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Monofill project leads present plan to populace

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Project leads for a contaminated site reclamation met with townspeople Monday evening to address concerns with a proposed monofill.

The monofill – a landfill meant for only one substance, in this case treated, lead-contaminated soil – would be the second phase of the Byford junkyard cleanup, an operation which was undertaken last year by Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Environmental Protection Agency and various contractors. In use as a private landfill and junkyard since the 1960s, the former Byford property has been an identified risk to public health since at least 2000, when DEC and the EPA began site assessments.

The City of Wrangell acquired the property in 2006 through foreclosure, and while it took steps to remove surface debris in 2010, it was unable to contend with the extensive contamination of the site's petroleum and lead enriched soil. Assessments by the EPA in 2014 revealed lead concentrations in the surface soil of about 10,000 parts per million, as high as 50,000 ppm. Speaking Monday, Nortech technical manager Jason Ginter explained concentrations pervaded deep beneath the surface as well, from three to six feet deep. Contamination had also crept onto neighboring state and private properties, and lead acid from a trove of batteries kept on site had found its way down to the nearby 4-Mile beachfront.

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Belgian canoer missing on Stikine River

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Wrangell emergency responders took part in a search for a missing canoer on the Stikine River earlier this month.

Fire Chief Tim Bunes reported a call had been received for assistance at around 5 p.m. on August 3.

"We had a couple of canoers canoeing by the Great Glacier," he said, on the Canadian side of the river about 10 miles from the border. The craft had turned over in the fast-moving water at around 3 p.m., spilling two men into the river.

"One of the guys made it up to the beach," said Bunes.

The other, Belgian traveler Stéphane Goosse, 25, was not so fortunate. His friend had lost track of him during the spill.

Wrangell Search and Rescue dispatched a float plane with three emergency medical technicians on board. In contact with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment in Telegraph, British Columbia, the aircraft searched for three hours the 10-mile stretch between where Goosse was last seen and the border. On the American side of the river, an Alaska Waters charter boat attempted a search from the border down to Shakes Glacier.

A helicopter dispatched by the United States



FACEBOOK PHOTO

Belgian traveler Stéphane Goosse, 25, is still missing after a canoeing accident on the Canadian side of the Stikine River on August 3.

Coast Guard from Air Station Sitka took over the search from Wrangell's responders, but despite searching into the evening, Goosse remained missing.

Canadian authorities took over the search at that point, but after four further days of looking the effort was suspended on August 7.

Candlelight vigil commemorates victims in Virginia clash

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

A group of Wrangell residents joined together for peace and solidarity near Front Street last Saturday.

A community peace vigil was organized in response to violence a week earlier during a rally and counter-protest in Charlottesville, Virginia. A gathering of white supremacists, members of the "alt-right" movement and neo-Nazis in the college town was planned for August 12, called "Unite the Right." The rally was intended to protest the planned removal of a statue commemorating Confederate general Robert E. Lee from a downtown park.

As it included members of the Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazis, the event drew sizable counter-protests. While mostly peaceful, sporadic violence broke out between the groups, involving projectiles, flags, gas and pepper spray. Virginia's governor declared a state of emergency, with law enforcement officials dispersing crowds ahead of the planned rally.

Things came to a head when a car was driven into a group of counter-protestors, injuring 19 and killing one. The alleged driver, Ohio resident James Fields, has since been arrested for the attack and charged with murder. Two police officers were also killed while patrolling the event



PHOTO COURTESY OF VIVIAN PRESCOTT

Two dozen Wrangell residents gather for a moment of prayer and reflection the evening of August 19, opposing the violence seen in Charlottesville, Virginia, the previous weekend. On August 12 protester Heather Heyer was killed after a car was driven into the crowd. Nineteen others were injured in the attack.

when their helicopter crashed.

Following these tragedies and the surrounding circumstances, Wrangell residents Vivian Prescott and Mary Campbell organized a vigil for August 19, to be held at sundown at the Front Street pavilion. Similar vigils were held across the country, and regionally included the communities of Juneau and Sitka.

"The vigil was organized in re-

sponse to the neo-Nazi rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, and the violence that happened," Prescott explained. "I think people felt helpless (afterward)," and the interfaith event was an outlet for people to express themselves.

About 25 people took part, shielded from the weekend's unrelenting rainfall by the covered pavilion. Their candlelight vigil saw remarks, prayers and songs

from the local Episcopal, Lutheran and Bahá'í congregations, as well as members of Wrangell Cooperative Association. There were songs as well, and residents had the opportunity to share their sentiments.

"Wrangellites support diversity, unity and love, and condemn white supremacy," Prescott had said. "We will not stay silent in the face of racist demonstrations,

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- Wrangell resident,
Vivian Prescott

anti-Semitism, violence, and hate toward any peoples based upon their skin, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or identification. Silence in this moment is a detrimental act against our vulnerable individuals and citizens, our fellow Wrangellites."

The remarks and statements of Alaska's first lady Donna Walker, Sen. Dan Sullivan and Sen. Lisa Murkowski were also read.

"My hope is that we as Alaskans will be profoundly impacted by these recent events and that we will work with greater determination and readiness for all that is good, just, fair, and right," Walker's read. "Let us rise up to the challenge to make Alaska and America what they ought to be, and let Alaska lead the way."

Birthdays & Anniversaries

The Sentinel extends its best wishes to the persons listed on the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce Community Scholarship Birthday Calendar.

Thursday, August 24: Dunri Nixon, Kenny Royster, Lynn Maxand, Mike Allen Jr., Wayne Easterly, Peri Wells, *Anniversary:* Dan and Pam Roope. **Friday, August 25:** Jim Early, Emma Welch, Robert Draper, David Gillen, Dixie Hutchinson, Kjell Nore Jr., *Anniversary:* Ivan and Gina Simonek. **Saturday, August 26:** Rebecca Smith, Nicole Cochran, Kaleb Rifenburg, Curty Kautz, Kelsey Erickson, Drew Hoyt, Tommy Wickman. **Sunday, August 27:** Krissy Lockabey, Frank Churchill Jr., Alexis Easterly, Dorothea Rooney, Heather Seimears, *Anniversary:* Andy and Tina Mickle, David and Paula Rak, Dan and Marlene Hoeschen. **Monday, August 28:** Jacen Hay, Don Van Slyke, Gig Decker, *Anniversary:* Scott and Irina Fennimore. **Tuesday, August 29:** Kara Carey, Donna Grover, Don Stevens Jr., Wilma Leslie, *Anniversary:* Jeff and Jenn Neyman, Earl and Mary Benitz. **Wednesday, August 30:** Lana Altepeter, Theresa Paulsen, *Anniversary:* Jeff and Kay Jabusch, Tom and Seanne Wickman, Andrew and Lauren Helgeson, Dean and Cami Bakeberg. **Thursday, August 31:** Susan Bushnell, Scott Eastaugh, Joel Peterman, Anna Haug, Rose Johnson.

If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary at no charge please call the Sentinel at 874-2301.

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, August 24

Baked pork with apples, stuffing, sweet potatoes, broc/cauli toss.

Friday, August 25

Cinnamon chicken, pasta, green beans, peach salad.

Monday, August 28

Turkey pot pie, romaine and radish salad, biscuits.

Tuesday, August 29

Sweet and sour pork, green beans, confetti rice, romaine and radish salad.

Wednesday, August 30

BBQ chicken, peas and carrots, tomato aspic, corn bread.

Thursday, August 31

Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, fruit.

Please call Wrangell Senior Center at 874-2066 by 10 a.m. for reservations.

Milk, tea and coffee will be served with meals.

FERRY

Departures

Northbound

Saturday, August 26

Matanuska 12:15 p.m.

Sunday, August 27

Malaspina 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, August 29

Matanuska 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 2

Matanuska 7:00 a.m.

Southbound

Thursday, August 24

Matanuska 10:00 p.m.

Monday, August 28

Matanuska 7:45 a.m.

Wednesday, August 30

Malaspina 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, August 31

Matanuska 10:00 p.m.

Arrival times may vary. Call 874-2021 for verification or call 874-3711 for recorded information.



TIDES Aug 24 - Aug 31

	High Tides		Low Tides		High Tides		Low Tides	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
Aug. 24	3:05	17.6	3:36	17.1	9:09	-1.4	9:29	0.5
Aug. 25	3:46	16.5	4:13	16.5	9:45	-0.2	10:10	1.1
Aug. 26	4:27	15.1	4:50	15.6	10:21	1.2	10:53	1.8
Aug. 27	5:11	13.7	5:29	14.7	10:59	2.5	11:40	2.6
Aug. 28	6:02	12.3	6:17	13.8	11:41	3.8
Aug. 29	7:09	11.3	7:19	13.2	0:35	3.2	12:33	5.0
Aug. 30	8:33	10.9	8:33	13.1	1:43	3.6	1:41	5.7
Aug. 31	9:49	11.4	9:42	13.5	3:01	3.4	3:01	5.9

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, August 24

Story Time: 10 a.m. Public Library. Join us for stories, crafts and snacks.

SAIL Class: 10 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) free class is a strength, balance and fitness class for adults 65+. For more info call 874-3375.

Healthy Eating Demo on Healthy Food Preparation: 11:30 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Free class. Learn how easy it is to prepare healthy and delicious food. Samples will be available. For more info call 874-3375.

Sunday, August 27

Singspiration: Salvation Army Church. After service. There will be refreshments and fellowship.

Yoga: 5:30 p.m. AICS Medical Clinic. Yoga for everybody, please come and join.

Tuesday, August 29

SAIL Class: 10 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) free class is a strength, balance and fitness class for adults.

Is the attendance at your meeting or event low? Call Adrienne at the Sentinel to have it placed here.

Continuing Events

PARKS & REC ACTIVITIES: Lap Swim: M, W, F 6:00-7:30 a.m. & 5:00-6:00 p.m., M-F 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., S 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class: at the Pool: M, W, F, 9:00-10:00 a.m.; Water Aerobics: M, W, F 10:00-11:00 a.m.; Family Swim: F 6:00-7:00 p.m.; General Swim: M & W 6:00-7:00 p.m., F 7:00-8:00 p.m., S 1:00-2:00 p.m.; Weight Room: M-TH 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-7:30 p.m., F 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-8:30 p.m., S 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Extra 2 Lane Lap Swim: M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.

OTHER MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

AA Meetings: Tu. 7 p.m., Toss Off Th. 7 p.m., Smoked Fish F 8 p.m., Step Study Sat. 7 p.m. at the Episcopal gChurch Parish Hall, Study Materials provided. Wed. M & M 12 p.m. at the Catholic Parish Hall, use back entrance.

NA Meeting: Wednesday, We Do Recover, 8 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

Bridge Social: F, 1 p.m. at th Island of Faith Lutheran Church 874-3440, 874-3507.

Salvation Army Food Bank: Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For information or questions please call Major Michael Bates at 874-3753.

The Way We Were

In the Sentinel 100, 75, 50 and 25 years ago.

August 30, 1917:

Miss Genevieve Swift was married in San Francisco a few days ago to Walter Peterson. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Charles Borch of Wrangell. She was born at Klawack, and her childhood was spent in the north. Two years ago she spent the summer in Wrangell with her sister, Mrs. J. G. Bjorge. Mr. Peterson, the groom, is a bookkeeper for the firm of J.W. Leviett and Co., San Francisco.

August 28, 1942:

Providing he gets the necessary permit on schedule and other hazards of war time transportation being equal, F.G. Hanford, well known Wrangell man, will be home the last of next week. According to information received here, Wrangell's Hanford went east in order to visit relatives in Michigan and to call in Washington, D.C. in behalf of Wrangell interests in the national capital. While in Washington he conferred with Delegate Dimond and other lawmakers on plans for a memorial to be built here in honor of the late Bishop Rowe, conferred with W.E. Crouch of the Fish and Wildlife Service on tentative plans for the establishment of an Alaska headquarters.

August 25, 1967:

Figures received by Mrs. Molly Lawton, state vehicle licensing agent here show the rapid increase in vehicles in Wrangell. In 1963 there were 326 licensed vehicles, which included two wheeled trailers and motorcycles. In 1966 there were 450 licenses, which do not in-

clude city, state and federal or out-side of the state vehicles. As of August this year there were 550 trucks and this figure does not include city, state and federal cars and trucks. No wonder it is hard to find a parking space on Front Street these days.

August 27, 1992:

At this time, there are nine holes of golf on the new multi-use fill area. The cups are in and the flags and tee markers are stored in the north end of the baseball building at Volunteer Park. The present course layout is posted on the wall of the storage area. The lock combination is available by calling 2018 or 3816. The committee is gather-

ing information on what is the best ground cover for the fairways and green would be, keeping in mind it is a multi-use area.

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Tuesday, August 22



Wrangell Weather


Date	High	Low
Aug. 14:	55	53
Aug. 15:	57	53
Aug. 16:	57	55
Aug. 17:	55	53
Aug. 18:	55	51
Aug. 19:	53	51
Aug. 20:	57	53
Aug. 21:	62	55




Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Aug. 24:	5:35am	8:05pm	14:30h
Aug. 25:	5:36am	8:03pm	14:27h
Aug. 26:	5:38am	8:00pm	14:22h
Aug. 27:	5:40am	7:58pm	14:18h
Aug. 28:	5:42am	7:55pm	14:13h
Aug. 29:	5:44am	7:53pm	14:09h
Aug. 30:	5:46am	7:50pm	14:04h
Aug. 31:	5:48am	7:48pm	14:00h


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Assembly meeting turns heated over monofill comments

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Overshadowing other agenda items for Tuesday evening's Borough Assembly meeting, voices were raised and the rare gavel was used during the persons to be heard segment as several residents and representatives of the Wrangell Tribe aired concerns over proposed placement of a monofill site near Pats Creek. (see Monofill article)

Under ceremonial matters, Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) environmental program manager John Halverson updated the Assembly on the cleanup at the 4-Mile former junkyard site, which had been extensively contaminated with lead and petroleum over decades of use.

Originally the agency's intent had been to remove contaminated soil and other debris off-island for treatment, but funding constraints on the ever-expanding project meant only the most heavily affected could be transported. Instead, project leads proposed construction of a permanent monofill to contain the mitigated soil, about 18,500 cubic yards' worth.

The site chosen is a rock pit managed by the Department of Natural Resources, about 0.2 miles from Pats Creek and about a mile from Pats Lake. Engineers testified in a public meeting on Monday that the lead would be stable in its confinement for the long term, and that it would have minimal impact on the local environment.

"Unless we can come up with a better

plan, that is still what we'd like to do," Halverson explained.

Assembly member Dave Powell pointed out the decision was out of the city's hands, as it had handed over management of the cleanup effort to the DEC for funding constraints of its own, and the monofill site would be on state-managed land.

Fellow member Mark Mitchell underlined that point. "The borough flat doesn't have \$12 million to pay for this," he said, referring to the estimated cost of shipping out the soil. Construction of the monofill would cost around \$5.5 million. "We have to go along with the alternative that we've got."

"The ideal situation would have been if, 60 years ago, someone had said 'no' to that junkyard," Mayor David Jack commented. He noted his own and others' culpability in using the junkyard over the years, and thanked the state for assisting in the cleanup.

Coming off from Monday's monofill presentation, the subject was on the minds of most of the residents sitting in on Tuesday's meeting. Like other meetings, members of the public have an opportunity to address the Assembly, and representatives of Wrangell Cooperative Association were among those to speak. Tribal administrator Esther Ashton read for public record a letter WCA had submitted to the DEC on August 1 expressing its concerns, both at the site's proximity to local subsistence use grounds and for its exclusion from proceedings as a stakeholder.

"We were only recently made aware of the project," she explained. Ashton reported DEC had subsequently reached out to WCA, and members of its board toured the proposed site and were made acquainted with the plans. However, the board decided on August 15 to maintain its stance of opposition to the rock pit site.

President Richard Oliver, in his remarks, couched his concern with thanks to DEC for its cleanup of the Byford site. "It's great. But running out of money at this point changes everything." From his perspective, Oliver felt the 1,000-year expected lifespan of the monofill's non permeable barrier was not adequate. Referring to the project's two-year timetable, he asked for more time to seek out the extra funds needed to transport the material off of the island instead.

Tempers began to raise during local artist Vivian Prescott's opportunity to speak. She began by pulling out pictures of grandparents, relatives and other kin for illustrative purposes. However, Jack warned her she was veering beyond meeting procedures when she confronted visiting project staff and members of the Assembly with the pictures. Municipal code outlines the persons to be heard segment's process, under which members of the public are to address those on the Assembly only, and as a body. Assembly members can ask specific questions of the speakers, but are not allowed to discuss items or otherwise interact.

Prescott persisted despite requests to stop, and at one point Jack requested the clerk call for police to escort her out. A compromise was reached, and Prescott resumed making her statement. She focused on the concept of respect, and its importance to Tlingit culture. The Pats Creek area was important to local subsistence, she explained, and excluding WCA from the process had shown a lack of respect.

"It makes me think this is a way of doing business for the past 200 years," she commented, only including tribal entities after decisions had already been made.

Assembly members responded to these accusations.

"Nobody is hiding anything from anybody. All you have to do is get involved," said Mitchell. Powell pointedly noted their meetings were matters of public record. Voices were raised, and Jack ruled his and other such remarks had been out of order, contrary to the meeting's procedural rules.

The remainder of the meeting proceeded quickly, if uncomfortably. Unanimous approval was given for senior citizen property tax exemptions, for Lloyd and Charlotte Brown, and Anthony and Sueann Guggenbickler. A request to vacate a private access and utility easement was likewise approved for Charles and Joan Martin. A certificate of service was presented in absentia to Robbie Austin for service on the Planning and Zoning Commission, from January 2017 to the present.

Police report

Monday, August 7

Agency Assist: Electrical power hit.
Found Property.
Dog Complaint.

Tuesday, August 8

Lost Property.
Parking Complaint.
Report: Reckless driving.

Wednesday, August 9

Agency Assist: Courtesy transport.

Thursday, August 10

Lost wallet.
Lost wallet.
Parking complaint.

Friday, August 11

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment.
Illegal dumping.
Dog bite.

Person reported losing a wallet.

Domestic disturbance.
Citation issued to Shawn Curley age 46 for failure to carry proof of insurance.

Saturday, August 12

Nothing to report.

Sunday, August 13

Nothing to report.

Governor makes plans for re-election

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – Alaska Gov. Bill Walker on Monday announced plans to seek re-election as an independent, saying he's focused on a vision for the state and not on partisanship.

He and Lt. Gov. Byron Mallott filed candidate paperwork with the state Division of Elections. They also filed separate letters of intent with the Alaska Public Offices Commission.

Walker told reporters they plan make an independent run and to collect signatures necessary to qualify for next year's ballot.

He said they announced their plans now because Alaskans should know what they're going to do. He said he expects a lively race.

Walker changed his party affiliation from Republican to undeclared in joining forces with

Mallott in 2014 to upset then-Gov. Sean Parnell, a Republican.

Mallott, a Democrat, that year abandoned his own run for governor to be Walker's running mate, and the 2014 Walker-Mallott ticket won the support of state Democratic party leaders.

Mallott plans to remain a registered Democrat. Walker plans to remain politically unaffiliated.

The state Democratic party currently is suing the state, seeking the ability to have politically unaffiliated candidates run in the party's primaries. The party push for letting nonaffiliated candidates in its primaries predates the 2016 U.S. Senate race.

When asked if they would consider running in the Democratic party if allowed, Walker said things sometimes change in an election process and "we typically don't say never to anything, quite honestly." But he said the path they announced Monday is the one they plan to pursue.

The administration has been an independent one and that will continue to be the focus, Mallott said.

Jay Parmley, executive director of the state Democratic party, said the party has been supportive of the Walker administration and continues to be supportive.

But he also said he's confi-

dent that Democratic candidates will run for governor and lieutenant governor and that it's still early.

The announcement that Walker and Mallott intend to run again was "a marker that needed to be sort of crossed off" and provides some clarity for potential Democratic challengers, Parmley said.

"It may deter, it might spur candidates. But at least it starts setting things into motion," he said.

Many potential Republican candidates have expressed interest in the race, state GOP chairman Tuckerman Babcock said. So far, the highest-profile Republican to declare intentions to seek the GOP nomination is state Sen. Mike Dunleavy.

One of the major issues for Walker has been addressing a multibillion-dollar state budget deficit that's persisted amid low oil prices. Oil prices began a freefall in 2014 and have stayed low.

He has yet to secure passage of some pieces he sees as key to a fiscal plan, including use of earnings from Alaska's oil-wealth fund to help cover government costs and taxes – issues that have been hotly debated by legislators.

The House is controlled by a majority coalition composed largely of Democrats. The Senate has a Republican-led majority. Rating agencies have downgraded the state's credit rating in the absence of a fiscal plan.

The Republican Governors Association came out against Walker Monday, citing the state's budget deficit and credit downgrades on his watch as reasons.

Correction

In the Sentinel's August 3 issue, it was mistakenly reported local contractors had assisted in the selection of a monofill site for the Byford Project. The possible pit sites were recommended to DEC by the Department of Natural Resources.



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Sisters Ann Conatser and Johanna Joseph board a flight to Unalaska in Cold Bay. The two had been invited to attend a commemorative service for the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Dutch Harbor, during World War II.

Wrangell resident participates in war memorial proceedings

By DXX RUDY
Sentinel writer

A Wrangellite had a unique opportunity to take part in some Alaskan history this year, while revisiting her own family history in the process.

Johanna Joseph and her sister, Ann Conatser a Walla Walla resident, were invited by the

Ounalashka Corporation to attend an event in Unalaska commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Dutch Harbor. The town had been the birthplace of their mother, Theodosia Stepitan Nauska, known as Fanny to friends and family.

The battle itself was part of Japan's Aleutian Islands cam-

paign during World War II, and took place between its Imperial Navy and United States armed forces June 3 and 4, 1942. Soldiers of the Arkansas National Guard stationed around Dutch Harbor Naval Base and Fort Mears held off aircraft from a Japanese carrier strike force

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Obituary: Colleene P. Carlson Brososky, 87

Colleene P. Carlson Brososky, 87 passed away on December 14, 2016 at the Petersburg Medical Center.

She was born to Ellery and Ann Carlson on August 18, 1929, in the Petersburg Alaska Territory. She attended business college in Terre Haute, Indiana. In her lifetime she enjoyed many different jobs including being a book-keeper, assistant manager for Montgomery Ward, professional seamstress working in her home and various other businesses throughout Seattle. Her most prized occupation was that of being a domestic engineer.

Colleene will be most remembered for her wit, sense of humor and stories. She served as both the Treasurer and President of the Daughters of Norway. Her passion for politics and our country helped lead her to serving as both the Secretary and Treasurer in the VFW as well.

Colleene is preceded in death by her husband Ronald Brososky and daughter Erisa.

Colleene is survived by her daughters Veronica Odegaard and Valencia Short of Seattle, Washington; grandchildren; Kassandra and Logen Short of Seattle, Lanette Smith and Martin Odegaard of Petersburg; great grand chil-



Colleene P. Carlson Brososky

dren; Aurora and Sequoia of Oregon, Jacob Smith, Lilly, Isabelle, Landon, Lincoln, Sailor, Bay, and Odin Odegaard of Petersburg.

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 pm on August 18, 2017 at the Social Hall at Mountain View Manor. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to the Daughters of Norway or the VFW.

THANK YOU

The public library would like to thank all of the individuals, businesses, and organizations who donated prizes for the Summer Reading Program. We appreciate your continued support in assisting us by encouraging children to read during the summer and improve their reading skills.

We would also like to thank:

- First Bank for the grant to purchase Newdora Hammocks for all those who completed the program.
- Parks and Rec Department pool staff
- J & W's for the 129 ice cream cones.
- Stikine Inn for providing great pizza.
- City and Borough of Wrangell.
- Jeff Angerman for his on-going support.
- Bob's IGA for supplying cupcakes.
- Wrangell Elks for the grant to help pay for pizza, cupcakes, chips & pop for the pool party.
- Wrangell Public Schools and Matt Gore for the computers & support.
- All the numerous parents and other helpers at the party.

Thank you again for making the Summer Reading Program a great success!

CHURCH DIRECTORY

- Harborlight Assembly of God**
Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.,
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. 874-2244
- St. Rose of Lima, Catholic Church**
Sunday Masses 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Enrichment in Faith- All are welcome, 10:00 a.m.
874-3771 or 305-0654
- St. Philip's Episcopal Church**
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m., Church School 10:00 a.m.
874-3047 or 874-4480
- First Presbyterian**
Worship Service 11 a.m., 874-3534
- The Salvation Army**
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m.,
874-3753
- Island of Faith Lutheran Church-ELCA**
Worship Service 9:30 a.m. followed by fellowship,
Faith Walking Saturday 10 a.m., 874-2743
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**
Priesthood Relief Society & Primary at noon.;
Sunday School 11 a.m.; Sacrament 10 a.m.,
874-3976 or 3778
- Wrangell Community Church of God**
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; 874-3964
- Bible Baptist Church**
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.;
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m., 874-2069
- Wrangell Seventh-day Adventist Church**
Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.;
Young People & Adult Study, 9:30 a.m., 874-3039
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In this picture from 1944, Fanny Nauska was among the Unalaska Aleuts relocated from her home during the war. She soon settled in Wrangell and raised a family here.

Wrangell resident

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during the two-day attack. Japanese bombers attacked the base early the first day, with a second attack that included Mitsubishi Zero fighters taking place against naval targets the next afternoon.

The Japanese successfully sank one transport vessel at Dutch Harbor, and damaged a number of facilities, merchant ships and support services. This second strike force encountered an American sortie of P-40 Warhawk fighters on its return, losing several planes but also downing four U.S. fighters. Seventy-eight Americans were killed during the attacks, losing 14 aircraft in the process. The Japanese lost seven planes in all, with 10 killed and five captured. A largely undamaged Zero was also recovered by

American forces, and provided valuable insight into the capabilities of Japan's main fighter.

After the attack the Japanese occupied Attu and Kiska islands, with the majority of Aleut residents on the former arrested and interned in Japan during the war. The populations of Unalaska and other Aleutian island settlements were evacuated after the battle and likewise interned by the Americans for the duration of the war, with 880 Aleuts kept in camps in Southeast Alaska. Conditions in these camps were poor, and 75 of the relocated Aleuts died of disease during internment.

Fanny Nauska had been among those who had been evacuated from Unalaska and taken to Burnett Inlet. While there she gave birth to her first daughter, Ann, on November 24, 1943. Eventually she moved to Wrangell, met and married local fisherman Henry Bradley, and gave birth to Johanna on February 20, 1945. Growing to 13 members, the family remained in Wrangell. Among her contributions to her newfound home, Nauska helped design Wrangell's city flag.

Joseph explained her mother had never talked about either the Battle of Dutch Harbor or the resulting evacuation. In the years since neither Conaster nor Joseph had ever visited their mother's Aleutian hometown, so they were both pleased at the unique opportunity. Because they were born during the war, both were invited with around 100 other evacuees, veterans and dependents involved in the conflict.

Accompanied by Joseph's daughter, Leann Bryner, after a long trip by air they were put up at the Grand Aleutian Hotel during their weekend visit, with meals and travel covered by the corporation. While there, the sisters were able to partake in the same Russian Orthodox services their uncle had once been a parishioner of, and were able to meet people who had once known their mother, Fanny. The two also were able to meet with Sen. Lisa Murkowski, and participated in the anniversary's commemorative proceedings.

"We were treated like royalty," Joseph recalled. "It was a very nice time."

Candidates throw names in for election, more sought

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

With one week left to file, candidates are still being sought for a number of Wrangell's municipal committees and elected seats.

As of Tuesday, four residents have put in their names for the October 3 ballot, ahead of the August 31 filing deadline. Assemblyman Mark Mitchell will not seek another term on that body, but will be running instead for one three-year term on the Port Commission. Current commissioner Walter Moorhead has not yet submitted his name for another term.

For the Wrangell School Board, Jessica Rooney has also put herself up for consideration. The three-year term is that of former board president and current member Susan Eagle. A two-year unexpired term on the board is also open, with appointed member Robert Rang seeking re-election.

Two three-year terms on the Assembly are coming up for election, with the seats of Mitchell and Stephen Prysunka both expiring this year. Prysunka has filed to run for another term.

On the Wrangell Medical Center Board, the seats of its president, Bernie Massin, and Terri Henson are expiring. The terms for each is four years, while a third two-year unexpired term vacated by Woody Wilson in October 2016 is also open on the upcoming ballot.

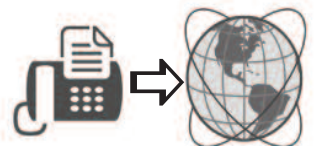
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Southeast fisheries drawing to a close for summer

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

One of Wrangell's two seafood processors has drawn down production early for the season due to lower than expected returns this summer.

Updated twice daily, on Tuesday the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Blue Sheet reported just over 143 million salmon have been harvested statewide, though numbers were not available for the Bristol Bay, Kuskokwim and Aleutian Islands districts. Seventy-four percent of these are pink salmon, with over 106 million already reported in. Coming off of last year's season – declared a “disaster” by Gov. Bill Walker in January – forecasts for this year expected 204 million salmon to be caught by Alaska's commercial fishermen.

In Southeast, ADFG projected 55.7 million salmon for this year, with 43 million of those to be pinks. The Blue Sheet figures the region to be coming in below expectation, with around 35,175,000 salmon reported so far. Of these, 24,715,000 pink salmon make up about 68 percent of Southeast's total harvest so far, well outpacing 2016's total return of 18.4 million but still disappointing.

“Our original intent, our prediction, was we would have a bigger season,” explained John Webby, regional manager for Trident Seafoods in Southeast Alaska. Its Wrangell plant wound its operations to a close for the season on August 12.

For the time being, Trident has been running its salmon down to Ketchikan for canning. Elsewhere the season has been quite successful, with Webby reporting robust returns at Trident's Sand Point and Bristol Bay plants.

“Those two areas were exceptionally good,” he commented.

Wrangell's other major processor, Sea Level Seafoods, will remain operational through the end of October, when the Dungeness crab fall fishery closes.

“It's been up and down,” plant manager Vern Phillips said of the season.

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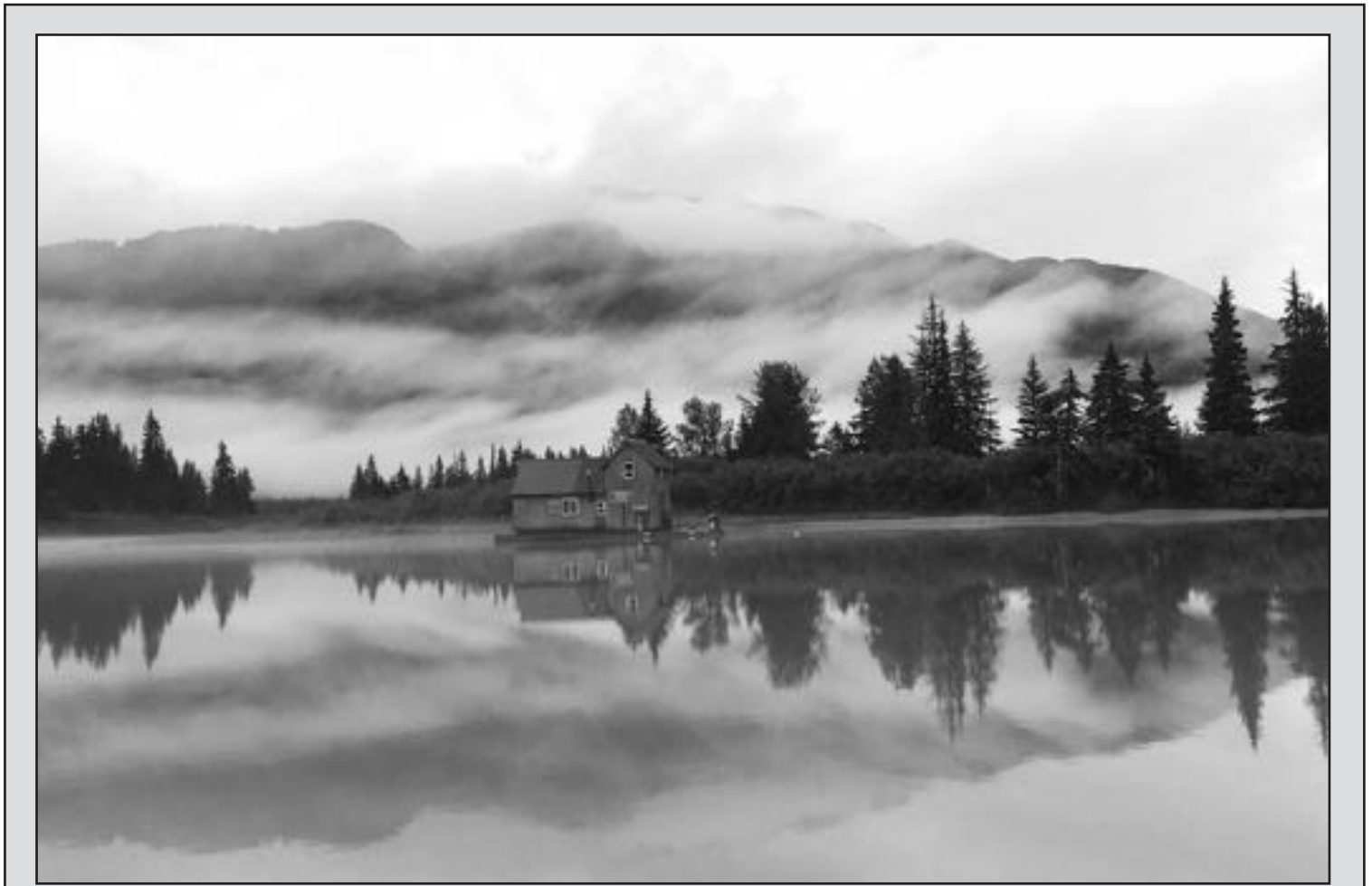


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Mist in the morning

A soft mist surrounds a floathouse in Shakes Slough early Sunday during a break in the rain. Heavy cloud cover and rains overshadowed most of the weekend, making Monday's eclipse unviewable to residents of Wrangell and Petersburg. The next is due in 2024.

summer's catch have been crab, sockeye and pink salmon, he explained. Chums on the other hand have been doing really well, making up about 22 percent of Southeast's total catch this year and somewhat offsetting the shortfall in pink salmon.

In terms of totals, it would be premature yet to compare this season to last year's, as Phillips explained the season could still improve before its closure at the month's end.

“There's not a lot of time left,” he noted.

Though Sea Level will continue to operate through the 30-day fall crabbing fishery in October, Phillips does not anticipate it will turn around what has otherwise been a disappointing fishery. For Dungeness crab this year, its summer fishery was shortened by three weeks due to calculations based on its opening week's poundage.

“We felt that a three-week reduction was commensurate with

the numbers,” explained ADFG shellfish biologist Joe Stratman.

Within the dictates of its fishery management plan, ADFG decided to allow for an additional fall season opening, but only for a shortened 30-day period. Typically the fall crabbing season runs for two months in most districts, though in Southeast Alaska a five-month season is common.

For the summer season, preliminary numbers indicate 187 commercial Dungeness crab fishermen together landed 1.43 million pounds in Southeast. The largest yield came from District 8, where 75 permit-holders harvested 399,000 pounds of crab. In all, the summer season is estimated to be worth around \$4.42 million. The summertime sees the bulk of the catch ordinarily, with only about 20 percent of a year's harvest caught in the fall, with the majority harvested during the summer season.

Ketchikan beaches remain contaminated with fecal bacteria

KETCHIKAN, Alaska (AP) – At least two of the many beaches found to be contaminated near Ketchikan continue to have high levels of a wastewater and sewage pathogen, an Alaska official said.

The waters at Thomas Basin and Rotary Beach have high levels of enterococci bacteria, the Ketchikan Daily News reported Thursday. Officials found high levels of the bacteria last week at several beaches between Clover Pass and Saxman.

The bacteria is common in the fecal matter of warm-blooded animals, more so in human feces, according to the National Institutes of Health. Contact with contaminated water can cause stom-

ach aches and diarrhea, as well as infections.

Officials will continue sampling efforts until all area beaches test clean, Nancy Sonafrank of the state Department of Environmental Conservation said.

Beachgoers are urged to take precautions to avoid bacterial exposure, such as not swimming in contaminated waters, washing after contact with contaminated waters and thoroughly rinsing fish harvested from contaminated waters.

The other areas previously identified as contaminated include Beacon Hill, Knudson Cove, Refuge Cove Beach, Seaport Beach near Saxman, South Point Higgins Beach and Sunset Beach at the south end of Mud Bay.

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Water situation back to normal

By **DAN RUDY**
Sentinel writer

Public Works changed its summertime water management conservation level back to normal last week, ending a month of minor restrictions.

Up until last Friday, users of Wrangell's water utility have been advised to use less water starting in mid-July, when the city entered the first of a three-stage response status. Better water management has been a key issue with the city this year, with an emergency response plan formally adopted in April.

Last summer demand outpaced the water treatment plant's ability to supply, prompting the borough manager to declare a state of emergency that July as reserves were drawn down to worrying

low levels. Conservation measures ended up disrupting service for Wrangell's two seafood processors, which during their summertime production increase overall demand for water considerably.

The problems stem from the plant itself, which has treated the city's municipal water supply for most of the past two decades. It has two sets of filters for treatment, with a preliminary roughing filter preparing water for slow sand filtration. All of the city's water – upward of a million gallons per day during the summer peak – passes through four of these filter bays, and is also chemically treated before heading to the storage tanks.

Over the life of the plant facility, the sand in these filtration

bays has never been replaced as designed due to cost considerations. The plant's staff of two have had to take different measures to clear and skim material from the bays over the years, processes which have varied in efficiency and can be resource- and time-consuming to undertake. One filtration unit can take 15 or 16 hours to take offline, clean and bring back into service, in the meantime reducing overall production by a quarter.

Hoping to head this off at the proverbial pass, the Borough Assembly approved the hiring of four temporary staff to assist with operations for the summer. The added manpower has made cleaning the filters less time-consuming, and more regular cleanings have made the filters more pro-

ductive as well. As such, the plant has been better able to keep up with demand this year.

Along with the new staff, plans to update and improve the design of the plant's roughing filter have been approved. Pending approval of the new design by the state, work on the improvements will likely take place during the winter downturn, when demand is at its lowest.

A color-coded, three-phase response plan was also adopted to keep the public thinking more conservatively, with yellow, orange and red threat levels denoting increasing severity. The "yellow" stage was more cautionary than anything, with a series of restrictions and even fines taking effect only in the more stringent stages.

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28-30 - Elementary Conferences

December
18-29 - Christmas Break
January
1 - New Year Holiday
2 - Teacher Work Day
February
19 - Teacher Inservice

March
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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

The US dollar has dropped in value all year against a basket of other global currencies

While that may sound like a bad thing, it's great news for Alaska seafood and anyone doing business overseas.

"It's a good thing for Alaska seafood producers because roughly two-thirds of the value of our seafood comes from export markets. So when our currency is less valuable, the prices are not as high for foreign buyers," said Andy Wink, senior fisheries economist with the McDowell Group.

It's a turn-around for a strong dollar that has for several years made Alaska seafood very pricey for prime customers of Japan, Europe and the UK. Now they will be inclined to buy more for less.

Americans aren't so lucky. The weaker dollar makes the cost of imported goods more expensive here at home - including the 85 percent of seafood that's imported into the US each year.

"A five percent swing or whatever it is in the value of the dollar will probably make seafood more expensive," Wink predicted.

The weakening dollar is due to uncertainties by global banks and investors about the Trump administration and its ability to accomplish promises of health care reform, raising interest rates, massive tax cuts and infrastructure spending. Many analysts also point to big question marks looming over Trump's trade policies.

"It's the way that investors perceive the health of the U.S. economy," Wink said.

Still - the dollar losing its mojo couldn't come at a better time for Alaska salmon sales.

"Where we are now," he added, "is a lot better than where we were

at this time last year."

Cameras count fish -Cameras can now track what's coming and going over the boat rails instead of human fishery observers.

Starting in 2018 a new law allows for electronic monitoring systems to be used on smaller boats between 40 and 60 feet, and boats harvesting Alaska halibut.

The voluntary EM option is open to longline vessels and boats fishing with pot gear, and the chance to get some extra bunk space back is a big relief for the fleet.

"Taking a human observer is simply not practical for those boats in terms of space or life raft capacity. I was really glad to see we finally got it on the books," said Dan Falvey, program director for the Sitka-based Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association (ALFA).

Small boat fishermen, which make up the majority of Alaska's fishing fleet, also had a hard time with escalating observer costs which could range from \$300 to \$1,000 per day.

Boats aligned with ALFA and the Homer-based North Pacific Fisherman's Association tested the EM program and protocols for several years as part of the 'pre-implementation phase.' The camera system proved it could track and identify over 95 percent of species required for fishery management decisions.

Currently, more than 70 Alaska longliners and 18 pot boats are in the EM pool, and Falvey said managers have approved expanding it to include 120 longline and 45 pot boats over the next few years.

By all accounts, the on-deck camera systems are reliable and user friendly.

"They are just like any other piece of marine electronics on a boat," Falvey explained, adding that it takes about a day and a half to install. "Skippers do a small functions test to make sure it's working properly and if it passes the test, the vessel is free to go fishing. If the EM system leaves town working and they have problems on the water, they don't have to end their trip. That is a really important part of the program."

Also - the cameras come on only when you're fishing.

"The systems turn on when your hydraulics activate. The camera is rolling continuously while you're hauling back and for a couple hours after to watch the sorting on deck. Then they turn off until the next time you turn on your hydraulics," Falvey said.

When a boat gets back from a fishing trip, the skipper pulls the hard drive and mails it to the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission for review.

The EM systems, valued at \$8,000 - \$10,000, come at no cost to Alaska fishermen. Start-up funds for the hardware and installation were provided by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the program is covered by fishermen's fees.

"In Alaska, the EM system is provided to the boat as part of the observer program and paid for as part of the 1.25 percent fee we all pay," Falvey said.

All boats planning to participate in the EM program in 2018 must register with the Observer

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Dungy dive - Southeast Alaska's biggest crab fishery has taken a dive this year with shortened fisheries for the summer and the fall. The summer fishery, which produces nearly three-quarters of the annual catch, landed just 1.3 million pounds of dungies, the lowest in more than 30 years. Managers cut the fishery short by three weeks in late July when crab catches were not meeting set thresholds, the second early closure in 15 years.

The fall Dungeness season also will be clipped by a month. State managers announced that it will open as usual on October 1 but will close October 31, instead of running through November.

Late molting is a likely cause of the lower catch numbers, said biologist Kelli Wood at the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game office in Petersburg. Large numbers of the crabs pulled up in the summer pots were soft shelled, meaning newly molted, and likely hid out from the fishery.

"It could be due to the fact that the crabs were just 'not on the bite.' After they molt they bury in the mud and don't come out and they are not hungry. If it was a later molt, they probably would be buried from the fishery," Wood told KFSK in Petersburg.

Biologists are uncertain about the timing and frequency of the crab's molting habits because no surveys are done on the Dungeness stocks. Managers rely instead on

information from commercial fisheries to track the crab.

In 2015, Southeast crabbers landed more than five million pounds of Dungeness and averaged \$2.95 a pound. The crab fishery was worth \$15 million to the region.

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End of summer clinic builds swimming skills

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

A two-week clinic for burgeoning swimmers concluded last weekend with a meet on Saturday.

The summer swim camp was put on jointly by Wrangell Swim Club and Parks and Recreation, and included about 16 youths. Including kids from as young as five to 12 years old, the hour-a-day sessions were meant to help build intermediate swimming skills for relatively new learners.

"The bulk of our kids were around nine or 12," said Jamie Roberts, who along with Bruce McQueen coaches the club.

Over the course of ten session, the students were introduced to lanes, improved on their kicking and arm coordination, worked on breathing, alignment and other skills.

"It's basically learning how to do front crawl," said Roberts. "The goal was hopefully that by the end of the two weeks all of the kids could swim one length of the pool, maybe two."

"First we had to build up their ability to swim to the other end by the first week," she explained. "We had some kids who didn't want to go into the deep end. They were fearful of it. So we had some of those challenges to overcome."

By August 19, they were ready to try what was for most



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Participants in the 2017 Wrangell Swim Camp gather together for a group photo following Saturday's concluding meet. At the back, members of Wrangell Swim Club had helped the learning swimmers compete in the meet's different events. The two-week camp and meet were part of Parks and Recreation's summer youth programming, held in association with the club.

their first meet. Eleven events were chosen, including some fun partner events. Members of the swim club also participated, helping fill out some of the more advanced strokes in the medley races and assisting with the meet. The preceding year had been their first one competitively, and by now they had

plenty of experience with meets to share.

Afterward ribbons were presented and the kids treated to a pizza party.

"It was a lot of fun. I was really impressed by how far some of those kids had come, just in an hour a day for two weeks," said Roberts. "We worked them

pretty hard. They seemed to really enjoy themselves, they came back every day."

Her hope is that these new swimmers might take an interest in continuing the sport, either with Wrangell Swim Club or on their own. Starting its fourth year now on September 5, the club has 34 members returning

for the new season. Of the swim camp's participants, Roberts suspected 10 might be joining the club.

They will start training for their first meet, the "November Rain" event to be held in Petersburg.

"This is definitely going to be our biggest year," the coach said.

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by Linda Thistle

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City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska Notice to Voters

Voter qualifications for the City & Borough of Wrangell, October 3, 2017, Regular Election, are as follows:

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Voters are cautioned to make certain their residence address is correct on their State Voter Registration. City law requires that each voter shall be registered to vote in the precinct in which that person seeks to vote in order to vote in municipal elections.

Your name must appear on the precinct list! If you are registered in another city, you must change your registration **prior to Sunday, September 3, 2017, to qualify to vote in the Regular Election of October 3, 2017.**

You may ask the Borough Clerk to check the precinct register to assure your qualifications.

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 3rd day of October 2017, there will be held in the City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska, a Regular Election for the purpose of voting on the following City Offices.

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- School Board: One – (3 Year Term)
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WRANGELL MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER NOTICE

Wrangell Municipal Light and Power would like to remind everyone that an electrical permit is required before doing any electrical work within the City and Borough of Wrangell.

Wrangell Municipal Code 15.12.040 states that no electrical equipment shall be installed within or on any building, structure or premise, public or privately owned, nor shall any alteration or addition be made in any such existing facilities without first securing a permit from the office of the electrical superintendent.

WML&P would also like to remind everyone that per Alaska Statute all wiring must be done by a licensed contractor working under a valid administrator's license. Minor exceptions are allowed for persons working on their own residence provided that residence is owned by and the primary occupancy of the person doing the work and no commercial enterprise is being conducted on the premise.

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Budgetary delays worsen state teacher shortage

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) – Budgetary delays by the Alaska Legislature have put the state’s schools in a tough situation.

School officials sent layoff notices to nearly 700 teachers at the end of the past school year. They were under the impression that statewide education funding was dropping.

But six weeks after those notices, the Legislature restored funding to last year’s total of \$1.3 billion, prompting superintendents throughout the state to ask their slighted teachers to stay.

As of Tuesday, there were 541 school jobs still open in Alaska with the first day of school less than a week away, the Alaska Journal of Commerce reported.

Anchorage Superintendent Deena Bishop was able to rehire a majority of the district’s 220 laid-off teachers but still has vacant positions, she said.

“It’s not unusual to have teacher vacancies after a school year,” said Tim Parker, president of National Education Association-Alaska. “The development that’s surprising here is that on Aug. 10, there were 45 unfilled positions in Anchorage alone. I don’t think that’s ever happened before.”

In Juneau and on the Kenai Peninsula,

the same story plagues districts just as the first day of school draws near.

“What is unusual is having vacancies this close to school starting,” Juneau School District Director of Student Serv-

ices Bridget Weiss said.

Alaska’s 53 school districts typically hire 1,000 teachers each year due to high turnover numbers and retirement, Parker said.

“We need to hire that number of teachers because we have a really high turnover rate, about 8 to 10 percent in the urban areas and 33 percent in rural areas,” Parker said.

Loss of sea ice leads to early visits by walrus

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) – Hundreds of Pacific walrus came ashore to a barrier island on Alaska’s northwest coast, the earliest appearance of the animals in a phenomenon tied to climate warming and diminished Arctic Ocean sea ice.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced Wednesday that several hundred walrus were spotted during the first week of August near the village of Point Lay on the Chukchi Sea. Last week, the number had grown to 2,000, said spokeswoman Andrea Medeiros in an email response to questions.

It’s the earliest date for the arrival, known as a “haulout,” to form, the agency said. Walrus from now until early fall are expected to use the barrier island and other locations along the coast as resting areas as they move to and from feeding areas.

Walrus dive hundreds of feet to eat clams on the ocean bottom, but they cannot swim indefinitely. While adult females dive, sea ice gives calves a safe resting place, with plenty of space to see the approach of predators such as polar bears.

In winter, the southern edge of sea ice is in the Bering Sea. As temperatures warm, ice recedes north all the way through the Bering Strait into the Chukchi Sea. Walrus stay on the edge, and they use the ice as a sort of conveyor belt that con-

tinually moves over new ocean bottom.

With global warming, however, sea ice in recent years has melted much farther north, beyond the shallow continental shelf, over water more than 10,000 feet deep. That’s far too deep for walrus to reach the ocean bottom.

Instead of staying on sea ice over the deep water, walrus have come to shore, sometimes gathering in herds of more than 35,000.

Walrus packed shoulder to shoulder in large numbers face the threat of a stampede. If a herd is startled by a polar bear, hunter, airplane or boat, the animals rush to the safety of the ocean, often crushing smaller walrus.

Observers from Point Lay told the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service they already have seen three to five dead animals.

“It was kind of heartbreaking to see that these animals were being wasted this way, in this manner,” said Leo Ferreira III, tribal president, in an interview taped by the agency. “We’re trying to protect the walrus from disturbance by aircraft, boat, and ship activity in our area.”

The village and the agency actively discourage people flying to the village to photograph the walrus.

Pacific walrus are hunted for food by residents of Point Lay and other villages.

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Monofill

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A request for assistance by Wrangell was approved by DEC in 2015, earmarking up to \$3.9 million for the project from its Oil and Hazardous Substance Release Prevention and Response Fund. The scope of the project widened substantially as work began, and during site preparation for the remediation in early 2016 further caches of buried materials were found throughout the property.

"We found those throughout the soil. Literally layer after layer after layer of materials," commented John Halverson, an environmental program manager for DEC. More than 60 shipping containers of debris and the most heavily-contaminated soils were transported out of state for reprocessing, but 18,000 cubic yards of lead-infused soil proved to be too expensive to similarly ship out.

With the project already over budget at around \$6.5 million, Halverson explained a determination was made to instead construct a monofill to contain it on-island. A site deemed ideal to that purpose had been found at a state-owned rock pit, about two miles east from Zimovia Highway along Pats Creek Road. Managed by the Department of Natural Resources, the pit's high rock walls and hydrologic characteristics made it a good fit for constructing a monofill. After conducting a series of tests on the site, DEC made arrangements for its use with DNR, and made plans to begin construction late last month. DEC contacted the U.S. Forest Service's Wrangell Ranger District to request use of its Pats Creek Road for the work, which Ginter estimated could take about four months, weather-permitting.

The road's namesake incorporates a network of anadromous streams of importance to local subsistence and recreational users, and has subsequently proven to be a sensitive site. News of the monofill came suddenly to many residents, and Halverson was apologetic about the lack of communication between project leads and the community up to that point.

"In hindsight, we should have done a better job of outreach with the community and the Tribe," he said.

Monday's public meeting was intended to try to address local concerns and explore alternatives. It was well attended, with City Hall having to make use of all of the building's chairs in the main chambers. Along with Halverson and Ginter, Shane O'Neill and Paul Nielson of NRC Alaska, Tim Hoffman with the DEC Contaminated Sites Program, and R&M Engineering's Mike Howell were on hand to explain their project. City staff, members of the Assembly, Wrangell Cooperative Association representatives and Rep. Dan Ortiz (I-Ketchikan) were among those in attendance.

One of the main concerns residents shared was with the presence of lead in the soil to be interred in the monofill. During the reclamation process at Byford's, contaminated soils were separated and treated with EcoBond, a phosphate-based compound which bonds chemically with lead to significantly reduce its leachability by making it less apt to bond with passing water molecules. In this state, Ginter explained the only way the lead will migrate is if the soil itself washes away.



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Paul Nielsen with NRC Alaska recaps the reclamation project undertaken last year at the former Byford junkyard, during a public presentation in Wrangell Monday.

"How secure is this?" resident Donna Kuntz wanted to know.

"The chemistry behind it is it's a permanent bonding with the lead," Halverson responded. He has been acquainted with EcoBond for nine years, and though the compound has been in use since 2000 the concept behind it is much older. "I'm satisfied that the science works."

With the EcoBond applied, the soil to be kept in the monofill comes to just over 18,500 cubic yards. As designed, it would be compacted and contained using mesh fabric and rock drainage, layered over with a non permeable sheeting and buried under a sloping surface of stone and soil. The slopes and covers would limit the amount of moisture reaching the stabilized soil, while the mesh and drainage would prevent it from becoming saturated at freezing during the winter. While the treated soil is unlikely to leach out into water, the lead present in it

still would pose a threat to humans, other animals and plants that may consume it, which is why the monofill requires encapsulation.

From Wrangell himself, Howell assured the group the science was sound. Asked if he would feel comfortable eating a deer shot on top of the monofill, or drink water runoff from it, he said he would.

Halverson said his department's focus was to maintain the state's environment for future generations, and he felt the project reflected that. "I'm doing this job for my kids and my grandkids," he said at one point. By taking on the monofill project, he further explained the state was making a commitment to its continued upkeep.

Moving forward, it was explained work on the monofill would at this point likely not begin until next spring, with the soil remaining in temporary cells at the Byford property. In the

meantime, Halverson explained DEC would continue to stay in communication with local stakeholders. In the unlikely event further funding could be found for the project – an estimate of \$12 million was given to move the soil elsewhere – other options for the soil's disposal could be entertained. Building and maintaining the monofill is anticipated to cost \$5.5 million.

Some residents remained unconvinced about the plan by the meeting's end.

"We don't want it there, it's too close to Pats Creek," said Virginia Oliver.

Another, Lupe Rogers, felt she was left with more doubts after the presentation than she had before. Others remained hopeful an alternative solution could be found. Dave Rak recommended that concerned residents contact representatives in government for some form of intervention, such as Sen. Lisa Murkowski.

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