Connelly Lake gets 1st permit
By Tom Morphet
Characterizing concerns about the Connelly Lake project as either premature or not applicable, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on March 19 issued Goat Lake Hydro, Inc. a preliminary permit for the proposed hydroelectric project.

Goat Lake Hydro is a subsidiary of electric and phone utility Alaska Power and Telephone. Much of the opposition to the project is based on the proposed dam’s location a few miles upstream of salmon-rich Chilkoot Lake.

The three-year permit gives the utility the right to investigate the feasibility of the project, including potential impacts. It also gives the company a first priority in applying for a project license. It doesn’t allow construction or disturbance of the site and requires progress reports every six months.

The U.S. Department of Interior, National Marine Fisheries Service, Lynn Canal Conservation and the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council submitted comments, as did 38 residents. Residents split on the issue, with 20 in support of the project and 18 opposed.

“The concerns raised in the comments are premature at the preliminary stage, in that they address the potential effects of constructing and operating the proposed project. Should the permittee file a license application, these issues will be addressed in the licensing process,” wrote Jennifer Hill, regional chief of hydropower licensing for the agency.

The decision cites studies recommended by the Department of Interior and the Haines Borough, including ones of salmon spawning, rearing and fish passage and ones on effects of dam breaks, and effects of potential electricity sales as a result of the project.

Hill wrote: “The commission has not sought to place the proposed project in or near a salmon-bearing watershed, nor were salmon-bearing watersheds considered during the分局's filing requirements for hydropower licensing for the agency. The agency enforces federal workplace safety laws in Alaska, but avalanche regulations fall under parameters for construction of sites in avalanche zones, not recreation uses, Bailey said. “There are not really any (regulatory) standards for this.”

Bailey said agency reports typically include interviewing those on the scene and include recommendations on preventing such accidents in the future.

Dwight Bailey, a skier in the group involved in the slide and no relation to the state safety official, told troopers he and other

Coordinates put avalanche inside heli-ski zone
By Tom Morphet
Commercial pilot Paul Swanstrom, who flew in the area last week, said he spotted a slide there that a nearby heli-ski pilot identified to him as likely the one involved in the accident.

Trooper Josh Bentz said the company also provided photos of the avalanche site March 21 to investigators approved by the firm’s attorneys. The photos, which Bentz declined to make public, show a bowl that generally matches Swanstrom’s description of the slide site as “more of a gullier slope.”

The company told Bentz a delay in releasing the information was due to a heavy workload in the wake of the fatal slide.

The accident is under investigation by the state’s Office of Occupational Safety and Health, but the agency’s final report will await coroners’ reports on the two deaths and may not be public for months, said Keith Bailey, assistant chief of enforcement.

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RETURN TO SENDER – Haines Merchants player Ben Egolf stuffs a shot by a Metlakatla player during last week’s Gold Medal tournament in Juneau. Story, page 5. Juneau Empire photo by Klas Stolpe.

Dryer fire washed out by passerby
By Tom Morphet
Summer worker Peter McDonald didn’t have enough dirty clothes for a wash, but he stopped at the Moose Horn Laundry anyway after arriving back in town on the ferry Monday afternoon.

It was a lucky decision for laundromat owners Jan and Leonard Dubber. McDonald squelched a dryer fire Jan said could have been costly.

“By the time anybody discovered it and called the fire department, it would have been way more damage,” she said. “Unless (flames) were coming out the doors, nobody would have known.”

McDonald walked into the building at 4 p.m. to discover smoke and flames shooting out the door of a large-volume dryer. “I thought I was seeing things. The (fire) was actually growing bigger as I watched it,” he said.

McDonald found a pitcher used for watering plants, and made 15 or more trips to a bathroom sink to douse the bundle of burning clothes.

“Needless to say, I gave him a free wash and dry and I’ll give him the same thing next time I see him,” said Jan Dubber.

The dryer had been posted with a sign warning of loads containing large objects – such as sleeping bags or mattress covers – melting or burning. Due to a possible design flaw, vents inside a certain brand of dryer are sometimes covered by large objects, causing laundry to overheat, Dubber said.

Customers who are in a hurry don’t always notice the signs warning of the overheating hazard, she said. The burned items belonged to a unidentified woman who was doing a friend’s laundry and had left it unattended.

McDonald, 40, has worked the past four summers as a maintenance man at Halsingland Hotel.
Conference rejuvenated gardeners

The garden conference was a success, bringing together speakers and gardeners in Haines March 16-18. Enthusiasm for learning about growing flowers and herbs, fruit and vegetables was high. The Chilkat Valley Historical Society has a videotaped copy of his talk. Nearly 50 participated in Saturday's talks and workshops, sharing experiences, and asking questions. Alaska Cooperative Extension speakers Darren Snyder and Jeff Smekens were well received. Skagway neighbor and businesswoman Christy Nolan and her photos of early learning about growing fruits and vegetables. George Campbell helped people plan their yards and gardens. The second garden conference? The Alaska Garden Club and Southeast Alaska Master Gardeners. We organize the second garden conference?

Duly Noted

By Sara Callaghan Chapell

Leanne and Dave Wood died about 10 p.m. Monday at his Chilkat Lake home. Sheriff Juneau Police Department and Juneau Police Department law Roger Keller were at his bedside. The family had celebrated Roger’s 75th birthday March 15. He had suffered prostate cancer and had been bedridden for months. “He wanted to die at the lake, but Roger definitely didn’t want to go to a hospital, so we let him die at his house,” said his son, Carl Wood.

The family also to the people of Haines who welcomed us. Who will organize the second garden conference?

Letters to the Editor

Who polices the police?

In regards to recent letters to the Chilkat Valley News, we can only wonder about the caliber of officers of the Haines Borough Police Department. I am appalled by the neglect of the horses by officers. McEwen is at large and the officer that Officer McEwen gets paid out. What is a woman in this town who has been knocked down, kicked, and threatened. There seems to be no end in sight for her punishment. I can’t imagine any explanation can justify the crime, but there is one. She is a county employee. She helped save the horses and comforted countless dogs, cats and farm animals, including horses. She is an asset to our community.

I saw her today. She is not doing well. Good citizens of Haines are jumping on the bandwagon ripping her to pieces. We have publicly asked for information about this refusal, and we still do not have it. As a police officer, she has been there for all of us, day and night. It’s now time to reach down and grab her hand, and pull her up by her boot straps. Let her know that you care, and remember the many, many good things she has done for all of us.

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Accused cop worthy of town’s support

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Seed exchange was fruitful

A small but hardy group of gardeners swapped needs at the market March 22. Thanks to Matt Fishbach and other gardeners, seeds and knowledges were exchanged. I even found packets of okra seed.

Doris Wara
Cash-strapped Christian station KRSA may go off air after April

By Tom Morphet

Operators of the Christian radio station serving Haines say they’ll turn off the signal at the end of April if there’s not a major change in management or a surge in financial support.

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KRSA Broadcasting Corporation, a non-profit they formed, and purchased the station and equipment for $1.

Ed May said he believes the station was historically subsidized by the mission, with advertising revenues covering only the station’s utilities. The mission paid salaries of staff who worked at the station, and housed them at two mission-owned homes in Petersburg. “There was no payroll.”

Seabrook said Sea-Christ didn’t have “a big pile of money” at start-up and the station was unable to land a sales manager to bring in advertising, May said. “We’re out of funds, and a lot of people are working for nothing, including myself and my wife.”

The station can keep going with pledges of $40 per month from 200 listeners until the end of the year, but for far fewer than 25 listeners have pledged that amount, Milinda May said.

One option that surfaced last weekend is to have another group manage the station, and to expand the station’s signal to Juneau and Ketchikan, making for region-wide broadcasts, Ed May said.

Haines resident Barb Blood said she would work to keep the station on the air.

“I’m disappointed but I’m not surprised because I know how much work and money it takes to keep a station on the air,” Blood said.

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Motel closure stings tour effort
Loss of rooms may hurt eagle festival, conventions

Haines Borough Tourism Director Tanya Carlson said recent closure of the downtown’s Thunderbird Motel will create a pinch in available housing, particularly for winter events like November’s Alaska Bald Eagle Festival.

“I’m sad. Those 20 rooms are typically full during the eagle festival. That’s a big percentage of all our rooms at that time of year,” Carlson said. “It will certainly affect our events this year to have 20 fewer rooms in town.”

In winter, many inns and bed and breakfasts close, she said, making the motel trade more important. Closure of the Thunderbird reduces rooms available here from 216 to 196.

“Big Air” set Sunday

The Olen Nash Memorial Big Air Contest is Sunday, April 1, near Three Guardsmen Mountain in British Columbia.

“We could pretty much have it anywhere, right?” coordinator Mike Marshall, 21st, 1:05:08; Tina Schaefer, 2nd, 1:26:19; Gina St. Clair, 67th, 2:21:30, Melany Zimmerman, 74th, 4:22:27. Residents Bart Henderson, Kaci Ahmuty, Cynde Adams and Knikki Cinocco also completed the 10K event and Sabine Olsson and Sid Moffat finished the 25K.

No times were available for their finnishes.

Four Haines teams entered a Juneau basketball tournament last week, and two squads earned second-place finishes.

The “B” girls from Haines opened with a 5-0 record, but Barrow topped them for the championship.

“The girls would have gotten first if they would have played normal basketball, but they freaked out because Barrow had beaten everybody else by 40,” said coach Sarah Swinton. “We only lost by eight, and we couldn’t make a free throw.

Eighth-graders Skylar McGuire and Kayley Swinton were all-tournament performers.

Haines Friends of Recycling is launching the Bill Aronson Memorial Scholarship for study or training in energy-efficient construction or renewable energy design and installation.

The new scholarship is named after Bill Aronson, a longtime HFR volunteer who died last May. His wife, Melissa Aronson, is HFR’s chair.

Melissa Aronson said the organization has $2,500 in its scholarship fund, and scholarships are limited to $500 per application.

“Other tournament selections were seventh-grader Malone Sage, the “C” girls coached the “C” girls, who went 2-4.

Sid Moffat starts the Buckwheat Ski Classic Saturday.

Haines skis Buckwheat

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Mining season starts up early

The mining season in the Porcupine district started early this year. Teen-age miner Parker Schnabel, whose family’s Big Noggit Mine has been featured on the Discovery Channel series “Gold Rush,” said his crews started in January and cleared about seven miles of Porcupine Road to prepare a new area for mining.

Opening the road that was eight feet deep in snow took about 15 days, Schnabel said. “It was pretty impressive.” His operation had four miners working there recently.

Schnabel said the availability of heavy equipment – used in the summer for other jobs – played a part in his decision to work in winter. Working in the cold also easier on his trucks, which battle mud in the warmer, summer months, he said.

A strong price for gold also factored into the decision. “The price of gold factors into everything,” he said.

A Discovery Channel film crew documented some of the work, but Schnabel said the winter effort wasn’t prompted by the cameras. “They’re on my schedule. I tell them what I’m doing and they decide what they want to film.”

Neighboring miner Mark Sebens said it took him another two weeks clearing snow an additional mile to his mine. Sebens is working in a narrow canyon where stream flows are problematic in summer. He said he has diverted 200 feet of stream there.

Sebens’ crew of four workers is stockpiling and storing gold-bearing material to process later this summer. They’ve been working for the past month, Sebens said last week.

He said he should have been mining last winter. “Last year there was about two inches of snow. You could have shoveled it with a hand shovel.”

New console aimed at better 911 service

By Krista Kielmeier

The Haines Borough is seeking a federal grant to purchase and install a new dispatch console that would improve its ability to route calls to 911.

“Thank goodness I do not have to call 911 very often, and the one instance where I did have to call it, it was very frustrating because the equipment is so old, and on that day there happened to be problems with it,” said Anne Sebens, Waterman of the Haines Borough Assembly. “It’s a very helpless feeling trying to get information through, and the dispatcher can’t bear you.”

The assembly on March 13 approved a resolution that authorized borough manager Mark Earnest to move forward with the process for the $70,000 grant.

Police have been working on the project for years, said chief Gary Lowe.

The project to remodel the police dispatch area and update the equipment has an estimated cost of $151,796, and a portion would come from the budget for capital improvements in fiscal year 2013, pending grant approval.

Lowe said the new dispatch console “is the biggest safety thing that we need in this community.” The current system is “ antiquated,” he said.

“Not every call that comes in, and the hung up line is up or not answered, there are two things that can happen,” Lowe said. “One, we can push for a rewrite and our dispatcher can’t get in contact with 911 caller. If they don’t get through, our only other option is to call a worker who then has to come down to their office, check their phone numbers to try and find where that worker is.”

He said AP&T charges $90 an hour for that service after hours, and many of the calls are from either not from individuals or from internal numbers.

He said, “When the 911 call comes in, it pops up on the dispatcher’s computer - the address and the caller’s number (that’s registered on the phone.”

Lowe said the console also allows for “reverse 911,” so dispatchers could call hundreds of phone numbers at once to share information on emergencies.

The rural development grant would come from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

‘Treasure Island’ planned; sign-up for theater camp

“This year’s play will include staged ‘playmaking’ sessions. The conservatory is set for July 2-21, with performances July 20-21. Annette Smith of LCCP said this year’s play will include staged combat that’s both appropriate and the younger set. ‘Pirates love to sword fight and throw people off the ship and engage in general mayhem.’”

Elise Lamers will return as conservation leader and play director. The summer camp offers lessons in voice, movement, acting, improvisation and technical elements of theater productions.

Registration forms are available at Babbling Book, the public library and www.chilkatcenter.org/partners. For more information, contact Smith at 766-7208.

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Picture Your World and Other Events

Haines Borough is offering a chance for Haines, along with Jacob Swinton made the all-tournament team for Haines, as well as coach Steve Fossman. “The crowd direction of coach Steve Fossman, he said.”

The Klukwan Chilkats went 2-2 in Juneau last weekend. Both teams finished as runners-up after losing halftime leads.

The Haines Merchants and Klukwan Masters met similar fates in championship games of the Gold Medal Basketball Tournament in Juneau last weekend. Both teams finished as runners-up after losing halftime leads.

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Haines teams fall in Gold Medal finals

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Swinton scored 33 points and was the lone Merchant in double figures, playing under the direction of coach Steve Fossman.

“We made them work hard for their shots and it was a great game,” Fossman said. “The crowd had a good time.”

Ben Egolf and Tyler Huely had each had eight points. Egolf, Healy and Swinton made the all-tournament team for Haines, along with Jacob Sweet, of Klukwan ANS. Healy had 39 points in the first match-up with Hydaburg.

The Klukwan Masters tallied a 3-0 record on the way to the finals of their bracket, topping Kake, Hoonah and Yakutat. In the championship game, Kake avenged its earlier, eight-point loss to Klukwan, claiming the title with a 82-64 win.

Ross Green of Metlakatla, Kake erased a 38-32 halftime deficit.

Rob Larose scored 19 points for Klukwan, followed by Jeff Sharnbroich and Chris Wassman, 13; and Joe Parnell, 11.

Larose and Sharnbroich were all-tournament honorees, and player/coach Larry Sweet received the Sportsmanship Award.

“We were playing as a team, together. You pick up guys from different places, and it’s hard to gel,” Sweet said.

The Klukwan Chilkats went 2-0 in the “B” bracket, falling 56-51 in their last game. Jason Shull was an all-tournament selection. Klukwan ANS was eliminated in three games in the “B” bracket.

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Police Report

Monday, March 26

A caller reported two intoxicated people passed out in front of a motel. A employee was notified and said the people had been moved.

A caller reported hearing people yelling near their residence on Diamond Drive. An officer checked the area and said 33 noise most likely was a fire alarm going off near the fire hall.

An officer requested a case number assigned for an incident the previous day involving a dog filling and urinating in a cage on Fourth Avenue.

Sunday, March 25

A female accused a female of criminal assault at a downtown residence. An officer investigated, interviewed a witness and opened a case. There were no injuries.

Saturday, March 24

An officer provided transport for two people from a downtown business to a residence.

Friday, March 23

A caller reported the theft of a 4.5-gallon propane tank from Haines propane.

A caller requested icy road conditions on Bjordt Street.

A caller requested extra patrols of the school after seeing suspicious people looking in windows.

A caller reported someone cut a tree out of her Front Street property without permission.

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and Earnest said he plans to stay in Haines at least until August.

“I am quite concerned about the immediate future of the borough’s projects that we have, and recognizing, also, it takes two to three years to bring a project on board,” Schnabel said.

“As Mark has already pointed out, what we are looking at this year is the planning and programming for our upcoming projects. The planning and programming team should be under the manager. The manager should delay hires until the next manager is in place. I don’t think it’s fair to the borough, I don’t think it’s fair to the staff, to leave those positions unfilled,” Earnest said.

He said filling high-ranking positions would be a collaborative process, subject to assembly confirmation. A decision on the executive assistant would be left to the incoming manager, to ensure compatibility.

“I don’t see any problem with filling any of the other positions,” said assemblyman Jerry Lapp. “We’re going to be in the loop with that. Earnest recommends advertising the manager position, “at the earliest opportunity” because “this is necessarily a long process.” He also suggested appointing an interim manager and determining no crime had been committed.

A local agency requested an officer contact a client regarding possible harassment in a separate incident, and the officer warned a person to stop sending harassing phone messages.

A homeowner in the Young area was concerned someone was stealing her home heating oil and causing noise. An officer responded and found no evidence to indicate theft.

There were 19 medical calls and five calls about dogs.

FERRY SCHEDULE

NORTHBOUND

Arrival
Departure

HAINES BOROUGH REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

Surplus Equipment

The borough is now accepting sealed bids for 1) Caterpillar 14H grader with a Falls Wing Blade, minimum bid $10,000.00, and 2) Lawn and water wagon, minimum bid $1,250.00. Bids will be accepted until 5 PM, Tuesday, 4/17/12 at the Borough Clerk’s Office, 103 Third Avenue S. Haines. The items may be viewed prior to submitting a bid. All sales will be final & as-is. A 10% deposit required with all bids & pymt in full within 7 days of bid opening. Proceedings of the sale will revert to the borough’s General Fund.

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Un-Classified Ads

April 21 and 22. (11b)

The annual gala Hospice of the Clove West is April 21. A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case #1JU-12-00506CI) requesting a name change from Heather L Wetherbee to Heather Lynn Shade. A hearing on this request will be held on April 25, 2012 at 2:15 pm at Courtroom F Juneau Courthouse, 123 4th Street, Juneau.

Notice of Petition to Change Name

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Ethan Greene, director of Colorado Avalanche Information Center, a clearinghouse for avalanche reports nationwide, said his group is awaiting a report of what occurred. “They all thought things were cleared up,” Greene said. “There’s no mandate to do (a report). We just basically put up anything they decide to send us.”

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