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From the President's Desk:

Happy Birthday, America!!! Have a safe and rejuvenating holiday experience in your communities!

There was a minute break in the action following the May flurry of events, but once again it's time to roll up the sleeves and get on with securing our future. Also Known As Membership and Island Guide season around the office!

Several Board members were able to attend a small gathering of Island officials who met briefly with Governor Parnell on the 28th of June. The governor signed legislation at Viking Lumber, took a quick tour of the Silver Bay Seafood Plant and held a Q&A at the Craig City Council Chambers. More information is contained within these pages.

The representative from the MILEPOST was on the Island recently. Our members can still get a piece of the Cooperative advertising if you respond by July 15th. Look for more information in this newsletter if you are interested.

The paving is complete between Craig and Klawock but there is a lot of construction activity keeping our Island work force employed this summer.

Fishing reports are coming in; derby activity indicates there's some nice size Kings to be found. Look inside for the winners of the Craig-Klawock First Season King Salmon Derby and the current leaders for the Thorne Bay Derby.

The 2010 Marathon Wrap Up/2011 Marathon Start Up Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 14th at the Craig Rec Center across the street from POWER store. Please plan on attending at 6PM to keep this activity going on POW. It's a healthy choice!

A one-page mailing will be arriving in your mailboxes within the next week. It is our first step in the Membership renewal process. Please read it, reply with a simple check mark, detach the response form that already has a stamp on it, and drop it in the mail back to the office. Keep the part of the page that reveals a Renewal Reward, compliments of the IFA.

Have you seen the 2010 Southeast Recreation Guide?? It is half Prince of Wales with a few great articles by our own Jeff Lund!!! Pick up a copy or two at the Chamber office!

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IF YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE, PLEASE EMAIL IT TO JAN FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!!

NEW DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NEWS IS THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH!

CHAMBER WEBSITE EXPOSURE for the month of **JUNE**

JUNE'S web hits were **197,311** with **5804** visitors or an average of 193 per day. Behind the **USA, CHINA, CANADA, GERMANY** and **JAPAN** were the countries with the most visitors. **TUESDAY** was the most active day, **NINE TO TEN** AM was the most active time of day. **Google** was the top search engine used to find us with 79 percent! 51 percent of the users have Windows XP as their operating system.

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

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

Coffman Cove Charters, LLC / 907-329-2044 / 503-377-2505 / lee@coffmancovecharters.com / www.coffmancovecharters.com / Fish halibut,

salmon and bottom fish with Capt. Lee Harper. Walk-ons welcome, reservations encouraged. Call now to guarantee your spot in the Silver Talon. We'll see you in Coffman Cove this summer!

The Healing Touch Massage Therapy / Craig and Klawock / 907-755-2280 / Massages including therapeutic massage, Swedish, Healing Stone, Bellanina Facial Massage, Deep Tissue and therapeutic by Appointment. Outcall to local lodges is available with notice. Gift certificates available

Thorne Bay Market Alaska and Proud /

Don Alsup, Manager / 907-828-3306 / anp@kpunet.net / www.alaskaandproud.com / An independent full service grocery store. We feature fresh meat and produce and a full line of groceries. Special orders welcome.

PeaceHealth Medical Group-Prince of

Wales / Pat Branco, CEO / 907-826-3258 / Contact Joan Nugent 206-245-5974 or jnugent@peacehealth.org / www.peacehealth.org/SoutheastAlaska. Primary care clinic serving residents and visitors of Prince of Wales. State of art medical, diagnostic and xray equipment; telemedicine; visiting specialists; home healthcare.

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907-755-2963 / cell 907-401-0200 / fax 907-755-2121 / kcleary@clearycomputerservices.com / www.clearycomputerservices.com /P.O. Box 109, Klawock AK 99925-- Repairs, installations, Internet, networks and servers, Windows XP & Vista, navigation software. Security software and most replacement parts in stock. Pick-up, drop-off, or on-site service available. 25 years' experience; work guaranteed.

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907-755-2800 / Fax: 907-755-2810 / Toll Free: 800-960-8328 / Kim Swainson, Branch Manager/ tfcu@aptalaska.net / www.tongassfcu.com / Branches located in the Island News building in Thorne Bay, the Klawock-Heenya Mall and 2000

Tongass Avenue in Ketchikan. ***Expanded hours:*** ***Thorne Bay branch open 10AM-2PM Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday.*** Klawock branch open 10AM-5:30PM Tuesday-Friday, noon-3PM Saturday. Public use **ATMs** are at Thorne Bay Market, Klawock-Heenya Mall branch and 6 locations in Ketchikan



3. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL POSTCARD IS COMING YOUR WAY!

In an effort to reduce waste, save time and streamline the renewal process for 2010-2011, we are sending out a postcard in hopes it can accomplish those tasks for all of us and lessen our carbon footprint. Members will be asked to mark a renewal option, detach and drop in the mail right away; we have even taken care of the postage! Denise will respond to your instructions, and information packets will be in the mail by August 1st.

Early annual returns by September 1st, 2010 will be entered into a drawing for an IFA Round Trip ticket for one adult with a vehicle up to 19 feet traveling between Hollis and Ketchikan. This passage is currently valued at \$290.40. Those early returns will be added to those that come back

between September 1st and October 1st, 2010 for a second drawing for another reward passage on the IFA.

4. HERO PRESENTATION: MYLA POELSTRA, EDNA BAY

This nomination narrative was submitted by Sandra Henson. The Chamber congratulates Myla and thanks her for her many contributions to her community! If this Hero description brings to mind someone in your community who deserves this recognition, don't wait until 2011 to submit a nomination. Do it now. The forms are on the Chamber website or at the Chamber office.

"I am nominating Myla because she is the exact description of an Everyday Hero. Myla moved to Edna Bay 10 years ago with her husband and three sons. At a time when our community was about to lose our Postal contract and the only store that we had, Myla took on the responsibility of Postal Mail Sorter and thankfully runs the little store that carries just about everything we need right from her converted garage. Even in these economic bad times, Myla does her best to accommodate everyone.

She also wears many "hats" for this community. Hats most of us are unable or unwilling to wear. Recently she has been, tirelessly, working on ensuring the security of our small community. The hard work she has done on this project for the past 3 years has kept her up at night and at times left feeling overwhelmed, unnoticed and unappreciated. But each and every day she goes out and does the things that need to be done simply because they need to be done. She asks for nothing in return. When I saw the ad in the Island News for Everyday Hero, it was perfect timing! I was wondering just how we could ever show our appreciation for this woman who has done so much for us in the past 10 years!! No matter the size of the community, there is always a wide diversity of people. Myla understands that and does her best at whatever the project, for the interest of everyone who lives out there.

I am very grateful and thankful for having Myla and her family in our community!

Sandra Henson, Resident of Edna Bay

5. ALASKA AIR AND PACIFIC AIRWAY TICKET RAFFLE FOR 2010

The popular team of two non-directional round trip **Alaska Airline** tickets between Anchorage or Seattle and Southeast Alaska **AND** two round trip **Pacific Airways** tickets between Ketchikan and Prince of Wales Island make up the coveted prize of the 2010 Chamber raffle that funds the Everyday Hero awards.

The drawing will take place on September 8th, giving everyone a last chance opportunity to get a ticket during the Labor Day weekend. Tickets are \$5 each.

If your business wants to be an outlet for ticket sales, please email the office and we will get you a sign and tickets.

6. MILEPOST ADVERTISING..did you miss Jona when she was here???

Hello Prince of Wales Businesses!

Like the 2010 Milepost, the 2011 edition will feature a Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce Co-op Advertisement. The majority of Alaska visitors plan their trip 4 to 9 months in advance...and the MILEPOST is there to help. Help visitors make Prince of Wales Island a must see destination on their next trip! To get the special group ad rates, you need to commit prior to July 15th. Call Jona or Denise now or stop in the office for more details.

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7. FOREST SERVICE SUMMER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

A chat with Moira Taylor at the Craig Ranger District revealed the following ongoing improvements coming to Prince of Wales Island's recreation locales.

The One Duck Trail Reconstruction will be completed by the end of July. Trail walkers will be met with "slick-free" travel and new benches for resting on the way up or down.

There is a new cabin under construction at Kegan Cove in the Moira Sound area. The cabin is being constructed by a youthful SAGA crew and is utilizing young growth wood products. The cabin is slated for a mid-July completion.

A new interpretive trail is under construction at the Harris River. Forest Service staff and nine youth working with the YCC are involved in this project that will be ready in the Fall.

A new fish pass is being constructed at Hatchery Creek to improve Salmon Habitat in that area.

Stream Restoration has begun on the Harris River to improve fish habitat.

An interpretive Guide will be available at Dog Salmon Fish Pass on Polk Inlet from July 16th to the end of August. Contact the Forest Service for more information.

Repairs to the Red Bay cabin are almost complete. The cabin roof had an unexpected and rude encounter with parts of a tree.

Oil stoves in a couple Forest Service cabins are being replaced with wood stoves, including the cabin at Sarkar Lake.

8. IFA COMINGS AND GOINGS: JUNE 2010 vs 2009

The IFA carried **2160** passengers and **483** vehicles off the island during the MAY morning runs to Ketchikan. The 2009 figures were **1983** and **424**.

During the evening return runs, **2354** passengers and **536** vehicles arrived on POW through the Hollis port. 2009 figures were **2283** and **546**.

During the month of JUNE, the car deck was FULL for seven runs, with SIX other runs at 90% to 100%.

The Chamber thanks Carolyn Chapman of the IFA for providing the monthly stats.

9. Governor's Bill Signing at Viking Lumber

The following press release is from the State website:

June 28, 2010, Klawock, Alaska - Governor Sean Parnell today signed House Bill 162, legislation establishing a Southeast State Forest to manage more acres for timber harvest. The new state forest will create new job opportunities.

This forest, covering 25,291 acres, is the third in the Alaska State Forest System and the first addition since the Tanana Valley State Forest in 1983.

"This bill will create jobs in Southeast Alaska and provide small businesses with more economic opportunity," Governor Parnell said. "This is the first step in our strategy to revitalize the timber industry and expand wood energy in Southeast Alaska."

This designation of state lands enables the Department of Natural Resources' Division of Forestry (DOF) to invest in and manage the land for a long-term timber supply for local processors, while allowing for multiple other uses.

DOF will move ahead with projects for pre-commercial thinning of young stands of trees that are now 20 years old. The work will be contracted to the private sector for the thinning of approximately 1,000 acres over the next 12 to 24 months. The treatment will prepare the site for a return to commercial harvest, and will increase the wood quality and volume-per-acre in the timber stands.

10. ADOPT A MARATHON MILE volunteers are great!

It happens every year in the weeks prior to the International Marathon. Volunteers of all ages are on both sides of the 26.2 mile stretch of highway between Milepost 27 on the Klawock-Hollis Highway and the Craig BallPark, otherwise known as the start and finish lines of the Prince of Wales International Marathon. These volunteers are performing a task that no one should have to do—picking up the litter left behind by others.

According to 2010 Clean Up coordinators Carolyn Chapman and Rebecca Chester, the City of Klawock emptied the litter dumpster several times during the Adopt a Mile Campaign.

A huge thanks to the three NEW checkout locations for the safety vests, gloves and litter bags: IFA TERMINAL IN HOLLIS, LOG CABIN STORE IN CRAIG, AND BLACK BEAR STORE IN KLAWOCK. All the supplies have been returned to the Chamber office awaiting the 2011 Season.

Two boxes of gloves for the volunteers were provided by both ARMC and WhaleTail Pharmacy.

The names of volunteers who were reported to the Chamber office follow: Ballpark to MP1: Doug Rhodes, Cheryl Fecko; MP1 to MP2: Sharilyn Zellhuber; MP2 to MP3: Wendi Stickwan, Micah and Shehan; MP3 to MP4: Youth in Action, Liz Isaacs, Sheila and Mark Beardsley, Haley Armstrong, Kara Barlow, Chloe O'Connor, Grace Beckman; MP4 to MP5: IFA Klawock Office, Rebecca Chester, Sandra Coats, Carolyn and Jeff Chapman; MP 5 to MP6: Karen, Paul and Glenna Coffey; MP6 to MP7: Greg and Karen Head; MP7 to MP8: Jean Jackson; MP8 to MP9: Ann James, Danielle Williams, Rocky, Cynthia Sage, Chelsi Sage, Jeremy Ward, Anthony Wells, Sam Rew, Rachel Williams; MP9 to MP10: Jan and Starla Pellet, MP10 to MP11: Cody and Cassi and Ann Williams and Carol Fitch; MP 11 to MP12: Karen, Eric, Kyle and Seth Packer; MP12 to MP13: Terry and Theres Mackey; MP 13 to MP14: Jan Bush, Patti Howard, Lauren Mackie; MP14 to MP15: Viking Lumber, Aleda Dahlstrom and Patti Howard; MP 15 to MP16: Moose Lodge, Robert and Gail Colberg; MP 16 to MP17: Moose Lodge, Robert and Gail Colberg; MP 17 to MP20: USFS, Tori Houser; MP20 to MP21: Cody, Cassi, and Ann Williams, Carol Fitch; MP 21 to MP23: Craig Community Association, Brian Holter and Justin Hendricks; MP 23 to mp25: Hollis Fire Department, Bob Andrews, Gary and Linda Holt, Budd Burnett, Bill Sharpes, Tom Lynch, Skip Harrington, Suwan Hansen; MP25 to MP26: IFA Hollis, Donna and Hank; MP26 to MP27: IFA Hollis, Bonnie and Steve.

The incomplete reporting of volunteer hours totaled more than 150. Participants are encouraged to supply all the names of volunteers to Carolyn or Rebecca at the IFA office in Klawock so that we can have a complete list of our fabulous volunteers who put the “scenic” back in the scenic route that is the Marathon journey on POW.

11. July Board Meeting

The Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, July 7th at NOON at the Chamber office in Klawock. Chief agenda item is the Annual Membership and Island Guide task list.

12. 2011 Marathon planning...Jan Bush

This is Jan Bush, Marathon committee person, on a mission for Marathon XII on May 28, 2011. The goal of the mission is to gather up the container and the contents for 250 “Race

Packets”, the bag of goods, information and fun that is handed over to Marathon participants on the Friday prior to the Marathon when they pick up their bibs and shirts.

Please consider what you might want to add to the packet. I am looking for the following runner and walker related items that could also bear advertising for your business or designate you as a sponsor for the 2011 Marathon:

String type backpack---Aluminum Water bottle---energy bars---reflective gear---bandaid dispenser (blisters!!!),---hand sanitizer---pen---notepad---etc....

The Race program will include the names of the Packet sponsors.

The other item that I would like to see included next year is a packet of coupons from local businesses that encourage the Marathon participants to visit your place of business during the Memorial Day weekend. These could be “dollars off” coupons, or “percent off” coupons, or even a coupon to present in your store for a small item when they buy another item. How about a “Business Bingo Card” that has to be stamped by various businesses for a blackout, then entered into a drawing to win an attractive basket of items from those businesses?? Think on it!!

I welcome any suggestions you might have for how the committee can steer our marathon participants into your businesses during that weekend or any other time of the year!

13. ALASKA GIFTS and RAZZ MA TAZZ FOR SALE

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

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

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

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

Alaska Gifts carries a nice supply of party goods including cards and candles even Alaskan chocolates and of course locally smoked canned salmon.

Well established 11+yrs.Currently open 7days a week, year round.

Owner looking to semi- retire but will still do jewelry repair.

Serious inquiries only. Please email aplacetostay@aptalaska.net



Razz Ma Tazz Hair Salon for Sale

Well established, Single operator,
family style salon. Contents and inventory.

Turn –Key operation.

Centrally located in Downtown Craig.

West Wind Plaza Mall

Serious inquiries only, please call 907-826-5900



14. DERBY NEWS

THE THORNE BAY KING SALMON DERBY STANDINGS

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| <u>KINGS</u> 1st Kurt Welser 34.25 2nd Jim Silverthorne 32.10 3rd Chris Page 29.10lb. 4th Bob Hartwell 28.20lb 5th Lee Burger 27.95lb | <u>HALIBUT</u> 1st Ben Giddens 79.10lb 2nd 3rd | <u>SNAPPER</u> 1st Nathan Dixson 10.40lb 2nd Rosy Rosland 6.60lb 3rd |
| <u>KINGS</u> 1st Gabe Payne 21.30lb. 2nd Jill Carl 17.65 3rd Charlie Cabe 14.15lb | <u>youth</u> <u>HALIBUT</u> 1st Jill Carl 19.40lb. 2nd Jake Minnillo 11.65lb | <u>SNAPPER</u> 1st Jake Minnillo 9.45lb 2nd |
| 1st Legal King Donnie Alsup | <u>Special prizes</u> <u>1st King by a Woman</u> Pam Nelson | <u>Memorial Weekend King</u> Bob Hartwell |

Watch the Island News or go to the calendar on www.thornebayalaska.net for the Monday updates each week.

First Season RESULTS of the 2010 Craig/Klawock King Salmon Derby

\$17,000 in cash prizes is in play!

Sponsored by the Prince of Wales Hatchery Association, the derby has two seasons. The first one began on May 1st and ends on June 30th. The second season goes from July 1st to August 15th. Each season will feature three place prizes: \$2000 for 1st place, \$1000 for 2nd place, and \$500 for 3rd place. It's all about weight! Salmon Derby tickets are available from lodges, from the Chamber office, Black Bear Store and other locations to be announced. They are \$35 for individuals, \$100 for immediate family and if someone wants to support the Hatchery and get in on the **\$10,000 grand prize** drawing at the end of the summer, but not wet a line, you can purchase that ticket for just \$20. Fishermen must have the ticket in their possession when the fish is caught.....no pre-existing conditions are recognized in this event!

At the end of June, the leader board at Black Bear Store gave these three results. Will these three win the First Season prizes? Stay tuned! In first place: Gabe Rygaard, 56.3 lbs. 2nd: Theresa Mackey: 47.7 lbs., 3rd: Harry Fall: 43.6 lbs. The Second Derby Season has begun so get out there for your second chance!

15. SUNNAHAE SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL 2010

JOIN US FOR THIS POW COMMUNITY EVENT!

AUGUST 6 – 8, 2010

CRAIG HIGH SCHOOL

WE NEED YOUR TALENT - FROM AN ART EXHIBIT TO A SONG!!!

Call To:

Main Stage Performers (20 Minute Sets): Music, Dance, Theater, Narrative

Artists: Enter Your Art Media in the Art Exhibit!!!

Dance Callers: Get Us Dancing!!!

Workshops: Share Your Artistic Skills!!!

Sponsors: Place Your Advertisement in the Program Guide!!!

Vendors: Show Your Items!!!

Volunteers: Emcee, Main Stage, & More!!!

A WEEKEND OF WONDEROUS FUN!

Friday, August 6th

10 am - 6 pm: Accepting Art Exhibit Entries

Noon - 6 pm: Festival Open With Booths

Saturday, August 7th

10 am - 7 pm: Art Exhibit and Booths Open; 4-H Bike Rodeo & more!

10 am – 7 pm: Workshops (Arts, Music, Dance, etc)

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm: Xaagaanaa Dancers

7 pm – 8 pm: Jungle Book Musical Production

Sunday, August 8th

Noon - 6pm: Art Exhibit and Booths Open

2 pm - 3 pm: Jungle Book Musical Production

6 pm - 8 pm: Main Stage Performance(Talent Show)

8 pm: End of Festival

Tentative Schedule as of 6/30/10

Contact Henry Williamson (755-2594, Henry.Williamson@SunnahaeArts.org) or Sally Burch (755-8899, Sally.Burch@SunnahaeArts.org) for more information and/or applications.

Annual Membership Drive Too!!!

THE SUNNAHAE ARTS COUNCIL IS A 501(C3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

"PROMOTING ARTISTIC EXPRESSION ON PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND"

17. HAIDA CULTURE CAMP AND TOTEM POLE RAISING

JULY 26TH-31ST

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 26th to 28th, 2010 Monday to Wednesday: Culture Camp Classes at the Hydaburg School Small Gym from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

July 29th, 2010, Thursday: Haida Festival Day at the Hydaburg Totem Park starting at 10:00AM

July 30th and 31st, 2010, Friday and Saturday: Totem Raising ceremony starting at 10:00AM at the Carving Shed.

Celebration Feast at 5PM at the Haida Memorial Gym followed by an art auction and dance group performance.

Additional information call (907) 285-3665 or (907) 285-3666.

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