

## King salmon sport fishery closed down for coming months

By DAN RUDY  
*Sentinel writer*

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced late last week the extent of its expected king salmon sport fishing restrictions for this season.

The region wide closure to retention of Chinook began on Sunday, April 1, to last through the first half of the summer for some waters. Citing a poor preseason forecast, ADFG has decided to close the majority of marine waters within the Petersburg-Wrangell area, not only in District 8 but also in 6, 7 and 10. (see map)

The lengthiest closure will focus on districts 7 and 8, lasting through July 14.

“That goes one step farther to provide some additional protection for the Stikine River and Andrews Creek,” explained Patrick Fowler, ADFG management biologist for the Petersburg and Wrangell area.

In the waters adjacent to the Stikine River, which include District 8 and a portion of the Back Channel in District 7, the retention of king salmon will be prohibited through July 14. Any king salmon caught must be released immediately.

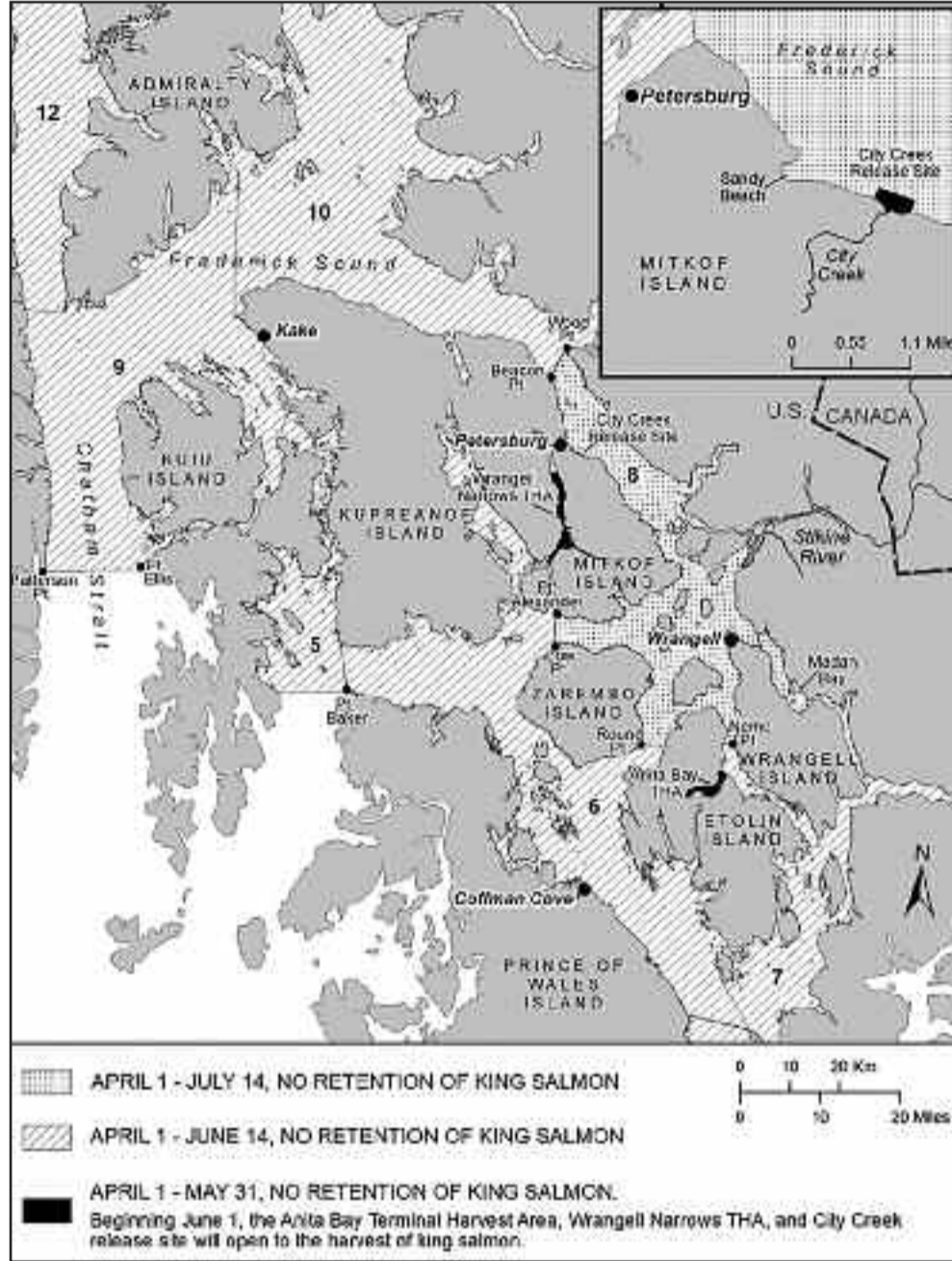
Districts 6, 10 and portions of districts 5, 7 and 9 are off limits to the retention of king salmon as well, but only through June 14.

Fowler explained the reopenings to Chinook are staggered between districts to allow harvest where possible. The June 15 reopening for district sections in 7 and 6, for example, take into account the return of Andrews Creek broodstock coming from Crystal Lake hatchery. The terminal harvest areas at Anita Bay, Blind Slough and Petersburg’s City Creek will likewise reopen even sooner, starting June 1. However, a separate release regarding those areas is anticipated later this month.

The Stikine River itself will be given more closure time, compared to other sections. The 2018 preseason forecast for king salmon on the Stikine River is 6,900, down from the department’s escapement goal range set between 14,000 to 28,000. Forecasts for other wild king salmon stocks in Southeast are below goal as well. By reducing the harvest of specifically wild king salmon, it is hoped that spawning escapement will be increased for future production.

“Essentially this was part of a region-wide effort to reduce our total harvest” of wild king salmon, Fowler explained. To his knowledge, Southeast Alaska has never before had a closure for king salmon on such a large scale.

Management actions are being taken across all Southeast Alaska fisheries, including sport, commercial, personal use and subsistence. In the waters around Ketchikan, retention of kings has been closed most stringently in South Revillagigedo Channel and the Southeast and West sections of Behm Canal. These have been shut down through August 14, while the waters of Clarence Strait in districts 1 and 2 have been closed through June 14. North and Northeast Behm Canal are closed to salmon sportfishing year round.



Showing management districts in the Wrangell and Petersburg area, this Department of Fish and Game map outlines when districts will reopen to sport harvest of king salmon. The blacked-out sections of water are terminal harvest areas, which are scheduled to reopen first on June 1. The hashed sections of water will come next, reopening on June 15. Finally, most of District 8 and a portion of District 7 will reopen on July 15, being closest to the Stikine River.

In Juneau waters, its districts in Stephens Passage, Chatham Strait, Icy Strait and adjacent inlets have been closed to king salmon retention through June 14. The section of Lynn Canal south of Sherman Rock is included in this, while north of that point up to Skagway and Haines has been closed for significantly longer, through December 31. An exception is Chilkat Inlet, which is only closed through June 30.

Excluded from this series of closures for king salmon are Southeast’s outside waters, starting near Lemesurier Island and Point Carolus at Icy Strait in the north, the point between Patterson and Ellis points in Chatham Strait and Point Baker to the west, and at Dixon Entrance in the south. Also excluded from emergency management is a portion of Hoonah Sound, northwest from Nismeni Point.

Taking effect for all regions in Southeast on Sunday as well, residents will no longer

be allowed to use two rods while sport fishing for king salmon, until the announcement of new regional regulations are announced later this month.

Another news release dealing with bag and possession limits is expected later this week.

“That’s associated with our regional abundance index,” said Fowler.

Prior to Sunday’s closure, the residential bag and possession limit was two king salmon, at 28 inches or greater in length. Nonresidents were limited to one king, up to three for the year.

For further information concerning this announcement, Fowler can be contacted at his Petersburg office at 772-5231.

“We have gotten a lot of questions,” he said. While understandably disappointed, most people apparently understand why the measures are being taken. “Mostly it’s explaining what we’re doing and why.”

## Paper price increases to \$1.50

With this week’s edition the price of both the Wrangell Sentinel and Petersburg Pilot increases to \$1.50 from the \$1 price charged for nearly two decades.

The Sentinel price went from \$.75 to \$1 in 2000. The Pilot price was last adjusted in 1995.

“We’re producing papers filled with local news produced by staff members that are recognized for the quality of their work each year,” publisher Ron Loesch noted this week.

Just this past year the Sentinel earned four Alaska Press Club honors including 2nd place for Best Weekly, while the Pilot earned three awards including Best Weekly (3rd Place) and a top award for General Excellence from the National Newspaper Association.

At the same time prices for everything from labor, ink and printing supplies have gone up dramatically. Due to 22% tariffs on newsprint taken across the Canadian border, newsprint costs for both newspapers have risen by \$167 per metric ton since June 2017 including the 22% tariff that started in March.

Despite the competition from the internet, community newspapers remain the lifeblood of their communities.

“Newspaper editorial pages were the original social media sites for every community during the past centuries since newspapers came on the scene,” Loesch explained.

Newsstand prices for daily newspapers are now reaching 2, 3 and 4 dollars per copy.

Readers can subscribe to either paper and save money. The annual subscription for the Pilot is \$52 or \$1 per copy, while Sentinel subscribers can sign-on for \$46 or \$.89 per copy.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

**Thursday, April 5:** Lucas Messmer, Elias Decker, Daniel Powers, Bejay Powell, Katherine George Byrd, Darren Shilts, Stephanie Cook. **Friday, April 6:** Joe Mork, Kyla McChargue. *Anniversary:* Elmer and Marilyn Mork, Randy and Jeannie Easterly. **Saturday, April 7:** Cooper Daniel Powers, Cori Torvend Robinson. *Anniversary:* Damon and Eva Roher, Levi and Ashley Powers, Brad and Tawni Fitzgerald. **Sunday, April 8:** Matthew Edgley, Chica Jamieson, Deveril Bloom, Troy Reading. *Anniversary:* Jeff and Christy Good. **Monday, April 9:** Riley Jean Barlow Thomas, Kathy Dow, Kiara Harrison. **Tuesday, April 10:** Joshua Gustafson, Leo Brown, Loretta Rice. *Anniversary:* Frank and Loretta Rice. **Wednesday, April 11:** Adrienne Angerman, Shelley Massin, Georgie Sansom, Adam Morse, Jeni Smith, Christine Letts. *Anniversary:* Jess and Emily Rugo. **Thursday, April 12:** Michael Cook, Warren Edgley, Keene Kohrt, Bandit Covalt, Shannon Chrisman, Barb Rugo, Kelly Davis, Loni Leigh Bunes.

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

## Senior Center Menu

**Thursday, April 5**

Chef Salad, Green Beans, Roll

**Friday, April 6**

Sweet n Sour Pork, Cabbage Slaw, Steamed Rice

**Monday, April 9**

Moose meatloaf, Steamed broccoli, Romaine & radish salad, Mashed potatoes & gravy

**Tuesday, April 10**

Cinnamon chicken, w/green peppers, Sweet potatoes, Garden salad, rice pilaf

**Wednesday, April 11**

Fiesta pork chops, Peas, Parrot raisin salad, Herb biscuit

Please call Wrangell Senior Center at 874-2066 by 10 a.m. for reservations.

Milk, tea and coffee will be served with meals.

## FERRY

### Departures

#### Northbound

**Sunday, April 8**

Columbia 5:45 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 11**

Leconte 6:45 a.m.

**Sunday, April 15**

Columbia 8:45 p.m.

**Sunday, April 22**

Columbia 4:45 p.m.

#### Southbound

**Wednesday, April 11**

Columbia 5:00 a.m.

**Sunday, April 15**

Leconte 1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 18**

Columbia 8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, April 25**

Columbia 3:45 a.m.

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

## TIDES

April 5 - April 12

	High Tides				Low Tides			
	AM Time	Ft	PM Time	Ft	AM Time	Ft	PM Time	Ft
April 5	4:26	15.5	5:13	13.1	10:44	0.8	10:44	4.1
April 6	5:03	14.4	6:05	12.0	11:28	1.8	11:29	5.2
April 7	5:50	13.3	7:17	11.2	....	...	12:23	2.8
April 8	6:59	12.4	8:43	11.2	0:29	6.1	1:31	3.4
April 9	8:28	12.1	9:53	12.0	1:49	6.5	2:51	3.4
April 10	9:45	12.6	10:46	13.1	3:20	6.1	4:04	2.8
April 11	10:44	13.6	11:29	14.2	4:33	4.9	4:59	2.0
April 12	11:33	14.6	....	....	5:24	3.5	5:42	1.2

## Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

**Monday, April 9**

The Wrangell Public School Board a luncheon with the Superintendent candidates 11:30 AM at the Stikine Inn.

Special School Board Meeting to Conduct Superintendent Interviews at 1:00 pm in Evergreen Elementary School Room 101.

Superintendent Candidate Meet & Greet, 5:00 pm, in the Wrangell High School Commons.

**Tuesday, April 10**

Resume Special School Board Meeting to Conduct Superintendent Interviews, 8:30am, in Evergreen Elementary School Room 101.

## Continuing Events

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

**PARKS & REC ACTIVITIES: Mid-day closure: M-F 1:30-3:30 p.m. Closed Sunday**

**Pool:**

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class:

M-W-F 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Water Aerobics:

M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Lap Swim:

M-W-F 6:00-7:30 a.m. MTWThF 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

TuTh 5:15-6:15 p.m. Sa 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

2 Lane Lap Swim:

M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Lap/Tot Swim:

MTWThF 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. S 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Swim Club:

M-F 3:15-5:15 p.m.

Open Swim:

M-W 5:30-7:00 p.m. F 6:30-8:00 p.m. S 1:00-2:00 p.m. **Weight Room:**

M-Thu 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-7:30 p.m. F 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-8:30 p.m. S 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

**MEETINGS**

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

**Bridge Social:** Fri. 1 p.m. at the Island of Faith Lutheran Church 874-3507.

**SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK:** Tues 10 a.m.-2p.m. For more information please call Major Michael Bates 874-3753

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

**April 4, 1918**

The long awaited Alaska draft will come on June 30, or very near to that date, according to word received by the Governor's office from Provost Marshal General E. H. Crowder. The Alaska selective service men will not go to Camp Lewis for their training, but will, as intimated in The Dispatch several months ago, be trained at Ft. Seward. The telegram from Gen. Crowder reads as follows: "The Secretary of War has directed that Alaska quota will be called to colors about June 30, 1918, and that they will not be sent to the United States for training, but will be reported to the commanding officer, first battalion, 14<sup>th</sup> infantry, now stationed in Alaska. This is not an order for mobilization, but is advance information in order that you may make your plans accordingly."

**April 2, 1943**

The protests of Congressman Warren G. Magnuson of Washington and many others against the use of the word "Alcan" to designate the name of the highway to Alaska has awakened wide interest. Many views are that the road should be called "The Alaska Highway" and nothing else, and although Hon. George Black, members of the Canadian House of Commons from Yukon Territory, entertains the same opinion, there is no knowing whether the Canadian Government itself will agree to such a designation. The reasons why it should be called "The Alaska Highway" are so well expressed in Captain Black's letter dated March 10: "A press dispatch from Washington published here today quotes you and Representative Warren Magnuson as commenting on the slang name given by some people to the Alaska Highway. In this issue of the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 1943, the Alaska Weekly published a letter from me on that subject. As Yukon's Representative in the

Parliament of Canada, I have no hesitation in assuring you that Yukoners and Canadians in general desire that the highway should have its correct name, which in their opinion and mine should be The Alaska Highway. It is a highway to Alaska and should so be called. Canadians are not anxious to have the name Canada in anyway included in the name of the highway. It is true that five-sixths of the road is in Canada but there is no reason why it should not be called the Alaska Highway." The prevailing opinion seems to be that "The Alaska Highway" is the right name, and the second choice is "The Yukon Highway". Some of the various other names are: Canaskan, Alascanda, Alscanda, Candaska, Candalaska, Snow Pass, Snowy Pass, Northwest Passage, Nordpass, Snow Way, Northway, Canals, Canaska, A.C. Highway, Alacan, Stimson Highway, Alaskanadian, Canalaska, Usadian, AlasCan, etc.

**April 4, 1968**

Edith Prescott, local weather observer, reports total precipitation for March was 5.11 inches, compared to only 2.04 inches last year. March had only 10 days with no measurable precipitation. High temperature was 55 degrees, lowest 22 degrees. Highest

recorded temperature for March was 61 degrees in 1937; lowest, zero in 1955. Greatest amount of snow on the ground in March was 27 inches in 1956, with 13 inches of that falling in one day.

**April 8, 1993**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has withdrawn the proposed regulations that were intended to provide greater protection of marine mammals by specifying minimum distances that people, vessels and aircraft should maintain from these animals. Ten public hearings were held nationwide, including three in Alaska (Anchorage, Juneau, and Sitka.) About 250 to 300 written and oral comments were received on the proposed regulations. The regulations were withdrawn to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the numerous comments received and to consider alternatives for addressing the problem of close approach of marine mammals by vessels and people. NMFS said all marine mammals and endangered species are still protected from harassment by the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act. Care must be taken not to approach or annoy these animals such that their normal behavior is changed.



## Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Mar. 26	37	33
Mar. 27	43	35
Mar. 28	43	37
Mar. 29	42	34
Mar. 30	46	28
Mar. 31	43	35
Apr. 01	45	30
Apr. 02	39	32



## Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Apr. 05	6:11 am	7:32 pm	13:21h
Apr. 06	6:08 am	7:34pm	13:26h
Apr. 07	6:06 am	7:36 pm	13:30h
Apr. 08	6:03 am	7:38 pm	13:35h
Apr. 09	6:00 am	7:40 pm	13:40h
Apr. 10	5:58 am	7:42 pm	13:44h
Apr. 11	5:55 am	7:44 pm	13:49h
Apr. 12	5:53 am	7:46 pm	13:53h

# Steering committee to chart course for WMC's future

By **DAN RUDY**  
Sentinel writer

An important roundtable discussion on the future of public

health care provision in Wrangell is set for this weekend, followed by a community meeting Monday night.

At the behest of the City and Borough Assembly, a steering committee made up of representatives of a half-dozen stakeholder groups is in the process of being formed. From the assembly itself, Roland Howell and Patty Gilbert will be joined by Dan Neumeister of Southeast Rural Health Consortium and Mark Walker from its Alaska Island Community Services clinic; Jennifer Bates and Olinda White from Wrangell Medical Center's governing board; Lovey Brock and another to-be-determined member of Wrangell Cooperative Association; and three other community members.

These latter three community members are to be drawn from interested participants. As of Tuesday's press time, one letter of interest had already been submitted ahead of Wednesday's deadline. However, should any vacancies persist ahead of the weekend's scheduled meetings, interested residents are encouraged to contact the clerk's office at City Hall about participating.

Once the committee is assembled, members together will address the future needs of WMC, which is a municipally managed

hospital. Chief among these is securing a new hospital facility, to replace its current campus on Bennett Street. A longstanding goal, the new hospital facilities would be located on property on Wood Street, neighboring the newer AICS clinic. AICS and WMC have for some years cooperated on staffing and services, and a joint campus linking the two care providers was seen as a logical next step.

A concept for the new facility was presented to the assembly in November, along with cost estimates for its construction and equipment. With interest, engineers suggested funding the project could run between \$90 million and \$115 million over a 30-year span, depending on the design option chosen.

The price tag is a hefty one for the city to take on by itself, leading the WMC board and borough assembly to begin the process of seeking out a partner organization. AICS was formally acquired early last year by SEARHC, a larger regional health group based in Juneau. Due to the clinic's already pre-existing association with Wrangell's hospital and the greater

resources at SEARHC's disposal, the consortium became the likeliest candidate for some level of partnership.

The parameters of such a partnership has taken on another dimension too, as WMC struggles to manage its finances. Since late 2014 the hospital's cash reserves have been in a fragile state, and while subsequent efforts to improve its revenue collection and make operations more efficient have helped strengthen its position since, a slow decline in revenues and aging facility have both left the hospital with about two weeks of cash on hand to cover its expenses.

This in mind, the assembly has engaged in discussions about a possible changing up of the Wrangell hospital's management, a conversation which has involved SEARHC. In February the city took on a consultant to provide legal assistance and advice on a transition, and late last month reached a nonbinding agreement with SEARHC to explore their options.

The steering committee being assembled will helm this process. Wold Architects and Engineers have been engaged by the borough


and SEARHC to participate with them in a three-day roundtable, which begins Saturday. Participants will take into account the state's challenging healthcare environment and the community's needs within that, as they work through the process of developing a transition plan. Sessions held Saturday and Sunday will focus on developing a vision, principles for success, and criteria for designing a health system Wrangell can depend upon in future years.

As well as involving three stakeholder representatives on the committee itself, a critical component of the weekend's roundtable will be gathering input from the wider community. Capping off the several-day sessions will be a community meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m., at the Nolan Center. Residents are strongly encouraged to attend – so much so, that SEARHC has as a door prize offered 40,000 Alaska Airlines air miles, which all participants will be eligible to be drawn for. Refreshments will also be provided.

For additional information, contact borough manager Lisa Von Bargen at either 874-2381 or [lvonbargen@wrangell.com](mailto:lvonbargen@wrangell.com).

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## Police report

**Monday, March 26**

Agency assist: AST.

**Tuesday, March 27**

Nothing to report.

**Wednesday, March 28**

Assault reported.

Assault reported.

Citizen Assist: Toxic smell coming from downtown area.

**Thursday, March 29**

Found items: Owner picked up items.

Citation issued: Ian Howard Carson, 27: No proof of insurance, verbal warning for no registration and headlight out.

Truancy: Caller requested officer assistance with help getting child to go to school.

MVA.

Agency assist: Injured eagle 1:50 p.m.

Paper service.

Paper service.

Officer responded to a welfare check.

Agency assist: Injured eagle.

Report of theft.

**Friday, March 30**

Noise complaint: Officer responded.

Courtesy ride.

Unlock vehicle.

Abandoned vehicles: Officer made contact with the owner.

Found property: Owner picked up wallet.

Citation issued to Kevin Roope, 31: Driving with revoked license, citation issued for failure to provide proof of insurance.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty rear tail lights.

Noise complaint: Officer responded.

**Saturday, March 31**

Citizen assist.

Domestic: Officer responded.

**Sunday, April 1**

Arrest: Wilson Tylor Boon, 29 arrested on charges of Criminal mischief in the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree.

Parking complaint: Owner has been contacted and vehicle moved.

Arrest: Jyzzka Gage, 23 on Assault 4, DV charges.

Agency assist: TSA.

Parking complaint: Owner has been contacted and vehicle moved.

Arrest: Wilson Tylor Boon, 29 arrested on charges of unlawful contact, VCOR/DV.

During this reporting period there were three animal complaints and two EMS call outs.

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# Superintendent candidates in town Monday for public meeting

By **DAN RUDY**  
*Sentinel writer*

Wrangell Public School District has narrowed the field in its search for a new school superintendent.

Current superintendent Patrick Mayer informed the WPSD Board in February his intention to move on after finishing out the current academic year. Since then the district has been working with the Association of Alaska School Boards to find a replacement.

AASB had been the organization which had referred Mayer when he was hired in 2014. After working out a fee with the Wrangell district, the association put forward eight interested candidates for consideration.

Board president Georgianna Buhler explained the board had met last week to meet with an AASB representative and go through their options. Of the eight, they focused on three for final consideration, identified in a press release Friday.

They are:

Patricia Hutcherson, formerly director of curriculum and instruction for Northwest Arctic Borough School District in Kotzebue. She holds a Ph.D. in educational leadership and policies and a master's in social work and communication organization, both from the University of Denver. She currently works as an educational consultant in Washington, where she holds a superintendent certification, and has completed the University of Alaska Southeast's superintendent program.

Deborah "Debbe" Lancaster, currently the certified program administrator for the North Slope School District in Utqiagvik. She holds a doctorate from Texas Chiropractic College and a master's in educational leadership from the University of Alaska Southeast. Previously, Lancaster had worked as a principal and lead teacher in the North Slope School District, and is due to receive her superintendent's certification this summer.

William "Bill" Schildbach, currently is principal at Mt. Spurr Elementary School at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in the Anchorage School District. He holds a master's of science in education from Portland State University in Oregon, and three bachelor's degrees from Oregon State University. He previously worked as director of assessment for the Northwest Arctic Borough School District in Kotzebue, and was principal at Emmonak School in the Lower Yukon School District. Schildbach holds a superintendent's certificate earned at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

All three will be coming to Wrangell this weekend and interviews will be conducted early next week.

"The candidates are going to arrive here on Sunday and on Monday the board will meet with each of the candidates individually," Buhler said.

A committee made of school

stakeholders, with representatives from parental advisory committees, the Wrangell Teachers Association, administrative staff and a principal will then meet with the candidates for individual interviews.

The public will also have an opportunity to meet the prospective superintendents, with an open session scheduled for Monday evening at 5 p.m., at the high school commons. Parents and residents will have the opportunity to present ques-

tions, which the AASB representative will ask of the candidates. Afterward at 6:30, the school music program will hold a concert before it heads off to Spring Music Fest in Juneau that weekend.

The next morning, the board will meet with members of the hiring committee, speaking with each one individually for input. After deliberating amongst themselves, board members will then likely make their selection for the next superintendent.

## Editorial

### Newsprint prices rise dramatically

by *Ron Loesch, Publisher*

Since June 2017 this newspaper has received three price increases totaling \$167 metric/ton from our Canadian newsprint supplier.

This newspaper, along with other Alaskan publishers, purchases their newsprint from Canadian manufacturers because there are not enough U.S. paper mills to meet the demands of the newspaper industry.

The Trump administration has levied a 22% tariff on newsprint imported from Canada based upon the complaint of a single paper mill (North Pacific Paper Company) that is accusing Canadian mills of engaging in dumping tactics and relying on government subsidies.

This is impacting community newspapers like ours that produce local news, advertising and other content that Wrangell and Petersburg relies on.

Market forces, not trade practices, are responsible for the harm to U.S. paper producers.

Readers erroneously often believe that newsprint is no longer necessary. However, U.S. community newspaper publishers cannot support digital versions of their newspapers without a printed newspaper. The hard copy advertising and readership provides more than 90 percent of the revenue that enables the digital newspaper to exist.

In other words, without print, there is no online news from the local newspaper.

Putting the financial pinch on small newspapers like ours will not bring another U.S. newsprint mill into existence.

The federal government should realize that the reduced demand for newsprint is brought about by internet competition, not by unfair trade with Canada. The National Newspaper Association believes tariffs will cause job losses at U.S. newspapers. Tariffs on Canadian paper will not help U.S. paper producers.

That may be why the industry organization for U.S. paper producers, the American Forest and Paper Association does not support NORPAC's case.

In the meantime, the harm to newspapers has already begun.

## Open house to mark National Library Week

Irene Ingle Public Library will be holding an open house next week, serving up cake as a way of celebrating National Library Week.

On March 13, Wrangell Mayor David Jack proclaimed the week of April 8 to be dedicated to libraries. Institutions of learning available to the whole community, they are not only repositories for books but provide internet access, educational programming and other resources visitors may benefit from. All next week, Jack encouraged residents to stop by their library and maybe say a quiet word or two of thanks.

To mark this declaration, librarian Margaret Villarma said an open house will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on April 11. Folks can mingle and check out the facilities over refreshments.

"We wanted to do something fun," she explained.

Among its newest additions will be two laptops procured through an Online With Libraries (OWL) program grant. The state program has a technology reimbursement award institutions can apply for, which in Wrangell's case ended up being an up to \$1,500 award for the laptop computers.

Villarma explained the library currently has five desktop computers patrons can use, one set aside exclusively for university testing. The laptops will add some mobility to this setup as well as additional units. One unit is already available to use, while the second is being set up this week.

The library has already benefited from other OWL programs, in particular the video conferencing services it facilitates. Various workshops and remote meetings are enabled through the program, such as a professional arts development course tentatively planned for Friday at 4 p.m. being hosted by the Ketchikan Area Arts and Humanities Council.

Otherwise, "story time at the library" continues Thursday mornings at 10, and Wrangell's library staff is preparing for its summer reading program to begin June 1.

### Visiting Physician Schedule

**Dr Hanna Fylpaa, Optometrist**  
**April 16-19, 2018**

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# Kingless, Chamber suggests late-summer coho derby

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

The Chamber of Commerce's annual king salmon derby has been cancelled, it announced last week, following emergency management orders issued by the Department of Fish and Game (see king salmon story).

A tradition for over 60 years, initially the month-long fishing derby was to be pared down to weekends this year, given restrictions ADFG had at first countenanced that would have centered around the Stikine River's mouth in District 8. The eventual orders released last Thursday were far more expansive, encompassing nearly all inner waters in Southeast Alaska. With no room to maneuver, the Chamber's derby committee decided it would be unable to hold its event this year.

However, with the scuppering of one event, the return of another event from Wrangell's past has been suggested in its stead. Meeting at the Stikine Inn Monday evening, the WCoC derby committee discussed bringing back the coho derby, a late-summer competition last held in the late 1970s.

"It used to be a big thing and it used to be kind of fun," commented Shawn Curley, the committee's chair.

Also known as silvers, coho salmon tend to run considerably smaller than kings, weighing in at from eight to 12 pounds and between 24 and 30 inches long, on average. Coho are distinguishable from Chinook by their lack of black spots

on the lower lobe of the tail, having instead small black spots on the back and upper fin lobe, and by their white gums.

The coho are still fun to catch, however, and their population is doing more robustly than their king-sized cousins. Though runs of them start returning in mid- to late-July, the derby committee felt a weekend-only tournament held through the month of August until Labor Day in September would be make for a good end-of-summer competition.

"I think it's perfect timing," said Cyni Crary, Chamber executive director.

The competition would begin on August 11. Due to cost considerations for hosting such a tournament, and the proposed time of year, to keep this competition more manageable the committee decided it wise to correspondingly scale down its coho derby. Advertising for the event would need to be worked out, as well as how to maintain weigh stations. The committee decided ticket prices would be lower, at \$20 apiece, while top prizes could run at \$2,000, \$1,500 and \$1,000.

One idea that was brought to the committee was to set the coho tournament's bracket up differently than the king salmon derby. Grand prizes would not be awarded for the biggest fish caught, but rather for the biggest three fish weighed in by participating anglers. One-off prizes would still go for the biggest individual fish caught each weekend, but the top three winners at the end would be deter-

## Sen. Sullivan stopping into Wrangell for morning meetings

Sen. Dan Sullivan will be stopping in Wrangell to meet with the Borough Assembly and wider public about federal issues.

The visit will be Sullivan's first since being elected to office in 2014, stopping into Wrangell on the campaign trail that October.

He is scheduled to meet with assembly members tomorrow morning at City Hall from 10:15 to 11:30. The public is encouraged to attend, but Sullivan will hold an additional stop at the Stikine Inn to meet with constituents there at noon. He will have to depart for Ketchikan on the afternoon jet, but should have some time to discuss issues and take comments.

mined by their cumulative weight totals.

"It'll be different and fun," Crary anticipated.

To maintain an air of mystery in the competition, the leader board will still rank anglers by their biggest fish, but a winning combination that would upset that balance could be lurking just beneath the surface. The hope would be to encourage people not just to keep on fishing, but to weigh in what they catch.

Along with the main prizes, \$500 prizes for biggest fish each weekend could also be offered, jumping to \$1,000 for the final Labor Day weekend. To further encourage participation, each ticket sold would be tied to a raffle for two round-trip air travel tickets donated by Alaska Airlines, initially for the king salmon derby.

The closing ceremony would be kept

simple, without the usual runners-up prize items and special brackets. Committee members figured the lack of activity from catching kings would already have an impact on local businesses, so approaching them for further contributions would be burdensome.

The group will finalize details over the coming month, coming up with a plan at its next meeting May 7.

Anglers this summer can still go out fishing for king salmon. They just can't keep them while waters are closed to retention through June or July.

"If you aren't fishing and targeting king salmon, we ask that you just use best release practices," commented Patrick Fowler, ADFG management biologist for Wrangell and Petersburg. If possible, release hooked kings while still in the water.

# Rehabilitation of Evergreen Avenue going ahead

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

The Department of Transportation is finally able to get started on a major Wrangell road repaving project.

Perforated by potholes, the borough's Evergreen Avenue will finally be resurfaced and repaired, with pedestrian improvements and other fixes. The major project has been on hold for half a decade, surviving rounds of budget cuts to capital funding elsewhere in the state along the way. Two local right of way issues which had lately

been holding up the project were wrapped up in February, allowing the project to finally move along.

At last week's meeting of the City and Borough Assembly, in the manager's report it was announced bid invitations were noticed on March 13. Bids for the project will be opened publicly in the Juneau Construction Contracts Office at 2 p.m.

The project would address 0.91 miles of road, from Evergreen Avenue from its start at the Alaska Marine Highway ter-

restrial up to 500 feet short of the airport. Under the project, the existing asphalt pavement will be rehabilitated, with concrete curb, gutter and barrier additions, embankment widening, drainage improvements and new retaining walls. A sidewalk connecting the ferry terminal with Petroglyph Beach is also planned.

As currently scheduled, substantial completion is expected by October 31, occurring in only one season.

Engineering estimates for the project on the bid schedule

range from \$2.5 million to \$5 million for the main road improvements and sidewalk addition, with full project running to about \$8.12 million. At a nine-percent project match, the city's match for this paid to the state has been \$733,000, paid for primarily from sales tax funds designated for road maintenance.

Held up as a potential boon to the community, city manager Lisa Von Barga noted the bid winner will be encouraged to hire local contractors and employees at equitable rates. A 15-percent goal for utilizing registered apprentices in some job categories has also been set.

While jobs across most sectors in the region have taken a

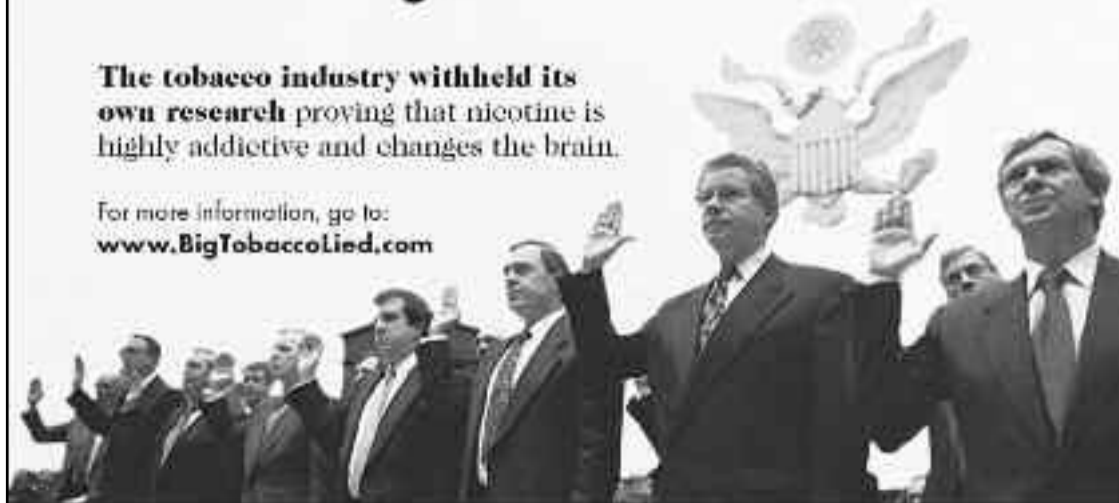
drubbing in recent years as state spending has tightened, the construction industry has seen about six percent in employment losses, between 2014 and 2016. At its mid session summit earlier this year, Southeast Conference noted this fall follows steep cuts to state-funded capital projects, which in Southeast has fallen from \$385 million in 2013 to a mere \$47 million for 2017.

In terms of income, of the different sectors tracked in SEC's annual "By the Numbers" economic report, construction industry jobs rank third highest among average sector wages, behind mining and financial services.

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**CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA  
 LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the **2018 Assessment Rolls** for the City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska, as of January 1, 2018, have been completed. The Borough Assembly shall sit as a **Board of Equalization on Monday, May 7, 2018, 5:30 p.m., Wrangell Assembly Chambers**, and continue each day thereafter until its scheduled business is completed.

**NOTICE OF APPEAL** (with respect to any alleged error in the valuation, overcharge, or omission of the assessor) **SHALL BE FILED WITH THE BOARD WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE ASSESSOR'S NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT WAS GIVEN TO THE PERSON APPEALING. THE NOTICE OF APPEAL SHALL BE IN WRITING, SPECIFYING THE GROUNDS FOR APPEAL. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL FOR FILING APPEALS OR ON OUR WEBSITE [www.wrangell.com](http://www.wrangell.com).**

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- 2. Change of ownership of property not shown on assessment notices.**

**NOTICE OF APPEALS MUST BE FILED ON OR BEFORE APRIL 16, 2018.**

Lee Burgess  
 Finance Director  
 City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

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

Aaron Angerman  
 Board Secretary  
 Wrangell Medical Center  
**Publish: April 5, 2018**

**CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL**

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

Kim Lane, Borough Clerk  
 City of Wrangell, Alaska  
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**LEGAL**

Pursuant to the City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska, Borough Charter, Sec. 4, public notice is hereby given that the following ordinance listed by title only has been adopted by the Borough Assembly. Such ordinances are currently on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and may be inspected upon request.

**ORDINANCE NO. 940**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, REPEALING CHAPTER 3.54 OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE, NOLAN MUSEUM AND CIVIC CENTER BOARD

**ORDINANCE NO. 941**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING CHAPTER 3.44, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE, TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS FROM SEVEN TO FIVE AND PROVIDE FOR A TRANSITION PROVISION TO IMPLEMENT THIS ORDINANCE

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

**Publish: April 5, 2018**

**CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL**  
 WRANGELL PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
 SEASONAL JOB POSTING

The Wrangell Parks and Recreation Department will accept applications for the positions of **Summer Recreation Staff** until April 27th, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Successful applicants will assist with planning and implementing comprehensive recreation enrichment programs for children, ages 6 to 11. Program activities include, both indoor and outdoor, well-rounded recreational and educational activities.

There are currently five seasonal positions open with a limited term of employment. These positions require candidates to be available to work a minimum of 20 hours per week with shifts that are scheduled between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Applicants must be at least 16 years old and hold a valid Alaska Driver's License.

Applications may be obtained at and returned to Wrangell City Hall, 205 Brueger Street (P.O. Box 531), Wrangell, AK 99929.

The City and Borough of Wrangell is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

Lisa Von Bargaen  
 Borough Manager

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**City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska  
 Public Hearing - PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Borough Assembly will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on **Tuesday, April 10, 2018**, in the Borough Assembly Chambers on the following items:

- PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 942:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, REPEALING AND REENACTING SECTION 3.04.114, NEPOTISM, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE, THE REENACTED SECTION TO BE ENTITLED EMPLOYMENT OF RELATIVES (*second reading*)
- PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 943:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING CHAPTER 14.01, GENERAL PROVISIONS, CHAPTER 14.07, PORT OPERATIONS AND OTHER SERVICES, AND CHAPTER 14.11, FEES, OF TITLE 14, HARBOR AND PORT FACILITIES, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE, TO AMEND SECTION 14.01.030, DEFINITIONS, AMEND SECTION 14.07.013, PORT DEVELOPMENT FEE, ADD NEW SECTION 14.07.014, LIGHTERING FEE, AND AMEND SECTION 14.11.005, FEE SCHEDULE (*second reading*)
- PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 944:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 11.70, ATVs, TO TITLE 11, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE (*second reading*)
- PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 945:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE MINOR OFFENSE FINE SCHEDULE IN CHAPTER 1.20, GENERAL PENALTY, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE (*second reading*)

The Public Hearing process has changed by Assembly Action, (Ordinance 937) so that the hearing will take place during the Assembly Meeting under "PUBLIC HEARING" ( item 11), on the Assembly's Agenda.

**The Public is encouraged to attend.**

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

**Publish: April 5, 2018**

# Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH  
Fisheries columnist

## Expected shortfall in salmon harvest comes on heels of cod stock crash and decline in halibut catch

Alaska is expecting a reduced salmon harvest this year, setting up a trifecta of falling fish revenues for Alaska fishermen, coastal communities and state coffers.

Coming on the heels of an 80 percent crash of cod stocks in the Gulf of Alaska and a 10 percent decline in halibut catches, state fishery managers are projecting a 2018 salmon harvest at 149 million fish, down 34 percent from last season.

The shortfall stems from lower forecasts for returning pink salmon. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is forecasting a humpie harvest of just 70 million fish, down by more than half from last summer.

For sockeye salmon, a statewide catch of about 52 million is down 1.8 million fish from 2017, which was the 5<sup>th</sup> largest red salmon harvest since 1970.

By far, most of the sockeyes will come from Bristol Bay's nine river systems where a projected harvest of 37.5 million would be down by more than a million, still well above the 10 and 20 year averages for the Bay.

Alaska's chum salmon catch last year of 25 million also was the largest haul since 1970. This year's statewide catch is expected to produce 21 million chums, down by nearly four million.

The 2018 coho catch is pegged at 5.8 million, nearly 600,000 more silvers than last season.

For Chinook salmon, the forecast calls for a catch of 99,000 kings in areas outside of Southeast Alaska, where the numbers are de-

termined by treaty with Canada. Declining stocks have forced fishery managers to impose tough restrictions on Chinook catches for all users.

Alaska's salmon season officially gets underway in mid-May when sockeye and king salmon return to the Copper River near Cordova. That's followed by commercial openers across the state from Ketchikan to as far north as Kotzebue.

Alaska's 2017 harvest of 224 million salmon was valued at nearly \$680 million at the docks. Find a summary of the 2017 season and outlooks for 2018 at the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game website.

**Halibut tanks** - As feared, prices for halibut sank like a stone as the season's first fresh fish crossed the Alaska docks last week.

The fishery opened on March 24 and traditionally, the first landings fetch high prices and then drop as the market settles out. That's not the case this year.

Prices started at \$4.50 to \$5 a pound at major ports - roughly \$2 lower than fishermen have received in recent years.

At Kodiak, for example, one major buyer paid \$4.50/lb for first deliveries and the price dropped to \$4.25 the next day. Seward starting prices were reported at \$4.50-\$4.75-\$5.00 based on fish weights. Yakutat was paying the highest price at \$5.25 across the board.

"The market is really lackluster and buying is on spot,"

said one Kodiak processor, meaning purchases and payments are made immediately rather than on long term contracts.

The push back to escalating Pacific halibut prices began last October when payouts to fishermen tumbled for the first time in four years. Buyer resistance was bad enough to force some Alaska processors to turn away deliveries, or buy only from their long-term boats.

One wholesale buyer commented: "Who in their right mind is going to pay \$30 or more for a pound of fish?"

Adding to the market snub momentum - reports of up to 10 million of pounds of fresh, less pricey Atlantic halibut coming into the U.S. from eastern Canada. The close proximity of that fresh fish to the eastern seaboard has cut into Alaska's share of those customers, and the Canadian fish already is making inroads heading west.

In 2005 Atlantic halibut accounted for just four percent of the total North American halibut harvest, said economist Andy Wink of Wink Research. Since then, Pacific halibut harvests have declined by 63 percent while Atlantic harvests have increased 195 percent and imports to the U.S. have nearly tripled.

Another headwind for Alaska fishermen as the halibut season gets underway - hefty hold-overs of halibut reportedly remain in freezers from last season.

A fleet of about 2,000 Alaskans fish commercially for halibut each year from Southeast to the Bering Sea. The average price paid to

### Coast Guard to conduct commercial fishing vessel dockside safety exams

Coast Guard Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiners will be conducting dockside examinations for Commercial Fishing Vessels in Wrangell from April 16-18.

Our new vessel specific checklist generator located at [www.fishsafewest.info](http://www.fishsafewest.info) will allow you to print out a list of all safety requirements for your vessel prior to your exam.

Mandatory exams are now required for all commercial fishing vessels that operate beyond three miles from shore.

The U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center (NAVCEN) discovered numerous vessels broadcasting incorrect AIS data in violation of federal regulations, if not corrected it can lead to civil penalties. If you have an AIS on board your vessel verify the accuracy of the broadcast information at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/aisSearch/>.

Sign-up at the Wrangell Harbormasters Office or contact Jim Paul at (907) 617 2523 for a free dockside exam.

fishermen in 2017 was \$6.32 per pound with a fishery value of \$112 million at the docks.

The Alaska halibut catch limit for 2018 is 17.5 million pounds; the fishery runs through November 7.

**Fish bucks for all** - The lower fish catches and/or prices should concern all Alaskans, even if they live far from the coast.

Fishery landing taxes, which are based on dock prices, are split evenly between the port where the fish is delivered and the state's general fund, to be distributed at the whim of the Legislature.

With Alaska's commercial catches on the order of 5 to 6 billion pounds per year, adding just one penny per pound makes a difference of nearly one million dollars in landing taxes for the state and local governments each.

"While the tax implications are important," Wink said, "the greater issue is that lower prices and lower quotas mean less income coming into coastal economies this year."

**Fish map** - Are you considering your options for diversifying more fisheries? A new interactive map from Alaska Sea Grant lets you search 183 commercial fisheries across the state.

"You can sort it by region, by species, and by gear type," said Sunny Rice, a Sea Grant agent at Petersburg. "As you put in these limiting factors and hit Go, the icons will pop up representing those fisheries."

Fisheries also can be sorted by limited entry, quota shares, open access and other categories.

The fishing map came about, Rice said, from frequent comments at the Young Fishermen's Summits.

"People would say 'I didn't realize there was this kind of fishery in that part of the state,' or 'I didn't even know that there were other people fishing Dungeness crab in other regions.' Or, 'what are my options for moving into additional fisheries when I don't even know what fisheries

are out there,'" Rice explained.

The map is an ongoing collaboration with Sea Grant agents across the state and United Fishermen of Alaska, and is aimed primarily at new fishing entrants or those who want to grow their operations.

"Maybe you already are fishing a certain species and you didn't realize there was a possibility of fishing that at another place. Or you already have the gear to do one fishery and maybe you could use that gear somewhere else. You can sort it in those ways," she added.

The map, which is part of Sea Grant's popular Fish Biz tool kit, also provides links to money matters, such as permit costs and fishery earnings from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission.

"If you're really considering getting into a fishery, you can look back into the quartile tables and find out what people in that fishery have earned in the past," Rice said.

The map is a good start, she added, but the best go-to place for answers is local fishery managers.

"If fishermen are serious about considering a new fishery, call the manager for that area," Rice advises. "Those guys are very available and can answer all your questions."

Feedback on the fishing map is encouraged. Contact Rice at [sunny.rice@alaska.edu](mailto:sunny.rice@alaska.edu)

**Fish call** - The Alaska Board of Fisheries is calling for proposals for suggested changes in the subsistence, personal use, sport, guided sport, and commercial fishing regulations for Bristol Bay, Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim, Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, Chignik, and statewide finfish general provisions. Deadline to submit proposals is April 10.

Proposal forms are available at the Boards Support website and may be mailed to Juneau or submitted online or via email at [dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov](mailto:dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov)



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# Water alert level lowers to Stage II watch

The city has lowered its alert stage level for water conservation, dropping from its red-level Stage III stance to an intermediate Stage II.

Citing dwindling supplies at its reservoirs, on March 13 City Hall had urged residents to dial back their water usage with the Stage III announcement, jumping from a lesser Stage I. The designations were composed by the Borough Assembly last year in an attempt to organize response measures in the event of a shortage. This followed a water crisis in the summer of 2016 triggered by a production shortfall.

An icy, lengthy and dry winter this year has limited replenishment at the treatment plant's two open reservoirs, from which it draws its supply. Meanwhile, household usage and suspected line leakage has elevated demand to summertime levels, draining much of what water was available.

With temperatures pushing above

freezing last month, the thaw has helped restore some of the reservoirs' lost water, Public Works director Amber Al-Haddad confirmed last week. Though ice coverage on both has kept some measure of water inaccessible, the lower reservoir's reserves have been sufficient to meet demand again.

Back to Stage II, under current restrictions the use of water for outdoor landscaping, washing vehicles or sidewalks, the filling of hot tubs and other unnecessary tasks are prohibited. Thanking the community for its support, the city reminded residents to continue to think conservatively about water use and be mindful of leaks.

Limited seafood production is expected to begin shortly, putting Wrangell's water situation in a vulnerable place heading into the new summer swing. In order to keep up on the production end of things, two temporary workers have been approved to assist with

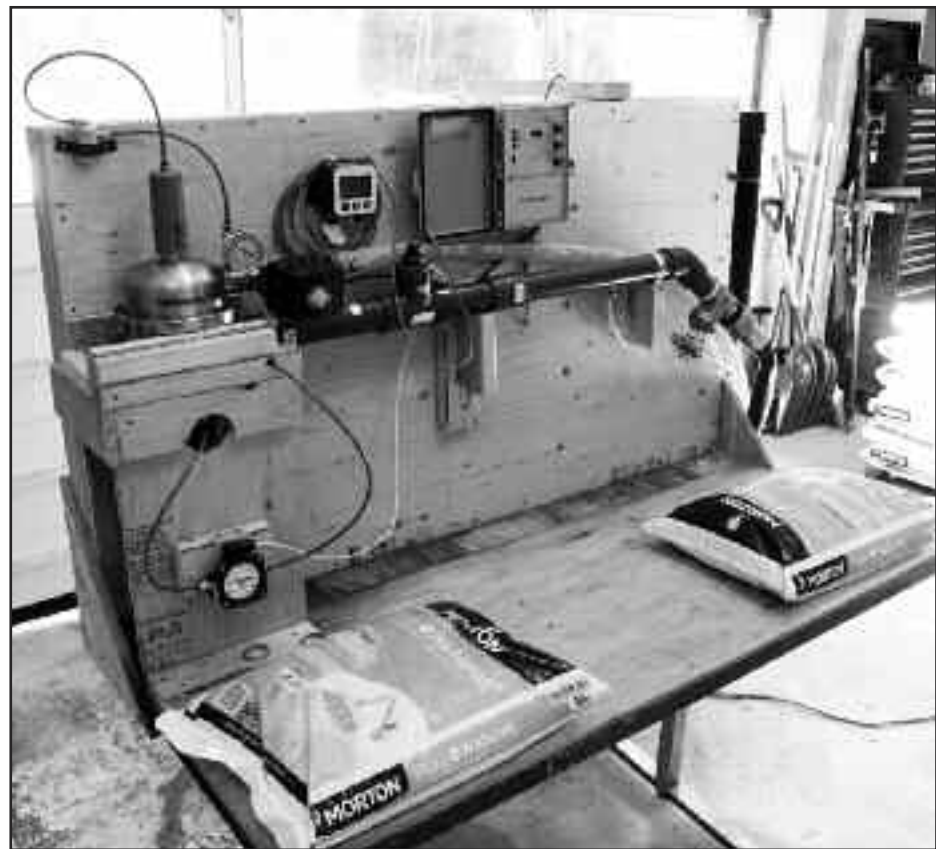


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A new kind of filter is in the process of being tested out at Wrangell's water treatment plant. Samples are currently being taken of the device's output, which runs through a cylindrical screen mesh rated to five microns. What sets it apart from the plant's current roughing filters is its ability to self-flush, clearing the screen of blockage. A gauge is set to automatically trigger the flushing system when inflow and outflow pressure reaches a differential of 7.5 PSI.

filter cleaning and plant management to avoid the problems seen in 2016.

The city is currently pursuing funding sources for a new type of water processing plant, one of many fixes identified to

improve its water provision system. Using dissolved air flotation for filtration, the plant's construction is estimated at \$9.1 million in all, and could take up to three years to bring online.

## Southeast power agency CEO updates Petersburg assembly on savings, water levels

By BEN MUIR  
Sentinel writer

PETERSBURG – The CEO of Southeast Alaska's wholesale power provider stopped by an assembly meeting on Monday to update Petersburg on its projects and financial wins so far this year.

Trey Acteson, CEO of Southeast Alaska Power Agency, the primary electric provider for Wrangell, Petersburg and Ketchikan, explained multiple ways on how the organization is cutting costs, mostly from fighting strict regulatory proposals.

"As many of you know," Acteson said, "I'm pretty active in that arena."

SEAPA saved \$30,000 annually when the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission rolled back a 71 percent increase in land use fees to 25 percent, coming after the agency partnered with others to fight it. FERC also intended to, Acteson said, make a hydro plant license good for only 30 years. Acteson said he lobbied against it in Washington D.C., and, as a result, it was increased to 40 years.

"Which is huge," Acteson said. "Re-licensing is several million dollars and about a seven-year process. So, you can imagine you just get done with one process, you're almost starting the next process."

The agency, Acteson said, is expanding its reservoir at the Swan Lake project, saving \$250,000 in revenue and offsetting about \$1.1 million in diesel generation in Ketchikan, which flips from hydro in cold weather.

Acteson said the agency

spends about \$500,000 on insurance premiums every year, but recently there's been relief in expenses. Earthquake deductibles were lowered from \$500,000 to \$100,000, while transformer deductibles were lowered from \$250,000 to \$100,000. Further, the agency extended its insurance coverage up to \$5 million for power transporting submarine cables.

"Which I know you guys are very interested in because submarine cables supply power here," he said. "It will fail eventually, so I think that was a huge benefit to the northern communities here, and we look forward to having that additional coverage."

Acteson added: "And one final note on all that is that it was at no additional cost."

He went on to discuss water levels at each reservoir.

"Everybody always asks 'where we at on water?'" Acteson

said. "And we're short."

The Swan Lake reservoir has seen a dip in elevation levels from about 311 feet in January to 279 feet in mid-March, and the minimum is 271.5 feet, according to a graph provided by Acteson. At Tye Lake, levels went from 1,360 feet in January to about 1,295 feet in mid-March, with a minimum of 1,250.

In the meantime, the recent savings are freeing-up improvements to infrastructure and technology between the two plants. At Swan Lake, the agency is upgrading one of its three employee houses, upgrading security cameras, upgrading touch screens in its control room and renewing its eroding bulkhead.

Barges are prohibited from coming in and out at Tye, Acteson said, so the agency is working to better marine access for when it brings heavy objects in, also to allow for medical emergency evacuations.



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We ask the community to continue their efforts through water conservation. Small changes can have a big impact.

Current information about the conditions of Wrangell's water resource and water systems can be found on our website at [www.wrangell.com](http://www.wrangell.com). For concerns or questions, please contact Public Works at 907-874-3904.

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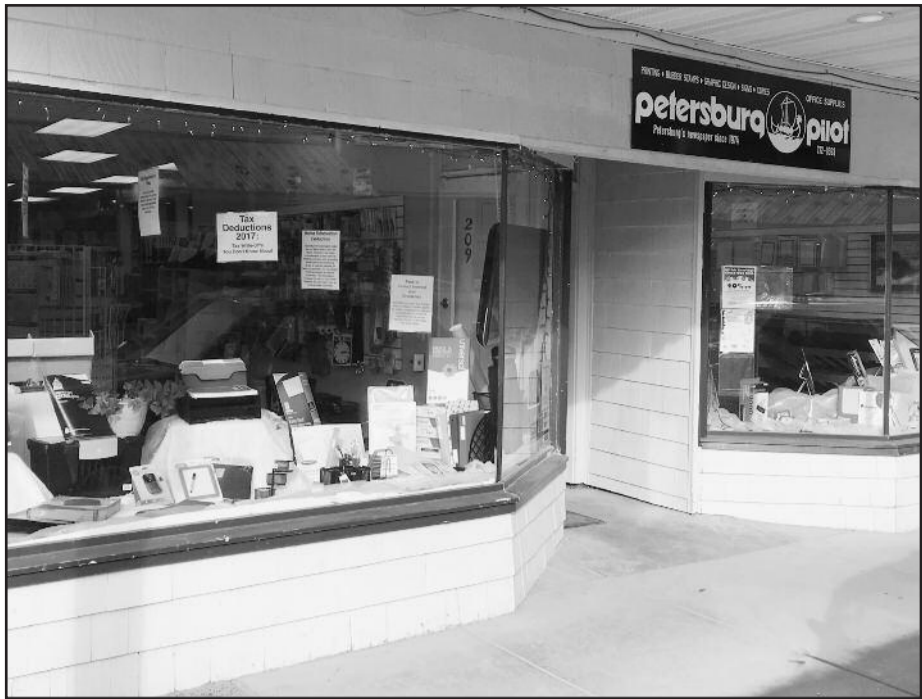
Photo courtesy Lew Williams, Jr.

Lew Williams, Sr. (above) stands in front of the Wrangell Sentinel's Country Campbell letterpress in use in Wrangell in the mid-1950s. The press, manufactured in 1866, is now housed at the Wrangell Museum.



Pilot file photo

Petersburg Pilot press operators output a recent edition of the newspaper on the company's 6-unit Goss Community offset press located in Petersburg.



Pilot File Photo

The Petersburg Pilot office at 207 N. Nordic Drive comprises 2,200 sq. ft. of space that includes 3 work stations, the co-publisher's business office and a retail office supply store. An additional 3,500 sq. ft. of space houses the pressroom, and production facilities and additional office space.



Sentinel File Photo

The Wrangell Sentinel offices are at 205 Front Street and utilize about 630 sq. ft. of space for business offices and reporter's work-station.

## Williams provides historic photos and information for this User's Guide

We are indebted to former Petersburg Press and Wrangell Sentinel publisher Lew Williams, Jr. for providing stories, photos and information about both Petersburg and Wrangell newspapers.

In addition to providing historic photos, Williams also provided entire chapters of a book he updated and edited, "Bent Pins to Chains; Alaska and its Newspapers."

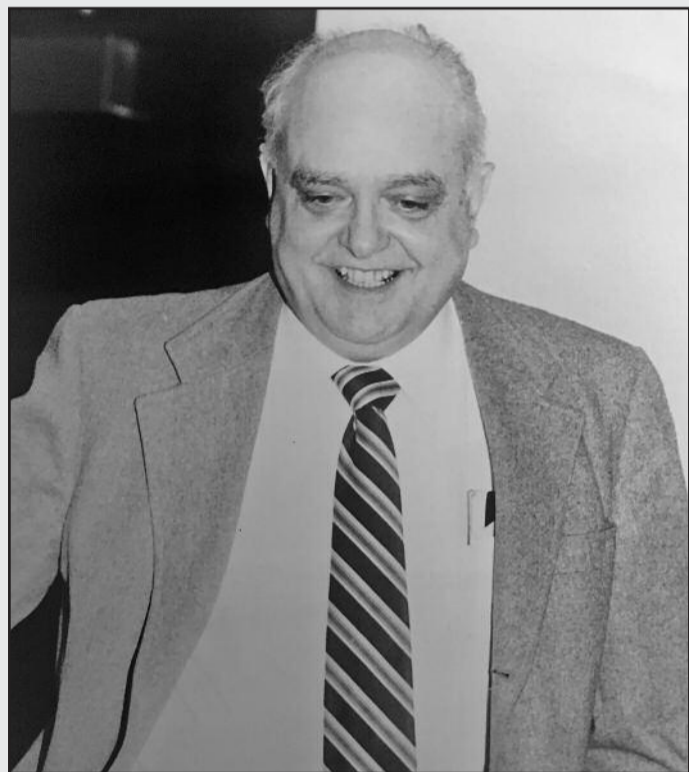
In the mid-1970s historian and author Evangeline Atwood was urged by Fairbanks Daily News-Miner executive Charles Gray and Ketchikan Daily News Publisher Lew Williams, Jr. to write a history of Alaska newspapers. She completed a manuscript, "A History of One Hundred Years of Newspapering in Alaska, 1885 - 1985," but died of cancer in 1987 before it could

be published.

She gave copies of her manuscript to Williams, Gray and her husband, Anchorage Times Publisher Robert B. Atwood. She asked Williams to edit it and have it published.

After retiring as a Ketchikan newspaper publisher, Williams began updating Mrs. Atwood's manuscript, resulting in an expanded archive copy. That copy is with her original manuscript in various archives. The book "Broken Pins to Chains," is developed from that updated copy.

Williams began his newspaper career in 1936 as a carrier for the Daily Alaska Empire in Juneau. He later operated newspapers with his wife, Dorothy, in Petersburg, Wrangell, Sitka and Ketchikan, where they retired in the 1990s.



Pilot File Photo

Lew Williams, Jr.

## This guide explains our work

We're proud of the work our employees accomplish to bring a new edition of the Sentinel and the Pilot to our readers each week.

We have published this guide to the Wrangell Sentinel and the Petersburg Pilot to acquaint you with who we are and the how we do our jobs. We've also included photos and stories about the history of each of the papers.

This guide explains some of our values and philosophies and how we operate our newspapers. We offer advice on how to get your stories and advertising messages into print.

We are in the business of providing news for our readers and a service to our advertisers. In the case of the Wrangell Sentinel, we follow a long chain of publishers who have met this challenge for nearly 116 years. In the case of the Petersburg Pilot, we have met the challenge for a mere 44 years after the Petersburg Press folded in 1973.

We hope this guide will help you use our services more effectively.

As always, we welcome your comments and input whether by letters to the editor or suggestions to the publishers.

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# Editorial pages are reserved for opinions

Editorial pages are unlike any other pages in the paper, because they are reserved for opinions. News appears on other pages, free from opinions, except those of news sources that may be quoted from time to time.

Reader's opinions and the newspaper's opinion both appear on the editorial pages of both newspapers. We even label the page as the "Opinion Page."

One editor wrote, "The front page is for the report of what others are doing. The editorial page is the report of what the editor thinks they should be doing." An editorial is written by the editor and represents the newspaper's stand or commentary on an issue.

An editorial can praise, thank, inform, criticize, strengthen, invite, share or critique. An editor's viewpoint can change over time. An editorial opinion is a timely statement on an event. New information, new circumstances and a change in attitude can

# Forms help readers give us news

Both the Pilot and Sentinel have special forms that help people give us news about engagements, weddings, birth announcements and obituaries.

The forms list the types of information we publish and help us get the necessary information to write a story about the event.

Photos may be submitted along with stories, news releases or with completed forms that we provide. Bring in several photos and we will select those that are of interest to us or that will reproduce the best.

Photos must be in-focus and transmitted to us with at least 300 dpi. I-phone pictures should be sent to us in the "Large" file format.

Photos brought to us by a studio should have the studio name on the back, so we may give credit for the photo.

We will return all photos submitted to us. After publication they are available at our office. We cannot be responsible for photos left in our office for more than 1 month.

For critical photos that cannot be duplicated, we can often scan images while you wait, and return the photo to you in a few minutes.

change an editor's viewpoint from one year to the next.

We print reader's comments on the same page, as "Letters to the Editor." They are the lifeblood of a community newspaper, because the newspa-

per exists as a forum for debate and exchange of ideas.

We print our opinions and those of our readers. We treat their opinions as carefully as our own. Libelous remarks are cut out and we reserve the right to edit all letters, without altering the intent. We encourage letters to be typed or printed in upper and lower case being careful of correct punctuation and grammar.


We cannot publish thank you letters listing more than five individuals or businesses. Likewise, we don't publish commercial messages veiled as letters to the editor. These items are best published as advertising.

Finally, we require that all letters be signed by the author. By publishing the writer's name, we make them accountable for their opinion and we

keep the newspaper from becoming a vehicle for innuendo.

We make the editorial page one of distinction, located in the same place each week. We're proud to display the writings of this newspaper and our readers on its special pages.

If you don't like the editor's opinion you may call him and tell him so, or you may flatter him even more by writing a letter for publication.



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## OBITUARY INFORMATION

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Name of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ City & State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Time & Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of Death (hospital, home, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cause of Death \_\_\_\_\_

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Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_ Parents \_\_\_\_\_  
 College/Schooling \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupations \_\_\_\_\_

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Memberships/Organizations \_\_\_\_\_  
 Honors/Awards \_\_\_\_\_  
 Survivors \_\_\_\_\_

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Memorial Services (time, date, place) \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Burial \_\_\_\_\_  
 Officiating Pastor & Pallbearer names \_\_\_\_\_

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Memorial contributions to \_\_\_\_\_

Other information \_\_\_\_\_

Photo may be submitted for possible publication.  
 In some cases, color photographs may not be acceptable.  
 Black & white photos are preferred.

**Letter to the Editor**

*Letter to the Editor:* In 1971 a friend took me out on his boat fishing for king salmon. From that day on I wanted to fish for kings. Starting out in my teens I spent most of my youth fishing after that. A few years later I started fishing for kings in Kotzebuk. After that came great reduction, power rollers went from six lines down to four, hand rollers went from four down to two. All this to relieve pressure on the king salmon along with a quota. I learned a lot from an old fisherman and one thing he taught me was fish man-

J. Callier

**POLICY FOR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

- Letters should be typed or clearly written and no larger than 400 words.
- All letters must be signed by the writer and include a phone number and any affiliation with a group which pertains to the letter.

*The Sentinel reserves the right to edit any submissions.*

*The Deadline for submissions is Monday at 5 pm for Thursday publication. Letters not read on a space available basis.*

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**To THE EDITOR**

**You deal poison, you get locked up**

*To the Editor:* I would like to congratulate our police chief, his officers and staff and all the agencies that coordinated with the Petersburg Police that assisted in arresting the meth producers and dealers this past week. These arrests are long overdue and very welcome. What a great resignation present for our chief. I wish you were staying.

I do have two questions/concerns. The first is why are these people not in jail? They were let out with minimal or no bail. This sends a really bad message to other dealers and druggies in my opinion. They can still hurt people in our community since they are not in jail.

The other concern I have is that these dealers gave the excuse that they needed these monies from drug sales to start over. They needed \$50,000.00 to get a fresh start? What kind of people need monies profited off others addictions and possible deaths to start their lives over? This is blood money. I know our president says all drug dealers need to be killed which is what they do in dictatorships. We are supposedly a Christian country, a democracy. These dealers need to be in jail and hopefully rehabilitated some day. Either way, they need to be in jail and not on our streets.

You deal poison to our children and adults. You get locked up, you lose your freedom to walk our streets.

John Henrik

**A dog's toilet**

*To the Editor:* I have been noticing that Petersburg has become nothing but a dog's toilet. Everywhere I walk there is dog piles, everywhere. This is how we show Petersburg off to tourists when they come to visit Petersburg, Alaska in all its dog piles can't say glory if this is how we treat it.

On the cement bridge alone I can count 10 piles and some so huge I have to high handle them. I've even heard some of the tourists complain about all the dog piles everywhere. I can't even walk around in my own yard because of all the dog piles and I don't even have a dog.

I know people wouldn't like me to come and do my bathroom business in their yard or walk way. And on every street you can't even look at any of the snow without seeing dog urine everywhere, gross. This can't be healthy for any of us. If they can hand out tickets for broken tail lights they can do the same for dog at large and scoop the you know what like the lady said in the other letter to the editor. It's not that hard to clean up after your dog and you wanted it so take the responsibility for it.

I take my hat off to all the dog owners who take the time to do this. It shows how much you respect Petersburg and love your dog as well. Please stop turning Petersburg into a dog's toilet.

Tonia Grant

Pilot photo  
 The Sentinel and Pilot print hundreds of letters each year on local topics of interest to our readers.

# Letters to the editor are welcomed

Both newspapers welcome letters to the editor, particularly letters pertaining to local issues. Letters must be signed and be limited to 350 words or roughly a page and one-half of double spaced type.

Writers should include a daytime phone number so that the editor may verify content and authorship.

We reserve the right to edit letters for libelous material, length, taste and clarity. All letters are accepted and published on a space available basis.

Letters become the property of the newspapers and will not be returned.

Deadline for submission of letters is 5 p.m. each Monday for the Sentinel and each Tuesday

for the Pilot. Letters should be addressed to: Editor, Petersburg Pilot, P.O. Box 930, Petersburg, Alaska 99833. Letters may be dropped off at our office at 207 N. Nordic Drive, as well. In Wrangell, letters should be addressed to Editor, Wrangell Sentinel, P.O. Box 798, Wrangell, Alaska 99929. Letters may be dropped off at the Sentinel office at 205 Front Street.

Letters are accepted by email as well. Wrangell Sentinel letters should go to wrsent@gmail.com and to Petersburg Pilot at pilotpub@gmail.com

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# Pilot is Petersburg's 5th local newspaper

Over a period of 60 years, Petersburg has had four weekly newspapers, one of which operated under two different names. The Petersburg Pilot is the fifth paper and was founded on February 8, 1974.

Newspaper history in Petersburg began on January 18, 1913 with the appearance of The Progressive, "published every Saturday" by J.E. Rivard and J. Frederick Johnson. Rivard was editor.

The Progressive survived only a year.

Johnson's name last appeared on the masthead on March 8, 1913 and the paper's last issue in Petersburg was on Sept. 26, 1914. Editor Rivard announced laconically that, "we can't make it." He moved the paper to Ketchikan where it continued to publish until 1917.

Three months later, on Dec. 5, 1914, The Petersburg Weekly Report appeared with Lynn W. Miller as editor and publisher. Publication was on Saturday and the subscription price was \$2.50 per year.

With the issue of July 5, 1918, M.S. Perkins succeeded Miller as editor and publisher. Perkins had been at Juneau with The Alaska Daily Empire.

Perkins continued to publish the paper until February 1924 when Sidney D. Charles took over. Charles had been publishing the Sitka Tribune since 1921. With issue of March 7, Editor Charles changed the name of the paper to The Petersburg Herald. At the time the paper was published each Friday and the subscription price was \$4 per year.

In the Issue of Feb. 26, 1926 Charles announced that he was turning the paper over to the holder of notes. The Petersburg Herald did not publish again until Wednesday, May 19, 1926. By the summer of that year, the paper folded and Harry M. Appleton was publisher.

On July 23, 1926, The Alaskan appeared with Louis F. Paul, editor and manager. This was published by the A.N.B Publishing Co. and produced on equipment shipped down from Skagway. The Alaskan published on Friday. Its last



Pilot file photo

## Pilot is 40-years old

Co-Publishers Ron and Anne Loesch show off some of the 40 bound volumes of the Petersburg Pilot along with the first edition of the paper. February 6, 2014 marks the 40th anniversary of the newspaper that was started by Jamie Bryson who was the publisher of the Wrangell Sentinel at the time. In 1975 Von Braschler purchased the paper and in July 1976 sold it to Loesch.

edition on file was Vo. VII, No. 11, Sept. 30, 1932.

Meanwhile, the Petersburg Press made its appearance on August 27, 1926, published by the Viking Publishing, Co. John W. Schoettler and Albert O. Elstad were the publishers and proprietors. It published under a long series of editors until May 2, 1941 when new owners took over the Petersburg Press.

Claire A. and Ethel Wilder moved down from Juneau where they had been associated with The Alaska Daily Press. The Wilders published the Press until the summer of 1953 when he was appointed United States Marshal for the First Division of Alaska. With the issue of July 31,

1953, Edward L. Clemons took over as editor and publisher and published the paper with his wife Betty Mae who was a daughter of the Wilders.

In the May 25 edition in 1956 Lew M. Williams, Jr., and his wife Dorothy took over the paper and continued the operation for 10 years until they moved to Ketchikan to work for the Ketchikan Daily News. They continued as owners, hiring editors such as Ed Young, Nancy Strand and Albroy Gregory.

With the issue of Sept. 8, 1967, Charles F. Willis was listed as publisher with Albroy Gregory as editor. Willis was president of Alaska Airlines.

In March 1971 the paper was sold to

Glenn Luckie, who was first listed as publisher in the issue of March 17, 1971. In the last issue of the Petersburg Press on January 31, 1974, Glenn Luckie wrote, "we can't make it," and indicated he might move his plant elsewhere.

Realizing that Petersburg was about to lose its newspaper, Wrangell Sentinel editor and publisher Jamie Bryson, 38, flew to Petersburg and started the Petersburg Pilot, whose first edition appeared on February 8, 1974. Bryson and a rag tag staff of full and part-time workers published the paper until March 5, 1975, when he announced on the front page of the paper that he was tired, and had stretched himself too thin by attempting to publish two weekly newspapers.

Lew Williams Jr. of the Ketchikan Daily News recruited the Pilot's next publisher, Von Braschler, who got the next edition on the streets on April 9, 1975. All the paper's typesetting and layout was done in the offices of the Ketchikan Daily News, which also had been printing both Wrangell and Petersburg papers for years.

On July 14, 1976 Braschler bid the town farewell and announced the arrival of the state's youngest publisher, Ron Loesch, 23, who came to Petersburg from the Ketchikan Daily News. In August 1977 Loesch married his co-publisher and the couple continue to publish the paper.

Lew Williams, Jr. in his book titled, "Bent Pins to Chains; Alaska and its Newspapers," wrote: "The Loesches purchased a building and their own newspaper printing press and upgraded other commercial printing and typesetting equipment over the years. By the 1990s they were competing with other printers rather than have their presswork done in Ketchikan or Juneau.

"They were also winning awards. Ron was a community leader. With Anne they are experts in operating a successful Alaska weekly newspaper, thus increasing the value of the newspaper to the community as well as the publishers."

# Newspaper mission still unchanged

Since the Petersburg Pilot was founded, our mission has remained the same as that stated by its first publisher, Jamie Bryson. Bryson also published the Wrangell Sentinel. The Pilot is a publication dedicated to running news, features and photos about and of specific interest to Petersburg and southeast Alaska. We only run state, national and international news items that pertain to Petersburg's interests.

We strive to publish a newspaper that is "bright, newsy, entertaining and a responsible observer of the public affairs of the community," stated Bryson.

Features, organization and school news will be in The Pilot in volume, along with regular local news reports.

Current publishers have greatly expanded space devoted to opinions, both those of this newspaper and of our readers. It is not uncommon for us to publish multiple pages of letters to the editor. This newspaper continues in its role as a sounding board for the community and a forum for debate.

We believe in expressing our own opinions as persuasively as possible, but only on the editorial pages.

We strive for excellence in our editorial product, both in appearance and content. We present the news as impartially, fairly and accurately as possible, and strive to cover those matters of most concern to our readers.

We are a business. We sell newspapers and we sell space in our newspaper. While the news is published free of charge, advertisers use this publication as a vehicle to inform readers of their goods and services that are avail-

able at their places of business. Since we are a business, we must pay the bills. The best way to keep the bills paid is to publish the best possible newspaper for our audience. If readers can't depend on us, neither can the advertisers.

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# Writing a news release

A press release might be the best way to present news to us for publication. It's not hard to do. Here are some tips to follow.

Today, news releases can be sent to the paper by email.

Keep it short. Space is limited in our small paper; so brief items have the greatest chance of being published. If we want more information, we will get in touch with the news release writer.

Get to the point. The important information in your news release should appear at the beginning. This way editors can shorten news items by cutting from the bottom of the story, and yet the important information will be retained in the piece.

Generally, the lead of the inverted pyramid is contained in the first two paragraphs of the release. The lead should include the most important information.

Subsequent paragraphs are written in descending order of importance, with less critical information appearing at the end of the release.

## FIVE W'S

All news releases must answer the following:

**WHO** – Who sponsored the event? Who will speak? Who is involved in the news event? Give complete names, spelled correctly.

**WHAT** – What will take place or what happened?

**WHEN** – Be exact with the day, date and time.

**WHY** – Why is the event taking place? Why is the news important? Background information could help explain "why" as well.

**WHERE** – Where is the event taking place?

**HOW** – Sometimes the five W's don't tell all the information. Sometimes we have to explain "how" an event took place.

The five W's should always appear in the first 2 paragraphs, and sometimes "how" also.

Finally, the person writing the news release or news information should include their name and phone number, which need not be printed. Sometimes however, the editor needs to get additional information or clarify an item in the release.

## THE 5 W's

Who

What

Where

When

Why or How

# Advertising is news from businesses

Advertising is the bread and butter of both newspapers and makes up about 70% of our annual income. Since we are a business, it is important that we be profitable. If we aren't, the bills would go unpaid and we would be out of business.

Since both newspapers draw an average readership in excess of 6,000 people each week, businesses find the papers to be valuable publications in which to advertise their goods and services.

We have three major types of advertisements in The Pilot and Sentinel – classifieds, display and legal notices.

### CLASSIFIED ADS –

Published under their own heading, we publish a full page of ads almost every week. We place ads under different headings or "classifications," thus the reason for their name is apparent. Classified headings include help wanted, homes for sale, boats for sale, etc. These classifications become more detailed as the paper's circulation increases to cover its market. The Seattle P.I. for example has many more classifications than does The Pilot or Sentinel.

### LEGAL NOTICES –

The Pilot and Sentinel print public notices from the Petersburg Borough, the City and Borough of Wrangell, the Federal government and every government entity in between. City, state and federal laws mandate that the government notify the public of their actions that affect their constituents. IRS liens, U.S. Marshal's auctions, Forest Service timber sales, bids for purchases of vehicles and equipment, court hearings, election notices and job opportunities are just a few of the many types of notices that appear in the papers each week. Changes in almost any type of law require

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### DISPLAY ADS –

Any commercial message with a border around it is a display ad. It can be as small as one column wide by 1" high to several pages in size.

The size of the ad depends upon what information the advertiser needs to include in the ad space and the amount of money in their ad budget. Generally, larger businesses can afford larger ads. All of our advertising customers are important to us and we attempt to call on them regularly.

All advertising is not restricted to the sale of retail items. Many ads are placed to promote ideas, wish a happy birthday, promote political candidates or to make an announcement that will attract attention.

Ads may be printed in color. Color attracts more readers to the ad, and generally results in additional notice by readers.

The size of the newspaper each week is dependant not upon the amount of news, but upon the amount of advertising sold for a given week. Many newspapers devote 60 to 70 percent of their space to advertising and only 30 to 40 percent for news. The Pilot and Sentinel devote about 50% of our space to both news and advertising allowing us to remain in business. Interest payments, paper and labor are our biggest expenses each month, and without a minimum of 50% ratio of news to advertising, we cannot meet those obligations.

Advertising assistance is just a phone call away. To place classified, public notice or display advertising in The Pilot, just call us (772-9393). Our advertising deadline is Tuesday at 5 p.m. Wrangell advertisers may call (874-2301) before 5 p.m. on Monday to place an ad.

notification to the public.

The public notice section of the paper carry important news for citizens, and that is why we publish these notices near the classified ads, which make up one of the more popular sections of the paper.



## Sources: We depend upon them for news

Our reporters rely upon a variety of people to talk to them each week in order to report the news of the community. The police chief, city clerk, city manager, school principals, parents, children and many others all give us information each week that helps us write news report about this community.

Our reporters are trained to ask questions about news events that people want or need to know about, and then to write a story about that news event. They are trained to listen, observe and write about that which they hear and see.

Good reporters have good manners and treat their news sources as they wish to be treated. While good manners are essential, it doesn't mean they can't be aggressive and stubborn when they're trailing a tough story.

Responsible reporters seek sources that will provide them with news and establish a relationship of trust and cooperation from these

sources. Reader's benefit when reporters have good working relationships with their sources.

Sometimes sources, for a variety of reasons, ask to go "off the record," and in most cases the interview has to stop. Without information that can be published, newspapers have nothing to give to the reader.

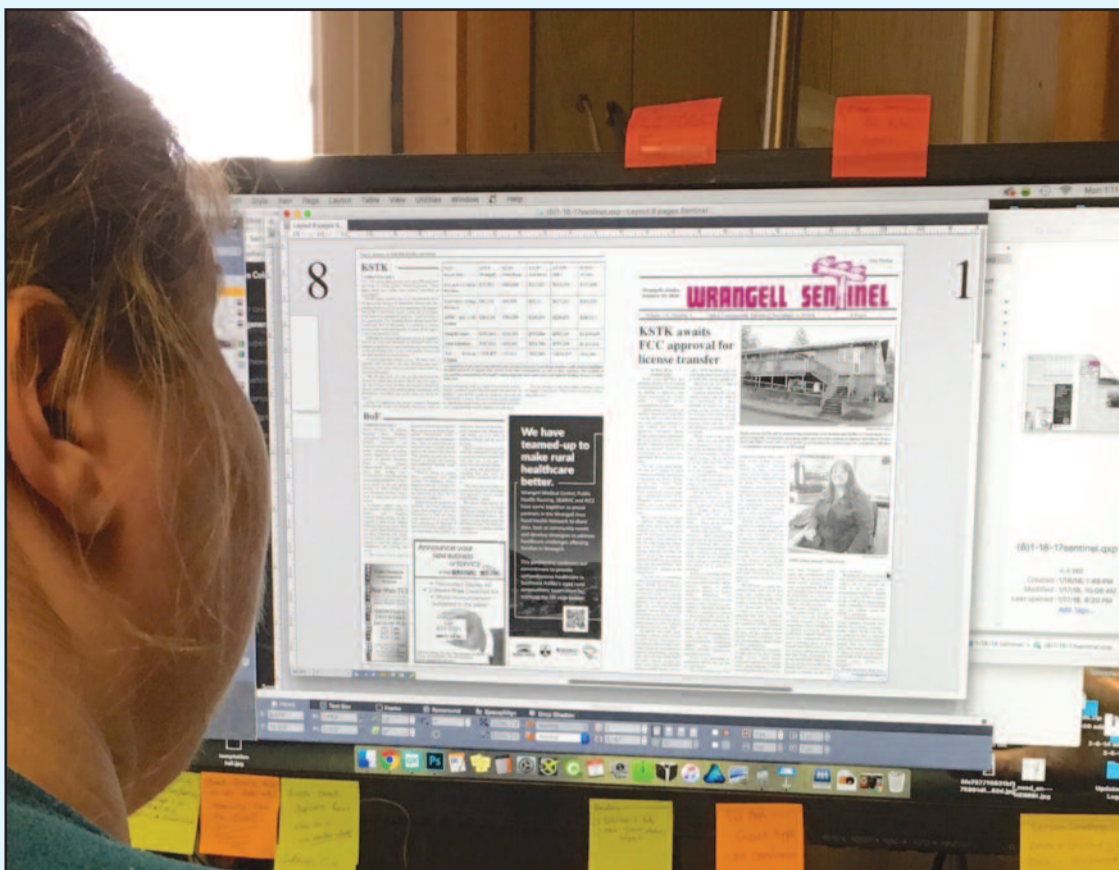
Reporters identify themselves as reporters at the beginning of all interviews, with the understanding that they will use information given to them in a news story. Sources cannot, at the conclusion of the interview, tell the reporter that the information was given "off the record" or not for publication. If they do, they have wasted both their time and that of the reporter.

Further more, if the "off the record" comments were not agreed to by both parties, prior to the beginning of an interview, the newspaper has every right to publish information from that interview.

Finally, the reporter can only grant "off the record" privileges in very limited circumstances. In most cases the reporter must check with his editor before granting such a request. The only time such a request should be granted is when the reporter has no other source for the information and that information provides critical background material for an important story.

"Off the record" information is often given to reporters to provide background information or provide context to news events they cover.

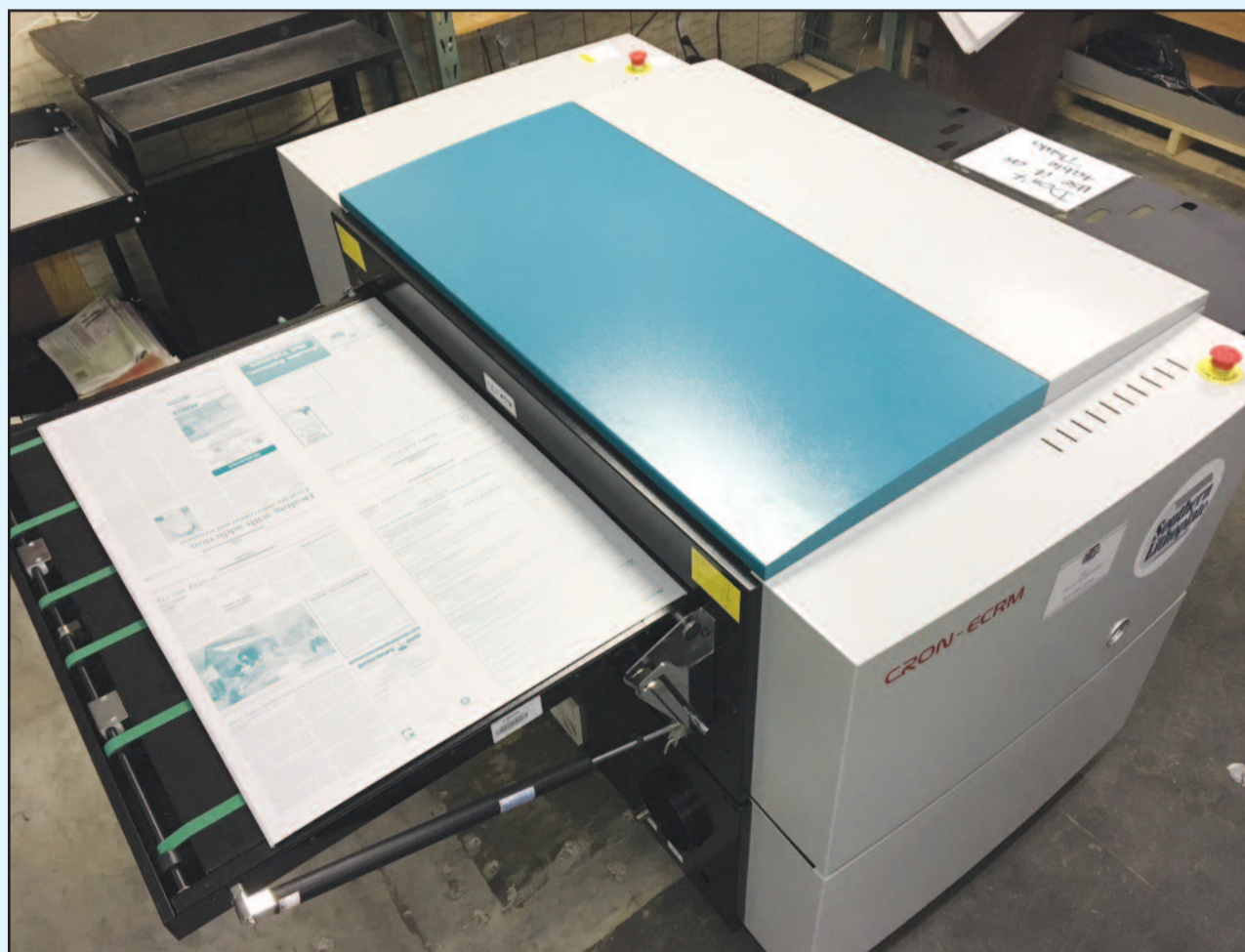
Participants at a public meeting of the city council or the school board cannot expect to go "off the record" since it is a public meeting and anyone, not just reporters, are present to listen to and view the proceedings. The news media also attends and reports on meetings on behalf of readers who cannot attend the meeting, but who want to know what action was taken.



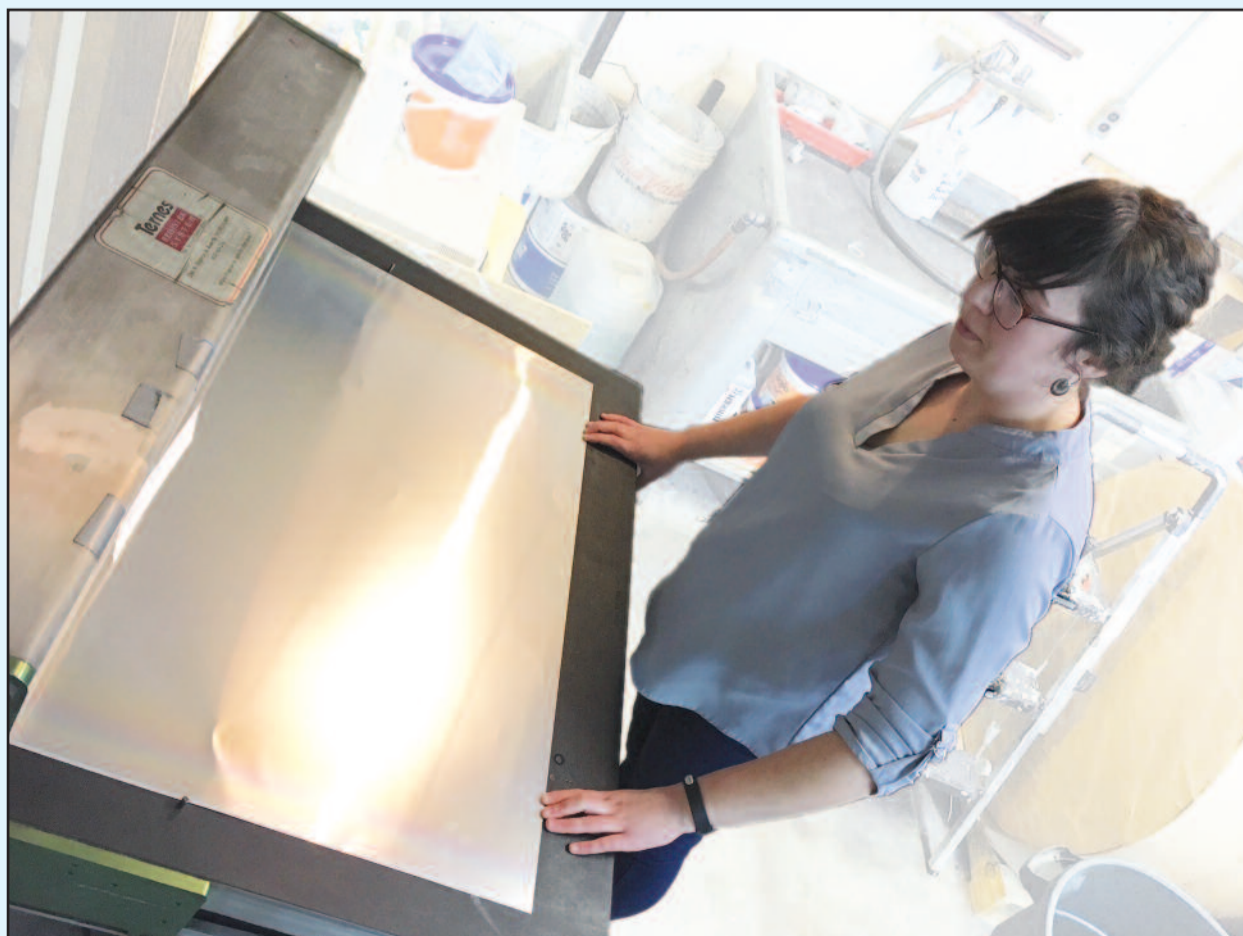
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## We start with blan

Following final proofing, the Sentinel pages are formatted and sent to the CRON-ECRM machine where the images are transferred to the printing plates. Prior to that, production employees and the reporter complete advertisements, stories and photos before they are assembled onto pages digitally.



Last year Pilot Publishing Inc. installed the latest plate imaging system from CRON-ECRM. Completed page layouts are sent digitally to the machine, which produces finished aluminum printing plates ready to be clamped onto the press cylinders after the edges are bent.



Ola Richards bends the edges of the aluminum printing plates so they can be clamped onto the plate cylinder on the press.

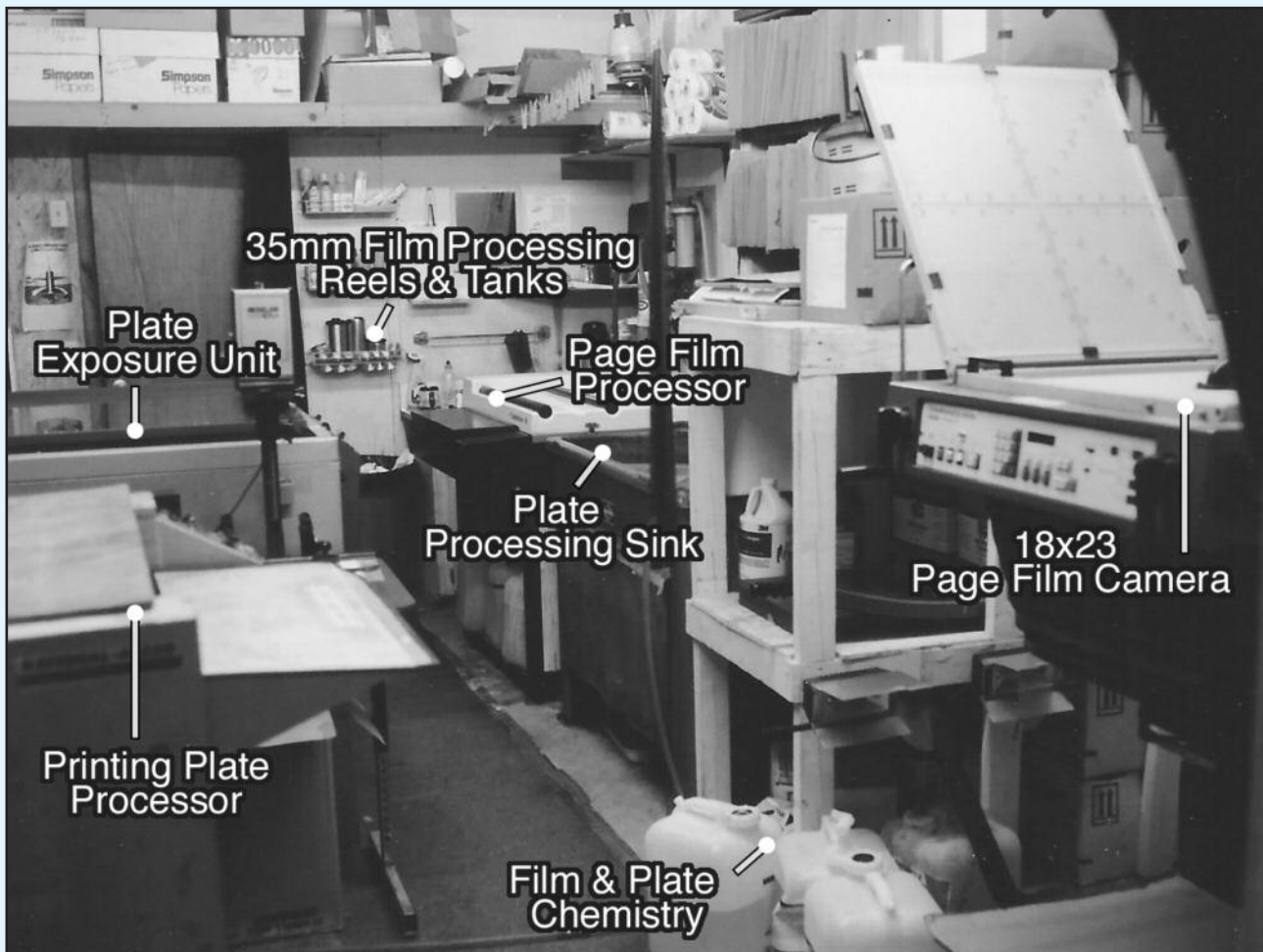
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# Newspapers

pages every week...



Co-Publishers Ron and Anne Loesch check page proofs before they are sent to the CRON-ECRM platemaker.



Prior to the new system, printing plates were sensitive to room lights and had to be processed using orange "safelights." Two chemicals (a developer and a finisher) were required to produce printing plates. With the new system, no chemicals are required to make plates and the plates can be handled under regular room lights. This system replaces the need for the light tables, sinks, film processors, process camera, chemicals and plate scrubber pictured in the darkroom in 1995.



, Inc. operates a 6-unit Goss Community Press to print its newspapers. The press is capable of printing up to a 32-page newspaper with full color on up to 4 paper. Each press-run takes about 25 minutes depending upon how many paper roll changes are necessary. Make-ready (work required before the press-run) another 30-40 minutes. Two to 3 people are needed for each press run.



PILOT PHOTO

## Pilot installs new color presses

Reid Brothers Construction used their 950 Cat to move the 11,000-pound press unit into the Pilot pressroom from the Alaska Marine Lines shipping container in March 2009. A smaller Trident Seafoods forklift was used to move equipment inside the building during the installation. The Wrangell Sentinel rolled off the presses Wednesday morning and was the first paper printed on the new equipment.

## 2017 Alaska Press Club Awards



**WRANGELL SENTINEL**

**BEST WEEKLY NEWSPAPER  
2ND PLACE**



**“C**risp, clean writing; wonderful photos that tell stories all by themselves. Good job.”

-Judge's Comment



**Best Reporting on Science 2nd Place** - Dan Rudy  
**“ALGAE BLOOM STUDY”** - April 28, 2016

Judge's Comment:  
*“A detailed account that makes clear this project's importance to the community.”*

**Best Business Reporting 2nd Place** - Dan Rudy  
**“BUSINESSES DOING WELL”** - December 1, 2016

Judge's Comment:  
*“Deep reporting that puts numbers into a context readers care about.”*

**Best Culture Reporting 2nd Place** - Dan Rudy  
**“NAMES GIVEN TO FACES ON SOME STORED TOTEMS”** - May 26, 2016

Judge's Comment:  
*“Nice evocative detailed descriptions; good ability to link historical information in newspaper format.”*

## 2017 Alaska Press Club Awards



**petersburg pilot**

**BEST WEEKLY NEWSPAPER  
3RD PLACE**



**“W**hat I love about this paper is that a handful of reporters crank out stories-lots of them-that people in the community care about. That's what a good weekly should do.”

-Judges Comment



**Best Editorial or Commentary 3rd Place** - Ron Loesch  
**“EDITORIAL: PROTECT INDUSTRIAL ZONING”** - October 6, 2016

Judge's Comment:  
*“Good, specific, well-argued local editorial, just what local edit pages are supposed to do. No question where the page stands.”*



**Best Business Reporting 1st Place** - Jess Field  
**“LANDLINES AND PHONEBOOKS”** - February 4, 2016

Judge's Comment:  
*“A well-sourced story giving readers a head's up on a coming trend that will affect their daily lives.”*



# Press switches to offset printing July, 1964; Sentinel in May, 1965

*Taken from: Bent Pins to Chains*

Since 1930, the Petersburg Press had been printed on a

drum cylinder press manufactured in the 1890s by D.B. Cottrell and Sons in Rhode Island. It printed eight full-size pages.

The PRESS went to the new photo-offset method of production July 1, 1964, with page size reduced to a tabloid format

measuring 11x17 inches. Most weekly newspapers including the Sentinel and the Pilot are printed in the same tabloid for-

mat.

The Petersburg Press was the first hot metal Alaska newspaper to convert to offset. Its new equipment consisted of a Chief 22 offset press and a Kenro vertical camera. Williams described the process to his readers:

"In offset, a photograph is made of the material to be printed. An aluminum or paper plate is made from the negative just as a picture is printed from a negative. The plate, when put on the press, transfers an inked image to a rubber blanket, which prints or, "offsets," the image onto the paper page. In letterpress, type is set, inked and the image is transferred directly to the paper.

The first offset edition featured an aerial view of Petersburg that was later reduced and included on the front-page flag."

On May 12, 1965 the Wrangell Sentinel appeared in a new format, having switched from a Campbell drum cylinder press to a new offset press. In switching to offset, the paper page was reduced to a tabloid size but the number of pages was doubled. It was the third Alaskan paper to switch from hot metal to offset. The Petersburg Press and the Southeast Alaska Empire in Juneau had both undergone the change.

The Williamses sold the Sentinel press equipment to the new Seward Phoenix Log and began printing the Sentinel in the Petersburg plant.

Publisher Glenn Luckie closed the Petersburg Press in January 1974 and took the printing press to Juneau to begin a commercial printing operation. The Wrangell Sentinel, and months later, the new Petersburg Pilot were both printed at the Ketchikan Daily News offset plant.

The Daily news continued printing the Sentinel until the Loeschs purchased the Sentinel in December 2003. The Pilot was printed in Ketchikan until 1985, when Loesch, a former pressman at the Ketchikan Daily News, purchased a two-unit Goss Community Offset Press and folder and began printing the paper in Petersburg.

The move improved on-time delivery of the Pilot to newsstands and readers because weather sometimes delayed arrival of page layouts to Ketchikan or finished papers back to Petersburg. Scheduled and chartered air carriers provided shipping services between the two communities.

Today the Petersburg plant operates six Goss Community printing units and a folder, enabling the production of up to a 32-page newspaper with full color photos on up to 4 pages of the publication.



*Petersburg Pilot Staff: (Front row left to right) Jessica Owens, Anne Loesch, Ola Richards, Savann Guthrie. Back row, (Left to right) Debbie Lyons, Karrie Malcom, Ron Loesch and Ben Muir.*



# 1ST PLACE

## GENERAL EXCELLENCE

WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS WITH CIRCULATION 3,000 OR LESS

We're proud of the hard work and professional craftsmanship that our employees bring to the production of the Pilot each week. Likewise, we're grateful for the support of our readers and advertisers, who make this achievement possible.



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Pilot file photo

The company occasionally provides printing services for other newspapers or customers. Here pallets of a visitor guide press run is prepared for shipping to another newspaper.

## Pilot Publishing, Inc. provides all types of printing

The publishers operate one the best-equipped weekly newspaper plants in Alaska. While other newspapers rely on larger newspapers or commercial printers to produce their finished product, Pilot Publishing produces its weekly editions entirely in its own plant.

In addition to the Pilot and Sentinel, we also print the Chilkat Valley News in Haines each week

The three publications are printed on our 6-unit Goss Community press, which is capable of printing 12,000 papers per hour. The papers are delivered trimmed and folded as they come off the press on a conveyor belt.

The press can print up to 32 tabloid-size pages with full-color photos on up to 4 common pages, in a single press-run.

In addition to printing the Pilot, the Chilkat Valley News and the Wrangell Sentinel each week, we also provide extensive commercial printing and copy services to the community.

Rubber stamps, plastic signs, business forms, letterheads, envelopes, raffle tickets, flyers, magazines, books, business cards, labels, posters and notary seals are just a few of the items we can deliver. If it involves type and ink, we can deliver just about anything.

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Pilot File Photo

Some of Petersburg's Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts tour the Pilot's printing facility to get an inside perspective on the work that goes into producing a weekly newspaper. Press Assistant Ola Richards demonstrates printing plate preparation and press operation for the scouts.

## Tours are available

The Pilot and Sentinel welcomes groups who wish to tour our facilities. We're proud of our employees, our plants and our history and we'd like to share it with you.

Please phone us at 772-9393 or at 874-2301 in Wrangell, to arrange the time of the tour. The publishers or a staff member will provide a guided tour of our operation, and

explain how we publish the paper each week. We will also explain how the equipment works and contributes to our publishing effort.

## News tips & photos welcomed

Our news staff at both newspapers are accustomed to digging out the news that appears on our pages every week. That doesn't mean that we don't appreciate and respond to "news tips" from anyone in the community.

If you see or know of a news event, let us know. Our receptionists will pass the item along

to a reporter in the news department and we will attempt to cover newsworthy events to the best of our ability.

We have a small staff at both the Pilot and Sentinel, and we can't be everywhere at once. If you see news happening, give us a call.

The Pilot phone number is 772-9393 and the Sentinel num-

ber is 872-2301.

Nearly everyone carries a phone that is capable of taking photos. Everyday people have the opportunity to take and send photos of events we are not able to cover. Take some shots and send them to us. They will be considered for publication based upon their news value and our space limitations. Please include names and information about the subject of the photo.

### What Makes News?

Webster's dictionary defines news as "new information or reports of recent happenings."

Other things that may help you identify news are:

**Impact** – does your news affect our readers?

**Human interest** – Colorful

events about people.

**Oddity** – The biggest or smallest of anything is usually newsworthy.

**Progress** – Accomplishments from graduation to completion of a construction project are news.

**Prominence** – Famous, powerful or wealthy people interest most of us.

**Locality** – Some things are newsworthy just because they happen around here.

**Public** – Is it open to the public? It might be news.

**Unusual** – Information about the unusual or the uncommon should be in the paper.

When you see news, please give us a call. We will cover events as our limits if time and space in the paper will permit.

## We donate to the community

The publishers support the community with both cash and in-kind donations. They also volunteer time to community organizations, boards and commissions and committees. We encourage our employees to do the same.

Our largest contributions are in the form of free or discounted advertising to various non-profit organizations, schools and charities.

Several advertisers contribute their newspaper space to non-profit organizations to be used for advertising public events, concerts and school sporting events.

## Facts & Figures in 2017

400 lbs. ink  
 9.5 tons newsprint  
 (Equivalent to 3800 reams of 8.5x11 paper)  
 928 Pilot pages printed  
 544 Sentinel pages printed  
 9 Full-time employees  
 43 Years Old, Pilot  
 116 Years Old, Sentinel  
 6,720 Average weekly readership  
 3 Office puppies  
 8 State & National Awards

## Our Equipment

### PRESSROOM

+ 6-Unit Goss Community Press w/ Folder  
 + Ternes Plate bender  
 + Lincoln Ink Barrel pump  
 + 5,000 lb. Forklift with forks  
 + 2,000 lb. Forklift with paper roll clamp

### PRODUCTION/LAYOUT

+ 3 – Mac Pro Computers  
 + 3 – Apple Laptops  
 + 1 Power Mac  
 + Konica Minolta Magi-color 7450 printer  
 + HP Color Laserjet CP 5225 printer  
 + HP Color Laserjet 8550 N printer  
 + Epson Stylus Pro 3800 printer  
 + Software: Quark Express, Photoshop

### PHOTOGRAPHY

+ 4 Canon EOS Rebel SLR cameras  
 + 4 Canon telephoto & wide-angle lenses  
 + 1 Canon Mark II camera  
 + 1 Canon 100-400mm Telephoto

### BINDERY

+ Challenge paper drill  
 + Challenge 30" paper cutter  
 + Interlake stitcher  
 + Bostitch stitcher  
 + 4,000 lb. Pallet jack  
 + Rollem Numbering machine  
 + 2 – Padding presses  
 + 11x17" Paper Folder  
 + Stahl 3-knife trimmer

### COPY/REPRODUCTION

+ 2 - Richo Aficio MP C4501 copiers  
 + Savin C3535 copier  
 + Uline 11" laminator  
 + Ibico Plastic coil binder

### BUSINESS OFFICE

+ Isus computer – circulation  
 + 3 – PCs, 2 Isus, 1 Dell - bookkeeping  
 + Software: (Business) Quickbooks, Quickbooks POS

# We love your pictures but...

## We need photos:



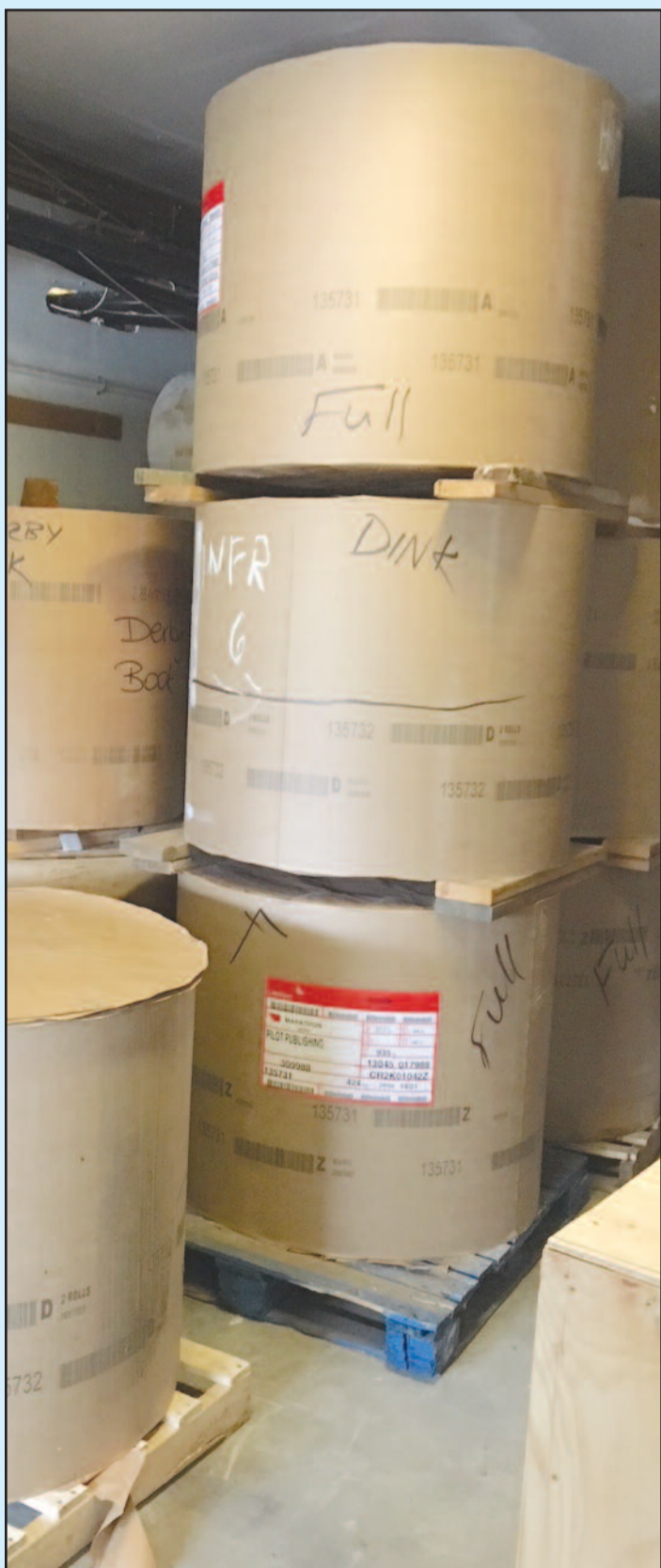
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**Thank you for providing images for us to use each week!**

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Both the Petersburg Pilot and Wrangell Sentinel rely on local companies to provide transportation for our newspapers and other freight every week. Occasionally, on sunny days accompanied by calm seas we load up the boat and make our own freight run. Former employees Beth Comstock and Beth Loesch were on-hand to off-load Visitor Guides a few years ago. Alaska Airlines, Pac Wings, Sunrise Aviation, Breakaway Adventures and Alaska Marine Lines regularly provide freight service for both newspapers.



Newsprint is stored in the warehouse, where 1,000 lb. rolls are stacked 3-high. Rolls are moved into the adjoining pressroom with forklifts.



Over 9.5 tons of newsprint is used each year to produce both the Petersburg Pilot and Wrangell Sentinel. The newsprint comes from our Canadian supplier Catalyst Paper aboard container vans shipped from Seattle. Here, the press crew off-loads 1,000 lb. rolls of paper from the van to the warehouse, where the rolls are stacked on their sides, three-rolls high, using a forklift with a special hydraulic paper roll clamp.