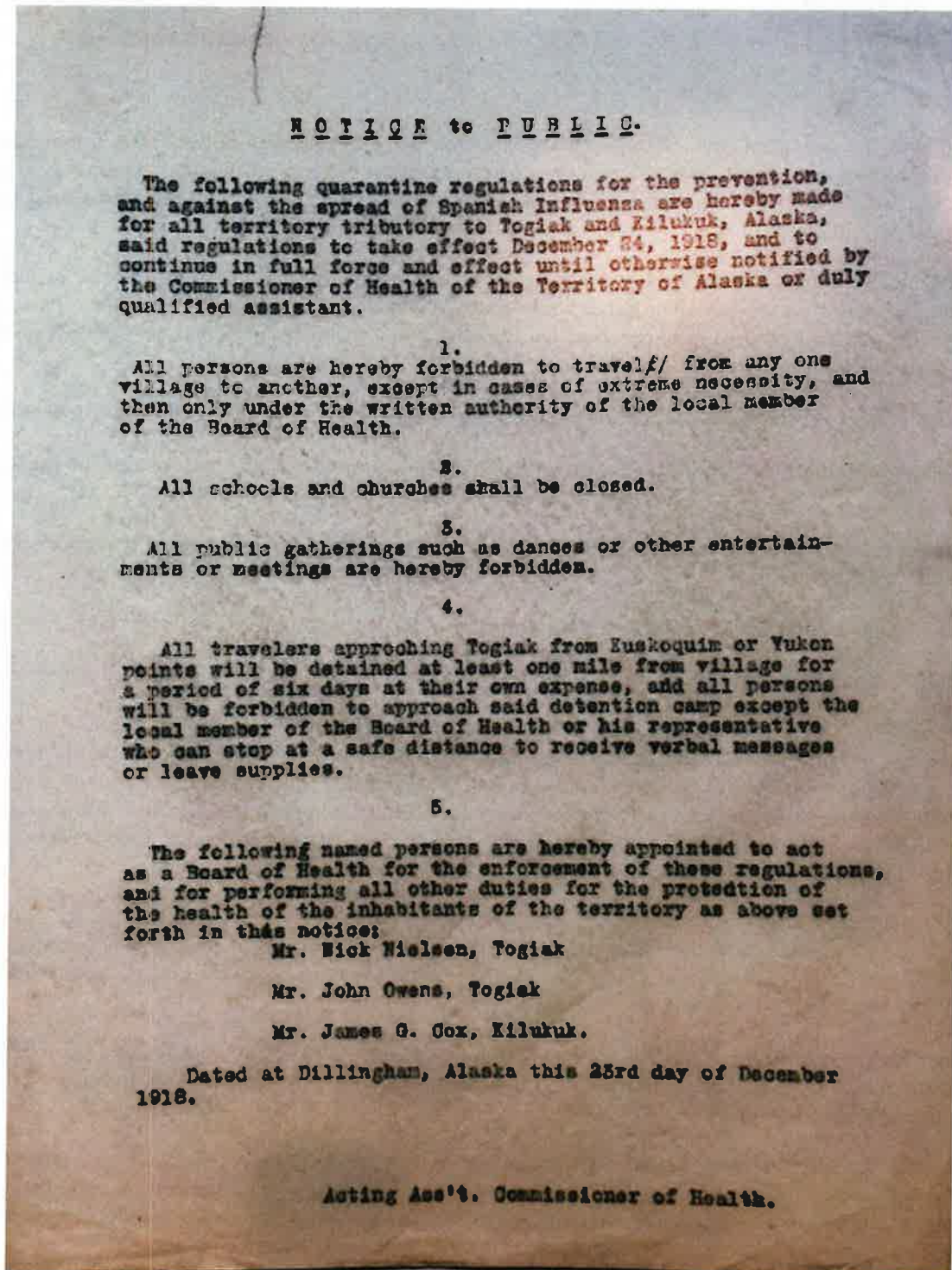




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Alaska's history with pandemics, past and present



In 2020, Alaska is experiencing a pandemic from the coronavirus which can develop into COVID-19, a new and potentially deadly virus. It is affecting everyday life for most everyone, from cancelling public events and visiting friends to self isolation and restricting travel. This is not a new experience for Alaskans. In 1918-1919 the world survived the Spanish Influenza that also swept thru our remote state. While the unknown is frightening, the precautions we take now will help to ensure that we will survive this new pandemic.

The picture above is a Public Notice from December 23, 1918, which forbade traveling and public gatherings. Schools and churches were also closed. Paragraph 4 addresses the separation of newcomers to a village at 1 mile away and for a length of 6 days. Verbal messages and supplies could also be exchanged at distance of 1 mile away from a village.



In 2020 with the new pandemic, people are self isolating but don't need to holler and yell messages from a mile away. Many companies sent their employees home to work remotely and will rely on the internet for this to be a successful and productive self isolation time. Schools across the country have sent their students home and closed the buildings to be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

With the new quarantine standards, we recognize and are saddened the students of Adak School were missing instructional time. To assist them with their educational goals, Windy City Broadband offered free internet connection to students. Our entire company pitched in to connect the Adak students, teachers, principal, and district superintendent to work out the details of how to put everything in place:

Customer Service Supervisor Rene Crews developed a new Adak Student Plan for the teachers and students.

Executive Management Andilea Weaver and Larry Mayes approved the parameters of the new broadband package.

Customer Service Representative Kimberly Ansaknok contacted families to ask if this was service they would be interested in.

IT Technician Stephen Long updated the computer system programs to accommodate the new plan.

Adak Technicians Larry Mayes and Maureen Russell contacted families to check on home connectively.

All the work our employees did was completed within a few days of the announcement of statewide school closures. It could not have been possible without the staff from the Adak School (Julie Plummer, Molly Lashier, and Carrie Plant), who were invaluable to the success of this undertaking. They wanted to keep their students on track with learning. They let our employees know which families to contact, tested the internet speeds to confirm it would support their goals of continuing with distant learning, and stayed in touch with our office if they encountered any problems with the service. Thank you, Awesome Adak Teachers!

AEE has restricted access to our buildings to employees only during this uncertain time for both the Adak and Anchorage locations. Employees have been provided with laptops and will work from their homes remotely. One person is allowed in the office at a time according to a schedule of who will be there and on which days. We are being observant of social distancing by having no overlapping times at the office.

Although we are not physically in the office, we remain connected with one another and our customers. We rely on land line telephones, internet and cellular phones to communicate. With these, we have full access to everything we need to continue operations.

For Adak Cablevision customers, you can view announcements from our company on command channel 6. For Windy City Broadband customers, you can check our website (www.adaktu.net) for important announcements. It is our goal for our valued Adak customers to notice no changes to the services they rely on during these days of staying home with limited physical contact to the wider world outside.

Adak Eagle Enterprise is practicing safe social distancing and we encourage everyone to do the same. We are here for you through the duration of the quarantine.



Introducing the newest show with an Alaskan based character:



In recent years, Alaska has become a prime location for several popular television shows. *Deadliest Catch*, *Bering Sea Gold*, *The Last Alaskans*, *Alaska State Troopers*, *Alaskan Bush People* are only a few of the many currently being filmed, produced, and watched across several cable channels. The newest show about Alaska is *Molly of Denali*. The show is very different from all the others and will soon become a favorite for family viewing!

A few reasons this show is different:

- It shows on the PBS channel known for educational television shows (like the shows *Sesame Street* and *Mister Roger's Neighborhood*)
- It is a cartoon featuring a young Alaska Native girl who lives in Denali National Park
- Molly is a modern day young Alaska Native girl who actively uses technology in the show (such as cellular phones and computers)
- There are several women in the show in nontraditional roles in the community (airplane pilot, mechanic, village tribal chief, a researching biologist are all women in the show)
- The creators of the show purposefully sought Alaska Native consultants and have established an advisory committee, the Permanent Alaska Native Working Group that includes an Alaska Native Elder, Denakkanaaga First Chief Luke Titus of Minto, Alaska
 - The depiction of the Grandpa Nat character is influenced by Chief Titus and his experience at the Wrangell Institute boarding school inspired the premiere episode, Grandpa's Drum



A fun segment of the show is the "Ask Molly" part where the cartoon character Molly checks her email and reads a question sent by someone from another state. For example, Keisha in Alabama asked Molly what are kasuqis because her friend in Atka said those are her favorite food. To answer the question, Molly plays a live video of children in Atka going to the beach to harvest kasuqis and how to eat them. Watch *Molly of Denali*, you might see someone you know from Atka!

Join the fun of watching *Molly of Denali*, now available on Adak Cablevision channel 3, the Alaska One PBS channel.



Pictured above is Denakkanaaga First Chief Luke Titus from Minto, Alaska. Image on the right is Grandpa Nat from the new *Molly of Denali* show on Alaska One PBS channel 3



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available to
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Chief Titus with Dax Alexander at 2019 AFN Qyana night. Both danced and sang with the Minto Dance Group.

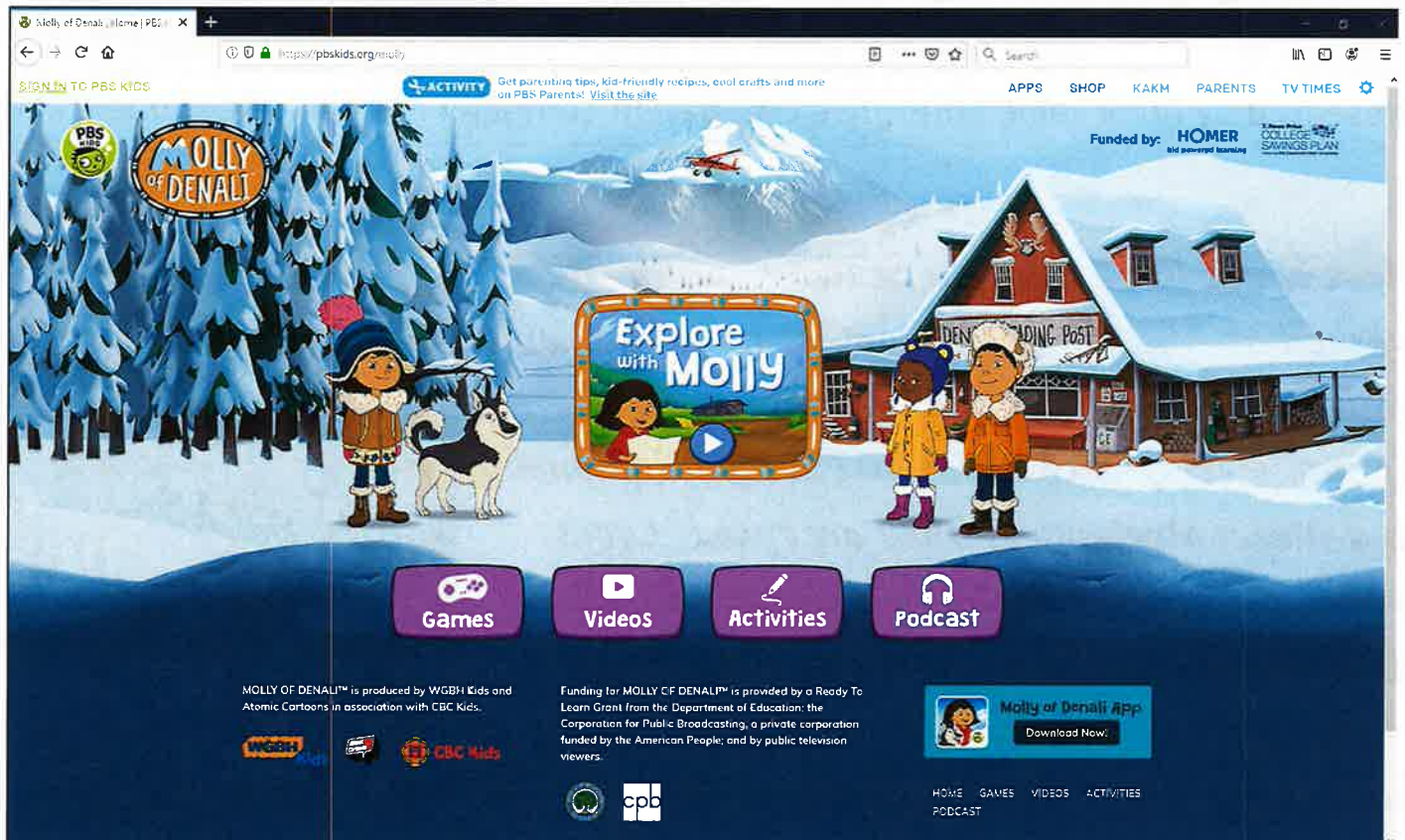


Grandpa Nat teaching Molly and Tooeey traditional Athabascan drumming, dancing and singing at the end of the first Molly of Denali episode, Grandpa's Drum



Molly and her friends use technology in every episode. They look up information they want to learn about, check email for the “Ask Molly” segment and she has a vlog that she keeps updated with new posts.

PBS Kids has a website available where you can watch episodes, play games, and listen to a podcast of the show. Below is a screen shot of the website that is accessed at <https://pbskids.org/molly>



YOU

can use internet services provided by **Windy City Broadband** to connect with *Molly of Denali* on their website, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, podcast, PBS learning media

THE 2019-2020 ADAK TELEPHONE DIRECTORY CAN
BE VIEWED ON OUR WEBSITE ADAKTU.NET

2019 – 2020 Adak Telephone Directory



Photo Credit: Julie Plummer, 2019 photo contest winner

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Meet Lucas Gutierrez, our Student Intern. He worked at AEE for a few months. He is a recent high school graduate and applied for an apprenticeship with Local 302 Heavy Equipment and Diesel Mechanics. Once accepted, Lucas began the apprenticeship in February 2020. He'd like to travel Alaska to work in remote places where there is a lack of heavy equipment mechanics. Because AEE has several pieces of equipment available to rent (see page 4), he may one day return as a mechanic and not as an intern. It's great to make early career connections as an intern - it may lead to bigger and better opportunities later, whatever the career choice a student makes!



Did you know Alaska has been the source and inspiration of many talented people across several fields of interest, study and careers?

Alaska's 1st Celebrity



Ray Mala

Ray Mala was born in 1906 in Candle, Alaska. His film debut was at age 14 in a small role in *Primitive Love*, a 1921 movie where he also served as a cameraman. By 1925 he moved to Hollywood and landed his first role in the silent film, *Igloo*, by Universal Pictures. *Igloo* was a hit and studio boss Louis B. Meyer (one of the MGM founders) cast him in the starring role of *Eskimo, Mala the Magnificent*. A crew was sent to Alaska to film the movie in 1933. The editor of the movie, Conrad Nervig, won the very first Oscar for Best Film Editing. Mala had a lead in a 14 part serial *Robinson Crusoe of Clipper Island* in 1936 which he is most known for. In 1952, Mala was in the movie *Red Snow* which was the first movie to address the Cold War and the atomic bomb. This movie was his last, he died shortly after. He was buried in California, far from his homeland of the Inupiaq people. His remains were brought back to Alaska in 2018 by his family members and he is now resting at the Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery.

Illustrations by.....VIP

Virgil Partch was born in 1916 on the very remote St. Paul Island where his Navy father was stationed. Only a few months after the devastating attack on Pearl Harbor and the same year that Albert Camus offered the world his bleak vision of man's existence by introducing his philosophical dictum of *The Absurd*, Virgil Partch burst onto the scene with his own twist on the phrase. Partch was a cartoonist who offered comic counterpoint to the grim headlines and a unique perspective on human nature in the pages of the nation's most popular magazines. His first job was at the Walt Disney Studios, working his way up to Assistant Animator. Disney later fired him for participating in the 1941 animators' strike. This was a minor setback to his development as a cartoonist.

Known to millions by his jazzy signature, VIP, this comic genius ushered in a new era of the gag cartoon — zany, sometimes surreal, always hilarious — that inspired a generation of fellow cartoonists starting in the 1940s and '50s. His madcap style of humor was reflected in the cutting-edge comedic sensibilities of Burns & Allen, Jack Benny, Ernie Kovacs, and would position Partch as one of the most prolific "gag-men" of his day. VIP contributed to an astonishing array of magazines, wrote gags for other cartoonists, illustrated books, album covers, and advertisements, and adorned merchandise including, appropriately, cocktail glasses.



Seedlings of the "Happy Little Trees"

Bob Ross came to Alaska as a Master Sergeant with the US Air Force. He was stationed at Eielson Air Force Base outside of North Pole, the home of Santa Claus! This is where he saw

snow for the first time. He later took art classes at a USO Club in Anchorage. When Bob left military service, he vowed to never raise his voice again at another person. This is why he was soft spoken in his show, *The Joy of Painting*. The mountains and forestry in Alaska inspired the paintings he taught on the show. All the "happy little trees that live right over here" would not have existed if Bob did not have the happy accident of being stationed in Alaska!

What was AEE doing at my place?

Last summer, you probably noticed our Adak Technicians were busy around town. Larry, Maureen, Chris, and Stephen all worked with Hector from Calix, the vendor Adak Eagle Enterprise contracts with to deliver services to our customers. Hector provided onsite tech support for our team to prepare for the later change out of the ONT boxes throughout Adak. The new ONT boxes will help AEE stay current with new telephone technologies. The change out of the boxes has mostly been completed and will continue as needed. Thanks to the hard work of all technicians, AEE continues to provide the most reliable and up-to-date service to our most valued customers!

Adak Cablevision

changed in January 2019. Every cable customer has every channel that is offered. Customers no longer have to choose a package to suit their viewing needs

and

an additional six new channels were added to the line up of channels in the Fall of 2019. You can now watch Bravo, CNBC World, CNBC, SyFy, MSNBC, and USA

What else is new with AEE companies?

In the Spring of 2019, Windy City Broadband was upgraded with **FASTER** speeds and **MORE** bandwidth with **NO** increase in prices! In the Winter of 2020, the internet services were again upgraded with **FASTER** speeds and **MORE** bandwidth. This time there was a change in prices which was unavoidable.

There are now **LOWER** fees for overages and **NEW** options to **ADD** bandwidth with extra gigabytes as needed for Residential customers as well as monthly Tech Support (over the telephone) available for an extra fee! Tech Support now includes TeamViewer!

Dial **611** from your local landline to speak with our Customer Service Representatives, Rene or Kimberly, to add extra gigabytes or Tech Support to your internet services!

Is Pocahontas from Alaska?

No, the historical person Pocahontas is not from Alaska. However her voice and image in the 1995 Disney animated movie *Pocahontas* was provided by an actress from Alaska. Born in Anchorage, Irene Bedard has ties to several First Nations peoples: the Inupiat, Yupik, Cree and Me'tis. She grew up in the Nome and Kotzebue area. As the actress who voiced the character Pocahontas, she secured a Disney Princess identity that will live on. Irene was named one of the 50 Most Beautiful People in the *People* magazine in 1995. Also in 1995, she was nominated for a Golden Globe for her performance in *Lakota Woman: Siege at Wounded Knee*. Irene was in the 1998 movie *Smoke Signals* based on the written works by well known American Indian author, Sherman Alexie. In 2017 she appeared in a music video for Jay-Z for the song "Family Feud." She reprised the voice of Pocahontas in the movie *Ralph Breaks the Internet* in 2018. Most recently, at the 2019 Alaska State Fair in Palmer, she interviewed new voice actress Sovereign Bill, the young lady who provides the voice for Molly of the new PBS show, *Molly of Denali* (see pages 3 and 13).



Reaching beyond the stars!

Is public education in Alaska sufficient to provide a student the beginnings of scientific curiosity for a vision of worlds beyond the known universe?

YES!

Bartlett High School graduate Brian Schmidt won the 2011 Nobel Prize in Physics (along with Saul Perlmutter and Adam Riess) for providing evidence that the expansion of the universe is accelerating. When he was 13 years old, his family moved in Anchorage and he enrolled in the school, graduating in 1985. While in Anchorage, he found work as a meteorologist with the National Weather Service but it wasn't scientific enough to satisfy him. Brian decided to study astronomy and earned his degrees from University of Arizona and Harvard University. After years of research and writing papers of theories and studies, *Science Magazine* in 1998 named the discovery of the accelerating universe "Breakthrough of the Year" which later led to the Nobel Prize in Physics.





Adak welcomes back the US Navy to the Aleutian Islands!

In September 2019 the community of Adak welcomed the US Military Forces back onto Adak Island after an absence of 22 years. In an exercise called Arctic Expeditionary Capabilities Exercise 2019, it was meant to train Navy and Marine forces to respond to crises and prepare them for adverse cold weather conditions. The picture to the right is of a Landing Craft, Air Cushion (LCAC) speeding towards Adak. It is designed to ferry equipment from ship to shore once troops have established a beachhead.



Once the amphibious craft landed, the air and land transports arrived to complete the training.



At this time, the military is currently non-committal of their plans to permanently return to Adak. If they do, Adak Eagle Enterprise will be ready to assist and provide them with telecommunications!

While living in Anchorage, Alaska, NBC Nightly News journalist and anchor, Lester Holt, first became interested in broadcasting. The family lived in the Fairview neighborhood of Anchorage, close to the Elmendorf Air Base where his father was stationed. He was a young school boy who would sneak into the radio station his older brother, Mike "Swani" Swanigan, worked at. Later Swani worked as on-air DJ for the student run radio station, KSUA, at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. Swani would tape his shows to send to Lester thru snail mail. Lester would listen and learn from the audio tapes, increasing his desire to work in broadcasting. Once in high school he convinced the high school principal to let him read the Daily Announcements over the school intercom. Lester would practice what he heard Swani doing on the tapes, and delivered the Daily Announcements as if it were a radio show. He even developed his own sign off at the end of the announcements. Thus began the official news broadcasting career of one of the most recognizable anchors on TV today!

Adak Cablevision includes the NBC channel for customers to watch Lester deliver the Nightly News on channel 7



Living the Avatar Dream

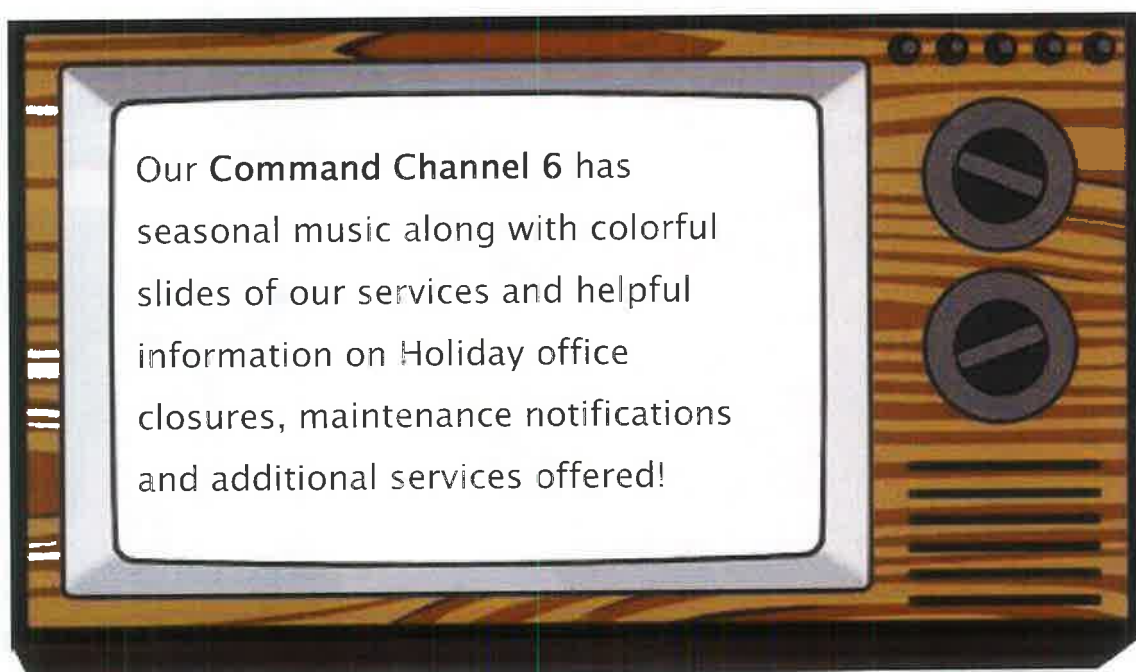


Kira Buckland was born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska. As a middle school student she discovered her love of performance and thought she would become a singer. Once in high school, she found two new interests - Japanese animation and video games. Kira soon realized that online voice acting would combine all of her talents and interests. At the age of 16 she began her voice acting journey with independent projects thru the online community for Flash animations. Being the president of the student Anime Club at West High School, she founded the first Senshi-Con. It continues to be a popular annual event in Anchorage. After graduation she attended the local University of Alaska-Anchorage where she earned a degree in the Japanese language. In 2005, Kira became one of the pioneers of the early Internet voice acting scene by founding the Voice Acting Club (VAC). VAC connects voice actors with creative online project developers around the world. After relocating to California in 2011, she's been involved with more projects: Video game voices (Pokemon Masters, River City Girls), Commercial voiceovers (Old Navy, Mattel), Toys (Teen Wonder Woman Power Action Figure for DC SuperHero Girls) and Apps (My Little Pony Storybook). These are only a very few items from her extensive resume'.

How can Windy City Broadband help you successfully achieve your dreams?

www.adaktu.net is our Adak Eagle Enterprise website which will give you all the information on service pricing, types of packages for our services. The tool bar on top provides all the drop downs for great information and the latest news from Adak Eagle!

You can apply for services from our website! Make your monthly payment thru our Payment link! Adak Telephone Directory (aka the Phone Book) is on the website under Company Info. There is weather info under Links!



We send countless billing inserts with your billing invoice every year. Why? We believe in having our customers be informed and knowing the services we offer! Information sent could be:

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- ✓ Do Not Call Information and how to block those calls.
- ✓ CPNI letter every year so you know how we conduct business with your account(s).
- ✓ A brochure so you know what package offerings we have if you want to upgrade or downgrade services.
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Any questions on the information we provide, please Call us by dialing 611 from any landline or Cell phone. Our Toll Free Number is 1-888-328-4222.

Giving voice to Molly

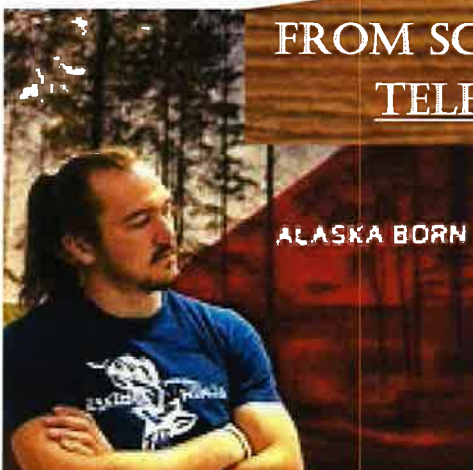
Molly, the central character of *Molly of Denali* (see page 3), is voiced by Sovereign Bill who is an enrolled tribal member of the Tlingit and Muckleshoot tribes. Sovereign lives in Auburn, Washington with her family. She is active in local Native American acting groups for young people. She heard about auditions for a new show being developed for PBS that would feature Alaska Native culture. The producers insist the cartoon have every indigenous character be voiced by an indigenous actor. Using a laptop, Sovereign completed a voice recording and sent it to the producers. The part she auditioned for was the lead, Molly, an Athabascan girl with roots in the Gwich'in, Dena'ina, and Koyukon tribes. Sovereign hopes Native audiences are proud the show is teaching traditional knowledge to children and their families. For the non-Native families, she would like them to gain a deeper understanding of Alaska Native cultures, many kids and adults continue to think Alaskans live in igloos. Accurate knowledge of Alaska Native culture is needed. The *Molly of Denali* show is the newest opportunity to share the Alaska Native culture with television viewers available on Adak Cablevision channel 3.

Mahsii' Choo, Sovereign!



Grandpa's Drum, Sovereign's favorite episode

FROM SCHOOL ATHLETIC COACH TO NATIONAL TELEVISION STAR AS THE ESKIMO NINJA



Nick Hanson was coaching cross-country, volleyball, Native Youth Olympics, and basketball in his home village of Unalakleet when his students convinced him to try out for the TV show, *American Ninja Warrior*. He submitted a video using his home made obstacle course using discarded material. Once he was on the show, Nick found his training was just what

was needed to successfully compete — he used the Knuckle Hop technique on the I-beam Challenge. Off the show, Nick has a sponsorship

with GCI and appears in their "Alaska Born and Raised" series of commercials. He has appeared in the Play Every Day commercials to encourage people to stay physically active in their communities. Nick has also become a popular motivational speaker focusing on suicide prevention. *American Ninja Warrior* is available to watch on NBC channel 7 for Adak Cablevision viewers. And remember....Adak Students can see him at the Native Youth Olympic games too!



Reading Your Monthly Invoice

Every month your invoice tells a story of your services and provides information for your service needs.

- On the Face page every month, we will inform you of Office Closures and any new information on services offered.
- Customers have an option to have invoices emailed rather than a hard copy in the mail. Please call and ask if you are on the Paperless EBill list!
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The Adak School Native Youth Olympic Team at the 2019 games. The 2020 games have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 quarantine.

Keep practicing and see you in 2021!