

#### TAXES AND PAYROLLS

One major factor in the steep rise of property taxes is this: Nearly 50 percent more people are employed by local governments today than there were a decade ago, and the size of the combined payroll has almost tripled in that period.

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## BUSINESS LEADER OF THE WEEK



## CONGRATULATIONS PAT SWEETSIR

The new treasurer of Notaaghleedin, Ltd. is Pat Sweetsir of Galena. Pat is also President of the Galena village corporation and has served in that capacity since 1973. He previously spent two years assisting Notaaghleedin, Ltd. in organizational processes, and has plans to open a grocery store in Galena.

Pat is a member of the Galena City School Board; President of United Investment Corp., which owns Santa's Bakery in Fairbanks; Chairman of the Interior Village Association Board; and former treasurer for the Tanana Chief's Conference.

Born in Fairbanks, Pat was graduated from Lathrop High School there. His mother is from Nulato and his father from Maine. Pat is married and he and his wife, Flora, have two children. Pat's special interests include world events, economics and hunting.

United Bank Alaska proudly salutes Pat, and we congratulate him for being an outstanding member of our community.



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