



**REAA Region 8 School Board  
Elections  
October 4, 2016**

Section II – Adak      Seat C    3 yr Term  
Section II – Adak      Seat E    3 yr Term

If you are interested in serving on the Aleutian Region School District Board, file your application at [www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov), or in person with the City Clerk, no later than August 5, 2016.

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**Caroline Moireaux walks the Globe**

A sailing vessel put a port in Adak on June 9, 2016 with a very interesting passenger aboard, Caroline Moireaux. Moireaux is walking around the world.

Moireaux got the idea to walk around the world, after seeing several posts online of a group of men who were already in the process of a global trek. She contacted the group to find out what their life was like on the trail. The group, who were already in the process of filming their journey for television, invited her to watch the show. After watching the show, she decided to start her own global walk.

Moireaux, an aircraft quality engineer, started her trek in June 2011 from Lons-Le-Saunier, a French town bordering Switzerland. Moireaux does not expect to finish her journey until 2021. As of this date, her website states that she has walked 21,000km, approximately 12,600 miles.

Check Caroline out at [www.piedslibres.com](http://www.piedslibres.com)



Caroline Moireaux walks past City Hall in Adak. Caroline got lucky when last week's storm blew the sail boat into Adak. She was originally scheduled for a stop in Akutan.



Village Safe Water, Bristol Engineering and Brechan Construction representatives met at the City of Adak for a strategic planning session and site visit to Lake Bonnie Rose Dam for this summer's Water/Sewer downsizing project. Funding will be provided by Federal and State Government.

**City Council Accepts Budget  
Sets Public Hearing**

The City Council met June 15 at 5:00pm in the council chambers and accepted the proposed FY2017 City of Adak Capital and Operating Budget proposed by City Manager Lockett and Finance Director Beauparlant. A Public Hearing for Ordinance 16-2016-099 – COA Capital & Operating Budget and Ordinance 16-2016-100 – Establishment of a Permanent Fund has been set for Wednesday June 29, at 5:00pm.

The Budget calls for expenditures of \$1,005,476. With expected revenues set at only \$918,298, a draw from the Budgetary Reserve Fund has been authorized to balance the budget. Copies of both Ordinances are available at City Hall.

The Council also authorized a three year membership agreement with the Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association the City's primary insurer. A three year Nixle Engage with media interactive features was also authorized by the council. Nixle is the emergency notification system the City uses to inform residents of impending power outages emergency notifications and disasters. Please visit [www.adak-ak.gov](http://www.adak-ak.gov) to sign up for Nixle notifications.

**Adak EMS Services Step up to the Plate**

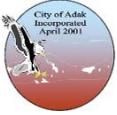
We would like to thank the Adak EMS for a job well done. The victims of the recent van crash on Atka were treated with compassionate professionalism by a well trained team.

**Juneau Library offers Books by Mail**

If you can't find that book you would really like to read here in Adak, sign up for books by mail with the Juneau library by visiting [www.Mailsvcs@juneau.org](http://www.Mailsvcs@juneau.org).

After filling out your customer information, there is an online survey to determine the types of books you are interested in reading. Starting with fiction or non-fiction, the survey then asks you the genre of book, ie., mysteries, romance, "how to", biography, etc.

You may have up to 25 books mailed at a time, for up to one month's use.



# NOTICE OF ELECTION

**City Council:** Seats 1A (1 yr), 1B (1 yr)  
 Seats 2A (2 yr), 2B (2 yr)  
 Seats 3A (3 yr), 3B (3 yr), 3C (3 yr)

**Tuesday, October 4, 2016**

**7:00 am - 8:00 pm**

**At the Community Center (located in Bob Reeve School)**

**PRECINCT:** ADAK, ALASKA  
AS DEFINED IN ALASKA STATUTES TITLE 15.10.070

You must have been a registered voter, in the City of Adak at least 30 days prior to the election to be qualified to vote.

Candidacy applications may be obtained and filed through the City Clerk from Friday July 29, 2016 at 8:00 am through Friday September 2, 2016 at 5:00pm.

Absentee Ballot applications may be obtained and submitted to the City Clerk in person, by mail, or by fax; from Friday August 25, 2016 through September 27, 2016



## Fourth of July Celebration on Saturday July 2

This year's Fourth of July celebration will be held on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July. With our fireworks show starting so late.

### Schedule of Events:

**Parade: 11:00 am** – Meet at the community center at 9:30 to decorate.

**Beach Events: 1:00 pm** – Beach across from Bayshore. Do the Polar Dip and get a T-shirt.

**BBQ Pot Luck: 5:00 pm** – Community center.

**Bonfire & Fireworks: 9:00 & 11:00 pm** – Kuluk Beach turnout.

**Dolly Derby: 6/25 – 7/1** – weigh and measure at Miss Molly's 148 A 7-10pm nightly.

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- 7/1 – Last day of Dolly Derby
- 7/2 – Fourth of July events and fireworks
- 7/4 – Independence Day, City Office closed
- 7/15 – Final day to register to vote for primary voting eligibility August 16
- 7/19 – Council Workshop 12pm
- 7/20 – Council Meeting, 5pm council chambers



## Our own special ptarmigan

Rock ptarmigan are plentiful on Adak. We hear cocks croaking from every hillside in spring, encounter broods of fledglings scampering down back roads in summer, see meandering trails of footprints in winter's snow. This time of year, hens are stuck fast to their nests, invisible and refusing to budge until literally stepped upon; they can give the unwary hiker a real fright when they explode from underfoot with madly whirring wings.

Golden in spring and summer, snowy white in winter, these lovely birds rely on camouflage to hide them from predators (and stick out like a sore thumb when the snowfall doesn't coincide with their plumage change). Flocks form and disperse during a restless autumn, then the cocks move to high ground for winter while the hens form flocks at lower elevations, moving from one sheltered slope or patch of food to another (their winter diet consists mostly of the tips of crowberry plants). During storms, they may dig hollows for shelter, in snow or on the edges of dirt blowouts. Once spring arrives, the cocks are intolerant of other males, and advertise and defend their territories by making flights from conspicuous sites while calling, chasing rivals away, and engaging in croaking matches. On Adak, eggs are laid in mid-June, and the chicks hatch in early to mid-July. In warm weather, the hen will lead her chicks from the nest about 12 hours after they hatch, and about ten days later the youngsters will have doubled or tripled their weight, and will be able to get off the ground in short flights, though it will be another two months before they've grown a full set of flight feathers.



Rock ptarmigan occur in northern latitudes around the world. Populations on islands and in other remote areas become fragmented (that is, birds from one isolated mountain range or island group are not likely to encounter or interbreed with those from other areas, and over time each group diverges in appearance from the other groups). This fragmentation has resulted in multiple subspecies; as many as eight have been described from the Aleutians, but this number has been condensed into four genetically distinct endemic groups, two of which occur to the west of us and one to the east. Our group, *Lagopus muta atkensis*, is found only in the Andreanof Islands.

*Trivia tidbit.*--The Aleuts call them *aĝdiikaĝ*. Their Japanese name, *raichō*, translates to "thunder bird". Scientists use the genus name *Lagopus*, from the Ancient Greek for hare (*lagōs*) and foot (*pous*), in reference to the birds' feet, which are so densely feathered they resemble the furred paws of a hare (these furry feet function like snowshoes, allowing the birds to walk nimbly across the surface of deep snow). In some places they are known as tundra chickens, snow chickens or white grouse. Their official common name comes from the Scottish Gaelic *tàrmachan*, literally "croaker", aptly describing the males' guttural territorial pronouncements.



## Conservationist of the Year

The Governor's *Conservationist of the Year* Award honors people who have dedicated their lives to the conservation of fish and wildlife resources in Alaska and have worked diligently and effectively for the best use of those resources. This year's winner was wildlife veterinarian, pilot and biologist Dr. William P. "Bill" Taylor, DVM, honored for his work in Alaska spanning 40 years and his valuable contributions to wildlife management and partnerships forged with hunters, biologists, and conservation organizations. Until his retirement from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in 2002, and as a volunteer and seasonal worker in the 14 years since, Bill has been a boots-on-the-ground, hands-on wildlife veterinarian and biologist, and in recent years he's become well known for his dedication to and passion for upland birds. The Alaska Maritime NWR has been the beneficiary of Bill's expertise and experience with upland birds. He volunteered to help with translocations of Evermann's rock ptarmigan (the Near Islands subspecies that pre-translocation persisted only on Attu Island, having been eliminated by introduced arctic

foxes on neighboring islands). Establishment of a breeding population on Agattu of this endemic subspecies, recognized as a "species of special management concern" by the USFWS, will broaden its range, increase the overall population, and lessen the risk of extinction. Bill has also volunteered for several Aleutian ptarmigan surveys, and helped establish four survey routes on Adak last year.

## Bunkhouse Chats in June

This summer we are hosting a series of informal gatherings featuring scientists in Adak to conduct research or await R/V *Tiglax*. Interested Adakians bring their questions and stories to share, and Carrie provides an assortment of delicious snacks. Conversation focuses on the scientists' field of expertise, but can veer off on fascinating tangents. This June we had two Bunkhouse Chats; here's a brief synopsis for those of you who weren't able to attend.

*Steve Ebbert, Invasive Species Biologist for the Alaska Maritime NWR (near right, with ptarmigan).*--Steve was in charge of the Evermann's rock ptarmigan translocations mentioned above, and spearheaded the restoration of many Aleutian islands through removal of introduced predators since he began working for us in 1995.

*Robb Kaler & Leah Kenney, Kittlitz's murrelet researchers (far right, with Otto).*--Robb and Leah talked about their pioneering work with this rare and elusive seabird, and their most recent adventures training Otto to work as a nest-finding dog in Adak's rugged mountains.

