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## Borough assembly holds workshop with Rep. Don Young

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

Don Young, currently serving his 23rd term as Alaska's sole congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives, stopped in Wrangell for a workshop with the borough assembly the morning on Monday, April 15. Assembly members and city employees met with Young to discuss some of the city's priorities and ways Young could offer assistance at the federal level. Among the many topics covered in the workshop were water infrastructure and school funding.

As evidenced by both ongoing power issues as well as the town briefly going on a water watch in early March, Wrangell and the wider Southeast Alaska community is struggling with its water supply. Assembly member Anne Morrison pointed out in the workshop that Wrangell could not afford any leaks, the community needed every drop of water that they could get.

Avoiding leaks has also become a challenge for the community, as Public Works Director Rolland Howell said that Wrangell's water infrastructure is rotting. Some of Wrangell's water pipes are nearing the end of their expected lifespan, while others are simply being degraded by chemicals in the soil eating away at them. According to Wrangell's 2019 federal legislative priorities, copies of which were supplied at the workshop, Wrangell's water treatment plant needs to be upgraded. During times of peak demand, the plant is unable to meet both the commercial and residential needs of the community. Howell also added that renovating the reservoir dams are a high priority for the community.

"We have the second-worst dam in the state," he said. "So we can get water to the lake, but under seismic conditions our dams are at risk. So we don't have enough water, we don't have enough dams to hold our water, and we don't have a good distribution system to get our water to our customers."

Young said that he was working to get Congress to pass another water infrastructure bill this year. The bill, which was last passed in 2017, requires that each fiscal year the Army Corps of Engi-



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### Work begins for the new hospital

**Work began to clear land for Wrangell's new hospital last week. Kendall Nielsen, with Dawson Construction, said that they began cutting down trees on April 4, and will continue to clear and level land next to the AICS Clinic through the rest of the month. The land will be ready to pour the foundation by the second week of May, he added.**

**The new hospital has been an ongoing project in Wrangell for several years. Construction of a new hospital was part of the deal made by the Southeast Alaska Health Consortium when they took over the Wrangell Medical Center late last year. The new hospital, which will be attached to the AICS Clinic on Wood Street, is planned to be about 44,500 square feet in size, at a projected cost of \$30 million. Construction will continue throughout this year and next year. In a meeting with the Wrangell Borough Assembly, Hospital Administrator Leatha Merculieff said that the new facility will be ready to receive patients by January of 2021. A groundbreaking ceremony is also planned for some time in May, she added.**

neers submit a five-year budget and work plan for projects that focus on water resource challenges. Young said, however, that the assembly needed to put together a "shovel ready" plan for him to work with before any federal assistance could come their way for Wrangell's water needs. However, he added that he understood the importance of these projects.

"Water is the blood of the nation and we've not really treated it well, and we haven't kept up with the expansion as necessary," Young said after the work-

shop. "Now you have a problem here in Wrangell that you put new pipe in a lot of areas that deteriorated faster than they expected it to, and it's going to cost a lot of money. There should be a water project, or water system, all for Southeast so that when we do have these droughts there will be an amount of water ... and a better distribution system so we don't lose it."

School funding was another hot topic in the workshop. Borough Manager Lisa Von Barga explained in the workshop that the Wrangell School District stood to

lose about \$1 million, depending on Governor Mike Dunleavy's proposed budget cuts. However, additional money could also be lost if the Secure Rural Schools funds are not reauthorized. The SRS funds come from the federal government, based on national forest timber harvest receipts. According to the U.S. Department of the Interior, the SRS funds were put into place in 2000 in response to declining timber harvests in the 1980s and early '90s, to assist small communities that relied on funds from timber harvests on public land for income. Should these funds not be reauthorized by Congress, Von Barga said, it could mean another \$1 million cut to the school district. That \$2 million total is roughly a third of the district's budget, she said, so the city and the school district are both clearly concerned about a potential cut that large. Young said that he felt confident the SRS funds would be reauthorized. If Wrangell wanted to help, though, he suggested that they put together a document showing the numbers and how the funds helped the district and wider community.

"It [SRS] is pretty well supported," Young said. "I'm not going to give you a guaranteed promise, but the opposition is not as strong as some people would like to make it be."

Other items covered in the workshop include potentially loosening restrictions on sea otter harvests, transboundary issues with Canada, cleaning up junk on Zarembo Island, and the need to keep the Petersburg and Wrangell Forest Service ranger districts as separate entities.

Young's office can be reached at (907) 271-5978.

## "Healthy Homes" coming to town this summer

By CALEB VIERKANT  
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Members of the Wrangell Cooperative Association and the Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority held a short presentation last Wednesday evening on some upcoming home renovations the organizations plan to complete. The THRHA was in Wrangell in January to talk about renovations to about 20 low-income homes in Wrangell they were completing under the Indian Community Development Block Grant.

Recently, however, both the WCA and the THRHA were awarded the Healthy Homes Production Grant. This money will be used to make the homes of low-income tribal members a healthier place to live.

Esther Ashton, tribal administrator of the WCA, explained that Wrangell applied for the grant in partnership with Kake and Petersburg, in the amount of \$1.1 million. Desiree Jackson, director of tribal services for THRHA, said that they won the same grant at about the same time. Money from both of these grants will be used

for the same purpose in Wrangell.

"As Esther said, here in Wrangell you guys did apply for a grant, and it was basically \$1 million," Jackson said. "At the same time, the housing authority also applied for the same grant, as well, and we got it. So it's a little interesting because they have a \$1 million grant that's going to be split between three communities. We have a \$1 million grant that's going to be split between 11 of our 12 communities."

Jackson said that their goal, when using this grant money, is to increase education of how to keep a home healthy, and to renovate several local homes to make them healthier. She said this would include things like mold removal, installing better ventilation systems, sealing cracks and openings throughout the home, installing fire and carbon monoxide detectors, and much more. Jackson said that, at minimum, they want to renovate six homes in Wrangell. They will also be providing training

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

**Thursday, April 18:** Byron Cady, Sue Nelson, Stella Feudner. **Friday, April 19:** Anniversary: Jesse & Amber Sumner. **Saturday, April 20:** Kastle Powers, Odile Meister, Kalin Kohrt. **Sunday, April 21:** Kem Haggard. **Anniversary:** David & Kimberly Powell. **Monday, April 22:** Paul Stutz, Rusty Hayes, Rosslyn Nore. **Anniversary:** Christian & Michelle Beaghoff. **Tuesday, April 23:** Logan Hammock, Nathan Robinson, Chris Haggard, Andrew Guggenbickler. **Wednesday, April 24:** Kim Covalt, Jamie Reading, Robyn Booker, April Emmorey, Tommy Brown Jr. **Anniversary:** Richard & Delores Klinke. **Thursday, April 25:** Nicolas Allen. **Anniversary:** Marion & Barbara Neyman.

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

## Senior Center Menu

### Thursday, April 18

Split Pea Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Sunshine Salad

### Friday, April 19

Chicken Cacciatore, Brussel Sprouts, Rice, Tossed Salad

### Monday, April 22

Crispy Chicken, Steamed Carrots, Cauliflower Toss, Curry Rice Pilaf

### Tuesday, April 23

Creole Pork Steaks, Broccoli, Sunshine Salad, Pasta

### Wednesday, April 24

Salisbury Steak, Peas, Peach Salad, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy

### Thursday, April 25

Salmon Supper, Mixed Veggies, Carrot/Pineapple Salad, Garlic Bread

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, April 20**  
Malaspina 9:30 a.m.  
**Sunday, April 21**  
Columbia 3:15 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 24**  
Malaspina 5:45 a.m.  
**Saturday, April 27**  
Malaspina 9:30 a.m.  
**Sunday, April 28**  
Columbia 5:00 p.m.

#### Southbound

**Friday, April 19**  
Malaspina 2:45 p.m.  
**Monday, April 22**  
Malaspina 5:15 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 24**  
Columbia 4:15 a.m.  
**Friday, April 26**  
Malaspina 7:45 p.m.  
**Monday, April 29**  
Malaspina 11:45 a.m.

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



## TIDES April 18 - April 25

|          | High Tides |      | Low Tides |      |       |      |       |      |
|----------|------------|------|-----------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
|          | AM         | PM   | AM        | PM   | AM    | PM   |       |      |
|          | Time       | Ft   | Time      | Ft   | Time  | Ft   | Time  | Ft   |
| April 18 | 0:41       | 18.4 | 1:05      | 17.9 | 6:49  | -1.6 | 7:03  | -1.3 |
| April 19 | 1:22       | 19.1 | 1:52      | 17.9 | 7:32  | -2.7 | 7:43  | -0.8 |
| April 20 | 2:01       | 19.3 | 2:36      | 17.5 | 8:13  | -3.0 | 8:21  | 0.0  |
| April 21 | 2:39       | 18.9 | 3:20      | 16.6 | 8:54  | -2.8 | 8:59  | 1.1  |
| April 22 | 3:16       | 18.1 | 4:03      | 15.4 | 9:34  | -2.0 | 9:37  | 2.4  |
| April 23 | 3:54       | 16.9 | 4:49      | 14.1 | 10:16 | -0.9 | 10:17 | 3.8  |
| April 24 | 4:33       | 15.6 | 5:39      | 12.9 | 11:00 | 0.4  | 11:02 | 5.0  |
| April 25 | 5:18       | 14.2 | 6:42      | 12.0 | 11:51 | 1.6  | 11:58 | 6.0  |

## Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, April 18

**Medicare Presentation:** Irene Ingle Public Library, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 20

**Helping Our Parks Community Work Event:** Volunteer Park, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Lunch provided to workers.

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.

#### April 17, 1919

A branch of the Alaska Labor Union was organized in Wrangell Tuesday night with 72 members. H.V. Henrikson, secretary of Alaska Labor Union No. 5 at Ketchikan, arrived in Wrangell Tuesday. A large audience turned out in response to the call. Mr. Henrikson delivered a forceful address setting forth the need for united and intelligent action on the part of the workingmen. Mr. Henrikson said in part: "There are three things necessary in order for the workingmen to better their condition: First, organization; second, education; third intelligent action. One of the chief objects of the Alaska Labor Union is to make better citizens.

#### April 21, 1944

Paving of Front Street this summer under a day labor plan was recommended to the new City Council to be re-elected. It was estimated by Mayor F. G. Hanford that the paving could be done for 25 cents per square foot, or at a cost of around \$10,000 for paving from the McCormack Dock to just beyond Helen's Place. Said the Mayor in his statement to the Council: "I recommend and urge that the street committee study and consider the possibility of paving a portion of Front Street by day labor, there now being available a large cement mixer which can be leased or purchased. I hope this committee will give its attention particularly to this item as there is nothing that impresses a visitor more than well kept streets."

#### April 17, 1969

Forest Supervisor Vince Olson has announced plans to fertilize approximately 1,500 acres on the North Tongass National Forest this spring. The area is located at Thomas Bay near Petersburg and is composed of forestland, which has become restocked after timber harvest. Fertilizing of forestlands is a common procedure in the Scandinavian countries where intensive timber management is practiced. The Thomas Bay project will be the first major fertilization project the Forest Service has attempted. Forest soils in Alaska have high nitrogen content; however, most of it is in organic forms, which are unavailable to trees and other plants. The nitrogen in the area to be applied is in a form, which is readily available to be absorbed by tree roots immediately after application. Past studies show that growth response to nitrogen fertilizing may range as high as 60 per cent and averages 30 to 40 per cent.

#### April 21, 1994

A local group plans to reform the cultural heritage committee under the Indian Reorganization Act and will hold an election of officers April 29. The committee's mission statement is "to promote, preserve, restore and advance the cultural heritage of the Natives of Wrangell to serve as an advisory committee working with the community for the betterment of the Native people."



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#### SHOWTIMES:

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**7PM NIGHTLY**

No movie next weekend due to Birdfest



## Wrangell Weather

| Date    | High | Low |
|---------|------|-----|
| Apr. 08 | 45   | 42  |
| Apr. 09 | 45   | 41  |
| Apr. 10 | 48   | 37  |
| Apr. 11 | 51   | 35  |
| Apr. 12 | 46   | 37  |
| Apr. 13 | 51   | 35  |
| Apr. 14 | 46   | 39  |
| Apr. 15 | 51   | 39  |



## Daylight Hours

| Date   | Sunrise | Sunset  | Daylight |
|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| Apr 18 | 5:37 am | 7:59 pm | 14:22h   |
| Apr 19 | 5:35 am | 8:01 pm | 14:26h   |
| Apr 20 | 5:33 am | 8:03 pm | 14:30h   |
| Apr 21 | 5:30 am | 8:05 pm | 14:35h   |
| Apr 22 | 5:28 am | 8:07 pm | 14:39h   |
| Apr 23 | 5:25 am | 8:09 pm | 14:44h   |
| Apr 24 | 5:23 am | 8:11 pm | 14:48h   |
| Apr 25 | 5:20 am | 8:13 pm | 14:53h   |



# P&Z Commission accept variance request, vacation home rental request

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Planning and Zoning Commission had a short meeting last Thursday and one of the main things they discussed in the meeting was a variance request for a front yard setback reduction, by Greg and Anne Duncan. According to the agenda packet for the meeting, the Duncans own a 1.06 acre parcel of land on Shoemaker Bay Loop road. They are wanting to build a 2,400 square foot house and a 1,440 square foot shop/garage which will sit approximately three feet from the front yard property line. Lots of land that is zoned for residential use are required to have 20-foot setbacks for front and back yards, and 15-foot setbacks for side yards. In their application for a variance, the Duncans explained that a creek runs along the north side of their property, then juts southward into their land. The variance they are requesting is designed to avoid disturbing the creek.

"We wanted to do the project in a way that would have no negative impact on the neighbors," said Greg Duncan. "We also contacted the state of Alaska, and they gave us information and said it was no prob-

lem whatsoever. They have no plans to develop that right of way. We also contacted the Army Corps of Engineers early on and made sure there were no problems, whatsoever, with the plan. We've tried to do everything we could to reach out to any affected parties and there were no objections."

After a brief discussion, the variance request was approved unanimously by the commission.

The commission also received a request for a conditional use permit from Steve and Yvonne Powers, to allow them to rent a residence they own as a short-term vacation home. The residence is located on Webber Street, and according to the Powers' application, could house up to eight people at a time, but would only be used as a rental part-time. There was some discussion around how allowing the residence to be used as a vacation rental would affect traffic in the area. Webber Street is a one-way road, and is also narrow. Some commissioners stated concerns that having too many cars parked around the residence could lead to the road being bottlenecked. However, it was pointed out in the agenda packet that many renters will not have vehicles with them, and any increase in traffic on Webber Street was likely to be minimal. It was decided that negative impacts to people living on or near Webber Street were unlikely and, at worst, minimal. The request was approved unanimously.

During the meeting, the commission also reviewed a letter to Loretto Jones requiring the need for a conditional use permit for her to rent rooms out of her home, and also received an update on the ongoing land swap between the Forest Service and Alaska Mental Health Trust.



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## Wrangell community-clean up

Many people came out the morning of Saturday, April 13, to participate in the Wrangell Community Clean-Up. Both individuals and local organizations participated in picking up trash wherever it could be found. The Wrangell Rod and Gun Club, for instance, drove out to the gun range on Spur Road to clean up trash and bullet shells. One family found a pile of old tires left in a ditch near Volunteer Park, while another group came by with a rusted, old sled. Wrangell Resident Paula Rak and the Wrangell Cooperative Association IGAP Department organized the event, and also put together a big lunch for all the volunteers after the clean-up was complete. Pictured are Shailin and Charlie Nelson, cleaning up trash along Reid Street.

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## Murkowski Announces \$10.9 Million in Secure Rural Schools Payments to Alaska

U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, announced on Tuesday that communities across Alaska will soon receive a total of \$10,990,708 to fund schools and local budget priorities. The payments are being provided through the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program, which Murkowski successfully reauthorized and funded through Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 in the FY2018 omnibus appropriations bill.

"Local communities in Alaska and across the country rely on the Secure Rural Schools pro-

gram to pay for essential services such as schools and roads due to a decline in timber receipts and a lack of access to federally-owned forested lands," Murkowski said. "Moving forward, we need a long-term solution that gets our forests working again to provide economic opportunities for the communities that depend on them."

Murkowski has long supported the SRS program. This Congress, she cosponsored S. 430, a bipartisan bill led by Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, that would extend the authorization

of the Secure Rural Schools program through FY2020.

The Forest Service controls 22 million acres of land in Alaska, including 17 million acres in the southeast region. A list of eligible boroughs and communities and the amount of funding each is expected to receive is now available on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee website.

Murkowski is chairman of both the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Interior-Environment Appropriations Subcommittee.

## Police report

### April 8, 2019

Civil issue.  
Agency assist.  
Found property.  
Welfare check.

### April 9, 2019

Suspicious circumstance.  
Security check.

### April 10, 2019

Three subpoena services.  
Reckless driving.

### April 11, 2019

Citizen report of DUI.  
Unsecured premises.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty brake light.

Three subpoena services.  
Driving complaint.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.  
Agency assist: Fire alarm.

### April 12, 2019

Security check.

Fire alarm.

Lost dog.

Several subpoenas served.

Found property: Cell phone.

Citizen assist: Vehicle unlocked.

### April 13, 2019

Courtesy ride.

Subpoena served.

Citizen report of DUI.

Agency assist: Public works. Water leak.

Gunshot: Seal bomb.

### April 14, 2019

Welfare check.

Subpoena served.

Cell phone returned.

Trespass warning: Verbal warning given for being at the dump while gates closed.

Citation: Katelyn Early, 18. Speeding and verbal warning for not carrying drivers license.

There were two ambulance calls and three dog complaints this week.

Wrangell Chamber of Commerce Presents

# Sip & Shop

April 20th - 3pm  
Downtown Pavilion

\$10/shopper. Purchase Sip & Shop glass at pavilion  
Turn in completed stamp cards to pavilion after shopping for a chance to win the Sip & Shop Gift Basket!

Must be over 21 or accompanied by a guardian  
Please do not drink & drive. Let Chamber staff know if you need a ride when you are done shopping!



# School board reviews report card to the public, discusses new key code system

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell School Board reviewed the school district's "report card to the public" in their recent meeting on Monday, April 15. The report card, released by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, collected and presented data on the performance of school districts across the state for the 2017-2018 school year. The report card examined items such as attendance and graduation rates, academic progress, teacher quality, and many other factors.

According to the report card, Evergreen Elementary has an attendance rate of 93.09 percent. Stikine Middle School and Wrangell High School have attendance rates of 95.37 percent and 95.14 percent, respectively. Wrangell High School has a graduation rate of 90 percent, according to the report card. The high school also reportedly had no dropouts, while the middle school has a dropout rate of less than 5 percent.

During the 2017-2018 school year, according to the report card, 62.5 percent of students at Evergreen Elementary showed growth in the category of English Language Arts, while 77.5 percent of students showed an increase in mathematics skills. The middle school showed growth rates in English and math to the rates of 67.44 percent and 53.49 percent. At the high school level, 57.14 percent of students demonstrated growth in English, while only 35.71 percent of students showed any growth in mathematics.

"While we're doing well, comparatively speaking to most of the districts in

the state, we still have room for growth," Superintendent Debbe Lancaster said. "It's something that the building administrators, and the teaching staff, and I are working on to identify the best strategies to move forward for closing achievement gaps, increasing graduation rates, and working with teachers to make sure kids are reading on grade level by the end of the third grade."

The report card to the public can be found online at [www.education.alaska.gov/reportcardtothepublic](http://www.education.alaska.gov/reportcardtothepublic).

Another topic brought up in the meeting was a potential plan to renovate entryways to the elementary and secondary schools. According to Maintenance Director Josh Blatchley, in his capital improvements and maintenance report to the school board, the district is wanting to replace the exterior doors' locks with a key code system. From Blatchley's estimates, this would cost about \$36,000 at Evergreen Elementary, and another \$30,000 at the high school. This comes out to roughly \$6,000 per exterior door.

Board member Dave Wilson expressed surprise at the cost, asking if the estimated cost was accurate. It seemed exorbitant, in his words. Blatchley said that the \$6,000 a door estimate was for double doors. For a single door the cost would only be about \$3,000.

"The hardware, which is the crash bar, the key and the latch on the outside, and the card reader for the door is roughly \$3,000," Blatchley said. "So if you get a double door system, two doors that both open up, that would be \$5000



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## Ernestine Hayes meets the locals

Ernestine Hayes, author of "The Tao of Raven," "Blonde Indian," and "Juneau (Images of America)" was in Wrangell last weekend to host a writer's workshop. She also visited with Wrangell residents at the Irene Ingle Public Library at a meet-and-greet on Friday.

to \$6,000 for the door. Not the door, the hardware to open it ... Even a new one of these without the electronic lock is \$1,500."

No action was taken to approve or deny these expenditures in the meeting. The school board also discussed the feasibility of paving the elementary school parking lot, and the road that runs be-

tween the school and the Wrangell Medical Center. No formal action was taken on this item, either. Other items covered by the school board include the acceptance of a \$1,000 grant from Alaska Public Entity Insurance for safety equipment and training and adoption of a resolution stating the district's opposition to reductions in educational funding.

## Letter to the Editor



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### Local reporter wins photography awards

Local reporter Caleb Vierkant recently won two awards in the 2019 North and East Texas Press Association Newspaper Contest. Before moving to Wrangell last July, Vierkant was a reporter for the Jacksonville Progress, a semi-weekly newspaper located in Cherokee County, Texas. He took fourth place in two categories, "news photos" and "feature photos" for semi-weekly papers. Pictured here is one of the photos, of a grass fire in northern Cherokee County, in January of 2018. The Jacksonville Progress, itself, took fourth place in "news writing" and second in "feature writing" and "editorial writing."

### To the Editor:

We need resolutions from the cities of Wrangell, Ketchikan, Juneau, Hoonah, Unalaska, etc. that request that the Alaska Senate and Legislature keep the Alaska Marine Highway in service. Without this service any of our rural areas will be unable to transport a loved one suffering from a severe medical condition comfortably in their car to Seattle or Juneau, transport teams for sporting events, or visit family and friends. If we listen to the people who work the ferry, they will run the ferry better. The ferry system is the backbone of transportation not only in Southeast, but also from Unalaska to Ketchikan. Let a retired Captain, Purser, or Engineer run the system: Restore the bars (\$5,000 a trip), use the sale of the fast ferries to start up the Matanuska and keep the bigger vessels on the main runs, use the Aurora and LeConte as feeders to places like Kake, Angoon, etc.

Let's take the Columbia to Juneau during the legislative session and park it as housing for Legislatures, Senators, and Aids. No more per diem. No more

using state funds for legislators and senators from the north ride for free.

How about toll booths up north to pay for our highway?

If everyone wrote Murkowski, she would take a Federal stand. If everyone wrote Ortiz, he would listen to his constituents

I have a copy of the impossible budget when I was up in Juneau lobbying for education, the AMHS, and for the Elders. It will be at the Wrangell Library.

We need the ferry and local government must be proactive in

keeping our road open.

Loretto Jones

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# Community Market back for its seventh season

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

The Nolan Center held its first community market of the season last Saturday, after a six-month hiatus over the winter. The Wrangell Community Market typically runs from April through September, and brings out many town residents eager to visit and sell homemade goods. Everything from homemade salsa, to local artwork, to freshly baked pastries and snacks could be found at the market. This is the seventh season for the community market, according to Nolan Center Director Cyni Crary, and the second one organized by the Nolan Center.

“Kris Reed used to run it,” she said. “This was just a small group of people who put this together, affiliated with nobody. When they put it all together, Charity Hommel designed the logo, and it started out there by the elementary school, underneath the covered area. The idea was to have it kind of like a farmer’s market, you know, a Saturday market.”

From a 2012 article from the Wrangell Sentinel, the inaugural Wrangell Com-

munity Market was held on May 19 of that year, and was held once a month every spring and summer. Crary said that the Nolan Center took over organizing the markets in 2018, when Reed moved away. This season is a little different from previous seasons, she said, in that there will be two community markets a month instead of just one. A lot of the markets have been scheduled for weekends when a cruise ship will be in town, or during big events such as Bearfest in July. The markets have historically been good draws for locals, she said, and she wants to try and inspire increased interest by hosting the markets more regularly when tourists are in town.

Crary also said that they are trying to continue with the “farmers market” vibe of the Wrangell Community Market, and will be trying to bring back some of the older aspects of the event from years past. This includes things like live music, kids’ activities and games, and moving the market outdoors instead of keeping it inside the Nolan Center.

“Each week, or each time, I’m going to



PHOTO BY CALEB VIERKANT/ WRANGELL SENTINEL

Susan Haggard (left) and Alice Rooney (right) visiting at the first Wrangell Community Market of the year, last Saturday. Haggard had set up a booth to sell some of her homemade salsa.

try to bring in some sort of different music or entertainment,” Crary said. “Then when it’s nice out we want to try and pull some of it outside, and maybe

some kids’ activities like face painting.” The next community market will take place on Saturday, April 27 at the Nolan Center.

## Swim Club competes in Southeast Regional Championship

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

Last week, 16 swimmers from the Wrangell Swim Club participated in the Southeast Regional Championship. The champi-

onship, held from April 5 to 7, was open to swimmers from the ages of 7 to 16-years-old.

According to Jamie Roberts, coach of the swim club, Wrangell’s kids competed in 123

different swims. Of these, 86 of them were personal bests for the swimmers. Roberts also added, in an email, that the Wrangell Swim Club was the second largest of the seven competing teams.

“I was proud of their performance,” Roberts said in an email. “Overall, the team was well prepared for the championship meet. They have been building their aerobic base over the last several months and spent the weeks just prior to the meet fine tuning the details like starts, turns and finishes.”

Four swimmers achieved personal bests in every event they participated in: Alisha Armstrong, Carter Hammer, Christina Johnson, and Andrei Siekawitch.

Roberts said that Hammer participated in seven events, but five of them were in swims and strokes he had not competed in before. These were longer distance swims, as well, such as the butterfly stroke.

Roberts also said she was impressed with her younger swimmers, including Lucas Stearns, Andrei Siekawitch, Sophia Martinsen, and Stella Bunes. She said that they all showed significant improvement over the course of the championship.

“I prefer to use time improve-

ments as a gauge of progress,” Roberts said. “Many swimmers are keyed into this as well. In the beginning, they typically focus on what place they get because it’s nice to get ribbons and medals. But, after a while they transition to chasing personal bests.”

Multiple swimmers also won awards for their performance. Stearns took third place in the 8-years-old and under boys category. Nikolai Siekawitch and Jack Roberts took second and third place, respectively, in the boys 13 to 14-years-old category. Renee Roberts took third place in the girls 15-years-old and older category. Jimmy Baggen took first place in the boys 15-years-old and older category. Roberts explained that placement is determined by points given on how each swimmer finishes their event.

The season ends for the Wrangell Swim Club on April 30. For most of her swimmers, Roberts wrote, the championship was their last competi-

tion of the season. However, Roberts said that some of her swimmers used the championship as an opportunity to qualify for the Alaska Junior Olympics, which will be taking place later this month. Christina Johnson achieved seven junior olympic qualifying times during her swims, according to Roberts. Johnson, along with Jack and Renee Roberts and Nikolai Siekawitch, will go on to compete in the junior olympics on April 25 in Anchorage.

With the season drawing to a close, Roberts is looking to the club’s future. Among the list of things she wants to accomplish is to get the proper certifications necessary to run official time trials in their home pool at the community center. Roberts also wants to obtain nonprofit status for the swim club, which she said would allow them to apply for grants and travel reimbursement, and would also make them eligible for team awards and allow them to swim in relay races.



COURTESY OF JAMIE ROBERTS

Members of the Wrangell Swim Club participated in the Southeast Regional Championship last week. Pictured from left to right are (Front Row): Lucas Stearns, Andrei Siekawitch, Christina Johnson, Sophia Martinsen, Stella Bunes, (Middle Row): Ashleigh Loomis, Alisha Armstrong, Rhiannon Wenzel, Paige Baggen, Trinity Glasser, (Back Row): Laura Helgeson, Renee Roberts, Jack Roberts, and Carter Hammer. Not pictured, but also members of the club who swam, are Jimmy Baggen and Nikolai Siekawitch.

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The City and Borough of Wrangell will begin to accept applications for the position of Cruise Ship Facility Security Officer to establish a pool of applicants to hire a Temporary Worker until May 3, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. You must have a valid TWIC card and an Alaska Driver’s license, and a High School Diploma or GED.

This position performs duties as a part of the Department of Homeland Security Port Security Plan. The nature of the work requires that the employee maintain effective working relationships with other City Departments and employees, State and Federal officials, business and community organizations and the public.

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Applications and job descriptions may be obtained and returned to Wrangell City Hall, 205 Brueger Street (P.O. Box 531), Wrangell, AK 99929 or via email to amollen@wrangell.com.

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Lisa Von Bargaen  
Borough Manager

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**WRANGELL LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

A Local Emergency Planning Committee, or LEPC, is a voluntary organization, which is established in an Emergency Planning District designated by the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC).

Both SERC and LEPCs were established to meet the requirements of the Federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (SARA Title III) for emergency response planning. The Wrangell LEPC is required to receive annual Tier II (Chemical Inventory) Reports from local industries. The LEPC uses this information to perform hazard assessments for the community and ensure first responders are aware of potential hazards.

For information regarding requests to review any of the reported Tier II information, or for general LEPC information, contact Dorianne Sprehe at 874-3223.

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**CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL**  
**ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POSITION**  
**POLICE CHIEF**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Wrangell Police Department will be accepting applications for a Police Chief until May 6, 2019.

This position plans, organizes, directs, and integrates all activities of the Police Department to protect life and property through law enforcement and crime prevention work. The Police Chief is a management position, responsible for the full scope of Police Department operations including patrol, investigations, corrections, public relations and community education. They will continuously analyze and evaluate operations and trends for assuring efficiency and adequacy of service, maintain professional discipline in the Department and assure that all employees are properly trained.

The position requires extensive knowledge and experience in all phases of police work including principles and practices of modern crime prevention, investigation, criminal identification, apprehension, rules of evidence, traffic control and safety, care and custody of prisoners, record keeping, and all other aspects of law enforcement and administration. Requires advanced knowledge of management and administrative practices and procedures required. Requires well-developed human relations skills to conduct negotiations, persuade others to a course of action, and to build an effective team through leadership and training.

The candidate must meet the minimum standards for Police Chief per the Alaska Police Standards Council as well as all of the requirements of the City & Borough of Wrangell's job description. A management certification under Alaska Police Standards or equivalent is required. Applicants must successfully complete a background investigation, medical and psychological examination, and drug screening.

This is a full-time, salaried position with full benefits, paid at Grade 30 ranging from \$6607 to \$8346 per month. The full job description and employment application can be found online at www.wrangell.com/jobs.

To be considered, submit APSC form 3 (Personal History Statement), Authorization for Release of Information, resume and cover letter to Aleisha Mollen, PO Box 531, Wrangell, AK 99929 or via email to amollen@wrangell.com. **Applications will be accepted until the end of business May 6, 2019, but may be reviewed as they are received.**

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Lisa Von Bargaen  
 Borough Manager

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**CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL**  
**OVER-THE-COUNTER SALE OF**  
**City Owned Lots FOR SALE**

The City owned lots that are listed below were offered for sale pursuant to WMC 16.12.040 by a sealed bid process. The lots listed below did not receive any bids. The Borough Assembly approved Resolution No. 03-19-1444 on March 12, 2019 to authorize the lots to be sold over-the-counter if responsive bids were not received. Therefore, pursuant to Wrangell Municipal Code 16.12.105, **beginning on April 15, 2019, at 12:00 p.m.**, Wrangell City Hall, 205 Brueger Street, Wrangell, Alaska 99929, on a first-come, first-serve basis, and will be sold for the minimum value.

Successful purchaser will be required to obtain any necessary federal/state permits for development of the land. These permits could include, but are not limited to, Corps of Engineers wetland fill, a State water quality consistency determination, Borough building permit or other land use permits.

| Property Description                             | Square Footage            | Minimum Bid Value            |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Lot B, Etolin Avenue Replat (#2019-2)            | 19,462 sq. ft.            | \$32,600                     |
| <del>Lot C, Etolin Avenue Replat (#2019-2)</del> | <del>19,326 sq. ft.</del> | <del>\$32,400</del> LOT SOLD |

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

A Certified or cashier's check or cash equal to twenty-five (25) percent of the price of the lot must accompany the bid. Personal checks will not be accepted.

Purchaser shall have 90 days from the date of the bid opening (Friday, July 12, 2019) to pay the balance in full by Certified or Cashier's check, or cash.

**Buyer shall be responsible for all recording fees.**

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**City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

At their Regular Assembly meeting held on January 8, 2019, the Borough Assembly approved rescheduling their Regular Assembly meeting of April 23, 2019 to **April 30, 2019**.

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

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association, Inc., (SSRAA), is soliciting bids from interested parties to conduct transport operations for the spring of 2020 season to tender live fry from SSRAA hatcheries to SSRAA remote release sites located in southern Southeast Alaska. Bids will be accepted until June 1, 2019 at 4:00 pm. For more information go to www.ssraa.org or call 225-9605.

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# Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH Fisheries columnist

## Southeast have partnered with Net Your Problem to recycle old or derelict seine and gillnets

The Panhandle plans to be the next Alaska region to give new life to old fishing gear by sending it to plastic recycling centers. The tons of nets and lines piled up in local lots and landfills will become the raw material for soda bottles, cell phone cases, sunglasses, skateboards, swimsuits and more.

Juneau, Haines, Petersburg and possibly Sitka have partnered with Net Your Problem to launch an effort this year to send old or derelict seine and gillnets to a recycler in Richmond, British Columbia.

"We're going to be working in a new location with a new material and sending it to a new recycler," said Nicole Baker, founder of Net Your Problem and the force behind fishing gear recycling in Alaska.

Baker, a former fisheries observer who also is a research assistant for Ray Hilborn at the University of Washington, jump-started recycling programs for trawl nets, crab and halibut line two years ago at Dutch Harbor and Kodiak quickly followed. The nets can weigh from 5,000 to 25,000 tons and can cost \$350-\$500 per ton for disposal in landfills. The community/industry collaborations in both towns have so far sent 300,000 pounds of gear in seven vans to Europe for recycling.

"Each fishing port will have its own special logistics plan but the general role is the same," she said. "You need somebody to give you the nets, truck them around, load them and ship them."

No two plastics are the same, and the B.C. recycler opened the door for removals of seine and gillnets made from nylon. Baker said only gear that contains lead, such as longline gear or leaded lines, cannot be accepted for recycling.

"The recycler I have been using in Europe told me it is illegal to import lead into the EU. So that is something that is still a bit of a struggle," she said. "But as far as polyethylene and polypropylene trawl gear, or

nylon seine or gillnet gear, I can recycle all of those at the moment."

The pace of the fishing seasons will determine the best time for the Southeast towns to begin collecting the nets from fishermen, Baker said, and she hopes to hear from other communities that have net pile ups.

"If you are dealing with this issue please feel free to reach out to me because I am happy to try to establish the logistics for a program in your community," she said. "My goal is to expand slowly but surely and add one new location every year while still continuing support for recycling efforts at the previous locations."

Baker will start off the Southeast tour in Haines during its Earth Day events on April 19.

**Hatchery numbers** - Salmon that got their start in Alaska hatcheries are maintaining a decade long trend of comprising one third of the statewide catch.

In 2018, a hatchery harvest of 39 million salmon - mostly chums and pinks - was 34 percent of the total statewide take, valued at \$176 million to Alaska fishermen.

Forty one million adult salmon returned to Alaska's 29 hatcheries last year, shy of the 54 million fish forecast, and below the 61 million 10 year average.

That's according to the 2018 salmon enhancement report released each year by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Prince William Sound is Alaska's largest hatchery salmon producer and last year's catch of 19 million fish accounted for 76 percent of the region's total, and 75 percent of the value to fishermen at \$65 million.

Southeast is the second biggest hatchery producer. The 2018 catch of about 8 million fish was 46 percent of the region's harvest, and 59 percent of the value to fishermen at \$63 million. \$53 million of that was from chums.

At Kodiak, just under four million fish from two hatcheries made up 42 percent of the Is-

## McKinley Angerman Kellogg received bachelor's degree, accepts position with Chinook Shores Lodge

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

McKinley Angerman Kellogg, granddaughter of Wrangell residents Dick and Barbara Angerman, has recently earned her bachelor's degree and has also accepted a management position with Chinook Shores Lodge in Ketchikan. Kellogg received her degree on March 23, in environmental science, from Western Washington University.

"I chose this degree because I was really interested to learn more about the natural environment," she said in an email. "Working at the lodge provided amazing opportunities for me to see wildlife and marine life up close on a regular basis."

Kellogg began working for Chinook Shores Lodge in the summer of 2013, she said, after graduating from Ballard High School in Seattle. Chinook Shores Lodge is a fishing lodge, offering waterfront lodging, guided and self-guided boats, a private dock, and plenty of fishing opportunities to people. Kellogg started out at the lodge as a groundskeeper, van driver, dockhand, and seafood processor. Her mother, Nadra Angerman, said that she would return every summer between semesters at col-

lege. Her new position as the lodge's operations manager will have her take on wider aspects of running things. This will involve things from assisting guests checking in, to overseeing boat maintenance, to keeping up-to-date on Alaska's various fishing regulations.



McKinley Angerman Kellogg

"Much of what I learned at the lodge has prepared me for my new position," she said. "I hope to put my degree to good use by looking for new ways to create environmental awareness at the lodge for our employees and guests. For example, I'm helping our company organize a neighborhood Earth Day cleanup event this year. That will be the first ever for our lodge and in Ketchikan as far as I know. I'm also exploring the feasibility of replacing traditional marine

cleansers and lodge cleaning products with more sustainable and eco-friendly cleaning products."

While she was raised in Seattle, Kellogg said that she and her mother would come to Wrangell every year to visit with family. She recalled her grandfather, Dick Angerman, always taking her out for fishing trips. She also added that several members of her family have graduated from Wrangell High School.

land's total catch last year. The fish were valued at \$7 million, 25 percent of the salmon value.

At Cook Inlet, a catch of just over half a million hatchery salmon accounted for 26 percent of the total harvest and 30 percent of the dockside value of \$5.3 million. About 70 percent of those fish were pinks.

Nearly 1.8 billion tiny salmon were released to the sea in 2018 from pink and chum salmon eggs collected in 2017, and from Chinook, sockeye, and coho eggs collected in 2016.

Alaska hatchery operators forecast a return of about 79 million fish in 2019. This includes returns of 54 million pink, 21 million chum, 2.5 million sockeye, 1.5 million coho, and 109,000 king salmon.

**Almanac calls** - Personal glimpses that chronicle the fishing life make up the Alaska Young Fishermen's Almanac and the call is out for submissions. The second version of the Almanac is in the works and sales of the first run last year were so good, it's covering costs for the whole project.

"People loved it. They'd ask which submission is yours. And you'd be eternally flipping to the picture of the fillets and peanut butter you fed your crew all summer," said Jamie O'Connor, a Homer-based fishermen and head of the Alaska Young Fishermen's Network for the Alaska Marine Conservation Council. "It's a really fun way to communicate to people outside of this community about the culture of fishing, especially from the perspective of the young fishermen."

Last year's 141 page Almanac featured nearly 60 items from almost every region of the state.

"Everything from essays to recipes to photos, poems and art. There's also a lot of useful stuff in there. Plus, fun stories, a little bit of mischief, pro tips from more mature fishermen to people who want to get into the industry."

The Almanac is styled similar to a younger version of a publication for farmers that dates back to 1792.

"It's modeled after the Young Farmer's Almanac as a way to share the culture and put out a touchstone every year that people can refer back to or share with their families," O'Connor said. "That's what we're hoping to do for young fishermen as well."

"We're looking for anything people want to send in. We're hoping they really flex their creativity, she added.

Deadline to submit to the Almanac is September 1 at [www.akyoungfishermen.org](http://www.akyoungfishermen.org) or via email at [jamie@akmarine.org/](mailto:jamie@akmarine.org/)

**Fishing watch** - Lots of April fishing is underway all across Alaska.

One sad exception is the roe herring fishery at Sitka Sound where seiners have yet to wet their nets. Typically the fishery has come and gone by mid-March and the harvest this year called for a nearly 13,000 ton haul. The herring, which are valued for their eggs, are showing up but they are too small to call an opener. The last time a fishery was called off at Sitka Sound was in 1977.

Golden king crab also has been slow going - ten to 15 crabbers have pulled up less than 50,000 pounds out of a 76,000 pound limit. The crabs have paid out at \$11 per pound, mak-

ing each worth \$70 to \$80 to fishermen, reported KFSK in Petersburg.

Southeast's winter Tanner crab catch of 1.3 million pounds was the third best in 15 years. The month-long fishery was valued at \$4.2 million for a fleet of 69 crabbers.

Divers are still going down for geoduck clams and Southeast's spring troll fishery for Chinook begins on May 1 in some districts.

There's lots of fishing action at Prince William Sound - a shrimp pot fishery opens April 15 through the 23rd. Ninety-nine boats will compete for 68,100 pounds of the popular prawns.

A sablefish season also opens on April 15 for 134,000 pounds. And due to weather, the Tanner crab fishery was extended in parts of Prince William Sound to April 18.

A one day a week herring fishery opens at Upper Cook Inlet on April 20 through May 31, and a small smelt fishery opens on May 1.

Kodiak's herring fishery kicks off on April 15 with a harvest set at just over 1,400 tons. And spotters are already flying at Togiak looking for early herring arrivals there. That herring fishery, which should come in at around 23,000 tons, usually opens in May.

Halibut and sablefish are still crossing the docks and fisheries for cod, pollock, flounders and other whitefish and more are ongoing throughout the Gulf and Bering Sea.

Believe it or not, in just a few weeks Alaska's salmon season will officially begin with runs of reds and kings to the Copper River in mid-May.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association, Inc., (SSRAA), is soliciting bids from interested parties to conduct rearing operations for the spring of 2020 season at its McLean Arm rearing site located in southern Southeast Alaska. Bids will be accepted until June 1, 2019 at 4:00 pm. For more information go to [www.ssraa.org](http://www.ssraa.org) or call 225-9605.

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Directors of the Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) will hold a Special Board Meeting on April 22, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. AKDT, via teleconference, in the offices of the Southeast Alaska Power Agency, 1900 First Avenue, Suite 318, Ketchikan, Alaska. The purpose of the meeting will be for consideration and approval of a contract, minutes, and reimbursement cost for supplemental diesel, and consideration of a revised operations plan. A next special board meeting date may also be determined. For additional information, please call 907.228.2281.

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# Wrangell log painted at City Park

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

City park is a popular spot for locals and tourists to enjoy the outdoors. The park is also the site of some artwork that is equally popular amongst locals and tourists. A large log, with the town's name carved into its side, sits on the park's beach. According to Wrangell resident and photographer Charity Hommel, a group of carvers and chainsaw artists decided to etch "Wrangell" into the log. They did not ask for anybody's permission to do so, she said, but the log has become a staple of sites to see around town.

"Folks have come to enjoy using it as a backdrop for photos," Hommel said.

Unfortunately, sometime on April 15, unknown parties

painted over the Wrangell log with dark blue paint. Photographs of the log garnered negative reactions on social media, with many Wrangell residents expressing disappointment and anger that somebody would vandalize the art piece. Police Chief Doug McCloskey was made aware of the log being painted the morning of April 16. Hommel said that she went to look at the log in person, and said she does not believe this was not a work of intentional vandalism.

"I went out there yesterday, and I discovered that it wasn't spray painted," she said. "It was painted with brushes, it looks like an oil-based paint ... I don't think it was rude vandalism. It was just some kids with a bucket of paint decided to decorate it."



COURTESY OF CHARITY HOMMEL

The Wrangell log, a log at City Park with the town's name carved into its side, is a popular piece of art amongst locals and tourists. The log was covered in dark blue paint at an unknown time around April 15. Resident Charity Hommel said she and her family are looking into ways to remove the paint, and will try to begin restoration work sometime after Easter.

Whether vandalism or an attempt to add to the artwork, Hommel said that she and her family decided to carry the

torch to restore the log. She and her husband, Joe Hommel, will be looking into how best to remove the paint. Some of the ways they are considering in-

clude sanding, power washing, or lightly chainsawing over the painted areas. Nothing will be done until after Easter weekend, she said.



COURTESY OF THE WRANGELL ROD AND GUN CLUB

## Blanket shoot

The Wrangell Rod and Gun Club held a "blanket shoot" at the outdoor range last Thursday afternoon. The shoot was very successful, according to a post on the club's Facebook page. Participants were asked to bring prizes, valued at \$10 or more, to lay on large blankets for people to win. Whoever got the high score in the contest was allowed to pick their prize first. In the youth category, Miranda Ridgeway (left) and Jayden Daughtery (right) tied for first place. After two shoot-offs, it was determined that Daughtery was the winner with a score of 44 out of 50 points. Daughtery picked a fishing rod as his prize, while Ridgeway got a water gun.

## "Healthy Homes"

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on keeping homes healthy to parent groups, homeowners, and child care providers.

Applications are due April 30, Jackson said, and they plan to begin renovations sometime in the summer. Eligible applicants must be tribal members who live in their own, privately owned home. They must also have a family income that is below 80 percent of the area median income, she added. The THRHA will also be prioritizing homes where young children or the elderly live, as both groups are generally more likely to get sick. Homeowners with health concerns like asthma or mobility problems will also be prioritized. Jackson added that these renovations are for homes only, they will not be accepting applications to renovate trailers or boats tribal members may live in.

"Our grant principals really are 'Keep it dry, keep it clean, keep it safe, keep it well ventilated, pest free, contaminant free, well maintained, and thermally controlled,'" Jackson said. "So we'll be talking about all of these points throughout the grant."

Applications can be found online at the THRHA's website, or physical copies can be picked up at the WCA office on Zimovia Highway, near Alpine Mini Mart. To learn more, contact Jackson at (907) 780-3105 or at djackson@thrha.org.



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