



Class of 2019 celebrates graduation

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Wrangell High School was packed with students, family, and friends of the class of 2019 last Friday night. Another school year had come to a close, and so had the high school careers of 16 seniors. The school's commons was filled with poster

boards covered in pictures of the graduating students, and the gym was decorated in school colors and filled with extra seating.

The commencement began rather traditionally, as most high school graduations do. The students walked out onto the stage to "Pomp & Circumstance,"

performed by the high school band. After that, there was the salutatorian and valedictorian addresses. The class of 2019 had two salutatorians: Abigail Armstrong and Kellan Eagle; and two valedictorians Helen Decker and Jean-Luc Lewis.

"I would like to thank all of our parents, grand parents, ex-

tended family, and friends here tonight," Armstrong said, welcoming everyone to the ceremony.

Eagle also extended his thanks to the school faculty during his speech for "putting up with our class for the past 15 years." He thanked the custodial staff for their hard work, the

teachers for giving all their time to educating his class, and other staff members for their assistance when it came to scholarships, college applications, or day-to-day activities in the school.

Lewis's speech was very comedic, with wisecracks interspersed between heartfelt thanks to his family and school. He shared fond, and funny memories of his time at Wrangell High School. From freshman year to graduation, he said that he and the whole class had an amazing experience.

"The date was August 28, 2013, and on this day 10 girls and 12 prepubescent boys walked through the doors of Wrangell High School," he said. "The first days were filled with euphoria, and body odor. But as the days passed our grades, just like our voices, dropped."

Decker's speech was funny like Lewis's, and equally heartfelt. She spoke about how her class had benefited from Wrangell's strong sense of community, and all the support they had received inside and outside of the school. She also gave special thanks to her grandparents, who flew in from Michigan to attend the graduation ceremony. While Decker said that she and her class all had amazing futures to look forward to, graduation was a period of things ending as well as beginning.

"There have so many 'lasts' lately," she said. "Last prom, last

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The Wrangell High School class of 2019 held their graduation last Friday evening. Pictured here, the class celebrates upon receiving their diplomas and concluding the ceremony. The graduating students are (in no particular order): Ashley Allen, Abigail Armstrong, Alicia Bales, Riley Blatchley, Helen Decker, Kellan Eagle, Katelyn Early, Abigail Gerald, Stone Guggenbickler, Jacob Hammer, Ashtyn Hayes, Elizabeth Johnson, Jean-Luc Lewis, Anthony Messenger, Dillon Rooney, and Morgan Torvend.

Community gathers to bless the fleet

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The Wrangell Mariners' Memorial Board and the Wrangell Ministerial Association came together last Sunday to jointly host the annual blessing of the fleet. The event is a tradition honoring Wrangell's fishing fleet and maritime history, according to board president Jen Miller, and to send them out safely as the fishing season draws closer. She added that this was the first year the memorial board has been involved in the fleet blessing. The ministerial association has held blessings at various harbors over the years, but this year they wanted to come together at Heritage Harbor, where the board is planning to construct a memorial to Wrangellites lost at sea. She added that the blessing brought together several other organizations, too.

"We decided to come together once Wrangell Mariners' Memorial formed because this is a perfect spot for that event, and have a joint effort," Miller said. "This year the Pioneers of Alaska joined and helped us, as well. They provided our salads and breads for us, and community members our desserts."

It was a short ceremony, but drew a large crowd. Memorial board member Brennon Eagle said there were roughly 150 community members in attendance. The blessing of the fleet opened with a flag proces-

sion led by Girl Scout Troop No. 31. "Amazing Grace" was played on the bagpipes by Mike and Mary Kurth, while several boats paraded past Heritage Harbor and dropped wreaths into the ocean, in memory of those lost at sea.

Kem Haggard, of Harbor Light Assembly of God, and Michael Bates of the Salvation Army, said prayers for safety and good luck for every Wrangell boat that would be out on the water this fishing season. At the close of the blessing, everybody was invited to stay for a banquet at the harbor. People got to enjoy a large dinner of shrimp, crab, coleslaw, garlic bread, and a wide variety of desserts.

Besides the blessing, the Mariner's Memorial Board also used the ceremony as a fundraising opportunity by selling shirts and stickers, and also showing off blueprints of the planned memorial.

"I'm really excited that it seems to be progressing, and having a place where people can come and gather, a natural gathering place to remember those people we've lost and to remember them, but at the same time celebrating our culture," said Haggard.

Eagle spoke about the progress the memorial project has been making, the Tuesday after the ceremony. This summer, he said, the board has committed to getting groundwork, cement work, and preliminary

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Mark and Mary Kurth played the bagpipes during Sunday's blessing of the fleet.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, May 23: Nicole Hammer, Logan Scott, Lori Baremore, Dennis Pavlina, Mia Wiederspohn. **Friday, May 24:** Jana Barlow, Yvonne Reeve, Bucky Bjorge, A.V. Ritchie Sr., Jordan Glass, Lillian Smith, Brandon Ellsworth. **Anniversary:** Lorne & Stephanie Cook. **Saturday, May 25:** Scott Thomas, Chelsea Schoonover, Guy Young. **Anniversary:** Jake & Alesha Jabusch. **Sunday, May 26:** Judy Bakeberg, Shaleen Kuntz, Jesse Sumner, Israel Comstock, Jordan Veelle. **Monday, May 27:** Amanda Johnson, Austin Dow, Ida Howell, Cathy Cooper, Aaron Comstock, Nola Walker, Tonia Ayers. **Anniversary:** Gene & Maggie Fennimore. **Tuesday, May 28:** Debbie Torvend, Lucas Stearns. **Wednesday, May 29:** Wayne Kaer, Robert Baremore, Jeff Angerman, Dakota Holder. **Anniversary:** Joe & Alexandra Rugo, Keene & Faye Kohrt. **Thursday, May 30:** Timothy Garcia, Draven Golding. **Anniversary:** Walter Moorhead & Carol Ross, Rob & Dena McChargue.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, May 23

Turkey w/Noodles, Mixed Veggies, Cabbage, Raisin & Pear Salad

Friday, May 24

Hamburger, Cantaloupe Slices, Oven Baked Potatoes, Carrot Pineapple Salad

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day, The Senior Center closed

Tuesday, May 28

Beef & Veggie Stew, Spicy Fruit Cup, Rolls

Wednesday, May 29

Mac & Cheese w/Beef, Steamed Carrots, Perfection Salad

Thursday, May 30

Fiesta Pork Chops, Cauliflower, Fruit Slaw, Sweet Potatoes

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, May 25
Malaspina 7:15 a.m.
Sunday, May 26
Columbia 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, May 28
Malaspina 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 1
Malaspina 8:15 a.m.
Sunday, June 2
Columbia 7:45 p.m.

Southbound

Thursday, May 23
Malaspina 9:00 p.m.
Monday, May 27
Malaspina 4:15 a.m.
Wednesday, May 29
Columbia 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 30
Malaspina 11:30 p.m.
Monday, June 3
Malaspina 5:00 a.m.

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



TIDES May 23 - May 30

	High Tides		Low Tides					
	AM	PM	AM	PM	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
May 23	4:06	15.3	5:18	13.2	10:34	0.1	10:38	5.3
May 24	4:48	14.1	6:10	12.6	11:19	1.1	11:31	5.9
May 25	5:39	13.0	7:12	12.3	12:10	2.0
May 26	6:47	12.1	8:17	12.6	12:36	6.2	1:08	2.7
May 27	8:08	11.7	9:14	13.3	1:52	5.9	2:10	3.1
May 28	9:21	12.0	10:02	14.2	3:07	5.1	3:11	3.2
May 29	10:22	12.6	10:44	15.1	4:10	3.8	4:07	3.1
May 30	11:14	13.3	11:23	15.9	5:00	2.3	4:56	2.9

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, May 23

Friends of the Wrangell Museum Meeting: Wrangell Museum, 7 p.m. Important meeting to discuss decisions that have to be made regarding the museum. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Saturday, May 25

Older Alaskan's Breakfast: Wrangell Senior Center, 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Is the attendance at your meeting or event low? Send information for Roundup to wrgsent@gmail.com or call 874-2301.

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. TuTh 5:15-6:15 p.m. Sa 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
2 Lane Lap Swim: M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Lap/Tot Swim: MTWThF 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. S 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Swim Club: M-F 3:15-5:15 p.m.
Open Swim: M-W 5:30-7:00 p.m. F 6:30-8:00 p.m. S 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Weight Room: M-Thu 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-7:30 p.m. F 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-8:30 p.m. S 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

MEETINGS

AA Meetings:

North Star Group Meeting. St. Philip's Church. Tuesday: 7 p.m., Thursday: 8 p.m., Friday: 8 p.m.

The Way We Were

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

May 22, 1919

"The union fishermen of the Wrangell district have declared a boycott on all local fish buyers. Buyers from Seattle and Ketchikan are already on the grounds, and we will ship fish from here to Prince Rupert direct, if necessary," said E. R. Sawyer, secretary of the Wrangell, Alaska Labor Union. "Prince Rupert buyers are paying 4c above price paid here for round fish. Fishermen have land donated to them at Ward's Cove where they will build a cooperative cold storage and mild curing plant, and will have their market in the Middle West, cooperating with the Non-Partisan League."

J. G. Bjorge, manager of the Columbia & Northern Fishing & Packing Company said, "The Stikine river gill netters have had no complaint to make about our prices. Their strike was out of sympathy for the trollers. The Ketchikan buyers, we are informed, will offer the Stikine river gill-netters 9c for Red Kings where the Wrangell buyers were offering 10c. The Stikine river gill netters will therefore lose 1c per pound on Red Kings when they sell to Ketchikan buyers at a lower price in order to boycott the Wrangell buyers."

May 26, 1944

In Wrangell for a couple of days this week was John McCormick, Director of Selective Service for Alaska, en route to his headquarters in Juneau after conferences in Washington, D.C., with Selective Service and Army chiefs. For the present, at least, Army wants few men over 26, the Director reported. Therefore, it is not expected that those over 26 years of age in Alaska will be called for some time at least. Plan is that 18-year-olds coming up and men under 26 who have heretofore been deferred for essential industry will

fill the ranks.

May 22, 1969

The Boy Scout Troop split the group into two parts for overnight hikes this past weekend. The first group consisting of Hawk Patrol, Apache Patrol and Raven Patrol, left the Institute Friday afternoon by bus. They rode to Pat's Creek and from there walked the beach to McCormack's Creek and the cabin which once belonged to Leo McCormack. The boys cleaned the cabin, sweeping the floors with tree branches, set up the fireplace for cooking and hunted wood for the fire. Part of the boys hunted boughs for bedding, while others carried water for coffee and cleaned up around the cabin. Patrol games were the order for Saturday morning and by noon everyone was hungry. A big fire was built

on the beach and as soon as a good bed of coals was ready everyone prepared his own meal.

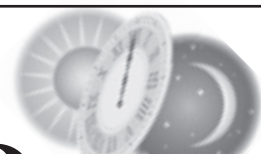
May 26, 1994

This summer, members of the community have formed a committee called the "We Love Learning Project" intended to extend the learning time for all students beyond the limits of the present school year. The Wrangell School Board earlier this month approved this group's plan to offer three one-week learning camps open to all children grades 3-8. The camps will be centered around three different themes. The first theme is Space Camp; the second, Nature Camp; and the third, Explorer Week. Among other things, participants will learn how to use a compass, plot a course, read and make a map.



Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
May 13	66	41
May 14	55	48
May 15	57	48
May 16	55	45
May 17	55	48
May 18	60	46
May 19	66	45
May 20	64	48



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
May 23	4:23 am	9:07 pm	16:44h
May 24	4:22 am	9:08 pm	16:46h
May 25	4:20 am	9:10 pm	16:50h
May 26	4:19 am	9:12 pm	16:53h
May 27	4:17 am	9:13 pm	16:56h
May 28	4:16 am	9:15 pm	16:59h
May 29	4:15 am	9:16 pm	17:01h
May 30	4:13 am	9:18 pm	17:05h



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Assembly continues budget workshop, hears SEAPA update

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The Wrangell Borough Assembly sat down for a continuation of their ongoing series of budget workshops on Tuesday, May 14. The assembly has been putting together their FY 2019-2020 budget for the past month, and are getting closer to final approval of it. Each workshop has covered a different portion of Wrangell's facilities and their financial needs. Last week's meeting took a look at capital facilities maintenance and improvements.

The capital facilities department is looking at a budget of \$474,790. About \$268,000 will be spent on a variety of maintenance and custodial work. The largest expenses in these areas come from the public safety building and city hall, which are set at roughly

\$82,500 and \$56,300 respectively. The Nolan Center, too, will have about \$22,800 set aside for maintenance.

Beyond maintenance, Wrangell is also looking to do some Capital Improvement Projects, or CIP, to several borough-owned buildings. According to the agenda packet for the workshop, Wrangell is defining "CIP" as any new project which costs \$50,000 or more, and maintenance projects which cost \$25,000 or more. Many CIPs have been funded via state and federal grants in the past, but the assembly pointed out that those are harder and harder to find with the current financial times. Potential alternative sources of funding were listed in the packet, including taxes, user fees, lease agreements, loans, or donations.

The public safety building, home to Wrangell's court, DMV, police department, and fire department, was a source of many discussed projects. The building is old and, as the assembly discussed, nearing the end of its lifespan. There are several high-cost projects the building needs to extend its life. This includes renovations to the roof and siding of the building, fire alarm replacement, and repairs to the heating system. The total of all the public safety building CIPs listed come out to about \$858,000. There was quite a bit of discussion amongst the assembly on what projects could wait and what needed to be done immediately. There was also discussion on whether or not it would be more cost-effective to look into construction of a brand new building. As this was only a workshop, however, no formal action was taken.

Other CIPs listed include placing a new columbarium at the cemetery, replacing the heating, ventilation, and air

conditioning controls at the Nolan Center, and various other projects for the parks and recreation department.

The assembly also held a brief meeting after the workshop. They took the opportunity to recognize a group of AmeriCorps volunteers, who attended the meeting, and to thank them for their recent volunteer work around town. They also congratulated city employee Betsy McConachie on her recent retirement.

In new business, the assembly approved two amendments to the current FY 2019 budget. One amendment was to accept \$36,500 in revenue from the sale of borough property, and to place it in the industrial construction fund. The other amendment was to transfer \$61,000 to pay for barge shipping, for the two Nome generators Wrangell has planned to add to its power grid.

Mayor Steve Prysunka also used the meeting as an opportunity to update the assembly on Wrangell's power situation. As many know, the communi-

ties of Wrangell, Petersburg, and Ketchikan all went through a power crisis in recent months, due to Tyee and Swan Lake having low water levels. The situation was worsened when the Southeast Alaska Power Agency oversold hydropower to Ketchikan from Tyee Lake, which is meant to primarily supply Wrangell and Petersburg. With the melting snow and increase in rain, however, the lakes have begun to refill. To avoid any future repeats of this fiasco, Prysunka said that the SEAPA board, which he is part of, are planning some new guidelines. A 30-foot "fence" will be set around Tyee Lake's draft limit, of about 1,260 feet. In the future, no hydropower can be sold by SEAPA unless lake levels are 30 feet above the draft limit. If the levels fall below the fence, all sales will be suspended. This will ensure that Wrangell's and Petersburg's power needs will be met first from the lake, and will also help preserve water levels in case of an emergency.

Court report

May 13 - Dylan Franks was arraigned before Deputy Magistrate Leanna Nash on charges of unlawful contact and violating conditions of release. He entered a not guilty plea and was released on a \$1,000 performance bond. A calendar call was scheduled for July 9.

May 14 - Jazmyn Waddington-Wright was arraigned before Deputy Magistrate Leanna Nash on charges of driving under the influence. She was released on a \$250 performance bond. A calendar call was scheduled for June 18.

Lisa Nicole Nelson was found guilty of charges of driving under the influence. She will serve three days of house arrest. She has also been fined \$1,691, and was placed on probation until May of 2020.

Casey Seimears was brought before Judge Kevin Miller for a felony first appearance on charges of theft and criminal trespass. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for May 31.

Leonard D. Williams III had charges of criminal trespass, criminal mischief, and drunk on licensed premises dropped against him, under a suspended entry of judgement. He has been fined \$200 and will have to perform 20 hours of community service, 10 of them at the police department

Police report

May 13, 2019
Citation issued: Derek Meissner, 36. Blocking roadway.

Lost property.
Suspicious incident.
MVA damage.
Traffic complaint.
Citation issued: John Verhey, 59. Failure to provide proof of insurance and verbal warning for driving habits.

Traffic complaint.

May 14, 2019
Traffic stop.
MVA damage.
Two conditions of release.
Two traffic stops.
Citizen assist.
Lost ATM card.
Two traffic complaints.
Agency assist: Fire department.
Missing dog.

May 15, 2019
Harassment.
Citation issued: Christian Larsen. Time limit parking.
Citation issued: Anna Hagelman. Speeding.
Agency assist: Public works.
Found property: Owner notified.

May 16, 2019
Citation issued: Joshua Ingman, 37. Speeding.

Traffic hazard: Dog darting in and out of traffic.
Agency assist: City Hall civil issue.
Summons service.
Domestic: Civil issue.
Agency assist: Alarm.

May 17, 2019
Extra patrol: Person loitering around private property at night.
Agency assist: Harassment.
Hit and run.
Animal complaint: Person hit a deer.
Agency assist: Fire alarm.
Dangerous dog.
Fireworks.
Citizen report: DUI unfounded.

May 18, 2019
Citizen assist.
Harassment.
Citizen assist: Unlocked vehicle.

May 19, 2019
Agency assist: USFS.

There were two ambulance calls and three dog complaints this week.

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Single candidate for this year's royalty contest

By CALEB VIERKANT
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The Fourth of July royalty contest is a longstanding tradition in Wrangell. Each summer, candidates looking to be named "king" and/or "queen" compete in a fundraising competition to support the city's fireworks show. Last year's competition saw three competitors. This year, however, there is only one person running for queen: Abigail Gerald.

Gerald is a recent graduate of Wrangell High School. She said that she decided to run because it would be a fun way to support her community, as well as to help build up her college fund. The royalty contest raises money for the fireworks through raffle ticket sales, which the royalty candidates sell around town and at food booths they run through the month of June. According to Alicia Holder, with the chamber of Commerce, candidates get to keep about 25 percent of the ticket sales. Gerald said she has a goal of selling 100,000 tickets, which would go a long way to paying for



Abigail Gerald

her education at Northwest University.

"I guess you could say that you should just support the community," she said. "I'm running and you have to volunteer for that, but in reality what we're doing is raising money for the community, and providing a service for the community as well, with the food booth. I mean, support me because you're supporting the commu-

nity." Gerald has had a busy sum-



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JOM car wash

Wrangell's JOM dancers held a car wash, last Saturday, to raise money for the upcoming Celebration 2020. Pictured here (left to right) Brody Knecht, Solva Gillen, and Delilah Ramirez.

mer so far. Between graduating from high school, she has also been sending out letters of support, asking for donations

for her food booth, and gathering sponsorships from local businesses. She has five sponsorships for her food booth, she said. They are Grand View B&B, 5 Star Fish, Taylor & Sons, the Stikine Inn, and Gig Decker's fishing vessel the "McCrea."

Her food booth will have a wide variety of options for people to choose from, she said, from hamburgers, fried bread, and chili dogs, as well as a daily special menu to pick food from. A full daily menu will be released in the near fu-

ture, she said. Besides food, people are also encouraged to purchase tickets. Holder said they are \$1 each, and help pay for the third of July fireworks, which will be held at Volunteer Park this year.

The royalty contest will have an official kickoff party at the downtown pavilion on May 31, at 6 p.m. Gerald will be running her food booth at the pavilion most days from June 1 to July 1. To learn more about the royalty contest, call the chamber of commerce at (907) 874-3901.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

It was 84 degrees near the Arctic Ocean. Severe weather threatens eighteen states. Antarctic is losing its ice fields and Nome is ice free. Deadly California fires. Ninety-four degrees in Omaha, Nebraska. Earthquakes in Oklahoma, Alaska and Texas due to fracking and our politicians who were put in office by the oil companies deny...deny and tell us that there is no climate change? Really?

The sea is rising due to the North and South Poles melting. Just look at the Mendenhall and LeConte Glaciers which are slowly retreating as they melt.

Fracking takes gas out of the earth, oil production takes a fluid from the Earth, plastic in the landfills, and garbage and raw sewage from cruise ships are making Wrangell, Juneau, and Ketchikan unsafe to swim in or harvest clams, and other subsistence foods. Think about what our politicians are doing in Juneau which are strictly conflict of interest because of their monetary ties to the oil companies. This climate change is a combination of both man and nature, but there is no mistake overpopulation and human greed have brought these disasters on us.

We need statesmen like Governor Hammond who was for Alaskans. I heard Dr. Gross talking on KSTK this morning and went down to his gillnetter to talk to this Independent who wants to make health care reasonable, keep the AMHS ferry operating, make the pharmaceutical pay for the opioid epidemic and hopefully will be running against Senator Sullivan. He is on a fact-finding search visiting many Southeast Alaskan communities on his own dime. I think it is time for Alaskans to wake up and realized the PFD was a switch and bait from Dunleavy. This is what Hammond feared. We need responsible leadership that cares about Alaska and Alaskans. Vote Alaskan and think about our childrens' future.

Capt. Loretto Jones

Death Notice

Lurine M. McGee

Lurine M. McGee, 96, passed away April 30, 2019 at Wrangell Medical Long Term Care. An obituary will follow.

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Four swimmers compete in Alaska Junior Olympics

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Four members of the Wrangell Swim Club went to Anchorage last month, in late April, to compete in the Alaska Junior Olympics. Over the course of the four day meet, from April 25 to 28, 24 different teams from across the state competed. The Wrangell team collectively made 18 personal best times.

Christina Johnson competed in the 10-years-old and younger category and made six personal bests. She took third place in the 50-yard breaststroke, fourth in the 100-yard butterfly, fourth in the 500-yard freestyle, fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke, sixth in the 100-yard individual medley, seventh in the 200-yard individual medley, and sixth in the 50-yard butterfly.

Jack Roberts competed in the 13-14-years-old category and made four personal bests. He took twenty-second place in the 50-yard freestyle, twenty-fifth place in the 100-yard freestyle, eleventh place in the

200-yard individual medley, twenty-second place in the 200-yard freestyle, and ninth place in the 100-yard butterfly.

Nikolai Siekawitch also competed in the 13-14-years-old category and made four personal bests. He took eighth place in the 1,650-yard freestyle, eighth place in the 100-yard breaststroke, fourth place in the 50-yard freestyle, fifth place in the 100-yard freestyle, eighth place in the 100-yard backstroke, ninth place in the 200-yard freestyle, and seventh place in the 100-yard butterfly.

Renee Roberts competed in the 15-years-old and older category and made four personal bests. She took tenth place in the 200-yard backstroke, tenth place in the 50-yard freestyle, twenty-third place in the 500-yard freestyle, seventh place in the 100-yard freestyle, thirteenth place in the 100-yard backstroke, twenty-fifth place in the 200-yard freestyle, and twenty-sixth place in the 100-yard butterfly.



COURTESY OF JAMIE ROBERTS

Four members of the Wrangell Swim Club went to Anchorage last April to compete in the junior olympics. Pictured here (in no particular order) is Christina Johnson, Jack Roberts, Renee Roberts, Nikolai Siekawitch, and Coach Jamie Roberts.

School board appoints student representative committee, reviews grant applications

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell School Board met last Monday night, May 20, for one of their regularly scheduled meetings. One of the first items they covered was the final report of the school year from the stu-

dent government. They heard updates about student activities, and what the kids have been up to their final few weeks of school before summer, or graduation, came around. The student government elected new leadership in their final meeting, held on May 7. Jing O'Brien was named president for the 2019-2020 high school government, and Laura Helgeson was named vice-president. Kaylyn Easterly will serve as secretary, and Wade Jack will be the government's treasurer.

Related to the student government, the school board also appointed a "student represen-

tative committee" during their meeting. This committee will interview student candidates who are interested in the position of student representative to the board. This is a position open to two high school students, who will serve as a liaison between the student body and the district, provide "student insight" to the school board, and to report to the students about the work of the school board. The committee that was approved by the board consists of Secondary School Principal David Macri, teacher Winston Davies, Loretta Rice, Superintendent Debbe Lancaster, and School Board Member Jessica Rooney. They will begin the interview process later this week, and will present their decision at the next school board meeting.

Grant applications were another important agenda item the board reviewed. There were three applications that came before the school board that evening: The Alaska Mi-

grant Education Literacy Grant, the NRA School Shield Grant, and the Small Rural School Achievement Program (SRSA). The literacy grant is awarded to school districts to support improving literacy rates amongst migrant families. The NRA grant, in the district's application, will be used provide new locks and cameras to Evergreen Elementary School, if awarded. The SRSA is a federal program that is designed to offer financial assistance to rural schools, aimed at improving academic achievement amongst students. All three applications were approved by the board.

During the meeting, the school board also reviewed several policy updates. The board plans to review the 2019-2020 student handbooks, the school bus transportation contract, and the annual calendar of board activities at a future date. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for June 17.



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Wolverines come back strong after previous loss

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Wrangell's little league major league teams met again last Wednesday, May 15. The Wolverines and the Cubs, the league's two major league teams, have been equally matched all season. Two weeks ago, the Cubs were able to pull ahead of the Wolverines with a win, making them 3-2 for the season against the Wolverine's 2-3. However, the Wolverines were able to claim a strong win last week, and re-tie the two teams' records.

The game opened very strongly for the Wolverines, which made three runs in the first inning against the Cubs' one. Neither team could get additional runs in the second inning, but the Wolverines got to pull ahead another three points in the third inning. The Cubs made a second run in the fourth inning, but that would be the last point they made. The Wolverines continued to make score after score, ending the game with a score of 11-2. Both teams are once again tied for the season, 3-3.

"These teams are both really competitive for this early in the year, they look great," said Wolverines' Coach Andy Hoyt. "The kids are coming along great. Our bats came alive tonight and won the game for us, couldn't be more proud of them."

The two teams were scheduled to meet again on Monday, May 20, but the game was cancelled because no plate umpire was available that evening, according to Kaelene Harrison, with the little league.



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Cubs player Ben Houser (No. 10) making a pitch.

Bears continue winning streak

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

After two more wins, the Bears continued their winning streak last week. The Bears claimed wins against the Wrangell Little League's other two minor league teams last week. They are now 5-0 for the season.

The first game, on May 14, pitted the Bears against the Sharks. It was a strong opening for the Bears, which

made five runs in the first inning against the Sharks' one. The Sharks fought hard for a comeback, though. They made two runs in the second inning, and another two runs in the fifth. The Bears, meanwhile, only made three more runs the rest of the game. The Sharks had one more opportunity to catch up, in the sixth inning. Despite making one last run, however, they were unable to take the

lead. The game ended 6-8, a win for the Bears. The Sharks are now 0-5 for the season, still looking for their first win of the season.

The Bears went up against the Rays the next game, on May 16. It was, to say the least, heavily in the Bears' favor. The Rays were unable to make a single run, while the Bears racked up 10 points by the final inning. The Rays are now 2-2 for the season. The Bears coaching staff, after the game, all said they were very proud of their team's performance.

"They're showing up on time, prepared, doing good, having fun," said Bears Coach Hank Voltz



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Bears player Carter Cummings (No. 40) running to first base after hitting a single. The Bears continued their winning streak last week, now 5-0 for the season.



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Rays player Kaiya Brevick (No. 3) gets ready at second base.

Plane crash near Metlakatla

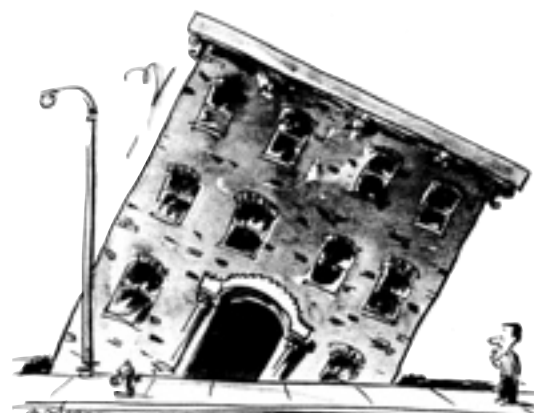
KETCHIKAN - According to a press release from the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, a floatplane crashed in Metlakatla harbor Monday afternoon, killing both the pilot and another passenger on board. Taquan Air Flight 20 crashed while landing in the harbor around 4 p.m. Monday, May 20. According to the press release, witness statements say the plane flipped on impact. A seine boat was the first one on the scene, according to a police report from the Metlakatla Police Department, good Samaritans aboard the F/V Lady Liv attempted to rescue the two victims from the crash. The Metlakatla Volunteer Fire Department, the police, the Ketchikan Volunteer Rescue Squad, the Coast Guard, and two

Guardian Flight medics sent by Taquan Air responded to the scene.

The police department's press release states that the victims were freed from the plane within twenty minutes of the police being notified of the crash. Pilot Ron Rash, 51-years-old, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and passenger Sarah Luna, 31, of Anchorage were declared deceased at the Annette Island Service Unit. The Ketchikan Gateway Borough said that a National Transportation Safety Board investigator and two FAA officials are beginning an investigation into the crash.

This is the second fatal plane crash to occur in the area within a week.

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Senior students showcase service projects

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell High School class of 2019 set up shop in the gym the afternoon of Tuesday, May 7, to give presentations on their community service projects. The projects are a requirement for graduation, according to Principal David Macri, worth about half a credit. The senior students, individually or in small groups, are supposed to spend at least 20 hours on a project or series of projects that help the wider community. Afterwards, they then put together a poster board reporting on what they did, why, and how it affected the community.

"I see this as a very valuable program and we need to develop it a little bit more, quite a bit more, actually," Macri said. "This is part of their graduation requirements ... Most of them choose one specific task, a few of them will do two or three things but combine the hours."

There were 10 booths set up around the high school gym for family members, friends, and judges to come by and see what the seniors have been working on.

Some of the projects were designed to help the school itself, such as Anthony Messenger's project of scraping gum out from under the



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Morgan Torvend, Ashton Hayes, and Alicia Bales collaborated on their senior project by helping out with Christmas Tree Lane last December. Christmas Tree Lane brings together people and groups from around town who donate Christmas trees that people can bid on. Proceeds from Christmas Tree Lane go to benefit the Wrangell hospice.

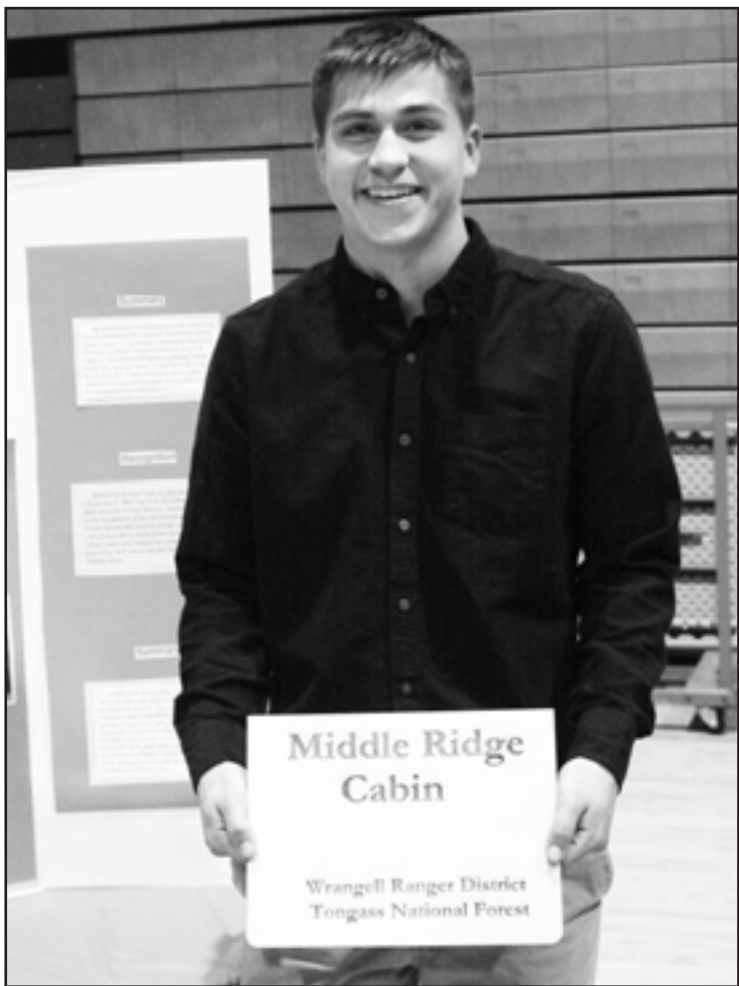


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Jacob Hammer's senior project involved creating new cabin log books for the Forest Service. He said that he designed the interior of the log books with help from the Forest Service. The main part of his job, though, was to design and laser engrave wooden covers for the books.

high school's tables.

Jean-Luc Lewis, senior student, organized an ACT prep course for his project. He said it was a good learning experience, both for himself as the teacher and for those taking the preparatory class. They all went over the four sections of the ACT test, English, math, reading, and science. The class reviewed each section, the kinds of questions to look for and how best to study for them, and took numerous practice tests. After becoming comfortable enough in one section, Lewis said, they would move on to the next section and dive into it.

"The ACT is the standardized test that is used by many colleges to test academic ability," Lewis said. "I thought that since it's such a big test and it's so broad, and so many colleges use it, I thought it was important to have a class so students could get those test scores that will help them get

scholarships in college. It's just an overall important test that I felt students didn't have good access to studying so I wanted to give them that opportunity."

Other projects were related to the great outdoors. Senior Elizabeth Johnson used her service project to assist researcher Joshua Ream on his research on amphibians around the Stikine River area, which the Sentinel has written a previous story on.

Senior Jacob Hammer assisted the Forest Service by helping design and laser engrave wooden covers for their cabin log books.

"From getting the cabin names to putting the names in the rhino program, which is what we use for the laser, to be able to laser engrave it ... I estimate about 13 hours, probably," he said.

Several projects were revolved around sports. Senior student Stone Guggenbickler helped the Wrangell Elks lodge organize their annual

Hoop Shoot. The Hoop Shoot is an annual program held by the Elks, where kids can compete in a free throw contest. The winners of the local contest are given the opportunity to compete in a regional Hoop Shoot, followed by the national competition that took place in Chicago, last April. Wrangell's Hoop Shoot saw almost 50 participants this year.

Seniors Kellan Eagle and Riley Blatchley teamed up and coached a youth basketball team for the Wrangell Parks and Recreation Department for their project. They said that they chose coaching as their project because of all the fond memories they had playing basketball. Blatchley said he has played basketball since third grade, and he wanted to give other kids a similar opportunity. Eagle said basketball has taught him a lot beyond the areas of physical fitness, and it was something he wanted to help pass on. While their team did not win as many games as they would have liked, they both said it was a great experience and a lot of fun. They estimated they put between 25 to 30 hours into their project.

"I remember Kenny Wilson was my first coach in second grade. I just learned a lot from him," Eagle said. "It was nice, it was a lot of fun to coach them, too. They're very good kids."

The following is a complete list of the senior students and their volunteer projects: Ashley and Helen Decker - Stikine Middle School volleyball. Abby Armstrong and Abbi Gerald - Cardboard box maze. Alicia Bales, Ashtyn Hayes, and Morgan Torvend - Christmas Tree Lane. Riley Blatchley and Kellan Eagle - Youth basketball. Stone Guggenbickler - Elks Hoop Shoot. Jacob Hammer - Cabin log book project. Anthony Messenger - Scraping gum off tables. Elizabeth Johnson - Amphibian research. Jean-Luc Lewis - ACT prep course. Dillon Rooney - Wolf-pack wrestling.

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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH Fisheries columnist

Rep. Don Young files Keep Fin Fish Free Act to keep fish farms from U.S. offshore waters unless authorized by Congress

In his 46 years as Alaska's lone representative in Congress, Don Young helped toss out foreign fishing fleets from Alaska's waters with the onset of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) in 1976, and today he is intent on doing the same with offshore fish farms.

The MSA established an 'exclusive economic zone' (EEZ) for U.S. fleets fishing from three to 200 miles from shore. Now, a bill introduced by Young aims to stop the Trump Administration's push to use those waters for industrialized fish farming operations. The fish farms are being touted as a silver bullet to boost seafood production, provide jobs and reduce the \$15 billion seafood trade deficit that comes from the nation importing over 85 percent of its seafood.

Earlier this month, Young filed the Keep Fin Fish Free Act which would stop officials from allowing fish farms in U.S. offshore waters unless specifically authorized by Congress.

"The biggest selling power we have in Alaska is wild caught salmon and other fish products and I don't want that hurt," Young said in a phone interview. "If we put in a commercial operation offshore, outside of State jurisdiction, we'd have a big problem in selling our wild Alaskan salmon."

Rep. Young's effort follows a push begun a year ago by over 120 aquaculture and food-related industries to have lawmakers introduce an Advancing the Quality and Understanding of American Aquaculture (AQUAA) Act, which failed to get any traction. The campaign is

organized under a new trade group called Stronger America Through Seafood and includes Cargill, Red Lobster, Pacific Seafoods and Seattle Fish Company.

"I was assured they were not going to grow salmon but they will have to feed all the fish. And that pollution factor can get into the water and contaminate our salmon. And I don't know who's going to be involved in it," Young said. "I'm very supportive of the state waters production of shellfish and kelp, but I'm trying to keep all fish farms off the Alaskan shores, that's the big thing."

Rep. Young, who is in his 24th term, said he believes most other coastal states are opposed to the idea of large fish feed lot operations off their shores. He added that no one likes the idea of so much fish being imported to the U.S. but said "we shouldn't weaken our natural system to try to feed our appetite. We should try to increase our natural system and make sure we have more finfish and I'm confident we can do that."

Young's bill was immediately hailed by numerous environmental organizations.

"Raising fish in massive cages in federal waters is completely against the public interest and will not solve our food system crisis," said Shannon Eldredge of the Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance.

"This is what I'm doing this for," Young said. "To keep our fish safe and make sure that the best product gets to the market." He added that the AQUAA Act has not yet been re-introduced to Congress and he does not believe

there is much interest in advancing it.

Senator Roger Wicker (R-Mississippi), the bill's sponsor, is reviewing the legislation and working to find a Democratic cosponsor before re-filing it.

Pebble gets tossed - A lawsuit by the Pebble Partnership and six fishermen against the Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association was dismissed on May 17 by an Anchorage Superior Court.

The plaintiffs argued that the association was overstepping state statutes in aligning itself with tribal and other groups to speak out against the threats posed by the proposed mine and should instead restrict its messages to marketing. The lawsuit was supported by the state of Alaska, a stance contrary to two previous governors, Parnell and Walker, who both acknowledged the association's authority to spend its own funds at its own discretion.

In dismissing the case, Judge Yvonne Lamoureux said the association had the right to not only promote Bristol Bay salmon, but to take steps necessary to protect the integrity of that brand.

"Interpreting the statute as restricting RSDAs' abilities to devote efforts regarding environmental concerns in their regions has the potential to produce some absurd results. For example, a RSDA could advertise and market its salmon as wild, pristine, and sustainable but would not be able to spend funds in a way to keep those brand identities authentic in its view or spend funds to signal to its consumers its efforts to main-

tain that brand identity," Lamoureux wrote.

She also ordered the Pebble Partnership to pay the defendants' attorney fees and costs.

In an email correspondence, I asked Governor Dunleavy what he would say to a room full of Bristol Bay salmon fishermen, Native groups and others about his support of the Pebble lawsuit. Spokesman Matt Shuckerow responded: "Governor Dunleavy has said that like all natural resource development projects, he would like to see the Pebble project follow the established permitting process. He says the outcome of that process will ultimately determine if the project meets the standards set forward in law and regulation.

"More broadly, the Governor's position on resource development continues to be that we should take care of our environment while responsibly seizing opportunities here in Alaska. Rather than developing minerals across the globe in locations with little to no environmental safeguards, we should be doing our part here to allow Alaska resources to move safely to market."

Dunleavy also did not support expanding the public comment period on the Pebble Mine permit, which was ex-

tended to July 1.

Salmon starts! Alaska's 2019 salmon season officially got underway on May 16 with catches of sockeyes and kings at Copper River. A total of 2,237 king salmon and 20,474 sockeyes during the 12-hour opener.

"It looks like we might be back to normal," said Bill Webber, a 52 year fishing veteran at Copper River, referring to last year when the total sockeye salmon harvest of 44,000 was the lowest in 120 years.

Starting prices also were reported as the highest ever with sockeyes paying out at \$10 a pound and \$14 for Chinook.

"Fish and Game takes three data points to create a trend and establish how the fishery is going and Mother Nature might throw a curve ball but I feel optimistic," Webber added.

For 16 years, Webber's Paradigm Seafoods has sold much of his salmon directly to customers and he is renowned for the equipment he has created to enhance fish quality. All of the salmon are immediately processed onboard the *Paradigm Shift* using an automated intravenous pressure bleeding system, which as of this season can be regulated via a cell phone.

Local organizations set sights on gun range improvements

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The NRA Foundation recently gave a \$14,500 grant to some local organizations for the purpose of gun range improvements. Kimberly Powell, the membership co-chair of the Wrangell Rod and Gun Club, said her group partnered with the Stikine Sportsmen's Association to write a grant seeking funds to improve the city's gun range. Powell wrote the grant on behalf of the association, she said. The money came from the Friends of the NRA Banquet that was held in Wrangell last November. Powell said that the gun range, located on Spur Road, is used almost year-round by the island's residents. However, the condition of the gun range is in need of improvement.

"It's a widely used community resource, owned by the city, however parks and rec doesn't have the necessary funding with the city budget cuts to maintain the facility so we thought we'd help out and see what we could do to help keep it in working order," Powell said.

The funds for the range improvements are divided amongst various projects. \$1,800 will be used to make the shotgun range more accessible, and \$3,200 will be used to construct a walking/driving path down the middle of the range. Powell said

they also wanted \$900 to install surveillance cameras at the range, but the grant did not cover electronics. The biggest project, she said, is \$9,500 to replace both pavilion roofs, which are rotting.

"However, we have determined that the extent of the rot is greater than we had originally anticipated," Powell said. "So we may be doing some local fundraising to make up the difference, if needed. We are looking for volunteers if anyone's willing to help out with the city's capital projects crew."

The gun range renovations are bringing together more than just the Stikine Sportsmen and the Rod and Gun Club. As the gun range is a city facility, the city will be providing in-kind labor on the renovations. Local businesses Rock Hard Construction and Mike Allen Enterprises have also offered discounted supplies and labor. The AmeriCorps volunteer team that has been working in Wrangell the past few weeks has also pitched in.

Work began on renovations May 16, with AmeriCorps volunteers clearing brush. Powell said that they hope to have everything complete by June 30. However, she said that depends on the extent of the rot in the pavilions, and whether further fundraising becomes necessary.

"That's our tentative goal," she said.

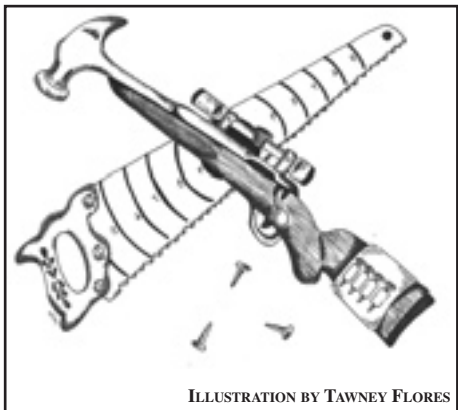


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Golf roundup

Muskeg Meadows Golf Course held a nine-hole best ball tournament last weekend. There were 11 participants in total on Saturday, May 18. First place went to a team composed of Matt Hauser, Doug Nelson, and Jim Brooks. They had a net score of 22 with a team handicap of 15. Faye Kohrt had the straightest drive of the day at 178 inches.

Sunday's game, on May 19, had eight participants. First place went to a team composed of Brian Smith, Jason Garringer, Keene Kohrt, and Faye Kohrt. They had a net score of 20 and a team handicap of 16. Kaye Kohrt had the straightest drive of the day at three feet.

Next weekend the Totem Bar will be sponsoring a nine-hole best ball tournament. Sign up begins at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 25.

Coach Jim Brooks also gave an end of the year report for the Wrangell High School and Stikine Middle School golf club. The season exceeded expectations, he said in an email to the Sentinel. They met twice a week over the course of five weeks, and practices saw as many as a dozen students participating. The club held its championship last week, where seven golfers competed in a best ball tournament of two teams. First place went to a team composed of Jacen Hay, Devlyn Campbell, and Kyle Hommel. In the runner up position was Jimmy Baggen, Jayden Buhler, Nick Allen, and Spencer Petticrew.

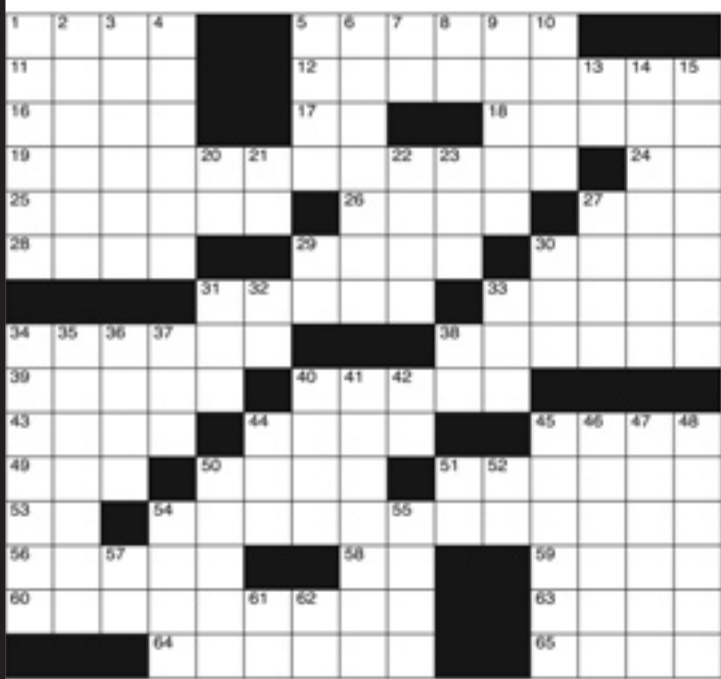


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- 17. A moon of Jupiter
- 18. "Riddley Walker" writer
- 19. Basketball's "Grandmama"
- 24. Gallium
- 25. Stocky sea duck
- 26. Expressions of delight
- 27. Albanian monetary unit
- 28. Some are electric
- 29. Refine
- 30. Clusters
- 31. Get rid of
- 33. Female body part
- 34. Passerine bird
- 38. One who is killed for their religion
- 39. Green (Spanish)
- 40. Partner to awe
- 43. Flightless, running Aussie birds
- 44. One who breaks up the ground
- 45. Sacred language of some Hindu texts
- 49. Get free of
- 50. Furnace of burning
- 51. Sent in large quantities
- 53. Type of medical patent (abbr.)
- 54. Failure to follow the rules
- 56. Egyptian unit of capacity
- 58. A public promotion of some product or service
- 59. Strongly scented subshrub
- 60. Miserable in appearance
- 63. Coagulated blood
- 64. Boil at low temperature
- 65. Republic of Ireland

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- 2. Dennis is one
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- 4. Popular rec activities
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- 6. Cries
- 7. Morning
- 8. Pass catcher
- 9. Spirit of an era
- 10. Suffix
- 13. Megabyte
- 14. In an expectant manner
- 15. More curving
- 20. Plural of thou
- 21. Son with the same name
- 22. Not one
- 23. The woman
- 27. Uncouth man
- 29. Laugh
- 30. Sustained viral response (abbr.)
- 31. Between northeast and east
- 32. In the matter of
- 33. A tree that bears acorns
- 34. Supervised
- 35. Not quite a full earner
- 36. Unpleasant substance
- 37. Some are fake
- 38. Hammer is a famous one
- 40. Type of cup
- 41. Poisonous Eurasian plant
- 42. An alternative
- 44. Belongs to he
- 45. Bond actor's real name
- 46. Ring-shaped objects
- 47. One who reads in a church service
- 48. Conceive
- 50. One educated in Japan
- 51. Rural delivery
- 52. Robot smarts (abbr.)
- 54. Women
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- 57. Delaware
- 61. Automaker
- 62. Mystic syllable

Shoemaker Bay Harbor renovations delayed, but still within budget

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Renovations to Shoemaker Bay Harbor missed the substantial completion deadline last Friday, on May 17. Capital Facilities Director Amber Al-Haddad said that contractors were expected to have the renovations far enough along that boats could be docked in the harbor once again, while the rest of the project was completed. This did not hap-

pen, she said, and the whole project has been thrown off schedule

"Their whole schedule has been pushed back," Al-Haddad said. "Everyone's really anxious to get the job done."

She said that the reason the work has been delayed is because of a variety of issues with manufacturers. The steel manufacturer had trouble supplying steel to the float manufacturer, which delayed them in building floats to send to Wrangell. As installing the floats was one of the main parts of the project, much of the work was delayed while the contractors had to wait for the floats to arrive in town.

That is not to say work has ground to a halt. As drone footage by Wrangell resident Greg McCormack shows, the new ramp from the dock to the parking lot has been installed, and several of the walkways have been built or are in the middle of being constructed. Contractors are also working on getting electricity and

utilities installed at the harbor, Al-Haddad said.

"The contractor is bringing in additional floats," she said. "They have already completed the installation of the main walks C and D."

In another spot of good news, Al-Haddad said that the Shoemaker renovations are still within the budget. The cost of the project is set at about \$8.4 million. There was some unexpected increases to state administration fees for the project. Al-Haddad said that the fees rose from 1 percent of the project to 2.48 percent. Fortunately, she said, about \$400,000 of untouched contingency money had been set aside for the renovations, which they will use to cover this additional cost.

The original final completion date of the renovations was set for June 13. No new date has been set, yet, but Al-Haddad said they will begin moving boats back into Shoemaker as soon as the docking is ready.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT SITKA

In the Matter of the Estate)
)
 of)
)
 James Frederick King,)
)
 Deceased.)
) Case No. 1SI-19-17 PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Beckie Martin and Jeff King were appointed Co-Personal Representatives in the above-named estate in Superior Court for the State of Alaska, First Judicial District at Sitka on the 21st day of March, 2019. All persons having claims against the Decedent, James Frederick King, are required to present their claims to Co-Personal Representatives Beckie Martin and Jeff King, via their counsel Denton J. Pearson, c/o Panhandle Law Center, LLC, 713-B Sawmill Creek Road, Sitka, AK 99835, or to the Clerk of Court at the above-named court within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

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WRANGELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS is accepting applications for the position of Long-term Substitute Elementary Teacher: This position will begin August 22, 2019 and is estimated to run through February 7, 2020. An Alaska Type A Teaching Certificate with the appropriate endorsements is required. Please contact the district office at 874-2347 for more information. This position is open until filled. It is Wrangell Public School District's policy to not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex or disability.....1x5-23b80

WRANGELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS is accepting letters of interest for the following extra-curricular positions for the 2019-2020 school year: Art Festival Advisor,

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) will hold a Special Board Meeting on May 29, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. AKDT, via teleconference, in the offices of the Southeast Alaska Power Agency, 1900 First Avenue, Suite 318, Ketchikan, Alaska. The purpose of the meeting will be for consideration and approval of a change in the Agency's fiscal year. For additional information, please call 907.228.2281.

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 - c. The Wrangell housing office is located at 730 Zimovia Hwy #A2.

See AHFC's website at <https://www.ahfc.us/publichousing> for complete instructions, eligibility requirements, and application submission details. Applicants with questions may call the Wrangell housing office at 907-874-3018 or send an email to gwood@ahfc.us.

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**Puzzle
answers from May 16 Edition**



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electrical work for the memorial completed. They want this phase of the project wrapped up by September or October. After this summer, he said the board will really focus on fundraising for the final parts of the project and nailing down the criteria for having someone's name added to the memorial. They have a completion date set, loosely, for the summer of 2020.

"We really intend to go forward with construction this summer," Eagle said.

The initial phase of construction will cost about \$140,000, which Eagle said the board can afford thanks to the generosity of the community. As far as fundraising goes, he said that he and the board cannot thank Wrangell enough for their support. He also added that there are several outstanding grants the organization has applied for, which will also



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As a part of the blessing of the fleet, several boats participated in a parade by Heritage Harbor, where wreaths were thrown into the water in memory of those lost at sea. Pictured here is Eric Yancey of Breakaway Adventures tossing a wreath.

be a big help if they are awarded.

"I feel we're over 50 percent right

now, in hand, with what we need," he said. "If we get those two grants we'll be at 75 percent."

To learn more about the mariners' memorial, visit www.wrangell-marinersmemorial.com.

Convention and Visitors Bureau discuss online optimization

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Convention and Visitors Bureau met last Monday afternoon, May 20, to discuss a potential deal for search engine optimization. The CVB had been discussing a contract with Truly360, which is a contractor with Google. According to Economic Development Director Carol Rushmore, Truly360 was offering a two-year contract, for a total of \$36,336, to help Wrangell and its local businesses use Google to its best advantage. This would include things like getting Wrangell higher up in search listings, getting Google Street

View to come to town, creating a virtual tour of an important location in Wrangell, and providing training on Google's numerous resources. Wrangell would be somewhat of a "case study" for the company, Rushmore said, as they did not typically work with small Alaskan towns. However, this also meant they were offering a large discount on the contract.

"It would allow us to optimize our Google settings, and they'd be working with the businesses in town to do that, also," Rushmore said. "It would give us the travel guide option within Google, where it shows you the different things that

we're able to do. It would help us grab all the assets around town, like trails and things like that, we'd have the ability to manage those and add additional information."

If accepted, the CVB would be using money from the Marian Glenz fund. Glenz was a Wrangell resident and longtime member of the CVB from 2008 until her passing in 2017. She left behind \$50,000 to the convention and visitors bureau, to be used for marketing and advertising purposes.

As this contract with Truly360 would constitute such a large portion of the Glenz money, every member of the bu-

reau that was present for the meeting voiced reservations about accepting the deal. The common argument from the bureau members was that this sounded like a terrific opportunity, but it was a lot of money. Nobody wanted to misuse these funds that a community member had left behind for them. There were also numerous questions about Truly360 itself. Brenda Schwartz-Yeager asked if it was possible to get similar services, for cheaper, from several different contractors instead of from just one, while Chris Hatton searched on her phone for reviews of the company. Corree Delabruue said that if no-

body was gung-ho about accepting this contract, that was probably a sign that they should not.

The Bureau also asked if Rushmore had contacted any other communities Truly360 had worked with in the past, to hear what they had to say. Rushmore said that she had reached out, but had not heard back from anybody. She did say that, if the bureau wanted, she would reach out again and try to get additional info about Truly360 for them. After some discussion, it was agreed that the bureau would defer accepting this contract, pending additional information from Rushmore.

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Graduation

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basketball games, last classes, last pranks, but these 'lasts' have only made me appreciate my time at Wrangell High School even more."

The commencement address was given by Secretary Megan Powell. Her speech was similar to all the others that preceded it.

She thanked the community for coming out and showing support to these graduates. She also talked about how the class of 2019 was going to do amazing things with their post-high school lives, and how she will miss them.

"These 16 graduating students before you tonight have

graced my life with their presence for the last four years," Powell said. "I began working as a secretary for Wrangell High School when this class began its journey in high school. I watched them grow, struggle, change, and mature. I've laughed with them and at them. I saw them as timid, unsure 14-year-olds and saw them grow into smart, witty, and tenacious young adults. They each have such incredible personalities that there will certainly be a hole in WHS when they're

gone."

Before passing out the diplomas, there were a few more items to take care of. The graduating class pulled out flowers and presented them to their parents and close family members, as a thank you for their support through high school. The parents, too, had a graduation gift for their kids. Each graduating student had a slideshow made of them, showing their progression from babies to young adults. The parents had also recorded messages to their kids

at the end of each slideshow, saying how proud they are and how much they love them.

After receiving their diplomas, the students switched their tassels to the other side of their hat, threw them into the air, balloons fell from the ceiling and music began to play. With that, another class completed its journey through Wrangell High School. The walk down the aisle from the stage was filled with cheers, confetti, and applause, as well as the promise of an exciting future.



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Co-Valedictorian Jean-Luc Lewis addresses the audience at the class of 2019 graduation.



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Kellan Eagle and Abby Gerald walk down the center aisle at the conclusion of their graduation ceremony.

SEARHC to celebrate groundbreaking of Wrangell's new medical center

On Thursday, May 30, SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Wrangell Medical Center (WMC) from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. at 232 Wood Street in Wrangell. Located adjacent to the Alaska Island Community Services (AICS) Medical Clinic, the new WMC will include a critical access hospital and long-term care facility. The decision to build a new medical center is in concert with SEARHC's intent to enhance and expand healthcare services in Wrangell.

"Dating back to the merger with AICS in 2017, and later with the acquisition of Wrangell Medical Center in November 2018, SEARHC has been steadily pushing forward to meet the healthcare needs of the Wrangell community," said SEARHC President and Chief Executive Officer Charles Clement. "Starting construction of the new WMC facility is a significant milestone in Wrangell's journey towards a sustainable health system and mirrors SEARHC's goals of partnering with our communities to provide the best healthcare services possible."

SEARHC acquired WMC from the City and Borough of Wrangell in November 2018 with a goal to complete construction on a joint campus with SEARHC's AICS Medical Clinic by early January 2021. Final designs by Wold Architects and Engineers were completed in January of 2019, with floor plans including an 14-bed long-term care wing and four-room acute care wing vetted by WMC and SEARHC staff. Adjoining the new hospital with the AICS Clinic will be cost-effective through the use of shared-space, including more than 3,000 square foot of under-utilized space designated as office space for WMC staff.

"The groundbreaking ceremony is an exciting time for the Wrangell community and the entire SEARHC family," said SEARHC Vice President and WMC Hospital Administrator Leatha Mercurieff. "It's vital to the future of Wrangell's healthcare for SEARHC to provide the high level of service that WMC patients are accustomed to while building the capacity to enhance and expand services. Having a state-of-the-art facility in our backyard ensures SEARHC will provide Wrangell with the best health services for decades to come."

Dawson Construction was awarded the new hospital contract, and the project is currently on schedule, with the 45,000 square foot joint healthcare facility set to begin accepting patients on January 1, 2021.

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