

Editorial



Tundra Times: Working together

Holly Reimer, Michael Chase, Bernadine Shade and Barbara Crane may not be exactly household names in rural Alaska, but they are four of the people we've featured so far in *Tundra Times* advertisements about people who work for the newspaper. Others, including our board of directors, will be featured in future issues.

It's an inspiration to people who work here to realize that your weekly newspaper comes to you each and every week — on time, no less — as the result of the hard work and effort of a lot of dedicated people. Only three of the newspaper's employees are full-time staffers, Publisher Alexandra McClanahan, Production Manager/Reporter Reimer and Advertising Manager Chase.

The other people who work here are either part-timers, such as Bernadine, who tracks the accounts receivable and prepares the payroll, or unpaid volunteers, including one, Reporter Jennifer Gordon, who has worked full-time for almost a year, and another, Reporter Steve Pilkington, who has worked for us for almost two years.

Barbara Crane is both a part-timer and a volunteer, and among her many duties are travels throughout Alaska with the Alaska National Guard.

Working both as a volunteer and paid consultant is Wally Powers, our accountant.

We also receive a number of articles from budding writers in rural Alaska, and often these are among the most interesting reading in the paper.

Besides employees, members of our Board of Directors, led by Chairman Willie Hensley, serve on a strictly volunteer basis.

Although many of our financial woes are fading as a result of the work of these board members, employees and volunteers, we still find that we need a lot more subscribers. We're convinced we're producing a quality product that people find interesting. We just hope that anyone who currently subscribes to the paper will encourage others to purchase a subscription.

Thanks to the dedication of our founder Howard Rock, the *Tundra Times* has an excellent reputation and demands respect. With a lot more subscribers, we could make our voice much louder.

Congratulations to Mt. Edgecumbe grads

We'd like to congratulate the 51 Mt. Edgecumbe High School seniors who graduated earlier this month. Special recognition goes to valedictorians Wendy Hall of Alakanuk and Jason Young of Polk Inlet, as well as salutatorian Chanda Aloysius of Holy Cross.

All of the graduates, however, deserve honor for the hard work they put in earning their diplomas.

