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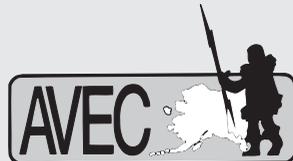
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Communities Served

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| Alakanuk | New Stuyahok |
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| Emmonak | Quinhagak |
| Gambell | Russian Mission |
| Goodnews Bay | St. Mary's |
| Grayling | St. Michael |
| Holy Cross | Savoonga |
| Hooper Bay | Scammon Bay |
| Huslia | Selawik |
| Kaltag | Shageluk |
| Kasigluk | Shaktoolik |
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| Kivalina | Shungnak |
| Kotlik | Stebbins |
| Koyuk | Teller |
| Lower Kalskag | Togiak |
| Marshall | Toksook Bay |
| Mekoryuk | Tununak |
| Minto | Upper Kalskag |
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Spring is a Busy Time for AVEC

After one of the worst storms in the history of western Alaska, followed by one of the coldest and snowiest winters in recent times, we are now going through spring break-up and keeping our fingers crossed that our villages do not suffer any damage and our members are safe from the waters.

Next month's issue of Ruralite will carry photographs and a story about the blessing of the new AVEC tugs and barges in Dillingham. Here is what Chairman Charlie Curtis had to say:

"As a nonprofit electric cooperative established by its membership to provide energy service at the lowest practical cost, the AVEC board felt very strongly that bringing competition to the fuel market through these state-of-the-art vessels was a step in the right direction. Scarcely 18 months later, these vessels are actualizing our vision."

You will see our boats—the *M/V Naniq*, the *M/V Cavek* and the barges AVEC-208 and AVEC-183—in most of our communities this year. You also will meet our contractor, Vitus Marine LLC, for the first time. Most of our fuel will be delivered by them, although they will subcontract with Crowley Marine and Delta Western to complete deliveries to some of our communities.

Another spring event many of our members don't looked forward to is the onslaught of the collections season, which began in May. I am pleased to report the number of delinquent notices we issued this year is far less than in recent years. The reason, of course, is because we no longer send collectors to the villages once a year as in the past. In fact, we pursue delinquent collection from May through October.

A project many of you will see in your villages this year is the arrival of a device called The Energy Detective, or TED. Many of our villages authorized us to pursue modest energy-efficiency grants offered through the stimulus funding program a couple of years ago. These grants—typically \$30,000 to \$50,000 per community—are being used to purchase and install TEDs in consumers' homes.

The TED consists of a small transmitter installed in the consumer's electrical panel and an electronic box inside the home that displays exactly how much power is being used at that time. You can see the effect of turning an appliance on and off and how much that appliance costs you per hour or per month. This allows you to take control of your electricity usage and hopefully to lower your consumption. I want to assure you the TED does not transmit any information to anyone other than yourself. Your electric consumption is nobody's business but yours. The TED cannot be accessed by anyone outside your home.

I wish you a very successful summer with a bountiful harvest of all that Alaska has to offer! Until next time,

Meera Kohler
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