



DAN RUDY / WRANGELL SENTINEL

From left to right, Wrangell AAU players Grace Miller, Liana Carney, Julia Miethe, Emma Martinsen, Elizabeth Armstrong, Kendra Meissner and Jamie Early are triumphantly conveyed through town aback a fire engine after returning home Monday. The girls took first in their season-ending tournament in Juneau over the weekend.

AAU girls take first in Juneau season finale

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Wrangell's youth Amateur Athletics Union basketball team took first in Juneau's Mike Jackson Memorial Tournament over the weekend.

The program is a gap-bridge for middle school students, giving them opportunity to play competitively and hone skills before high school. Wrangell's recent victory follows on the heels of last year's similarly successful AAU season, and bodes well for future classes of players.

But it was a long weekend for the eight girls. They had to arrive ahead of the games' start on March 22 and the ferry home not arriving until Monday afternoon.

The weekend hosted several A, B, C and D teams for boys and girls from around Southeast, and games consisted of two 20-minute halves. During the four-day tourney, Wrangell's A girls bracket faced teams from Petersburg, Sitka and Juneau.

"We got off to a little bit of a rough start," said team coach Penny Allen.

Seeded third, the girls lost their first couple of games but began to turn things around as the tournament progressed.

"When it really counted the girls really stepped up and played their hearts out," said Allen.

Playing Juneau in the semifinal round, Wrangell pulled out a surprise win. Elevated to the

championships on Saturday against Sitka, the team trailed by 12 with seven minutes left in the game.

"We chipped away at the score by playing hard and not giving up," Allen recounted. "We pulled ahead and ended up winning by six for a final score of 30-24."

"All the other teams – the coaches, and all the players – they were great. They had great sportsmanship and were really competitive. It was just a great time," she concluded. "We had a lot of support at the tournament from our Wrangell friends and family who traveled and live or go to school there cheering our team on."

Allen said there were many community members who supported the team throughout the year and had volunteered for Wrangell's tournament. They were sponsored by Petro Marine and First Bank.

The weekend finishes off the program's season, which saw Wrangell host a 14-team invitational at the end of February. Though an annual tournament traditionally held in Ketchikan was unable to be held this year, kids from Petersburg and Wrangell were able to get in some additional games this month.

Wrangell's team will continue fundraising through the next couple of months, saving up to send players to a team camp in Anchorage this June, the Alaska Basketball Academy.

Pot excise drafts considered in Assembly

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Borough Assembly passed on first reading several ordinances related to marijuana, including an additional excise on that cultivated on the island.

Under one proposed code change, a new section would affix a \$10 tax per ounce on "the sale or transfer of all marijuana from a marijuana cultivation facility ... to a retail marijuana store or a marijuana product manufacturing facility."

"The cultivator pays the tax," explained city clerk, Kim Lane.

It and the other ordinances were put together by a committee made up of Lane, Mayor David Jack, and Assembly member Patty Gilbert. The city's attorney also reviewed the items, which have been revised to eliminate redundant taxes, levied at multiple stages of production for the same plant.

Producers are already reporting and paying taxes to the state on a per-ounce basis, so Jack explained that calculating what would be owed to the city would be simplified.

"We looked at other municipalities," added Gilbert, explaining how the \$10 amount had been reached.

The excise would apply only to cultivated marijuana, rather than adding to the \$50 per ounce sales tax currently enforced by the

state. That was a decision of expediency, Lane explained, as municipal code requires that any changes to the sales tax would have to go to a popular vote. It would also be a departure from practice, as Wrangell currently does not charge additional rates for specific items, such as fuel or tobacco. The seven-percent sales tax would still apply to retail sales of marijuana, though under the proposed ordinance such products would be exempt from annual tax-free days.

Assembly member Julie Decker questioned whether tax revenue gained from the excise should be specifically set aside for a designated use, such as for school activities. Lane explained that on the advice of the attorney and finance director Lee Burgess, the committee had opted to route funds into the general fund. This would allow the Assembly greater fluidity in allotting the funds come budget time, she reasoned.

"One organization that may be struggling right now is the city," said Jeff Jabusch, the outgoing city manager.

"Or the school," Decker added.

Assembly member Becky Rooney thought it would be wise to wait and see what effects legalization might have on emergency services and enforcement needs, before determining how to spend the additional revenue.

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Wrangell students learn and play using STEAM machines

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Wrangell students got hands-on with robotics and circuitry for most of last week, taking part in a technological workshop put on by the AKTeach program.

The program – an acronym for Alaskans Transforming Educational Access in Communities and Homes – is part of the Kodiak Island Borough School District, and facilitates education services for school systems across the state. Instructors from the program were brought to Wrangell for three days to focus on science, technology, engineering, arts and math (or STEAM) in a series of creative challenges.

Arriving on March 22, instructors had Stikine Middle School students spend the day learning basic coding skills needed to command Dash robots. At other stations they learned how to build and use several simple circuits, using copper tape and watch batteries on a paper backing.

Students also got to explore the world of contraption making inspired by the work of Rube Goldberg. Groups were given a problem to solve (popping a balloon), and had to use several steps in order to accomplish that end.



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Students with Wrangell's JOM program put their Tlingit-Haida heritage on display for the benefit of students in Kodiak, China and Australia during a live stream event on March 22.

"Kids had some really great stuff, and they had a lot of fun," said Crystal Thomas. Along with Nicole Fuerst, Teresa Hedges, Peggy Azuyak, and director Phil Johnson,

she was part of the AKTeach team visiting last week. An English teacher by profession, Thomas said she

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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.

March 30: Kelly Weatherford, Bob Wickman, Christian Weber, Kelyn Young, Alan Westerlund, Gene Fennimore, *Anniversary:* Matt and Diana Nore. **March 31:** Romona Wigg, Janell Privett, Andrew Edgley, Dayne Pritchett. **April 1:** Donald Covalt, Adrianna Stough, Elissa Deboer, Erin Hammock, *Anniversary:* Dusty and Jeanna Wittwer, Dave and Arlene Wilson. **April 2:** Michael Hoyt, Mark Wooden, Carson Kautz, Edward Kalkins, *Anniversary:* Stan and Ann Schnell. **April 3:** Steve Nesbitt, Raven Feller, Jim Nelson Jr., Don Verhilio, Camden Messmer, Brendan Nixon, Abby Rifenburg. **April 4:** Tracy Churchill, Eddie Rilatos III, Suzie Byford, Jeff Good, *Anniversary:* Deed and Chris Gillen, Bruce and Christie Jamieson. **April 5:** Elias Decker, Daniel Powers, Lucas Messmer, Darren Shilts, Stephanie Cook, Bejay Powell, Katherine Byrd. **April 6:** Kyla McChargue, Joe Mork, *Anniversary:* andy and Jeannie Easterly, Elmer and Marilyn Mork.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, March 30:

BBQ moose on a bun, mixed veggies, potato salad.

Friday, March 31:

Pork chop suey, steamed rice, peach and cranberry salad.

Monday, April 3:

Half an egg salad sandwich, minestrone soup, fruit salad, cottage cheese.

Tuesday, April 4:

Tuna and noodle casserole, broccoli blend, cucumber salad.

Wednesday, April 5:

Chicken Fricassee peas, honey orange salad, biscuits.

Thursday, April 6:

Spaghetti and meatballs, broccoli blend, green salad.

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

Milk, tea and coffee will be served with meals.

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, March 30

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.

Wrangell Chautauqua: Compost with Cocoa Massin.

Monday, April 3

Wrangell Public School Board: Will hold a special School Board meeting at 6:30 PM in the Elementary School Room 101. The purpose of this meeting is to appoint an individual to fill the vacant, unexpired School Board term until October 2017.

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

Tuesday, April 4

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.

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.

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FERRY SCHEDULE

Departures

Northbound

Saturday, April 1

Matanuska 2:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 2

Malaspina 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 4

Matanuska 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

Matanuska 12:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 9

Malaspina 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11

Matanuska 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 15

Matanuska 2:30 a.m.

Southbound

Monday, April 3

Matanuska 8:45 a.m.

Wednesday, April 5

Malaspina 8:00 a.m.

Friday, April 7

Matanuska 6:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 9

Matanuska 6:15p.m.

Wednesday, April 12

Malaspina 8:00 a.m.

Friday, April 14

Matanuska 8:30 a.m.

Monday, April 17

Matanuska 8:00 a.m.

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



TIDES TABLE March 30 - April 6

	High Tides				Low Tides			
	AM		PM		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
March 30	2:57	18.6	3:29	17.1	9:06	-2.4	9:17	-0.2
March 31	3:36	18.4	4:15	16.2	9:50	-2.2	9:59	1.0
April 1	4:19	17.7	5:07	14.9	10:40	-1.5	10:48	2.3
April 2	5:08	16.7	6:10	13.7	11:36	-0.5	11:45	3.6
April 3	6:09	15.5	7:29	12.9	12:42	0.6
April 4	7:28	14.5	8:55	13.0	0:57	4.7	2:00	1.3
April 5	8:56	14.3	10:07	13.9	2:26	4.9	3:24	1.3
April 6	10:12	14.8	11:05	15.0	3:57	4.2	4:37	0.9

April 5, 1917: Wellcome, head of one of the largest wholesale drug concerns in England and the United Kingdom, accompanied by his valet, was in Wrangell from Monday morning till Wednesday afternoon, when he sailed for Seattle on the Spokane. He stopped off in Wrangell for the purpose of adding to his collection of photographic views of the Northland. Mr. Wellcome is one of the men who originally backed Father Duncan in his effort to civilize the natives of Old Metlakahtla when the tribe moved to the American side and settled at their present town of Metlakahtla. For the past three months Mr. Wellcome has been at Metlakahtla as a guest of Father Duncan. Last week he went to Juneau to confer with Governor Strong and other officials in an effort to see what steps can be taken for the relief of the present situation in the Native village.

April 3, 1942: Dr. E. J. Wheeler, who declined to serve again as Mayor, will be entered as a sticker candidate for the seat on the council, it was announced today by John Maxand, local bartender. Dr. Wheeler formerly served on the Council before becoming Mayor. The Mayor said he would accept the Council seat if elected. City election will be held Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and for the first time in many years without a contest on the ticket. The Tuesday ballot is: Mayor Lew M. Williams, L.

Eastough, the first two for reelection.

March 31, 1967: Gertrude Maxand, daughter of the later Mr. John Maxand and John Maxand of Sitka and foster daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Zenger of Wrangell, winner of Wrangell's March of Dimes scholarship (\$500 a year) for 1965, 1966 is again eligible for the 1967 award, on the grounds of the Mary Murphy School of Nursing in Wenatchee, Washington, where she is in training. This scholarship is offered by the Tongass Chapter of the National Foundation, which includes Wrangell,

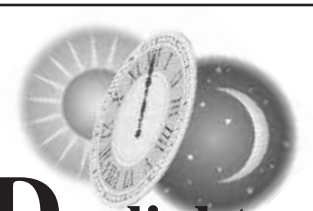
Ketchikan, Annette Island and Craig.

April 2, 1992: The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, is alerting the sport fishing public on a safety concern in the Wrangell Narrows, particularly in the vicinity of Blind Slough. According to a press release, a problem with boaters not obeying marine right of way safety regulations has been identified. Complaints have been filed against small boat operators who have failed to yield to larger vessels that have the right of way in the shipping lane near the mouth of Blind Slough.



Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
March 19	42	30
March 20	50	35
March 21	51	28
March 22	48	37
March 23	53	26
March 24	41	26
March 25	39	33
March 26	46	35



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
March 30	6:27a	7:20p	12:53h
March 31	6:24a	7:22p	12:58h
April 1	6:21a	7:24p	13:03h
April 2	6:19a	7:26p	13:07h
April 3	6:16a	7:28p	13:12h
April 4	6:13a	7:30p	13:17h
April 5	6:11a	7:32p	13:21h
April 6	6:08a	7:34p	13:26h

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Wrangell dog gets search certification

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

One of Wrangell's canine residents finally received its search and rescue certification, after four long years of training.

"Katilli," a golden retriever handled by owner Steve Prysunka, took her final exam in Texas last week. Through an ongoing training and certification process, the dog has been deployed for search and rescue efforts on behalf of Wrangell Volunteer Fire Department.

"This is what we've been working for for the last three and a half years," said Prysunka. "This was her test for her national certification through the National Association of Search and Rescue."

Lots of preparatory work went into the three-day trip, made March 22. Prior to heading to the Dallas area for the NASAR testing, Katilli has been through four Federal Emergency Management Agency examinations, a hazardous materials course, and a variety of courses through organizations such as



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Along with NASAR lead evaluator Chris Snipes, Wrangell firefighters Steve Prysunka and Walter Moorhead undergo search certification with golden retriever Katilli on March 24 outside Irving, Texas.

Southeast Alaska Dogs Organized for Ground Search.

Prysunka had to have a number of certifications as well, such as for handling bloodborne pathogens, crime scene preservation and first aid. "Some of the stuff I'd already taken for the fire department," he explained.

There was a written test as well, covering general knowledge on dogs and search protocol. Prysunka passed his portion on Thursday, but the main exam

was in the field. There were additional challenges to contend with, getting the dog acclimated to the 80-degree daytime temperatures, and navigating rough terrain with mesquite bushes and bramble thickets.

"It was just awful, and I was just dreading that this would be the kind of terrain that I would be testing her in," Prysunka recounted.

The actual testing grounds were more wooded than the practice grounds had been, encompassing 50 acres. Katilli

and Prysunka were tasked with finding one person who was hiding on the grounds. To demonstrate tactical knowledge and in part to show it wasn't down to luck, Prysunka also had to outline their search strategy beforehand.

"I had an hour and a half to find that person," he added. "During the search I had to articulate what I was doing, like how I would change my tactic if the wind changed." Covering ground in a grid, Katilli poked through hollows and navigated brambles, but after around half an hour had found her man successfully.

The biggest thing being tested for was canine control, said Prysunka, a skill the NASAR examiners give feedback on throughout the exercise.

"That really is the essence of the exam," he said. "She did really well with that. Controllability is one of her strong suits."

With her national-level certification secured, Katilli is now the first of four search dogs in development that are at Wrangell's disposal. The NASAR certification mirrors FEMA standards, Prysunka

explained, though that federal certification would need to be acquired separately.

Over the past four years the fire department and Stikine Sportsmen have helped support the burgeoning search dog program, and Prysunka pointed out it was already showing itself to be useful.

"In the last year, the team has had four times when we were called out," he recounted. On two of those occasions, the situations were resolved prior to deployment of the dog. Another had been a search for a missing hospital patient, and another was to rule out an area for a possible missing person.

"That's a fair amount of call-out for the dogs," Prysunka noted. For instance, the Dallas-Fort Worth area has about 40 dogs at its disposal, covering an area with a population of 6,000,000 people, and gets about eight calls per month, he said.

The certification is no time for Katilli to rest on her laurels, and Prysunka said the training and practice will continue on a regular basis. "We train pretty faithfully, once a week when we can."

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Please join us for a *Meet & Greet* with the Borough Manager Candidates. This is a great opportunity to come and meet the new potential Borough Manager.

**Wednesday, April 5, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
Stikine Inn**

Candidates: Gene Green & Lisa Von Bargaen

There will be light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments available.

There may be a quorum of the Borough Assembly and other Boards and Commissions present however, there will be no action taken at this event.

The public is encouraged to attend.

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Police report

Monday, March 20

Report of Criminal Mischief.

Tuesday, March 21

ATV complaint.

Citizen Assist: Caller requested to get their vehicle unlocked.

Agency Assist: Several 911 fire calls, Fire Department dispatched.

Wednesday, March 22

Catering permit.

Alarms.

Thursday, March 23

Scam Letter.

Possible DV Assault.

Friday, March 24

Agency Assist: Alarms.

Saturday, March 26

Agency Assist.

Agency Assist: Alarm. Person contacted.

Disabled Vehicle: Report of disabled vehicle leaking gas. Officer responded, transmission is leaking.

Sunday, March 27

Agency Assist: Alarm. Officer responded.

Agency Assist: DOT. Rock slide. Report of road blocked.

Report of Hit and Run.

There was one ambulance call during this week.



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Welding caused fire in boatyard mishap

A fire, sparked inside a boat being worked on at Wrangell's boat yard last week, was apparently caused during welding work, according to the fire department.

Just after 5 p.m. on March 21, Wrangell Volunteer Fire Department received reports of smoke billowing up from a Marine Service Center work bay. Employees at Superior Marine Services were busy hosing off the smoldering F/V Bluejacket, a fishing sailboat based out of Port Alexander. Firefighters brought their hoses to the battle within a few minutes, and the fire below the deck appeared to be out. "It looked like they were welding," reported Chief Tim Buness afterward.

Heat had apparently ignited insulation used around the fish holds, which later reignited after the first sousing. Further fire-retardant foam was put down, and the last fire truck left by 7:45 p.m.

"We were waiting to see what was going on with it," said Buness.

There were no injuries reported on scene, though the boat itself was damaged both by the fire and the emergency response. Neither the boat's owner nor Superior Marine responded regarding the extent of damages.

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Dan's Dispatch

By Representative Dan Ortiz

In the last few weeks, folks have called and emailed to ask about our budget and what's happening in the Capitol. There's a lot of misinformation out there, and in this climate, where every Alaskan is worried about the future, it's important to keep things in focus.

With budget numbers flying and hundreds of amendments under consideration, I'm going to pick out the most significant changes – those that will affect you and your family – to highlight. Keep in mind that this is the budget as of March 16th, 2018, 3:30 PM. With hours of debate and discussion ahead, changes will be made as the deliberative process will continue.

So what does our budget look like? As proposed by the House Majority Coalition, which I am a part of, the budget

offers stability for public schools, continues trimming state agencies and programs, and maintains our resource development and fisheries management capacity. Overall, it reduces the budget by \$81.7 million in General Fund (GF) dollars when compared to FY17 - the current year.

Over the last three years, Alaska's operating budget has been reduced by \$1.1 billion (GF), or 17%. During that time I voiced support and submitted legislation for over \$2 billion in cuts, including cutting legislative per diem, cutting state spending beyond bare bones services, cutting funds for special sessions, and ending spending on megaprojects. Some of my proposals have been adopted, others not, and there is still a lot of work to do.

Once again, I recently co-sponsored and spoke on the Floor to cut per diem, which



Dan Ortiz

will reduce legislators' allowances by 75% of the federal rate. The amendment passed.

This session, I did support several increases to the budget because we can't afford to flat-fund our economy. I worked with my colleagues to restore

\$2.1 million to the Alaska Marine Highway System. Funding that had been cut in the Governor's budget for school buses was reinstated, ensuring students' safe travel to and from school and protecting schools from adverse impacts.

The House Majority coalition increased funding for permanent fund dividends by \$98.1 million, bringing next year's dividend to approximately \$1,150.

Accounting changes were also made to bring truth to state budgeting. These changes make the budget easier to read, so Alaskans can see what they are paying for in an accurate and transparent manner. Is this an increase to the Governor's budget? No. It is full disclosure of Alaska's payments and liabilities.

As chair of the Finance Subcommittee for Department of Fish & Game and Department of Education & Early Development, I sifted through those budgets with a fine-toothed comb. I know that the fish and game cuts suggested by the minority caucus would have devastated SE Alaska's fisheries, whether subsistence, sport, or commercial fishing.

My office is open long hours, and you can reach us at 465-3642 or rep.dan.ortiz@akleg.gov for any concerns, no matter the size. Let's keep talking about the budget, and what it will mean to our families and jobs. I'm here and focused on my elected responsibilities.

Obituary:

Lois Bakke Hope, 84

Lois Bakke Hope, 84, passed away peacefully on February 23, 2017 while living in the memory care unit at Patriots Glen in Bellevue, Washington.

Lois was born November 29, 1932 to Tink and Maggie Bakke in Wrangell, Alaska. She later joined the US Army with her sister Seena. After the Army, she lived and worked in Seattle where she met the love of her life, William (Bill) Hope. After they were married in 1967, she moved to Unalaska, where Bill fished king crab with his boat the Shellfish. While living in Unalaska she did bookkeeping for their business.

She loved working in her garden and berry picking. They retired to Wrangell in 1987 where they salmon fished and traveled the world, making friends everywhere they went. She looked forward to marching with her brother Cappy with the American Legion in the 4th of July parade every year. She collected Unalaska and Wrangell art, historical books, and postcards and spent time working in her beautiful garden.

She was preceded in death by her husband William Hope; father Orlando K. (Tink) Bakke, mother Margaret (Maggie) Gunyah Bakke; and sisters Margaret Sturtevant and Seena Watson.

She is survived by: son Gary Hope and his wife Barbara, and their children Alexandra and Grant; son Steve Hope and his wife Susan and son Logan; daughter Paula Hope Simeone and her husband Steve and children Doreen and Charlie; sister Yvonne Stough and children James, Mike, and Ruth Stough; brother Arnold (Cappy) Bakke, his wife Alice and children Arnold Bakke Jr and Helen Bakke Keller; nephews Andrew Sturtevant and CR Watson; many great-grandchildren, great and grand nieces and nephews.

Services in Wrangell will be held at a later date.



Lois Bakke Hope



Stork report



Rooney Karyn was born to Andre and Caity Shafer on February 12, 2017 at Renown Regional Medical Center in Reno, Nevada. She weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz. and was 18.5" long at birth. Grandparents are Lauran Woolery, the late Michael "Bucky" Rooney, the late Michael Patterson, of Wrangell, and the late Richard Shafer and the late Karyn Shafer, of Sparks, Nevada.

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Budget bills nearing cross-examination in Juneau

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Wrangell's district representative for the State Legislature teleconferenced in late last week to update constituents on what's going on in Juneau.

Rep. Dan Ortiz (I-District 36) called in to Legislative Information Office locations in Ketchikan and Wrangell to explain ongoing bills and field questions on March 23. Likely the biggest issue on Alaska's collective mind is its budget deficit, which by various measures is set to drain billions from the state's savings this year. With spending left as is, the Legislative Finance Division projects the deficit would cost the state \$2,707,000,000 during the 2018 fiscal year.

With revenues from petroleum production and mineral extraction falling substantially in recent years, Alaska has been largely withdrawing money from the Constitutional Budget Reserve to cover the difference in its annual spending. Valued at \$10.1B for FY15, subsequent

withdrawals have left the fund at a mere \$4.7B as of the end of February. Left unchecked, the state only has a limited amount of time before the account is completely exhausted.

Ortiz pointed out the Legislature has been trying to check its spending in recent years, cutting the overall budget by 44 percent, including agency cuts of 26 percent.

"There's just no way that we can solve this fiscal issue without some budget cuts being part of the process, and some significant budget cuts," he noted.

But with cuts come reduced service, and reductions to the Marine Highway System, Department of Fish and Game, and State Troopers were among those being felt most by residents in Southeast. Further reductions to education, revenue sharing and capital projects would begin to shift previously state-shouldered costs to municipalities.

Budget bills are being approved by both chambers of the Legislature, with differing views on where to go from here. Passed earlier this month, Senate Bill 26 would restructure the Permanent Fund to supply the state with operating cash. Specifically the way the Earnings Reserve Account, from which annual dividends are paid out, is funded would be tied to a percent of market value of the Fund principal. A POMV rate of 5.25-percent annual withdrawal from the Fund would be put in place, as would an overall spending cap on state operations.

Dividends would be capped at \$1,000 for the next three years, but the overall bill would still leave a deficit of about



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Wrangell basketballers awarded for season play

Following the team's third-place finish at the Region V Tournament in Juneau on March 11, one player on Wrangell High School's Wolves basketball program has been nominated for post-season honors. Senior student Trent Stokes was named to the second squad of the All-State Team, following the state-level tournament in Anchorage from March 15-18. Players chosen for that distinction are selected by members of the Alaska Association of Basketball Coaches. While the Wolves had not made it to state-level play this year, the selection was based on the player's performance throughout the season. Stokes was selected for next month's Senior All-Star Game as well, also to be held in Anchorage. Players chosen to participate in that tournament are nominated by their coaches. At Region V, he had been selected for the All-Conference Team by a committee assigned by the Alaska School Activities Association, which regulates intramural competitions between schools around the state. Along with classmate Sam Prysunka, Stokes was also selected for the Sportsmanship Award at the end of Region V.

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\$819M to overcome with other sources. The bill is currently in the House Finance Committee

awaiting consideration.

Still in committee on the House side and likely to face a floor vote early in April, HB 115 also offers a restructure of the Permanent Fund based on a POMV approach similar to the Senate's. What sets it drastically apart is the institution of an income tax, based on 15 percent of a person's federal income liability.

The state hasn't had an income tax since 1980, but Ortiz argued now was the time to look at its reinstatement. "We're never going to get to fiscal balance just by budget cuts alone. You just can't do it and live up to constitutional responsibilities," he told constituents.

The House bill will have its


cuts too, reducing spending in FY18 from FY17 by \$82.5M. With the cuts and additional revenue added from an income tax – about \$655M – and two-thirds of annual withdrawals from the ERA, the deficit would be reduced more significantly than with SB 26, Ortiz said.

"It's at a high cost. The high cost is the potential of having to pay an income tax," he added.

Testimony on the bill was scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday this week, with a final decision expected Friday. Ortiz said representatives would need to weigh positives of closing the fiscal gap against the negatives.

He noted the Senate's solution also could be looking at a reduction in the Base Student Allocation to municipal schools, by about five percent. This would translate into \$1.4M less to Ketchikan, and \$198,000 less to Wrangell each year, he estimated.

"Which in essence would be passing off the responsibility of funding schools from the state level down to the local level," Ortiz explained. This could mean either property tax increases or more condensed classroom environments. "Those decisions would be put into the hands of the local governing bodies."



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Bat surveyors to hold pre-summer meeting in Wrangell

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Biologists with the state's Department of Fish and Game will be making their way to Wrangell this weekend to explain how the ongoing survey of Southeast Alaska's bat population is going.

Staff wildlife biologists Tory Rhoads and Steve Lewis will be visiting local schools through Friday, teaching about the different species prevalent to the area and explaining how monitoring actually works. A presentation open to the public that evening at 6:30 p.m. has also been scheduled, to be held inside the Forest Service Ranger's office.

Of particular interest will be results from last year's acoustic bat monitoring program, which enlists the aid of volunteer "citizen scientists" in an effort to track bats around the region. Though ADFG itself has been tracking the flighty mammals with radio tags since 2004, since 2014 it has been employing this new strategy, which attaches a monitoring device to the rooftops of everyday vehicles. Driving slowly just after sundown along predetermined routes from April to September, volunteers are able to collect the echolocative sounds emitted by bats passing overhead. Later analysis of the recordings can then be used to determine how many are in the area, and even which of the seven species residing in the region each subject belongs to.

The program so far includes volunteers from Gustavus, Haines, Wrangell, Petersburg,



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Selling sweets to cover fleet feet

The girls with the Wrangell Girls on the Run program on Monday sold off a selection of baked goods outside of the Bobs' IGA deli for this year's fundraiser weekend. They also did so on Saturday afternoon, picking up \$790 for the group's activities, which promotes self-confidence and healthy habits for elementary-aged girls. The program makes sure the girls involved have proper footwear, which the funds they raise helps accomplish. "We haven't done any fundraising in awhile," explained coach Becky McIntyre. Their training season started back in February, and her girls will be holding their first 5K run at the end of April. Anyone interested in helping out – either as a run volunteer, cheerleader, or something else – can contact McIntyre at wrangellgirlsontherun@gmail.com.

Juneau and Sitka. In 2015, 14 local volunteers participated in the program, conducting eight surveys and registering 45 different subjects from four species.

The information collected

will help researchers with the agency better understand the timing of bats' reproduction and migration habits, hibernation intervals and estimated population densities. This collected data goes toward informing population management decisions, including disease control. Though as yet unaffected by "white-nose syndrome" – a fungal affliction which has devastated bat populations on the East Coast – better understanding of Alaska's species can help keep tabs on its potential spread.

Though not directly involved in the monitoring, the USFS has facilitated the state's effort here in Wrangell. The aims of Friday evening's pre-

sentation will be twofold, explained USFS interpreter Corree Delabruue, to drum up help for the vehicular monitoring surveys and to educate.

"We're looking for volunteers, but they're also looking to do a follow-up. Even if people don't want to volunteer,

they can come and learn about this research," she said.

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Renovations planned for UAS Ketchikan maritime facilities

KETCHIKAN, Alaska (AP) – Construction is expected to start later this year on a nearly \$6 million overhaul of University of Alaska Southeast Ketchikan's Regional Maritime and Career Center.

Wendy Miles Horn, the university's assistant director of business operations and special projects, said the work is needed because the two buildings that make up the facility are inadequate, cramped and don't measure up to U.S. Coast Guard and maritime-industry training standards.

The renovations call for creating adequate space to house the industrial labs of the school's welding and fabrication and maritime and multiskilled worker programs, The Ketchikan Daily News reported.

There will also be upgrades to allow needed space for the school's 360-degree maritime bridge simulator. Two smaller bridge simulators will be added for a total of eight training platforms, Miles Horn said.

Dawes Construction will be heading up the work on the two buildings, one of which was constructed in 1959 as a bowling alley. The other dates back to 1985.

"We've been making due from the get-go, and there's just not enough room," said Larry O'Loane, an assistant professor of power technology. "Let me tell you, this (project) is not being gold-plated. ... We're doing what we can with what we've got, and that's the best that's going to happen. It's going to be, quite frankly, a lot better."

As part of the renovations, the maritime and career center will also get a new compressed-air system to enable essential welding shop needs like sandblasting.

Classes at the center will continue throughout the project, which will start in May.

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Gold rush type hootenanny planned for Tent City weekend

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

This year's annual Tent City Days celebration will start tomorrow, opening up with the dog show at 5 p.m.

Celebrating the town of Wrangell's rustic beginnings, the annual late-winter festivity was held a bit later than usual this year due to scheduling conflicts.

"I ain't competing with the Super Bowl," event organizer Kelly Gunderson joked.

Involved with the festival in past years, she took organization of the celebration off the hands of Penny Allen, who in recent years has been working to revitalize it as a local event. For many years Tent City has been about finding fun during the doldrum weeks of February.

Dancing girls, prospectors, and a variety of gold rush themed amusements made it roaring good fun, Gunderson recounted, and for some time made Wrangell a go-to destination. Beyond the festival, garter-wearing "shady ladies" and musicians would welcome incoming ships at the dockside during the summer, a practice which has gone away but which Gunderson would like to see revived.

"There's people still talking about wanting to see that again," she commented.

She herself had spent much time involved in Tent City and the ladies group with their distinctive finery. "I loved the idea of it," she said. "Like my mom told me, 'I was born too late.'"

More importantly, Gunderson felt the celebration was uniquely Wrangell, and showed how community comes together to make things more enjoyable.

"My goal is to bring Wrangell back, bring Tent City back, and take us back out into the world again. To make us a destination," she explained.



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In this undated picture, a group of "Shady Ladies" greet an incoming boatload of visitors to Wrangell. Organizing this year's Tent City celebration, Kelly Gunderson would like to someday bring back the saucy welcome, which for some years had been part of the community's summertime identity.

With the schedule for next year already being ironed out, she hopes to shoot again for the second week of February here on out. As with past Tent City celebrations, she hopes to bring back the more extended weekend as well.

This year's will be an admittedly shorter weekend, running through Sunday. It opens Friday with the annual dog show at the community center gym, with signup at 4:30 p.m. and the proceedings to follow at 5.

Earlier in the day, around lunchtime the Seventh Day Adventist youth group will be holding a bake sale from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Front Street pavilion.

Saturday will see the bulk of the activities, with a Tent City Carnival held at Harbor Light Assembly of God from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Chaired by the high school sophomore class, the event will feature carnival games, cotton candy, inflatable structures and the like.

"It's a fun, safe place for the

kids," said Gunderson.

Happening at the dock all day Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. will be Coast Guard tours of the cutter Anthony Petit.

"That's to give people a chance to see what a Coast Guard cutter looks like," Gunderson explained. Residents will also have the chance to meet crew members, and learn a bit more about the station's mission in the region.

"Next year I'm looking to expand it, to get two cutters and a helicopter in here," she added. In

particular she would like to see a cooperative rescue exercise with the fire department.

In the afternoon, the roller derby group the Garnet Grit Betties will be holding a series of bouts at the high school gym from 3 to 7 p.m. At hourly intervals, mash-up bouts featuring two dozen derbies from communities around the state will be dressed in themes: as superheroes, jokers and jesters, pirates and princesses, and a "Tent City theme," respectively. It went with that general theme because the more recognizable "Shady Ladies" is a copy protected term, Gunderson explained. "It's going to be themed around that," with garters and the like.

The Wrangell Health Fair will also be held that morning, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Nolan Center. Results for blood tests taken throughout the month will be available to retrieve, and a host of informational booths and displays will be put on by a variety of organizations.

For lunchtime, the Alaska Native Sisterhood Association will be holding a fundraiser bake sale and swap meet inside the WCA Cultural Center, with chili dogs and other items. They will be trying to raise about \$7,000 ahead of June for the Blessed 2 Bless basketball clinic, a multiday workshop that the group first put

on last summer.

"The basketball camp is a good thing for the kids here, because it gets them other ideas on how to play basketball," Gunderson said.

The Wrangell Pit Stop will be doing its own western-themed meal specials throughout the weekend, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Saturday it will also be serving meals from 5 to 11 p.m. outside of Rayme's Bar, which at 8 p.m. will host its own Gold Rush Mask Ball for Tent City.

Like the Betties' bout earlier, the theme strays from use of copywritten labels. The general premise will remain the same, and attendees are encouraged to dress up in their fanciest duds. Masks will be provided for the ladies.

In future, Gunderson said the event will have greater preparation, and potentially a naming contest. But things like the bar brig are facets of the celebration she would like to see reincorporated with Tent City Days.

"It's a start, it gets people in the door," she said.

Next year will be even bigger, she expects.

No Tent City celebration would be complete without the Sunday cribbage tournament, which will be held inside the Elks Lodge at 12:30. The tournament is dedicated to three Bobs - Smith, Burrell and Prunella - who had been avid players in the past.

Brewery expansion could help Juneau recycling

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) - Alaskan Brewing Company's plans to expand its Juneau-based facility could help spur the consolidation of the city's waste services.

The brewery is looking to purchase four lots owned by the City and Borough of Juneau for additional retail, storage or office space. The transfer would displace the city's water utility and public drop-off area for household hazardous waste, The Juneau Empire reported.

"We're interested, so it could happen fairly quickly on our schedule," said Alaskan Brewing Company spokesman Andy Kline, "but it's up to the city to say, 'Yes.' They'd have to figure out what to do with the hazardous waste area."

RecycleWorks Manager Michele Elfers told city and borough officials at last week's assembly meeting that relocating the hazardous waste drop-off facility could help streamline the city's plans to consolidate waste services.

Juneau currently has three recycling programs all in separate locations. If forced to move the drop-off facility, the city could create a new hazardous waste drop-off location where residents could also dispose of recycling, composting and scrap metal. Having the operations housed on one property could lower operating and maintenance costs.

"I think it could be a really exciting opportunity for Juneau in general and the community because Alaskan Brewing Company is a really valuable business and community asset for us, and it could provide some opportunity for the RecycleWorks program too, to take our service to a higher level," Elfers said.

The city opened the drop-off facility for hazardous waste in 2014. Before that, the city held only a few events to collect such waste each year. The total amount of hazardous waste collected from 2014 to 2015 increased by 100 tons.

Elfers has proposed several locations for a new consolidated recycling center, including a gravel pit in Lemon Creek and the Capitol Landfill.

Assembly members have decided to look into the relocation and consolidation of waste programs.

Alaskan Brewing Company is aware of its potential impact on the city's recycling efforts. Kline said RecycleWorks' environmentally friendly operations are in line with how the brewery runs its business.

"If we can assist, if we can be a catalyst in the community to allow for our waste to be used in a more efficient way community-wide, then we totally would advocate for that," Kline said.



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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

U.S. Navy moving ahead to conduct war training exercises in early May

The required permits are not yet in hand, but the U.S. Navy is moving full steam ahead on its plans to conduct war training exercises in the Gulf of Alaska for two weeks in early May.

Meanwhile, nine coastal communities have so far signed resolutions asking the Navy to instead conduct its training between September and mid-March, times that are less sensitive to migrating salmon, birds and marine mammals. Several more communities have indicated they will do the same by month's end.

"It's not that we don't want the Navy to do their training – it's the time and locations," said Emily Stolarczyk, program director for the Eyak Preservation Council of Cordova.

"The community resolutions say that we are the people who depend on commercial, subsistence and recreational fishing," she added. "The Navy exercises are planned during the most important breeding and migratory periods for salmon, birds, whales and marine mammals. About 90 percent of the training area is designated as essential fish habitat for all five species of Pacific salmon. May is the worst time to be doing this."

In the 43 years that the Navy has conducted war games in the Gulf, only twice have they occurred in May (2007, 2008).

The Northern Edge joint training exercises include nearly 6,000 military participants "on and above central Alaska ranges and the Gulf of Alaska" according to the Alaskan Command Office of Public Affairs at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage.

The Gulf portion includes an area from 12 miles off the Kenai Peninsula to 140 miles out. Live weapons will be used in and above the water. No independent observers will be allowed to participate.

The Navy does not yet have a required letter of authorization to proceed from the National Marine Fisheries Service, nor have they published a final record of decision. The paperwork is "forthcoming" according to Navy documents dated July 2016, the most recent updates describing the training exercises. The Eyak Preservation Council is sending letters to all Alaska fishing permit holders asking them to contact decision makers about moving the time of the Navy training.

"It contains a letter for fishermen to sign and send to U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) with an option to send a courtesy copy to the NMFS and Pacific Command," Stolarczyk said.

Last September, Murkowski wrote a strongly worded letter to the Secretary of the Navy stating that they needed to do a better job

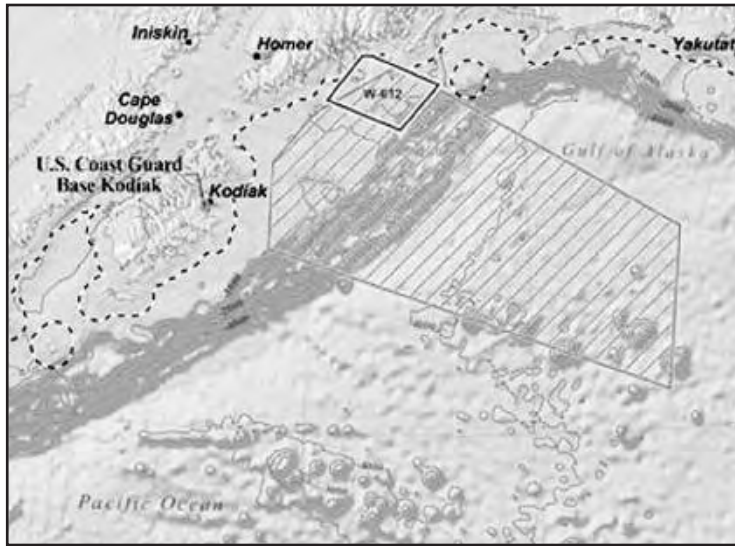


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Northern Edge training region in Gulf of Alaska

of involving local communities and "listening to stakeholders."

Senator Dan Sullivan also has encouraged more direct engagement with Alaskans to "clear up some of the confusion and misinformation being circulated." "As an Alaskan, Senator Sullivan understands the importance of our fisheries and our coastal communities, and would never support an exercise that he believed would adversely affect Alaska's fish stocks or prevent fishermen from doing their jobs," Sullivan's office said in an email message. "The Senator will continue to encourage productive and science-based dialogue between the U.S. military and Alaska's coastal communities."

Despite the non-committal responses, Stolarczyk remains hopeful that the congressional delegation and the Navy will hear the unified voice of coastal Alaskans.

"This is the water that we depend upon at the time we depend on it most," she said. "I am hopeful they can understand that it's not just about what they need – it's about including the needs of communities that depend on these waters for sustenance."

Learn more about the Northern Edge exercises here and at www.summerisforsalmon.org/

High prices for halibut - Catches of Alaska halibut have picked up after wild weather got the fishery off to a slow start when it opened on March 11. Catches by Friday topped 800,000 pounds from 137 landings with Sitka leading all ports, followed by Seward, Kodiak and Homer.

The prized flats were fetching big prices, up 30 cents a pound on average, compared to the early weeks of the fishery last year.

Halibut prices usually are broken into three weight categories. Kodiak prices were said to be fluctuating quite a bit with reports at \$6.45 a pound for 10 to 20 pounders; \$6.75 for 20 to 40's

and \$7.00 a pound for "40 ups."

Ports at Juneau and Homer were reporting a straight \$7 per pound, and halibut deliveries in Southeast were paying fishermen \$6.70, \$6.90 and \$7 per pound. Buyers weren't beating down the doors, said several major buyers, and there are reports of halibut holdovers in cold storage. It remains to be seen if the prices will remain as high throughout the eight-month season. The best fish story comes from Southeast where halibut fishing is said to be "fantastic" and the fish are robust and big. One major buyer said nearly half of their halibut landings were in the most popular 20 to 40-pound weight class and just 31% were smaller sizes.

Nearly 2,000 hook and line fishermen hold quota shares of Alaska halibut. Alaska's share of the coast wide catch this year is just over 18 million pounds. The Pacific halibut fishery remains open this year through November 7.

Herring hauls - Sitka Sound traditionally kicks off Alaska's roe herring circuit and this year's harvest is lining up to be a good one.

The Sound was "boiling" with the most herring they had ever seen, said fishermen on the grounds. A three hour and 20-minute opener on March 19 was followed by a 15-minute opener on the 22nd, bringing the total catch to about half of the 14,647 ton quota. Fishermen were awaiting word of another opener while processors were hustling to handle the herring hauls.

The female herring are valued by Asian buyers for their roe as a percentage of body weight, and the Sitka fish were averaging good roe counts of 11 to 12%. Fishermen averaged \$250 a ton last year and market reports indicate a good chance of higher prices this season.

A herring pound fishery could be the next to go near Craig and Klawock. Fishermen there can catch 349 tons this year and place them in enclousures that contain blades of kelp that hold the sticky herring spawn, prized by buyers.

Kodiak's herring season begins in mid-April, and the harvest is set at a conservative 1,645 tons. "We expect an increase in the herring biomass but it will be mostly younger, 3-5 year old fish. Thus, the smaller quota," said area manager James Jackson at the local Alaska Department of Fish and Game office.

Alaska's biggest herring fishery occurs in May at Togiak in Bristol Bay. The harvest this year is pegged at about 30,000 tons, based on "best estimates" by state managers.

Money for herring management for all areas but Sitka

Sound was zeroed out in the state budget two seasons ago. That has eliminated the sampling necessary to accurately gauge herring stock abundance and age classes.

"For us the bigger impact is that we can't produce a good forecast for Togiak herring because we didn't do the sampling," said regional manager Tim Sands at Dillingham. "The data gap will cycle through our whole population estimate. Togiak herring live more than 12 years, so even if we were to start sampling again this year, we'll have that data gap for at least eight years."

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Manager candidates to meet public in open house

A public meet and greet has been scheduled for next week to allow residents the opportunity to see the front-running candidates for city manager.

Candidates Gene Green and Lisa Von Bargen will be coming here for in-person interviews with the Borough Assembly on April 5, an executive session which will be closed to the pub-

lic. Following that, at 6 p.m. at the Stikine Inn an open event is planned to include interested residents, complete with light refreshments.

The candidates were selected during a second round of searching, in the effort to replace outgoing manager Jeff Jabusch. With him retiring Friday after four decades at City Hall, city staff

and the Assembly have been trying to find someone to fill the position since his announcement in September. The first round of searching, which wrapped up in mid February, proved fruitless as most of the candidates had dropped out or taken other offers. A more expedited review process was adopted, and of the interested candidates Von Bargen and Green have been invited to appear in person.

Von Bargen is currently the community and economic development director for Valdez, a position she has held since 2001. Prior to that she served five years with the Valdez Convention and Visitors Bureau as director and tourism manager, and was executive director for the city's Chamber of Commerce for 21 months. Her resume lists a wide range of project experience pertinent to city management, such as grant writing and land redevelopment.

Green is currently the project manager for Clackamas County, Oregon, after serving for two years as manager for the city of Damascus, also in Clackamas. He had been reassigned within the county after the city of 10,700 voted to disincorporate in May 2016. His prior public experience spans 40 years, including management positions in Kearny,

SE commercial troll meetings schedule set

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced Tuesday its schedule of public meetings for the commercial troll fishery around Southeast Alaska and Yakutat.

Wrangell's will be held on Wednesday, April 12, inside the Nolan Center classroom at 6 p.m. Other town dates and times will be:

Sitka – Monday, April 10, NSRAA conference room at 2:00 p.m.

Ketchikan – Tuesday, April 11, Fish and Game conference room at 5:30 p.m.

Petersburg – Wednesday, April 12, Assembly chambers at 12:30 p.m.

Juneau – Thursday, April 13, ADFG Headquarters Caribou Conference Room at 5 p.m.

Hoonah – Friday, April 14, teleconference at Forest Service Office at 2 p.m.

Pelican – Friday, April 14, teleconference at Pelican City Hall at 2 p.m.

Craig – Friday, April 14, teleconference at City Council chambers at 2 p.m.

Yakutat – Monday, April 24, teleconference at Planning Office at 6 p.m.

Meeting topics will include plans for the 2017 spring and summer troll fisheries, the 2017 Pacific Salmon Treaty chinook salmon abundance index and quota, and a review of the 2016 troll season. Anyone with an interest in the troll fishery is welcome to attend.

Plans for wild chinook salmon conservation restrictions in the 2017 spring fisheries were previously announced for specific areas in a March 6 release, and will also be a topic of discussion. Plans for spring areas not listed in the March 6 news release are not yet finalized and will be announced separately.

The final 2017 Spring Troll Fishery Management Plan will be available to review before May 1.

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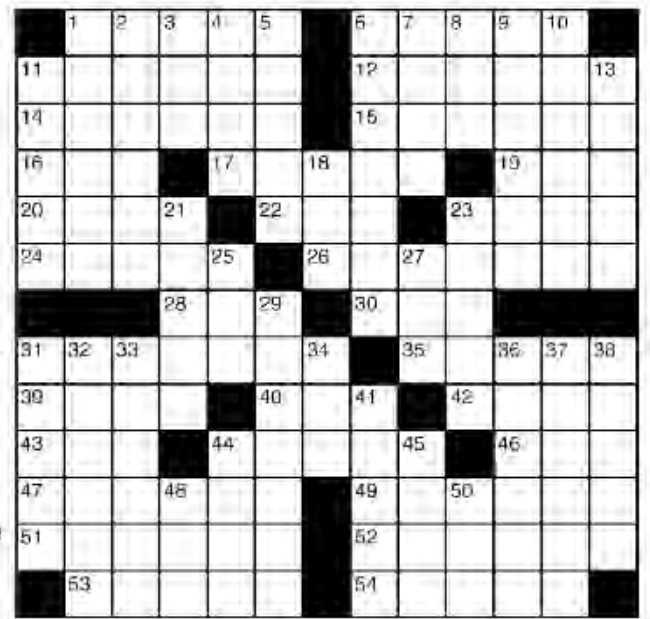
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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

WOW, THIS SEEMS TO HAVE BACKFIRED. I THOUGHT I WOULD PICK YOU UP SOME FLOWERS FOR NO REASON AND NOW EVEN I FEEL LIKE I MUST HAVE DONE SOMETHING WRONG.

King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Strait-laced
 - 6 Makes dirty
 - 11 Not wobbly
 - 12 WWII fleet
 - 14 Chinese dumpling
 - 15 Chocolate treat
 - 16 As well as
 - 17 Flood preventer
 - 19 UN workers' org.
 - 20 Unembellished
 - 22 Turf
 - 23 Took off
 - 24 Practical joke
 - 26 Lacking a cover
 - 28 Energy
 - 30 "Piggy"
 - 31 Mercurous chloride
 - 35 Is capable, Biblically
 - 39 Follow orders
 - 40 Felon's flight
 - 42 Big truck
 - 43 Historical period
 - 44 Cagney's TV partner
 - 46 Very long time
 - 47 Castle's inner tower
 - 49 2012 Olympics site
 - 51 Zen enlight-



- 8 Charged bit
- 9 Chemically unstable
- 10 Fur pieces
- 11 Morass
- 13 Hemingway's "The — of Kilimanjaro"
- 18 Abbr. on a book's spine
- 21 Represent-
- 23 Dog bane?
- 25 A Kardashians
- 27 A Dwarf
- 29 Actress Griffith
- 31 Dorm deni-
- 32 Overseas
- 33 Shed
- 34 Varnish ingredient
- 36 Has no obligation to
- 37 Level
- 38 Lacking resonance
- 41 Dissolves
- 44 Actress Singer
- 45 Loud, long, mournful cry
- 48 Trot
- 50 Ultra-modernist

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Juneau lab preserves Alaska's historical documents

By JAMES BROOKS
Juneau Empire

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – Everyone has enemies.

Cats have dogs. Mice have cats. Dust mites have vacuum cleaners.

Seth Irwin has Scotch Tape.

For the past few weeks and for a few more Irwin is preserving and protecting some of Alaska's most precious documents.

"Tape is my nemesis," he said. "I spend a lot of time taking tape off of things. Painting conservators work with Monets; paper conservators deal with tape, and staples and rust. All the things office workers might put on documents."

Irwin might not be dealing with precious paintings, but the paper conservator from Massachusetts has something critically important in his hands: Alaska's irreplaceable history.

Take the object that was recently on his workbench at the State Library, Archives and Museum as an example. It was a 150-year-old map of Sitka, drawn not long after the Alaska Purchase was finalized in 1867.

Everyone knows the Purchase its anniversary is a state holiday but few people know what happened after Alaska was transferred. Americans and Russians needed to determine exactly what in Alaska was private property and what was public. In other words, this map dotted with colored and numbered lot lines determined exactly what the United States bought.

As Alaska celebrates the sesquicentennial of the Purchase, this map will be a key item in a museum exhibition later this year, explained objects conservator Ellen Carrlee.

It will appear alongside other documents and items from the critical year of 1867, but getting the map ready for display hasn't been easy.

As he showed the map, Irwin placed a small glass beaker onto the workbench next to it. Filling the beaker was four to six feet of aged, fragmented cellophane tape.

"This was probably a full week of eight hours, 40 hours total," he said, pointing to the beaker.

Anyone who's ever removed a price sticker knows how hard it is to remove tape. Now, imagine trying to remove it from an irreplaceable 150-year-old piece of paper.

"I use nasty solvents, and it becomes kind of a bigger affair," Irwin explained.

Without that affair, bad things happen. Irwin showed another document, this one dating from the 1880s, where a strip of tape had left a garish brown streak across the page. The paper beneath was torn, possibly because tape, left undisturbed for decades, can actually dissolve the paper beneath it.

Preventing that problem requires removing the tape, then, "once you take the tape off, guess what? There's still a tear that needs to be addressed," Irwin said.

Irwin uses Japanese tissue, a form of light, strong paper, to mend tears. For glue, he uses homebrewed wheat paste. To fix holes, he blends his own paper there's a kitchen blender on one lab counter then uses an eyedropper to delicately fill the gap.

The work is one part chemistry, one part art history, and one part hand skills, Carlee said.

It's the chemistry part that requires the most care.

Solvents you might be familiar with paint thinner and nail polish remover, for example give off toxic fumes, and they're not always easy to handle safely.

When the state was designing its new library, archives and museum for Juneau, engineers realized that problem, then designed and built a capacious laboratory specifically to preserve and restore paper documents.

"We really saw there was this big need for paper conservation statewide," Carrlee explained.

The resulting lab, where Irwin has been working, is the first of its kind in Alaska.

It has the scent of a high-school chemistry lab and the feel of a dentist's office, not least because many of the tools Irwin uses picks, probes, eyedroppers and delicate vacuums have been repurposed from dental tools.

From the ceiling of the lab hangs a suction hose with a plastic hood at one end. From the floor sprouts a table dotted with pencil-thin suction holes, as if a vacuum cleaner's mouth had been covered with a grate.

Using that suction table, a paper conservator can put caustic chemicals onto a piece of paper and have them sucked through the document before the single drop has a chance to blot across the page.



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Putting on the finishing touches

Local artist Terry Sherer shows his most recently completed work, "Feeding Frenzy" – a large conch he inked with pen over a base layer of paint. Making use of the fungi's naturally cracked and uneven surface, the scene captures animal activities in forests and streams typical to Southeast Alaska. A commission piece, it will eventually be lacquered and set onto a display base.

The hose, extended from the ceiling, whisks away any fumes.

The lab was completed last year in conjunction with the opening of the State Library, Archives and Museum, but Irwin is the first person to use it: While the state had the money to build the lab, the crash in oil prices meant that Alaska couldn't afford to staff it.

"Given the economics, we're not likely to get another position," Carrlee said.

Irwin's visit was paid with a grant used to commemorate the

150th anniversary of the Purchase. In addition to restoring documents, he's putting the lab through its paces and making sure all its new fittings work properly.

Irwin said the engineers seem to have done their job right, and he's already been able to repair many of the documents the museum hired him to fix.

The map on Irwin's table has survived for 150 years. Under his care, it will last for at least 150 more and this time, no tape will be involved.

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

The Wrangell Parks and Recreation Department will accept applications for the position of **Park Maintenance II** until March 31, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, hold a valid Alaska Driver's License and have knowledge of power tools and be familiar with grounds maintenance and repairs. Both positions are full time, temporary.

Duties include both skilled and semi-skilled work in landscape, mowing, weed-eating, grounds maintenance, repairs and construction of parks, playgrounds, ball fields and cemeteries. Pay range \$11.79/hr. - \$14.95/hr.

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

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL Temporary Water Treatment Plant Light Maintenance Wrangell Water Department

The City and Borough of Wrangell will accept applications for the position of Temporary Water Treatment Plant Light Maintenance from March 16, 2016 through April 7, 2016.

The Water Department is currently seeking an applicant to fill the position of Temporary Water Treatment Plant Light Maintenance, to assist in the day-to-day maintenance at the water treatment plant.

The position is full-time, temporary/seasonal that will work forty (40) hours per week.

Applicants must have a valid driver's license and have knowledge of light vehicle maintenance.

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

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Publish: March 23, 30 and April 6, 2017

— King Crossword —
Answers
Solution time: 24 mins.

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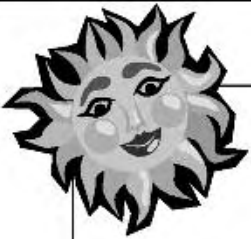
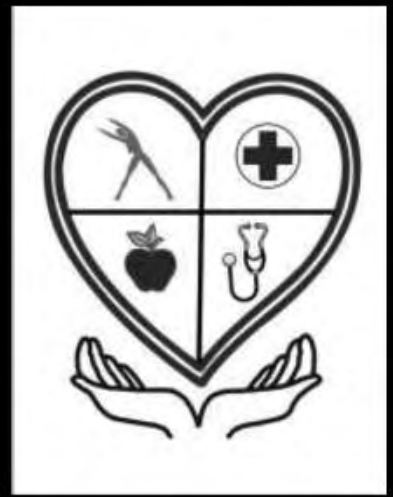
— Weekly SUDOKU —
Answer

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Health Fair 2017

Nolan Center

9 am-1 pm Saturday, April 1



Pick up your Blood Draw results At the Health Fair

Lab results for Health Fair Blood Draws will be available to pick up at the Health Fair in the Nolan Center Classroom and will include a second copy for you to give to your doctor or medical provider.

In addition to picking up your results, we will have displays, information and Janet Bunes, RN available to help you decipher what those results mean. You may also choose to make an appointment at that time to speak with a medical provider about your results. Additionally, many of our vendors may also offer information on lifestyle changes that can help improve your numbers in the following year.

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Kids-bring your teddy bears for a check up!

*Must be 18 to play

Assembly

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"We just don't know how it's going to play out," she explained.

"I think this is the safest way to do it, at least for now," Lane concluded.

The group agreed, voting unanimously to pass the item on first reading. If modified at the April 11 meeting, Lane pointed out the ordinance would have to undergo another reading with a public hearing before it could be adopted.

Additional ordinances limited business hours for cannabis-related activities to be prohibited between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 a.m., Monday through Sunday. They also laid out the conditions under which the city would protest application for a license with the state Marijuana Control Board. These are also up for public hearing on April 11.

In other borough business, the Assembly approved a change order in the amount of \$2,501 for the city dock lighting project. Contractor Bunes Electric won the project bid for \$254,440 in December despite a lower bid being submitted, due to a local preference bid. The additional amount would not put the Wrangell contractor's bid beyond the five-percent margin above which the ordinance would not have applied, but Jack wanted to make clear that the error had been on the part of the city.

"The reason for this change order is that the plans were not correct. It was not the contractor's issue," he said.

Assembly members also approved initiation of the first phase of the Wrangell Institute master plan commissioned last year. Prepared under contract by Juneau firm Corvus Design, the plan broke down future redevelopment of the 134-acre property into manageable steps. The first step would be to prepare around five acres for medium-density residential, which under the original plan would encompass 10 lots and cost about \$827,576.

At a public planning session held in June, contractor R&M Engineering estimated the total cost for the site's envisioned development could surpass \$9,000,000. Even moving forward in small steps, Jabusch explained city staff's proposed first stage was an alternative to the master plan. Rather than start at

the southern end of the property and have to extend sewage, road and water access further – which could cost anywhere from \$160,000 to \$200,000 – a subdivision at the northern, closer side would be developed first at a reduced cost.

"We are looking at a way to start out with the least cost to utilities," he said.

Economic development director Carol Rushmore roughly estimated that to break even, third-acre lots would have to sell for around \$30,000. However, covering costs was not the primary consideration in the longer run of things.

"The goal is to get them out, increase your tax base, get people building on them," Jabusch explained.

For capital improvements, the Assembly approved hiring contractor Jensen Yorba Lott to prepare designs for replacing the roofing and siding of both the Public Safety Building and public pool facility. Both buildings are in dire need of an upgrade, and the \$17,870 fee would cover preparation of construction plans, to be covered



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Flanked by sons Jake and Mike, Jeff Jabusch bids goodbye to public life at his retirement party on Saturday. His four decades as Wrangell's finance director and city manager conclude on Friday.

from the FY17 capital line item.

Finally, the Assembly and city department heads wished Jabusch luck on his retirement, with Friday to be his last day.

"I've enjoyed working with the Assembly the past three and a half years," Jabusch told them. He said he appreciated the time and effort Assembly members put into their positions, which are strictly voluntary. "You only

get paid in grief, it seems."

In his bimonthly report, he had warned that further cuts to state revenue sharing and education allotments being considered on the Senate side could have a significant impact on the community's finances.

"We certainly have challenges ahead of us," Jabusch said. However, he noted that in the 40 years he's worked at City

Hall, that's always been the case.

Jack read the outgoing manager a letter from Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), congratulating Jabusch on a job well done. Jack also presented him with a plaque on behalf of the Assembly. Noting the job was not the easiest, he told Jabusch, "I'm glad you stuck in there, Jeff."

STEAM

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enjoyed the STEAM programming because of the different skills it encourages. "I teach this because I see the value in problem solving," she said. Breaking down problems into segments and working them through is not intuitive for everyone, and exposure to such exercises can help foster more abstract ways of thinking. The exercises also encourage team building, another skill with myriad applications in the real world.

Capping off the day, the students were able to build and fly their own model drones. They then put their completed models to the test, completing a variety of obstacles while also competing for points. Time and action points were factored in to final scores.

"I almost crashed the drone into the wall," said one student, Serena Barrett. "Even though it was hard, it was fun."

Wrangell Schools tech director Matt Gore explained that unmanned aerial vehicles present a growing opportunity for future workers, and addresses shortfalls felt even presently.

"We don't have enough drone pilots in Alaska," he pointed out.

New applications for the machines are being devised constantly, finding new niches to be of use. For example, power and communications companies are finding them useful for line maintenance, scoping out infrastructure for damage and wear more cheaply than a crew can. The devices can also be used for research, such as spotting, identifying and tracking whales by the distinctive features on their tails visible while fluking.

"If you can get someone who takes it seriously, there's a lot of avenues for it opening up," said Gore.

The tech was brought to the high school the next day, and over to Evergreen Elementary School on Friday.

"It was a busy week," said Thomas.

The workshop also presented a unique opportunity for cultural exchange, allowing dancers with the Johnson O'Malley program to share several dances on a live stream feed. The Wrangell students represented their Tlingit-Haida culture along with Alutiiq students streaming in from Kodiak, for the benefit of Aboriginal Australian elders and students partaking in the 2017 Lake Mungo Youth Project in the province of New South Wales, Australia. Also streaming in to observe was a group of students learning in China.

"We are the closing ceremony to this event," Johnson told Wrangell students. He explained the exchange was taking place at a site held sacred by indigenous Australians. "It's a tremendous honor," he told them.

The exchange highlighted some of the shortcomings yet to work out with the new technology, as connectivity issues prevented an earlier exchange of the drone program's doings with their Australian counterparts. Organizers discovered the BlueJeans video conferencing format AKTeach uses is blocked in Australia, and that afternoon was spent trying to reengineer the exchange.

By 5 p.m. Wrangell was ready, and despite a few hiccups on the other end was able to broadcast. Students in Alaska also got to learn a bit about the site, and interact with students via telecast.

"It was pretty amazing for our kids, getting to access technologies from outside our community," secondary schools principal Bill Schwan said of the week's activities afterward. The STEAM workshop gave the school some ideas for its own programming, and introduced several activities that get students thinking outside the box. "These kind of activities do that and they're fun. It's a pleasing way for them to enjoy learning."

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