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WMC Auxiliary votes to disband in the near future

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Medical Center Auxiliary is an organization that has worked to assist the hospital in providing services to its patients and to “promote the health

and welfare of the community,” according to its stated purpose in the bylaws. With the hospital being transferred to the control of SEARHC, however, the organization has been questioning what its future holds. In a meet-

ing on Monday, Oct. 29, the Auxiliary discussed future disbandment, and what to do with the auxiliary’s funds.

The members of the auxiliary that were present for the meeting were unanimous in their support

of disbanding. With the hospital transition, as well as issues with membership that they brought up, the general consensus was that the auxiliary was no longer needed.

“I think that every organization

in town, right now, is having problems with membership,” said Ann Ruks. “I just feel like maybe we’ve run the course.”

President Janet Bunes said that, even if they all agreed to disband the auxiliary, they should hold a few more meetings to work out the details and to wrap up loose ends. One of the primary concerns of the group disbanding was how to distribute their funds. Treasurer Alice Rooney said the Auxiliary had a little over \$10,000 in the bank. The auxiliary members discussed for some time how to best serve the hospital with that amount after disbanding. Ideas were floated on giving the money to cancer care, or to fund scholarships, or to provide events for patients. There were also questions about what SEARHC would be willing to fund as they take over the hospital.

“I would like to see what that looks like, as far as time frame, as far as making that decision with all that money,” said Diana Nore. “Are we going to just move it over to the foundation ... and allocate it out from that place? Or are we going to make that decision? If we disband, what time frame are we looking at?”

It was decided and unanimously approved that the auxiliary board would disband in three months or less, depending on how quickly everything could be finalized. The board also agreed to hold their next meeting on Dec. 13 to have further discussion on the money dispersal.

During this meeting, the auxiliary also reviewed and approved of various minor changes to their bylaws.



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Halloween Story Time

Story Time is an event at the Irene Ingle Public Library that occurs every spring and fall. Every week children are invited to the library for stories, snacks, and crafts. The library celebrated Halloween during Story Time last Thursday. Sarah Merritt read several “spooky” Halloween stories to children and parents. The kids got to make Halloween-themed crafts after the stories, as well.

New school designations released for the Wrangell school district

By CALEB VIERKANT
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According to a press release from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED), new designations and grades have been given to schools across the state. This is meant to provide information to parents about the quality of their schools, and to help school officials know where they are succeeding and where there is room for improvement. This new rating system is a part of the ESSA, or Every Student Succeeds Act, which was passed in December 2015.

“There are three types of school designations: Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI), Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI), and Universal Support,” the press release reads. “The primary purpose of these school designations is to provide information for families, tribes, communities, educators, and policy makers to plan and support an equitable education for each student in Alaska’s public school system.”

All three schools in Wrangell’s school district have received designations of Universal Support, the highest of the three designations. Universal Support means that the school did not have index values that fell within the range of the lowest five percent of Title I schools. This also means that the school’s graduation rate exceeded

66.66 percent.

These designations were determined by a grading system provided by DEED. Each school is graded in several categories, which are worth a certain percentage. For example, math proficiency is worth 20 percent of a grade. Evergreen Elementary received a grade of 68.07 percent, Stikine Middle School received a grade of 59.63 percent, and Wrangell High School received a grade of 59.67 percent. Wrangell Superintendent Debbe Lancaster said that it was not a simple designation system to understand, but it was a good way for the schools to know where improvements need to be made.

“It’s taken us a number of meetings to be told by the commissioner how this is done and what it means,” she said. “But basically this is our guideline, or our baseline, so that we can look and say, ‘Oh, this isn’t maybe where we want it to be. Let’s put our heads together and figure out how to support our district.’”

Lancaster said that she and other school officials have been working to improve the school district in several ways since the school year began. One of the major things that organizations rely on to stay healthy is continuity of staff, she said. The school district does not have many areas of need, but she said the ones they do have are a result of personnel turnover. Lancaster added

that she and several school committees are working to set realistic, feasible goals of improvement for the district.

“We want to address students and their individual learning needs, or plans, that’s a better word,” she said. “Since the beginning of the school year several committees have been meeting regularly to identify or assess needs, choose a direction, set a SMART goal ... and then just lining up those action steps, and looking at refining as we go along.”

More information about the new school designations can be found online at www.education.alaska.gov.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, November 1: Liam Maddox, Debi Prunella, Karen Morse, Matthew Weber, Amos Comstock, Danica Barker. **Friday, November 2:** Haig Demerjian, Kristen Stutz, Jackson Powers, Kyna DeBoer, Ian Nelson. **Anniversary:** Don and Dana Van Slyke, Mike and Ida Howell. **Saturday, November 3:** Arabella Nore, Kitty Angerman. **Sunday, November 4:** Ethel Lund, Anny Newport, Claire Rooney, Ayla Harris, Edith Grover, Deano Barker, Shelby Smith, Jessica Byrd, Olga Norris. **Anniversary:** Jeff and Pam Wiederspohn. **Monday, November 5:** Kaylauna Churchill, Jimmy Baggen. **Anniversary:** Adam and DeeDee Sprehe. **Tuesday, November 6:** Betsy Golding. **Wednesday, November 7:** Garrett Miller, Jean-Luc Lewis, Seth Nolan, Jayanne Scott, Pam McCloskey, K.D. Roope-Strasburger, Erik Gile, Frank Simpson. **Anniversary:** Steve and Yvonne Powers. **Thursday, November 8:** Jeremy Stolley, Taylor Carey, Gabriel Duquemin, Kevin Bylow

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, November 1

Fish Tacos, Salad, Honey Orange Salad, Rice

Friday, November 2

Split Pea Soup, 1/2 Sandwich, Apricot Salad

Monday, November 5

Beef Stroganoff, Carrots, Spicy Fruit Cup

Tuesday, November 6

Salmon Loaf, Baked Sweet Potatoes & Apples, Spinach Salad

Wednesday, November 7

Sweet N Sour Pork, Peas & Carrots, Tossed Salad, Rice

Thursday, November 8

A-1 Meatloaf, Zucchini, Creamy Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes

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, November 3

Malaspina 4:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 4

Kennicott 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 6

Malaspina 7:45 p.m.

Saturday, November 10

Malaspina 2:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 11

Kennicott 2:15 p.m.

Southbound

Friday, November 2

Malaspina 9:00 a.m.

Monday, November 5

Malaspina 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, November 7

Kennicott 5:15 a.m.

Friday, November 9

Malaspina 8:00 a.m.

Monday, November 12

Malaspina 10:15 a.m.

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



TIDES Nov. 1 - Nov. 8

	High Tides				Low Tides			
	AM Time	PM Time	AM Ft	PM Ft	AM Time	PM Time	AM Ft	PM Ft
November 1	8:14	13.3	8:11	13.8	1:13	0.9	1:47	4.9
November 2	9:25	14.4	9:33	14.3	2:31	1.1	3:15	3.9
November 3	10:23	15.8	10:40	15.3	3:44	0.8	4:28	2.2
November 4	10:13	17.1	10:37	16.1	3:45	0.4	4:26	0.3
November 5	10:57	18.1	11:27	16.7	4:37	0.2	5:14	-1.2
November 6	11:39	18.7	5:21	0.0	5:56	-2.2
November 7	0:14	16.9	12:17	18.9	6:01	0.3	6:35	-2.6
November 8	0:57	16.7	12:54	18.5	6:38	0.9	7:11	-2.5

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Friday, November 2

Wrangell Community Dinner: Nolan Center, 6 p.m. Please join us for a traditional foods community dinner. SEARHC will provide moose meat as a main course. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Chinese auction after dinner.

Monday, November 5

Crisis Plan Work Session: Evergreen Elementary gym, 6:30 p.m. Wrangell Public School Board will hold a work session to review the district crisis plan. Although a quorum of the board may be present, no formal action will be taken. The public is encouraged to attend.

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.

November 7, 1918

The small boys at Wrangell are very warlike. Recently the town marshal there was ordered to disarm all the children and confiscate all slingshots, air-guns and firearms found on their persons. If this did not curb their war-like ardor it was ordered that the boys be arrested and fined if they did not quit shooting within the city limits.

November 5, 1943

The Ways and Means committee, after approving a raise from 3 cents to 4 cents for mailing out-of-town letters, later decided to leave the charge at three cents. The Committee also rescinded previous action that would have doubled the tax on cigars. The action left an estimated 2 billion, 35 millions in the new U.S. tax bill against administration requests for 10 1/2 billions.

October 31, 1968

Wrangell voters will go to the polls on Tuesday to cast their ballots in the General Election.

On Tuesday's ballot will be the names of candidates for U.S. President and Vice President, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, State Senator and State Representative. Voters will be voting at three precincts - the Library, Episcopal Church Parish hall and the Post Office. In addition to the election of candidates, voters will be asked to decide eight bond propositions for \$62.7 million.

These would provide funds for the construction of a pioneers' home in South Central, highways, hospitals, airports, improvements at the University, purchase of ferries and construction of fish hatcheries.

November 4, 1993

Southeast hunters may soon find answers to the long - debated question of how elk affect native deer in an Etolin Island study designed to provide scientific information on the subject. Elk are attractive to hunters and lots of people want to hunt them, which has led to many failed attempts to transplant them, said Charlie Land, who is a Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) lifetime member.

Fossil elk have been found on Kodiak and Afognak islands, indicating that elk may at one time have been native to Alaska, he noted. Earlier this year a bill was introduced into the Alaska Legislature proposing to transplant between 75 - 100 elk to each of four Southeast locations, including Kruzof Island, Gravina Island, Cleveland Peninsula and Prince of Wales Island.

The RMEF contributed \$6,000 toward the ADF&G study, which will provide more concrete information about what the elk are eating and where they concentrate.

Still, small studies like this one raise more questions than answers, sans Land. "It's a question of either more money for some very expensive studies or waiting 20 to 40 years to find out how the elk affect the deer," he says.

Nolan Center Theater Presents

No MOVIE THIS WEEKEND

Please come & enjoy the following events

Wrangell Traditional Foods Community Dinner
Friday, Nov. 2 at 6pm

Wrangell Friends of NRA Banquet
Saturday, Nov. 3
Doors open at 5 pm

Tickets: \$5 for 12 & under, \$7 for 13 & up
Buy movie gift certificates at the Nolan Center.
Check out more movie info at www.imdb.com

Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Oct. 22	55	46
Oct. 23	55	46
Oct. 24	55	46
Oct. 25	52	44
Oct. 26	45	42
Oct. 27	50	44
Oct. 28	54	44
Oct. 29	48	42

Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Nov 01	7:52 am	5:09 pm	9:17h
Nov 02	7:55 am	5:07 pm	9:12h
Nov 03	7:57 am	5:05 pm	9:08h
Nov 04	7:59 am	5:03 pm	9:04h
Nov 05	8:01 am	5:01 pm	9:00h
Nov 06	8:03 am	4:59 pm	8:56h
Nov 07	8:05 am	4:57 pm	8:52h
Nov 08	8:07 am	4:55 pm	8:48h

Alaska State Representative Dan Ortiz visits Wrangell on re-election campaign

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Alaska State Representative Dan Ortiz visited Wrangell last week on the campaign trail. Ortiz is seeking re-election to the state house. He has represented District 36, which covers towns like Wrangell, Ketchikan, Hydaburg, and Metlakatla. This is the second stop in Wrangell for Ortiz during his campaign, having stopped in town previously during Bearfest. He held a meet and greet at the Stikine Inn last Wednesday afternoon.

"I'm always happy to come to Wrangell, always happy to get out and look for opportunities to meet with people and hear about their concerns," Ortiz said.

With the Shoemaker Bay Harbor update underway, and projects like the Evergreen Street renovations and Byford junkyard cleanup nearing completion, Ortiz said that water issues seem to be the main concern for several Wrangell residents. He said that he has spoken with Mayor Prysunka and other members of the community about it, and he agrees the problems should be addressed soon. It is not an issue isolated to Wrangell, either. Ortiz said that many towns across the district have had issues with an unusually dry summer, leaving the reservoirs that power many towns low.

"That's going to be an issue that needs to be addressed, not just for Wrangell, but for all of Southeast Alaska," he said.

Ortiz added that another regional issue he sees as a top priority is Southeast Alaska's fishing industry. Fishing is vital to the regional economy, he said. Should he be re-elected, he said that he would do all that he could to protect and enhance the fishing industry in his district and elsewhere.

Ortiz also held a fundraiser later that evening. During the fundraiser, folk musician R.O. Shapiro gave a performance. Shapiro is a native of Long Island, New York, but currently resides in Austin, Texas. Shapiro said



PHOTO BY CALEB VIERKANT/WRANGELL SENTINEL

State Representative Dan Ortiz made a stop in Wrangell on his re-election campaign. He held a meet-and-greet at the Stikine Inn, as well as a folk music fundraiser.

"I'm always happy to come to Wrangell, always happy to get out and look for opportunities to meet with people and hear about their concerns."

- Dan Ortiz

during the evening that he had recently been spending a lot of time in Southeast Alaska, where he has gotten to know more about the region and Ortiz. He performed several original pieces of music, including songs titled "Running Around" and "Medicine Man."

"I just want to make sure that the community of Wrangell knows that I am truly dedicated to the notion, to the idea that I'm a representative for all of district 36 and the needs of Wrangell's community are just as important as the needs of Ketchikan's and the needs of Metlakatla's and the needs of Hydaburg's," Ortiz said.



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R.O. Shapiro performed at a fundraiser evening for Dan Ortiz last week. Shapiro performed many different songs, including original pieces such as "Running Around" and "Medicine Man."

Police report

October 22, 2018

Criminal trespass: Trespass warning given.
Traffic complaint.
Trespass: Officer responded.
Report of disturbance.

October 23, 2018

Paper service.
Traffic: Vehicle break down.

October 24, 2018

Traffic.
Report of assault.
Agency assist: OCS.
Arrested: Dakota Gallant, 28. On charges of violating conditions of release.
Traffic: Verbal warning for being at the shooting range after hours.
Disturbance: Verbal warning for music too loud.

October 25, 2018

Agency assist: Search and rescue.
Noise complaint: Unable to locate.

October 26, 2018

Citation issued: Joshua Mieth, 47. Time limit parking.
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment.
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for stop sign violation.
Citizen assist: Vehicle unlock.
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for a headlight being out.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning given for faulty equipment.

Citation issued: Jon Appleman, 64. Failure to stop at a stop sign.

October 27, 2018

Traffic stop: Verbal warning given for driving habits.
Citation issued: Jennifer Dalton, 46. Dog at large.
Traffic stop: Verbal warning given for driving habits and distracted driving.
Traffic: Driver was warned about parking in the roadway.
Traffic: Verbal warning given for being at shooting range past hours.
Unsecured premises: Officer stated the doors were closed and the building was secure.
Theft reported.
Paper service.
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment.

October 28, 2018

Citation issued: Skyler Lofftus, 16. Failure to provide proof of insurance. Insurance provided.
Citation issued: Tyver Gillen, 29. Failure to provide proof of insurance and expired registration.
Assault reported: Unfounded.
Arrested: Alan Frank, 53, on charges of assault in the fourth degree.
Parking complaint.

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Trevor Shaw, candidate for state representative, is tired of the "status quo"

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Trevor Shaw moved to Alaska with his parents in 2001. He said that his father had always wanted to live in Alaska, and when his mother found a nursing job with the hospital in Ketchikan, they made a move. He integrated into life in Southeast Alaska quickly, and graduated from high school in 2014. While still a senior in high school, he was elected to the Ketchikan school board. He served there for five years, he said, with two terms as the school board president. He has also served on the Alaska Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee and the Association of Alaska School Boards. He currently works as the administrative manager and director of government affairs for the Ward Cove Group.

He is seeking election as state representative for District 36.

"I am pretty young, but I'm a small business owner," said Shaw, who is 23-years-old. "I have experience, locally, and I want to bring that experience to the state house."

Shaw said that he decided to run because he felt that the "status quo" was not working for Southeast Alaska. He said



Trevor Shaw, Republican candidate for District 36 state representative.

that he asked himself if people were better off than they were two or four years ago. After discussing it with several colleagues, he said, he found that was not the case. So, he decided to put his name on the ballot.

"I hope to bring something different to the table, a new vision," Shaw said. "The government works best when it works close to people."

Shaw is running as a Republican, a political affiliation he said he has held since he first registered to vote when he was 18-years-old. He said, as a constitutional conservative, that the Republican party and he

share many similar values. If he is elected, he said that he wants to put aside political labels and get things done.

He said he wants to see a more business-friendly state government, with as much of a free market as possible. He also emphasized that he wants to focus on local autonomy for communities across the district, and Southeast Alaska in general. He said that there needs to be a bigger focus on the individual needs of the state's different regions and towns, instead of on the state as a whole. For Southeast Alaska, Shaw said that his main priority is to grow the regional economy as much as he can, and to expand currently existing industries like fishing and tourism.

He also said he would like to look into bringing back the timber industry, which went away in the 1990s. For Wrangell, specifically, Shaw said that he would be interested in seeing the town's shipyard expand.

"My big priority is seeing that we continue to grow and diversify our economy," he said. "I want to see that we have an environment that encourages people to be involved and to have responsible development."

Poker tournament raises funds for Beat the Odds

By BRIAN VARELA
Sentinel writer

PETERSBURG - Participants in the fifth annual Annabelle Baker Poker Tournament raised \$1,500 on Sunday for the Beat the Odds organization, which raises money for support groups and services for local cancer patients.

The tournament was established by Jeigh Stanton Gregor as a way to remember the late Annabelle Baker, who was a competitive poker player.

"Annabelle was a competitor," said Stanton Gregor. "We thought it would be a fun thing to do to remember her."

There were 20 participants total raising \$1,500 for the organization. Eugene Lee came in first place in the tournament and won \$2,100. This is his second year in a row winning the tournament. Sonny Youngberg came in second place winning

\$1,350. He came in second place last year behind Lee as well. Lewis Chang came in third place winning \$850. Pat Smith, Baker's husband, came in fourth place and won \$500. Barry Youngberg came in fifth and won \$200.

The buy-in for the tournament was \$125, said Stanton Gregor. Of that amount, \$100 went towards the players' pool and \$25 went to Beat the Odds. For the first hour and a half, players could buy-in again if they were below their starting amount. After a break for dinner, all players had the option to add-on to their pool. Players who placed generally donate some of their winnings to the funds for Beat the Odds, said Stanton Gregor.

Petersburg residents and organizations donated time and resources to the poker tournament, such as food and the conference room at the Tides Inn, which is where the event was held.

Christopher Roy Kuykendall, 64

Christopher Roy Kuykendall, 64, passed away on Oct. 12, 2018.

He was born in Wrangell on September 27, 1954, to Roy and Mona Kuykendall. Chris was the seventh of ten children and was born with cerebral palsy.

At the age of 10, he left Wrangell and moved to the Seattle area where he could receive the medical care that he needed. Although he suffered with the effects of the disorder throughout his life, he enjoyed many happy days. One of his greatest joys, was anything related to Star Wars. Many hours were spent with his treasured collection.

Chris was very independent, living in the Seattle area. He figured out and utilized the city bus system so that he could go where he wanted and attend many

Memorial service Nov. 3 at the Episcopal Church at 2 pm with a luncheon to follow at Appleman's



Christopher Roy Kuykendall

events.

His parents, Roy and Mona, as well as his sister, May Schmoel, preceded him in death.

Siblings Bill Adsit, Earl Adsit, Clara Haley, Byrd Marsh, Kathy Appleman, Ellen Swicegood, Fern Seamers, and Clint Keso survive him.

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Busy weekend for volleyball team

By CALEB VIERKANT
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Between hosting their first home games of the season, and running a takeout fundraiser dinner, Wrangell's high school volleyball team had a packed weekend.

Oct. 26 and 27 saw the Lady Wolves play at home for the first time since the volleyball season opened. They played against the Craig Panthers, the number one seeded team.

Wrangell High School is currently tied for second place, according to Coach Jessica Whitaker.

The JV teams played first on Friday and Saturday. They played three games both evenings. Each game was hard fought, but the Panthers won all three games on Friday. The Lady Wolves were able to win one game on Saturday, however, with a score of 25 to 19. The other two games went to



PHOTO BY CALEB VIERKANT/ WRANGELL SENTINEL

Senior player Helen Decker (No. 4) dives to return a serve during Friday night's varsity game.



PHOTO BY CALEB VIERKANT/ WRANGELL SENTINEL

The volleyball JV team played before the varsity games last Friday and Saturday against the Craig Panthers. Each game was hard fought, and Wrangell was able to claim one victory on Saturday.

the Panthers.

Varsity played after the JV games, where each team competed to be the first to win three games. The Panthers took the first two wins on Friday, but the Lady Wolves were able to take a victory in the third game with a score of 25 to 20. This brought up a fourth game, which the Panthers won 13 to 25. Saturday's games were hard fought, but the Panthers were able to take three victories in a row. Despite the limited success, Whitaker said that her team did very well and had shown a lot of improvement.

"I think that they exceeded expectations, if you looked at our scores from last weekend against Craig, compared to this weekend," she said. "We couldn't take them to that fourth game, so we're improving. They were able to win one of the matches, and there were close games throughout this time."

Whitaker said that, judging by this weekend and previous performances, the Lady Wolves needed to correct some timing issues. She also said that improving their passing

game would be a high priority for future games. Helen Decker, senior player with the team, agreed that passing was an area they needed to work on.

"Definitely our passing game, our back row game, our serve receive, so that's passing," Decker said. "We have some of the strongest hitters for the teams in Southeast, it's just our defense that's pretty lacking right now."

The volleyball team also

held a fundraiser on Sunday evening, after the games were done. People were able to call ahead to order takeout meals, courtesy of Michelle's, and the team would pack up the meals where they could be picked up at the Elks Lodge Sunday evening.

The Lady Wolves will be heading to Petersburg for their second seeding tournament of the season this weekend, and will host a second round of home games on Nov. 9 and 10.



Susan Erickson

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Since beginning my time of service as your State Representative in 2015, we have cut the budget significantly -- in some cases to levels harmful to our state's economy. There are approximately 3000 fewer workers working for the state than in 2015. That's 3000 fewer people earning wages that circulate in the economy; which means fewer people to manage our fisheries, maintain our roads, staff our pioneer homes and teach our young people. I am in favor of a balanced budget, which is why I am not opposed to smart, precise cuts. However, we cannot keep making large, hurtful cuts to necessary services.

This past session, the legislature succeeded in adding \$20 million into the AMHS budget. We also allocated an additional \$20 million to our education budget, which is the equivalent to a \$37 increase to the base student allocation (BSA).

Go vote! Voting is the foundation of our democracy. Early voting has already begun, and will continue through November 5th at the Wrangell Borough Clerk's office from 10am-5pm. In-person voting at the poll is on November 6th. It only takes a few minutes to make a big difference.

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Swim team does well at Regionals, one swimmer heading to State

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The season is nearly at an end for Wrangell's high school swim team. They competed in the regional tournament in Petersburg last weekend. Coach Jamie Roberts explained that in regionals, swimmers could enter into only two individual events and two relay events. The swimmers achieved nine personal best times last weekend, she said. The results of the competition are as follows:

Xoe Affholter took 20th place in the 50-yard freestyle with a personal best of 36.04 seconds, and 19th place in the 100-yard freestyle with a personal best 1 minute and 23.61 seconds. Jimmy Baggen took 11th place in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 26.18 seconds, and 4th place in the 100-yard breaststroke with a personal best of 1 minute and 13.16 seconds.

Laura Helgeson took 17th place in the 50-yard freestyle with a personal best of 34.15 seconds, and 11th in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1 minute and 33.47 seconds. Wade Jack took 10th place in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 25.77 seconds, and 8th place in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 59.74 seconds.

Aaliyah Messmer took 17th place in the 100-yard freestyle with a personal best of 1 minute and 13.65 seconds, and 16th place in the 100-yard backstroke with a personal best of 1 minute and 41.65 seconds. Tasha Massin took 13th place in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1 minute and 30.69 seconds. Sophie O'Brien took 14th place in the 50-yard freestyle with a personal best of 31.89 seconds, and 12th place in the 100-yard breaststroke



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Freshman Renee Roberts will represent Wrangell High School in Anchorage at the swimming state tournament on Nov. 2 and 3.

with a personal best of 1 minute and 36.36 seconds. Renee Roberts took 3rd place in the 50-yard freestyle with a personal best of 26.07 seconds, and 3rd place in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 57.23 seconds. The 200-yard Medley and Freestyle relay teams also both came in sixth place.

"If you notice over the last three months, we started in August and our first competition was in the end of August, it seems like every month we had a large number of personal bests, and we're still getting personal bests with each meet we swim. So it just means the kids are improving every time they swim," said Jamie Roberts.

For most of the team, regionals were the end of the season. For freshman swimmer Renee Roberts, however, the season is not quite over yet. She will be representing Wrangell at the state tournament in Anchorage on Nov. 2 and 3. Jamie Roberts said it was very exciting to have a member of her team, as well as her daughter, go to state.

In order to advance to state, she explained, a swimmer has to take first place in their event at regionals, or be in the top 16 times for the entire state. Four openings for the state competition are reserved for the Regional champion in each of the four swimming Regionals in Alaska. The next twelve spots are awarded based on the time a swimmer finishes in the finals of the regional championship.

"It's a little bit surreal," she said. "We knew it was a possibility going into it, but the girls around the state have been swimming some really fast 50 and 100 frees ... But it's really exciting. I mean, could you ask for more from the first year of a program?"

Wrangell 2A wrestling champions in Ketchikan tournament

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Wolves wrestling team was the 2A champion of the Bill Weiss tournament in Ketchikan this past weekend. The team made 157 points over the weekend, with the second place 2A team being Petersburg, with 100 points. Wrangell took third place in the tournament, overall, but Assistant Coach Jack Carney said it was impressive that they were able to be the 2A champions with such a relatively young team.

"We've only got four returning wrestlers this year," he said. "The rest are freshmen."

Three wrestlers took first place in their weight brackets.

Jonah Comstock, Hunter Wiederspohn, and Liana Carney all came out on top in the 112, 152A, and 119G brackets, respectively.

The rest of the team performed well, also. Ryan Rooney came in second place in the 103 bracket. Logan Larson came in fourth place in the 119 bracket. Fenton Jim came in third place in the 135 bracket. Rowen Wiederspohn came in third place in the 160 bracket. Jake Eastaugh and James Shilts came in fifth and sixth place in the 171 bracket. Dillon Rooney came in second place in the 189A bracket. Elizabeth Johnson came in third place in the 145G bracket.

A particular match that Carney pointed out was Ryan



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The Wrangell Wolves high school wrestling team took first place in 2A wrestling at the Bill Weiss tournament, last weekend, in Ketchikan. Assistant Coach Jack Carney said that the team performed incredibly well.

Rooney's. The fight was against Degan Linne of Ketchikan High School, with the match going to the ultimate tiebreaker. While first place went to Ketchikan, Carney still pointed out that it was hard fought and impressive.

"Ryan and Dillon were in the finals, but Ryan's went to the ultimate tiebreaker, which is triple overtime," Carney said. "There were some controversial calls, but it was such a good match."

The wrestling team will be

heading to Metlakatla this weekend for another tournament. Carney said that the team will be focusing on having better positioning for future matches, and to be continuously working on getting more physically fit.

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Alaska salmon stakeholders divided on ballot initiative

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) – Alaska salmon stakeholders are split on a ballot initiative that aims to strengthen state law protecting salmon habitat.

Most of the 12 Alaska Native regional corporations are opposing the so-called Stand for Salmon initiative set to appear on November's general election ballot, but fishing industry groups appear divided on the matter, the Alaska Journal of Commerce reported last week.

The initiative seeks to overhaul the state Department of Fish and Game's statutory directive on how development projects in salmon habitat are evaluated. It would create a two-tier permitting system that takes into account a project's impact on habitat.

The department could issue minor permits quickly and generally for projects determined to have an insignificant effect on salmon waters. Major permits would be required for larger projects such as mines and dams.

Under the initiative, this permitting process would also require a series of public notices and

comment periods, which current state law does not require for these permits.

The initiative's sponsors claims it would set high and transparent permitting standards that are necessary to protect salmon resources. They say its intent is not to stop development projects and current regulations are too vague.

The group advocating against the initiative lists the Pacific Seafood Processors Association, which represents some of the largest fishing industry companies in Alaska, as an opponent. Association officials declined detail their position, but the group noted it has long opposed natural resource management through a voter initiative.

The trade organization United Fishermen of Alaska voted to remain neutral on the initiative. The complexity of the initiative led to the middle-ground decision, said Frances Leach, the organization's executive director.

"We would like to see natural resource groups work together to foster a collaborative approach to preserving our Alaska water resources and habitat," Leach said.

Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

Begich believes state funding for fisheries research and stock assessments top priority

"With fisheries, it's almost the forgotten resource of our state as an economic driver. It's almost like they are an afterthought. We have to realign that," said Mark Begich, Democratic candidate for Alaska governor, as we readied for an interview during his trip to Kodiak last week.

Begich came to Kodiak despite the cancelled fisheries debate caused by a no show by his Republican opponent, Mike Dunleavy, who has not responded to requests to share his ideas and vision for Alaska's oldest industry.

"I think it's appalling," Begich said. "I think it shows his lack of respect for our coastal communities and their importance to the economy of this great state and the people who live and work here."

Begich spoke easily and at length on a wide range of fishing industry topics.

He called state funding for fisheries research and stock assessments a top priority.

"We are never going to be able to manage our fisheries resource the proper way without it. And I think there are opportunities through federal, state as well as foundation money that I believe is out there to help us do this," he said.

Begich said he is a strong supporter of Alaska's hatchery program.

"I know there is some conversation going on about hatchery fish impacts in the ocean...But there is no real science around that and the hatcheries have been very successful for us as a state," he said.

In terms of selecting an Alaska Department of Fish and Game commissioner, Begich said good management skills and the ability to bring people together are critical.

"People are frustrated. They feel like their voice isn't heard. We need commissioners who are willing to step up to the plate and recognize that it's their job to bring people together, solve problems and move forward," Begich said. "Obviously, I would want him or her to be knowledgeable about fisheries. We need someone who understands the controversies that are out there, the uniqueness of our resource, and how to balance it with making sure we do things for the long term and not for the moment."

The average age of Alaska's fishing permit holders is 50, and Begich believes the state can help fend off a "graying of the fleet" crisis and give young entrants a boot up.

"First we have to make sure the fisheries remain as stable as possible so future generations can get into that business. Another issue is the capital it takes," Begich said. "We

should look at how to utilize the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA), which is a financing arm of the state, and is usually designed for big projects. We should figure out if they can be a player in helping to bring low cost capital to the table so that people who want to get into fishing have a chance and are not denied because they don't have the money or the capacity to borrow. I think there is a tool here that has been underutilized by the state for the fishing industry and a lot of the small business industries that we have."

The Trump Administration's push for offshore fish farms gets a thumbs down from Begich.

"Alaska is known for our premium product because we are wild caught," he said. "Farmed fish could impact our natural stocks if improperly managed. I don't want any of that in Alaska, for sure."

Begich also is no fan of Trump's tariffs on seafood going to and from China, Alaska's biggest customer.

"This spat that the president has with China is costing Alaskans jobs and money and putting a damper on our products," he fumed. "With fisheries, if we're not careful it could add another \$500 million to \$700 million to the cost of our fish products sold to China. What they will do is decide to buy products from another place and once they do that, we'll lose our market share."

"We should be teaming up right now with the governors of Washington, Oregon and the Gulf states, working with the Trump Administration and the state department and start pounding on them that this is hurting American jobs," he added. "These are dangerous games for us to be playing and the effects are long lasting."

Begich said as governor, he would reinstate the coastal zone management program which would bring back Alaskans' ability to have input regarding management of our coastline. Alaska is the only state that does not have that outlet for the public's voice. A coastal zone management program in Alaska was in place starting in the 1970s but expired in 2011 when lawmakers and then-Governor Parnell failed to agree on its extension.

"We need to have that coastal zone management program. It is about our own sovereignty in deciding what we want to do, and to have public comments on our coastal zone versus the federal government controlling it," Begich said. "Secondly, it provides millions of dollars to the state that are rightfully ours and going to other states right now."

Other protein industries, such as beef and pork, use everything but the squeal. But in Alaska, most of the seafood trimmings end up as waste. Begich called that "short sighted" and said he believes that there is tremendous economic potential for Alaska's billions of pounds of fish parts.

"We need to have the financing available to build the infrastructure that will allow these companies to do maximum utilization of their seafood," Begich said. "We also need to think about how we can use marketing in a way that helps utilize all of every product."

Mark Begich did not hesitate when asked what he views as the biggest threat to Alaska's fisheries.

"Climate change," he said. "Ocean acidification, warming waters - these are things that right now we don't have enough information about to understand what the long term impacts are going to be, and it is clear that there are going to be impacts."

"The state must put investment into research and better utilizing our university so we understand what we can do, if at all, to mitigate the impacts of climate change to our fisheries," Begich said, adding that the state also has its own goal to reach. "We have to get to our goal of 50 percent or greater of renewable energy so we can start doing our part in this world of making sure we put less emissions into the air."

"We have to do it to prepare and protect our environment,

our industries and our economy," Begich said. "Secondly, we are the natural lab for a changing climate and we can become a leader in figuring out solutions to the challenges we face and show the rest of the world how to do it right."

EM sign up - November 1 is the deadline for pot cod and longline vessels fishing in federal waters to sign up for electronic monitoring of their catches for 2019. This year was the first time that the EM systems got the go ahead for use on boats under 60 feet; the program has now expanded to include more and larger boats.

"The cap for 2018 was 145 vessels. Since then the North Pacific Fishery Management Council in June increased the number of vessels that can participate in the EM pool to 165," said Abby Turner-Franke, project coordinator at the North Pacific Fisheries Association in Homer, which has helped get the program out on the water.

Malcolm Milne, NPFA president, said the EM system is simple to use.

"Once your boat is wired you get a camera and instead of carrying a human observer, you just turn the cameras on and they record everything coming over the rails," he explained. "When the set is done, the camera is off and at the end of your trip you mail in the hard drive to be reviewed in Seattle. It took a trip or two to get used to the whole system, but after that, you don't even

realize it's there at all."

In years of test trials, the EM cameras proved they could track and identify over 95 percent of the species required for fishery management decisions.

All costs are covered by grants from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation. To opt in or out of the EM program for 2019, contact the Observer Declare and Deploy System (ODD) online or by phone by November 1. (1-855-747-6377)

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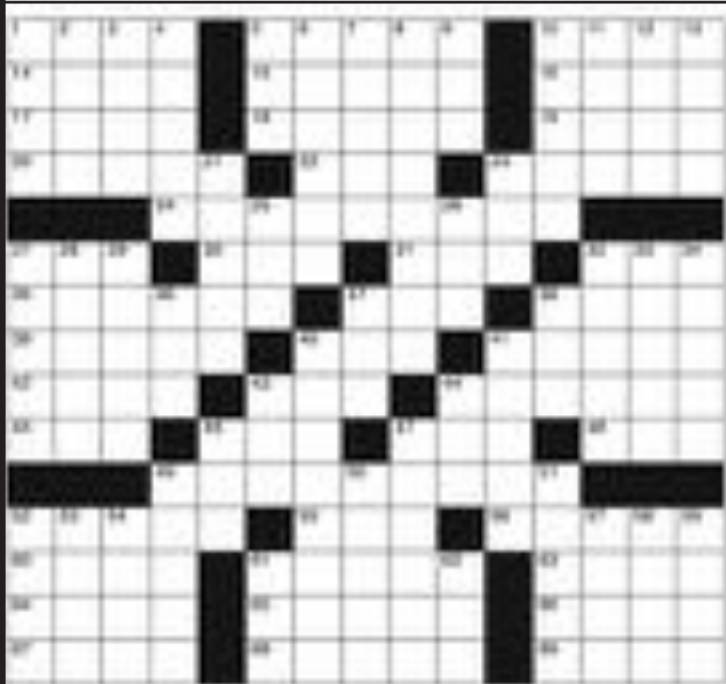
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- 1. Best structure
- 3. Affirmatives
- 10. From end to end
- 14. Ancient Syrian city
- 15. Plant parts
- 16. Anatomical features of worms
- 17. Issues in little surprises
- 18. Cuts the skin off
- 19. Noted child psychiatrist
- 20. Satisfies
- 22. Take by rips
- 23. Matched
- 24. It changed the world
- 27. U.S. Founding Father Adams
- 30. Father
- 31. Swiss river
- 32. They hold music
- 33. Spoke
- 37. Used to write
- 38. Cold wind
- 39. Mass competitor
- 40. Test for high schoolers
- 41. Mild analysis
- 42. Indian industrial city
- 43. Falls
- 44. Short-tailed creature
- 45. No seats available
- 46. Golf score
- 47. A way to sink
- 48. Type of investment account
- 49. Songs
- 52. Type of sword
- 53. ... King Cole's musician
- 56. Type of vaccine
- 58. Site of the Taj Mahal
- 60. Longshovel
- 63. Ethnic group in South China
- 64. Prevent from seeing
- 65. Wind of Lowell
- 66. Charity given to the poor
- 67. Chop
- 68. Swiss capital
- 69. One point east of southeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Type of ball
- 2. Swedish rock group
- 3. Long, narrow cut
- 4. Indicating element
- 5. Talk at length
- 6. Wiped away
- 7. Sweet substance (alt. sp.)
- 8. Babar is one
- 9. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 10. French avant-garde composer
- 11. Commenter
- 12. Yasha river
- 13. A single-minded expert
- 21. Passover feast and ceremony
- 23. Indie record label (abbr.)
- 25. Follow
- 26. Strong tea
- 27. Drushes
- 28. Spindle
- 29. South Dravidian language
- 32. Gossip about
- 33. Possible
- 34. Essential for teachers
- 36. Afternoon beverage
- 37. 807's creator
- 38. Founder of Baham
- 40. Music played in open air
- 41. Profoundly wise men
- 43. Dulligan
- 44. Unhappy
- 46. Prefix denoting "in a"
- 47. Cotton fabric, using fields
- 49. Class lightly
- 50. The lowest point
- 51. Semite son god
- 52. Grad's wear one
- 53. Phil ... former CIA
- 54. Fermented rather than distilled
- 57. Aids digestion
- 58. Unstressed/stressed
- 59. Body part
- 61. Wonderful
- 62. Expected at a certain time

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Puzzle answers will be in the November 8 edition



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Bishop Bellisario visits Wrangell

Bishop Andrew Bellisario visited Wrangell this past Sunday, speaking at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. Bellisario serves as the bishop of the Diocese of Juneau, which covers parishes in Juneau, Wrangell, Petersburg, Haines, Skagway, Klawock, Sitka, Hoonah, and Yakutat. During the bishop's visit, the church recognized All Saints Day by having several children dress up as their favorite saints. Bellisario delivered a sermon and also performed a baptism during Sunday's mass.

Earthquake shakes towns in Alaska's interior region

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP)- An earthquake has shaken several communities in Alaska's interior region, but no damage has been reported.

The Alaska Earthquake Center says the magnitude 5.3 earthquake hit at about 9 a.m. Saturday approximately 13 miles (21 kilometers) from the village of Tanana. It was felt by residents in Fairbanks, North Pole, Healy and Manley Hot Springs.

The center says there were no immediate reports of damage.

Fairbanks is interior Alaska's largest city, with a population of about 31,000. It's roughly 360 miles (580 kilometers) north of Anchorage.

The Alaska Earthquake Center says the quake struck at a depth of about 10 miles (16 kilometers).

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JOB BULLETIN: Finance Director Finance Department

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Kim Lane, Borough Clerk
City of Wrangell, Alaska
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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Borough Clerk's Office at 907-874-2381, or email: clerk@wrangell.com

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Arctic offshore production wells approved off Alaska's coast

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - The first oil and gas production wells in federal Arctic waters have been approved by U.S. regulators.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management on Wednesday

announced it issued a conditional permit for the Liberty Project, a proposal by a subsidiary of Houston-based Hilcorp for production wells on an artificial island in the Beaufort Sea.

The approval follows through on President Donald Trump's promise of American energy dominance, said Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke.

"Responsibly developing our resources, in Alaska especially, will allow us to use our energy diplomatically to aid our allies and check our adversaries," he said in the announcement.

Environmental groups oppose Arctic offshore drilling and have expressed concerns about the production record of Hilcorp Alaska LLC. State authorities in 2017 year fined the company \$200,000 for violations at another production site.

Kristen Monsell, ocean legal director for the Center for Biological Diversity, said approval of Liberty sets the country down a path of destroying the Arctic.

"An oil spill in the Arctic would be impossible to clean up and the region is already stressed by climate change," she said.

The gravel island would be built in 19 feet (5.8 meters) of water about 5.6 miles (9 kilometers) off shore. The site is 15 miles (24 kilometers) east of Prudhoe Bay, North America's largest oil field.

Hilcorp will develop federal leases sold in the 1990s. BP Exploration Alaska drilled at the site in 1997 and sold 50 percent of the assets to Hilcorp in 2014.

The base of the gravel island would cover 24 acres of ocean floor, about the size of 18 football fields, with sloped sides leading to a work surface of 9 acres, the size of nearly seven football fields.

To create the island, trucks would travel by ice road to a hole cut in sea ice and deposit 83,000 cubic yards (63,450 million cubic meters) of gravel. A wall would fend off ice, waves and wildlife, such as polar bears.

The surface would have room for 16 wells, including five to eight conventional production wells. At peak production, Hilcorp anticipates extracting 60,000 to 70,000 barrels per day for a total recovery of 80 million to 130 million barrels over 15 to 20 years.

Hilcorp proposes to move oil to shore by undersea pipe. The pipe would be buried to prevent gouging by ice.

At the end of production, the company would remove equipment and the wall and let waves and ice dismantle the island.

Liberty would be the 19th artificial drilling island in Alaska, including four now pumping oil from state waters.

Federal officials said rigorous conditions will be in place to keep drilling safe. Hilcorp will drill into oil-bearing rock only during solid-ice conditions. Drilling and vessel traffic will be restricted to reduce disturbances to Inupiat whale hunters.

State officials embraced the project for the new oil it would add to the trans-Alaska pipeline and the employment it will offer residents. Hilcorp Alaska estimates 200 construction jobs, 60 to 80 drilling jobs and \$1 billion in new investment.

David Wilkins, Hilcorp Alaska senior vice president, said the company is pleased with the announcement.

"The Record of Decision is the result of years of study and due diligence by multiple federal, state and local agencies and the project team," he said in a prepared statement. "If granted final approvals, the Liberty Project will provide decades of responsible resource development and strengthen the energy future of Alaska and the United States."



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Begich, Dunleavy spar in head-to-head gubernatorial debate

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) - Democrat Mark Begich and Republican Mike Dunleavy tangled over crime and education during a one-on-one statewide debate Thursday in the race for governor in Alaska.

Begich, a former mayor of Anchorage and one-term U.S. senator, cited budget cuts as contributing to higher crime rates. He said he thought he might be late for the debate because he ended up stopping a fight.

Dunleavy, who left the state Senate in January after five years to focus on the campaign, said crime did not go up because of the Legislature.

Meanwhile, Dunleavy said Begich once sent his son to private school. "And I don't blame him, because as a parent, you want to have the best possible education for your child," Dunleavy said.

Begich's campaign manager, Nora Morse, said by text that Begich's son went to a private school in Washington, D.C., but never in Alaska. She said he goes to West High School in Anchorage now.

Dunleavy has supported educational choice, including as a senator proposing a constitutional amendment that would have allowed for public money to be used for private or religious schools. The measure died. He said Thursday he is "100 percent committed to making sure that we have the best public education in this country."

Begich said he supports investments in public education, including pre-kindergarten, and wants to get away from politicizing annual school funding.

The debate comes less than two weeks before the Nov. 6 election. It was the third head-to-head matchup between Begich and Dunleavy since Gov. Bill Walker announced last week that he was ending his campaign.

Walker, an independent, said

he concluded that he could not win against Begich and Dunleavy and thought Begich would be better for Alaska than Dunleavy. Walker worried that Dunleavy could unravel major policies he has put in place, such as his decision to expand Medicaid to cover more lower-income Alaskans.

Dunleavy reiterated concerns he has expressed about how Medicaid is managed. He said he has "no intention of kicking people off of health care," but he said programs must be properly managed.

Begich committed to carrying on a number of Walker's initiatives, including Medicaid expansion and the continued pursuit of a major liquefied natural gas project. The state-sponsored Alaska Gasline Development Corp. has been courting Chinese partners for the project.

Begich has been open to new revenues to support the state budget, while Dunleavy has called for reducing and limiting the size of state government.

Dunleavy said he would cut a fast-rail study and look at eliminating "climatologists." He also said there are about 2,000 funded but unfilled positions in state government, and he would look at whether funding for those could be moved to other needs.

A spokesman for Dunleavy's campaign, Daniel McDonald, said he believed Dunleavy was referring to Walker's climate change adviser and climate change team when he said climatologists.

Earlier Thursday, President Donald Trump endorsed Dunleavy via Twitter. The band Portugal. The Man, which has ties to Alaska, also went to Twitter, to endorse Begich.

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Remainder of Unit 3 Elk Hunt closed

(Sitka) – Due to concerns about low elk numbers, from 2008-2012 the elk hunting season on Zarembo Island was closed by emergency order. In 2013, following several consecutive years of emergency closures, the board took similar regulatory action, closing Zarembo Island to elk hunting. In a related action, and due to concerns about hunters “bootlegging” elk off of Zarembo and claiming to have harvested them elsewhere in Unit 3 during the General Season elk hunt (Aug. 1–Dec. 31, one elk), the board also closed Bushy, Shrubby and the Kashevarof Islands to elk hunting. Anecdotal reports and the absence of verified elk sightings or kill locations in the general season hunt area suggest this hunt continues to be abused to facilitate taking elk from Etolin and Zarembo islands outside of the current bull-only drawing and registration permit hunts. Because the Department has

conservation concerns for the Zarembo elk herd, an emergency order (EO) is being issued to prevent unsustainable harvest.

Emergency Order 01-19-18 was issued to close the elk season in the Remainder of Unit 3 on Thursday, November 1, 2018 @ 11:59 PM.

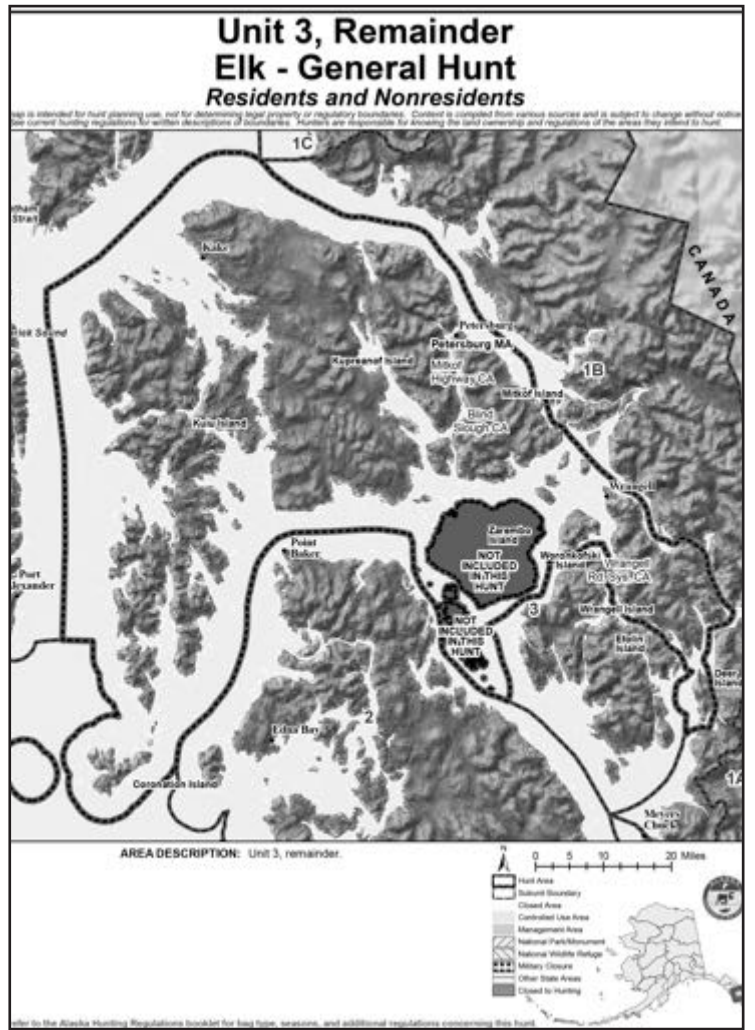
This emergency order is necessary to restrict unsustainable harvest in this area. Any additional harvest could have long-term negative effects on this elk population and prevent further recovery.

This EO does not affect the upcoming registration elk hunt (RE325) on Etolin Island.

Previous EO's are listed online at:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=wcne.ws.main>.

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Alaska Natives seek stop to cruise line's use of heavy oils

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) –Alaska indigenous leaders are asking a cruise industry giant to stop using heavy fuel oils believed to be harmful to health and the environment.

The leaders traveled to Carnival's corporate headquarters in London last week to deliver the petition, seeking to stop the use of the fuel as an inexpensive alternative, the Juneau Empire reported.

This fuel takes longer to break down in the marine environment, and its emissions produce more environmentally-harmful chemicals than other fuels, Bristol Bay petitioner Verner Wilson said.

“It’s a very dangerous fuel. It’s the thickest, dirtiest fuel,” Wilson said.

The International Maritime Organization has banned heavy fuel oils in the Antarctic, and a similar ban has been proposed for the Arctic.

Heavy fuel oils produce more black carbon than alternatives, and they add more sulfur into the air, according to the Interna-

tional Council on Clean Transportation. Carnival ships carried 11 million tons of heavy fuel oil through the Arctic in 2015, according to a 2018 report by the council.

While sulfur emissions are controlled in the U.S., cruise lines are allowed to install scrubbers to clean sulfur from emissions.

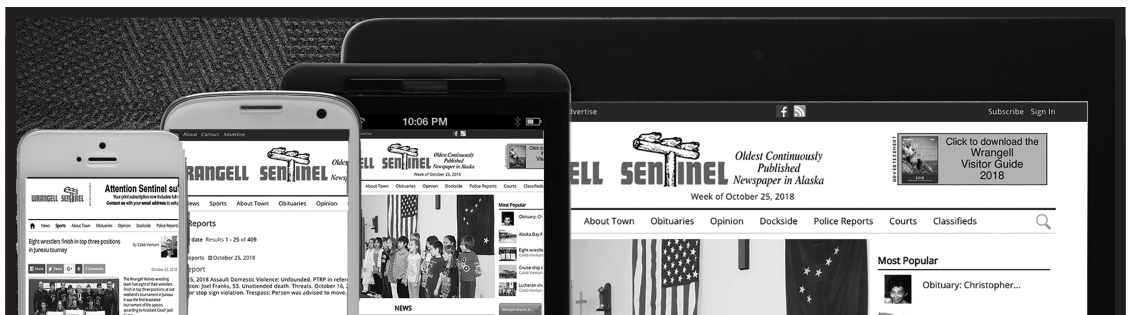
Wilson said he would like to see Carnival take the lead by ending the fuel’s use on cruises to Alaska or anywhere north.

In a statement through Carnival representative Roger Frizzell, the company said the petition is “well-intentioned but misguided.”

Carnival is committed to and has invested in “sustainable technologies such as LNG, Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems and new shore power systems,” the company said.

“We only have a limited number of sailings to this region, and we already treat the Arctic as a special protected zone where we will only sail our ships to the region with the use of generation Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems

that purify the air and water,” Carnival said. “These systems have proven to be a better environmental solution than Marine Gas Oil when it comes to protecting the environment, so it fits with our corporate-wide commitment to be an environmental leader.”



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