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REAL ID compliance coming soon

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Alaska DMV is working to reach compliance with the federal REAL ID Act. According to the Department of Homeland Security's website, the act sets a minimum standard for identifying documents, such as a driver's license or a passport. Marla Thompson, Director of the Alaska DMV, said that what this means for Alaskans is that the DMV will be offering licenses and state IDs that meet a higher standard of federal requirements. Thompson added that old IDs will remain valid, and the new IDs are not mandatory to have. It is simply an option available to Alaskans.

"Alaskans are not required to get a REAL ID," she said, but added. "Everyone will need a federally compliant ID to get on a plane or base on Oct. 1, 2020."

REAL ID compliant documents will be required for Alaskans wishing to board an airplane or to enter or work at a military base or federal building starting in October of 2020. Thompson said that there is no rush for residents to come to the DMV to get a compliant license, again stating that older licenses will remain valid until then. The process to obtain a REAL ID, she said, is basically the same as getting a driver's license: A person will visit the DMV with required documents proving they are who they say they are, they will pay a small fee, and will receive their REAL ID in the mail. Thompson added that a REAL ID will cost about \$20 more than the old identification cards

What makes the REAL IDs different from other forms of identification are added security features. Steve Purdy, vice president of government programs for Gemalto, said that Alaskan REAL IDs will have such security features as UV images



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BBQ fundraiser at the senior center

The Wrangell Senior Center hosted a barbeque fundraiser last Thursday night. (Left to right) Stephanie Foshay, Leeann Martin, and Karl Torgramsen put together plates of pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, and baked beans. The money is going to support the senior center.

as well as a unique font, among several other features designed to prevent tampering or fraud. There is also a new security feature that Purdy said he was very excited about: MLIs.

An MLI, or multi-laser image, is a security feature for the cards that he said will be very hard to mimic. The MLI will be a "ghost image" of the card holder's face. When the REAL ID is rotated slightly, however, that image changes to the cardholder's date of birth. This "ghost image" is very hard to duplicate or tamper with, Purdy said, and makes the new ID cards

very secure.

"They [REAL IDs] are much more advanced in regards to the security features," he said

Gemalto is a digital security company that is helping many states, not just Alaska, reach REAL ID compliance. Purdy said that they have helped, or are currently working in states like Hawaii, New Hampshire, Maryland, Colorado, Washington DC, West Virginia, Idaho, and several others. He added that the new ID cards will not affect people's ability to operate vehicles, they will just become a re-

quirement to enter airplanes or federal buildings in 2020.

"The REAL ID process," he said, "is really apt to help people ensure their identity is protected ... It's a program that every jurisdiction has a plan to meet, if they haven't already."

REAL IDs will begin to be issued in January of 2019. An interactive checklist has been put online to provide Alaskans with the information and documents needed to obtain a REAL ID. The "REAL ID Checklist" can be found on the Alaska DMV website.



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A nativity wreath donated by St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church.

Christmas Tree Lane raising funds for the Wrangell Hospice

By CALEB VIERKANT
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Anybody who has visited the Nolan Center in the past few weeks has seen all of its holiday decorations. While the numerous lights and other decorations are nice to look at, what may stand out to most people is the number of Christmas trees lining the center's walls. Each tree is uniquely and creatively decorated and, according to Elaine Torvend, they are all up for bid.

Christmas Tree Lane, as the program is called, has been a tradition in Wrangell for at least the past ten years, Torvend said. People and organizations across the island come together to create beautiful and unique Christmas trees, which are put on display in the Nolan Center. People can then bid on these trees to take home. Proceeds from Christmas Tree Lane go to benefit the Wrangell hospice.

"Christmas Tree Lane is the one and only fundraiser for Hospice of Wrangell,"

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, December 6: Brandy Castle, Jason Neyman, Monica Wedam. **Friday, December 7:** Mercedes Angerman, Twyla Nore. **Anniversary:** Bill and Marlene Messmer, Ed and Janice Kalkins, Tom and Tedi Sims, Mike and Barb Rugo. **Saturday, December 8:** Vienna Powers, Bradley Eklund, Steven Smith. **Sunday, December 9:** Tammie Kirschner, Katherine Venables. **Monday, December 10:** Maddiso Ginter, Pam Stover, Tarren Legg-Privett, Kiah Bylow. **Tuesday, December 11:** Tammi Meissner, Rob Rooney, Carrie Mason. **Anniversary:** Leonard and Kathie Angerman. **Wednesday, December 12:** Alicia Holder, Katie Ann Neyman, Lana Johnson, Keith Nolan, Maria Beers. **Thursday, December 13:** Tawni Fitzgerald, Adrian Kohrt, Sarah Murphy, Alysse Maxand. **Anniversary:** Chris and Shannon Barnett, Steve and Beverly Angerman.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, December 6

Chicken Cacciatore, Sweet Peas, Honey Orange Salad, Buttered Noodles

Friday, December 7

Taco Salad, Orange Slices

Monday, December 10

BBQ Chicken, Mixed Veggies, Peach Salad, Biscuits

Tuesday, December 11

Salisbury Steak, Broccoli, Cabbage Slaw, Parsley Potatoes

Wednesday, December 12

Pork Chops w/ Apples, Peas, Garden Salad, Veggie Pilaf

Thursday, December 13

New England Clam Chowder, 1/2 Ham Sandwich, Danish Salad

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, December 8

Malaspina 2:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 9

Columbia 9:45 p.m.

Tuesday, December 11

Malaspina 10:45 p.m.

Saturday, December 15

Malaspina 4:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 16

Columbia 3:45 p.m.

Southbound

Friday, December 7

Malaspina 11:30 a.m.

Monday, December 10

Malaspina 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, December 12

Columbia 8:45 a.m.

Friday, December 14

Malaspina 2:15 p.m.

Monday, December 17

Malaspina 9:15 a.m.

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



TIDES Dec. 6 - Dec. 13

	High Tides		Low Tides		High Tides		Low Tides	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
December 6	0:02	15.6	11:54	18.3	5:40	2.0	6:21	-2.3
December 7	0:45	15.6	12:32	18.0	6:18	2.4	6:56	-2.3
December 8	1:26	15.4	1:08	17.4	6:54	2.9	7:30	-1.9
December 9	2:04	14.9	1:42	16.7	7:28	3.4	8:04	-1.3
December 10	2:42	14.4	2:15	15.9	8:02	4.0	8:38	-0.6
December 11	3:19	13.8	2:50	14.9	8:39	4.6	9:15	0.2
December 12	3:59	13.3	3:28	14.0	9:21	5.1	9:55	1.0
December 13	4:43	12.9	4:13	13.0	10:11	5.5	10:40	1.8

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Saturday, December 8

Baby Raven Reads: Wrangell Headstart, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Raven Makes the Alutians. Alaska Native families with children up to age 5 are invited to join us for storytelling, songs, and other cultural and literacy activities. Families can enroll at the event.

Sunday, December 9

The Wrangell Community Chorale presents a Christmas Concert Sunday, December 9th at 3 pm in the Nolan Center. Donations accepted.

Saturday, December 15

Community Roots Meeting: Stikine Inn, 3:00 p.m.

Is the attendance at your meeting or event low? Send information for Roundup to wrgsent@gmail.com or call 874-2301.

Continuing Events

PARKS & REC ACTIVITIES: Mid-day closure: M-F 1:30-3:30 p.m. Closed Sunday

Pool:

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class:

M-W-F 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Water Aerobics:

M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Lap Swim:

M-W-F 6:00-7:30 a.m. MTWThF 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. TuTh 5:15-6:15 p.m. Sa 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

2 Lane Lap Swim:

M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Lap/Tot Swim:

MTWThF 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. S 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Swim Club:

M-F 3:15-5:15 p.m.

Open Swim:

M-W 5:30-7:00 p.m. F 6:30-8:00 p.m. S 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Weight Room: M-Thu 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.

MEETINGS

AA Meetings: North Star Group Meeting. St. Philip's Church. Tuesday: 7 p.m., Thursday: 8 p.m., Friday: 8 p.m.

The Way We Were In the Sentinel 100, 75, 50 and 25 years ago.

December 5, 1918

British Day, December 7, will be properly celebrated in Wrangell on Saturday evening by entertainment and a dance. On Wednesday evening of last week Mayor Matheson called a special meeting on the town council to consider the matter of a local observance of British day. The council were in favor of the day being observed in Wrangell, and did not believe that its celebration would be inconsistent with the public health. There will be three patriotic songs by a young ladies' quartet. There will be several other numbers by pupils of the public school. Following the program there will be a dance with music furnished by the orchestra. Card tables will be provided for those who care for this form of amusement. There will be a supper. Everybody is urged to attend and make the event a worthy expression of our feelings of gratitude and appreciation of the party played by our British ally in freeing the world from the curse of Prussian militarism. Everything in connection with the affair will be free.

December 3, 1943

Mrs. Elizabeth Peratrovich, by a unanimous vote, was elected Grand President of the Alaska Native Sisterhood for the ensuing year at the annual session held recently at Hoonah. One of the most important topics of discussions at the session was the proposed summer program for the children in cannery communities. The Grand Convention moved to take initial steps in trying to establish three nursery schools throughout Southeast Alaska. The nursery schools will be patterned after one tried at Klawock last summer. Mrs. Peratrovich assisted at the Klawock School, so was able to give a first-hand report on the program.

December 5, 2008

Gale force winds pounded

Wrangell Thanksgiving Day as a storm system raked Southeastern Alaska from Ketchikan to Haines. Winds unofficially nearing the 100-mile-an-hour mark hit Ketchikan where the damage was most severe. Estimates of damage to the Gateway City were running to \$1 million. The Associated Press reported that three 300-foot radio towers were toppled in Ketchikan. Other damage there included sinking of a fishing boat, broken windows and ripped up roofing. In Wrangell, residents had problems cooking their Thanksgiving turkeys if they had electric stoves. Power outages plagued city crews. A total of 20 trees went down along Zimovia Highway. Campbell Towing Co. and Wrangell Lumber Co. tugboats were called out to keep log rafts from breaking up in the five-foot seas. The winds were replaced by snow over the weekend. By yesterday approximately six inches

of snow was on the ground.

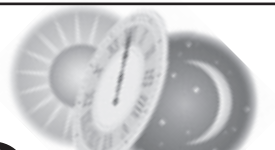
December 2, 1993

The Wrangell School District and the Police Department are looking for a few people who can contribute a small amount of their time for a very important purpose. There is currently a need for people to work as crossing guards at Evergreen Elementary School, according to Officer Doug McCloskey of the Wrangell Police Department. He said someone needs to be on duty during school days before classes begin from 7:55 to 8:30 a.m., for 15 minutes at noon when kindergartners arrive, and at the close of the day from 2:30 to 2:45 p.m. "It's flexible. They'll work a schedule out with people, depending on when they're available," McCloskey said. If someone can only cover one time period a day or only certain days, he encourages them to volunteer anyway.



Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Nov. 26	50	42
Nov. 27	44	39
Nov. 28	42	39
Nov. 29	42	39
Nov. 30	42	37
Nov. 01	36	28
Dec. 02	34	26
Dec. 03	30	26



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Dec 06	8:01 am	3:16 pm	7:15h
Dec 07	8:02 am	3:15 pm	7:13h
Dec 08	8:03 am	3:15 pm	7:12h
Dec 09	8:05 am	3:14 pm	7:09h
Dec 10	8:06 am	3:14 pm	7:08h
Dec 11	8:07 am	3:14 pm	7:07h
Dec 12	8:09 am	3:13 pm	7:04h
Dec 13	8:10 am	3:13 pm	7:03h

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Earthquake-weary Alaskans still grappling with damage

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) – Life was beginning to return to normal Monday in Alaska following the powerful earthquake near Anchorage, but people nervous about aftershocks were still grappling with damage that closed public buildings and schools, clogged roads and knocked homes off foundations.

Some residents went back to work. But state transportation officials again urged people who live north and south of Anchorage to take the day off or work from home to reduce traffic.

Rockfalls were still occurring along cliff-lined Seward Highway, while major repairs were underway on hard-hit Glenn Highway, the main road leading north of the city, Department of Transportation spokeswoman Meadow Bailey said.

"We don't want the commute to be frustrating because people will experience delays," she said.

Residents still jittery from the 7.0 quake on Friday have been rattled even further by more than 1,700 aftershocks. A dozen have had magnitudes of 4.5 or greater.

"Anything that moves, you're on your last nerve," said Anchorage resident Lyn Matthews, whose home sustained substantial structural damage, including a sunken foundation.

Matthews, who was back at work at a chiropractor's office, and her husband have no earthquake insurance.

"I'm scared to death," she said.

The earthquake struck 7 miles (11 kilometers) north of Anchorage, swaying buildings, disrupt-

ing power and causing heavy damage to Glenn Highway.

There were no reports of deaths, serious injuries or widespread catastrophic damage in the state with strict building codes implemented after a 1964 earthquake with a magnitude of 9.2 the second most powerful of any quake ever recorded.

No outbreaks of disease or other major health problems have been reported.

Still, federal officials declared a public health emergency on Monday, saying the action will ensure that Medicaid funds continue to be issued despite the temporary closure of offices. Mental health aid is also available for people being stressed by the disaster.

"Remember, whatever you're feeling right now is valid," Anchorage Health and Human Services director Natasha Pineda said at a weekend briefing.

Earthquake forecasts cited a 4 percent chance of another earthquake with a magnitude of 7.0 or greater in the first week after the first quake.

"The chance is very small, but it's not impossible," U.S. Geological Survey Geophysicist Paul Caruso said.

The federal courthouse in Anchorage was among structures that remained closed. Officials said the U.S. District Court and the attached federal building in Anchorage will be closed at least through Thursday following a preliminary evaluation by the General Services Administration.

GSA spokesman Chad Hutson said boilers in the federal building were leaking, leaving it without heat.

The nearby Historic Federal Building, where the bankruptcy court is located, also remained closed. Officials said it will be ready to reopen once minor cleanup is complete.



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Christmas shopping at The American Legion

The American Legion was packed last Saturday morning as many Wrangell residents came by to get some Christmas shopping done. There were plenty of holiday decorations available for sale, ranging from lights, to ornaments, to trees. There were lots of toys and food available for purchase, as well.

Schools have been closed until Dec. 10, which should also reduce traffic. An elementary school in the Anchorage suburb of Eagle River has been deemed unsafe to occupy, while multiple other campuses in the region are undergoing repairs and cleanup, according to the Anchorage School District.

A middle school in the small town of Houston north of Anchorage likely will remain closed through the year.

The supply chain of food and other goods delivered to the Port of Anchorage from the Lower 48 has not been disrupted.

About 90 percent of all the

goods sold in Alaska are delivered to the Port of Anchorage, where officials have completed a preliminary damage assessment. There were some structural issues with some trestles, but nothing that should impede operations, according to Municipal Manager Bill Falsey.

Court report

November 5 – Charges against Alan Frank, for assault in the fourth degree, were dismissed.

November 20 – Myrna R. Torgensen II was found guilty of driving without a valid license. He has been ordered to serve 10 days in jail, with 10 suspended. He is also required to pay a fine of \$250 or serve 25 hours of community service. He will be on probation until 2019.

Taylor W. Stavee was found guilty of driving under the influence. He has been ordered to serve three days of house arrest, will pay \$2,100 in fines, will undergo treatment, has had his license revoked for 90 days, will be required to use IID for six months, and will be on probation until 2019.

November 26 – Nicole J. Lupro was found guilty of attempted vehicle theft. She has been ordered to serve 360 days in jail, with 300 suspended. She will also be undergoing treatment with the Rainforest Recovery Center and will be required to write a letter of apology.

Probation for Nicole J. Lupro was revoked for receiving an additional criminal charge. She has been ordered to serve 27 days in jail.

Richard J. Ecklund II was found guilty of criminal mischief, causing property damage. He has been ordered to serve 90 days in jail, with 90 suspended. He will also be required to attend anger management/alcohol abuse/parenting classes, and will pay \$268.20 restitution. He will also be on probation until 2021.

Richard J. Ecklund II was found guilty of assault in the fourth degree and violating conditions of release. He has been ordered to serve 180 days in jail, with 120 suspended. He will also be required to attend anger management/alcohol abuse/parenting classes.

Charges against Richard J. Ecklund II, for violating conditions of release, were dismissed.

November 27 – Probation for Duke W. Aitken was revoked. He has been ordered to serve one day in jail.

Police report

November 26, 2018

Citizen assist: Unlock vehicle.

Vacation check.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for not driving with headlights.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment, driver had bulb in hand.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning faulty equipment.

November 27, 2018

Agency assist.

November 28, 2018

Agency assist: Officer secured building due to alarm going off.

Parking complaint.

Driving complaint.

Citation issued: James Holder, 45. Prohibited parking at bus stop.

November 29, 2018

Nothing to report

November 30, 2018

Agency assist: Welfare check.

Citizen assist.

Agency assist: Criminal mischief.

Suspicious circumstance.

Vehicle theft: Unfounded.

Citation issued: Bulmaro Guzman, 37. Failure to provide proof of insurance.

Domestic.

Welfare check.

December 1, 2018

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment.

Bird complaint.

Parking citation issued: George Stoican, 72.

Parking in front of fire hydrant.

Parking: Verbal warning for obstructing roadway.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment.

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Poetry and stories at second Riverflats open mic night

By **CALEB VIERKANT**
Sentinel writer

The Nolan Center hosted its second Riverflats Open Mic

Night last Thursday. The event, organized by Community Roots, is meant to be a place for Wrangell residents to enjoy poetry, music, stories, or any talent they feel like sharing. It was a smaller turnout from the first open mic night, last month, but it was still an enjoyable evening for those in attendance.

Vivian Faith Prescott served as the master of ceremonies for the evening. The theme of the night was "Grateful," and

members of the audience were asked to share things they were grateful for. The topics ranged from good food, to family, to God, and to having a roof that (mostly) did not leak.

Prescott read an original poem she wrote, "Winter Stories." Jillian Privett shared a poem by Richard Blanco, "One Today." Another poem was ready by Sandy Churchill, titled "The Basket That Holds Us Together."

Delilah Ramirez also partic-

ipated in the open mic night. Instead of poetry, she decided to read a children's story to the audience. "Raven Brings Us Fire" is a story about how Raven brought fire to people. Ramirez, who works for the Sealaska Heritage Institute, read the story to promote her monthly children's reading program.

Eli Michael, with Community Roots, said that Riverflats is expected to run on a monthly basis until springtime.



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Santa visits Hannah's Place

Santa Claus made a stop at Hannah's Place last Sunday afternoon to say hello to Wrangell children. Pictured here is Santa and Ayla Daughtery.



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Wrangell volleyball player Helen Decker (fifth from the right) won several individual awards at the state tournament last week, including being named to the state all star tournament.

Lady Wolves return from state tournament, and earthquake, in one piece

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

After a long and hard-fought season, the Lady Wolves came home for the last time this year. After taking sec-

ond place in Regionals at Metlakatla last November, the high school volleyball team went to Anchorage last week to compete in the state championship. The competition at State was fierce, according to Coach Jessica Whitaker. While the team did not come out of the tournament victorious, she said that she was proud of how her team conducted itself.

The tournament opened on Thursday, Nov. 19. Wrangell played against Chevak, winning three straight sets in a row against them. They played against Mat-Su Valley next. Whitaker said the games were hard fought. The Lady Wolves won their first game, 25 to 16. Mat-Su Valley won the next three games, however: 21 to 25, 19 to 25, and 19 to 25 again. Mat-Su Valley took second place in the state tournament.

The loss bumped the Lady Wolves down to the consolation bracket, Whitaker said, which was scheduled to play on Friday. On Friday morning however, there was a 7.0 magnitude earthquake in Anchorage. Whitaker said she and her team were all in their hotel rooms, sleeping in when the earthquake hit. They were not scheduled to play until later that afternoon. Whitaker said that nobody was hurt in the earthquake, fortunately. An aftershock took out the power to their hotel but that was the extent of the damage, she said. She, the team, and several parents all met up in the hotel's breakfast area to make sure they were all okay.

"Their phones were working. They're teenage girls, they're fine as long as their phones are working," Whitaker said with a laugh. "Overall, I think the girls handled it very well."

Because of the earthquake, the tournament was delayed until Saturday. The sets were shortened to best two out of three instead of best three out of five, Whitaker said, as they now had two days of games to play through in one day. The Lady Wolves went up against a combined team from Glennallen and Kenny Lake. Wrangell lost two games in a row to them, however, both at 12 to 25. Glennallen-Kenny Lake, which was in the consolation bracket because of a loss to Craig High School, went on to make a comeback and take first place in the state tournament, winning against Craig.

"I think, obviously, we would have liked to have performed a little better in state," Whitaker said. "But they played well overall."

Several members of the Lady Wolves received individual recognitions at State. Jay Balansag and Tasha Massin won sportsmanship awards. Kaylyn Easterly won a player of the game award in the set against Mat-Su Valley. Ashley Allen won a player of the game award in the set against Glennallen-Kenny Lake. Helen Decker won a player of the game award in the set against Chevak, the all-academic award, and was also named to the state all tournament team.

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Questions, contact Ryan Howe at the Elementary School.



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The Wrangell Wolves wrestling team at Sitka. Assistant Coach Jack Carney said the team is looking ahead to Regionals, which will take place in Juneau this weekend. He added that, if everyone gives 100 percent effort, a large portion of the team will be able to make it to State.

Sitka meet “a really good tournament” for wrestling team

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

With the highest player-to-point ratio of any team competing at the Sitka Scramble last weekend, Assistant Coach Jack Carney said that the wrestling team gave their all at their most recent tournament. It showed in the results, as well. Four wrestlers were able to take first place in their brackets, and another four were able to finish in the top three.

Ryan Rooney took first place in the 103 bracket, over Colton Ewers of Sitka High School and Kadin Messmer of Petersburg High school. In the 112 bracket, Jonah Comstock took first place over Dayton Hoblet of Mt. Edgecumbe High School, Chatham Clark of Sitka High School, Robert Deason of Mt. Edgecumbe High School, and Chandler Coonradt of Sitka High School. Dillon Rooney, in the 189 bracket, took first place over Camden Erickson of Thunder Mountain, John Welsh of Sitka High School, and Kamakana Kanahale of Haines High School. Liana Carney took first place in the 119G

bracket over Celeste Katcheak of Mt. Edgecumbe High School, Dahlia Berns of Mt. Edgecumbe High School, Crystal Moses of Mt. Edgecumbe High School, and Leslie McCarty of Metlakatla High School.

“We had some pretty tough competition,” J. Carney said, “It ended up being a really good tournament.”

He pointed out some wrestlers who performed well besides the first place finishers, too. James Shilts, a freshman wrestler who took third place in the 160B bracket, was able to beat both a senior and junior from Sitka High School.

“He was on fire,” Carney said. “It was awesome for a freshman.”

Fenton Jim took second place in the 130 bracket. He was able to beat two wrestlers from Mt. Edgecumbe, but lost to Lloyd Ay-ojiak, also from Mt. Edgecumbe. J. Carney said that Jim was doing a very good job for being a brand new wrestler, and was proud of his performance.

Another player he pointed out was Liana

Carney. During the tournament, she wrestled above her weight class and won against Ruby Massin, of Petersburg. Massin is an older, more experienced, and bigger wrestler than Carney, he said. Liana Carney has had only two losses this season, he added, and one of them came from Massin.

“We’re really proud of Liana’s performance there,” he said.

The team is looking ahead to the regional tournament, which will take place in Juneau on Dec. 7 and 8. Wrestler Wade Jack had to sit out the Sitka tournament due to a swollen knee, J. Carney said. However, he is expected to be ready to get back in the ring in time for the regional tournament. J. Carney added that, if everyone on the team gives 100 percent, most of them should easily be able to get to the state tournament in Anchorage.

“We’re looking at Regionals. We’re expecting to take a large portion of our team to state,” he said. “We’re just hoping for an injury-free regionals.”

Elks hosting annual Hoop Shoot this Saturday

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Hoop Shoot, a children’s basketball free throw contest hosted by the Elks, will be hosted at the community gym this Saturday. Jeff Jabusch, local director of the contest, said that the annual event was started in the 1940s for younger children to have a fun activity. Since then, it has grown into a nationwide contest.

Children from the ages of eight to 13-years-old are invited to participate in the Hoop Shoot. The children will be divided into three age categories of girls and boys: eight and nine-years-old, 10 and 11-years-old, and 12 and 13-years old.

“The magic date is April 1, 2019,” Jabusch said. “However old you are on that date is the age group you shoot in.”

Participants in the free throw contest will get 25 shots at making a basket. Afterwards, they are all invited to the Elks lodge for hamburgers. First, second, and third place winners will also receive a trophy. Jabusch said that first place winners become eligible for state honors, and some will also potentially get to participate in a regional free throw contest in Vancouver, Washington. A national Hoop Shoot will take place amongst the regional champions in Chicago, on April 27, 2019. The national winner will have their name listed in the Basketball Hall of Fame, Jabusch said.

“Last year we had about 50 kids participate,” he said. “It’s been very popular with the kids.”

Those wishing to participate in the Hoop Shoot are asked to come to the community gym before 10 a.m. on Dec. 8. There is no registration, children wanting to shoot free throws only have to show up. To learn more about the Hoop Shoot, visit www.elks.org/hoopshoot.

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Alaska Fish Factor.

By LAINE WELCH

Fisheries columnist

Pacific halibut stock from California to Bering Sea continues decline

Alaska fishermen are bracing for more cuts to their halibut harvest next year.

Results of this year's surveys showed that the Pacific stock from California to the Bering Sea continues to decline, and will likely result in lower catches.

"We estimate that the stock went down until around 2010 from historical highs in the late 1990s. It increased slightly over the subsequent five years and leveled out around 2015 or 2016 and has been decreasing slowly in spawning biomass (total weight of mature fish to catch) since then," said Ian Stewart, lead stock assessment scientist with the International Pacific Halibut Commission at its interim meeting last week in Seattle.

The IPHC oversees the Pacific halibut resource and sets annual catch limits for the U.S. and British Columbia.

A summary of the 2018 data show that coastwide fishery landings were about 23.5 million pounds, a low for the last decade. For Alaska, the total halibut take was nearly 16.7 million pounds, five percent shy of the fishery limit.

Total halibut removals by all users, including bycatch, added up to 38.7 million pounds in 2018.

Sixty-one percent of the catch went to commercial fisheries; recreational users took 19 percent and three percent went for subsistence use. Halibut bycatch in other fisheries accounted for 16 percent.

Halibut bycatch in the Central and Western Gulf totaled 2.1 million pounds, nearly all taken by trawl gear. In the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands, halibut bycatch is projected at 3.5 million pounds, primarily by Seattle trawlers fishing for flatfish.

The average price at the docks for Pacific halibut this year was \$5.74 per pound, compared to \$6.53 in 2017. Nearly 2,000 fishermen participate in Alaska's halibut fishery. Catch limits for 2019 will be revealed by the IPHC in Vancouver in January.

Warm water watch - In recent years, IPHC scientists have included ecosystem impacts in their assessments of the Pacific halibut stock, such as how the fish are reacting to warming oceans.

At the IPH meeting, Ian Stewart referenced the massive, warm blob in the Pacific Ocean from 2014 through 2017 and said remains of it appear to be hanging around.

"We've seen a continued presence of warm surface waters through the fall of 2018. It's not quite the magnitude of the previous blob, but it is definitely different from what would be the norm in the North Pacific," Stewart said.

"Particularly of note, and relevant to halibut in Region 4

(Bering Sea), which means halibut across the entire coast because much of the coastwide recruitment likely comes from Region 4," Stewart added, "is the fact that there was virtually no sea ice in the winter of 2018 in the

Bering Sea. And that led to no cold pool in the summer, that being a tongue of cold bottom water that extends southward, generally corresponding to the extent of ice cover in the winter time."

The lack of that cold pool, he said, has caused big behavioral changes.

"It's led to more than half the cod biomass being distributed in the northern Bering Sea north of the normal survey grid - and a

northward shift as well of pollock, although not quite as extreme," Stewart said. "We saw a shift as well in Pacific halibut on the order of about a 20 percent increase in density between 2017

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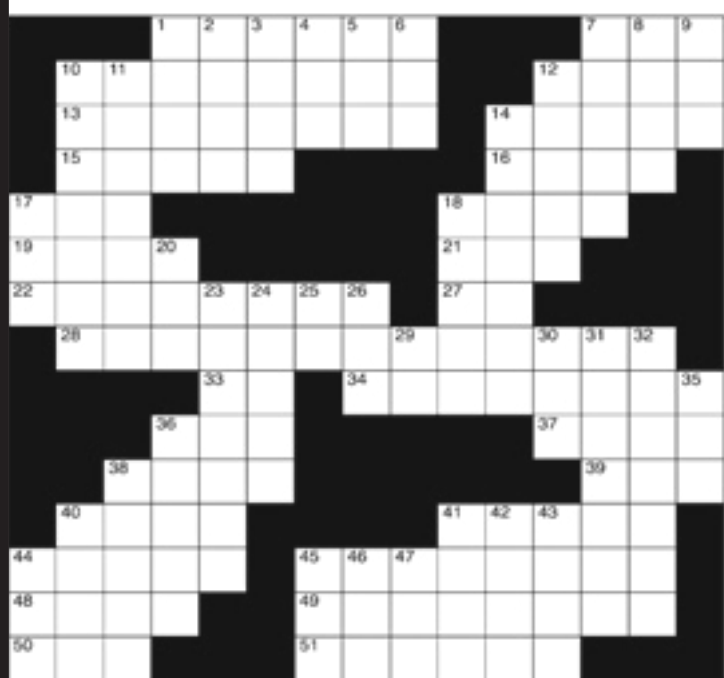
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- 16. Month in the Jewish calendar
- 17. Value
- 18. Brews
- 19. Child's eating accessory
- 21. Arrived extinct
- 22. Of the sea
- 27. Potato state
- 28. Leading man
- 33. Blood type
- 34. Oppressed
- 36. "Much __ about nothing"
- 37. World's longest river
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- 39. Crafty
- 40. At all times
- 41. Twins great Hunter
- 44. Volcanic craters
- 45. Outpouring
- 48. Where a baby sleeps
- 49. Dancing a Brazilian dance
- 50. Unhealthy
- 51. Manufacturers

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Prevents harm to young
- 2. The Muse of history
- 3. Fascinated by
- 4. Unnilhexium
- 5. Honey maker
- 6. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 7. They hang out with papas
- 8. German river
- 9. Domain name
- 10. Type of chair
- 11. Fill someone with an urge
- 12. Sorceress
- 14. Unpleasant smell
- 17. Leg (slang)
- 18. Farewell
- 20. A life summary
- 23. Merchants
- 24. Southeastern Nigerians
- 25. Of I
- 26. Electronic countermeasures
- 29. Atomic #3 (abbr.)
- 30. A type of sister
- 31. Omission of a sound
- 32. Screaming
- 35. Ottoman title
- 36. Sour
- 38. Take advantage of
- 40. Nobleman
- 41. Cathode ray was one
- 42. Long, winding ridge
- 43. Muckraking journalist
- 44. Defunct phone company
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- 47. Firearms manufacturer

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Puzzle answers will be in the December 13 edition

Fish Factor

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and 2018 in the northern Bering Sea."

The halibut scientists also track Pacific Decadal Oscillations that show recurring patterns of ocean/atmospheric climate variability. Stewart said the PDO is used as an index of halibut productivity.

"A positive PDO tends to correspond to relatively warm and relatively productive conditions in the North Pacific. On average, this tends to be correlated with the level of halibut recruitment, historically," he said. "We have seen a period starting in 2014 of relatively positive values, with 2018 moving back to almost a neutral value."

Salmon stats - The average Chinook salmon caught by Alaska fisherman this year weighed 11.6 and paid out at nearly \$70 per fish - more than a barrel of oil.

That's just one of the interesting stats just to come out of the

Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game's 2018 salmon season wrap up. The fishery ranks as one of the most valuable on record to fishermen at nearly \$596 million, and at just over 114 million salmon, one of the smallest harvests in 34 years.

The average ex-vessel (dock) price per salmon in 2018 was \$5.20 per pound, up more than \$2 from 2017. The average salmon price paid to Alaska fishermen was 98-cents per pound.

Each sockeye salmon was valued at \$7.00 for fishermen, on average, and it was those fish that saved the day for a fishery that was a bust Gulf-wide.

Sockeyes accounted for 44 percent of the total 2018 salmon harvest and nearly 60 percent of the value. Statewide, fishermen caught 50 million reds valued at \$350 million.

Fewer than nine million of the fish came from non-Bristol Bay regions where catches were the worst in more than four

decades.

At Bristol Bay, a catch of over 41 million reds was the second largest ever. It also was the most valuable catch for fishermen, topping \$281 million. After bonuses and post season adjustments are added in, that could climb to more than \$335 million, said Andy Wink, director of the Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association.

Bristol Bay is home to the largest red salmon run in the world and the fishery accounted for 57 percent of global sockeye production this year. It's the third year in a row that Bristol Bay has accounted for more than half of world supply.

Alaska Salmon Price and Production Reports for the key sales months of July and August show a first wholesale value of Bristol Bay frozen and fresh sockeye products was 36 percent higher than last year. The average wholesale value increased from \$4.01 to \$4.51 per pound and sales volume increased 21 percent.

Bristol Bay fishermen averaged \$1.26 a pound for their sockeyes this summer, up from \$1.02 last year, but 43-cents below the average of sockeyes caught elsewhere.

At Prince William Sound, sockeyes paid out at \$2.71 to fishermen; Cook Inlet averaged \$2.27; Kodiak fishermen got \$1.56 and sockeyes averaged \$1.23 a pound at the Alaska Peninsula. Fishermen in other Alaska regions averaged \$1.69 for their red salmon.

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Native stories at Baby Raven Reads this Saturday

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Baby Raven Reads is a program sponsored by the Sealaska Heritage Institute giving native children an opportunity to learn about their history and culture through stories, activities, and music,

according to community liaison Delila Ramirez. The monthly program is in its second year, she said. The next reading day will be Sat., Dec. 8 at Head Start from 10 a.m. to noon.

"It promotes early literacy, language development, and

school readiness for Alaska native families," Ramirez said.

The target audience for Baby Raven Reads is children five-years-old and younger, but Ramirez said that older children do sometimes attend and have a fun time. This month's reading program will

be "Raven Makes the Aleutians," a story about how the Aleutian islands were made. Virginia Oliver and Lu Knapp will be reading the story and telling it with puppets. There will also be native music at the event and activities for the children to participate in. All native families with small children are invited to attend.

Ramirez said she first got involved with Baby Raven Reads this past summer, as a parent helper and became the community liaison in September. She has nothing but praise for the Baby Raven Reads program, and is excited about this month's story.

"This project is supposed to teach the children about friendship, being kind, sharing, and having fun together," she said. "There's like four different activities we do. We just have little stations. For example, one of the activities is 'grow an island,' the next activity is 'Raven and friend,' the next is 'bean bag island,' and the next one is 'sinking and floating.'"

"I can't wait to get more involvement, hopefully, because I just love the children. I love doing what I do," Ramirez said. "It's a wonderful program, and I just hope that we can get more involvement, and get more people to actually

show up and see what it's about."



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Delila Ramirez works for the Sealaska Heritage Institute. She came to the Riverflats Open Mic Night to read "Raven Brings Us Fire," to promote her baby raven reading program.

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ORDINANCE No. 951 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING SECTION 3.05.020, ORDER OF BUSINESS, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE

Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk
City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

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Dated this 14th day of November, 2018.

CHUPKA CURRALL LLC
Attorneys for Personal Representative

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Pursuant to the City & Borough of Wrangell Code, Sec. 3.04.808, notice is hereby given that the regular assembly meetings of the assembly shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The meetings shall be held at 7:00 p.m., in the Assembly Chambers, City Hall, Wrangell. If any such Tuesday shall fall on a legal holiday as defined by the laws of the State of Alaska, the meetings scheduled for that day shall be held at the same hour on the next succeeding day which is not a holiday. Separate notice for the regular council meetings shall not be required. There will be no regular meetings the second Tuesday in July and August and fourth Tuesday in December.

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Christmas Tree Lane

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 Torvend said. "The majority of the trees people put together to be bid on and auctioned off, 100 percent of the proceeds goes to hospice. There are a few that are 50/50, that's what it was originally set up for ... but the majority of the groups that do it donate 100 percent." The proceeds from Christmas Tree Lane go towards durable goods, Torvend said. This includes things like

wheelchairs, walkers, beds, shower chairs, and other items hospice patients might need. There are about 12 trees available for bidding this year. One tree, donated by Harbor House, is themed after the film *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. The Catholic Church also donated a nativity-themed Christmas wreath. There is also a pink, white, and gold tree donated by the Girl Scouts.

The trees are up for display and bidding until Dec. 14, and will be available for pickup on

Dec. 15. They can be seen at the Nolan Center during its regular hours.

"It's a great fundraiser to basically just help people," Torvend said.



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