

## Maintenance needs and leases mulled by Port Commission

By DAN RUDY  
*Sentinel writer*

Members of Wrangell's Port Commission have set a timetable for themselves for reworking how lot leases at the boatyard are arranged.

At their meeting Monday, commission chair Clay Hammer and harbormaster Greg Meissner said they are putting together an ordinance proposal to consider after the summer season winds down. In its drafting stages, it would reflect discussions held last year and feedback from various yard contractors. The conversation has been an ongoing one for a year and a half, and the commission had previously intended to settle the matter last winter.

"We do have some bugs to work out of it," said Hammer. He envisions allowing for more flexible lease durations, which could match the length of loans contractors might take out for capital investment, in the neighborhood of 15 or 20 years. Speaking to the commission last year, Superior Marine Services owner Don Sorric suggested such a change would help local firms secure larger loans, and would incentivize investment at the yard.

Meissner expressed interest in including wording that would ensure lease holders possessed some form of environmental insurance, to protect the yard and also lenders from potential liabilities upon transfer or foreclosure.

Commissioner John Martin also wanted to take up the issue of lease lot prices, which have remained about the same since the first round of five-year leases were signed. Most contractors at the yard are by now on their second lease. However, he explained that part of the discussion, as well as what would make for a fair lease arrangement, would need more input from the lease holders.

"We are pretty close to this, and probably this fall will get everybody together for a workshop and flush this all out," he commented.

Commissioners also expressed interest in putting together an ordinance that would allow dockside zoning for skiffs, specifically for space-saving bow tying. A nominal monthly fee like \$5 would be charged, and would likely make use of part of the ramp at Reliance Harbor.

"I think we would see a lot more skiffs back in the water," said Hammer.

During commissioner reports, Gary Morrison raised several facilities and maintenance concerns with the group.

One was an issue of parking enforcement, over the past month noticing that



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### A late-night spree into the trees

A white pickup truck (at left) was reportedly stolen from a driveway late Monday or early Tuesday morning for an apparent joyride near Spur Road's horse track. Owner Mike Lane was notified by police at around 2 a.m. that his vehicle had been found driven off the dirt road linking Spur with the Volunteer Park lot. Report of another stolen vehicle had also been filed that evening, though no details on the incident or whether the two are related could be confirmed by the Wrangell Police Department by Tuesday evening's press time. Whether a suspect or suspects were arrested or charges are being pressed was also unclear.

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Port Commissioner

about a third of boat trailers in harbor lots were without permit stickers. This was not fair to those who had purchased their permits, he reasoned, and quickly amounted to substantial revenues being missed. In just one harbor over four weeks, he estimated about \$1,200 worth of unpaid-for permits missing on trailers.

"It seems like we're missing out on a lot of money," he said. Morrison suggested staff give warnings through July, then buckling down on enforcement.

Meissner said he would instruct staff to start issuing tickets, explaining the whole permitting process had been developed in response to a surplus of trailers taking up parking spots at the city's public harbors.

"I'm fine not giving out any more warnings," he said.

Also on Morrison's mind was Public Works' water shortage management plan, a proposal which lays out restrictions on

water usage depending on reserve levels. He noticed that in the second and third threat stages, service to the boatyard gets reduced and eventually cut off completely.

"That's quite a problem if you've got a floathouse," he said. A number of residents live on board vessels in the harbor, and in the event of an emergency cutoff they could be forced to resort to bottled water. Speaking with floathouse and live-aboard residents in the harbors about the proposal, Morrison said it was a concern.

He suggested arranging instead an allowance for scheduled availability from a centralized source in each harbor during Stage 3 conditions, allowing dockside residents to replenish their personal water stocks a couple or several times each week.

Meissner said the management plan was already on his mind, as a cutoff to the harbors could pose a fire safety issue. He had already spoken with the Public Works director about the plan, and told commissioners further conversations were planned.

On the other hand, Meissner said his department would be working to reduce water waste in and around harbor facilities. This includes repairing leaky connections and putting up additional signage reminding users to turn off and put away station hoses and utility hookups.

Lastly, Morrison recommended looking into adding dockside ladders at the far ends of harbor launch ramp fingers. Adding to that, commissioner Walter Moorhead had noticed a number of safety

ladders located around Wrangell's harbors had become encrusted in barnacles and mussels, and recommended those get cleaned off by department staff.

Commissioners also recounted coming across increasing amounts of dog feces on city floats and docks.

"It was the worst I'd ever seen it," said John Yeager, recalling a recent walk at Inner Harbor. "It was pretty disappointing that people, even with the hose, wouldn't clean it."

Fellow commissioner John Martin commented that Wrangell Parks and Recreation is dealing with a similar issue around its trails and outdoor facilities. Keeping water waste concerns in mind, the group recommended making available more wash buckets at harbor facilities, similar to a system Petersburg uses.

As summer draws near, Meissner reported that pressure washing at the various harbors is under way. A hoist by the department office overlooking Reliance Harbor was repaired on Monday, after being out of commission for the weekend. The 20 year old piece of equipment has been rebuilt a few times over the decades, but with the commercial crabbing season about under way for the summer, the mechanical failure came at a bad time.

A maintenance crew was unable to go down to Meyers Chuck last week, but Meissner reported they will most likely head down next week. Harbor staff have made the rounds on Wrangell Police Department's boat for the extended journey, but due to scheduling conflicts have not been able to make the run just yet.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



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

**June 8:** Jack Dyer, Shannon Smith, Stephanie Cartwright, Chase Robinson, Ronnie Graves, Chester Armstrong. *Anniversary:* James and Cinda Stough. **June 9:** Jon Ryon, Carolyn Gould. **June 10:** Stan Schnell, Dan Newport, Josephine Lewis. *Anniversary:* Trevor and Talea Keller, John and Lynn Maxand. **June 11:** Kiara Meissner, Kim Stover, Danielle Smith, Kyler Young. **June 12:** Leonard Angerman, Cole Appleman. *Anniversary:* Todd and Kitten White. **June 13:** Stan Martin, Aaron Powell, Alivia Young, Andre Shafer, Mark Walker, James Kuzma. **June 14:** Chester Massin, Steve Gile, Ryan Miller, Michelle Shofstahl, Geoff Stutz. **June 15:** Dacia Dailey, Kayla Hay, Quinn Carey, Grover Mathis, Chris Weber, Shayna Schultz, Bert Nore. *Anniversary:* Karl and Stacy Altepeter, Kyle and Katie Penney, Phil and Kara Carey.

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

## Senior Center Menu

### Thursday, June 8:

Herb lime chicken, mixed veggies, boiled baby red potatoes, sunshine salad.

### Friday, June 9:

Tomato soup and half a tuna sandwich, honey mustard slaw.

### Monday, June 12:

Spaghetti with meat sauce, peas and carrots, cantaloupe.

### Tuesday, June 13:

Crispy baked chicken, Brussels sprouts, Texas coleslaw.

### Wednesday, June 14:

Beef and green pepper casserole, cauliflower, tossed salad.

### Thursday, June 15:

Vegetable soup, half cheese and tomato sandwich, fruit slaw.

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

Milk, tea and coffee will be served with meals.

## FERRY SCHEDULE

### Departures

#### Northbound

**Thursday, June 8**  
Matanuska 11:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, June 10**  
Matanuska 10:00 a.m.  
**Sunday, June 11**  
Columbia 3:45 p.m.  
**Monday, June 12**  
Matanuska 5:30 a.m.  
**Tuesday, June 13**  
Matanuska 6:30 p.m.

#### Southbound

**Sunday, June 9**  
Matanuska 6:15 p.m.  
**Monday, June 12**  
Matanuska 6:15 a.m.  
**Wednesday, June 14**  
Columbia 9:30 a.m.  
**Thursday, June 15**  
Matanuska 11:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, June 17**  
Matanuska 7:45 a.m.

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



## TIDES TABLE June 8 - June 15

High Tides				Low Tides				
AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	
June 8:	0:44	16.9	1:34	14.6	7:10	-0.9	7:04	3.2
June 9:	1:19	16.8	2:12	14.6	7:41	-1.1	7:37	3.4
June 10:	1:52	16.6	2:48	14.5	8:13	-1.2	8:09	3.6
June 11:	2:24	16.3	3:23	14.2	8:44	-1.0	8:43	4.0
June 12:	2:55	15.8	3:57	14.0	9:17	-0.7	9:18	4.3
June 13:	3:28	15.3	4:34	13.7	9:52	-0.3	9:58	4.5
June 14:	4:04	14.7	5:13	13.6	10:31	0.1	10:45	4.7
June 15:	4:46	14.0	5:59	13.6	11:14	0.7	11:40	4.7

## Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

### Thursday, June 8

**Story Time:** 10 a.m. Public Library. Join us for stories, crafts and snacks.

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

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

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

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### Wednesday, June 14

Pioneers of Alaska Women's Igloo #15: 6:00 pm, Last Meeting of the Summer.

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

## Continuing Events

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

### OTHER MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

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

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

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

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

## The Way We Were

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

**June 21, 1917:** Homer Worden was pleasantly surprised by a party of his friends last Monday evening, the event being his eleventh birthday. The guests assembled during Homer's absence and they presented him with many appropriate gifts on his arrival. At nine o'clock lunch, consisting of sandwiches, cookies, cake and chocolate, supplemented by ice cream, was appreciated. The smallest children departed at 9:30, while the others enjoyed games until a late hour. Those present were: Misses Dorothy and Marjorie Johnson, Catharine and Glen Matheson, May and Gertrude Goodrich, Coralie and Billy Cunningham, Margaret Pennycock, Edith Horgheim, Elizabeth Churchill, Gertured Carlstrom, Katharine Loftus, Margaret Warren, Florence Prescott and Gertrude Osborn, Masters: Floyd Benjamin, Henry Pgg, Carl Palmer, Wilfred Gartley, Frederick Cunningham, Linny Elton and Andrew Engstrom.

**June 19, 1942:** Even Ripley and his "believe it or not" never found a better one than this, and Miss Rosalie Wozny, nurse at Bishop Rowe hospital, knows what the thrill of a lifetime is. Sunday at the Elks picnic at Big Bay Zarembo Island Miss Wozny, who still didn't believe everything she had heard about fishing in Alaska, was idling along in a skiff on the stream near the picnic grounds. Water was shallow and the steelheads were finning in the vicinity. Curious but bold Miss Wozny happened to have a corkscrew

in the boat with her. Grasping it firmly, she struck at one of the steelheads. Fisherman's good luck. The curved barb sank into the fish just above the tail. Elks are still debating who was the most excited Miss Wonzny or the steelhead but the nurse put up the best battle and she landed her trophy by mean force.

**June 14, 1967:** City Council at its meeting Tuesday night approved the annual school budget, a new building to be constructed by Fred and Leonard Angerman near to the Wrangell Wharf for installing a city float off the dock in the usual location on the south side for the summer months. The new totem building, estimated

to cost round \$70,000, will be a two story structure 75ft by 30 ft.

**June 18, 1992:** Gov. Walter J. Hickel has called legislators back to Juneau for a special session which began June 15 for the express purpose of passing a subsistence bill before the federal government takes over permanent management of Fish and Game in Alaska on July 1. Alaska needs to regain complete control of the management of Fish and Game in Alaska. Alaskans must change the Federal Subsistence law, but we must first change our state subsistence law. Alaska needs to change the state law, not the state constitution.

## Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
May 29:	68	54
May 30:	72	63
May 31:	71	60
June 1:	59	51
June 2:	55	48
June 3:	53	45
June 4:	52	48
June 5:	53	48

## Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
June 8:	4:45am	9:29pm	17:24h
June 9:	4:04am	9:30pm	17:26h
June 10:	4:03am	9:31pm	17:26h
June 11:	4:03am	9:32pm	17:28h
June 12:	4:02am	9:33pm	17:31h
June 13:	4:02am	9:34pm	17:32h
June 14:	4:02am	9:35pm	17:32h
June 15:	4:01am	9:35pm	17:34h

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# Water situation manageable heading into processor season

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

Wrangell continues to brace itself for summertime demand on its treated water, after bottlenecks in production last year led to a critical shortage.

Public Works director Amber Al-Haddad has been keeping the Borough Assembly up to date on conditions at the treatment plant and its reservoirs, and so far reports have been on the positive side. Water in the two reservoirs is close to full, with the upper reservoir down by about two feet.

The biggest worry is that the plant's primary filtration system – consisting of four large bays of special sand that water passes through – will clog in quick succession as water

demand increases with the seafood processing season. Usage is generally greatest from the end of June through the middle of August, when Wrangell's two processor plants are contending with the salmon harvest.

When water passes from the lower reservoir to the plant, it first goes through an initial roughing filter that removes some organics. It then is diverted into one of four slow sand filtration bays for treatment, with water seeping through the material and leaving particulate behind. From there, treated water goes to one of two storage tanks before being fed into the wider utility system.

Several circumstances with the operation of Wrangell's

plant have made this process problematic. For starters, the type of plant is itself not well suited to the available water supply, with higher amounts of sediment and organics coming from the town's reservoirs than was first anticipated. The roughing filter was supposed to help limit this, but due to a designed inability to flush itself has a tendency to clog and is of limited effect. Clearing the filters has proven to be a time- and water-intensive process.

Also, while the sand is supposed to be skimmed, disposed of and periodically replaced, over its 17 years of operation the material at Wrangell's plant has never been changed out. The main reason for this has been a matter of cost, with material costing close to \$500,000 to replace shortly after its construction and double that presently.

Assembly members had considered replacing sections of the material on a filter-by-filter basis, approving such a move in April but reversing course soon afterward. It was recommended by engineers that the material be replaced all at once for best efficiency. Assembly members instead have opted to focus on an application for federal grant or loan funding that would enable construction of a new plant better suited to the local water supply.

In the meantime, money has been approved to upgrade the roughing filters in order to allow it to automatically flush and regulate itself. The Department of Environmental Conservation is currently reviewing plans for the redesign, and Al-Haddad reported her department is still awaiting a decision.

"We'll have to wait until they

give their approval," she said. However, work on materials procurement can get started preemptively, so that the project can be undertaken shortly after receiving approval.

For the sand filter units, a new method of plunging sediment from the bays has proven successful, extending turnaround time between cleanings from four or five days to about three weeks. Four temporary staff hired on for the summer have supported the three employees assigned to water and sewage treatment in this effort.

"That's been a huge benefit to our cause," Al-Haddad said.

Staff will give the filters another aggressive cleaning by the start of next week, ahead of the expected climb in demand. The pace of their work keeping the filters clear will depend on a combination of factors, from actual usage to the turbidity of the water coming from the reservoirs, which varies depending on the amount of rain received.

An emergency response plan is being drafted that would direct city staff in the event of a water shortage. A campaign to reach out to community members encouraging them to be more mindful of water waste and usage habits this summer will also be underway this month.

At its last regular meeting on May 29, the Assembly revisited progress being made on the water treatment plant, as well as approving a first-reading draft ordinance that would eventually allow for metering of residential and smaller use commercial connections. The Assembly is also considering an adjustment to water rates

that better reflect cost of production.

If adopted next week, the ordinance would be part of a wider effort on the part of the city to tighten up use of treated water. An alleviation of the city's production problem appears a long way off. Even if funding and plans for a new treatment plant could be obtained, the process of building one could take between three and five years, according to Carol Rushmore, acting city manager.

Beyond readjusted rates and metered water, a new area of consideration Assembly members addressed at last week's meeting was free ridership in the use of treated water. Member Stephen Prysunka noted that public faucets such as the one at the Shoemaker Bay Harbor parking lot have been used by residents further uproad to replenish their water supply, though to what extent is immeasurable.

Finance director Lee Burgess explained that some sort of payment unit regulating such taps could be installed, but the savings may be outweighed by the costs.

"Relative to the amount of water that goes through there it's not definitive it would be worth it," he told the Assembly.

Noting there are other sources of water available, Mayor David Jack had a simpler suggestion: "It wouldn't cost much to put a lock on there."

Their next meeting has been scheduled for June 13 at 7 p.m., inside City Hall. It will be preceded by a public hearing on the water ordinances at 6:30 p.m.



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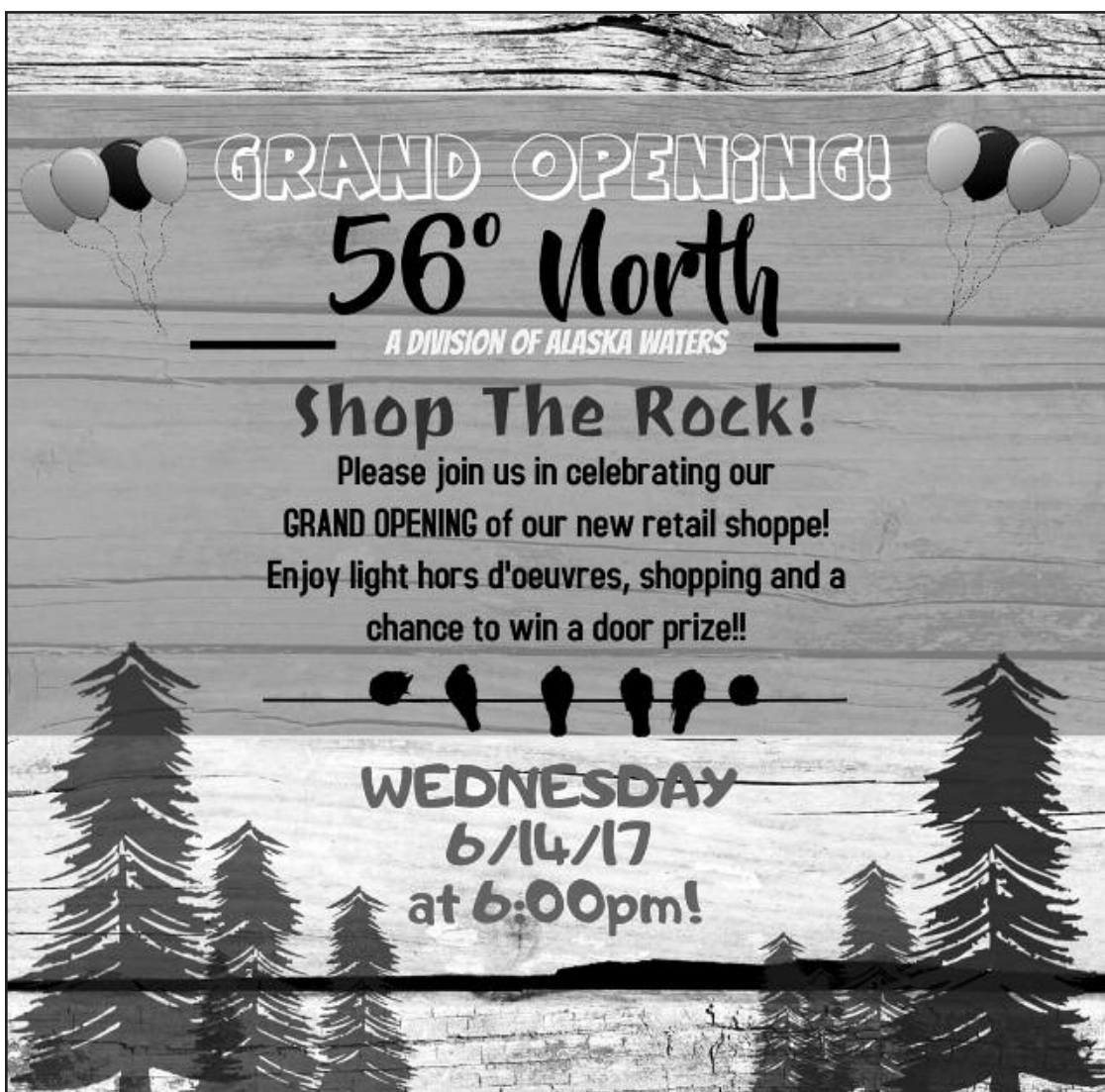
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## Police report

### Monday, May 29

Found Property.

### Tuesday, May 30

Agency Assist.

Citizen Assist: Officer requested at residence.

Courtesy Transport.

### Wednesday, May 31

Report of Theft.

MVA minor damage.

Dog bite owner brought in certificate of vaccination.

Citizen Assist: Person locked out of house.

### Thursday, June 1

Report of harassment.

Report of lost phone: Phone found.

Identity theft: Person brought in info stating they had their ID stolen.

Traffic Stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.

### Friday, June 2

Citizen Assist: Vehicle unlock.

Civil standby.

### Saturday, June 3

Curfew warning given.

Report of a deer being hit at 5 mile.

Intoxicated person: Officer responded.

Intoxicated person: Officer responded.

### Sunday, June 4

Report of stolen vehicle.

Report of theft.

There was one ambulance call this week.

# School programs take new tack on fundraising

By DAN RUDY  
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Wrangell's extracurricular youth programs will be getting a boost beginning this summer with the help of local stores.

Bobs' IGA and City Market both will allow shoppers to conveniently donate spare change toward the public schools' Booster Club activities.

"It's set up with both stores, where people come in and round up their purchase to the nearest dollar," explained Wrangell secondary schools principal Bill Schwan. "The stores have both agreed that that money would go toward our booster activity accounts."

It is a hands-off approach to a fundraising method Schwan, entering his second year here in Wrangell, has used previously at other posts in the Lower 48. His hope is to change the way local students raise money for their clubs and sports teams.

Currently, much of the effort is scattershot, with students often going door-to-door to solicit donations. Schwan would like to see that end for several reasons. One is accountability, making contributions easier to keep track of and plan around. Another is a safety consideration for the students, as well as taking pressure off from their time.

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-Bill Schwan  
Wrangell Secondary Schools Principal

Pressure might also be taken off the community's generosity by having clubs focus instead on a single fundraiser or project each year instead. In this regard, clubs would follow a pattern set by the schools' wrestling program, which holds an annual fundraising dinner. Schwan would also encourage students

to take on community service projects as a group or team, keeping them connected to the community.

Signs are being made for the grocery stores' registers, informing shoppers they can contribute to local schools. Those using the debit or credit cards have the option to round up their purchase, an option made available by recent upgrades both stores have undertaken. Bobs' IGA unrolled its participation in the booster program this week, and City Market is expected to follow suit soon.

Money collected at these stores will then be routed to a discretionary fund for the principal or activities director to use.

"It's really kind of an endless access for funds," Schwan explained. "If we have a kid that doesn't have tennis shoes, or we

have a sports team that needs a piece of equipment, or travel, transportation."

The other benefit of this approach is allowing funds to cover any program as needs come up.

"Any activity that we have," Schwan said. "That's the other nice thing about it, it's not discriminatory, not one or the other, it's everybody."

Along with this, the school system will be arranging a formal Booster Club for its activities. "My goal is through the Booster Club we will have officers, we will have a parent group. So that if a team comes in and needs whatever, the coach would come up, present it to the group, they would look at it," said Schwan.

Particularly as the public school system braces for cuts to state funding, there is a need to streamline the finances of extracurricular programming. Activity fees and school allotments help support facility upkeep and travel funds, but additional funds raised by students help fill in the gaps.

"I just thought it was a different way to do it," said Schwan.



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## Bright red and beautiful

A dinner for Wrangell Volunteer Fire Department personnel and their families was put on by Trident Seafoods Friday evening. Now a tradition of three years, around 15 families attended this year's prime rib dinner, the centerpiece to which was a combination red velvet and pound cake made by Paula Keith. Based on Engine Number 6, the massive confection was a big hit. Organized by Ray Keith, the dinner is a way to show the company's gratitude to the department for the work it does.

## GCI GIG Lunch Launch



**Thursday, June 15th**  
**11:00 am-2:00 pm**  
**at the GCI office**

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## THANK YOU

Life has been a struggle since May 1, when the man we cherished left us suddenly. We sought comfort for our sorrow by returning to Wrangell where his and our life story began. As always this community came together and wrapped its arms around us and held us close. We gathered together where he had fished, pulled a crab pot or cruised in a boat. You helped us with food, setting up tables and chairs, hanging photos of him smiling, and lots of hugs and encouragement. We will be eternally grateful to our family and friends for loving him and us. Thank you Wrangell from all of us.

*The Dan (Dee Dee) Wickman Family*



*"Pop you were my best friend, and we had so many plans. I'm your pumpkin".*  
Little Clara



*"Eddy, Thank you for being in my life. We did a lot in our fifteen years together. You were a very special man to my whole family."*  
Clara

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# Tons of old nets to be sent south for reprocessing

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A big batch of old gillnets is being shipped south for reprocessing.

The Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (IGAP) offices in Wrangell and Petersburg planned to send several container loads this week to a Seattle-area processor for reuse.

In all, the work of preparing the nets for transport took about two weeks. Wrangell's IGAP hired on temporary laborers this spring to help move, clip and sort through the collected nets. Weed, cork and lead lines were removed from them, with some of the reusable materials held aside for interested fishermen.

"They're pretty cleaned up for us," Wrangell IGAP technician Kim Wickman explained.

The program gives fishermen a designated place to dispose of old nets, lessening instances of improper disposal or in municipal dumpsters. When mixed with other trash, the nets cause headaches for workers at the waste transfer facility by getting tangled up inside the trucks and bins.

A survey conducted in 2014 found that illegal dumping was a top environmental issue among residents, found along

roadsides and on nearby beaches.

"I haven't seen a lot of nets on the side of the road" since, said Wickman.

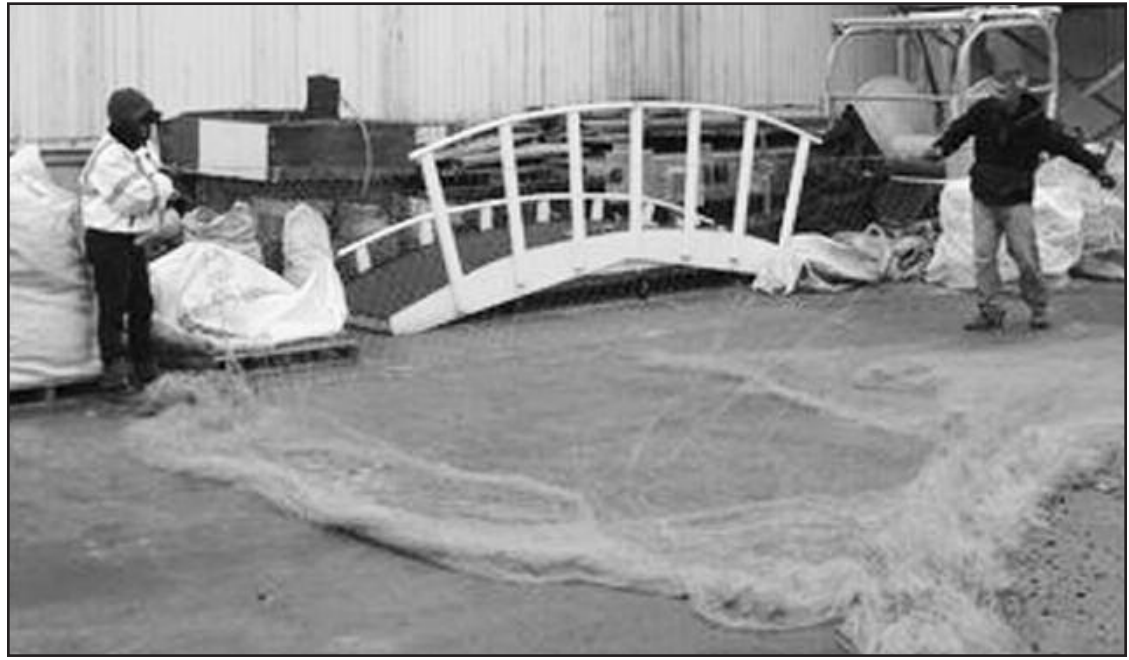
Located at the Marine Service Center's eastern side, the Wrangell station has collected 32 big bags of netting since the last load was sent in 2015. The nets are collected in salt storage bags provided by Trident Seafoods, which make moving them around significantly easier.

"We don't really know how much are going in there, and the poundage," Wickman said.

Wrangell's load was expected to depart either yesterday or today via Samson Tug & Barge.

Petersburg has one container full since its last shipment. Local IGAP director Brandon Thynes and his assistant have worked on sorting their nets – about 20 totes' worth – over the winter. "When I started, there was a very large pile of gillnet," he said. This latest batch may weigh up to three tons in all.

The nets were removed from their containers, cleaned, and loaded together into one shipping container. They are expected to be sent southward by the end of this week. Along with Wrangell's shipment, the nets will be received by Skagit River



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Workers with Wrangell Cooperative Association's IGAP office prepare nets for transport in April 2015. The gillnets the program collects get sent down with those collected by Petersburg's IGAP for reprocessing, where the netting's nylon fibers find new industrial uses.

Steel & Recycling in Burlington, Washington. From there they will be reprocessed to make use of their nylon.

Thynes estimated the program will receive \$0.06 per pound for the netting, which will help defray some of the transport costs involved. The bulk of the program is supported by Environmental Protection Agency grants, being IGAP's parent agency. On the local

level, IGAP is a partnership between the EPA and tribal governments, such as Wrangell Cooperative Association and Petersburg Indian Association.

Nets for a new load are likely to start accumulating quickly, with fishermen preparing for the gillnetting season at the middle of the month.

Wrangell's IGAP helps arrange for other recycling initiatives, including an electronic

waste drive conducted earlier this spring. It's not the only entity that collects cans, batteries, papers, plastics and other items, with a number of businesses and organizations participating in various drives.

IGAP is currently updating its compiled list of locations around Wrangell categorized by collection type, to be distributed in town and through the local media.

## Tribal administrator resigns from WCA

Wrangell Cooperative Association administrator Aaron Angerman announced his resignation from the position, finishing last week.

Handling front office, project management and grant administration duties for the Tribe, Angerman served in the position since its creation in the spring of 2015. In leaving, he explained he and his family will remain in Wrangell, but will be taking time to focus on other projects.

WCA Board president Richard Oliver said council members will need to address the future of the position, what its continued parameters will be and

whether some of the roles should be divided. Wrangell's Tribe recently added a specialized office position to handle tourism-related activities, with Rachel Moreno hired to direct those efforts last month.

"We have to have a meeting and figure out what to do next," Oliver explained. One has not been scheduled, but once other business comes up a meeting will be held.

In the meantime, Esther Ashton from the WCA Transportation Office will be filling in for some of the position's office duties.

## AMSEA Marine Safety Instructor Training

The Alaska Marine Safety

Education Association (AMSEA) is conducting a six-day Marine Safety Instructor Training (MSIT) at the Public Safety Training Academy in Sitka, September 19 to September 24. This is an intensive train-the-trainer course that prepares individuals to effectively teach cold-water survival procedures, use of marine safety equipment, and vessel safety drills. Topics covered during the course include preparation for emergencies, cold-water near drowning, hypothermia, cold-water survival, survival equipment, procedures and onboard drills, risk assessment, ergonomics, and methods

of instruction. Upon completion of the course, participants will be prepared to teach AMSEA's U.S. Coast Guard approved Fishing Vessel Drill Conductor training, pending authorization from the Coast Guard. Participants may elect to co-teach a Fishing Vessel Drill Conductor training in Sitka on September 25. This workshop is free to commercial fishermen on approval, thanks to support from the U.S. Coast Guard. There is a fee for AMSEA members and for non-members. Interested mariners can register online at [www.asmsea.org](http://www.asmsea.org) or call (907) 747-3287.



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# Fourth display reschedule sparks ordinance change suggestion

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

At last week's meeting of the Borough Assembly, members were asked to reconsider city ordinances banning the use and sale of a variety of explosive projectiles on and around the island.

Resident Marilyn Mork came forward during the meeting's "persons to be heard" segment, and expressed an interest in allowing at least a temporary lightening of Chapter 9.12 in the Code, which deals with fireworks. Because of the Chamber of Commerce's announcement last month that the July 4 fireworks display is being rescheduled to the preceding evening, Mork said a number of people had expressed an interest in putting on their own displays.

"I've had a lot of people call me and ask 'can we have this?'" she explained. "Because Fourth of July is going to be pretty quiet, people are going to be getting fireworks somewhere."

Formerly in business of selling recreational fireworks, Mork pointed out local laws no longer allow her to oblige. Wrangell has had rules on the books concerning fireworks since at least 1969, but much of its current rules on the items were adopted following its becoming a borough, in 2009. "Torpedoes, Roman candles, rockets, sky bombs, sky rockets," and other such devices have since been barred from discharge within Wrangell's corporate limits. The ordinance was further updated in 2015 to put it in keeping with the city fine schedule.

## Researchers discover new kind of flying squirrel

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – Research by a Juneau scientist has helped uncover a new species of flying squirrel.

Allison Bidlack and her six-person team released their findings about what they dubbed the Humboldt's flying squirrel in the May 30 issue of the Journal of Mammalogy, according to a news release from the Alaska Coastal Rainforest Center.

The group determined the existence of the third species using satellite data and DNA samples that Bidlack took 20 years ago while working on her master's degree at University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Bidlack told the Juneau Empire newspaper that the genetically distinct animal doesn't appear any different than other flying squirrels at



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY VINCENT BALANSAG

Seen from across the water from the Nolan Center lawn, fireworks illuminate the sky above City Dock during the culmination of Wrangell's four-day Independence Day last year.

Mork also wanted to know what the extent of the "Wrangell Island Service Area" entails, being the area where sale of such items are also barred in the Code. She was hopeful she could go beyond that extent if necessary to sell fireworks. It brought up an interesting question, as the area can depend on one's definitions. Finance director Lee Burgess explained, for example, that for property tax purposes that area is limited to road and utility access.

In this case the definitions are more specifically laid out, encompassing the whole of Wrangell at the time of the rules' adoption.

"It was borough-wide," explained Wrangell Police Chief Doug McCloskey. The measures were adopted for safety reasons, with language updated allowing the chiefs of police and fire departments to give written permission for public pyrotechnic displays. The July 4 display, for instance, is a carefully put together display conducted by members of Wrangell Volunteer Fire Department.

With that defined, Mork sought the Assembly's support

in allowing a temporary ordinance change allowing for at least the sale of the fireworks. If possible, she hoped it could make the next meeting's agenda for a decision, in time for her to place an order. "It'd be nice to keep the money here," she explained.

Clerk Kim Lane explained those avenues – an ordinance change proposed either by the Assembly or by petition – could take more than a couple of months, and changes to this particular ordinance would need to be run by police for their approval.

Mayor David Jack felt allowing for such sales when the discharge of fireworks remained on the books would be counterproductive, given the short-handedness of Wrangell's police. Currently the department has four officers, with three vacancies.

Another member of the public, Bernie Massin, spoke up in favor of allowing a more liberally monitored display on the Fourth. He floated the idea of permitting an "open use" display where members of the public could go to discharge fireworks, such as at the horse track.

Noting the risks and unseen liabilities of that, Assembly

members were largely unreceptive to the suggestion. No

action was expected to be taken.



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# Alaska homeowner shoots 725-pound brown bear on his property

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – A Douglas Island homeowner shot a brown bear after feeling threatened by the animal, Alaska wildlife officials said.

The 725-pound brown bear was shot on May 25, said Ryan Scott, Alaska Department of Fish & Game wildlife regional supervisor. It is the first documented, or legal, killing of a brown bear in Douglas Island reported to the department since 1974, the Juneau Empire reported.

“It’s a rare event to have them on Douglas or really in Juneau,” Scott said. “Over the years we’ve had reports of bear swimming adjacent to the island. Even that’s very, very rare.”

The male homeowner told wildlife officials that instead of running away, the bear turned around and faced him. The man said he was afraid the bear might charge at him and decided to shoot.

Officials did not identify the man involved.

The Alaska Wildlife Troopers who investigated the kill site found the man justified

in the shooting. The defense of life or property law allows people who feel in danger from wildlife to defend themselves and use lethal force, said Megan Peters, a Trooper spokeswoman.

The wildlife department is

not sure where the bear came from. Black bears are common in the Douglas area, but brown bears are rarer. Officials suspect the bear’s odd behavior might have been due to breeding season.

“Generally speaking, brown

bear are pretty shy unless there are some other issues with food conditioning and things like that,” Scott said.

The homeowner was not required to salvage the bear’s meat afterward.

## Muir joins Pilot and Sentinel newsroom

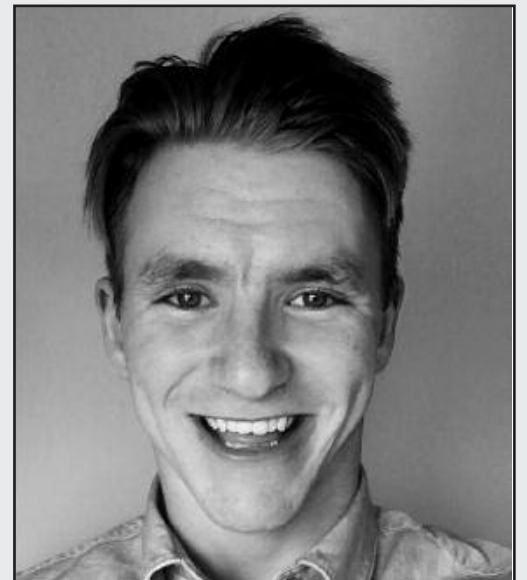
Ben Muir, 22, joins the Petersburg Pilot and the Wrangell Sentinel staff this week and assumes the position of news reporter.

Muir graduated from Michigan State University in May with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and a minor in Anthropology.

He was the Sex and Health Editor for The Big Green, an online student publication that covers news and culture stories at Michigan State University.

He completed an internship at The Olympian, a daily newspaper in Olympia, Washington in the summer of 2016.

Muir grew up in Lapeer, Michigan and enjoys hiking, hunting, kayaking, reading and talking to people.



Ben Muir

## Alaska hospital announces gaps in general surgery coverage

KETCHIKAN, Alaska (AP) – A Ketchikan hospital has announced it will not have a general surgeon on staff for a week.

The PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center’s only general surgeon will be out from 8 a.m. Monday through 8 a.m. June 12, the Ketchikan Daily News reported. The hospital is alerting other health care providers, cruise lines and outside facilities that typically recommend people to the hospital of the situation.

Patients in need of a general surgical procedure such as appendectomy or perforated colon during that time period will be transported to another facility, medical director Dr. Peter Rice said.

“Those cases will all have to be medevaced if they were emer-

gent,” he said. “Occasionally there’s urgent things, like if a gallbladder is irritated and needs to be removed in a week or so. Those cases we can handle separately.”

The hospital’s emergency room will still be fully prepared and staffed during that time and will be able to stabilize patients before they are transferred. OB-GYN surgeons and orthopedic surgeons will also be available.

The hospital has been working to fill its general surgery coverage after the death of one of its two general surgeons, Dr. Eric Garcia, in mid-March. A new general surgeon, Dr. Julie Conyers, will begin working at the hospital July 24.

There should be no gaps in general surgery coverage between June 12 and Conyers’ first day, Rice said on Friday.

## Juneau airport considering fees for Lyft, Uber rides

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – Ride-hailing services Uber and Lyft will soon be available for Juneau International Airport travelers.

The governor is expected to sign a bill that would allow rideshare companies to operate in Alaska, and Juneau airport officials are getting ready, KTOO-FM reported. Under the legislation, companies such as Uber and Lyft could begin working in Alaska this month.

The airport’s board approved a draft fee schedule this week.

Under the draft, the rideshare companies would pay \$100 a year to operate on airport property. They are also required to pay \$3 surcharge on each fare to and from the airport.

“We want to meet the demand. We know it’s imminent,” Airport Manager Patty Wahto said. “We have to have something in place. And we’ll look for comments and see if there’s changes that have to be made.”

Airport officials have said the surcharge is an industry standard, but local cab companies disagree.

“That’s hogwash. If that’s the basis of it, then they should charge the tour companies, the shuttle companies and everybody else the same fee,” said Shane Williams, owner of EverGreen Taxi, Capital Cab and Taku Taxi.

Conventional cabs pay about \$150 a year per vehicles without any additional ride fee, according to the report.

When asked about Uber’s opinion on the matter, Uber’s general manager for Alaska Brian Gebhart released a statement saying Uber is “looking forward to finalizing an agreement with the Juneau airport.”

Lyft is not likely to dispute the fee schedule, according to the report.

The fee schedule will be sent to the Juneau Assembly after the public comment period ends June 21.

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# Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH  
Fisheries columnist

## Applications for oyster and kelp farms increase

Home grown shellfish and kelp are gaining momentum in Alaska, spurred on by growing markets and the steadfast push by Governor Walker's visionary mariculture task force.

Applications for more than 1,000 acres of oyster and kelp farms were filed with the Department of Natural Resources by the April 30 deadline, far more than usual. Fifteen are for new farms in the Southeast, Southcentral and Westward regions of which seven plan to grow kelp exclusively. Two farms at Klawok also are adding kelp to their current oyster growing operations.

"These permit applications are an indicator that there is developing interest and growth in the mariculture industry in Alaska," said Linda Mattson with the Dept. of Commerce, Community and Economic Development upon announcing the numbers.

Along with other state agencies, DCCED is an active part of the 11 member Alaska Mariculture Task Force established by an Administrative Order in 2016. The group's mission is to provide Governor Walker with a comprehensive report for statewide mariculture expansion by March 1 of next year. Walker believes mariculture of shellfish and seaweeds is a viable means to diversify the economy and provide a \$1 billion economy within 30 years.

"The timing is right," said task force co-chair Julie Decker of Wrangell. "It's exciting that many of the applicants are young Alaska fishermen who are planning to have kelp be an adjunct to help diversify their fishing portfolio. Plus, shellfish are filter feeders and clean the waters and seaweed are a carbon sink and also produce really healthy products. I think we're on a good path."

For existing aquatic farmers who are growing shellfish, kelp can provide them with a ready cash flow while they are waiting for up to three years for their bivalve crops to ripen.

"Kelp only take about 90 days to grow so you can stagger your plantings and lengthen your seasons," Decker added.

Latest data from the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game show that 54 aquatic farms, seven shellfish nurseries and two shellfish hatcheries are operating in Alaska, primarily growing Pacific oysters, with sales topping \$1 million in 2014 and 2015. Production in 2015 of 10.6 million oysters fetched an average price of \$9.84 per dozen, up \$0.24 (2.5 percent) from 2014.

"If just three-tenths of a percent of Alaska's 35,000 miles of coastline was developed for oysters," Decker said, "it could produce 1.3 billion oysters at 80 cents adding up to over \$1 billion a year!"

For blue mussels, production in 2015 showed a 74 percent

increase to 16,688 pounds with a value of \$5.27 per pound (down \$0.47 from 2014) for a total of \$70,800.

In terms of the fledgling kelp industry, a first 15,000 pound harvest last month on a one acre plot at Kodiak owned by Nick and Stephanie Mangini paid out at roughly \$10,000. Their business, Kodiak Island Sustainable Seaweed (KISS), plans to expand to 17 acres by next year.

Find links to Alaska's Mariculture Task Force at the ADF&G home page.

**Salmon at a glance** - Want to know the values of Alaska's salmon catches by every region? Or what products the fish are made into and where each goes to market? Find it at a glance in the latest Seafood Market Bulletin from the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute.

It's compiled by the McDowell Group and also includes dock side values over a decade, and the rank of each species as a percent of Alaska's harvests.

Here's a sampler: The projected pink salmon catch this summer of 142 million is up by more than one million fish over last year. The average pink price paid to fishermen last year was \$.34 a pound. Frozen fish accounted for 44 percent of the pink salmon value last year with canned pinks at 37 percent.

Chum catches this year should increase to about 17 million due to higher catches in western Alaska. Chums accounted for 15 percent of the Alaska salmon harvest and value over the past two years. The average dock price in 2016 was \$.61 price per pound. Globally, chum production dropped by 30 percent due to decreased catches in Japan. That pushed up roe prices to over \$14 a pound. Roe accounts for 37 percent of Alaska's chum salmon value.

Coho catches are expected to increase to 4.7 million this year. The average coho price to fishermen last year was \$1.17 a pound. Coho are the latest running of all Alaska salmon species and account for three percent of the harvest and five percent of the value.

Alaska's sockeye catch is expected to decline 23 percent this

year to about 41 million fish, and prices are expected to increase. Fishermen averaged \$1.05 a pound last season, up \$.23 from the previous year. Sockeye accounted for 34 percent of Alaska's salmon harvest over the past two years and 55 percent of the value, ringing in at \$302 million in 2016.

The Chinook harvest is projected to drop by 27 percent this year and produce the smallest harvest in state history. The average Alaska price last year was \$4.88 a pound, for a value of nearly \$24 million. Ninety-nine percent of Alaska's king salmon go to markets in the U.S.

Alaska's 2017 salmon harvest calls for 204 million fish, up nearly one million from last year.

**A mighty wind** - A warmer than average April could mean an early return of Chinook salmon again to the Yukon River and fish watchers are on alert for signs of the first pulse to arrive around June 10. While low numbers mean no commercial fishery again this year, the kings are crucial for subsistence users.

Even with 56 years of Yukon data, it's a tough run to track because the timing is so unpredictable, said Phil Mundy, director of NOAA Fisheries' Auke Bay lab in Juneau. Mundy has been studying Alaska salmon since the 1970s, but said it was Yukon elders who taught him how to fine tune the run timing.

"They told me 'the wind blows the fish in the river - everyone knows that, young man,'" he said, adding that Cook Inlet fishermen said the same thing about sockeye salmon.

"They said, 'it's when the wind blows and you get the biggest tide closest to July 17. Everyone knows that.' But we couldn't figure out exactly how. I didn't think the fish put up their dorsal fin like a sail to blow into the river, but there had to be something because they seemed to be right," Mundy mused.

"I used to count fish from airplanes, and I've seen at Cook Inlet and at Bristol Bay where you get the river water piling up against the marine water on the river plume," he added. "Then you'll see the salmon weaving in and out

along the edge of the front between the fresh water and the salt water. I never knew why they were doing that. They will pile up if there is no wind to mix the fresh and salt water to make it brackish. They will pile up on that front until some other trigger, which we probably don't understand, sends them all in."

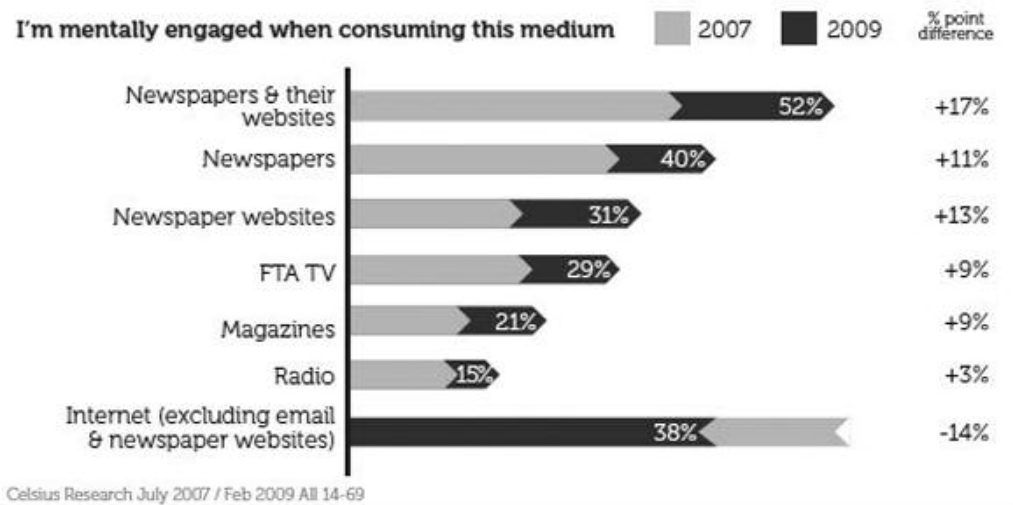
In 2006 Mundy saw a scientific article that focused on how salmon make the change from fresh to salt water and vice versa.

"There's this thing called a calcium ion switch, and it is triggered by alternating exposure to different salinities," he explained. "Young salmon can't swim straight into salt water because it will kill them, and it's the same for adults in the ocean returning to their home streams. They have to have alternating exposure to different salinities."

At the Yukon, Mundy said the wind mixing the water even tops early ice melts as the best indicator of the salmon arrivals. Today, satellite readings from the Alaska Ocean Observing System make predictions easier and more reliable.

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# Walker to pitch compromise ahead of layoff threat

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – With the budget and a plan to address Alaska’s deficit unresolved, Gov. Bill Walker on Friday said he planned to propose a compromise package aimed at ending a legislative stalemate and averting a potential government shutdown.

Walker announced his plans one day after notices were mailed to thousands of state employees warning of potential layoffs if a budget is not finalized by July 1, the start of the new fiscal year.

In a statement, Walker said it had become clear to him following meetings with legislative leaders that negotiations had “reached a stalemate,” prompting his administration to begin work on a proposal that he plans to present to lawmakers next week.

“A government shutdown is unacceptable, and compromise is essential,” Walker said, adding later that there’s no reason that lawmakers cannot finish their work within the current special session, which was scheduled to end in two weeks.

Walker spokesman Jonathon Taylor said he did not know what the final package offered by the administration might look like.

Walker, a Republican-turned-independent, expressed hope at the start of the special session last month that it would be productive. However, there have been few public signs of progress since.

The House and Senate have each passed their own version of legislation offered by Walker that would limit the length of initial prescriptions of opioids, with some exceptions. The House has

not yet voted on whether to accept the Senate version.

And with little on their calendars because bills related to the budget and a fiscal plan haven’t been moving, both chambers have at times held so-called technical sessions, for which attendance is not mandatory.

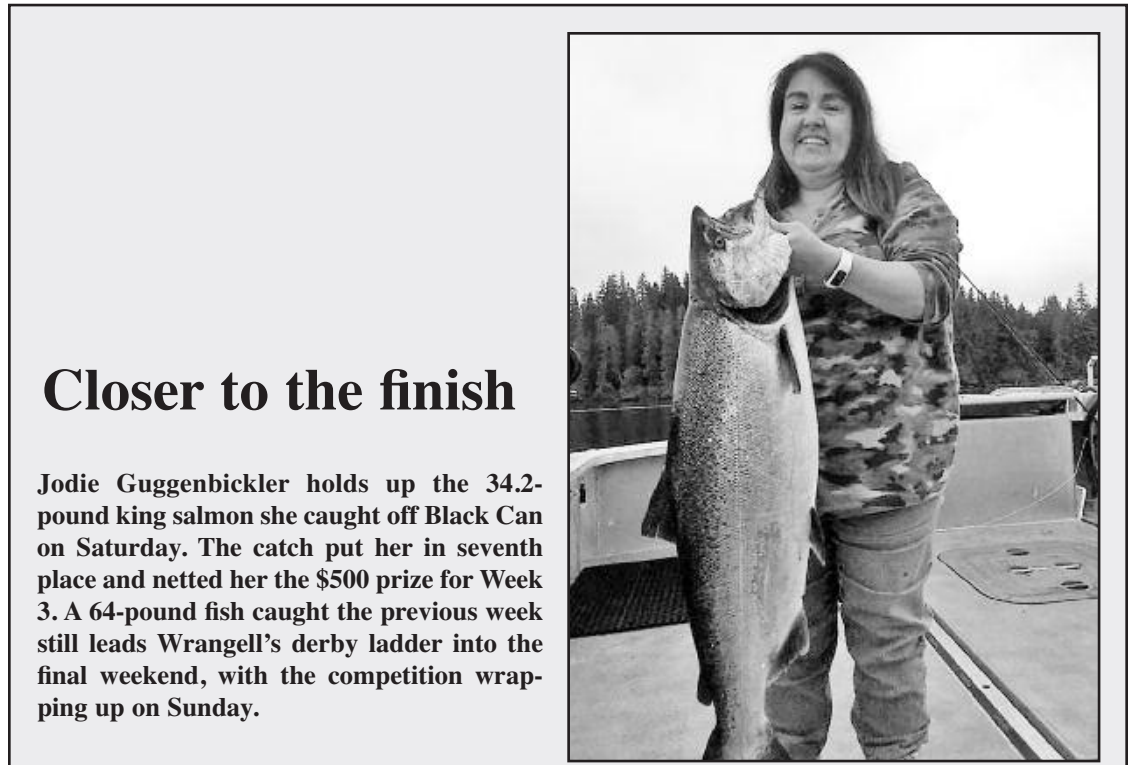
Legislators are eligible for a daily allowance while the session is under way. Senate President Pete Kelly has asked members of his Republican-led caucus to claim that allowance only for days they’re required to be in Juneau.

Legislative leaders have said they do not want a government shutdown, but they also have continued to stand behind positions staked out months ago for how best to address the deficit.

There is general agreement that earnings from the state’s oil-wealth fund, the Alaska Permanent Fund, should be used to help fund government, which is significant since fund earnings traditionally have been used to pay Alaskans an annual dividend and help guard the fund against inflation.

But the House majority coalition, composed largely of Democrats, also has supported a broad-based tax and overhaul of oil tax and credit policies as part of what it sees as a more balanced plan. The Senate rejected a House-approved income tax and proposed new limits on future spending.

The Legislative Finance Division has said that despite spending cuts, Alaska is in its fifth straight year of substantial budget



## Closer to the finish

Jodie Guggenbickler holds up the 34.2-pound king salmon she caught off Black Can on Saturday. The catch put her in seventh place and netted her the \$500 prize for Week 3. A 64-pound fish caught the previous week still leads Wrangell’s derby ladder into the final weekend, with the competition wrapping up on Sunday.

2017 King Salmon Derby Ladder (after fish weighed in: 6-4-17)				
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2.	Andrew Rowland	41.9	Found Island	5-24-17
3.	Greg Blair	39.5	The Mill	5-27-17
4.	Randy Easterly	35.7	Babblers	5-15-17
5.	James Rowland	35.4	Aarons Creek	5-27-17
6.	Brennon Eagle	34.6	Ferry Terminal	5-24-17
7.	Jodie Guggenbickler	34.2	Black Can	6-3-17
8.	Jack Kvale	33.9	Front of town	5-20-17
9.	Luella Knapp	32.8	Found Island	5-25-17
10.	Travis Bangs	32.0	Babblers	5-21-17
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deficits. The state, which has long relied on oil revenue, has a multi-billion-dollar gap to fill for the coming fiscal year amid continued low oil prices. The state has been using savings to get by.

During the special session, which was called by Walker, lawmakers have yet to take up a proposed increase in motor fuel taxes, the state’s infrastructure budget or an alternate broad-

based tax or tax increase. Walker, in setting the agenda, did not propose a specific alternative tax for lawmakers to consider and lawmakers have not advanced one of their own.

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### Amber Waves



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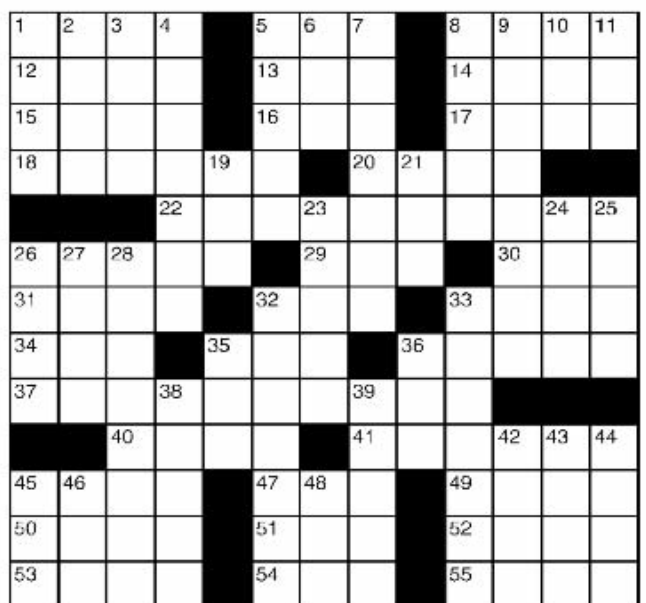
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- 33 Old timer?
- 35 Workout locale
- 36 Chaps
- 38 Entice
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- 43 Stench
- 44 Memorization method
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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Puzzle answers on page 10

# Library encouraging youth to keep reading during summer break

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

School may be out for the summer, but the local library is still trying to keep books in students' hands with its seasonal reading program.

Beginning June 1, the Irene Ingle Public Library's summertime program encourages kids from ninth grade on down to continue to read for fun and study by assigning point values to individual volumes. During the months of June and July, participants have a chance to take computerized tests on what they've read, with passing grades earning points toward a

seasonal total, which in turn translates into tickets.

Distributed weekly, kids can enter their tickets into drawings for a variety of prizes invitingly placed around the library's youth section shelves. These are donated by organizations like Friends of the Library and Stikine Sportsmen Association, and by local businesses, and vary between cash, reading tablets, bikes and even a unicycle.

"We still have well over 100 prizes for the kids to win," explained head librarian Margaret Villarma. "We've had some wonderful donations. The

community has been very supportive."

A grant in the amount of \$2,500 from First Bank also helped pay for prizes, and will support an end-of-summer pool and pizza party open to participants in the program. Held at the public pool, that event is scheduled for August 5, and kids who have earned at least 10 points will be receiving a door prize along with the event. What that will be this year remains a surprise, but in past years has included outdoor equipment or a movie pass and popcorn pack.

Wrangell Public Schools' information technology

coordinator, Matt Gore, last month helped set up computer stations in the library with Accelerated Reading program software. Local students already use the program during the regular year, so are familiar with how the program works.

"There're a lot of books that are AR books," Villarma noted. These are assigned point values based on difficulty level, which students earn once they demonstrate they have read the books using the tests. These are not only found in the youth section of the library, but include books in the adult nonfiction and fiction sections as well.

The point of the reading program is to keep students up on their reading skills, avoiding some of the "summer backslide" of the long break. While also getting to enjoy some new stories and adventures, they also get to continue to build comprehension and start out the new school year better prepared.

To be enrolled in the program, children need to sign up by June 30. Doing so costs nothing, and Villarma explained the process takes only a moment. Last year 118 kids took part, reading nearly 3,500 books over the two-month period.

## Classified/Legals

### City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska Public Hearing (Budget and Ordinances) PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough Assembly will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** at **6:30 p.m.**, in the Borough Assembly Chambers on **Tuesday, June 13, 2017**, on the following items:

a. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 935:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS TO CHAPTER 15.04, WATER, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE (*second reading*)

b. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 936:** 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*)

c. **FY 2017-18 Budget**

Action on these items will be taken at the Regular Assembly Meeting that follows the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

**The Public is encouraged to attend.**

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

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Answers

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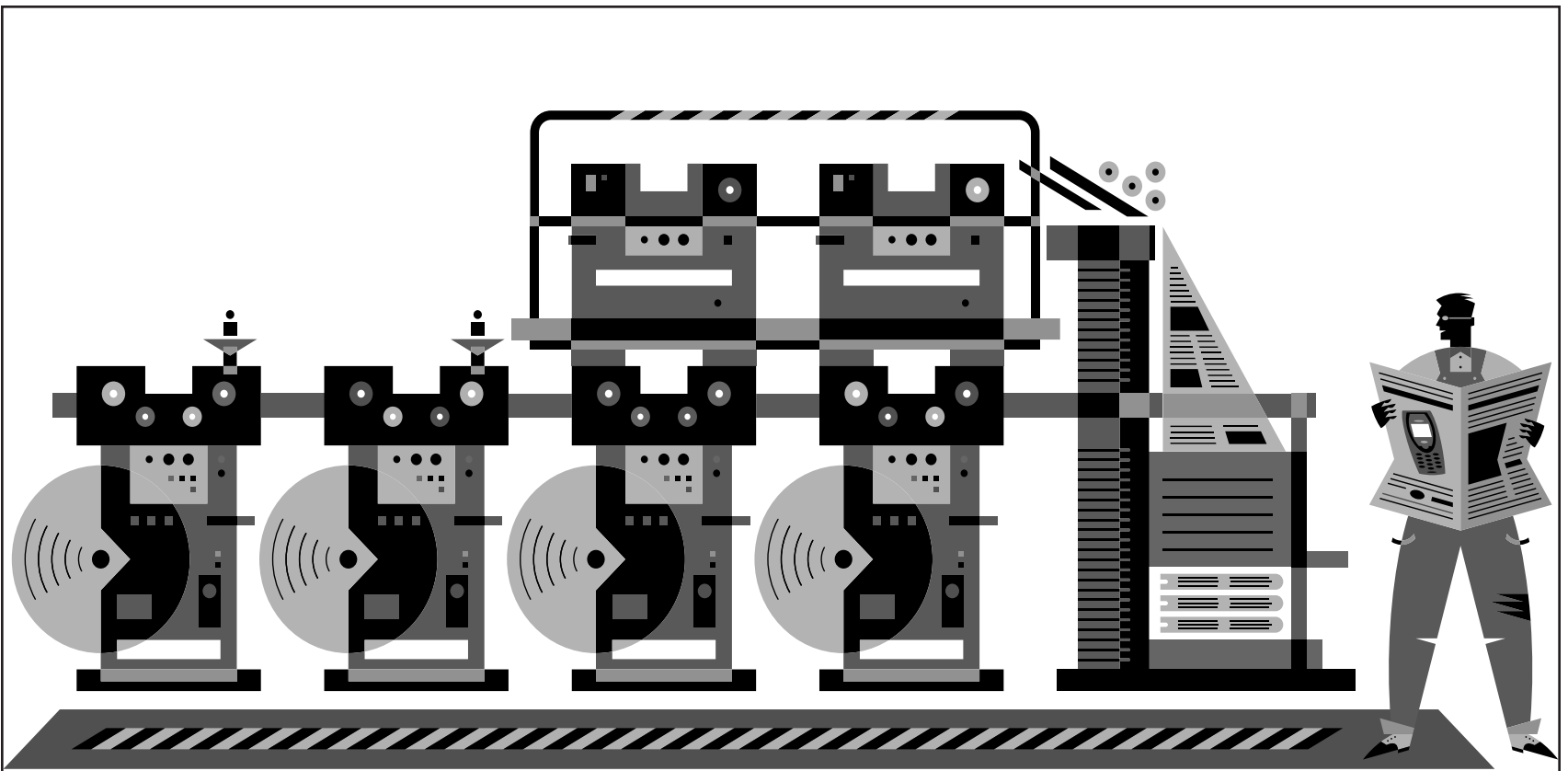
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# Queen candidates kick off 2017 competition

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

Candidates for Wrangell's annual Fourth of July Royalty Competition kicked off proceedings in an evening event at the Elks last week.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce put together the May 31 presentation, catered by the lodge and which saw remarks from organizers and the competitors themselves, recent graduate Hailie Davis and incoming high school senior Charley Seddon.

The contest is a big fundraiser held to support July 4 festivities and to benefit the youth who are involved. "It started as a way for high school aged girls to raise money for college," explained Chamber president Christie Jamieson.

Since its start in 1950, the competition has expanded its scope to include young people

of either gender, raising money for a variety of goals. In 2015 for example, a group of 16 girls ran as one candidate to raise money for their Athletic Amateur Union basketball team.

Thirty percent of what contestants raise goes back to them as a scholarship, usually helping to pay for college or some other form of higher education. A percentage also goes back to the candidates' campaign managers, usually a parent, sibling or family friend.

The competition can raise considerable sums, with contestants Kyla Teat and Alex Angerman breaking records with over 126,000 tickets sold.

"Those girls worked so hard last year that we were able to raise our winning ticket amounts this year," explained Cyni Crary, Chamber executive director.

Tickets sold by the candi-



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Taking advantage of a bit of sunshine Tuesday, people line up for lunch outside of Charley Seddon and Hailie Davis' queen booths at the corner of Lynch and Front streets. Most every day, the two will be offering up different menu items throughout the month of June. For every three dollars spent on food and drink, patrons get one ticket for the big July 4 prize drawing.



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2016 Queen Alex Angerman and 2016 Princess Kyla Teat pose together at the 2017 Royalty Kick-Off last week. The two together broke fundraising records for the annual competition, which supports Wrangell's Independence Day celebrations.

dates are entered into a drawing held on July 4. Drawing prizes this year will be for \$5,000, \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000, which overall is \$5,000 more than last year.

Seddon and Davis began their competition on June 1, running food booths on Front Street through the month and selling tickets through July 3. Additionally, the girls' teams will be holding several fundraisers, raffles and even going door to door in an effort to sell the most tickets. Whoever sells more will be crowned this year's Queen.

"A lot of preparation work goes into this royalty contest," Crary said at the kick-off event. The road ahead will be a grueling one, with many hours put in by the candidates, their family and friends. But both girls said the work would be worth it, and that the competition will be their way of thanking the community.

Updates on the contest will be kept on the [www.wrangellchamber.org](http://www.wrangellchamber.org)



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Royalty candidate Hailie Davis (at the lectern, at left) addresses a group at the July 4 competition kick-off event upstairs in the Elks on May 31. The catered reception launched a 33-day long contest between Davis and Charley Seddon, with proceeds to be divided between future Fourth festivities and their college goals.

website, but the individual contestants have their own pages on Facebook. Check out "Homegrown Hailie Davis for

Queen" and "Charley Seddon for Queen 2017" for daily menu details, event information, photos and more.



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