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2014 a year to remember

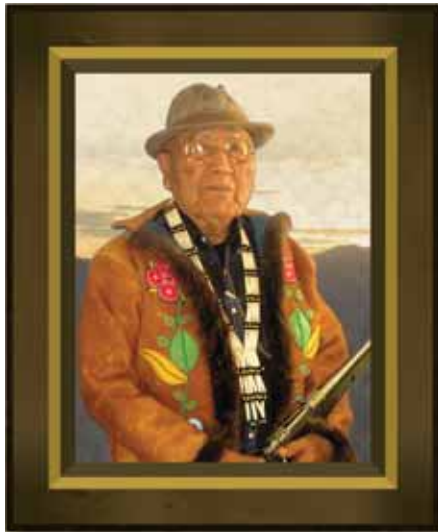
(far left) Ahtna Traditional First Chief, Benjamin Tom Neeley, Sr. passed away on January 4, 2014 less than 2 months shy of 100 years old. He was known as a generous, humble, and loving leader who will be greatly missed. *Ahtna, Inc. courtesy photo.*

(top middle) John Searle Devens passed away on June 13, 2014 at the age of 74. Devens was an important figure in many organizations in Valdez, Prince William Sound, and the Copper Basin.

(top, far right) Fred John, Jr. is joined by numerous local residents as he passes through Chistochina on his first Walk for Tsucde, completed in remembrance of the late Katie John, who passed away in 2013, and the traditional lifestyle and rights she fought to protect. *courtesy tsucde.com*

(far right, second from top) An amazing story unfolded as long-time Kenny Lake resident Keith Murray (age 96) was reunited with his daughter after they were separated when she was 2 years old and had spent the last 40 years searching for him. *Judith Lorenz photo*

(far right, third from top) KCAM Radio celebrated its 50th anniversary. Pictured are the station's founders and original broadcasters. *KCAM courtesy photo*



(far right, bottom) Mary Beth Hooper passed away on March 5, 2014 at the age of 84. She and her husband, Roy, homesteaded in Kenny Lake in 1961 where they raised their family. *Hooper family courtesy photo*

(bottom left) Jim and Shirley Hannah celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 25, 2014.

(below) An Exhibit Grand Opening, Open House and presentation of Archeology on Ice at the Ahtna Cultural Center helped to illuminate a long history of Ahtna craftsmanship and the ancient technologies they used to hunt and gather in their ancestral lands. *Matt Lorenz photo*



Editor's Notes

BY MATT LORENZ

This was the most difficult year so far, since I have been editor/publisher of the CRR, to narrow down the selection of photos for this now annual year in review issue.

I began with photos covering the entire front page, all of page 2 and all of pages 8-9 with no ads or any other info on those pages.

Obviously, that was not going to work since there are plenty of other important "current" stories and, thankfully, plenty of advertisers wanting to get their information into this issue of the paper as well.

I then tried shrinking all of the photos enough to make them fit in the space available, but, they were then so small that they were difficult to make out even with the digital clarity of the computer

screen.

So, I decided to focus on two of the most prominent "themes" that seemed to be apparent in many of the photos I had chosen to represent the year of 2014: remembering the history of this region's residents and organizations (front page) and also looking ahead to its future in the young people who live here (see pages 8-9).

Unfortunately, I was unable to include some of my favorite photos from the year (like the Chitina style Ice Bucket Challenge) as well as some of the important events (like the Open House/ribbon cutting ceremony for the Robert Marshall Building).

But, I would still like to give a huge thanks to everyone who sent the photos and stories that filled the pages of this paper in 2014 and I sincerely look forward to what will appear in 2015.



Dougall scores 1000th point as Panther

JIM LORENCE, GLENNALLEN- Ariana Dougall, a senior at Glennallen High School, reached a milestone in her high school basketball career by scoring her 1000th point against the Grace Christian Grizzlies in Anchorage on Friday, January 2nd.

Coming into the game she had scored 993 points and needed seven more to reach this milestone. Early in the 1st quarter she reached her 1000th point and was awarded the game ball.

She went on to score 30 that night. Only one other Glennallen High School player has reached this basketball achievement in the last 20 years. That player was Jubilee Sutherland, a 2010 graduate that led her team to the state tournament twice and went on to play college basketball at Eastern Wyoming and Arizona Christian College.

Ariana is the daughter of James and Tricia Fields of Glennallen.

Congratulations Ariana!



Chris Brown photo

Glennallen Panthers Senior basketball player, Arianna Dougall, pictured (black jersey) after releasing the shot that would score her 1000th career point as a Panther. Only one other Glennallen High School basketball player has reached the milestone, Jubilee Sutherland, who graduated in 2010.

CB300 anticipates exciting, fast race in 2015

*CB300 NEWS RELEASE--*The Copper Basin 300 Sled Dog Race is 2015's first mid-distance dog sled race and Iditarod qualifier. The race starts at 10 a.m. January 10, 2015 in Glennallen, in front of KCAM.

Current trail conditions promise a fast track for the 2015 race. The course is well-packed with some rough patches from thin snow cover. Warm winter temperatures have prevailed until the last couple days, delaying river freeze up.

Recent temperatures to -25 below is solidifying some of the previously open water crossings and hardening trail sections glaciated by ground seepage. The current weather forecast calls for gradual warming toward race day. The Copper Basin 300 Sled Dog Race has been called by some mushers the "toughest" race in Alaska, because of remote trail segments, challenging snow conditions, extreme temperatures, and the extremely short days at this time of year.

The race course and checkpoints have changed this year. The 2015 race will run counterclockwise from Glennallen, starting in front of the KCAM radio station, on a 310 mile course through four checkpoints, and returning to the finish line in front of the Old Paths Baptist Church in Glennallen.

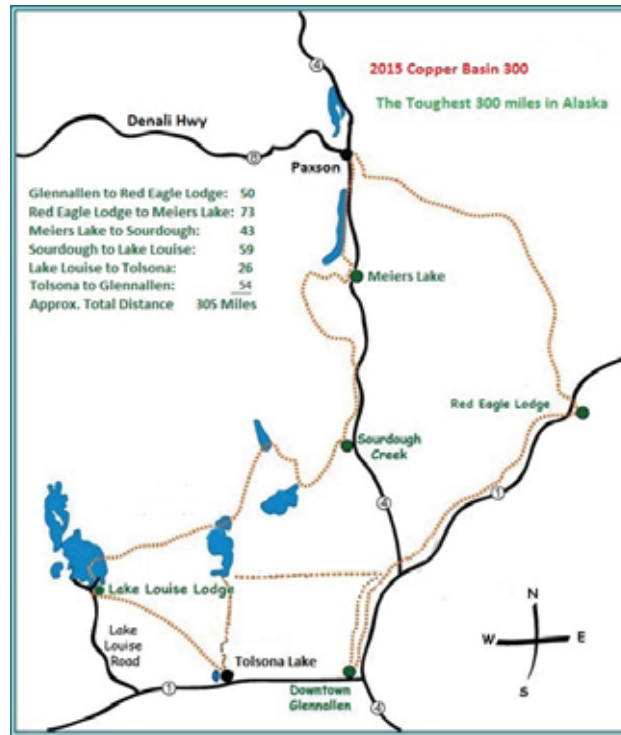
Checkpoints this year are in Chistochina (Red Eagle Lodge), checkpoint, Meier's Lake (Meier's Lake Lodge), Sourdough (Sourdough Lodge is closed), and Mendeltna Creek (Mendeltna Creek Lodge), returning to the Glennallen finish line via Tolsona and Crosswind Lakes(see map). This change was triggered by lodge closures at two of last year's checkpoints, and enhances safety margins for mushers and dogs during the four day event.

Race events kick off on Friday January 9. Pick up a race flyer at select businesses

around town or at Race Central in the American Legion Hall, for complete information on race events.

The Prince William Sound Community College will be hosting a Mushers Welcome on Friday January 9 from 1 to 5 p.m. Come welcome the mushers to our community.

Saturday, January 10, Crowley Petroleum will be hosting a Chili Feed at Race Central (American Legion hall in Glennallen) from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mushers generally arrive at the Chistochina checkpoint that afternoon and evening. Look for mushers to arrive at the Meier's Lake and Sourdough checkpoints on Sunday January 11th, and at the Mendeltna Creek checkpoint on January 12th.



Race winners will likely reach the finish line at the Old Paths Baptist Church on January 12th, which will host a potluck meal throughout the race finish until the last musher arrives.

Because of this year's trail conditions and the modified race course, these times are approximate and may change once the race is underway. Listen to KCAM radio, look at up to date tracking locations of mushers on our web site, or visit Race Central for the most current information on musher's locations.

There are many good roadside locations to watch the race along the Glenn Highway west of and through Glennallen, as well as the first ten miles of the Richardson Highway north of Glennallen and the first few miles of the Tok Cutoff. The checkpoints are also

good locations to watch the mushers and dog teams.

Fifty mushers and dog teams are signed up to participate this year, with a wait list of 11 mushers. Three of last year's top four finishers, Allen Moore, Nicolas Petit, and Ben Harper, are returning to race this year. Copper Basin locals running the race include Heidi Sutter from Chistochina and Dennis Kananowicz from Glennallen.

Race officials for this year's race include Eric Lutz of Glennallen, Alaska, as Race Manager; Greg Parvin returning as Race Marshall; and Nina Hansen returning as the Head Veterinarian.

This race would not be possible without sponsorship at all levels, and volunteers. Major sponsors for the race are businesses both near and far: Crowley Petroleum, Copper Basin Sanitation, the Caribou Hotel, Copper Valley Telecom, Rusnyak Photography, The Sled Dogger, and Glennallen Fuel.

Without contributions by sponsors, this race would not be possible. Other businesses have also contributed, and are listed on the race website. New sponsors are welcome, and are encouraged to contact race officials through our web site at cb300.com.

The Copper Basin 300 Sled Dog Race is an all-volunteer race. Volunteers organize the race and stage race events, run race central, staff the race checkpoints, provide media coverage, complete all the preparation leading up to the race, and complete the cleanup and demobilization after the race. Race officials welcome new volunteers who are interested in getting involved.

Visit the race's web site, cb300.com, for the most up-to-date info available, and to donate to, sponsor, or volunteer for the Copper Basin 300. More photos and latest news is also on our facebook page.



School District Snippets



*By MICHAEL JOHNSON, CRSD SUPERINTENDENT--*And just like that, it is suddenly 2015. January marks a year since the CRSD Snippets has been appearing weekly in the Copper River Record. We've covered a lot of subjects and passed along bits of information that I hope brought you and our classrooms closer together.

If ever there was a year to write a weekly article for the local paper, it would be 2014. Our community and schools have gone through significant change and from the looks of things, our state is about to experience a very difficult time as it balances spending and dramatically decreasing revenue. If you follow Alaska news even a little, you can foresee that 2015 will include shifts in policy and reductions in spending from the AK legislature. It could be a very difficult year for Alaska's economy.

However, even with all the changes and challenges we are experiencing, it pales in comparison to the changes that have occurred in our society over the last one hundred years. Much of what we take for granted in our daily lives would have been hard to imagine for those who lived a century ago.

In 1915 Alexander Graham Bell made the first coast-to-coast phone call. It was truly a headline event. The January 26, 1915 front page of the New York Times included the headline, "Phone to Pacific from Atlantic." The article includes exclamations such as, "4,750-Mile Conversation" and "First Voice Across the Continent." President Woodrow Wilson is quoted as saying, "It appeals to the imagination to speak across the continent."

Even President Wilson's imagination could not have comprehended all that has developed in telecommunications.

Also in 1915, the first photograph of Pluto was published. Back then, they didn't even know what it was they were looking at. Over a decade later it was discovered that they were looking at the tenth largest object to orbit the sun (based on no scientific reasoning at all, I'm still calling it a planet). The photo was blurring and void of texture, yet it was cutting edge science to photograph something so distant.

In 1915, the world was also in the midst of its first global conflict. The First World War was horrific and an entire generation of young men was decimated as nation fought against nation. A new technology, U-boat submarines, terrorized 1915's primary mode of international travel as they lurked beneath the surface unseen. To those living in 1915, the outcome of the war was uncertain.

Now, one hundred years later, technology has advanced the good and the bad. Not only can I call coast to coast, I can video chat with someone on another continent using a phone I carry in my pocket (even Antarctica - shout out to Philip Baur). In 2015, the New Horizon planetary probe will reach Pluto, the first such spacecraft to do so. The close up videos and pictures promise to be spectacular. And despite our accomplishments, evil has advanced its mission to annihilate freedom. Terror on the sea has moved to the skies by using airplanes as missiles against innocent civilians.

I don't know about you, but the new year reminds me that our mission isn't simply to prepare students for the next test, it is to equip them for life's opportunities and challenges. The lessons of the last one hundred years remind me that our students need knowledge, grit and character to seize opportunities and overcome challenges. As the tools we use continue to develop, our students need to learn how to use technology and not let technology use them. That means they will need a greater measure of knowledge, grit, and unwavering character.

The young men and women of 1915 would go on to lead us through a unprecedented time of war and technological advance. They did it by earning their grades, not expecting them. They worked hard, under much less convenient circumstances than we enjoy. And they had the character that didn't wince at hardship, faced down tyranny, and sacrificed so others could enjoy the blessings of freedom.

If we look back to 1915, we'll quickly realize we have big shoes to fill. But, we have some amazing resources. We have more money, more conveniences, and amazing technologies for educating students. I hope those looking back from 2115 will see that we also had courageous grit and character.

Happy New Year!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Donations & youth service fill Operation Shoebox with success



The Glennallen Jr. High Youth Group chose to participate in Samaritan's Purse shoebox ministry this holiday season. They set a goal of filling twelve boxes and because of their donations and heart for service we were able to fill fourteen boxes. The night we packed the shoeboxes was filled with laughter and joy as they filled the boxes for children around the world. I just wanted to say thank you to all the parents who helped remind the kids to bring items and for allowing us to hang out with your kids every Monday night. And thank you to all the Jr. Highers that attend Youth Group. You are all amazing individuals.

The Glennallen Jr. High Youth Group meets every Monday night at the school from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Anyone in 6th, 7th or 8th grade is invited to attend and dinner is included.

Thank you,
Peter & Libby Bengtson, David & Ashley Krimmel, Wesley & Kim Louis, Karie Long, Ann Urich

Happenings in the Copper Basin with Gay Wellman

The phone family support group continues on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 2 to 3 PM. This is a time for caregivers to share their successes and get help to deal with challenging issues relating to caring for an elder whether they have dementia or not.

The Senior Scribbler's group continues to meet the last Thursday of each month at about 1 PM following the Glennallen Senior Center luncheon. Come share your stories or any other things you've written. Research is making it clear that writing our stories is one excellent way to exercise our brains and its fun.

On the 2nd Thursday of the next three months from 7 to 8:30 PM there will be a webinar on a topic of interest for those caring for an elder whether they have dementia or not.

Thursday, Jan. 8	Dining with Dementia
Thursday, Feb 12	Sexual Expression & The Loss of Intimacy
Thursday, Mar 12	Bathing Without Battles

For six Monday's starting Feb. 2nd and ending Mar. 9 from 2 to 4 PM I hope to have another webinar Savvy Caregivers class. This is an excellent class for anyone caring for someone at home or long distance. People who have taken it say it provided them with the basics that they needed to make their lives and the lives of their loved ones so much better.

Please contact Gay Wellman at 822-5620 or email me at gwellman@alaska.org if you or someone you know could benefit from any of these classes. I am also available for individual consultations or any in person presentations.

Huge thanks from CVT Santa's Workshop & Project Santa

Thanks to everyone throughout CVT's service area who helped to make many local children have a brighter Christmas!

There are so many people to thank; from those who took the many tags off the trees to the several who gave us both cash and merchandise (local businesses) donations! This program could not happen without ALL of you. The list is way too long to acknowledge everyone here but you know who you are! THANK YOU! Also, thanks to the Valdez Post Office and Park's Place for housing our trees!

And last but definitely not least; a huge thank you to CVT's Sheila Jordan & Shilah Butler for once again giving this community based program all of their heart, soul and determination; to make sure that 240 children (99 families) had presents to open up on Christmas! Also, thanks to the many other CVT employees who assisted both our spear-headers with this huge project!!

Sincerely,
Joanne Winney
CVT Marketing/PR Manager

CVEA's Community Foundation spreads good tidings

Representatives from the CVEA Community Foundation spread good tidings this holiday season as they delivered checks to worthwhile non-profit organizations in Valdez and the Copper Basin.

This year six non-profit organizations in CVEA's Valdez and Copper Basin service districts recently received funding from the CVEACF as part of the Contribution Season.

KCHU was given funds for educational and interactive materials and booth equipment to use with children at community events in Valdez and the Copper Basin as well as youth field trips to KCHU. Valdez Junior Achievement received funding to purchase program materials for students at Hermon Hutchins Elementary School. The Valdez Torpedos Swim Club was given money to purchase much needed swim caps and swimming equipment for their younger participants, and the Valdez Imagination Library was given funding to provide one new book each month throughout the year to ten local children to help foster a love of reading.

In the Copper Basin, the Foundation awarded funding to Frances Kibble Kenny Lake Library to help fund their Summer Literacy Camp, and to WISE to help continue the successful Science in Schools program that was launched three years ago as a partnership between WISE, the CVEACF, and Copper Valley Telecom.

According to Jessi Gallatin, CVEACF Past President, "the Foundation is pleased to have the opportunity to assist so many organizations with the great work they do in our communities. We look forward to the success of these programs and are happy to be a part of them."

The next round of funding will be available in the fall of 2015; applications will be available in July.

If you have questions regarding the CVEACF, please contact Sharon Crisp at (907) 822-5506, (907) 835-7005, or email crisp@cvea.org

Counselor's Corner

BY MICHAEL HORTON, COPPER CENTER

Words should provide both a vehicle and a venue for the bandying of ideas, inspiring, entertaining, and putting stances to the test. This is what freedom of speech really means.

Take a bold stance for freedom of speech. Go see the movie that the Third Supreme Leader of the Democratic People's Republic of K■■■■, Kin■■■■ Un, does not want you to see, "The Interview". Therefore, it is your patriotic duty to watch this movie. Make sure to pay full price and see it at least two or three times. Take a stance for freedom with your pocketbook. Show that you are a proud American who will go to movies no matter how poorly written, acted, or offensive that they might happen to be.

Sure, the "speech" part of it has already occurred by them making the movie in the first place, but, until YOU pay S■■■■ Pictures lots of money to see it and maybe get some overpriced popcorn to support the local theater, the magic of the freedom-things doesn't really happen.

As most people know, back in June of 2014, the nation of No■■■■ea sent a message stating that, for some unfathomable reason, they were feeling slighted by a movie called "The Interview" that portrayed their venerated leader being successfully assassinated by two goofy, fun-loving, sex-addled, utterly corrupt Americans. Somehow they found playing out the bloody, explosive death of their beloved leader for giggles and vacuous entertainment somehow offensive. It is hard to understand why those No■■■■eans are acting all affronted by the knee-slapping good humor of the world's youngest head of state incinerated in a deadly fireball.

Why, there are so many other things about this movie to be offended by than just the graphic painful death of their leader, a human being, melting on film in all-consuming flames and calling it comedy. According to IMDb, there is also gratuitous nudity, crude language (the F-bomb is used roughly once for every minute of movie play time), references to sex with animals, ejaculation on a man's face, blood spraying from fingers bitten off, descriptions of women's sex organs and the smell of men's sex organs, and, of course, the side-splitting humor of a guard mistakenly eating Ricin poison, seizing in death throes, and accidentally shooting out the brains of his friend. Ha-ha-ha! And these are just the madcap antics done by the "good guys."

We call it entertainment. Some would have you call it "freedom" to see this movie since S■■■■ Corporation was hacked by geeks, probably living in America, and allegedly hired by North ■■■■■ to encourage S■■■■ to shelve this work of cinematic "art". The leadership at S■■■■ a corporation with revenues of upward of \$78 billion (again, a Japanese multinational corporation with revenues of perhaps twice the Gross Domestic Product of the *entire* nation of No■■■■ea, according to the 2014 CIA World Factbook), looking deep into their dark fiscal souls, saw a great deal of free advertising from news services around the globe, and struck out another victory for freedom, and released the movie to sold out theaters and set up online pay-per-view opportunities for freedom-lovers everywhere. It is a heart-rending success story of mammoth Goliath prevailing over that pesky little No■■■■ean David, stomping the snot out of him, and calling it "freedom". Don't believe it? Seth Rogen, the-um- star tweeted that "Freedom has prevailed!" when the financial decision to release the movie was made.

Yay. Let's hear it for freedom.

Dirty sex jokes and the right to portray world leaders (even those America is not currently at war with) being killed for chuckles and belly-laughs... I'm pretty sure those are the freedoms we cherish and the reasons we send our young men and women overseas to fight and die, aren't they?

At one time it was "For God and country", but those days are probably a million insults and compromises back.

Now, I, for one, have the freedom of speech and exercise it just about every week. Of course, my beautiful and wise wife has first crack at the articles I write and has first editing rights. Oh, I cannot tell you the many times that she has looked over my writings and judiciously struck out words, sentences, paragraphs, and even found entire stories worthy of "the spike." Yep, I get censored right here at home time and time again. So much for my freedom of speech!

But, then on reflection, I see that she has unerringly been right. The words stricken from the pages would have taken the articles in the wrong direction from where I wanted to go or have been potentially hurtful- and that is never my intention. Another thing... I love my first editor heart-and-soul, and I always will as long as she is willing to read and sculpt my writings- and then well beyond.

Then my articles go on to N■■■■, our valley's esteemed publisher and editor, who takes a second red pen to the articles and hacks where he must. And thank goodness that he does. Readers with memory spans longer than the average house fly might recall, both my wife and I got canned, sacked, tossed to the curb within the past year and a half. These were events that caught my attention long enough that I wrote some pretty funny articles (well, *I* thought they were funny!) about our employment/unemployment experiences. N■■■■ wisely drained any poison that might have found its way onto the page when I accidentally dipped my quill into the wrong inkwells. At first I usually fumed about how everything cut was all true but I came to realize that those snipped sentences served no good purpose other than to allow me to blow verbal raspberries at a former employer. Censored- AGAIN! But for all the right reasons. Yep, I love my second editor, too. (But I am thankfully MUCH less likely to be picking out window coverings and pillow shams with my second editor. N■■■■ is, no doubt, soooooo relieved to hear this!)

There is one more editor that I have not mentioned but is the most important editor in the whole mad mix. I think of this as being my "ground zero editor". Me.

I need to be the ultimate gate monitor of what is both coming in and what is going out with my research, my writing, and my life. And this has taken years to figure out the right balance of censorship, defining and refining and protecting a personal freedom of speech, and doing some basic growing up.

My Mom and Dad instilled values from the DON'T LIST from the time I was an infant. You know the List: don't drink alcohol, don't smoke, don't go cross-eyed looking at porn, don't pick on kids smaller than yourself, don't talk back to adults, don't interrupt elders, don't lie, don't hurt others, don't pick needless fights, and don't forget that God is ever present, ever loving, and

ever watchful. As a kid, I didn't understand the "whys" behind the list. As a young adult, I did the human thing and violated my share of the list. (And I am happy to report my eyes are no longer crossed.) Now, as a grown-up, the List is foundational to personal censorship and freedom of speech.

I may write articles that challenge people to re-think their positions regarding faith, patriotism, family roles, and priorities, but I will never seek to have people feel sullied or simply offended for the sake of offending. Words should provide both a vehicle and a venue for the bandying of ideas, inspiring, entertaining, and putting stances to the test. This is what freedom of speech really means.

When an audience feels so dirty from images that bore dark holes in their memories that they suffer a compulsion to scrub themselves for a week, where they come to loath the human condition, where their very souls are diminished, where they see others as less than worthy of rights, where they wish to deprive others of life and dignity, maybe this freedom of speech concept has been contorted a degree too far.

Nations are people. We must never forget this. And a person who has no self-regulation is, at best, not a good neighbor, and is, at worst, a be-fouled lunatic lacking moral compass.

Our resentment with the alleged hacking debacle arises from someone else- actually Sony-telling us what we can and cannot view. It was never a matter of freedom of speech because freedom is the right to withhold speech as well. No one truly believes that they will be better for having heard a hundred more F-b■■■■s or for seeing yet one more cinematic grisly death. There is no moral or intellectual sustenance in this movie. People are watching the movie out of simple petulance. Tell me I can't. Well, I'll show you!

As Mark Twain observed, "Adam was but human- this explains it all. He did not want the apple for the apple's sake; he wanted it only because it was forbidden. The mistake was in not forbidding the serpent; then he would have eaten the serpent."

At the risk of advocating censorship, ■■■■■

let us be ever mindful of what we are allowing into our lives and with what words and images we represent our nation in our broadcasts to the rest of the world. When dispersing our messages into the Universe, maybe a bit of self-regulation is not such a bad thing to impose upon ourselves. If not for the sake of our children, maybe we could do it for God and country.

Keep well.

Editor/Censor's Note: *As you can see, I, the "second" censor in line for review of Michael Horton's articles, have censored, or more precisely, redacted, all references to North Korea, Sony, and Matt, in hopes that whomever has been hacking both mighty corporations and pesky nations will spare the all powerful CRR.*

Michael Horton, LPC, CDC II has worked as a counselor in Alaska since 1986. Questions and comments can be sent to Counselor@copperriverrecord.net. The comments and opinions expressed in "Counselor's Corner" are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Copper River Record.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Miscellany

AA-Glennallen: meetings Wednesday nights, 7-8 p.m. at the Public Library in Glennallen.

Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska: Are you caring for a family member with Alzheimer's disease or related disorder in the Copper River Basin? Call Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska, Gay Wellman 822-5620 or 800-478-1080 ext 6.

American Legion, Gladys M. Heintz Memorial Post 27. The American Legion provides service to Veterans, Veteran's families, and the Communities where they live. Meetings first Wed. of every month, 7 p.m. Music jams Wed. nights, 7p.m, except first Wed of the month, 8pm. The American Legion is a great place for your community event. Call 822-4461 or 822-3227.

Caregiver support group available for anyone caring for a loved one either at home or away. Meets twice a month for encouragement, education and support and now meets by phone only and is open for anyone anywhere. We meet the first and third Wednesday of each month from 2-3pm. Call Gay Wellman for more information at 822-5620

Celebrate Recovery offers help to overcome hurts, hang-ups and habits by turning to God. Meets Fridays at 5:30PM at Mt. Drum Lutheran Church. Call 259-5115 for a ride.

Chamber of Commerce membership dinners are held the fourth Thursday of each month except summer season.

Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors monthly meeting held the first Tuesday of every month at 5:54 pm at the Copper Basin Senior Center, Glennallen.

Chitina Lighthouse Mission meets 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 11am in Chitina by the wayside. Sponsored by the Anchorage Wesleyan Nazarene Church.

Copper Basin Lions Club: meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, various locations. For info call Marianne Williams 822-3005.

Copper Basin Senior Citizens: Seniors meet at the Senior Center in Glennallen, Call 822-5400.

Copper River Mind Games. Glennallen Senior Center 12:30-1:30 PM, Last Thursday of each month. Presented by: Gay Wellman, contact gwellman@alaska.org or 822-5620

Copper River Roller's women's rollerderby skating practice, every Mon & Wed, 5-7pm. Come join the fun, call 259-4456 for more info.

Copper Valley Community Library in Glennallen Library hours: Tue 1-6; Wed 1-6; Thur 1-6; Fri 12-7; Sat 11-6; closed Sunday and Monday. 822-5427.

Copper Valley Historical Society needs community support as it continues its mission to protect the artifacts that tell the stories of our area's history, and to share those stories with thousands of visitors each year. Dues and donations can

be mailed to CVHS, PO Box 84, Copper Center, 99573. Call Barb 822-3669.

Frances Kibble Kenny Lake Public Library Open Mon 1-4; Tues 4-7; Thurs, Fri, Sat 1-4; closed Wed & Sun. 822-3015. Board meetings every third Thursday, 7pm. The public is welcome.

Glennallen VFW Post 10682, Glennallen Veterans Memorial Post 10682, Provides service to Veterans, Veteran's Families, and the Communities where they live. Meetings are the Third Thursday of every month @ 1900 hours. Contact: Dana Becker, Commander VFW Post 10682 hm 822-3887

GriefShare is held at the Gulkana Community Chapel, upstairs in the sanctuary, mile 127 on the Rich Hwy, right inside the village of Gulkana. Call Mike Ferrari for more info and scheduling, 822-5003, email: griefshare@gulkanachapel.org

Glennallen DMV: Open Mon-Thurs, 10am-5:30pm, closed for lunch 12:30-1pm. 822-3999.

House of Hope: Free food pantry and clothes closet are open 10am-2pm the last Thursday of every month at the Kenny Lake Community Chapel, mile 9.2 Edgerton Hwy. And, a free hot lunch is served. No requirements to participate. Call Katie at 822-3469 or the Chapel 822-3387.

Job Service Glennallen office open M-F 8am-noon and 1pm-4:30pm. 822-3350.

Kenny Lake Volunteer Fire Department: Training meetings first Wed every month at 7pm at the Fire Hall in Kenny Lake.

Kenny Lake Community League Board meetings are now held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 PM at the Community Hall. Come help make the decisions that affect our community.

Kenny Lake Knit Wits and Fiber Fanatics. Wednesday evenings, Wenger's Country Store, from 7-9pm. Bring your knitting needles or crochet hooks and join us for a fun evening of working with fiber. For more info call Marlene Wenger 259-5802.

Local Emergency Planning Committee Meetings: The Copper River LEPC meets every 2nd Thursday fat 10am at PWSCC in Glennallen. Members and the public are encouraged to attend. Call Call 907-822-3203 for more info.

Reformer Unanimous: Tired of being bound by your addictions? Come and join RU. Meetings every Fri at 7 pm at Mt. View Baptist Church (Mile .3 of the Edgerton Hwy). Call 822-5262.

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CVEA announcements

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There is one seat on the CVEA Board of Directors available in 2015 in the Copper Basin District. If you're interested in running, contact Sharon Crisp at 822-5506, 835-7005, or email crisp@cvea.org for details or stop by your local office to pick up a nomination packet! Deadline is Friday, February 13, at 5 p.m.

Looking for Educational Scholarships or Youth Leadership Opportunities? The CVEA Community Foundation Scholarship Application Period is NOW Open. Visit cvea.org for detailed information and application packets. Deadline is Friday, February 13 at 5 p.m.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. The main Christmas story is paraphrased from what two New Testament books? *Mark/John, Acts/Romans, Matthew/Luke, Jude/Revelation*
2. Approximately how old was Jesus when the wise men (Magi) arrived with their gifts? *1 day, 2 weeks, 2 months, 2 years*
3. Where did the angel Gabriel appear to Mary saying, "Blessed art thou among women"? *Nazareth, Tyre, Ninevah, Gazi*
4. In what city of Judaea was Jesus born? *Damascus, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Gezer*
5. Who plotted to kill the baby Jesus? *Archelaus, Herod, Pontius Pilat, Caesar Augustus*
6. How many times does the word "Christmas" appear in the Bible (KJV)? *Zero, 1, 2, 7*

ANSWERS: 1) Matthew/Luke; 2) 2 years; 3) Nazareth; 4) Bethlehem; 5) Herod; 6) Zero

Wilson Casey's 2015 Daily Box Calendars make excellent holiday gifts. Order Bible Trivia Challenge, Golf Trivia or True Crime at Amazon.com.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Events

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Saturday, Jan 10, Copper Basin 300 Dog Sled Race begins in Glennallen, 10am start time, in front of KCAM. Come join the fun!

Mon-Thurs, Jan 19-22, Glennallen DMV will be closed, normal hours resume Jan 26.

Monday, Jan 26, Take & Bake Pizza Fundraiser, \$20 for 16" pizza, preorder by Jan 23, 3pm, pick-up at Glennallen HS Commons 3-6pm. Call Suzy Rhodes for orders, 822-3232 or Yvette 830-2485. All proceeds go to Copper River Wrestling Club.

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Register for Spring Semester today!

A look back to the future of the Copper River Valley



(page 8, clockwise from top left) Ronan Drinkwater enjoying Chisto Days 1-Dog race. Local Girl Scouts' Reading Store earns Community Badge. Copper River Stewardship Program participants maintain floating nest for Canadian Geese. Dressing a moose head at an Ahtna Summer Culture Camp. Earth Discovery Days Web of Life. Fort Riggins. Annual Kids Ice-fishing Clinic at Silver Lake. Spring Ski/Snowshoe-a-thon in Glennallen. Easter egg Hunt at CRMC Spring Fling.



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If the photos on these two pages, all from the past year, are any indication, there is a bright future ahead in the

Copper River Valley!

(page 9, left to right then top to bottom) Mister and Miss Ahtna 2014



were Edward GreyBear and Christina Clark; Clark went on to be named the 2nd Runner-Up at the 2014



Miss World Eskimo-Indian Olympics held in Fairbanks.

The Copper Valley Honoring Our Children Day was a great success.

Future Babysitters with their certificates after

completing a class sponsored by CREMS, CRMC, and CRB-CAC.

The 2014 Glennallen Panthers Boys Basketball team won the 2A State Championship.



A Special Invitation to

Alaska Communications (ACS) Wireless Customers from Copper Valley Telecom

December 5, 2014

Alaska Communications (ACS) announced on Thursday, December 4 that it will be selling its customers' contracts to GCI. This means if you are an Alaska Communications customer today, in the near future you will automatically become a GCI wireless customer. Here at the Copper Valley Telecom offices, we have been hearing that many of you have serious concerns about becoming GCI customers.

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We extend a special invitation to you during this holiday season to sign up for service: get a double-data plan, \$100 cash and a free 4G LTE smart phone. We will also help you with contract termination penalties that may be assessed by Alaska Communications.

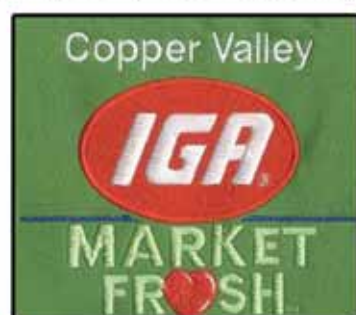
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History of Mt. Wrangell research, Part 3/3

By ROBIN UNDERWOOD, WISE

(Introductory paragraphs reprinted in italics.)

On August 8th, 2014, Dr. Carl Benson and Dr. Dan Solie gave a lecture on the history of scientific research on Mt. Wrangell as part of Wrangell Institute for Science and Environment (WISE) Science Lecture Series. The talk was held at the auditorium at Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve Visitors Center.

Dr. Benson, a researcher and professor at University of Alaska Fairbanks Geophysical Institute, first went up on the mountain in 1961, and has spent many weeks there in the decades since. Dr. Solie has also accompanied many research expeditions on Mt. Wrangell, and served as the outreach coordinator for the HAARP project in Gakona. Dr. Solie was one of the founders of WISE, and continues to serve on the Board of Directors.

One of the long-term goals of the research was to try to determine the thickness of the snow and ice cover on the mountain. They compared climate variations on Mt. Ushkovsky on the Kamchatka Peninsula, and Mt. Wrangell. Scientists from Japan, Russia, and Alaska cooperated on this project, doing deep ice coring near the summit of Mt. Wrangell from 2003-2006. Paul Claus provided logistical support for this project with his Turbo-Otter. They found this large plane to be a great step up from working with Super Cubs.

Ice cores were extracted from up to 217 meters deep, and sent, still frozen, to Japan for analysis.

The shipments of ice cores was coordinated with air shipments of frozen salmon to Japan, ensuring that they arrived intact. There they were tested for density, isotope analysis, and seasonal dust which can be used to date layers and see climatic patterns.

Seismic methods and radio echo-sounding were used to try to determine the total amount of water held in ice and snow on the mountain, but they were unable to locate the bottom in the deepest part. Dr. Solie, who was also working



with the High Altitude Auroral Research Project (HAARP) in Gakona at the time, decided that the long-wave electromagnetic waves being generated in the ionosphere with HAARP might be able to be used to measure the thickness of the snow pack. By measuring the speed with which they were able to penetrate into the surface, then bounce back, the depth could be determined.

Results were mixed with all these methods, and there are still large gaps in the data, but they have determined that the caldera is up to 900 meters thick in places. Extrapolated out, that means that 10 to 15 cubic kilometers of ice are contained in the crater. The implications in the case of a large volcanic eruption are stupendous to contemplate.

Dr. Benson brought a laugh from the audience on the topic of volcanic activity from other members of the Wrangell Mountains group. He observed that "A lot of people around here seem to desperately want Mount Sanford to

erupt." In 1981 there was a large landslide on the face of Sanford, creating lots of fine rock dust at the base. Benson observed that the dust looked like Swiss Miss cocoa, but presumably did not taste like it. A Japan Air Lines pilot radioed to report that the mountain was erupting. Benson was in Fairbanks when he heard the rumor, and got in a small plane to investigate. It was early April, and the sun was shining almost directly on the face of the mountain. The sun hitting the freshly exposed dark rock created a strong up-

draft, which sucked the fine dust straight up in the air, and gave a convincing appearance of a volcanic eruption. The scientists explained the phenomenon to the locals, noting that it ceased at the end of the day, then started up again when the sun next hit the face.

In a question and answer session after the talk, an audience member asked the scientists why they had devoted their lives to this and other similar studies. Benson talked about learning about the rain-

shadow effect, the fact that our area receives about a tenth of the precipitation of the coast. Studies on Mt. Wrangell have enabled them to see how the rainshadow effect plays out at altitude. He spoke about learning the life cycle of the whole system of mountain, volcano, glaciers, and the rivers that flow out of them, which can have a profound effect on everything that happens downstream.

Solie talked about the connection with the Asian dust that can be found and measured on the summit of Mt. Wrangell. This is nutrient-rich soil that blows and settles onto a relatively infertile area of the Pacific, helping nourish the fisheries, including salmon. Understanding the climatic pattern of the dust could help understand possible effects of climate change on fisheries.

"This is my favorite planet, I have to admit," Benson proclaims. "It's got features you can't find anywhere else. It is interacting with the solar system, solar energy coming in. At one polar region you've got a maritime climate, the ocean. At the other end you've got a big, high continent. You couldn't build a better planet for studying!"

and pressure changes.

The longnose sucker feeds primarily on the bottom of streams or lakes. It swims slowly along the bottom in search of invertebrates, which include insects, mollusks, snails, and crustaceans, and sometimes eats aquatic plants, algae and fish eggs. Its large lips enable it to suck up its food. Longnose suckers are a source of food for other larger fish, some mammals, and birds.

This note is from Alaska Wildlife Notebook Series, by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. This book can be found at the Copper Valley Community Library and the Kenny Lake Public Library. Wildlife Notes are brought to you by Copper Country Alliance.



Wildlife Notes: Sucker

The longnose sucker is the only species of sucker located in Alaska. It belongs to a group of fish (Cypriniformes, which also include the lake chubs) that have a unique feature called the Weberian apparatus.

The Weberian apparatus is made up of four to five modified vertebrae in the head that connect the ear to the swim bladder, which aids in sensing sound



by Hal Kaufman

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LO AND BEHOLD WORD GAME

WELL, lo and behold, we have six stepped-off LOW words in the diagram above. Here's the LOW-down on how they are defined:

1. Flood plain areas.

2. Big wedding.

3. Power count unit on electric bill.

4. Adherent.

5. Potentially hazardous waters.

6. Welcome sight to motorists on road in a winter storm.

Time limit: 2 minutes.

As a further test, see if you can make up a second batch of LOW words using the same diagram.

Answers: 1. Lowlands, 2. Downdraft, 3. Power, 4. Adherent, 5. Hazardous, 6. Welcome.

FLY BY! Look who's here, and flying high! To complete the picture, simply draw connecting lines from 1 to 2 to 3, etc.

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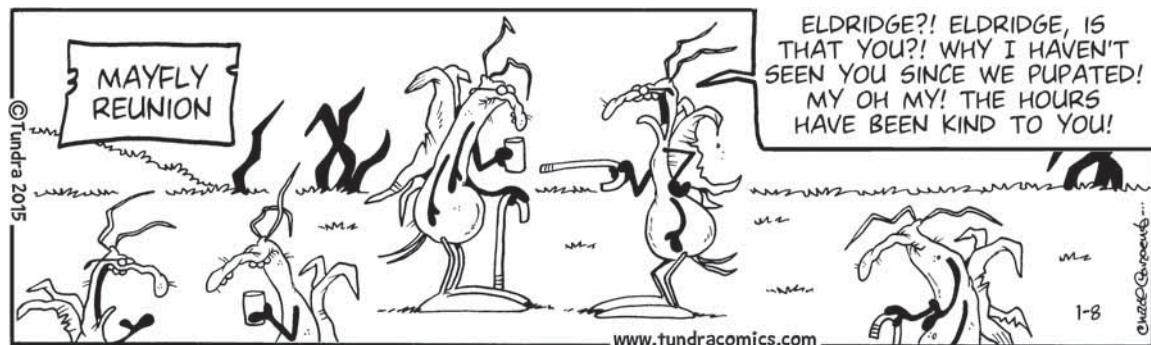
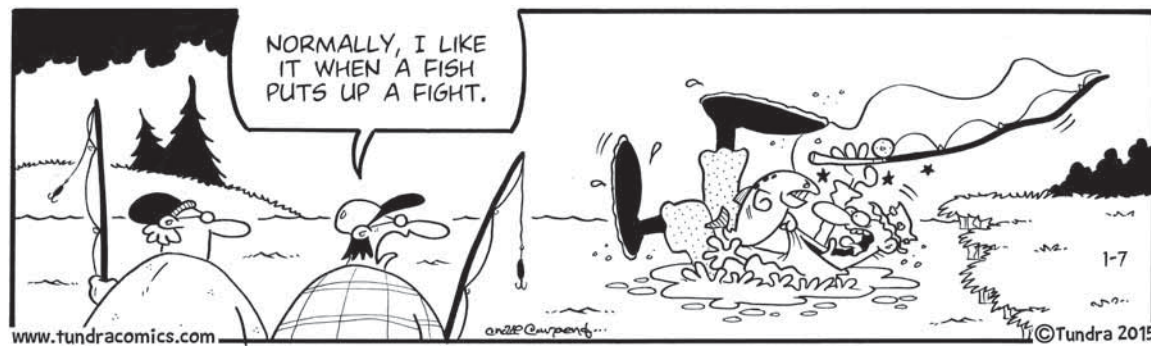
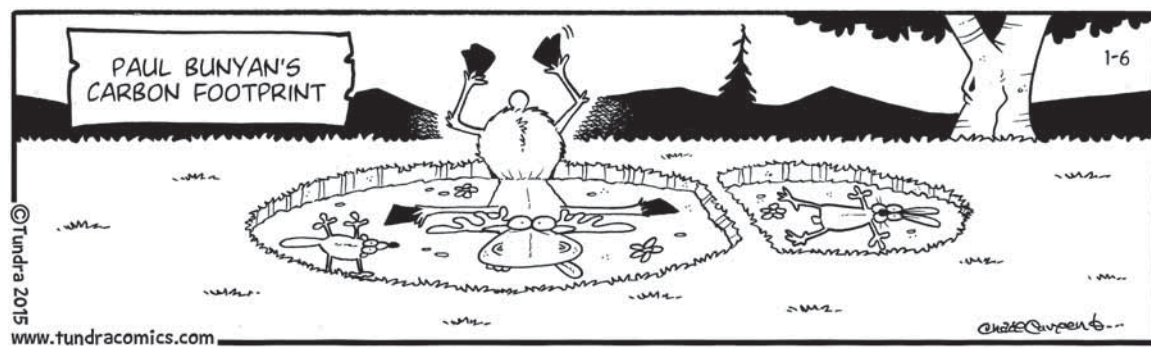
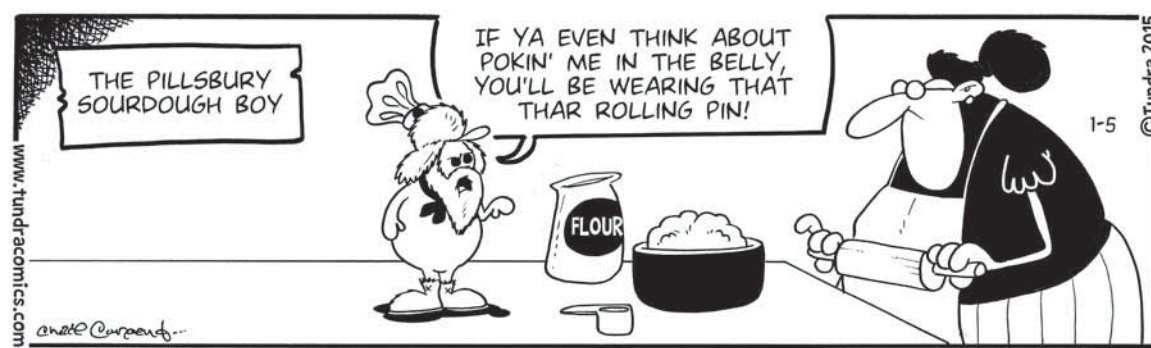
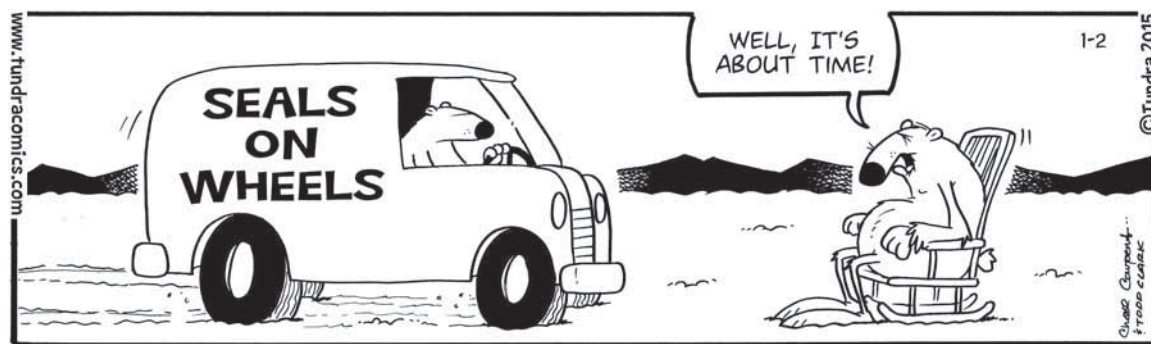
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Any charges reported in these press releases are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty

Tielcel: MVC-Rollover On 12-10-14 at approximately 0330 hours AST responded a report of a tanker trailer rolled over at mile 47 of the Richardson Hwy. Investigation revealed the crash occurred on 12-09-14 at approximately 1830 hours. Lawrence Cook, age 65 of North Pole was driving northbound in an Alaska Petroleum tractor trailer pulling loaded double tanker trailers. The road was ice/snow covered. Cook drove off the edge of the roadway, which caused the rear tanker trailer to overturn. Approximately 4400 gallons of low-sulfur diesel fuel spilled onto the ground. Alaska Department of Environmental Control and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement also responded to the scene. Cook was issued a citation for basic speed and driving too fast for road conditions.

Glennallen: Warrant Arrest On 12-15-14 at approximately 1300 hours AST received information that Deven Winishut was at a Glennallen area business and had an outstanding warrant. Investigation determined that Winishut, age 22 of Gulkana did have an outstanding warrant for failing to appear to his court hearings. Winishut was contacted and arrested on the warrant. Winishut was held at Glennallen AST pending arraignments.

Tonsina: DV Assault III, DV Criminal Mischief, Warrant Arrest On 1-2-15 AST responded to a report of a female victim of domestic violence being treated at Cross-road Medical Center in Glennallen. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Jason Bradley, age 34 of Tonsina for DV Assault III, DV Criminal Mischief IV, and Violation of Conditions of Release. Bradley was also arrested on an unrelated outstanding arrest warrant for failure to appear. Bradley was held at AST Glennallen pending arraignment.

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Safety reminders for winter driving

COPPER RIVER LEPC NEWS RELEASE, GLENNALLEN--Winters in Alaska are beautiful but driving during the winter season can present significant challenges. Roads may become treacherous very quickly. Drivers are often not prepared for rapidly changing road conditions and may find themselves in a moderate snow storm that suddenly becomes a blizzard. These storms may produce strong winds causing white-out conditions, drifts across the roads, or icing. Your Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) recommends that you prepare your vehicle for severe weather driving conditions.

Drivers should carry an emergency kit in their vehicle which includes the following: a windshield scraper, shovel, tow chain or rope, and booster cables. An extra hat, socks, mittens, and a blanket, along with water and non-perishable high-energy snack foods, such as granola bars, raisins or peanut butter may become necessary should you become stranded.

Emergency flares, a flashlight, and a fluorescent distress flag (i.e. a bright colored piece of cloth or ribbon) will help alert other drivers or emergency workers find your vehicle during the storm or once the storm has passed.

Should you become stranded by a blizzard or break down, try to pull off the main road onto the shoulder. Turn on your hazard lights and tie a distress flag on your antenna or door handle so that attention is drawn to you. You may use matches to light a jar candle which can provide some emergency heating.

Stay in your car until help arrives. You are more likely to be found in your vehicle

than if you are wandering around. If you leave your vehicle you run the risk of becoming disoriented in blowing snow.

Crack a window for fresh air as freezing wet snow can completely seal out oxygen. Also be aware of carbon monoxide poisoning and run the engine and heater only with a window open for ventilation. It is very important to ensure that your exhaust pipe does not become blocked with snow.

Don't remain in one position. From time to time, clap your hands and move your arms and legs vigorously. If you are alone, stay awake, or if you are with others, take turns keeping watch.

One of the best suggestions, before leaving on a winter trip, is making a trip plan and advising someone of your plans. Call ahead to your destination and let someone know when you intend to leave, what route you will be traveling and your expected time of arrival. If someone at your starting point and someone at your destination know your plans, help can reach you much more quickly, in the event of an emergency.

When winter weather deteriorates, the prepared driver is less likely to panic and stress out. Panic and stress are leading factors in making the wrong choice during an emergency. If you can avoid a trip during hazardous weather, do so. This is your best option. Wait until the storm passes. If this is not possible and the trip is necessary, sensible preparation can save your life.

Your LEPC meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:00 at Prince William Sound Community College. Everybody is invited and encouraged to attend.

Verna Dean Cook

Verna Dean Cook, Age 54, passed away at her home in Copper Center, Alaska on November 8, 2014.

Verna was born in Mountain Home Idaho. Before moving to Alaska in 1977, she spent one year in Yakama, Washington, with her Grandmother. Verna met the love of her life, Erick J Cook Sr., shortly after moving to Alaska and together they built a family. They lived in Anchorage and Eagle River before moving their three children to Erick's family home in Copper Center, Alaska.

Verna worked hard and earned her GED, as well as a CERTIFICATE OF NATIONAL SERVICE from the National Americorps*VISTA. Verna was a strong advocate of the GED process and worked with youth in the community, encouraging them complete their education and find their way in the world. She worked with kids teaching them how to tie their shoes, butter toast the right way, dress for prom and face life's challenges.

Verna believed that anything worth doing was worth doing right. She carried this belief with her as she started a business cleaning houses and turned it into a prosperous endeavor of cleaning local businesses and helping teach her staff how to do it right. She was always alert to the needs of others and found words of encouragement to help people find solutions. She was a hardworking, one of a kind woman, always sweet and upbeat, and it was a privilege to know her.

Verna's family would like to thank those in the community that came together to lend a hand, helping care for Verna while she was with us and to those that helped us prepare her for eternal rest. Her family would like to send a special THANK YOU to those that responded to the call of her loving husband and son as she left this world.

Survivors include her husband Erick J. Cook, Sr., children, Erick J. Cook, Jr., Elishia M. Cook, and Alexander S. Cook, Grandchildren Chloe, Erick III, and Ariana, Mother and Father, LaVerne and Arkey Silcott, brothers and sisters; Zelma, Deemer, Lisa, David, Melissa, Bill, Arkey Jr. and Henry.

Verna was preceded in death by her biological father, Paul R. Jones, and Granddaughter LoreLai M. Cook. She was laid to rest on Saturday, November 15, 2014, near Copper Center, Alaska. She is now in heaven with her granddaughter running through a field of wild flowers.

Remember when you leave this earth; you can take with you nothing that you have received, only what you have given: Verna had a heart enriched by Honest Service, Love, Sacrifice and Courage. May she rest in peace, knowing that she was dearly loved and well cared for.

Jeremiah Paul Phillip Dorsey

Jeremiah Paul Philip Dorsey, 23, of Glennallen, AK, went to be with his Lord Jesus on Sunday, December 6, 2014.

He was born to Kevin and Katherine Dorsey May 14, 1991 in Torrance, CA.

Jeremiah graduated from high school in 2011, studied at The Master's College in Santa Clarita, CA 2011-2013, and was enrolled at University of Alaska Anchorage at the time of his death.

Jeremiah worked for the National Park Service in Alaska and was passionate about the outdoors. He was an avid runner, a proficient snowboarder, hunter, mountaineer, fisherman, and longboarder. His love of nature reflected his deeper love for his Creator.

Jeremiah was a beloved son and loving brother who was selflessly dedicated to serving his family, and loved to be where his many brothers and sisters were, in good times and in bad. Jeremiah will always be remembered for his generosity to his family and friends, his work ethic, his kind and gentle spirit, and his love for the people surrounding him.

Jeremiah is survived by his parents: Kevin and Katherine Dorsey, of Glennallen, AK; his grandparents Philip and Merna Seitz of Palos Verdes, CA; his adopted grandparents Tom and Joellen Bostelaar; his siblings Ian and Sofia Dorsey, Mary and Nathan Foreman, Heather and Markus Dorsey-Hirt, Joshua and Avigeya Dorsey, Hannah and Luke Brown, Daniel and Teshina Dorsey, Nathaniel Dorsey, Sarah Dorsey, Elisabeth Dorsey, Sean Dorsey, Jonathan Dorsey, and Johanna Dorsey; along with countless uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins, and loved ones. He will be greatly missed by many.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to the Jeremiah Dorsey Memorial Fund found at www.youcaring.com

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Current Bylaws can be found on www.cvea.org by clicking the About Us link. For additional information contact Sharon Crisp at 822-5506, 835-7005 or email crisp@cvea.org.

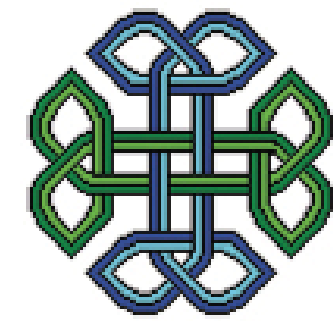
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Mi 93.5 Richardson Hwy, Raw Land - 4.4 acres, \$9,000, MLS 14-6670

**Alaska National Parks Seeking Public Comment**

Alaska's National Parks are inviting comment on each park's Compendium. The Compendium is a compilation of designations, allowances, and restrictions adopted under discretionary authority within the regulations covering national park areas. The Compendium, as part of the park-related regulations, helps provide for the use, enjoyment and protection of Alaska's National Parks.

A copy of each park's proposed compendium will be posted on January 15, 2015 at: http://www.nps.gov/akso/management/proposed_compendiums.cfm. A written copy may be requested directly from the park or the National Park Service, 240 W. 5th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501, Attn: Compendium.

Comments will be accepted by mail (at the above address) between January 15 and February 15. Also, comments will be accepted electronically for the same time period. Links to the public comment website may be found at http://www.nps.gov/akso/management/proposed_compendiums.cfm. Additionally, public hearings on wildlife provisions in some Compendiums will be held in multiple locations; details on the hearings are also posted at the above web site.

Comments are welcome at any time in addition to this timeframe, but comments received after February 15 will be considered in future compendium revisions.

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission meetings are normally scheduled on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The agenda is posted on the Borough web page at www.matsugov.us. If you would like a copy of the agenda or for further information, please call Mary Brodigan at 861-7851.

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**Copper River World Cuisine**

Castel family Christmas dinner

It is a very good thing that I will be sitting next to a 2 year old on the flight home after traveling to France to visit Judith's family for the holidays as I may be needing a little extra room for my "shoulders" on the airplane.

I don't know anyone in America or Alaska who eats a meal quite like a Christmas Dinner in France so I though for this week's recipe, I would try to give you an idea of what a French-style holiday meal is really like.

Of course, a meal like this is usually reserved for Christmas, New Years, and other special occasions whereas a typical French meal is generally only 4-5 courses (apéro, main course, salad, cheese, desert).

The total time involved in the eating process for a Christmas Dinner is anywhere from 2-4 hours which includes short breaks in-between most of the courses and a great deal of lively conversation throughout.

Also, in between each course, the previous course is removed from the table before the next course arrives to be served and eaten.

First Appetizer course: Champagne to drink (or other beverage of your choice) served with the best olives I've ever tasted (soaked in oil, basil and garlic), cherry tomatoes, bugler chips, sliced bread baked with paté embedded inside, a different sliced bread topped with salmon spread or tadziki, two more kinds of bread eaten by themselves (one baked with cheese and sausage bits, the other with raisins/nuts).

Second Appetizer course: Foie Gras (duck-liver paté) with thin slices of toasted white bread, served with white wine or the same beverage as the first appetizer course. This is a true French delicacy that may not sound appetizing but has a smooth texture and nice spices making it taste much better than it sounds!

First entree course (precursor to the main course): fish-loaf--similar to a meatloaf except that it is ground whitefish baked in a loaf (without the catsup and Worcestershire sauce), served on a bed of lettuce with home-made mayonnaise in a dish on the side and served with dry white wine to drink. In America, we call the main course the entree but in France it is actually a more substantial appetizer--usually requiring a fork to eat instead of just your fingers which is enough for the first appetizer cours(es).

Second entree course: carrot and celery salad, similar to coleslaw but light on the vinegar with chunks of crab-meat and more white wine to drink.

Main course: a meat dish very similar to prime-rib, served with cooked green beans, and two kinds of wild mushrooms sauteed in olive oil with plenty of garlic (probably my favorite dish of the meal). Also served with baguettes (iconic french bread). Served with red wine

Lettuce salad (from the garden) with a vinaigrette dressing (in Europe people eat their lettuce salad after the main course which is the opposite of how we do things in America where the lettuce salad comes out before the main course).

Cheese course: Two large platters with 4-5 different varieties of cheese on each including mild hard cheeses, stronger salty hard cheeses, soft cheese with garlic & herbs (like the Boursin cheese you can find in American stores but much better!), moldy and stinky (on purpose) soft cheese, really stinky soft cheese, and one of the strongest tasting of all--Roquefort. Each cheese represents a different region of France and covers all the main milk producing hoofed animals (goats, sheep, and cows). Cheese is also served with red wine and, of course, bread--more baguettes in this case.

Desert course 1: Tullio's cake with chocolate frosting.

Desert course 2: chocolate ice-cream cake.

After dinner coffee or tea followed by a very slow amble around the yard and garden and then another after dinner beverage with small morsels of chocolate.

Bon Appétit!!

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