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Cabral recognized as Champion for Kids



Photo courtesy of Kaila Pfister

Jaime Cabral accepting the Alaska Children's Trust award for being Alaska's Champion for Kids at a ceremony in Petersburg last Monday.

By JAKE CLEMENS
Pilot writer

Jaime Cabral, Dean of Students and Activity Director of Petersburg Middle/High School, recently received statewide recognition for his commitment to kids.

Nominated by Katie Holmlund and Becca Madsen of Kinder Skog, Cabral rose to the top of 22 other nominations from across the state to become Petersburg's first ever recipient of this award.

Earlier in the year, Holmlund and Madsen had been named Afterschool Superheroes by the Alaska Children's Trust. When the call for nominations came out for Alaska's Champion for Kids, Cabral was the first person to come to mind for both Holmlund and Madsen.

"Kids deserve, safe, brave empowering spaces," said Holmlund for the crowd gathered around pizza in the PHS commons last Monday.

"People like Jaime often go unnoticed, and we want you to know that we see you. We see the 2:00 am ferry pickups—maybe not so much anymore—the long days at the ballfield, the weekends at the basketball court ... kids need to feel belonging and respect to thrive ... Jaime is a teacher, dad, mentor, coach ... and he does it all with a smile on his face."

PHS student Anya Pawuk took the mic next, musing that she, "Didn't know it was happening until a few days before, that's how humble he is. But he's the glue that holds the school together, especially school sports. His level of work ethic and involvement in the schools is amazing."

Eli Anderson, another PHS student, cited the multiple times he's been injured in sports, and how Cabral helped him get through that. "He's been my mentor, my coach, and just an amazing human," Anderson said.

Cabral's son Keiran also took the mic to say, "I love chillin' in your office when I don't want to do something ... It's the best thing ever setting up events with you. It's awesome to have your dad be your best friend and work at the school."

Retired science teacher and sometimes substitute Victor Trautman said, "I've been here since dirt, and to see what Jaime has done since he's been here is astounding ... I keep trying to get him out fishing, but he's working all the time ... Every year he does exponentially more and more."

The Champion himself took the mic to say he was flabbergasted and honored to receive the award. He explained that his wife, Heidi, who teaches at the elementary school, looked forward to him leaving on volleyball trips, in a way because he works so much and she needed breaks from his tireless to-do list.

Cabral's take was that "These kids are stuck on a rock, we gotta keep em busy."

He got that from his days growing up on another rock—Hawaii—where his grandmother taught kindergarten and first grade for 43 years, then substitute taught almost into her 80s. She recently turned 93, and Cabral remembers being her unofficial teacher's assistant from the time he was in sixth grade. She

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New tourism teams reflect on 2023 season

By OLIVIA ROSE
Pilot writer

The air in town is crisp, leaves continue to fall and the mornings are turning frosty. Even with the bright sunshine seen in Petersburg this week, the season is certainly shifting.

The transition of summer to winter brings more than a change in weather; seasonal industries shift, and the change prompts reflection.

How did this summer go? Several of Petersburg's new tourism businesses look back on their 2023 season.

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VIKING TRAVEL

James and Madeleine Valentine are the owners of Viking Travel, a travel business previously operated by Dave and Nancy Berg until passing ownership to the Valentines in February 2023.

After a winter of assisting locals with travel plans and adjusting to the realities of running a business, the summer season struck the couple as a "very big learning curve."

"You think you know what you're doing when you buy a new business, but there's always a learning curve — but it's an excitement that we had, it wasn't a negative learning curve. It was all positive for the most part," James Valentine told the Pilot.

"The learning curve is just understanding the operations of these ships, understanding what our purpose is, and how to make it as efficient as possible — and also make the locals happy," said Valentine. "At the end of the day this is all about stimulating the local economy."

He said a measure of summer success for Viking Travel was the lack of negative feedback.

"I didn't hear very much negative feedback from what we were doing. Of course, there's always a little bit of negative and there always will be, as there should because everybody's voice should be heard," he said, "But I didn't hear a whole lot."

Otherwise regarding feedback, James said, "It's really fun to see the excitement, to get the compliments that our town is so unique …"

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Photo courtesy of M/Y Dauntless

Alisa Jestel and Jim Edgars embrace on the bow of M/Y Dauntless with a glassy, blue iceberg floating in the waters behind them.

Yesterday's News

News from 25-50-75-100 years ago

October 26, 1923 – Sea water burns at Prince Rupert. What might have been a serious fire causing much damage to property was narrowly averted on the waterfront yesterday afternoon, says the Prince Rupert News. Gasoline had been spilled on the surface of the water from pumping the scow at the Prince Rupert Boat House. A passer-by coming along threw a match into the water after lighting his pipe and the combustible liquid still floating immediately ignited. The flames ran up to the scow occasioning a great deal of smoke and coming perilously close to large quantities of distillate and benzol. Fortunately the flames were overcome through the use of an extinguisher in the hands of Captain Swanson before there was any serious result.

October 22, 1948 – Paying a visit to Petersburg for the first time in about twenty-five years this week was "Lonesome Pete," the unofficial greeter and mayor of Meyers Chuck, Alaska. He made the trip on his small gas boat. Known to his many friends in Southeast Alaska merely as "Lonesome Pete," he has many hidden talents such as mastering the guitar and piano-accordion. He has also made recordings for the Congressional Library in Washington, D.C. One son, Arne Sveen, is now under contract with Columbia Recording Company in Norway and has sent several of his recordings to Pete. They are in the Norwegian language. Pete's picture and an article about him appeared in the June edition of the National Geographic magazine.

October 25, 1973 – Herring Sex-Sorter invented in British Columbia. A herring sex-sorter, which will make it possible to tell the males from the females without cutting them open, has been invented by British Columbia research. The device, invented by officer Roy Cuthberg, will make it possible to sort out females and their roe – fish eggs - leaving the males whole to be used for filets. Frank Fraser, project coordinator for Techwest Enterprises, which is manufacturing the device, said the sex-sorter will enable better use of the fish. He explained that the normal procedure is for canneries to open all the herring, leaving the males usable only for fish meal. The device, about the size of an office desk, operates on "tricky optics," according to Fraser. He declined to give further details.

October 22, 1998 – The ramp was lower. The carts were slower and they once again had to dodge a raindrop or two. But, the new safety regulations and the traditional wet weather did little to dampen the excitement of the 1998 Humpy 500. Twenty-one competitors participated this year in Petersburg's closest resemblance of the NASCAR event and the crowd of nearly 400 was not disappointed since some accidents still occurred. The stakes were high this year, with the best of show cart, the Halibut Hotrod, driven by Eric Martinsen, taking home a personal computer. The fastest racer in the group, Chris Buschmann, driving the Silver Wave, snatched up a Sony PlayStation. Second place driver James Larson in the Orca, and best costume winner Chris Aiken of the Raider racing team, each were awarded a stereo. Bart Agner, piloting the Humpy from Heck, was given a compact disc player for his efforts. Another $1,000 in prizes were given out to the other participants. The race, which is the brainchild of Icicle Seafoods plant manager Patick Wilson continues to grow every year. Wilson said he came up with the idea four years ago to coincide with the annual Canned Salmon Classic at the end of the salmon season. "It was an idea to give the kids something better to do than just sit in front of the television at this time of year," he said. Although the specifications on the racers have changed over the years, the race itself remains the same with youth converting 50-gallon drums into go-carts and going all out down the PFI hill on Main Street. Wilson said that when he came up with the idea, he thought that the 50-gallon drums most closely resembled the one-pound, tall salmon cans and that the design potentials were limitless. This year roll bars became a mandatory item on each racer as did safety harnesses. In years past drivers had been thrown from their vehicles and had their racers roll over the top of them forcing the safety upgrades. Only a few vehicles failed to complete the course this year. One gnarly accident, involving the Halibut Hotrod, saw the racer lose control of the steering and crash head first into the guardrail lining the street. Marc Martinsen, the designer of the vehicle, said he was upset that the car didn't complete the course, because he wanted to show off the parachute that was built into the vehicle as an added braking device. Wilson said it was those types of crashes that made the seatbelts a mandatory feature. Consistent with years past, some carts lost wheels on the way down the hill and one racer, apparently engineered too top-heavy, veered off-course to be caught by the sideline barricades. Wilson was happy to report however that no drivers or spectators were injured. As the event continues each year, Wilson says that more and more adults are gaining interest and that sometime in the future an adult equivalent of the race might be developed. Wilson said however that with adults involved he would hope that the course could be re-configured so that the racers would cruise down Dolphin Street hill, through the parking lot and launch into the water. No solidified plans are in the works as of yet.

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Sunday @ 4 pm

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THURSDAY, October 26
Stories In Motion: 11:00am, Public Library
Library Board Meeting: 12:00pm, Public Library
SHARE Coalition Meeting: 12:00pm, Dorothy Ingle Conference Room at PMC
PMC Board Meeting: 5:30pm, Municipal Building
Free Dinner Get Together: 5:30pm, Lutheran Church basement
Petersburg Science Series "Diving Deep: Can Dungeness Crab Dodge Sea Otters?": 6:30pm, Public Library
Ragnarok Rollers Practice: 7:30pm, Parks & Rec Community Center

FRIDAY, October 27
Al-Anon Support Group: 12:00pm, Episcopal Church
Bingo Night: 6:00pm, Sons of Norway Hall
AA Candlelight Meeting: 7:00pm, Episcopal Church

SATURDAY, October 28
Octoberfest Art Share: 10:00am, Parks & Rec Community Center
Rain Country Quilters Quilt Show: 12:00pm, Lutheran Church
Viking Swim Club Live Auction Fundraiser: 6:00pm, Elks Lodge Ballroom

SUNDAY, October 29
Knitting Group - all welcome: 2:00pm, Mountain View Manor Social Hall
Ragnarok Rollers Practice: 5:00pm Parks & Rec Community Center

MONDAY, October 30
Tai Chi: 7:00am, Mountain View Manor Social Hall
Bingocize: 10:00am, Parks & Rec Community Center
Presentation on Adapting to Predicted Environment Changes: 12:00pm, Public Library
SHARE Coalition Meeting: 12:00pm, PMC Dorothy Ingle Conf. Room
Burger Night: 5:30pm, Moose Lodge
AA Women's Meeting: 7:00 pm, Presbyterian Church

TUESDAY, October 31
Deadline to Submit Cadidacy Declarations for PIA Election: 4:00pm, PIA
Parks and Rec Halloween Hustle: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Community Center
Community Trick - or - Treat: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
AA 12x12 Meeting: 7:00 pm, Holy Cross Classroom

WEDNESDAY, November 1
Tai Chi: 7:00am, Mountain View Manor Social Hall
Bingocize Strength Building and Social Engagement: 10:00 am, Parks & Rec Community Center
Siren Alert & Warning System Test: 12:00pm
Free Super For All: 6:00pm, First Baptist Church
Arts Council concert, Lyric & Spirit: 7:00pm, Wright Auditorium
ANB/ANS Monthly Meeting: 7:00pm, ANB/ANS Hall

To add an event to the Happenings calendar call us at 772-9393 or email Pilotpub@gmail.com

WEATHER

Date	High	Low	Precip
Oct 18	55	51	2.40
Oct 19	53	41	0.59
Oct 20	48	36	T
Oct 21	46	37	0.01
Oct 22	41	27	0.00
Oct 23	35	23	0.00
Oct 24	M	M	M

This Week's Precipitation: 3.00"
This weather service is provided by the FAA weather observation station at the James A. Johnson Airport.

DAYLIGHT HOURS

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Oct 26	7:45a	5:23p	9:38hrs
Oct 27	7:48a	5:20p	9:32hrs
Oct 28	7:50a	5:18p	9:28hrs
Oct 29	7:52a	5:15p	9:23hrs
Oct 30	7:54a	5:13p	9:19hrs
Oct 31	7:56a	5:11p	9:15hrs
Nov 1	7:59a	5:08p	9:09hrs

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Fri 11/10	Columbia	10:15 P.M.	Mon 11/13	Columbia	02:00 A.M.
Fri 11/17	Columbia	05:30 P.M.	Mon 11/20	Columbia	03:45 A.M.
Fri 11/24	Columbia	11:30 P.M.	Mon 11/27	Columbia	02:45 A.M.

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TIDE TABLE

PETERSBURG
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	High Tides A.M. Time	A.M. Ft.	P.M. Time	P.M. Ft.	Low Tides A.M. Time	A.M. Ft.	P.M. Time	P.M. Ft.
26 Thu	.....	.....	12:04	17.5	5:51	0.0	6:24	-0.4
27 Fri	0:25	16.7	12:43	18.6	6:34	-0.2	7:08	-1.9
28 Sat	1:13	17.2	1:20	19.3	7:15	0.1	7:50	-2.9
29 Sun	1:58	17.3	1:57	19.5	7:54	0.7	8:31	-3.2
30 Mon	2:42	16.9	2:33	19.2	8:32	1.6	9:12	-2.8
31 Tue	3:26	16.2	3:10	18.3	9:10	2.7	9:53	-1.9
1 Wed	4:10	15.2	3:48	17.1	9:50	3.8	10:37	-0.7

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141 moose harvested in 2023: a new high

By OLIVIA ROSE
Pilot writer

Hunters harvested a total of 141 moose in the 2023 RM038 moose hunt, according to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

This overall number is much higher than the 118 total in 2022 and exceeds the high 2021 harvest, as well.

"This was a high for the RM038, 141 is a high. The previous high was 132 and it was in 2021," said ADF&G Wildlife Biologist Frank Robbins.

The RM038 moose hunt began mid-September and ended October 15.

Twelve of those 141 total moose were harvested illegally.

Kupreanof Island was the most successful area for hunters this year with 54 legal moose harvested, more than the 42 harvested there last year.

However, out of the areas that ADF&G tracks, the highest number of illegal moose were harvested on Kupreanof Island, at a count of seven deemed illegal.



Photo courtesy of Franz Schonberg

Franz Schonberg smiles ear-to-ear with his moose shot on October 7 at Ohmer Creek during the 2023 RM038 moose harvest.

2023 Moose Harvest Oct. 23, 2023

Location	Legal	Illegal
Farragut Bay	3	0
Stikine River	23	0
Thomas Bay	3	0
Other Mainland Areas	1	0
Game Unit 1C	0	0
Mitkof Island	11	1
Kupreanof Island	54	7
Etolin Island	0	0
Kuiu Island	28	4
Woewodski Island	0	0
Wrangell Island	5	0
Zarembo Island	1	0
RM038 Moose Harvested as of Oct.23, 2023:	141	

Courtesy of ADF&G

Kuiu Island had the second-most moose harvested this season at a total count of 28 legal moose. Four of the 12 illegal moose harvested in the 2023 season took place on Kuiu Island; all occurred before Oct. 3.

Stikine River, which Robbins said gets an average of 20 moose harvested during the season "year in and year out," met expectations with a total of 23.

Wrangell Island and Mitkof Island reported more success than in 2022.

"The big difference between this year and last year is the Mitkof Island harvest, which was only three last year and 12 reported this year," Robbins said.

Hunters reported 11 legal moose and one illegal moose on Mitkof Island.

There were five moose harvested on Wrangell Island this year, in contrast to just two in 2022.

Thomas Bay and Farragut Bay each saw a harvest of three moose this season. Both areas saw less in comparison to last year, when four moose were harvested at Farragut Bay and six at Thomas Bay.

One moose was harvested on Zarembo Island, and another one within the other mainland areas tracked by ADF&G.

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Viking Swim Club auction Saturday

The Viking Swim Club (VSC) annual dinner and auction takes place this Saturday, Oct. 28. Doors open at 6:00 pm upstairs at the Elks.

The event is the youth swim program's largest fundraiser, generating around 35% of the program's budget through the evening's raffle and auction. The effort helps pay the salaries of the coaches, supports swim meet travel costs, and helps keep membership dues affordable.

VSC is not a school district activity. It's a three season long activity for Petersburg kids.

And this year's auction is also honoring the 50th anniversary of the swim club. As has become a tradition, the event is a themed party with costumes encouraged. This year's theme is the '50s.

Former VSC President Leif Stenfjord has returned to Petersburg to volunteer as auctioneer for the night. And some big-ticket items are up for auction thanks to generous donations from VSC business sponsors. Scott Newman's Petersburg Flying Services donated a round-trip flight to a Forest Service cabin. Ariel Norheim's Little Shed donated a charcuterie board dinner for 12 people. Salty Pantry added brunch for 12.

The silent auction boasts gift baskets featuring local artists including Grace Wolf and Twisted Ginger Jewelry.

And VSC swimmers will be selling raffle tickets throughout the night; the winning ticket scores two round trip tickets on Alaska Airlines.

The swim club hopes to raise around $30,000 with the event.

Advance tickets are on sale downtown at Lee's Clothing.





Opinion

To the Editor

What is wrong with the PMC buildings?

To the Editor:

Part 2 continued from last week. My understanding of the 2015, 50-page architectural report. I imagine some of these problems have been resolved in the past 8 years.

Thanks to the valiant efforts of Mike Boggs and his team PMC is still operational and structurally sound. We are blessed to have all the PMC employees/staff who keep our hospital/clinic going. In fact, our LTC just received a statewide award for excellence. The biggest issue for staff and patients seems to be SPACE. There is no space for equipment storage. Many bathrooms, both for the patients and the public, cannot fit the patient, nurse and wheelchair or walker. This also applies to some showers. There is little space between beds to fit the nurse, wheelchair, hoyer lift or walker, medical equipment, and beside table. The lab is performing more local testing. The ER space is minimal. In the clinic, exam rooms and office spaces are tight when you fill them with the doctor, patient, medical student, and family. The clinic is lacking air conditioning and call lights in the exam rooms and toilets. And it can be noisy.

When reviewing the 2015 report, one must remember the recommendations are based on 2015 building codes. However, the codes only apply with a major renovation or new facility. The exception to this was the pharmacy and chemotherapy areas, which cost over $400,000. The CEO of the hospital just revealed a possible change in CMS (Medicare/Medicaid) regulations for the LTC. I imagine that there will be a reasonable grace period regarding the LTC. I sign my name with my past credentials to show my experience with the further comment that I have worked in 8 hospitals. I have been a patient in acute care 6 times and was in LTC briefly. I am a "frequent flyer" at the clinic. At PMC, I have always been treated with dignity and kindness. The majority of the staff are neighbors or family of us all.

Respectfully,
Cynthia E Lynn BSN. RN. (ret)
29 year Petersburg resident

Guest Editorial: Alaska's gas line dream is out of alignment

By LARRY PERSILY
Wrangell Sentinel Publisher

Alaska officials who say the stars are aligned for the long-dreamt, long-on-the-odds multibillion-dollar North Slope natural gas project are confusing shiny stars with black holes.

Like the black hole the state already has poured close to a billion dollars into over the past two decades, thinking that international markets would like expensive Alaska gas better than lower-risk, less costly gas from anywhere else.

But unlike black holes, where the force of gravity is so strong that nothing escapes, the Alaska gas line dream continues to survive another day or another decade.

The latest straw that pipeline believers are drinking through is the subsidized belief that if the federal government throws billions of dollars in aid to the project, maybe all that free money will make the overpriced project look better to investors and customers.

Ironic in a state that consistently supports candidates who criticize federal spending. No matter, Alaska is a resource development state, so a little political inconsistency is to be expected.

Gas line supporters believe the federal aid will help lift the project from the discard pile of proposed liquefied natural gas export projects worldwide, moving it to the featured display table for shoppers looking to sign purchase contracts.

The federal aid the Alaska LNG export project might receive could include tax credits for sequestering carbon dioxide underground, along with attractive federal guarantees of the construction debt that project developers would owe to lenders.

Even if federal subsidies were good public policy, the stars-in-alignment believers are missing, or ignoring, some crucial sales points in the marketplace.

The U.S. Gulf Coast, the largest LNG producer in the world, just keeps getting bigger. Already there are five export terminals in operation, with two more — among the largest in Texas and Louisiana — scheduled to start operations next year, all producing the fuel at a lower cost than Alaska.

Sure, the Gulf Coast is a lot farther away from Asia than Alaska, driving up shipping costs, but their construction and operating expenses are much lower, and all are connected to an existing, diversified pipeline supply of U.S. and Canadian gas more than 40 times the volume that would come from the North Slope. No gas supply risk there — a big selling point to utilities that will not accept supply chain excuses.

If buyers really are partial to North America LNG from the West Coast, the Shell-led project in British Columbia is nearing completion and should be up and running in 2025, with an affordable option of doubling its capacity in the years ahead.

Not wanting to sit out the market, a coalition of nine Canadian gas producers and a First Nations are backing a second British Columbia West Coast project.

On Mexico's West Coast, two LNG export terminals are under construction or development, both relying on a plentiful supply of affordable U.S. gas from just across the border.

There are some stars in Alaska's favor, but not enough. We're like the overpriced home that shoppers tour for the free cookies and to see the flooring and tile work but never come back to make an offer.

Meanwhile, government-run South Korean banks are helping to finance a new LNG project in Texas — the eighth on the Gulf Coast — with a targeted in-service date of 2027. Industry majors like ExxonMobil, ConocoPhillips, TotalEnergies and Shell are investing in Qatar's massive expansion of LNG production, adding two and a half times as much capacity as the proposed Alaska project. Japanese gas buyers are looking at signing on, too.

It doesn't mean Alaska's stargazers are wrong to hope, they just need to check the focus on their telescope. Financial reality, not astrology, determines multibillion-dollar gas investment decisions.

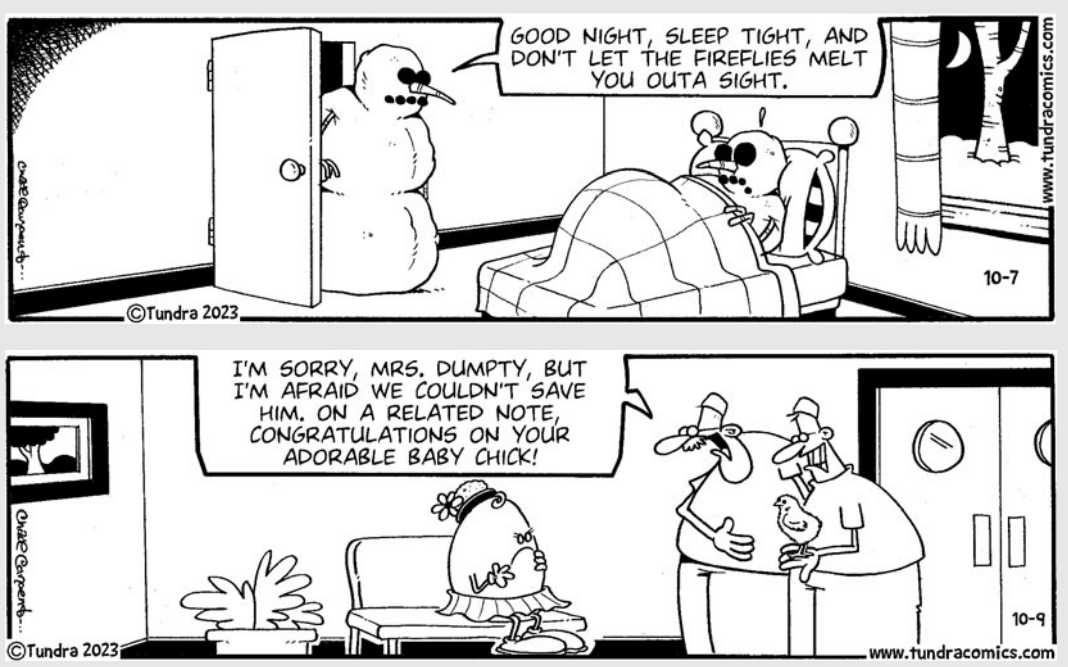
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Off-duty Alaska Airlines pilot who tried to crash jet said he used psychedelic mushrooms, affidavit says

By CLAIRE RUSH AND GENE JOHNSON
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — An off-duty airline pilot riding in an extra cockpit seat on a Horizon Air flight said "I'm not OK" just before trying to cut the engines midflight and later told police he had recently taken psychedelic mushrooms as his mental health worsened, according to charging documents made public Tuesday.

State prosecutors in Oregon filed 83 counts of attempted murder against Alaska Airlines pilot Joseph David Emerson, 44, on Tuesday just before he appeared in court, with his attorney, Noah Horst, entering not guilty pleas on his behalf. Federal prosecutors meanwhile charged Emerson with interfering with a flight crew, which can carry up to 20 years in prison.

According to a probable cause statement filed in Multnomah County Circuit Court, Emerson told Port of Portland police following his arrest that he had been struggling with depression, that a friend had recently died and that he had taken psychedelic mushrooms about 48 hours before he attempted to cut the engines. He also said he had not slept in more than 40 hours, according to the document.

Police reported that Emerson did not appear to be intoxicated at the time of the interview, and in a statement Tuesday, Alaska Airlines, which owns Horizon, said neither the gate agents nor flight crew noticed any signs of impairment that might have barred him from the flight. An FBI agent wrote in a probable cause affidavit in support of the federal charge that Emerson "said it was his first-time taking mushrooms."

While psilocybin is illegal in most of the country — Oregon legalized it for adults this year — the Food and Drug Administration in 2018 designated it a "breakthrough therapy" that might be used for mental health conditions or substance use disorders.

Emerson, an Alaska Airlines pilot from Pleasant Hill, California, was arrested Sunday night after the flight crew reported that he attempted to shut down the engines on a Horizon Air flight from Everett, Washington, to San Francisco while riding in the extra seat in the cockpit. The plane was diverted to Portland, where it landed safely with more than 80 people on board.

The FBI affidavit said Emerson, who as an off-duty pilot was authorized to ride in the cockpit's jump seat, made casual conversation with the captain and first officer when the plane was between Astoria, Oregon, and Portland, before trying to grab two red handles that would have activated the plane's fire suppression system and cut off fuel to its engines.

After what the flight crew described as a brief struggle, lasting only about 30 seconds, Emerson left the cockpit, the FBI said.

Flight attendants placed Emerson in wrist restraints and seated him in the rear of the aircraft, but as the plane descended, he tried to grab the handle of an emergency exit, according to the document. A flight attendant stopped him by placing her hands on top of his, it said.

Alaska Airlines said Tuesday that Emerson had been relieved of all duties.

Horst did not immediately speak with reporters following the hearing or respond to phone and email messages seeking comment.



Photo courtesy of Dave Killen/The Oregonian via AP, Pool

Joseph David Emerson, left, 44, was arraigned in Multnomah County Circuit Court on Tues., Oct. 24, 2023, in Portalnd, Ore. Emerson, a pilot, is accused of attempting to disable the engines of a plane on which he was riding while off-duty last Sunday. Emerson pleaded not guilty Tuesday.

The captain and first officer told police after the plane landed that Emerson said "I'm not OK" just before he reached up to pull the handles. They were able to stop him before he pulled the handles all the way down, the affidavit said.

Emerson walked calmly to the back of the plane after being told to leave the cockpit and told a flight attendant, "You need to cuff me right now or it's going to be bad," the affidavit said. Another flight attendant heard him saying, "I messed everything up" and "tried to kill everybody."

According to the affidavit, he asked police if he could waive his right to an attorney: "I'm admitting to what I did. I'm not fighting any charges you want to bring against me, guys."

He also told them he thought he was having a nervous breakdown and said: "I pulled both emergency shut off handles because I thought I was dreaming and I just wanna wake up," according to the affidavit.

Pilots are required to undergo psychological screening as part of their regularly scheduled medical exams. There have been crashes that investigators believe were deliberately caused by pilots. Authorities said the copilot of a Germanwings jet that crashed in the French Alps in 2015 had practiced putting the plane into a dive.

Emerson took his most recent exam in September, Federal Aviation Administration records show — but according to the charging documents, he had long been struggling with depression.

Emerson was to remain in state custody pending an initial appearance in U.S. District Court in Portland, the U.S. attorney's office said in a statement.

Mark Angelos, a senior flight instructor at the NRI Flying Club in Concord, California, has known Emerson for more than 10 years. Emerson used to be president of the club and designed its safety program, meaning he was in charge of making sure instructors followed standard operating procedures, Angelos said.

Angelos said that when he and other club members initially heard the news, they thought Horizon Air must have been conducting an emergency drill to test its crew. They couldn't believe that a person they saw as a family man who loved his children could be accused of such a thing.

"It just couldn't have been our Joe," he said.

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Varsity volleyball start conference season near the top

By LIAM DEMKO
Pilot writer

Petersburg High School's varsity volleyball squad started their conference season off strong with a series of games in Klawock last weekend.

The team won five out of six best-of-five matches throughout the weekend, facing some of the best teams in the region and coming out on top.

"No game is going to be easy in our league, we've got some really good teams top to bottom," said head coach Jaime Cabral.

In the days leading up to the games, Cabral made sure to get the team in gear with a difficult series of practices.

"We worked them pretty hard on Wednesday, just to make sure that they were in the groove knowing our region is going to be pretty darn competitive... and it paid off in the long run," he said.

The team played their first match of the weekend against Haines on Thursday, barely an hour after getting off the plane.

With great offense, defense, and serving, Petersburg won the series without losing a game.

Later that evening they played their second match, this time going up against a tough opponent in Klawock.

Klawock—the home team—showed off the experience of their varsity roster, turning things around on the PHS squad.

"They beat us three games to none, so that was a bit of a self-check for where we were mentally," said Cabral.



Photo courtesy of Jaime Cabral

Petersburg High School's volleyball team watches games in between their matches in Klawock last weekend. Pictured (left to right) Kerri Curtiss, Iris Case, Sara Eszik, Adara Curtiss, Ashley Eilenberger, Rikka Miller, Anya Pawuk, Bryana Ratliff, Elizabeth Burns, Jaime Cabral

Not to be discouraged, the team picked themselves up and prepared as best as they could for the next two days of games.

The next morning—refreshed and determined after a full night of sleep—the team got back on the court, ready to prove themselves.

They started off the day with a match against Skagway, where they won the series three games to one.

And afterwards—versus Craig—they ended the set quickly with three wins.

"They came out and had a great Friday with two victories. They played really well, all of our players served well, and defended well," said Cabral.

On Saturday—PHS faced two more of the toughest teams in the region, but this time they came out on top.

The PHS squad had to work hard during their first game of the day up against Metlakatla, but, after a well fought match, they came away with the win three games to one.

And in the last series of the trip, Petersburg went up against a very tough Wrangell.

After tying up the set with two matches each, Petersburg pulled out all the stops in their final game of the event, starting things off with nine straight points, which led to a dominant victory.

"I think we found ourselves, what we need to stay up and keep that energy alive on the floor. When they do that, we're a pretty hard team to beat," said Cabral.

"It was a good weekend, a good performance by everybody, and a good start to the conference season."

Petersburg left Klawock as the number two seed in the league, with five wins out of six matches. Looking forward, the team isn't planning on letting up by any means.

They'll prepare as best they can, before heading off for a second round of conference games in Haines on November 3.

Wrestling wins big with a small team

By LIAM DEMKO
Pilot writer

Petersburg High School's wrestling team fought hard, endured, and came out with a strong showing despite having a difficult week leading up to their second meet in Juneau last weekend.

Less than half of Petersburg's already small wrestling squad was able to travel due to sickness, injuries, and other factors, but the four boys who made it up to Juneau all placed high in their brackets.

Angus Olsen came out on top as the champion of his weight class after a difficult match with a wrestler from Sitka, and Tanner Caulum and Jonas Anderson both were runner-ups in their events.

"As a freshman, [for Tanner] to make it to finals is incredible, it's awesome," said head coach James Valentine.

"He went up against a guy who was a senior, and really the only difference between the match was that he's a freshman, in my opinion."

Kaden Duke had a rough start during the round robin stage of the competition, but once he found his footing he had a dominant streak of wins, landing him in fifth.

"It was awesome having four guys that basically all podiumed," said Valentine.

Up next, PHS wrestling is heading up to Anchorage in two weeks, where hopefully the whole team can show what they're made of.

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"Many things that I heard over the summer was they loved this community because it doesn't survive off tourism, so that it felt more like a small Alaskan coastal town. It was like, this is a fishing community first, tourism second kind of thing. … Many, many people were saying that … it felt very quaint."

He said they try their best to mitigate the concern over dock space and blocking fishermen by informing ships and visitors of dock etiquette and security.

"A challenge was just learning the whole thing," he said, "learning operations and being efficient about it," and staying "extremely organized," especially when there are essentially no days off in the summer season.

James was excited to become a part of Petersburg's tourism industry and hopes the business will continue to become more efficient and better for the community as a whole.

"It's always exciting showing off your home," he said.

Valentine was raised in Petersburg, but also grew up in Skagway, Alaska.

He said he "grew up in the chaos" there, noting the cruise ship traffic was comparable to Juneau. When he was younger, he loved how fun that chaos was. However, now in his 30s, Valentine said he "can see where the drawbacks were…"

"The buildings downtown were being bought up by the cruise ship industry to resell whatever they're going to sell … I saw where I don't want Petersburg to go with this industry."

James loves the choice he made to return to Petersburg because he feels more "ingrained" in the community.

"Moving forward, now that we have the first summer under our belt … we'll know how to just hopefully make it better for the community in general … knowing what the community wants, knowing what we don't want," said James.

"I feel more involved, and I want to be more involved."

DAUNTLESS

Alisa Jestel and Jim Edgars own M/Y Dauntless, a 3-stateroom luxury yacht that the couple operates as a fully customized, week-long charter boat experience in Southeast.

Jim captains the boat and has spent most of his life fishing the Alaskan waters — working for decades on the Providence, a nearby neighbor to the Dauntless in the stalls of South Harbor.

Alisa is a chef trained in the culinary arts with 15 years of experience in the charter industry.

She told the Pilot the biggest spark to take this leap of faith in owning and operating this luxury charter business was rooted in spending so much time apart.

Before this business, "all summer long, Jim and I just would be like, two ships passing in the night," Alisa told the Pilot. "I'd be coming into town on a charter boat, and he'd be leaving on the fishing boat."

She said they figured, "we're not getting any younger, we can combine our skill sets and we can hopefully offer an asset to the industry and provide a good living that we both enjoy."

But another part of the story was the physical toll decades of fishing took on Jim. Alisa said although his body hurt, he did not want to retire or quit working; he loves to be on the water and was persistent in saying they could be their own boss by owning a boat and could do the charter business together.

"At the end of the day, it's nice for me to be able to say… this is our boat, it's our program, every touch every detail is things that we back we believe in and … have a platform that can showcase my hospitality."

As daunting as owning, operating and maintaining a charter boat business can be, the couple succeeds as a team in being able to encourage each other and "not be scared at the same time."

Jim and Alisa found and bought Dauntless just before summer 2022.

She said Petersburg is amazing and the support they have had over the last year is phenomenal.

"We want Petersburg to be proud of us. We want them to embrace us."

That very first summer, they chartered eight trips; this summer, it was 11 — a great development for the business.

"I feel like the summer as a whole was probably our biggest success … accepting the fact that we booked all but one week is a huge success."

She said there is room to extend the season in the future but is "certainly thrilled with where we're at for the time being."

"I'm super proud of it. I know we've worked hard for it."

Alisa said the pair loves what they do. Granted, the willpower and effort that the business requires is eye opening, especially for many people with the preconception that "you get to go drive around on a boat and look at cool things all day … it's not that easy, it's a lot of work."



Photo courtesy of Alaska Sea Adventures

Alaska Sea Adventures owner and Northern Song Captain Harley Ethelbah outside with nearby fishing boats, wearing a blue coat with a Northern Song logo.

"A charter industry like this is about the little details … having all the bells and whistles," like custom cocktail napkins and soap labels, or acquiring the right equipment, like fishing gear and kayaks, for maximizing opportunities to explore.

"This is a labor of love for Jim and I. We love every second of it," she said.

Introducing people to Alaska who are "genuinely enthused … and just kind of see their amazement as the week unfolds … it never fails."

She enjoyed meeting "a lot of different people with different backgrounds" and developing friendships aboard the Dauntless during those weeklong excursions.

"There's that commonality, because everyone shares a passion for the outdoors and adventure and wildlife," she said, "so there's that common thread, which I think makes it easier to become friends and live in close quarters."

Alisa said they "read the group" to gauge what experiences would "make this week amazing for them" — whether it be visiting Five Finger Lighthouse, Warm Springs, or Hidden Falls Hatchery to see the bears, "there's a lot of things that we'd like to do," though it depends on the weather and how active the Dauntless guests prefer to be.

The coastal and natural wonders of Southeast, to Alisa, are what people want to see when they say they want to come to Alaska.

"That's what's special about Alaska … all those little unique things," she said. "And the cruise ships just aren't — that's not their focus."

"Cruise ships miss it all … you get a little tiny taste but you're traveling from Ketchikan to Juneau at night, and so when you wake up, you're in Juneau and then you get to tour Juneau, but when you're between … How many whales did you miss? How much scenery did you miss? Like, what little coves could you have ducked into and watched the bears grazing along the shoreline? Like, they're not focused on that, and to me, that's what's special about Alaska."

ALASKA SEA ADVENTURES

"I am a commercial fisherman, that's what I do by trade," said Harley Ethelbah, 54, Captain of the Northern Song expedition yacht and owner of Alaska Sea Adventures.

Harley grew up in Petersburg and started fishing at age 12, and continued to fish after attending college — eventually fishing the west coast all the way down to Morro Bay, California.

"Then I bought this operation last December knowing I'm kind of aging here, my body's not what it used to be," he told the Pilot. "I still have my [commercial fishing] permits … but my whole focus now, in Alaska, is the charter boat industry with the Northern Song."

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Former owner Dennis Rodgers retired and sold the yacht to Harley, who had "put the word in his ear" that he was interested a couple of years prior. The Northern Song used to tie up in the stall across from Harley's old boat, "so I saw this business in action for a good 10, 12 years."

The 85-foot, custom-built expedition yacht departs from Petersburg and checks out local sights for seven nights and eight days during Alaska Sea Adventures cruises.

"We do the glaciers, we'll do LeConte, Endecott and Tracy Arm … we'll do the hot springs … we'll do whale work," he said. "So we're all over Frederick Sound and Chatham Straits and Stevens Pass."

Harley told the Pilot the Sitka herring events, with bubble feeding whales in the fishery in Sitka, is a successful "winter spring show for us." The whales are in Sitka to gorge on fish after a months-long journey through the sea.

The summer season trips called "focus on whales" welcome whale biologists from University of Hawaii and UC Berkeley aboard the Northern Song, and "those are exciting trips just because they're so informative for people. Those are very successful trips."

The biologists are there to inform guests about the whales, telling stories about the journey the whales take from Alaska to Hawaii.

"All in all, it's successful, all the way around."

Harley said, "it takes more than one person" to coordinate with employees and manage responsibilities — "whereas fishing … you don't have such an extent of paperwork."

Alaska Sea Adventures is booked through 2026.

That certain foresight is a difference Harley noticed in his transition from commercial fishing to the tourism industry.

"Commercial fishing, you're reactive, meaning you're given circumstances and you learn to live with them … it's all based on nature, whereas this business is all about planning," he said. "And that's one thing I like about this business, is you can plan it years in advance."

His plan, moving forward, is just "keeping it all together … it takes an office to run such a thing —that's new for me— and just keeping track of it all."

He said he loves the clients, and "the people that come visit Petersburg and the area in general are pretty genuine. We get the individual travelers in Petersburg which is awesome," said Harley. "So all in all, good season, good clientele — and it's still a boat, and you still are dealing with a crew."

He said, in that regard, it is not much different from fishing.

"Guys ask me, you know, from the commercial fishing standpoint, and they're like, what do you think? And I go, it's still a boat, and you still got a crew," Harley told the Pilot. "The only difference is my payload instead of fish, it's people … it's just a different mentality, but I do like it."

Harley took on the business "with fishing being rock bottom prices … I could see that coming down the pike. And so I chose tourism, knowing and seeing what's going on in Petersburg, Wrangell, Juneau, Sitka —all these Southeast towns— tourism's coming on strong."

Harley emphasized that Petersburg is changing.

"I've seen it," he said, "I've been involved in it."

He recalled what Petersburg used to be like when he was growing up, stating "it was more vibrant," but "we've seen a downgrade."

However, he said he believes there is "an uptick" in sight, "and that uptick is due to tourism."

"I think Petersburg is gonna have to get into the realm of tourism … We gotta turn our direction, and that's what I'm doing — turning my direction toward what could make the town money."

He proposed Petersburg can use its identity as a commercial fishing town with Norwegian heritage to advance and embrace local tourism.

Having once owned a restaurant and brewery business in Skagway, Harley said he has "seen what can happen with the big cruise ships, because that was a big cruise ship town" —echoing the note that James Valentine told the Pilot.

"And I think Petersburg's on the right path with the small cruise ships and individual travelers, and its uniqueness," Harley said. "We can keep our uniqueness and play off that uniqueness … going forward, for the town and borough."

"I think that Petersburg's trajectory is a positive one," said James Valentine. "This community is great because we still remember tradition … we're a fishing community, we will never forget that we are a fishing community … so we will lean into being a fishing community. However … the town, Petersburg, is also willing to talk about growth in different ways," whether it be lumber, mining, or even tourism.

"Our town is unique in the sense that we are willing to talk about it," he said. "And I think that we are in such a unique position to be, what I like to call … good tourism."

James described "good tourism" as a framework that lays out a foundation of respect.

"We can set the framework for other communities to be like, hey, you know what, this is our rules. When you come in … this is how you respect our docks, this is how you respect our waters and our forest around us. And then we would consider it good tourism that hopefully spreads throughout Southeast."

The 2023 Petersburg summer scene "is wrapped up, and 2024 is going to be exciting. We have a couple new ships coming in, and, you know, the hope is that we as a community can be as prepared as possible … with an open mind … The people that are coming here are just excited to be here and just want to talk and enjoy what we can offer," James concluded. "So I'm excited."



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Co-owners James and Madeleine Valentine smile outside their Viking Travel office.

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PETERSBURG ALASKA

Petersburg Arts Council to present international vocalists

By ORIN PIERSON
Pilot editor



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Lyric & Spirit — an International Celebration of Women's Voices is (left to right) Varijashree Venugopal, Luísa Lacerda, and Lenna Bahule.

Petersburg will be one of four Alaska cities to host a performance by Lyric and Spirit, a performance ensemble comprised of three extraordinary vocalists from around the world who have joined together for an inaugural North American tour.

They will take the stage in Wright Auditorium on Wednesday evening, Nov. 1.

Lenna Bahule is a multidisciplinary artist raised and educated in Mapouto, Mozambique, now based in São Paulo, Brazil. As an educator and performer, she explores indigenous vocal music of Mozambique as well as exchanges with African diaspora cultures in Brazil and beyond. She focuses on different ways to use voice and body as a musical instrument and artistic expression.

Varijashree Venugopal is a Carnatic singer and flautist from Bangalore, India. She comes from a family of musicians and made her debut performance at age seven. She has become a sought-after recording session artist in India, contributing her music to tv shows, films, theatre productions, albums and more. Varijashree founded a quartet called Chakrafonics famous for blending traditional classical music with other genres.

Luísa Lacerda is a classically trained singer and guitarist from Rio de Janeiro. An award-winning instrumentalist, she is known for producing innovative shows and says she strives to showcase the works of new composers from Brazil's contemporary scene.

Their tour kicked off in California last week and things are off to a great start for the trio.

"This tour has been amazing and enriching. Although we never met before this tour, from our first rehearsal, the connection was immediate," Lenna wrote to the Pilot after their Wednesday night performance in Oregon.

"It was like we were like 'sisters from another mother.' And as a result, we've been able to come up with a wonderful and inspiring program that blends all of our styles. The show has been well received so far."

"They're all accomplished soloists," says Mark Kubo of the Petersburg Arts Council. And after their solos, "they come together to perform a collaboration set."

"The Petersburg Arts Council board is VERY excited for this 'international celebration of women's voices' – what a fun way to celebrate Petersburg Arts Council's 50th anniversary," Malena Marvin wrote to the Pilot. Adding, "[the board is] really happy to be bringing this caliber of concert to town…"

"The fact that we can bring such inspiring and high-quality acts is a testament to the steady work Mark Kubo does coordinating with other arts councils across Alaska, as well as the ongoing support of our attendees, members, and sponsors."

It does take substantial coordination. The planning began last year when the Anchorage Concert Association reached out to performance venues around the state to see who would help make this tour possible.

"Alaska is such a big state and so expensive to travel in, we use what's called block booking," says Kubo, "where multiple venues, multiple presenters try to arrange a tour so that we can try to reduce the travel costs somewhat."

Exciting arts council performances become more possible when the larger venues like Anchorage, Fairbanks or Juneau are in the block.

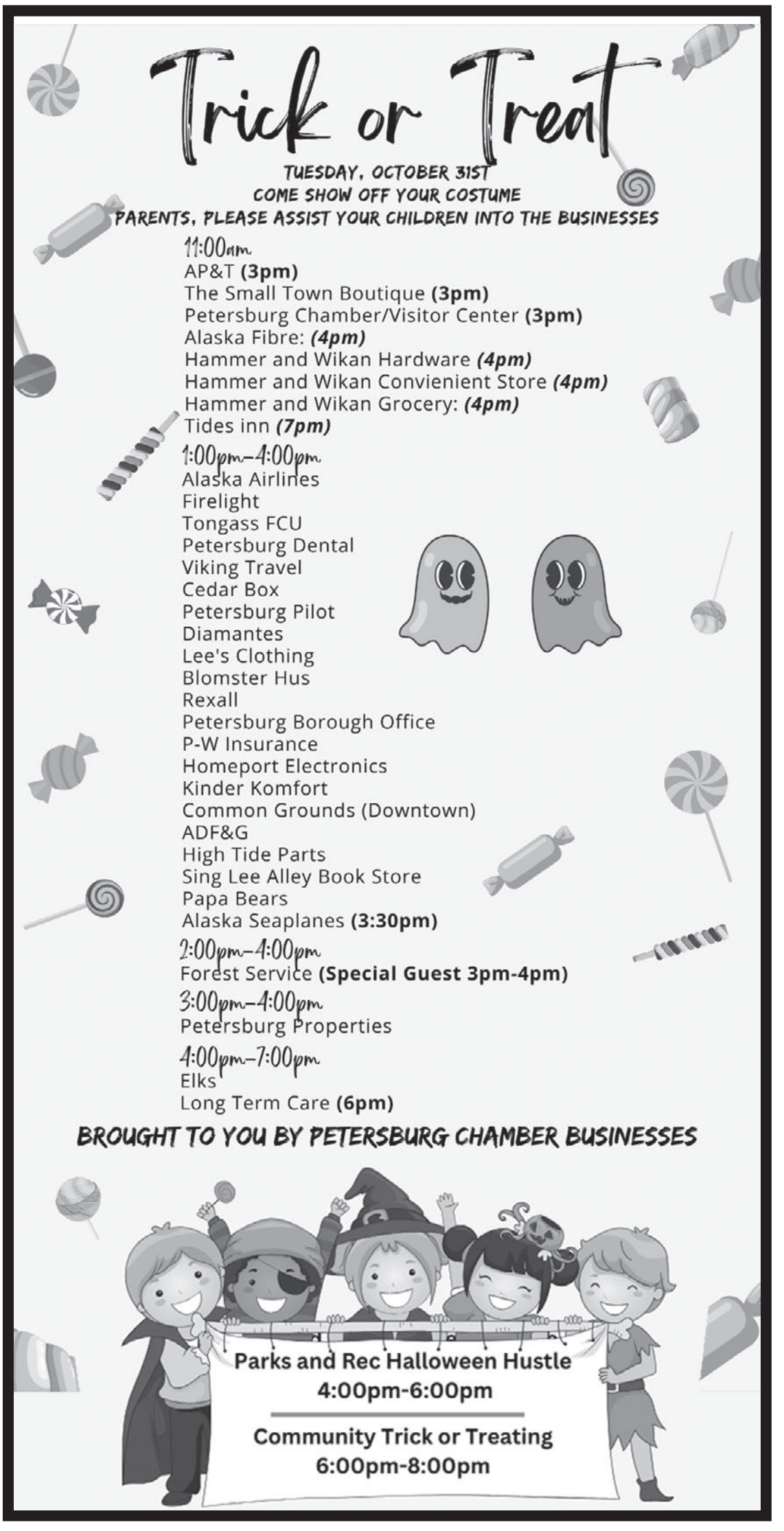
"They pay more so the smaller venues can pay less," says Kubo. "It's in keeping with the mission of arts, bringing exposure and education." Through donations from members, grant writing, and cost sharing strategies, rural communities like Petersburg are granted access to music that can "push the envelope."

Kubo says a mission of the arts council is to create experiences for audiences that expand beyond our everyday comforts of familiar or mainstream music.

Kubo laments that audiences have not yet bounced back to pre-pandemic levels, and that does put a strain on the opportunity to present performance art, but he urges the local audience not to miss next week's show.

"I think it will be great!" he says.

"Sounds like the artists are excited in coming," he adds. In fact, Lenna is bringing her three-year-old Phantima on this tour and they will be arriving in Petersburg the day before the performance. "So they'll get to experience American Halloween."



Oktoberfest arts and crafts are back again in rec center

By OLIVIA ROSE
Pilot writer

The 47th annual Oktoberfest Art Share event will return to Petersburg once again this Saturday, Oct. 28.

When the doors of the Petersburg Community Gym open at 10 a.m., attendees can explore the variety of homemade food, handmade crafts, and much more until the event concludes at 3 p.m.

The Muskeg Maleriers have facilitated the event for about 41 years, taking over for the Petersburg Arts Council, the original founders.

As for what Saturday's event will offer, Muskeg Maleriers member Sally Dwyer told the Pilot that "it's full" with over 50 vendors signed up to attend — some new to the scene, some familiar returnees.

"We've got some new people this year, like sagebrush dry bag and berry bags from Kake are coming over, they're a new group," Dwyer said.

There will be quilters, knitters, crocheters, paintings, bake sale items like freeze dried candies and homemade jellies, free cookbooks, and "all kinds of good things" available, said Dwyer.

"It's just a lot of fun."

A raffle of five rosemal prizes painted by the Muskeg Maleriers will be drawn near the end of the event.

One prize is a white chair with hand-painted blue and green rosemaling and a water-marble-like custom pattern cushion by Sew What; another is "an old timey chair" with a polka-dot custom cushion, also by Sew What, painted black with rosemaling on the front of the seat and the top of the chair's back.

A small, tilt-top wooden table that is painted forest green on the surface with rosemaling is a raffle prize, as well.

The other prizes are a door crown made of curved wood that is painted a deep shade of blue with intricate rosemaling, red detailing and a friendly "Velkommen" for decoration above a door frame, or a black straw-lid reusable cup with rosemaling.

All five raffle prizes are rosemaled with acrylic paint and varnished.

"You buy a ticket, and you can stick it in one of five containers depending on the item you like the most."

The raffle will be near the rock wall in the gym.

The "food room" taking place in the activity room will have lunch options like homemade lemonade, Thai food, heavenly hot dogs, halibut or rockfish tacos, fish cakes and egg rolls.

Local nonprofits will be stationed in the hallway, sharing about their organizations.

"A lot of quilters are having their silent auction there at the end of the hall," said Dwyer.

The Quilt Show is returning after a couple-year hiatus.

"They still had an auction table last year … This year, they're actually going to not only have the small quilt auction, but they're going to have gently used quilts for sale with price tags on them," said Dwyer. "Pass them on, let somebody else love them to death, you know?"

However, the venue for the quilt show will be different this year. The art share's sister event will take place from noon until 4 p.m. in the Lutheran Church sanctuary. Quilts will be laid about the pews this year instead of strung from ropes in the high school commons area.

The reason for the change in venue is because it is "much easier to just lay the quilts over the pews rather than … have to hang them from ropes all around the commons," said Dwyer. "It took hours and hours … and we're all getting older…"

Following months of construction at the community recreation center, the facility is open and all areas reserved by the Muskeg Maleriers for the community event are available for vendors and tabling, according to Parks & Recreation Facility Supervisor Julie Anderson.

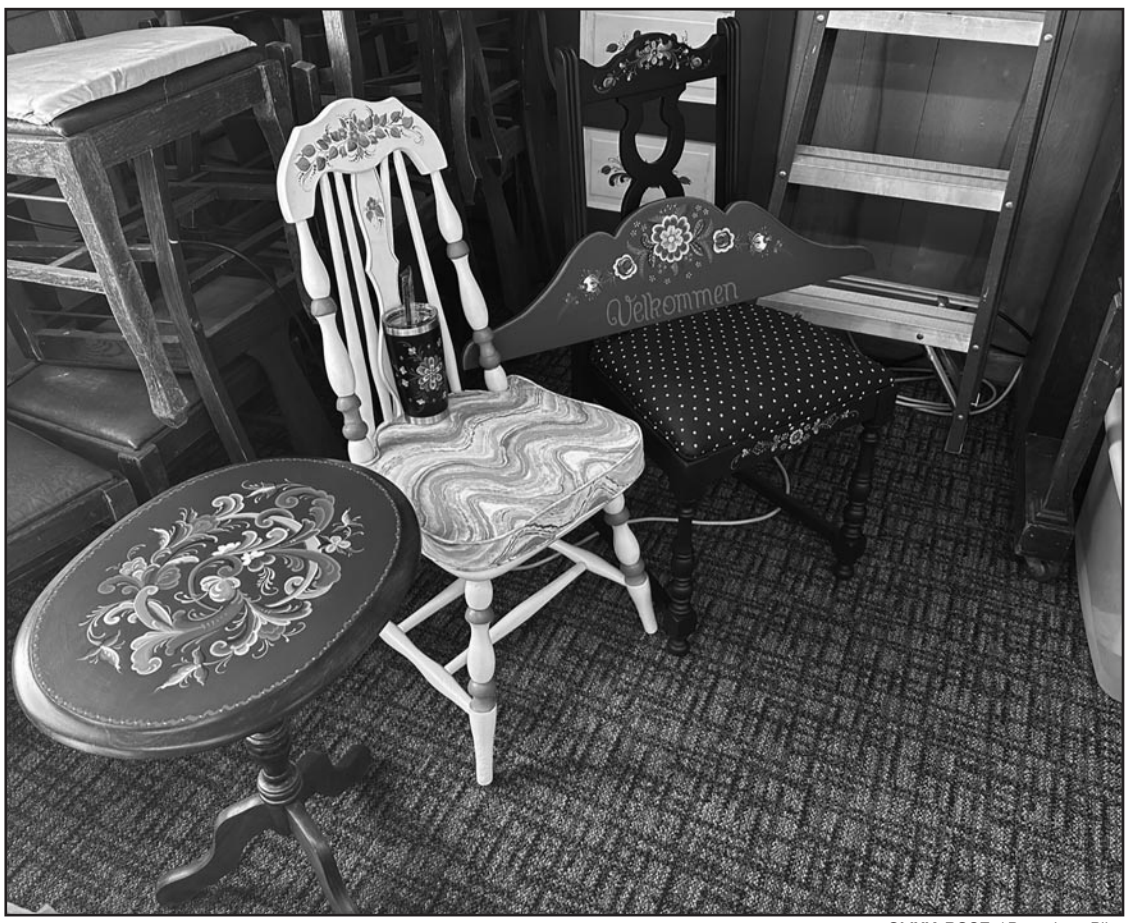
"The gym side locker rooms are not yet open to the public, but they are coming along and will not hinder the Oktoberfest event," she wrote in a message to the Pilot.

Parks & Rec Director Stephanie Payne wrote, "We are in position to have the facility and event ready for action for the weekend, proceeding as normal!"

She noted there may be an area in the hallway without carpet.

"You never know what's going to hit people each year, but it's a good time to start the Christmas shopping and thinking and visiting with your friends, and just seeing what people have been doing while they've been hiding away all summer, you know?" said Dwyer.

"I'm always happily surprised and pleased with how many people show up."



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The Muskeg Maleriers have rosemalled these five items which will be awarded as raffle prizes during Saturday's art share.





Petersburg Borough Siren Alert & Warning System (SAWS)

Siren Testing



First Wednesday of Every Month
at 12pm - 30 seconds, using a steady signal

The sirens — used to alert the public in the event of an emergency such as a Tsunami, Natural Disaster, Major Fire or Foreign Attack — located on the roof of the Syd Wright Auditorium located at Petersburg Middle School, the Mort Fryer Sports Complex (Base Ball Fields) and Bayview Estates (Hungerford Hill) may use different sounds and tones to alert the public of different emergencies. Here is what they could sound like:

Emergency Warning - Wail Tone This will be a 3-5 minute wavering (warbling in pitch) tone or siren. The "Emergency Warning" signal should mean to all people that a danger is imminent and protective action (Evacuate, go to high ground or take shelter, depending on the emergency) should be taken immediately. Turn on your radio and listen for essential emergency information, keep telephone use limited to emergency contact, do not call 911 to ask about the sirens. The "Emergency Warning" signal shall be repeated as often as deemed necessary by local government authorities to obtain the desired response by the population.

Attention/Alert - Steady Tone A 3 – 5 minute steady signal from sirens. This signal may be used as authorized by city officials to alert the public to potential emergencies, where the public may face danger in the near future, such as under a Tsunami or Earthquake Advisory, in addition to any other meaning or requirement for action as determined by Borough officials. The Attention/Alert Signal should mean to all people, "Turn on radio or TV, keep telephone use limited to emergency contact only. Listen for essential emergency information, Be prepared to act."

Local Fire Alert - Wail Tone This will be a 30 second wavering (warbling in pitch) tone or siren. The Local Fire Alert is only to be used in cases of major fire, where multiple structures are endangered, Initial responders are over-whelmed and additional help is needed from reserve units, or abnormal events such as a plane crash or other accidents that require many more responders. The "Local Fire Alert" signal should mean to all people that an active Fire response is ongoing, affected areas should be avoided and routes leading to the scene should remain clear. Turn on your radio and listen for additional information, do not call 911 to ask about the sirens. The "Local Fire Alert" signal shall be repeated as often as deemed necessary by local government authorities.

Maureen Floyd hired as new Clausen Museum Director

By OLIVIA ROSE
Pilot writer

Petersburg's Clausen Memorial Museum has a new museum director.

Maureen Floyd was hired this week for the role long-held by Cindi Lagoudakis.

"I've got big shoes to fill, [Lagoudakis] was a great director before me … I'm hoping that I can learn through her and different people … I am open and eager," Floyd told the Pilot.

Floyd moved to Petersburg about four years ago.

This August, she walked in the doors of the museum hoping to learn more about Norwegian pioneer Peter Buschmann, who had once lived in her home.

"I just kind of fell in love with this place," she said lightheartedly. "I started volunteering, and then everybody was like, you should apply for the director position…"

But Floyd was not sure if her passion for history, certified background in archeology, and lifelong enthusiasm for museums made her qualified for the position.

However, she was promptly reassured she fit the criteria.

She went for it, and the rest is history.



Maureen Floyd

Floyd said she has always loved museums and credits her parents for that passion, having frequented museums and exhibits growing up in California.

"They were a direct link to me falling in love with history museums," she shared. "Now when I travel, I categorize my favorite cities on their museums."

When it comes to the Clausen, "For a little museum, it's pretty awesome," she said.

The scent of aged wood permeates the space with a nostalgic ambiance "like a library" full of old leather-bound books.

"The minute I walked in here, it just felt like home. And so I just want to take care of it and I want to make sure that … everybody loves it and they want to see it continue throughout the years, and be the best it can be."

Floyd has done a variety of different jobs, from selling fine jewelry, to acting, to managing a department store.

Now as director, her experience, interests, and background intersect. In her role, Floyd listens to the interests of the community and spends time researching in the library, figuring out exhibit ideas that will attract people to the museum.

She helps with curating the collection, the gift shop, the volunteers, and with grant writing — not to mention coordinating and organizing the museum's art shows and exhibits.

Floyd wants to facilitate exhibits and shows that draw the interest of younger generations and, hopefully, inspire them to get involved.

"I'm looking forward to trying to get some younger people … excited about the museum … and then getting more exhibits, hands on things, for the schoolchildren to get them involved in the museum and like it."

She admires Petersburg's many talented artists of all ages, and "to have their artwork in here, you know, to have them be able to show it … that's pretty exciting."

Overall, Floyd is enthused to be taking on this role and looks forward to working in line with her passions in Petersburg.

"I'm very excited," she said. "And I can't deny this is a little overwhelming at first, but I just take it day by day and, you know, I just love it. This is like a second home to me."

Rules of the Road
US Coast Guard Question & Answer

QUESTION:
Risk of collision is considered to exist if _____.

A. four vessels are nearby
B. a vessel has a steady bearing at a constant range
C. there is any doubt that a risk of collision exists
D. a special circumstance situation is apparent

Source: U.S. Coast Guard

ANSWER C. there is any doubt that a risk of collision exists

Senior Meals

MONDAY, October 30
Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Ice Cream
TUESDAY, October 31
BBQ Pork Ribs, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad, Pineapple Slices, Cake
WEDNESDAY, November 1
Chicken Sandwich with Lettuce and Tomato, Ambrosia Salad, Juice, Muffin
THURSDAY, November 2
Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Banana, Cookie
FRIDAY, November 3
Chef's Choice



The community dining room is open to eligible diners (60+ and their spouses, or disabled individuals living in an assisted living facility). Dinner is served between 4 and 4:30 p.m. All meals are suggested donation only. Please call Mountain View Food Service at 772-4331 before noon for reservations

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA AT PETERSBURG

In the Matter of the Estate of:)
)
Beulah Eleanor Luhr)
Person Who Died (Decedent))
DOB: 10/12/1934)
)
_____) Case No. 1PE-23-20PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

You are notified that the court appointed Joyce A. Cummings as personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the person who died are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred.

Date 10/06/2023
Joyce A. Cummings
PO Box 1754
Petersburg, AK 99833

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PUBLIC NOTICE
PETERSBURG BOROUGH
Seeking Letters of Interest to Serve as Petersburg Borough's Representatives on the Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) Board of Directors

The Petersburg Borough is accepting letters of interest from citizens who wish to serve the community as a Board Member to the Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) for calendar year 2024. The Borough Assembly will appoint two voting members and two alternates to the SEAPA board.

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Letters of interest should be submitted to Clerk Thompson at the Borough offices located at 12 S. Nordic Drive; by sending to PO Box 329, Petersburg, AK 99833; or by emailing to dthompson@petersburgak.gov. The deadline for letters of interest is Monday, November 13, 2023. The Assembly will make appointments at their November 20, 2023 meeting.

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What's for Lunch?
at Petersburg School District

Monday, Oct 30
WG Macaroni and Cheese
WG Chicken Nuggets
Tuesday, Oct 31
Green Pork Chili
WG Corn Bread
Wednesday, Nov 1
No School
Thursday, Nov 2
WG Fish Sandwich
Friday, Nov 3
WG Grilled Cheese
Tomato Soup



Breakfast Menu -
Served With Milk & Choice of:
Fresh Fruit, Applesauce or Dried Cranberries
Homemade Granola with Yogurt, Smoothie and Granola, Fruit Parfait and Granola, French Toast, Oatmeal, Homemade Muffin, and Cereals
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Thursday: 6p - Celebrate Recovery

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Library News

Science Series Talk / Diving Deep: Can Dungeness Crab Dodge Sea Otters? With Carter Johnson / Thursday, October 26 / 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. / Cost: FREE

Street Fighter 6 Tournament with Gus Petersen & Keston Lyons / Friday, October 27 / 7 – 10 p.m. / Ages 13+ (adults welcome) / Cost: FREE / Register at psglib.org

Yoga with Karen Malcom / Saturdays, October 28 & November 4 / 11 a.m. to noon / $5, pay at the front desk / Bring your own mat

I'm a Pretzel! Yoga with Ms. Barb for ages 8 – 10) / Saturday, October 28 / 3 – 3:45 p.m. / Cost: FREE / Register at psglib.org

Curiosity Creates with Andrea Weathers / Mondays, October 30, November 6 & 13 / 3:15 – 4:15 / Grades 1 – 5 / Space is limited, pick up a ticket at the Library Front Desk on the day of, beginning at 3 p.m.

Homegrown Conversations on KFSK Community Radio / Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. / Listen to community member's share their stories / All podcasts can be found at psglib.org

Stories In Motion! / Thursdays, 11 a.m to noon / Ages 0-3

GOAT Radio Show LIVE! On KFSK / Fridays, 2:30 – 4 p.m. / Tune in and listen to teen volunteers as they learn the ropes!

Rainforest Festival: Felted Bird Garlands or Ornaments / Tuesday, November 14 / 6:30-7:45 p.m. / Ages 16+ / Cost: FREE / Register at psglib.org

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Need help? Let us know at 907-772-3349 or library@petersburgak.gov



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Harbor dredge happening

Western Marine's dredging crane scrapes up sediment and hard blue clay from South Harbor and releases the clamshell claw into the collection barge. The sound echoes in the harbor. Dredging is done to remove sediment and debris that has accumulated in the harbor over time. The South Harbor dredge project commenced last winter and resumed in October after being suspended for around seven months due to environmental regulations. The project is expected to conclude at the end of the year.

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Notice of PIA Election

There shall be an election of the Petersburg Indian Association Tribal Council on January 8, 2024. The polling location will be PIA's Conference Room. The voting polls will open at 8 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. on Election Day.

The following seats will be up for election:

Council Chair (President):	**1 seat - One-Year Term**
Council Member:	**3 seats - Two-Year Term**
Council Member:	**1 seat - One-Year Term**

Eligible members wishing to run can obtain a Declaration of Candidacy from the PIA front desk or website. All Declarations of Candidacy must be received by October 31, 2023, by 4 PM to be printed on the official ballot. If you miss this deadline, you may run as a write-in candidate by submitting a Letter of Intent to Run as a Write-in Candidate by November 30, 2023, by 4 PM, also available at the PIA front desk or website.

The complete list of declared candidates will be posted by November 1, 2023, on piatribal.org, PIA's Facebook, and as a PSA on KFSK radio. A complete list of eligible write-ins will be posted at the polls starting December 4, 2023.

For more information on how to run, where to get forms, eligibility requirements, absentee voting, or registering as a member of PIA, please contact Rebecca Lee at 907-772-3636 or email piaelection@piatribal.org.

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State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry & Fire Protection
Southeast Area Office
Request for Proposals
El Capitan/Whale Pass Timber Sale (SSE-1380-K/SSE-1378-K)

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry & Fire Protection (DOF), gives formal notice per AS 38.05.945 that it intends to negotiate with a purchaser under the authority of AS 38.05.118 using a request for proposal process for the purchase of commercial timber in the El Capitan/Whale Pass Timber Sale (SSE-1380-K/SSE-1378 K) areas. The timber will be marketed to a list of local mills and interested parties maintained by the DOF Southeast Area Office. The saw log volume to be offered totals approximately 12,737 thousand board feet (MBF).

The DOF is offering one timber sale for negotiated purchase, the El Capitan/Whale Pass Timber Sale composed of 15 units. The sale area is on the northern end of Prince of Wales Island and is found within the Petersburg A-4 USGS quadrangle. The main access for this sale area is from the existing Prince of Wales Road System. The timber is predominantly old growth composed of western red cedar, western hemlock, Sitka spruce and Alaska yellow cedar on approximately 628 acres. The term of the contract is five years.

There are six units near the community of Whale Pass. The timber sale area is found within Sections 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27, Township 66 South, Range 79 East, Copper River Meridian (CRM).

There are nine units near the junction of the FDR 2000 and FDR 2700 roads. The timber sale area is found within Sections 1, 12, and 13, Township 66 South, Range 78 East, and Sections 6, 7, 8 and 18, Township 66 South, Range 79 East, CRM. The sale area is found within the Petersburg A-4 NW USGS quadrangle.

Proposers are required to fill out the Timber Sale Proposal Sheet provided in the Request for Proposal package and must submit a copy of their current Alaska Business License. The business license copy may accompany the proposal. For a proposal to qualify, proposers are required to submit a bid deposit amount of 5% of the total bid value. The successful purchaser is required to deposit a performance bond with the State of $100,000.00 and a stumpage deposit of 10% of the total sale value at the signing of the contract.

Copies of the Request for Proposal information package are available for review at the DOF's Southeast Area Office, the DOF web site along with the State Online Public Notice System at http://notice.alaska.gov/212879.

If your firm is interested in purchasing this sale, please provide this office with a completed proposal. Send to the attention of Greg Staunton at the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, 2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901 no later than **2:00 p.m. November 13, 2023.** Proposers are responsible for assuring that their complete proposal is delivered on time.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alaska Division of Forestry & Fire Protection
2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213
Ketchikan, AK 99901

Contact: Greg Staunton
Phone: (907) 225-3070
Email: greg.staunton@alaska.gov

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry & Fire Protection complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need help with bidding should contact the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection at (907) 225-3070 to make any necessary arrangements.

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JOBS

Petersburg Borough Public Works Department has an opening for a full-time Utility Worker. This position pays $27.31 per hour, Possession of a Class A or B Commercial Driver's License is required. Performs a variety of skilled construction, maintenance tasks and equipment operation in support of Public Works, Water, Wastewater and Sanitation departments. 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, or mailed to P.O. Box 329, Petersburg, AK 99833, or emailed to bregula@petersburgak.gov. Open until the position is filled.

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The Petersburg Borough, Alaska Electric Department has an opening for the position of Electrician/Operator. This is a full-time position, with a starting wage of $47.42 for PERS Tier 1-3 employees or $45.52 for PERS Tier 4, and full benefits. The Borough will consider applications from Journeyman or Master level electricians that can demonstrate they can obtain the State of Alaska Journeyman Electrician Certificate of Fitness within six months of employment. The Petersburg Borough will assist in obtaining this certificate. A complete job description and employment application can be obtained from the Borough's website at www.petersburgak.gov. Applications for the position will be accepted until the position is filled.



Send completed applications to the Borough HR office, PO Box 329, Petersburg, AK 99833, fax to 907-772-3759, or email to bregula@petersburgak.gov.

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Petersburg Borough 2022 Foreclosure List
All Properties Located within the Petersburg Recording District

Property Owner	Parcel ID	Legal Description	Subdivision/Plat/Survey	2022 Tax Levy	Penalty	Interest thru 9/30/23	Foreclosure Fee	Payment	Total
ARMIN, NORMAN & MERRY	01010934	34 SKYLARK PARK	TRAILER ONLY	$146.06	$14.61	24.19	$150		$334.86
BERKLEY, BENJAMIN	01006596	LOT 1, BLOCK 62	SOUTHEAST ADDITION, PLAT 69-202, USS 1252	$956.8	$95.68	$158.59	$150		$1,361.07
BRADFORD, AARON & JANET	01010941	41 SKYLARK PARK	TRAILER ONLY	$141.45	$14.15	$23.43	$150		$329.03
COLE, THOMAS E JR	02283130	PTN LOT 16, BLOCK 2	WRANGELL NARROWS SUBD, PLAT 2003-3	$440.58	$44.06	$73.01	$150		$707.65
HALL, KIMBERLY R	01010922	22 SKYLARK PARK	TRAILER ONLY	$131.1	$13.11	$21.75	$150		$315.96
HOMER, STEPHEN DUANE	01007652	LOT 2, BLOCK 28	RESUBDIVION BLOCK 28, PLAT 69-140, USS 1252	$525.56	$52.56	$87.11	$150		$815.23
KANGAS, DANIEL	01006921	21 TOWNE COURT	TRAILER ONLY	$154.1	$15.41	$25.56	$150		$345.07
NISSELL, MICHAEL	01011916	9W ISLAND COURT	TRAILER ONLY	$115.00	$11.50	$18.80	$150	$(1.78)	$293.52
RUSK, DANNY M & GARWOOD, RAMONA	01006934	34 TOWNE COURT	TRAILER ONLY	$103.50	$10.35	$17.17	$150		$281.02
SCADUTO, KELLY	01006919	19 TOWNE COURT	TRAILER ONLY	$93.15	$9.32	$15.44	$150		$267.91
TRADING UNION INC	01007103	LOT 1A	TIDELANDS ADDITION, PLAT 90-6	$15,562.95	$1,556.3	$2,579.25	$150		$19,848.50
TRADING UNION INC	01007127	LOT 24A, BLOCK 2	PLAT 89-2; USS 282	$4,740.3	$474.03	$785.58	$150		$6,149.91

Notice is hereby given that on or about October 19, 2023, a Petition for Judgment of Foreclosure was filed by the Petersburg Borough with the Superior Court for the State of Alaska, First Judicial District at Petersburg, asking for a Judgment of Foreclosure against the real property listed on this foreclosure list for failure to pay real property taxes levied for 2022. A person having an interest in a parcel listed on the foreclosure list may file an answer on or before 30 days from the date of last publication of this Notice, specifying the person's objection. If no answer is filed and the amount due for the year 2022 is not paid, it is expected that the Superior Court will grant a Judgment of Foreclosure against the properties listed on the foreclosure list.

A copy of the Petition and this foreclosure list are available for public inspection at the Borough Clerk's Office or the Finance Department for the Petersburg Borough during regular business hours.

THIS CERTIFIES that this foreclosure list is a true and correct record of the documents in my official custody.

DATED this 20th day of October 2023

Jody Tow
Finance Director
Petersburg Borough

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• **Bingocize Facilitator (*PT* as Needed)**
• **Clinic Reception/Admissions (*FT*)**
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Public Works has an opening for the position for Public Works Facilities Maintenance Technician. This is a regular full- time position with an hourly rate of $26.63 per hour. 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 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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Scandia House is hiring! Housekeepers, front desk clerks. Applications available at hotel front desk.

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The 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 permanent full-time Motor Pool Equipment Mechanic. Starting wage for this position is $29.42/hour. Three years of vehicle repair and maintenance employment experience is required. Possession of a Class A or B Commercial Driver's License with air brake and tanker endorsements is preferred; however, applicants with the ability to obtain the required CDL within the first six months of employment will 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 office, 12 S. Nordic Drive, or mailed to P.O. Box 329, Petersburg, AK 99833, attn: Human Resources, until position is filled.

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Rare white raven grabs attention in Anchorage

By ZACHARIAH HUGHES
Anchorage Daily News

An unusual white raven has been seen repeatedly around Anchorage in recent days, captivating birders, photographers and amateur wildlife enthusiasts.

"It looks like a leucistic bird, so a bird that's lacking melanin in its feathers," said Lisa Pajot, a volunteer with a local avian rehabilitation organization, Bird TLC, who spent 20 years working as a bird biologist.

The condition is slightly different from albinism, marked by full white cover and red eyes. The raven spotted in Midtown Anchorage this week has blue eyes, indicative of leucism, a lack of melanin pigments in some or all feathers.



Photo courtesy of Marc Lester / ADN

A white raven takes flight with a black one from a rooftop in Midtown Anchorage on Tuesday. The white raven appears to be leucistic, or lacking in melanin pigment.



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A white raven engages in flight with another raven in Midtown Anchorage on Tuesday.

"It is fairly rare," Pajot said of the condition.

Some experts believe it's the same bird that was spotted this summer on the Kenai Peninsula. A July story from public radio station KDLL quoted a Kenai photographer who said he first saw a raven chick with white chest feathers hatched in a group of seven in June. The Kenai National Wildlife Refuge posted about the animal on Facebook that month, noting its blue irises and calling its appearance "truly a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence."

"This is the only time I have ever heard of a white raven or seen pictures of a white raven," said Riley Woodford, a public information officer with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, of this year's specimen.

Woodford had heard of a fully leucistic robin once in Juneau, but never a raven.

"A white raven is rarer than a black swan," said Rick Sinnott, a former Anchorage-area wildlife biologist for the state, using a phrase that stands in for an extremely rare event.

He said seeing one is uncommon, but noted that many leucistic animals are likely born in the wild and perish without humans ever taking note, either succumbing normally to the elements or from predation.

"They're odd, they're different," Sinnott said. "So if you're the odd bird in a flock … if you're white and everything else is dark, you become the object of attention."

Sinnott said ravens often move closer into towns and places where there's more food or trash to scavenge as winter approaches, particularly in the month of October.

He believes "it's very likely" the white raven spotted in Anchorage this week could be the same one that hatched on the Peninsula earlier this summer.

Champion for Kids

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passed on her love of teaching to him, so much so that he says, "It's easy with these kids who listen all the time and never get into trouble. Angels." But he takes serious pride in them as well, saying that "90 out of 120 students in the Middle-High school participate in some activity.

Since Cabral is probably not the first Champion for Kids to downplay the award, the Alaska Children's Trust ensured that he be recognized in his own community by sending two employees, Kate Matheson and Kaila Pfister down for a local award celebration. Not only does this force some local recognition on the humble recipient, but it celebrates the larger community as well. "It's about recognizing not just Jaime, but as a community what you do for kids," explained Trust CEO Trevor Storrs.

On a recent episode of The Common Good on KFSK, Hannah Flor spoke with Storrs about the background and scope of the Alaska Children's Trust, and he said that their research has shown that for kids one of the key protective factors -- a factor that keeps them safe from both abuse and neglect and self-harm — is that they have at least one caring adult outside of their primary care providers. "I was bullied as a kid, and I thought about suicide," admits Storrs. "But I had a supportive family, and I had a Jaime ... That's what saved my life, and I know there are people out there who would say the same about Jaime ... It's not the CEO that gave out a big grant, it's the people with the big hearts that put children and families in the center."

