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Community Notes & News

From Across My Window Sill

By Jean Murray



Several weeks ago for the benefit of newer residents, I promised to tell about some of the buildings in Anderson who are living their double - triple lives. They are “leftovers” from the Base beginnings in the early 1960s. They were well constructed oblong frame buildings, aluminum sided in the “camp area,” sitting in a sea of gravel. They provided housing, recreation, administration, recreation services until their replacement in the late 1960s. To my knowledge all of the buildings were moved by Dick McCready and his helpers.

We’ve already talked about the apartment building and the nearby house on Clear Creek Road just as you drive into town. The Dew Drop Inn and the City Building, the school’s “H” building which served the junior and senior high students are all from the Base. The school buildings became surplus through the school district and were offered for bid with the advent of the current school which was opened in 1980.

Parts of the school with converted stained glass windows became the Assembly of God Church on First Street. The fellowship room at the church may still be known as the Red Room because it had a red rug on the floor.

With the addition of a bottom floor and a garage a couple rooms of the old school became the Witte home on Aspen Street. The practiced eye might recognize its original use but it’s much harder to imagine the origin of the other home - that of the Brad Shepherd family on Fourth Street. It was the science room, but the sunrooms and other additions have really disguised its origins. Howard and Rita Vaughn made the conversion. Howard’s attitude was, “I could make something out of that (the science room).” while Rita thought, “All I saw was a mess.”

Truth be told there are several other buildings and homes that were surplus from the base in the 1960s.

The home at the west end of First Street was originally a Base quonset hut converted by the Volz family. The quonset which sits on Spruce Street (between A Street and Aspen) was the original community building used for council meetings, church services and community

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meetings. It sat on the west side in the first block of C Street. I'm told there is still a part of the foundation on the lot.

The large quonset at the end of C Street was the bowling alley in the camp area at the Base. It became a gas station and auto repair started by Bill Devon, one of the original homesteaders. It is now a private home inside that quonset. The large storage-garage beside the log cabin home of Larry and Michele Nelson on A Street (Has it changed hands, yet?) was originally the NCO Club in the camp area of the Base.

All the buildings stand as monuments to Alaskan need and ingenuity.

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**The January Anderson City Council meeting was cancelled.**

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## January Events

**15 - Zumba Exercise Class:** Kids 3:15-3:45, Adults 4:00-5:00, Anderson School Gym.

**16 - Anderson Quilters & Crafters,** 10 AM-1 PM, Clear Sky Lodge.

**17 - Bible Study,** Base Chapel Conf. Rm, 6:30 PM, Contact Tom Wright: 582-2702.

**17 - Denali Borough Planning Commission Work Session, Public Hearing, & Regular Meeting,** 6:15 PM, Tri-Valley Community Center, Healy.

**19 - Denali Borough School Board Meeting,** Tri-Valley School, 7:00 PM.

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**24 - Bible Study,** Base Chapel Conf. Rm, 6:30 PM, Contact Tom Wright 582-2702.

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*25 - Deadline for Dispatch Submissions*

**29 - Zumba Exercise Class:** Kids 3:15-3:45, Adults 4:00-5:00, Anderson School Gym.

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## 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>

### Denali Borough Landfill

Tipping Fees: All MSW, C&D and Special Waste - \$115.00 per ton. Dry automobiles excluding commercial trucks and buses - \$25.00 each. All other Special handling fees are provided within the Denali Borough Solid Waste Permit.

Hours of Operation: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 9 AM – 4 PM. Closed on all Borough Holidays ([click this link](#)).  
FREE 55 gallon drums available.

## Anderson Services

### Anderson City Office

Mon-Thu 9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.  
907-582-2500

### Division of Motor Vehicles

Wednesdays & Thursdays  
10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.  
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 Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
4 P.M.-6 P.M. and Sunday Noon-4 P.M.  
907-582-2628  
[andersonlibrary@dbsd.org](mailto:andersonlibrary@dbsd.org)

## Classified Advertisements

### Move to Assisted Living forces sale of 3 parcels:

12 lots on Aspen, (\$30k OBO), 2 prime lots on corner of A & 1<sup>st</sup> Street (\$20k OBO), 20 acres on mi 273 Parks (Bearwalk) (\$100K OBO). Call or email Jauna Edwards, 907 745-1860 or jauna@mtaonline.net.

### Property for Sale

28  $\frac{3}{4}$  acres located at the end of first street across from Riverside Park. \$110,000. The 99 Chevy suburban is for sale for \$3,000.00. Call Jim Segal 719-355-6037.

### For Sale

Pot-belly coal stove: \$100  
 Jetted Tub: \$100  
 Utility Sink: \$25  
 Vanity Mirror: \$15  
 Chest freezers: \$75 each  
 Utility trailer: \$800  
 Buckets of bolts: \$10 ea  
 Misc. doors, cabinets  
 Open to offers, you haul  
 907-888-8400

### House for Sale

Reduced to \$109,000  
 170 C Street, Anderson.  
 4 Bed, furnished with stove/ref., front room furniture, plus bed sets, new flooring, new carpets, and much more, garage, 1,200 Sq. Ft., .23 acres.  
 Call Dwayne Tucker  
 (970) 208 3131

### 2400ft<sup>2</sup> 5 Star Home for Sale in Anderson

Built in 2003, 4 bdrms, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  bath, 1200ft<sup>2</sup> heated shop, 1 acre, Outdoor coal/wood boiler, Radiant heat with concrete floors throughout, Maytag appliances.  
 210 Tamarack  
 265,000 OBO 907-888-8400

### 2,619 Sq. Ft. Home

107 Aspen St., Anderson.  
 4 bedroom house with 3 baths, kitchen, dining room, office, game room, and fitness room, 720 sq. ft. garage, 1.56 acres,  
 \$225,000.  
 Call Ross Nelson  
 907-347-6142.

### House for Sale by Owner

120 B Street, 3 bdrm, attached 2-car, heated garage, hot water baseboard heat, new boiler, wood stove, W/D, fresh ext. paint, new kitchen & bath tile floors, outdoor storage shed. 2 lots. \$110,000. Call 321-794-8108 or 907-696-4246.

### 2 Lots in Anderson

Located at 197 D Street and reaches back to E Street.  
 Connected to Anderson sewer system. \$8,000.  
 lu.schneider73@gmail.com  
 (907) 378-9040

## Local Businesses

**Fireweed Roadhouse** located on the Parks Hwy milepost 288.5 We offer comfortable lodging, full menu with all-inclusive contractor rates. Come enjoy true Alaskan hospitality in one of the last standing roadhouses. We serve homemade pizzas, burgers, soups and salads. I look forward to serving your family and friends! 907-582-2224 or 907-460-9292 and web:  
<http://fireweedroadhousedenali.com/>

**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.

**North Star Independent Baptist Church**  
Aspen & 1st Street, Anderson.  
Kevin Smith (907) 712-4244  
Sunday Services: 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night; 6:30 PM

**Rabideau's Clear Sky Lodge**, Mile 280 Parks Hwy, 907-582-2251, Open 10 A.M.-Midnight (Grilling 11 A.M.-11 P.M.).

**Scentsy:** Wick-less, flameless, soot-free candles, and personal care and laundry products that add scent-sationally to your life! **Velata Fondu:** Chocolate, Cheese & Artisan Rubs. Grab your friends and get together. Velata makes parties fun and EASY! Dawni Corbin  
(907) 582-2419 or (907)378-8272  
Scentsy Lead Consultant  
<https://scentsforalways.scentsy.us>  
Velata Lead Consultant  
<https://makeminemelted.velata.us>

**ViVi Jewelry, The New Cookie Lee**, is available in Anderson today. Try it on and take it home. Shop for your favorite styles at guilt-free prices. Book a show and earn free jewelry. I also do fundraisers. Check out my website [www.bevivi.com/janis](http://www.bevivi.com/janis).

Thank you for reading the Dispatch and for your submissions!

**Please inform us of any errors.**

Please send your submissions for the next issue by January 25, 2017.