kyla Martinez. I also have a younger son, Joseph Martinez and another daughter-in-law, Constance and their sons Joseph Jr and Josiah Martinez.

WELCOME SYLVIA!

## POP TOPS

*Did you know that saving the little top off your aluminum cans can help children?*

*Ronald McDonald Houses collect pop tabs instead of the entire aluminum can.*

*Nell is collecting these to send in. Call when you get a container full and she will come by and pick them up.*

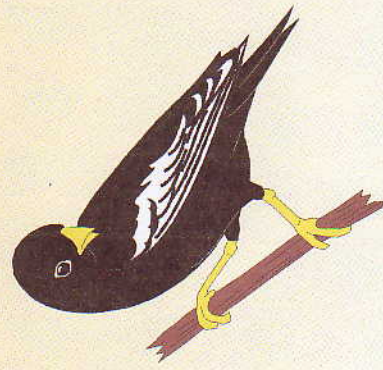
*Ronald McDonald House helps children and their families while undergoing hospital treatments or waiting for transplants.*



## Have you been to the dump?

Clinton has built a gate that is keeping the birds out of the burn box. All you have to do is pull down on the Cable handle on the right side of the front and the new gate opens up.

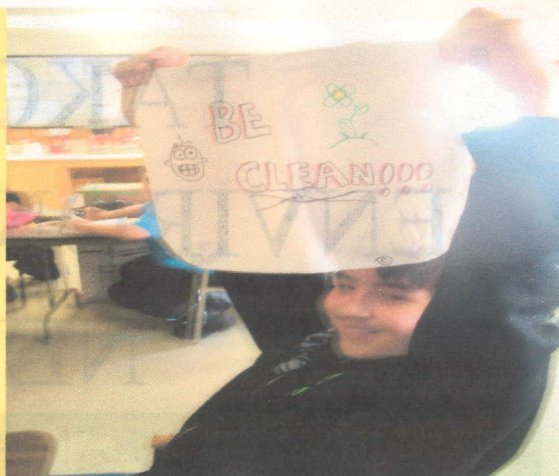
THANK YOU CLINTON!





## Plastic Bags

The students made canvas bags to give out to their families to use when shopping. When we look at the dump we see a lot of plastic bags blowing around and stuck in trees. We hope you are using yours and if anyone else is interested in having a canvas bag, please let one of the students know.



## POP CANS

Do you know the price of aluminum?

Do you know how many aluminum cans come into Takotna?

Do you know how many cans make up a pound?

Ask one of our students and set up a can pick up.

ALPAR FLYING CANS PROGRAM





# TOTAL RECLAIM

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Congratulations on Takotna's and McGrath's successful backhaul of over 4000 pounds of electronic waste. We greatly appreciate willingness to fly out one of our staff to assist with your recycling efforts, along with Takotna's generous hospitality. We look forward to a long, flourishing partnership with Takotna, McGrath, and the surrounding communities. Feel free to contact Total Reclaim at anytime if you feel we can be of assistance.

Thanks again,

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# TAKOTNA ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

## WASTESTREAM ANALYSIS

Takotna Tribal Council recieved a grant to conduct a waste stream analysis as part of the Solid Waste Management Plan for the landfill. Nell Huffman and Clinton Goods traveled to Anchorage for training in the process. Clinton Goods has been working on the analysis and will be attending RALO training in Bethel in May.

## QAPP

Takotna has completed the process to conduct a baseline water quality assessment.

Bob and Carole Absher, Nell Huffman and the Fox children completed the first training in Anchorage.

## FRIDAY ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

Come and join the students for health and environmental events every Friday, 12:30 at the Twitchell Bldg





## TRASH

*There seems to be a problem with trash and dogs getting into it. The dump is clean and our yards are messy.*

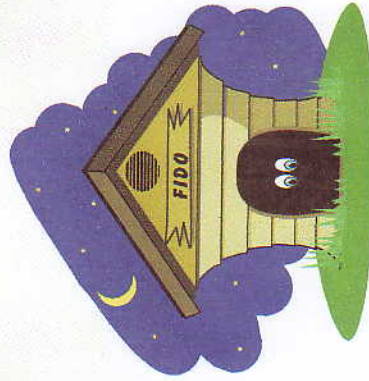
*Let's all get together and develop a plan to help keep our garbage hauled. Does Takotna want a pickup service?*

*Do residents want central pickup areas?*

*Now is the time to send your ideas to the tribal office for input into business planning for the Safe Water Project.*

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## KEEP YOUR DOGS TIED UP



## WELL FED, WATERED AND SHELTERED

Dogs That Eat Garbage: It is well known that a dogs eating behavior often consists of eating garbage. This is due, in part, to their natural foraging instinct. Sometimes, though, they cannot seem to resist the smelly temptations emanating from the garbage cans or compost heap. Eating garbage does not have to suggest a particular health problem. This may be more of a behavior issue than a health issue. You may, however, have cause for concern about them eating garbage in that some of the things they eat may be hazardous to them, or even may even poison them. The best solution to this problem is prevention. Make sure that refuse containers and compost bins have secure lids so that your dog cannot get into them. And, never allow your dog the 'run of the neighborhood' because you don't want him to get into your neighbor's garbage either.



# Takotna's E-Waste

**Day 1: Thursday June 19, 2008-** The E-Waste Program is defined as recycling of all obsolete or outdated computers, televisions, scanners, lap-tops, cell phones, printers, and thousands of other devices commonly used in offices homes and by people on the go. The global technological revolution is fueling the rapidly increasing e-waste recycling problem. So Nell and Rosalie were working last week on gathering E-Waste from the residents that they didn't want and need. Earlier Nell had sent out a flyer explaining E-Waste. Then I would call around and tell what we were doing, then ask if anyone had any E-Waste that they would like to get rid of. Nell and Rosalie would go collect what they wanted to give to us and then it was brought to the Community Building. There we were doing inventory counted all what we collected and wrote down the data on Microsoft Excel. We collected a lot of E- Waste, more than we expected, and Reilly Kosinski helped us both out a lot. When we were done collecting E-Waste m, we took a load up to the airstrip to be sent over to McGrath by Tanana Air. Then the rest that were still sitting in the Community building was being put in Charlie Vanborg's boat and taken down to McGrath also. **Day 2: Friday June 20, 2008-** The 2nd day of the E-waste Program Event was held in McGrath. Nell, Amanda G., Amanda P. and Reilly, chartered a plane over to McGrath early that morning to wrap up and weight the Takotna E-waste and the total was 1,195lbs. and then they helped out McGraths E-Waste too. The total E-Waste that was collected from Takotna, McGrath, and Nikolai Clinic 4410 lbs. NAC is going to charge a reduced rate to the project for 4,410lbs. of E-Waste. After everything was weighted and wrapped it was set taken by NAC Air lines and was already to be loaded onto the Plane!



## TAKOTNA WATER QUALITY TRAINING



David Grisso teaches the students how to collect microinvertebrates from the bottom of the river

The students were surprised to find so many interesting things on the bottom of the river



## OUR RIVER AND OUR FUTURE

