



WEEKLY UPDATE

OCTOBER 4, 2002

CBJ Employee Dave Crabtree Receives Award... On September 26th, at the 18th Annual Alaska Water/Wastewater Management Association Southeast Section Meeting in Ketchikan, Alaska, Dave Crabtree, Senior Water Operator in charge of maintenance, received the Large Water System Operator of the Year award for outstanding job performance.

Dave started work for the CBJ Water Utility in August of 1993. He began his career here as an Operator in Training and worked his way through the system to the Senior Water Operator in charge of maintenance. Dave's responsibilities include the supervision of 6 water operators and the maintenance of all transmission, distribution and service lines as well as fire hydrants. During this period, Dave has shown himself to be a dedicated and loyal employee.

This is the second major award that CBJ Water Utility employees have received this year. The City Borough Water Utility is proud that two of its employees have been recognized in 2002 by the largest statewide organization representing water interests and management in Alaska. Congratulations, Dave, on receiving the much-deserved recognition that comes with receiving this award.

Plant Crews Worked Feverishly to get Sewage Sludge Incinerator Back On Line... On Sunday, September 22, the sewage sludge incinerator at the Juneau-Douglas Wastewater Treatment Plant "scheduled itself" for earlier-than-anticipated major maintenance and was shut down. During the next eight days the J-D Plant crew, with considerable help from the Mendenhall Plant crew, worked feverishly to cool the system components to allow repairs, execute those repairs, and then heat the system back up to operating temperatures. On Monday, September 30 the pumps that feed cake sludge to the incinerator were back in operation and the full system was back to normal operations.

Not yet back to normal, however, is the crew's schedule which is still "24/7" until the sludge backlog is burned (the average burn day is about 12-14 hours in duration). The crews are to be commended for the hustle and teamwork displayed throughout the project. And thank you for your efforts.

Eaglecrest Ski Area is gearing up for winter fun! The road is paved and summer projects are being completed. The Eagle's Nest warming hut at the top of the Ptarmigan chairlift has been repaired, and a few projects in the base lodge have been completed which will help our staff offer more efficient service.

The Ski Rental & Repair Shop will be ready to open toward the end of October for equipment tuning. To save you a trip, you may drop-off your equipment **weekends only** at the Nugget Mall in October & November. Eaglecrest staff will be there, and will take care of transporting your gear to the shop. When the equipment is ready you can pick it up at the lodge.

Season ski passes went on sale October 1st and are available at the pre-season discount through Thanksgiving weekend. Eaglecrest staff will be at the Nugget Mall for season pass and ski locker sales on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Sundays from noon to 5:00 p.m.

And, for those of you who like to plan ahead and who like great bargains in ski gear, mark your calendar: the 49th Annual Ski Sale will also be at Centennial Hall on Saturday, November 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For more information on Eaglecrest click on www.skijuneau.com

Fire Prevention Story Hour... The Juneau Public Libraries is joining Capital City Fire/Rescue in sponsoring a Fire Prevention Story Hour for kids.

This event will take place at the Douglas Library Community Building at noon on Oct. 12th. Youth Service staff from the library will share stories and songs that are related to fire safety. Following story time, the firefighters will show the children their gear and the hour will close with a tour of the fire trucks. For more information, please call Carol at 586-0434

City Museum Exhibit..."William Healey Dall, the Collection of an Explorer" is on exhibit at the Juneau-Douglas City Museum through December. Dall sheep, Dall porpoise and other place names on the map of Alaska feature the name of this explorer and naturalist. Dall first came to Alaska in 1865 with the Scientific Corps of the Alaskan Western Union Telegraph Expedition. This group of Alaskan artifacts collected by W.H. Dall is on loan to the Juneau-Douglas City Museum.

Admission to the museum is free, thanks to Harold Fossum, Tuesday through Saturday, Noon-4:00 p.m. For more information contact 586-3572.

More on the Treadwell Ice Arena Concrete Pour... The Treadwell Arena Ice slab pour is one of the largest monolithic pours in the history of Southeast Alaska. Juneau Ready Mix brought over their pump truck and a giant hose, and workers placed concrete in even rows east to west. The slab measures 200' by 85' (regulation size) and is 7" thick. A multitude of rebar and refrigeration tubing are buried within the slab. The concrete placement used 43 truckloads totaling

344 cubic yards of concrete, and took over 12 hours to complete, with an additional 12 hours to finish. The slab will be covered with one inch of ice.

Fifteen workers from Minnesota and about a dozen from Coogan Construction executed the pour. It was observed by an exceptional amount of onlookers and interested persons, including Assembly members, Douglas 4th of July Committee Members, hockey players and ice skaters. Employees from the CBJ and Engineering and Architectural Firms were also there to witness the pour.

Coogan Construction will continue to install insulation and metal building components during the next few weeks. An access road is currently being constructed to the site. Mechanical and Electrical work will follow in the weeks to come.

Below is a picture of the pour.



Weapons of Mass Destruction Training and Human Patient Simulator...This week, about 25 people from Juneau, Anchorage and Haines received training on

emergency medical response to an incident involving weapons of mass destruction. By “weapons of mass destruction” we are talking about biological, nuclear, incendiary, chemical and explosive weapons. The participants learned skills necessary for detection and monitoring, mass decontamination, treatment and stabilization, self-protection and cross-contamination prevention.

The trainers introduced the class to Charlie, an amazing human patient simulator. Charlie is a life-size computer controlled manikin which breathes, has a heartbeat and pulse, blinks his eyes, speaks, bleeds and more. He can accurately mimic human responses to treatment procedures such as CPR and intravenous medication. Using Charlie, course participants were able to practice identifying the problem by observing his symptoms and then they were able to literally see the effectiveness of their chosen treatment. (It was close a few times, such as when the scenario had Charlie exposed to a nerve gas and having seizures by the time they reached him. In all cases, however, the teams were able to stabilize Charlie before it was too late.) If you would like to see the human patient simulator, you can find “Charlie” at <http://www.meti.com/home.html> and then click on “HPS” under Products.

The CBJ and the Capital City Emergency Planning Committee sponsored the training. If you would like to learn more about it or future related training, call 586-0221.

Events at Centennial Hall...

- Oct. 4 Comedian Steven Wright
- Oct. 6 River of Glory Religious Service
- Oct. 7-10 Alaska Travel Industry Association State Convention
- Oct. 11 Fred Pryor Seminars, How to Supervise People