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SEAPA postpones \$841,000 payment to Wrangell and Petersburg

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Southeast Alaska Power Agency, representing the communities of Wrangell, Petersburg, and Ketchikan, decided to postpone a reimbursement plan to its two northern communities in

their last meeting.

Petersburg and Wrangell took on additional costs to keep the lights on in their towns over the past months, which they felt SEAPA should compensate them for. In a brief summary of recent events, Wrangell and Petersburg both

receive hydropower from Tyee Lake. Due to dry weather last year, however, water levels in the lake were low. SEAPA also sold some hydropower to Ketchikan, which was also dealing with its own power issues. The water levels in both Tyee Lake and Swan Lake,

where Ketchikan usually draws its hydropower, neared their draft limits. To conserve what water was left in the lakes, Wrangell and Petersburg switched to diesel power from Feb. 15 to March 28.

According to documents provided by Steve Prysunka, mayor of Wrangell and SEAPA board member, the board of directors agreed to reimburse Wrangell and Petersburg for the use of their diesel generators on Feb. 28. The money for reimbursement would come out as a reduction in SEAPA's revenue. According to the document, Wrangell spent a total \$564,163 in diesel and overtime costs. Petersburg spent \$754,055.

The document goes on to explain that the final cost of the reimbursement would be minus the 6.8 cents per kilowatt hour of power the two communities typically pay for hydropower. As there was a little over 7 million kWh generated between the two towns, the final total of the reimbursement package comes out to \$841,786. Wrangell will receive \$358,555, according to the document, and Petersburg will receive \$483,231.

"That covers the cost of diesel, and overtime," said SEAPA CEO Trey Acteson.

However, in their most recent board meeting this week, the SEAPA board decided to postpone the payment. Acteson explained that the board had a tentative agreement to reimburse the communities, but no formal action had been taken yet. He said that they wanted to clear the situation with auditors first. He did say, however, that the public can anticipate formal action to be taken by the board soon, in their next meeting. The next SEAPA board meeting is scheduled for June, he said, but it is likely the board will hold an emergency meeting before then.



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Elks host Easter egg hunt at City Park

The Wrangell Elks Lodge hosted an Easter egg hunt at City Park last Sunday afternoon. Children of all ages, and their parents, came out for the event. Pictured here are Ellie McIntyre (left) and Ethan Whitaker (right) grabbing as many eggs as they could.

Three WHS seniors awarded Sasayama/Alaska Pulp Corporation scholarship

By CALEB VIERKANT
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Three senior students at Wrangell High School were informed Monday that they were chosen as recipients of the 2019 Sasayama/Alaska Pulp Corporation scholarship. The scholarship was first put together in 1992, according to Franklin Roppel. The Alaska Pulp Corporation began operations in Wrangell around 1954, he said, and was a major employer in Wrangell, Sitka, and the Southeast Alaska area for many years. Every year since 1992, Roppel said, three students from Wrangell and three students from Sitka are awarded the scholarship, to help pay for their post-secondary education.

"So far, about \$2.1 million has been given out in scholarships," Roppel said, formerly of the Alaska Pulp Corporation. "Each year, we do three \$20,000 in Wrangell and in Sitka."

Since the Alaska Pulp Corporation went out of business around 1993, the scholarship has been administered by the Alaska Community Foundation. Roppel said the scholarship was named after the corporation's founder, Tadao Sasayama. The idea for the scholarship was made by the then president of the company, George Ishiyama. They knew the company was

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Three Wrangell High School Seniors were selected for the Sasayama/Alaska Pulp Corporation Scholarship this week. The Alaska Pulp Corporation operated in Sitka and Wrangell for many years, and the scholarship is still given to three students from Sitka and Wrangell each year. This year's winners for Wrangell are Kellan Eagle, Helen Decker, and Jean-Luc Lewis. Pictured here is (left to right): Franklin Roppel, part of the selection committee, Eagle, Decker, Lewis, and Anne Morrison, also part of the selection committee. The scholarship is worth \$20,000, which will go towards the students' college or vocational school.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, April 25: Nicolas Allen. *Anniversary:* Marion & Barbary Neyman. **Friday, April 26:** Joel Churchill, Alex Rooney. **Saturday, April 27:** Traci Davidson, Tyson Messmer, Erica Ottesen, Linda Peabody, Emily Cummings, Greg Meissner. **Sunday, April 28:** Blake Stough, Gregg Wilson, Krissy Smith, Brittney Kagee. *Anniversary:* Fred & Merce Angerman, Brian & Deanne Cooper. **Monday, April 29:** Kyle Hommel, Noah Speers. *Anniversary:* Jim & Sveta Wooden. **Tuesday, April 30:** Brayden Cartwright, Chris Booker, James McCloskey, Danika Smalley. **Wednesday, May 1:** Gavin Hamley, Jonna Kautz, Jeff Smith, Brad Fitzgerald, Lotus Booth. *Anniversary:* Austin & Diane O'brein. **Thursday, May 2:** Colleen Hought, Dena McChargue, Wiliam Helgeson.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, April 25

Salmon Supper, Mixed Veggies, Carrot/Pineapple Salad, Garlic Bread

Friday, April 28

Chicken adobo, Oriental Veggies, Honey Orange Salad, Rice

Monday, April 29

Roast Pork, Steamed Carrots, Honey/Mustard Coleslaw, Baked Potatoes

Tuesday, April 30

Salmon Chowder, Cheese & Tomato Sandwich, Romaine Salad

Wednesday, May 1

Beef Paprika, Hubbard or Butternut Squash, Sliced Banana & Orange Cup, Rice

Thursday, May 2

Sloppy Joes, Texas Cole Slaw, Potato Salad

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, April 27
Malaspina 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, April 28
Columbia 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 30
Malaspina 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 5
Columbia 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 7
Malaspina 5:00 p.m.

Southbound

Friday, April 26
Malaspina 7:45 p.m.
Monday, April 29
Malaspina 11:45 a.m.
Wednesday, May 1
Columbia 5:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 8
Columbia 9:15 a.m.
Thursday, May 9
Malaspina 9:30 p.m.

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



TIDES April 25 - May 2

	High Tides		Low Tides			
	AM Time	PM Time	AM Time	PM Time	AM Time	PM Time
April 25	5:18	6:42	11:51	1:13	11:58	1:13
April 26	6:17	8:00	12:53	2:05
April 27	7:40	9:13	1:13	2:44	2:05	3:17
April 28	9:04	10:10	2:44	4:05	3:20	4:32
April 29	10:11	10:56	4:05	5:3	4:22	5:34
April 30	11:04	11:35	5:01	3.9	5:09	6:21
May 1	11:50	...	5:43	2.4	5:49	7:01
May 2	12:10	12:32	6:19	1.2	6:23	7:35

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, April 25

Riverflats Open Mic: Nolan Center, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Theme: Birds! Free event. Dessert contest, bring dessert to share & enter to win a prize.

Saturday, April 27

Wrangell Little League Opening Ceremony: Baseball fields, 10:00 a.m.
Wrangell Community Orchestra: Evergreen Elementary Music Room, 10:30 a.m. Organizational meeting to discuss upcoming rehearsal, concert times, music selections, etc.

Monday, April 29

Work Session: Secondary School Library, 11:00 a.m. 8th Grade Exit Interview.

Tuesday, April 30

Work Session: Secondary School Library, 11:00 a.m. 12th Grade Exit Interview.

Saturday, May 4

Women's Pioneer Igloo: Senior Center, Noon. New members welcome.
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.

April 24, 1919

Samuel Cunningham this week circulated a petition addressed to the Delegate from Alaska, requesting the Government to construct a breakwater 350 feet in length from Shustak point extending out beyond the big rock in the harbor for the protection of small craft which are in the habit of using Wrangell harbor during the winter season for lying by. Mr. Cunningham is surely to be commended for his public-spirited action. The fishing industry is one, which the Federal Government cannot afford to neglect. The request for this much needed improvement for the protection of fishing craft is a reasonable one, and it is to be hoped that the Government will act favorably thereon. The petition was eagerly signed by residents of Wrangell.

April 28, 1943

So we moved the Sentinel. Chief Mover Bill Grant is again back to normal after suffering several near heart attacks while teetering a cumbersome press and delicate linotype machine in some of the most precarious positions this editor has ever witnessed and lived. But today the equipment is placed, and better yet, working like a charm, thanks to some good workmen, including one top flight linotype machine. The Sentinel also has accumulated a fine assortment of other people's equipment. We've got most of Harry Ferguson's tools around here somewhere. Yeh, that's Bill Jenkins' saw and hammer, and those rollers belong to Bill Grant, the cart to the McCormack dock and maybe that's Ralph Devenny's pliers, but we'll make him prove it. Those planks belong to somebody, an, say, aren't those John Olson's blocks? Happiest are we that the venerable old Sentinel isn't missing an edition. After 42 years of continuous publication, we'd hate to be the guy who missed an edition.

April 24, 1969

A special meeting between

local officials and hospital builder and designer was called Thursday night to discuss and resolve problems concerning discrepancies in the new hospital, which was originally financed through a grant and loan from the Economic Development Administration totaling \$482,500 and \$144,500 in state funds. Since hospital staff personnel moved into the building in July of 1968 certain deficits became manifest, said P.C. McCormick, hospital board chairman. The problem areas were pointed out as being condensation in the attic, buildup of ice on the roof, leaks in the roof, a leaking oxygen system, sewage plant malfunctioning, and uneven settling in the x-ray and central supply areas. The architect said there was a pencil stuck in the oxygen system and that packing and back seating was necessary if there was a leak in the oxygen system. The oxygen system had been pressurized at 300 points per square inch before the walls were closed up.

April 28, 1993

The Alaska Pulp Corporation has several months supply of timber to continue operating its Wrangell sawmill at its urrent level, and for now, intends to do so, according to the company's director. APC Director John Hough said there are enough logs in reserve at the mill, awaiting shipment to the mill and yet to be cut to continue to operate the sawmill with two shifts of employees. Hough and other APC officials, who met last week in Seattle, requested a meeting with the U.S. Forest Service Chief Jack Ward Thomas in Washington, D.C. to discuss how much timber will be made available through independent sale offerings. In addition, those APC officials also want to know what was meant by a reference to a possible 10-year contract made in the Forest Service's letter informing the company of cancellation of its 50-year timber supply contract with the government.



Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Apr 15	51	39
Apr 16	46	42
Apr 17	48	41
Apr 18	45	41
Apr 19	45	37
Apr 20	48	37
Apr 21	48	41
Apr 22	46	37



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Apr 25	5:20 am	8:13 pm	14:53h
Apr 26	5:18 am	8:15 pm	14:57h
Apr 27	5:16 am	8:17 pm	15:01h
Apr 28	5:13 am	8:19 pm	15:06h
Apr 29	5:11 am	8:21 pm	15:10h
Apr 30	5:09 am	8:23 pm	15:14h
May 01	5:06 am	8:25 pm	15:19h
May 02	5:04 am	8:27 pm	15:23h



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211 hours of work by volunteers at HOP Project

By CALEB VIERKANT
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The third Helping Our Parks Project, according to Wrangell Parks and Recreation Director Kate Thomas, was a huge success. The HOP Project is an annual event organized by the parks and rec department, where volunteers come out to parks around Wrangell and help with cleaning and upkeep.

Thomas said that they saw 61 volunteers at Volunteer Park last Saturday morning. This was on the higher end of the number of volunteers they have seen. In a previous interview, Thomas said that they see between 50 to 60 volunteers every year. City officials, members of the school board, and many other people came out to help. Thomas pointed out the wide age range of volunteers, as well. There were children as young as 2-years-old and residents over 70-years-old out at the park helping, she said. Volunteer Park is an important part of the Wrangell community, she said, and people of all ages use it.

“Every year we hope to see a large number of people come,” Thomas said. “The age span and interest in our park is huge.”

Approximately 211 hours of work were donated by volunteers. There were a wide variety of projects for people to work on, ranging from cleaning bleachers and sweeping out the dugouts, to bigger jobs like installing a new net on the batting cage and cutting down encroaching trees and brush around the park. Other projects included installing bird spikes around the bleachers, clearing and leveling the baseball fields, fence repair, and moving the posts for the volleyball net.

Thomas said that almost all of the projects they had listed were completed, with the exception of repainting the dugouts and park bathrooms. She said that they decided to hold off on any paint jobs because of rainy weather being forecast for the near future. While there are no immediate plans for the future, Thomas said that the parks and rec department hopes to hold a HOP Project at Shoemaker Park in the future, where they want to build a new pavilion.



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Volunteers Terry Courson (left) and Brian Shilts (right) attempt to untangle a new net for the batting cage at Volunteer Park. According to Parks and Rec Director Kate Thomas, 61 people came out for the annual Helping Our Parks Project last Saturday, working a rough total of 211 hours of labor through the day.



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Tawney Crowley, of the Wrangell Sentinel, volunteered at the annual Helping Our Parks Project. She is pictured here installing bird spikes on the baseball field bleachers, to keep birds from roosting on the bleachers.

Police report

April 15, 2019

Parking complaint: Vehicle in red zone.

Summons served.

Arrested: Donovan Bean, 25. Warrants x2 for theft, burglary.

April 16, 2019

Civil issue.

Subpoena service.

April 17, 2019

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty headlight.

Illegal parking: Verbal warning to driver.

Three subpoenas served.

Inmate incident.

Report of missing bicycle, white Redline BMX style bicycle.

Traffic hazard: Load of dirt in roadway near Panhandle. Company was already on scene and clearing up the debris upon officer's arrival.

Suspicious circumstance/possible trespass: Unfounded.

Road debris: Trash can removed from roadway at 9-mile.

April 18, 2019

Citizen assist: Vehicle unlocked.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for parking in school zone.

April 19, 2019

Injured dog.

Random drug test.

Driving complaint.

Missing dog.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning given for driving habits.

Citizen report DUI: Unfounded.

Agency assist: Welfare check.

Domestic.

Citizen report: DUI.

April 20, 2019

Courtesy ride.

Subpoena served.

Parking complaint.

Dead deer.

Vehicle unlock.

Suspicious circumstance.

April 21, 2019

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for equipment violation.

Gunshot reported.

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

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June 11-13	Oncology - Dr. Raish	907-228-8101
June 17-20	Pulmonology Clinic - Dr. Morison	907-228-7649
June 17-21	Urology Clinic - Dr. Schoenrock	907-225-7346



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Dan's Dispatch

By Representative
Dan Ortiz

Last week, the Alaska House of Representatives passed a budget for the State of Alaska. As a member of the Finance Committee and the Chair of the Education & Early Development, Fish & Game, and Environmental Conservation Department Finance Subcommittees, I am a part of the budget process from the beginning until the end. For the past month, we have dug into each department budget, asking critical questions, and analyzing impacts of potential cuts. The budget was an intense collaborative effort; we took amendments at all levels – in the subcommittees, in the full House Finance committee, and on the House Floor.

We protected some of our most vital services. We restored funding to the Sen-



Dan Ortiz

ior Benefits Program, which was slated to be eliminated under Governor Dunleavy's proposal. In public safety, we

fully funded the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program and added funds for new prosecutors and public defenders.

The Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) is funded at a slightly higher amount than last year's ADF&G budget including just shy of one million dollars added for commercial fisheries management that would otherwise have been cut. In education, Pre-K and Head Start Grants are funded, \$30 million is forward funded for FY2021, and pupil transportation and the Base Student Allocation (BSA) are both fully funded. We cut \$14.5 million from the Department of Transportation – \$10 million of that amount was from our Alaska Marine Highway System – which is only a fraction of the cuts proposed by the Governor.

We identified over \$200 million in

cuts. We cut \$72.9 million in Medicaid efficiencies; \$13 million to the Department of Corrections while encouraging electronic monitoring and halfway houses to avoid sending prisoners out-of-state; and \$10 million to the University of Alaska. There were other cuts that I found more difficult to make. The Ocean Ranger's Program – even though it is self-funded – was eliminated. We cut \$49 million in school bond debt reimbursement, which is solely a cost shift to local communities.

The budget now goes to the Senate, and we will later compromise on difference in Conference Committee. If you have any input on the budget – or any other legislative concerns! – don't hesitate to contact me at Rep.Dan.Ortiz@akleg.gov or 907-247-4672.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Only 15 seconds into my April 12, one minute public testimony for the state operating budget, my microphone was abruptly muted by finance committee co-chair Senator Stedman. His justification explained afterward was,

"We are talking about the operating budget." If freeing up \$32 million dollars to put toward genuine transportation needs is an invalid suggestion toward relieving our state's fiscal crisis, then Alaska residents have no hope for honest fiscal conservatism. Sen. Stedman, a Sitka resident, may have an alternative rationale for muting my testimony. Censoring legitimate concerns of abuses of power serving private interests comes to mind here.

Following is my full testimony: Governor Dunleavy should immediately cancel the March 19 contract award of the Sitka-Katlian Road on Baranof Island and redirect the tens of millions saved to short-funded transportation projects or deferred maintenance elsewhere. The project is a 9-mile, single lane, gravel "Road to Nowhere" that dead-ends at a

rudimentary trailhead. It is a closeted poster child of unbridled bureaucratic spending for which the Governor has great scorn. Voter approved in a 2012 bond package, construction costs for this boondoggle were already exorbitant at \$14 million dollars. However the successful 2019 bid came in at \$32 million dollars – more than double the authorized price tag – not including maintenance. The successful bidder is from Portland, Oregon. Although the contract has been finalized, the State would still maintain fiscal discipline by forfeiting any cancellation penalties and cutting its losses. Gov. Dunleavy clearly has the power to

reinstate the previous hold put in place on the project, whether or not the funds were secured before our ship of

state throttled into its fiscal icebergs.

Rebecca Knight
Petersburg, Alaska

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is the name of a course that will be held weekly at the home of Kay Larson, 612 Etolin St., from 12:30 pm-2:00pm, starting Tuesday, April 30. We'll use interactive ways of thinking about Sacred Verses and applying spirituality to everyday life.

Part 2 explores certain aspects of "prayer".

Part 3 takes a deeper look at "the life of the soul" and questions about life after death.

The study circle is open to all.

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For more information contact Kay at 907 209 9117.



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Basics of Medicare explained in SEARHC presentation

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Andrea Thomas, patient health benefits manager with

SEARHC, gave a presentation at the Irene Ingle Public Library last Thursday on the basics of Medicare. As many

people know, Medicare is a government-run health insurance program. There is a common misconception that

Medicare is reserved only for people 65-years-old and older. Thomas said in her presentation that this is not true. In fact, anyone under the age of 65-years-old with certain disabilities, end-stage renal disease, or Lou Gehrig's disease also qualify for Medicare. The purpose of her presentation, she said, was to help people better understand the basics of Medicare, what options are available, and how to go about signing up for it.

"These are really crucial decisions that actually last for the rest of your life," Thomas said.

In general, Thomas said, there are three parts to Medicare: Part A, hospital insurance, Part B, medical insurance, and Part D, prescription drug coverage. There is a Part C, "Medicare Advantage Plans," but Thomas said this is not available in Alaska. Instead, Alaskans can receive Medicare supplements.

Hospital insurance with Medicare helps cover things like, as the name suggests, hospital care. It also helps to pay for skilled nursing facility care, home health care, and hospice care. Medical insurance, Part B, covers doctor's visits, outpatient services, lab tests, medical equipment, and preventative services. Most people receive Part A free of premiums, Thomas said, if the person signing up or their spouse has paid FICA taxes for at least 10 years. Part A also completely covers the first 60 days a person is hospitalized. After 60 days, the cost begins to increase. After 90 days of hospitalization, those insured under Medicare begin to use their "Lifetime Reserve Days," which Thomas explained is a 60-day, lifetime allotment of extra days Medicare will help cover.

Part B has a monthly premium of \$135.50, if the person is not receiving Social Security, or about \$130 if they are. For the year 2019, there is also a \$185 deductible. Under Part B, patients are expected to cover about 20 percent of their medical costs while Medicare will handle the other 80 percent.

Part D of Medicare helps to cover prescription drugs. This part of Medicare is completely optional, Thomas said. Medicare has a list of drugs that they will help cover the cost of. While patients are still expected to pay a monthly premium as well as deductibles

and copayments, there is also extra help available to assist those on a limited income. Another perk of Part D plans, she added, is that people can re-enroll and change plans annually, to find a plan that meets their needs better.

"There's about 22 plans in Alaska, and they have different formulas and different drugs that they cover," Thomas said. "That's why it's good to check out what's the best combination for you."

Lastly, Alaskans considering Medicare should think about Medicare supplements. These are insurance policies, sold by private companies, to help patients cover deductibles and copayments. Thomas said that the supplements are designed to help fill any gaps left by Medicare. There are a wide variety of different supplement plans, she said, that vary in costs and coverage to meet patient needs.

Enrollment in Medicare is automatic for those who are receiving Social Security benefits or Railroad Retirement Board benefits, she said, when someone turns 65-years-old. For those who have not received any Social Security or Railroad benefits, though, Thomas said that they have to proactively sign themselves up for Medicare. For people not automatically enrolled, Thomas said there is an important seven-month window they need to be aware of, around their 65th birthday. Beginning three months before somebody turns 65-years-old, people can get themselves enrolled in Medicare without any problems. However, for each month after turning 65-years-old, there will be penalties for enrolling late. These penalties include higher premiums and having to wait longer for one's medical coverage to begin. There is also a general enrollment period, from Jan. 1 to March 31 of each year, for anyone who did not enroll during the seven-month initial enrollment period.

"You want to take care of it three months before you turn 65, because then it [Medicare coverage] will start that month you turn 65," Thomas said. "Now if you do it a month after, it's going to start one month after. If you do two months, it's going to start two months after ... After the seventh month, then you're at the point of each month that you don't have it, then you get penalized for not having Medicare."

To learn more about what options are available with Medicare, or to receive assistance with enrolling, Thomas provided a variety of resources. These include the Medicare and Social Security websites, as well as Alaska's state-specific Medicare information office, which can be found at www.medicare.alaska.gov. Thomas added that SEARHC is a good avenue for assistance. She said to call Patient Health Benefits Specialist Susan Briles at (907) 966-8662.



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Sunrise Easter service

Several churches from across Wrangell came together to celebrate Easter with a shared "sunrise service" at City Park at 8 a.m. The Salvation Army, St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Harbor Light Assembly of God, the Presbyterian Church, and the Wrangell Seventh-Day Adventist Church were a part of the service. After the sunrise service was done, everybody was invited to Harbor Light for an Easter breakfast. Pictured here is Debbe Lancaster, superintendent of the school district, joining in a hymn during the service.

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Sentinel writer

The Nolan Center held its final Chautauqua speaking event of the year last week. Wrangell resident Virginia Oliver gave a presentation on her 2017 trip to Washington D.C. where she got to take an up-close look at about a hundred different Tlingit artifacts held by the Smithsonian. Oliver said she was invited on the trip near the very end of 2016, as a part of the Smithsonian's "Recovering Voices" program. Recovering Voices, according to the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History's website, is a program that partners with indigenous communities in an attempt to help revitalize and protect their cultures, languages, and knowledge. Oliver, and Native Alaskan elders from several other communities across Southeast, were invited to spend two weeks looking through Tlingit and other Native Alaskan artifacts in the museum archives.

"Alan Zuboff is from Angoon, Florence Marks Sheakley is from Juneau, Ruth Demmert was from Kake, and Linda Winn is from Juneau," Oliver said. "Eric Hollinger is, of course, from Washington D.C."

Oliver said she was asked by the Smithsonian to choose up to a hundred artifacts to review. She picked 70 which were originally found in the Wrangell area, and 30 from Kake, as she is originally from Kake. They spent two weeks in March 2017 going through the resource centers of the Smithsonian's museums, as well as stopping at other points of interest around the city. The resource centers, where Oliver said the Smithsonian keeps its overflow of items not on display in the main museum, were very large.

"These places are as big as a football stadium, and they're four stories high. There were full-length totem poles lining all the down in the bottom of some of these research places," Oliver said.

She put together a slideshow of some of the many different artifacts her group got to look at



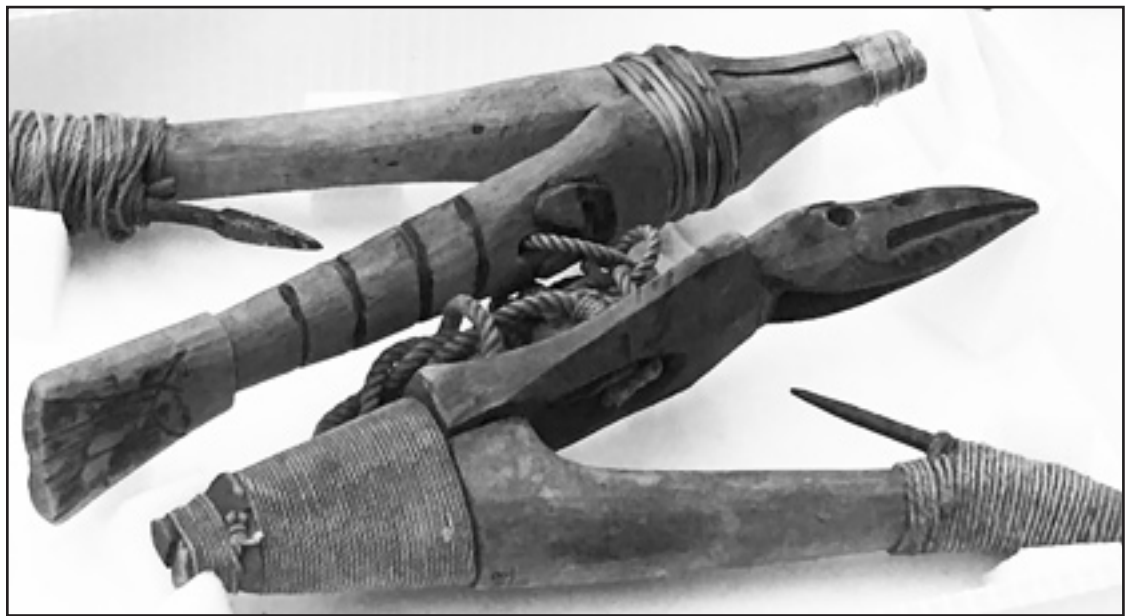
COURTESY OF VIRGINIA OLIVER

A set of all panels Oliver and other elders from across Southeast Alaska got to see on their trip to Washington D.C. back in 2017.

over the two week trip. Among them were works of art, blankets, hats, and other articles of clothing. There were even items belonging to Chief Shakes present in the archives. Oliver showed a photo of an "octopus bag," which is a satchel with several dangling pouches that resemble legs. She explained that one could tell the difference between a man's bag and a woman's bag was by counting the number of legs the bag had. A woman's bag would have eight pouches, while a man's would only have four.

The group also got to look at old Tlingit weapons and armor. Tlingit armor was largely made of wood, Oliver said, but it was very hard. The wood would be steamed and bent into shape, then soaked in salt water to make it extra tough. The armor was so effective, she said, that it even protected the wearers from bullets when Russian explorers first came to Southeast Alaska.

During their trip, Oliver said she and the other elders present helped the Smithsonian properly identify some items. One item she pointed out was a hat-shaped object the museum had



COURTESY OF VIRGINIA OLIVER

A set of halibut hooks in the Smithsonian's archives. According to Oliver, many items from Southeast Alaska the museum holds are not properly dated, as the people who took them and gave them to the museum often dated them by when they were collected, not by their age. While several artifacts may be dated from the 1800s to early 1900s, Oliver said many of them are likely much older.

labelled as a "Raven hat." However, it was quickly pointed out by the elders that it depicted the Eagle moiety, not the Raven. It was not even a hat, either. It turns out, she said, that it was actually the lid for a woman's luggage. Unfortunately, Oliver said, many items in the resource center did not have accurate dates or identifications, mainly because the people who originally took them were not very detailed.

"What stuck out to me was they don't know how old some of those artifacts are," she said. "Some of the dates that are on them is the tenure of the people who collected them, and when they were in the Navy. If they were in there from 1888 to 1902, that's what they put on these artifacts. And they don't know where a lot of these artifacts are from because they had holding areas, like in Port Simpson and different places, and all the collectors would go there and they'd exchange them and they'd just say 'Alaska, USA.'"

Other items reviewed on the trip included Tlingit daggers, totem poles, wall panels, tools and other weapons, and rattles. One unique item she pointed out was a Victorian-style dress that was made by a native woman out of moose hide. Oliver added,

near the end of the presentation, a special thank you to Frank Churchill for paying for her ticket to Washington. It was an amazing trip, she said, and a

great experience for everyone involved.

"It's unbelievable," she said. "We were in there and we were in awe."

CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POSITION OF Cruise Ship Facility Security Officer Harbor Department

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COURTESY OF VIRGINIA OLIVER

A Raven Shakee.at, one of the many Tlingit artifacts Virginia Oliver and other Alaskan Native elders got to look over in the Smithsonian's collection, back in 2017. According to Oliver, "Shakee.at" means "Something on your head." The trip to Washington, to look at these artifacts, was a part of Recovering Voices, a Smithsonian program that partners with indigenous communities from around the world to help revitalize their language and culture.

Birdfest this weekend

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Spring is in full swing in Wrangell, and that means Birdfest is back for another year. Birdfest, or the Stikine River Birding Festival, is a weekend full of bird-related events that happen across town and in the Stikine River area. Spring festivals have been a common occurrence in Wrangell, according to Corree Delabrué with the U.S. Forest Service. What is now known as Birdfest began about 22 years ago, she said, and was known back then as the "Garnet Festival." Garnets can be found along the Stikine River, and the festival was originally designed to celebrate one of the river's precious resources.

"I actually don't remember what year it switched to the birding festival," Delabrué said. "It's always kind of been a cele-

bration of spring, and especially the Stikine River, which is why it went from garnets to birding but still kind of that 'Stikine' theme of celebrating one of our really cool resources ... One of the things about spring, here, is the migration of birds to town. But on the Stikine River it's, like, a whole other world out there."

Delabrué has been helping to organize Birdfest since 2011, alongside the Wrangell Convention and Visitor Bureau, and took on more of a leadership role in 2012. This year's festival is a little different from past years, she said. While previous Birdfests have been limited to a single weekend, this year's festival has the majority of its events planned from April 25 to 28. Some birding events have already begun, and events are also planned into early May.

Artist Kim McNett held a na-



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Sip & Shop

The Wrangell Chamber of Commerce held its Sip & Shop event last Saturday afternoon. Wrangell residents were invited to come downtown to shop and enjoy some wine. The wine glasses sold by the chamber of commerce were customized, too, etched by the high school's tech prep class. Pictured here are three shoppers (right to left): Dorothy Dsjo, Lynda Nore, and Kristi Woodbury.

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

The Wrangell Parks and Recreation Department will accept applications for the positions of **Summer Recreation Staff** until the position has been filled. First review of applications will take place on April 26th, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Successful applicants will assist with planning and implementing comprehensive recreation enrichment programs for children, ages 6 to 11. Program activities include, both indoor and outdoor, well-rounded recreational and educational activities. Pay range is from \$10.00-\$12.00/Hr., DOE.

There are currently five seasonal positions open with a limited term of employment. These positions require candidates to be available to work 30-35 hours per week with shifts that are scheduled between the hours of 09:00 a.m. and 04:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Applicants must be at least 16 years old and hold a valid Alaska Driver's License.

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ture journaling workshop last Saturday, for those interested in learning how to field sketch. McNett has been holding art workshops in Wrangell's schools for the past two weeks, as well. A reception to show off the students' art will be held at the Nolan Center on April 26, at 6 p.m.

Other events that Delabrué pointed out as "highlights" of the festival include a presentation on sandhill cranes, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Nolan Center, and a photography workshop on April 27. Local charter companies will also be offering birding boat tours the weekend of Birdfest.

Another event that Delabrué is excited about is a live bird

presentation by the Alaska Raptor Center, from Sitka. People are invited to the Evergreen Elementary School gym at 4 p.m. on April 27 to see and learn about Alaska's various birds of prey.

"They've come in the past, and then we just weren't able to make it work out for the last couple of years, but we got them to come back this year," she said.

Ducks Unlimited, a nonprofit dedicated to preserving wetlands and waterfowl habitats, will be hosting a fundraiser banquet at the Nolan Center at 6 p.m. on April 27. There will be raffles, live music, and a silent auction.

After the banquet, there are no further bird-related pro-

grams scheduled until May 8. Cesar Guerrero, the executive director of Terra Peninsular, will be visiting Wrangell to share a presentation on shorebird conservation efforts in Baja California.

For a full list of events and schedule updates, visit www.stikinebirding.com. Comments, questions, and other ideas are also always welcome, she added.

"I've kind of geared this, over the years, to a community event, that's why I push so hard to do work in the schools. So if people have ideas or things they'd like to see in the future, I am happy to hear about it," Delabrué said.



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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

Southeast drift permit prices up; demand also up for southeast seine permits

Nearly all Alaska salmon permits have gone up in value since last fall and buying/selling/trading action is brisk.

"We're as busy as we've ever been in the last 20 years," said Doug Bowen of Alaska Boats and Permits in Homer. "Boat sales are doing well and between IFQs and permit sales, we've got a busy year going."

The salmon permit interest is fueled by a forecast this year of over 213 million fish, an 85 percent increase over 2018. Also, salmon prices are expected to be higher.

For the bellwether drift permit at Bristol Bay, the value has increased from around \$165,000 and sales are now being made in the low to mid \$170,000 range.

Several good salmon seasons in a row pushed drift permits at Area M on the Alaska Peninsula to about \$175,000 last fall, Bowen said "and if you can find one now, it's going to cost you over \$200,000."

At Cook Inlet, where salmon catches have been dismal for the drift fishery, permit values bottomed out at \$28,000 and have climbed a bit to \$38,000.

At the salmon fishery's peak in the late 1980s and early 1990s, Cook Inlet drift permits were traded at over \$240,000, Bowen said.

"When Alaska's salmon industry crashed in the early 1990s due to the flood of farmed fish, those permits dropped to under \$10,000 and since then have been all over the map," he added.

The drift fleet at Prince William Sound also had one of its worst years last summer and that permit is one of the few that has gone down in value.

"They were over \$150,000 and the last one we sold was at \$145,000," Bowen said.

For Prince William Sound seiners, who are expecting a good pink salmon year, the permit value is listed at \$170,000, a \$5,000 increase from last fall.

At Kodiak, seine permits have held steady for several years in the \$28,000 range.

At Chignik, where seiners experienced the worst fishery ever last year catching just 128 sock-eyes, there is little to no interest in permits.

Salmon permit action in Southeast Alaska "is kind of a mix," said Olivia Olsen at Alaskan Quota and Permits in Petersburg.

For both buying and leasing, there's less interest in power troll permits for a second year but prices "are holding at a respectable \$27,000 to \$28,000," Olsen said.

"The permit holders have a really positive outlook for all species except kings, so they don't understand why the price isn't going up," she said, adding that there is little interest in hand troll permits.

Southeast drift permit prices are up with expectations of good

prices and lots of fish.

"Last year they were selling for \$79,000 to the low \$80's and currently prices are at \$95,000. So that's been a hot permit," Olsen said. "They are opening new fishing areas which they feel should thin out the herd and have plenty of fish for everybody."

Demand also is up for Southeast seine permits and the price has increased to \$250,000, a boost of \$25,000 since last fall.

Both Olsen and Bowen agreed that Alaska salmon permit holders are looking toward a good year.

"We're seeing a lot of optimism pretty much across the board," Bowen said.

Halibut quota slump - A slight increase in this year's halibut catch and respectable dock prices haven't done much to boost the value of IFQs (Individual Fishing Quotas).

Halibut quota shares that topped \$70 per pound in some regions took a 30 percent nose dive in 2018 and have remained there ever since.

Now \$63 per pound is the high for halibut IFQs in the Southeast fishing region, with most moving at the \$52 to \$58 range, said Olivia Olsen. In the Central Gulf of Alaska, quota is listed in the \$35 to \$45 per pound range, down from a high of \$50 last November. The value per pound in the Western Gulf, is down by 50 percent from 2017.

"It's advertised at \$27 and selling for less," Olsen said.

Last fall, halibut prices dropped by \$2 a pound to the \$5 range at the Alaska docks and boats sometimes couldn't find buyers for their fish. The biggest hit was a flood of seven million pounds of cheaper Atlantic halibut from eastern Canada displacing Alaska's fish in east coast markets.

But things seem to be looking up.

"This year there is an increased confidence level for halibut. There is some optimism that we'll see better recruitment into the fishery," said Doug Bowen, referring to strong year classes from 2011/2012 that are showing up in the fishery. Olsen agreed.

"The confidence level is up a bit in halibut after last year being our slowest selling year ever for IFQs," she said. "Buyers are interested but at last year's prices and it seems to be working. Considering that the IFQ prices were out of whack on the high end, perhaps it's a good adjustment."

Herring and smelt at Upper Cook Inlet are fisheries that pay out nicely for the few who participate, and both are open to all.

Ten to 20 fishermen usually take part in the bait herring fishery that runs from April 20 to the end of May. A combined take of 150 tons can be taken from four areas by set or drift gillnets, although nearly all comes from the

upper east side, said Pat Shields, commercial fisheries management coordinator for Lower and Upper Cook Inlet at the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game office in Soldotna.

"It's a pretty small quota but we're not even reaching the quota of up to 40 tons on the east side," he said, adding that all of herring goes into the bait market for halibut fishermen, either commercial or sport.

The catch might be small, but it fetches big bucks as bait.

"Currently the fishermen are selling that product for \$2,000 to \$3,000 a ton, or \$1.00 to \$1.50 a pound," Shields said.

In contrast, the average price for herring caught only for their eggs at places like Sitka, Kodiak or Togiak averages 12 cents a pound.

Shields speculated the price is so high because there are so few bait herring fisheries in the state. Most Alaska fishermen purchase herring for bait from the east coast, often at around \$1.00 per pound.

The Cook Inlet herring is frozen and sold throughout the year and Shields said demand far exceeds the supply.

Also at Upper Cook Inlet: A smelt fishery with a 200 ton limit will open from May 1 and run through June. Fewer than 20 fishermen participate in what Shields calls "one of the most interesting and challenging fisheries in the state."

"It's done with dip nets at the mouth of the Susitna River. People usually take a drift boat across the mudflats. That's eight or nine miles of a muddy mess that you have to navigate with winds coming in from three different areas - Knik Arm, Turnagain Arm and Cook Inlet. Some people refer to it as a cesspool because the waters are just swirling and it's shallow," Shields said.

The boats come back to the Kenai River to offload their catches and the smelt is frozen, boxed up and shipped out.

"Then it gets distributed primarily along the west coast for human consumption, where Columbia River smelt fisheries are very restricted or closed," Shields said. "It also goes into the bait market for the sturgeon fishery and the marine aquarium market."

Fishermen can get a nice price, twice - 25 to 75 cents a pound for their catch, and up to \$2.00 a pound after it goes to market.

Estimates from 2016 peg the annual smelt run to the Susitna

River at 53,000 tons but Shields said the catch remains very conservative.

"The reason for the small limit is that this is a beluga critical habitat area and this is a forage fish that is considered very important to that species," he explained.

Both the smelt and herring fisheries are open to anyone but require special permits.

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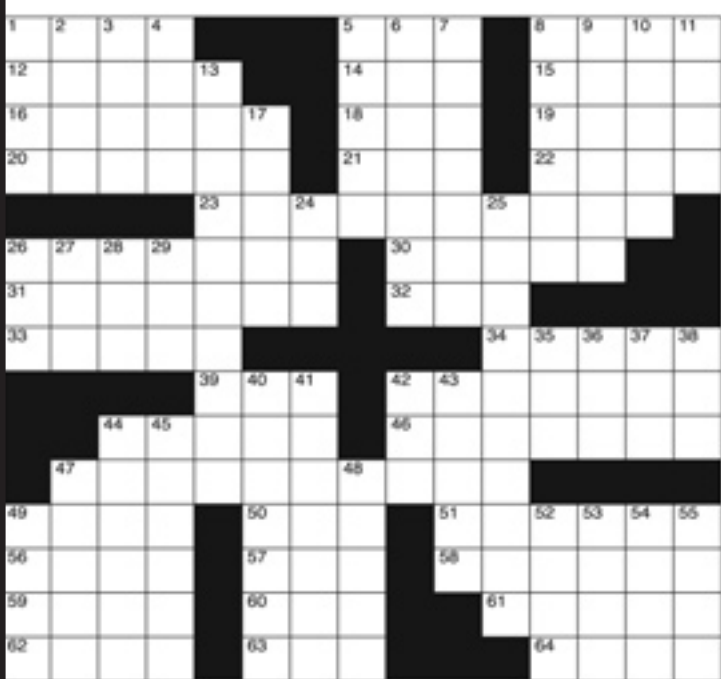
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Bake sale for St. Frances

St. Frances Animal Rescue held a bake sale at Wrangell IGA last Friday morning, April 19. There were plenty of goods for sale, many donated by people around town, such as banana bread, cookies, and many different pies. Pictured here is Bella Ritchie (left) and Dolores Klinke (right) next to their bake sale booth. St. Frances is Wrangell's only animal shelter, located at 3.5 mile Zimovia Highway. They can be reached at (907) 874-3452.

Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee Notice of Meetings and Call for Project Proposals

The Wrangell-Petersburg-Kake Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will be meeting on Saturday, May 11th 2019 and Saturday, May 25th 2019. The purpose of the meetings is to review the progress of previously funded projects, review new project proposals, and make recommendations for funding of projects through Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act (PL 110-343).

The meetings will take place via video teleconference at the Wrangell and Petersburg Ranger District Offices. The RAC will meet from 8:00am to 2:00pm, or until business is concluded on May 11th, and from 8:00am to 3:00pm or until business is concluded on May 25th. The meetings are open to the public. A toll free teleconference number will be available for individuals who wish to attend by telephone. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, a one-hour public comment period beginning at 9:00am will be open during the meetings. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing at least five days prior to the meeting in order to be scheduled on the agenda.

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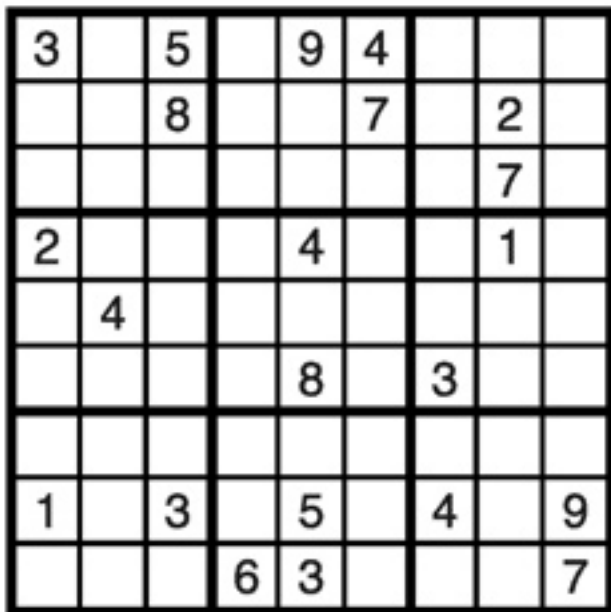


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The ideal candidate has the ability to work cooperatively with the Director, other employees, other city departments, and the public. They will also have the ability to lead and motivate staff, develop procedures and guidelines for Nolan Center operations, and provide responsible, professional care to the community's collection of artifacts which are housed at the Museum.

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This is a full-time, hourly position with full benefits, at Grade 18. The full job description and employment application can be found online at www.wrangell.com/jobs.

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The candidate must meet the minimum standards for Police Chief per the Alaska Police Standards Council as well as all of the requirements of the City & Borough of Wrangell's job description. A management certification under Alaska Police Standards or equivalent is required. Applicants must successfully complete a background investigation, medical and psychological examination, and drug screening.

This is a full-time, salaried position with full benefits, paid at Grade 30 ranging from \$6607 to \$8346 per month. The full job description and employment application can be found online at www.wrangell.com/jobs.

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**CITY OF WRANGELL
In-House and Public Announcement
ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POSITION
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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

The Wrangell Parks and Recreation Department will begin to accept applications for the position of Lifeguard to establish an open pool of applicants for temporary help. The Parks and Recreation Department will be hiring from these applications, as needed, throughout the year. The position includes Lifeguarding, facility custodial and clerical duties.

The lifeguard position assists and supports in providing a safe and recreational swimming pool environment for the community. The position requires the knowledge and ability to encourage compliance with pool policies and facility expectations for users. Lifeguards are expected to perform the necessary rescue techniques in the event of a land and/or water-based emergencies, which requires leadership and knowledge of the national lifeguard standards and best practices, along with facility procedures. This position also supports in the facilitation and instruction of the Learn-to-Swim lessons held throughout the year.

The lifeguard position will appeal to a candidate who thrives in a mission driven, team-centered environment while interacting with members of public including young children. The successful candidates must be sixteen and are required to possess a nationally recognized Lifeguard and CPR/AED certification or an ability to gain one upon hire. Wrangell Parks and Recreation offers lifeguard certification courses that are open to the community and employees of the department. The department offers opportunities for pay advancement through the part time employee progressive pay policy.

Applications will be accepted beginning November 27th, through December 31st, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. At the end of this open enrollment period applicants would need to file a new application.

This is a temporary part time (20 hour) position, paid hourly at a Grade 1 ranging from \$9.80 to \$13.40 per hour. The full job description and employment application can be found online at www.wrangell.com/jobs.

Applications may be returned to Wrangell City Hall, 205 Brueger Street (P.O. Box 531), Wrangell, AK 99929. For more information contact Kate Thomas at 907-874-2444.

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Wrangell Borough Manager

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**City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska
PUBLIC NOTICE**

At their Regular Assembly meeting held on January 8, 2019, the Borough Assembly approved rescheduling their Regular Assembly meeting of April 23, 2019 to **April 30, 2019**.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association, Inc., (SSRAA), is soliciting bids from interested parties to conduct transport operations for the spring of 2020 season to tender live fry from SSRAA hatcheries to SSRAA remote release sites located in southern Southeast Alaska. Bids will be accepted until June 1, 2019 at 4:00 pm. For more information go to www.ssraa.org or call 225-9605.

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

The Borough Assembly Borough Assembly will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on **Tuesday, April 30, 2019**, during the Regular Borough Assembly meeting that begins at **7:00 p.m.**, in the Borough Assembly Chambers on the following item(s):

- a. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 961** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS IN CHAPTER 15.04, WATER, AND SECTION 15.12.050, METER DEPOSITS IN CHAPTER 15.12 OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE (*second reading*)

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

The Public is encouraged to attend.

Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk
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Third of July fireworks to change location

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Chamber of Commerce recently announced that the annual third of July fireworks, a popular part of the city's week-long Fourth of July celebration, will be changing venues this year. Alicia Holder, with the chamber of commerce, said that the fireworks have traditionally been held on the waterfront by City Dock. This year, though, it will be held at Volunteer Park, near the elementary school.

The chamber helps fund the fireworks every year, through their annual royalty contest, while the Wrangell Volunteer Fire Department volunteers to launch them. However, the dock area is no longer safe or permissible for fireworks. The decision comes after discussions with both the city and the fire department, she

said.

"The reason for that is it has to do with permitting issues," Holder said. "So there has to be a perimeter, there's an area where once they start setting up the fireworks, people and buildings that are occupied are not supposed to be within that perimeter. There's so much going on the third of July, around that time, there's just too many activities and people that end up being in that area that is supposed to be unoccupied."

The fire department will be monitoring weather conditions and the surrounding area to make sure everything is safe, for those worried about having fireworks close to the park's nature trail. Holder added that one lane of Spur Road will be closed off for extra parking, and that they are organizing



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City & Borough of Wrangell Public Notice of Board of Equalization Hearing

The Borough Assembly, acting as the Board of Equalization, shall hear testimony, both oral and written testimony, with a **decision to follow**, at 6:00 p.m., Monday, May 6, 2019, in the Borough Assembly Chambers.

The hearing and meeting is open to the public.

Per WMC 5.04.140, the Board of Equalization meetings shall be held on the first Monday following the first Thursday in May and continue each day thereafter until its scheduled business is completed.

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

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shuttle buses to take people from downtown and back for the show.

The announcement of the location change garnered negative reactions from some people on social media. Holder said that she understands that change is difficult, but this change was necessary. The chamber of commerce is also working to make the change as positive as possible, she added. Trego, a band out of Spokane, Washington, will be

performing the day of the fireworks. Holder also said that there will be food and game booths set up for people to enjoy. She also said that there might be a biergarten but this has not been confirmed yet.

"We know that everyone's not thrilled about this move, we're trying our best to make it a positive transition," Holder said.

Further information and a map will be released by the chamber in the near future.

The nature trail and ballpark will be closed to the public the day of July 3 to prepare for the fireworks show.

"I just want to say thank you to everyone for being patient with us, and understanding that this is a change that had to happen to make sure we are still able to have fireworks," Holder said. "We're still working out all the details, and we'll keep putting information out there as it comes to us."

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Hospice of Wrangell donates 400 pounds of medical equipment to Ketchikan

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Hospice of Wrangell operates a loan closet from which people all around town are able to borrow medical equipment, such as walkers, wheel chairs, shower benches, and other items. Hospice President Alice Rooney explained that the loan closet stores many of its items in the attic of the AICS Clinic on Wood Street. With the construction of Wrangell's new hospital beginning, however, the clinic's storage space will be renovated and the loan closet's items needed to be moved.

"So those items had to be moved, and some of them were duplicates of what we have in our regular loan closet down at the Presbyterian Church," Hospice Board Member Marlene Merritt added.

A little over 400 pounds of medical equipment was sent south to Ketchikan last week, Merritt said. Among the items sent were walkers, shower benches, crutches, and bed rails. All these items were sent to Ketchikan free of charge by Alaska Marine Lines, according to Rooney. She added that they chose to donate the goods to SAIL partially because of its close proximity. SAIL is an organization that can be found in numerous Southeast Alaskan communities, which works to support the elderly and disabled members of

those communities. Ashley Young, with the Ketchikan SAIL office, said they received over 100 items of medical equipment last Friday. She said that everyone at the office has been blown away by the amount of goods that were donated.

"We were just kind of in awe at Wrangell Hospice's generosity," Young said. "We are definitely going to send out some thank you's once I finish going through all of this."

While their storage space at the AICS Clinic has been downsized, Rooney and Merritt both said they wanted to thank the clinic for their help as well as their continued support, as they are still storing some items there. They also wanted to extend their thanks to the Presbyterian church. For those interested in learning more about the loan closet or Hospice of Wrangell, Rooney said to call the front desk of the Wrangell Medical Center. She also added that anybody is free to seek equipment from the loan closet, it is not limited solely to board members. She said that medical needs are not the only ones they try to meet with their loans. If a family has visiting relatives with limited mobility, for example, the loan closet can help.

"So if grandma is coming to visit for a week, or something, or if somebody comes home," Rooney said. "We get a lot of requests around the Fourth of July for wheelchairs."



COURTESY OF ALICE ROONEY

Some of the over 400 pounds of medical equipment the Hospice of Wrangell donated to SAIL in Ketchikan last week. Among the approximately 100 items sent to Ketchikan are walkers, crutches, shower benches, and many other items.

Scholarship

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going out of business, Roppel said, so the scholarship was planned to honor Sasayama's memory and preserve the corporation's name. Ishiyama encouraged private donations from both locals and from businesses in Japan to fund the scholarship, and it has been offered to Wrangell and Sitka students annually ever since.

The students awarded this year's scholarships are Kellan Eagle, Helen Decker, and Jean-Luc Lewis. The news, when they were told last Monday, came as a surprise to them. Roppel said that the committee who chooses each year's students are locals, to help better determine who deserves the scholarship. He added that they look at a number of factors in deciding who to give the scholarship to. This includes things like academic achievements, financial need, grades, and other things.

"All three are outstanding students, and they have need, and it's very difficult to make a selection but all three are very, very good students," he said.

All three students will be graduating from Wrangell High School this May. Eagle said he is planning to attend Montana State University. Decker said she plans to go to the University of California San Diego. Lewis said that he has not committed to a school yet, but he is looking at Stanford, Duke University, and Brown University. All three students will receive \$20,000 in scholarship money, or \$5,000 over a four-year period, which will go towards helping pay their tuition. Roppel added that the scholarship is not just for students wanting to pursue a bachelor's degree, but is open to those considering vocational schools, as well. All three seniors will be formally presented with their scholarships on May 13.

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- Franklin Roppel

Churches unite for Good Friday services

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Several religious organizations, sponsored by the Wrangell Ministerial Association, came together last week to share a Good Friday service. The service was held at the Presbyterian Church, but also in attendance and participating in the service were Harbor Light Assembly of God, St. Philip's Episcopal Church, and the Salvation Army.

Good Friday is a Christian holiday recognized by most denominations. The holiday is meant to mark the death of Jesus Christ, followed shortly thereafter by Easter Sunday, which celebrates his resurrection. The service was a reading of the story of Jesus' Crucifixion from chapters 18 and 19 of the Book of John. Preachers from each church took turns reading sections of the story, interspersed with hymns. Don McConachie, of St. Philip's, and Michael Bates of the Salvation Army, also performed a short skit near the close of the service.

"I'd like to thank each and every one of you for being here," said McConachie at the end of the service. "It's a pristine honor to see so many pews filled."

After the Good Friday service, the public was invited to stay for a light lunch, prepared by Marlene Merritt and Michelle Merritt-McCammon.



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