Property value hike upsets land owners

By Karen Garcia

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The Haines Pioneers of Alaska has dissolved.

Don Poling, who served as the group’s recent president, said a decline in membership and lack of manpower are the cause.

The local men’s and women’s “igloos” of the statewide organization formed in 1983, led by Fort Seward residents, Poling said. “Things went well until about eight years ago when that crowd started dying off. They just weren’t replaced by people joining. We were down to about six people doing all the work that was required to maintain the organization.”

The group had about 40 members and was largely social in nature, hosting monthly potlucks. It also had held fundraisers, sponsored scholarships for Haines students and made donations to groups like the Haines Dolphins. It published three books about lives of local pioneers, “Glimpses” among Haines property owners this week. The Haines Borough sent out its 2013 property assessments March 13 and began receiving appeals as soon as the next day, according to assistant assessor Dean Olsen. No reason was provided with the mailed assessments for the seemingly abrupt and arbitrary increases, several property owners said this week. "There’s no explanation. You pick up your card in the mail and that’s it,” said Mike Erny, whose land value for his 24,000-square-foot parcel on Muncaster Road jumped from $47,050 to $77,000 between 2012 and 2013 – a 65 percent increase. Don Turner, who owns an undeveloped 7.8-acre lot out Tanani Bay, saw his assessment skyrocket by 891 percent -- from $49,920 in 2012 to $445,200 this year. “My other properties have been raised, too, but this one is just crazy. I don’t know where they come up with their numbers. I’ve talked to quite a few people and their stuff has raised 200 to 300 percent,” Turner said. Property owner John Shaw, whose undeveloped 4.6-acre parcel near 25 Mile increased from $32,000 to $102,000, said the increase seemed so arbitrary that “it’s almost like the assessor is spinning a wheel with a roulette wheel.” The mass confusion and clamor for explanation prompted mayor Stephanie Scott to request from assessor James Canary a formal description of his methodology for the public. “I don’t like surprises, and it would have been nice to have the explanation beforehand so we would have been forewarned,” Scott said. Canary, who has conducted real estate appraisals in Haines for more than 17 years and worked as an assessor in Juneau, Petersburg and Pelican, traveled to Haines for about a month to complete assessments. The borough is required by law to maintain equity between assessed values and fair market values. An audit by the state assessor determined the borough was lagging considerably, sitting at about an 85 percent sales ratio, meaning, on average, properties were assessed at 85 percent of what they actually were worth on the market. Scott said the borough had been “scrutinized by the state assessor” for a recent exhibit, “People of the Chilkat Valley,” Earnest wrote, as the locals called it. Vicmico dominated every aspect of life in Victorious City. Residents were born in Vicmico’s hospital, educated in Vicmico’s school, put their money into the Vicmico bank and turned on Vicmico electricity. “We were not rich, but we were not poor,” Earnest says. Her father worked for Vicmico as a mechanic and a driver while her mother worked from home as a seamstress, adding to the family income. Earnest remembers not having much, but having everything that she needed, “When we wanted to buy a TV, we sold a pig... But we didn’t need extras. Now when I see kids buy home, there are so many needs, (like having a computer and Internet for school).” Throughout her childhood, her dreams were forward looking, of a future life in Vicmico – the borough as it was then called. She and her parents "imagined she would leave the community, helping my family,” she said. In 2013, Earnest started working for the borough’s elected officials, Tom Brice and the assembly. “I do want to acknowledge that the employee has to use the correct procedures in order to achieve their goal. I don’t want to make the borough into the bad guys here,” she said. Brice maintains the employee took the proper steps. Scott said the complainant made a misstep by not pursuing the grievance procedure outlined in the union contract. "Apparently (the employee) is choosing to arbitrate this outside of the process and that puts everybody in a difficult position,” she said. Brice said that isn’t true. “In this circumstance, who has the authority to investigate and make a disciplinary finding? It’s not the union. It’s borough management and the assembly,” Brice said. Earnest said Wednesday he has spoken with Brice, and Brice explained to him that due to the nature of the complaint, the See UNION page 6

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Letters to the Editor

Save the Date

Samaritans displayed ‘spirit of North’

I had an accident Thursday, March 14, at Mile 32 of the Haines Highway when my car hit a patch of ice and I ended up overturned. Within five minutes, along came a pickup with two young men who were kind enough to take me to the 3 Mile Roadhouse. I had access to the phone which helped very much. The people there were very kind and helpful. They got me the names of all involved, but they know. The spirit of the North is alive and well in the City of Haines. Thanks so much.

Ed Snow

Local raised more than $1,100

We know more people wanted to attend the recent Senior Center fund raising luncheon, but the tickets sold out very fast! We are so appreciative of the community support. There will be more opportunities in the future to support our fundraising. What an enjoyable lunch this was! Thanks to Adam Richard for donating his time and culinary skills to create a wonderful meal. Even though they got called upon often, our local merchants were very generous again. Hounes, Olerud’s, Mountain Market and Fireweed Restaurant all donated supplies. Anne Hanssen, the local florist, our floral service, was generous even though she was out of town, by providing flowers for the event. Pie bakers, Judy Ewald, Donn Woodard, Samantha George, and Julia Shook prepared pies for dessert.

The serving and cleanup crew all did such a great job. We appreciate the hours of work you put in. It is an encouraging beginning in our efforts to support a community-supported senior services in Haines, and we raised over $1,100.

Haines Senior Citizens Center Inc.
Mardell Gunn, secretary

Appreciates help with marine class

Thank you to the Haines Volunteer Fire Department and especially Terry Mitchum for that fifth help and support during the March 9 marine safety class. Firefighting and fire extinguisher use is an important part of the class and those two gentlemen were willing to help on very short notice.

Karl Johnson

Community supported volleyball squad

I would like to thank the Haines community and business owners for showing their support for the middle school volleyball team during our dinner and various other fundraisers we have done in the last few weeks. It makes a world of difference to take you to Haines Home Building and Craig Miller for their funding for our new uniforms.

Cassie Miller

Haines tripleheader set at Gold Medal

By Krista Kielsmeier

A Chilkat Valley tripleheader at the Gold Medal Basketball Tournament in Juneau was scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, as three local, undefeated teams were one win away from the championship. Games were played as part of press time Wednesday.

The Klukwan Chilkats, Haines Vikings and Wrangell Ravens are scheduled to play in three consecutive games.

The Chilkats tip off at 6 p.m. against Hoonah in the “C” bracket. Klukwan has a 2-0 record and Hoonah has a 2-3 record. The two teams are at the midpoint of the schedule, averaging about 20 points a game for their respective teams.

Both the Merchants and Masters finished as runners-up last year. The Merchants are scheduled for tomorrow’s opening day’s series with the Vikings, while the Masters finished last year’s edition with a victory over the Wrangell Ravens.

Community gaming partners will advance to the Masters 4 p.m. Saturday, followed by “C” then “B.” More information is available at goldmedalbasketball.org.

By Tom Morphet

Ellen Larson was in Haines last week to watch her son, Scott, recovering from brain surgery after suffering a stroke on Dec. 14. Scott was that putting pressure on her optic nerve and causing her vision to deteriorate, according to Dr. Julianne Smith and Dr. Larry Fendley in his Jan. 27 at Barrow Neurological Institute. Smith said she was admitted in late January and went under the knife. Feb. 7 at Barrow Neurological Institute. Smith said she was admitted in late January and went under the knife.

The winners of all three games will advance to next week’s championship. The losers will advance to Saturday’s consolation games. The winners will advance to Sunday’s championship games.

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Klukwan and Wrangell are both 3-1. The Merchants won both games against Wrangell, 65-61, Tuesday in a game that saw the Merchants take a 9-point lead at halftime. The Merchants had a 9-point lead at halftime.

Their return trip included a day-long

long visit to New York City, where they spent three days in the memorial and walked across the Brooklyn Bridge.

Friends in Haines were enthused to see Dr. Christine Rosaiola of the redlands and Dr. Jillian St. Ildo, a school doctor dog. Rosaiola, a pediatric dentist, worked in the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Center clinic here for several years and is remembered for her work with children. Rosaiola is a pediatric dentist.

She finished in less than 15 days, with

11 of her 16 dogs that started the race.

Suzanne Vuilet-Smith said she had a great time visiting husband Norm Smith’s stepson Donna Smith in Albion, Neb. The trip went as planned, traveling through big, country diners and great hospitality, Suzanne said. Winter still had its grip on the west of Omaha, an area that is windswept but beautiful, she said.

The Earth Day ad hoc committee is beginning its planning for its seventh Earth Day event to be held April 20. The event, from 10 a.m. to noon in the school cafeteria. If your organization would like to be considered for putting up a display or making a presentation or a display or making a presentation, contact Melissa Aronson at aronson@apalaska.net or 766-2785.

Jan Hamilton and sister Laurie Deeb of Seattle are at Jan’s Lutak house, opening the house for summer. Jan’s husband Scott also was in town for a few days, taking a break from his job heading up the Alaska Maritime Training Center at Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC) in Seward. Scott reports daughter Maart Hamilton is soon graduate from University of Alaska – Fairbanks with an English degree and recently was named UAF English Student of the Year. Maart Hamilton is heading up the culinary academy at AVTEC. Scott is entering his third year at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and son Aiden Hamilton centers Seward High School in the fall.

The premiere of a four-part documentary recounting the

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Dually Noted

Drains caused leaks at pool

The Haines pool reopened Friday following a 10-day closure to address problems with water leaking from the facility’s shower head rooms to the Haines High School locker rooms below.

Jesse Reinking

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Chilkat Valley News
Workshop to tackle local aging issues

Boomers will swell ranks

By Tom Morphet

A free workshop addressing aging in Haines will be held starting 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 30 at the Senior Center.

The program is sponsored by Southeast Alaska Independent Living, Hospice of Haines, Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium and Cornerstone Home Health Care.

It’s titled, “Staying Put Worshipping Aging Well in Haines” and is billed as “a thoughtful look at Haines as a place for all of us to age well.”

Diane Sly, who retired to Haines a year ago, organized the event as a private citizen. “My mom’s 97 and I can see from her experiences what’s coming down the pike.”

Baby boomers interested in staying in Haines will soon swell the ranks of the elderly here, she said.

“There are many 60-somethings who’ve lived here a long time and haven’t paid attention to the fact that they’re going to try to live out their lives in Haines. Most people want to stay at home (as they age).”

“We’ll discuss what kind of support services we have and what we’d like to have happen... The services will have to expand. There are a lot of us.”

The “Beacon Hill model,” for example, links up seniors with skilled nursing facilities at a discount rate with other, home-bound seniors needing services. “It brings in income and helps other retired people stay in their homes.”

The workshop includes a talk by Ginny Palmer of Juneau’s Foundation for End of Life Care, a “mini-workshop” on end-of-life directives, instruction on signing up for Pioneers Homes and medevac insurance, and a roundtable discussion on senior housing, health, and in-home care in Haines.

Palmer created “When You’re Not Here,” a 40-page booklet that addresses comprehensive aging topics ranging from do-not-resuscitate orders to adult protective services, obituaries, cremation and more. Copies of the book will be available at the program.

Also, Dr. Julia Heinz of Haines will speak about maintaining health with age.

Participants in the discussion will include representatives of Hospice, SAIL, SEARHC, Cornerstone, Public Health Nursing office, Haines Senior Village and Haines Assisted Living.

A healthy lunch will be provided at noon.

Organizer Sly said if boomers do nothing else they should at least fill out an “end of life directive” available on the State of Alaska website and file that with their doctor. Such instructions are invaluable in the event a person is incapacitated and stands to receive medical attention.

Sly said she hopes the workshop will become an annual event.

Heli-skiing legal fees: $3,500

The Haines Borough attorney billed the borough more than $5,500 in January for issues related to heli-skiing, chief fiscal officer Jila Stuart said this week. Brocks Chandler billed the borough for 17 hours of work – $3,570 – under the “heli-skiing” category on his January invoice.

The borough renewed commercial tour permits in January for three local heli-skiing companies, including Alaska Heliskiing.

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The rezoning process was initiated by a petition signed by 51 percent of property owners in the area.

Goldberg said disention in the neighborhood was not initiated by the petition to rezone, but by the heliport proposal. Scott Sundberg, co-owner of SEABA, attended the commission’s March 14 meeting and said his company is still exploring avenues for building a heliport in the area, despite being denied a conditional use permit for such a project in January 2012.

“We are still considering heliports out there and we are looking at ways to do it and move it further away from the CRs (covenants, conditions and restrictions) of Eagle Vista, because that’s the only thing that denied our ability to do it,” Sundberg said.

Chilkat Lake Road residents opposed to the rezoning attended the March 14 meeting and lobbied the commission to drop the rezoning issue. One spoke in favor of the rezone, although resident Ben Williams said he was “still on the fence.”

A property owner on the opposite side of the road from the Eagle Vista subdivision said the commission shouldn’t waste any more time on the matter, as a rezone would only cause more problems than solutions.

Chip Strong, who, like Brooks, lives across the road from the subdivision, said the rezoning was an attempt to shut down development and industry in the area, which would ultimately be detrimental to the community.

Maia Paquet said rezoning was “a ploy” to deny a heliport and prevent business development.

Aly Milos also spoke in opposition to the rezoning. “I, for one, resent this whole can of worms being opened up... It’s just jeopardizing everybody’s freedoms for the whims of a few,” he said.

Commissioners Donnie Turner and Lee Heinmiller also said they did not feel there was a need to move forward with a rezone.

Heather and Peter Lapham II are happy to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

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Keegan Sundberg
Bailey Stuart
Jennie Humphrey
Lauren Melcher

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Destinee Cowart
Autumn Cross
Kai Hayes
Rayly Erekson

10th Grade
Zyada Aughe-Heinz
Celia Bower
Christina Briggs
Jennie Humphrey

11th Grade
Serena Badgley
Patty McCarthy
Lauren Melcher
Libby Jacobson
Justice Jensen

12th Grade
Joe Lemmert
Danielle Dallmann
Kaitlyn Steens
Ashley Williamson
Rodney Williamson

Kluwan School

Christ Turner
Brandon Bachman
Riley Erekson
Jesi Giddings
Patrick Henderson
Royal Henderson
Tia Heywood
Karissa Jones
Samantha Lowe
Corey Piper
Josh Thorus
Alisha Young

Haines Middle School

9th Grade
Madeleine Andrews
Gabrielle Galinski
Mori Hays
Mikayla Kauffman
Faith Lockhart
Dylan Palmieri
Leah Zoebi Sehns
Jonathan Stave
Jordie Stigen
Allison Stuart
Oliisa Weng

10th Grade
Brittney Bradford
Makaya Cragar
Marty Fowler
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Starting Friday March 22

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SUNDAY SERENITY – Alissa Henry, towing her infant daughter Makayla, skis along the Klehini River last weekend. A four-mile Nordic ski track was set in a loop the day before, supporting cross-country skiers will be among participants at the Buckwheat Ski Classic Saturday at Log Cabin, B.C. Jane Pascoe photo.

Planners drop 26 Mile rezone

A program set for Friday, March 29, is aimed at parents and drives home the importance of speaking, singing and interacting with infants.

The premiere of “ Babies on Track” is set for 9:30 a.m. in the elementary school gym.

Those who attend will receive free books, talking with children, free board books and an opportunity to register for “The Imagination Library,” a program sponsored by Dolly Parton that sends one book each month to children from birth through age 5.

“Babies on Track” is sponsored by the local Parents As Teachers program as well as by the Children’s Reading Foundation of Haines and Best Beginnings, a statewide organization aimed at preparing Alaskan children for school.

The reading foundation, which formed in September 2011, also backs “Sing Out Strong,” a locally-produced program of songs for children to sing with adults.

“We are producing, 5-minute radio segments to air on (local public radio station) KHNS. In order to fund the studio time production, Best Beginnings asked that they be able to post the audio and lyrics on their website,” said reading foundation executive director Jeanne Koyama.

Partnering with groups that have similar goals has been a focus of the foundation, which promotes literacy with a focus on children ages newborn to 5.

Members of the foundation’s board include representatives of Parents As Teachers, REACH’s Infant Learning Program, Chilkat Valley Preschool, Haines HeadStart, and the school district’s homeschool program.

Despite studies showing the long-term benefits of early childhood education or “front-loading,” comparatively less money is spent on preschool education than in later years, Kitayama said. “Brain development is strongest in the first four years of life, but funding is the opposite situation.”

The foundation’s mission is to encourage families to raise readers, supporting school district efforts to get students reading at grade level by third grade and entering primary school equipped to help young readers succeed.

Its goals are to foster language enrichment, pre-reading skills and a love of books among young children in the Chilkat Valley.

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Kluane bike relay filling up

Organizers of the 21st annual Kluane-Chilkat International Bike Relay say riders and teams wanting to participate in this year’s event should register soon. Registration opened on Friday and will continue through Monday, March 25. Registration fees range from $15.00 to $82.00 per rider, with additional fees for trailer or vehicle parking.

The event consists of a 150-mile relay that begins in Haines Junction, Yukon, and ends at Fort Seward. The relay is divided into 20 segments, each covering approximately 7.5 miles. The relay takes place on March 23, 2013.

Participants must register before the early registration deadline (April 26), said local organizer Chip Lende. “I can see it filling up before the early registration deadline (April 26),” Lende said.

Registration officially closes June 15, but Lende and other organizers say they expect it to fill up long before that. Some riders left out last year attempted to “buy in” other teams.

Participants who want to purchase a souvenir T-shirt or long-sleeved Tech shirt can register by April 26. Haines artist Elizabeth Jurgelet created the 2013 T-shirt design. Registration for an eight-person team costs $426 before April 26 and $588 after that date.

To register or for more information, visit the website at www.kcibr.org.

CIA eyes buying preschool building

The Chilkoot Indian Association (CIA) is looking into buying the Haines Borough’s Human Resources building, which currently houses the Chilkat Valley Preschool.

CIA tribal administrator Dave Berry said the tribe has kicked around the idea of buying the building for ages because of its connection to early education in the Native community.

“It’s of sentimental value to this tribe... That’s the school the natives were able to go to. They weren’t allowed to associate with non-Native children,” Berry said of the building, which served as a segregated school in the early 1900s.

Berry said he has assured representatives from the preschool that the building’s current tenants — that the sale would not disrupt their activities.

“If we bought that building, I’m telling you for sure the preschool is there for as long as they want to be there. Education is extremely important to our people and we wouldn’t do anything to disrupt the education of any child,” Berry said.

CIA would not charge the preschool rent, as is the current arrangement under borough ownership of the building, Berry said.

Manager Mark Earnest said the borough is interested in selling the building because it already has more facilities on its hands than it can adequately manage.

“We have enough old buildings that really need to be either renovated or replaced, and so if this could be one building we could take off our inventory, it would allow us to really focus on some of the other buildings that we have,” Earnest said.

Berry has indicated the CIA’s desire to have the building put on the National Register of Historic Places.

Earnest, Berry and several other borough and CIA representatives will sit down to begin negotiations in the near future, Earnest said.

The current total assessed value of the property is $169,500. The land is valued at $86,000 and the building at $83,500, said assistant assessor Deana Olesen.

The building has also served as a clinic and morgue over the years.

Class offers a chance to build, learn of robots

Haines residents can try their hand at building a robot March 28 at the library.

Seattle’s Museum of Flight will provide the “Robot Garage” class through teleconference. From 2 to 4:35 p.m., students will learn about the history of robotics, robotics terminology, and how robots are used in various fields and environments.

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Corrective action’ for Lowe
Language, behavior concerns assembly

The Haines Borough Assembly directed the manager during a March 12 special meeting to “apply corrective action” to address the assembly’s concerns about police chief Gary Lowe’s behavior during a March 5 assembly meeting.

“Appropriate public comments in debate are ‘essential matters’ and ‘appreciation for a positive experience’,” *, S. 424. (2008) (Alaska); and “an attentive reader would have no doubt that the media were the two specific concerns.”

The assembly meeting, with 11 of 13 members present, was called by Waterman, Lapp and Schnabel. The assembly meets March 26, to consider manager Mark Earnest’s performance evaluation of Lowe alongside an “improvement plan” for the department compiled by Lowe.

Residents in Alaska Beat Down

Three Haines residents traveled to Juneau last weekend to fight in the championship match of Alaska Beat Down, a Juneau-based fighting league.

Jaret Grant, Michael Ward and Bradley Wilson participated in the March 15 sold out competition at Centennial Hall, which featured about 10 matches. Ward competed in boxing, Wilson in dirty boxing and Grant in mixed martial arts (MMA). Ward and Grant won their bouts, while Wilson fell to his opponent.

Grant sparred with Charlie Gallant and triumphed for his first official win. Grant said that although he has always been into wrestling, there is no structured way for him to pursue it. MMA gives him an outlet to continue in that vein of wrestling, Grant said.

Though he returned with several bruises and scrapes marring his face, Grant said the experience only reinforced his desire to continue fighting. “It kind of hurts, and it sucks for a little while. No pain, no gain,” he said.

Grant said he and several others are trying to start a local fighting league, with the possibility of becoming a non-profit. They have been training at the Salvation Army Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and in the Chilkat Center when they can organize it.

Ward won against Tyrel Kleinsmith. Wilson lost to Perry Blair. Participants received $175 for winning and $100 for losing, Grant said.

Grant said he is intending to compete in the next Alaska Beat Down competition this summer. Mixed martial arts is a sport that allows both striking and grappling techniques on and off the ground. “Basically, anything goes,” Grant said.

Haines Port and Harbor Trash and Recycling

Over the calendar year 2012 the Haines Harbor Department has spent $53,484.79 on trash for the Portage Cove Small Boat Harbor. In an effort to avoid charging a surcharge on trash at the Harbor and to encourage recycling, the Harbor will engage in a single stream recycling program. We would ask that all harbor users take advantage of this opportunity so we can cut costs and help our environment.

The single stream recycling program will accept clean and dry paper and cardboard, newspaper, magazines, cereal boxes, tissues boxes, office paper, junk mail envelopes, gift wrap and corrugated cardboard. In addition, the same dumpster will accept aluminum cans, tin cans, clean foil, bimetal cans, bottles, jars, plastic beverage containers, milk jugs, shampoo bottles, food storage containers, cleaning product bottles, glass jars and bottles.

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YUM! — From left, Elliott Wilde, Josh Stearns and Daylon Long celebrate their success making pretzels at Haines High School last week. The school holds informal courses during “mini-week” that coincides with the regional basketball tournament, when much of the student body is away. Matt Davis photo.
Puppet theater show set for March 29-30

Byrne Power’s Reckoning Motions Puppet Troupe teams up with Parisian puppeteer Paulette Caron for performances of “The Calliope” March 29-30 at the Chilkat Center.

Power, who wrote the show, describes it as a Faustian tale of free will that deals with weighty issues but also has lighter and farcical moments. It’s appropriate for all ages, he said. “I think it would appeal to many people. It’s serious and funny. Anyone could bring anyone else to it and get something out of it.”

The show’s plot revolves around a stage organist who something out of it.”

Three performances are planned in the Chilkat Center basement: 7 p.m. on Friday, March 29 and 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 30. Admission is $10 and $5 for children ages 10 and under. For more information, call 766-3647.

Caron, a graduate of Theatre Aux Mains Nues puppet school in Paris, will operate most of the puppets in Europe.

Caron said there’s more to operating puppets than meets the eye, including a proper technique for manipulating them. Also, a puppet must be allowed to develop its own personality, she said. A puppet sees reality from its own perspective and part of the puppeteers’ job is to figuring out that personality, Caron said.

Puppetry in France is different than some of the free-form creations Power puts together, she said, including that “we don’t use bones that much.” The head of a main character in the play is a skull.

Though they have never toured in small-town – or even big city – Alaska, Miss Tess and the Talkbacks are more than prepared to impress Haines residents with their blues, swing and jazz tunes. 7 p.m. March 24 on the Chilkat Center stage.

The concert is presented by the Haines Arts Council.

New York City-based Miss Tess said though she is inspired by classic blues and country singers like Patsy Cline and Ella Fitzgerald, she and her band put a contemporary twist on traditional sounds.

“It’s not like we’re copying what has been done before, but there is a timeless feeling about our music. There’s something familiar about it to people,” Miss Tess said.

The four-piece band includes Miss Tess on vocals, an electric guitarist, drummer and upright bassist. Audiences can expect upbeat dance songs and lots of solos and improvisation, Miss Tess said.

Arts council president Tom Heywood said he managed to schedule a Haines show for the band when he heard it was coming to Ketchikan as part of a Raymond Foundation touring grant.

“It’s some of my favorite kind of stuff. It’s a retro jazz and early rock kind of thing. Good energy, lots of great vocals,” Heywood said.

The band will also travel to Skagway and Juneau before heading back down to the Lower 48. Their latest album, “Sweet Talk,” was released in October. Tickets are $15 for adults, $12 for seniors, $5 for students and $40 for families.

Two residents on Kreiss-Tomkins staff

Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins told the Sitka Sentinel that two Haines residents are among his five-member staff.

In an interview this week, Kreiss-Tomkins said Chandler Kemp works on an hourly basis for his office on energy policy, specifically working with communities on projects, including the Gartina Falls hydro project that is under development in Hoonah. Kemp recently identified a grant program that will help communities fund energy efficiency improvements in schools, Kreiss-Tomkins said.

Kemp works for the Alaska Center for Energy and Power in Fairbanks, a state agency dedicated to applied energy research and testing focused on lowering the cost of energy in the state.

Kreiss-Tomkins also considers Eli White of Haines on the staff. White, a local high school student, isn’t technically an employee but is paid from an office account for technical support for computer work. White works as a special projects coordinator on “stray policy issues” and has a good background for education policy, Kreiss-Tomkins said.

Kreiss-Tomkins said he had an affinity for White, as he himself started into politics at 13. “He’s one of the most mature and professional people I’ve worked with regardless of age. He’s truly a remarkable person.”
DA visit aims at training

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Bad news for beavers?

The recent hike in land valuations by the Haines Borough may be bad news for a family of beavers living by the Klehini River at 27 Mile. About six years ago, the beavers moved onto a 3.85-acre lot owned by resident Dave Pahl, turning it into a pond. Pahl wasn’t too concerned, as he’d already given up on the property. He bought the lot in the early 1990s, when he wanted to invest in land but didn’t have much money.

“I told the realtor to let me know if they had any ‘problem’ properties. That was probably the biggest mistake I could have made. Now I’m paying for it, and it’s escalating,” Pahl said this week.

The lot Pahl bought was from the ill-fated North Klehini Subdivision, where the State of Alaska in the late 1970s planned to create five lots, each at about four acres. According to Pahl, three of the lots were claimed by the river before the subdivision went to market. The fourth is about two-thirds underwater. He bought the fifth.

Pahl paid $9,000 for the lot and the borough’s assessment of it went as high as $17,000 before he challenged it, showing borough officials two years ago that the lot was under up to six feet of water. His assessment was reduced to $2,500. But under the most recent valuations, it’s up to $38,600.

“If he’s taxed at that value, Pahl said, he’ll have to develop the property. “I was going to live with the (embankment) and the beavers, too, but now I can’t afford it. You’ll see me driving around in a new beaver hat, probably.”

The assessor to the property owner, assistant assessor Scott and the assembly. Assistant assessor Olsen said bringing properties up to fair market value represented a decrease because of turnover in assessors, limited staff, and insufficient equipment.

“One of the problems we have is that we don’t have a Computer-Assisted Mass Assessment (CAMA) system like other municipalities have. They have a CAMA system and a staff that allows them to do reviews of the properties in a timely and systematic matter in terms of doing site assessments of all the properties,” Olsen said.

Though property owners and borough personnel alike have been questioning Canary’s methodology, state assessor Steve Van Sant defended Canary’s approach.

“The assessor is the keeper and analyst of the data that is used to estimate values. No one else has the data and understands it like the assessor; therefore he/she should be the one to determine which method, at his disposal, would provide the best indication of value. Obviously, some will disagree with his value estimates,” Van Sant said.

Property owners concerned that their assessments are too high are hoping for an appeal. The deadline is April 15.

The appeal period will assist (Canary) in pinpointing any mistakes he has made or wrong assumptions he may have relied upon. It will also help in correcting data, such as topographical, access, view, wetlands and other issues he may not have been aware of,” Van Sant said.

Property owners can appeal if they feel their property is valued in excess of fair market value, unequal to similar properties, valued incorrectly or is undervalued.

Just because assessments increased does not necessarily mean taxes will increase proportionally. The mill rate will be set as part of the budget process. I’m hoping that because the valuations have increased we will be able to decrease the mill rate, but that is a decision that will be made by the assembly,” Stuart said.

Residents are encouraged to attend the budget meetings through April and May. Stuart also clarified that while some property owners saw an exorbitant increase in their assessments, some also saw decreases. In the townsite, values increased overall by 14 percent. He noted it was very difficult to keep in mind increases are not uniform. Twenty-four percent of the values in the townsite actually decreased, and 51 percent of the values in the townsite either decreased or remained within 10 percent of the 2013 values.

If appeals are not resolved between the property owner and assessor to the property owner’s satisfaction, he or she can take the appeal to the Board of Equalization on April 29 at 6 p.m.
Police report

Monday, March 18
A woman reported a man hit a parked motorcycle near 1 Mile Lutak Road. Police responded and initiated a case.

Two traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings for failure to stop at a stop sign and a warning for speeding.

Saturday, March 16
A caller reported two black garbage bags on Small Tracts Road.

A caller reported a possible repeat trespasser on her Mud Bay Road property. She checked the area but found nothing amiss.

A Mathias Avenue resident reported intruders in her downstairs apartment. An officer responded and found no signs of intruders.

Two traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings for failure to stop at a stop sign and speeding.

Friday, March 15
An officer responded to Mathias Avenue after a resident called dispatch to report noises in her downstairs apartment. The officer found nothing amiss.

Dispatch received a call reporting a civil dispute between family members. All parties were referred to the court.

Dispatch received a call from Adult Protective Services requesting a welfare check. An officer responded and the issue was resolved.

Troopers were advised of bear causing problems at the dump and damaging the building.

At a reported Union Street was extremely slick.

A traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning for failure to stop at a stop sign.

Thursday, March 14
Officers were advised that a caller reported a drunk driver.

Troopers were advised of a single-vehicle rollover near 32 Alaska’s Marine Highway. There was one occupant, who was sustained no injuries.

Four traffic stops resulted in verbal warnings for speeding and failure to stop at stop signs. A citation was issued for not having proof of insurance.

Wednesday, March 13
A caller reported icy conditions at an intersection of Small Tracts Road and Mud Bay Road.

A police arrested a man in an establishment that sells liquor for violating conditions of release.

Traffic stops resulted in verbal warnings for a defective taillight and failure to stop at a stop sign.

Dispatch received 19 medical calls and two canine calls.

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history of the ferry system, “Alaska’s Marine Highway,” airs this Sunday, March 17 on 360 North. The Alaska Marine Highway System is celebrating its 40th birthday in 2013. Filmmakers came to Haines last fall to interview residents such as Steve Homer, considered by residents the “father” of the ferries. In the early 1950s, Homer operated a landing craft between Haines, Skagway and Juneau that operated a landing craft between ferries. In the early 1950s, Homer operated a landing craft between Haines, Skagway and Juneau that operated a landing craft between ferries. The Alaska Marine Highway System is celebrating its 40th birthday in 2013.

Elena Horner spent her spring break from University of Washington in Alaska. There was no cell service, so visiting brother Marley. She also met up with former basketball teammate Brice Cimickos and Chris Bowman.

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37, Direct TV channel 3 and on the final cut. Alaska’s public

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HAINES BOROUGH PUBLIC NOTICE

DEADLINE for FILING APPEALS: APRIL 15, 2013 (by 5:00 p.m.)

requests for proposals

To: All contractors and suppliers

The Haines Borough is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Public Notice

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Borough Assembly

At 6:30pm, on Tuesday, March 26, 2013, in the Assembly Chambers at the Public Safety Building, public hearings are scheduled for the following:

Ordinance 13-01-312
An Ordinance of the Haines Borough amending Borough Code Sections 2.06.035 and 2.990.10 to clarify the local financial disclosure reporting process.

Ordinance 13-01-313
An Ordinance of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing renewal of the lease of the Human Resources Building to Chilkat Valley Preschool for the purpose of educational services.

Ordinance 13-01-314
An Ordinance of the Haines Borough amending Borough Code Title 10, Chapter 10.06 to require proof of vehicle insurance and Section 10.50.020 to allow for a fine of $500.

Ordinance 13-01-315
An Ordinance of the Haines Borough amending Borough Code Title 14, Section 14.16.10 (C) (b) Public Housing for Negotiated Leases in a Manager Form of Government.

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REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

TOM TOTEM POLE CARVING PROJECT
Sheldon Museum and Cultural Center
Deadline: April 1, 2013

Proposals Description:

The Totem Pole Carving Project will feature a local Master Wood Carver with experience designing and carving a traditional totem pole during public demonstrations Monday - Friday (20 hours per week March 11- May 31, 2013). This two-year project will utilize additional carvers who will work and train with the Master Carver. The final completed totem pole will be installed at the Sheldon Museum and Cultural Center.
Un-Classified Ads

HELP-WANTED: Wings is looking for part/full time summer help. Call 766-2035 for information or come out to the airport to pick up an application. (10b)

HELP-WANTED: Experienced Administrative Coordinator needed. Applicants must possess excellent computer skills, knowledge of Microsoft Excel and Word is required and experience with data entry and accounting programs is helpful. The ideal candidate will be reliably outgoing and strong with organizational skills. Experience in the travel/tourism/guiding industry is preferred. To apply, please fill out an application at www.communitywastesolutions.com or submit a resume to roofing@alaskaguides.com. (10,11,12b)

HELP-WANTED: Part-time bicycling guide in Haines for the 2013 season. You need to be 23 or older. This requires public speaking and a positive, outgoing, friendly attitude. Basic knowledge of bike mechanics is helpful. Guides must be able to drive a tour van and pull a trailer. Call 880-6347 or 766-2688 for more information or go to the employment page on www.cyclealaska.com. Upcoming Firewood Sale: $220/cord split and delivered. 767-5455. (50cb)

WINTER HOURS

• Const./Demo. Disposal
• Composting
• Inflatable Work Vest
• Portable Confined Space System
• Laser Rangefinder
• Power Lineman’s Belt
• Regularly. Paint is in excellent condition. Very few mods done to it. I just gave it a K and N Air Filter and Oil Filter, and moved the license plate farther under the back seat email backseatgar@gmail.com for white copies. Funky is okay. (51cb)

AMERICAN BALD EAGLE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES JOB OPENING: LIVE RAPTOR HANDLER & TRAINER

AMERICAN Bald Eagle Foundation is now accepting applications for the position of ‘Live Raptor Handler’. This full-time position requires experience with small raptors such as larks, hawks, and owls as well as larger raptors such as bald eagles. The successful applicant will have several hundred hours of direct care and handling of smaller raptors and at least 200 hours experience with bald or golden eagles. For exceptional applicants who do not meet the required 500 hours eagle-handling time, the ABEF is willing to give additional training to ensure the handler meets USFWS requirements of 500 hours eagle handling time. Master taxidermist with an eagle taxidermy course meet all requirements for the position. Pay is dependent on experience. For more information, please contact the American Bald Eagle Foundation at 907-766-2736 or info@alaskabird.org. Deadline is 23 May, 2013 or until filled. EOE

AMERICAN BALD EAGLE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES JOB OPENING: MAINTENANCE WORKER

HAINES BOROUGH EQUIPMENT OPERATOR/MAINTENANCE WORKER

Accepting applications for a FT, VR equipment operator maintenance worker. Responsible for the safe and efficient operation of heavy equipment. P.A.W.S, maintenance tasks, etc. Starting wage is $14.33 & $15.65+ for exp. & public works maintenance tasks, etc. (10,11b)

AMERICAN BALD EAGLE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES JOB OPENING: HEALTH EDUCATOR I

Haines/Kluwan. $5 FTE and benefit. Salary $18.64/hr or up, DOE. This position works as a member of the SEARHC health promotion program. The candidate will plan and implement health education strategies, interventions and programs. These services are provided to individuals, small groups, and communities in the SEARHC region as part of the Community Health Services Division. See more information at www.searhc.org. Apply online or download and upload an application to the SEARHC Human Resources, 222 Tongass Drive, Skagway, AK 99843. Phone 907-986-8331. Fax 907-986-8404. Preference given to Alaskan Natives/American Indians who meet the above qualifications and live in the Skagway area.

HEALTH EDUCATOR I

Education is willing to give additional train-
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However, in the early 1990s, just as Earnest was finishing her degree she began a job in psychology at the University of Laxalla in Bacadel, the main city of New Ireland province on the island of New Britain. She collapsed, laying off workers and ended up in hospital. Suddenly, there was nothing left to go back to in Victorious. Earnest felt lucky to find work in Bacadel and then later in Manila.

Here in Haines, Earnest works as an assistant principal at the Haines Elementary School. In the kindergarden classroom at the end of the day, she gets to hang out, often with the afternoon amid a chaos of snow pants and lunch boxes, and lets the kids rub their soft black hair. Sandy June-Degen, who has worked with Carla for a long time, said that she is the most impressed with Carla’s ability to be gentle and let the children know that there is a sense of right and wrong into the classroom.

Hallie Brown, Haines Borough Manager Mark Earnest, agrees: “One of the things Carla brings to the school is a way of work ethic and dedication to her job.” Brown said that it is a pleasure to have a woman to serve as president. "At least it's not 10 kids."” Carla’s parents were both from Filipino, "The Sound of Music" when I was a kid," she said. And I thought, at least it’s not 10 kids." Carla’s stepsons are grown now, but she said, "a kid," she said. "And I thought, however, her optimism overcame her misgivings. “I always loved ‘The Sound of Music’ when I was a kid,” she said. “And I thought, at least it’s not 10 kids.” Carla’s sensations are grown now, but she and Mark have a 10-year-old son together, Matthew.

For 10 years in Alaska, Carla says she finds it impossible to withstand the summer heat of the Philippines. “Even in our hometown, 60 degrees is perfect. Alaska in the summertime is perfect. Now, it kills me if I go home in the summertime, it is too hot.”

Earnest says that she will never stop missing the Philippines. “Home is where my relatives and family are. Even though I live here, 50 percent of my heart is still there.” She is thankful for Skype and the Internet which allow her to keep in close contact with her friends and family, in the Philippines and all over the world.

When she wrote a description of her childhood for the recent exhibit at the Sheldon Museum, Earnest said that the past came rushing back to her. “I could smell the garden, I could feel the grass under my feet and then I realized that I was crying. They were good tears, though, not sad tears.”

Carla Earnest is not alone in moving to Alaska. According to the 2010 U.S. Census data, nearly 260,000 Filipinos, or 2.7 percent of the population, were identified themselves as Filipino. Filipinos have also been coming to Alaska for generations to work in the fishing industry. Carla is part of the wave of Filipino immigrants to Alaska that includes skilled workers. “More than half of my classmates (from an all-girls school) went to nursing school,” she said. Now they are scattered all over the United States. Things are changing so fast. It used to be that for a woman, if you were married, you could not get a job. Your job had to be at home taking care of your kids.”

The Philippine government in 2011 estimated that nearly 10 percent of its citizens were working abroad. These emigrants send significant amounts of money back to the Philippines, which in 2011, with $9 billion of that coming out of the U.S.

Remittances make up approximately 9 percent of the Philippine gross domestic product (GDP). This has been an important source of growth for the country, along with a booming call-center industry. This has cushioned the Philippines from the global economic downturn and given the country a growth rate second only to China within its region.

Earnest is no exception. “We are more family oriented. I am working here, but I am helping back home. It is just the way it is. My husband knows that if you marry a Filipina, that is part of it: we will send money home.”

Mark and Carla Earnest are particularly focused on helping her sister pay for a good education for her children. “In my culture, education is the most important sacrifice to support students in their families. “Traditionally, the parents pay for the oldest child’s education and then that person graduates and pays for the school of the next sibling... I am the oldest and my parents sacrificed a lot to send me to school.”

NOTE: Plus ten percent (10%) PENALTY COSTS (including but not limited to court, publication, & attorney fees), & INTEREST at 1% per annum (1%) from date due until date paid. For more information call the Borough office at (907) 766-2231 ext. 22.

This list is available for public inspection at the office of the Borough Clerk at 103 3rd Avenue, Haines, AK. A petition for JUDGMENT and DECEASED FORECLOSURE has been filed with the SUPERIOR COURT in Juneau, Alaska.