



Congratulations to Coach Darren Lieb, athletic director at Bethel Regional High School and the 2014 recipient of the Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation Community Spirit Award. Donlin Gold is pleased to provide financial support to programs that strengthen young people's physical, social and emotional health, including the Bethel Regional High School wrestling program and the Bethel Community Wrestling Club.

DONLIN GOLD'S PROJECT UPDATE MEETINGS

In order to provide information about the proposed Donlin Gold project, as well as answer any questions residents might have about it, we have been conducting project update meetings in communities throughout the Yukon Kuskokwim (YK) region. There are several new elements to the project and updates to the projected permitting timeline, so we encourage residents to attend even if they have been to a meeting in the past.



Residents of Quinhagak attend a project update meeting.

Some of the topics covered at meetings include potential jobs should the mine be developed and the Donlin Gold Talent Bank (see page 3), which gives us additional insights into the current skilled labor available and training needed in the region. The mine has the potential to provide thousands of jobs to residents in the region, so we encourage everyone to submit their information and get the proper training to prepare for possible jobs.

To ensure communication access, Vernon Chimegalrea presents meetings in Yup'ik when needed, to make the information more accessible and understandable to Yup'ik speakers. Additionally, Vernon has narrated the Project Description video in Yup'ik, which is also available on Donlin Gold's YouTube channel and Facebook page.

To date, we have visited 10 villages in 2014, with about 20 more to come. We are committed to keeping stakeholders informed about the project and we will continue to offer stakeholders opportunities to learn about the proposed project. ■

Face to Face *with Stan Foo*

Public input is a very important part of our planning process, and we would like to hear from you.

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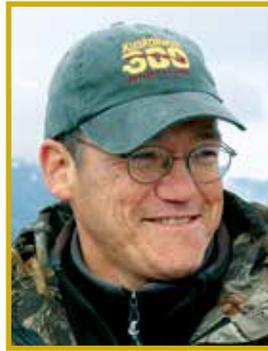
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Suicide is a tragedy that has touched many of us. A range of thoughts run through our minds when someone is lost to suicide. We might ask, "What could have been done differently? What could I have done to save them?"

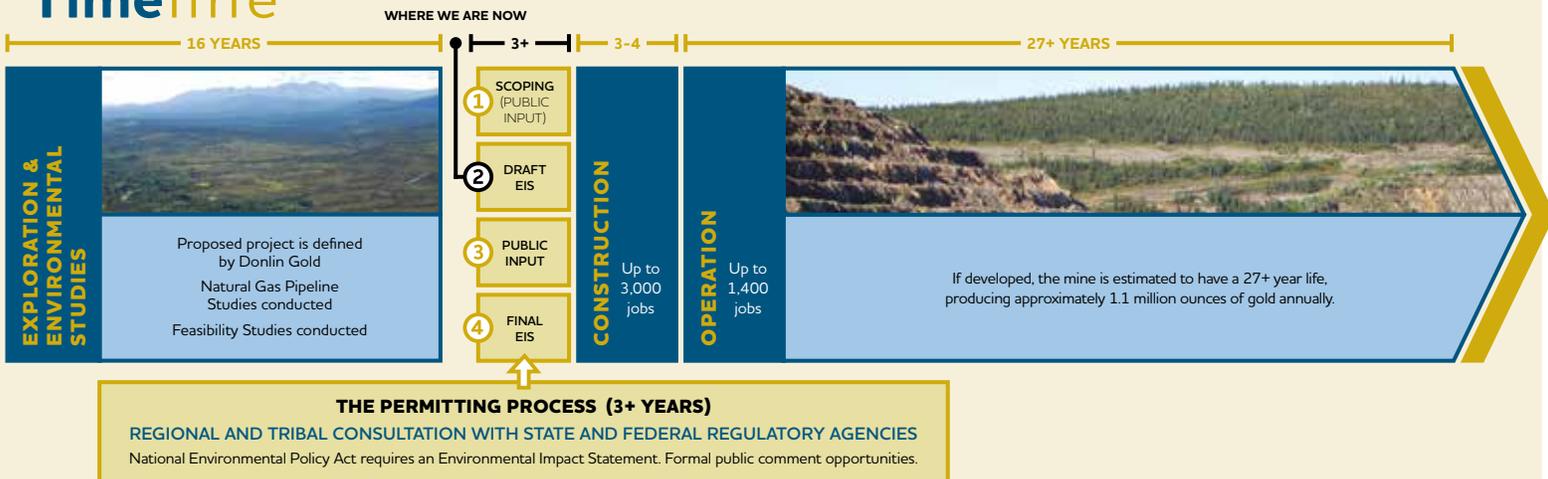
Last month, I read an article in the Anchorage Daily News that talked about suicide risk factors in rural Alaska and some actions or situations that can be taken to reduce the risk. The beginning of the article caught my eye: "Alaska Natives are statistically less likely to commit suicide if they live in villages with prominent traditional elders, a high number of married couples and access to jobs."

We all know jobs are in short supply in rural Alaska, and one of the greatest benefits the Donlin Gold mine would bring to the Yukon Kuskokwim region is the potential for jobs. We intend to hire locally qualified people where we can. Beyond bringing jobs to the area, we believe that supporting healthy communities can be mutually beneficial. As part of our way to give back to communities, we look for opportunities to support projects and events where youth and elder collaboration is encouraged or the main focus.

We all have a responsibility to do what we can to prevent losing another life. As individuals, we can learn the warning signs of suicide and how to feel OK talking about it—the YKHC is a great place to start or you can visit places online such as www.save.org and www.makeitok.org. Donlin Gold will continue supporting community events and projects that promote elders and youth, suicide prevention, and workforce development, and most of all, our unwavering commitment to maximize local hire.

Stan Foo
General Manager
Donlin Gold

Timeline



TIPS FOR SUMMER BOATING SAFETY

The summer season is upon us, and for many residents of the Yukon Kuskokwim (YK) region, that means spending a lot of time near or on water. From fishing to traveling between villages, boating is a large part of life in the region.



Donlin Gold Community Relations employee Vernon Chimegalrea helps set up boating safety equipment.

Even the most experienced boaters can encounter unexpected problems such as bad weather or mechanical issues. Following recommended safety precautions while boating can save lives if things go wrong. It is important to make sure everyone in your boat is sober and able to make clear, informed decisions.

Here are a few summer boating safety tips to follow for a safe boating season:

- **Always Wear Your Life Jacket**

- Bring a communication device
- Check the weather report
- Check the tide table
- Have a float plan
- Load your boat properly
- Help keep a clean environment, dispose of trash properly
- If your plan changes, let your designated person know
- Leave alcohol on shore
- Take the proper equipment.

Donlin Gold encourages all residents to focus on safety, not only through the summer months, but also throughout the year. ■

JOIN DONLIN GOLD'S TALENT BANK

Donlin Gold is focused on building a local workforce while the project is in the permitting process. If agencies issue permits that approve the project for development, thousands of positions would be available during construction and operation of the mine. Donlin Gold is committed to filling these positions with as many qualified residents from the Yukon Kuskokwim (YK) region as possible.

To get a general idea of the current skills, job experience and education residents from the region have, Donlin Gold created a Talent Bank on its website where people can provide this information. Providing this information will help Donlin Gold plan for training and education that may be needed in the region to maximize local hire.

Please fill out and submit your work history profile information in the Talent Bank section of our website by visiting: www.DonlinGold.com/employees. Additionally, we can mail a physical copy for you to fill out and return. Contact Dorena at (907) 273-0200 or (888) 225-7590.

Your talent bank profile is not an application for employment, but the information will help Donlin Gold plan and prepare for future local workforce development needs. All of the information submitted is kept confidential.

Permitting is expected to take a minimum of three years. If you are interested in working at Donlin Gold in the future, you can start preparing yourself with the training and education you will need to have an opportunity to join the Donlin Gold team. Donlin Gold will help direct residents to the programs and training resources available that will support them in becoming a desired job applicant. ■

DONLIN GOLD IS GIVING AWAY 100 GALLONS OF FUEL.

Join Donlin Gold's Talent Bank at www.DonlinGold.com/employees and you'll be entered to win. If you have joined the talent bank already, you are automatically entered to win.

52 VILLAGES PARTICIPATE IN CLEAN UP GREEN UP



DONLIN GOLD BELIEVES THAT ALASKA'S LANDSCAPE SHOULD REMAIN HEALTHY AND PROVIDES INCENTIVES, SUCH AS BICYCLES, TO COMMUNITIES INVOLVED IN CLEAN UP, GREEN UP. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK HARD TO KEEP THEIR COMMUNITIES CLEAN. DONLIN GOLD IS COMMITTED TO DOING ITS PART TO KEEP ALASKA'S LANDSCAPE HEALTHY.



Clean Up Green Up communities pictured:
Eek, Chuathbaluk, Bethel, Scammon Bay and Holy Cross.

DONLIN GOLD CONGRATULATES WINNERS OF THE ACADEMIC AND TRADES DECATHLON IN ANIAK

From April 29 through May 2, 145 students from the six Yukon Kuskokwim (YK) school districts participated in an academic and trades decathlon. The decathlon was held at Aniak Jr. Sr. High School and included grades seven through 12.

The first of its kind for the six surrounding schools districts and in a region that is typically underserved, the decathlon was an opportunity for YK students to showcase their academic skills and achievements as well as explore career and technical education opportunities.

The four-day event was comprised of individual and team competitions as well as mining career exploration sessions. The individual competitions included topics such as math, science, geography and keyboarding. Competitors also wrote an essay and gave a speech. The team competitions incorporated sports, design and academics, with events such as a "Mining Careers Super Quiz," a banner design contest and volleyball and basketball games.

The event also focused on workforce development initiatives. Several industry experts taught trade sessions, which focused on careers in the mining industry. Donlin Gold

employee Ricky Ciletti, as well as Guy Kameroff and Bret Zimmerman, taught techniques for providing emergency medical care. One of the highlights of the emergency medical services session was rappelling off the balcony at the Aniak fire station.

Donlin Gold brought in a portable welder, and Wassilie Gregory explained welding basics to students, who were then able to try welding and further explore through remote simulators provided by Alaska Construction Academies. Donlin Gold employee Boise Alexie and Dan Tucker from Northern Industrial Training worked with students on heavy equipment operation, allowing them to observe basic techniques.

The first and second place winners from each grade won a trip to the Donlin Gold camp, where they were offered further career exploration. The event was sponsored by Donlin Gold and the Kuspuk School District, with generous support from Alaska Construction Academies and the Northern Industrial Institute (NIT). EXCEL Alaska and the Kuspuk School District coordinated the decathlon.

Donlin Gold supports strengthening YK communities by investing in regional youth education. ■



Participants and organizers of the decathlon in Aniak, including Donlin Gold employees Boise Alexie and Jill Bestor.



IN THIS NEWSLETTER **CLEAN UP GREEN UP IN 52 VILLAGES**



Eek youth participate in Clean Up Green Up.

SPOTLIGHT: ARTS OF THE YUKON-KUSKOKWIM REGION

The Yukon Kuskokwim (YK) region has a long tradition of arts that includes dance, sewing, beading and weaving. This culture is in part shaped by social and practical sources: Sewing fish skin for clothing, weaving baskets for storage, or storytelling through dance, for example.

Although modern materials are sometimes used instead of traditional ones like fur or grass, the arts live on in Yup'ik culture. Practicing long-held traditions teach youth about their history, and the acts of learning and handing down art forms contribute to maintaining cultural practices.

Donlin Gold believes that healthy communities are reinforced by strong cultural traditions, and we are pleased to support the arts

in the region through donations and sponsorships including the following:

- Dance regalia for Ayaprun Elitnaurvik
- Film preservation project – UKSUUM CAUYAI: The Drums of Winter
- Alaska Native displays at the Anchorage Museum
- Mural Project in the Village of Lower Kalskag
- Kuskokwim Native Association Youth and Elders Conference in Aniak
- Native Youth Olympics
- Numerous annual festivals such as Chevak TundraFest, Kongiganak and Tuntutuliak Salmonberry Festivals, and Toksook Bay Blackberry Festival
- Participation in the Koahnic Art Auction. ■



Donlin Gold contributed towards the materials for Megan Leary's handmade Athabascan dress.

DONLIN GOLD IS COMMITTED TO CREATING A SAFE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE MINING PROJECT THAT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES IN THE YUKON KUSKOKWIM REGION TO LIVE IN HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES