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Assembly to decide whether to fund OCS caseworker at lower cost

By CAROLEINE JAMES
Sentinel reporter

At its upcoming July 25 meeting, the borough assembly will decide whether to spend \$25,000 per year to help keep a state Office of Children's Services (OCS) caseworker in town or cut funding for the position.

About a year ago, the borough established a cost-sharing deal with the state to bring a caseworker to Wrangell. The deal stipulated that the borough would pay \$53,000, half of the position's annual cost, and provide an office in the Public Safety Building.

Community advocates for the deal hoped that having a caseworker on the island would improve the levels of protection and advocacy available to minors in unsafe situations. The town had been without a caseworker for years.

However, after funding half of the position for about a year, borough officials felt that the town's caseload didn't justify the cost. "We don't have the caseload here to support a full-time person," said Police Chief Tom Radke in a previous interview. "She handles a very wide area for that agency. If we're paying half her wages, it's 20 hours a week in Wrangell. Do we have 20 hours a week in Wrangell? I don't think so."

The assembly directed Borough Manager Jeff Good last month to renegotiate the deal with the state in hopes of keeping the caseworker in town at a lower cost to the municipality, commensurate with the caseload. The figure OCS came back with was \$25,000, cutting the borough's cost-sharing role in half.

The borough does not collect hard data on Wrangell's caseload but, anecdotally, Good believes the \$25,000 would be roughly on par with the amount of service the community receives. "We're getting about a quarter service now, this would be about a quarter of the deal," Good told the assembly at its June 27 meeting.

At that meeting, the assembly eliminated the borough's \$53,000 contribution, with the understanding that Good would reintroduce a budget amendment based on the new \$25,000 figure.

The assembly will vote on this updated deal in late July. The assembly could also vote the amendment down, cutting funding to the position entirely. "We don't know if we're going to fund it or not," said Assembly Member David Powell, who suggested dropping the \$53,000

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Communities coming together



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Above: Crew on board the 65-foot-long sailing vessel Hōkūle'a prepare to dock at the airplane float in Reliance Harbor on June 27. The Hōkūle'a is circumnavigating the Pacific Ocean, a 43,000-nautical-mile journey, to share cultures and environmental stewardship ideas with communities along the route. Below: Tribal members perform a dance for the visiting Hawaiian delegation from the Polynesian Voyaging Society at a community potluck the evening of June 27. Both groups exchanged songs, stories and dances.

Hōkūle'a visit emphasizes culture and environmental stewardship

By MARC LUTZ
Sentinel editor

As tribal members lined the shore on the backside of Shakes Island, dressed in regalia from their respective clans, one of their voices rang out.

"Where do these boats come from?"

"We are the children of Hawaii. We come from Hawaii," came the response from a canoe in Reliance Harbor.

"Aahá. It is good to see you again. Aahá. Come on our land. You are welcome."



From the moment the sailing vessel Hōkūle'a appeared on the horizon June 27 to greet the Tlingit tribe near Petroglyph Beach for an escort to Shakes Island, until three days later when they headed south for Ketchikan, the Moananuiākea (Voyage for Earth) project brought with it an exchange of cultures, ideas and fellowship.

Dancing, singing, storytelling, food and environmental stew-

ardship highlighted the visit of the Hawaiians, who will continue to circumnavigate the Pacific Ocean over the next 47 months, logging 43,000 nautical miles.

The visit began with traditional greetings and permission to come onto Tlingit Aaní (the Land of the Tlingit), with Ben Jackson, an elder from Kake, taking the

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Life in Wrangell captured in 139-year-old painting

By MARC LUTZ
Sentinel editor

As three days of cultural exchanges wrapped up in Wrangell with the departure of the visiting crew from the Polynesian Voyaging Society, another piece of Wrangell history came to light depicting Tlingit life almost 140 years ago.

In the late 1800s, artist Theodore J. Richardson painted a watercolor of a village that appears to be in the general vicinity of Reliance Harbor. A photo shows him possibly working on that watercolor while in a boat in Zimovia Strait, with Woronkofski Island in the distance.

Richardson was born in Readfield, Maine, on April 5, 1855, and grew up in Red Wing, Minnesota. He studied at Boston Normal Art School and taught for a time, according to a biography from the Hennepin County (Minnesota) Library website.

The artist, working in watercolors and pastels, visited Alaska 24 times starting in 1884, traveling to the territory during the summers after being contracted by the Smithsonian to capture Native American communities and the culture.

So far, two paintings of Wrangell by Richardson are known to exist; the aforementioned Tlingit



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Theodore J. Richardson's watercolor painting, titled "View of Wrangell, Alaska in 1884," depicts the Tlingit village.

village with totems, wooden canoes, houses and people going about their daily lives, titled "View of Wrangell, Alaska in 1884"; and one depicting a wolf totem, titled "Indian Grave. Wolf Totem over Medicine Man Grave, Wrangell."

Richardson would set up his base in Sitka

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Limited southbound ferry service to Wrangell for 6 weeks in fall/winter draft schedule

By LARRY PERSILY
Sentinel writer

Wrangell will go without any southbound ferry service in alternating weeks from Oct. 1 to mid-November under the Alaska Marine Highway System's draft fall/winter schedule.

The town is on the schedule for its usual weekly northbound stop during that period.

The rest of the winter schedule shows once-a-week service to town in each direction, with the bonus of two stops in each direction the second week of each month from mid-November through February when the Kennicott will shorten its Southeast route and not go to Bellingham, Washington.

The ferry stops in Wrangell will be northbound on Fridays and southbound on Mondays, except for the several weeks the Kennicott adds a midweek stop in each direction.

During that second week of each month from mid-November through February, the Kennicott will use the time it saves by canceling out Bellingham to add a stop in Prince Rupert, British Columbia, a popular connection point to the North American highway system that costs significantly less than a ferry ticket to Bellingham.

The Columbia will cover the Southeast mainline route for the first month and a half of the fall schedule, leaving service in mid-November for annual maintenance and overhaul, which is scheduled to last through February.

When the Columbia heads to the shipyard, the Kennicott, which has been tied up all summer for lack of crew, will take its place on the Southeast mainline through early March.

Though overall service to Southeast is close to past winters, the draft schedule provides no ferry service to Cordova or Valdez from mid-October to mid-December, when the Aurora will be out of service for its annual overhaul.

In addition to pulling vessels out of service for annual maintenance work, the Matanuska remains unavailable due to "wasted steel" that needs replacement, and the Tazlina will go into the shipyard for installation of crew quarters to enable use of the ferry on longer voyages that require a change of crew.

The Tazlina, which was launched five years ago, has never been put into regular service due to lack of crew, limited funding and its inability to serve the full-day Lynn Canal route out of Juneau.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

The Sentinel extends its best wishes to everyone listed in the chamber of commerce community birthday calendar.

Wednesday, July 5: None.

Thursday, July 6: Laura Helgeson, Jennifer Miller, Richard Sumner; Anniversaries: Miles and Waka Brown, Daniel and Tammie Kirschner.

Friday, July 7: Dawn Angerman, Devyn Young.

Saturday, July 8: Kyle Angerman, Barb Taylor, Andrew Werner.

Sunday, July 9: Joseph Hammock.

Monday, July 10: None.

Tuesday, July 11: Keian Young; Anniversary: Andrew and Sarah Scambler.

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, July 6

Baked fish, peas, cabbage pear raisin salad, rice

Friday, July 7

Chicken sandwich, minestrone soup, romaine and tomato salad

Monday, July 10

Closed. Shelf-stable meal and fruit cup delivered on Friday, July 7

Tuesday, July 11

Baked chicken, mixed vegetables, cauliflower and broccoli toss, mashed potatoes and gravy, fruit

Wednesday, July 12

Country pork stew, peas and onion salad, roll, fruit

Until further notice, the center is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday. Meals are available for pickup or delivery at noon; no in-person dining and deliveries are limited to home-bound seniors.

Call the center at 907-874-2066 24 hours in advance to reserve a lunch.

Ride services are unavailable until the Senior Center returns to full staffing.

Ferry Schedule

Northbound

Sunday, July 9

Columbia, 4:45 p.m.

Sunday, July 16

Columbia, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 23

Columbia, 4:45 p.m.

Sunday, July 30

Columbia, 1:15 p.m.

Southbound

Wednesday, July 12

Columbia, 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday, July 19

Columbia, 6:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 26

Columbia, 7:45 a.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 2

Columbia, 6:15 a.m.

All times listed are scheduled departure times.

Call the terminal at 907-874-2021 for information or call 907-874-3711 or 800-642-0066 for recorded information.

Tides

High Tides

Low Tides

	AM		PM		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
July 5	02:26	18.5	03:35	15.7	08:58	-3.6	09:02	2.8
July 6	03:15	18.1	04:21	15.8	09:44	-3.1	09:55	2.7
July 7	04:06	17.2	05:08	15.9	10:31	-2.1	10:53	2.6
July 8	05:01	15.9	05:58	16.0	11:19	-0.9	11:55	2.6
July 9	06:03	14.4	06:52	15.9	12:10	0.6
July 10	07:15	13.1	07:51	15.9	01:02	2.4	01:05	2.0
July 11	08:33	12.3	08:50	16.0	02:13	2.1	02:04	3.3

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

BACK-TO-SCHOOL backpacks now available for tribal youth; applications accepted through Friday, July 7. Tlingit & Haida provides backpacks in partnership with Southeast Alaska village tribes. Children must be Alaska Native and/or American Indian, between the age of preschool to grade 12, and reside in Tlingit & Haida's service area. Apply online: www.tinyurl.com/2023B2SAApp. For more information, call 907-463-7158.

COMMUNITY POTLUCK 6 p.m. Fridays through August at the sheltered site on Nemo Point Road. All are welcome.

NOLAN CENTER THEATER "Transformers: Rise of the Beasts," rated PG-13, at 7 p.m. Friday, July 7, and Saturday, July 8. The action adventure sci-fi runs 2 hours and 7 minutes; tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children under age 12. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

MUSKEG MEADOWS will hold the Alaska Airlines Tournament nine-hole best-ball golf tournament Saturday, July 8, and Sunday, July 9, starting at 10 a.m. Register by 9:30 a.m. Special prizes, lunch and a chance to win an airline ticket.

CAMP LORRAINE, a Christian summer camp for kids between the ages of 8 to 16, is planned for July 30 through Aug. 6. The camp is located on Vank Island. The cost is \$199. Applications available online: www.alaskacamps.org.

WRANGELL PARKS and RECREATION is offering multiple activities to get your body moving. For more information on any of the activities and more visit www.wrangellrec.com or call 907-874-2444.

- **YOUTH WRESTLING CAMP** with Mike Bundy open to kindergarten through grade 12 at the community center gym. Camp days are July 10-13, with a tournament July 14. Camp is free but registration is required and sign-up is open until June 30.

- **BEACH EXPLORERS**, 9 a.m. to noon. Monday, July 31 and Friday, August 4 at the first shelter in City Park. Open to 6-8 years old. \$25 fee.

- **YOUTH BASKETBALL COACHES** are needed to share their love of basketball with the kids of Wrangell early this fall for Grades K-1, 2-3, 4-5.

Want more attendance at your meeting or event? Send information for Roundup to wrgsent@gmail.com or call 907-874-2301.

Continuing events

PARKS and RECREATION www.wrangellrec.com

Weight room: 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday

AA Meetings: North Star Group meets from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, St. Philip's Episcopal Church.

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

July 5, 1923

The boxing contest between Ralph Prescott and Kid Stokes at the rink on July 4 was the biggest sports attraction of the day. Six rounds were fought and the fight resulted in a draw. Stokes is a Juneau man. Prescott is a home boy. Stokes is 25 years of age and weighs 135 pounds. Prescott is 18 years old and weighs 140. Prescott had not been in the ring but once before. In the first round Stokes was more aggressive, but after that it was about a standoff. All rounds were lively and the last one without doubt the fastest ever seen in a local ring. Each boxer appeared to be desperately determined to knock the other one out. Consequently, the last round was an exhibition that furnished intense excitement, although the

bout terminated in a draw.

July 2, 1948

Mayor Doris Barnes this week learned of an honor accorded her by Jessen's Weekly, a Fairbanks newspaper, and by its readers in an award announced last week by the newspaper. Jessen's Weekly had asked its readers to suggest the names of persons who, in their opinion, had been of outstanding service to Alaska. The newspaper was awarding handsome bronze and ebony plaques to those the readers suggested as most deserving. Forty-nine plaques are being distributed. The commendation citing the plaque to Mrs. Barnes says: "Mrs. Doris Barnes, who has shown that a woman can be as good a mayor of an Alaskan town as any man. Prominent in Alaska's Federation work. Alaska needs more women like her." Mrs. Barnes is one of five women in the territory to receive the plaque.

July 6, 1973

A Wilderness Scout program has been organized by the Rev. Bill Smith, pastor of the Wrangell Assembly of God Church. Mr. Smith said about 10 boys are participating in the activities so far. The minister, an outdoorsman and commercial fisherman in addition to his pastoral duties, said he designed his scouting program especially for life in the Alaska wilderness.

"There are three degrees," said Mr. Smith, "and they require a lot of effort to pass." The minister said his charges will work on the first degree of his scouting program this summer. Among items on the checklist are identification of 20 plants and birds, 10 animals and 10 kinds of fish, camping skills, cooking, identification of edible plants, handling of firearms, use of a compass, fishing, rope splicing, first aid, trapping and boating skills.

July 2, 1998

Nathan Shoultz may be crabbing this summer, but not about his future. Shoultz, a 1998 Wrangell High School graduate and class salutatorian, will be facing college in Tennessee this fall with several scholarships in hand and a rich background of musical experiences, but not before leaving a unique and promising music contribution to the Wrangell community. With the help of Peter Helgeson, KSTK news director, and the use of the local radio studio, Shoultz recently completed a CD, "Next in Line," of original piano and vocal compositions, and has pledged the first \$500 he receives toward the annual music scholarships awarded at Wrangell High School. He leaves on Aug. 15 for Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, Tennessee. "I can't wait to get there to put together a band."

Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Hours
July 5	4:08a	9:39p	17:31h
July 6	4:09a	9:38p	17:29h
July 7	4:10a	9:37p	17:27h
July 8	4:11a	9:36p	17:25h
July 9	4:12a	9:35p	17:22h
July 10	4:14a	9:34p	17:20h
July 11	4:15a	9:33p	17:18h

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Scambler enters next chapter of library career as new director

By CAROLEINE JAMES
Sentinel reporter

The Irene Ingle Public Library has been guided by a distinguished line of library directors, from Helen Hofstad, who ran the library when it opened in 1921, to Irene Ingle, Kay Jabusch and Margaret Villarma. Now that Villarma has retired, former Assistant Librarian Sarah Scambler is stepping into the role of library director to continue the facility's over 100-year legacy.

Her official first day was June 26; Villarma's last day in the office was June 27.

Wrangell's library has been a part of Scambler's life since she was a little girl. Her mother, Ginny Helgeson, was a librarian, so she spent her childhood in libraries, reading books and exploring the shelves. "She (Helgeson) actually worked in this (the Irene Ingle) library when she was pregnant with me," Scambler said. "She worked the night I was born. The late shift."

Following in her mom's footsteps was a longtime goal of Scambler's. After attending college in Victoria, British Columbia, she returned to Wrangell with her young family and took the assistant librarian job in December of 2015.

"I felt like I had won the job lottery," she recalled. "It was so cool. I still sometimes come to work and I'm like, 'I can't believe I get to work here.' It's just such an honor."

For the past seven years, Scambler has learned the ropes of operating a library, a job that involves far more than putting books on shelves. On top of curating, cataloging and culling the library's book collections, developing its community programming and handling its finances, librarians serve as a resource, particularly for youth and elders.

"I really like when someone comes in and has a problem," Scambler said. "Being able to solve that problem for them and helping them get their stuff printed



PHOTO BY CAROLEINE JAMES/WRANGELL SENTINEL

Sarah Scambler grew up visiting the Irene Ingle Public Library. Now, after seven years as assistant librarian, she is taking the helm as director.

or whatever they need. ... We get people who've never had an email address and now they need an email address to even watch TV. Helping them navigate those sorts of things is really rewarding."

Because of Irene Ingle's small staff, Scambler was also able to expand her skillset and take on additional responsibilities while she was the assistant librarian, making for a smooth transition into the new director role. As director, she hopes to expand the library's hours, update its policies and procedures and develop additional programming to get people back into the library post-COVID.

To more fully engage with the com-

munity, Scambler wants to offer regular workshops and other activities. "A lot of libraries are doing some really cool stuff with video game clubs, book clubs, crafting," she said. Pre-COVID, she remembers holding beading and origami classes that featured talented artists and craftspeople in the community. "Things like that get people in here and excited."

She hopes the new assistant librarian will help her build a consistent schedule of events that families can plan around, bringing new faces into the library.

That said, she doesn't plan to do any major overhauling of the library's operations. "I don't want to come in with guns blazing and change everything because

this place has been managed like clockwork for 100 years," she said. "You don't need to fix what's not broken. I'm coming into a really fantastic setup, where everything's already running really smoothly."

Becoming library director is "bittersweet," Scambler said. "I really enjoyed working with Margaret (Villarma). And it's daunting because I do have big shoes to fill. ... Kay (Jabusch) did a wonderful job. Margaret's done a wonderful job." And since both previous directors each held the job for over 30 years, "everybody's telling me I've got to be here until 2050. Okay, well, we'll see what the world looks like in 2050."

Rooney's Wrangell history podcast receives national award for 'Bengal'

By CAROLEINE JAMES
Sentinel reporter

Every local knows that Wrangell has a fascinating, complex history, but people outside the island may not be aware of the community's many stories. Now that a Wrangell history podcast has received national recognition, tales of the island's past are becoming accessible to a broader audience.

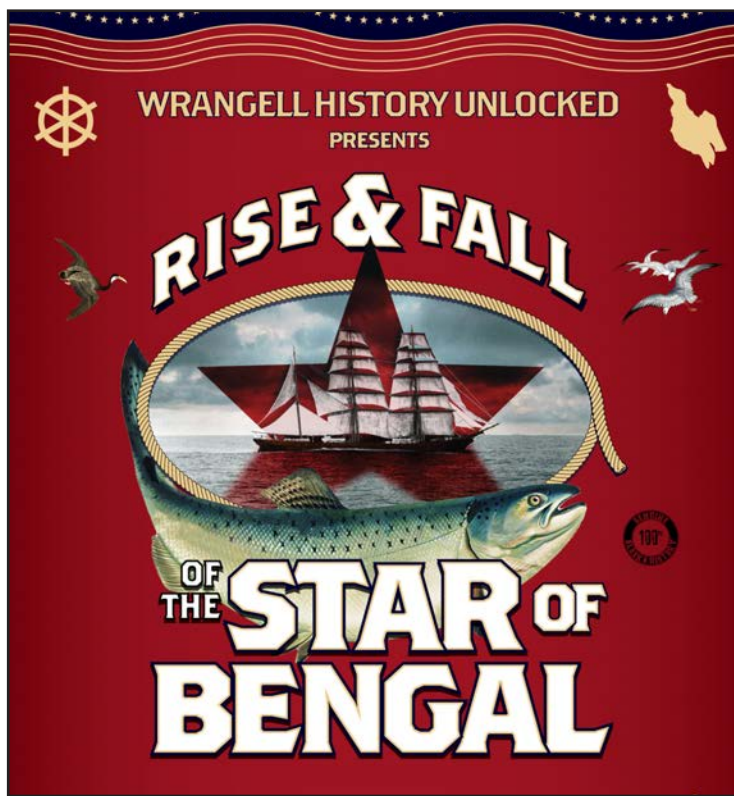
In mid-June, the American Association for State and Local History gave Ronan Rooney's "Wrangell History Unlocked" podcast an award of excellence for its five-part "Rise and Fall of the Star of Bengal" series. The podcast series details a 1908 shipwreck off Coronation Island in which 111 men — primarily Asian cannery workers — were drowned.

Though the wreck was "one of Alaska's worst disasters," Rooney wrote, no one was held responsible. His series explores the prejudices against the Chinese, Japanese and Filipino workers that likely influenced the tragedy, and tracks the way stories can be told, retold and twisted throughout time.

The award of excellence goes to leaders in the field of state and local history. This year, 51 people, projects and exhibits made the country received it.

When Rooney heard about his award, he was "thrilled," he said. "I'm just an independent, little historian and getting this kind of recognition is great because I knew it would bring a lot of attention to 'Star of Bengal.'"

The honor has helped Rooney grow his audience, both for the "Star of Bengal" series and the "Wrangell History Unlocked" podcast in general. In the past month, he's received more visits to his website than ever before and new listeners have been downloading his podcast episodes. "It's not a coincidence," he said. "I did not release any-



thing new this month."

Katie Ringsmuth, state historian at the State Historic Preservation Office, nominated him for the award. When she first came across the "Star of Bengal" series, she was impressed by the "serious scholarship supporting his work," she said. Rooney "understood the ramifications and the historical significance of the stories he was telling."

As state historian, Ringsmuth oversees the national registry of historic places for Alaska. She was impressed by Rooney's ability to make history accessible and interesting to casual listeners, not just to professional academics. In his hands, 19th century newspaper clippings and journal entries took on new life, entertaining and educating audiences in Wrangell and beyond, rather than sitting behind paywalls in academic journals. Though Ringsmuth appreci-

ates state and national history, she stressed the importance of telling local, often underrepresented stories like the ones Rooney has focused on. "Think of all the history that's occurring in people's local hometowns,"

Correction

A story in the June 28 issue of the Sentinel about Family Fishing Day incorrectly stated that Shirley Wimberley worked for the U.S. Forest Service. She was the scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 40 when the event was created, helping to organize Family Fishing Day with assistance from the Forest Service and Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

she said. "I think that local history is a lot more ... robust than we really think it is and I think Ronan's podcast really highlights (that)."

The Star of Bengal story is also important, she added, because it emphasizes how ethnic and racial diversity have been part of Alaska culture for centuries.

"Often, the rest of the country has fairly preconceived ideas about Alaska," Ringsmuth said. "Stories like this, these events in our history, I think surprise people. Most people don't realize we have an extraordinarily multicultural society today, which is tied in part to the commercial fishing industry." Mexican, Chinese and African American workers made massive contributions to the state's economy and have shaped — and continue to shape — its future. These workers "are often completely ignored in history," she said.

In particular, the podcast series "(honors) the Asian American workforce that contributed to Alaska's economic history, social history and cultural history."

Now that his audience is growing, Rooney hopes to expand his efforts by collaborating with other historians and exploring new forms of media. He's considering incorporating video into his future efforts or reaching out to other researchers who've studied the history of Chinese cannery workers. Regardless of the new shapes his work may take, he remains interested in Wrangell's frontier past, particularly during the first decade after the United States purchased Alaska from Russia.

"I'd love for the 'Star of Bengal' to be part of a bigger network of historical storytelling," he said. "I managed to bring some new things to light, pick out some voices that had been silenced or not been heard. Now that we know this, I'm really curious to know, what's the reaction in our own community across people who study this topic? How does this impact what we know or what we say? How can we take this event and bring it to light for people?"

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Getting old would be easier, if I could sleep

By LARRY PERSILY
Publisher

There are many joys of aging, such as discounts at stores and services, using it as a convenient excuse for being forgetful, and smiling that few thieves would know how to drive my stick shift VW Beetle.

I can also stop obsessing about everything I wanted to do before I was 60 (or 70), because, well, it's too late now. It's a blessing in a disguise of gray hair.

But there are downsides, too. Like dealing with Medicare, assuming I can find doctors that will accept Medicare.

Or figuring out why the keyboard on my laptop (yes, it's old, too) doesn't work so well. Four keys have stopped working: 1, Q, A and Z. Yes, the left-hand row of keys. So I carry around a big detached keyboard to plug into my small laptop. Sure, I could solve the problem with a new laptop, but remember I drive a stick shift, wear saddle shoes from the '50s, and call it spaghetti, not pasta. Change comes hard for me.

What also comes hard is sleeping. Not falling asleep. I do that easy. It seems I am always tired. It's staying asleep that is the challenge.

In all senior-citizen honesty, the biggest handicap to a full night's sleep is going to the bathroom — multiple times. I try to defeat the Law of Bladders by cutting off all water at about 7 p.m. It hasn't worked. I think sometimes my system stores up water for later, just to remind me I have

no control over my own body.

Since middle-of-the-night trips to the bathroom are inevitable, I have developed my own system of memorizing the path to the room, so that I can walk the walk without really waking up. In theory, in my own home, that mostly works. The problem is when I travel, such as when I was in a hotel and refused to open my eyes, not wanting to wake up, and walked into the bathroom door, cutting my head. I looked pretty stupid at the

And I make it a point never to look at the clock. It would only stress me out more to know I had been asleep just two hours and still had an entire night of wakefulness in my future.

event the next morning with a big Band-Aid, and wondered what housekeeping would think of the blood on the towel and pillowcase.

When I do wake up hours before I want to start the day, I try to force myself not to think, not to start my brain working. Rather than stressing about the next day's work list or unanswered questions of life, I try to replay old movies in my head. Sort of like watching TV — anything to fall back asleep. And it's cheaper than cable.

I avoid tossing and turning — that just prompts another attack of vertigo. Yes, one more affliction of aging.

I stay away from more pillows to prop up my head — it aggravates the arthritis in my neck.

And I make it a point never to look at the clock. It would only stress me out more to know I had been asleep just two hours and still had an entire night of wakefulness in my future.

Maybe I should counter sleeplessness by thinking of all the great deals I can get on senior meals. Nah, that would just make me hungry. Who can sleep on a grouchy stomach.

Theodore Richardson

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whenever he would visit, then venture with a Native guide throughout Southeast by canoe.

"Traveling up the (Inside Passage), Richardson explored and painted Glacier Bay, Muir Glacier, Wrangell, Juneau and Klawock and Killisnoo," his biography states. He also traveled to the southern tip of the Aleutian Islands.

In 2005, "View of Wrangell," which is 9 3/4 inches by 13 3/4 inches, sold at auction through the Coeur d'Alene Art Auction in Hayden, Idaho, for \$14,560.

"That was a strong price for the painting," said Mike Overby, a representative for the auction house. "We sold it subsequently in 2016 for around \$7,500. We

sold another one of his paintings in 2004 for \$28,000, which is the world-record price."

Those pieces went to private collectors. The auction house has sold about 20 of Richardson's works over the past 30 years, Overby said. "He was one of the first explorer/artists to paint Alaska as it was. Artists such as Richardson, Sydney Laurence and Eustace Ziegler have always had great appeal, not only from collectors in Alaska but nationwide."

Overby said Richardson wasn't "terribly prolific," but he did manage to capture many of the places he traveled throughout the world. Of his works, the Minneapolis Institute of Art has 16 in its collection, the Smithsonian has 22, the state of Alaska has five and the Nolan Center has one, which

depicts a Native dugout canoe at an unspecified location.

Tyler Eagle, collections manager for the Nolan Center, said the museum purchased the painting in 1995. Though the museum doesn't list a title for the painting, he said it appears it could be somewhere in Southeast.

In 1909, "Richardson was awarded the grand prize for his entry in the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition," his biography states. Two years later, he was injured when a steamship he was traveling on outside of Seattle capsized. It was the same mode of transportation he used when traveling to Southeast. Three years on Nov. 19, 1914, he died in Minneapolis as the result of those injuries.



COURTESY OF HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Theodore J. Richardson paints a view of Wrangell in 1884 while sitting in his "floating studio" in Zimovia Strait.

EDITORIAL

Independence Day a good time to think about taxes in Alaska

As Americans celebrate the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence this week, it's good to remember that taxes helped drive the push to break away from the king's control and the laws of Parliament.

However, it wasn't so much taxes themselves that rankled the colonists enough to start a war with England, though even then no one particularly liked paying taxes. The battle cry was over how they were imposed on people and businesses. "No taxation without representation" was the equivalent of a viral Twitter feed in 1765, more than a decade before the Declaration of Independence.

That's when the colonies assembled elected officials to debate and take a stand against England's Stamp Tax, which imposed a tax on printed documents, including legal papers, calendars, newspapers — even playing cards. It was a sales tax by another name, imposed to make money for England.

Protests ensued, based on the legal and moral outrage that only the colonial legislatures had the power to tax residents — which they already did to help pay for services, particularly schools and roads. It's not surprising to see that almost 250 years later, schools and roads remain the focus of many tax debates in this country — particularly in Alaska.

In the 49th state, the taxing problem is not the lack of representation through governing bodies of elected officials. We have plenty of that, unlike the colonists who had no say in British tax law.

The problem in Alaska is representation without taxation. Too many state legislators and governors over the years have been just as averse to imposing reasonable taxes as the king was to giving up his unreasonable levies.

While it took a war to break away from the king, the only blood let in Alaska over taxes will be political. It's a matter of elected leaders summoning the will and individuals accepting the personal responsibility to pay toward state services.

Just as they were 250 years ago, schools and roads are the big issues in Alaska: They are deteriorating for lack of funding. Education, child care services, job training, the state ferry system, public buildings, water and sewage systems are all falling behind what Alaskans need to build better communities and stronger families.

Too many of Alaska's elected officials dismiss the need for taxes, looking only to their next election rather than the good of the state and its residents, particularly the future residents who are not moving here to strengthen the economy and fill vacant jobs. Poor services are not much of an attraction.

A personal income tax helped pay for public services for 30 years before the Legislature abolished it in 1980. The harm in not considering a return to the tax is the damage it causes to public schools, roads and quality of life in Alaska.

Taxation isn't inherently bad, particularly if there is a representative form of government to make the decisions. That's what the colonies fought to gain 250 years ago. That's what Alaskans should be thinking about this year.

— Wrangell Sentinel

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Rep. Ortiz wants to hear public's opinions on vetoes

Gov. Mike Dunleavy last month announced his vetoes for the budget passed by the Legislature. After lawmakers had reached a bipartisan compromise, I was ultimately pleased with the final budget numbers that we passed. Therefore, I and a significant majority in the Legislature were disappointed in what the governor chose to veto.

His largest veto was education funding. The legislature passed a \$175 million increase in the base student allocation for K-12 public school funding, equivalent to an extra \$680 per student. Nearly all of Alaska's 54 school districts had testified that they needed at least that amount in order to partially keep pace with the rising costs of heating, food, insurance and other necessities. Dunleavy vetoed 50% of that increase, leaving only a \$340-per-student increase.

The governor also vetoed \$35 million from the University of Alaska budget, \$10 million from school major maintenance projects, \$10 million from

backstop funding for the Alaska Marine Highway System, and \$750,000 from recidivism reduction grants for reentry housing. He also eliminated state funding for rural public radio and home- and place-based child care incentives.

The House minority coalition, myself included, is urging the Legislature to call itself into a special session to override the vetoes. The votes are reportedly there on the Senate side for the override to occur. The House majority unanimously voted on two separate occasions this past session in support of the \$680-per-student education figure, and to back down on that promise now seems contradictory.

However, Alaska has the highest threshold in the country for overriding a budget veto — three-quarters of the full Legislature — and it seems unlikely that we will have that support.

Please let me know if you support the vetoes or support the Legislature attempting to override these cuts: Rep.Dan.Ortiz@AKLeg.gov, or (907) 465-3824.

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Assembly adopts budget with minimal changes

BY CAROLEINE JAMES
Sentinel reporter

The borough's general fund operating budget for the fiscal year that started July 1 totals about \$7.25 million, with the biggest pieces going to police services, the Public Works Department, and to pay expenses at the Nolan Center and Parks and Recreation Department.

The budget, approved by the assembly June 27, includes just over \$1 million to help fund operations at the Nolan Center (\$360,000) and Parks and Recreation programs (\$685,000) which are not fully covered by user fees and other income.

The spending plans for the center and Parks and Recreation are essentially flat from last year's budget.

Construction and other public works projects, such as replacing the water treatment plant, are tallied separately from the general fund operating budget, as are the borough-owned and operated utilities.

Bolstered by a better than 50% increase in total assessed property values this year, the borough was able to institute a 24% cut to the tax rate as part of the budget, negating the higher taxable value for many — but not all — property owners.

Rate increases for water (10%), sewer

age (15%), electricity (1%), trash pickup (5.5%) and harbor fees (11%) are also reflected in the budget.

Assembly Member David Powell suggested two cuts to the budget, which were adopted, and two other proposals, which he withdrew. Discussion among borough officials and assembly members indicated that these two suggestions were not feasible or would not have passed. He was the only assembly member to propose any amendments to the budget.

Powell moved to eliminate the borough's \$53,000 contribution to share the cost with the state of an Office of Children's Services caseworker in town. The assembly members that were present unanimously approved the change, with the understanding that Borough Manager Jeff Good would return with a budget amendment later this month for a lower contribution of \$25,000.

Assembly members Brittani Robbins and Ryan Howe were not at the meeting.

Powell also moved to cut funding for police overtime, from nearly \$60,000 to \$30,000. "We were told that if we had a full staff that we weren't going to have that much overtime involved," he said. "I'd like to take that down and if it turns out to be more, we can come back with a budget amendment." The assembly

unanimously approved the reduction.

The assembly did not go along with Powell's suggestion to fund only half of the Public Works Department assistant position. Good hopes to transition this job from part-time to full-time, and Powell suggested cutting funding to the position after six months.

Assembly Member Anne Morrison said it would be "cleaner" to leave the funding as is, and Powell withdrew his motion.

Powell also suggested cutting the \$50,000 appropriation for a soils environmental assessment required by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), arguing that "if we're not going to do it this year, I don't see why it's in our budget." Capital Facilities Director Amber Al-Haddad explained that the assessment is part of an ongoing and lengthy process to fulfill DEC requirements for areas in the borough with contaminated soils.

"I don't want to drop this," Mayor Patty Gilbert said of the budget item. "It's a placeholder. It's not bothering me at all." Powell withdrew his motion.

Morrison commended borough officials on their work. "It is probably the most understandable and readable budget we've had in five or six years," she said.

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from the budget.

The budget the assembly approved June 27 does not include any funding for the position. Since the fiscal year started July 1, the borough will not contribute to the caseworker's salary for the month of July. "I just let them (OCS) know we can't fund it during the first month," said Good. "We'll see what the assembly comes back with, whether they want to fund that, and then we'll reimburse."

No other Alaska municipalities currently contribute funds to caseworker salaries in their areas, though such deals have existed in the past.

Ferry

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of Transportation officials said in March they were looking to spend \$8 million to replace corroded steel that has kept the Matanuska out of service since last November, no decision has been made to spend money on the 60-year-old ship, which remains tied up in Ketchikan.

The state released the draft schedule on Thursday, June 29. It covers Oct. 1 through April 30, 2024. Public comments are due by July 12. Comments may be faxed to 907-228-6873 or emailed to dot.amhs.comments@alaska.gov.

A public Zoom session is scheduled for Southeast Alaska residents to share their opinions with ferry system management. The meeting is set for 10 a.m. July 13. People also can visit the ferry system website and click on Submit a Comment. The comment link, Zoom sign-on and detailed schedule information are available at the website: winter_considerations_2023.pdf (alaska.gov)

Economic Development Board looks to fill empty seat

BY LARRY PERSILY
Sentinel writer

The borough's Economic Development Board needs a new member to fill an open seat, and Kate Thomas, economic development director, hopes for "a creative, innovative type."

The board's job is to come up with and review ideas to improve the town's economy, forwarding its recommendations to the assembly. Thomas describes it as "mining the ideas and opportunities we

don't already know."

Letters of interest to fill the open seat on the five-member board will be accepted until filled. The mayor appoints the members. The board generally meets monthly.

"Ideally, it's somebody who has a pulse on different aspects of industries connected to Wrangell," such as seafood, tourism and health care, Thomas said last week.

"I need them to be a sounding board" for ideas and grant strategies, particularly what the borough could or

should do with the former 6-Mile property it purchased last summer for \$2.5 million. The borough is running an online community survey to solicit ideas and preferences for the waterfront property.

Wrangell had an ad hoc economic development committee "for the better part of 20 years" after the Alaska Pulp Corp. closed the 6-mile mill in the 1990s, Thomas explained. The intent was to look for how the community could "bounce back" from the sawmill closure.

The assembly in May decided to put the Economic Development Board into borough code, to formalize its mission.

Assembly Member Bob Dalrymple is chair.

For more information about the board, contact Thomas at kthomas@wrangell.com, or call City Hall at 907-874-2381. To submit a letter of interest to serve on the board, contact Borough Clerk Kim Lane at clerk@wrangell.com.

Hawaiian visit

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leadership role in the welcoming canoe that greeted the visitors.

"I was welcoming them to Wrangell, and (said I was) very proud of them for rowing so far to get to us," he said. "I also said to our ears it was like thunder happening to see the Hawaiians come around the point. It was a proud moment for me because I've never done it. I've never seen it."

Jackson said he was honored when asked to take the leadership role in tribute of his late father, Tommy T. Jackson, who was a community leader. "The Lower 48 tribes call their leaders 'Chief.' We don't do that. We call ours an s'aati (master of the land). Like a mirror of our tribe," he said.

Though the two cultures are separated by thousands of nautical miles, they found they had more in common — from caring for the ocean environment surrounding their lands, to passing on traditions to younger generations.

"Navigation (practices) were lost for 100 years, 200 years," said Dino Miranda, a crew member on the Hōkūle'a. "Now we have Lucy (Lee) and other young navigators. Resurgence is heavy in Hawaii because all the kids 18 years old and under, they know about Hōkūle'a."

He used Lee as an example of what it takes for the younger generation to step up and continue the sailing tradition. "To have the passion they have to stay on a canoe, it takes a lot. They take a beating. They're tough."

The Hōkūle'a has five bunks along either side of the twin-

hulled, 65-foot-long craft, so the crew, which can be eight to 12 people, takes turns sleeping.

Miranda's family has been involved with the Polynesian Voyaging Society, starting with his parents "back in the day." It's something he's passing on to his son.

"My son is only 11 years old and he can stir his canoe by himself," he said. "He wants to come on journeys, and I say, 'Son, it's not your time.'"

At a community potluck the evening after the Hōkūle'a's arrival, Wrangell Cooperative Association members shared tribal history, stories, song and dance — as did the visiting crew — along with their efforts to sustain the environment in Southeast.

"One of the challenges that we run into here in Wrangell is the issue of transboundary mining," said Esther Aaltséen Reese, tribal administrator for WCA. She talked about the efforts of the Southeast Alaska Indigenous Transboundary Commission to fight mining in British Columbia and protect waterways, specifically citing the open-pit gold and copper Red Chris Mine as an example.

"It is an enormous mine," she said. The claims cover about 57,000 acres. "The tribe is going to do flyovers of that with local leadership to try to gain awareness. A lot of people aren't aware that we have these mines on the Stikine River and if they were to go, it would be absolutely detrimental to not only our community but that of our brothers and sisters in Petersburg, Kake, Prince of Wales, Ketchikan. It

would have far-reaching effects."

Reese said the commission is working to "get a seat at the table with Canada" to have input on transboundary mining.

That was the kind of information the crew of the Hōkūle'a was hoping to glean on their visit, said Capt. Mark Ellis.

"We're voyaging for Earth and the future and our families and Indigenous populations," he said. "From each site, we hope to get culture exchanges and learn ... all the great things Wrangell is doing. How can we learn from them and how can we share with them."

The meetings with leaders and storytellers in each community, Ellis said, help to inspire the crew. In turn, they share those ideas and stories on their website and social media channels to inspire others to make a difference.

For some members of the community, the visit was significant, as they had been in Wrangell when the Polynesian Voyaging Society visited 30 years ago, as part of a similar journey.

"This is just the most exciting



PHOTO BY MARC LUTZ/WRANGELL SENTINEL

Tribal members return to port after greeting the Hōkūle'a and its crew and escorting them to town on June 27.

thing in my life," said Annette Thompson, who helped escort the crew on the original trip through the Wrangell Narrows with her late husband Louie Thompson.

On June 28, members of the WCA and the Hōkūle'a crew traveled to Old Town, but the trip was dampened by a wet weather system moving through the region. The weather delayed the vessel's travel south, keeping them in town an extra two days until they were able to leave on Saturday, July 1.

"The weather way up north above Juneau has been very

cold and mean," Ellis said. "As we've been heading down south from Juneau, it's gotten warmer and sunnier," though they have still encountered a lot of rain.

At the departure ceremony, more songs, dances and prayers were shared, as tribal and crewmembers raised their voices in joy and gratitude, stomping their feet and causing the downtown airplane float to move up and down.

"There's a saying in Hawaii," Ellis said. "'Our sails are set, and the canoe will go.' We want to teach you this."

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School buildings undergoing fire alarm system upgrades

By MARC LUTZ
Sentinel editor

Wrangell High School and Stikine Middle School are going through an alarming upgrade, quite literally.

Both buildings, including the high school gym and the Parks and Recreation's pool facility, are getting a new fire alarm system that will help pinpoint any smoke or fires, helping emergency responders act quicker.

Current fire codes dictated replacement of the old system, especially since the schools sometimes house visiting sports teams or other students and teaching staff, according to Josh Blatchley, the school district's director of maintenance.

"Once you start housing people overnight in rooms, there are different requirements that need to be met as far as fire codes are concerned," he said. The previous system didn't have smoke detectors in the rooms being used for housing visiting students.

The old system also didn't connect to a third-party or local monitoring system and didn't provide accurate information via electronic informational "annunciator" panels at the main building exits. If an alarm went off or the sprinkler system was activated, outside alarms would sound, relying on anyone nearby to alert authorities.

"The old system was not calling out to notify anybody," Blatchley explained. "The phone lines weren't fun to the old system. It was 'unsupervised' is how you would refer to it."

A crew with Sitka Electric is currently working in the high school to complete the upgrades, having started in the middle school. They will next move into the high school gym and then down to the swimming pool facility. The work is happening at the same time Blatchley's team is cleaning rooms and making fixes



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Josh Blatchley, the school district's maintenance director, stands with the old fire alarm system control panel at the high school on June 28. The control panel and all its connected devices will be replaced with a new system that allows for more accurate, quicker reporting of a fire emergency.

to prepare for the start of school in late August.

Alarm upgrades are on schedule to be completed about the same time, he said.

According to Amber Al-Haddad, the borough's capital facilities director, Sitka Electric was the lowest of two bidders, at \$665,000.

In addition to a \$494,734 community development state grant, the borough is providing \$303,750, she said. Additional costs include construction administration and inspection services by Morris Engineering.

Though the smoke detectors and alarm system can't trigger the sprinkler system, the sprinkler system can trigger the new

alarm system, Blatchley said.

"The alarm system will also be able to monitor tamper control switches on the sprinkler system, so if a valve inadvertently gets closed or if there is a low pressure that might indicate a false trip for the sprinklers, the alarm system will notify somebody that those are occurring and then you might be able to remedy the situation before it gets worse," he said.

All of the old notification devices, the horns and strobe lights, will be replaced. New heat detectors are being installed, as are new pull stations, the little red boxes someone can activate if they see a fire emergency. Those boxes weren't at the correct code height.

Instead of the blaring sounds of the previous system, a voice will alert students and staff in the case of an emergency, and ceiling-mounted lights will direct them to the nearest main exit.

The old control panel is being replaced with an entirely new panel, where the alarm system and phone lines will be tied in, allowing each alarm device to communicate individually, which will provide a more accurate location of any incident. It also allows staff to test the system to make sure each device is functioning properly.

Outside annunciator panels will also provide more accurate information for firefighters, helping them locate where the problem lies rather than having to possibly search all the structures.

Upgrades to the alarm system were also necessary so that the new high school elevator could be installed. That project was put on hold in 2021 when it was discovered that a new alarm system wouldn't work with the existing elevator.

"The system we (have) would not accept a new fire alarm system tied into it," Blatchley said. "It would not do what it was supposed to do. When this new system is in, there will be a place to plug in the new elevator when that happens. I'm not sure of the timeframe when that will be complete but we're getting closer."

Right now, the push is to have Sitka Electric's crew finished in the gym by the end of July, when the floor needs to be resurfaced.

While all the work is being done, Blatchley said, the only area with working fire alarms is the pool.

"The pool, since it's occupied throughout the day with patrons, that fire alarm is on a temporary system that is tied into a third-party monitoring system," he said. Once everything is complete, every facility will "be tied back to the main fire alarm panel."

Belated christening for state ferry Hubbard, five years after launch

By MARK SABBATINI
Juneau Empire

Nearly a decade after construction started and a month after it was put into service, the 280-foot-long Hubbard was officially christened as the newest ferry in the Alaska Marine Highway System's fleet on June 26 in Juneau.

The Hubbard — first envisioned in 2006 as part of a project to shuttle passengers

between Juneau, Haines and Skagway — has experienced plenty of rough waters before a couple dozen attendees boarded it for its christening during a stormy day at Juneau's Auke Bay ferry terminal.

Initial construction was completed in 2018, but it remained out of service for more than four years until crew quarters were added to meet rest- and work-hour requirements.

"OK, she's been through a

couple of modifications since she came off the line," said Juneau Sen. Jesse Kiehl at the christening. "But that's what we do in Alaska, we adapt. Sometimes we reinvent, we always look for a better way to do it, or a more effective or efficient way to do it. And I think that's something that Hubbard represents."

The state paid about \$60 million for construction of the Hubbard at the Vigor shipyard in Ketchikan. It later spent more

than \$2 million to add a side door so that the ferry could call on ports unable to accommodate its stern-loading door.

The latest modification cost \$15 million to add crew quarters to the ship, so that it could carry a second crew and meet U.S. Coast Guard requirements for voyages longer than 12 hours.

The Alaska Marine Highway System also spent about \$2 million to add a side door to the Hubbard's \$60 million sister ship, the Tazlina, which is scheduled for installation of crew quarters this year. Unlike the Hubbard, which never saw service until this summer, the Tazlina has been used a few times since its launch more than four years ago.

The state's ferry system has gone through a series of struggles in recent years due to budget cuts, vessel availability and workforce shortages. Kiehl said the Hubbard, which is providing service between the three northern panhandle communities six times a week this summer, is a key step toward reviving the ferry's role as "an absolutely essential piece of our infrastructure."

The ceremonial breaking of champagne across the bow of the Hubbard was performed by First Lady Rose Dunleavy, whose husband, Gov. Mike Dunleavy, has been subject to

considerable criticism for his deep cuts to the ferry system budget and service during his first year in office in 2019.

The ferry system remained among the lowest-scoring functions in the state's infrastructure report card last year.

Rose Dunleavy said her experience growing up in the remote village Noorvik in Northwest Alaska allows her to understand the need residents in coastal communities have for the ferry system.

"I was raised in a small town that relied heavily on our airport, and our primary connection of goods and services and outside medical care," she said. "The marine highway serves small rural communities in much the same way. It connects them to the economy, connects Alaskans to their neighbors and allows access to the rest of the state via roads or planes."

The Hubbard is named after the Hubbard Glacier, located about 35 miles north of Yakutat, with Taylor Thompson, a high school student, suggesting the name as the winner of a state-wide essay contest in 2016. The vessel has features found on other ships in the fleet such as a heated solarium and cafeteria-style dining area, includes some modern-era additions.

"When you look at the sheet on the ship's status it talks about things like having ample power outlets and workspaces," Transportation Department Commissioner Ryan Anderson said at the christening. "We actually have a new thing on this vessel called Starlink, or the internet system, that we're testing out. There's only a few vessels and we're still testing it out, but that's a huge game changer for AMHS being able to communicate."

The Wrangell Sentinel added reporting to this story.

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Fun, food and festivities over Fourth of July weekend



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Jagger Campbell displays the flounder he caught during the Scrap Fish Derby on Sunday, July 2. Hundreds of children and parents showed up at City Dock to snag perch, crabs, bullheads and more. Prizes were awarded for the largest and smallest catch of each species.



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Jimmy Nelson emerges from the swimming segment of the Tongass Toughman Triathlon on Saturday, July 1, at City Dock. He was one of seven athletes swimming 1.2 miles in from Zimovia Strait during the rainy, gray morning.



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A group of young boys battle it out at Kyle Angerman Park during the 3-on-3 basketball competition on Saturday, July 1.



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Ander Edens, this year's royalty candidate, reacts after being doused with water at the dunk tank on Saturday, July 1, at the downtown pavilion.



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Jonah Hurst rejoices after defeating six competitors in the youth division of the pie eating contest on Saturday, July 1. The "pies" were composed of whipped cream and pudding, donated by City Market and Wrangell IGA.



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Peyton Young prepares to have her family's dog Remington compete in the "distractions" portion of the dog show on Sunday, July 2, at City Dock. Dogs were tasked with running to their handler without being waylaid by treats and toys. In this case it was Peyton's sister, Sydnie, who entered Remington in the competition.

State sets commercial troll harvest limit at 74,800 kings

By GARLAND KENNEDY
Sitka Sentinel

The Department of Fish and Game has announced that 74,800 "treaty" king salmon (non-hatchery fish) will be available for taking in the summer commercial troll season's first opening, which started Saturday.

The department released summer king salmon harvest numbers on June 22.

In total, 106,800 kings remain on the table following the spring fishery harvest, the agency said, and the troll fleet will be able to target 70% of those in the summer's first opener. The fleet hooked 24,700 fish in the winter opener and an additional 14,100 kings in the spring, the department estimates.

This year's total commercial king harvest number is down 44,000 from last year due to weaker expected returns.

The treaty harvest is regulated by the U.S.-Canada Pacific Salmon Commission, with the Alaska Board of Fisheries setting a management plan to split Alaska's catch between different gear types and user groups. Alaska hatchery kings are not subject to the treaty.

The summer fishery could be worth millions to trollers, said Fish and Game management biologist Grant Hagerman in Sitka, estimating the fish will be worth \$6 per pound.

"We could be looking at \$6 million to the trollers, so this is a huge win for us," Hagerman said of a federal appeals court order on June 21 allowing the fishery to

open on schedule while a lawsuit proceeds that could close the fishery.

A Washington state-based conservation group sued the National Marine Fisheries Service in 2020, arguing that the salmon are needed to feed endangered orcas off the coast of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. The Wild Fish Conservancy won the case at the U.S. District Court level, but the state and Alaska Trollers Association appealed and the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals granted a stay of the judge's ruling on June 22 while the litigation proceeds.

The initial summer opener should last nine or 10 days, depending on weather conditions, according to Fish and Game's June 22 announcement.

Trollers were able to target 106,900

kings in the initial 2022 opener, about 32,000 more than this summer, Hagerman noted, but reduced abundance this year has lowered the harvest figure.

Catch limits are down for 2023 after the Pacific Salmon Commission announced in February that it will use a new, more conservative method to set harvest caps for Southeast Alaska.

Fish and Game announced in March that trollers, purse seiners, drift gillnetters, set gillnetters and sport fishermen can catch a combined total of 201,910 treaty kings this year.

The Ketchikan Daily News contributed to this report.

Justice Department steps up investigation of missing Native Americans

By SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The U.S. Department of Justice on June 28 announced it will be funneling more resources toward addressing the alarming rate of disappearances and killings among Native Americans.

As part of a new outreach program, the agency will dispatch five attorneys and five coordinators to several regions around the country to help with investigations of unsolved cases and related crimes.

Their reach will span from New Mexico and Arizona to Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Michigan and Minnesota.

Attorney General Merrick Garland acknowledged that the crisis has shattered the lives of victims, their families and entire tribal communities.

"The Justice Department will continue to accelerate our efforts, in partnership with tribes, to keep their communities safe and pursue justice for American Indian

and Alaska Native families," Garland said in a statement.

The announcement came as a special commission gathered in Albuquerque, New Mexico, for one of its final field hearings as it works to develop recommendations on improving the response from law enforcement and coordination within local, state, tribal and federal justice systems.

The commission started its meeting with a prayer and a moment of silence as four colorful skirts were displayed at the front of the room in honor of those who have gone missing or have been trafficked or killed.

Some commission members read the names of victims to be remembered, including Ashlynn Mike, an 11-year-old Navajo girl who was abducted, sexually assaulted and murdered in northwestern New Mexico in 2016.

With seemingly insurmountable jurisdictional challenges, members of the federal commission have a difficult task ahead. Over the three days, listened to more heartbreaking stories from Native American families

who have had loved ones vanish or turn up dead.

The goals of the 37-member commission include tracking and reporting data on missing-person, homicide and human trafficking cases and increasing information sharing with tribal governments on violent crimes investigations and other prosecutions on Indian lands.

Aside from making recommendations to the Interior and Justice departments, the commission also is tasked with boosting resources for survivors and victims' families, such as providing access to social workers and counselors.

Elizabeth Hidalgo Reese, a member of Nambé Pueblo and senior policy adviser for Native American affairs at the White House, acknowledged the emotional toll that comes from victims and families sharing their stories.

"We need to understand this problem from every angle, we need to explore every possible solution," she said at the start of the June 28 hearing. "We do need to hear from all of you."

Legislative term-limit supporters try to get initiative on the Alaska ballot

By SEAN MAGUIRE
Anchorage Daily News

A newly filed ballot measure would set term limits for lawmakers serving in the Alaska Legislature.

State legislators would be restricted to serving a maximum of 12 years consecutively in the state House or Senate, and they then would be required to take a six-year break before serving again. They would also be limited to serving for a lifetime maximum of 20 years as members of the Legislature.

Sixteen other states have term limits for state legislators, including California, Florida and Ohio. Alaska governors are already limited by the state constitution to serving two four-year terms consecutively.

There are no term limits in U.S. Congress.

The three main sponsors of the proposed ballot initiative all unsuccessfully ran as Republicans for the Alaska Legislature. Elijah Verhagen, a candidate for a Fairbanks Senate seat in the last election, said he heard widespread support for term limits from across the political spectrum while knocking on doors.

Enacting term limits would help combat incumbents' advantages with name recognition and in fundraising, he said, adding that "a lot of the people — the common people — are very frustrated."

The ballot measure would apply time served for incumbent legislators. Four senators have served in the Legislature for 20 years or longer and would be ineligible

to run again. A few other House and Senate members have served more than 12 years consecutively, or are set to cross that threshold in the next couple of years.

Proponents of the initiative to amend state law want it on the ballot for the 2024 general election. If the initiative is certified by the Division of Elections and lieutenant governor — the deadline for that decision is Aug. 22 — supporters would then have a full year to collect at least 26,705 signatures from registered voters, which is the required 10% of the 2022 general election turnout.

Fairbanks Sen. Scott Kawasaki first took office in 2007. He said by text message that he doesn't support term limits because more experienced legislators take power away from

lobbyists and bureaucrats.

"I think 12 years' service is too long for some members who don't take the job seriously or work at it," he said. "And they should be unelected or just resign to allow someone else to do the job."

Heath Smith, a sponsor of the ballot measure and a Republican former candidate for a Homer and Kodiak-based Senate seat, said term limits would help return Alaska to the grassroots principles of a citizen legislature. He said that a 67% pay raise for lawmakers, set to take effect next year, made it more attractive to serve longer.

"It becomes a career path for some, and I think that we want to discourage that," he said. "And I think ultimately, it's better for the process."

The proposed measure was

modeled off one approved by North Dakota voters last year, Verhagen said. Outside money flooded in to boost supporters' efforts in North Dakota, and Verhagen said he has spoken to some groups from out of state that have indicated an interest in donating.

Members of the bipartisan House freshman caucus earlier this year introduced a proposed constitutional amendment with a similar goal, though their amendment would not apply retroactively. Incumbent lawmakers would not have the time they have already served count toward their maximum of 24 years in the Legislature.

The constitutional amendment did not receive a legislative hearing this year, with supporters saying that there was little interest in the Senate.

Anchorage Rep. Andrew Gray, one of the measure's lead sponsors in the House, said he supported any discussion about term limits.

"As a new legislator who's just completed his first session, I cannot exaggerate what an eye-opening experience it has been. I will never look at Alaska's government the same way again," he said by text message. "Other folks deserve the same opportunity. Term limits ensure more people have the chance to serve, and Alaska benefits from their fresh perspectives."

Constitutional amendments require a two-thirds approval vote of both the House and Senate to then go before voters. Verhagen said without support in the Senate for the proposed amendment, a ballot measure would be the surest way to enact term limits in Alaska.

Two other ballot measures have been filed for next year's election. An initiative to repeal the state's ranked-choice voting and open-primary system is in the signature-gathering phase. The other initiative would reestablish campaign contribution limits after previous caps were struck down by a federal appeals court. That application was recently withdrawn due to a legal issue with one of the sections but could be resubmitted.



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Unmanned vessels extend reach for undersea mapping efforts

By SOPHIA CARLISLE
Alaska Beacon

Recent efforts are pushing the boundaries of ocean mapping in Alaska's waters with the help of automated vessels and collaborative mapping efforts. Experts say these unmanned vessels and ambitious mapping missions can help create safer and more economic expeditions while shedding light on unexplored areas of the oceans.

Meredith Westington, a chief geographer at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said the efforts are critical to understanding the way oceans work and gaining more knowledge about the world.

"It is kind of the foundation of our planet," she said.

Westington works with Seascope Alaska, a regional initiative working to meet the U.S. goals of mapping the nation's waters, with a special focus placed on Alaska.

About 70% of Alaska's waters are unmapped — a percentage that's much too high for Westington and the rest of Seascope Alaska. That's because mapping the oceans doesn't just provide information on the landscape beneath the depths. It also helps illuminate the path that ships might take, some of which bring in many of the goods and services that are essential for Alaskans' survival, she said.

"The goods that we receive, you know, everything in your house probably came in on a ship at some point. Safe navigation is a key part of our economy, making sure we have free flow and commerce through ports. The oceans are integral to that," she said.

Seascope Alaska isn't the only organiza-

tion working to broaden mapping efforts. Some of their mapping goals are being helped by an organization called Saildrone, which produces uncrewed surface vehicles that are paving the way for ocean mapping.

This year, one of Saildrone's unmanned surface vehicles completed a mapping mission in the Aleutian Islands, with funding support from NOAA and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. The vessel mapped more than 6,100 square miles of previously unmapped seafloor surrounding the Aleutian Islands over a period of 52 days. The mission also mapped the seafloor off of California.

Westington said unmanned vessels like the Saildrone Surveyor can be helpful in navigating the often dangerous conditions that come with trying to map remote areas of the seafloor. She also mentioned the constraints that regular crewed ships have to face in the harsh Alaska environment. Extreme ice and weather conditions are just some of the obstacles that make ocean mapping hazardous in the state.

But for an uncrewed vessel like the Saildrone Surveyor, the risks are much lower.

The unmanned vessel is monitored 24/7 by two people who keep an eye on it from the safety of land, said Brian Connon, vice president of ocean mapping at Saildrone. One of these individuals is in charge of safety of the navigation for the vehicle, and one is responsible for managing the sonars onboard that do the actual mapping. Connon said this not only cuts down on the cost of conducting research, which would usually be done by a manned full-size vessel, but it also makes the process much safer for the participants.

"(The Saildrone Surveyor) can stay out there for months at a time not sending people into harm's way," he said. "We were in conditions where ships probably would have stopped because their data quality would have been too bad," he said, referring to the 16-foot swells that the vessel encountered on its mission in the Aleutians.

While mapping efforts conducted by an unmanned vehicle can be important to better understand Alaska's oceans, experts aren't relying on them entirely. Unmanned mapping expeditions like Saildrone's can help expand the work that agencies like NOAA are already working toward, according to Sam Candio, who works with the ship the Okeanos Explorer.

The Okeanos Explorer is a NOAA research vessel that is currently traveling through Alaska to collect data on ocean mapping. The ship's crew is using data that the Saildrone Surveyor collected to help narrow in on certain areas of interest they'd like to focus on. The Explorer is also contributing to Seascope Alaska's mission of mapping more of the sea floor.

Candio, who is an expedition coordinator for NOAA ocean exploration, said that when mapping enormous areas like Alaska, it's important to start with clues to see where areas of interest might be. While data from Saildrone can identify areas that might hold clues to the ocean's secrets, these clues might come from anywhere. Candio said that they can be as innocuous as stray bubbles that could indicate a possible undersea volcano.

"It's a mix of trying to focus on areas from clues that we've gotten from other sources as well as just seeing what we get

when we get out there," he said.

A key point of interest for the Okeanos Explorer, he said, was seismic activity. Specifically the site of the 1964 earthquake, which had resounding impacts on communities across coastal Alaska.

"(We're) looking to where the seafloor is alive, looking to where things are changing," he said.

From May through September of this year, the Okeanos Explorer will be moving through Alaska, stopping in Dutch Harbor and Seward among other locations to gather mapping data for underexplored deep waters. The ship will be collecting data in a similar way that the Saildrone Surveyor did, through advanced sonar technology.

Some of the researchers participating in the expedition will not actually be located on the ship. Similar to how researchers accessed Saildrone data despite not being physically present on the vessel, some of the researchers on the Okeanos Explorer's mission will be receiving data remotely.

And much of the information researchers will receive remotely will be available to the public. Throughout the mission, the Okeanos Explorer will provide live video and updated data to members of the public who are interested in learning more about their oceans.

"The oceans are way bigger than anybody really knows," he said. "I still have a hard time conceptualizing how big the oceans are."

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U.S. surgeon general hears about shortage of youth mental health services in Alaska

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The nation's surgeon general heard from Alaska mental health care advocates on June 26 about the need for more resources to address what they say is a crisis that is leading to more suicides, eating disorders and depression among young Alaskans.

Dr. Vivek Murthy said he was in the state at the invitation of Sen. Dan Sullivan to learn how Alaska is dealing with the rising rates of isolation and depression that are affecting young people nationwide. He said that nationally, one in three adolescent girls in 2021 seriously considered suicide.

Murthy's visit comes as Congress looks to shape legislation to limit control of social media use such as Instagram among teens and pre-teens, believed to be a contributor to the issue. It also comes as the federal government is investing \$1 billion to increase access to high-speed Internet across the state.

Renee Rafferty, regional director of behavioral health services at Providence Health and Services in Alaska, said in the past 18 months the hospital has seen more youths as young as 10 coming in for help after attempting suicide.

"We are terrified of the statistics that are coming our way," she said.

The Providence system in Alaska has multiple services to support behavioral health, but the pediatric medical units are overwhelmed, and patients are waiting days to receive the right care, she said. More needs to be done to meet the growing demand, she said.

"We also are trying to launch an urgent care for youth," she said. "Right now, if you have an emergency, really there are so many wrong doors. If any of you came to me right now and said, 'My daughter or my child needs mental health care,' I would call for hours trying to find you care, and yet we're one of the biggest providers in the state of Alaska."

During the meeting, attended by more than 100 in a packed room at the library at the University of Alaska Anchorage, Murthy heard from caregivers and others who said mental health support in Alaska has improved in some areas.

But they also described a broad shortage of mental health services. They said funding for prevention and earlier intervention is needed to stop crises from arising. They said more flexibility is needed to access reimbursement for behavioral health from federal insurance such as Medicaid. They said more education and discussion about the emotional challenges young people face is critical to help inform doctors about signs to look out for and to reduce stigmas that prevent youths from talking about their struggles.

Heidi Huppert, chief program officer with Covenant House Alaska, which provides shelter and services to teens and young adults in Anchorage, said that since January the group's numbers of suicide attempts and suicidal ideation have rivaled those of other Covenant Houses across North America, including New York City, Houston and Toronto.

Huppert said she's never seen such a crisis in two decades of working at the organization.

"This is an incredible burden on our community," Huppert said, adding that more services are needed to support the challenges young Alaskans are facing.

Charlotte Cruikshank, an Anchorage Dimond High School student with Mental Health Advocacy Through Storytelling, a youth-led group that works to increase access to mental health resources, said students are not really taught about how to deal with mental health issues.

She said some students turn to her or other peers for help, but they need support from professionals.

Lisa Parady, executive director of the Alaska Council of School Administrators, said there are great programs for

behavioral health in the state's urban school systems. But there are none in the state's most rural and remote areas. Many schools have no counselors at all, she said.

"We need to focus on access and equity and a sustained effort to provide resources for student mental health in Alaska," she said.

Beth Rose, co-founder of the Alaska Eating Disorders Alliance, said there's been a steep rise in the number of people younger than 17 with eating disorders such as anorexia or bulimia. The disorders have the highest mortality rates of any mental health condition, with many deaths due to suicide, she said.

Treatment requires complex medical care, nutritional support and therapy, but there's no in-state eating disorder treatment center, she said. Sufferers

might get emergency care at a hospital, but other services are lacking. So children are sent out of state to care centers, but they still need help when they return, she said.

"We really do need to focus on the continuum of care in Alaska," she said.

Rose said social media is contributing to the rates, affecting kids as young as 9 or 10 who sign up for accounts saying they're 13, the minimum age for most social media sites. Within minutes, they're bombarded with sites promoting eating disorders or discussing suicides, she said.

Murthy said social media is giving young people the misperception that their self-worth stems from factors they can't control, such as how they look or their family's net worth. He issued an advisory in May to draw attention to social media's

impacts on youth mental health.

Murthy said access to mental health treatment needs to expand. He said it's important that public programs like Medicaid or private insurance providers cover a full range of services for mental health care, including transportation to care, which is often a big issue for Alaska's far-flung villages. Whether a person is LGBTQ+, Alaska Native or a white heterosexual, "you are of equal value to our society and we need our kids to know that," he said.

Sullivan, who called the youth mental health crisis "the challenge of our generation," said legislation has been proposed to rein in social media sites to better control age restrictions, potentially pushing them to 16, and require that companies release more data about how their sites are being used.

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Monday, June 26
 Parking complaint.
 Lost property.
 Fraud.
 Parking complaint: Boat trailer.
 Agency assist: Hospital.
 Disturbance.
 Found bike.
 Noise complaint.

Tuesday, June 27
 Dog at large.
 Agency assist: Fire Department.
 Traffic stop: Citation issued for failure to provide proof of insurance. Verbal warning for no headlights and failure to carry and show drivers license.
 Noise complaint.

Wednesday, June 28
 Traffic stop: Citation issued for speeding.
 Parking complaint.
 Agency assist: SEARHC.

Thursday, June 29
 Traffic stop: Citation issued for failure to provide proof of insurance. Verbal warning for expired registration.
 Traffic stop: Citation issued

for expired registration.
 Traffic stop: Citation issued for failure to provide proof of insurance.
 Agency assist: State Troopers.
 Civil matter: Landlord dispute.

Friday, June 30
 Agency assist: Ambulance.
 Animal complaint: Injured deer.
 Reports of gunshots.

Saturday, July 1
 Vehicle theft.
 Dog complaint.
 Traffic stop: Citations issued for no proof of insurance and driving with license revoked.
 Disturbance.

Sunday, July 2
 Traffic stop: Verbal warning for no headlights.
 Illegal parking.
 Agency assist: Harbor Department.
 Theft.
 Fireworks complaint.
 During this reporting period there were three Hoonah Police Department assists, four traffic stops.

State's new task force hears that child care shortage is getting worse

By CLAIRE STREMPLE
 Alaska Beacon

Alaskans are having a harder time accessing child care now than they were five years ago, an expert told a new task force charged by Gov. Mike Dunleavy with developing a plan to make child care in the state more available and affordable.

The task force, which Dunleavy formed in April, had its first public meeting on June 28 via Zoom with about 60 people, including the dozen task force members, in attendance. The group has until the end of December to deliver an initial plan to address the state's child care challenges. At stake is the welfare of the state's families — and its economy.

Stephanie Berglund, the CEO of thread, a resource and referral network for child care in Alaska, painted a bleak picture of the state's child care landscape in her presentation to the other members of the task force.

Berglund described the challenges Alaskans face, adding that the difficulty accessing child care is even more pronounced in rural areas than urban ones. Most Alaskans live in a child care desert, an area without reasonable access to care, and more than 88,000 children in the state need child care or early education.

Berglund also highlighted that Alaska families shoulder the burden of child care and early education costs, which can be 17% to 34% of family income — more even than housing costs.

"Child care in Alaska costs more than college tuition," Berglund said. "And this is of course at a time when parents are at the beginning of their careers and earning potential."

According to her data, Alaska families spend about \$223 million a year on early child care and learning. The state contributes about \$36 million.

Berglund said that wages for child care providers are low, on average around \$26,000 a year, and turnover in Alaska is nearly 50%.

As of this month, Berglund's data shows that there are just over 400 licensed child care programs in the state. In the last three years, more than 100 have closed.

There are no state-licensed child care providers in Wrangell.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, roughly 25 to 30 new programs would open a year. In the last six months only eight new programs have opened, but 36 have closed their doors, she said.

Berglund said that most parents report missing work hours due to child care issues and 7% of parents have left jobs because of them.

Kati Capozzi, leader of the Alaska Chamber of Commerce, said child care was among the top three concerns of her members. She said some chamber members "left the workforce during COVID and attempted to come back and it just didn't work out because of lack of accessibility and lack of affordability, too." She said many members have left the workforce because the cost of child care has increased so dramatically, even in the last several months.

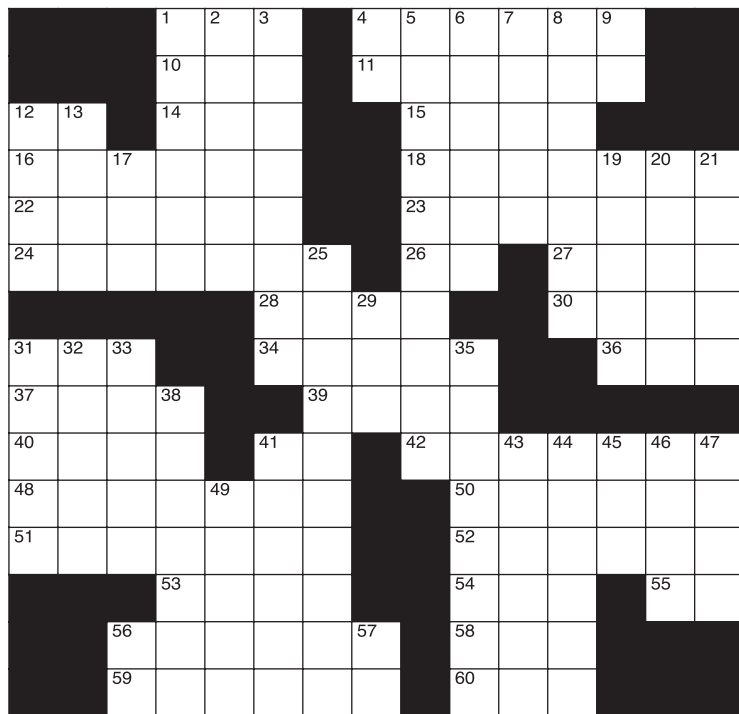
Task force co-chair Heidi Hedberg, the Alaska Department of Health commissioner, called the presentation "humbling" and "sobering."

The task force's next meeting is July 12.

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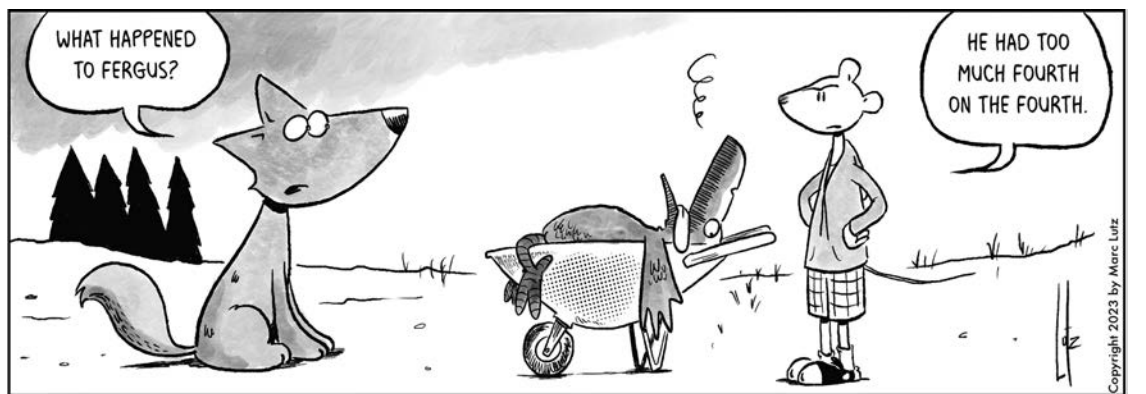
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- 4. Irish county
- 10. A major division of geological time
- 11. Broadway actor Lane
- 12. Canadian province
- 14. It causes fainting (abbr.)
- 15. Two
- 16. A notable one is blue
- 18. Utter repeatedly
- 22. Rings
- 23. Sullies
- 24. Occurs
- 26. Publicity
- 27. Near
- 28. Tools of a trade
- 30. Offer in good faith
- 31. "American Idol" network
- 34. Garments
- 36. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 37. Retired NFL DC Dean
- 39. Hot meal
- 40. A type of gin
- 41. Percussion instrument
- 42. A \$10 bill
- 48. About ground
- 50. Medicine man
- 51. Seedless raisin
- 52. National capital of Albania
- 53. Appendage
- 54. OJ trial judge
- 55. By the way
- 56. Bicycle parts
- 58. Barbie's friend
- 59. In a way, stretched
- 60. Commercials

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Make up for
- 2. American songbird
- 3. Pay
- 4. International organization
- 5. Engravers
- 6. Declared as fact
- 7. Criminal
- 8. Jewelry
- 9. Hospital worker (abbr.)
- 12. Nonsense (slang)
- 13. Town in Galilee
- 17. Value
- 19. Another name
- 20. Sheep in second year before shearing
- 21. Town in Surrey, England
- 25. Appropriate during a time of year
- 29. Creative output
- 31. Recesses
- 32. District in N. Germany
- 33. Rider of Rohan
- 35. The official emblem of the German Third Reich
- 38. One who puts down roots
- 41. Scribe
- 43. Painted a bright color
- 44. Tycoons
- 45. Actress Thurman
- 46. Walking accessory
- 47. Crest of a hill
- 49. Member of a North American people
- 56. Type of computer
- 57. U.S. State (abbr.)

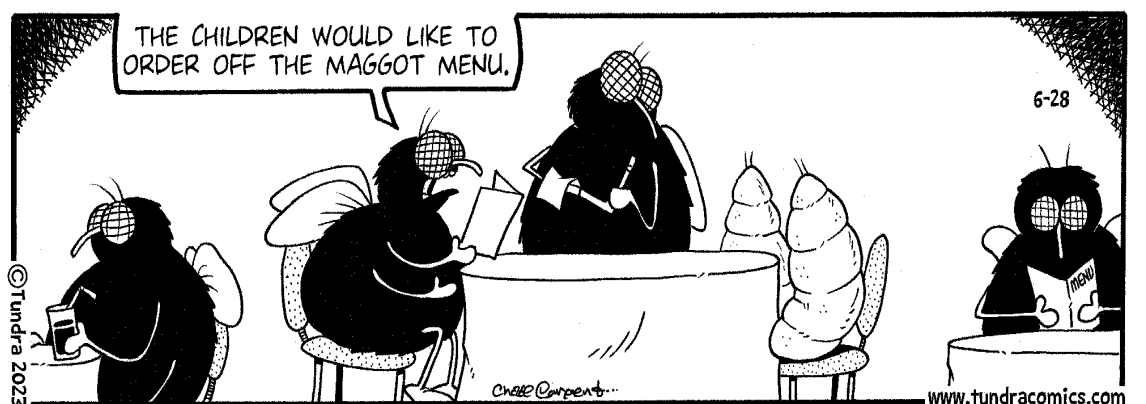
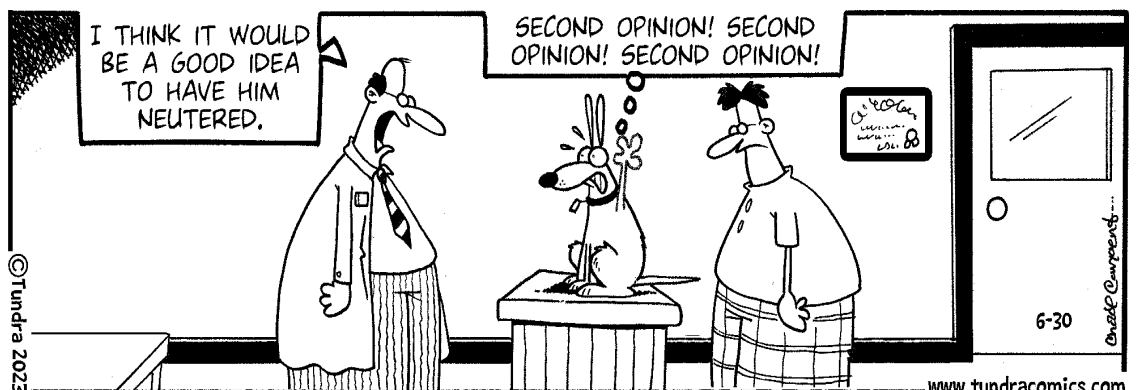
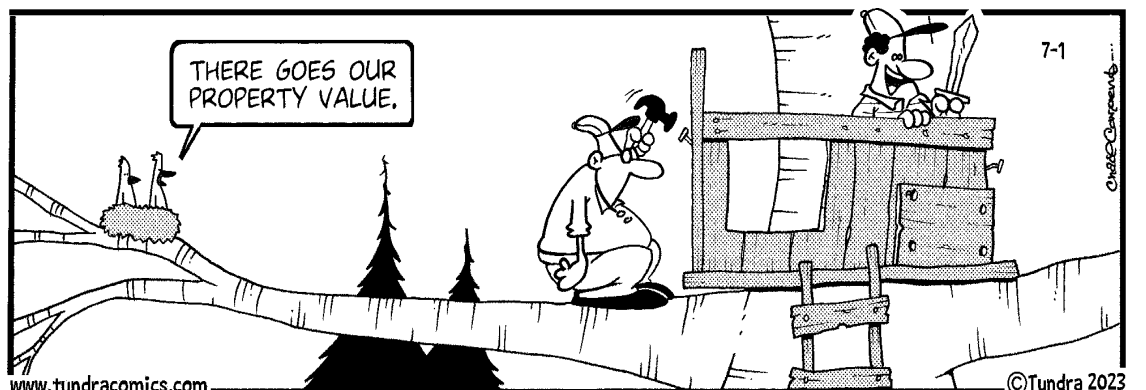
Ritter's River

by Marc Lutz



Tundra

by Chad Carpenter



Tlingit food culture video series wins national awards

ANNA LAFFREY

Ketchikan Daily News

In the new online video series "Harvest" that recently won national television awards, residents of Prince of Wales Island show the entire process for harvesting and preparing beach greens, gumboots, seaweed, seal, herring eggs, fireweed honey, Indian cheese, dry fish, newspaper fish and stink heads.

The series' 10 videos range from four to 15 minutes long and include gathering partners sitting in a patch of sea asparagus, floating over kelp forests. Another shows expert hands cutting seal and salmon.

At the end of each episode, slides show detailed instructions for creating each food: "At low tide, gather your seaweed, making sure to pick enough to share with friends and family." For salmon, "remove the belly bones, leaving as much meat intact as possible."

The "Harvest" series, which is available on YouTube, grew out of the Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska Cultural Heritage and Education Division, with funding from a federal child care development grant that was awarded to the regional tribe to create educational materials for children. The tribe's traditional food security team also supported the project.

Tlingit & Haida worked with the Juneau-based production company Cedar Group from 2021 into 2023 to document some of the essential harvesting methods that need to be preserved for future generations.

Chalyee Éesh Richard Peterson, Tlingit & Haida Central Council president, said last month that the tribe needs to document the traditional processes because some of the skills are getting lost.

"These skills are not being handed down as readily as they once were, and so we wanted to develop this video series that youth would be able to see, access and learn from and will hopefully feel inspired by," Peterson said.

Claude Young, who lives in Hydaburg, said the series is sparking curiosity in youth.

Prince of Wales children participate in one video that follows Young, Theodore Peele and Anthony Christianson for a seal hunt followed by meat and fat processing.

In "Harvest" episode No. 7, "Seal Meat and Oil," preschool-age students meet the three hunters near their boat when they return to the dock and begin cutting the seal before preserving the meat and skin. The students attend Xántsii Náay, a Xaad Kil immersion program in Hydaburg for preschool-age Haida language learners.

"It's very important for us to make sure that the younger people saw the seal, and saw us working on it," Young said. "When they get to the age that somebody asks them, 'Have you tried seal, have you seen seal?' they will have that memory in the memory bank that yes, they were there, they've been a part of seal before, at least once. Just as long as that little spark is there, curiosity can grow."

Young said documenting northern Haida people's seal hunting practices is essential: "It is almost a lost tradition." He added, "Out of those very few seal hunters, only one or two of them are still alive. ... One of those is Ted Peele."

Peele shared his knowledge with Young during a seal hunt in early February.

"This was the third seal that I've shot in my life," Young said. "I've never done it with a teacher around me. It was kind of just me, going out, having my curiosity about why we don't hunt seal as much today. This time I was like, 'OK, I'm going out with someone who has done it many times.' ... I learned a lot. ... I feel comfortable now that I've been taught by somebody

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Tamara Buoy, of Craig, pulls apart and fluffs up ground black seaweed as it dries on a sheet in the sun in this undated photo.

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Under the direction of the Borough Manager, the Electric Utility Superintendent plans, directs, coordinates and supervises the activities and personnel of Wrangell Municipal Light & Power, including all construction, operations, personnel and maintenance activities in the department.

The Superintendent performs regular evaluations and directs maintenance tasks to ensure proper generation and distribution operations, oversees the operation, maintenance and repair of the diesel generating plant and distribution system. They are responsible for all electrical maintenance, new work in the power plant, overseeing and performing building maintenance, and repair duties to ensure that all power plant structures and distribution infrastructure are safe and operating efficiently. Additionally, they provide leadership to all electrical employees, prepare an annual budget for the electrical department and reports to the Borough Manager on the electrical department's operations.

Preferred education and experience include completion of an electrical apprenticeship program or trade school diploma, as well as extensive industrial maintenance and electrical work experience. Requires experience with contract bidding, good verbal and interpersonal skills, thorough knowledge of required electrical codes and standards as well as the ability to inspect building electrical systems. Mechanical knowledge and skill to oversee operations, maintenance and repair of diesel generators safely and efficiently is expected.

This is a full-time, salaried position with full benefits, at Grade 30. The full job description and employment application can be found online at www.wrangell.com/jobs.

To be considered, submit a cover letter, résumé and completed employment application via email to rmarshall@wrangell.com, or in person to City Hall, 205 Brueger St., Wrangell, AK 99929.

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CITY and BOROUGH OF WRANGELL JOB ADVERTISEMENT Library Assistant II

The City and Borough of Wrangell and the Irene Ingle Public Library will accept applications for the position of Library Assistant II until filled. This is a full-time permanent benefited position. The position will be posted for no less than 9 days. Applications will be reviewed as soon as July 3, 2023.

This position organizes and performs a variety of clerical and technical library duties and provides customer service to patrons. Duties include the processing and circulation of library materials, responding to routine requests for information and assistance, as well as planning and implementing programming.

This is a full-time permanent benefited (40-hour) position, paid hourly at Grade 12 on the Non-Union Wage and Grade Table starting at \$18.45 per hour. The full job description and employment application can be found online at www.wrangell.com/jobs.

A high school diploma or equivalent is required along with 2 years customer service experience. Technology, computer and clerical experience is preferred. The position will require a candidate to occasionally ascend/descend stairs and lift up to 40 pounds. Evenings and Saturdays will be required.

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

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