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Cruise industry shines amid murky economy at SEC

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Southeast Conference held its annual Mid-Session Summit in Juneau last week, turning the region's attention to the state of its economy as legislators reach the mid-point of their 2018 regular session.

For much of it, the outlook is pretty grim. Indicators since 2014 put the region's population and jobs on a worrisome decline, along with earned income.

"We're just taking a hit in almost every way you can imagine," explained Meilani Schijvens, a consultant to SEC and a former executive director.

Faced with continued multibillion-dollar spending deficits as the price and production of oil in Alaska has fallen, for the past four years the Legislature has failed to adopt a fiscal solution, instead waiting out the downturn on savings with operational cuts. But trying to cut its way out has left the economy wounded, in Southeast worse than average. Fourteen percent of state jobs in the region have been cut since 2014, Juneau consultancy Rain Coast Data estimates, with 750 jobs adding up to a loss of \$46 million in earned income.

The loss of stable public input has been accompanied by steep declines in the seafood industry and construction sector. Adjusted for inflation, since 2015 value for landed seafood has been the worst of any point in the last decade, and fishing and seafood jobs have declined by 19 percent as a result. Spending cuts to organizations and municipalities have correspondingly left a mark as well.

Not all is dark and gloomy with the economy though, with jobs in the ship building and repairs sector rising by 39 percent over the same period, and employment in tourism steadily rising since 2014. And expectations for the cruise industry continue to climb. Cruise Lines International Association Alaska President John Binkley informed SEC the state will be setting records this year and next, with 1.31 million cruise passengers for 2019. That would be a 12-percent increase from 2018, which itself is a seven-percent increase from 2017. Over the next two years Binkley anticipates an increase of \$137.5 million in passenger spending.

The bulk of these visitors will be headed to Southeast Alaska, centering on Juneau. But there is opportunity for visitation elsewhere, and to coordinate the influx Juneau city manager Rorie Watt last week arranged a first meeting of the Southeast Cruise Port Assembly, a sort of subcommittee under the SEC Visitor Committee.

"Wrangell might see additional passengers," said Julie Decker, a Wrangell Assembly member who attended SEC's summit. "That's pretty big news."

Decker and City Manager Lisa Von Bargen both represented the city at last week's meeting, which 250 people attended.

"It's the biggest mid-session summit we've had in a decade," Schijvens estimated.

Often held in March, SEC's Mid-Session Summit intends to coincide with the middle point of the legislative session. But with lawmakers looking at meeting only a 90-day session this year, Schijvens explained SEC took the step of moving its own conference back to suit the shortened schedule. The move was a first for the organization, one whose timing is intended to keep the agenda more relevant.

With a full plate to get through in only a few days, a host of speakers delivered "micropresentations," condensed outlooks on various facets of the region's economy.

Plenty of discussion at the conference revolved around reform of the Alaska Marine Highway System. SEC had been tasked by Gov. Bill Walker's office in 2016 with organizing a statewide planning process to improve the ferry service's long-term viability. A 12-person steering committee was formed to direct that effort and has since devised an organizational model it feels would better meet the state's transportation needs in the longer term.

Last fall it put forward a proposal to form a public corporation to manage a leaner ferry fleet, similar to how the Alaska Railroad is organized. Under this model AMHS would continue to have access to federal funding sources while operating more autonomously from state political in-



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Superintendent Patrick Mayer sits in on a meeting of the Wrangell Public School Board on Monday, at Evergreen Elementary. Helming the district since 2014, Mayer will conclude his tenure this summer.

Hunt begins for new superintendent, schools strategize future goals

By DAN RUDY
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Wrangell Public Schools will begin searching for a new superintendent.

Meeting Monday, the Public School Board approved moving forward with a search for candidates. Superintendent Patrick Mayer had since last month's meeting submitted his letter of resignation. Mayer has been in the post since 2014, and will finish out the 2018 school year. When asked about his decision or future plans after Wrangell, he declined to respond. However, a notice put out by Valdez City Schools last month listed Mayer as a prospective candidate for a superintendent vacancy there.

Wrangell Schools will seek assistance in its search from the Association of Alaska School Boards, through which Mayer had been referred. In a budget revision for the district's current fiscal year, an increase of \$17,000 to the professional technical line item was requested to cover expenses for the effort. Business manager Pam Roope explained it had cost over \$12,000 in 2014 when searching for a replacement to Monty Bunes.

Board President Georgianna Buhler said the needed amount would be a fixed sum of \$8,750, after speaking with AASB staff about its internal processes. The budget revision was amended to that amount and approved in a 5-0 vote.

"In my perspective you did a fantastic job, and I'm sad," Vice President Tammy Groshong told Mayer at the meeting's end.

Monday's meeting followed an hour-long session overviewing upcoming strategic goals for the school district. Board members, staff and faculty making up its planning committee sat in at five stations – each focused on a particular goal area, these being student learning, stakeholder satisfaction, employee development, financial responsibility

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fluences. Becoming a public corporation would also enable the service to issue revenue bonds, leveraging its fares and other revenue.

Von Bargen explained the reform effort was entering its third phase now, that of reaching out for public support to implement the proposed changes. A big sell that will be critical to the system's survival will be ensuring it is forward-funded. Under its current allocation structure AMHS is locked into the state's regular budget cycle, which starts up July 1. Well ahead of each summer season the ferry puts out a schedule based on funding assumptions that may or may not be realized. Unforeseen reductions in funding or maintenance needs can lead to the rescheduling or cancellation of bookings, disrupting ridership and ultimately losing rev-

enue in the process.

"This idea of forward-funding is so important," Von Bargen emphasized.

Among other actions taken during the summit was the creation of a special subcommittee on art within the Economic Development Committee. Its role, particularly that of indigenous artwork, is a segment of the region's economy SEC has come to focus on increasingly in recent years. One intent of the new subcommittee would be to raise awareness of Alaska Native artforms among a broader audience, building a following and a market. The subcommittee would look for inspiration to analogous models such as the Southwestern Association of Indian Arts in New Mexico, which sup-

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Birthdays & Anniversaries



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

Thursday, Feb. 22: Erika Bates, Jim Maxand, Steve Angerman, Cocoa Massin, Sierra Wickman, Candace Hunt. **Friday, Feb. 23:** Anna Allen. **Saturday, Feb. 24:** Lisa Schultz, Sean Rooney, Emilie Turner, Elsie Hansen, Elsie Bailey, Shanda Barlow, Andrea Irvine. **Anniversary:** Rob and Sharry Rooney. **Sunday, Feb. 25:** Ryan Howe, Fiona Scambler, Dominique Kay, Samantha DeBoer, Susan Wooden, Sharry Rooney. **Monday, Feb. 26:** Roman Privett-Murphy, Tyler Taylor, Richard Bradshaw, Kathleen Harding, Nathan Klinke, Sue Stevens, Sari Moore, Stella Bunes. **Tuesday, Feb. 27:** Jacob Hammer, Amber Hommel, Tina Draper. **Anniversary:** Chuck and Ava Hay. **Wednesday, Feb. 28:** Howard McNeely, Frank Warfel, Tasha Massin, Shannon Nore, Felix Villarma, Lou Davidson, Kyla Teat. **Thursday, March 1:** Jamie Strain.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, Feb. 22

Pork chop suey, rice, peas, danish salad.

Friday, Feb. 23

Turkey pot pie, romaine/radish salad, cinnamon roll.

Monday, Feb 26

New England clam chowder, tomato tuna sandwich, texas coleslaw.

Tuesday, Feb. 27

Beef burrito, spanish rice, black beans, fruit slaw, chips/salsa.

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Chicken fricassee, dumplings, peas, orange slices.

Thursday, March 1

Veggie/beef hash, tomato rockefeller, cauli/broc toss, hot roll.

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

Milk, tea and coffee will be served with meals.

FERRY

Departures

Northbound

Saturday, Feb. 24
Kennicott 8:45 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 25
Columbia 7:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 27
Kennicott 7:45 a.m.
Saturday, Mar. 3
Kennicott 1:00 a.m.
Sunday, Mar. 4
Columbia 2:15 p.m.
Wednesday, Mar. 7
Kennicott 1:15 a.m.

Southbound

Monday, Feb. 26
Kennicott 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 28
Columbia 5:30 a.m.
Friday, Mar. 2
Kennicott 3:15 a.m.
Monday, Mar. 5
Kennicott 4:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Mar. 7
Columbia 5:15 a.m.
Friday, Mar. 9
Kennicott 9:15 a.m.

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



TIDES Feb. 22 - March 1

	High Tides		Low Tides		High Tides		Low Tides	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
Feb. 22	4:43	15.4	5:25	12.6	11:07	1.6	11:11	3.2
Feb. 23	5:42	15.0	6:51	11.9	....	....	12:15	1.7
Feb. 24	6:58	14.9	8:22	12.1	0:17	4.2	1:34	1.5
Feb. 25	8:19	15.3	9:38	13.2	1:38	4.7	2:56	0.6
Feb. 26	9:31	16.3	10:39	14.6	3:03	4.3	4:07	-0.7
Feb. 27	10:33	17.4	11:31	16.0	4:16	3.1	5:04	-2.0
Feb. 28	11:28	18.4	....	....	5:15	1.7	5:52	-2.9
Mar. 01	0:17	17.1	12:18	19.0	6:04	0.5	6:35	-3.2

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, Feb. 22

SAIL Class: 10:00 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 a.m. AICS Medical Clinic. Yoga for everybody, please come and join.

Friday, Feb. 25

Singspiration: Everyone invited to the Lutheran Church at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments and fellowship offered following the service. All are welcome.

Monday, Feb. 26

Hatha Yoga: 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Hosted at the AICS Medical Clinic.

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Share the Gospel Story: Come listen while Karen Tinklepaugh and Becca Cressell share the Gospel. Nolan Center classroom at 7:00 p.m.

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

Continuing Events

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

POOL:

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class:

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

Water Aerobics:

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

Lap Swim:

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

2 Lane Lap Swim:

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

Lap/Tot Swim:

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

Swim Club:

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

Open Swim:

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

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.

NA MEETING: Wed, We Do Recover 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

BRIDGE SOCIAL: Fri 1 p.m. at the Island of Faith Lutheran Church 874-3440, 874-3507.

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

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

February 28, 1918: From one of the Dailies of Alaska: "It is pretty generally believed that a bunch of women can't get along together for any length of time without a lot of friction," says Miss Anna Durkee, head of the Alaska Garnet Mining and Manufacturing Company, a \$1,000,000 concern, "but I want to say most emphatically that it isn't so. Fifteen of us have been closely associated for eight years now, and never once have we had any ructions in a board meeting—we've gone through some pretty strenuous times, too." It was eight years ago that Miss Durkee went to Alaska to look over a copper proposition. It didn't size up to her idea of sure thing, but being of the opinion that the boundless resources of the northland were as available for woman as for men, Miss Durkee began casting about here for opportunities, and thus it was that she learned of a garnet claim for sale at the mouth of the Stikine River, nine miles from Wrangell. She bought an option on the claim, then returned to her home town in Minnesota and by dint of much enthusiastic talk persuaded fourteen of her women friends to go in with her. The original owner of the claim didn't think the garnets amounted to much, but Miss Durkee as controlling stockholder, secretary and general manager went to work.

March 5, 1943: All the girls were present this meeting and were all sewing something such as tablecloths, napkins, potholders and dish towels. Miss Pickett appointed Margie Sumption and Olga Oglend to write a letter to another Girl Scout in America. This letter will be to Miss Hamet, a Girl Scout leader. The letter will be published in the American Girl magazine. Some pictures of our troop will be taken to send her. Miss Pickett, our

Girl Scout leader, asked us questions and we were to answer them to see if we can win with the highest points. Yolanda Ferguson won with the highest score. Miss Pickett suggested we learn to tie knots and next Monday when we go on our hike we are going to study knots. The meeting ended with the song "Taps." A Girl Scout is Courteous.

March 7, 1968: Wrangell has mud up to its axles this week. But firm ground seemed a little closer. City crews were busy this week putting rock on streets throughout the community. State highway workers were trying to firm up Zimovia Highway and Government Road. City Administrator Clayton Schmitt said the city crews would be closing down some streets in town for major repairs. Among them were sections of Second Avenue and Case Avenue. Workers were also hand patching holes in the streets. Things should be a lot better next year for residents along Church Street and Zimovia Highway. State crewmen arrived in town this week to begin work on the \$1.3 million Church Street Zimovia Highway job. Ted Vander Weyst, construction engineer on the job, and four state highway

men arrived here Monday. They plan to hire two or three more men to round out their crew. Officials of Green Construction estimate that they'll be using 35 workers on the road project. Work is expected to begin on the road job about April 1. Green, the low bidder for the road job, is completing the \$1.5 million state airport project. Officials said the job is 40 percent complete. Completion is expected by August 1.

February 25, 1993: A single line in President Clinton's massive economic package submitted to Congress Feb. 17, has raised the idea of a new review of Tongass National Forest management, an issue that many believed was settled by Congress in 1990. The President proposed a phasing out of below cost timber sales over a four-year period beginning in fiscal year 1994. The move would result in a savings of \$274 million for the Federal Treasury, the White House said. Environmental groups for years have claimed that the Tongass is a big money loser for the Federal Government, while backers of the timber industry contend the Southeast Alaska forest is economically viable.



Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Feb. 12	35	24
Feb. 13	37	33
Feb. 14	35	28
Feb. 15	33	32
Feb. 16	34	28
Feb. 17	33	21
Feb. 18	30	18
Feb. 19	28	19



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Feb. 22	6:59 am	5:05 pm	10:06h
Feb. 23	6:57 am	5:07 pm	10:10h
Feb. 24	6:54 am	5:09 pm	10:15h
Feb. 25	6:52 am	5:12 pm	10:20h
Feb. 26	6:49 am	5:14 pm	10:25h
Feb. 27	6:47 am	5:16 pm	10:29h
Feb. 28	6:44 am	5:18 pm	10:34h
Mar. 01	6:42 am	5:20 pm	10:38h

Resident bequeaths \$50,000 to city visitors bureau

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

City staff from several departments were surprised to learn of one late resident's generosity.

At its meeting in early December, the Wrangell Convention and Visitor Bureau discussed news that Marian Glenz had bequeathed a considerable donation to it. Details at the time had yet to be worked out, but at the Borough Assembly's February 6 meeting, City Manager Lisa Von Bargen had confirmed the contribution totaled \$50,000.

Born in Wisconsin in 1936, Glenz spent her youth in Port Protection, Ketchikan, Meyers Chuck and Wrangell. A commercial fisherman, rural postmaster and writer, in her later years she was an active member of the Wrangell community. Often there at the Nolan Center during community markets and other activities, she talked with tourists, residents and most everybody she met. She helped out at the museum, and served on the Visitor Bureau from 2008 until her passing in April 2017.

The executor of her estate had informed Von Bargen Glenz had remembered the bureau in her will, alongside her grandchildren and surviving relations. The sum was "to be used to promote Wrangell," according to her will.

"I am heartfully grateful for her consideration of the financial needs for promoting this community," Von Bargen commented.

The contribution should be a needed boost to the CVB's advertising efforts, particularly as mar-

keting for the state in general has seen significant cuts. The state tourism office saw its budget cut from nearly \$18M in 2014 reduced to just \$1.5M for 2017.

The CVB's own budget has remained about the same since, approved each year at \$65,400. The bureau not only covers advertising and promotional activities, but also makes a \$10,000 line item contribution to the Nolan Center each year. It gets its budget from a reserve fund which has slowly been drawing down each year, projected to \$50,935 by the end of the current fiscal year from \$114,735 in the middle of 2016.

"Her donation speaks to her love of Wrangell, and wanting to share it with the rest of the world," Von Bargen added.

"She was great. She had a sort of unique perspective," said Carol Rushmore, the city's finance director and colleague of Glenz on the CVB. "She felt very strongly about the community."

In addition to her contribution to the CVB, Glenz donated 21 boxes of books to Irene Ingle Public Library, containing over 400 volumes. Many of the selections she contributed will fill out the library's Alaskana collection at the back wall of its nonfiction section.

"She was a frequent user of the library," Head Librarian Margaret Villarma recalled. "She loved to read about Alaska history."

A writer as well as a reader, among the books Glenz donated were two of her own, "The B.S.



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

Served soup by Sophia O'Brien, Maria Glenz celebrates Alaska Day in 2013 with other community elders at Island of Faith Lutheran Church. Glenz spent most of her life in the state, and after her passing last year left a considerable donation of money, books and items to Wrangell's Visitor Bureau, museum and library.

Counter" and "Myers Chuck!" Both accounts are based on her experiences in Southeast Alaska and are available to check out from the library.

"Some of them are hard to get," Villarma said of the new additions. "We were very grateful that she thought of us."

Glenz had left the local museum some items as well, which will be incorporated into its collection.

"We loved her there, she was quite a character," said Terri Henson, the Nolan Center's director. "She's missed. We really looked forward to having her here at cruise time."



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Two books written by late resident Marian Glenz will join the Wrangell Library's Alaskana collection. Taking up the far wall of the library's nonfiction section, the collection's volumes cover almost every subject pertaining to the 49th state.

Trooper report

February 3

Alaska Wildlife Troopers, Wrangell Post, concluded a residency investigation involving Stephen Nesbitt, age 49 from Washington. Investigation determined Nesbitt was claiming Alaska residency on his fishing licenses while receiving benefits from Washington. Additionally Nesbitt obtained two subsistence salmon permits by claiming residency. Nesbitt was issued a summons on five counts of False Statement on a License with a mandatory court appearance in the District Court at Wrangell on Feb. 21.

Police report

Monday, February 12

Illegal parking: Citation is-

sued to Kevin Bylow, 47, for Parked Blocking Roadway.

Citizen assist: Unlock vehicle.

Theft: Vehicle.

Tuesday, February 13

Agency assist: MVA.

MVA reported.

Illegal Parking: Verbal warning to move vehicle.

Found Property: Owner notified and will pick up items at PD.

Citizen Report: DUI.

Wednesday, February 14

MVA.

Vehicle damage.

Found Property: Dropped off at station.

Thursday, February 15

Traffic Complaint.

Agency Assist: Dead Eagle.

Alarm: Fire: FD dispatched.

Citizen Assist: Vehicle unlocked.

Friday, February 16

Courtesy Ride.

Disturbance: Officer responded.

Animal Complaint.

Threats reported.

86'd letter served.

86'd letter served.

Report of theft.

Courtesy transport.

Agency Assist: Public Works.

Traffic Stop: Verbal warning given for drivers side headlight out.

Citation issued to Clara Haley, 68: Dog at Large.

Saturday, February 17

Citizen Assist: Officer making contact with individual.

Car Alarm: Officers responded UTL.

Citation issued to Joshua Davidson, 37, for Parking in control area prohibits parking.

Agency Assist: High School.

Sunday, February 18

Agency Assist: Public Works.

Criminal Trespass: Officers responded.

Found Property.

Citations issued to Jeannette Anderson, 70, for Animal at Large and citation for Licensing required.

Parking Complaint: Vehicle had been moved before Officers arrived.

There were five ambulance calls and two dog complaints in this reporting week.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Again, another slaughter of defenseless kids and teachers. Again, the same dialog, "outlaw assault rifles" ——"do better background checks"——"stricter gun laws"——" It's always the same outcry without a word about doing something practical and workable to defend kids and teachers who are like sheep in a pen, weaponless and helpless. How many more times are we going to let murderers roam through schools, freely killing anyone in sight, for minutes or hours without the slightest concern someone might shoot back?? What if they had to worry that someone ahead or behind them might step out and blast them with a load of double-

ought buckshot or maybe be met with the same coming through the door they are rattling? That would put a crimp in their day of carnage.

How about arming a few gun-wise teachers, administrators, or other staff members? Schools, churches, and other places people gather are full of people that know how to handle a firearm. When some maniac is trying to enter a classroom, it doesn't take Wyatt Earp to shoot a load of buckshot through the door, or peek around a corner or doorway and ruin a murderer's day. With a shotgun, at say a hundred feet, even a poor shot would have little problem hitting the back of a distracted killer.

Let's put gun safes in a few rooms or offices in dif-

ferent areas of the building. A trained person, who occupies the room most, should be the only one able to unlock the gun safe. The locking mechanism would have to be a secure one that is kid-proof. There are risks with this idea. Kids might somehow get the gun and accidentally or purposely shoot someone. But how many kids could be killed that way compared to a maniac methodically shooting any person they see?

All defensive measures have flaws and risks. None are perfect and work in all situations, but compared to no defense, doing something is far better than doing nothing.

Ron Merritt

Mumps hits Juneau for first time in 20 years

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – Doctors confirmed the presence of mumps in Juneau for the first time in more than two decades.

There has been one confirmed case of the disease in Juneau as of Thursday, and three other possible cases, Juneau Public Health Center nurse manager Alison Gaines said.

The first case was diagnosed in January, with the most recent suspected case appearing this past week, Gaines said.

This is the first confirmed case

of mumps in Juneau since 1997, Alaska Division of Public Health Epidemiologist Amanda Tiffany said.

Mumps is a contagious disease that causes swelling in a person's salivary glands. Other symptoms include fever, headache, muscle aches, fatigue and loss of appetite. The disease is almost never fatal, the Juneau Empire reported.

"I think the perception is that mumps is not such a big deal, like, 'Well, you have it and then it goes

away,' but if you speak with anyone who had it, they were miserable," Tiffany said.

A mumps outbreak began in Anchorage in the summer of 2017. There have been 247 cases statewide – 214 confirmed and 33 probable – since May of 2017, Tiffany said, with 96 percent of them being in Anchorage.

The lone confirmed case in Juneau was in a person who had recently traveled to Anchorage, Gaines said.

The Department of Public Health sent a notice Monday to the Juneau School District and to licensed daycares alerting them to the recent outbreak. Early symptoms are similar to that of a regular cold, but those who believe they have mumps should call their doctor and set up an appointment, Tiffany said. Physicians will likely advise people to isolate themselves for the five days after facial swelling starts.

David Daniel Dailey, 73

passed away after a short illness in Anchorage on **Monday, Feb. 5, 2018** "Bummer" was born in Wrangell to Marcus & Mae Dailey on May 15, 1944.

A public graveside service at **Sunset Gardens at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25** with a reception to follow at **the Episcopal Parish Hall.**

Full obituary will be published at a later date.

Budget cuts pose danger to residents, officials say

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – Alaska environmental conservation officials warned lawmakers that budget cuts are increasing the dangers to residents.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation gave the warning as lawmakers work this week to finalize the budgets of various state agencies, the Juneau Empire reported Wednesday.

The department has seen its operating budget reduced from \$87.9 million in 2014 to a proposal of \$80.2 million for fiscal year 2019.

The department is tasked with enforcing drinking water safety, sanitation standards, food safety, and responding to oil spills.

"You don't have the same amount of inspections, you don't have the same amount of assistance to the small communities that may be having problems with their drinking water systems," said Larry Hartig, the department's director. "You're going to have more instances of problems with human health."

Christina Carpenter, director of the Division of

Environmental Health, said the funding cuts have completely changed how the department inspects restaurants, grocery stores and the sources of Alaska residents' food.

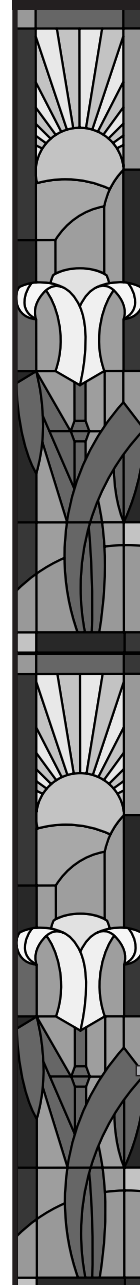
"We're in a position where we're now prioritizing work based upon on funding source first and then risk second," she said.

Despite the cuts, lawmakers said residents should still trust the conservation department to keep them safe.

"I feel that we are safe, but we are probably at a very minimal level (of funding)," Democrat Rep. Neal Foster of Nome said. "I've had this subcommittee this year and last year, and from what I've seen, I don't feel like we can make any further cuts to ADEC. If we did, I would start questioning, I think, to a greater extent whether people who go out to eat at a restaurant, should be concerned."

Republican Rep. DeLena Johnson of Palmer said department administrators told her residents should be safe under the proposed budget cuts.

CHURCH DIRECTORY



- Harborlight Assembly of God**
Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.,
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. 874-2244
- St. Rose of Lima, Catholic Church**
Sunday Masses 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Enrichment in Faith- All are welcome, 10:00 a.m.
874-3771 or 305-0654
- St. Philip's Episcopal Church**
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m., Church School 10:00 a.m.
874-3047 or 874-4480
- First Presbyterian**
Worship Service 11 a.m., 874-3534
- The Salvation Army**
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m.,
874-3753
- Island of Faith Lutheran Church-ELCA**
Worship Service 9:30 a.m. followed by fellowship,
Faith Walking Saturday 10 a.m., 874-2743
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**
Priesthood Relief Society & Primary at noon.;
Sunday School 11 a.m.; Sacrament 10 a.m.,
874-3976 or 3778
- Wrangell Community Church of God**
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; 874-3964
- Bible Baptist Church**
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.;
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m., 874-2069
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Wrangell boys just short in OT hosting Chiefs

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Wolves chalked up a pair of losses last weekend hosting the Metlakatla Chiefs, though it easily could have been a split between the two teams.

Friday's evening game was a blowout for the Chiefs, which controlled the court for much of the game. Though the final score ended up in a 52-42 win for them, Wrangell coach Cody Angerman acknowledged some last-minute catching up had helped close a larger gap between the two teams.

By now in the second half of the season, the teams' meeting is their second in the rotation. Previously Wrangell had trouble keeping up with Metlakatla's offense, which had set the pace for their first game. Angerman said the team subsequently tried a different tack, focusing more on slowing things down. That worked out well when sticking with this game plan, and in the following two games he thought the formula showed promise. Wrangell had held its own during Friday's first half, but lost its focus as the game went on.

"The second night was a different story," Angerman said.

The Wolves started out following just behind in the first quarter, trailing 14-16. Its defensive strategy began having its intended effect by the next quarter, with the Chiefs held to just two points during the eight-minute stretch. Wrangell took the lead from there, building it to a 31-27 difference at the start of the final quarter.

Angerman said some missed

opportunities allowed Metlakatla the chance to catch back up, tying the game at 40 by the last buzzer. Heading into overtime, the Chiefs scored the one point it needed to pull off a 41-40 late-night win.

Considering the weekend, the coach saw his team making progress as a unit. "We're starting to gel," Angerman commented.

Players were fitting into their assigned roles on the court, putting their skill sets to the best use. Tymon Teat and sophomore Trevor Miller both led the team for points offensively, supported by teammates Brett Abrahamson and Riley Blatchley. Defensively, Brian Schwartz and Caleb Groshong "had some really important minutes," Angerman said, with Schwartz Saturday shifting the momentum with some important passes and rebounds.

Approaching the season's conclusion in only a few weeks, Angerman felt this progress was the most important part, becoming the best team it can by tournament time.

"We try to take it one game at a time."

Looking ahead, the team heads next to Haines for some Sunday and Monday games. "It's kind of a long trip," Angerman noted, with the team heading first to Juneau Saturday before taking the ferry early next day.

The coach anticipated the Glacier Bears would make for a pair of tough games. "They're a good team and they're well-coached," he said. "We have our hands full, that's for sure."



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Riley Blatchley prevents Haines player Mark Davis from scoring during a home game win last month. The Wolves and Lady Wolves both head up to the northern panhandle for a rematch this weekend.

They will head back next Wednesday, with scant time to prepare for their homecoming

versus Petersburg on March 2. The last games of the regular season, the following weekend

will be Region V in Ketchikan, where the Wolves' progress will be put to the test.

Sport fishing licenses down but revenues up

KENAI, Alaska (AP) – Sport-fishing license sales dropped in Alaska last year, despite the state Department of Fish and Game recording an increase in revenue from license sales.

Division of Sportfish Director Tom Brookover said Tuesday that the department was expecting the decline in sales because fees rose.

Brookover said resident license

sales fell by a much higher percentage than nonresident license sales. Resident anglers bought 162,500 licenses in 2017, about 20 percent fewer than about 203,000 licenses in 2016, Brookover said.

The Legislature approved an increase in license fees in 2016, which went into effect in 2017, the Peninsula Clarion reported.

Yearlong residential sport-fishing licenses increased to \$29 and nonresident license fees increased to \$25 for a one-day license and to \$70 for a week license.

The goal was to raise revenue on both hunting and fishing licenses that Fish and Game could apply as a local match to obtain more funding from the federal Pittsman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act

and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act.

The money from license sales goes into the Fish and Game fund, which helps pay for various research and management activities. For the Division of Sportfish, those funds in combination with the federal Dingell-Johnson funds comprise a majority of the budget, Brookover said.

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Close losses in Lady Wolves home games

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Playing at home over the weekend, the Lady Wolves had a pair of close games against Metlakatla High School.

"They were really good games for the girls," said Wrangell basketball coach Laurie Brown

The Miss Chiefs held a double-digit lead through most of the first half, ahead 37-20 by the break. Metlakatla player Marissa Yliniemi posed a particular obstacle to Wrangell, netting six of 10 attempted three-pointers during the game.

Wrangell pressed back, however, focusing on their defense

and putting the visiting team on its guard.

"They pressed Metlakatla well and were able to gain some turnovers," said Brown.

The Lady Wolves outscored Metlakatla through the next two quarters, closing things to 48-49 as the game neared its end. But the team's hands were tied somewhat by fouls, losing some of its momentum.

"Fouls definitely killed us," Brown acknowledged.

Metlakatla ended up eking out its victory by one point. During the game Wrangell player Kaylyn Easterly led the team in points, placing seven free throws and

eight of 14 attempted baskets. Brown noted the near-win was definitely a team effort, with her players stepping up both offensively and defensively.

"The girls competed and played really hard," she said.

Rejoining for another game the next day, Wrangell held a close lead through much of the first three quarters before being overtaken. Personal fouls were again a factor, with the Lady Wolves committing 24 of them Saturday. Metlakatla player Drena Hayward ended up making all 12 of her free throws during the game, which ultimately factored into the Miss Chiefs' 50-41

win. Metlakatla remains the division leaders for Region V, going undefeated so far in the season. Only a pair of weekends lie ahead for Wrangell before all the region's 2A schools meet up in Ketchikan on March 7.

The team leaves Saturday for Haines, with Sunday and Monday games planned. Brown admitted it was an odd travel arrangement for the team, but limited ferry availability more or less set their schedule. The Lady Wolves are due to return Wednesday, which gives them only a couple of evenings to prepare for their homecoming weekend

games hosting Petersburg. "It's going to be a quick turnaround," said Brown.

Kodiak researchers to look into declining cod stocks

KODIAK, Alaska (AP) – Kodiak researchers will study why Pacific cod stocks have been shrinking over the past few years.

The Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center researchers will collect information about the habitat use, diet and energetics of juvenile cod, the Kodiak Daily Mirror reported Tuesday. The hypothesis is that warmer temperatures increase the metabolic rates of young cod and, subsequently, their food sources don't supply enough energy.

The hypothesis stems from research that suggests the

stocks' decline was caused by a mass of warm water that appeared in the Pacific from 2014-16.

In October, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration survey reported a 71 percent decline in Pacific cod abundance in the gulf since 2015 and an 83 percent decline since 2013.

As a result, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council announced an 80 percent reduction to the Gulf of Alaska cod quota for 2018. Both the city of Kodiak and Kodiak Island Borough are attempting to have the

situation declared a fisheries disaster in an effort to get federal relief funding.

"The status of Pacific cod is probably the biggest fishery issue facing Kodiak right now," said Mike Litzow, a member of the research faculty with the University of Alaska Fairbanks fisheries department at the Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center.

The study is part of a broader initiative to seek funding to continue sampling in future winters. Litzow said studies like this only become valuable when done over a number of years.

"It'll give them more of a heads-up. So they can say: in three years you're likely to see a lot of fish, or you're likely to not see a lot of fish," Litzow said.

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Middle school b-ball program holding tourney this weekend

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Wrangell's Amateur Athletics Union basketball program will be hosting its 2018 invitational this weekend.

A gap bridging program for middle school girls interested in the sport, this is the Wrangell program's fifth year in operation, and the regional tournament will be the fourth it has hosted so far. Students from Petersburg, Sitka and Juneau

will be making the trip, with play for seeding starting this evening at 4 p.m.

Juneau and Sitka will be fielding three teams each, while Wrangell and Petersburg will each sport two. Wrangell coach Penny Allen explained teams will be divided up into A and B brackets depending on skill set. The initial A-bracket games will set things up for a double elimination style tournament stretching over Saturday and Sunday.

This year Allen said the Wrangell program has 15 girls playing. Five of them are eighth graders, who have played through their team's last two winning seasons. But there are also a number of younger students stepping up this year, Allen explained, including some fifth graders.

Divided into two teams, Wrangell's B squad has already played one tournament this year, in Petersburg. For the A team this weekend will be its first of the year. Afterward, it will next be headed to Juneau later next month for its annual Mike Jackson Memorial Tournament, which the team has won two years running.

"We're going for a third," said

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Stikine Hoops Invitational 2018

High School Gym		Community Gym
Thursday, February 22		
4p		Wrg B, Sit B2
5:20p		Wrg A, Sit A
7p		Wrg B, Sit B1
Friday, February 23		
11:50a		Psg A, Sit A
1:10p		Sit B1, Psg B
2:30p		Wrg A, Psg A
3:50p		Wrg B, Psg B
5:10p		Wrg A, Jnu A
6:30p		Jnu A2, Sit A
7:50p		Jnu B, Sit B2
Saturday, February 24		
9:00a	Psg A, Jnu A2	Jnu B, Wrg B
10:20a	Jnu A, Sit A	Sit B2, Psg B
11:50a	Jnu A2, Wrg A	
1:00p	Psg A, Jnu A	Wrg B, Sit B1
2:40p	Game 1	Jnu B, Psg B
4:00p	Game 2	
5:40p	Game 3	Game 4
7:20p	Game 5	Game 6
Sunday, February 25		
9:00a	Game 7	Sit B1, Sit B2
11:00a	Game 8	Sit B2, Psg B
12:40p	Game 9 if need	Sit B1, Jnu B
2:20p	AWARDS & Photos (mass photo first)	

The AAU schedule lays out game times for the coming four days. The Stikine Hoops Invitational is the middle school basketball program's fourth time hosting other teams from Petersburg, Juneau and Sitka. Ketchikan was unable to make this weekend's tournament. Teams will be divided into A and B brackets, with the A-bracket teams starting their main tournament Saturday afternoon at the high school gym. Entry is by donation.

Allen.

Expenses for the program can be tough to manage, running around \$20,000 for a season. Costs primarily go to covering travel, but also include gym rental for practices and equipment. To keep things going, the team has approached local businesses for sponsorships. Through their support Allen said the teams will be

able to customize their own tournament shirts for the coming weekend.

The program will also be selling concessions for part of the weekend, and holding a 50/50 raffle throughout.

"The money we raise goes toward the whole program," she said.

To support the high school sen-

ior class, students' parents will have a go at running the concessions Friday night and Saturday morning.

Games will be split between the community center and high school courts, with the A-bracket tournament set to start Saturday at 2:40 p.m. An award ceremony will cap the weekend off, set for 2:20 p.m. on Sunday.

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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

NOAA Fisheries is facing a \$110.4 million drop to \$837.3 million, a 14 percent budget cut

The Trump Administration's \$4.4 trillion federal budget for next year takes some mean whacks to programs that affect fisheries.

Off the top, the spending plan unveiled on February 12 cuts the budget for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) by 20 percent to \$4.6 billion. Among other things, NOAA manages the nation's fisheries in waters from three to 200 miles offshore, which produce the bulk of Alaska's seafood landings.

It's the cuts within the cuts that reveal the most.

NOAA Fisheries is facing a \$110.4 million drop to \$837.3 million, a 14 percent budget cut. That includes a \$17.7 million decrease in fisheries science and management, a \$5 million cut in data collection needed for stock assessments, a \$5.1 million reduction in funding for catch share programs and a \$2.9 million cut to cooperative research programs.

The proposals for NOAA law enforcement are even more severe – a decline of \$17.8 million is a 25 percent budget reduction.

"The entire law enforcement reduction is coming from the agency's cooperative enforcement program and will eliminate funding for joint enforcement agreements with law enforcement partners from 28 states and U.S. territories," reported the Gloucester Times.

The National Weather Service, also under NOAA's umbrella, is facing a \$75 million slice off its \$1 billion budget. It will axe 355 jobs, more than a quarter of the NWS staff, including 248 forecasters.

Trump also wants to cut \$4.8 million from habitat and conservation programs, wiping out funding and grants for NOAA's fisheries habitat restoration projects.

The Trump plan proposes gutting \$40 million from NOAA climate change programs, which would eliminate competitive grants for research and end studies on global warming in the Arctic, including predictions of sea-ice and fisheries in a changing climate.

The national Sea Grant College Program, which conducts research, training and education at more than 30 U.S. universities, is again on the chopping block.

Funding for programs under the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) that monitor earthquakes and volcanoes would each drop by 21 percent. The

USGS water-resources program, which includes the national stream-gauge network, would be reduced 23 percent.

Trump proposes to cut the Environmental Protection Agency's budget to \$6.1 billion in 2019, its lowest level since the early 1990s and about 25 percent below the current mark.

The EPA budget also eliminates funding for climate-change research while providing \$502 million for fossil energy research, an increase of nearly 24 percent.

Seafood sales also could be badly hurt by proposed deep cuts to food stamps, or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Instead of shopping at grocery stores, under Trump's plan recipients would receive boxes of shelf-stable commodity items such as powdered milk, juices, pasta, peanut butter, and canned meats, fruits and vegetables.

"Seafood is the only major

food group that is not considered a USDA commodity. If the new food delivery platform is going to put an emphasis on commodity goods, then that will leave out lean, heart-healthy seafood," said Linda Cornish, president of the Seafood Nutrition Partnership.

Closer to home, Trump also plans to stop federal funding for the Denali Commission, introduced by Congress in 1998 as an independent agency to provide critical utilities, infrastructure and economic support throughout Alaska. The plan calls for a \$10 million cut out of \$17 million, with the difference going to an "orderly closure."

The White House says that any state that can afford to pay its residents an annual dividend doesn't need a "unique and additional federal subsidy" such as the commission, wrote longtime Alaska journalist Dermot Cole. Trump added that "the commissions' effectiveness at improving overall economic conditions

remains unproven."

The FY19 budget, which goes into effect on October 1, now goes before Congress.

First hand fishing -

Want to learn if the fishing life is for you? Interested green-horns can apply by March 1 for a crew apprentice position starting this summer.

"Some of the positions will be a short day trip just to allow young people to try fishing, and some will be placed for a month or the whole season. It's going to depend on the needs of the skipper and what the crew member is looking for," said Alyssa Russell, communications director at the Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association in Sitka. As with all crew, the rookies will get paid for their work, she added.

ALFA received \$142,000 in matching grants from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to launch the deckhand apprenticeship program. It is

seen as a way to facilitate more Alaskans into fishing careers in an industry where the average age now is over 50.

The apprentice program began informally three years ago with salmon troller Eric Jordan who has since introduced over 40 young people to fishing aboard his vessel. ALFA used Jordan's model to create a more official program that includes a curriculum of fishing safety and other protocols.

More skippers have signed on for several different fisheries this summer.

"We have trollers, longliners, gillnetters and seiners," Russell said.

The apprentice program is being centered in Southeast this year as a trial run, and will broaden to include other regions. But ALFA does not want to discourage others from getting involved right away.

"This model is exportable. If

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anyone is thinking about starting an apprenticeship this year we can be a resource at any time," she said.

Eric Jordan calls the apprentice program a win for everyone involved.

"Finding crew with some experience and who loves fishing in Alaska is so critical to the future of our industry," he said. "One of the things this program provides is the taste of it. The deckhands know they like it and skippers can recommend them for future employment. It is a win-win."

Deckhand applicants must be at least 18 and preference is given to Alaska residents. Deadline to apply is March 1.

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Rockfish releases save lives - More than 30 different kinds of rockfish are found in Alaska waters, though fewer than 10 species are commonly caught by recreational fishermen, mostly in Southeast Alaska. The fish are slow growing and can live well past 100 years.

"For yellow eye (red snapper) the age of first sexual maturity can be anywhere from 15-25 years old. So that has important implications for when these fish are harvested because many can be caught before they have the opportunity to reproduce even one time," said Sam Hochholter, a sport fish biologist with the Alaska

What does a bear do in the Alaska woods? Disperse seeds

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - A study of bears and berries has determined that the big animals are the main dispersers of fruit seeds in southeast Alaska.

The study by Oregon State University researchers says it's the first instance of a temperate plant being primarily dispersed by mammals through their excrement rather than by birds.

Researcher Taal Levi says seed dispersal is a key component in the understanding of any ecosystem.

He says brown and black bears thrive on Alaska's Panhandle because of abundant salmon but both feed on berries while they wait for spawning fish to enter streams.

Researchers used motion-triggered video cameras and samples of saliva left on plants to determine whether bears or birds were eating more berries and dispersing seeds through excrement.

Levi says bears consumed and excreted far more seeds.

Dept. of Fish and Game. Last month in Sitka the state Board of Fisheries voted to protect the fragile fish by requiring that in two years, all salt water sport anglers in Southeast must carry devices that safely release rockfish to the deep. On average, nearly 60,000 rockfish are caught in the Southeast sport fishery each year; about 5,000 are released.

When rockfish are reeled in, their swim bladders expand causing lethal injuries from the rapid decompression. The air-filled bladders also keep the fish afloat, thrashing about the sur-

face. "When you break them out of deep water they don't have the ability to equalize the pressure," explained Ace Calloway, a retired charter skipper from Valdez. "The bladder expands and pushes the eyes out the sockets and the stomach out their mouth. It's a horrible looking site. They basically suffer the same thing a diver does that comes up too fast - what we normally call the bends."

Calloway was the first to invent and patent a simple tool called the Black Tip catch and release recompression tool that gently lowers rockfish to the sea

floor. Studies in Alaska and Oregon have proven that rockfish quickly returned to the depths can result in over 95 percent survival.

A state web page called "proper deepwater rockfish release" provides quick and easy techniques on making and using simple devices, such as weighted jigs or plastic milk cartons.

A rockfish release rule has been on the books for Alaska charter boats for six years. It will go into effect for sport anglers in two years to allow for more public education and outreach.

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 Wrangell Cooperative Association Transportation (WCAT) is updating its Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The draft FRTP is available for questions and comments at the WCAT office at 104 C-1 Lynch St from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon-Fri. Deadline for comments: March 2, 2018 at 1 p.m. Call Bill Willard at 874-3077 for more information.
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 PUBLIC REVIEW
 FIVE-YEAR SCHEDULE OF TIMBER SALES**

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry 2018-2022 Preliminary Five-Year Schedule of Timber Sales for the Southern Southeast Area is available for public review. Per AS 38.05.113 this is a scoping document that outlines the proposed timber sale activity to be undertaken on State land over the next five years. The Five-Year Schedule is not a decision document.

The public is invited to comment on any aspect of the Five-Year Schedule of Timber Sales. Comments should be mailed to the Alaska Division of Forestry and must be received by the close of business at the Division of Forestry's office no later than **March 15, 2018** to be included as comment in the adopted schedule. This document can be viewed at the Area Office in Ketchikan, the public libraries in Craig, Ketchikan, Petersburg and Wrangell, the State of Alaska's on-line public notice website <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=188764> as well as the DOF's website <http://forestry.alaska.gov/timber/ketchikan.htm#fiveyear>.

After public comment has been received and reviewed, the Division of Forestry may proceed with planning the proposed timber sales and associated developments. When each sale is prepared and ready for review, notice of the proposed decision and the opportunity for public comment will be given for that specific timber sale, as is required under state statutes and regulations.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS CONTACT:
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State official blasts Juneau's bid to annex island land

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – Lt. Gov. Byron Mallott criticized Juneau's bid for annexation, saying the state's capital city is not being a good neighbor.

Speaking at a conference Wednesday, Mallott lambasted officials for trying to annex parts of nearby Admiralty Island, CoastAlaska News reported. His comments were made at the Southeast Conference Mid-Session Summit.

The Assembly voted in January to add four parcels to its borough, including parts of northern

Admiralty Island. It later dropped one parcel after hearing objections from Juneau cabin owners. Officials in Angoon, the island's only city, also opposed the annexation, calling it a land grab.

Most of Admiralty Island's million acres are protected as a national monument. It's used for subsistence hunting and fishing. A mine on its north end has already been annexed by Juneau.

"Juneau needs to recognize that it's the capital of Alaska but also the regional center of South-

east," Mallott said. "And it has a responsibility and an obligation to reach out affirmatively to every other community in Southeast and say, 'Let's be neighbors and let's work together and let's build a place that is unassailable by the Legislature or anyone else who would seek to divide us.'"

Mallott said Juneau should respect the objections of island residents by dropping additional parcels from the annexation plan.

"The people of Angoon feel so passionate and spiritual about

all of Admiralty Island," he said. "They're concerned about economic development on that side of the island now. What's the future of their island, that they share with the rest of our country as one of the most beautiful places on the face of the Earth."

Juneau Mayor Ken Koelsch said city officials have tried to work with Angoon but couldn't come up with a time to meet.

Koelsch said he'll continue to try to set up a meeting.

Koelsch said Juneau also has longtime connections to the land

it's trying to annex. The land includes historic trade routes and areas are claimed as traditional territory by Juneau's Aak'w Kwaan and Taku Kwaan.

The city began looking at the parcels after losing a boundary battle with Petersburg. Both boroughs claimed rights to absorb acreage on the mainland between the two communities. Juneau lost, in part because Petersburg petitioned for the property first. So it began looking at other areas within model borough boundaries set years before.

Alaska mulls liability protections for pesticide on poles

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – The Alaska Senate is considering a bill that would exempt utility companies from liability related to a pesticide used on most wooden power poles in the state.

The bill comes after federal wildlife officials alerted state authorities to "concerning levels" of the pesticide in areas on the Kenai Peninsula, KTOO Public Media in Juneau reported Thursday.

Most power poles are treated with the pesticide Pentachlorophenol. In 2015, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologists

found elevated levels of the pesticide in soils around power poles in the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge.

The federal agency has not yet published its full findings on the matter.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation was alerted to the issue in January 2016, and state regulators notified an electricity utility that it could be held responsible for pesticide contamination around its poles.

The bill under consideration was

sponsored by Republican Sen. Peter Micciche. He told the Senate Resources Committee that his bill aims to protect the electricity consumers by protecting the power companies.

"The reason for bringing this forward is the financial protection of nearly every Alaskan ratepayer who depends upon a utility to have electricity delivered to their home, business or facility," Micciche said.

Under the bill, the liability for contamination would just shift from the util-

ities to the property owners, Democratic Sen. Bill Wielechowski said.

"I'm concerned that nobody's going to be responsible," Wielechowski said. "I mean, should the manufacturer possibly be responsible? Should the person who's applying it be responsible? It would seem to me, there should be some responsibility somewhere other than the person who has absolutely no say about where these poles go."

The Environmental Conservation Department said it's studying the matter.

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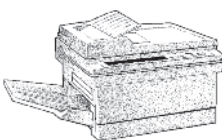


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and support systems.

The session's goal was to take public input on setting an outlined strategy, in particular finding out what parents and community members either liked, disliked or perhaps wanted to see more of from the local school system. Using this information, the committee will draft a new set of strategic goals to guide its decision making for the coming three years.

A similar process saw to the school's current strategic plan, which expires after the current academic year. One of the drawbacks of that model board members had found had been a lack of measurability. Goals had been aspirational in a more general sense, which in turn made it difficult to gauge whether the district was on track or not.

Buhler had commented as much during January's meeting of the board, when Monday's session was scheduled. Looking ahead, the district will have a number of challenges to meet. One is the continued budget problems of the state, which while not expected to bring cuts to the base student allocation this year, will also not be adjusted

to meet other rising costs the district expects through salary and benefits increases.

In a presentation Monday overviewing the district's draft budget, Mayer explained the state BSA accounts for around 72 percent of Wrangell's educational funding. Local taxes provide another 12 percent, but another 16 percent comes from federal sources. Most of that comes from Secure Rural Schools money, a program whose continued status remains uncertain.

Reductions to either state or federal sources could pose financial troubles to local schools. Which is why having a strategic plan is important, Mayer explained, as it sets priorities for programming.

"There are only so many resources. So where does the group want to put those resources?" he had stated, responding to a question from one of the planning session's participants.

A setback to setting the strategic plan in itself has been a lack so far of input from the community. Perhaps due to icy road conditions or the Presidents Day holiday, only one parent and two members of the press attended Monday's evening meeting. Board member Dave Wilson had hoped for

a better turnout, for a more robust conversation about the future of Wrangell's schools.

"What we want is input from the community," he said. In the area of stakeholder satisfaction, for instance, which seeks to address communication concerns between school administrators, the board and the wider public, Wilson said it was important to know what people expected.

"If we need to bring brownies, tell me, I'll bring brownies," he commented.

Suggestions can still be lodged with the district office, at the Evergreen Elementary School campus. The district has also hired on Anchorage-based consultant Jerry Covey to help coordinate the upcoming process. He is due to arrive in town tomorrow for a planning committee meeting.

In other board business, maintenance director Fred Angerman presented a list of capital improvement needs at the various school facilities. The estimates vary in scale, from a \$5,000 replacement of the middle school's pneumatic control compressor to a \$1,000,000 project to replace the high school's exterior walls. Many of the items are still serviceable, but older fea-

tures are becoming more difficult to find replacement parts for.

Students were given an opportunity to update the board on some notable activities. Spanish Club members Jing O'Brien and Scythia McQueen demonstrated a YouTube video they created showing their conversational progress in the language. Not a Spanish speaker before, McQueen attended a Spanish immersion course at Vermont's Middlebury College to get up to speed for Spanish II, while O'Brien is preparing for a class trip to Spain planned for next year.

Jean Luc Lewis also delivered a brief presentation outlining his participation in last week's Youth Advocacy Institute and the Legislative Fly-In activities in Juneau. The program offers high school students from around the state the opportunity to see firsthand the legislative process, meet and discuss topical issues with lawmakers, and practice debate and delivering testimony with fellow students.

"I thought it was a really good experience," Lewis told Wrangell's board. "It's kind of encouraged me to pursue advocating for education."

SEC

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ports a vibrant art economy centered around Santa Fe each summer.

Along with forming the special subcommittee, SEC voted in favor of drafting a letter to online arts retailer Etsy, expressing its opposition to the site's ban on the sale of fur- and ivory-based goods. The ban on fur-based items was recently reversed by Etsy, but the letter would nonetheless support the efforts of the Northwest Coast Arts Initiative to allow at least Native artists the opportunity to sell their wares.

Meanwhile, while in Juneau Wrangell's representatives took time to make their rounds in the capital. Von Barga and Decker met with counterparts at the departments of Transportation and Environmental Conservation, to get updates on Evergreen Road improvements and the Byford junkyard monofill, respectively. Von Barga said they had also met with the city's lobbyist and its representation, Rep. Dan Ortiz and Sen. Bert Stedman, both to highlight the list of legislative priorities the Wrangell Assembly approved last month and learn the latest on the budget.

The two also attended the Alaska Federation of Natives' February meeting last week, where its members discussed possible support for developing a residential accelerated high school in Wrangell under the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program. At its November meeting, ANSEP had tabled a resolution backing the concept. While the state's largest Native organization discussed the item last week, it again chose to table it until its meeting scheduled for May.

"The board had a good discussion on the issue," Von Barga recalled. She gathered a proposal would be better received if it had a less jurisdictional direction, focusing more generally on developing the program statewide. She said members had also expressed concerns about a residential school's impact on diverting students from smaller schools in Alaska's rural reaches, as well as the legacy left

over from Wrangell's former Institute boarding school.

"What we expressed to them

was a need to do considerably more due diligence," Von Barga relayed. With concerns of its own,

if the borough can determine whether the ANSEP project is a sustainable one for Wrangell it

will likely bring back a more generic proposal for AFN to consider.

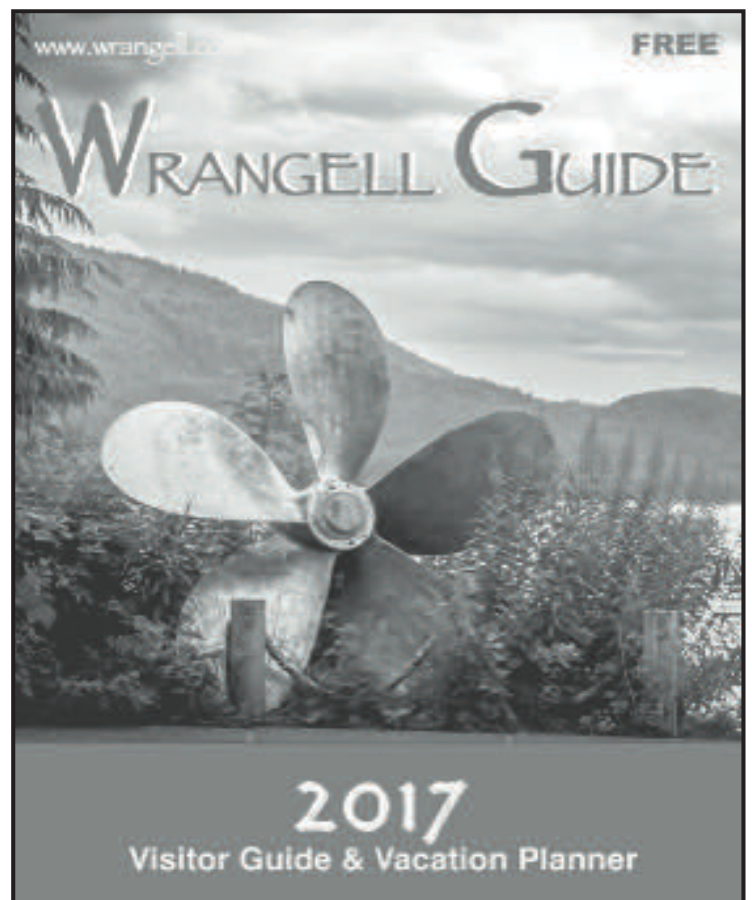
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