



Legislature settles on \$1,300 PFD, with bonus if oil prices climb

By LARRY PERSILY
Wrangell Sentinel writer

Alaska lawmakers reached a compromise on the state budget and adjourned after a one-day special session last week, approving a \$1,300 Permanent Fund dividend for this fall with the possibility of a second, smaller payment next year if oil revenues exceed projections.

The amount of the PFD and the capital budget — construction and maintenance projects in legislators' home districts — were the final items that forced legislators into a special session after the regular session ended May 17 without a budget.

The governor called them back to work starting the next day.

While the Republican-led House and Republican Gov. Mike Dunleavy wanted a larger PFD, which would have required drawing hundreds of millions of dollars from the state's dwindling savings account, the bipartisan Senate majority coalition insisted on the \$1,300 dividend and a balanced budget without taking from savings.

The budget includes provisions that will provide a second payment next year — called an energy relief payment — if Alaska North Slope oil prices exceed the projected \$73-a-barrel average over the next 12 months.

If prices are high, the additional tax and royalty revenue would be shared 50-50 between the bonus payment to individual Alaskans, capped at \$500, and a deposit into state savings.

The Senate approved the final budget with only two no votes out of 20 members. The House consented on a 26-14 vote after almost half of the majority joined with the Democrat-led minority to adopt the spending plan and end the special session, which by law could have run as long as 30 days.

The state fiscal year starts July 1.

The budget totals \$6.1 billion in unrestricted

general fund revenues, of which K-12 education, Medicaid and the Permanent Fund dividend are the three largest appropriations.

After an all-day session of negotiations behind closed doors, legislative leaders on May 18 reached a deal to add more than \$34 million to the budget for two dozen projects requested by House majority members.

House Finance Committee Co-Chair Rep. DeLena Johnson, of Palmer, voted for the budget but said she wasn't happy about it. The Republican said she was worried about the consequences of further disagreement. "What I didn't want to see was a government shutdown, and I didn't want to bring it down to the brink," she told the Alaska Beacon.

Her colleague in the majority leadership, Anchorage Rep. Craig Johnson, also voted yes. He didn't believe that further negotiations would have resulted in a better deal, he told reporters. "I would prefer not to vote for it, but when I weigh the shutdown, the cost and the practicality, I'm a pragmatist. I'll fight for what I believe in. But at the end of the day, I think this is the best we can get."

Among the local projects added in the last day of negotiations was \$5 million to rebuild the Palmer Public Library, which is in DeLena Johnson's district. The library roof collapsed under heavy snow last winter.

Other additions included \$3 million to help Fairbanks tear down the derelict Polaris Hotel; \$5 million for a harbor float in Dillingham; \$5 million for the Wasilla Airport runway extension; \$4.75 million for water and sewer projects in Talkeetna; and a series of road and maintenance projects across the state.

The district of Rep. Justin Ruffridge, a Soldotna Republican, received \$600,000 for a road project, but he voted against the budget. "I don't like being bought, frankly. It's kind of what that

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Rik Cumps sails above the sand pit during his long jump attempt.

Cumps springs for 2 regional titles 6 qualify for state track meet

By CHRIS BASINGER
Pilot writer

After training all season on gravel and mud, the Petersburg High School track and field team proved they got what it takes to compete on the rubber for real.

13 Vikings made the trip up to Thunder Mountain last weekend to compete in the Division II regional competition.

Of those students, Rik Cumps, Alexis Sakamoto-Quezon, Erik Thynes, Kinley Lister, Elaina Enriquez, and Anya Pawuk qualified for the state championships.

"It was a really good performance by our kids," Activities Director Jaime Cabral said.

"A ton of PRs over the weekend too and Coach James [Valentine] and Coach Robert [Cross] have done such a nice job with them."

Cumps leaped onto the top of the podium in both jumping events — soaring 19 feet and 10.75 inches in the long jump and 39 feet and 8.75 inches in the triple jump.

He also finished third in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.90.

Sakamoto-Quezon glided above the barriers in the 100-meter hurdles and the 300-meter hurdles to finish second in both races.

Thynes' 111-foot 10-inch discus throw landed him in second place.

Lister stayed ahead of the pack in the 3200 meters to finish third with a time of 14 minutes flat.

Pawuk and Enriquez both qualified in the shot put, finishing in fourth and sixth, respectively.

Enriquez also qualified for

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Petersburg Community Foundation awards \$28,000 to local organizations Jeanette Ness receives 2023's Volunteer of the Year award

By LIAM DEMKO
Pilot writer

The Petersburg Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Alaska Community Foundation, presented eight grants last Saturday supporting community nonprofits.

Hosted by Sue Paulsen, the event brought together volunteers, community members, and representatives from local



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Glo Wollen (left) and Karin McCullough (right) embrace Jeanette Ness as she is named the 2023 Volunteer of the Year.

organizations to award over \$28,000 in grants.

Before the grants were announced, Jeanette Ness was

named as this year's recipient of the foundation's Volunteer of the Year award.

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felt like,” the freshman legislator told reporters.

Another no vote came from first-year Anchorage Republican Rep. Julie Coulombe. “I guess I can’t concur with bullies and bribers,” she told reporters.

“It might not have been the process that all of us wanted to get to, but it was a process,” said House Speaker Cathy Tilton, a Wasilla Republican, defending the decision by 10 members of her caucus to vote for the budget.

In addition to rounding up votes from the House majority, the budget, written in large part by the Senate, added several items favored by members of the House minority. Those included \$7.5 million in child care grants, money for public broadcasting, funding for tourism marketing and seafood marketing, and aid to home health care services.

The compromise spending plan includes a one-time increase of \$175 million, about 15%, in the state’s per-student

public school funding formula, though education advocates had been pushing hard for a permanent increase in the program.

Much of the final weeks of legislative negotiations focused on the amount of the Permanent Fund dividend, with the House majority supporting a \$2,700 PFD that would require withdrawing about \$800 million from savings. The Senate held firm to a \$1,300 dividend and not touching savings.

The state constitution re-

quires a three-quarters majority vote to tap the savings, and it was clear that the Senate majority and House minority were not willing to go along with the House Republicans’ plan, denying anything close to the three-quarters vote.

Meanwhile, legislators could be back at work this fall. The governor has indicated he will call a 30-day special session for lawmakers to consider legislation for a long-term fiscal plan to balance state revenues and spending, something that has

eluded Alaska’s elected officials since the early 1990s.

This story includes reporting by the Anchorage Daily News and the Alaska Beacon, an independent, donor-funded news organization.

Yesterday’s News

News from 25-50-75-100 years ago

May 25, 1923 - The performance put on by the Lacare Vaudeville Company last night at the Variety Theater was greatly enjoyed by the house full of people that witnessed it, especially the part where Devere escaped from the ropes and shackles put on by Marshals MacGregor and Wick. Tonight Devere will be shackled by these two men using their own handcuffs and straight jacket. Mr. Devere will also escape from a box after having been nailed in by local merchants. Two reels of comedy pictures will open the show, starting at 8 o’clock.

May 21, 1948 - Midshipman Frederick L. Nelson of Petersburg, Alaska, today had the ticklish task of picking the “Color Girl” for June Week ceremonies at the Naval Academy and it seems he’s in a bit of a quandary. “Haven’t made up my mind,” said the 23-year old first classman. Graduating midshipmen usually have their date invited to June Week months in advance. Assigning the color girl honor goes each year to the captain of the company scoring the most points in a long list of tests and examinations ranging from infantry drill to combat intelligence. He usually picks his best girlfriend - his fiance if he has one. She is the toast of the academy during June Week, acting as queen of the commencement activities and honor guest at its many social functions. Her main job is to transfer the colors from last year’s winning company to this year’s champs at a formal parade. Midshipman William E. Nylen confounded protocol and tradition last year by picking his sister for the honor. Nelson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Nelson of Petersburg, Alaska. He attended Petersburg High School and Drews Prep in San Francisco. After graduation he hopes to go into the submarine service.

May 24, 1973 - Unbeknownst to the Press in time for coverage, the American Legion sponsored its first annual Gold Cup Rowboat Race last Sunday at Sandy Beach and it was a roaring

success. Planned as an annual event, Legion representative Duane Borchers said the winning club, group, or organization each year will receive a small gold Loving Cup, which they may retain permanently and will be holders of a large cup, which will pass on to the following year’s winner. Of the five original entries this year, three evidently “broke a quillshaft” or perhaps the crews were recovering from the Little Norway celebrations, but whatever, only two boats were present for the event - the Moose Club and the Legionnaires. Remarkably, each of the two-man boats rowed the course in exactly the same time and were declared co-winners. An observer on the scene opined that it was easier to do that than to break up the fight which threatened.

May 21, 1998 - Petersburg fishermen, be they commercial or of the sporting variety, are always close-mouthed about where they haul in their catches, but this week they’re

beyond close-mouthed - they’re darn near mutes. Usually when you ask where their catch came from you get the “in the water” response. But as the 1998 Chamber of Commerce Derby draws closer the fishermen are even reluctant to give that much information. The fact that this year’s derby is early in the season is compounding the secrecy surrounding the event even more. On Wednesday Ed Jones, co-chairman of the 1998 derby, reported that a tagging party had gone out early Wednesday morning and hooked a fish which they fitted with a tag that will prove to be the most sought after fish in the waters of Southeast Alaska this weekend. The tagged fish, which Jones says was hooked off Frederick Point, tagged and promptly released is, as in years past, worth \$10,000 to the lucky angler that can catch and land it during the derby. Jones reported that the tagged fish is about 31 inches in length, weighing between 12 and 14 pounds.

Petersburg Happenings

THURSDAY, May 25

PEDC Board of Directors Meeting: 12:00pm, Municipal Building

Open Gym: 6:00pm, Parks & Rec Center

FRIDAY, May 26

Tai Chi: 7:00am, Mountain View Manor

Commodities Distribution: 9:00am, Salvation Army Hall

Al-Anon Support Group: 12:00 pm, Episcopal Church

Bingo Night: 6:00pm, Sons of Norway Hall

Family Game Night: 6:30 pm, Parks and Rec Activity Room

AA Candlelight Meeting: 7:00 pm, Episcopal Church

SATURDAY, May 27

Free Soup and Bread Meal: 12:00 pm, St. Catherine’s Catholic Church

MONDAY, MAY 29

Parks & Recreation Facility Closed for Maintenance: May 29th - June 12th

Annual Memorial Day Ceremony: 11:00am, Cemetary

Burger Night: 5:30 pm, Moose Lodge

AA Women’s Meeting: 7:00 pm, Presbyterian Church

TUESDAY, MAY 30

Graduation Parade: 5:30pm, Line up at Airport

PHS Graduation: 7:00pm, High School Gym

AA 12x12 Meeting: 7:00 pm, Holy Cross Classroom

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

PSG Rotary Lunch and Fellowship: 12:00pm, Salvation Army Hall

Free Supper: 6:00 pm, First Baptist Church

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Pending Gov. signature: Petersburg schools to receive \$804 thousand in additional one-time state funding

By **LARRY PERSILY**
Wrangell Sentinel writer

The budget that legislators approved last week and will send to the governor for his signature into law or veto would provide around \$804,000 in one-time additional state funding to the Petersburg school district for the 2023-2024 classroom year.

Gov. Mike Dunleavy has not publicly stated whether he will approve the increase in state funding for public education. He did not propose any increase in the budget that he submitted to lawmakers at the start of the session in January, leaving it to legislators to decide an amount.

State funding for public

schools has not increased since 2017.

Though public education supporters from across the state pushed hard this session for a permanent increase to the state's funding formula — which is based on enrollment numbers — resistance in the Republican-led House blocked a change in the formula. Instead, the House and Senate agreed on a one-time boost in state money totaling \$175 million for districts statewide.

It's the largest single-year increase in public education spending in state history.

The appropriation represents about a 15% increase in state funding for K-12 education,

though advocates point out that inflation is up 25% since the last increase in the formula.

With the one-year boost, funding that goes directly to school districts represents just under one-quarter of the \$6.1 billion unrestricted state general fund budget for the fiscal year that starts July 1.

Despite the welcome news of the additional funding, school districts will continue to see the same problems until the Legislature approves a permanent increase, National Education Association Alaska Board President Tom Klaameyer told the Alaska Beacon last week.

"Unfortunately, it doesn't address long-term systemic needs

in the school system that have been caused by virtually a decade of flat funding and the erosion that inflation has caused on the school district budgets," he said.

The lack of sufficient state support, and the uncertainty of annual budget battles in the Legislature, makes it hard for school districts to retain programs and recruit teachers, Klaameyer said.

Senate President Gary Stevens was in a good mood after lawmakers approved the budget and adjourned last Thursday after a one-day special session to reach a compromise on the spending plan. Less than half of the members in the

Republican-led House majority voted for the final budget, but it was enough when combined with the Democratic-led minority to win passage on a 26-14 vote.

The budget passed the Senate earlier in the day with just two votes against the bill.

"We wound up with a moderate (Permanent Fund) dividend and a lot of money to education ... and with a balanced budget. I mean, what more can you ask out of life?" Stevens told the Beacon.

The Alaska Beacon, an independent, donor-funded news organization, contributed to this report. Alaskabeacon.com.

Community Foundation

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Glo Wollen, who presented the award, said, "When asked how [Ness] maintains her lifelong commitment to the work of nonprofits, she said 'If you want change, or to increase awareness, all you have to do is be a part of that change.'"

Ness — a lifelong Petersburg resident and member of numer-

ous local nonprofits — selected the Petersburg Indigenous Awareness Committee to receive the \$1,000 donation included with the honor.

The Petersburg Medical Center was awarded a \$10,000 grant to support establishing free of charge youth mental health services in town.

"It's not only going to



CHRIS BASINGER / Petersburg Pilot

Sue Paulsen looks on as Becky Turland, Julie Walker, Phil Hofstetter, and Katie Holmlund accept the grant going toward PMC's effort to establish free of charge youth mental health services in Petersburg.

change lives, it's going to be saving lives," said Katie Holmlund with PMC.

Humanity In Progress received \$4,000 to help provide food and housing assistance to community members in need.

The Rainforest Festival was awarded \$4,800 to produce a self-guided walking tour teaching visitors about Petersburg's tides, wildlife, and muskegs.

The tour is planned to start at the downtown visitor center, go up the Hungry Point boardwalk, and head back into town.

Petersburg's Girl Scouts of

Alaska received \$3,000 to go towards their five-day summer camp program.

\$3,000 was awarded to the Narrows Broadcasting Corporation (KFSK) to help maintain their local building and grounds.

The Sons of Norway Hall nonprofit received \$1,500 to update the building's fire safety mechanisms.

\$1,300 was given to the Petersburg Arts Council to purchase their own set of sound and lighting equipment, which may be loaned to other organi-

zations as needed.

The Marine Mammal Center was awarded \$738 to help modernize the presentation of their Petersburg Science Series events.

Additionally, the center plans to broaden the program's horizons and host digital broadcasts of their in-person presentations.

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It has been an honor to serve as your representative for the first session of the 33rd Alaska State Legislature. Some good things are happening.

A Budget Deal is Reached – The final budget is balanced, provides a \$1300 PFD, and includes additional funding to support childcare and Head

Start programs across the state. These early childhood education additions are a great way to help build Alaska’s economy, improve education outcomes, and support working families. The Senate budget that was eventually adopted didn’t have everything in it I would have liked, but this is the first time in nearly a decade we won’t have to draw on dwindling savings. It is a fiscally sound budget.

On the first day of the special session the House majority and the Senate majority came to an agreement on the budget. The Senate began on the last day of the regular session by cutting some funding for child-care grants, senior home-care grants and oil and gas credits as a concession to the House majority. After a full day of negotiations between the Senate and House majorities there was an agreement to add \$34 million in capital projects to the budget. With

this addition of money for capital projects enough members of the House majority agreed to concur with the Senate version of the budget.

In the budget we passed, even with the additional \$34 million, there is very little capital money to help with Alaska’s aging infrastructure. The federal funds to rebuild our ferry system require state matching money and those funds have been secured. We hope to see the ferry system begin to function on a predictable schedule over the next few years; please be patient. There is also a little federal transportation funding that will go to some road work on Prince of Wales and some funds for cruise dock electrification in Southeast, though it’s a limited amount in this budget cycle.

I am glad we could come to an agreement on a budget, and while it is far from perfect, it

does have some important items I can support, including \$175 million of one time funding for education. I will continue to work with my colleagues on a long term fiscal plan over the interim and advocate for a permanent increase to the base student allocation to provide stable and predictable funding for our schools.

What’s Ahead – When I ran for election, I heard and felt the frustration of folks across the district that the Legislature argues each year about the size of the PFD, and that we don’t have a viable fiscal plan. While we still don’t have a fiscal plan, it has generally become accepted by all legislators that Alaska will need a broad-based tax to provide the services Alaskans need and that support our private sector. There may be a special session In October to continue working on stabilizing the state’s budget, which will include a statewide tax. As the representative for a very rural district, in any discussion of revenues, I will support some

changes to oil taxes, an education head tax, an income tax and then, only as a last resort, a limited sales tax. If a sales tax is inevitable, I will advocate to make it seasonal only and to have food and heating fuel exemptions added.

Over the coming months I hope to visit each of the 22 communities in House District 2. Since my summer visits are not fully mapped out, we’ll do our best to post on Facebook, broadcast on the radio and let folks know when we’ll be in your community. The best part of this job is the time I get to spend in the district, visiting constituents and enjoying the islands and coast we call home.

During the interim please continue to reach out! You can email me at rep.himschoot@akleg.gov, or call my office at (907) 465-3732, with general questions, suggestions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Rep. Rebecca Himschoot
Alaska House of Representatives

GUEST EDITORIAL

PFD political compromise works for a year

By Larry Persily, Wrangell Sentinel Publisher

The Alaska Legislature is no different than a typical American household – torn between spending every last dollar from their paycheck on immediate wants or saving some for the inevitable future needs.

When the wants win out, money often is short for the needs that come later.

That pretty much sums up this year’s political battle over the amount of the Permanent Fund dividend.

The bipartisan Senate favored an affordable PFD that would not require drawing from savings; the House Republican-led majority wanted to take hundreds of millions of dollars from savings to make this year’s PFD larger – and not worry too much about the future. At least not past their last election pledge and next reelection campaign.

The two sides haggled the entire session, as is the annual ritual in Alaska politics. Sort of like spring breakup – a generally ugly time of year.

Then a compromise was set on the table. Not the obvious math of a compromise number between the Senate \$1,300 PFD and the House dream of \$2,700. Such a split-the-difference sort of compromise would have still required drawing down from savings, which is not a smart way to run household finances.

The proposal that came out of the Senate Finance Committee, which the Legislature finally adopted, is fiscally responsible. It pays out a \$1,300 dividend this fall. And then, if the state gets rich, or at least richer, off high oil prices over the next 12 months, half of the windfall would go out next year in an extra payment to

Alaskans and half would go into savings.

What could be fairer than 50-50?

And what could be smarter than waiting to see how much money you have in the bank before writing checks.

The expectation is that the state spending plan approved by legislators last week balances if oil averages around \$73 a barrel over the next fiscal year. (Prices started this week around \$75.) But if it comes in higher, as it did in 2022 when Russia’s attack on Ukraine disputed world oil flows and drove Alaska North Slope oil near \$128 a barrel at the peak, individual Alaskans would receive half the additional cash, up to about \$500 per person.

As an added bonus for the anti-tax sentiment in Alaska, the supplemental check would be called an “energy relief payment,” which the IRS has determined is not subject to federal income tax.

The state treasury would run the numbers on oil revenues and determine the size of the extra payment – if there is one – after Alaska closes the books on the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Which means Alaskans will need to wait a year to see if they will have extra money to spend. Of course, this assumes the governor does not veto the provisions in the budget bill.

Artful as it is, the compromise ensures that lawmakers will be back at the negotiating table next spring, looking for a permanent answer to the size of the PFD. But at least the state will have a healthier savings account until then – just in case oil prices go down, not up, and the state has to draw on savings for its needs.

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Ritter's River

by Marc Lutz



Police report

May 17 – Officers conducted extra foot patrols downtown.

An officer responded to a report of suspicious activity at Libby Strait and determined it was non-criminal.

Petersburg Police Department (PPD) received a report of a truck on Howkan driving with an unflagged load, creating a potential safety hazard.

Officers responded to a report of a towed vehicle dropping parts in the roadway on Haugen Drive.

An officer responded to a report of an aggressive dog on Hungerford Hill Road but was not able to locate it.

Officers responded to a report of an intoxicated person attempting to operate a motor vehicle on Kiseno Street.

May 17 – An officer advised the people in a vehicle parked at Sandy Beach Park of closure hours.

A warning was issued for a dog at large on Lumber Street.

A driver on Mitkof Highway was issued a warning for driving 33 mph in a 50 mph zone.

PPD received a report of trees and debris causing a hazard to navigation at the north end of the Wrangell Narrows. The Coast Guard was notified.

Property was reported lost near Coastal Cold Storage.

An officer assisted an individual on Harbor Way to Petersburg Medical Center (PMS).

Lost property was reported.

PPD received a report of a possible burn violation on Mitkof Highway, but no violation was found.

PPD received a report of property lost on Poor Man’s Float.

A driver on South Nordic Drive was issued a warning for speed.

PPD received a report of an individual harassing sea life

near Hungry Point.

An officer conducted extra patrols at Sandy Beach Park.

Officers conducted a welfare check on South 3rd Street.

Gordon Lyons was arrested on a bench warrant in South Harbor.

May 19 – A driver at Libby Strait was issued a warning for an inoperable headlight.

Officers conducted a security check on a building with an open door on Fram Street and found all was okay.

A driver on Skylark Way was issued a warning for speed.

Officers conducted a security check on a building with an open door on Howkan Street and found all was okay.

Found property was turned in to the PPD.

An officer assisted a driver locked out of their vehicle on 12th Street.

A parking complaint on Skylark Way was resolved.

Officers conducted extra foot patrols downtown.

Lost property was reported to the PPD.

An officer responded to a report of suspicious activity on Sing Lee Alley.

An officer responded to a report of a driver with an open container on Haugen Drive.

A complaint of a parked vehicle creating a hazard on Scow Bay Loop Road was resolved by the owner.

Officer assisted an individual in retrieving their property.

Officers conducted extra foot patrols downtown.

PPD received a report of an erratic driver on South Nordic Drive.

A subpoena was served.

Officers assisted Emergency Medical Services (EMS) with a fall on Mitkof Highway.

An officer responded to a report of theft on Fram Street.

May 20 – Officers conducted extra foot patrols downtown.

An officer assisted an individual in need at the Sons of Norway Hall.

PPD received a report of property lost downtown.

An officer responded to a report of harassment on Chief John Lott Street.

A lost dog was returned to its owner.

A subpoena was served.

Property found on South 2nd Street was turned in to the PPD.

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Property found on Sing Lee Alley was turned in to the PPD.

An officer conducted a welfare check on South 3rd Street.

Officers conducted extra foot patrols downtown.

A driver on North Nordic Drive was issued a warning for tail light requirements.

May 21 – Officers conducted extra foot patrols downtown.

Property found on Chief John Lott Street was turned in to the PPD.

Officers conducted additional patrols in Middle Harbor.

An officer responded to a report of an aggressive dog in the roadway on Unimak Street but was unable to locate it.

A lost dog on Mitkof Highway was returned to its owner.

An officer responded to a report of a person brandishing a weapon on South 3rd Street.

An officer assisted an intoxicated person on Valkyrie Street.

Lost property was returned to its owner.

PPD received a report of an erratic driver on Haugen Drive.

Officers assisted EMS with an individual having a seizure on South 3rd Street.

PPD received a report of a driver running stop signs on Haugen Drive.

Officers responded to a report of loud music on Hogue Alley.

May 22 – An officer spoke with an individual concerning possible harassment.

PPD received a parking complaint and a vehicle on Haugen Drive was moved.

An officer assisted an individual with a lost travel bag.

An officer responded to a report of theft and determined it was unfounded.

A driver on South Nordic Drive was issued a warning for failure to stop at a stop

sign.

A driver on North Nordic Drive was issued a warning for headlight requirements.

May 23 – An officer conducted an extra foot patrol on Fram Street.

PPD received a report of an individual walking with an off-leash dog at Libby Strait but could not locate them.

PPD received a report of suspicious activity on South Nordic Drive.

An officer located two vehicles engaged in reckless driving on Frederick Point Drive.

An officer provided a courtesy transport on Harbor Way.

Court report

April 25, 2023

Superior Court Judge Katherine Lybrand presided over the change of plea in State of Alaska (SOA) v Chadam Lopez. The defendant pleaded guilty to Reckless Driving and was sentenced to 30 days jail with 30 days suspended, a fine of \$1,000, police and jail surcharges, 2 years probation, 6 month license revocation, ignition interlock device for 1 year, and an alcohol assessment with recommendations followed. The charge of DUI was dismissed by the prosecution.

April 27, 2023

Superior Court Judge Katherine Lybrand over a status hearing/change of plea for SOA v Roderick Vasquez. Probation was revoked and reimposed. 8 months jail was sentenced with the requirement to abide all conditions of probation after release. As part of the plea agreement a charge of misconduct involving a controlled substance 4 was dismissed by the prosecution.

May 2, 2023

Superior Court Judge Amy Mead presided over the sentencing for SOA v. Keith Joseph Nelson. For the charge of Criminal Trespass 6 months jail was sentenced with 6 months suspended; for Misconduct Involving a Weapon in the second degree 3 years was sentenced with all but time served suspended; for Criminal Mischief 6 months jail with 6 months suspended; police and suspended jail surcharges were filed; as was a \$500 cost of counsel; restitution amount remains to be determined; 4 years probation; forfeiture of seized items; no contact with victims or the Kake School District property unless consented to and approved by court or probation officer; 250 hours of community work service; letter of apology to victims; and other mandatory probation conditions set by the court.

May 4, 2023

Superior Court Judge Amy Mead presided over the change of plea proceeding in SOA v Timothy Taylor. A guilty plea was entered by the defendant to the charge of Misconduct Involving a Weapon 4. The sentence included 8 months probation, orders to obey all laws, not consume or possess alcohol, 40 hours community work service, and police and partially suspended jail surcharges.

May 17, 2023

Magistrate Judge Rachel Newport presided over the change of plea for SOA v Jason Lapeyri. The defendant entered a guilty plea to the charge of DUI and was sentenced to 15 days jail, \$1,500 fine, police and partially suspended jail surcharges, \$330 cost of imprisonment, 1 year probation, substance abuse agency evaluation, 90 day drivers license revocation, 6 month ignition interlock device, and orders not to consume or possess alcohol or be anywhere alcohol is primary item for sale. Defendant also entered a guilty plea to the charge of Reckless Endangerment and was sentenced to 120 days jail with 120 days suspended, and one year probation. Defendant entered a guilty plea to the charge of Criminal Mischief 4 and was sentenced to 120 days jail with 120 days suspended with one year probation. And the defendant entered a guilty plea to the charge of Violating Conditions of Release.

May 18, 2023

Magistrate Judge Rachel Newport presided over the felony first appearance for SOA v Aaron Loges for charges of Assault 3 and Resisting Arrest. Defendant was released on conditions of a \$5,000 performance bond, maintained contact with pretrial enforcement officer, no consuming or possessing alcohol or being where alcohol is primary item for sale, no leaving Kake or Juneau without court permission, and no direct or indirect contact with alleged victim.

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Track and Field Regionals

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state in the discus with a 75-foot 6-inch throw to finish fourth

while Pawuk took fifth in the triple jump. Though they did not qualify

for state, the boys 4x100-meter relay team of Cumps, Thynes, Adrian Ducat, and Elias Ward

finished in second, running a 51.74. Ward also finished fifth in the 3200 meters and eighth in the 1600 meters while Gabriele Whitacre took sixth in the 1600 meters with a time of 6:22. As a team, the Petersburg

boys and Petersburg girls both finished third among Division II schools in the region. All six PHS state qualifiers will attend the state championships in Palmer this weekend along with Cabral and Coach Alice Cumps.



Kinley Lister leads the way while running the 3200 meters.

KLAS STOLPE / Juneau Empire

Vikings narrowly fall to Kayhi

By CHRIS BASINGER
Pilot writer

The Petersburg High School baseball team played its final series of the regular season in Ketchikan last weekend. Though the Vikings boarded the ferry back without a win, Head Coach Jim Engell said the team played the three games with grit and determination. “It felt like the kind of games we needed to be able to prepare for a state tournament so hopefully we’ll get that nod,” Coach Engell said. Despite Petersburg starting pitcher Jack Engell throwing a no-hitter, the Kings claimed the win Friday night in a 1-0 game. Engell struck out eight batters over six innings without giving up a hit, but Ketchikan was able to score in the bottom of the fifth after a runner, who reached base on a HBP, took home after a sac fly. Without run support from the Vikings offense, the lone run proved to be the decider in the game. “That was a bitter pill to swallow for Jack. I’ve never had a pitcher pitch a no hitter before, but that was a baseball game, it was just competitive, every pitch counted,” Coach Engell said. The teams took the field again on Saturday, and Ketchikan opened the double header with an 11-2 win. After Petersburg scored a run in top of the first inning, the Kings ran up the board to take

a nine-run lead. Ketchikan had the opportunity to end the game in the sixth inning by mercy rule with a runner on third base, but the Vikings defense held firm and pushed the game in the seventh. Kieran Cabral pitched four innings, getting eight strikeouts while giving up five runs and five hits. Petersburg extended the final game of the weekend into extra innings, but Kayhi ultimately ended up on top in a 6-5 comeback win. The Vikings had a flying start, scoring five runs over the first two innings. Slowly but surely, however, the Kings closed the gap. Ketchikan tied the game 5-5 in the bottom of the sixth inning, and in the bottom of the ninth, the hosts scored the winning run to complete the sweep. Hunter Conn got four strikeouts and gave up seven hits and five runs over 5.1 innings while Kyle Biggers pitched three innings in relief. Biggers and Kaden Duke each got 2 RBIs while Engell scored two runs. The feeling among the team is that they are ready to compete in the state tournament with Coach Engell saying their pitchers are “dialed in” and their “stellar defense” is consistently making plays. The Vikings have racked up a few solid wins this season having played through one of the strongest schedules in the

state, but they will have to wait until Sunday after the state committee meets to see if their season will continue. “I’m excited where we’re at and I think we sent a message, hopefully, to ASAA and the committee that we deserve a berth at state,” Coach Engell said. If they qualify, it will be their third year in a row attending the state tournament, which will be held in Wasilla during the first week of June.



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Obituary

Donald Reyes *Kaansh'aawu E'esh*, 87

Donald Reyes *Kaansh'aawu E'esh* was born on March 19, 1936 in Petersburg, Alaska, to Elias C. Reyes and Mary P. Reyes. On April 18, 2023 he joined his beautiful wife, Mary Reyes *Sa'Yeak* in heaven.

Don spent most of his life in Alaska living in Juneau and Petersburg. He played basketball throughout his school years and graduated from Petersburg High School in 1954. He traveled to Kodiak, Alaska where he enlisted in the U.S. Marines. As Sergeant Donald Reyes he traveled all over the U.S. and other countries, including Japan, protecting his country. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal before being honorably discharged in 1963 while stationed at Camp Elliott, California.

In 1959, at the City Café in Juneau, Alaska, Don met Mary Frederickson – the love of his life. They were married on July 2, 1964 and spent the next forty-seven years making great memories with their seven children, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Don worked at both the Juneau-Douglas Cold Storage and the Petersburg Cold Storage before he began his career with the State of Alaska in 1960 working for the Division of Data Processing. He was the Department Manager when he retired in May 1987.

Once “retired” Don was able to focus on his favorite job, being on the water, while



Donald Reyes
Kaansh'aawu E'esh

providing for the family he loved with all his heart. He lived a long and wonderful life and took advantage of any opportunity to be with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Whether out on the water or on the beach, he was happy to pass along his knowledge of fishing, crabbing, hunting, and his love of cooking. He also enjoyed playing pool and his skills won many trophies over the years.

Don will be remembered for his kind heart and the unconditional love he gave to his family. He was always there to listen and to pass on his wisdom to help his family become the best he knew they could be. He was a man of few words, but those words meant the world.

He is survived by his daughters, Kimber Brown (Reyes) and Joelle Reyes of Petersburg; sons, Eugene Reyes of Anchorage, and William “Bill” Reyes of Juneau; granddaughters, Angela Brown of Juneau, Holly Hanson (Reyes) of Wasilla, Mary Nordgren of Juneau, and Krystal Reyes of Juneau; grandsons, Christopher Reyes of Petersburg, Olen Nordgren of Juneau, Dustin Reyes of Wasilla, Dakota Brown of Juneau, Eric Nordgren of Juneau, Tyler Reyes of Anchorage, Anthony Reyes of Juneau, Jerry and Ryan Dial; and many loved great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and family.

Don was preceded in death by his wife Mary (Fredrickson) Reyes; parents, Elias C. Reyes

and Mary P. Reyes; daughters, Lenora “June” Reyes and Bridgette Reyes-Nordgren of Juneau; son, Walter Reyes of Palls, Idaho; sisters, Marie James (Tagaban), Lenora June Lapus, May Kwuata (Lapus), and Elisa Reyes; brothers, Amado “Bud” Reyes and Elias Reyes Jr.; nephew, Arcadio Eugene “Joe” Tagaban; grandson, Jonathan Reyes; and granddaughter, Kyla Rae Nordgren.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 4 p.m. at the Lighthouse Assembly of God in Petersburg, Alaska, with a potluck dinner following. Please send any condolences or donations to his granddaughter, Angela Brown, at PO Box 35196, Juneau, AK 99803.

Seamus Davidson, an eighth grader enrolled in the Raven Homeschool Program, was recently awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at a ceremony held on April 30, 2023.



For his Eagle Scout project, Seamus designed a storage shelf solution for the Houston, Alaska, animal shelter and led the team of volunteers who built and installed the shelving. Seamus is the son of Robert and Jean Davidson, formerly of Petersburg, and the grandson of Bill and Hoopie Davidson.

FBC Petersburg

Sunday: 9:45a - Bible Classes • 10:45a - Fellowship/Meet & Greet
• 11a - Worship in person & Facebook • 6p - Youth Group

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In keeping with tradition, Temsco Helicopters kicks off the parade with a flyover towing the American and Norwegian flags.



Lila Trask, Grant Trask, and Stian Stensland, a Norwegian visiting Petersburg for the eighth time, sing the National Anthem of Norway, "Ja, vi elsker dette landet," Thursday evening, marking the start of the 2023 Little Norway Festival.

65th Little Norway Festival 2023



Gillian Wittstock, carrying the banner for the Sons of Norway Hall, leads the Sons members clad in their bunader in the parade.



Valkyrie and Leikkaring dance instructor Andrea Weathers (left) follows hand in hand behind Abby Worhatch, Maelle Boitor, and Joel Day as the dancers wind through downtown Nordic Drive.



The sails of the Viking Ship Valhalla loom above the waves of people along main street, with newlyweds Aaron Phillips and Carolyn Kvernvik at the bow and Valkyries Robyn Cardenas and Julie Spigelmeye marching alongside. The sails on the ship were freshly remade over the winter in Petersburg, commissioned from Suzy Young and her company Southeast Alaska Upholstery and Sewing Services by the Sons of Norway Hall.



Tom Abbott rides PVED Engine 1, driven by Doug Welde alongside Tim Koeneman. Abbott was named Norwegian American of the Year for 2023 in recognition of his decades of community service with Petersburg's public radio station, St. Catherine's of Sienna Catholic Church, Boy Scouts, and more.



Coast Guard servicemembers SA Gwenyth Pantolon, SNBM Gavin Bandrowsky, FN Sarah Emmsley and SN Thor Salanoa honor the community of Petersburg by presenting the colors to lead the Little Norway Festival parade on Friday, May 19, 2023.



Matthew Gerrits rides a skateboard while pushing his trusty lawnmower as duck Starflower cruises along in the Little Norway Festival Parade.



Community members along the parade route cheer after seeing Joseph Tagaban (center), who is recovering from cancer treatments, make his triumphant return home.

About Town



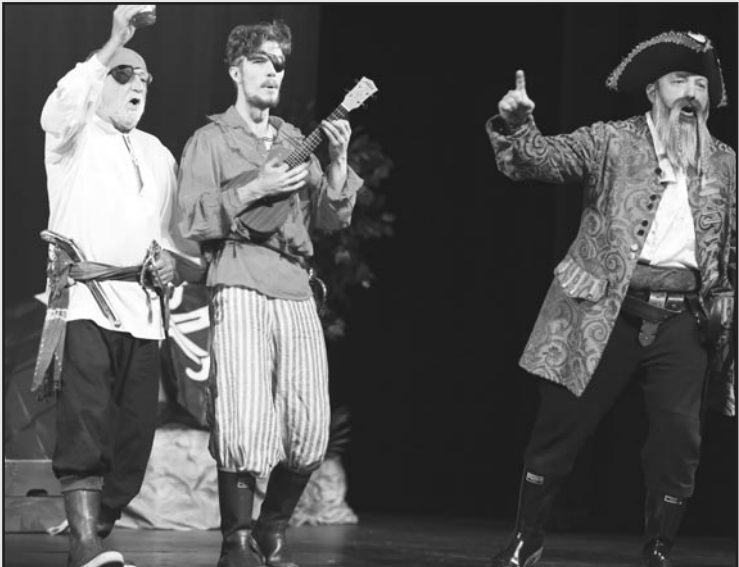
Courtesy of Joe Sebastian
The Seetka Kwaan Dancers represented by Krissa Davis, Avery Herrman-Sakamoto, Karin McCullough, Janine Gibbons, Jeanette Ness and Ross Nannauck III, share a song and dance in Regalia during the festival parade.



Siblings Skip and Nicole Hallingstad bring a colorful reminder of the 80s to the class reunion festivities during the festival. The turnout was impressive for the PHS classes of 1980 through 1985 who celebrated their 40ish reunion with special events throughout the festival.



The Mitkof Mummies performed their pirate themed community theater melodrama Blackboot's Lost Loot to audiences on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights in Wright Auditorium. The ornithologists in the play (left to right) Diance Marsh, Cindi Lagoudakis, Mary Leonard, and Noelle Chynoweth, endured all manor of terrorizing from captain Blackboot and his crew including the swarthy likes of Michael Chynoweth and Garrett Kravitz.



The pirates Grog, Patch, and Captain Blackboot — Richard Tamblin, Matthew Wintersteen, and Garrett Kravitz respectively — carry on a sea shanty singalong during the play.



Scurvy Sal intimidated and delighted along with her crew of pirates: (left to right) Kim Chynoweth, Betty Theiler, Sarah Larson, Killian Rafferty, Jessica Hawley, and Joy Warnke.



Heather Thomas on team Petersburg Flying Service celebrates getting on base with a strong line drive during Thursday's sunny tournament opener.



Karna Cristina pitches one right over the plate and Harbor Bar team captain Britni Birchell connects to help load the bases.



Photo courtesy of Tiare Simbahon

1st place in the Eric Corl Memorial Norske Mayfest Softball Tournament went to the Kito's Kave team. (Back row, left to right) Jason Grone, Greg Birchell, Brian Smith, Airport Steve, Jason Moilanen, team captain Guy Birchell, and (front) Holli Davis, Tiare Simbahon, Kaili Simbahon, Martha Johnson, Kaitlin Rathmann, and Ines Larson (not pictured).



Sonja Paul wears her mother Liv Pershon’s Vest-Telemark bunad with her sons Henry and Mason in Friday’s Scandinavian style show and luncheon.



Visiting musician Martha Levenson plays Scandinavian music with her fiddle on the main street stage Friday.



Tess Crump shows off Desi Burrell’s Sami child’s costume alongside Kaidyn Byrer wearing Jean Curry’s Sami sweater set.



Newlywed Carolyn Kvernvik reaches out to catch a herring thrown to her by husband Aaron Phillips.



Tyler Ward lifts a herring above his head as he celebrates a successful catch during the Sil Toss.

LNF: Fun

CHRIS BASINGER / Petersburg Pilot



Adanna Kvernvik guides Noah Larson as they aim their kid-friendly spears at a target during the Viking Kid Games.



After cooking up 75 pounds of crab, 100 pounds of shrimp, 100 potatoes, and 200 ears of corn, Don Spigelmyre gives the go-ahead to hungry festival-goers to dig into the Viking buffet.



Rodel Paradeza exhibits a freshly-filleted halibut, donated by OBI, at the end of the Fisk-O-Rama as the large crowd applauds his handiwork.



Jeff Davidson gives the over 200-pound sled one final pull to win the heavyweight Jormungandr Strongman Style Sled Pull, dragging the sled over 50 feet in 17.58 seconds.



Sandy Beach grill masters Doug Welde and Kurt Kivisto help prepare delicious black cod, rockfish and salmon sides over wood fire coals. The Rotary Club Seafood Bake & Barbeque serves annually as a mighty fine finale to the Little Norway Festival.

The long line moves quickly through as Rotary Club volunteers dish out the fish and the tasty side dishes.



Petersburg Rotary Club Fish BBQ, Sun. May 21



Chamber of Commerce director Mindy Lopez gets ready for the big drawing of chamber raffle winners.

ORIN PIERSON / Petersburg Pilot



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Below are some tips to conserve energy to help lower kWh usage.

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- Run only full loads in your dishwashers and clothes washers.
- Turn off your computer monitor when not in use for more than 20 minutes and turn off both the CPU and monitor if you're not going to use your computer for more than 2 hours. Leaving a computer on all day can cost about 21 cents per day, or about \$75 per year.
- Unplug electronics and appliances that drain energy when not in use (i.e., cell phone chargers, fans, coffeemakers, desktop printers, radios, toasters, etc.).
- Unplug heat tapes and spare heaters now that temperatures are warming up.
- On average, more than half of a household's annual energy consumption is used on air heating and cooling. Using programmable thermostats to control heating and cooling systems can reduce costs. Turn off ceiling fans and open/close windows to help regulate temperatures in your home if programmable thermostats are not a current option.
- Lighting makes up about 10 percent of home energy costs. Replace burned out incandescent lights with compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) or light-emitting diodes (LEDs). CFLs can save three-quarters of the electricity used by incandescent. LEDs can save even more. Put away holiday lights and **turn off lights** during our long daylight hours!



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Stories In Motion! / Friday, June 2 & 9 / 11 – 11:45 a.m. / For PreK – Grade 1
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Technology Camp / Saturday, June 10/ 1 – 2 p.m. / Ages 6 – 8 / Registration Required at psglib.org
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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

The Pilot extends its best wishes to the persons listed on the Community Calendar.
Those with birthdays this week are: **May 26:** Rich Weibe. **May 27:** Jared Bell, Jessica Fetters, Mary Kuwata, Rob Benitz, Wynn Lucas. **May 28:** Dustin Guy, Kory Versteeg, Laurel McCullough, Ralph Strickland, Sarah Bergmann. **May 29:** Erik Larson. **May 30:** Heidi Stolpe. **May 31:** Angie Trautman, Donna Martinsen, Justin Peeler, Monica Boutte, Nathan Peeler, Tom Willis. **June 1:** Erik Jakobsen.
If you’d like to be included on our list, please call 907-772-9393.

Senior Meals

All meals will be delivery-only and delivery begins at 4:30 on weekdays.

MONDAY, May 29

The kitchen is closed in observance of Memorial Day.

TUESDAY, May 30

Chili with Cheese and Onion,
Ambrosia Salad, Corn Bread,
Ice Cream

WEDNESDAY, May 31

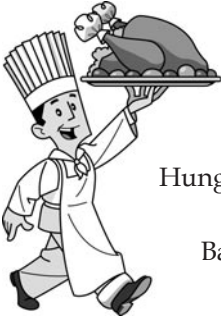
Hungarian Goulash, Bread Sticks, Orange

THURSDAY, June 1

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FRIDAY, June 2

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State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry
Edna Bay Parlay Two Timber Sale

Notice of Timber Sale under AS 38.05.945 & AS 38.05.035(e). The State of Alaska, represented by the Alaska State Forester of the Department of Natural Resources, does hereby notify that the Division of Forestry (DOF) is offering the following commercial timber sale for competitive sealed bid: Edna Bay Parlay Two (SSE-1342-2).

The DOF is offering the State timber sold under AS 38.05.120 as described and represented by the Edna Bay Parlay Two Timber Sale Forest Land Use Plan.

The Edna Parlay Two Timber Sale is located within the State Forest on Kosciusko Island, near Edna Bay, Alaska. The parcel is located on the south side of Kosciusko Island with limited road access. The sale includes approximately 340 acres in six units composed primarily of young growth timber with a residual component of old growth timber. The saw-timber proposed for harvest is Sitka spruce, western hemlock, and western red cedar. The sale is estimated to contain 8,434 MBF of young growth saw timber mixed with 2,216 MBF of old growth saw timber. Another 992 MBF of small log and (net) utility grade wood is estimated in the harvest units. The utility grade wood is optional removal.

The term of the contract is three years. The purchaser is required to deposit a performance bond with the State for an amount of \$100,000.00 at the time of signing the contract.

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources hereby gives notice that it is in the best interest of the State to offer this timber sale by a competitive sealed bid process. To qualify bidders must, prior to the bid opening, not be in breach of any prior timber sale contract, and must submit a copy of their current Alaska Business License. The Business License copy may accompany the sealed bid. The sealed bid shall be on forms provided by the Division of Forestry, marked on the outside of the envelope with the timber sale name and number, addressed to the Southeast Area Office, 2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213 Ketchikan, Alaska 99901 and will be accepted until 2:00 P.M. prevailing time, June 19, 2023. Sealed bids may also be presented in person to the Southeast Area Forester before the bid opening. All bids must be in the physical possession of the Southeast Area Forester before bid opening. Bidders are responsible for ensuring their complete bid package is delivered on time.

For a bid to qualify, prospective bidders will be required to submit a 5% bid deposit of the total bid value. The State reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Unless all bids are rejected, the sale will be awarded to the responsible qualified bidder offering the highest total bid value for the timber on the sale. The State also reserves the right to waive technical defects in this advertisement in the best interest of the State. The minimum acceptable total bid price for the timber is \$513,588.00.

If bidding as an agent for an individual, partnership, or corporation, the agent must submit with the bid a notarized power-of-attorney authorizing such agency. No agent may represent more than one principal, or bid in competition with the agent’s principal.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alaska Division of Forestry Contact: Greg Staunton
2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213 Phone: (907) 225-3070
Ketchikan, AK 99901 Email: greg.staunton@alaska.gov

Copies of the prospectus are available for review at the Division’s Area Office in Ketchikan and on the State Online Public Notice System at: <http://notice.alaska.gov/211168>.

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, 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 at 907-225-3070 to make any necessary arrangements.
Published: May 25 and June 1, 2023

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

PETERSBURG INDIAN ASSOCIATION,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.) Case No. 1PE-23-4CI
ESTATE OF RICHARD COLP; ALASKA)
NATIVE BROTHERHOOD CAMP #16;)
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#16; their beneficiaries, heirs, devisees,)
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title, lien, or interest in that real property)
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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.

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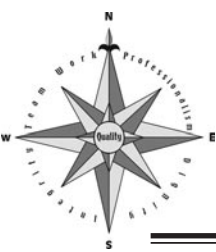
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cation can be obtained from the Borough's website at www.petersburgak.gov. Applications will be accepted at the front desk of the Borough office, located at 12 S. Nordic, by mail at PO Box 329, or emailed to bregula@petersburgak.gov. Open until filled.

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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.

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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.



Authorized by:
Steve Giesbrecht, Borough Manager

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Gayle Susann Trivette has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Colleen Jeanette Nicholson. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Gayle Susann Trivette, Personal Representative, c/o Faulkner Banfield, P.C., 8420 Airport Boulevard, Suite 101, Juneau, Alaska 99801-6924, or filed with the Superior Court for the State of Alaska, First Judicial District at Petersburg, Alaska, 1PE-23-00008PR.

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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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full-time position, with a starting hourly rate of \$43.84 for PERS Tier 1-3 employees or \$42.09 for PERS Tier 4. This position performs maintenance and repairs on diesel generator sets and hydro generators, including maintenance, recordkeeping and periodic testing of fuel, water and oil samples. Performs minor repair work including carpentry, welding and pipe fitting; performs a variety of other skilled or semi-skilled tasks to accomplish maintenance of electric department facilities and equipment. This position is also responsible for data collection, surveillance and monitoring of the Crystal Lake Dam and Blind Slough Hydroelectric facility. Must possess current and insurable Commercial Drivers License, Class A or B, or have the ability to obtain within 6 months of hire. For a full job description and application, please go to www.petersburgak.gov. To apply, please email a completed application and background packet to bregula@petersburgak.gov, fax to (907)772-3759, or hand deliver to the main office at 12 South Nordic Drive. Applications/background packets are also available at the main office front desk.

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The former Salmon Thirty Salmon gets an authentic Alaska redesign

By SOPHIA CARLISLE
Alaska Beacon

This month, Alaska Airlines unveiled a new design that replaced the Salmon Thirty Salmon art known by many Alaskans. The new art still features salmon, but this time from an Indigenous perspective. Crystal Worl, Tlingit artist and business owner from Juneau, created the new design in the style of formline art.

Worl said she hopes that the plane will inspire non-Indigenous people to learn about the rich cultural history between Native Alaskans and salmon — and she was excited to share that history from 30,000 feet above.

“This is a really great platform that just seemed really fitting for the message and the story I want to tell about salmon and wanting to get people’s attention,” she said.

The plane is designed in Northwest Coast formline, a style that is characteristic of the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian people of Southeast Alaska. Formline art stands out for its unique use of positive and negative space and dramatic colors. These colors, including indigo, pink and white, can be seen gracing the new plane, called Xáat Kwáani, which can be translated from Tlingit to mean “salmon people” in English.

To come up with the title for the new plane design, Worl reached out to X’unei Lance Twitchell, a Tlingit language speaker and professor of Alaska Native languages at the Univer-



CHRIS BASINGER / Petersburg Pilot

Petersburg’s Vikings and Valkyries welcome Alaska Airlines Flight 64, featuring a new livery designed by Tlingit artist Crystal Worl, on Thursday ahead of the Little Norway Festival.

sity of Alaska Southeast, for advice on what the name should be.

“There must be a million different ways in our language that mean ‘our relationship between salmon,’” Worl said. “So he got back to me with some options, and we narrowed it down to Xáat Kwáani, ‘salmon people,’ because of its translation of how people are connected and relate and benefit from salmon.”

“The meaning felt really beautiful,” she added.

According to Alaska Airlines, Xáat Kwáani is the first time that the company has named a plane in a language besides English. The company said it is also the first time that a commercial aircraft in the United States has an Alaska Native title.

Worl said that she felt the name and the salmon symbol

bridged a cultural gap within the state of Alaska. “[It’s] the symbol that I felt was connecting not just my identity and Alaska Native identity but Alaskan people. What do we all connect with? What brings us all together? And it’s salmon.”

The design on the plane features sockeye salmon, which Worl said was an homage to her clan, Lukaax.ádi clan, the salmon sockeye clan. She said that the art is imbued with meaning, from the pink line that loops around the nose of the aircraft — which Worl said she likes to think of as a lifeline — to the salmon on the tail and tip of the wings that feature salmon eggs.

She included salmon eggs in the design because she said it helped show the connection between now and the future.

“I thought [it] was a really

wonderful way of learning from the salmon about the next generation. What are we doing to take care of our environment and our animals and the land so that the next generations can benefit from them as well?” said Worl.

Greater heights

Her art pieces — some of which feature salmon designs — are popping up across Alaska and the rest of the country. From painting an enormous mural in downtown Anchorage to designing a nationally circulated postage stamp, Worl has seen her art in places big and small.

But the big things she’s still getting used to.

“Big things are new for me.” She said in reference to her art on a Boeing 737. Later adding: “I was thinking, did I do that? This is incredible.”

She might have been overwhelmed by seeing her artwork on such a huge scale, but the piece itself, and specifically the piece on an Alaska Airlines plane, was a long time coming.

Marilyn Romano, regional vice president for the state of Alaska for Alaska Airlines said that she and Worl connected after Romano saw her on the cover of Alaska Business Monthly. Romano said that she knew the plane would soon be a blank “canvas” and believed Worl could be the one to fit the bill. Little did she know that Worl was expecting her call.

In 2020, Worl posted on Insta-

gram a photo of her artwork on a plane with the caption: “Are you ready for me Alaska Air?? I’m ready for you.”

While Romano wasn’t originally aware of Worl’s dream to design an airplane exterior, the two connected and were able to make Worl’s vision become a reality.

“We are just honored that we will take art and fly it around the country everywhere we fly,” said Romano, after highlighting the beauty of the salmon design that Worl created on the plane.

The salmon symbol permeates the art that Worl makes, from the design she paints to the clothing she wears — which on Thursday was bright, salmon pink pants that she ordered specifically for the unveiling of the salmon plane.

She said her art featuring the famous Alaska fish was created with the purpose to inspire others and teach and pass on valuable knowledge that was too often erased by Westernization.

“All Alaska Native people, our history with salmon has been for thousands of years and we’ve been fishing them sustainably for a very long time and watching them for a very long time,” she said. “I think there’s a lot of valuable knowledge in that that everyone can learn and benefit from.”

Xáat Kwáani made its first passenger service flight from Anchorage on May 12. Worl and her family were on the flight to commemorate her achievement.

“I’m really grateful for my family. Without them, this project wouldn’t exist for me.”



Friday is National Poppy Day

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Front row: Left to right- Rebecca Thynes, Deirdre Toyomura, Alexis Quezon-Sakomoto, Meghan O'Soup, Mikayla Garza, Lilith Odegaard, Novalee Thomas, Owen Anderson, Aayesha Felizardo, Andrew Cole, Malcolm Fry
Back row: Stacey Eilenberger, Kasiah Lopez, Mackenzie Larson, Axton Kravitz, Erik Olsen, Jack Engell, Kyle Biggers, Devon Guthrie, Jaren Whitethorn, Wyatt Litster

Class of 2023 prepares for new chapter of life

By **CHRIS BASINGER**
Pilot writer

The 21 members of the Petersburg High School Class of 2023 are gearing up for graduation and spending their final week as students reflecting on what has been a memorable four years.

From persevering through the COVID-19 pandemic, to digging themselves through record winter storms, to changes in administration with the departure of former long-time principal Rick Dormer and arrival of Ambler Moss, these students have seen it all.

Through their academic work, the Class of 2023 has earned over \$564,000 in scholarships so far according to PHS counselor Mariah Colton.

Students also received \$91,522 in community-funded scholarships during scholarship

presentation night on Wednesday.

With the return to normalcy post-pandemic, this last year has seen PHS activities back in full swing.

The girls cross country team placed second in the region and took fourth overall in the state.

The boys team finished third in the region and Daniel Aspery got second-place in the state.

The boys swim team placed fifth in the region while the girls volleyball team wrapped up its season at the regional tournament in Klawock.

The wrestling team took third overall in the region with Kyle Biggers, Kaden Duke, and DD Toyomura winning regional titles.

Biggers also won the state wrestling title while the Petersburg wrestling team took fourth overall in the Division II state championships.

The girls basketball team ended its season at the regional tournament while the boys team advanced to state where they placed fifth.

The PHS cheer team won the 2A Region V Championship with their stellar halftime and game-time performances.

The concert band, jazz band, and concert choir performed at Musicfest in Ketchikan.

The Petersburg jazz ensemble earned a superior rating while Eleanor Kandoll, Kinley Lister, and Canek Sosa received Outstanding Musician awards.

Two students went on to represent Petersburg High School at the all-state music festival in Anchorage: Meghan O'Soup in the tenor one choir section and Eleanor Kandoll in the clarinet section.

After competing at the regional meet, six students on the track and field team qualified for the state championships this weekend, including Rik Cumps who finished first in the region in the long jump and the triple jump.

Baseball wrapped up a successful regular season last weekend and are now waiting to hear if they have earned a spot at the state tournament.

As they enter a new phase of life, students have lots of plans to look forward to, from going to colleges in Alaska, Washing-

ton, Oregon, Texas, Florida, and more, enlisting in the military, and staying in Petersburg to fish commercially and work full-time.

Graduation will be held on Tuesday, May 30 at 7 p.m. in the

Petersburg High School gymnasium.

Prior to the ceremony, a noise parade will take soon-to-be graduates from the airport to main street starting around 5:30 p.m.

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OWEN ANDERSON
Who are your parents? Jay and Julie Anderson

Number of years in Petersburg schools? 10

Please describe a moment you will fondly remember from your time at PHS.

Freshman year when we went home for spring break and school ended due to Covid.

What are your plans following graduation?

To pursue a second education and use the skills I learned in highschool to do so.

What was your favorite class or activity during school and why?

Shop, I was able to get certified in welding.

What is a favorite book, movie, show, or song that you recommend we give a listen to, and why do you like it?

Revenge of the Sith

KYLE BIGGERS
Who are your parents?
Dan Biggers, Kirsten Susort.

Number of years in Petersburg schools? 13

Please describe a moment you will fondly remember from your time at PHS.

When I won state for wrestling.

What are your plans following graduation?

Going to Oregon State University.

What was your favorite class or activity during school and why?

Aquaculture because it was a fun science class with a lot of my friends.

What is a favorite book, movie, show, or song that you recommend we give a listen to, and why do you like it?

Percy Jackson

Senior Quote?
"It's not failure, it's steps to success" - Giannis Antetokounmpo

ANDREW COLE
Who are your parents?
Kimberlee Cole.

Number of years in Petersburg schools? 8

Please describe a moment you will fondly remember from your time at PHS.

Going to school in separate

groups because of Covid and having plastic barriers all over the desks and everything being muffled because we couldn't hear anybody through masks and the barriers.

What are your plans following graduation?

Stay in Petersburg for the hunting season, then hopefully go up to AVTEC in January.

What was your favorite class or activity during school and why?

My favorite class was any shop class, and my favorite activity was baseball.

Senior Quote? "What's a motto?" "Nothing, what's the motto with you?" -Simba and Timon

STACEY EILENBERGER
Who are your parents?
Marilyn Eilenberger and Skip Hallingstad, Stan Eilenberger.

Number of years in Petersburg schools? 13

Please describe a moment you will fondly remember from your time at PHS.

A moment I will fondly remember from my time at PHS was during the Close Up program in Washington D.C. when our group from Alaska

went to the U.S. Capitol building. We were taking a tour inside, looking at the history and art, and we walked up the inaugural staircase and something clicked and I thought "this is where I want to be."

What are your plans following graduation?

I plan to work as an intern for Senator Lisa Murkowski at her office in Washington D.C. in June. Following that, I will attend Georgetown University's Community Scholars Program for five weeks. After the summer, I will attend Georgetown University.

What was your favorite class or activity during school and why?

My favorite activity during school was the trip to D.C. for Close Up because it had a huge impact on where I wanted to study and what I'm planning to do now. It was a super positive experience where I got to meet new people and see things from a different perspective. I definitely recommend it! :)

Senior Quote?
"No matter what happens in life, be good to people. Being good to people is a wonderful legacy to leave behind" - Taylor Swift

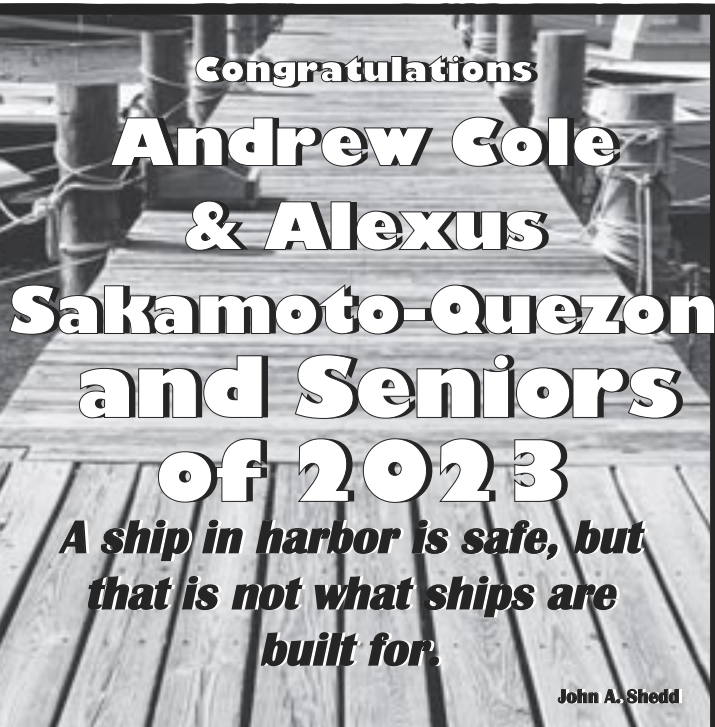
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JACK ENGELL
Who are your parents?
Jim and Jill Engell

Number of years in Petersburg schools? 13

Please describe a moment you will fondly remember from your time at PHS.
Getting 2nd place at state for baseball.

What are your plans following graduation?
Playing baseball at Wenatchee Valley.

What was your favorite class or activity during school and why?
I liked most of my classes don't really have a favorite. Probably PE.

What is a favorite book, movie, show, or song that you recommend we give a listen to, and why do you like it?
The Great Gatsby

Senior Quote?
If your dream ain't bigger than you, there's something wrong with your dream. - Deion Sanders

AAYESHA FELIZARDO
Who are your parents?
Shiela Felizardo and Allan Felizardo.

Number of years in Petersburg schools? 6

Please describe a moment you will fondly remember from your time at PHS.
Hanging out with my friends.

What are your plans following graduation?
Go to college.

What was your favorite class or activity during school and why?
Food science because we

got to eat food.

What is a favorite book, movie, show, or song that you recommend we give a listen to, and why do you like it?
Lego Batman movie because it's good.

Senior Quote?
"Long story short, I survived."

MALCOLM FRY
Who are your parents?
Louis and Cynthia Fry both more known as Chris and Cyndy respectfully.

Number of years in Petersburg schools? 10

Please describe a moment you will fondly remember from your time at PHS.
Any time when I'm in shop working on a project.

What are your plans following graduation?
Go to Montana Technological university and gain a Bachelors of science degree in mechanical engineering.

What was your favorite class or activity during school and why?
Shop, because I was able to work with both CAD and my hands.

What is a favorite book, movie, show, or song that you recommend we give a listen to, and why do you like it?
"Stronger on your own" by Disturbed

Senior Quote?
To succeed you must build character, to build character you must work hard, to work hard you must focus, and to focus you only need to start.

MIKAYLA GARZA
Who are your parents?
Francisco Garza, Lisa Garza.

Number of years in Petersburg schools? 3

Please describe a moment you will fondly remember from your time at PHS.
Joining the PHS Volleyball Team and Cheer Squad, it was all filled with memorable times. Walking off the court for the last time, made me more emotional than I thought it would.

What are your plans following graduation?
I plan to stay in PSG for most of the summer, then to go to the University of Texas at San Antonio.

What was your favorite class or activity during school and why?
My favorite class would have to be Aquaculture, we got to get out of the classroom a lot and do hands on classwork. Raising salmon is something I thought I'd never do.

What is a favorite book, movie, show, or song that you recommend we give a listen to, and why do you like it?
My favorite song right now is "Fast Car" by Tracy Chapman covered by Luke Combs.

Senior Quote?
My senior quote was "I have not begun to peak yet but I do look good in these photos."

DEVON GUTHRIE
Who are your parents?
Alex and Savann Guthrie.

Number of years in Petersburg schools? 13

Please describe a moment you will fondly remember from your time at PHS.

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Beating my friend Kyle who is a state champion wrestler at wrestling.

Devon Guthrie
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Parents:
Alex & Savann
Guthrie

What are your plans following graduation?
To go to Oregon Tech and major in Software Engineering.

What was your favorite class or activity during school and why?
I loved all the sports I did I loved hanging out with the team and all my friends on my team.

What is a favorite book, movie, show, or song that you recommend we give a listen to, and why do you like it?
One of my favorite shows is Community.

Senior Quote?
I may be an idiot but I'm not stupid

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All of the Elks Students of the Month for the 2022-23 school year.
Back row, from left: Eleanor Kandoll, Wyatt Litster, Kyle Biggers, Jack Engell, Adrian Ducat, Thomas Olsen-Phillips, Kieran Cabral, and Martha Midkiff.
Back row, from left: Gabriele Whitacre, Alexis Sakamoto-Quezon, Noah Pawuk, Elijah Whitacre, Stacey Eilenberger, Anya Pawuk, Elaina Enriquez, and Meghan O'Soup.

AXTON KRAVITZ
Who are your parents?
Garrett & Mary Kravitz

Number of years in Petersburg schools? 4

Please describe a moment you will fondly remember from your time at PHS.
When the school got shut down because of snow.

What are your plans fol-

lowing graduation?
To work and have fun while making progress on my goals.

What was your favorite class or activity during school and why?
My favorite class was History as a senior because it was pretty interesting.

What is a favorite book, movie, show, or song that you recommend we give a listen to, and why do you like it?
"Smokin' a Doobie" by Jon Pardi.

Senior Quote?
"High school was easy. It was like riding a bike. Except the bike was on fire and the ground was on fire and everything was on fire because it wasn't easy."

MACKENZIE LARSON
Who are your parents?
Carol Larson

Number of years in Petersburg schools? 13

Please describe a moment you will fondly remember from your time at PHS.
Volleyball trips (when i didn't get sick).

What are your plans following graduation?
Stay in Petersburg and work.

What was your favorite class or activity during school and why?
Art because it promotes creativity and it doesn't give me stress.

What is a favorite book, movie, show, or song that you recommend we give a listen to, and why do you like it?
I would recommend you read a series of unfortunate events.

Senior Quote? "I don't know what was that"

WYATT LITSTER
Who are your parents?
Cody & Megan Litster

Number of years in Petersburg schools? 12

Please describe a moment you will fondly remember from your time at PHS.
Wrestling throughout school since first grade & getting 3rd at State this year. I'd like to thank all my wrestling coaches from over the years.

What are your plans following graduation?
I'm headed to fish the Bay this summer. In the fall I'll attend Utah State University to pursue a degree in Natural Resource Management.

What was your favorite class or activity during school and why?
Definitely shop because you can do so much. I've learned to weld which is fun because I can make things that are practical for the future. I appreciate all my teachers from over the years to help me be the best I can be.

What is a favorite book, movie, show, or song that you recommend we give a listen to, and why do you like it?

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Congratulations Kasiah Lopez and the rest of the class of 2023! We can't wait to see what the future holds!



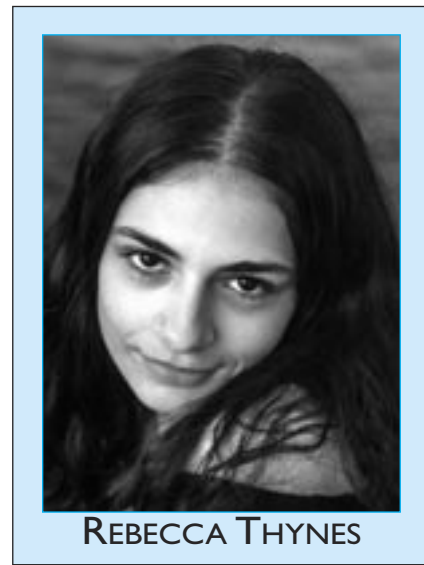
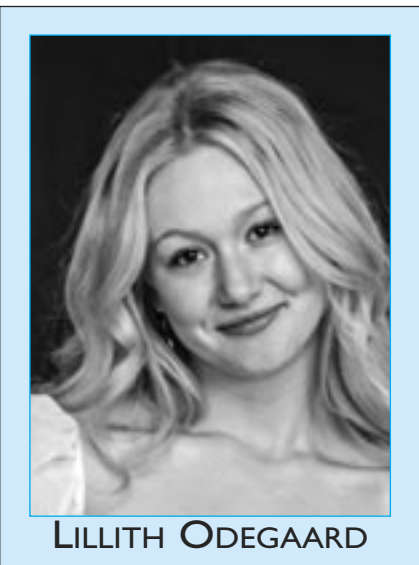
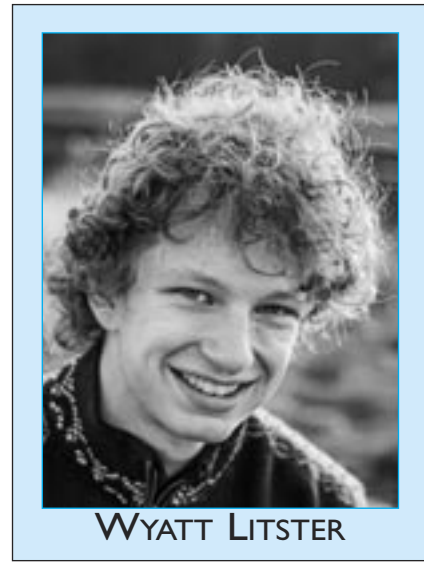
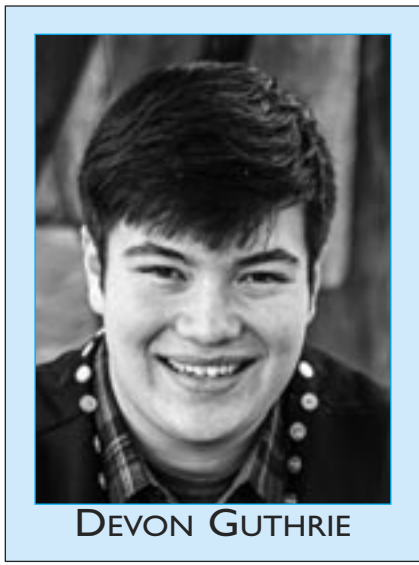
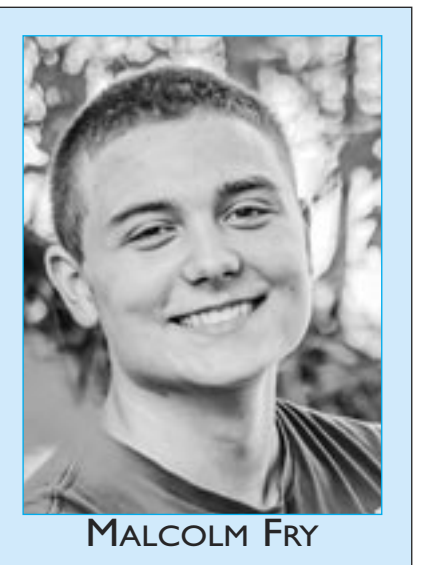
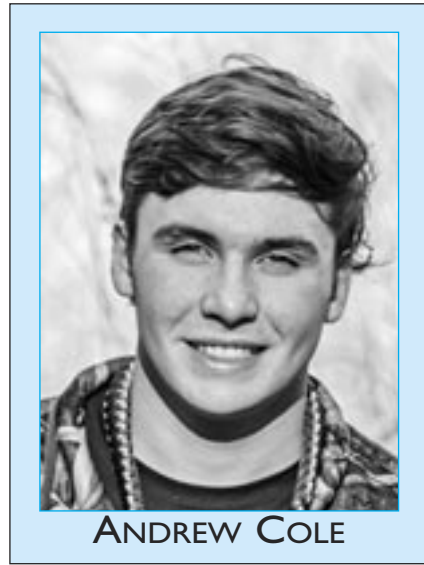
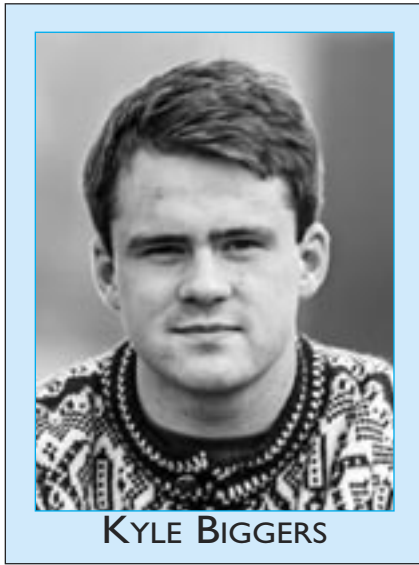
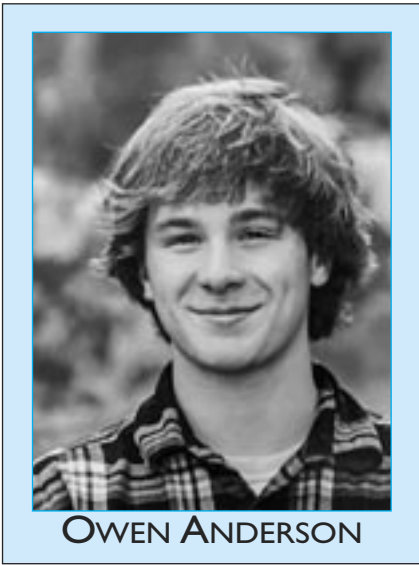
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“Last Night” by Morgan Wallen.

Senior Quote?

There is nothing that cannot be accomplished without the proper application of speed & violence.

KASIAH LOPEZ

Who are your parents?

Mindy and Nathan Lopez

Number of years in Petersburg schools? 8

Please describe a moment you will fondly remember from your time at PHS.

Senior year overall, this year was filled with amazing memories with my friends and classmates that I will always cherish.

What are your plans following graduation?

To attend Heritage school of Interior Design in Denver, Colorado.

What was your favorite class or activity during school and why?

Aquaculture was my favorite because we got to grow our own baby salmon and release them at the end of the year.

What is a favorite book, movie, show, or song that you recommend we give a listen to, and why do you like it?

I recommend Tangled because it's a comfort movie and a true work of art.

Senior Quote? This for everybody going through tough times Believe me, been there, done that. But every day above ground is a great day, remember that - Pitbull

LILLITH JEAN ADELL ODEGAARD

Who are your parents?

Martin Odegaard and Lena Odegaard

Number of years in Petersburg schools? 13

Please describe a moment you will fondly remember from your time at PHS.

Going to school late and seeing the ladies in the office routinely grab my tardy slip while I smile big as if that little pink slip were a reward.

What are your plans following graduation?

Enlisting in the United State Army Reserves and planning to continue my education in the spring.

What was your favorite class or activity during school and why?

Sports trips are my favorite school activity because you throw a bunch of random kids together, different ages,

different friend groups and you bring them to a neighboring town to play all day, eat at new restaurants, and have a giant sleepover.

What is a favorite book, movie, show, or song that you recommend we give a listen to, and why do you like it?

I love Ray Bradbury's "There Will Come Soft Rains" because it influences all readers to think about the bigger picture rather than just the plot.

Senior Quote?

"I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived." -Henry David Thoreau

MEGHAN R. O'SOUP

Who are your parents?

Kelly and Derrick O'Soup.

Number of years in Petersburg schools? 13

Please describe a moment you will fondly remember from your time at PHS.

Laying on the band room floor.

What are your plans following graduation?

Attend Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota, Florida.

What was your favorite class or activity during school and why?


Attending AP Art class to work on my projects as well as choir because the class is one of the best classes in the school (it was absolutely wild).

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Alyssa Guthrie
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Parents: Alex & Savann Guthrie



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What is a favorite book, movie, show, or song that you recommend we give a listen to, and why do you like it?

"Kickstart My Heart" by Motely Crue – it's a good song to listen to during an hour long car ride (it magically turns the car ride into 10 minutes)

Senior Quote?

The world is not in your books and maps. It is out there. - J.R.R. Tolkien.

ERIK J OLSEN

Who are your parents?

Leah Vick, John Olsen

Number of years in Petersburg schools? 3

What was your favorite class or activity during school and why?

Shop class, because I got to work with my hands and hone my skills. Plus, Mr. Owens is a radical shop teacher. A true jack of all trades.

What is a favorite book, movie, show, or song that you recommend we give a listen to, and why do you like it?

The Arc of a Scythe series is a wonderful trio of books that i highly recommend you read if you enjoy books like the Hunger Games or Maze Runner.

Senior Quote?

"Det finnes ikke dårlig vær, bare dårlige klær or "there is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothes"

ALEXUS SAKAMOTO-QUEZON

Who are your parents?

Alvin Quezon and Dianna Sakamoto.

Number of years in Petersburg schools? 13

Please describe a moment you will fondly remember from your time at PHS.

A moment that I will fondly remember from my time at PHS were all the times I spent with my friends in the classes that we had with one another and every cross country trip that I went on with my teammates.

What are your plans following graduation?

I plan on attending Northern Arizona University with a major in Dental Hygiene.

What was your favorite class or activity during school and why?

Film photography was one of my favorite classes that I took in high school because I got use a film camera for the first time and I learned how to develop and process the film.

What is a favorite book, movie, show, or song that you recommend we give a listen to, and why do you like it?

Anxious People is one of my favorite books because it talks about human nature and the the importance of kindness and compassion in our everyday lives.

Senior Quote?

"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile." - Mother Teresa

NOVALEE THOMAS SCHULZ

Who are your parents?

Rachel Thomas, Steven Thomas, and David Schulz

Number of years in Petersburg schools? 5

Please describe a moment you will fondly remember from your time at PHS.

Being able to help in the elementary school with kindergarteners as an elementary

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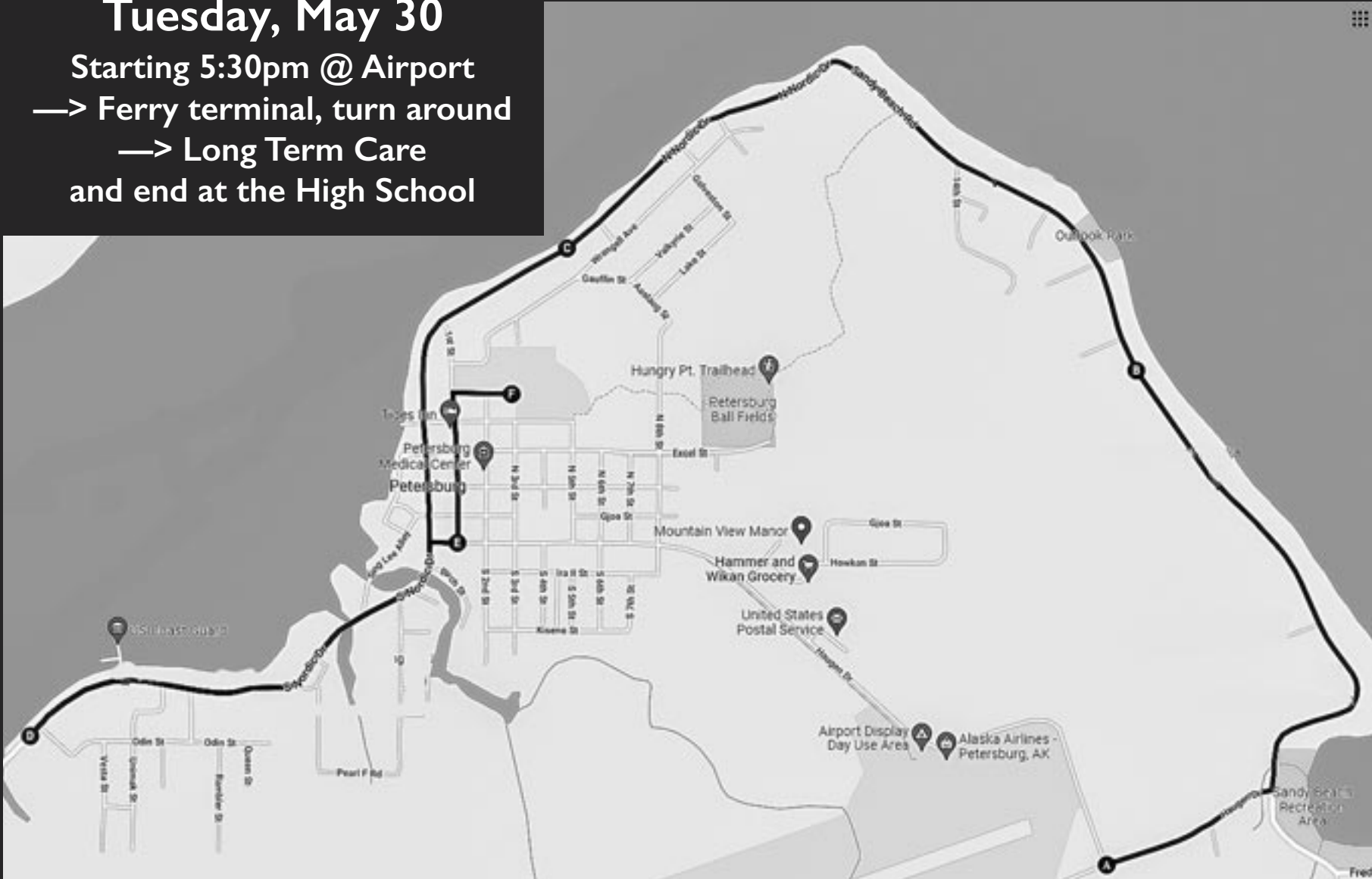
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tutor. It definitely brought back memories and doing crafts was fun, we don't do crafts in high school.

What are your plans following graduation?

My plans are to start a phlebotomy course and work in

the healthcare field.

What was your favorite class or activity during school and why?

My favorite class was probably psychology. I think it's a super interesting and helpful class you get to learn how the brain works and why we feel

things.

What is a favorite book, movie, show, or song that you recommend we give a listen to, and why do you like it?

I personally really liked the book Atomic Habits. Its super interesting and goes into the science in building a routine/habits that will stick.

Senior Quote?

"Learned to count a mil before my ABC's" -Yung Gravy

REBECCA THYNES

Who are your parents?

Brandon Thynes, Amy Thynes

Number of years in Petersburg schools? 13

Please describe a moment you will fondly remember from your time at PHS.

I will remember the many things that playing volleyball at PHS has taught me! I learned a lot about how to be a team player, and how to recognize what type of help someone needs.

What are your plans following graduation?

After I graduate, I plan to work and attend UAS online in the fall and work towards my masters degree in psychology.
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ogy or counseling.

What was your favorite class or activity during school and why?

My favorite classes throughout my whole school career have been drama, music, and history classes. These are things that I really enjoy participating in and learning more about, and I'm happy that I was able to take these classes all throughout these crazy years.

What is a favorite book, movie, show, or song that you recommend we give a listen to, and why do you like it?

I am loyal to my 2000's music. It has gotten me through many long home-work nights.

Senior Quote?

"You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."- Martin Luther King Jr.

DD TOYOMURA
Who are your parents?
Daryl and Jennifer Toyomura.

Number of years in Petersburg schools? 13

Please describe a moment you will fondly remember from your time at PHS.

One of my favorite memories is going out to the LeConte Glacier with the survey team.

What are your plans following graduation?

After graduation, I am going to work, then go to Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa to wrestle and earn a degree in engineering.

What was your favorite class or activity during school and why?

My favorite activity during school was wrestling because I love the sport and my coaches and teammates.

Senior Quote?

"There's always ways of motivating yourself to higher levels. Write about it, dream about it. But after that, turn it into action. Don't just dream."
- Dan Gable

JAREN WHITETHORN
Who are your parents?
Mandie & Luke

Number of years in Petersburg schools? 13

Please describe a moment you will fondly remember from your time at PHS.

When us kids did a walk out of school because of masking.

What are your plans following graduation?

Working full time.

What was your favorite class or activity during school and why?

Pizza day during English class.

What is a favorite book, movie, show, or song that you recommend we give a listen to, and why do you like it?

I like the song "Congratulations" by Post Malone

Senior Quote?

"Do the impossible and you'll never doubt yourself ever again" -Andrew Tate.



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