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‘Being back home is just great’

Joseph Tagaban makes surprise return to Petersburg

By CHRIS BASINGER
Pilot writer

The last year has been filled with many trials for Joseph Tagaban, but with each step he is proving that he has the courage to keep marching on.

“Overall, feeling really good,” Joseph said while resting in the comfort of his own home on Monday.

“I have weekly labs, like with the doctor, and then we're also meeting with the doctor every week or so discussing about how I'm doing, you know, updates and then any changes to medications like that, but overall, I'm feeling really great.”

After spending his entire sophomore year of high school in Seattle battling acute myeloid leukemia, which he was first diagnosed with in 2021, along with a multitude of other health challenges, Joseph is now spending some much needed time back in Petersburg.

“It's also just a great feeling just to be in your own bed and room, you know, just the atmosphere of being back home is just great, so yeah, I just enjoy being back home a lot and I miss it a lot,” Joseph said.

Though he was finally able to return home last month, it was a long road to get to that point.

The summer of 2022 started on a high note for him.

His cancer was believed to be in remission and he had just embarked on the trip of a lifetime—flying to California to meet Golden State Warriors shooting guard Klay Thompson, made possible by the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

After spending a day shooting hoops and getting ice cream with the five-time NBA All-Star, Joseph went back to Seattle for a checkup where it was discovered that his leukemia had relapsed.

He started another round of chemotherapy at the Seattle Children’s Hospital, but there were complica-tions that resulted in him suffering a brain injury in August.

Joseph spent the next month in the ICU recovering from the hemorrhage, which affected his short-term memory, his vision, and his ability to walk.

“At first it was so hard because he doesn't know, he just wanted to do things like he used to do,” his mother Je Tagaban said about his initial struggles with memory.

At one point, Je found him on the floor in the hospital, so she decided to stay in the room the whole time he was there, and would sleep on the recliner.

Once he had recovered, Joseph began rehab to get him up and walking again.

“They did really good with the rehab,” Je said, adding that the doctors were “pretty amazed” with Jo-seph’s progress and he was able to move on to his next stage of treatment—a bone marrow transplant—earlier than they originally expected.

The ideal match found for Joseph was a cord blood donation from Singapore and the transplant was completed in December of last year.

“He tolerated the transplant really well but then we had a very late, scary surprise when he started desatting,” Je

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Photo courtesy of Ed Tagaban

The Tagabans enjoying time in Petersburg as a family. From left: Ed, Joseph, Je, and Jacob Tagaban.

Photo courtesy of the US Coast Guard

USCGC Pike responds

Coast Guard Cutter Pike takes the Wilderness Discoverer in tow and maneuvers it safely away from the rocky shore to await a salvage tug. Read more on page 5.

School receives $3 million in final borough budget

By CHRIS BASINGER
Pilot writer

The Petersburg Borough Assembly unanimously passed the borough’s budget for the next year in its final reading during Monday’s meeting.

The final version of the FY24 budget fulfills the Petersburg School District’s request to increase local funding to $3 million, up $1 million from last year.

The district has been advocating for a bump in funding at the local level and from the state as it faces inflation, higher utility costs, and the implementation of the Alaska Reads Act next school year.

“I am very appreciative of the Borough Assembly’s support of the district’s request,” Superintendent Erica Kludt-Painter wrote.

“It is critical that we make this investment in our students and our schools.”

The Petersburg School District Board will hold its final meeting of the school year next Tuesday where it will vote on the district’s budget for the next year.

The general fund revenues and expenditures in the borough’s budget equal $12,302,722—almost a 15% increase from last year’s adopted budget.

The rise in overall spending has been assisted by higher sales tax revenues, which the borough estimates to be about $4.16 million in FY24 up from the $3.37 million projected in the FY23 budget.

The borough is also covering the increase in school funding by taking $1.1 million out of their Secure Rural Schools fund balance this year, as opposed to their regular draw of about $600,000 annually.

The assembly unanimously added one amendment during the meeting, which increased the amount for property insurance in the FY24 budget to $48,800 at the request of Finance Director Jody Tow.

Tow stated that property insurance went up by around 30% but they only budgeted for 10% and Borough Manager Steve Giesbrecht added that they estimated the increase in the original proposed budget before the insurance numbers were finalized.

Other amendments made to the budget in previous readings include a raise in the appropriation to Mountain View food services to $42,800 using general fund reserves, allowing the use of $40,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds for a grant writer for the acquisition of the Papke’s Landing marine facility, and allocating $12,000 from general fund reserves to continue plowing Papke’s Landing side roads.

According to Tow, the full FY24 budget document will be posted publicly on the borough’s website this week.

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Joseph back home

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said.

"His oxygen started to drop and so they did some scans and found out that he had the rarest complica-tion of the transplant."

Doctors determined that Joseph had suffered a diffuse alveolar hemorrhage (DAH) in his lungs, which has a high mortality rate.

"We just fought with it and yeah, that was scary, and then he was able to survive that, but it was hard and so that puts him in a very high dose of steroids," Je said.

That extended his stay in the hospital and he later had another nodule appear in his lungs that kept him longer.

Feeling like they were facing a mountain of issues, his father Ed Tagaban said all they could do was "think positive and tackle each one, one by one…to get through it and look at the end game and keep heading for that goal—getting healed up and out of there."

While recovering, Joseph was able to spend his days in one-on-one classes with teachers from the hos-pital and talk to friends over the phone or in voice chats while playing video games.

He also read encouraging messages of support that he received though the Joseph Strong Facebook page, which has chronicled his health journey.

"It was a long process but positive, you know, a lot of prayers, a lot of positive thoughts, and a lot of love and laughing," Ed said.

Joseph even got a message from his old pal Klay Thompson around the start of the NBA season.

"Everyone likes to know how I'm doing and, you know, I can't be thankful to the community enough for their amount of support," Joseph said.

He got to repay some of that joy by making his return to Petersburg during the Little Norway Festi-val last month as a surprise entrant in the parade, waving to the crowd along with his family in the back of a truck adorned with Joseph Strong signs.

"We didn't really tell anyone," Joseph said.

"No one knew a thing and so when I was in the parade like it was a complete surprise to everyone."

The students and staff of Petersburg High School also welcomed Joseph home with an assembly in the auditorium.

"It was surreal to me. It was pretty cool to see all my friends in one spot," Joseph said.

"Everyone wearing their shirts, wearing Joseph Strong, was especially something that was great."

Though he is back home, he is still taking precautions to stay healthy during his recovery including masking and limiting his exposure to others as his immune system regains its strength.

Je said that he will not be able to go back to school until one year after his transplant.

For the moment, Joseph is continuing his physical therapy in Petersburg.

Walking has been a challenge, but the Tagabans have posted videos of the strides Joseph has made on the Joseph Strong page in recent weeks—even one of him putting up a few basketball shots in the driveway.

He is also experiencing double vision and is wearing an eye patch on his glasses, switching what eye it is covering periodically, to help retrain his eyes.

At the end of June, Joseph will have to go back down to Seattle to do more tests to see how he is re-covering from the bone marrow transplant and to determine what is next for his recovery.

"It seems like a long ways but taking it in small bites and you'll get through it," Ed said.

"If I had to tell anybody anything, it's patience. Just stick together and get through it."

Yesterday's News

News from 25-50-75-100 years ago

June 8, 1923 – Work will be started this week by the Forest Service on the construction of a trail up Petersburg Creek from tide water to lake. This trail will be between five and seven miles in length and will make easy access of one of the better known fishing streams in Southeastern Alaska.

June 4, 1948 – The halibut boat *Cascade,* skippered by Albert Strom, recently caught a record sebastodes huberrimus (red snapper to us) and has turned it over to the laboratory in Ketchikan. The fish was caught between Warren and Coronations islands on the west coast at a depth of about 600 feet. The big fish, cleaned and with the gills removed, weighs 43 pounds, is 46 inches long overall, and boasts a girth of 34 inches.

June 7, 1973 – For the fifth year in a row, Senator Ted Stevens will bring a number of young Alaskans to work in his Washington office for the summer. Seven recent high school graduates from all over the state will travel to Washington for each of two five week periods, the first beginning June 1. Two Petersburg graduates, Nancy Severson and Tamara Taylor, will participate in the program Stevens says is valuable for both the young people and the state of Alaska. "These young people get a chance to participate first hand in our American governmental structure – and the state has some bright new young people working for it in the nation's capital."

June 4, 1998 – The nearby LaConte Glacier has made one of the biggest retreats on record over the past year, according to retired high school teacher Paul Bowen who surveyed the glacier last month with a team of Petersburg High School students. Just in the past year, the terminus of the glacier has fallen back some 3,003 feet along its previous center line. In May 1991 the glacier made its farthest advance, but since then has lost over 6,000 feet. "Half of that [loss] was done this last year," said Bowen, who has been surveying the glacier since 1983. Bowen, high school teacher Victor Trautman, and six high school students made the trip this year. The latest action of the glacier – which up until last year seemed to be experiencing only seasonal fluctuations – has made Bowen take notice. "If it's not the fastest retreating tidewater glacier, it's one of them," Bowen said. The reason for the retreat is unknown, but Bowen said "the suspicion is getting stronger and stronger that it's due to climate change." Certainly less snow is changing into ice and feeding the glacier, causing its retreat and filling LaConte Bay with icebergs. A retreat occurs when the calving of the glacier, or breaking off of icebergs at the terminus, happens faster than ice flows to the terminus. The glacier continues to draw interest from university researchers and this year a television film crew from Juneau joined the survey team for the trip.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip
May 31	49	42	0.16
Jun 01	51	42	0.43
Jun 02	54	45	0.55
Jun 03	59	45	0.18
Jun 04	49	45	1.17
Jun 05	56	43	0.01
Jun 06	53	43	T

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Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Jun 08	3:59a	9:40p	17:41hrs
Jun 09	3:58a	9:41p	17:43hrs
Jun 10	3:58a	9:42p	17:44hrs
Jun 11	3:57a	9:43p	17:46hrs
Jun 12	3:57a	9:44p	17:47hrs
Jun 13	3:56a	9:45p	17:49hrs
Jun 14	3:56a	9:46p	17:50hrs

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FRIDAY, JUN 9

Tai Chi: 7:00am, Mountain View Manor
Al-Anon Support Group: 12:00pm, Episcopal Church
Bingo Night: 6:00pm, Sons of Norway Hall
AA Candelight Meeting: 7:00pm, Episcopal Church

SATURDAY, JUN 10

Petersburg Market: 11:00am, Inga's Galley
Free Crafting Day: 12:00pm, Salvation Army Church
Free Soup and Bread Meal: 12:00 pm, St. Catherine's Catholic Church

MONDAY, JUN 12

Burger Night: 5:30 pm, Moose Lodge
Open Gym: 6:00pm, Parks & Rec
AA Women's Meeting: 7:00 pm, Presbyterian Church
Volleyball: 7:30pm, Parks & Rec

TUESDAY, JUN 13

Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting: 12:00pm, Assembly Chambers
School Board Meeting: 6:00pm, PHS Library
Family Game Night: 6:30pm, Parks & Rec
AA 12x12 Meeting: 7:00 pm, Holy Cross Classroom

WEDNESDAY, JUN 14

PSG Rotary Lunch and Fellowship: 12:00pm, Salvation Army Hall
Volleyball: 6:00pm, Parks & Rec
Free Supper: 6:00 pm, First Baptist Church

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Sun	06/25	Columbia	08:30 P.M.	Wed	06/28	Columbia	06:15 A.M.
Sun	07/02	Columbia	05:45 P.M.	Wed	07/05	Columbia	02:15 A.M.
Sun	07/09	Columbia	08:30 P.M.	Wed	07/12	Columbia	06:30 A.M.

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Petersburg Tide Table

JUNE 2023

	High Tides A.M. Time	Ft.	High Tides P.M. Time	Ft.	Low Tides A.M. Time	Ft.	Low Tides P.M. Time	Ft.
08 Thu	4:35	16.8	**5:57**	**14.3**	11:26	-1.9	**11:42**	**3.7**
09 Fri	5:34	15.5	**6:55**	**14.3**	.....	.....	**12:22**	**-0.9**
10 Sat	6:40	14.2	**7:55**	**14.5**	0:52	3.6	**1:21**	**0.1**
11 Sun	7:55	13.2	**8:54**	**14.9**	2:08	3.2	**2:22**	**1.1**
12 Mon	9:13	12.6	**9:50**	**15.5**	3:22	2.3	**3:24**	**1.9**
13 Tue	10:27	12.6	**10:41**	**16.1**	4:28	1.1	**4:23**	**2.6**
14 Wed	11:32	12.9	**11:28**	**16.5**	5:26	0.0	**5:18**	**3.0**

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Borough creates utility assistant director position ahead of department head's retirement

By CHRIS BASINGER
Pilot writer

The Petersburg Borough Assembly voted unanimously to create a new utility assistant director/project manager position during Monday's meeting.

The assistant director would work under the supervision of Utility Director Karl Hagerman who plans to retire in the next few years.

The addition of the position intends to mitigate the impact of Hagerman's retirement on the borough and ensure his successor has a smooth transition into the role.

Hagerman has worked for the borough for 31 years and became utility director, managing the Water, Wastewater, and Electric Departments, in 2018.

"When Karl retires, we will lose a tremendous amount of institutional knowledge, and this step will allow the Borough to capture some of this information," Borough Manager Steve Giesbrecht wrote in his request to create the position.

During the meeting, Hagerman said that managing capital projects and people is time intensive and he did not factor in the time it would take just to get the Blind Slough hydroelectric project alone going when he became utility director.

"I see this position as a good addition in that we can start to push the projects out that really need to get done and that I don't have the time to do," Hagerman said.

He later said, "I think that this position would help the borough overall get some things accomplished and of course Steve's goal is to bring somebody along that can step into my shoes when I do retire in a couple years or more."

Some assembly members questioned the need for the assistant director position and how long it would take for the borough to fill it.

Vice Mayor Bob Lynn said that they would be lucky if they found someone within the next 6-12 months and Giesbrecht added that there is a huge lead time and they have to start the search now if they want the position filled in a year.

Utility Director Karl Hagerman

Assembly Member Jeff Meucci also recalled the borough's struggles with finding a new Fire/EMS/SAR Director after Sandy Dixson's retirement and said the addition of the assistant director position would be a "good step."

The annual salary for the new position will be approximately $105,000 with the cost being split between utility departments.

After the assistant director transitions to utility director, the borough will eliminate the assistant director position, according to Giesbrecht.

He also said they would advertise the job both within the borough and externally and that the assembly will have final approval of the person hired.

APEI to conduct safety review of borough

By CHRIS BASINGER
Pilot writer

The Petersburg Borough Assembly voted unanimously during Monday's meeting to accept a proposal from Alaska Public Entity Insurance (APEI) to perform a review of the borough's hiring practices and safety programs.

APEI, which is also the borough's insurance carrier, will conduct the review free of charge and will report its findings back to the assembly in 60 days.

The move comes after community members pushed for a third-party investigation into the borough's policies in an effort to prevent another incident like the crash that claimed the lives of Marie Giesbrecht and Molly Parks on July 4, 2016.

Giesbrecht and Parks were passengers in a borough van transporting employees that crashed when its driver, William "Christopher" Allen, had a seizure and lost control of the vehicle.

Allen faced multiple charges after the crash with state prosecutors saying he had a well-documented history of seizures dating back to 2011, ignored warnings from doctors not to drive, and lied on his driver's license applications.

He was sentenced to 16 years in prison with nine years suspended after pleading guilty to one manslaughter charge.

RD and Madonna Parks, Molly's parents, said at the assembly meeting that they were encouraged to see the proposals and supported APEI's plan.

"We appreciate that the borough is taking this step. We cannot stress enough that safety should be the number one concern and responsibility of every borough employee," RD said.

"Creating a safety environment where there are clear plans, roles, and responsibilities in place will stop an utterly preventable tragedy such as July 4, 2016 from ever happening in the future."

At the assembly's direction, the borough solicited proposals for a review of safety programs and hiring policies in early May from APEI, Beacon Occupational Health and Safety Services, Inc. (Beacon), and The Safety Specialists (TSS).

According to a report from Borough Attorney Sara Heideman, TSS could not provide a proposal within the available time.

Beacon submitted three options for a review, ranging from a full on-site review of safety programs to a limited review of vehicle driving safety and heavy equipment operations with interviews happening through Zoom.

The cost estimate for Beacon's proposals was between $1,750 and $6,425 and they did not offer a review of the borough's hiring practices.

APEI proposal included a review of existing safety and training programs, hiring procedures, and accommodation requests and would not charge the borough for its services.

"APEI has expertise in assisting our membership in implementing best practices to reduce risk and prevent incidents in which employees or members of the public may be harmed," APEI Executive Director Barbara Thurston wrote.

"We regularly work with our members to review their practices and advise them on changes that they can make to reduce their exposure to risk. For this reason, we feel that our staff are able to complete this review objectively and provide constructive recommendations."

During the assembly's discussion, Vice Mayor Bob Lynn proposed two amendment's to APEI's review.

The first was approved unanimously and will allow any borough employee to contact the APEI representatives during the review to discuss ideas or concerns.

The second, which failed in a 3-4 vote with Mayor Mark Jensen and Assembly Members Thomas Fine-Walsh, Jeff Meucci, and Scott Newman opposed, would have made an assembly member responsible for oversight of the process.

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Opinion

To the Editor

Trail nix

To the Editor:

The site preparation work for the expansion of the Hammer & Wikan grocery store is eating the wildly popular crushed rock trail between the store and the U.S. Post Office. I hope the construction plans include replacing that trail.

Sam Bunge

Guest Editorial

Governor needs to think before he hires

By LARRY PERSILY
Wrangell Sentinel Publisher

People are growing increasingly cynical about government: How money is spent, how hiring decisions are made, and how it seems there are few consequences for actions that hurt the public.

Yet too many elected leaders continue making bad decisions that add to the cynicism.

Such as Gov. Mike Dunleavy appointing to the University of Alaska Board of Regents his former chief of staff whose poor judgment — and illegal actions, according to a judge — cost the state at least half-a-million dollars.

Tuckerman Babcock, a longtime political adviser to the governor, had orchestrated what amounted to a purge of state employees who declined to sign a loyalty pledge after Dunleavy took office in December 2018. A federal judge ruled that demanding resignation letters while at the same time asking 800 employees to sign a "statement of commitment" to the new administration to keep their job violated the workers' state and federal constitutional rights.

The cost to the state treasury of the illegal actions managed by Babcock is at half a million and growing — one case is still pending a damages award.

And yet, years later, Babcock cannot manage an apology for his illegal action or for sticking the state with the tab. "That's certainly something that is in the past," he told a reporter after his appointment to the university governing board.

No remorse, no accountability, no regrets for violating the law, and yet the governor believes this guy should make policy for the statewide university system, with thousands of employees and an annual budget of about $870 million in state and federal funds.

And in a bizarre personnel choice a month earlier, the governor's office promoted its staff photographer to a newly created position as pro-family policy adviser, at $110,000 a year. It appears no one bothered to check out the guy's podcasts or history of incendiary statements.

Jeremy Cubas in his podcasts — produced separate from his job while he was working for the state — defended some of Adolf Hitler's views and said people should "get violent" in response to aggressive transgender activists.

In a March podcast a month before he was promoted at the governor's office, Cubas talked of how society has exaggerated the seriousness of rape. "Rape, in the end, is pretty low on the totem pole of grave immoral actions," he said. "Because in the end, I mean, if you produce a child through rape, you've ontologically fulfilled the act to a pretty good capacity."

In an interview with a reporter on May 30, Cubas said, "an act like divorce is worse than rape." He also said it's not possible for a man to rape his wife: "When you signed the contract, you have already consented. You're consenting until the end of time, until you're dead."

In one of his podcasts, he said "sometimes a woman needs to be slapped," adding, "I don't think there's any sin there."

He repeatedly defended Adolf Hitler in his podcasts. "He wasn't just a lunatic who wanted to kill Jews. I think he was somebody who recognized the virtues of living homogeneously," Cubas said in January.

In the same episode, Cubas said Hitler targeted Jews not because of their race but because they were "homeless people just taking over the country."

Cubas told the reporter that he provided access to his social media accounts as part of the hiring process at the governor's office, and he assumes someone checked them. It sure looks like no one listened to the podcasts before promoting Cubas to a six-figure job.

He resigned after reporters asked the governor's office about the podcasts and hiring decision.

The governor can do better than Cubas and Babcock. Neither should be advising on anything at state expense.

Ritter's River

by Marc Lutz

Tundra

by Chad Carpenter

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Police report

May 31 – An officer conducted an extra patrol watch on Chief John Lott Street.

An officer investigated suspicious activity on Mitkof Highway and found all okay.

Petersburg Police Department (PPD) notified Power and Light (P&L) of a city wide power outage.

A fire alarm activated on North 1st Street due to the power outage – all was okay.

An officer assisted an individual on Lake Street.

An individual completed a sex offender registry.

An officer conducted a welfare check on an individual on Lake Street and found all okay.

An officer spoke with an individual on Chief John Lott Street about damage to their vehicle.

Lost property was reported to the PPD.

A person on West Lansing Street reported continued power issues. P&L was notified and responded.

An officer spoke with an individual on South Nordic Drive regarding a civil issue.

Property found on Birch Street was turned in to the PPD.

Kimberlee Cole was issued citations for speeding and an expired registration.

June 1 – PPD received a report of a deer running into a moving vehicle then departing the area.

PPD received a report of a deer struck by a vehicle and salvaged on Mitkof Highway.

An officer responded to a report of a disturbance on South 3rd Street.

An officer conducted a welfare check on an individual on Skylark Way and found all okay.

Jason Lapeyri reported to the PPD to serve time.

An officer assisted with a vehicle lockout on Lumber Street.

June 2 – PPD received a report of a vehicle abandoned on the reservoir road.

A possibly counterfeit bill was determined to be authentic.

PPD received a report of a reckless driver on South Nordic Drive.

Officers responded to a report of a disturbance on Valkyrie Street.

Officers conducted extra foot patrols downtown.

June 3 – An officer provided a courtesy transport on Fram Street.

PPD received a report of a deer struck by a vehicle and salvaged on Mitkof Highway.

An officer assisted with a vehicle lockout on Lake Street.

An officer assisted with a vehicle lockout on Aaslaug Street.

An officer provided an individual in need of medical assistance a courtesy transport from Harbor Way to the Petersburg Medical Center (PMC).

A driver at Libby Strait was issued a warning for headlight requirements.

Extra foot patrols were conducted downtown.

PPD received a report of a missing person from Sing Lee Alley. They were located shortly after.

June 4 – Extra foot patrols were conducted downtown.

Officers responded to a reported disturbance on Chief John Lott Street. Parties were separated.

An officer assisted with a vehicle lockout on Howkan Street.

Marc Martinsen was arrested for alleged failure to stop at the direction of a police officer and for alleged driving under the influence.

Property was reported stolen from South 5th Street.

Property found on 4th Street was turned in to the PPD.

June 5 – Officers assisted Emergency Medical Services (EMS) with a fall victim on Kiseno Street.

Extra foot patrols were conducted downtown.

Officers responded to a report of a reckless driver on Howkan Street, but were unable to locate.

A driver on Lumber Street was issued a warning for failure to stop at a stop sign.

William Hanahan was cited for dogs at large.

Dogs found running at large on Haugen Drive were later reunited with their owner.

PPD received a report of a runaway dog on 4.5 Street.

PPD received a report of a possibly intoxicated driver on Fram Street. An officer spoke with the driver, who showed no signs of impairment.

June 6 – An officer conducted a welfare check on an individual on North 13th Street and found all okay.

An officer spoke with an individual regarding a suspicious incident on 3rd Street.

Dispatch contacted a third party to assist a caller on Sandy Beach Road with a mobility issue.

PPD received a report of a deer struck by a vehicle and salvaged on Mitkof Highway.

A driver on Ira II Street was issued a warning for failure to display registration.

Dozens evacuated from small cruise ship in Glacier Bay after engine room fire

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JUNEAU — A fire in the engine room of a small cruise ship in Alaska's Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve prompted the evacuation of dozens of passengers and crew on Monday. No injuries were reported, and the fire was extinguished, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

The fire on board the Wilderness Discoverer was reported to the Coast Guard around 7:30 a.m. UnCruise Adventures, which operates the ship, said 78 passengers and crew members were on board at the time.

All 51 passengers and most crew members were removed from the ship and placed on another cruise ship in the area, the Coast Guard said. Eleven crew members remained with the Wilderness Discoverer.

Petersburg-based US Coast Guard Cutter Pike responded to disabled vessel which was adrift in Glacier Bay. The cutter took the cruise ship in tow and maneuvered it away from the rocky shore to await arrival of the salvage tug Taku Wind which took the Wilderness Discover to Ketchikan for repairs.

UnCruise Adventures said the cause of the fire was under investigation. The company said it would provide full refunds to affected passengers.

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Gregg Kowalski retires from Stedman Elementary

By LIAM DEMKO
Pilot writer

After 22 years of teaching at Stedman Elementary School, Gregg Kowalski is heading into a whole new world of learning—retirement.

Kowalski could be found packing up his classroom last Monday morning, taking down inflatable planets and Tibetan prayer flags, moving well-used couches to other classrooms, and organizing shelves full of books that he will leave for the teacher taking his place next year.

"It feels surreal. It's almost like I have to invent myself again, like being born again, because there's so many possibilities that it's kind of intimidating," Kowalski said.

"It'll be a process, but it'll be a creative process. I'm looking forward to it."

Kowalski has seen the education landscape transform over his lifetime.

He grew up in southwest Denver, Colorado and was finishing elementary school at the same time that desegregation busing was being introduced in schools in the United States.

He was bused to the other side of town for his fifth-grade year, and in junior high it was just the opposite, with about 12 school buses of kids being bused to his own neighborhood school.

"It was a very good lesson in, you know, accepting everybody," said Kowalski.

Afterwards, he spent a year at his local high school before transferring to St. Paul Academy, a prep school in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he trained as a hockey player.

After graduating from the University of Colorado with a degree in marketing, he became a commercial fisherman and worked with his bother for five years in Alaska, which is where he also eventually met his wife, Kate.

He then chose to start fresh and began attending the University of Alaska Anchorage to pursue a career in elementary education.

"I thought, I love kids, and I love dogs, and there's not a whole lot of money teaching dogs," Kowalski joked.

After teaching for three years in Anchorage, he moved to Petersburg where he has remained for the last 22 years.

In all his years teaching, Kowalski said the technology used in the classroom was the biggest change he has witnessed.

"Mr. Painter has done a phenomenal job keeping up with technology, and that's why we win awards all the time," he said.

Kowalski was honest about his struggles with adapting to these new tools, but despite how the world of education changed around him, Kowalski remained steadfast with the values he taught to his students.

"Respect, effort, attitude, courage, and honesty...it spells reach, like you're reaching out to accomplish something."

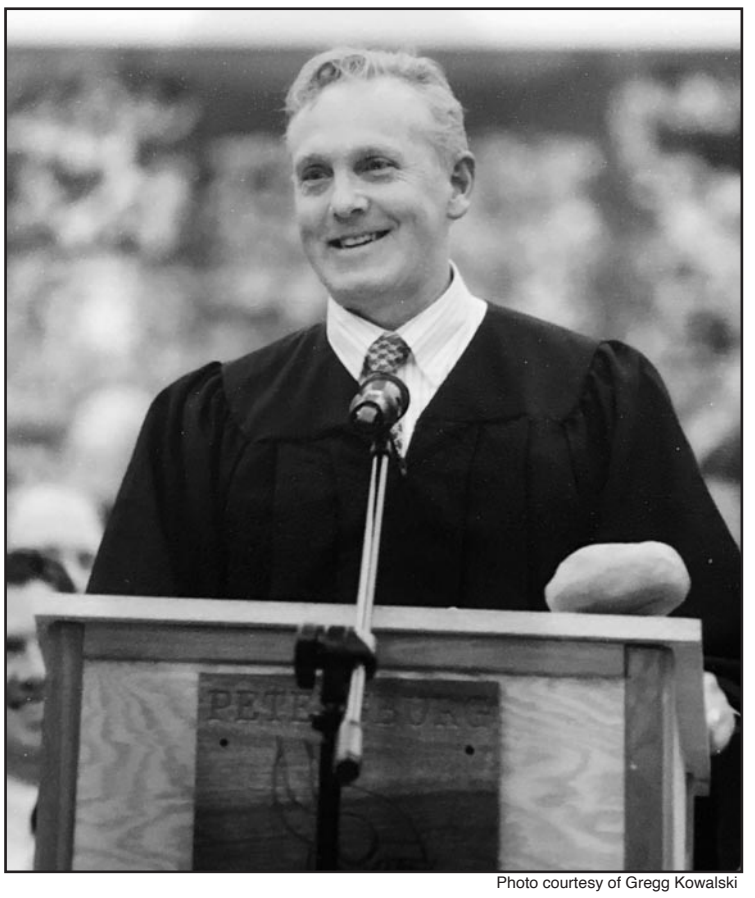

Photo courtesy of Gregg Kowalski

Gregg Kowalski addresses the Class of 2018 at their graduation ceremony.

Kowalski taught this same code of conduct for 23 years, always keeping it as a recurring theme in his curriculum along with other principles like team building and cooperation.

"It works. It works for me, it works for my style. It gives these kids independence," he said.

Heading into retirement, Kowalski has a lot to be excited for.

He hopes he will have more chances to get out of town with his wife, visit family, and travel, with Greece as a destination in mind.

Kowalski still plans to stay connected with the school district, saying that he would love to work on developing the track into a great athletic field.

"I love what I do, and I was fortunate to find that a little later in life," Kowalski said.

"Being a teacher is one of the most satisfying, fulfilling jobs there ever is, especially when you could see the immediate development of these kids in the classroom by learning a new concept. But then, recently I've had students of mine that have gone through college and got into the professional world, and then came back and thanked me for being their teacher. So that is like, Oh boy. It's very emotional."

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Petersburg baseball finishes sixth in state tournament

By CHRIS BASINGER
Pilot writer

The Petersburg High School baseball team toughed it out through three games at the ASAA Division II State Tournament in Wasilla last week, but ultimately fell short of a return to the championship game.

"We didn't reach our goal of what we set out for at the beginning of the season but, you know, we just had to refocus our goal each day and the guys rallied after losing the quarterfinal game," Head Coach Jim Engell said.

The Vikings dropped into the back side of the bracket after a 1-5 loss to Kodiak in their first game of the tournament.

Both teams played tight games, but Petersburg's five costly errors allowed the Bears to gradually build up their lead.

The Vikings' lone run came in the fourth inning when Owen Anderson hit a double to bring Jack Engell home.

Engell started the game on the mound and struck out seven batters while giving up five hits and one earned run.

"He's been dominant," Coach Engell said of his son, who ended his senior season with 44 strikeouts and a 2.68 ERA.

Friday's game against Monroe Catholic was win or go home, and the Vikings came out on top 12-4 to keep their season alive.

"I felt that the team really, really did a good job of just staying focused in spite of not winning that quarterfinal game," Coach Engell said.

"It could have gone a different direction and they could have just checked out but instead they really focused and I was real proud of them for that Monroe Catholic game, getting us a Saturday game."

Petersburg blew the game wide open in the third inning, scoring five runs, and added three more in the fourth.

The Rams started scoring late in the game but by then the deficit was too much to overcome.

Starting pitcher Kieran Cabral had a "lights out" performance, getting eight strikeouts over seven innings while only giving up two earned runs.

Angus Olsen scored two runs and hit two triples with Coach Engell saying it was "fun to see that out of a sophomore. He had just a great game defensively for us as well."

Kyle Biggers put up two runs and three hits while Andrew Cole and Hunter Conn both got two RBIs.

The win took the Vikings to the fourth/sixth place game, where they lost to regular season opponents Palmer 7-15.

The Moose showed their strength in the first inning, scoring seven runs including a grand slam from their freshman pitcher Reed Craner.

Petersburg managed to chalk up four runs over the first two innings, but Palmer stayed hot on offense and held the lead through the final out.

Conn pitched the first 0.2 innings and gave up six earned runs, while Biggers pitched 4.1 innings in relief and gave up nine earned runs.

In their final high school baseball game, four seniors got hits.

Engell went 3-3 including a solo home run and got three RBIs, Biggers put up a run and two hits, Cole got one hit and one RBI, and Anderson got a hit.

With the loss, the Vikings placed sixth at the tournament and finished the season 4-16-1.

Soldotna won the state title for the second year in a row after beating Kenai Central in the championship 14-3.

Cabral and Engell were named to the all-state tournament team—Cabral for the first time and Engell for the second time.

"Kieran Cabral was good for the whole tournament…so it was nice to see him kind of really get his bat going," Coach Engell said.

The pair were also named to the all-conference team.

"It was a good season, we won more games than we've ever won before since we've gone to a varsity schedule. The guys just battled all year long," Coach Engell said.

The team will lose five graduating seniors—Anderson, Biggers, Cole, Engell, and Devon Guthrie.

Engell will play baseball at Wenatchee Valley College and Biggers will play basketball at Whatcom Community College next year.

"We're losing some key players, but that's the way it is every single year in high school," Coach Engell said.

"You always know you're gonna lose some players and you're gonna have to have new players step up and we're gonna be a different team next year."

Fishers harvesting abundant Bristol Bay sockeye could fill knowledge gaps about declining Chinook

By YERETH ROSEN
Alaska Beacon

In the Bristol Bay region, sockeye salmon runs have been booming while Chinook runs have dwindled. Now scientists are seeking to enlist fishing crews in the effort to find out why, as well as what can be done about the Chinook troubles.

A community-focused program called Skipper Science is asking for Bristol Bay fishermen working on the salmon-rich Nushagak River to record the prevalence, locations and conditions of Chinook salmon they encounter – and the places where they are not found.

The Nushagak project is a partnership between Skipper Science, the Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association and the University of Washington's Alaska Salmon Program. As with other Skipper Science projects, the Nushagak Chinook mapping project involves a computer app through which fishing crew members can record observations by cellphone.

For Bristol Bay fishermen, the Chinook question is a matter of some urgency, even though they concentrate on sockeye. The dire condition of Chinook salmon, also called king salmon, could restrict harvests of Nushagak sockeyes, even though the latter are plentiful.

After analyzing the situation, which includes lost opportunities for harvests of plentiful sockeye, the Alaska Board of Fisheries in March approved a rule that establishes Chinook-protecting prerequisites for opening of any salmon fishing in the river.

"There's a lot at stake here in terms of the sockeye resource and what impact kings might have on it," said Andy Wink, executive director of the Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association.

Aside from potentially lost economic opportunities worth millions of dollars, there is a possibility of over-escapement of sockeye, meaning too many fish crowding the spawning grounds, he said.

Chinook salmon have been on decline throughout their range, and there are some theories about why that is so.

Some experts believe there are widespread problems in the ocean. "The ocean is a big place, and a lot of things can happen there," Wink said.

He believes that one contributor is an increase in salmon-eating marine mammals, particularly orcas, which he said have moved northward in large numbers. "Sea lions and orcas in particular eat a lot of king salmon," he said.

Climate change in the ocean could be having myriad effects, scientists say, including a speed-up of Chinook metabolism that makes the fish mature earlier and return to spawning rivers in smaller size. University of Washington scientists have documented smaller Chinook salmon through their range.

Warming of upriver areas could also have an effect. For example, there has been an uptick in the Yukon River of Ichthyophonus, a parasite that with infection rates in fish that are more prevalent in higher water temperatures. There has also been documentation of heat stress among salmon in the upper Yukon River and elsewhere. Biologists from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Geological Survey and other agencies and organizations have been studying those and other potential salmon problems.

Skipper Science is a relatively new program, but it builds on some long traditions of direct observation by those closest to nature.

The program was established in 2021 as an outgrowth of the Indigenous Sentinels Network, based in the Bering Sea island community of St. Paul. There are now numerous communities, fishing organizations and state and federal agencies that are partners in the Skipper Science program.

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State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources
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Preliminary Written Finding under AS 38.05.035(e) and AS 38.05.945

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Fire Protection, gives formal notice under AS 38.05.945 that the Division has made a preliminary decision under AS 38.05.035(e) and proposes to adopt a site-specific Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) under AS 38.05.112 and the administrative standards of AS 41.17.060 regarding the sale of the following commercial timber sale: Kaikli Cove Timber Sale (SSE-1381-K).

Before this sale may be held, the Commissioner will make a written final decision that the sale is in the best interest of the State. This decision will set out the facts and applicable policies upon which the Commissioner bases his determination that the proposed timber sale will or will not best serve the interest of the State. The final decision is expected to be available to the public after July 4, 2023.

The draft Forest Land Use Plan is intended to provide the best available information regarding the proposed timber harvest on 49 acres and the management of other non-timber uses in compliance with AS 38.05.112 and AS 41.17.060, and must be adopted by the DOF before the proposed activity can occur. The Forest Land Use Plan is expected to be available to the public with or after the issuance of the final decision on July 4, 2023.

The area of the sale is proximate to the community of Naukati on Prince of Wales. The timber sale area is found within Section 17 and 18, Township South, Range 80 East, Copper River Meridian (CRM). The sale area is found within the Craig D-4 NW USGS quadrangle. The main access for this sale area is from the existing Prince of Wales Road System, specifically the Naukati (2060000) Road.

The two harvest units total approximately 49 acres and contain approximately 826 MBF of timber. This volume will be negotiated and sold under provisions of AS 38.05.115 or AS 38.05.118, in the form of one or multiple sales. The sale(s) will require in-state manufacture and it will be a negotiated contract.

The public is invited to comment on any aspect of the preliminary decision. Comments should be mailed to the Alaska Division of Forestry, 2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213, Ketchikan, AK 99901. Comments must be received at the Division of Forestry office no later than **July 3, 2023**, in order to be considered in the final best interest finding decision of whether or not this sale will be held in whole or in part or to be considered in the adopted FLUP. To be eligible to appeal the final decision or the adopted FLUP, a person must have provided written comment by **July 3, 2023**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS CONTACT:

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Copies of the preliminary decision are available for review at the Division of Forestry at the above address and at the Ketchikan, Craig, Petersburg and Wrangell Public Libraries and the State Online Public Notice System at http://notice.alaska.gov/211326.

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Fire Protection complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, or special modifications to participate in this review may contact the number above.

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MYRA ARLENE SARBER

April 21, 1942 - April 14, 2023

Myra Arlene Sarber passed with her family by her side April 14th in Sunnyside Oregon. Myra was born the sixth child of seven in Spokane WA, to Thelma Irene and Faber Sebastian Wondzell. In 1951 her family moved by steamship to Wrangell in the Territory of Alaska. 1955 brought a consistent and loving stepfather, Albert Ronning. She married her lifelong love Homer Sarber in Petersburg AK, in 1962, and they settled down in Ketchikan to raise their family.

Myra and Homer lived in Ketchikan for 35 years during which time Myra worked many different jobs, in addition to those of homemaker and mother. She did at-home childcare, worked in the lunch program at Schoenbar, earned her CNA, was a Pharmacy Technician at Island Pharmacy and eventually retired from her position as Insurance Claims Processor with Tongass Timber Trust in 1999. She worked in the Pharmacy at Nugget Rexall in Juneau while she and Homer lived there for a few years in the 1980's. Homer & Myra spent ten years as dedicated Foster Parents to several children who Myra enjoyed taking under her wing and nurturing as her own. She loved retirement and thoroughly enjoyed living as a "snowbird", splitting time between her family's A-Frame cabin on Kupreanof Island and her beloved motorhome, "The Rose". Retirement allowed for travel and discovering new places with family and friends. A highlight of every year was leaving Arizona in the spring and enjoying a long trip north to Alaska, as they stopped in Washington and Oregon to spend time with family and friends. She was especially close with her siblings and their spouses, lovingly referred to as "the out-laws," with whom they shared adventures in the United States and abroad. In 2009 they bought a home and settled in Lake Havasu City Arizona for the winter months and continued to travel to summer in Alaska.

Myra was an energetic, magnetic force who, when faced with challenges, didn't back down. She was a spiritual and Christian woman who advocated tolerance and acceptance. Myra had a true, independent Alaskan spirit that she passed on to her children. She loved her family and time with them was precious to her. Myra cherished the independence she and Homer shared: theirs was a special life that made time for others around their first love - each other.

Myra had many hobbies and interests. She was especially known for being a treasure hunter and collector: digging bottles, collecting shells, and turning them into beautiful displays. She took classes to develop her interest and artistry in Alaska Native basketry and beadwork. She was an avid gardener in Alaska and Arizona. She cared deeply for the many special dogs who were central to her life and family. Myra and Homer loved exploring Southeast Alaska by boat, adventuring with friends and family, and especially with Homer's brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Maggie. Myra loved sharing "the good cabin life", first with her children and then her grandchildren.

Myra was a friend to many, who were drawn in by her curiosity and interest in life, her good humor, and the gleam in her eye that beckoned them to join her. She brought a special light and playful mischief into a room, and into the lives she touched. She didn't get "old" in the traditional sense, with a buzzing energy around her that never waned. She will be dearly missed by those who loved her.

Myra Arlene Sarber

Myra was preceded in death by her parents and stepfather; and siblings Bruce, Robert and Shirley (Ronning) Wondzell, Blair Wondzell. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Homer H. Sarber; Children Scott (Shelly) Sarber, Kevin Sarber and Sabrina Sarber; grandchildren, Megan Brown, Treven (Krisandra) Sarber, Jorah Barber, Micah Barber, Kysa Marie Barber and Darrah Barber; great-grandson, Taven Sarber; siblings, Joyce Kramer, Terry (Christine) Wondzell, Clara Ann (Edward) Ness and Georgina Ronning Skrinski; and many loving nieces and nephews.

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A. Consideration of an application from Derek and Stacey Thorsen for a variance from the front-yard setback requirement to allow for construction of an addition 10.7' from the property line and from the maximum lot coverage requirement to allow for 46% coverage at 807 Wrangell Avenue (PID: 01-002-250).

B. Consideration of an application from Drew Ware for a minor subdivision at 365-367 Mitkof Highway (PID: 01-084-250, 01-084-260, 01-084-279).

C. Petersburg Medical Center
a. An application from the Petersburg Medical Center to rezone 43 vacant lots within the Airport Addition Subdivision to Public Use. The intended public use is the development of a new 70,000-sf medical center.

b. An application from the Petersburg Medical Center for a preliminary plat of a major subdivision located within the Airport Addition Subdivision and to vacate portions of the Fram St, Gjoa St, and N. 12th Street rights-of-way. The proposed plat consolidates and re-subdivides the 16.6-acre site into two lots, creates a 50' wide public access easement, a 20' pedestrian trail easement, and a 3.2-acre drainage easement.

PETERSBURG ALASKA

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Wrangell king salmon fishing derby dates set for mid-June

By MARC LUTZ
Wrangell Sentinel editor

The annual Wrangell King Salmon Fishing Derby has been set for two weekends in June.

Rather than have the competition run over a full two weeks from mid-June to the beginning of July, it is scheduled for June 16, 17 and 18 — Father's Day weekend — and the following weekend June 23, 24 and 25.

Fishing derby committee members met May 30 to discuss details and even whether or not to hold the event.

"People are going to be really disappointed if we cancel ours," said Luana Wellons, assistant executive director of the chamber of commerce, which organizes the derby. "People have already been (asking) me about when it's going to start and if we're going to have one. I've been answering them, as of right now, yes, there will be a derby."

Petersburg usually holds its salmon derby over Memorial Day weekend, but that event has been canceled until further notice. Sitka this year split its derby over the Memorial Day weekend and last weekend. Ketchikan typically holds a coho salmon derby in the fall and Juneau is planning the Golden North Salmon Derby for Aug. 11-13.

The Wrangell derby returned last year — its first time back since 2017, with four years of cancellations due to weak king salmon runs.

Last year's derby had more than 200 entries, though only 57 fish were weighed in.

Citing predictions of low salmon return and due to the chamber being staffed only by Wellons at the moment, the committee decided to break the derby into two weekends over three days each. They will be looking for volunteers and a worker to help with the weigh-in station and other tasks.

A reduction in the entry fee was discussed but ultimately the committee decided to keep the fee at $25 per person.

The committee will be seeking prize sponsors before announcing categories and prizes.

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School News

Julia Buschmann received her master's degree from the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University on May 18, 2023.

August M. Pennington was named to the Dean's list at the University of Alaska Southeast. Students on the dean's list are undergraduates admitted to a certificate or degree program at UAS who achieved a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.99 during the Spring 2023 semester.

Noah Sullivan has been placed on the Dean's list at Occidental College for the 2023 Spring Semester. The Dean's List recognizes the academic excellence of students earning a grade point average of 3.5 or above while carrying a full academic schedule.

Gillian Wittstock earned placement on the Gonzaga University President's List for spring semester 2023. Students must earn a 3.85 to 4.0 grade-point average to be listed.

Rikki McCay earned placement on the University of Alaska Fairbanks chancellor's list for achieving a 3.9 grade point average or higher.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT PETERSBURG

PETERSBURG INDIAN ASSOCIATION,

Plaintiff,

v.) Case No. 1PE-23-4CI

ESTATE OF RICHARD COLP; ALASKA NATIVE BROTHERHOOD CAMP #16; ALASKA NATIVE SISTERHOOD CAMP #16; their beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, assigns, or successors; and all other persons, known or unknown, claiming an estate, right, title, lien, or interest in that real property described herein,

Defendant.

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

To Defendants: Other persons or parties unknown, claiming right, title, estate, lien or other interest in the real property described as follows:

The Westerly one-half of Lots One (1) and Two (2) in Block Thirty-nine (39) of the Town of Petersburg, Alaska, According to the official Plat of the survey of said Townsite, U.S. Survey No. 1252.

You are hereby notified that a complaint has been filed against you in the Alaska Superior Court at Petersburg, Alaska in the above-entitled matter. This matter is an action to quiet title to the real property described above. The complaint seeks an order to quiet title to the above-described property in Plaintiff's favor, declaring and adjudging that Plaintiff owns the property free and clear of any interest claimed by Defendants or other persons known or unknown; that Plaintiff is entitled to the quiet and peaceful possession thereto; and enjoining Defendants and all other persons known or unknown from asserting any adverse claim to the property. The complaint is on file with the Alaska Superior Court, 17 North Nordic Drive, Petersburg, Alaska 99833.

You have been made a party to this action because AS 09.45.920 authorizes Plaintiff in this quiet title action to include as defendants persons or parties unknown who may have some interest in the above-described real property.

Pursuant to Civil Rule 4(e)(2), WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS of the posting of this notice, you are required to file a written answer to the complaint. Your answer must be filed with the court at PO Box 1009, Petersburg, AK 99833, or emailed to 1PEMailbox@akcourts.gov. You must also send a copy of your answer to Plaintiff's attorney, Steven Wilfong, at Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Monkman LLP, 510 L Street, Suite 310, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, (907) 258-6377.

If you fail to file your answer within the required time, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Date: 5/16/2023

CLERK OF COURT
By: Deputy Clerk

Published: May 25, June 1, 8 and 15, 2023

Birthdays & Anniversaries

The Pilot extends its best wishes to the persons listed on the Community Calendar.

Those with birthdays this week are: **June 10:** Avery Herrman-Sakamoto, Naomi Youngberg, Seth Perry, Tiffany Davis. **June 11:** Carla Miller, Jay Rao, Julia Buschmann. **June 12:** Amy Cook, Cody Bell, Holly Schrey, Lito Skeek, Sheri Wohlhueter. **June 13:** Dianna Sakamoto, Kyle Wallin. **June 14:** Jeremy Duddles, Sami Bottler. **June 15:** Darlene Alexander, Kathy Knight, Keely Hankins, Kurt Wohlhueter, Michelle Buness, Yancy Nilsen.

Those with anniversaries this week are: **June 9:** Mike and Maylee Israelson. **June 13:** Merlin and Linda Bell. **June 15:** Suzanne and Gary Peterson.

If you'd like to be included on our list, please call 907-772-9393.

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JOBS

Petersburg Borough has an opening for the position of Journeyman Lineman. This is a regular full-time position, Lineman must be trained as an operator. Wage $49.23/hr with operator premium (Tier 4) $51.21/hr with operator premium (Tier 1-3) (IBEW Contract, July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024). Signing bonus of $15,000 Up to $15,000 reimbursable relocation expenses. A complete job description and employment application can be obtained from the Borough's website at www.petersburgak.gov . Applications will be accepted at the front desk of the Borough office at 12 S. Nordic Street in Petersburg; by mail to Human Resources, P.O. Box 329, Petersburg, AK 99833; or via email to bregula@petersburgak.gov until position is filled.

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Petersburg Borough has an opening for a full time Sanitation Operator at a starting wage of $22.42 per hour, increasing to $24.92 after one year on the job. This position works Sunday through Thursday. Possession of a Class A or B Commercial Driver's License is preferred but applicants with the ability to obtain the required CDL as soon as possible may be considered. A full job description and employment application can be obtained from the Borough's website at www.petersburgak.gov. Applications will be accepted at the front desk of the Borough offices, 12 S. Nordic Drive, can be mailed to P.O. Box 329, Petersburg, AK, 99833, or emailed to bregula@petersburgak.gov. Open until position is filled.

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Petersburg's Harbor Department has an opening for a Full-time Maintenance/Harbor Security Officer. This position starts at a rate of $23.29 per hour increasing to $25.88 after one year of employment and includes benefits. A job description and employment application can be picked up at the Municipal Building or from the Borough's website at www.petersburgak.gov. Applications will be accepted at the front desk of the Borough offices at 12 S. Nordic Drive or via email at bregula@petersburgak.gov until the position is filled.

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The Petersburg Borough has an opening for a Building Official/Code Enforcement Officer. This position reviews plans, issues building permits and inspects buildings for compliance with applicable codes and regulations. Assists residents and businesses with land use permits and general borough code interpretation. Enforces building codes and zoning ordinances. Knowledge of building trades such as plumbing, electrical, structural integrity, and site preparation. Ability to inspect building projects for compliance with the requirements of the International Codes. Current ICC certification for Residential Building Inspector or ability to be ICC certified within 6 months. Starting wage is $31.95 per hour increasing to $35.50 after one year. A full job description and employment application can be obtained from the Borough's website at www.petersburgak.gov . Applications will be accepted at the front desk of the Borough office, located at 12 S. Nordic, by mail at PO Box 329, or emailed to bregula@petersburgak.gov . Open until filled.

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Public Notice

Proposed City Creek Trail Phase 2 construction

A public meeting for the proposed City Creek Trail Phase 2 construction will be held on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 4:30 pm, at the Elizabeth Peratrovich Building, Petersburg Indian Association (PIA) conference room at 15 N. 12th Street, Petersburg, AK. The public is invited to attend this meeting and offer comments concerning the proposed trail construction.

The proposed plans may be obtained at the PIA office or viewed online at the PIA website. For more information contact Petersburg Indian Association, PO Box 1410, Petersburg, Alaska 99833 or call 907-772-3636.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
PETERSBURG BOROUGH
INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that the Petersburg Borough will receive sealed bids for the SEWER LINE REPAIR – PETERSBURG COMMUNITY CENTER. The project generally consists of the removal and replacement of sewer line beneath indoor concrete slab floor and into adjoining rooms with plumbing fixtures, as needed. The work will be done indoors with said portion of Community Center closed to the public for duration of project. Approximately 200' of sewer line to be replaced. All building and room finishes are to be saved and replaced as found. Floor finishes will require new and old replacement. The existing excavated material will be stored in the east yard of the project parking lot. This excavated material will be reused in the fill, minus any unsuitable material.

The estimated construction and replacement cost for the base bid is approximately $415,000. All Work must be completed by September 15, 2023.

Sealed bids will be received by the Petersburg Borough, Post Office Box 329, Petersburg, Alaska 99833, located upstairs in the Municipal Building, 12 South Nordic Drive, Petersburg, Alaska 99833 until 2:00 p.m. prevailing time on Friday, June 16, 2023 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Assembly Chambers Conference Room.

The Contract Documents may be obtained from the Petersburg Parks and Recreation Office, located at 300 N. Third St., Petersburg, Alaska 99833 (907) 772-3392. A non-refundable fee of $30.00 made payable to the Petersburg Borough is required for each set of contract documents. Additional charges will be required for special handling or delivery of the documents by means other than first class mail. The Contract Documents may also be downloaded free of charge on the Petersburg Borough website (www.petersburgak.gov) under the sections "How Do I?" then "Bids and RFPs". Downloading Contract Documents from the Petersburg Borough website requires completing a bid advertisement form to receive changes or addenda. Failure to fill out the form may adversely affect your proposal. It is the Offeror's responsibility to insure that they have received all Addenda affecting this Solicitation.

Petersburg Standard Specifications (CPSS) are available for an additional fee of $60.00 made payable to the Petersburg Borough or available for free on the Borough's website www.petersburgak.gov. Additional charges will be required for special handling or delivery of the documents by means other than first class mail. All documents may be obtained at the Parks and Recreation office.

Prospective bidders are encouraged to attend a Pre-Bid Conference that will be held in Petersburg on Friday, June 02, 2023, from 1:00 – 2:00 PM at the Assembly Chambers. Attendance by teleconference will be available by calling 1-800-315-6338. Callers will need to enter the following access code: #45191. Technical questions regarding this project may be direct to the Parks and Recreation Director, Stephanie Payne, (907) 772-5445. She is located at the Petersburg Community Center Aquatic Office, located at 300 N. Third Street, Petersburg, Alaska.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond, cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Petersburg Borough in the amount of five percent of the total bid price.

The Petersburg Borough reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in a bid, and to make award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder as it may best serve the interest of the Borough.

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Mountain View Manor is hiring two permanent, full-time Resident Assistants starting at $19.17/hour No experience needed; we will train you! Available Shifts: 40-hour Resident Assistant/weekend cook for swing shift; 40-hour Resident Assistant for day shift. Benefits include paid time off, holiday pay, retirement plan, health and life insurance. If you are interested in joining our team, please submit a completed Borough employment application and return to the front desk of the Borough office at 12 South Nordic Drive, mail to P.O. Box 329, Petersburg, AK 99833, or email to bregula@petersburgak.gov. Go to www.petersburgak.gov for an application and complete job description or stop by the front desk of the Borough offices to pick up a copy.

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First Bank – Petersburg Branch is looking for an Assistant Manager to help the Branch Manager with operation and lending tasks. If you are a good communicator, like to work with customers, have an analytical mind, are proficient with computers and are curious about the job, stop by the branch or email me at Rocio.tejera@firstbankak.com, and let's have a conversation about the opportunities and challenges of the position. First Bank is an EO/M/F/Disability/Vet Employer.

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The Clausen Memorial Musuem is seeking a Museum Director. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, overseeing collection management and exhibit curation, recruiting and supervising volunteers and staff, and managing the Museum's finances and the Museum's gift shop. Interested persons can call the Museum at 907-518-9053 for more information.

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The Petersburg Police Department has an opening for a Chief Dispatcher/Correction Officer. Must have two years of emergency dispatching experience. Join our team and enjoy great shifts! You'll be working with a supportive team of professionals who are dedicated to keeping our community safe. Starting wage is $25.92 per hour at Step C. Benefits include generous paid time off, holiday pay, retirement plan, health insurance and life insurance.. Applicants must be available to work all shifts, holidays, and weekends, and be able to attend out of town training. Swing and graveyard shifts receive additional shift differential pay. Recruitment bonus after successful completion of training of $1250 and $1250 at 1 year of tenure. If you'd like to join our team go to www.petersburgak.gov. For more information or to pick up an application, call Becky at (907) 772-5404.

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