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Assembly gives blessing to Shoemaker bid

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

In its first relatively short meeting since concluding its budget process earlier this month, the Borough Assembly nonetheless found time to wade into some sizable items Tuesday.

Members approved moving ahead with a contract offer to Tamico RnR JV for float replacement and general renovation at Shoemaker Bay Harbor, in the amount of \$8,355,240. (see related story)

Additionally, a professional services agreement with PND Engineers to the tune of \$731,328 for administration and inspection of the project was approved. A project contingency allocation of \$417,762 was also given the go-ahead.

City Manager Lisa Von Barga noted that the city traditionally would bundle such contingencies – pots of money earmarked for potential design modifications, cost overruns and other unforeseeable expenses for sizable projects – with the main appropriation. However, she felt that practice tends to create a false impression of actual project costs, so she

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A fascinating visitor

The research vessel Maritime Maid makes a stop into Heritage Harbor on Sunday. Topped with a chopper, the 86-foot ship has been operating in Alaskan waters since 1987, chartered mainly for scientific, seismic and volcanic projects.

Five-day festival planned for this year's Fourth

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

This year's Independence Day festivities are set to start Saturday morning, kicking off five whole days of activities.

Organized by the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce, the celebration is a high mark on the community's annual calendar, typically drawing in hundreds of visitors. Every year's observance has a theme, and 2018 will call attention to our shared resources and the opportunities they provide: "Thankful for our Great Land."

"Which could mean our local land, or our country," said Cyni Crary, executive director at the Chamber.

A logo capturing that idea was designed by artist Jaynee Fritzinger, with a leaping salmon evoking the colors of the Stars and Stripes. On the theme and commission, Crary explained they were especially topical in light of the season's low returns estimated for the region's iconic king salmon population. Another important celebration, Wrangell's annual king salmon derby, had to be cancelled this year as a result of protective restrictions that were subsequently adopted.

"After we had to cancel the salmon derby, I felt like we really needed to have

a theme that represented having gratitude for our natural resources that are being depleted," said Crary.

Fritzinger's logo will be featured on the celebration's shirts and stickers, and the theme will carry over in this year's parade, set to navigate Front Street on Wednesday morning at 11 a.m.

"One of the judging categories is directly related to the theme," Crary pointed out.

This year's parade will be presided over by the Chamber's citizen of the year, Terry Bunes, and will also feature the winner of the ongoing royalty competition. Participating floats are to gather up on Campbell Drive at 9:30 a.m., with the judging to follow at 10 a.m. A variety of other categories will be up for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes, listed on the Fourth of July schedule. (The full schedule is included in this week's Sentinel, on pages eight and nine.)

The schedule is a packed one this year, spread over nearly a week due to the Fourth falling on a Wednesday. Scheduling as a result had been a formidable challenge.

"We have to balance the people who are in town and their work schedules, and the people who are flying in on vacation," said Crary, as well as that of the

scores of volunteers who make the event possible.

For the second year running, the Fourth's fireworks display will be held late on the evening of July 3, at the city dock. A couple of stray fireworks will be let off ahead of the main display as a way to get people's attention.

The rescheduled display is a benefit to the Volunteer Fire Department, whose members organize the pyrotechnic show. Putting it together safely is an all-day endeavor, and in past years prevented volunteers from enjoying the parade and other main festivities with their families.

Leading up to the display will be the talent show inside the Nolan Center at 6:30 p.m., the crowning of the 2018 Royal Court, and a street dance at 8:30 p.m. presided over by DJ Alan Raygor.

On the Fourth itself, the parade will be preceded by an Independence Day fun run – or walk, or bike, depending on one's preference – which originates from the pool at 7:30 a.m. The 2.9-mile route takes participants past the ferry terminal and around the airport loop before ending at the start.

After the parade, winners of this year's royalty ticket drawing will be pulled outside of the Nolan Center. Cash prizes include sums of \$4,000,

\$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000.

At and surrounding the pavilion on Front Street, a variety of food booths and carnival games will be set up for people's entertainment, while street games and other activities will hit the streets starting at noon. Over by the city dock, the Chuck Oliver Logging Show will rev up at 1 p.m., followed by the second year of boat races just offshore at 4:30 p.m. The races were resurrected by popular demand last year after a lengthy lull.

Since the fireworks display occurs the previous evening, the Fourth culminates in a community potluck at the city dock turnaround at 7 p.m. Folk are invited to bring their favorite summertime dishes and fireworks of their own. Giant lawn games and music will be included.

"We were looking for something to kind of send off the Fourth of July in a good way," said Crary.

The event is a big one to put on, and several activities are still looking for volunteers to help. These include the logging show and boat races on Wednesday, as well as the big wheel races at the elementary school set for Sunday at 3 p.m. Those interested in assisting can call the Chamber at 874-3901 for more information.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, June 28: Kendall Kaer, Elaine Torvend, Ginny Helgeson, Laura Demerjian Meyerhoff, Robbie Rooney, David Powell, Rip Draper, Penny Allen, Allison Rolf. **Friday, June 29:** Jim Tuttle, Janice Kalkins, Lucas Shilts, Amber Sumner. *Anniversary:* Scott and Tamara Eastaugh. **Saturday, June 30:** Verda Villarma, Trixie Kalkins Bennett, Tedi Sims. *Anniversary:* Jim and Penny Early. **Sunday, July 1:** Susan Neff, Lauren Helgeson, Emily Mason. **Monday, July 2:** Jaci Wright, Charlie Kirschner. *Anniversary:* Curt and Jonna Kautz, Jeff and Dawn Angerman, Andre and Caity Shafer. **Tuesday, July 3:** Colin Anderson, Christian Kaer, Lacey Churchill. *Anniversary:* Roland and Donna Larsen, Roy and Nancy Guthrie. **Wednesday, July 4:** Madelyn Davies, Bill Massin, Gail Rilatos, Ryan Edgley, Alesha Cooper, Alexandra Bennett. *Anniversary:* Floyd and Sue Ramsey. **Thursday, July 5:** Tamela Dailey, Mathew Moore, Tyman Comstock.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, June 28

Baked Chicken, Peas, Sunshine Salad, Angel Biscuits

Friday, June 29

Beef Burritos, Black Beans, Fruit Slaw, Spanish Rice

Monday, July 2

Ham & Bean Soup, Tomato Slices & Cottage Cheese, Cornbread

Tuesday, July 3

Tuna with Noodle, Steamed Spinach, Honey Mustard Coleslaw

Wednesday, July 4

CLOSED 4th OF JULY

Thursday, July 5

French Dip Sandwich, Oven Fried Potatoes, 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, June 30

Malaspina 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, July 1

Columbia 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, July 3

Malaspina 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 7

Malaspina 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 8

Columbia 4:45 p.m.

Southbound

Friday, June 29

Malaspina 1:30 a.m.

Monday, July 2

Malaspina 6:45 a.m.

Wednesday, July 4

Columbia 5:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 5

Malaspina 11:30 p.m.

Monday, July 9

Malaspina 4:30 a.m.

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



TIDES June 28 - July 5

	High Tides				Low Tides			
	AM Time	Ft	PM Time	Ft	AM Time	Ft	PM Time	Ft
June 28	1:28	16.9	2:26	14.5	7:54	-1.4	7:49	3.7
June 29	2:03	16.6	3:02	14.4	8:26	-1.2	8:23	3.9
June 30	2:37	16.2	3:37	14.2	8:58	-0.9	8:57	4.1
July 1	3:10	15.6	4:11	14.0	9:31	-0.5	9:34	4.3
July 2	3:43	15.0	4:46	13.8	10:05	0.1	10:15	4.5
July 3	4:20	14.3	5:24	13.7	10:42	0.6	11:01	4.6
July 4	5:02	13.5	6:06	13.7	11:23	1.2	11:54	4.5
July 5	5:54	12.6	6:56	13.8	12:09	1.9

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Saturday, June 30

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Nolan Center. Wrangell Community Market. Created, grown, and produced by our Wrangell Community. For more information call 874-3770.

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.

The Swimming Pool and Recreation Facility will close at 5:00 PM on July 3rd and re-open at 6:00AM on July 5th, 2018.

MEETINGS

AA Meetings: Smoked Fish Fri 8 p.m.; Step Study Sat. 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall, Study Materials provided.

The Way We Were

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

June 20, 1918

Ladies of the Red Cross are requested to meet Friday afternoon at the town hall at 2 o'clock for special sewing. The Northwest division insists that every sock shall have a Kitchener toe. Socks should be eleven inches from the edge to beginning of heel. Fancy striping O.K. but do not use bright colors. Fancy striping in cuffs of socks should be, if used at all, of regular sock yarn such as white and various shades of gray. The soldier is often wet to the knee for many hours and the water soaked skin is likely to absorb any free dye. The soldier must take chances enough without being compelled to take unnecessary ones.

June 25, 1943

The 1943 canning operations started here this week as the first Stikine river sockeye went into the Farwest Wrangell plant, being operated jointly this year by Farwest and A. R. Brueger under the salmon concentration program.

First sockeyes hit the cans yesterday, but the catch thus far has been light and operations to date are limited. Reports from the river said the run had not yet shown in usual number.

Full tilt canning operations will start July 10, with the gen-

eral opening of this district.

June 27, 1968

Wrangell's annual Scrap Fish Derby begins at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Reliance Float in the small boat harbor. Youngsters 11 through 14 will compete for prizes from 9 to 11:30 a.m. From 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., fishermen from 6 to 10 will take part.

Last year, approximately 100 youngsters took part in the event.

Prizes are given for the largest and smallest fish of each species in each age group. Prizes are also given for the biggest fish taken in the derby and in each age group.

This year's derby is being conducted by Zona Landstrom.

June 20, 1993

Wrangell American Legion Post delegates to the organization's Juneau convention returned last week with a harvest of awards, including an "Outstanding Commander" recognition award to Willy Eyon for 1992-3/ Delegates Richard Stokes, Chuck Meissner, Palmer Nore, and Richard Lentz were also among the 158 delegates from Alaska, the Far East, and the Lower 48.



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Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
June 18	75	55
June 19	82	55
June 20	82	59
June 21	64	54
June 22	61	53
June 23	60	51
June 24	60	51
June 25	57	51



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
June 28	4:04 am	9:38 pm	17:34h
June 29	4:04 am	9:38 pm	17:34h
June 30	4:05 am	9:37 pm	17:32h
July 01	4:06am	9:37 pm	17:31h
July 02	4:07 am	9:36 pm	17:29h
July 03	4:07 am	9:36 pm	17:29h
July 04	4:08 am	9:35 pm	17:27h
July 05	4:09 am	9:35 pm	17:26h

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June 19, 2018
Suspicious person.
Two summons services.
Citations issued: Breanna Miethe, 26, for parking within 15' of fire hydrant and parking in a no trespass area.
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.
Suspicious person.

June 20, 2018
Report of theft.
Driving complaint.
Arrested: Linda Churchill, 53, on charges of driving under the influence. Citation issued for failure to provide proof of insurance.
Citizen assist.

June 21, 2018
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment.
Citation issued: Erik Vocolka, 35, for failure to provide proof of insurance.
Driving complaint.
Citizen assist: Unlock vehicle.
Catering permit.
Found bag.
Citizen reported smoke: Unfounded.

June 22, 2018
Firecracker complaint.
Traffic stop citation: Donald Sorric, 56, for failure to provide proof of insurance and failure to carry and show drivers license. Verbal warning for failure to stop.
Traffic stop citation: Diana Armstrong, for failure to stop.
Dog bite.
Illegal parking citation: Left on vehicle.

June 23, 2018
Lost property.
Traffic: Verbal warning for improper display of tags.
Fireworks: Verbal warning given.
Noise complaint.
Stolen bicycle: Recovered.
Citizen report: Possible DUI/ unfounded.
Traffic stop: Verbal warning



Trooper report

June 16

Alaska Wildlife Troopers in Wrangell contacted Randy Churchill, Jr., 34, of Wrangell, after investigation determined he was using a vessel which was not used for commercial fishing to transport commercially caught fish. Churchill was unable to produce any government-issued identification. Additionally, one of his crewmembers did not have his commercial crewmember license in possession. Churchill was issued a summons for not registering a vessel for commercial fishing and a \$310 citation for no ID while commercial fishing with a CFEC permit. An under-18 crewmember was issued a citation for commercial fishing without crewmember license in possession. All citations were at the District Court at Wrangell.

At 10:41 a.m. Alaska Wildlife Troopers in Wrangell contacted Thomas Wetor, 29, of Wrangell, while sport fishing. Wetor did not have a valid sport fishing license with him. He was issued a \$210 citation for sport fishing without license in possession in the District Court at Wrangell.

At 1:03 p.m. Alaska Wildlife Troopers in Wrangell contacted the sport fish guide boat Etolin, from the Lodge at Whale Pass. Investigation determined guide David Riemenschneider, 40, of Seward, did not possess all the required documents for a sport fishing guide. Further investigation determined the logbook was not completed from a previous trip. Reimenscheider was issued a \$210 citation in the District Court at Wrangell for failing to have all required documents in his possession while acting as a sport fish guide.

Lucas Ryter, 20, of Florida, who is also a guide from the Lodge at Whale Pass, was issued two \$210 citations in the District Court at Prince of Wales for failure to complete logbook as required.

June 19

Alaska Wildlife Troopers contacted Mark Mitchell, 64, of Wrangell, aboard the F/V Mad Dog (ADF&G 39544). Investigation determined Mitchell was actively participating in the 2018 commercial Dungeness crab fishery without previously registering with ADFG. Mitchell was issued a summons in the District Court at Wrangell for commercial Dungeness crab fishing without registering.

June 23

Alaska Wildlife Troopers contacted Salvatore Bruno, 58, of Olive Cove, after an investigation determined he hunted for black bear without possessing a current hunting license. Bruno was issued a \$260 citation for hunting without a license in possession.

for faulty equipment.

June 24, 2018
Agency assist: Line crew.
MVA

During this past week there were two ambulance calls and one animal complaint.

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Obituary: Sydney Leon Martin, 71

Sydney Leon Martin, 71, of Anchorage, Alaska passed away June 7, 2018.

Born in Wrangell, Alaska on April Fool's Day, to Anna and Syd Martin, Syd was the middle child of eleven.

As the smallest member of this lively household, he learned to be both charming and feisty. He loved home, family and community.

He graduated from Wrangell High School and served in the Alaska Army National Guard. Arriving at boot camp, he learned the Army didn't have combat boots small enough for him. Delighted, he thought he could go back home, but he was soon outfitted by Sears and Roebuck and was back in formation.

Syd was a member of the Tlingit, Siknax'adi clan (the Grindstone People) of the Red Clay House.

His life in Alaska provided many opportunities for adventure, including a 43 day canoe trip from Wrangell to Seattle, in 1975, with his brother.

He was an accomplished fisherman, millwright, welder and crane operator. He often said, "If you aren't making money for your boss, you don't deserve a paycheck."

He was preceded in death by brother Ole Martin and the love of his life, Jeannie.

He is survived by Jeannie's daughter, Stacy Bacon and her two children; Connor and Stephanie; his siblings Chuck (Joan) Martin, Roy (Pam) Mar-



Sydney Leon Martin

tin, Sandy Sabo (deceased), Bunny (Gene) Pool, Dinah Martin, Patsy Terhardt, John (Cindy) Martin, Gunnar Gunderson (Anne) and Frank (Karen) Gunderson; 23 nephews and nieces and 23 grand nephews and grand nieces.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Fri., June 29 at 9 AM, at the Wrangell Senior Center.



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Brittany Lynn Wilcox and Benjamin Hindeley Florschutz will be married Friday, August 10 at the LDS Temple in Payson, Utah.

The bride-elect, the daughter of Brett and Kris Wilcox of Sitka graduated from BYU Hawaii and is currently working in Yamaguchi, Japan as an Assistant Language Teacher.

The bridegroom currently attends Utah State University and is the son of Otto and Christina Florschutz, of Wrangell.

The couple met and became friends through church and high school activities.

They plan to make their residence in Logan, Utah.

Brittany Lynn Wilcox and Benjamin Hindeley Florschutz

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Water seems to be fine at start of summer

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

The glass appears to be on the half-full side for Wrangell's water situation, as the season for peak usage of the resource starts up.

"Our outlook is very good right now," reported Amber Al-Haddad, director for Public Works.

While reservoir levels have dropped slightly since the spring due to drier than usual weather conditions, raw water reserves are still looking healthy. The city's treated water supply comes from a pair of open reservoirs, with the treatment plant drawing from the lower of them. Together, their maximum capacity has been estimated at

56,700,000 gallons, though sediment build-up in the lower reservoir has gradually diminished its available volume.

Despite being in a temperate rainforest, keeping the reservoirs full and flowing has at times proven difficult. Most recently, diminished reserves in late February led to several weeks of emergency restrictions on water usage. In winter, a combination of residents running their taps to prevent freezing and breaks in the distribution system led to high demand, comparable to the peak needs Wrangell sees in the summertime.

Most of the additional summer demand comes from Wrangell's two seafood processors, Trident and Sea Level. The



ILLUSTRATION BY TAWNEY FLORES

former just began its operations on Tuesday, while the latter had its crew ready to go when the commercial crab fishery began on June 15. Peak for both usually lasts from late July into August before drawing down to a close.

Al-Haddad said Public Works will be coordinating with the two on water availability through the upcoming season, and also with the Harbor Department, another source of increased demand during the summer.

Besides the reservoirs, the other potential kink in the town's water supply chain is the treatment plant itself. For most of its almost two decades in service, the plant sand-based filtration system has proven prone to clogging from the moderately sedimented water it draws upon.

The four primary filter bays have to be taken offline in turn for periodic cleaning as a result, the frequency ranging from weeks to sometimes mere days apart depending on the demand. When one bay is taken offline for maintenance, overall output is cut down, making it harder for the plant to keep its treated reserves full during high demand.

These operational shortcomings led to a serious production shortage in the summer of 2016, causing disruptions to the processor plants and leading to a declaration of emergency by the mayor. In the years since, the City and Borough Assembly and municipal staff have worked out an emergency response plan and have beefed up the water plant's staff with temporary workers

ahead of the summer rush.

One additional staffer was called upon this spring, adding to the plant's three regular workers, who also work the sewage treatment plant.

"They did some aggressive sand cleaning," said Al-Haddad. "We've been keeping up with the sand filter and roughing filter maintenance."

Since 2015 the city has been looking at alternative models better suited to its water supply and demand. A plant using dissolved air flotation (DAF) was recommended by consultants, a method which removes unwanted sediment and impurities from the water using bubbles and skimming. A miniature test plant was given a successful trial run in 2016, a contrast to the main plant's production shortcomings that summer.

Costs for the DAF plant would run at around \$9.1 million, including \$860,000 needed to improve the plant's filters and water recapturing. Though pricey, estimates were brought down from an initial \$13 million price tag by making use of existing plant infrastructure.

To pay for this, the city has approached the Department of Agriculture for \$3.82 million in loans and \$3.16 million in grant monies, with another roughly \$3 million grant to be applied for through the Alaska Economic Development Administration. Remaining funds would come through the borough's reserves and other, smaller grant sources.

"We're in a bit of a holding pattern," said Lisa Von Bargen, Wrangell's city manager, in an update on the project's progress.

The city is still awaiting a decision on the AEDA loan. The agency's head visited Wrangell earlier this spring to review the project and help with the application. Von Bargen expected to know more toward the end of August.

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FY18	97,362,680	45,851,140	38,162,179	181,375,999
Total kWh	281,185,140	133,828,800	113,683,499	528,697,439
Percentage	53.1845%	25.3129%	21.5026%	100%
Rebate Allocation ESTIMATE	\$425,476	\$202,503	\$172,021	\$800,000

SOUTHEAST ALASKA POWER AGENCY CHART

A chart breaks down the formula for meting out this year’s power rebate to Southeast Alaska Power Agency customers. Its three constituent communities have traditionally received an annual return, with portions determined by historical usage.

Rates remain the same in new SEAPA budget

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Meeting in Wrangell this week, board members with Southeast Alaska Power Agency approved a municipal rebate and power rates for the coming year.

Headquartered in Ketchikan, the organization generates and distributes power for the Gateway Borough, Wrangell and Petersburg. Board membership is split between the three member communities, meeting at regular intervals throughout the year to set rates and direct projects.

Pending a successfully completed audit, member communities would split between them a rebate of \$800,000, to be deducted from the agency’s earnings. Wrangell would receive just over a fifth of this based on a historical proportion of its power usage within SEAPA, coming to \$172,021. Effectively, the rebate amounts to a reduction in overall cost to utility customers, lowering the wholesale rate by half a cent.

The rate board members reaffirmed for the coming year came to 6.8 cents per kilowatt hour, one which SEAPA chief executive Trey Acteson explained had remained unchanged for two

decades. In terms of usage over the past year, power sales were up for all communities above expectation. Coupled with lower than expected expenditures, the CEO reported that the financial position is good.

In the long term, however, in order to remain in a position to undertake extraordinary expenditures – be they for capital improvement projects or unforeseen emergencies – staff recommended creation of a rate stabilization fund, a sort of savings account. Board members were asked to consider establishing an account with an initial deposit of \$2,000,000, to come from SEAPA’s revenue fund.

“I’ve thought long and hard about this, about what would be an appropriate level to start the fund,” said Acteson.

He asked that members further consider that realistically, more deposits will be needed to keep ahead of upcoming obligations, such as licensing and bonding. Language in the proposal made clear that deposits made to the fund would be considered ahead of rebates. “The reality is we’re going to need way more money than if we just put away \$1,000,000 a year until

we need it.”

“I’m in favor of setting up funds,” offered Robert Lynn, the voting member from Petersburg.

“If we have the fund and we don’t put in enough money, then we’re doing ourselves a disservice,” said Bob Sivertsen, an alternate on the board for Ketchikan.

Acknowledging that this would make community rebates less likely in the future, he pointed out it would take a larger organization like SEAPA to fund large-scale projects, which individual communities would be unable to support on their own. “It’s going to take a regional effort.”

Although rebates would be affected, if run successfully the fund would have the effect of keeping the base rates down by acting as a buffer for sizable expenses.

The board reached agreement on the proposal, electing unanimously to establish the fund.

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Weekend golf results

The annual Alaska Airlines tournament at Muskeg Meadows Golf Course drew a couple dozen players this weekend.

A total of 27 holes were played over Saturday and Sunday, with golfers teaming up for the best-ball competition. Coming out on top Saturday were Wayne and Kathleen Harding, Grover Mathis and LaDohna Botsford. The team had a combined score of 34 over 18 holes of play, with a group handicap of 36.

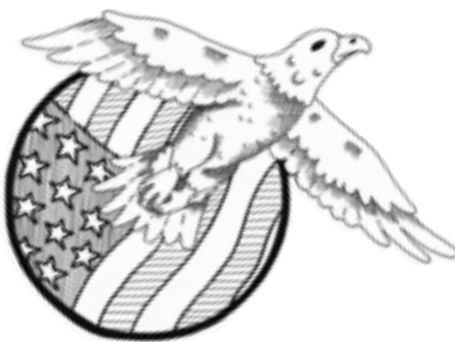
Behind them in second with a score of 38 was the similarly handicapped team of Keen and Faye Kohrt, Chris Ellis and Frank Roppel. In third place with a handicap of 22, George and Brett Woodbury, Rocky Littleton and Conner McCullum together held a score of 42.

The next day, the Woodburys and Littleton were joined by Marug Reid, and the team would take second place with a score of 20 after nine holes. In first for the day were Luke and Lisa Messmer, Clint Lewis and Roppel with a score of 18.

The two-day tourney had additional challenges. On the first hole, driving the straightest Saturday was Dee Dee Sprehe at 16 feet, and the closest to the pin on hole four was Brett Woodbury at just over 10 feet. On Sunday the two challenges yielded one Alaska Airlines ticket for each winner, with Lewis taking the straightest drive and Faye Kohrt the closest shot to the pin.

After the tournament additional prizes were drawn for participants. Spencer Stavee and Drew Eyon each won a pair of system-wide airline tickets. Ed Rilatos and McCollum each won a single ticket in the drawing.

1 Early Deadline for 1 4th of July Week



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Search underway for multiple vacancies at city

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

The hunt is on for a whole crop of high-level management positions in different city departments.

The City and Borough of Wrangell is in the early stages of finding replacements for the heads of the Nolan Center,

Wrangell Municipal Light and Power and Public Works, plus the city's top accountant and a newly-created maintenance lead position.

The tidal wave of turnover started on April 16, when WMLP superintendent Clay Hammer stepped down in order to head projects for

Southeast Alaska Power Agency. City manager Lisa Von Barga reported the search for his replacement may have to go back out for a second round. In the meantime, former superintendent Jim Nelson has stepped in to manage the department temporarily.

Longtime director at the Nolan Center, Terri Henson retired from the job on April 30. Von Barga said she has the first round of interviews lined up today and tomorrow to fill that vacancy.

Finance director Lee Burgess is meanwhile in a transitional period, still working remotely after his family relocated to Boise, Idaho, earlier this month. Burgess started at the post in early 2014, replacing Jeff Jabusch after he took the city manager position. Von Barga said she is putting together a schedule for interviews with applicants to replace him, likely to happen in the next week or two.

The city will be looking for a new director of Public Works as well, after the Assembly earlier this month approved creation of a Capital Facilities Department. Current Public Works director Amber Al-Haddad will be transitioning over to that department, which will focus on building upkeep and project management.

"We are working on the job descriptions right now," said Von Barga. Assembly mem-

bers will need to approve the new position expectations and pay scales, likely taking it up at its meeting scheduled for next month.

Under the new restructuring, Public Works will retain water, waste management, the city motorpool and other utilities. With the division of roles, Von Barga said the reformed department's next head will need to have experience with public utilities management. Because the majority of staff within the department are part of a collective bargaining unit, a director with union experience would also be helpful.

"I'm going to be looking for a strong leader. Someone who's not afraid to dig in and get things done," Von Barga said.

Advertisements for the post will likely be run through various strategic job sites and organizations like the Alaska Municipal League and International City/County Management Association.

On the Capital Facilities side of things, Al-Haddad's primary focus will be on grants and project support, and facilities maintenance. Prior to the restructuring, individual departments handled their own maintenance priorities. Von Barga explained that the approach had little direction or oversight, with many routine and preventative projects not being accomplished with regularity.

"Our infrastructure is in very bad shape. We have a lot of

catch-up to do," she said.

A more concentrated approach to upkeep will be focused on getting the most use from the borough's aging facilities, of particular importance in light of reduced funding sources from the state to be relied upon for repairs or replacement. These can be quite expensive: Major facilities maintenance projects include Shoemaker Bay Harbor, replacement of which saw low bids coming in at just under \$9 million. Other high-price projects include replacing the water treatment plant - estimated at just over \$9 million - and rehabilitating the Public Safety Building's leaky roof and siding - at \$550,000.

Under the restructuring, maintenance personnel for all facilities will be brought under one roof, with a maintenance lead position created for oversight. The new department will make use of more robust monitoring routines to make sure work is being done, while software to request and track regular work orders will be adopted.

Von Barga intends to make this information available, eventually in the form of a "report card to the public" outlining what is being done on a quarterly or monthly basis.

"We owe it to the taxpayers of this community that this growth in government is worth it," she said.

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Quilts on display in the Downtown area from June 28th - July 10th. *Chairperson: Joan Benjamin*

Saturday, June 30th

COLOR RUN - CITY PARK

10:00 am - Registration **10:30 am** - Start time
Wear a white t-shirt and old clothing maybe even goggles! The color powder will be thrown and it's non-toxic.
Chairperson: Jodie Howell
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COMMUNITY MARKET

10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Nolan Center

Sunday, July 1st

3RD ANNUAL RED WHITE & BLUE FAIR

Nolan Center Classroom
Drop off exhibits - June 28th
Judging - June 29th
Viewing - Saturday June 30th - July 3rd
Pick-up exhibits - July 5th
Chairperson: Aleisha Mollen

LOGGING SHOW SET-UP

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Please leave City Dock turnaround open and clear while the logging show is being set-up. No Parking. *Randy Oliver and crew*

BIG WHEEL RACES

3:00 pm - Covered Area
Children 3-6 years of age. Children can bring their own Big Wheels (some will be provided). Children race against children of the same age and gender. Cash prizes.
Chairperson: Anya Ritchie

WELCOME HOME PICNIC

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm, City Park
Potluck. Everyone welcome!
Pudding Pie Eating Contest - cash prizes!
Chairpersons: April Einert and City Market

LIVE MUSIC

9:00 pm, Rayme's Bar
XIII Arrows

Monday, July 2nd

Art Clark Scrap Fish Derby

11:00 am - Start time, City Dock/Summer Float
Two Age Categories: 6-9 and 10-13
Rules: No parents allowed on floats unless they are one of the volunteers. **All children wear a life jacket at all times.** Hand lines only. No rods or reels. One hook per line, one line per person. Contestants must bait their own hook. Any kind of bait can be used. Bait will be supplied for children who do not have their own. Derby officials will

decide any questions not covered by the rules and their decision will be final.
Chairperson: Darian Gerald

TINY TOTS SCRAP FISH DERBY

2:00 pm, City Dock/Summer Float
Ages 0-5 years. Safety Rules: All children must be accompanied by at least one adult. **MUST WEAR A LIFE JACKET AT ALL TIMES.** Hand lines only; bring your own bait (some bait may be provided). **PRIZES FOR ALL CHILDREN!**
Chairperson: Tessa Appleman

CANOE RACING

3:00 pm - City Dock/Summer Float
All participants must wear PFD's. Prizes awarded for the male, female, and coed team of each.
Race Categories:
11-14 years old, 15-17 years old
18-50 years old, 50+
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Noon - Until Sold out, Rayme's Bar

LIVE MUSIC

9:00 pm, Rayme's Bar
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Tuesday, July 3rd

3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Covered Basketball Court
Middle School, High School and Adult
Fee: \$10.00 Cash Per Player. Registration and Payment: Pay and Register on the day of event!! We'd love to see friends and family gather for general support, cheering and BBQ-ing!! Let's make this a fun filled, block-party event!! Bring along your tunes, camp chairs, snacks and refreshments!!
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TARGET COMPETITION

10:00 am-2:00 pm at the Shooting Range
Scores posted at 2pm, prizes distributed after. Firearms and ammo provided. No personal firearms. Adults must accompany all minor participants. Eye and ear protection required for spectators and participants. No drugs or alcohol. Cash prizes! Cell# 626-428-0931
Chairperson: Allen Rooney

GREASED POLE

11:00 am - City Dock/Summer Float
Ages 10+ Waiver of responsibility must be signed by the responsible adult and a life jacket worn at all times. \$5.00 per try PRIZE: One hundred dollar bill at the top of the pole... if you make it before you drop!
Chaired by: Toni Marie Guggenbickler

CRAZY CRAFT RACE

1:00 pm - City Dock/Summer Float
Anything that floats except a boat! All participants must wear a life jacket.
Chaired by: John Waddington

TALENT SHOW

6:30 pm - Nolan Center
Chaired by: Bonnie Ritchie

CORONATION

8:00 pm - Nolan Center
"Crowning of the 2018 Royal Court"
Robbie Marshall, Draven Golding, KayDee Howell
Royalty Chairperson: Jessica Whitaker

STREET DANCE - LIVE DJ

8:30 pm - City Dock Turnaround
DJ Alan Raygor with TOTAL MUSIC

FIREWORKS

Dusk (usually around 11pm)
In front of town, a couple of fireworks will be shot to signal that the main display will begin approximately 10 minutes later.
Presented by: Wrangell Volunteer Fire Department

Wednesday, July 4th

INDEPENDENCE DAY FUN RUN/WALK/BIKE

7:00 am - Register at the pool
7:30 am - Race begins at the crosswalk in front of the swimming pool and then proceeds to the ferry terminal, around the airport loop, back to Church Street, and onto the finish line at the crosswalk in front of the pool. (Distance: 2.9 miles) No entry fee. Anything goes. For more information call 874-2444
Sponsored by: *Wrangell Parks & Recreation*
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INDEPENDENCE DAY COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

9:00 am Bobs' IGA parking lot
Pastors from churches in Wrangell are excited to start our celebration with a worship service.
Chairpersons: Wrangell Ministerial Association

PARADE

11:00 am - Front Street
Theme: "Thankful for our Great Land"
2018 Grand Marshal:
Citizen of the Year, Terry Bunes
Floats gather on Campbell Drive at 9:30 am with the judging at 10:00 am (entrants after 10:00 am will not be judged, but may participate).
Floats:
Businesses/Organizations, Families, Churches.
Other categories:
Adult Costumes, Children Costumes, Bike/Big Wheel/Wagons, Wheeled Units, Marching Units,

Horses and Pets (must be on a leash).
1st, 2nd, and 3rd place cash prizes for each category.
Order of parade determined by chairperson.
Chairperson: Kaelene Harrison

ROYALTY TICKET PULL

After parade In front of Nolan Center
Winning tickets drawn for cash prizes:
1st - \$4000, 2nd - \$3000, 3rd - \$2000, 4th - \$1000

PIE SALE

Starting in the morning... until pies are gone!
Covered Area by Smith Chiropractic office.
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TODDLER GAMES

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm City Hall Lawn
Candy Races: ages 0 to 4
Ball Races: ages crawling to 4
Running Races: 2 to 4 (time permitting)
Prizes in each age group and category.
Chairpersons:
Barb & Jenny Neyman

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

12:30 pm - Outer drive
Ages : 4-8 years old - cash prizes!
Water balloon toss, Tug-o-war, 50 yard dash
Chaired by: White Enterprises

STREET GAMES

Noon - 2:00 pm - Main Street
Running Races: 50yd, 100yd, and 150yd dash;
3- legged races and Gunny Sack races.
All games will be played in age groups from 5 to senior citizens and announced by the chairperson. Parents are asked to stay with small children during events.
Cash prizes for each category.
Chairpersons: Darian Gerald, Meissner & Ottesen families

EGG TOSS

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Chairpersons: Darian Gerald, Meissner & Ottesen families

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Friday, June 29 - Regular burger night & Pull Tab Extravaganza
Saturday, June 30 - Steak night w/salad bar
Sunday, July 1 - Volunteer Work/Cleanup Party
Monday, July 2 at 6 pm - French Dip Sandwiches
6 pm, 1/2 Off Open Bowling
Tuesday, July 3 - Beer Garden opens at **1 pm**. Pig Roast Dinner **6 pm**. Horseshoe Tournament (time TBD)
Wednesday, July 4 - Club opens @ 10 am. Beer garden opens at **1 pm**. Steak dinner (New York's only) **4-8pm**

CHUCK OLIVER LOGGING SHOW

12:30 pm-Sign up;**1:00 pm**-Begin show, City Dock, Ages 18+. Entry fee is \$30.00 total for all events. A waiver of responsibility must be signed before participating.
Prizes: **1st - \$75, 2nd - \$50, 3rd - \$25** per event.
Events: Power Bucking, Axe Chopping, Hand Buck ingle Jack, Choker Setting, Hand Buck, Idaho Style, Women's Rolling Pin Toss, Axe Throw (the target: a \$100.00 bill, donated by AK Vistas & Extended Stay).
"All Around Logger" plaque and a \$500 cash prize will go to the contestant compiling the most points. "Bull of the Woods" plaque is to be awarded to the best sportsman of the show and MS170 Stihl chain saw. *Chairperson: Randy Oliver*

BOAT RACES

4:30 pm - City Dock
Categories: Limited, Unlimited, Jet Boat Slalom, & Rooster Tail. CASH PRIZES Must be 18 or older & have all required equipment Must register. Complete Rules and Registration online. www.wrangellchamber.org/2017-boat-races.html
ZERO tolerance for drugs and alcohol. *Chaired by: Penny Allen, Clay Hammer*

SONNY WIGG LOG ROLLING

Immediately following the Boat Races
6:30 pm City Dock/Summer Float
Ages 18+ Men and Women classes
Entry fee: \$20 PRIZES: 1st \$100, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50 - each class Top Eliminator: \$100 (between 1st place man & woman) Single elimination. Bring your own boots if possible, some may be available. A waiver of responsibility must be signed before any contestant may participate. The decision of the chairman will be final!
NO ALCOHOL on the floats!
Chairperson: Mona Wigg

LIVE DJ & ENTERTAINMENT

7:00 pm - City Dock Turnaround
Community Potluck
GIANT LAWN GAMES - Jenga, Yard Dice & MORE!!! Bring fireworks - in accordance with city ordinance.
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Evergreen work begins, Shoemaker contract pending

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

A pair of major state-managed construction projects are either under way or about to move forward for 2018.

Years in the making, after wrapping up some outstanding right-of-way issues this winter, the rehabilitation of Wrangell's Evergreen Avenue finally began last Thursday. The Department of Transportation and contractor SECON got to work, starting on the airport side of the 0.91 mile long project and working their way westward. Crews will begin with drainage work on both sides of the road, especially at driveway crossings along the route.

By the time the full project is brought to a conclusion, Evergreen will be fully resurfaced and will include a sidewalk connecting pedestrians from the ferry terminal to Petroglyph Beach, a popular spot for tourists. The new amenity should improve safety for

walkers, while a combination of drainage and embankment improvements should likewise make the road more safe for drivers.

Users of the road should expect some delays through the summer as work continues. Drivers are asked to pay attention and adhere to traffic signs and traffic flaggers. Proceed with caution through the work zone for the safety of workers and pedestrians alike. If it goes as intended, the project should be finished by the end of October.

"I'm excited to see the improvements in that area. Not only for the residents that have to drive that road every day, but also for the visitors," said Lisa Von Barga, Wrangell's borough manager.

Alaska DOT is covering the larger portion of the multimillion-dollar project's cost. The borough is contributing a nine-percent match.

Meanwhile, the reconstruction of a new float network at

Shoemaker Bay Harbor has hit a slight roadblock in the bidding process. After bids for the estimated \$9.1 million project were opened last week, a protest was lodged by the second-lowest bidder before a contract was approved.

Western Dock & Bridge of Ketchikan contended that the low bidder, a joint venture between Tamico Inc. and Rock-n-Road, both of Petersburg, had not met certain preconditions before submitting their bid. The company's objections were that the partnership lacked a business license of its own, and that the firms lacked comparable project experience within a 10-year time frame.

A decision to award a bid was postponed while city staff investigated the objections. Based on their assessment, Von Barga issued a letter to the Ketchikan firm last week, concluding the borough has sufficient grounds for awarding Tamico-RNR JV the bid.

The objections were dis-

missed as immaterial deviations from the bid specifications, as both firms in the joint venture possess licenses of their own, and the examples of their workmanship demonstrate the joint venture has the required experience necessary to the project.

"It was found that their examples of similar work was sufficient to meet the needs of the project," Von Barga commented. Neither deviation materially factored in to an unfair advantage over the other six contractors, she decided.

Von Barga explained that Western Dock & Bridge has 10 days following receipt of her letter to contest her rejection. Until that window closes later this week, the city will not issue notice to proceed or sign any contracts with the bid winner.

The difference between the two firms' bids was \$381,000, though both were substantially lower than the initially estimated cost. If awarded the con-

tract, Tamico-RNR JV would undertake the project for \$8,355,240. That would allow the city to forgo having to bond for part of the project, \$5 million of which is coming from state DOT funds. The remainder could come from a combination of city reserve funds.

Once awarded, by September 10 the contractor could take possession in the field. Current stallholders will have to be accommodated elsewhere by the Harbor Department during the project.

"We will have to start working on a work schedule with the contractor," said Amber Al-Haddad, director of Public Works.

Fabrication of the float sections themselves will take up most of the time, she said, with completion coming in two waves. Floats C and D would be completed first, by around mid-May 2019. The main section and floats A and B would presumably be finished and in place by mid-June.

Whale strikes Alaska ferry, may have suffered mortal injury

By BECKY BOHRER
Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) - Authorities in Alaska say a whale struck the side of a state ferry traveling a scheduled route between Homer and Kodiak, possibly sustaining mortal injuries.

The ferry itself sustained damage to its starboard fin stabilizer, an element that helps make for a more comfortable ride in rougher waters, said Aurah Landau, a spokeswoman for the state transportation department.

But she said the vessel Tustumena was cleared to operate safely by the U.S. Coast Guard. The stabilizer isn't a safety feature but a comfort feature, she said.

The ferry's captain said the whale "came at us like a torpedo from the side," Landau recounted.

Julie Speegle, a spokeswoman for the federal agency NOAA Fisheries, said passengers on the trip Wednesday reported seeing a whale breach into the side of the ferry before swimming away "abnormally" and disappearing from view.

Authorities don't know the species of the whale, but it was not a humpback, Speegle said. State and federal partner agencies that work in the area are keeping an eye out for the whale, she said.

Members of the public are also being asked to report any whale that appears to be injured or floating.

It appeared the crew acted appropriately, Speegle said.

Occasionally a whale will breach "in the wrong place at wrong time," Speegle said, calling such cases "quite unusual."

The Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program confirmed 12 whale deaths because of vessel strikes in Alaska between Jan. 1, 2012, and Dec. 31, 2017, according to statistics provided by NOAA Fisheries.

Half of the deaths involved humpbacks. Three involved finback whales, and one each involved sperm and bowhead whales. The species of the other whale was not identified, according to the federal agency.

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Owner	Parcel Number	Legal Description	Year	Tax	Penalty	Interest	Outstanding as of 6/1/18	Total
Austin, Robert & Sherri	74-020-4000	Trailer In Space 2, Nugget Trailer Park	2017	647.70	64.77	45.34	757.81	757.81
Barker, Charles	73-460-2047	Trailer In Space 46, Panhandle Trailer Park	2016	136.43	13.64	26.03	176.10	
			2017	136.43	13.64	9.55	159.62	335.72
Barker, Laura & Matthew	08-310-070	Lot 7, Block 1, Tract UN-3, Thoms Place Subd.	2017	96.40	9.64	6.74	112.78	112.78
Casey, Jess C, Estate	03-009-404	Lots 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, USS 2589	2013	818.55	81.86	450.21	1,350.62	
			2014	818.55	81.86	351.98	1,252.39	
			2015	818.55	81.86	249.66	1,150.07	
			2016	818.55	81.86	156.20	1,056.61	
			2017	818.55	81.86	57.30	957.71	5,767.38
Chad Ritchie AKA Ritchie Transportation Co	02-026-325	Lot 16A, Block 84, Wrangell Townsite	2016	2,247.83	224.78	428.94	2,901.55	2,901.55
Chad Ritchie AKA Ritchie Transportation Co	02-026-327	Lot 17, Block 84, Wrangell Townsite	2016	632.40	0.00	115.24	747.64	747.64
Clark, Jason	09-050-100	ASLS 82-83	2017	99.20	9.92	6.94	116.06	116.06
Clarke, Janice & Hayden, Gregory	08-320-080	Lot 8, Block 2, Tract UN-3, Thoms Place Subd.	2013	70.00	3.50	38.38	111.88	
			2014	70.00	7.00	30.10	107.10	
			2015	70.00	7.00	21.35	98.35	
			2016	70.00	7.00	13.36	90.36	
			2017	70.00	7.00	4.90	81.90	489.59
Collins, Donna	03-006-120	Lot 6C, USS 2073 - Mike Meyer Subd.	2017	142.40	14.24	9.90	166.54	166.54
Collins, Donna	05-007-100	Lot 7, USS 2673	2017	450.60	45.06	22.18	517.84	517.84
Coyne, Jeff & Tony D'Aoust	02-028-307	Lot 7, Block 65, Wrangell Industrial Park	2017	165.75	16.58	11.61	193.94	193.94
Carley, Scott	73-000-3000	Trailer In Space 0, Blooms Trailer Park	2017	114.75	11.48	0.81	127.04	127.04
De Sousa, Ivan Pripko	03-006-352	Tract Z3, Road House Subd.	2017	255.00	25.50	17.85	298.35	298.35
De Sousa, Ivan Pripko	03-006-353	Tract Z3, Road House Subd.	2017	98.18	9.82	6.87	114.87	114.87
Deacon, Vanessa	71-280-1028	Trailer In Space 28, Evergreen Trailer Park	2017	51.00	5.10	3.57	59.67	59.67
Dolan, David	71-050-1005	Trailer In Space 5, Evergreen Trailer Park	2017	113.48	11.35	7.24	132.07	132.07
Dow IV, Levi S	72-180-2018	Trailer In Space 18, Panhandle Trailer Park	2017	48.45	4.85	3.39	56.69	56.69
Duncanson, Robert & Megan	05-001-100	Lot 1A, Block , Duncanson Subd.	2016	478.40	47.84	91.29	617.53	617.53
Duncanson, Robert & Megan	05-001-120	Lot 1C, Block , Duncanson Subd.	2016	60.00	6.00	11.45	77.45	77.45
Duncanson, Robert & Megan	05-001-130	Lot 1D, Block , Duncanson Subd.	2016	60.00	6.00	11.45	77.45	77.45
Endres, Karen	03-010-103	Lot 2B, USS 2589	2016	337.00	33.70	68.12	438.82	
			2017	357.00	35.70	24.09	416.79	855.61
Evanger, Dale A & Lynne M	03-021-519	Lot 1, Block 7, Wrangell Island West	2016	318.75	31.88	60.83	411.46	
			2017	318.75	31.88	22.32	372.95	784.40
Fennimore, Ronald & Elaine	02-000-202	Lot 25, Block 13, Wrangell Townsite	2017	76.50	7.65	5.36	89.51	89.51
Gadd, Charles	04-006-604	Lot 2, Block 5, Wrangell Island East	2017	258.40	25.84	18.08	302.32	302.32
Garringer, Jason	71-230-1023	Trailer In Space 23, Evergreen Trailer Park	2017	247.35	24.74	17.31	289.40	289.40
Gerard Jr, Douglas Lyle	02-033-450	Lot 1, Block 2, City Subd.	2016	42.60	0.00	2.99	45.59	
			2017	1,356.60	135.66	94.97	1,587.23	1,632.82
Gifford, Candace Layne	08-320-170	Lot 17, Block 2, Thoms Place Subd.	2014	9.09	0.91	3.73	13.73	
			2015	282.00	28.20	86.01	396.21	
			2016	242.00	24.20	46.18	312.38	
			2017	242.00	24.20	16.94	283.14	1,005.46
Hamley, Mark & Crystal	73-040-3004	Trailer In Space 4, Blooms Trailer Park	2017	102.00	10.20	7.14	119.34	119.34
Hansen, Kenneth	08-210-030	Lot 3, Block 1, Thoms Place Subd.	2016	308.00	30.80	58.77	397.57	
			2017	308.00	30.88	21.56	360.36	757.93
Harding, Hershel & Alice B	11-200-010	Lot 1, Farm Island - Phillips Subd.	2017	298.40	29.84	20.88	349.12	349.12
Harding, Hershel E	02-021-123	Lot 15, Block 16, Presbyterian Mission Res.	2017	260.10	26.01	18.21	304.32	304.32
Harding, Hershel E	02-021-125	Lot 16, Block 16, Presbyterian Mission Res.	2017	260.10	26.01	18.21	304.32	304.32
Hershel Harding Estate	02-027-203	Lot 1-B1, Block 84, Giph Resubd.	2014	2,556.18	255.62	1,095.45	3,907.25	
			2015	2,830.50	283.05	863.31	3,976.86	
			2016	2,830.50	283.05	540.13	3,653.68	
			2017	2,830.50	283.05	198.14	3,311.69	14,849.48
Hollibaugh, Jason C & Melissa L	06-010-070	Lot 5A, Union Bay - Ernest Clm	2017	577.60	57.76	40.44	675.80	675.80
Hook, Jennifer	71-110-1011	Trailer In Space 11, Evergreen Trailer Park	2016	439.88	43.99	83.94	567.81	567.81
Housand, Miriam	03-013-301	Lot 1, USS 2967	2016	59.92	0.00	4.80	64.72	64.72
Honley, Robert Leroy	05-000-100	Lot 20, USS 2673	2017	16.81	1.68	1.18	19.67	19.67
Johnson, Timothy	02-033-303	Lot 12, Block 30b, Lemieux Subdivision	2017	1,359.15	135.92	95.14	1,590.21	1,590.21
Kadin Building LLC	02-011-104	Lot 3, Block 1A, Wrangell Townsite	2017	93.89	9.39	6.57	109.85	109.85
Krull, Joe	04-006-604	Lot 2, Block 5, Wrangell Island East	2016	167.60	16.76	21.09	205.45	
			2017	167.60	16.76	11.71	195.17	412.45
Lang, Michael J	02-025-109	Lots 3B And 15, Block 83, Wrangell Townsite	2016	1,157.70	115.77	220.92	1,494.39	
			2017	1,157.70	115.77	81.04	1,354.51	2,848.90
Lang, Michael J	02-025-115	Lots 4 And 14, Block 83, Wrangell Townsite	2016	211.65	21.17	40.39	273.21	
			2017	211.65	21.17	14.82	247.64	520.84
Lebo, James & Lisa	03-015-214	Lot 23, USS 2990	2017	2,703.23	0.00	0.00	2,703.23	2,703.23
Leslie, James & Wilma	02-011-128	Lot 15, Block 1a, Wrangell Townsite	2016	1,000.00	101.00	230.00	1,331.00	1,331.00
Leslie, Wilma	02-011-128	Lot 15, Block 1A, Wrangell Townsite	2017	2,102.48	210.25	147.17	2,459.90	2,459.90

City & Borough of Wrangell Foreclosure List, 2013 - 2017 Tax Years

Additional Interest will be added on the 16th of each month. Any partial payments will be applied to penalty and interest first, before the principal tax. All amounts not paid by the end of publication will be subject to additional charges for attorney fees and publication fees.

Owner	Parcel Number	Legal Description	Year	Tax	Penalty	Interest	Payments	Outstanding	Total
Leslie, James & Wilma	02-027-107	Lot 12-3, Zimovia View Subd.	2014	584.68	58.46	229.69	882.75		
			2015	1,289.28	121.88	269.81	1,780.82		
			2016	1,073.71	107.37	204.89	1,385.97		3,968.73
Leslie, Wilma	02-027-107	Lot 12-3, Zimovia View Subd.	2017	1,285.20	128.52	89.96	1,503.68		1,503.68
Lewis, James F & J'lene M	08-310-060	Lot 6, Block 1, Tract UN-3, Thoms Place Subd.	2016	12.62	0.00	2.08	14.70		
			2017	96.00	9.60	6.72	112.32		127.02
Marquart, Kathleen & Vern Cool	01-004-654	Lot 3, Block 4, USS 2127	2014	59.63	5.96	24.45	90.04		
			2015	229.50	0.00	33.33	262.83		
			2016	229.50	22.95	43.80	296.25		649.12
Cool, Vern	01-004-654	Lot 3, Block 4, USS 2127	2017	229.50	22.95	16.07	268.52		268.52
Martin, Nicholas R	73-020-3002	Trailer In Space 2, Blooms Trailer Park	2017	122.40	12.24	8.56	143.20		143.20
Martin, Sara Beth	02-022-339	Lot 16A, Block 6, Wrangell Townsite	2017	367.20	36.72	25.70	429.62		429.62
Martin, Sara Beth	02-022-340	Lot 17, Block 6, Wrangell Townsite	2017	99.45	9.95	6.96	116.36		116.36
Martin, Sara Beth	02-022-505	Lot 3, Block 19, Wrangell Townsite	2016	1,272.45	127.25	242.81	1,642.51		
			2017	1,272.45	127.25	89.07	1,488.77		3,131.27
Martin, Sara Beth	02-022-507	Lot 4, Block 19, Wrangell Townsite	2016	243.33	24.33	46.43	314.09		
			2017	276.68	27.67	19.37	323.72		637.81
Maurer, Barbara L	04-001-206	Lot 3, Block 1, Wrangell Island East	2017	104.00	10.40	7.28	121.68		121.68
Mcgee, Russell J	03-005-262	Lot 7, Southeast Homes Subd.	2016	592.88	59.29	113.14	765.31		
			2017	67.87	6.79	4.75	79.41		844.72
Nygaard, James A & Holly H	11-600-042	Lot 16, Nygaard	2017	22.88	2.28	1.54	25.74		25.74
Nygaard, Marion & Barbara	02-022-612	Lot 8, Block 20, Wrangell Townsite	2017	89.72	8.97	5.65	94.44		94.44
Nore, Susan	72-030-2003	Trailer In Space 3, Panhandle Trailer Park	2014	41.44	4.14	16.99	62.57		
			2015	82.88	8.29	25.28	116.45		
			2016	82.88	8.29	15.82	106.99		286.01
Padgett, Caleb	71-330-1000	Trailer In Space 33, Evergreen Trailer Park	2017	107.10	10.71	7.50	125.31		125.31
Padgett, Caleb	71-340-1034	Trailer In Space 34, Evergreen Trailer Park	2017	205.28	20.53	14.37	240.18		240.18
Padgett, Logan	72-150-2015	Trailer In Space 15, Panhandle Trailer Park	2017	76.50	7.65	5.36	89.51		89.51
Remote Rentals LLC	03-003-051	Tract E, USS 2221	2017	20.89	2.01	1.97	22.87		22.87
Ritchie Transportation Co	02-015-103	Lot 10, Block 84A, Wrangell Townsite	2017	248.63	24.86	17.41	290.90		290.90
Ritchie Transportation Co	02-015-105	Lot 11, Block 84A, Wrangell Townsite	2017	220.58	22.06	15.44	258.08		258.08
Ritchie Transportation Co	02-026-318	Lot 14B, Block 84, Wrangell Townsite	2017	714.00	71.40	49.98	835.38		835.38
Ritchie Transportation Co	02-026-324	Lot 16B, Block 84, Wrangell Townsite	2017	767.55	76.76	53.73	898.04		898.04
Ritchie Transportation Co	02-026-325	Lot 16A, Block 84, Wrangell Townsite	2017	2,247.83	224.78	157.35	2,629.96		2,629.96
Ritchie Transportation Co	02-026-327	Lot 17, Block 84, Wrangell Townsite	2017	632.40	63.24	44.26	739.90		739.90
Shaw, Elizabeth L	08-310-030	Lot 3, Block 1, Tract UN-3, Thoms Place Subd.	2016	127.60	12.76	24.35	164.71		
			2017	127.60	12.76	8.94	149.30		314.01
Shilts, Brian	03-009-149	Lot 22, USS 2900	2015	1,090.13	109.01	132.49	1,331.63		
			2016	1,090.13	109.01	208.02	1,407.16		
			2017	1,090.13	109.01	76.31	1,275.45		4,014.25
Sizer, Juliette J	03-021-434	Lot 19c, Block 2, Amended Harold Bailey Subd.	2016	310.38	31.04	59.22	400.64		400.64
Smith, Shel	72-188-2849	Trailer In Space 18, Panhandle Trailer Park	2016	61.28	6.12	11.68	79.08		
			2017	61.28	6.12	4.28	71.60		150.60
Stough, Stephen	01-005-418	Lot 8, Block 6, USS 2127	2016	192.88	19.28	19.16	121.66		
			2017	192.88	19.28	7.14	119.34		251.88
Teuscher, Ronald A	03-006-355	Tract Z6, Road House Subd.	2017	99.45	9.95	6.96	116.36		116.36
Thomassen Sr, Steven H & Linda D	11-300-160	Lot 16, Farm Island Subd.	2016	20.00	2.00	3.82	25.82		25.82
Thomassen Sr, Steven H & Linda D	11-300-190	Lot 19, Farm Island Subd.	2016	201.20	20.12	38.39	259.71		259.71
Thomassen Sr, Steven H & Linda D	11-300-220	Lot 22, Farm Island Subd.	2016	20.00	2.00	3.82	25.82		25.82
Timm, Thomas S & Jacqueline	05-016-100	Lot 16, USS 2673	2017	313.60	31.36	21.96	366.92		366.92
Timm, Thomas S & Jacqueline	05-017-100	Lot 17, USS 2673	2017	180.00	18.00	12.60	210.60		210.60
Taylor, Jo Ellen	10-500-100	ASLS 82-77	2016	109.20	10.92	20.84	140.96		140.96
Trucano Construction	03-023-310	Lot 4, Block 3, Wrangell Island West	2016	382.50	38.25	72.99	493.74		493.74
Vanderbunte, James	71-370-1037	Trailer In Space 37, Evergreen Trailer Park	2017	118.58	11.86	8.30	138.74		138.74
Walt, William & Nedra	03-005-281	Lot A, V.A. Subd.	2017	126.82	12.68	8.82	147.68		147.68
Welzenbach, Corinna	02-021-117	Lot 12A, Block 16, Presbyterian Mission Res.	2015	10.49	1.05	3.04	14.58		
			2016	89.25	8.93	17.03	115.21		129.78
Welzenbach, Corinna	02-021-184	Lot Por 4, Block 17, Wrangell Townsite	2015	18.90	1.89	5.48	26.27		
			2016	160.65	16.07	30.66	207.38		233.65
White, Clifford	02-011-389	Lot 5A, Block 4, Wrangell Townsite	2017	5.88	0.58	0.35	5.85		5.85

I, Kimberly Lane, Borough Clerk for the City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska, certify that the foregoing foreclosure list, consisting of 20 pages, is a true and correct list of all delinquent real property taxes of the City and Borough of Wrangell for the years shown, and that the list is available for public inspection at the office of the Borough Clerk and Finance Department at City Hall, 205 Brueger St, Wrangell, Alaska. This list has been presented to the Superior Court with a petition for judgment and decree.

Kimberly Lane, Borough Clerk

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The entrance to Shakes Glacier was blocked off by calving ice on Saturday. Like other glaciers that make up the Stikine Icefield, Shakes has been gradually losing ice. Since the 1980s, it has receded by approximately 1.4 miles.

Comics

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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by Linda Thistle

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- 22 Grecian vessel
- 24 Red suit
- 28 Former Soviet republic
- 32 Zagreb resident
- 33 Computer brand
- 34 Youngster
- 36 Christmas
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- 26 Body powder
- 27 Proofreading directive
- 28 Dog owner's chore
- 29 Beige
- 30 Symbol on
- 31 "Help!"
- 35 Place for 28-Down
- 38 Prepared
- 40 Feathery neckpiece
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- 50 Stitch
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- 52 Everybody
- 54 Coloring agent

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Magistrate judge retires after 30 years on bench

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

After 30 years on the bench, Wrangell's district magistrate will conclude her legal career today.

Chris Ellis has served as a magistrate judge for First District Court in Wrangell for 14 of those years, with most of her preceding tenure spent in Craig.

When she graduated with her bachelor's degree in 1973, law hadn't been on her mind, but Alaska was.

"Basically I studied anthropology with a specialty in archaeology, and my goal was to come to Alaska," she said.

Ellis found herself drawn to the Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), a forerunner to the AmeriCorps program.

"There wasn't a huge group of people that really wanted to go to Alaska, and I desperately did," she recalled. "I originally went to Nome, up in the Arctic. I was supposed to be a 'high school recreation counselor' at the local boarding school. It was basically to entertain and help teach the kids, and keep them involved after hours. Unfortunately, the boarding school had closed three months before I got to Alaska. And so I got to Nome and there was no job. So I wound up working with the local native non-profit corporation. I had a chance to get out and visit all of the villages in the Bering Straits region."

Within her VISTA program, the corporation soon ran out of projects for Ellis to do.

"I wound up with Alaska Legal Services, which was the

start of my legal volunteer," she said. "I discovered I was pretty good at solving problems, and was pretty good at what I was doing. Eventually I decided I was going to get a law degree."

Through the Western Interstate Compact for Higher Education, she was able to attend law school at the University of Idaho three years, working in Alaska during the summers. During that time she met and married her husband, Wayne Ellis, and the couple had a baby. Wayne was and still is a fisherman, and Chris' life took another change of direction as they fished and homesteaded.

"We lived on the boat for basically almost five years," she said. The Ellises managed to get a homestead at Thoms Place, on the southern end of Wrangell Island. They build a cabin there and fulfilled their obligations to the program.

Eventually, by 1988 they decided their eldest son would benefit from a public school setting, after three years of home schooling. Ellis began looking for work that would allow them to put him through school. She found a position at Sand Point, working there on a part-time basis for about a year.

"I wound up coming to the court system as a rural court magistrate," she said. Ellis found she enjoyed the duties, and soon began looking for similar opportunities back in Southeast. One such opening came about in Craig, and at the start of 1989 Ellis and her family relocated to Prince of Wales Island.

"I went from a part-time job

to a full-time job," she said. "Craig was a good fit for our family. It was a good place to raise our oldest son."

The family's eventual goal was to return to Wrangell, having already established the connection there with their homestead. Ellis did not plan to do it as a judge, however, and considered returning to fishing.

"My first benchmark was going to be when our oldest son finished high school," she said. "That would've been back in 1999." But when twin babies came along in 1994, "That kind of reset the clock."

Not that she didn't enjoy her work, or think it less than useful. "It's my way of giving back to the community, because it's something I can do," Ellis said. "I enjoy what I'm doing. I try really hard."

The job could be difficult, with long hours and an emotional toll. A rural magistrate also filled various roles, some of them surprising. For example, in Sand Point Ellis also played the part of coroner, having to attend to every reported death for her district.

She felt her prior experiences had helped shape her view from the bench. "It's incredibly helpful to have raised a family, because it gives you a much better understanding of where people are coming from. Having done something more than just going to school. A variety of experiences I think contribute to a good judge," she considered. "I kind of understand a little bit more where a lot of people we're dealing with are coming from, because I was out there living on the docks and living on the boat, homesteading."

The remoteness of rural court



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Presiding over the courtroom at the Wrangell Public Safety Building since 2004, Magistrate Judge Chris Ellis will be gaveling out for the last time after a 30-year career in the Alaska Court System.

districts presented logistical challenges as well, especially when Ellis first started.

"We worked very hard to make sure things got done within the appropriate time frames," she recalled. "Some things took a little bit longer. We were at the forefront, I think, nationwide in terms of doing things telephonically, because that was the only way we could do things. You couldn't get physically from one place to another quickly.

"Everything was manual. Computers were just starting to come in. Electronics were just starting to come in." While offices had telephone service, most courts lacked even fax machines. The courts did make use of multi-tracked cassettes for recording court proceedings, but decisions and forms were all taken down by hand and trans-

ported by mail. "That was about as high-tech as we got."

The opportunity for the family to transfer to Wrangell came in 2004, and Ellis took it.

"It was a good time," she reflected.

The pay scale was a step above, and it was a good setting for the Ellis' boys to grow up in. Her family had been active in theatrical productions on Prince of Wales, and in Wrangell Ellis became involved in the local quilting guild and chorale group.

Her boys now grown, Ellis intends to stay in Wrangell during her retirement. She intends to travel more frequently, starting with a cruise with her sister later this summer.

"We live here. This is our home, we're not going anywhere. We have no plans even to snowbird at this point," she said.

City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska PUBLIC NOTICE

Vacancy on the Wrangell Medical Center Board

The City and Borough of Wrangell is accepting *letters of interest* from citizens who wish to serve on the Board of Directors for the Wrangell Medical Center.

The unexpired term of appointment is until October 2018

Any interested person is eligible to apply. Letters of interest should be submitted to:

Mayor David L. Jack
PO Box 531
Wrangell, AK 99929

Or you can email your *letter of interest* to the Borough Clerk at: clerk@wrangell.com on or before **5:00 p.m., on the day of the next Borough Assembly Meeting**, until the vacancy is filled.

Information on the powers and duties of the Wrangell Medical Center Board are contained in the Board of Directors' Bylaws. A copy of which can be obtained by contacting the Borough Clerk at 205 Brueger Street or email to clerk@wrangell.com.

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Kim Lane, MMC
Borough Clerk

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Seen from a small aircraft, the delta of the Stikine River’s northern arm shimmers in the sun as the tide rises on June 20. Nearby Mallard Slough is a popular destination for campers and hunters, while LeConte Bay just to the north is notable for its view of the namesake glacier.

Alaska to receive \$56M in relief funds for pink salmon crash

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – Alaska is expected to receive more than \$56 million in disaster relief for groups impacted by the drop in pink salmon numbers in the Gulf of Alaska.

The Juneau Empire reports the money is part of the \$200 million that the U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross is sending to struggling fisheries across the nation.

In 2016, pink salmon runs around Alaska dipped dramatically.

In southeast Alaska, revenue from pink salmon dropped 51 percent below a five-year average.

Gov. Bill Walker said in a statement issued Thursday that the \$56 million will go to Alaskans whose livelihoods and lifestyles depend on the fish.

The money will be disbursed to nine fisheries in Alaska, including the southeast.

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decided to keep the contingency as a separate item.

With the engineering contract, five-percent contingency, and other costs for upland utilities during the design phase, the full cost of the Shoemaker project should near \$9.6 million. Funding available for the project was \$9.98 million, while earlier estimates had assumed a total cost nearing \$11 million. The likely savings means the city should be able to afford the project without having to undertake any bonding. A revised funding package will be presented to assembly members at a future meeting reflecting this change.

Members also approved an amendment to the city's nonbinding letter of intent and confidentiality agreement made with Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium, which is moving ahead with an acquisition plan for Wrangell Medical Center. Originally signed back in March, the amendment extends the agreement between the city and SEARHC beyond its expiration date of June 30.

At the moment, both parties are conducting due diligence on an asset purchase agreement, which would pass ownership of the municipal hospital to SEARHC by September 1. If seen through successfully, the organization would invest in a new medical facility, one sharing a campus with the Alaska Island Community Services clinic on Wood Street, another recent acquisition.

Though the budget for the fiscal year starting Sunday was already passed at a previous meeting, assembly members informally revisited one vexing item, namely WMC's budget. The item

projected an approximate deficit of \$800,000 for the year.

"I'm very disappointed in myself for voting to pass the hospital budget," remarked member Stephen Prysunka.

In particular, he felt that little discussion had been allocated to that budget, also noting hospital administrators had been absent when it was presented. While theirs was not the only staff not on hand when department budgets were up for consideration during the process, Prysunka conveyed his disappointment that there had been no opportunity for asking questions.

Mayor David Jack echoed that thought, saying "That's very difficult to us here, and it's showing a great deal of disrespect to us thinking we're just going to rubber stamp it."

As the SEARHC acquisition moves ahead, Prysunka requested that Von Barga take closer oversight over major procurements or personnel changes that may occur at the hospital, since both parties were moving ahead with a certain set of assumptions.

"Things need to remain as unchanged as possible at this point," she agreed.

In other borough business, Von Barga noted a large reduction in outstanding property tax payments after running a foreclosure list in the newspaper last week. Prior to publication, she said there were 236 outstanding payments due on 163 parcels since 2013. Within less than a week, that number had been reduced to 96 payments on 63 parcels.

"That's a significant drop," she commented.

The list will continue to run through the July 12 issue, after which the city can begin the formal foreclosure process.

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