



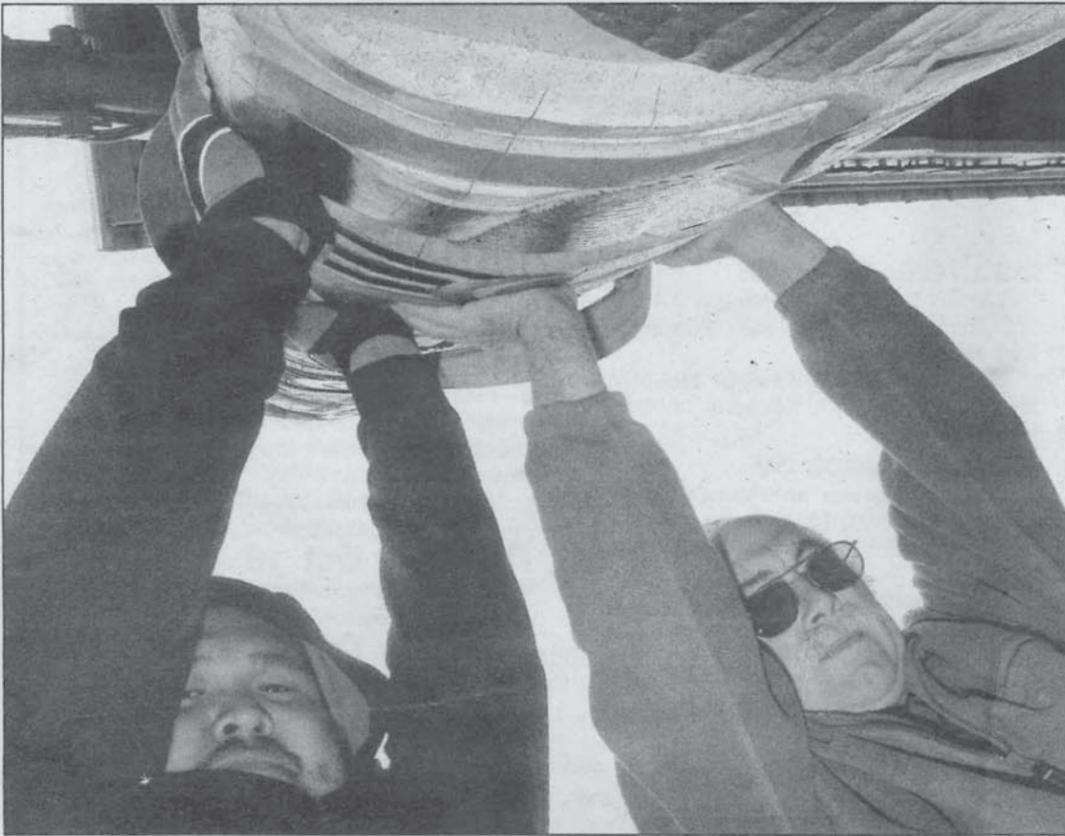
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**TOTEM RAISING** -- Carvers Jeffery Klanott, left, and Jim Heaton hold a Raven totem Monday as it was attached to a girder at the entrance of the American Bald Eagle Foundation. A twin Eagle totem also was erected. A \$15,000 donation from the Rasmuson Foundation paid for the Raven post. The foundation has sold \$100 tiles to raise \$9,000 to date for the Eagle post. Tiles are still available.

## History on tap this weekend

By Tom Morphet

Interested in cattle drives along the historic Dalton Trail? How about the story of Carl Heinmiller and the revival of northern Tlingit art? Or the life of Walter Harper, an Alaska Native who was the first person to summit Mount McKinley?

These and other histories will be shared at the annual joint conference of Museums Alaska and the Alaska Historical Society, where leading historians, archivists, authors, researchers, and museum officials from across the North will meet through Saturday.

Expected to draw more than 150 participants plus families, the conference intermixes presentations of recent historical research and seminars on museum

management, and includes business meetings of the two statewide organizations, including board elections.

"We're so spread out, it's really a great opportunity for us to be able to come together every year to network, commiserate, cooperate and share ideas," said Jerrie Clarke, former director of the Sheldon Museum, who's in town helping with the conference last held in Haines in 2003.

Scheduled speakers include Jacqueline Johnson Pata, executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based National Congress of American Indians; Steve Henrikson, curator of collections for Alaska State Museums; and Bob King, a researcher and former governor's press secretary who will speak on "Barons of the

Brine."

King, a former journalist, will present his findings on the lives of Henry Francis Fortmann, Joseph Peter Haller, and Nikola Bezmalinovic, three of the early pioneers of the Alaska salmon canning industry.

"They were there from the beginning years. They built the canneries, and set up the business model, and then they challenged the business model. They were real characters, each one of them," King said in an interview this week.

Former resident Dan Henry will present on Carl Heinmiller, and resident Anastasia Wiley will speak on "Kaax'waaltu, the Second Village of Klukwan: At

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## Paper trail follows chief hopeful

By Karen Garcia

Haines Borough Manager Mark Earnest has shortlisted his favorite candidates for police chief from 16 to four, but at least one of them has encountered trouble in his former jobs.

Steven Annetts of Pataskala, Ohio, made the shortlist, but Annetts left his previous job as police chief in Douglas, Wyo., under questionable circumstances.

Earnest's short list included Annetts, interim police chief Simon Ford, Christopher Canaski of Des Allemands, La., and Scott Happ of Brighton, Colo.

According to the Douglas Budget newspaper, in October 2012, the Douglas city administrator received an

anonymous three-page letter outlining "several issues with Annetts' leadership, including accusations describing the working environment at the PD as a 'negative atmosphere,' 'hostile,' 'inconsistent,' 'belittling,' and a 'do as I say, not as I do regime.'"

"The author also claims that PD employees are '... dispensable in Annetts' eyes,' that 'morale is at an all-time low,' and accuses Annetts of 'not being even-tempered,' and 'vindictive,' and blames Annetts for the recent resignations of officers," wrote reporter Adam Herrera.

In July, Annetts was placed on administrative leave, but city officials refused to say why, whether his leave was paid

or unpaid, and if the city was conducting an investigation into complaints against Annetts.

According to sources and documents obtained by the Budget, the complaints stemmed from "allegations of sexual harassment, of retaliatory measures, of ousting veteran officers who disagreed with his management style, and of instilling a climate of fear among employees."

Five veteran officers resigned from the force during Annetts' two-year tenure as chief, the Budget reported.

In August, Annetts resigned during a special council meeting. The council also passed an

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## Cozzi elevated to interim manager

By Karen Garcia

Clerk Julie Cozzi will take the helm of the Haines Borough for up to three months while the assembly looks for a new manager to replace Mark Earnest.

The assembly approved Earnest's transition plan Tuesday, which moves Cozzi into the manager role and deputy clerk Michelle Webb into the clerk position upon Earnest's departure. His last day is Oct. 15.

The assembly voted 4-1 to approve the plan recommended by Earnest, with assembly member Norm Smith opposed. Assembly member Dave Berry was absent.

"These actions will result in the greatest degree of continuity and least amount of disruption of work flow. The existing senior staff is ready, willing and able to work together to ensure progress on the myriad projects and initiatives currently underway," Earnest said in his recommendation memo.

Earnest also recommended Cozzi receive a bumped salary equivalent to at least \$85,000 (roughly \$7,000 per month) while she is working as interim manager. Webb will also receive a pay upgrade.

"It should be noted that the previous interim manager was compensated at a rate of \$10,000

per month (\$120,000 on an annualized basis), plus housing," he said.

Assembly member Debra Schnabel had several questions for Earnest Tuesday, including if mayor Stephanie Scott or executive assistant to the manager Darsie Culbeck were considered for the interim position. Earnest said they weren't.

"I think it is code or charter that establishes the order in which borough officers are appointed to serve in either an acting or interim capacity. I think it's done by seniority... so in this case it would be the clerk is the most senior officer," Earnest said at Tuesday's meeting.

Schnabel also asked what major decisions will need to be made in the next three months, such as those concerning construction projects or grant applications, while Cozzi is clerk.

"This is a very sensitive issue for me because I have no questions about the competence of our clerk as a clerk... I am concerned are we undergoing negotiations with contracts? Are we undergoing planning with the engineering firms?" Schnabel asked.

Earnest said he would be

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## Voters urged to follow instructions on ballot

By Karen Garcia

Haines Borough officials are urging residents to carefully follow ballot directions when casting their votes Tuesday.

Voters will elect two assembly members and three school board members in Tuesday's election. They'll also decide on a proposed change to the borough charter limiting corporate personhood.

Assembly candidates include George Campbell and write-in candidates Mario Benassi and Diana Lapham. School board candidates include Sarah Swinton, Ardy Miller, Scott Doddridge, Lisa Schwartz and write-in candidate Kim Larson.

An ongoing debate between mayor Stephanie Scott and assembly member Debra Schnabel ended Tuesday when the assembly agreed to count the number of votes - not number of voters - when calculating the percent of the vote a single candidate needs to receive to be seated.

That means when people step into the voting booth Tuesday, if they vote for fewer than two assembly candidates - or fewer than three school board candidates - their vote will have less influence than those who follow the rules.

The whole complicated

mathematical discussion started when the assembly changed from a seat system to a roster-style ballot in June, forcing them to reconsider a rule in the charter requiring candidates to receive at least 40 percent of the vote to be seated.

Schnabel wanted to calculate 40 percent using the number of ballots returned. Scott wanted to calculate 40 percent using the number of votes cast. The two systems net the same result only if each voter in the assembly election votes for two candidates. A voter who only votes for one candidate in the assembly election loses half the weight of his ballot for use determining the 40 percent needed to get elected.

"The mayor has a very strong argument about voting being a positive action," Schnabel said in an interview Tuesday. "By her interpretation of voting, you actually have an X on the ballot and say, 'I vote for this person.' If you do not have an X, even though you are a voter at the poll, it's not counted. I had a perspective that if a person shows up at the polls and takes a ballot and goes into the voter box but chooses not to vote for an assembly member, I can count that legitimately in my

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## Letters to the Editor

### Meth more dangerous than bears

I moved to Haines to escape the crime and drug-infested Lower 48. I used to live in a small town in Idaho. Then meth moved in. With meth comes crime and violence. I experienced this first-hand through family, friends and community. Meth affects everyone. People are afraid to "tell" or be a "rat." It's called whistle-blowing when it threatens your way of life or someone else's. Meth will destroy Haines as we know it.

I see people call in all the time about a bear too close, for fear of their life, home or children. But you won't call in about meth? I trust a bear more than I trust meth and the people using it. As a citizen of Haines, I will do anything in my power to protect my way of life. Yes, I am a whistle-blower. Who else wants to keep their quality of life? If you think for one second that meth won't affect you, you are mistaken!

Leslie Corless

### Tribe's position wasn't properly vetted

I would like to express my deep concern in regard to Chilkoot Indian Association's half-page ads to vote "no" against the proposed change to the borough's preamble. This ad was placed as if it were the official position taken by the CIA tribal council. I found, by talking to more than one council member, that an official vote at an official meeting was never taken prior to publishing the ad. The proposition was never thoroughly vetted. I find it disturbing that Dave Berry would misrepresent the tribe in such a way. I found no evidence that a unanimous vote was taken as Dave asserted. The ad is misleading and fears of loss to tribal sovereignty are unsubstantiated. I would like to know where funds in excess of \$1,000 for this political ad came from? This ad does not represent my opinion, nor should it be the official position of the tribe.

Lee E. Clayton

CIA Tribal member and former Tribal President

### Initiative a waste of time, money

The fact that we should take away the rights of corporations is just wrong. While it is true that corporations aren't human beings, that truism is constitutionally irrelevant because corporations are formed by individuals as a means of exercising their constitutionally protected rights. (Curiously, those who deny that corporations are people are the quickest to anthropomorphize them.)

When individuals pool their resources and speak under the legal fiction of a corporation, they do not lose their rights. If this right was to be taken from corporations, the government would be able to censor corporate speech, including that of so-called media corporations. This move is a direct attack on taking constitutional rights away from corporations. It could also be a waste of your tax dollars if challenged in court. Let's work on other things the borough needs, and stop wasting our time and money.

Jerry Lapp

### It's simple; corporations aren't people

I have to wonder: Why is it that the Haines Chamber of Commerce and Chilkoot Indian Association are for corporate personhood? Both of these groups surely understand that corporations are not people. Before you decide how you are going to vote, take a look at the incredibly diverse and widely respected sponsors of the ballot measure: Dick Flegel, Gordon Whitemore, Gershon Cohen, Pam Randles, Mario Benassi, Irene Alexakos, Hugh Rietze, George Figdor, Liz Heywood, Bud Barber, George McCament, Sally McGuire, Mike Denker, Melissa Aronson, Jerry Erny, Deb Vogt, Dana Hallet, Nelle Greene, and Chip Lende. These are business people, academics, bankers, woodworkers, fishermen, teachers, and lawyers. When have we ever seen such a politically broad group on the same side of any issue? Could it be that the CIA and the chamber don't want people to understand that constitutional rights were intended for people and not corporations? I'm voting "yes" on the ballot measure and urge you to do the same. Corporations are not people, it really is that simple.

Greg Goodman

### Initiative is about your values, rights

The initiative on the local ballot is about your values and rights. If you value subsistence fishing holes and feel a better design that would allow some curves and a 50 mph speed limit up the Chilkat Valley, rather than a straight highway with a 55-mph speed limit, should be considered before filling rivers and wetlands in the Chilkat River, you should vote "yes."

If you value healthy watersheds and wild fish stocks in Chilkoot more than roads, helicopter landing pads, and tons of fill and concrete up Chilkoot in salmon spawning habitat (for the questionable benefit of Canada) and feel the Borough Assembly should ask you first before jumping into that boondoggle, you should vote "yes."

If you value healthy salmon, halibut, shrimp, and crab in your harbors and in your freezer more than acid drainage from mine waste, you should vote "yes."

If you think the Borough Assembly should ask the people before planning a railroad up the Chilkat Valley, you should vote "yes."

If you believe the voices of people should have a fighting chance against power that comes with the money of big industry, you should vote "yes."

If you live here and want a say in the future of your community, you should vote "yes."

Only you can stand up for your constitutional rights. Voting "yes" on the referendum is a great first step in letting your government know that you believe the rights, voices, and opinions of the people who live here come first.

Kathleen Menke

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## Save the Date

To list an event in Save the Date, phone 766-2688 or email [cvn@chilkatvalleynews.com](mailto:cvn@chilkatvalleynews.com).

### Thursday, Sept. 26

Walkers, high school gym available for walkers 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday.

Museums of Alaska/Alaska Historical Society Joint Annual Conference, 5 p.m. at the library. All weekend.

Chamber of Commerce Bingo, 6:30 p.m. at the ANB Hall. \$20/12 games. Every other Thursday.

Candidate forum, 7 p.m. in the high school open area.

### Friday, Sept. 27

Story Time, 11 a.m. at the library.

Science in the Great Outdoors Series, 3:30 p.m. at the library.

Homework Help, 4:30 p.m. at the library. Walkers, High school gym available for walkers from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. every Friday and Monday.

### Saturday, Sept. 28

Library Book Club meeting, 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the library. September's book "Plainsong" by Kent Haruf.

House concert to benefit Hospice of Haines, 6:30 p.m. \$50 tickets in advance. 10 Mile Lutak Road.

### Monday, Sept. 30

Teacher Inservice, no school for students. Walkers, High school gym available for walkers from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. every Monday and Friday.

Birding with Jedediah, 5 p.m. the library.

Tourism Advisory Board meeting, 9:30 a.m. in assembly chambers.

### Tuesday, Oct. 1

School Board meeting, 8 a.m. in the Haines school library.

Walkers, high school gym available for walkers 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday.

Open Gym Basketball, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in

Haines School Gym. \$2 adults/\$1 students.

### Wednesday, Oct. 2

Homework Help, 4:30 p.m. at the library.

Televised Borough meetings, 7 p.m. on Haines Cable Channel 6.

Open Gym Volleyball, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Haines School Gym. \$2 adults/\$1 students.

### Thursday, Oct. 3

Open Gym Basketball, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Haines School Gym. \$2 adults/\$1 students.

### Friday, Oct. 4

Story Time, 11 a.m. at the library.

Homework Help, 4:30 p.m. at the library

### Monday, Oct. 7

Digitizing Alaska: Broadband Strategies, 7 p.m. at Haines high school.

Homework Help, 4:30 p.m. at the library.

Birding with Jedediah, 5 p.m. at the library.

Hospice of Haines bereavement group, 6:30 p.m. at the hospice office on Main Street.

Open Gym Volleyball, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Haines school gym. \$2/\$1 students.

### Tuesday, Oct. 8

Borough Assembly meeting, 6:30 p.m. in assembly chambers.

Michael Mao Dance Co., 7 p.m. at the Chilkat Center. Contemporary and multicultural dance from New York City.

Digitizing Alaska: Broadband Strategies, 7 p.m. at the Haines High School.

Planning Commission meeting, 6:30 p.m. in assembly chambers.

Lighting of the Library Committee meeting, 3:30 p.m. at the library.

Annual benefit dinner and auction, 6 p.m. at the Jilkaat Kwaan Heritage center.

## Duly Noted

By Eileen McIver

Scott Brewington and Jackie Haddock-Swift were married Saturday at the Presbyterian Church. Crystal Badgley officiated, and Haddock-Swift's son Dustin Swift gave her away. The wedding party included matron of honor and mother of the bride Judith McDermaid, bridesmaids Charlynn Goldberg, Jae McDermaid and Sherry Nason, best man Phil Wilde and groomsmen Terry Martell, Dustin Swift and Alex Swift. Sue Waterhouse gave a beautiful piano performance and Jim Lampkins played guitar while Jae McDermaid sang Christina Perri's "A Thousand Years." Guests included parents of the groom Sherrie Brewington and Terry Martell, brother of the bride Stephen Brower of Juneau, Randy Harvey, and Tammie Rush. A reception at the American Legion Hall included music by The PBR. Erica Wagner surprised the couple with a dessert that combined their favorite confections — a bite-sized German chocolate, caramel, cheesecake mixture encased in a pecan rim. "I went, 'Wow, that's just everything I ever wanted,'" Jackie said. Krystal Lloyd made the four-tiered wedding cake and Victoria Moore fashioned handmade decorations. The couple is planning a Las Vegas honeymoon.

The Uglys of Haines raised over \$5,200 for Chris Kelly's full hip replacement surgery at Friday's benefit dinner at the American Legion. "What a great night. It definitely took a lot of stress off," Kelly said. Food was donated by local businesses and Haines fishermen. Tammie Rush led efforts in the kitchen. Kelly

needed the surgery for more than a year, but didn't have the funds. Community contributions and a tremendous amount of work done by Southeast Alaska Independent Living made the Sept. 10 surgery at Bartlett Hospital in Juneau possible, Kelly said. Efforts, including a fundraiser organized by Christy Tengs Fowler, have raised more than \$11,000, making a significant dent in Kelly's medical bills. "I'm still a little sore, but it's just a matter of keeping up with the physical therapy."

Michael Smith is heading back to Seattle this week after a summer of work on the Fort Seward barracks building. Smith heard about the summer gig from friend Tresham Gregg, a member of the Port Chilkoot Co., which owns the historic structure. Smith's work included painting and cleaning and became "freaky" when he stumbled upon a mortuary table and embalming materials. Smith, an Alaska first-timer, also went on several backpacking trips and regularly played pick-up soccer.

Cody Cowart, son of Wayne and Jane Cowart, moved to Haines and started work at Kensington Mine. Cody moved from Titusville, Fla., where he worked as a plumber for the Seminole County School Board. After the family moved from Northway, sister Destinee remembers Cody "being done" living in Alaska. "I never thought he'd be moving back here," she said. "It's different. It's interesting...It's weird not being the only kid in the house." As for Jane, she's just glad her son is no longer 5,000 miles away.

Farmers Market manager Susie McCartney said she was pleased with the 13 markets held under

Payson's Pavilion on Saturdays. Good weather, bountiful crops including lots of greens, and a core of committed vendors helped attract shoppers, she said. Patience Nelson, McCartney's 2-year-old assistant, accompanied her mom nearly every week. McCartney tipped her hat to musicians Len Feldman, Tom Heywood, Scott Pearce and Katya Kirsch who enhanced the scene.

Teresa Hura is working as a long-term substitute teacher at Gastineau Elementary School in Juneau, teaching first grade until mid-November. Hura's classroom is across the hall from the classrooms of sisters Eliza (Lende) Dorn, who teaches second grade, and J.J. Lende, who teaches a kindergarten-first grade mix. Hura, now semi-

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Alaska Native tribes are not artificial

*Argument: Alaska Native tribes are not artificial! They do, in fact, have a long, tragic history in their struggle to obtain recognition and equal protection.*

*Only federal law is supreme over Alaska Natives. The U.S. Constitution clearly stipulates in the commerce clause, Native tribes do indeed have a special trust relation with the federal government. The relationship has been codified by precedent in the courts, time and again.*

*As a group, Alaska Natives are among the most historically disadvantaged in our country. Undoing past injustices is a large part of the liberal philosophy that embraces Native rights. Chipping away at Native well-being will only guarantee that they stay a severely disaffected minority.*

*Most of us support equal rights. If the incentive for change is only a matter of principle, then why change? Is a difference of opinion worth alienating the cultural sensitivities of your neighbors? Do we want Haines to be known as anti-Native?*

*Is this a predictable, clumsy way to remove the Tlingit from their long-revered status as caretakers of their own land? Tlingit have a sacred covenant with nature. This bond is hallowed and is linked to their source of destiny. Put yourself in their place. Is there a perceived racial prejudice?*

*Paraphrasing Lyndon Johnson, the plight of the modern Native is the plight of modern America. Don't turn the clock back on Native rights.*  
Andrew S. Berry

Counseling service grateful for grant

*On behalf of Lynn Canal Counseling Services (LCCS), we would like to thank the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Alaska Community Foundation, for the recent \$2,000 grant that allowed many individuals and families to access mental health and wellness resources. This generous donation from the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation allowed Lynn Canal Counseling to match an essential equipment grant through the State of Alaska to upgrade technological equipment, including a new server with software, 10 computers, five iPads for client use, an uninterrupted power supply and two remote access points. LCCS has a commitment to utilizing the highest quality resources to ensure staff has the tools required to perform their jobs and that all clients, regardless of disability, have a variety of resources that assist them in recovery and continued wellness. Thank you to all the donors who contribute to the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation for allowing Lynn Canal Counseling Services to provide mental health and substance abuse services to the Haines, Mosquito Lake, Klukwan and Skagway communities.*

Kelly Williamson, LPC, CDCI  
Lynn Canal Counseling Services, executive director

Campbell, Lapham use common sense

*If you would like to support responsible candidates that are critical thinkers, open to ideas, use common sense and good judgment, then check the box for George Campbell and write in Diana Lapham when you vote between now and Oct. 1. Remember, you need to go vote to be effective and have your voice heard.*

*Please remember to vote by absentee or on Oct. 1 at the polls.*

Scott Sundberg

Support Miller for school board seat

*Last fall, when the school board appointed Ardy Miller to a vacant seat on the school board, I didn't know her, but her experience as a teacher and school administrator in both the U.S. and Canada and as a manager at the Alaska Department of Education made me believe that she would be an effective member of the school board. Since then, I've worked with Ardy on the school board and on union negotiations and teacher hiring committees, and have developed a great deal of respect for her. Ardy listens to what is said and draws from her experience to contribute ideas and solutions to the issues. Ardy's experience allowed her to effectively participate in discussions as soon as she was appointed to the board as she was already familiar with the various school funding sources and policy issues. I believe that Ardy Miller is a valuable asset to the school board and encourage you to vote for her on Oct. 1.*

Anne Marie Palmieri



FOR DOWNTOWN CAUSE -- Burl Sheldon plays original songs Tuesday at the Alaska Arts Confluence's "Harvest of the Arts" fundraiser at the Chilkat Center. The event, that included a silent auction and a reading by author Heather Lende, raised money to complete Main Street window displays. About 60 people attended. Tom Morphet photo.

Begich weighs in on highway

By Karen Garcia

State officials and organizations are weighing in on the proposed improvements to the Haines Highway, and a local environmental group is looking to spotlight the project in statewide and national press.

U.S. Sen. Mark Begich, D-Alaska, submitted a letter to the U.S. Department of Transportation on Sept. 16 urging the agency to address concerns from locals before the project is finalized.

The \$100 million Department of Transportation proposed project will widen the roadway, straighten curves, and address slide issues from Mile 3.5 to 25.3. Concern about negative impacts to fisheries stem primarily from the project's intended use of 23.6 acres of fill in wetlands and 8.3 acres of fill in the Chilkat River and its tributaries.

DOT's failure to identify bald eagle roosting and feeding trees in the agency's environmental assessment also aroused the concern of residents and caused them to demand an environmental impact statement, a more comprehensive document.

"The project as proposed would remove eagle nesting trees, impact nearby historic and cultural sites, and fill in wetlands critical to fish habitat," Begich wrote. "While the environmental assessment includes proposed mitigation

measures, many local residents say this project would still degrade the value of the preserve, adjacent historic sites, and the general experience of the drive."

The National Audubon Society's Alaska branch also submitted a comment to DOT, claiming the project warrants an impact statement.

Jim Adams, policy director for Audubon Alaska, wrote that an impact statement is required by law and is also "good public policy." The document also offers a better opportunity for examining alternatives, Adams wrote.

The Alaska Audubon also posted a notification on its website linking to the environmental assessment and asking concerned citizens to comment.

"The Alaska Department of Transportation's plan to widen and straighten the road will compromise the values for which the preserve was established -- perpetual protection for bald eagles and essential eagle habitats, and the eagles' salmon food source," the site read.

Mayor Stephanie Scott said she was curious about the impetus behind Begich's letter, as the borough didn't solicit it. "As far as I know, he had no contact with the Haines Borough. He was responding to some constituency. It wasn't the elected officials asking for help, which is usually what happens," Scott said.

Scott said she intended to contact Sally Smith, Begich's staffer in his Juneau office. Smith did not return calls from the CVN for comment.

Scott said the borough incorporated environmental concerns in its official comment to DOT, but that elected officials have prioritized the "significant safety value" of the project's improvements.

"It's clear to me that it's okay in somebody's book to go outside of the local government. If you feel that your local government isn't acting in your best interest, then

you go around them. And that's what this was," she said.

Media consultant Sue Libenson said environmental group Lynn Canal Conservation (LCC) contacted her recently to "bring wider attention of this nationally important resource to a wider statewide and national audience."

In an interview Monday, Libenson said she would be contacting media outlets statewide to see if they would pick up a story on the highway improvements. "This is the habitat that supports the highest concentration for eagles in the world and supports our local fishing fleet... No one is saying, 'Don't touch the road for that whole section.' They are saying give special consideration to the parts with special eagle, fish and scenic values," she said.

Libenson also is a member of LCC.

LCC member Peter Goll said Monday he sent a "note" to Begich's office, as did other members of the community.

DOT is currently processing more than 250 comments, and plans to have responses to those comments published by November or December in its next draft of the environmental assessment, said DOT communications officer Jeremy Woodrow.

The comments might yield changes to the project, but Woodrow was hesitant to say what those changes might be.

"The department is looking at possibly modifying some of the design. If there are any changes, they aren't final yet," Woodrow said.

"The changes we're looking at making would, if anything, help reduce the environmental impact that the project currently proposes," he added.

The National Marine Fisheries Service also recently expressed concern about the project, writing in comments to DOT that the project as proposed would have "substantial and permanent" adverse effects on essential fish habitat along the river.

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## Pro-Juneau Road group brings presentation to town

By Karen Garcia

A pro-Juneau Access road group convened in Haines Sept. 16, privately inviting locals to come and hear why the present ferry system is unsustainable and how the road would benefit Juneau and the Upper Lynn Canal.

Citizens Pro Road formed in 1997 after the first draft of the Juneau Access road's environmental impact statement was released. Members met in the dining room of the Halsingland Hotel to present facts and figures on the contentious project.

Win Gruening, a retired Juneau banker and member of the group, said the gathering was "not an open meeting, but not a closed meeting."

Gruening said the group didn't

want to get into a debate, but rather wanted to present the facts behind the issue and let residents decide whether they want to support the project or not. "We heard there was a lot of misinformation traveling around Haines."

Member Paulette Simpson said the group also hopes to travel to Skagway in the near future. "We're just putting our toe in the water and talking to a few people we knew in town," Simpson said of the Haines meeting.

The group spent the afternoon running through a presentation about three times. Using figures from the Alaska departments of Labor and Transportation, Simpson and other members, including retired DOT employee

Sandy Williams, expounded on the benefits of the road.

Williams described the group as a mix of "industry folks" and residents who believe in the economics and need for road access in Juneau. "Can you imagine Skagway not having road access out of there? Or Haines, how you would feel about it? We think we ought to have, in some respect, access also," he said.

Williams said in 1913, 25 percent of the Legislature was from Southeast. In 2013, that number had dropped to 10 percent. Williams also said while Southeast's population is projected to drop, the Matanuska-Susitna Valley's is expected to boom.

Just for the Lynn Canal, the

ferry system is spending \$20 million annually to operate; it is only making \$6 million of that back, resulting in a large subsidy, Williams said. Southeast's diminished clout in the Legislature paired with decreasing population and less-than-ideal economics means the ferry system's funding will continue to decrease, he added.

"We can't continue this subsidy," he said.

Williams worked as chief design engineer, state maintenance engineer and Southeast engineer during his 30-year tenure at DOT.

Executive assistant to the Haines Borough manager Darsie Culbeck asked whether a road up the west side of Lynn Canal is still being looked into, but Williams

said the draft environmental impact statement was pretty clear in its preference for the east side due to "so many obstacles" on the opposite side.

Resident and business owner Kristine Harder attended the meeting, and said she was surprised by the presented statistics.

"I was completely taken aback by the projected population growth of the Mat-Su Valley, the shrinkage of Southeast, and how our political influence will continue to erode. It's easy to see where the rest of the state's push to defund the (ferry system) is coming from," Harder said.

Hotel owner Jeff Butcher said the group rented the room for the afternoon.

## Glacier Bear runners head to Region V championship

By Krista Kielsmeier

Haines High School's cross-country teams were a bit short-handed at a meet in Juneau last weekend, on a course that may have seemed a bit longer than usual.

"This meet was all about that part of cross country that teaches perseverance, because they're dealing with a cold going around the school, they're dealing with a super-muddy, wet, cold course, and they all had to learn to push through it," said coach Tara Bicknell.

Illness, travel and college entrance exams were among conflicts that depleted the Glacier Bears on a weekend several runners committed to competing in Juneau instead of participating

in a home Drama, Debate and Forensics event.

Juniors Zayla Asquith-Heinz and Keegan Sundberg again led their respective squads. Both are contenders for state berths at the regional competition in Sitka this weekend. Sundberg was 13th for the boys in 17:47, and Asquith-Heinz placed 14th among girls in 21:59 on the Treadwell Mines trails at Sandy Beach.

The Haines boys were ninth out of 10 teams, besting Petersburg in a field that also included Juneau-Douglas, Ketchikan, Thunder Mountain, Sitka, Craig, Skagway, Wrangell and Mount Edgecumbe.

Sophomore Neil Little was 37th for the Glacier Bears in 19:15; senior Zeke Frank, 54th in 20:41; senior Chevy Fowler, 61st

in 21:19; and freshman Dawson Evenden, 62nd in 21:26. Senior Kai Sato-Franks rolled an ankle on the course and did not finish.

"There was a giant mud field that they started on, and they headed out through some water collection areas in the grass," Bicknell said. "We were all saying that they're going to look like real cross-country runners after this."

Senior Isaac Wing made his season debut following an injury, posting a time of 20:40 that edged Frank by a second, but Wing's run didn't count toward scoring since he hadn't run a time trial, Bicknell said.

Freshmen Mori Hays and Charlie Bower and sophomore Zane Durr also competed for the Glacier Bears.

Only six girls ran at the meet for Haines, placing last in an eight-team field. Senior Libby Jacobson and freshman Shaye Otton, who both tallied points for Haines at the previous two meets, were among those unable to attend.

Despite the team scores and last-minute roster changes, Bicknell said she saw great improvement from the runners.

"The course was muddy and had some good hills in it, but the kids really did well on the hills, I think from all this hill work we've been doing," she said. "Some of them said they felt a lot better on the hills, which was great to hear."

Sophomore Jenae Larson was 48th in 25:09; junior Celia Bower, 58th in 27:09; senior Serena Badgley, 59th in 28:01; senior

Rebekah Green, 62nd in 28:38; and senior Isobel Smith, 66th in 34:23.

"It was the last meet for at least a couple of our seniors," Bicknell said. "They were really good leaders and role models, with their dedication and the responsibility they showed."

Senior Smith has been on the team three years and said the sport helped build great friendships while helping to push herself and meet goals.

"The running's the hard part, but the good thing is it doesn't last long," she said. Smith said she plans to keep running on her own after high school.

This weekend, select Glacier Bears will run in Sitka at the Region V meet.

# Write-in Diana Lapham for Assembly



*Diana Lapham*

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**TASTY LESSON** -- Members of Sophia Armstrong's first-grade class visited the Sheldon Museum Sept. 20 for a lesson on local apples, including getting to harvest some from the tree planted beside the museum. Above from left are Selby Long, Dalton Henry, Kate Benda and Alex Weerasinghe. At right, museum education coordinator Scott Pearce uses a picker to pluck fruit for students.



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## Change to benefit veterans

"Round Up," a program to benefit the Soboleff-McRae Veterans Village and Wellness Center, will be held at participating stores around town starting Oct. 7. Customers wanting to support the center are asked to "round up" their bills to the next dollar at stores and donate the difference to the center, said Tara Bicknell, a community relations

representative for the facility. "It's just a small amount of money each time people go shopping. We're hoping it will be a good habit people will get into," Bicknell said. Proceeds from the program will help pave the parking lot and sidewalks, which are not covered by current funding.

# Vote No on October 1<sup>st</sup>

On July 23, 2013 an initiative petition was submitted to the Haines Borough; this application will ask the Haines Borough voters to change the Borough Charter Preamble to the following:

**We, the people of Haines Borough, believe the rights set out in the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alaska, like those in this charter, are guaranteed only to individual human beings and do not apply to artificial entities.**

The proposed amendment does not define "artificial entities" but would ordinarily be interpreted to include business entities such as corporations (both profit and non-profit) and governmental entities such as Tribal Governments (Chilkoot Indian Association) or Municipal Governments (Haines Borough). Below is a large list of artificial entities in the Haines Borough which will be affected.

### All Churches-All Non-Profit Corporations-All For-Profit Corporations

The Alaska Supreme Court has determined that corporations are "persons" for purposes of the **equal protection** clause of the Alaska Constitution. The Haines Borough Attorney studied the language of this initiative. Basically, a charter amendment would question whether "artificial entities" have constitutional rights and would involve establishing separate rules for "artificial entities" from those for "human beings".

The borough attorney advises against creating a "test case" challenging already established court decisions because of the expense involved and the relatively limited chance of success in winning.

The Chilkoot Indian Association Tribal Council on behalf of our membership hereby states that as a Federally Recognized Sovereign Indian Tribe we are opposed to this initiative. The Tribal Council is asking our membership and the residents of Haines, Alaska to vote no on Election Day October 1, 2013.



**VETERANS VILLAGE GOING UP** -- Dawson Construction workers hoist trusses to the top of the Soboleff-McRae Veterans Village recently. The building's roof was put on this week.

# Journal ranks town in top 12 in country

By Tom Morphet

Executive Travel magazine has named Haines among 12 of "America's Best Small Towns."

The brief write-up in the upscale, bimonthly magazine describes Haines as "a former U.S. Army outpost bordering 20 million acres of unprotected wilderness."

Haines Brewery's spruce tip ale gets a mention, as do heli-skiers, the Fogcutter Bar, the bald eagle festival, artist Tresham Gregg, The Hammer Museum and moose hoofprints in the sidewalk cement at Third Avenue and Main Street.

The article mistakenly reports that Haines "limits passing cruise ships to one docking per week," but then credits the town, saying that for lack of ships the town is "rarely overrun with guests, giving visitors plenty of time and space to get to know the locals."

Other communities listed in the ranking include Spring Green, Wis., Berea, Ky., Galena, Ill., Little Compton, R.I., Hanalei (Kauai) Hawaii, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., Oxford, Miss., Florence, Ala., Watkins Glen, N.Y., Telluride, Colo., and Marfa,

Texas.

"The only thing small about these small towns is their populations," the article says in introduction, adding that the towns possess "an enviable concentration of culture."

Haines has been featured in similar rankings in the past 10 years by magazines including Outside and National Geographic Traveler.

Haines tourism director Tanya Carlson, who provided magazine writer Caitlin Drexler with photos and information about the town, said Drexler wrote the article from New York City.

"She wanted to know local flavor and what people were like," Carlson said. "She fell in love with all of it. She wants to come here and visit some day."

Mayor Stephanie Scott said she got a laugh out of the article's depiction of the town "limiting" cruise dockings. Haines has unsuccessfully tried to attract more ships. "She did a pretty nice job making a silk purse out of a sow's ear. If we tell ourselves that enough, maybe we'll convince ourselves that we're very clever."

# Haines moose hunt harvest at 14 bulls

As of Tuesday evening, 14 moose have been taken in the Haines area's Tier II subsistence moose hunt, said Department of Fish and Game area wildlife biologist Stephanie Sell.

One of the 14 moose was sublegal. Six met the spiked fork antler configuration, six had three or more brow tines, and one had a rack more than 50 inches wide.

Sell said wildlife troopers were notified of the sublegal take, but she would not disclose where it took place.

Meat from sublegal moose is donated to charity.

Sell said one or two sublegal moose usually come out of the Haines hunt, which is much better

than Gustavus, where the ratio of legal to sublegal moose is 50-50.

"Haines is really good about keeping sublegals low. They take the time to make sure their moose is legal," she said.

Sell said she still doesn't think the department will reach its target of 20 to 25 moose by the end of the season on Oct. 7.

"When we get to 20, then we will see what we are going to do next, but realistically we let 20 to 25 come out of the population. But 20 is going to be the marker," Sell said.

For updates on the moose hunt, contact Fish and Game at 766-2830.

# White a merit scholar semifinalist

By Helen Edwards

Haines High School senior Eli White has been named a semifinalist in the 59th National Merit Scholarship program, the first local student to achieve the honor in about six years.

Entrants are chosen based on their PSAT scores, school activities and applications that they and their school fill out. White scored 218 of a possible 240 combined in math, critical reading and writing. There are 16,000 semifinalists nationwide.

School counselor Lindsey Moore said, "It's a pretty exciting honor that may open up big opportunities." Some colleges have scholarships for National Merit Scholar finalists, she said, and the ranking could help White gain admission to certain colleges.

"I have to fill out a number of applications, which include writing an essay," White said. These have to be submitted by Oct. 9.

The essay, White said, is a creative one describing an experience or belief that defined him. He hasn't decided what to write yet, but said the judges are trying "to get a sense of what kind of writer you are and what kind of person you are."

After high school, White said he wants to go to college

and perhaps major in computer science. He hasn't yet decided where he is going to apply, but said, "I'm working on it."

Finalists will be announced in February.

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06:30 am	06:50 am x7	07:00 am	07:35 am x6,x7
10:30 am	11:05 am	07:15 am	08:25 am
01:45 pm	02:20 pm	11:15 am	11:50 am
03:00 pm	04:10 pm	02:30 pm	03:40 pm
04:00 pm	04:35 pm	04:20 pm	04:55 pm
		Depart SKG	Arrive HNS
		03:55 pm	04:10 pm

X6 - except Saturday  
 X7 - except Sunday

Haines to Juneau			Juneau to Haines		
Depart	Arrive	Days	Depart	Arrive	Days
7:35 am	8:10 am	Daily	6:30 am	7:05 am	Daily
9:45 am	10:55 am	Daily	9:00 am	9:35 am	Daily
11:20 am	11:55 am	Daily	10:30 am	11:05 am	Daily
2:05 pm	2:40 pm	Daily	12:45 pm	1:55 pm	Daily
3:45 pm	4:55 pm	Daily	3:00 pm	3:35 pm	Daily
5:50 pm	6:25 pm	Daily	5:00 pm	5:35 pm	Daily

Haines to Skagway			Skagway to Haines		
Depart	Arrive	Days	Depart	Arrive	Days
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NORTHBOUND			
	Arrival from JNU	Departure to SKG	
Thur 19	12:30 pm	1:30 pm	
Fri 20	11:30 am	12:30 pm	
Sat 21	11:30 am	12:30 pm	
Sun 22	11:30 am	12:30 pm	
Mon 23	10:45 am	12:15 pm	
Tue 24	11:30 am	12:30 pm	
Wed 25	11:30 am	12:30 pm	
Thur 26	1:45 am	3:45 am	
Thur 26	12:30 pm	1:30 pm	
Fri 27	11:30 am	12:30 pm	
Sat 28	11:30 am	12:30 pm	
Sun 29	11:30 am	12:30 pm	
Mon 30	11:45 am	1:15 pm	
Tue 1	11:30 am	12:00 pm	
Thur 3	9:30 pm	No SKG	

SOUTHBOUND			
	Arrival from SKG	Departure to JNU	
Thur 19	5:00 pm	6:00 pm	
Fri 20	4:00 pm	5:00 pm	
Sat 21	4:00 pm	5:00 pm	
Sun 22	4:00 pm	5:00 pm	
Mon 23	5:15 pm	6:45 pm	
Tue 24	4:00 pm	5:00 pm	
Wed 25	4:00 pm	5:00 pm	
Thur 26	8:45 am	10:45 am	
Thur 26	5:00 pm	6:00 pm	
Fri 27	4:00 pm	5:00 pm	
Sat 28	4:00 pm	5:00 pm	
Sun 29	4:00 pm	5:00 pm	
Mon 30	5:45 pm	7:45 pm	
Tue 1	3:00 pm	4:00 pm	
Thur 3	No SKG	11:30 pm	

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# Chaplain Fairall heeded call

Ben Fairall, a retired police chaplain from Penryn, Calif., who volunteered around town after moving here eight years ago, died Sept. 11 in Kennewick, Wash., of lung cancer. He was 79.

"He never stopped serving the Lord," said wife Ruth Fairall, including by teaching five weeks of adult Sunday school lessons from a wheelchair early in the summer. "He told me that's something you never retire from."

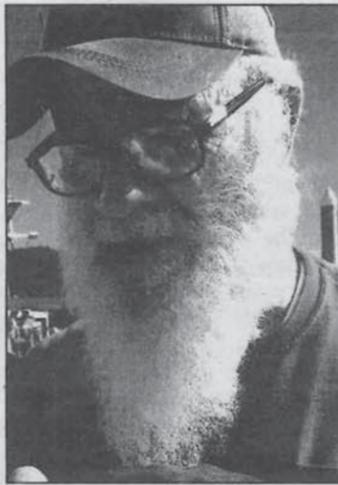
Ben Fairall was born Oct. 14, 1933, in Deming, N.M., the second of three sons born to carpenter John Fairall and wife Lois. Ben was named all-state defensive end on his high school football team. He developed a work ethic early in his life and, while in his forties, hand-dug 180 fence post holes around his three-acre property in Penryn, his wife said.

"He had a tremendous work ethic. On Elks hamburger night he would swab the floors, fill the coffee pot and look around for something else to do. He could work 10 people under the table," Ruth said.

Ben and Ruth met through one of his brothers in 1953, as Ben was leaving for Korea with the Air Force. He served a year in Japan working on aircraft radar systems before being transferred to Travis Air Force Base. The couple was married in October 1954.

After a stint working for McDonnell Douglas and other companies, he returned as a civilian employee to the Air Force, working in electronics and communication. He retired at age 54 to enroll in Bible college, eventually earning a bachelor's degree in religious studies and a master's in law enforcement chaplaincy, Ruth said.

As a police chaplain in Placer County, Calif., he rode along



Ben Fairall

with officers responding to calls involving murder, suicides and accidents, acting as a buffer between grieving families and police. "He'd made seven or eight ride-alongs per month. They'd call him out at all hours of the night. He saw everything. Children buried alive, cars split in half and bodies everywhere. He'd help the coroners move bodies."

Fairall was a horseman who owned seven horses during his life and roped calves at small-town rodeos. He also led services through the "Cowboys for Christ" program, she said.

On retiring from the chaplaincy, Fairall embarked on a "Western" tour that included rodeos and Buffalo Bill museums and "every place that had anything to do with cowboys," his wife said. "He wanted to see the Old West and where the wagon trains came through."

Fairall suffered a heart attack before his first visit to Alaska 13 years ago, which prompted a trip to Haines instead of a longer one to the state's more remote regions. The couple stayed at Oceanside RV Park and enjoyed

it so much they came back in 2005 as campground hosts, a job they did until 2010, and would return to even after they were no longer staying there.

RV park owner Joyce Town said Ben Fairall was instrumental in getting her business up and going in the second year she owned it. He hosted Dungeness potluck dinners, including taking campers to buy crabs from commercial fishermen.

"He'd go down there with them and teach them how to clean the crab. He'd give them the whole Alaska experience, and he had a chuckle that just got you going. He would do things that needed to be done without asking... He was a big man in my life. He helped me all year long. I needed him a lot," Town said.

Former American Legion post commander Bill McRoberts worked alongside Fairall at Legion functions - Fairall was chaplain at the Haines Legion Post - and they both volunteered at the American Bald Eagle Foundation. The two arrived in town the same year and shared a history of ranch work, McRoberts said.

"He'd read his Western Horseman magazine and bring it to me. He was a pretty good old boy. He could be sick as a dog, really hurtin', but he'd always show up. It was never about Ben. It was always about everybody else. He was that kind of guy," McRoberts said.

Fairall is survived by wife Ruth Fairall of Haines, by daughter Sharon Vorpapel of Kennewick, Wash., and by son David Fairall of Israel, and by six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He also is survived by brother Jack Fairall of El Paso, Texas.

Fairall will be buried at Jones Point Cemetery next spring. Donations in his memory can be made to Hospice of Haines.



NEW 'SOLDIERS' AT BARRACKS - Annette Smith talks around a faux window at Fort Seward's barracks building Sunday. The windows, actually plywood sheets, depict soldiers inside the historic building, including one playing a clarinet and another with "Three-Per," a bear once kept by soldiers as a mascot. Tom Morphet photo.

## Salvation Army seeks Thanksgiving support

The Haines Salvation Army is asking for immediate donations of cash, non-perishable food and volunteers to help with meal service during the Thanksgiving holiday.

The organization will be providing Thanksgiving meals and food baskets for more than 300 people this year, said Lt. Dave Kyle.

"We need \$3,000 just to cover the costs of providing food to those in need in Haines this Thanksgiving season," Kyle said. The number of families finding themselves in desperate financial straits continues to increase in Haines, he said.

"We know people have been seriously affected by the deep recession over the past few years,

and we are grateful to generous friends who have provided faithful support for those struggling to make ends meet. Unfortunately, the need has not decreased, and the level of public support is just not keeping up. It is particularly sad for us to see the growing numbers of families with children who have lost their homes and are now needing our help," Kyle said.

"The economic situation has contributed to the drop in local donations too. In fact, some who have been generous supporters in the past are now coming to our doors in need of help themselves," he said.

Kyle said he's confident the community will "once again step forward and help those who need it most. We've been doing this work for over 100 years so we're not going to turn away any deserving neighbor now," Kyle said.

Thanksgiving boxes will be available Nov. 21 and a Thanksgiving meal will be held Nov. 28. To donate, call 1-800-SAL-ARMY, 303-2355, mail your gift to P.O. Box 550, or make a donation online at [usw.salvationarmy.org/Haines](http://usw.salvationarmy.org/Haines).

# Vote **NO!** On Prop. 1 Tuesday, October 1, 2013

**Q. What is the stated purpose of Proposition 1?**

A. To take away the ability of corporations to have any influence in our electoral process and their ability to influence government decisions.

**Q. How is this to be accomplished?**

A. Proposition 1 on the Haines ballot is a first step in a national effort to strip away "people" status from corporations. Their ultimate goal is to deprive corporations of their constitutional rights. This includes all corporations including Native corporations, unions and non-profits.

**Q. How can this be done?**

A. Only by a United States Constitutional Amendment - which can only be achieved by working at the state and national level.

**Q. Why is this bad for Haines?**

A. We do not want to wind up as collateral damage in a controversy that cannot be resolved in Haines. If there are any risks involved, they should be assumed at the national level where the actual battle will be fought - not in Haines.

**Q. Can Haines and its residents afford to take this chance?**

A. No - There are constitutional and financial risks that Haines can not afford to take. It's bad for business.

## Vote **NO** on Prop. 1

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# School Board

**Why are you running? What experience do you bring?**

**What is the school district doing right?**

**What can the school district do better?**

**Is teacher turnover a concern for you? If so, how should it be addressed?**

**School discipline. A new program started last year. Any thoughts about that?**



**Scott Doddridge, 49, Business Co-owner**

I'm a community player in the first place. I have a vested interest. I have two kids in the school. I see some things that maybe I don't understand or would like to know more about. I'm an owner of a successful small business so I understand budgeting. It might be a school where education is the focus but it still runs much like a business. They get a budget and such. I was treasurer on the fair board and helped get it back on track to where it is today.

For the most part it seems the school does a lot of things that are of interest to the kids. Different programs. One of the things I see this year is a leveled math program in the middle school. I think that's great. One of the things they're doing, Takshanuk Watershed Council is involved and teaching them about composting and gardening and that sort of thing.

I'm limited to my experience with my kids so maybe I don't know so much at the high school but it seems that turnover can be an issue. I don't know if that requires greater communication between the district and teachers. Also, it seems there are issues that come up where the information is in the rumor mill before it's disseminated out. The parents should get good information regularly. That allows parents to administer their own situation.

It's definitely a concern for me. I was happy with Karen Henspeter. I was happy with how she handled my child and other children. She seemed to be a good teacher and certainly Miss Milligan was great. Akela Silkman. It is definitely a concern for me. I'm not sure, a possible solution could be that there's some kind of a mentoring program where new teachers are given somebody to work with who can help bring them along.

I think we have to look at the students as individuals, and that goes with teaching as well. To just focus on the norm without taking into account individuals does the kids a disservice. Honestly I've looked at the discipline plan a little bit but haven't given it enough of a read to give it my honest opinion.



**Kim Larson, 46, Child Care provider**

I'm running because I feel I want to make kids the first priority in the school. From kindergarten to 12th grade, it's a life experience and learning doesn't stop in the classroom. It happens in the library, lunch program, in community involvement. I've had about 30 percent of the kids in the school in my daycare. I have a bond with them. I want them to have the best experience they can through the school.

The group of teachers they have working there now are doing a good job. They're very dedicated. The administration is trying to do more for the kids, which is good. Not just in education, but on things like lights on the basketball court. Just making things more available for the kids and making sure there's always something for them to do.

In the high school I don't like knowing there's drugs in the high school. Maybe there should be drug testing. Or just being more forceful or having a security officer at the school, like the district had before. Also, in the middle school, they need more funding for school-related travel, like History Day. It's part of the curriculum, then kids have to fundraise the money to go. In the elementary school, just having one day of PE a week isn't enough for the kids.

Maybe we should do exit interviews. Why are they leaving? Maybe the teachers don't feel they're involved as much in the curriculum and the school board should make them involved. We need to hear their voice to make decisions. One of the reasons for turnover might just be their spouses can't get jobs here. Which is something the borough should work on, creating more jobs.

They need to be zero tolerance on bullying. That needs to be followed through on. I think the punishment needs to be serious so they understand why they're being punished. If they just get a slap on the wrist, they're just going to do it again. If they're in sports, don't let them be in sports. Or don't let them travel. Suspend them a game. If that affects the whole team, well it's a team sport.



**Ardy Miller, 62, Retired teacher, administrator, college professor, dean**

Haines is my home now and I feel like I'm in a position -- my kids are raised and I'm retired -- where finally I can give something to the community. I feel it's important to do so. The area where I think I have most to offer is education because it's been my whole life. I really feel it's important to be active in the community and make connections. I plan to live here, I hope, for the next 30 years or so.

The district is doing so many things right, as evidenced by the awards the district has received just in the last year or two. The main thing they're doing right is focusing on providing educational opportunities for all kids whether those students are interested in vocational education or university-bound, or struggling academically. There seems to be an interest in meeting the needs of kids across the spectrum.

I'd like to see us reach out more to the homeschoolers in our community. We face stiff competition from other homeschool programs in the state and beyond. I'd like to reach out more. I know the school is doing that but it's an area I think we could put a little more effort. We're doing a fine job with meeting the needs of individual students, but there's room for more of that, things like our online learning center. I'd like to expand that.

I haven't been involved long enough with the school to know the history there. Turnover in primary grades in other schools is not that uncommon. Particularly in an isolated community. The trick to keeping people is finding teachers who have family in town or an attachment to the community. I feel a great deal of the turnover is due more to individual personal lives than anything problematic in our school.

I think the new system is working really well. Part of the reason it is is the consistency of it. When you have a schoolwide discipline plan that all the staff is on board with, that's when the discipline program works. We are rewarding good behavior, but we're also monitoring infractions and dealing with kids who are having trouble following the school rules. It's being implemented in a consistent manner. And that's paying off.



**Lisa Schwartz, 53, Registered nurse**

I'm running because I think I can do a good job on the board, that I can be an asset. I've been in the school system 13 years as an involved parent, including with a son who has graduated and a daughter who is a sixth grader. I'm also concerned about the school culture, like why children want to date so much earlier than they used to, and the drugs that are in the school. I'd like more emphasis on healthy lifestyles and choices.

The school is doing a lot right. It's improved immensely through the 13 years I've been involved. The current administrators are strong and able to balance a budget, which is important these days with decreased funding. The test scores are improving. They're aware of the areas they need to improve further on. We have a beautiful building. That was a big effort and is a definite plus.

Communication can be improved between the different staff and the school. The school has put a lot of effort in bringing up students who are having a hard time. I think they need to focus more on students who are excelling, how to progress them along and challenge them and prepare them for the track that they're going to be on later in life. The focus needs to stay from kindergarten on, strongly on English, math and reading.

One of the things that needs to happen is we need to support the staff. Teachers' jobs are incredibly challenging and full, especially new teachers. They need to have more support. It would be helpful to have more continuity between grades so when new teachers come in, some things are pre-set up, so that grade to grade, there's some continuity that's followed. Teaching in a small community is extremely challenging.

The discipline program is a container, the guidelines. How it's implemented... The program is only as good as it's implemented. Teachers don't have much in their arsenal, they don't have a lot of consequences for children who are out of control. Those students disrupt the entire classroom. It's too new to say whether the new program will be effective or not.



**Sarah Swinton, 45, Grocery manager**

I've been on the school board 11 years. I'm running to have a voice in the school. I have three children in the district. Being on the school board the past 11 years has been productive. We've had our ups and downs, and I just want to stay a part of the process.

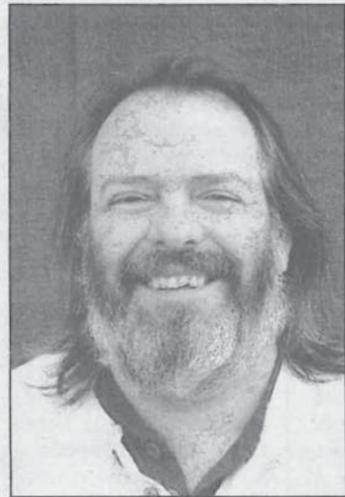
We got our Title I award this year and we've been nominated for blue ribbon school. Everybody's working as a cohesive unit. We're there for the betterment of our kids and it really shows with these awards we've been getting. The teachers are working hard. The administration is working hard and we're all on the same page for getting done what we need to do.

That's a good question. We still have a problem with declining enrollment. That's a community of Haines problem. If there's more economy, Haines would have more young couples move here. We were holding steady for about three years. All of a sudden we have this decrease and it's kind of scary to me because I was here for the reduction in force when we had to lay off teachers.

I think a lot has to do with not necessarily the job but the town and especially if you move in and you're single there's not a whole lot here for them. If they don't have an opportunity to be married, or you get an opportunity to go someplace like the Marshall Islands. I don't see it as a district issue. I really think we have a good administration. From what I've heard, there's just other opportunities out there.

I think it's been going quite well. The kids are being rewarded for good behavior. Guidelines are set up for what happens when they have bad behavior. I think behavior problems have gone down and everybody's respecting what rules are put out there. I think they do get their recognition for being good, respectful, students.

Homeschooling is increasing. Any thoughts on how that should be addressed?	How important is it for the district to have full-time music and art teachers?	If the district needs to cut its budget in the next year, where should cuts come?	Many students can earn nearly all the credits needed for graduation before senior year. Is that an issue for you?	Should the district keep Mosquito Lake School open next year if it doesn't get 10 students?	Do we have too many, too few or just enough administrators?	How do you build more support for schools in the community?
<p>It is kind of up to the individual. I think it's good to have diversity, it's a parent's choice to homeschool or not. There's a reason parents are homeschooling. It's worth looking at why parents are choosing to homeschool rather than keep their kids in the school. If it's strictly just a preference thing, so be it. If it's because the school lacks serving our children's needs in this way, then that needs to be addressed. Why are some parents going outside our district's program?</p>	<p>It's a fine line, because you know, dollars and cents might say we can eliminate this program entirely, let's just keep it in with the homeroom teachers. I'd say I don't have a hard and fast answer for that. I do think art and music are really important in teaching our kids how to problem solve. By no means do I think they should go away. We need programs like that to spawn creativity. Just knowing how to read and write doesn't mean you can solve problems.</p>	<p>I honestly haven't been involved in the budgetary process at all so I couldn't say. It would be easy to say, cut this, cut that, but the reality is the school is being held to more and more standards. From what I understand, we have the waiver from No Child Left Behind but we still have to meet certain criteria and there's more and more testing going on. The law requires a lot of these expenses. But until I'm immersed in it, I can't say more.</p>	<p>I don't see it as a problem. I see it as a chance for growth. If you can fulfill your basic requirements and then do something that's of interest. How many friends do you have that go to college right out of high school, they think they want to do something, all this money goes into a degree and then they get out of college and don't know what they want to do. If they can explore options before college, I think it's great.</p>	<p>That's a tough one. If you just looked at dollars and cents, you'd close it in a heartbeat. But if you're actually weighing out the cost benefit... sometimes it's not a cut-and-dry answer. Maybe there's a homeschooling type option where if you're a homeschool student you can take one class in the school. Maybe there's some kind of creative answer. It's not a hard and fast shut-her-down without looking at it. But the question can't be put off.</p>	<p>If all the administrators had to do was administer to 270 kids, great. But the reality, I think, is there's a huge workload created with No Child Left Behind and now with the waiver there's all kinds of requirements. Reviewing the curriculum. Budgetary things that take a great deal of man hours. We have to fulfill the same requirements as a district like Juneau or Fairbanks has to do. They have a pool of people to make that happen. We have three.</p>	<p>I'll give you an example. When the state fair was tanking, as the board we realized the fair needed the support of the community to survive. One of our solutions was to give away the area for the Little League field to be created for a song. It was a way to garner community support and it worked. There was a big volunteer push and a lot of that came from Little League support. Maybe we need to show the need for Haines to be a well-rounded community, with kids.</p>
<p>I don't know a lot about the homeschool program. But maybe the board should get together with parents and ask, why are you homeschooling. And what can we do to bring you into our homeschool program. Some families just like to stay at home. Having kids in school and learning social skills, that's part of education. But homeschool parents are paying the same amount into the school system as everyone else.</p>	<p>I'm for full art and music as long as it's for the kids. We can't cut kids' programs before we cut administration that we don't need. It's all about making sure kids have the opportunity. If we have the resources to provide music and art, those should be the top things we do.</p>	<p>With only 84 kids in the high school, having two principals is kind of a hard point. First thing I would not cut is the teachers. Making sure the kids have the most people available to them as we can is the best thing. You start at the top and go down, I think. That's not going to make people happy, but a school is for the students.</p>	<p>I think the more education you can get before you go off to college, the better. Teachers have to push on how important it is for students to get more education, and to move on. They have programs down south where by the time you graduate from high school, you can have an associate's degree. It's amazing.</p>	<p>Maybe promote it this year as much as we can and see what happens from there. It would be great to keep it open, but to take a \$250,000 hit, year after year, that's not going to happen. Maybe some of the homeschool people -- because classes are smaller there -- we could get them interested in it.</p>	<p>We need to think about prioritizing and organization skills. The way the economy is now, even in the job I have there's so much more paperwork. And it's just me doing it still. You just prioritize and you have to be organized enough to handle all these other duties, as assigned.</p>	<p>The No. 1 thing is having school board members out there in the public. Everything I've been involved with has to do with kids. Just having the ability to go out and talk to the community. People should be asked to come out to school board meetings and help us with these things. You have to listen to the parents, and the teachers and the students, everybody, to make your voice heard.</p>
<p>I believe the Haines homeschool program is addressing some of the concerns about how the program is operated, primarily accessibility. There again, it's a size issue when we're competing with a statewide homeschool program. They have a number of staff available all day, every day, on the phone. It's hard to compete with that. What we have to offer is access to individual classes they wish to take.</p>	<p>It's very important to keep full-time teachers in those programs. They're essential programs if we're going to provide an education that meets the needs of all of our students.</p>	<p>I honestly don't know. I don't have a good answer for you there. That's a discussion that we would want to have with the school community as a whole, and the community as a whole. If we have to make significant cuts, that's something we'll have to talk to the community about. I don't see any areas of fluff in what's being done at the school right now. I just don't see it. I think they're doing a great job with what they've got.</p>	<p>That's a fact of life in small schools. What we're doing to address that is providing opportunities for dual credit classes with the university through our individual learning center. We don't have the on-site faculty to offer all the electives and options that a larger system has. So the students who have time left over have a great opportunity to take courses through the learning center, and get some of their college credits out of their way.</p>	<p>I'm afraid it will need 10 students to open next year. We can't absorb the hit, especially in light of declining enrollment through the system. That makes me sad, because I'm a big fan of small schools and community schools. So I'm really hoping we get our 10 kids next year. It's an important part of the community, the school up at Mosquito Lake.</p>	<p>I think it's just right the way they're doing it right now. I think the fact that Michelle Byer is high school principal and special education director for K-12 works. She's not a full-time high school principal. There's a lot of testing reporting requirements, federal program grant applications... Those things take a lot of time and they are required.</p>	<p>I think just providing an excellent education and the community being part of that and seeing that the school is really doing a good job and the district is providing value for money. And showing that the money we get from the borough is used correctly and wisely. And a lot of that is communication and transparency. One example of that is the new report card to the public that's really easy to understand.</p>
<p>Obviously the district is losing money and students in the community who could enrich our school. We need to embrace homeschooling a little more and include them and welcome them into schools. They need to be on our boards and part of our school, and involved in our parent-teacher programs. I haven't seen that happening. I've heard from homeschool parents that they're not involved, and that's unfortunate.</p>	<p>Art and music are immensely important. It's a time for students to be creative and utilize different aspects of their brain that can help them function better in their other classes. There has to be revenue for those classes. As long as we have the revenue for those classes, I think they're very important.</p>	<p>I wouldn't answer that question just outright. The budget is something you have to look at as a whole. You need to break it down. It's nothing that I would offhandedly say. I wouldn't just spout off what I'd cut. I'd scrutinize that budget just like I do my checkbook and really give it a lot of consideration.</p>	<p>It's an individual choice at that point, because that's what the requirements are. A lot of kids graduate early. I think senior year is a great opportunity to take college-level courses. Even if students don't get full credit, they still get the experience of taking the class. I think education here can be improved on, whether it's going the technical route or college classes. Our students have a lot of adjustments to make when they leave Haines.</p>	<p>My daughter went to Mosquito Lake for a year and a half. I'm new at this so obviously I'd need a lot more information. A budget means money in and money out. What does it cost to run that school? The borough pays some of the maintenance on that building. That said, the school is a very valuable experience for the children who go there. I'd like to see effort at realizing the potential for the school and how it's utilized.</p>	<p>You need to look at how things are going at the school and whether individuals feel like that's too much or too little administration. This is a topic that would need to be looked at closely, especially if revenues continue to drop. But at this time I think administrators are doing their jobs well.</p>	<p>The borough has its own budget to balance. I think the school does have community support. Of course there's going to be segments of the community that won't want to fully fund the school district. The board needs to have strong advocacy with the borough assembly.</p>
<p>The other homeschool programs have been set up nicely. Haines has been behind in a lot of aspects. We didn't really focus on parents and what they wanted for their kids. Homeschool students can come into the school and get some of our good programs but that isn't necessarily enough. We need somebody who's a strong leader who can be notified at any time by homeschool parents. We need to try to match these other programs. offer.</p>	<p>When we cut teachers before, those are programs we definitely wanted saved. The community is very into the extras and I think it rounds out the students. You can't just have your reading, writing and arithmetic. You need to have those extra programs that the kids can relate to. Art has been very big since when I was in school. Music is another matter. The program can be offset by kids who don't like music and have to be in there.</p>	<p>In terms of student activities, maybe the parents are going to have to ante up more money, instead of just \$100 per activity. At other schools you have to pay quite a bit more to be in sports. That might have to be a direction we have to go to make sure students can still travel.</p>	<p>We've increased graduation requirements by half a credit. We've pushed for so many classes you can take for college credit now. Those who are going on to college can take classes and get college credits for a lower price than it costs there. We can also offer those students shop and technical courses. I don't want kids to think I've met the criteria, I'm outta here. I want to hold them here. There's also the independent learning center.</p>	<p>Mosquito Lake is a big, financial draw for us but if we don't have the students, it's hard to keep the school going. It's a great school up there, a great program. It's really helped out the younger kids. But with all the declining revenue we're seeing now, we've got to be frugal with the funding that we're getting. But if there's not the students there, I don't know how we could do it, financially.</p>	<p>It's not just what they used to do, it's the new regulations and paperwork that administrators have to do. They're not sitting on their thumbs. Administration could be an area for reductions but right now I think the three of them are doing a spectacular job of keeping our district going in the right direction. In the near future there's going to have to be some hard looks at something. It's going to be tough.</p>	<p>A school in any community is the core of the community. That's what's raising up your children to be productive individuals in society. Hopefully they can come back and contribute to the town again. We have won awards. For a small school, we've done amazing things. Our kids at college have written back on how prepared they were and what a great education they got here. That, I think, is worth more than anything else.</p>

<h1>Assembly</h1>	<b>About how many hours per week do you think you can commit to the public's business, excluding meetings?</b>	<b>Would you support an Aspen Hotel on Main Street? How would you prioritize downtown revitalization?</b>	<b>If elected, what do you hope to have accomplished one year from now?</b>	<b>Do you support Proposition 1? Why or why not?</b>	<b>How should the borough go about finding cost-efficient sources of energy for Haines?</b>
 <p><b>Mario Benassi, 50, Cinematographer</b></p>	<p>I always considered this like it would be a job, so I'll have to kind of see what the hours add up to. I always viewed it as a part time job -- if not more -- in terms of the time commitment. For certain I will always read the packet and I will always go through the material.</p>	<p>If we want to compete and grow our economy, it is going to be based on the aesthetic value and building on the quality of life. We're very unique and I think building on that is important. On the forefront, I think it's a good idea to have a hotel in town, but I'm not sure we've asked all of the questions about it, like how is it going to affect the other hotels in town, is the location exactly the place where it should be. I think a lot of questions need to be asked.</p>	<p>I hope that I will interpret borough code very well. I hope to make sure the will of the people is worked on and is promoted in city government. In a year's time I hope there's a little more harmony in the community. That's what I hope to do, is not work on the divisions, but let's work on our similarities instead.</p>	<p>I totally support it. We've really lost the democratic process by letting corporations have unlimited control and power over our elected legislators. They're able to throw huge amounts of money and advertisement toward their goals, and it's pretty much silenced the common man. People's needs and the community's needs are overshadowed by corporations so they can achieve their bottom line.</p>	<p>Hydro is certainly one of our many strengths in Southeast Alaska. Things are quite complicated and there's no easy fix, but I think that hydro is definitely something that we should look into. Hydro in non-anadromous fish affecting areas, which we have a number of situations where we could get into hydro where it won't have an adverse effect on fish. Not Connelly Lake.</p>
 <p><b>Diana Lapham, 56, Retired</b></p>	<p>Whatever it takes for a situation or if something special comes up. I'm very flexible. I have no obligations. My children are grown; my husband is passed away. I think that's what's driving me, because I do have the time to commit.</p>	<p>I would support the hotel on Main Street. That would make the Main Street area a lot more vital. It would allow us to bring hopefully some conventions into town. The revitalization of downtown I have read a little bit about that, but I'm not really sure where everything is at. I'm definitely open to it, but a lot is going to depend on how much burden is placed on the storeowners, the property owners, that kind of thing, our economy being what it is. Sometimes you have to spend a little money to make a little money.</p>	<p>I'd like to see the first phase of the highway go through definitely. I would like to see a lot more morale in our general citizens toward the government, toward the borough. I'd like to see it progress forward. I know government is slow and that's a given, but from what I'm hearing from people out there, they're frustrated. They don't see things happening, things I know are happening behind the doors. I'd like to bring back a lot of trust.</p>	<p>I do not. First off, I'm really disappointed in the authors of the initiative that they haven't come forward with education to the voters. I did a lot of research and all I could find was the history of corporate personhood, nothing about these people, We the People. Nothing about what their intent is for doing this, what the long-range goal is, and why? These are my questions. Especially after hearing what kind of liabilities a municipality would be open to, I definitely will not support it.</p>	<p>I think they're doing a good job right now. (For example), the idea of the pellet boilers going into the buildings. I think it is very cost-efficient. Hydropower is good clean energy and I would support Connelly Lake. I would much rather see a private enterprise get into Connelly Lake. I don't think the borough needs to take away from private enterprise, but if it means to have a project get initiated and the borough is a good stepping stone for that, then I would support that.</p>
 <p><b>George Campbell, 46, Organic farmer</b></p>	<p>Most weeks I could probably commit 15 to 20 hours a week. My phone number is listed in the phone book. A lot of people know where I live, which is 17.5 Mile, and I'm easily accessible. There is more information than what the packet has.</p>	<p>My belief is if we have an individual or a business who wants to come in and increase the value of the property and pay property taxes, I think it's a very good thing. Knowing the Aspen Hotels and being around them and working around them -- and actually doing work for them -- I can say that it will probably be one of the nicer buildings on Main Street. Main Street is only one street of many and there are more business areas than just there.</p>	<p>I hope to have the respect of the citizens. Right now I'm not walking in with a strict agenda of things that have to be done. We have some very large tasks in front of us. We have a need to hire a superior manager, we need to hire a new police chief. I don't see any earth-shattering action happening for a long time. I see just trying to figure out ways to maintain the city and work forward with declining revenues.</p>	<p>I do not. My biggest reason that I don't is because this was a decision made in the Supreme Court at a much higher level than our borough government. The people doing this, while I can understand their reasoning and I'm sympathetic to it, I believe we're the wrong venue. If our attorney is wrong and we do end up getting sued, I really don't believe he's going to support us pro-bono. If we have to take it to court to defend that, I'm not willing to close the swimming pool just to pay for the defense.</p>	<p>We have lots and lots of water flowing around here. We have lots of opportunities for hydroelectric. I think as much as anything the borough gets mired down in doing multiple studies and has inaction for whatever reason. More so than finding reliable or cost-efficient sources of power, I think we need to proceed forward and actually spend the money installing it. If we figure out it's going to work, get it done.</p>

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Did the borough handle its separation with former police chief Gary Lowe responsibly?	How can the borough stimulate the economy and make Haines an attractive place to live?	Are you satisfied with borough management? How should the borough go about hiring the next manager?	Should the borough manage the heli-skiing industry more, less or at its present level?	Where does a "muniplex" rank in your list of borough facility priorities?	Are there any other issues you would like to address?
<p>I think that when you get someone from outside the community who isn't vested here to begin with, you're taking a huge risk. And then to offer a huge severance package, that's not a real thing in the rest of the world. I don't know all the ins and outs and most of us aren't privy to the more particular parts of that, but I feel on a commonsense level that you want to part amicably if possible, and of course you don't want to give a huge severance package, especially when they are parting in questionable circumstances.</p>	<p>In following a clear-cut vision and establishing a well-crafted vision of our community and how we would like to see it grow. I think that we need to take care of our base, which is fishing and tourism, which are the two main drivers, and work within those. I think diversifying tourism is one way we can augment our economics here. I think there is certainly room for additional cruise ships here, and we could also maybe grow our economy from servicing our own fishing fleet here. Maybe a dry dock is something we should look into.</p>	<p>There's always room for improvement. Our borough manager and management here, I think he's done as good a job as he could given his circumstances. I believe you have to get someone who is skilled. You don't hire a plumber to do your electrical work. We need strong leadership in the manager's position and someone who is capable and willing to execute the will of the assembly and what's needed in the community without pandering too much to special interests.</p>	<p>I feel that the present level is probably good, if we were to actually have compliance and were able to get compliance to the current regulations. I'm sure it would be fine. I think part of the problem is where does that regulation and enforcement lie? I think there is inter-agency issues regarding who is responsible for what, and often when it's not a clear-cut thing, it falls in the lap of the borough.</p>	<p>It's about questions. I'm not abreast of all the issues there. Building a new facility might actually save money down the road, and if that's the case and it pencils out in that direction, then maybe that should happen. But I don't think that it's a huge priority at this point. Maybe the sewage treatment plant is higher.</p>	<p>No, I don't think so. I'm fair. I get along with all people. I think that I'll bring a new perspective to the table, for certain. Maybe a different way of looking at things. I'm very much into working on collaborative solutions to problems, and I think that's really the role of an assembly member, to try and collaborate with other assembly members and find solutions to problems. Compromise.</p>
<p>I think that's hindsight right now. I think there could have been actions from the assembly, from the manager, that might have been a little better of a separation. What Chief Lowe had in his contract I think the borough is obligated to abide by. If there's severance, to me it's pretty cut and dry.</p>	<p>We have to go after cruise ships. Our comprehensive plan says that the people would support at least three ships a week, and I think we're letting them down. I think we need to make it known to the cruise ship companies that we're here, we're open for business, and we would welcome them. My belief is Haines can support a progressive, thriving year-round economy and we're not going to damage the environment. I get tired of hearing that we can't pursue a project because we're going to endanger this, that and the other.</p>	<p>Like anything else, I think we deserve better. And I'm not degrading Mr. Earnest by any means. I've got in my mind someone who is a real hard charger, a go-getter, enthusiastic, is willing to step up to the plate and when someone needs reprimand, when somebody needs to be told this is in error, will do that. I think the decisiveness is lacking. In order to gain good qualified people, it might behoove the assembly to pay for an outside source to do the hiring, because they definitely have bullet points to look for in a qualified professional.</p>	<p>I think in my mind it would be more expedient to form an ad hoc committee for heli-skiing and have your environmental rep on there and your company rep and your helicopter rep and a representative of the borough as a liaison. I would be more receptive to having that hashed out in committee. Bring to the assembly the facts and get away from these contentious assembly meetings. It's a lot of wasted valuable time on both parts and there are a lot of hard feelings that come out of it.</p>	<p>After reading what kind of condition the public safety building is in, I would definitely support a go-ahead decision on getting a plan. We need something. The buildings are in drastic need of revitalization.</p>	<p>I don't care who the voters vote for - preferably me - but we need them to get out and vote. Every election is critical. We have two people on the ballot - one has dropped out - and two write-ins. This is a critical election. Not only statewide, but borough-wide we've seen elections won and lost by just a handful of votes. We need people out voting and exercising their rights.</p>
<p>I believe his contract required us to pay severance pay. We accepted a resignation from him under an agreement to pay that severance pay. Because that's about all we were told, I really can't second-guess what was right and wrong in the situation. Do I think we handled it well? No, and I can say that because we had gone how many years without the borough doing an evaluation of our police chief? Had that evaluation been done, I think things might have turned out differently.</p>	<p>We've got a lot of the infrastructure but we run a lot of businesses out of here with what I consider anti-business legislation. I want the road upgraded for safety, but businesses are not willing to come to a community when time and time again you hear, 'We don't want it fixed.' Connelly Lake is another example. You mention Connelly Lake and you have a large group of people screaming and hollering that Connelly Lake is going to destroy the fishery. There are attitudes that are anti-business.</p>	<p>No, I'm not satisfied. The removal of the police chief and all of the issues that were around that is a prime example. I like the idea of a headhunting firm; I don't like the \$30,000 price tag that comes with it. We need to spend more than just a few phone calls per person checking references. Just don't call the previous employer. Find out who else did they work with. Call around and find the people they had to deal with. Look in the newspapers; get names. I think we do a very poor job of checking references.</p>	<p>Currently the heli-skiers are the only organization in town that get all the government they're paying for. I believe our borough right now is in a situation where they are so open to a major lawsuit because we have selected out one industry in all of the tourism industries. I think that our borough has over-stepped what we really should be doing. We either need to manage all tourism industries like we do heli-skiing, or we need to manage heli-skiing like we do the rest of the tourism industry.</p>	<p>I have no clue. Our borough needs to face facts. We can have a wish list, but money is not going to flow. We're not going to be able to really afford something easily. By finding out what the costs are to operate the current buildings, it might pencil out. So I don't know. Those are things that would take a lot of investigation. It's important to have good functional buildings, but it's a cost factor, and if we can't justify the costs, then I don't see doing it.</p>	<p>I'm analytical. I listen to people. I like to hear what they have to say and I like to listen to their opinions, but if you talk to any police officer they will tell you eyewitness accounts are the least reliable. I like to find out more and I don't just believe one expert. Everybody has biases. Our borough assembly has to spend time going beyond the one person that we hire and investigate and look into it deeper, and that's what I do very, very well.</p>

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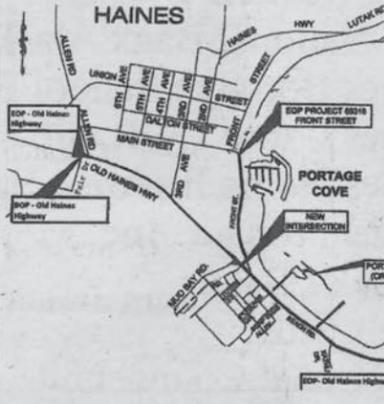
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- Pavement removal and replacement on portions of Old Haines Hwy. from Mud Bay Rd. to Fair Dr.
- Work in these areas will require lane closures.
- Portions of Beach Rd. and Front St. may require daytime road closures with detours.
- Please be careful and note all Signs and Traffic Control Devices.
- Speed limit will be 20 mph on Old Haines Hwy. from 3rd Ave. to end of project- Double Traffic Fines are in effect in this area.
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employment separation and confidentiality agreement.

"He resigned under pressure from the community," Budget publisher Matt Adelman said in an interview with the CVN Monday.

Annette Hilyard, administrative assistant for the Douglas Police Department, said the city can't comment on Annetts' departure without a notarized release form signed by Annetts. "Anything here is a confidential personnel record and unless he says we can give you information about him, we legally can't do that," Hilyard said.

Douglas' experience with Annetts is reminiscent of Haines' recent parting with former police chief Gary Lowe.

Allegations from within the Haines Police Department of verbal abuse, fear of retaliation, sarcastic and belittling behavior, and lack of respect for the employees emerged in late February, and subsequent investigation led Earnest to put Lowe on administrative leave in March.

Lowe resigned in April and the assembly authorized a \$53,000 payout, but Earnest and borough assembly members have been mum on what came out during a closed-door "quasi-judicial hearing" and why the assembly decided to approve the payout.

Before working in Douglas, Annetts worked for nearly 22 years at the Pickerington Police Department in Ohio as a patrol officer, detective, patrol sergeant and patrol commander.

According to Ohio criminal court records, Annetts was charged with passing bad checks in October 2009. The charge was dismissed.

When Annetts left the

Pickerington Police Department in 2011, he became locked in a disagreement with city officials over \$14,000 in unused sick pay, according to the Pickerington Times-Sun. Annetts maintained he was "retired" and entitled to the money, according to a story by Nate Ellis.

"City officials, however, maintain Annetts 'resigned' from the force. They have said his service in Pickerington fell approximately three-and-a-half years short of entitling him to the money, because an employee must serve 25 years in order to 'retire' and receive the benefits via a retirement pension," Ellis wrote.

Annetts indicated on his application to the Haines Borough that he had never been discharged from employment or asked to resign, and listed "personal reasons" as an explanation for leaving the Douglas, Wyo., job.

Earnest said after the four shortlisted candidates complete some paperwork, he will have an outside firm conduct background checks for about \$500 each.

Canaski, another shortlisted candidate, has worked for Affirmative Insurance Holdings in Baton Rouge, La., since 2011, conducting insurance fraud investigations. Before that, he worked for Progressive Casualty Insurance in Metairie, La., for less than a year, also performing insurance fraud investigations.

Canaski also worked for two years as chief of police in Cordova, from April 2008 to May 2010. From 2007 to 2008, he worked as a deputy sheriff in Harvey, La.

Scott Happ has worked for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office in Colorado since 2001, working his way up to deputy sheriff.

Before that, he worked as a deputy sheriff in Brighton, Colo., for four months. Happ also worked as a police officer in Wheat Ridge, Colo., for less than a year.

Interim police chief Ford worked at Olerud's from 2005 until 2010, and started as a local patrolman in February 2010. He became sergeant in October 2011 and stepped in as interim police chief in March after Lowe was placed on administrative leave.

Earnest said he would be forwarding applications of the finalists to the public safety commission and police department staff for review.

Public safety commission chair Jim Stanford said he hasn't been contacted by Earnest yet and hasn't seen the applications from the four shortlisted employees. "We didn't get a chance to look at the 16 either, so (Earnest) has done this on his own," Stanford said.

Stanford said he has been talking with commission member Bob Duis, who wanted plenty of time to research the candidates' backgrounds to ensure a situation similar to the Lowe debacle isn't repeated.

"We don't want to get caught in a situation where we hire somebody else and we have similar problems," Stanford said.

The commission meets at 5 p.m. Monday, and Stanford said he hopes to have the applications from Earnest by then.

Among candidates who did not make the shortlist were Ron Otterbacher, who worked up from deputy sheriff to division chief over the course of 28 years at California's Orange County Sheriff's Office; and David Vaughn, who has worked as patrol sergeant for the Abilene Police Department in Texas since 2003.

**KHNS meets Friday**

The annual membership meeting of public radio station KHNS will be held 5:30 p.m. Friday in the Haines ANB Hall.

Besides elections to the station's board of directors, the meeting will include annual reports by staff and a look at the upcoming year's programming and projects, said station manager Kay Clements.

"We will be looking at ongoing funding challenges and some possible solutions. A small survey will be handed out to help us gauge listeners' response to KHNS," Clements said this week.

There are five seats open on the station's board of directors, which is expanding from seven to nine members with this year's election.

Diane Sly of Haines, who replaced director Chuck Hoehn earlier in the year, is running for

a seat. Deb Potter of Skagway is seeking re-election. Haines residents Gabe Long and Jeff Bochart also are seeking election.

The fifth seat can be filled at the election meeting through a write-in, Clements said. Candidates must be members for a full year and get at least five write-in votes in the election, otherwise the position will be filled by board appointment.

Seated members of the board include board president Mike Case, Eric Kocher, Judy Erikson and Skagway resident Tekla Helgason.

Ten percent of members or about 60 members attending the meeting in Haines and Skagway are required for a meeting quorum. The Skagway meeting will be held in the Bombay Room at the Red Onion.

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mind as a 'No' vote."

"That's kind of the little murky land that this argument lives in," she added.

Schnabel ultimately conceded to Scott, who had threatened to exercise her veto if she didn't get her way, for the sake of expediency.

Ballots with more than the directed number of candidates marked will be thrown out.

Schnabel said she will introduce a charter amendment to abolish the 40 percent rule after this year's election.

"Other communities who use the roster method don't have a 40 percent rule. It's just whoever gets the most number of votes wins, gets seated," she said.

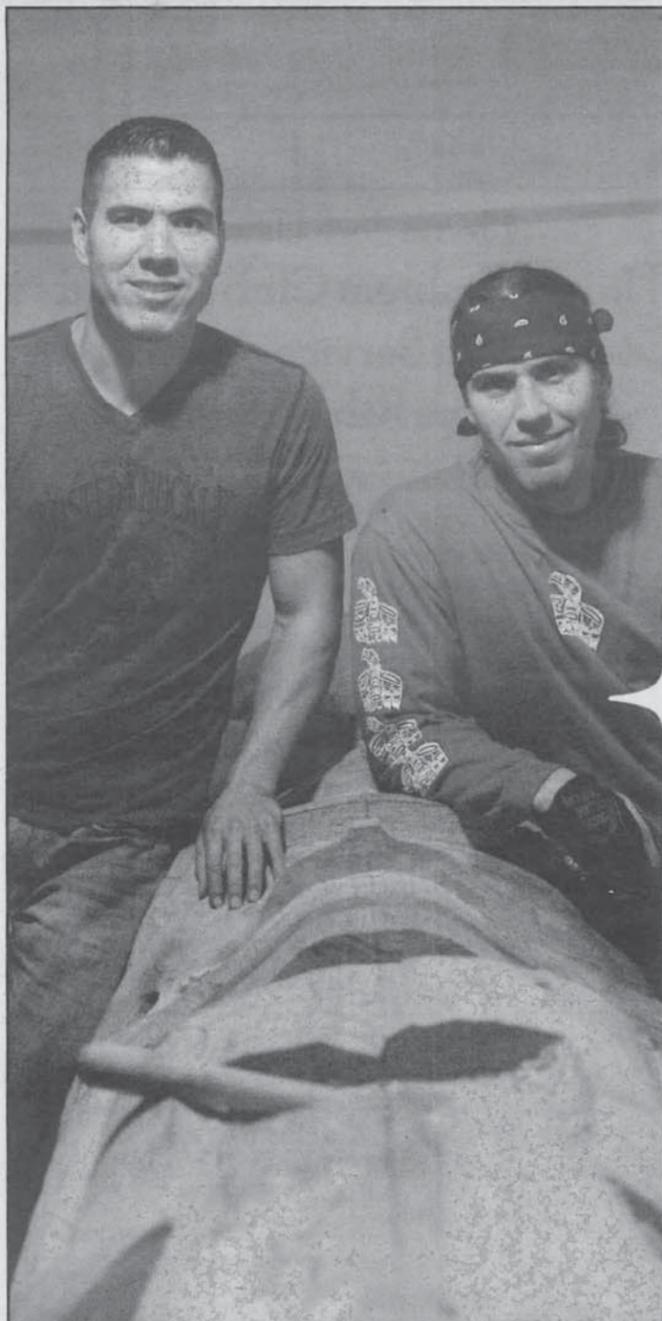
Clerk Julie Cozzi put to rest

a rumor Tuesday and said if a person marks the bubble for candidate Joe Smith and also marks the write-in bubble and writes in Joe Smith, that will only be counted as one vote for Joe Smith, not two.

KHNS and the Chilkat Valley News will host an assembly and school board candidate forum 7 p.m. Thursday in the Haines High School open area.

Absentee, in-person voting is ongoing at the borough office through Sept. 30. Applications for by-mail, absentee voting are due at the office by Friday.

Absentee, by-mail ballots must be postmarked no later than Oct. 1 and be received at the borough office by Oct. 8.



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# Police report

## Monday, Sept. 23

Police initiated a case for a hit-and-run vehicle accident in a business parking lot near 1 Mile Haines Highway.

A caller reported seeing a vehicle run a stop sign then fail to yield near the intersection of Main and Front streets. Police responded but did not locate the vehicle.

A caller reported a suspicious, possibly intoxicated man investigating vehicles in a driveway near the intersection of Small Tracts and Tower roads. Police contacted a man matching the description and gave him a ride home.

## Sunday, Sept. 22

A person reported a theft of wood from the Port Chilkoot Dock by two people. An officer responded and determined the two had permission from the borough to take the wood.

A person complained a borough employee was using borough equipment for personal use. Police contacted borough officials.

A caller reported a domestic dispute near 1 Mile Haines Highway. Investigation revealed no crime had been committed and that the dispute was a civil matter.

A woman reported being verbally assaulted over the phone. Police determined it did not rise to the level of a crime, as assault can't occur over the phone.

Two bears were sighted on

the beach near Front Street. The bears were walking along the beach and not aggressive.

A caller reported a reckless driver passed another vehicle on the right while traveling southbound on Third Avenue near Deishu Drive. Police responded but could not locate the vehicle.

## Saturday, Sept. 21

A caller reported a domestic violence assault at the boat harbor. Investigation revealed a man had allegedly attempted to strangle a woman aboard a boat. The man was arrested and charged with third-degree assault.

A person reported a vehicle stolen from Main Street. An officer responded and the vehicle was located.

A caller reported a vehicle accident near 7 Mile Lutak Road caused by a tree in the road. No one was seen in or around the vehicle. An officer, trooper, and state road crews responded.

An intoxicated man was seen near 1 Mile Haines Highway holding onto a stop sign and unable to walk. An officer responded but was unable to locate the man.

Two traffic stops resulted in a citation for not carrying proof of insurance.

## Friday, Sept. 20

A traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning for driving with no headlights.

## Thursday, Sept. 19

A person reported a dog

loose near Second Avenue. The Haines Animal Rescue Kennel was advised.

A caller reported a person was using a homemade trailer that wasn't licensed or registered to pull a boat out of the water. An officer responded and confirmed the trailer had equipment violations, but the owner had left the area by the time he arrived.

Police received a protective order from the court to be served.

A woman reported receiving phone calls at the same time every night where she could hear "breathing" and "air." Dispatch advised the caller to contact the phone company to see if it could trace the calls.

## Wednesday, Sept. 18

A person reported the theft of concrete blocks from a Union Street business.

Two people reported a drunk driver, one saying the man drove off the ferry recklessly. Police pulled the man over near the intersection of Second Avenue and Main Street. The man was arrested and charged with felony driving under the influence and a probation violation.

Police investigated a report of an impaired motorist near 3 Mile Haines Highway. Investigation revealed the driver was in apparent good health and sober.

A caller reported an unsecured rifle outside the public library. A man had his rifle in his backpack and had left it near the library's front doors.

A Mathias Avenue resident

reported seeing her chair being sold at another person's garage sale without her permission.

## Tuesday, Sept. 17

An officer reported hearing several high-pitched screams near Cemetery Hill, but couldn't locate their source.

A caller reported a drunk driver near 2 Mile Haines Highway driving into town. Police located the driver at a residence.

A caller reported a man loitering near a closed restroom near the intersection of Main Street and Allen Road. Police investigated and determined the man wasn't doing anything criminal.

A person requested extra

patrols near her Union Street home because she had put out trash with food at it and was afraid it would attract bears. Police told her this was a bear attractant and she could be cited. The woman moved the food inside.

Three traffic stops resulted in a verbal warning for excessive speed.

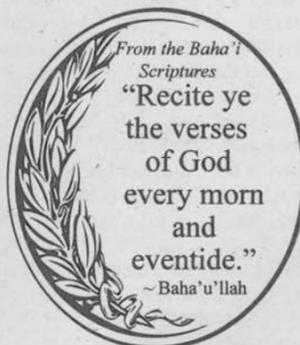
Dispatch received 10 medical calls and three canine calls.

### Public notice Haines Borough General Election Canvass

This is public notification of the Canvass of the Oct. 1, 2013 Haines Borough General Municipal Election. It will be conducted on Oct. 8, 2013 at 6:00 pm in the Assembly Chambers at 213 Haines Hwy.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Chilkoot Dock and parking lot will be closed to public access for renovation until spring of 2014.



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retired, taught at the Klukwan School for 17 years. She was in Haines last weekend to see the "fall colors" and visit family.

Betty Ewing-DeWitt spent her birthday in Camas Valley, Ore., with former residents son David Ewing and wife Kelly, and their sons Keith and Keri. Ewing-DeWitt also visited Kelly's mother Lois Wafer and aunt Gay Wheelock, also former residents. The group went to the Coos Bay County Fair and attended a mud truck race where David, Keith and Keri drove jalopies through a cow pasture. Ewing-DeWitt then spent a couple days at Juneau's Wildflower Court visiting husband Charles, who enjoys visitors, she said.

A few borough employees are working at standing desks. Deputy clerk Michelle Webb said her standing work station makes her feel better at the end of the day. "I don't hurt as much and my energy level is better," she said.

Instead of a chair, Webb stands on a cushioned pad. Webb and executive assistant to the manager Darsie Culbeck requested the high desks. Culbeck and borough clerk Julie Cozzi modified their work spaces to accommodate standing desks.

Hannah Hostetler and Nick Waldo were married Aug. 10 in Essex, Mont. Hannah's dad Les Hostetler officiated. Hannah's mom is Kelly Hostetler, former manager of the Southeast Alaska State Fair. Nick's parents are Anitra and Tom Waldo of Juneau. Nick is a Harvard University graduate and environmental engineer working at Woods Hole Oceanographic Research Institute. Hannah is finishing up a sociology/criminal justice degree from Suffolk University. The couple plan to move next year from Boston to Seattle, where Hannah hopes to join the police force. Nick took Hannah to her first prom in Haines when she was

14, Kelly said.

There were lots of "arrs" and "ahoy, mateys" to go around when Haines School librarian Leigh Horner observed International Talk Like a Pirate Day on Sept. 19. Horner wore a red hat and "pirate socks" and read pirate-themed books to her charges. She encouraged students to dress like pirates and to address her in pirate talk. She's hoping the day becomes a bigger deal in school and around town, as pirates have a lot of appeal. At www.talklikeapirate.com, visitors can learn their pirate names and pirate speak.

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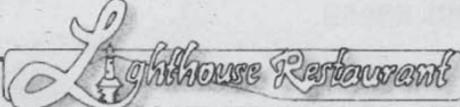
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the Crossroads of Archaeology, Ethnology, and History.”

“Cattle Drives on the Dalton Trail” will be presented by Michael Gates, an author and retired Parks Canada curator. His most recent book is “Dalton’s Gold Rush Trail.”

“The whole cattle business was colossal in terms of the Dalton Trail. It was a really big business,” Gates said in an interview. Prospectors bought \$3.5 million in beef in 1898, compared to \$10 million in gold that came from the Klondike that year, he said. “Almost half the amount of gold recovered was spent on beef. So we’re talking about four-legged gold.”

Five routes brought beef to Dawson City, Y.T., during the Gold Rush, from as far away as Mexico and Manitoba, but in terms of pounds of beef delivered, the Dalton Trail more than doubled the amount moved on all other four, combined.

A relatively easy grade and browse along the way meant that cattle would gain weight along Jack Dalton’s trail. On other trails, cattle lost pounds, diminishing their value. “They were the toughest cattle drives the West ever saw, as well as being the longest,” Gates said.

Gates will sign copies of his book starting 6:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Sheldon Museum.

Talks on historic research come under the Alaska Historical

Society section of the conference. Attendance is \$20 per session for those not registered for the conference. Registration will be at the Chilkat Center. The conference schedule can be found at sheldonmuseum.org.

Other presentations of local interest include “Protecting Historic Landmarks as Part of Economic Development,” a breakfast round-table discussion 7 a.m. Saturday at #3 Officers Row and a meeting of the Cannery Preservation Working Group open

to those interested in documenting the history of canneries.

In addition to providing ideas and inspiration for local museums, the conference will produce displays for the Sheldon Museum, Hammer Museum, American Bald Eagle Foundation and Anway Cabin, Clarke said.

Alaska’s top curators and conservators will join forces to create the displays as part of the conference’s “Angel Project,” Clarke said.

The weekend will include a set

of historic music performed by the Windy Valley Boys, starting 9 p.m. Friday at the Pioneer Bar. Museum education coordinator and musician Scott Pearce said music will include tunes dating back to 1870. A dedication of totem poles at the American Bald Eagle Foundation was to be held Wednesday at the opening reception of the conference at 7 p.m.

Museums or historical societies around Alaska take turns hosting the conference, which has

previously been held in Sitka, Valdez, and Fairbanks. This year’s meeting was initially scheduled for Seward, but when a construction project there ruled that location out, Clarke nominated Haines as the site.

Acting Sheldon Museum director Christina Baskaya said hosting the conference here was “truly a community effort,” utilizing many of the large facilities around town to host various events, such as luncheons, banquets and concurrent sessions.

**HAINES BOROUGH  
NOTICE OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, October 1, 2013, there will be held in the Haines Borough, Alaska, an election for the purpose of electing two assembly members and three school board members, as follows.

- Two Borough Assembly Members – 3-year terms ending 10/16
- Two School Board Members – 3-year terms ending 10/16
- One School Board Member – 2-year term ending 10/15

**Note:** Offices will be filled by the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes exceeding 40%. In the case of school board, where there are terms of different lengths, the candidates with the highest number of votes will be elected to the longest terms.

The following individuals filed during the election filing period and have been certified to appear on the ballot (alphabetical order):

**BOROUGH ASSEMBLY**

- George R. Campbell
- Rob Miller

**BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD**

- Scott Doddridge
- Ardy Miller
- Lisa Schwartz
- Sarah J. Swinton

The following proposition is scheduled to appear on the ballot:

**PROPOSITION NO. 1**  
Charter Amendment

**Should the Haines Borough Charter Preamble and Bill of Rights be amended by the addition of the following: “We, the people of the Haines Borough, believe the rights set out in the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alaska, like those in this Charter, are guaranteed only to individual human beings and do not apply to artificial entities.”?**

YES                       NO

If passed by a majority vote in the October election, the Haines Borough Charter Preamble and Bill of Rights would then read as follows:

*We the people of the Haines Borough; exercising the powers of home rule granted by the Constitution of the State of Alaska, in order to achieve common goals, to support individual rights, to form a more responsive government, and to secure maximum control of our own local affairs, hereby establish this charter.*

**We, the people of the Haines Borough, believe the rights set out in the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alaska, like those in this Charter, are guaranteed only to individual human beings and do not apply to artificial entities.**

*This charter guarantees to the people of the Haines Borough the following rights that are in addition to the rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Alaska:*

*The right to a government of the people, by the people and for the people, which safeguards our diversity, harmony between neighbors and respect for the environment;*

*The right to access a well maintained public record of all actions of public officials in accordance with this charter, so that the citizens of the borough may retain control over the affairs of their government;*

*The right to enjoyment of private property, chosen lifestyles, traditions, employment, and recreational activities without unnecessarily restrictive or arbitrary laws or regulations.*

**Polling Places on Election Day**

The polls for this election will be open at 8:00 a.m. on October 1<sup>st</sup> and will close at 8:00 p.m. on the same day. This is an area-wide Haines Borough election, including the following two precincts:

**Haines No. 1** – Encompassing the former corporate limits of the City of Haines and the Chilkat Peninsula, encompassing the area of the Haines Borough to the South and East of the former corporate limits of the City of Haines. The polling place is in the American Bald Eagle Foundation Building at the corner of 2nd Avenue & Haines Highway.

**Haines No. 2** – This precinct was formerly called “Haines Highway” and encompasses the area of the Haines Borough to the north and west of the Haines #1 Precinct. The polling place for the Haines Highway precinct is the Klehini Valley Fire Department on Mosquito Lake Road.

**Excursion Inlet** – This community is part of the Gustavus precinct but it is located within the Haines Borough. The voting is typically handled as absentee-by-mail.

Exact boundary descriptions of these precincts are available from the Borough Clerk’s office.

Re-Posted 9/19/13  
Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk

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meeting with department heads to compile a list of important projects and priorities that need to be completed during the transition period.

Assembly member Jerry Lapp expressed his support for the plan, saying it was the “best scenario” for the borough. “I see the benefit to this because I know before (when) we brought in interim managers, it took them all the time they were there before we hired a manager to get caught up,” Lapp said.

Mayor Scott said it is “quite common” in Alaska for municipal clerks to move into municipal management positions. “Talk about a deep knowledge of the nuts and bolts of how a municipality is run that is embodied in the clerk’s office. I have every confidence that our clerk will be able to delegate as necessary and identify the areas where additional help is required,” Scott said.

According to Earnest’s transition plan, the assembly will develop a short list between Oct. 4 and Oct. 18 from the pool of potential candidates who submit an application by the Oct. 3 deadline. Background and reference checks will then be conducted on finalists between Oct. 21 and Nov. 4.

Interviews will be scheduled and conducted between Nov. 5 and Dec. 3, and negotiation of the employment agreement terms will continue until Dec. 18.

The chosen candidate will be given about five weeks to relocate and the transition should be completed by Jan. 27, Earnest estimated.

To date, the borough has received 18 applications for the manager’s job.

The assembly will hold a committee of the whole meeting in mid-October to review applications.



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