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City approves utility sale terms for upcoming vote

Sam McDavid

On Tuesday, the City Council voted to approve the terms of sale of the city's electric utility to Homer Electric Association (HEA), set to be decided by popular vote in a special election on May 2. Presented to Council by city attorney Brooks Chandler, the terms include an initial purchase price of \$25.25 million, subject to an adjustment of \$11.8 million, representing \$15 million in additional capital minus \$3.2 million in depreciation. Additionally, HEA will pay the

city \$1.1 million for ten years, for a total sale price of \$37.05 million, though \$19.5 million of the initial payment will go toward repaying the utility's recent bond debt and other obligations.

Additional funds will come in the form of lease payments for the utility's Fifth Avenue offices in the amount of \$45,000 per year for an initial term of 20 years. Total revenue from the sale is expected to contribute \$2.25 million to the city's general fund for the first decade after purchase, and another \$1.15 million

thereafter.

As to rates customers can expect, base rates will be determined by a rate study and frozen for three years from Jan. 1, 2024, the effective date of the sale. The rate study, however, will not be conducted until after the election has been certified, a potential caveat for voters basing their decisions on personal financial impact.

Also included in the terms are the creation of a new HEA voting district to encompass area residents, and the

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Tsumani Swim Club announces Camp Lydia fund

Sam McDavid

Last Wednesday, the Seward Pool Fund (SPF) donated its remaining \$4,400 to the Seward Tsumani Swim Club (STSC) for the establishment of the Camp Lydia fund, a tribute to Olympic Gold Medalist Lydia Jacoby, to support children attending the club's annual swim camp. Co-managed by Mary Huss and Ken Warner, the fund was initially established in the 1950s by local businesswomen seeking to build a public swimming pool for the city, but its primary purpose shifted when the Seward High School pool opened in 1978.

"In the '50s, one or two kids had drowned," said Huss. "A bunch of the young businesswomen decided that they needed to figure out a way to get a pool in this town, so they started raising money with the sole goal of making sure the children of Seward knew how to swim."

Until her passing, the Seward Pool Fund was managed by Ken's mother Christine Warner, and had been used in the years since the pool's opening to help subsidize swim lessons and purchase equipment.

"They subsidized swim lessons for years without advertising that they were doing it," said Lydia Jacoby's mother and former STSC President Leslie Jacoby, "so generations of kids have less expensive swim lessons. They helped make sure that kids in school had regular access to the pool, if that was busing that they needed or hours paid for, lifeguards or equipment, they provided that."

Huss herself was among the first lifeguards to be paid out of the fund balance.

"The day that pool opened, I swear half the town showed up," Huss said. "There was a huge line. They could only let in so many at a time, and nobody knew how to swim. It was the most harrowing lifeguarding I've ever done in my life! But it was pretty rewarding, working with the school kids and watching them learn to swim."

In recent years, the SPF enjoyed a fruitful partnership with now-retired pool manager Sylvia Ingram, whom the fund also paid for a few weeks each year to offer children swimming lessons.

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City accepts manager, clerk resignations

Sam McDavid

On Tuesday, as part of its consent agenda, the City Council voted to accept resignations from both City Manager Janette Bower and City Clerk Brenda Ballou. As per the terms of her contract, Ballou has given 60 days' notice, with her final day in the city's employment set for May 22. Bower, who filed her

resignation on March 10, will remain with the city until May 10, at which time she will transition to the role of Soldotna city manager.

"Often when a city manager leaves a city there is an assumption that there is an unworkable issue between the city manager and the city council," wrote Bower in the action memorandum

regarding her resignation. "I want everyone to know this isn't the case. The city council is a diverse group who respects one another and works well together. The council has been very, very supportive of me and I am confident the council will continue to support the new manager."

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Seward High hosts inaugural career day

Jennifer Swander

Teenagers who have a vision for their future will be more engaged in their high school experience, and for two hours on March 23, the students at Seward High School had the opportunity to interact with people from a myriad of career fields. Over 50 businesses and organizations from the local area and other parts of the peninsula gathered in the gym, cafeteria, commons, and hallways. People representing the marine industry, law enforcement, parks service, hospitality, small business, aviation, real estate, animal services, corrections, finance, healthcare, and many more, shared their personal experiences as they answered questions when students approached their tables.

In addition to students having the freedom to visit tables of career fields they were curious about, they could also attend 15-minute presentations in the auditorium. For her presentation, Nicole Lawrence of Seward Properties had created an interactive game, and she gave an overview about opportunities in real estate. She commented at the end of day, "We were so impressed

with how well the event was run. Meeting the students and seeing their enthusiasm for interacting with the different presenters was inspiring. We had a great time helping students learn a little about the home buying experience, and we can't wait for next year!"

Sophomore Kai Roddan spoke with Lawrence at her table. He "learned that for real estate you need some things you learn in school." Also, junior Kupono Albino commented that he learned about his "credit and how to buy houses."

Judge Tina Teaford wanted to attend the event and present because she thought "it would be great to get kids interested in the law and tell them about all the aspects of the court system."

Students Casey Bryden, Ethan Thompson, and Trevor Guernsey were a few of many who made it a point to attend Bruce Jaffa's presentation. Jaffa shared many anecdotes while he explained photos in his slideshow, highlighting behind-the-scenes welding projects. Guernsey thought Jaffa's presentation was worth attending, calling it "an exquisite speech!"



Paul Cardone and Traci Petersen of Bear Creek Volunteer Fire Department speak with (from left) Ben and Nick Ambrosiani, John Van Buskirk, Emerson Cross, and Jack Gardner. Photo courtesy Jennifer Swander.

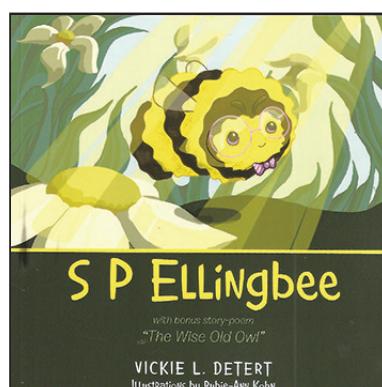
Prior to career day, all students spent time identifying potential career pathways through interest inventory surveys facilitated by the high school student success liaison Jennifer Ransom. She said, "When youth are given the opportunity to do formal career exploration, they are encouraged to consider their strengths, values, and interests – and to see what careers fit within those aspects of their personality. By prioritizing

career exploration before career day, students identified which vendors to visit, presentations to attend and questions to ask based on their individual interests." Over the past several years, Ransom has also coordinated on-the-job training (OJT), internships, and mentorships for many young people.

President of the Seward Schools Site-Based Council Mica Van Buskirk wanted to create partnerships between

the high school and community businesses and organizations, so more internships, mentorships, and on-the-job training opportunities would be opened up for students. In the early stages of planning, Van Buskirk took the lead as she contacted people in the community about this unique event. Every person she spoke with was very enthusiastic about being involved.

One objective of Van Buskirk and the organizing committee was to include people who had graduated from SHS, so that current students could see what pathways former Seahawks had taken. One of those individuals was Billy Wolfe, who said, "The career day at the high school was a really fun experience! I started working for the Harbor 360 Hotel as a front desk agent when I was 16, a junior in high school. I would work the evening shift after school, earning money and an OJT credit! It was great! Now, almost five years after graduation, I am the assistant general manager of the Gateway Hotel. I loved being able to come back to SHS and meeting teens who are in the same shoes I once was. It was wonderful being able to speak about the possibilities there are to stay in Seward and have



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Call for Proposals to Change Federal Subsistence Hunting and Trapping Regulations

Deadline: April 12, 2023

The Federal Subsistence Board is accepting proposals through April 12, 2023 to change Federal regulations for the subsistence harvest of wildlife on Federal public lands for the 2024-2026 regulatory years.

Submit proposals by any of the following methods:

Electronically: Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter Docket number FWS-R7-SM-2022-0105. Then, click on the Search button. On the resulting page, in the Search panel on the left side of the screen, under the Document Type heading, check the Proposed Rule box to locate this document. You may submit a comment (proposal) by clicking on "Comment."

By mail: Submit by U.S. mail or hand delivery: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R7-SM-2022-0105; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: PRB (JAO/3W); Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

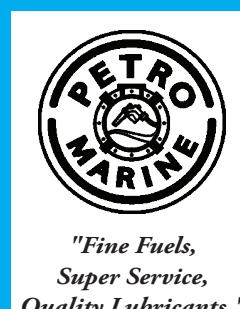
At Council Meetings: You may deliver a hard copy to the Designated Federal Official attending any of the Council public meetings.

You may call the Office of Subsistence Management at 800-478-1456 or email subsistence@fws.gov with your questions.



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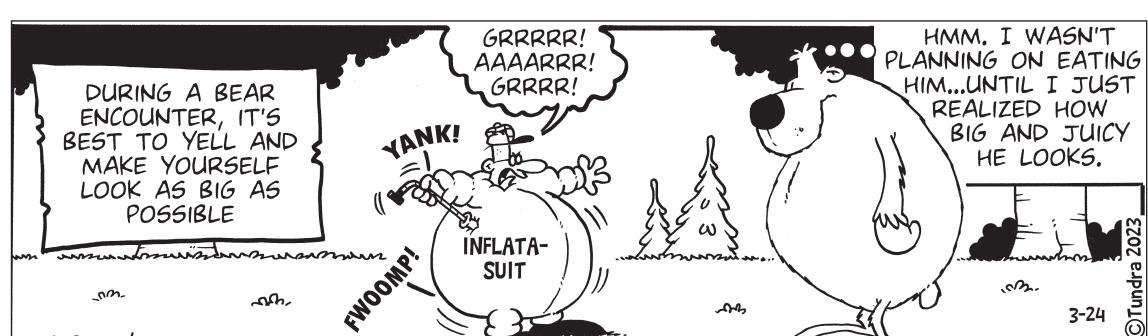
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retention of all current utility employees, should they choose to remain.

Initially the terms included the lease of an additional Ft. Raymond property with the option for HEA to buy the property at fair market value following its initial 20-year term or either of its two five-

year extensions. The terms provided for HEA to retain first right of refusal in the event another buyer offers to purchase the property. These additions were stricken in an amendment introduced by Council Member Mike Calhoon. Following approval of the amendment, Council put a number of questions to Seward Electric Utility

Director Rob Montgomery, who later cited infrastructure repairs prompting rate hikes in a summation of what in his opinion was an urgent need to sell.

"Part of this transaction is not about just today," Montgomery said. "A big chunk of it is about the future, and how can we best set up Seward to be successful in the electric utility industry

as we move forward? This is the opportunity. We need to seriously look at it. I know from my position, I'm encouraging people to go out and vote yes for this sale, because I've been in the industry for 25 years.

I've worked for some large companies, and I know we're not structured today to handle what's coming, and for us to do that, we'd better align ourselves

with a larger utility or we're going to have to change what we're doing almost entirely as we face this future, and we're talking about investing a lot more money in the Seward Electric Utility."

The amended terms were approved unanimously. Seward residents will vote on the sale in a special election on May 2.

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Bower's resignation comes on the heels of the City Council's decision to let voters decide whether the city residency requirement

currently in place for city manager hires will be relaxed to allow future managers to seek housing outside city limits. The vote will be part of the same May 2 ballot that will decide the sale of the city's

electric utility.

"That will allow the city manager to have a home within nine miles," said Mayor Sue McClure. "That makes it a little easier, in terms of recruitment. I'm hoping the

voters can see that we're not going to lose anything by this. If anything, if it passes, it just would make the recruitment process a lot easier."

For Bower's recruitment, staffing firm GovHR was retained to conduct the hiring process. On Tuesday, the Council voted unanimously

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Then in the wake of Lydia's 2021 Olympic gold medal, it was Huss who suggested the remaining balance be used to pay tribute to her legacy.

"The money had just been sitting there," said Huss, "and I one day thought with all the excitement over Lydia that maybe the fund should do something. So it led to working with Leslie and the Tsunami Swim Club on something more substantial. Ken and I were both in total agreement – let's get this money doing something!"

"Because Lydia learned to swim in Seward, we discussed ideas of how best to use the fund," Jacoby said. "We talked about how there are all these great opportunities for swimmers if they stick with the sport. How could we encourage that longevity, the retention of the older swimmers? Part of what we do for these older swimmers is, we put on these great camps and clinics, and Mary had the idea of just calling the fund Camp Lydia."

A portion of the funds were also allocated to honor Ingram with a retirement gift, and the money awarded to the STSC

was given on the stipulation that the high school swim team would benefit from the funds.

"The intent of the Camp Lydia fund is to benefit high school-age swimmers in Seward Tsunami Swim Club and Seward High School Swimming," Jacoby said. "Camps, clinics, scholarships, and outreach specifically to benefit and aid in retention to keep athletes involved through high school is the intended focus."

"We definitely wanted it to still have a bit of a school connection," Huss said. "I think they're working on some way to get them a waiver from the fees in the club."

"We're very proud to be the stewards of that fund," Jacoby added. "We're going to make sure that it keeps going. We're actively raising money to keep that going. I think it's a really special thing to be given that responsibility. It's pretty amazing that it's been around that long and done that much good."

Though the name, the Camp Lydia fund, seeks to honor the city's favorite Olympian, it will not reflect a name change for the club's swim camp and clinic, set to return in August.

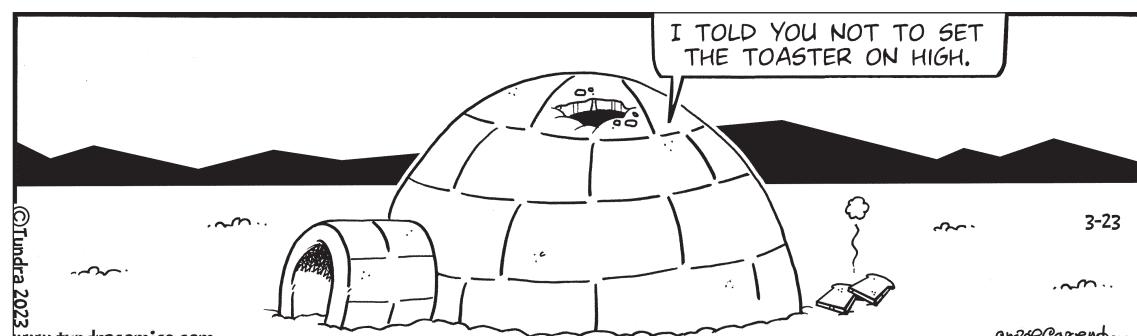
"When we have a camp this summer, it's not going to be called Camp Lydia," Jacoby said, "but the Camp Lydia fund will be one of the sponsors, because we're going to use it to help pay for our high school students."

Ultimately the STSC intends to use the SPF donation as a seed to grow the Camp Lydia fund for future generations of swimmers, in keeping with the fund's original purpose.

"They're going to use it as seed money for this camp that does bring some pretty high-quality people up here, mainly due to Lydia," Huss said. "Those Seward businesswomen all those years ago would be proud."

"We would like as a club to make this fund last," Jacoby said. "We're going to try to substantially raise the funds for that, so that it is long-lasting. If it's going to be in the club's name and Lydia's name, we have an obligation to do that, and to continue to use the money to help with swimming in Seward."

For more information on contributing to the Camp Lydia fund, write to sewardtsunamis@gmail.com or contact Leslie Jacoby at 303-304-7932.



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Seward Church Services

Seward Memorial United Methodist Church

Meghan Woods, Pastor
321 Fourth Avenue
Sunday Worship
sewardumc@gmail.com

(907) 224-7368
11:00 a.m.
sewardumc.com

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church

Fr. Richard Tero, Pastor
Walter Corrigan, Deacon
Fifth Ave. & Jefferson St.
Sunday Mass
Saturday Mass
Weekday Mass (Tuesday-Friday)
Sunday Mass at Cooper Landing

(907) 224-5414
9:30 a.m.
5:30 p.m.
10:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

Eagles Nest Assembly of God

Sherry Clark, Pastor
Second Ave. and Madison Street.
Sunday Fellowship
Sunday Service
Wednesday Prayer Meeting

(907) 224-5635
10:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
6:30 p.m.

Seward Church of the Nazarene

Rev. Dave Smith, Pastor
Fourth Ave. and C St.
Sunday School
Sunday Worship
Wednesday Bible Study

(907) 224-5617
9:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

Seward City Church

Max Ingalls, Pastor
33783 Nash Rd.
Sunday Service

(907) 224-5709
10:00 a.m.

Resurrection Bay Baptist Church

Kelly Cinereski, Pastor
412 Washington St.
Sunday School
Sunday Worship
Sunday Evening
Wednesday Bible Study
Free Transportation

(907) 224-7777
9:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

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Seward Parks & Rec Kids Dodgeball Night – Wednesday, March 29

Seward Parks & Rec will host a kids dodgeball night in the AVTEC gym on Wednesday, March 29, from 6-8 p.m.

No signup is required for this activity. \$3 fee.

Moose Pass Sportsmans Club Spring Meeting – Thursday, March 30

The Moose Pass Sportsmans will meet on Thursday, March 30 at 6 p.m. for their spring meeting.

In addition to elections for vice president and secretary, the group will review Community Assistance Program Funding, the APC comprehensive plan, and the winter carnival.

Seward High School Presents 'Cinderella'

The Seward High School Theatre Collective presents "Cinderella – A Comedy in Three Acts" in the Seward High School Theatre. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door for adults, seniors and children 5-11 half price, under 5 free. Seward High School students and faculty free with valid school ID.

Performances will be on Friday, March 31 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 1 at 2 and 7 p.m.; Friday, April 14 at 7 p.m.; and Saturday, April 15 at 2 p.m.

The performance features Nia Mulholland-Kim as Cinderella, Jacob Milligan as the prince, Nora Andrews as the fairy godmother, Aly Gouernsey as the stepmother, Lilly Mooter as the Jester, Evelyn Bukac as the older stepsister, and

Brooklyn Kurtz as the younger stepsister.

Moose Pass Library Survey – Deadline Friday, March 31

Moose Pass Community Library is conducting a user survey for residents of the Moose Pass area from Primrose to Summit on the Seward Highway. Surveys can be completed through March 31 at <https://library.moosepassalaska.com>.

Book Signing by Vickie L. Detert – Saturday, April 1

Make your easter baskets special with a personally autographed copy of Vickie L. Detert's newly published book, "S P Ellingbee" Saturday, April 1 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Gateway Hotel.

Vickie L. Detert, author/poet/musician/composer and Seward resident will be at the Gateway Hotel on Saturday, April 1, 1-3 p.m. for anyone wanting to purchase a personally signed copy of her newly published book, "S P Ellingbee."

Children of all ages will enjoy the story of Steven Patrick Ellingbee as he and his friends share a message about those who believe in the God who created us all. If unable to attend, you can also get a copy by calling 907-224-4987.

Lost Lake Run Lottery Opening – Saturday, April 1

The Lost Lake Run Lottery opens April 1 at 6 a.m. The lottery will be open through midnight April 4. The Lost Lake Run will be held Saturday August 26. The race entry fee is a non-refundable and non-transferable. Registration is available at <https://lostlakerun907.wpeengine.com>. Please be certain you read and understand the Terms and Conditions.

The Lost Lake Run is conducted on a National Park trail. Our race permit limits the number of participants that can be on the trail each year.

If you have already registered for the 2023 Lost Lake Run (Trail Clearers, Legends, Teams, or Top-Three Finishers), please do not re-register.

Electric System Sale Voter Registration Deadline – Sunday, April 2

The deadline for City residents to register or change your voter registration for the upcoming special election to vote on the sale of the City of Seward Electric Utility is Sunday, April 2. The City Clerk's office will be available until 5 p.m. on Friday, March 30 to assist with registration and changes. You should bring a photo ID when processing voter registration information. For more information call the Clerk's office at 907-224-4045.

Homer Electric Informational Meetings – Tuesday - Thursday April 4-6

Homer Electric will continue information meetings concerning the upcoming vote on the purchase of the Seward Electric Utility by Homer Electric Association.

Tuesday, April 4, 10-11 a.m. at the Seward Library.

Tuesday, April 4, 4-5 p.m. at the SeaLife Center.

Wednesday, April 5, Bear Creek Fire Station, 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 6 at the Chamber Luncheon in the Breeze Inn at noon.

Thursday, April 6 at the Moose Pass Sportsmans at 6 p.m.

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COMMUNITY Calendar

To place your event or activity in the calendar, call (907) 460-8629 or email the information to news@sewardjournal.com.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings: New Seward Group, Every day 7-8 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene, 4th & C street.

R & R group (closed meeting), Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 12:15-1:15 p.m. Resurrection Lutheran Church at the corner of 3rd & Jefferson. The 7/11 group, Monday mornings 7-8 a.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church at the corner of 3rd & Jefferson. Alcoholic Anonymous Hotline is 907-283-5722.

Narcotics Anonymous meets on Monday and Thursdays 5:45-6:45 p.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church.

Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) classes weekdays 9:30 a.m. Call the Senior Center at 907-224-5604.

For more details on calendar events see our website at www.SewardJournal.com.

Wednesday, March 29

Seward Parks & Rec Kids Dodgeball Night, AVTEC, 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 30

Seniors Walk for Wellness at AVTEC, 11 a.m. to noon. Story Time and Activity at the Seward Community Library, 11:15 a.m.

Tai Chi for Health at the Senior Center, 1:30 and 2:45 p.m. He Will Provide Food Bank open, 3-6 p.m.

Moose Pass Sportsmans Club Spring meeting, 6 p.m.

Friday, March 31

Seniors Walk for Wellness at AVTEC, 11 a.m. to noon.

Wii Bowling at the Senior Center, 1 p.m.

Senior Walk for Wellness, Cruise Ship Terminal, 1-3 p.m.

Arts and Crafts with TRAILS at the QNT Community Room, 1-3 p.m.

Bingo at the Senior Center, 1:15 p.m.

American Legion Post Steak Night - Members and Invited Guests, 4 p.m.

Seward High School Presents "Cinderella," High School Theatre, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 1

Seward Amateur Radio Club, Bear Creek Fire Station, 10 a.m.

Book Signing by Vickie L. Detert, Gateway Hotel, 1-3 p.m.

Seward High School Presents "Cinderella," High School Theatre, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 2

Alan Lee Haskins Celebration of Life, Seward Elementary School, 3 p.m.

Monday, April 3

Pinochle and Farkle at the Senior Center, 1 p.m.

Seward Strings at the Senior Center, 1-4 p.m.

Tai Chi for Health at the Senior Center, 1:30 and 2:45 p.m.

Seward/Bear Creek Flood Service Area Board Meeting, Bear Creek Fire Station, 6 p.m.

Bingo at the American Legion, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 4

HEA Presentation on Electric System Purchase Vote, Seward Library, 10-11 a.m.

Seniors Walk for Wellness at AVTEC, 11 a.m. to noon.

Story Time and Activity at the Seward Community Library, 11:15 a.m.

City Council Special Meeting: Review Internal Applicants for City Clerk Position, City Hall, Noon.

ic Booster Club Meeting, Seward High School, 6 p.m.

Seward Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7 p.m.

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Meeting, Soldotna, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5

Seniors Walk for Wellness at AVTEC, 11 a.m. to noon.

Moose Pass Pre-School Open Gym, Moose Pass School, 11 a.m.-noon.

Seward Port and Commerce Advisory Board Meeting, City Hall, Noon.

AVTEC Community Job Fair, AVTEC Gym, 12:30-3 p.m.

HEA Presentation on Electric System Purchase Vote, Bear Creek Fire Station, 6 p.m.

Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Group, Seward Mountain Haven, 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 6

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HEA Presentation on Electric System Purchase Vote, Breeze Inn, Noon.

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He Will Provide Food Bank open, 3-6 p.m.

HEA Presentation on Electric System Purchase Vote, Moose Pass Sportsmans, 6 p.m.

Seward Pioneers of Alaska Igloo Monthly Business Meeting, American Legion, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 7

Seniors Walk for Wellness at AVTEC, 11 a.m. to noon.

Wii Bowling at the Senior Center, 1 p.m.

Arts and Crafts with TRAILS at the QNT Community Room, 1-3 p.m.

Bingo at the Senior Center, 1:15 p.m.

American Legion Post Steak Night - Members and Invited Guests, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

Easter Egg Hunt, Seward High School, Infants-4-year-olds 11-11:15 a.m., 5-8-year-olds 11:15-11:30 a.m., and 9 and up 11:30-11:45 a.m.

USCG Auxiliary Meeting, American Legion, 6:30 p.m.

■ Town Crier, pg. 4**AVTEC Community Job Fair – Wednesday, April 5**

AVTEC will hold a job fair on Wednesday, April 5, 12:30–3 p.m. in the AVTEC Gym at 519 Fourth Avenue. Over 40 local and statewide employers are registered to attend.

The Job Fair is free and open to the public. Local job seekers,

high school students, AVTEC students, and graduates are all invited to attend. This is an opportunity to meet with company representatives and learn about employment and career opportunities in Seward and throughout Alaska.

To see a list of registered companies, visit www.avtec.edu. For more information call 907-244-6172 or email rachel.james@avtec.edu.

Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Group – Wednesday, April 5

The Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Group meets the first Wednesday of the month from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Seward Mountain Haven Commons. Facilitated by Board Certified Dementia Practitioner Lila Hurst. Contact Lila at 907-224-2803 with questions.

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 8

Seward High School will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8. Times are: infants–4-year-olds 11:11:15 a.m., 5–8-year-olds 11:15–11:30 a.m., and 9 and up 11:30–11:45 a.m. The event is scheduled to be held on the football field but will be moved into the gymnasium in the event of inclement weather. The Easter Bunny will make an appearance.

Seward Community Health Fair – Saturday, April 15

The Seward Community Health Fair will be held Saturday, April 15, 8 a.m. to noon in the AVTEC gym. Blood pressure screenings, vision screenings, blood tests, and health education and resources available.

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Harbor Summer Aide (Part Time)

This is a seasonal position. Grade 1A \$16.02. This position is responsible for performing various operational, maintenance, custodial, and/or clerical tasks in and around the boat harbor facilities during summer season. Education and Experience required: High school diploma or general education degree (GED). Previous experience with customer service, boats, and cash handling desired.

Harbor Summer Aide (Full Time)

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Seasonal Campground and Park Maintenance Aide

This is a seasonal position. Grade 1A \$16.02/hr. This position is responsible for maintaining the appearance, health, and safety of municipal parks and recreation facilities, providing general customer service, and supporting park and campground operations. Must be able to work early mornings, evenings, weekends, and holidays as needed.

Education and experience required: Some experience working with the public preferred.

Seasonal Campground Attendant

This is a seasonal position. Grade 1A \$16.02/hr DOE. This position is responsible for providing general customer service, assisting guest with camping reservations, ensuring compliance with camping regulations, and cleaning park and campground facilities. Must be able to work early mornings, evenings, weekends, and holidays as needed.

Education and experience required: Graduation from high school or GED equivalent and some experience working with the public required.

Seasonal Parking Lot Attendant

This is a seasonal position. Grade 1A \$16.02. This position is responsible managing parking in the Small Boat Harbor area and the Downtown Business District, including monitoring parking compliance and collection of parking fees. Must be able to work early mornings, evenings, weekends, and holidays as needed.

Education and experience required: Graduation from high school or GED equivalent and six months work experience in a team atmosphere.

Seasonal Winter Park Maintenance

This is a full-time position. Grade 2A \$17.62. This position is responsible for performing skilled work in the operation, mechanical repair, and maintenance of a variety of gasoline- and diesel-powered vehicles and other

specialized equipment.

Education and experience required: graduation from high school or GED, one year experience in operation of maintenance equipment, including but not limited to tractors, snow blowers, power shop tools, and hand tools.

Seasonal Gardener

This is a seasonal position. Grade 2A \$17.62/hr DOE. This position is responsible for the general upkeep and maintenance of City landscaping, including planting and maintaining gardens, flower planters, hanging baskets, etc. Must be able to work early mornings, evenings, weekends, and holidays as needed.

Education and experience required: Graduation from high school or GED equivalent and some experience with the operation of maintenance equipment; some landscaping experience preferred.

Seasonal Park Maintenance Worker

This is a seasonal position. Grade 2A \$17.62/hr DOE. This position is responsible for maintaining the appearance, health, and safety of municipal parks and recreation facilities including campgrounds, sports fields, trails, and cemeteries. Must be able to work early mornings, evenings, weekends, and holidays as needed. May be required to work split and/or solo shifts.

Education and experience required: Graduation from high school or GED equivalent and some experience working with the public.

Seasonal Fire Department Laborer

This is a seasonal position beginning mid-May 2022. Grade 2A \$17.62 DOE.

Seasonal position beginning mid-May. Under general supervision, primary duties will consist of testing fire hydrants and fire hoses, perform routine maintenance and inventory checks on fire apparatus, perform light maintenance on the fire station, and other tasks as assigned.

Must have a valid driver's license.

Administrative and Finance

Finance Director

This is a full-time position with benefits. Grade 13 \$42.85 DOE.

This is a highly responsible professional position that serves as the Chief Financial Officer of the City and performs complex work involving fiscal planning, internal audit controls, budgetary controls, and cost studies. The Finance Director manages, organizes, coordinates, and performs the financial, accounting, and budgeting activities for the City and is responsible for safeguarding the City's financial assets, assigning and supervising the work of the Finance Department staff, and insuring the reliability of financial information.

Education and experience required: graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, or a closely related field, and at least 7 years of experience in governmental finance and accounting, including several years of supervisory experience.

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Accounting Technician AP

This is a full-time position Grade 5A \$22.18 DOE. This position is responsible for processing and maintaining accounts payable and purchasing. This position requires an understanding of accounting debits and credits, the ability to reconcile a subsidiary accounting module to the general ledger, frequent contact with city employees, department heads, and vendors, and responsibility for filing quarterly and annual reports with federal and state agencies.

Education and Experience required: Graduation from high school or GED equivalent supplemented by at least one year of experience in accounting, payroll or accounts payable related functions. Associate's Degree or equivalent from two-year college or technical school preferred.

Accounting Technician II

This is a full-time position with benefits. Grade 5A \$22.18 DOE.

This position is responsible for moderately difficult accounting clerical work involving standard accounts, processes, procedures, and guidelines. This class is distinguished from the Accounting Technician I class in the greater degree of independence and self motivation exercised in the performance of work and in the difficulty and complexity of accounting clerical tasks.

Education and experience required: vocational certificate, associate's degree, or related course work in accounting or business, or two to three years related experience.

Electric

Field Engineer

This is a full-time IBEW position with benefits \$43.73/hr. Inspects work accomplished by electrical contractors or City crews. Reviews contractor's estimates and request for payments. Reviews and prepares recommendation for change orders. Coordinates construction activities with utility operations. Designs, plans, stakes and inspects subdivision, line extensions, transformer, poles and other system equipment replacement/installation, and secondary services. Administers work orders. Implements long range utility plans through design of these jobs.

Education and experience required: A bachelor's degree in electrical engineering is desirable, but not required if extensive practical field experience is demonstrated. Experience in survey and survey techniques is desirable.

Public Works

Building Maintenance Custodian

This is a regular full-time position with benefits Grade 3A \$19.38 DOE.

This position is responsible for keeping the assigned City office buildings in clean and orderly condition and for per-

Parks & Recreation

Program Coordinator

This is a part-time to full-time position. Grade 5A \$22.18. This position is responsible for the front-line management of the Sports and Recreation (S&R) Division programs, which includes developing program concepts, planning activities, marketing, and coordinating programs and special events.

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Public Safety

Corrections Officer

This is a full-time position with benefits. Grade 6A \$24.39 DOE.

This position is responsible for performing duties at the City's detention facility, including inmate booking, detention, and security work.

Education and experience required: graduation from high school or GED. No experience required.

Police Dispatcher

This is a regular full-time position with benefits. Grade 6A \$24.39 DOE.

Receives, relays, and transmits routine and emergency calls to police, fire, EMS, and other City agencies in a timely manner. Simultaneously monitors and relays information on multiple computer, radio, and phone systems.

Education and experience required: high school diploma or general education degree (GED) and at least one year experience in dealing with the public.

Patrol Officer

This is a full-time position with benefits. Grade 8A \$29.52 DOE. Continually recruiting.

This position is responsible for performing general law enforcement work in order to preserve public peace, protect lives, property, and rights of the public, and to enforce statutory laws and municipal ordinances.

Education and experience required: graduation from high school or general education degree (GED) required, with the ability to become certified through the Alaska Police Standards Council. Must have completed or soon after hire complete a probationary period as a Patrol Officer Recruit, which consists of attending the Police Academy and successful completion of the Field Training Program.

Most positions require a valid Alaska driver's license. Successful applicants must pass a background investigation and drug testing. Preference may be given to current City employees.

An application for employment can be obtained in the lobby of City of Seward office building, 410 Adams Street, 907-224-4074, by emailing HR@cityofseward.net, or on the City of Seward website at cityofseward.us

All qualified applicants will be considered. Minority, women, disabled veterans, campaign badge veterans, recently separated veterans or disabled are encouraged to apply.

The City of Seward is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Animal shelter occupies new location

Sam McDavid

The Alice Pickett Memorial Animal Shelter has moved from its former Sixth Avenue location to its new home at 605 Sea Lion Avenue, with operations ramping up as several finishing touches are applied to the facility. Through a process that began two weeks ago, all animals have since been relocated to the new facility, which will operate under shortened hours until the transition is complete. Though workers continue to install cabinetry and not all supplies have arrived, animal surrenders are now accepted, and adoptions can now be arranged by appointment, according to Police Chief Alan Nickell.

"Maybe another week or two

at the latest, and we'll be ready to be open full-time, regular hours," Nickell said. "Work is still continuing on it. We're still waiting for some things to come in, but overall we're able to function at this point."

Notable among the items yet to arrive, new kennels, particularly cat and quarantine kennels, are still awaiting shipment from the Lower 48. The shelter also has yet to receive its exam table and the sterilizer used in minor surgeries, but Nickell said that despite the missing supplies, the facility is able to operate.

"Because the kennels haven't come in yet, particularly for the cats, we had to figure out how to transfer the animals into temporary crating and then have the old kennels in the old shelter removed in

such a way that we could still use them, and then have those moved up there and assembled in as usable a fashion as we could do it," he said. "It's all very temporary right now, but we're making do, and this way we're not paying for two buildings."

As to a timeline for the arrival of the missing kennels, Nickell remains unsure.

"Those are being manufactured and shipped," he said. "It's just a matter of waiting on those, but the day-to-day supplies that we need to operate the shelter are there, so we're doing fine."

Though much of the funding of shelter supplies has come through various city resources, Nickell stated that additional items have been provided through Save Our Seward Pets

(SOS Pets) donations.

"They bought the cat kennels and they bought a bunch of the other supplies that are up there," he said. "I have control of separate funds – I have the project fund and then I have donations that have been made to the city, and then I have grant funding that I have access to. The grant funding is for the medical equipment: the table and the sterilizer and things like that. Those are purchases we were making on our own."

As the animals grow accustomed to their new home, the old location has already been repurposed. While talk is circulating that the Sixth Avenue property will be sold into the housing market, until the City Council decides its ultimate fate, another

department within the city is set to make use of the facility.

"We're out of there completely," Nickell said, "and that space is going to be utilized by Parks & Rec now."

Nickell went on to say that he expects the transition to be complete within the next one to two weeks, with an official grand opening event planned sometime thereafter.

"At a date and time to be determined, we'll have a grand opening/open house-type community event, once the weather gets nicer," Nickell said. "We're going to have to take a look at everything. We'll get that figured out before too long. It'll be a good time!"

For more information and future updates, follow the shelter on Facebook at facebook.com/SewardShelter/.



CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA NOTICE OF SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, there will be conducted in the City of Seward, Alaska, a SPECIAL Municipal Election in accordance with Seward City Code, Title 4.

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the City of Seward sell the Seward Electric Utility with the negotiated terms and conditions previously approved by City Council that are contingent on voter approval?

Proposition No. 1

Yes _____

No _____

A yes vote approves the sale of the electric utility.

A no vote means the City of Seward retains the electric utility.

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Shall the City of Seward Charter Chapter 5.4 (a) be amended to read as follows: (new language is underlined and bolded, and deleted language is stricken):

5.4 City Manager

(a) The city manager shall be chosen solely on the basis of his demonstrated administrative qualifications, with particular emphasis on his training and experience as a professional municipal administrator. He shall be a resident of the city during his tenure in office. The council shall provide in the code for language enacting geographical boundaries within ten miles from mile marker zero of the Seward Highway for the manager's residence.

Proposition No. 2

Yes _____

No _____

A yes vote approves repeals the residency requirement language.

A no vote retains the residency requirement language.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Absentee voting is provided for any qualified voter:

- BY MAIL: A voter may apply for an absentee by mail ballot from the city clerk until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2023.
- IN PERSON: A voter may vote absentee in person at the office of the city clerk starting Monday, April 17, 2023 through Monday, May 1, 2023 between 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Bring an ID.

SPECIAL NEEDS VOTING

If you are a qualified voter and cannot make it to the polls, you may vote a Special Needs ballot:

- Designate a personal representative to bring the ballot to you. Your personal representative must appear at the city clerk's office between April 17, 2023 through Monday, May 1, 2023, or at the polling location on Election Day on May 2, 2023.
- The city clerk will provide this service to any voter upon request. Please call at 907-224-4046 or 907-224-2045.

CITY POLLING PLACE

Election Day is Tuesday, May 2, 2023. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. The polling place is City Council Chambers on the first floor of City Hall, located at 410 Adams Street (at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Adams Street) in Seward, Alaska.

Additional information regarding all aspects of the May 2, 2023 Municipal SPECIAL Election may be obtained by contacting the city clerk's office at P.O. Box 167, Seward, AK 99664 or clerk@cityofseward.net or 907-224-4045 or 907-224-4046. Please call if you have any questions.

Brenda J. Ballou, MMC
City Clerk

Free dental, vision, medical clinic set in Anchorage

Michael Paschall

Remote Area Medical (RAM), a major nonprofit provider of pop-up clinics, will hold a clinic at O'Malley Sports Center, 11111 O'Malley Centre Dr. in Anchorage on Saturday and Sunday, April 15-16. The clinic is held in collaboration with the Mountainview Lions Club Foundation.

Free dental, vision, and medical services will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. No ID is required. The patient parking lot will open no later than midnight on Friday night, April 14, and remain open for the duration of the clinic. Once in the parking lot, additional information regarding clinic-opening processes and next steps will be provided. Clinic doors open at 6 a.m.

Due to time constraints, patients should be prepared to choose between dental and vision services. Medical services are offered, in addition to dental or vision services. For more information, to donate, or to volunteer, please visit www.ramus.org or call 865-579-1530. Patients may also visit the Facebook Event for this clinic at <https://fb.me/e/31Coc4kzo>.

Services available at the free RAM clinic include dental cleanings, dental fillings, dental extractions, dental X-rays, eye exams, eye health exams, eyeglass prescriptions, eyeglasses made on-site, and general medical exams.

In some situations outside of RAM's control, such as

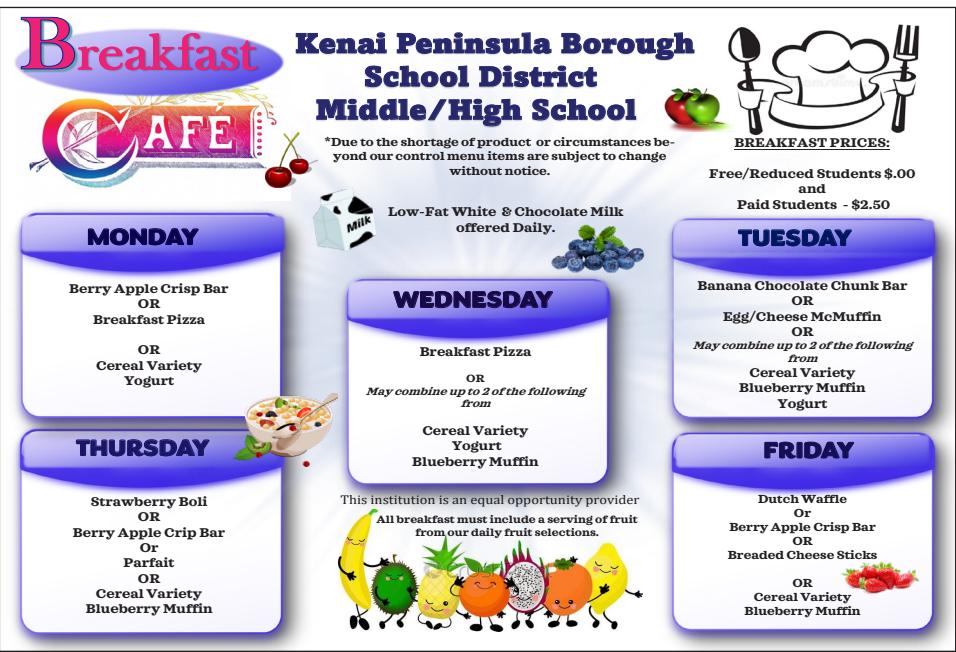
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We provide services and referrals for anyone who has or is experiencing domestic violence or sexual assault, free of charge.

Call our 24/7 crisis line for help:
1-907-362-1843
We are here for you.

School Breakfast and Lunch Menus



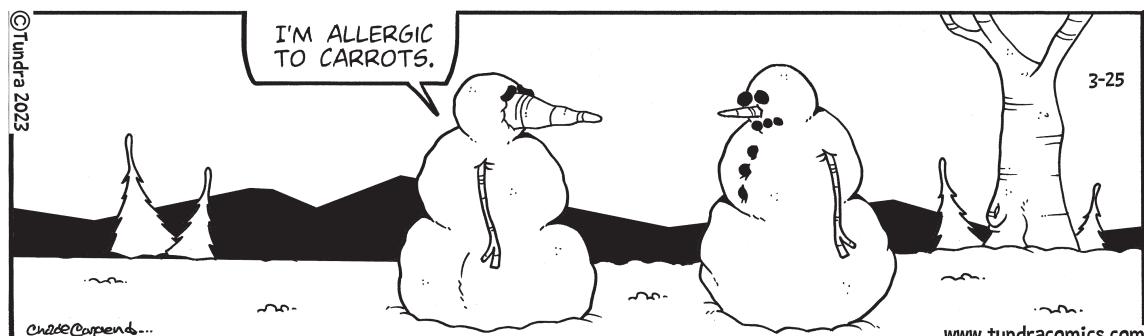
■ Resignations, pg. 3

an interim replacement manager until its next regular session on April 10. Prior to Bower's arrival, Harbormaster Norm Regis served as the interim city manager after the departure of Scott Meszaros.

"There's options we like did before, just appoint a department head like Norm, whoever is willing," said Mayor McClure, "and then advertise. One time we got an interim,

Jeff Bridges, for a year, just as kind of a bridge. My preference would be just to get out there, advertise, and find somebody as soon as we can, but it's got to be a good person too."

To fill Ballou's vacancy, the city will advertise the position in-house for five working days before opening the job to other candidates. A special Council meeting will convene on Thursday, April 6 at noon to discuss the in-house applicant pool.



SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Solution on page 10

STRONGER Together UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 4
10AM - 11AM
Seward Library
COFFEE CHAT: Informal Q&A Session

APRIL 4
4PM - 5PM
Alaska SeaLife Center
COFFEE CHAT: Informal Q&A Session

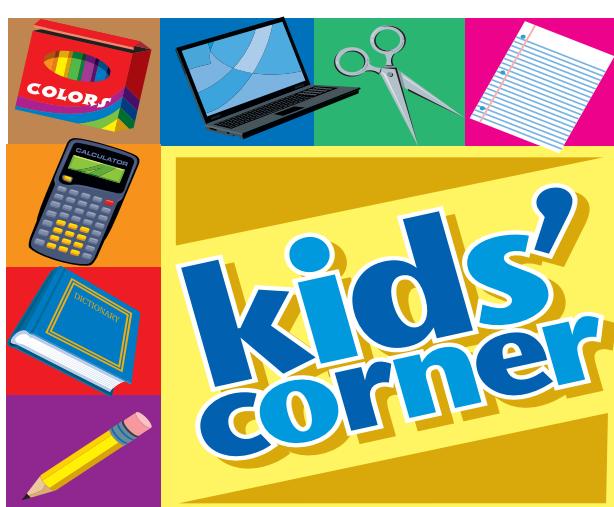
APRIL 5
6PM
Bear Creek Fire Dept
Presentation by HEA's General Manager and Director of Engineering.

APRIL 6
6PM - Moose Pass Sportsman Club
CHAMBER LUNCHEON
Presentation by HEA's General Manager.

APRIL 6
12PM
Breeze Inn
MOOSE PASS APC REGULAR MEETING
Presentation by HEA's General Manager and Director of Engineering.

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This communication was paid for by Homer Electric Association Inc., 3977 Lake St., Homer, AK, 99603. Dan Furlong, President, approved this communication.



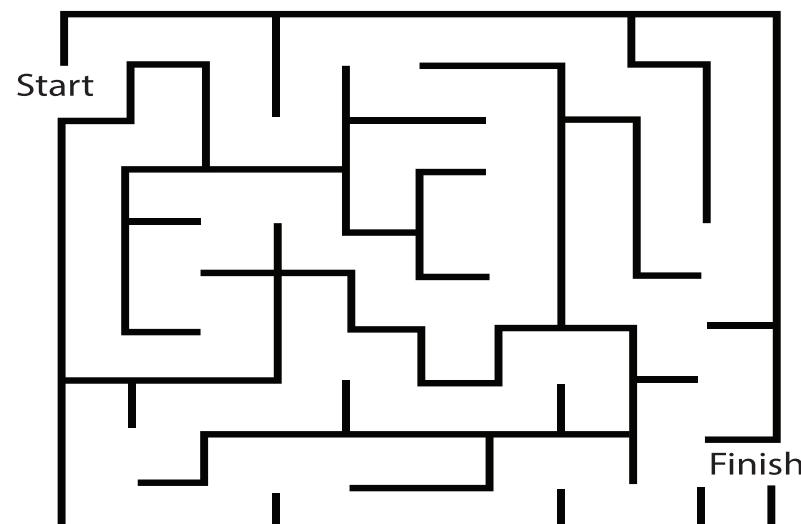
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THIS MONTH IS WHEN THE SPRING EQUINOX OCCURS IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE.

ANSWER: SEPTEMBER

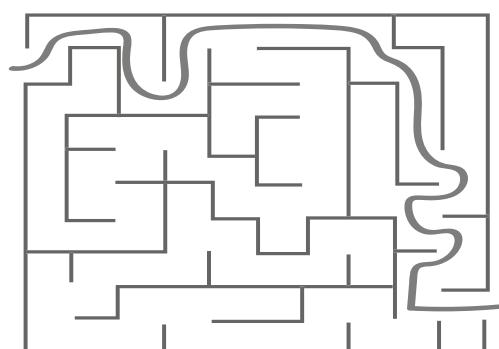
Maze Craze

Can you find your way through the maze?



THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

- 1871: THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL RUGBY MATCH TAKES PLACE BETWEEN SCOTLAND AND ENGLAND IN EDINBURGH.
- 1976: THE FIRST SECTION OF THE WASHINGTON METRO OPENS TO THE PUBLIC.
- 2020: NORTH MACEDONIA BECOMES THE 30TH MEMBER OF NATO.



New Word

BULB

a food storage organ that produces a new flowering plant

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Warm

SPANISH: Tibio

ITALIAN: Caldo

FRENCH: Chaud

GERMAN: Warm

Did You Know?

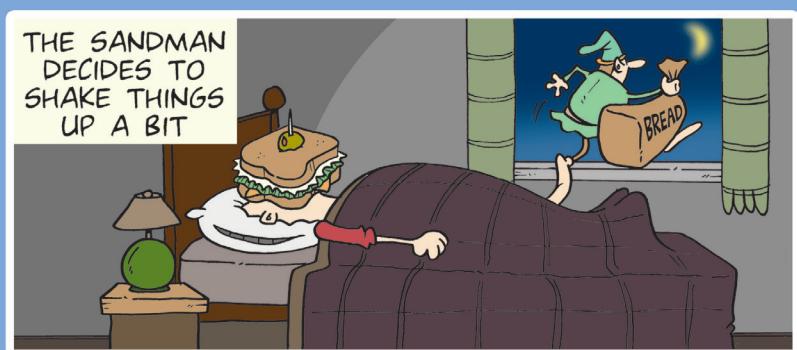
THE FIRST SPRING FLOWERS ARE LILACS, IRISES, LILIES, TULIPS, DAFFODILS, AND DANDELIONS.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: GARDEN TOOLS

Chad Carpenter's TUNDRA



Deadline approaching for SBA landslide loans

Michael Paschall

The deadline for small businesses economic injury disaster loans with the Small Business Administration for working capital following the Lowell Point Landslide last year is April 12.

According to Tanya N. Garfield with the SBA, small nonfarm businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private nonprofit organizations of any size may apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans up to \$2 million to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster.

"Economic Injury Disaster Loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that cannot be paid because of the disaster's impact. Economic injury assistance is available regardless of whether the applicant suffered any property damage," Garfield said.

The loans are available in the Kenai Peninsula Borough and other adjacent areas of the state.

The interest rate is 2.935 percent for businesses and 1.875 percent for private nonprofit organizations with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based on

each applicant's financial condition.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/>.

Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business

Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

■ Free Medical, pg. 6

inclement weather, volunteer cancellations, or other circumstances, the parking lot may open earlier or a smaller number of patients may be served. RAM encourages everyone who would like services, especially dental services, to arrive as early as possible. Clinic closing time may vary based on each service area's daily capacity. For more information, please see RAM's website at www.ramusa.org.

Remote Area Medical is a

major nonprofit organization that operates pop-up clinics delivering free, quality dental, vision, and medical services to individuals in need who do not have access to, or cannot afford, a doctor. Founded in 1985, RAM has treated more than 888,000 individuals with \$181.5 million worth of free healthcare and veterinary services. Since its foundation, nearly 183,000 volunteers - comprised of licensed dental, vision, medical, and veterinary professionals, as well as general support staff - have supported RAM's mission.



CITY CALENDAR

HOW TO ATTEND MEETINGS

1. Attend in person
2. Listen on KIBH-FM 91.7
3. Live Stream or Replay on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/@cityofseward7729>)

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON ANY SUBJECT EXCEPT THOSE ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA
6. SPECIAL ORDERS, PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS
 - A. Proclamations and Awards – None
 - B. City Administration Report
 - C. Other Reports and Announcements – None
 - D. Presentations – None
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - A. Resolutions Requiring Public Hearing
 1. Resolution 2023-006, Recommending City Council and Kenai Peninsula Borough Approval of the Preliminary Replat of Fourth of July Creek Subdivision, Seward Marine Industrial Center (SMIC), Unsubdivided Remainder of Block 6, Physical Location 110 Olga Street, Creating Two Lots, Lots 4 & 5, Block 6, Fourth of July Creek Subdivision SMIC, Duchess Replat.
 2. Resolution 2023-007, Recommending the City Council Update the Municipal Lands Inventory and Management Plan to Include Recommendations to Increase Day Use Parking at the Spring Creek Campground, Request an Easement to Maintain Beach Access to the North of the Campground, and Plat the Area into one Parcel and Rezone to Park.
 3. Resolution 2023-008, Recommending the City Council Update the Municipal Lands Inventory and Management Plan to Include Recommendations to Improve and Designate Parking and Access at the Fourth of July Beach and Plat the Area into one Parcel and Rezone to Park.
 4. Resolution 2023-009, Granting a Conditional Use Permit to John Wisel, to Construct a Mixed-Use Commercial Building with more than Two Apartments at 213 Fifth Ave, Original Townsite of Seward, South 10 feet of Lot 13 & the North 25 feet of Lot 14, Block 9; Within a Central Business (CB) Zoning District.
 5. Resolution 2023-010, Granting a Conditional Use Permit to Colaska Inc. dba QAP to Extract Gravel from Portions of the Resurrection River Located on Seward Meridian SW NE ¼ SW ¼ and Seward Meridian SW West 330 Feet of NW ¼ Lying Within Seward City Limits and Seward Meridian SW Portion NW ¼ SE ¼ Lying Within Seward City Limits Excluding West 330 Feet; Within a Resource Management (RM) Zoning District.
 - B. Other New Business Items
 1. Nominate and Elect a Chair
 2. Nominate and Elect a Vice Chair
 - *3. Approval of the February 7, 2023 P&Z Meeting Minutes.
 4. Discuss Topics for the April 18, 2023 work session:
 - a. Title 15 Updates
 - i. Long-Term Rentals
 - ii. Lot Frontages
 - iii. Bunkhouses & Dormitories
 - b. Awnings
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8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS
 - A. Reminder: P&Z Work Session on April 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
 - B. Reminder: P&Z Meeting on May 9, 2023
9. CITIZEN COMMENTS
10. COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS & RESPONSE TO CITIZEN COMMENTS
12. ADJOURNMENT

PORT & COMMERCE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON ANY SUBJECT EXCEPT

THOSE ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA
6. SPECIAL ORDERS, PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS
 - A. Proclamations and Awards – None
 - B. City Administration Report
 - C. Other Reports and Announcements – None
 - D. Presentations – None
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Other New Business Items
 1. Discuss Utility Infrastructure
 2. Discuss Seward Marine Industrial Center (SMIC) Plan
 3. Discuss Attorney's Notes Ordinance 2.3
 - B. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS – None
 - C. CITIZEN COMMENTS
 - D. COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS & RESPONSE TO CITIZEN COMMENTS
 - E. ADJOURNMENT

PORT & COMMERCE ADVISORY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING ACTION AGENDA

March 22, 2023

The following resolution was amended and approved:

Resolution 2023-001, Recommending City Council Amend The 2023 PACAB Priorities.

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING ACTION AGENDA

March 28, 2023

Other new business:

Council will direct a Committee of the Whole to discuss the Public Works Shop Project.

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ACTION AGENDA

March 28, 2023

The following ordinance had a public hearing and was enacted:

Ordinance 2023-006, Amending Seward City Code Title 2, Article 2 – Seward Planning And Zoning Commission.

The following resolution had a public hearing and failed:

Resolution 2023-029, Determining It To Be In The Public Interest And Necessary To Proceed With The Proposed Improvement District For And Benefiting Lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, CR, CQ1, CQ2, CD, CF1, CF2, CG2, CP2, CG1, CP1, CO, CH, AX, AY, AZ, BA, BC1, BC2, BD1, BD2, BE1, And BE2 Of Forest Acres Subdivision For An Amount Not To Exceed Three Million, Nine Hundred Thousand, Six Hundred And Eleven Dollars (\$3,900,611).

The following ordinances were introduced and will come for public hearing and enactment on April 10, 2023:

Ordinance 2023-007, Adopting Seward City Code Chapter 5.60 To Establish A Trust Fund From The Sale Of Seward Electric Services.

Ordinance 2023-008, Repealing And Re-Enacting Seward City Code Title 7 – Public Property For The City Of Seward Recodification Project.

Ordinance 2023-009, Amending Seward City Code 15.25 Floodplain Management, Adopting Recommended Language And Regulations From The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The following resolutions were approved:

Resolution 2023-032, Authorizing The City Manager To Purchase Electric Distribution Materials From Anixter Power Solutions To Ensure Adequate Inventory For The 2023 Construction Season For \$286,123, Plus A 10 Percent Contingency, For A Not-To-Exceed Amount Of \$314,735.

Resolution 2023-033, Authorizing The City Manager To Purchase From G&W Electric Company Seven Dielectric Reclosers For Installation In The Fort Raymond Substation In A Not-To-Exceed Amount Of \$203,413.

Resolution 2023-034, Authorizing The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District To Operate Campgrounds On The Seward School Properties In Order To Accommodate The Need For Overflow Camping On The 4th Of July Holiday Weekend.

Resolution 2023-035, Authorizing The City Manager To Execute R&M Engineering Task Order No. 2734,25,03, Completing The 35% Design Of A New Public Works Facility, And Appropriating Funds.

Resolution 2023-036, Authorizing The City Manager To Remburse Chugachmiut Regional Health Center for a Portion of a Sewer Line Realignment in the amount of \$56,975, and Appropriating Funds.

Resolution 2023-037, Approving The Lawful Action To Bring Suit Against A Non-Compliant Short-Term Rental At 2410 Maple And Appropriating Funds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$10,000.

Resolution 2023-038, Accepting The Resignation Of City Clerk Brenda Ballou And Setting The Terms For Her Departure From City Employment.

The following resolution was amended and approved:

Resolution 2023-039, Approving An Asset Purchase Agreement Between The City Of Seward And Homer Electric Association For The Sale Of The City Of Seward Electrical System, Subject To Voter Approval.

The following action memoranda were approved:

Action Memorandum 2023-003, Appoint a citizen to serve as the city's representative on the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council with a term to expire May, 2025. Council appointed Michael Brittain.

Action Memorandum 2023-004, Accepting The City Manager's Resignation, Effective May 10, 2023.

Other items:

There was no objection to the renewal of liquor license #822 – Beverage Dispensary for Seasalt, Alaskan Bar & Grill.

There was no objection to the renewal of liquor license #4915 – Restaurant/Eating Place – Seasonal for Gulf of Alaska Food Court.

There was no objection to the renewal of marijuana license #17758 – Retail Marijuana Store for The Tufted Puffin, LLC.

Council will participate in a delegation exchange with the City of Obihiro; the Obihiro delegation will visit Seward in August and the Seward delegation will visit Obihiro in October.

Council directed the city manager to have Human Resources begin the search for a permanent city manager hire with GovHR.

Council directed the city manager to have Human Resources contact the Alaska Municipal League for potential interim city manager candidates.

Council directed the city manager to have Human Resources conduct an internal hiring notice for the city clerk position.

Council scheduled a special meeting on April 6, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. to review internal candidate applications for the city clerk position.

The March 13, 2023 City Council Special Meeting Minutes and the March 13, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes were approved.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Port & Harbor Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

City Council Special Meeting

Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Topic: Review applicants for the city clerk position.

City Council Meeting

Monday, April 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Seward Planning and Zoning Commission will conduct public hearings on the following items of business at its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2023:

Resolution 2023-006, Recommending City Council and Kenai Peninsula Borough Approval of the Preliminary Replat of Fourth of July Creek Subdivision, Seward Marine Industrial Center (SMIC), Unsubdivided Remainder of Block 6, Physical Location 110 Olga Street, Creating Two Lots, Lots 4 & 5, Block 6, Fourth of July Creek Subdivision SMIC, Duchess Replat.

Resolution 2023-007, Recommending the City Council Update the Municipal Lands Inventory and Management Plan to Include Recommendations to Increase Day Use Parking at the Spring Creek Campground, Request an Easement to Maintain Beach Access to the North of the Campground, and Plat the Area into one Parcel and Rezone to Park.

Resolution 2023-008, Recommending the City Council Update the Municipal Lands Inventory and Management Plan to Include Recommendations to Improve and Designate Parking and Access at the Fourth of July Beach and Plat the Area into one Parcel and Rezone to Park.

Resolution 2023-009, Granting a Conditional Use Permit to John Wisel, to Construct a Mixed-Use Commercial Building with more than Two Apartments at 213 Fifth Ave, Original Townsite of Seward, South 10 feet of Lot 13 & the North 25 feet of Lot 14, Block 9; Within a Central Business (CB) Zoning District.

Resolution 2023-010, Granting a Conditional Use Permit to Colaska Inc. dba QAP to Extract Gravel from Portions of the Resurrection River Located on Seward Meridian SW NE ¼ SW ¼ and Seward Meridian SW West 330 Feet of NW ¼ Lying Within Seward City Limits and Seward Meridian SW Portion NW ¼ SE ¼ Lying Within Seward City Limits Excluding West 330 Feet; Within a Resource Management (RM) Zoning District.

Resolution 2023-011, Authorizing The City Manager To Purchase From G&W Electric Company Seven Dielectric Reclosers For Installation In The Fort Raymond Substation In A Not-To-Exceed Amount Of \$203,413.

Resolution 2023-012, Authorizing The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District To Operate Campgrounds On The Seward School Properties In Order To Accommodate The Need For Overflow Camping On The 4th Of July Holiday Weekend.

Resolution 2023-013, Authorizing The City Manager To Execute R&M Engineering Task Order No. 2734,25,03, Completing The 35% Design Of A New Public Works Facility, And Appropriating Funds.

Resolution 2023-014, Authorizing The City Manager To Remburse Chugachmiut Regional Health Center for a Portion of a Sewer Line Realignment in the amount of \$56,975, and Appropriating Funds.

Resolution 2023-015, Authorizing The City Manager To Bring Suit Against A Non-Compliant Short-Term Rental At 2410 Maple And Appropriating Funds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$10,000.

Resolution 202

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Kenai Peninsula Borough Notice of Assembly Meetings

The following meetings and assembly session will be conducted in the Betty J. Glick Assembly Chambers, George A. Navarre Borough Administration Building, 144 N. Binkley Street, Soldotna, unless otherwise noted:

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023

11:30 AM	Finance Committee
12:45 PM	Lands Committee
1:00 PM	Policies and Procedures Committee
	Platting Procedures Presentation, Homer Mayor Ken Kastner (30 minutes)
	KPB Locally Adopted Ready, Set, Go! Preparedness & Evacuation Program, Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager (30 minutes)
	Executive Session regarding Wastell v. Pierce, KPB Legal Matter (30 minutes)
3:00 PM	Material Site Assembly Subcommittee
6:00 PM	Regular Assembly Meeting

Meeting agendas are posted on the borough's webpage www.kpb.us approximately one week prior to the meeting. The Assembly will conduct a public hearing on the following Ordinance(s):

Ordinance 2022-19-50: Accepting and Appropriating the Safe Streets and Roads for All Assistance Grant and the Required Match Funds Through the U.S. Department of Transportation (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)

Ordinance 2022-19-51: Accepting and Appropriating Federal Pass Thru Grant Funds of Up to \$43,350 to the Kenai Peninsula Borough to Develop a Drainage Plan for Gravel Pit Clean Discharge in the Big Eddy Area (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)

Ordinance 2022-19-52: Accepting and Appropriating Federal Pass Thru Grant Funds of up to \$29,488 to the Kenai Peninsula Borough for the Donald E. Gilman River Center Rain Garden Project (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)

Ordinance 2022-19-53: Appropriating \$600,000 from the Road Service Area Capital Project Fund to Cover FY2022 Road Capital Improvement Projects that are Insufficiently Funded (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)

Ordinance 2022-19-54: Appropriating \$213,766.67 from the Central Emergency Services Area's Operating Fund to Support the First Debt Service Payment for the 2023 Series One Central Emergency Service Area Fire Station General Obligation Bonds (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)

Ordinance 2022-19-55: Appropriating \$441,666.67 from the General Fund to Support the First Debt Service Payment for the 2023 Series One Educational General Obligation Bonds (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)

Ordinance 2022-19-56: Appropriating Funds from the General Fund to Support Required Snow Load Removal and the FY2023 Insurance Premium for the Soldotna Prep Facility (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)

Ordinance 2022-19-57: Appropriating Funds from the South Peninsula Hospital Plant Replacement and Expansion Fund and the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area Fund for Improvements to the Long-Term Care and Rehabilitation Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning System (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)

Public Hearing on Shortened Time:

Ordinance 2022-19-61: Appropriating \$33,100 from the General Fund for Needed Maintenance on the Fire Suppression System at the Records Center (Mayor, Johnson) (Hearing on Shortened Time 04/04/23)

The public hearing will commence at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as business permits. All interested persons are invited to attend the meeting and participate in the public discussion. Remote participation will be available through Zoom. Meeting ID: 884 7373 9641 Passcode: 671108. <https://zoom.us/j/88473739641>. To attend the Zoom meeting by telephone call toll free 1-888-788-0099 or 1-877-853-5247 and enter the Meeting ID: 884 7373 9641 Passcode: 671108. Detailed instructions on how to attend the meeting, the meeting agenda and agenda items will all be posted on the Kenai Peninsula Borough's main page www.kpb.us Click on "Current Assembly Agenda" under the "Meeting and Public Notices" header.

We encourage you submit your comments in writing through either the eComment portal located at <https://kpb.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> or by emailing them to assemblyclerk@kpb.us. If you would like to provide public testimony at the meeting, please call the Clerk's Office to have your name added to the public speaker's list: 907-714-2160.

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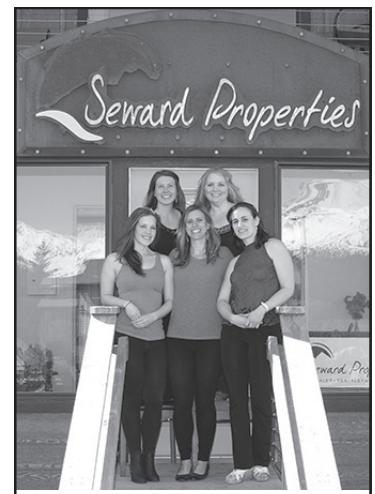
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Application forms are available in the office of the city clerk and on the city website at www.cityofseward.us. Completed application forms must be filed with the city clerk. Please call the city clerk's office at 907-224-4046 if you have questions or need more information.

City of Seward Port & Commerce Advisory Board Vacancy

The City Council is seeking applications from citizens of Seward and the surrounding area interested in serving on the Port and Commerce Advisory Board (PACAB). There is one seat available with a term expiring in July 2023.

PACAB meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month, usually during the lunch hour from 12 to 1 p.m., or at other times as needed.

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9	5	2	4	1	3	7	6	8
7	4	8	5	6	9	2	1	3
6	9	3	1	4	7	8	2	5
1	8	7	2	9	5	4	3	6
5	2	4	6	3	8	1	9	7



A porcupine near Valdez. Photo by Ned Rozell.

The porcupine's winter in slow-motion



wanted to study.

"I thought, 'Oh my god, how does he do it? How does this animal make it through winter?'" Coltrane said years ago during the December defense of her doctoral thesis in Fairbanks. "It would be 20 below out and he's there eating (bark)."

Coltrane's study cast some midwinter light on the Alaska porcupine, perhaps the least-studied mammal in the state. She at first wanted to learn about what porcupines did in winter, but switched to studying the physiology of the quilled creature after the porcupines she watched hardly moved on their tree-limb perches.

Winter porcupine behavior "doesn't happen," she joked at her defense.

But that lack of activity in a subarctic winter made porcupines more intriguing to her. The porcupine doesn't avoid winter by hibernating

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Alaska Science Forum

Ned Rozell

While running through Bicentennial Park in Anchorage, biologist Jessy Coltrane spotted a porcupine in a birch tree. On her runs on days following, she saw it again and again, in good weather and bad. Over time, she knew which Alaska creature she



Jessy Coltrane and her study subject in Anchorage. Photo courtesy Jessy Coltrane.

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to spring.

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Answer: *Sunny*

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like a bear, nor does it curl up in an earthen womb like the beaver (the only larger rodent in Alaska). She saw porcupines most often in trees, with no protection from the elements.

In designing her study, Coltrane mused about the challenges of an exposed life during an Alaska winter: Bitter air temperatures would probably require a porcupine to take in more calories, she thought. This seemed puzzling when a porcupine's major food was to be the inner bark of white spruce trees and the tree's bitter needles, rich with toxins that discourage most every other animal from chewing them.

To begin her study, she searched for detailed studies of far-north porcupines. She found none. With advice from biologists she respected, she set up her own study, installing radio collars on porcupines in the forests of Anchorage, and with the help of her husband, building pens for a few in Fairbanks. The captive porcupines helped her understand how they functioned on such a poor diet.

After a study that took her more than six years, Coltrane presented these porcupine insights during her thesis defense:

• Alaska porcupines are almost twice as large as Lower

48 porcupines.

- Porcupines in her study area didn't "hibernate on the hoof" by lowering their body temperatures to save energy; whether it was 30 above or 30 below, porcupines – insulated by their quills and dense guard hairs – remained at about the same body temperature as a human's.

- The porcupines in her study, each of which she named, ate a highly toxic winter diet that required lots of energy to process. They survived the winter by burning body fat and moving very little.

- Fifty percent of a porcupine's weight in fall was in the form of fat. "That's ridiculously fat," Coltrane said.

"Like a polar bear or a seal."

- Despite eating low-protein foods in winter, porcupines did not lose lean tissue. They instead lost 30 percent of their fat reserves.

- More than 20 percent of their meager dietary intake was lost in their urine, most likely a result of ridding their bodies of toxins stored in spruce needles.

- Her Alaska porcupines had larger winter home ranges than did Lower 48 porcupines, and spent time in mixed hardwood and conifer forests.

- Porcupines she studied spent 79 percent of their time in and around white spruce trees, the rest of the time in birch. "(Eating) birch gives

them a break from the toxins," Coltrane said. "Maybe that's why they prefer mixed forest."

- While dealing with winter "for a ridiculous number of months," Coltrane's porcupines depleted their fat reserves. To survive, porcupines depend on nutritious springtime greenery, which must be delicious after months of nibbling bark and spruce needles.

Since the late 1970s, the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Geophysical Institute has provided this column free in cooperation with the UAF research community. Ned Rozell is a science writer for the Geophysical Institute. A version of this column ran in 2011.

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a wonderful career, which at their age, I didn't think was an option. Overall, I loved being able to hopefully inspire a new generation of students about the positions and growth that is available to them."

One of the representatives of Shoreside Petroleum was Ariel Sieverts, who commented, "I had so much fun at Career Day! I loved seeing all the members of our community willing to spend a couple of hours at the school to give our kids a small glimpse of the opportunities available to them right in their own back yards. My favorite part had to be getting the non-scripted questions from the youngsters who were genuinely curious about what we do and what it takes to be a commercial truck driver and accountant. We had some great questions, and I had the best handshake I have had in a while from Mr. Fischer Strickland. Our Seward kids are amazing!"

Principal Henry Burns "saw the need for our kids in the Seward area to explore opportunities they didn't have before." Also, one of his goals as principal has been to create more opportunities for the community to connect with the high school.

Seward High School Career Day was definitely one of those opportunities – a positive, valuable experience for all those involved. Van Buskirk said that there are already plans in place for expanding the event next year.

raffle tickets distributed to students who participated by asking engaging questions or actively listening. Students were excited for the chance to win vendor merchandise, gift cards, and complimentary local excursions.

The day was truly a collaborative effort. Students involved in FFA, National Honor Society, and student council greeted guests and guided them to their tables for the event and the check-in area. During the complimentary lunch, students entertained participants by playing piano and guitar.

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Seward Area Forecast for March 29 to April 4, 2023

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mainly cloudy. Afternoon snow. Windy. Cold. LO 25 HI 36	Cloudy. Snow. Below normal temperatures. LO 30 HI 37	Mostly cloudy. Rain and snow. Windy. Cold. LO 27 HI 37	Partly sunny. Windy. Colder. LO 25 HI 34	Mainly sunny. Windy. On the cold side. LO 23 HI 36	Mostly sunny. Windy. On the cold side. LO 23 HI 37	Mostly cloudy. Near normal temperatures. LO 28 HI 40

Tides at Seward, Resurrection Bay for March 29 to April 4, 2023

Wednesday	Thursday	Fri/Sat	Sat/Sun	Sun/Mon	Mon/Tues	Tues/Wed
Low 12:44 a.m. 5.06 ft. High 7:04 a.m. 8.39 ft. Low 2:51 p.m. 2.04 ft. High 10:22 p.m. 6.48 ft.	Low 2:31 a.m. 5.46 ft. High 8:39 a.m. 7.91 ft. Low 4:22 p.m. 1.88 ft. High 11:28 p.m. 7.00 ft.	Low 4:30 a.m. 5.01 ft. High 10:13 a.m. 8.04 ft. Low 5:22 p.m. 1.39 ft. High 12:07 a.m. 7.58 ft.	Low 5:32 a.m. 4.11 ft. High 11:17 a.m. 8.48 ft. Low 6:03 p.m. 0.88 ft. High 12:35 a.m. 8.18 ft.	Low 6:14 a.m. 3.10 ft. High 12:04 p.m. 8.96 ft. Low 6:36 p.m. 0.46 ft. High 12:58 a.m. 8.80 ft.	Low 6:49 a.m. 2.08 ft. High 12:44 p.m. 9.38 ft. Low 7:04 p.m. 0.19 ft. High 1:20 a.m. 9.44 ft.	Low 7:21 a.m. 1.10 ft. High 1:21 p.m. 9.69 ft. Low 7:31 p.m. 0.10 ft. High 1:43 a.m. 10.05 ft.

Seward Sunrise and Sunset Times for March 29 to April 4, 2023

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunrise 7:28 AM Sunset 8:36 PM Length of Day 13 hrs 7 mins	Sunrise 7:25 AM Sunset 8:38 PM Length of Day 13 hrs 12 mins	Sunrise 7:22 AM Sunset 8:41 PM Length of Day 13 hrs 18 mins	Sunrise 7:19 AM Sunset 8:43 PM Length of Day 13 hrs 23 mins	Sunrise 7:16 AM Sunset 8:45 PM Length of Day 13 hrs 29 mins	Sunrise 7:13 AM Sunset 8:48 PM Length of Day 13 hrs 34 mins	Sunrise 7:10 AM Sunset 8:50 PM Length of Day 13 hrs 40 mins

Forecast Details for Seward

A trough of low pressure will begin to move into the area as this forecast period begins, resulting in a few days with active weather. Wednesday and Thursday will be mainly cloudy with periods of snow, then Friday will be cloudy with periods of rain and snow. The weekend to Monday should be sunnier and drier, then overcast skies will return for Tuesday. Temperatures will average colder than early April normals, but Tuesday will be seasonal.

Historical Records for Seward

Date	Normal High	Normal Low	Warmest	Coldest
Mar. 29	41	29	50 in 1996	9 in 1972
Mar. 30	41	29	52 in 1995	13 in 1986
Mar. 31	41	29	51 in 1995	10 in 1968
Apr. 1	41	29	52 in 1954	1 in 1989
Apr. 2	42	29	51 in 1958	5 in 1985
Apr. 3	42	30	55 in 1958	14 in 1985
Apr. 4	42	30	53 in 1994	1 in 1985



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