

A look back at 2016

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

For Wrangell, the past year was one mixed with successes and setbacks, shared tragedies and uplifting moments. Sales taxes collected over the spring and summer tour seasons neared all-time highs, with the visitor industry experiencing a good season overall. On the other end, fishermen experienced one of their worst harvests of the summer, which after a disappointing 2015 season has put the fiscal pinch on a number of local families, boat builders, and associated sectors.

As 2017 dawns, concerns over the state budget – and revenue sharing with municipalities – continue with a reshuffled Legislature, but a number of projects and improvements planned



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Dipping into 2017

Thirty Wrangellites participated in the 18th annual Polar Plunge on New Year's Day. Put together by the Hammer family this year, the freezing ritual has participants wade out together into Shoemaker Bay. They all stick it out for 60 seconds before making their retreat for the beach, where burn barrels and snacks await them. A prize drawing is an added reward for their bravery.

around the island show promise.

January

The 29th Alaska Legislature entered

its 2016 session with a \$3.5 billion annual spending deficit to tackle. The session would go into overtime with

special sessions, with a number of across-the-board cuts bringing down some spending but no new revenue sources addressed ahead of the year's elections.

A series of unseasonably warm-weather storms rocked the island, downing power and blowing over trees, work structures and home decking around town. Several homes sustained damage during the worst of the storm, which saw sustained gusts of 55 miles per hour.

The Wrangell Medical Center Board and Borough Assembly approved lease of a new chemical analyzer and blood coagulation analyzer, replacing critical but outdated laboratory equipment. The machinery was acquired and put into service in March and April.

February

St. Rose of Lima Parish welcomed its new priest, Fr. Steven Gallagher. The minister took over after Fr. Thomas Weise passed away from a heart attack in December.

Former Wrangell physician Greg Salard was sentenced to serve 20 years in prison for possessing child pornography, ending a lengthy investigation and trial which began with his arrest in October 2014.

The Borough Assembly learned planned resurfacing and improvements to Evergreen Road by the state Department of Transportation would be put on hold for another year. This marked the fourth year the project had been kicked further along down the road, amid escalating state budget concerns.

The roller rink run by Hope Community Church of God was reopened during Wrangell's annual Tent City Days celebrations. The church raised \$20,000 for the project, which replaced its roof and improved the facility's amenities.

Local fisherman celebrates 100th birthday

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A lifelong Wrangell resident, Lawrence Bahovec, just celebrated his 100th birthday this week.

Asked how he felt about reaching the milestone, he joked: "It makes me feel old."

He was born in Chicago on January 4, 1917. Alaska and Hawaii both were still territories at the time, the United States had not yet joined into the fighting alongside the Allied Powers during the Great War, and Wrangell was still very much a frontier town on the nation's periphery.

At a very young age, Bahovec was brought back to Alaska to live in Wrangell with his mother and three sisters.

"Oh my gosh, when we first came here it was a lot different than now," he recalled. The mudflats abutting Front Street had yet to be filled in, the plank road only went so far, and beyond that were just rugged pathways. There was door-to-door milk delivery, back when the Nore family owned a dairy – Cow Alley next to Stikine Drug got its name from their movements – and it wouldn't be until 1939 before Wrangell got its first refrigerator.

While still a boy, his father, a fisherman out of Haines, put he and his sisters in a home there until they were able to attend school in Sitka. At one point Bahovec was tasked with looking after his father's mink farm, but wanting something different, he stowed aboard a steamship bound for Seattle.

An elderly friend had left him some money to put toward higher education. "It wasn't a lot, but it was enough to pay tuition," Bahovec recalled, enough to cover books and materials. At the University of Washington, Bahovec studied art.

"I've always been interested in art. So was my dad," he explained.

Afterward he returned to Wrangell, and went in with two friends on the construction of a wooden seiner, which they named Lalowa.

"When we first started fishing they called us creek robbers," he said. The seasons were longer and catch more bountiful in those days, and eventually Bahovec was able to buy out his friends' shares in the boat. He kept improving on Lalowa, teaching himself what he needed in the course of different pro-



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Retired fisherman Lawrence Bahovec enjoys an afternoon at home with dogs Sir James, and at back, little Lavender. Perhaps Wrangell's longest resident, the former seiner celebrated his 100th birthday on Wednesday.

jects, from wiring and woodworking to installing running hot and cold water onboard. "It was not heard of when I first started out," he said of the latter. "I had to do everything on my own."

In due time he upgraded to a larger boat, which he called the Aurora Marie. "It used to be a cannery tender called XL," he explained. After it was wrecked in a rocky run-in, the local cannery towed her back to Wrangell. Bahovec tore the boat down and rebuilt it, and gave it the new name at his first wife's suggestion.

"That was a nice name, we thought," he said.

He spent much of the last century fishing, working one season to the next. "I've probably fished in every area of southeast

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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, January 5: Logan Ritchie, Carolyn Taylor, *Anniversary:* Howard and Tonnie Fennimore, Jordan and Shawna Bunes, **Friday, January 6:** Gale Glass, Ryan Moore, Rod Brown, **Saturday, January 7:** Rilyn Young, Ava Meyerhoff, Teresa Wallace, **Sunday, January 8:** Cody Thomassen, Tyla Nelson, **Monday, January 9:** Delton Claggett, Glenn Smith, Sarah Mason, **Tuesday, January 10:** Margo Walker-Scott, Shane Privett, Lysie Craven, Amanda Briskar, **Wednesday, January 11:** Don Stevens, Sr., Davis Dow, Kevin O'Keefe, Diana Nore, Steve Helgeson, Grayson Freyholtz, Steve Henson, **Thursday, January 12:** Seanne Wickman, Wayne McGee

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

Senior Center Menu

Friday, January 6:

Chicken adobo, rice, mixed veggies, citrus cup

Monday, January 9:

Minestrone, 1/2 ham and cheese sandwich, orange slices, perfection salad

Tuesday, January 10:

BBQ chicken, potato salad, mixed veggies, hot roll

Wednesday, January 11:

Lasagna, steamed carrots, garlic bread, zucchini and tomato salad

Thursday, January 12:

Fiesta pork, rice, green beans, fruit cup

Friday, January 13:

Moose stew, cauliflower and broccoli toss, hot herb biscuit

Please call Wrangell Senior Center

at 874-2066 by 10 a.m. for reservations.

Milk, tea and coffee will be served with meals.

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, January 5

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

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

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

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

Continuing Events

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

OTHER MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

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

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

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

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

The Way We Were

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

January 4, 1917: Wrangell, which has for years had the name of being the original one-horse town, now has a greater dignity, according to William G. Thomas, United States commissioner at Wrangell, who is at the Frye. The town already has two horses, one does the community's dray work and the other, which is attached to the mill, in its spare time carries the residents their wood and coal.

So great is the prosperity of Wrangell that in the spring there will be need of a motor truck. Mr. Thomas, whose duties include many of those performed by county officials in the states, came to Seattle a few weeks ago to spend the winter. The change was far from beneficial, however, as both he and Mrs. Thomas have recovered from the grippe. Although Wrangell has its own

storage plant, it will never get the entire fish business of the locality. Mr. Thomas believes, as at Prince Rupert, B.C., the fishermen are enabled to unload their catch and have it put immediately into cars and started toward the market.

January 2, 1942: Rationing of tires is now in effect, according to a wire received this week by Mayor E.J. Wheeler from Gov. Ernest Gruening. The Governor's wire follows: "Owing to interruption of rubber supply from far east immediate tire rationing is required under presidential order conferred upon office of price administration at Washington which requests me to appoint tire rationing officials throughout Territory. Until January 5 no new tires may be sold. Thereafter tires may be sold only to those engaged in defense work or whose services are indispensable to community and upon certificates granted by local tire rationing official. I hereby appoint you tire rationing officer for Wrangell area. The power you may delegate to an official of preferably a board which will serve without pay and be enrolled as federal officials with franking privilege for official business and which must not include any tire dealers. Blanks and instructions will be mailed as soon as received from Washington. As there may be some delay I request that tire sales be frozen until arrival of instructions. Please give immediate publication to this communication and wire me government collect name of official or board whom you designate." The Mayor named Lew M. Williams to handle the tire rationing duties here.

January 6, 1967: Gov. Walker J. Hickel predicted today Alaska will soon become the great storehouse of raw materials from which the nations of the Pacific

Rim will draw. Speaking at ceremonies marking the opening of Alaska's purchase centennial celebration, Hickel devoted most of his remarks to Alaska's past and future economics. He said two thirds of the world's population lives on the Pacific Rim adding: "Many of these people, from South America to Southeast Asia, are people in need. Their needs are basic, they are the people who will use the resources of this great land."

January 2, 1992: For a local tugboat outfit, a routine towing operation to Seattle turned into a 45-day trip to Japan. The Mogul, a "daring class" tug owned by Campbell Towing, was enlisted to tow the Alaska Voyager, a disabled fish processing vessel, from Dutch Harbor in the Aleutians, south to Seattle for repairs. A need for timely repairs,

however, called for the Alaska Voyager to be delivered instead of Shimizu, Japan. The Fishing Company of Alaska, owners of the Alaska Voyager were told by their insurance company the processor had to be back on the fishing grounds by Jan. 15. According to Carl Campbell of Campbell Towing, taking the vessel to Japan instead of Seattle was the only way they could "guarantee repairs in timely fashion for the opening in the Bering Sea." Wrangellite Sig Torgramsen captained the Mogul as far as Dutch Harbor. Campbell said Torgramsen does relief work for Campbell Towing, and he's one of the few capable of taking the tug that great a distance. A person recommended by one of Campbell Towing's subsidiary companies guided the tug the rest of the way.

FERRY SCHEDULE

Departures

Northbound

Sunday, January 8
Kennicott 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 15
Malaspina 3:15 p.m.
Sunday, January 22
Malaspina 4:45 p.m.
Sunday, January 29
Malaspina 9:00 p.m.

Southbound

Wednesday, January 4
Kennicott 5:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 11
Kennicott 4:45 a.m.
Wednesday, January 18
Malaspina 4:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 25
Malaspina 4:30 a.m.

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



TIDES TABLE

January 5 - January 12

High Tides

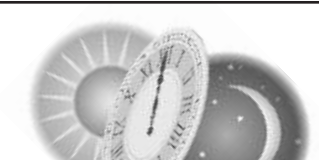
Low Tides

	AM		PM		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
January 5	5:39	14.8	5:53	12.8	11:42	3.2	11:54	1.9
January 6	6:42	15.1	7:18	12.5	-----	-----	2:55	2.6
January 7	7:48	15.8	8:39	12.9	0:59	2.6	2:10	1.5
January 8	8:51	16.7	9:49	13.7	2:09	3.0	3:21	0.0
January 9	9:49	17.7	10:50	14.8	3:19	2.9	4:24	-1.5
January 10	10:44	18.6	11:45	15.7	4:23	2.5	5:18	-2.8
January 11	11:36	19.2	-----	-----	5:19	2.0	6:06	-3.7
January 12	0:35	16.4	12:24	19.4	6:10	1.6	6:51	-4.0



Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
December 25	37	21
December 26	39	33
December 27	39	35
December 28	37	32
December 29	33	26
December 30	41	30
December 31	39	26
January 1	30	24



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Jan. 5	8:18a	3:29p	7:11h
Jan. 6	8:17a	3:30p	7:13h
Jan. 7	8:17a	3:32p	7:14h
Jan. 8	8:16a	3:33p	7:17h
Jan. 9	8:15a	3:35p	7:20h
Jan. 10	8:15a	3:36p	7:21h
Jan. 11	8:14a	3:38p	7:24h
Jan. 12	8:13a	3:39p	7:26h

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March
Wrangell Cooperative Association transferred seven of its retired totem poles from storage at the boatyard over to its new cultural center on Front Street. Most had not seen the light of day in nearly two decades, and the Tribe hoped to

eventually commission replacements for several of the more notable pieces.

Members of Wrangell Volunteer Fire Department raised \$15,300 for the annual Scott Firefighter Stairclimb in Seattle. The event draws 19,000 firefighters from around the world, and raises money to ben-

efit research and care related to cancers of the blood. Wrangell's team of seven raised the 13th-highest amount of all the teams present.

Resident Don Roher won five medals at the Western National Shoot, an Arizona-hosted competition put on by the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association.

Wrangell High School's boys basketball team finished its season in fourth place at the 2016 All-State Tournament in Anchorage, after taking second at Region V. Wrangell's Amateur Athletic Union girls youth basketball team finished its season undefeated, after competing in three tournaments. On their return from Juneau, the girls were treated to a celebratory fire engine ride through town.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation and federal Environmental Protection Agency began cleanup at the former Byford junkyard site at 4-Mile Zimovia Highway. For decades, decommissioned vehicles,



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

A house on Zimovia Highway just past Heritage Harbor had the roof of its deck blown off during a heavy storm in January last year. The home was one of several damaged along the road.



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Volunteers and harbor employees begin shifting the Sun Totem from its erstwhile storage at the boatyard to Wrangell Cooperative Center's recently built carving facility. The pole was the biggest of seven moved in March last year.

batteries and other items were improperly stored at the site, causing extensive contamination and posing a risk to nearby water sources. Paid for using \$3.9 million in Superfund monies, crews worked on the cleanup through the summer.

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Police report

Monday, December 26

Alarm.
Citizen Assist: Unlock Vehicle.
Agency Assist: Line Crew.

Tuesday, December 27

Disturbance: Title 47.
Parking Complaint.
DV Order: 20-day ex parte.
Verbal warning given for parking in front of fire hydrant.
Alarm.

Wednesday, December 28

Report of Motor Vehicle Accident.

Thursday, December 29

Abandoned Vehicle.
Agency Assist: WMC.

Friday, December 30

Domestic: Courtesy Transport.
Citizen Assist.
Traffic Stop: Verbal warning for not having

headlights turned on.

Traffic Stop: Verbal warning for no tail-lights.

Saturday, December 31

Road Debris.
Harassment.
Person Under 21: Cited Anthony Free Guggenbickler, 20, for Person Under 21 on Licensed Premises.

Sunday, January 1

Probation Violations.
Traffic Stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment.
Disorderly Conduct.
Domestic: Title 47.
Agency Assist: AK Airlines.

There were four ambulance calls and one dog complaint.



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Kayla Meissner starts up a fire on Cottonwood Island May 3 during Wrangell and Petersburg's joint field trip up the Stikine River.

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April

On April 8, three residents were killed in a plane crash on Admiralty Island, with a fourth injured. Pilot Dave Galla, and surveyors Greg Scheff and Thomas Siekawitch died in the crash, and surveyor Morgan Enright was critically injured. The National Transportation Safety Board indicated weather may have played a role in the Cessna 206 going down. After considerable rehabilitative work in Colorado, Enright returned home late in the year, still on the mend.

The Board of Game adopted a change put forward by Wrangell's Game Advisory Committee, updating the definition of spike-fork antlers in a way that better takes into account the characteristics of local moose. The change had been pushed for for several years, and finally passed after seeking support from other ACs.

Wrangell Cooperative Association's Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (IGAP) office began sampling water

from area beaches in an effort to identify potential health risks from shellfish due to specific algal blooms. The program would send its samples to a lab run by Sitka Tribe of Alaska for testing, in turn contributing its findings to a broader alert system.

May

A service was held at

Wrangell's cemetery to memorialize two Royal Canadian Mounted Police constables, who had drowned crossing from the Stikine River to Wrangell Island in 1901. Members of the RCMP, Alaska State Troopers, and local police force shared duties during the

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Obituary: John Bryan Hall III, 80

John, 80, passed away on December 23, 2016 in Yuma, Arizona.

He was born in Marshall, Texas to Virginia Bell Hall and John Bryan Hall, Jr. on May 25, 1936. He graduated from Marshall High School in 1954 and East Texas State University in 1958, whereupon he moved to Saint Mary's, Idaho in search of good fishing. He taught math and shop there for two years and then moved to Seward, Alaska in search of even better fishing. Turns out the fishing in Seward was great, but the earthquakes were a little much, so after the Great Easter Quake of 1964, he moved to Wrangell, where the fishing was still good and earthquakes were less likely to crop up.

In 1965, he married Judy Thomas, mother to his two oldest daughters, Gretchen and Sarah. In 1972, he married Angelika Densmore and had two more children - Hanna and John Bryan Hall IV. He was primarily a shop teacher. However, since he taught in small schools he also taught most other subjects, with the exception of Home Economics. He retired from Wrangell High School in 1982.

After he retired from teaching, he stayed active in the community. He was a long time member of the Elks' Club and served as both the Exalted Ruler and the secretary. He coached Little League until his children got too old to play, and then took over the thankless task of home plate umpire. He served on the School Board - he used to say there should always be at least one teacher on the Board. He built houses for folks, and every morning, rain or shine, went down to the coffee shop to have a cup of coffee



John Bryan Hall III

and see if anyone knew where the fish were biting. Once the golf course was built, at the prodding of his wife, he took up cow pasture pool.

John was well known for his sense of humor and quirky use of language. It never rained, it "rained like a cow peeing on a flat rock." He loved his friends - and making new ones. He would invite strangers to dinner, who left as friends. He particularly enjoyed having huge Christmas feasts and Easter egg hunts with dozens of friends.

He is survived by his wife, Angelika, his children Gretchen, Sarah, Hanna and John, his grandchildren Grace, Tommy, Brielle, Anna, Bryan and John, his sister Kathryn and a horde of good friends.



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Members of the Wrangell Volunteer Fire Department carry out a pretend victim on a stretcher during May 4's drill.



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Bryce Gerald carried classmate Amy Jenson over the threshold of their first summer post-graduation.

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service, and a memorial stone was erected at the cemetery.

The state Department of Health and Social Services announced it would be de-staffing Wrangell's Public Health Center, following budget cuts to the program. The community's nursing position was by then vacant, and an administrative position was cut as well.

The annual Brian Gilbert Golf Tournament and dinner raised nearly \$30,000 for the Wrangell Medical Center Foundation. Much of the money came from the dinner's auction, and proceeds go to

support the foundation's scholarship and cancer care funds.

Wrangell's chapter of the Lions Club announced it would be closing up operations, after 48 years of service. The decision came due to a decline in membership both in the club and local Boy Scouts program.

June

A replica tribal house constructed by Wrangell craftsmen was a featured exhibit at the opening of the new Alaska State Museum in Juneau. Headed by Todd White, the team was contracted due to its involvement in the renovation of the Chief Shakes Island house completed in 2013.

Harbor fee increases were approved by the Wrangell Assembly, upping moorage rates by 10 percent and rescheduling the transient moorage along a sliding scale. Though facing opposition by various community members, the rise was the first instituted in nearly a decade, and the added revenue would largely go to bolster funds for deferred maintenance projects.

Malia McIntyre was named the winner of the 64th Annual King Salmon Derby, catching a 46.7-pound Chinook off Found Island on June 10. Participation in the yearly, month-long event was down from past years, and

eight of the top 10 fish came in under 40 pounds – reflecting a regional trend among salmon size as stock demographics change.

A power outage across the Wrangell-Petersburg-Ketchikan utility grid was caused by problems at the Swan Lake dam, which is administered by Southeast Alaska Power Agency. The dam was in the

early stages of being added on to, a project which concluded without incident afterward in October. The \$10,000,000 effort ended up increasing the hydroelectric dam's active storage by 25 percent.

Backed by Southeast Conference and the Legislature, the Alaska Marine Highway System launched an initiative to reform its service model for the coming decades. A steering committee was selected from a wide range of experts and spe-

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14 Reasons to Shop Local

- 1. Keep Money Local**—Sales taxes fund our communities and provide vital services such as police and fire protection, street repairs and trash collection.
- 2. Local Investment**—Local businesses are less susceptible to national downturns and more likely to work harder to stay open.
- 3. Locally-Made Products**—Local business owners often sell local products, which helps preserve the community's distinction and creates more jobs locally, as well.
- 4. Support for Nonprofits**—Local businesses support good work in our community.
- 5. Personal Connection**—Getting to know the store owners is a great reason to shop local.
- 6. Product Knowledge**—Local business owners are well informed about their products and know what they are selling.
- 7. Diverse Products**—Local stores carry inventory you might not find at national chain stores.

- 8. Cost Effective**—Sometimes prices at local businesses are better because they don't have the overhead that larger stores may have and they may be more willing to negotiate to meet your price needs.
- 9. Better Experience**—Local shopping can translate to more convenient retail experiences.
- 10. Less "Leakage"**—Local businesses tend to buy and sell with other local businesses.
- 11. Increased Expertise**—Shopping at a local store means you can get an expert opinion about the products that you're purchasing.
- 12. Create Community**
- 13. Better Service**—Local business owners do what they do because they are passionate about their products and typically take more time to get to know their customers.
- 14. Support Future Growth**—Shopping locally is the best way to show pride in your city and help protect the businesses that make our city unique.

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cialists, and worked through the summer and fall on a restructuring proposal, which will go before the House and Senate during its 2017 session. Threatened by budget cuts and experiencing several significant vessel breakdowns during the tour season, the ferry service is looking to make itself more efficient to continue meeting the needs of coastal communities.

July

Originally hailing from the Philippines, Josie Olsen

became a U.S. citizen after living in Wrangell for 17 years. The subsequent July 4 celebration was her first as a full-fledged American. Falling over a weekend, Wrangell's celebration was a large scale affair that spanned several days. Its annual royalty competition, which raises money for the following year's festivities, broke both individual and cumulative records in ticket sales.

The Borough Assembly approved formation of a steering committee to explore the possibility of developing a new



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Wrangell residents join with hundreds of other participants in last June's Celebration in Juneau. Held from June 8 to 11, the biennial festival celebrates the art, food, music and culture of the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian people. It is one of the of the largest gatherings of Southeast Alaska Native peoples and is the second-largest event sponsored by Alaska Natives in the state.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY WRANGELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Malia McIntyre bears the Wrangell King Salmon Derby trophy after winning this year's competition. The 46.7-pound fish she caught near Found Island on the final weekend won her \$6,500 in prizes and a silver bracelet. Derby committee chair and evening emcee Shawn Curley presented her award.

residential school at the former Institute property. Unlike its predecessor, the proposed facility would be an accelerated learning school for middle and high schoolers, under the guidance of the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program. The idea was first pitched in March.

August

Wrangell High School and Stikine Middle School welcomed their new principal, Bill Schwan. Hailing most recently from Dillingham, he is the third new secondary schools principal the district has had in as many years.

Testers with the local IGAP office discovered unsafe levels of saxitoxin in Shoemaker Bay-area butter clams. The toxin causes paralytic shellfish poisoning in those who ingest enough of the affected specimens. The group advised foragers to be wary of the risks.

A state of emergency over potable water availability was finally dialed back, once Wrangell's water treatment

plant caught up with demand. Problems with the filtration process, coupled with high summertime demand and lower than usual rainfall contributed to the shortfall. At the most severe point, the city's response was to shut down service to local seafood producers for a day, and place a ban on nonessential use of water to the broader public.

Seafood producers wound down operations earlier than expected, after Southeast's commercial salmon fishery experienced one of its worst harvests for pinks in decades. Elsewhere, the fishing was better: Bristol Bay reported the second-best season for sockeye in a 20-year period, and had the best harvest yet for all species of salmon. Southeast's lull followed another disappointing harvest in 2014, the effects of which had been exacerbated by lowered prices.

The Wrangell Assembly rejected a proposal to trim the number of days the city exempts from sales tax from

two to just one, citing concerns from local businesses.

September

On September 23 Gov. Bill Walker announced plans to cap the 2016 Permanent Fund Dividend individual payout at about half its designated value, \$1,022. The move came in response to concerns over state spending as it battles a multi-billion dollar deficit. Legislators are expected to debate a restructuring of the fund in the upcoming session.

Borough manager Jeff Jabusch announced he would be retiring by the end of March 2017, after serving in the position for three years. The Borough Assembly soon after authorized a manager search to find a successor.

October

Wrangell High School's cross-country team took silver at the State Tournament in Anchorage. The sole member of the team to compete there, senior Reyn Hutten beat her personal best to take second

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Members of the One People Canoe Society bear the flags of Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska and Sealaska during a canoe run on September 8, showing support for the Standing Rock Sioux in North Dakota. The tribe is protesting construction of an oil pipeline across a sacred burial ground.

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Wrangell voters reelected among 123A-division runners, after taking first place at Region V the preceding week-end.

Mayor David Jack during its municipal elections. To the Assembly voters selected incumbent Julie Decker and

Patty Gilbert; John Yeager and write-in Gary Morrison to the Port Commission; Rinda Howell and Georgianna Buhler to the Public School Board; and Olinda White and Patrick Mayer to the Medical Center Board. Turnout for the election was at 27 percent.

Alaska Island Community Services, which among other services provides clinical care to the community, announced it would be merging with the larger Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium. The process was expected to conclude by February 2017, and it was not expected any jobs would be lost to the Wrangell-based provider by the transition.

The 2016 moose season had a record harvest, with 113 moose taken in the unit. Fifty of these were taken on Kupreanof Island, while the Stikine River area saw a more modest harvest of 16 moose. The month-long season's numbers were likely helped by a relatively mild winter and a healthy population.

The Chamber of Commerce was named the best in the state during the Alaska State Chamber Conference in Kenai. The award highlighted the organization's community involvement and business reputation.

Wrangell's Alaska Wildlife Trooper resigned his position after a year of service, prompting concern it could be again

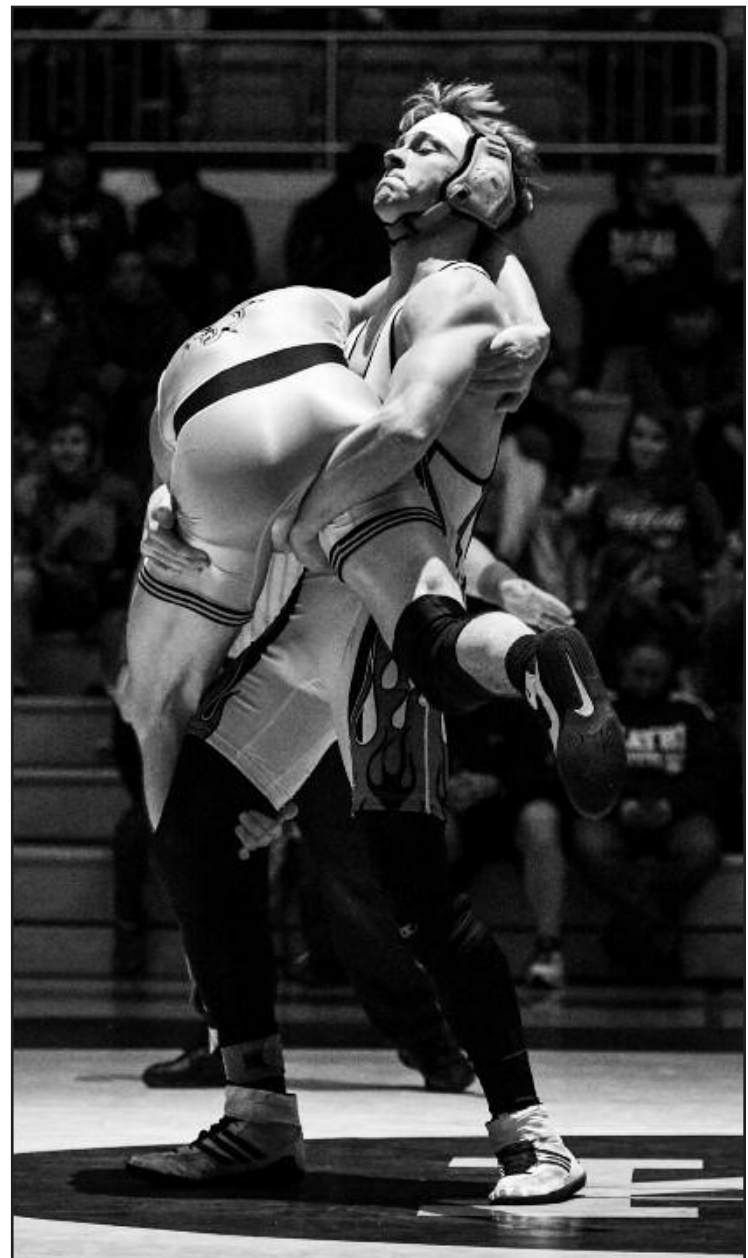


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Wrangell's Dawson Miller lifts up Glennallen High School sophomore Caden Gerlach during the 160-pound championship match of the Bill Weiss Invitational Tournament in the Clarke Cochrane Gym. Gerlach won by fall.

cut due to a tightened budget. The post had been temporarily cut in 2015 during a similar vacancy, a decision reversed after lobbying from state representatives and community members. The State Troopers office confirmed it planned to retain the position, and began seeking applicants.

The state Department of Natural Resources began contacting owners of float homes anchored along the Stikine River, informing them their facilities were not permitted there. In March the DNR had settled a longstanding jurisdictional dispute with the United States Forest Service over which agency managed lands underlying the river's tidal zones and sloughs. In the vacuum of oversight created by the disagreement, residents in Petersburg and Wrangell had over the years been adding recreational buildings to the river without permit. The issue remains ongoing.

Assemblyman Stephen Prysunka resigned from his position, citing a conflict of interest when a family member took on a job with the Parks Department. This led the civic body to discuss whether its nepotism policies were overly stringent, which it ultimately decided was not the case. On the advice of the council, Prysunka would be readmitted in December, to serve until the next election.

November

Donald Trump was elected U.S. President during November 8 over former

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Sen. Lisa Murkowski was reelected to another term, as was Rep. Don Young. At the state level, Sen. Bert Stedman handily won reelection to his seat, while District 36 Rep. Dan Ortiz was elected to a second term in a more closely-contested race against Republican challenger Bob Sivertsen. For the first time in recent memory the Alaska House changed majorities, with a bipartisan caucus set to lead the chamber when it meets in January 2017.

For the first time in 14 years, Wrangell fielded a competitive swim team. Young swimmers in the Wrangell Swim Club competed at Petersburg during a three-day meet, and a number of them would go on to compete at Juneau's regional competition in December.

Three privately owned boats at Heritage Harbor were broken into during the early morning of November 17, with owners reporting a variety of items stolen. Police pursued several leads, and by the next week had charged two suspects with the crimes. Court proceedings for Aaron Howell and Laven Ritchie were ongoing by the new year.

Hospital board members and facility administrators met with the Borough Assembly to refigure how they will together approach construction of a new medical center.

December

After months of zoning updates and public discussion, a conditional use permit was

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Fish Factor

by Laine Welch

The start of 2017 marks the 26th year for this weekly column that targets news for and about Alaska's seafood industry. The goal is to make all readers more aware of the economic and cultural importance of our state's first and oldest industry.

Today, Alaska fishermen and

processors provide 65 percent of our nation's wild-caught seafood; it is also Alaska's most valuable export to more than 100 countries around the world. The seafood industry puts more people to work throughout Alaska than oil/gas, mining, timber and tourism combined.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Eighth grader Alex Rooney spent his holiday weekend collecting cans from around town for Stikine Middle School's canned food drive. He collected 257 items, which went to the Salvation Army for the group's annual Christmas baskets.

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issued to Wrangell's first proposed cannabis retailer. Also planning to grow and process its own marijuana, Happy Cannabis was still undergoing the state's licensing process, and was hoping to be open before the 2017 visitor season.

The much-anticipated governor's budget draft for the 2018 fiscal year includes enough funding to cover replacement of the float structure and Shoemaker Bay Harbor. Amid a round of budget cuts the previous year the proposed project was bumped due to lack of program funding. If the item survives budget negotiations in the Legislature during its 2017 session, \$5,000,000 may be allocated toward the harbor's renovation.

Wrangell residents got into the charitable spirit of the holiday season in various ways. With the aid of \$2,000 in grant money from FEMA and \$2,400 from community donations, the Salvation Army was able to provide Christmas meals to 125 people, with toys for about 40 children. The American Legion Auxiliary raised funds to buy toys for 196 children, passed out at its annual Christmas party. ANSA and the Auxiliaries further arranged for holiday care packages for long-term care patients and area veterans. And the Roane family organized donated money and care items to provide 60 emergency kits for homeless families in the Seattle area.

Amid several months of escalating legal action, the City and Borough of Wrangell and IBEW Local 1547 agreed to forgo further litigation. A Ketchikan judge helped broker the compromise, and the two parties set a date in early January to resume negotiations. They hope to draw up a new collective bargaining agreement for 24 public employees, to replace one which expired in June 2014.

Wrangell High School's boys wrestling team took third place for its division at the State Championships in Anchorage. Wrestler Caleb Groshong brought home the gold for his weight bracket, and the team placed eighth of 52 teams present.

The bulk of Alaska's fishing fleet of nearly 10,000 vessels is made up of boats under 50 feet. Each is a small business that supports several families. For fishing towns like Kodiak, Cordova and Homer, where 500 to 700 vessels are homeported, those boats are the majority of our downtown store fronts. I call it a mall in a marina.

Here are my **Fishing Picks and Pans for 2016** – a no holds barred look back at the best and worst fish stories of 2016, in no order, and my choice for the biggest story of the year.

- **Biggest new industry potential:** Seaweeds. Kelp alone is a \$5 billion global industry. A task force has one year to provide Gov. Walker with a statewide mariculture plan for producing more seaweeds and shellfish. Canada, California and Maine have already come knocking.

- **Biggest fish hurry up already:** Getting Electronic Monitoring Systems to replace fishery observers on small boats. Credit Saltwater, Inc. of Anchorage, Kenai Peninsula Fisheries Association and Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association of Sitka for getting EMS onboard in 2017.

- **Best Fish Entrepreneurs** – Salmon Sisters of Homer.

- **Best fish sigh of relief:** Gulf fishermen can use pots instead of hooks to keep whales from robbing their sablefish catches. At fish prices ranging from \$4 to more than \$9 a pound, depending on size, "getting whaled" makes for a pay day bust.

- **Best fish visionaries:** Tidal Vision LLC of Juneau, for their eco-friendly method of extracting chitin from crab shells, a first in the USA. Uses for chitin range from fabrics to pharmaceuticals and are too numerous to mention.

- **Best Fish Legislators:** Rep. Louise Stutes (R) Kodiak, Rep. Bryce Edgmon (D) Dillingham

- **Best fishing career-builders:** University of Alaska/Southeast, Kodiak College for "on the go" courses in boat hydraulics, electronics, repairs, fishery technicians and more.

- **Best fish knowledge sharers:** Alaska Sea Grant's Marine Advisory Agents.

- **Best Fish Giver** – Sea Share, 225 million fish servings to food banks since 1994

- **Trickiest fishing conundrum:** Sea otters vs. crab and dive fisheries in Southeast Alaska.

- **Most earth friendly fishing town** – Kodiak, for generating nearly 100 percent of its electricity from wind and hydropower, and for turning its fish wastes into oils and meals at a plant owned by local processors.

- **Biggest fish WTF?** Recreational Quota Entities that will let halibut charter operators buy commercial shares of the catch – up to 15 percent from Southeast and 12 percent from the Central Gulf, making the RQE the largest halibut shareholders in the

N. Pacific within 10 years.

- **Scariest fish story:** ocean acidification. The corrosion of crab/scallop/oyster/snail shells is already documented in Pacific waters.

- **Best fish ambassadors** – Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI)

- **Best global fish story** – The US and other nations cracking down on Illegal, Undocumented and Unreported (IUU) catches by fish pirates—more than 20 percent of the global fish harvest.

- **Best daily fish news site:** Seafood.com

- **Best fish watchers:** Cook Inlet Keeper, Salmon Beyond Borders

- **Most encouraging fish talks:** Alaska and British Columbia officials meeting for the first time to implement cooperations aimed at protecting transboundary waters in Southeast from mining accidents up stream

- **Best fish economist:** Andy Wink, Senior Seafood Analyst, McDowell Group

- **Best go to bat for fishing:** The fishermen-funded Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association and eight processors for ponying up \$250,000 to cover salmon management budget shortfalls. Otherwise, more than 1.6 million sockeye salmon would have been taken as "cost recovery" from the fishery to fund counting stations, weirs and other required oversight.

- **Biggest fish flop:** Putting the onus on fishermen to cover the research and management costs of going fishing (see above)

- **Best fish connectors:** Alaska Marine Conservation Council, for its Caught by Alaskan for Alaskans program.

- **Best fish mainstream push:** Alaska herring showcased as smoked, pickled, pated and filleted by 40 Seattle restaurants for Northwest Herring Week. Credit Bruce Schactler of Kodiak and

ASMI's Herring Development Project.

- **Most ill-timed fish story** – U.S. Navy war games held again in May as Alaska's salmon season gets underway. The area covers 60,000 square miles off the tip of the Kenai Peninsula. Requests to move the war games to September have been dismissed.

- **Biggest fish bust:** The no show of pink salmon was the worst since the 1970s to major regions and prompted a call for emergency relief from Uncle Sam.

- **Biggest fish booboo:** Forty-four percent of Bristol Bay's 1,500 active drift netters still don't chill their salmon. That pushes down fish prices in the Bay and beyond.

- **Fish story of the year:** On the final day of its December meeting, the N. Pacific Council turned its back on plans to reduce Chinook salmon and halibut bycatch taken by trawlers in the Gulf of Alaska.

The program, under discussion for years, aimed to slow the race to catch up to 25 different kinds of whitefish (cod, pollock, flounders, etc.) that comprise more than 80 percent of Kodiak's annual landings.

Stakeholders were pushing for a mix of catch shares and cooperatives to help them avoid bycatch while catching their full quotas. Now, trawlers face strict bycatch caps that shut down various fisheries when the caps are reached. The closures result in an idled waterfront and no steady, year round work for Kodiak's large seafood processing workforce.

But calling it "too divisive," the Council, led by Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game Commissioner Sam Cotten, tabled the entire program and just walked away, bycatch and whitefish landings be damned.



The Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) is seeking proposals from qualified firms for its 2017-2019 Annual Transmission Line Maintenance Contract No. 17022. This contract requires the annual inspection, repair, and maintenance services for the Swan Lake, Tye Lake, and Swan-Tye Intertie Transmission Lines in Years 2017, 2018, and 2019, with an option to renew for Year 2020.

All bidders shall file with SEAPA on or before January 16, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. AKST, their qualifications detailing:

- Alaskan transmission line work at 115 kV or higher voltage
- Helicopter construction
- Working at remote sites
- Working above energized lines 12.47 kv or higher

Bids will only be considered from bidders who have been notified by SEAPA that their qualifications are satisfactory.

Bids from qualified bidders will be accepted until January 31, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. AKST.

For a complete set of the bid documents with additional details, please navigate to: <http://www.seapahydro.org/rfp/php> or interested respondents may call the SEAPA office at 907.228.2281 for a copy.

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Sourdough Lodge sold, to become assisted care center

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Wrangell's second-largest travel lodging has been sold, and will be repurposed as a senior housing and assisted living center this spring.

The owners of the Sourdough Lodge sold the property to a group of buyers, who are currently renovating its rooms and preparing it for the new use. Once completed, by April 1 the lodge will be rechristened Harbor House Assisted Living Center and Senior Housing.

One of the buyers, Shannon Bosdell, explained the facility will fill a need in the community for housing alternatives benefitting seniors.

"What I understand from the research that I've done, is we have the oldest growing population right here, and not a lot of services for them," he said.

In a report conducted as part of the city's Institute property master planning sessions last March, Wrangell is at the far end of a wider trend in Alaska. Demographically the state is aging, with Southeast having a higher proportion of older residents than other parts. Compared to the state's average age of 34, Wrangell's comes in high at 48. A housing needs survey conducted by Wrangell Cooperative Association in 2015 further found that senior housing was one of the community's top needs.

Once renovated, the former lodge will be able to accommodate five assisted living rooms, and up to 11 senior housing rooms. The variety of rooms will allow residents greater leeway to tailor the housing to their needs, and there will be



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

One of Wrangell's oldest and largest lodgings, the Sourdough Lodge has been sold to a group of partners, who will convert the building into an assisted living facility. To be called Harbor House because of its view of Reliance Harbor, the center is expected to open its doors to residents in April.

opportunities for couples to live together as well.

"My big idea here, it's kind of a cradle-to-grave design," Bosdell said. "That's what I really like about it. So you come in as seniors here at 55, and you live here through senior living through assisted living, all the way to hospice care. So you don't have to move to several different places during that process."

A retired registered nurse, Bosdell has 15 years' prior experience managing similar facilities. What will set the former Sourdough apart in terms of amenities will be its homey atmosphere.

"When you walk into an assisted living home or a nursing home it feels like a

nursing home, or a hospital. The idea of this place for me is for it to feel like home. I want you come here, be comfortable, eat well," he said. "The thing I'm happy about, that I really love, is the kitchen here because it's going to be more of the restaurant-style sort of serving."

He gave tours of the work-in-progress to prospective residents on Tuesday. Several rooms were already ready, with single occupancy units giving residents some personal space and a view, in addition to private restroom facilities. There are larger rooms available for couples or specialized care requirements, and the Sourdough's large reception area is being

reworked into a front-end community room.

"We're going to have a big-screen TV for movies there," Bosdell explained. He plans to hire a recreational director to help keep residents engaged and active. There will be a nearby nursing station with a registered nurse on hand, and transportation services are planned to convey residents from the Peninsula Street location into town on a regular basis.

The lodge's large kitchen and dining area will allow for a more restaurant-style service, and Bosdell pointed out all the facility's features will be included for residents at no additional cost. On average, the cost for a single resident will be around \$1,500 a month for housing. According to the 2015 Genworth Financial cost of care survey, the average for assisted living in Alaska is much higher, at \$5,703 per month.

Funding for the venture was put forward by himself and his wife, Victoria Bosdell, and partners Daniel and Niki Blake. At the moment, Bosdell is a licensed administrator through the state, and Harbor House will have all its requisite licensing and staffing by the time it opens.

"There are a lot of different badges you have to wear for something this size. It's quite a jump," he said.

Once open, Bosdell expected the center would add between four and a dozen new jobs.

"I think it's going to be a great mix," he commented. "I was just so excited by the building and everything it offers."

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by Linda Thistle

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL Fire System Tax Exemption

Alaska statutes require a partial property tax exemption for structures with fire systems approved under Alaska Statutes 18.70.081. A complete list of the systems approved for the 2017 assessment year and applications are available at the City Hall. Applications must be filed each year for the exemption on or before January 16, 2017.

Lee Burgess, Finance Director
City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska
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LEGAL NOTICE

Forest Service planning regulations require that each National Forest in the United States prepare a Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA) identifying projects which may undergo analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) within the next year. The schedule is prepared quarterly (January, April, July, and October) and mailed to persons, agencies, and organizations that have expressed interest in being informed of these types of projects.

Copies of the schedule addressing projects on the and the Hoonah, , Misty Fjords/Ketchikan, , Prince of Wales, , Wrangell and Yakutat Ranger Districts are available at District and Monument offices and the Forest Supervisor's Offices located in , , and . The schedule for the entire Tongass National Forest can also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/sopa/forest-level.php?111005>

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

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

Kim Lane, Borough Clerk
City of Wrangell, Alaska
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the regular board meeting of the Wrangell Medical Center Board of Directors shall be held on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Nolan Center Classroom, Wrangell, Alaska. Separate notice for the regular Board of Directors meeting shall not be required.

Kris Reed
Board Secretary
Wrangell Medical Center
Publish: January 5, 2017



The Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms to provide material, equipment, machinery, tools, labor, transportation and other means to clear, trim, and cut trees and brush along rights of way that have the ability to grow to a height that would compromise SEAPA's transmission line. The project area is located on the west side of Carroll Inlet close to SEAPA's Swan Lake Hydroelectric Plant. Bidders must visually inspect the transmission line and surrounding areas, at their own cost, prior to submitting a bid for the project and submit a Certificate of Inspection with their bid document.

For a complete set of the bid documents with additional details, please navigate to: <http://www.seapahydro.org/rfp/php> or interested respondents may call the SEAPA office at 907.228.2281 for a copy.
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City & Borough of Wrangell Board of Adjustment Meeting PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough Assembly, acting as the Board of Adjustment, shall hear testimony, both oral and written, with a decision to follow, on the following appeal:

Setback Variance to allow a 4-foot Setback on the Side and 7 foot Setback in the Back (shoreline property boundary) on Lot 1-B2, GIHP Resubdivision, appeal received from Chris Guggenbickler, property owned by Charles and Pam Haubrich

on Monday, January 9, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers.

The hearing and meeting is open to the public.

As per WMC 20.80.010, The board of adjustment may reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify the order, requirement, decision or determination appealed and may make such order, requirement, decision or determination as deemed necessary to implement its decision. The board of adjustment shall have all the powers of the planning commission or administrator who made the original decision.

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

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL JOB ADVERTISEMENT Temporary Administrative Assistant Public Works Department

The City and Borough of Wrangell Public Works Department will accept applications for the position of Temporary Administrative Assistant from December 27th, 2016 through January 13th, 2017.

This position is for an immediate temporary 20-hour per week hire, with work lasting approximately two months. Applicant will perform administrative and office support activities for the Public Works Department. Duties may include fielding telephone calls, receiving and directing visitors, word processing, creating spreadsheets, and filing. Extensive software skills, internet research abilities and strong communication skills are required.

A job application may be obtained and returned to City Hall, 205 Brueger Street (P.O. Box 531), Wrangell, AK 99929. Rate of pay depends on experience.

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Jeff Jabusch
Borough Manager

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City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska PUBLIC NOTICE - City Board and Committee Vacancies

Persons interested in serving on the following City Boards and Committees, please submit your **Letter of Interest** to the Office of the Borough Clerk, City & Borough of Wrangell, P.O. Box 531, Wrangell, AK 99929.

Deadline for Letters of Interest is **5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 10, 2017**, for the following vacancies:

Planning & Zoning Commission **one** - (three year term)
Economic Development Committee **two** - (three year terms)

If you have any questions on the duties and responsibilities for each board and committee, please contact the Borough Clerk's Office at either calling 874-2381 or emailing clerk@wrangell.com or stop by City Hall at 205 Brueger Street.

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

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King Crossword —

Answers

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SE weather in 2016 warmest on record

Temperatures in Southeast Alaska were for many communities the warmest on record, according to weather data collected by the National Weather Service.

Maintained by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NWS data showed records were broken

for Juneau, Petersburg, Annette and Haines, while Ketchikan had its second-warmest year on record.

In Petersburg, the average temperature for the year was 46.1 degrees Fahrenheit, which is 2.9 degrees higher than normal. Its previous warmest year was in 2015, when the average temperature was 45.6F. The previously warmest year was in 2004, with an average of 44.9F.

Total precipitation in 2016 was 101.26 inches, which was only 93 percent of the historical average. Total snowfall for the year was at 19.5 inches, 18.8 of which fell in the month of December. Climatologist Rick Thomen noted total precipitation had been near to somewhat below normal in most of Southeast. He pointed out that

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Two trees take top spots at Christmas auction

Two trees were awarded People's Choice in last year's Christmas Tree Lane, a fundraising event held at the Nolan Center during the run-up to the holiday.

Trees and other holiday displays are decorated and contributed by community members, then sold off through a silent auction process. This year 15 trees were up for bid, as were three other decorative displays. In addition to sprucing up the Nolan Center lobby for a few weeks, the \$1,000 raised through this year's auction went toward Hospice of Wrangell, a service which provides medical equipment and care support to community members. Those winning bids on the items then were able to bring their trees home before the start of Christmas.

Participants in the auction chose two as their favorites, one of which was anonymously donated and was decorated with handcrafted Andean ornaments. The other was put together by the Stikine Stitchers, and featured a Christmassy quilt and tree skirt of their handiwork, as well as a variety of handmade ornaments.

A third tree won the Kids Choice pick, a tree entered by the Carney family called "Made with Love."

the northernmost parts of the region, in particular the Haines and Skagway areas, were nearly the only places in the whole state to have had significantly above-normal snowfall in 2016.

Contributors to the warmer than usual year included a strong El Niño phase during the winter of 2015-16, unrelated warm sea surface temperatures in the Gulf of Alaska during both those years, and the larger

scale multi-decade warming trend.

No reliable climate data was available for the Wrangell area itself. Since the beginning of 2012, the community has lacked a volunteer weather observer to measure and submit readings to the NWS. Across the country, more than 10,000

people participate in the Cooperative Observer Program, which supports the service's record of local temperatures and precipitation. Those interested in participating in the program can contact Kim Vaughan at the NWS Forecast office in Juneau, at kimberly.vaughan@noaa.gov.

January cutoff last chance for health insurance in 2017

Residents are reminded that January 15 is the cutoff for open enrollment in the Health Insurance Marketplace.

In a media release put out by Southeast Alaska Rural Health Consortium on Tuesday, it notes that many who already had insurance plans through the marketplace were automatically renewed for the new year. But for those who failed to pay their initial premiums on time or would like to change their policies, they still have time to do so ahead of the coverage period start on February 1. Otherwise, one might have to wait until March 1 to begin coverage.

People can enroll online through the www.HealthCare.gov website, or by calling the marketplace directly at 1-800-318-2596.

Since the withdrawal of Moda Health from Alaska's insurance marketplace last year, Premera Blue Cross Blue Shield is the only participating coverer. Enrollees have two ways to pay their monthly premiums, either by sending a check to Premera at P.O. Box 741103, Los Angeles, CA 90074-1103; or by paying online at www.premera.com/ak/member/manage-my-account/pay-my-bill.

"It is not too late to sign up for health insurance," urged Andrea Thomas, SEARHC outreach and enrollment manager.

Those needing assistance with the application process can call the Alaska Primary Care Association at 1-844-752-6725, or can contact SEARHC during regular business hours at either 966-8883, 966-8662, or toll-free at 1-855-966-8684.

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100th birthday

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Alaska. Anan was the favorite spot for everyone. We made half our season there.”

The stock there was eventually run down by the gillnetters, and Bahovec traveled further afield for his catch, mainly down to Ketchikan. Twice he recalled “flying the broom” as he pulled into harbor, tying a broom to the top of the mast to let everyone know he caught 100,000 fish.

“That used to be quite an honor at one time,” Bahovec said. “I’m real proud of that.”

The Aurora Marie had a crew of five, and among the people he hired over the years he met his future wife, Sylvia.

“I was the first boat in Wrangell to hire women,” he pointed out. “I asked, ‘Can you cook?’ My God, she was insulted. She was a very good cook.”

She was also a hard worker, a good fisherman, and had a shared love for art. The two married in 1980, and were together for 33 years. During that time they bought a house up on the hill, she opened up a shop near Front Street, and Bahovec continued fishing.

During his free time, he continued producing artwork, working with wood and other materials.

“He’s still going all the time, making stuff, doing stuff,” commented his niece, Lisa Messmer. “He’s always doing something.”

Bahovec finally had to hang up his nets in the late 1990s, after injuring himself in an accident. “After that I had to find someone else to take over, and eventually sold the boat,” he said. “It was a nice life. I loved it when the weather was nice. Of course, we ran into a lot of bad weather.”

He attributed his lengthy lifespan to his time at sea.

“I think that’s a lot to do with it.

If you’re out in the ocean, you get fresh air. And of course, you have good food,” he added. It may well run in the family too, as one of his sisters still lives down in the Washington D.C. area, approaching her own centenary.

He and Sylvia travelled quite a bit as well, visiting Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Samoa and elsewhere.

“We’ve had some wonderful trips,” he recalled. “The finest trip that Sylvia had was when we went to Yugoslavia,” back in 1984.

His father was there at the time, visiting family. “He sent us a message: Get over here and meet your relatives,” said Bahovec.

The couple quickly made arrangements and headed over. “We were treated like royalty.” In fact, he learned the Bahovecs were royalty, granted a baronet by the king before the country was taken over by the communists in 1945.

“While we were there, they decided to make a documentary about my dad and I meeting in Yugoslavia.” Visiting his father’s birthplace, and number of castles and resort towns, the group was shadowed by a film crew and photographers.

“We had a lot of fun,” said Bahovec.

He passed on his fishing legacy, with grandchildren through Sylvia’s family continuing in the field. She passed away after a bout with pancreatic cancer, in June 2013.

“I wish she was here. She could remember so much,” Bahovec remarked. He still lives at home, with his two dogs, Sir James and Lavender. He will be spending his 100th birthday with many friends and relatives on Wednesday, with a party planned at the Stikine Inn that afternoon.



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Alaska union files grievance over governor’s budget

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) – A union representing nearly 8,000 state employees has filed a complaint against Gov. Bill Walker and his administration for an alleged violation of contract.

The Alaska State Employees Association filed the class-action grievance Tuesday in response to Walker’s recently announced budget plan for next fiscal year. The union takes issue with a part of the plan that calls for downsizing Department of Transportation staff and privatizing the majority of the agency’s design team.

The grievance says plans to privatize union member positions must first have a feasibility study or an opportunity for the union to submit alternate proposals.

“It’s only fair to our members and it’s part of the contract that there be some justification if they’re going to privatize jobs,” said ASEA Executive Director Jim Duncan.

Walker’s budget overview for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, includes 76 position reductions from outsourcing design and up to 300 more in the future. The overview states that outsourcing design will bolster “the private sector economy while maximizing the number of projects completed with the available transportation funding.”

ASEA is calling on Walker and his administration to immediately stop contracting out union members’ work. The union is also requesting a third party conduct a feasibility study that includes “all costs associated with contracting out the work in question including, but not limited to, wages, benefits, administrative costs, agency overhead, program supervision, and audits.”

As the state struggles with a multibillion budget deficit amid chronically low oil prices, Walker said his goal is to cut the size of government and reduce spending.

“When the capital budget was more than \$2 billion, it made sense to have a large in-house design staff – but not so with a \$115 million capital budget,” he said in response to the ASEA’s grievance.

The Department of Administration has 20 days to respond to the grievance.

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