

❖ *Alaska "tune in" Release:*



C-SPAN and GCI Present "Alaska Weekend" July 21 – 22

July 18, 2018 – Through a special series of feature programs, C-SPAN will showcase a variety of Alaska venues, public officials, non-fiction authors and local historians on Saturday, July 21 and Sunday, July 22. In a partnership with GCI this past June, C-SPAN traveled to Alaska as part of the network's 14-month 50 Capitals Tour and took its 45-foot Bus to Juneau, Haines, Fairbanks and Anchorage to explore the history, literary life, landscape, culture and political environment of the nation's largest state. C-SPAN's look at Alaska, including produced programs for its ongoing C-SPAN Cities Tour, will debut across all three C-SPAN TV networks (C-SPAN, C-SPAN2 and C-SPAN3) throughout the weekend.

In Alaska, the C-SPAN networks' commercial free political and public affairs programming is provided by GCI as a public service. C-SPAN can be seen on channel 16; C-SPAN2, featuring Book TV, on channel 17; C-SPAN3, featuring American History TV, on channel 90.

Saturday

4:30 a.m. AK on C-SPAN

C-SPAN's live "Washington Journal" viewer call-in program will look at major issues in Alaska including – Climate Change and Hunting Regulations. In addition to studio guests, C-SPAN will feature voices from Alaska.

6 a.m. AK on C-SPAN Radio

C-SPAN Radio's "View from the States" program will air the Alaska House and Senate debate on whether to use, for the first time, the Alaska Permanent Fund to close a state budget deficit. The program also includes Gov. Bill Walker (I) on C-SPAN's "Washington Journal" and at the bill signing ceremony, residents' views from the C-SPAN Bus, and an interview with James Brooks, state reporter at the Juneau Empire. C-SPAN Radio is available on the free C-SPAN Radio App and online at www.c-span.org/radio.

8 a.m. AK on C-SPAN2

The C-SPAN Cities Tour will present programs featuring the following Alaskan authors:

- **Dan O'Neill**, author of "The Firecracker Boys: H-Bombs, Inupiat Eskimos, and the Roots of the Environmental Movement"
- **Dermot Cole**, author of "Amazing Pipeline Stories," takes us to see the Trans-Alaska Pipeline and talks about how it was built.
- The president of the Sealaska Heritage Institute, **Rosita Worl**, talks about her book on Alaska Natives, "Celebration."
- **Stan Jones**, author and former Anchorage Daily News investigative reporter, talks about the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill.
- **Ernestine Hayes** discusses her memoir, "Blonde Indian: An Alaska Native Memoir," and the challenges of growing up in a colonized Alaska.

- **Sarah Isto** talks about the history of the fur industry in Alaska and her book "The Fur Farms of Alaska: Two Centuries of History and a Forgotten Stampede."
- **Mary Shields**, the first woman to complete the Iditarod and author of "Sled Dog Trails," tells how she prepared for the race and some of the challenges she encountered.
- **Arlene Schmuland**, head of UAA Special Collections, features some images taken in the aftermath of the Earthquake of 1964 – the most powerful earthquake in North America.

10 a.m. AK on C-SPAN2

Book TV will feature archived programming on the following books about Alaska:

- **Riki Ott**, "Not One Drop: Betrayal and Courage in the Wake of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill"
- **Henry Fountain**, "The Great Quake: How the Biggest Earthquake in North America Changed Our Understanding of the Planet"
- **Doug Brinkley**, "The Quiet World: Saving Alaska's Wilderness Kingdom, 1879-1960"
- **Willie Hensley**, " Fifty Miles from Tomorrow: A Memoir of Alaska and the Real People"

2:30 p.m. AK (re-airs Monday at 4 a.m. & 4 p.m.) on C-SPAN

C-SPAN's "Communicators" program speaks with **Tina Pidgeon**, general counsel for Alaskan cable provider GCI, on how they make broadband possible in a state of vast expanses and small villages — across tundra, glaciers & mountains. Also, **Christopher Dietrich**, incoming president of the Alaska Collaborative for Telemedicine & Telehealth, will talk about providing health care to remote communities using telemedicine.

6 p.m. AK (re-airs Sunday at 5 p.m.) on C-SPAN2

C-SPAN2's Book TV "After Words" program will discuss "Tip of the Iceberg," with author **Mark Adams** who talks about his new book on his experience retracing an 1899 expedition of scientists, artists, conservationists, and writers up the Alaskan coast. Mr. Adams is interviewed by former Alaska Public Radio host **Libby Casey**.

6 p.m. AK (re-airs Sunday at 12:30 p.m.) on C-SPAN3

American History TV's "Reel America" program will feature four documentaries about Alaska on C-SPAN3:

- "Alaska's Silver Millions" (1936) This travelogue and educational film is hosted and narrated by Father Bernard Hubbard, a geologist and Jesuit priest who popularized Alaskan wilderness from the 1920s through the 1950s through lectures, magazine articles and films. Funded by a manufacturer of canning equipment, Alaska's Silver Millions introduces the regions of Alaska, shows the life cycle of the salmon, and documents salmon fishing and canning. The film is presented courtesy the Library of Congress and National Film Preservation Foundation.
- "Eskimo Hunters in Northwestern Alaska" (1949) The lives of indigenous people living in the village of Point Hope on the remote Arctic Ocean coast of Alaska are detailed through the narration of a young boy.
- "Alaska Centennial" (1967) The U.S. Army produced this film to mark the centennial of the Alaska Purchase. It includes a reenactment of the October 18, 1867, ceremony in Sitka, Alaska, when the Russian flag was lowered and the American flag raised to mark the territory's transfer. Alaska Centennial is an episode from the U.S. Army's Big Picture series.
- "Alaska Highway" (1944) This U.S. Army Signal Corps film documents the difficult task of building a 1,500 mile highway through the Canadian wilderness as a World War II supply route from the lower 48 states to Fairbanks, Alaska. The highway connected several airfields and isolated ports on the Alaska panhandle. It was opened to the public in 1948.

Sunday

4:15 a.m. AK on C-SPAN

C-SPAN's live "Washington Journal" viewer call-in program will look at issues effecting the state including - Alaska Native Issues and Energy & the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). In addition to studio guests, C-SPAN will feature voices from Alaska.

10 a.m. AK on C-SPAN3

The C-SPAN Cities Tour and American History TV will present programs featuring the following historians and historical sites on C-SPAN3:

- Alaska Architect and Chair of the Alaska Committee **Wayne Jensen** takes us on a tour of the state capitol building in Juneau.
- The curator of collections at the Alaska State Museum, **Steve Henrikson**, talks about Russian colonization of Alaska.
- The economics of Alaska's seafood industry will be explored **with Jim Calvin**, Principal at McDowell Group and **Mike Erickson**, President of Alaska Glacier Seafood Inc.
- Ladd Army Air Field Historian **Mike Ferguson** discussed how Ladd Air Force Base in Fairbanks was a hub for the lend-lease policy between the U.S. and Russia during World War II.
- **Dexter Coleman**, a former prospector talks about the history of mining in Alaska, and the various tools and techniques used to extract gold from the land.
- **Betsy Haines**, Alyeska Pipeline's Vice President of Risk and Technical Support, explains the challenges of building and operating the \$8 billion Trans-Alaska Pipeline.
- At the Alaska Heritage Center, Cultural Programs Instructor and Tribal Healer **Yaari Walker** takes us through five styles of homes that demonstrate the lifestyles of each of the Alaska Native cultures.
- Director of the Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center **Aron Crowell** explains what it means to have hundreds of indigenous Alaskan Native artifacts on display and what visitors can learn there.
- **Adam Baldwin**, Director of Community Partnerships and Outreach at Anchorage Museum, takes us on a tour of the Museum's new Murmur exhibit, which uses art and augmented reality to explain the pingo's life cycle.
- **Jayson Kowalchuk** of Gold Dredge 8, a mining machine used to extract millions of ounces of gold around Fairbanks from 1928-1959, talks about the history of mining in the state.
- **Karina Waller**, the executive director of the Ted Stevens Foundation, talks about efforts to archive the late senator's papers.

5:30 p.m. AK on C-SPAN

Alaskan elected officials on C-SPAN - interviews with **Governor Bill Walker**, **Senator Lisa Murkowski**, **Senator Dan Sullivan** and **Representative Don Young**.

All video segments will be available indefinitely on the C-SPAN Video Library at www.c-span.org.

About C-SPAN: Created by the cable TV industry and now in nearly 100 million TV households, C-SPAN programs three commercial-free public affairs television networks; C-SPAN Radio, heard in Washington, D.C., at 90.1 FM and available as an App; and C-SPAN.org, a video-rich website offering live coverage of government events and access to the vast archive of C-SPAN programming. All funding for C-SPAN operations is provided by cable and satellite television providers.

About GCI: GCI provides data, wireless, video, voice and managed services to consumer and business customers throughout Alaska and nationwide. Headquartered in Alaska, GCI has delivered services for

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