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From the President's Desk:



Join me at the last Island Grind of the season on the evening of May 2nd! A group of 8 will be line dancing our way through desserts.

The Board hopes to visit with all of our members during the Wine and Brew Tasting event and the presentation of awards. See you on the 3rd, from 4:30 to

7PM at the CCA building in Craig. Let's be there to add our thanks to seven citizens who have been named by their communities to receive the very first Everyday Hero Awards.

May is a busy month. May 5th is the deadline for the graduate scholarship applications. A mining symposium will be held for three days. May is also Marathon Month, meaning two weeks of clean up takes place along the 26 mile route, coordinated by the Chamber.

POWCAC meets on May 26th and the Chamber and POWCAC are in the process of retooling a presentation on boroughs for this event or some other time. Stay tuned.

We are at mid-year and encourage island businesses and individuals to try us out with a half-year membership. We are confident that our package of benefits is worth the price. The advertising benefits alone are a real deal, and one of the most critical business aspects to keep going in the economy we are enduring together.

I had an interesting trip to Juneau and attended a Chamber of Commerce luncheon with Rosanne Hughes, our Governor's Director of External Communication. I enjoyed the networking opportunity.

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1. Website factoids for the month of **APRIL**.

APRIL'S web hits through APRIL 29TH were a whopping **474,138!** APRIL'S total visits were **10,651**. Behind the **USA, Russian Federation, Taiwan, Germany, Canada, and France** were the countries with the most visitors. **Monday** was the most active day, and **noon to 1PM** was the most active time of day. **Google** was the top search engine used to find us with about 80 percent!

2. Chamber Power Sponsors for MAY Edition—*The following businesses have paid for advertising in this spot and help the Chamber cover the costs of mailing and maintaining our email account and website. The editor shuffles the ad locations each month at random. To become a sponsor and have your information appear here each month or for certain months of the year, call the Chamber office. All of this month's sponsors are located here this month. We thank them for their support of this newsletter.*

Tongass Business Center – Ketchikan / 618 Dock St. / Ketchikan, AK 99901 / 1-800-478-9015 907-225-9015 / Fax 907-225-9014 / Catalog now on-line at www.tbcenter.com. Office Equipment & Supply, Sharp Copiers & Faxes, Printing & Binding, Newsletters, Office Furniture.

Black Bear Store—Klawock/907-755-2292 / Tim and Melissa Lacour, Owners/ Basic groceries. Fuel. Hunting and Fishing licenses and tackle.

Diversified Investments & Insurance – Ketchikan/ 907-225-9805 / Angela C Salazar, CFP & Associates / Health & Life Insurance and Financial Advisory Services – Securities sold through KMS Financial Services, Inc. We

have been serving Alaskan's needs since 1980.

First Bank – Craig / 907-826-3254 / fax 907-826-3910 / www.firstbankak.com / Lynnette Logan, manager. A full service community bank offering checking, savings and time deposit accounts; consumer, commercial, construction, and home loans; and online banking services. ATMs located at First Bank and at West Wind Plaza in Craig.

Cleary Computer Services / Klawock / 907-755-2963 / cell 907-401-0200 / fax 907-755-2121 / kcleary@clearycomputerservices.com / www.clearycomputerservices.com / P.O. Box 109, Klawock AK 99925-- Repairs, installations, Internet, networks and servers, Windows XP & Vista, navigation software. Security software

and most replacement parts in stock. Pick-up, drop-off, or on-site service available. 25 years' experience; work guaranteed.

ISLAND AIR EXPRESS: Craig/ 907-387-8989 / info@Island AirX.com/ www.Island AirX.com/ Headquartered on Prince of Wales, Island Air Express operates modern jet-prop aircraft on amphibious floats. Fully FAA-certified for day and night IFR, our aircraft can transport nine passengers in commuter-style comfort at speeds up to 200 mph. Island Air Express has terminal facilities at the Klawock and Ketchikan airports.

Birds Eye View Bed & Breakfast Craig / 907-826-5987 / Cell 907-401-0383 / P.O. Box 383, Craig, AK 99921 Located in downtown Craig. Situated on a hill, one can take in the ocean's activity from the panoramic view. It is presently set up for singles or a couple. Alaskan decor, quiet atmosphere, non-smoking. Private



bathroom, TV. Ample parking. Breakfast included. Sack lunch available on request.

Douglass Home Builders/ Coffman Cove / 907-329-2018 / fax 907-329-2019 / gwd2nd@yahoo.com / www.douglasshomebuilders.com -- General contractor specializing in remodeling, disaster restoration and new construction of both residential and commercial structures. 30 years-plus of experience with detail-focused approach to all aspects of work.

Hollis Adventure Rentals/ P.O. Box 1041 Craig, AK. 99921/ Business Phone (907) 530 - 7040 Fax (866) 309-6483 Cell (425) 766- 8969/ Harentals@comcast.net / www.harentals.com / Car rental with kayak, boat and camping gear packages at the Hollis ferry dock. We also offer skiff, van, RV, truck and fishing gear rental at affordable rates.

The Healing Touch Massage Craig and Klawock / 907-530-7080 / cell 775-842-7758 Therapeutic, Swedish, hot stone, chair massage. Paraffin foot & hand therapeutic treatment. Trigger point/ deep tissue, sports massage. By appointment. Outcall to local lodges is available with notice.

3. WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Hollis Adventure Rentals
Rob Claus, Individual
The Nature Conservancy

4. MAY 2009 BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce will replace its regular meeting with the Wine Tasting and Awards presentations of May 3rd. The board is very involved in all of the numerous events on the May schedule and we will keep ourselves updated via email when necessary.

5. ISLAND GRIND ON MAY 2ND:

GRINDAPALOOZA: FINALE FOR THE SEASON

Saturday, MAY 2ND is the day, 7PM is the time, and the Craig High School auditorium is the place.

Buy tickets in advance at the Voyageur Bookstore or at the door! Admission cost is Adults \$5, Students \$3, Children ages 6 & under \$1, and Seniors \$3 (ages 60+). Remember that your ticket proceeds will help fund scholarships to send local youth to next summer's Fine Arts Camp in Sitka.

Volunteers to support the show are welcome. Entertainers interested in performing should call John Bruns or Sally Burch at 755-8899 for more information.

Country Line Dancers join the lineup this weekend...and will entertain and demonstrate during the dessert intermission.

6. COMINGS AND GOINGS ON THE IFA IN MARCH

The IFA carried 1915 passengers and 409 vehicles off the island during the March morning runs to Ketchikan. In March 2008, 2090 passengers and 495 vehicles made this journey.

During the evening return runs, 1960 passengers and 492 vehicles arrived on POW through the Hollis port. In February 2008, 1920 passengers and 555 vehicles were recorded.

On March 3rd, 100% of the deck space was used on the morning run with 26 vehicles. On the 8th, 23rd, and 26th, the deck was full on the return trip with 30, 25 and 26 vehicles, respectively.

7. TOURISM COMMITTEE ... report by Jeannie McFarland

The Island Wide Tourism Committee of the Prince of Wales Island Chamber of Commerce is ramping up to help stimulate the Islands' economy by highlighting what we have to offer visitors. The committee is looking for anyone providing services to the visitor industry to join in the effort. This includes everyone from those providing lodging, and guide services, to artists and retail merchants.

Our first effort is to invite staff from the Ketchikan Visitors Bureau to see what we have to offer and help us highlight our Island through their many connections. The committee is suggesting to each community that they put together a portfolio on their community that includes the activities, events, services, brochures or business cards for what they have to offer. To date Thorne Bay and Coffman Cove have been actively collecting information. The committee is looking for leadership from all the other communities on the Island to do the same.

Beginning in May the Tourism committee will offer FAM, (familiarization) Trips to individuals and agencies in the tourism business interested in seeing what we have to offer. An opportunity for Island businesses to "strut their stuff" is built into the trips with stops in as many communities as time will allow.

Contact any of the follow people to join the committee in meeting their goals of a stronger economy for our island thru the visitor industry.

Mariana Carter: carters@coveconnect.com , 907-329-2923,

Jaquie Wetherbee: jaquie@wetherbeeslodge.com, 907-329-2266,

Jeannie McFarland: floatel@starband.net , 907-828-3335,

The Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce: powcc@aptalaska.net ,907-755-2626.

8. MARATHON MILE CLEAN UP

Jan Stevens is taking reservations! Or you can call or email the office to sign up for a one mile stretch of the Hollis-Craig Highway. What to do with a mile??? Pick up the litter that was left behind by other citizen's poor habits, and present a clean 26 mile route for those who will be participating in the International Marathon on May 23rd, 2009.

Clean up period starts on May 9th. Gloves, litter bags and safety vests are provided and can be checked out at the AC stores before you hit the road!

Many of our Loyal helpers have adopted the same mile for many years now, so call and make sure you get YOUR MILE before it goes to someone else!!! Some of the litter was picked up during Earth Day efforts, so hopefully those sections of the route will present fairly light duty this year.

9. POWCAC meeting May 26th in Naukati

The next meeting will be held at Naukati School on Tuesday, May 26th. Meetings start at 1PM. Agenda will be sent out later from Leslie Isaacs, POWCAC chairman.

10. CHECKING IN ON ART KING

Our 2009 Everyday Hero from Naukati, Art King, is south undergoing radiation treatments following the discovery and removal of cancerous tumors. You can keep up on his progress with periodic updates posted at Caring Bridge. You can also sign his guestbook so he can receive our encouragement between visits to his doctor and nurses. Art has been notified of his nomination and selection as Naukati's Everyday Hero. Use the guestbook for adding your own thanks to Art for all his efforts on behalf of his community.

Read the latest update: <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/artking>

11. MICRO LOANS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

The country's second largest SBA lender, Superior Financial Group, will be on Prince of Wales Island on May 6th to provide an overview of their SBA loan programs. The presentation will provide financing strategies for current business owners as well as future entrepreneurs.

Superior Financial Group has funded over 24,000 SBA loans, with applications accepted on the spot and turnaround time of as little as 24hours. Come learn about ways to finance the start-up or growth phase of your small business.

Two Presentations will be held at the Bell Tower Mall in Space #5 in Klawock between 3-5pm and 6-8pm on Wednesday, May 6th

For more information contact Isaac Vanderburg at (907)274-7232

This event is sponsored by ROPE, a program of the Alaska Small Business Development Center and the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development

12. Mining Symposium

The Organized Village of Kasaan is hosting an Island Wide Mining Symposium **May 5th – May 7th 2009**. This will be a three day event held at the Craig Community Association:

Tuesday, May 5th, 2009

- 9:00-9:15am: Richard Peterson, OVK Tribal President– Introduction
9:15-9:30am: Break/Setup
9:30-10:30am: Anne Marie Palmieri, Environmental Specialist with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation- Abandoned mines and the clean up process
10:30-10:45am: Break/Setup
10:45-11:45am: Michael Wilcox , Alaska On-Scene Coordinator, USDA Forest Service - Abandoned Mine sites on Prince of Wales Island. Scott Miller, Newmont Mining Corporation- Engineering Evaluation and Human Health/Ecological Risk-Assessment at the former Ross Adams Mine site. Nancy Darigo, URS Alaska, LLC, Draft Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis, Salt Chuck Mine site
11:45am-1:15pm: Lunch
1:15-2:15pm: Jack DiMarchi, Project Manager for the Alaska Department of Natural Resources- Permitting process for mining in Alaska
2:15-2:30pm: Break/Setup:
2:30-3:30pm: Patty McGrath, Regional Mining Coordinator for the Environmental Protection Agency and Tami Fordham, EPA Region 10 Alaska Resource Extraction Tribal Policy Advisor - EPA's Role in Regulating Mining Operations, and Ways Tribes can be involved .

Wednesday, May 6th, 2009

- 9:00-9:15am : TBA– Introduction
9:15-9:30am : Break/Setup
9:30-10:30am: Charles E. Eaton, owner of Eagle Industrial Minerals Corp.- Planned magnetite project on Poorman Creek, outside of Kasaan
10:30-10:45am: Break/Setup
10:45-11:45am: **David A. Hedderly-Smith, Ph.D.**, Senior Consultant to Full Metal Minerals and manager of the Mount Andrew Mining Company LLC.– Mount Andrew Copper-Iron-Gold deposit
11:45am-1:15pm: Lunch
1:15-2:15pm: Peter Kleespies, Vice President of Exploration for CBR Gold Corp.– Niblack high grade Au-Cu-AG-Zn volcanogenic massive sulphide (VMS) project
2:15-2:30pm: Break/Setup
2:30-3:30pm: Deb Abrahamson, director of Sovereignty, Health, Air, Water, Land (SHAWL) Society developing community education and strategies to address impacts of radiation exposure due to 50 plus years of uranium mining and milling on this reservation.

Thursday, May 7th, 2009

- 9:00-9:15am: TBA– Introduction
9:15-9:30am: Break/Setup
9:30-10:30am: Rob Cadmus, Water Quality/Mining Organizer for Southeast Alaska Conservation Council- The conservation side of mining
10:30-10:45am: Break/Setup
10:45-11:45am: Dave Chambers, President of the Center for Science in Public Participation– Helping tribes understand technical issues of mining and finding win-win situations between mining companies and tribal governments
11:45am-1:15pm: Lunch
1:15-3:15pm: Round table discussion between all presenters and the residents of Prince of Wales Island

3:15-3:30pm: Break/Setup
3:30-5:00pm: Performances by Prince of Wales Island dance groups
5:00-5:30pm: Break/Setup
5:30-7:00pm: Dinner, provided by the Organized Village of Kasaan.

For questions contact: Jeff Sheakley at jeff@kasaan.org, Paula Peterson at paula@kasaan.org, Neli Nelson at neli@kasaan.org, or call the OVK office at (907)542-2230.

13. Business Happenings: Island Air Express AND The Nature Conservancy

Island Air Express is beginning scheduled jet prop service between Ketchikan and Klawock on May 5th.

They will be providing complementary familiarization flights departing from our Klawock Airport terminal on May 2nd, starting at 8AM and continuing until 6PM. Flights are approximately 15 minutes long and will depart every 30 minutes. During the flights, they will demonstrate the benefits of their Cessna Caravan aircraft, including the special capabilities of the intergrated "Synthetic Flight Vision" navigation system onboard the aircraft. Walk-ins are welcome, but availability is "first come first serve", so reservations are recommended at 888-387-8989.

The Nature Conservancy Opens New Office on Prince of Wales Island

CRAIG — The Nature Conservancy has opened a new Prince of Wales Island field office and invites everyone to its May 18 open house.

"We've been working on POW to help with restoration of salmon habitat and other partnership projects since 2005," said John Sisk, director of the Southeast Alaska program for The Nature Conservancy in Alaska. "Now we're moving our investment here to another level."

"We are committed to building relationships with Prince of Wales residents, businesses, and agencies," Sisk said.

Everyone is invited to visit Conservancy staffers at an open house at the new field office at Seventh and Main in Craig, on Monday, May 18 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The Conservancy has built partnerships with a range of local partners and entered into an agreement in 2004 with the Tongass National Forest to "work together to achieve a balance of working forests, habitat reserves and sustainable communities for the benefit of people, fish and wildlife." The Conservancy has worked with the U.S. Forest Service and other partners to restore salmon habitat at Sal Creek, Fubar Creek and Harris River. The Harris River restoration project continues this summer.

14. ALASKA GIFTS IS FOR SALE

Business for Sale * Turn –Key Operation, Contents, inventory, equipment & fixtures

After many wonderful years the owners of Alaska Gifts are looking to spend some time off. A truly wonderful shop, a Craig landmark Alaska Gifts caters to the tourist as well as filling a niche market with the Island residents. Alaska Gifts offers jewelry repair as well as a wide variety of authentic Alaskan items, including but not limited to silver & gold jewelry in traditional native design as well as local native art, pelts, carving and art prints. Once in the door, you're hooked! It's a shoppers dream on any budget!

This operation serves as a film drop and offers the only Kodak Picture Maker on the island, great for those eye catching last minute enlargements as well as a full service custom matting & frame center.

A wonderful selection of holiday themed gifts and supplies are always well received.

Alaska Gifts carries a nice supply of party goods including cards and candles even Alaskan chocolates and of course locally smoked canned salmon.
Well established 11+yrs. Currently open 7 days a week, year round.
Owner looking to semi- retire but will still do jewelry repair.
Serious inquiries only. Please email aplacetostay@aptalaska.net

FOR SALE - THE THORNE BAY BOAT WORKS – FOR SALE

Turn key retail sales and service business with many years of Johnson and Evinrude shop manuals, up to date special tools, good inventory of parts and accessories, new engines, new boat trailers, and dry storage yard. Strong fall winterizing business. Water front location --- approx. 1 Acre. Plenty of opportunities and space to grow your own ideas.

Long established dealership – Business has been operating half days for over 20 years and now is the time for a full time operator. The town is changing ---- Logging is going away and tourists and retired summer people are moving in --- increasing the customer base to a full time business. Great hunting and fishing and still the last frontier.

\$375,000.00 plus cost of inventory of new engines, bulk oil, boats, and boat trailers remaining at time of sale. Owner/operator/mechanic not leaving town – will help with transition and training.

15. ALL POINTS BULLETIN FOR CRAIG ALUMNI, FORMER STAFF MEMBERS!

A first ever Reunion for staff & students of the Craig Schools is in the works for July 3rd and 4th for ALL who attended between yrs. 1900-1979.

For information email them @ craigreunion@yahoo.com or contact the following:

Janet Charles: 755-2204 or cell 401-0179

Ed Thomas: cell: 723-2283

Pat Gardner: cell: 401-0317

Rachel James: 755-2212 or cell 401-0583

16. DERBIES SET TO BEGIN

The Island's two derbies are gearing up for the 2009 season.

The 2009 Craig-Klawock Salmon Derby takes off on May 1st. There will be two seasons, the first ending on June 30, and the second one running from July 1 through August 15th. A \$10,000 draw will be held on September 26th and anyone who buys a derby ticket will be entered into the drawing. Other special drawings will be held throughout the derby and prizes for those will be on display at Log Cabin Sporting Goods in Craig. Look for updates in the Island News.

The 2009 Thorne Bay King Salmon Derby will start on Memorial Day and run through July 19th. This is the 48th happening for this Derby! On **Friday, May 1st**, there will be a potato bake and dessert auction at 6PM at the Bay Chalet. This is a semi-potluck as you get to bring your favorite potato topping to share with everyone! Updates to Derby rules will be

presented, and the evening will end with the dessert auction to help raise funds to start the derby off. This derby will also feature prizes awarded for Halibut and Red Snapper, so everyone has a chance to win!



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