



DONLIN GOLD

SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM DAN GRAHAM

Dear Donlin Gold Family and Friends:

With summer in full swing, we reflect on the great work we've accomplished together this year — and what stands out to us is *community*. We are profoundly grateful to be part of Alaska's community. This is a place where hardship draws people together, stronger than before. It's a place where our neighbors are not strangers, but friends. This mindset has driven many of our initiatives this year.

In early February, we opened the Donlin Camp and initiated our 2023 field program, including the groundwater and soil studies needed to continue to advance mine engineering design and permitting. We also continued work on the restoration and enhancement of aquatic habitat at Snow Gulch, a tributary of Donlin Creek and Crooked Creek. This year, we were able to complete the expansion of a small pond, a result from historic placer mining, into a large pond which we hope will contribute greatly to the Crooked Creek aquatic habitat in the coming years.

Following our motto, "every person going home safe and healthy every day," community means looking out for the safety of our neighbors as well. When it came time to help Crooked Creek recover from flood damage due to ice jams on the Kuskokwim River, our team and other neighbors stepped up to deliver emergency supplies. You'll read more about our efforts in this newsletter.

For our annual Summer Safety Program, we distributed flotation vests to our partners to refresh community vest-loaner boards along the Kuskokwim River. This year, we also distributed flotation vests to other safety-minded partners to provide for Yukon-Kuskokwim region communities. Earlier this year, we donated helmets to youth in McGrath and villages along the Kuskokwim River, in partnership with the Iron Dog and Alaska Safe Riders Program. Every year during the Iron Dog snowmachine race, this program provides youth with safety equipment they otherwise wouldn't have access to. This year, we distributed to McGrath and villages along the Kuskokwim.

The Subsistence Community Advisory Committee held its introductory meeting in Aniak in May. The committee was created by the Donlin Advisory Technical Review Oversight Committee to discuss questions, concerns and ideas with Yukon-Kuskokwim region residents.

Part of being a good neighbor is taking care of the land on which we all live and have been invited to operate. With community partners, we help remove litter across Y-K communities in the spring and summer through community-led programs like Clean Up, Green Up. As another long-standing annual practice, we are once again participating in the Backhaul Project to remove appliances and electronic waste to help keep village land safe and clean. This is the first year the project will be conducted on both the Yukon and the Kuskokwim rivers. We look forward to being a part of both projects again this summer.

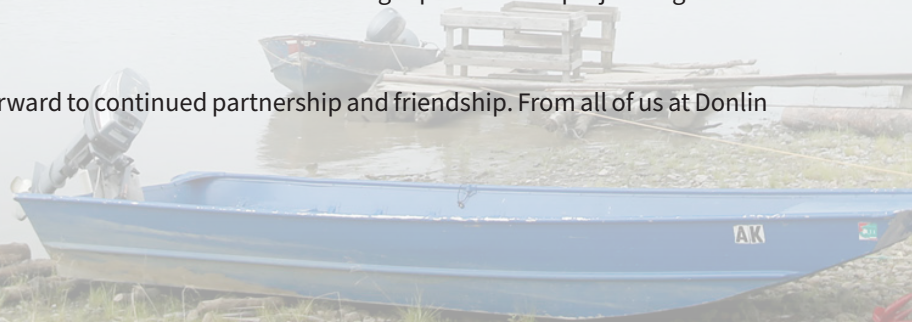
In all that we do together as a community, we look forward to continued partnership and friendship. From all of us at Donlin Gold, we wish you a safe and happy summer.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dan Graham".

Dan Graham
General Manager



COMMUNITY SHINES THROUGH DISASTER

DONLIN GOLD AIDS IN CROOKED CREEK FLOOD RECOVERY

The safety of our community has always been of paramount importance. When ice jams flooded Crooked Creek in mid-May, we sprung into action to help our neighbors and provide as much relief as possible.

The flood caused damage to critical structures, including the hospital and school, and displaced homes. People ended up flooded out of shelter and some even trapped, cut off from the rest of the village by ice. Water contamination and power outage led to the loss of stored traditional food. The community store was also inundated with water, leaving Crooked Creek in urgent need of food, clean water, fuel and generators.

Along with state assistance, Donlin Gold and other organizations with crews based nearby jumped into action. We worked with the American Red Cross to shelter and feed those impacted by flooding. With the runway partially submerged, our helicopter especially came in handy. Our employees unloaded food, bottled water, communication equipment and shelter supplies. We also helped get the word out about The Kuskokwim Corporation's food drive to help replenish the traditional foods that were lost.

When disaster strikes, we are reminded that Alaskans are resilient, strong and take care of each other. Thank you to all who have helped, from delivering food, dry goods and bedding, to the pilots who transported goods and supplies, to those who loaded and unloaded supplies between flights.

The health and safety of our Y-K community is our top priority — and we are incredibly proud to be part of it. We are continuing our relief efforts and will share updates and other ways the community can help on our social media pages.



DONLIN GOLD DEFIES THE MINING INDUSTRY GENDER GAP

MEET THE WOMEN WHO SHINE AT DONLIN GOLD

Women make up 25% of the Donlin Gold team, which is just over twice the global average in the mining and metals industry at 12%. The gender gap has existed for ages, and has only decreased by fractions in recent years.

We pride ourselves in empowering women and providing equity in a traditionally male-dominated field. A hybrid work schedule, a strong female presence in leadership roles and inclusive job postings are just a few ways in which we support female hires.

The numbers and voices of women at Donlin Gold speak to why they work here.

“Safety continues to be a focus for Donlin Gold and I’m honored to work with a team that prioritizes making sure things are done right,” Community Liaison Cheryl Peteroff said.

We are proud of all the women on our team and are so fortunate to have them. Meet just a few of the women who shine at Donlin Gold:



Cheryl Peteroff

Administrative Assistant

Cheryl hails from Marshall, Alaska, and joined the team in 2022. She manages all personnel traffic in and out of camp.



Lily Norwood

*Exploration Geologist
2023 Season*

Lily has been with our team since 2021, logging core and rock chips on site and assisting with geological data interpretation. She is from Fairbanks, Alaska.



Mackenzie Smith

Environmental Technician

Mackenzie joined Donlin Gold as an administrative assistant in 2022. After leaving to count fish in Napaskiak, she returned as an environmental technician and works both in Anchorage and on site.



Betty Twitchell

Warehouse Technician

Betty began as a Donlin Gold intern in 2022. She's now a warehouse technician, but she steps up to help wherever she is needed: installing drainage diversion ditches, fueling and driving the water truck for summer dust control to name a few examples. Her father, Danny Twitchell, is also part of the Donlin Gold family!



Catherine Kim

Lead Geologist

Catherine began as an exploration geologist in 2021 before becoming the lead geologist in 2022. Based in Colorado, she manages the collection of geologic data on site, sample processing and drilling activities.



Emily Hauser

Exploration Geologist

2023 Season

Emily, from Wisconsin, first joined Donlin Gold in 2006. As an exploration geologist, she logs core and chips on site and assists with geological data interpretation.

DONLIN SPONSORED PROGRAM CONNECTS ELDERLY AND YOUTH

Donlin Gold has proudly supported RurAL CAP's Elder Mentor program since 2015. The program connects Elders in remote communities with youth to help promote cultural preservation along with teaching kids life lessons in school. RurAL CAP CEO Tiel Smith said sponsors like Donlin Gold have helped maintain the program, despite fluctuations in federal and state funding.

"There was a time when big development put tremendous dollars into (the mentor program) and there were a whole lot more participants," said Smith. "Today, it's critical that this (program) is maintained through a relationship and with wisdom and Donlin has helped us do that for many years and that is a very, very important thing."

Elder mentors Helen Ivan from Akiak and Marie Andrew (who prefers her Yup'ik name Akall) from Napaskiak say the program has helped them share wisdom from their ancestors with the next generation.

Ivan has been working with students in the Head Start elementary and high school programs. "(We) talk with them about their way of life, how to get their education, that it's important," Ivan said.

Akall assists at the high school when teachers call. "Ever since I became this Elder mentor, it's really something that people look at you like you're a very important person, you get more respect from the community," Akall said.

One of the lessons both Ivan and Akall want to instill in the students is the way information is passed from generation to generation.

"Whenever the Elders talk to us, they used to explain like, 'you do this, this has this consequence, you do that, this has lots of consequences,'" Akall said. "That was basically what they used to teach us."

Donlin Gold looks forward to continuing to connect more Y-K region elders with youth in schools in the future.

SAFETY MOMENT: SUMMER WATER SAFETY



Warmer weather has finally arrived for the summer, as has the excitement of taking that first boat ride. At both home and work, our motto at Donlin Gold is that "every person goes home safe and healthy every day."

To help sustain our mission, we provide an annual replenishment of personal flotation devices to community loaner boards every spring. This year, we expanded our distribution to a few of our partners whose summer safety initiatives will operate in Yukon-Kuskokwim communities. Among those partners are Girl Scouts of Alaska, CampFire Alaska, Bethel Search & Rescue and The Kuskokwim Corporation.

We wish everyone a safe summer and boating season; please remember to use a personal flotation device while out on the water.

SALMONBERRY DELIGHT

SHARED BY COLLEEN LARAUX, COMMUNITY RELATIONS COORDINATOR

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup walnuts or pecans, chopped
- 8-ounce package cream cheese (room temperature)
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- Two 8-ounce containers Cool Whip
- 1 cup sugar
- 4 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons dry raspberry, orange or strawberry Jell-O
- 1 quart fresh or frozen salmonberries

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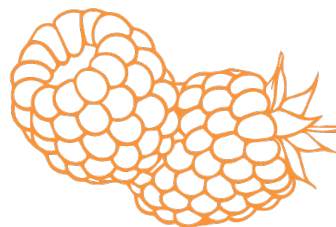
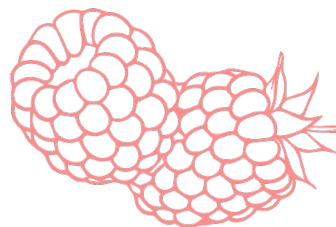
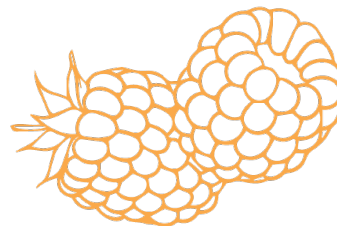
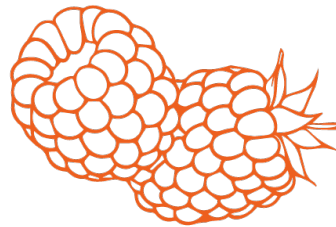
Mix flour and butter or margarine together until crumbly. Add 1 cup walnuts or pecans, chopped, and continue mixing until creamy. Pat into 9x13 inch pan. Bake at 350° F for 10-12 minutes. Chill to prevent melting cream cheese layer.

CREAM CHEESE LAYER

Whip room-temperature cream cheese with powdered sugar. Fold in one 8-ounce container Cool Whip dessert topping. Place on cooled cookie layer in dabs, then spread carefully to level. Chill about 1 hour.

BERRY LAYER

Blend sugar with cornstarch in saucepan. Add 1 cup water. Boil over medium heat until thick and clear, stirring constantly. Add dry Jell-O and stir until completely dissolved. Add fresh or frozen salmonberries then remove from heat. Chill berry mixture for about an hour to prevent melting the cheese layer. Once cooled, spread berry layer over cream cheese layer. Chill well then top with another 8 ounces of Cool Whip.





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