

Anderson Clear Dispatch

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Community Notes & News

From Across My Windowsill

By Jean Murray

A stray back page of an edition of a school newspaper from the late 1970s ended up in a box I just unpacked. The rest of the paper will appear some day in some other box. Here's another bit of history.

This page contains a half-page advertisement for Wendell Neff: Gravel hauling, Tractor services, Cement laying, Apartment rental, Leach field (construction), Anzoil products - synthetic lubricant, flows at -80 degrees. He was the personification of the "Jack of all trades."

Wendell was an early worker at the Base for some time but quit and became a local entrepreneur. I hesitate to say details because I may be off by a year and a fact or two. He built all of the frame and log houses on A St. from the Lion's club south to First St. and then the log house and warehouse at the far east end of First Street. He may have owned and built others. His rentals of the advertising were trailers. I'm prompting others who knew Wendell to write about him. He retired to Texas some years ago and has since passed away. Wendell was the step-grandfather of Michele Nelson.

My most prominent memory is seeing Wendell standing watch over fires that were thawing the ground to excavate for the foundation our first gym, the metal building that is now the school shop. It was minus 40, the dead of winter. The whole building was constructed at 40 below.

We have Ed Frye to thank for that building. He was active on our local advisory school board. Ed was good friends with Sam Kito, who was our state senator. Somehow, Ed procured the \$40,000 it cost for the metal building. Something was switched in the state budget. I've always wondered who lost some funding so we could have a gym. This was pre-pipeline. The State's whole budget was under \$3,000,000. That is not a typo! Part of the stipulation was that the money had to be spent by a certain time, "use it or lose it."

Jeannette Witte recalls that Wendell also used some dynamite to loosen the ground. "It broke the glass in one of our gas pumps. (The Dew Drop sold gas at that time.) They did that then - dynamite to open up ground, maybe to open a frozen septic system and at least get you through the



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From Across My Windowsill, continued:

winter.” There is another story there!

A second ad was for Epley’s Apartment rentals. Brian Epley was a teacher/ basketball coach at Anderson School for several years in the mid-70s. Brian took advantage of the “surplused” dormitories from the “camp” area of the Base and hired Dick McCready to move them to the site on the extension of First St. Originally there were five apartments

The last ad on the page said, “Pinger - Work Did Sometimes.” Bill Pinger knew the “Did” was wrong but the “sometimes” was accurate. That was Bill Pinger. He worked at the Base for several years, hated it and quit. Then he worked construction, built the foundation for several buildings including our former home, subbed at school. Pinger had a teaching degree. He used a water level and a plumb line to build the foundations - the “old” way. He retired to Colorado and has also passed away.

Long time residents will have more stories about these fellows.



**Anderson road closures
on First Street will continue during the next two
weeks in September.**

**The Anderson City Council did not meet in
September. The next meeting will be held on
October 11.**





CITY OF ANDERSON

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coaclerk@mtaonline.net

EMPLOYMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

CITY OF ANDERSON, ALASKA

**POSITION VACANCY:
LABORER**

The City of Anderson is seeking a mature responsible adult to fill the position of Laborer.

Duties: Able to maintain and operate City equipment, maintain City buildings and property, operation of Sewage Lagoon. General labor as directed by the Public Works Supervisor. Must be able to lift, stack and carry heavy objects.

Special Requirements: Must be willing to take a five day class on operation of the sewage lagoon and must be able to get an Alaska CDL within 90 days of hire. Must have experience in operating and repairing heavy equipment.

Wage Rate: DOE

Workdays: Approximately 0 to 40 hours a week, flexible schedule and on call.

Deadline: Closing Date: until filled.

Applicants should apply immediately. The City of Anderson is an equal opportunity employer. Application forms are available from the City Clerk. Applications and resumes will be accepted until the job is filled.

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BY [signature] DATE 9-14-16

**JOIN THE VOICES
FOR RECOVERY:**

OUR FAMILIES,
OUR STORIES,
OUR RECOVERY!



National
Recovery Month
Prevention - Treatment - Aftercare - People Recovery
SEPTEMBER 2016



Dancing in the Streets! September 23 at 5pm

*Let's Celebrate Recovery by getting down
with our bad selves!*

Dinner begins at 5pm at the James A.

Coghill Civic Center

After dinner it is time to Dance!



Sponsored by: RMHA, NNV, PINK, NCPS, TCC, WIN

September Events

16 - Denali Borough Planning Commission Work session, Public Hearing and Regular Meeting, 6:15 PM, Tri-Valley Community Center, Healy.

17 - Zumba Class – Anderson School, 2 P.M.

18 - Zumba Class – Anderson School, 4 P.M.

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

20 - Denali Borough Planning Commission Work Session (6:15 P.M.), Public Hearing (7:15 P.M.), and Regular Meeting (to follow), Tri-Valley Community Center, Healy.

23 – Dancing in the Streets, 5 P.M., Coghill Civic Center, Nenana. See flyer on page 5.

24 - Zumba Class – Anderson School, 2 P.M.

25 - Zumba Class – Anderson School, 4 P.M.

25 - Deadline for Dispatch Submissions

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

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-Saturday, 9
A.M. – 4 P.M. 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

Classified Advertisements

2400ft² 5 Star Home for Sale in Anderson

Built in 2003, 4 bdrms, 2½ bath, 1200ft² heated shop, 1 acre, Outdoor coal/wood boiler, Radiant heat with concrete floors throughout, Maytag appliances.
210 Tamarack
265,000 OBO 907-888-8400

For Sale

Pot-belly coal stove: \$100
Pedestal sink: \$25
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 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.
Avail. Sept. 1, 2016.
\$110,000. Call 321-794-8108 or 907-696-4246.

Property for Sale

28 ¾ 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.

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

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

12 Anderson City Lots for Sale

100'x100'
Not subdivided /developed. Lots are located on Aspen Street.
907-745-1860 or
E-mail jauna@mtaonline.net

3 Bedroom Duplex Apartment for Rent in Anderson,

Ten minute commute to Clear AFS, 1 bath. New construction.
\$800 plus utilities.
Contact Shaleen Holmes @ 907-378-8021

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:
www.fireweedroadhouse@denali.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.

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 September 25, 2016.