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Community Notes & News

Happy Birthday, Bob Murray!

The name sake of the Robert A. Murray gymnasium at Anderson will celebrate his 90th Birthday on March 16th. He arrived at Anderson School in 1971 and was soon given the mission of starting a high school. He retired in 1989 after 18 years and still calls Anderson “home” although most of the winters he has “chased the sun” to Arizona. Tucson is the destination each winter now.

Bob Murray always wanted to go to Alaska. Family friends had joined the 1898 gold rush. They eventually settled in Ruby.

School wasn't always easy for Bob. He was in the 4th grade before he really learned to read. (Bless teacher, Joe Ovnik) His talent for talking and the urge to skip school got him into trouble in high school but the same talent rescued him when the principal admired his performance as the MC at his junior prom.

He entered the Army Air corps (predecessor of the Air Force) after graduation in 1943, serving in North Africa and Italy.

Thanks to the GI Bill, he got his BA in History from the University of New Mexico (Go Lobos) where he played college football and baseball. He guarded a nuclear bomb at Los Alamos, sold life savers and taught school in Ohio and Indiana. For ten years he directed a summer camp in rural Indiana for Indianapolis inner-city kids. He met his partner and best friend Jean Vanderpool in Indianapolis. They married in 1963.

She matched his level of adventurousness. With two-month-old Jenny, they headed for Nome, Alaska in 1966 to work in a boarding school for high school students. Son, Bill, was born in Nome. With the second baby they moved to Fairbanks for two years and then, in 1971, to Anderson. (Jon Bailey was in the 5th grade, Randy was in the 6th Robyn Sutton was in the 4th. Karen Southwood was in 2nd) Randy and Sue Springer Witte were some of first high school students a couple years later. (Apologies for errors or leaving other 1971 residents out of the list.) The “rest is history” as they say.

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Bob Murray, Continued...

They were busy years dominated by the school calendar especially basketball and track seasons when state championships (and runner-up) were enjoyed by teams. (Those banners in the gym are the testimony.) The school has always fostered a family atmosphere. Former students love to share their stories (good and bad) when they get together.

Written by Jean and Jenny Murray

***Anderson Community Library
Job Posting***

Position: Librarian Assistant

Starting Hourly Rate: \$10

Hours: Up to 10 hours per week

Position is open until filled.

***Applications are available at
Library and City Office.***

March Events

March 16 - Anderson Quilters & Crafters,
Clear Sky Lodge, 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.

**March 17 - Denali Borough Planning
Commission Meeting:** Work Session 6:15
PM, Public Hearing 7:15 PM, Regular
Meeting to follow the Public Hearing,
Everyone is invited to attend. Tri-Valley
Community Center, Healy.

**March 18 - Anderson Quilters, March
Meeting,** 6:00 PM. Call 683-1225 for more
information.

**March 19 - Denali Borough School Board
Meeting,** Anderson School, 7:00 P.M. -
10:00 P.M.

March 20 - Community Bowling at Clear
AFS, 6 P.M. Open to general public (with
valid ID, current vehicle registration and
insurance).

March 23 - Anderson Quilters & Crafters,
Clear Sky Lodge, 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.

**March 24 - Denali Borough Finance
Committee Meeting:** Work Session 6:30
PM, Subject of discussion: Structure of the
Borough's finances. Everyone is welcome to
attend. Tri-Valley Community Center, Healy.

March 30 - Anderson Quilters & Crafters,
Clear Sky Lodge, 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Borough Services

Denali Borough

Tri-Valley Community Center, Healy AK
Mon-Thu, 9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.,
PO Box 480, Healy, AK 99743,
907-683-1330, Fax: 907-683-1340,
<http://www.denaliborough.govoffice.com>

Denali Borough School District

1 Suntrana Street, Healy, AK 99743,
907-683-2278, <http://www.dbsd.org>

Borough Land Fill

OPEN YEAR-ROUND: Tuesday-Saturday,
9 A.M.– 4 P.M. CLOSED: Sunday,
Monday, and all Borough Holidays ([click
this link](#)).

FREE 55 gallon drums available.

Tipping Fees are \$115.00 per ton and
disposal of dry vehicles are \$25.00 each.

Anderson Services

Anderson City Office

Mon-Thu 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
907-582-2500

Division of Motor Vehicles

Winter office hours:

Wednesdays & Thursdays

10:00 A.M.– 2:00 P.M.

(If traveling from a distance, please call
ahead: 907-582-2501)

Anderson Post Office

Mon-Fri, 12-3:15 P.M. 907-582-2992

Anderson Volunteer Fire Dept.

907-582-2500

Anderson Public Library

Open Tues, Wed, & Thurs, 5:30-7:30 P.M.
and Sundays, 12:00 - 4:00 P.M.

907-582-2628 andersonlibrary@dbsd.org

Classified Advertisements

4 Bedroom House on .23 Acres,
170 C Street,
Anderson
\$119,000
AK MLS 123083
Contact James
Arend
907-378-5447

For Sale, Rent or Lease
4 Bedroom House
w/1.5 baths,
2 car garage on 2.5
acres
Located in Nenana, AK
Contact: Carl Jauhola
(907)347-0114

2 Lots in Anderson:
Located at 197 D Street
and reaches back to
E Street.
Connected to Anderson
sewer system. \$8,000.
907-378-9040,
582-2471 or mreams@
mtaonline.net

2,619 Sq. Ft. Home,
107 Aspen St., 4
bedroom house with 3
baths, kitchen, dining
room, office, game
room, and fitness room,
7020 sq. ft. garage, 1.56
acres, \$185K.
Call Ross Nelson at
907-347-6142.

**12 City Lots in
Anderson 100'x100'**
Not subdivided
/developed. Lots
are located on Aspen
Street.
907-745-1860 or
e-mail jauna@
mtaonline.net

2,000 Sq. Ft. Home
181 W. 2nd St.,
Anderson
3 bedroom
\$49,900
Fixer-upper/
foreclosure
AK MLS 142517
Contact Amanda
Salmon
907-841-2124

**Rental House
Needed**
Bill Hansen of
Gooding, Idaho is
searching for rental
housing in the
Anderson/Clear area.
He has references.
Please call him at
208-320-5881.

**2,000 sq. ft Home
for Sale**
\$40,000 174 Spruce
St., 3 bed, 1.5 bath,
767 sq. ft. garage,
360 sq. ft. shop.
Contact Audrey at
388-2649 or
audrey@meyeres.
com.

**5 Acres of Land
for Sale**
\$12,500
East end of
Spruce Street,
Anderson
Call 907-399-1910

Local Businesses

Alpine Plumbing & Heating (Commercial & Residential, Licensed, Insured & Bonded) 907-209-7645.

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Homefire Country Inn Bed and Breakfast, Past Fire Hall on South D Street, Left on Park Ave, follow to end, last house on right. 907-582-1895.

Rabideau's Clear Sky Lodge, Mile 280 Parks Hwy, 907-582-2251. 10 A.M. - 12:00 A.M. (Grill open until 11:00 P.M.)

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(907) 582-2419 or (907)378-8272
Scentsy Lead Consultant
<https://scentsforalways.scentsy.us>
Velata Lead Consultant
<https://makeminemelted.velata.us>

Thank you for reading the Dispatch and for your submissions! Please inform us of any errors. Send us your submissions for the next Dispatch by March 25, 2015.