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Nineteen members from this year's Polar Bear Club took the icy plunge at Shoemaker Bay on Monday. A local tradition since 2000, the annual dip is a bracing way to start the new year.



An icy start to 2018

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Soaked and cold but otherwise unharmed, Steve Prysunka, Aleisha Mollen and Eli Michael emerge from the water near Shoemaker Bay along with other participants in Monday's annual Polar Plunge.

2017 – a year in review

By DAN RUDY Sentinel writer

Another year begins this week, and 2018 both holds promise and poses challenges to Wrangell residents. Economic trials will perhaps be of the greatest concern as state coffers seem set to dry up and fishing forecasts continue to disappoint. Limits to funding sources will be of particular bother as the borough continues to address an aging infrastructure, though securing state funding for the Shoemaker Bay Harbor refurbishment and an expected start to the belated Evergreen Road repaving should both be legs up in the coming year.

Looking back on the last year, the town saw the addition of new businesses and a net growth in residents, and was named the region's community of the year. The elementary school admitted one of its largest classes of students in over a decade, the high school volleyball team had a Cinderella finish to its season with a best-ever end at state, and the graduating class attracted nearly \$600,000 in grants and scholarships as it headed into adulthood.

Here are a few of the biggest stories the Sentinel covered over the course of last year, a number of which readers can expect to hear more on as they develop in 2018.

January

The Sourdough Lodge on Peninsula Avenue began its transition to use as an assisted living home, with investors in Harbor House filing for conditional use permitting with Planning and Zoning. Concerns from neighbors about proposed operations necessitated a pair of additional specially-called meetings, but the center got its permitting in the end. After a delay it opened its doors in April.

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Assembly and Ortiz to meet on legislative priorities

By DAN RUDY Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Assembly will be holding a workshop with its state representative Tuesday, ahead of its regularly scheduled meeting. Set for 6 p.m., Rep. Dan Ortiz (Unaffiliated – District 36) plans to present thoughts on the budget and fiscal plan put forward by Gov. Bill Walker last month, which will be making the Legislature's agenda when it convenes for its next session on January 16.

"I just want to give the opportunity for the Assembly to give me some input with regards to what they would like to see happen in this upcoming legislative session, both with the operating budget and the capital budget," he explained.

Ortiz had met with Ketchikan's council on Tuesday, and had likewise met with Metlakatla's the previous week. While in Wrangell, he said he would be making the rounds with constituents, meeting with Wrangell Cooperative Association and going door-to-door to speak with residents.

"As much walking as I can do, I'm going to try to get that done as well," Ortiz said.

At the top of legislators' to-do list this year will be the state's ongoing spending deficit, now in its fifth year. By the state's own reckoning, Alaska's financial problems stem from historical over reliance on oil revenues, which accounted for 84 percent of its income from 1980 until 2014. Since FY13 the price of oil has halved, which when coupled with decreasing production translated to a revenue drop from \$5.4 billion to \$1.6 billion by FY18.

In a 10-year fiscal plan attached to Walker's proposed budget, the Department of Revenue forecasts that oil prices will recover gradually, but the decline in production – this year being half what it was in 2003, and a quarter of 1988's peak – will con-

tinue into the foreseeable future, diminishing revenue return.

To stem spending, cuts to agency budgets, freezing capital projects and consolidations among state services have been enacted since FY15. Some 2,500 state positions have been cut over the past three years, while cuts to a combination of spending items have reduced Alaska's expenses by 40 percent since FY13. But spending reductions have been unable to keep pace with declining revenues, with the Legislature failing to enact significant revenue-side changes in the mean-

The primary fiscal solution

being put forward by the Walker administration is a percent of market value (POMV) based draw from the Permanent Fund, based on a five-year average of earnings. The 5.25-percent draw it proposes mirrors similar bills which gained traction in both the House and Senate last year. As proposed by Walker, the POMV reconfiguring would be retroactive to FY17, with \$1.8 billion would be used to partially fund government services.

The other \$695 million yielded from the draw would still go toward individual dividends. Under

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Birthdays & **Anniversaries**



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

Thursday, January 4: Justin Rusaw, Anniversary: Butch and Jackie Wenderoth. Friday, January 5: Jeremy Welch, Logan Ritchie, Carolyn Taylor, Anniversary: Jordan and Shawna Buness, Saturday, January 6: Susan Haggard, Gale Glass, Ryan Moore, Rod Brown. Sunday, January 7: Rilyn Young, Ava Meyerhoff, Teresa Wallace. Monday, January 8: Cody Thomassen, Tyla Nelson, Leah Liukkonen. Tuesday, January 9: Delton Claggett, Sarah Mason, Chris McMurren, Glenn Smith. Wednesday, January 10: Ridge Powers, Margo Walker-Scott, Shane Legg-Privett, Lynsie Powers. Thursday, January 11: Davis Dow, Diana Nore, Steve Helgeson, Steve Henson.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, Jan. 4

Beef pot pie, spinach, honey orange salad.

Friday, Jan. 5

Baked white fish, boiled potatoes and parsley, carrots, fruit slaw. Monday, Jan. 8

Spinach and lentil soup, half ham and cheese sandwich, orange slices.

Tuesday, Jan. 9

BBQ chicken, potato salad, mixed veggies, hot roll. Wednesday, Jan. 10

Lasagna, steamed carrots, zucchini tomato salad, garlic bread. Thursday, Jan. 11

Baked chicken mexicalli, rice, green beans, spicy fruit cup.

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

Milk, tea and coffee will be served with meals.

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Departures

<u>Northbound</u>	Southbound
Sunday, Jan. 7	Wednesday, Jan.10
Columbia 4:45 p.m.	Columbia 7:30 a.m.
Sunday, Jan. 14	Wednesday, Jan. 17
Columbia 7:15 p.m.	Columbia 6:45 a.m.
Sunday, Jan. 21	Wednesday, Jan. 24
Columbia 3:00 p.m.	Columbia 6:15 a.m.
Sunday, Jan. 28	Wednesday, Jan. 31
Columbia 8:15 p.m.	Columbia 6:00 a.m.

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TIDES Jan. 4 - Jan. 11

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Jan. 4	2:22	16.9	2:10	18.9	7:56	1.5	8:34	-3.6	
Jan.5	3:09	16.7	3:00	17.7	8:46	1.9	9:20	-2.4	
Jan. 6	3:56	16.3	3:51	16.2	9:41	2.4	10:08	-0.9	
Jan.7	4:47	15.8	4:48	14.5	10:39	2.9	10:58	0.6	
Jan. 8	5:43	15.3	5:56	13.0	11:44	3.3	11:53	2.1	
Jan.9	6:43	15.0	7:14	12.1	••••		12:56	3.4	
Jan. 10	7:45	14.9	8:30	11.9	0:53	3.3	2:12	3.0	
Jan. 11	8:43	15.2	9:36	12.2	1:59	4.2	3:22	2.2	

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, Jan. 4

SAIL Class: 10:00 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) free class is a strength, balance and fitness class for adults 65+. For more info call 874-3375.

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

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

Wednesday, January 10

Wrangell Chess Club: Library conference room 7-9:00 p.m.

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

Continuing Events

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

OTHER MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

AA Meetings: Tu. 7 p.m., Smoked Fish F 8 p.m., Step Study Sat. 7 p.m. at the Episcopal gChurch Parish Hall, Study Materials provided. Wed. M & M 12 p.m. at the Catholic Parish Hall, use back entrance. NA Meeting: Wednesday, We Do Recover, 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

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

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

The Way We Were

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

January 10, 1918: All pupils above the second grade were given a test in spelling on Monday, the list of 100 words having been sent to all schools in Alaska by the Commissioner of Education. The best spellers in the school and the number of words they misspelled are as follows: High School: Hattie Anderson, 0; Helen Hofstad, 1. Eighth grade: Ruth Lindman, 0; Lester Campen, 2. Seventh Grade: Henry Ronning, 2; Marjory Shaffner, 7; Andrew Engstrom, 7. Sixth Grade: Ruth Sylvester, 7; Donald Sinclair, 8. Fifth Grade: Harry Ronning, 1; Coralie Cunningham, 2. Fourth Grade: Willie Habkirk, 8; Frances Tamaree, 12. Third Grade: Muri Davis, 11; Nettie Prescott, 32; Dennis Miller, 32. The school starts out with much better attendance than last month.

January 8, 1943: Servicemen stationed at Wrangell were expressive this week of the fine times given them over the holidays, Home dinners and entertainment were enjoyed by all of them and they wished the Sentinel to "Tell the World" that the traditional Wrangell hospitality was appreciated by all.

January 11, 1968: The American Legion Auxiliary and Rev. and Mrs. John Rogers donated a new encyclopedia set to the Wrangell Public Library, and donations have been received from the ANB Athletic Assn. and the Alaska Native Brotherhood lodge towards additional bookcases, and supplies to help the heating problem, Mrs. Irene Ingle, Librarian announced last week. We are most grateful for this wonderful help as our sources of income are limited, Mrs. Ingle said.

January 7, 1993: Some Alaskans could still be entitled to hundreds, even thousands of dollars in Permanent Fund dividends. Department of Revenue Commissioner Darrel J. Rexewinkel announced recently that the state is making a concerted effort to pay all eligible applicants by resolving incomplete applications from the past 10 years. The Permanent Fund Dividend Division is currently sending out a final request for missing information to all such applicants at their last known ad-



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Members of the Alaska State Legislature convened for the new year with a full agenda. Their most pressing task - filling a multibillion-dollar hole in the state budget went largely unaddressed through a full session and four special sessions, with members of the Democratic-led House and Republican-led Senate majorities unable to agree on how best to fix the budget, making 2017 the fifth fiscal year in a row to see significant losses. By the end of the year the Constitutional Budget Reserve looked set to be exhausted, after which lawmakers' funding sources for operations would be spent unless they could reconfigure earnings from the \$56 billion Permanent Fund to allow transfers.

The cash reserves for Wrangell Medical Center hit the million-dollar mark, causing administrators to breathe a little easier. In late 2014 the municipal hospital's cashflow had hit a critical low point, prompting creation of a \$500,000 line of credit by the Borough Assembly and the transfer of billing services to an outside firm. The hospital's surplus would be short-lived, however, and by the year's end it will

have drawn on half of its available emergency credit. A city asset, the Borough Assembly has begun looking into alternative management models for the hospital, as well as ways to finance a new facility.

February

The high school basketball program and fans bid farewell to boys' coach Ray Stokes, who retired after 30 years. Stokes' teams over the years accumulated a number of regional titles and one state championship, and many of his former students came together for a special farewell presentation at the school gym. Following his retirement, two of them - Cody Angerman and Graham Gablehouse – were named as successors, filling the roles of head and assistant coach for the 2017/18 season.

At its annual fundraising dinner, the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce named physician Lynn Prysunka as its citizen of the year for 2017. In its award, the organization cited Dr. Prysunka's dedication to her work and commitment to the community. At the dinner Bobs' IGA was named the 2017 Business of the Year for its support of community initiatives, and school sen-



Outfitted in pink and bearing signs, 20 community members took part in a march around town as part of the wider Women's March to Washington held on January 21.

iors Reyn Hutten, Alex Angerman and Kaylauna Churchill together shared the Young Leaders award. Hannah's Place received a special commendation for its work assisting young families.

March

After serving the borough for 40 years as its finance director and city manager, Jeff Jabusch retired at the month's end. Though not unexpected, finding a replacement took some time – in February the

Assembly had decided to extend the search after meeting with a first batch of candidates. Economic development director Carol Rushmore filled in as city manager during the interim, until former Valdez economic director Lisa Von Bargen was hired on in July.

Wrangell educator Virginia Oliver took part in a community research program of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC, flying to the nation's capital to identify Tlingit artifacts and prioritize them for further study. While visiting various Smithsonian museums, Oliver helped out students back at home by capturing the experience with a virtual reality camera, which they could then explore remotely.

April

The Borough Assembly scrambled with city staff to prepare its water treatment facility for summertime production. The 2016 summer season had seen demand outpace production, to the extent that emergency measures had to be taken. Problems with the plant's sand filtration units and mainte-

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PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Flanked by sons Jake and Mike, Jeff Jabusch bids goodbye to public life at his retirement party on March 25. His four decades as Wrangell's finance director and city manager conclude.

Police report ———

Monday, December 25

DV: Officers responded.

Traffic stop: Vehicle stopped in middle of road.

MVA: Vehicle in the ditch.

Traffic Stop: Verbal warning faulty equipment.

Tuesday, December 26

Controlled burn.

Agency Assist: Alarm: FD dispatched.

Theft: Person reported items taken from shop.

Wednesday, December 27

Noise complaint: Disorderly conduct warning given.

Burglary: Approximate value: \$50.

Disturbance: Disorderly conduct warning given.

Arrested on charges of Assault IV/DV: Linda A. Churchill, age

Thursday, December 28

Arrested on charges of Assault IV/DV: Cooper Seimears, 32. Arrested on charges of Assault IV/DV, Criminal Mischief V and Violation Conditions of Release: Casey Seimears, 35.

Traffic Stop: Verbal warning for defective equipment.

Driving Complaint.

Friday, December 29

Drug info.

Traffic Stop: Citation issued to David McQueen, 21, for U-Turn Prohibited.

Saturday, December 30

Agency Assist: Public Works.

Civil Standby.

Suspicious Circumstance.

Domestic Disturbance.

Traffic Stop: Citation issued to Jody Lindley, 60, for Failure to Provide Proof of Insurance.

Noise Complaint: Disorderly conduct warning given for loud

Traffic Stop: Verbal warning for defective equipment.

Sunday, December 31

Traffic Stop: Citation issued to Kaylauna Churchill, 19, for Failure to Provide Proof of Insurance; verbal warning for failure to stop at the stop sign.

Traffic Stop: Verbal warning for failure to stop at stop sign.

Agency Assist: Letter delivered.

Driving Complaint reported.

Trespass: Unfounded.

Traffic Stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment due to only one headlight.

Traffic Stop: Verbal warning for improper color for running

There were six ambulance calls and three dog complaints in this

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Obituary: Carol Lynn Snoddy, 67



Carol Lynn Snoddy

Carol Lynn Snoddy, 67, (Aa k'wát'i of the Kaach.ádi clan) passed away after a long illness on Dec. 18, 2017.

She was born at Wrangell General Hospital on Nov. 17, 1950 and was the fourth of eight children of Marcus and Mae Dailey.

Carol met and married the love of her life, Harold Snoddy, on July 29, 1969.

She was the great-granddaughter of the last Chief Shakes, Charles Jones and his wife Susie.

One of the many great accomplishments of her life was working with her sister Tis and Todd White on the Chief Shakes clan house renovation and Carving facility. She was always involved in events

that benefited the community. Even though Carol had accomplished so much over the years, she never was one to brag or beat her own drum unless it was in the 4th of July band. She could be as cool as a cucumber juggling events but when it came to drumming, she was very nervous, but loved playing.

Carol retired from the National Bank of Alaska, training managers over her 30 years of employment. She also served as a Commissioner of the Regional Tlingit & Haida Housing Authority and was a member of the local Tlingit & Haida Community Council.



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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Recently you published an editorial in which you expressed your opinion about the proposed sale of KSTK to Coast Alaska.

The members of the KSTK board, the Coast Alaska board. and yes, even the KFSK board, have spent a lot of time examining the options available, and after much thought and discussion, came to the proposed transfer. The membership of KSTK, (that is, all donors of \$20 or more in the past year) were advised of the particulars and invited to vote at a special meeting held for this issue, and approved it unanimously. This is now undergoing the process of paperwork to apply for the transfer with the Federal Communications Commission.

Why?

First, the finances of KSTK are sound. The station has shown a balanced budget every year, and contributes as a member of Coast Alaska.

The problem is in the recent changes of government grants, both federal and state, especially in something called NFFS, Non-Federal Funding Sources. Boring, yes, but important to understand that among other requirements, federal (CPB) grants require a certain level of NFFS for a station before they will award the annual grant. Recently this threshold amount increased, beyond what we can raise locally, endangering KSTK's federal funding, a substantial part of the annual budget.

The State of Alaska also supports KSTK with an annual grant (APB), and this is part of NFFS, but it is also a matching grant that requires the federal money to be in place. That amount has also been reduced during the recent financial woes of the state.

These same issues affect all public radio stations. The amount of private giving (NFFS again) in Wrangell is the difference, with a smaller population and our own local economic issues. We just the won't close new. bigger gap with local giving.

The transfer of the station to Coast Alaska circumvents this problem, by the wider footprint of Coast Alaska being able to cite more NFFS, thereby qualifying for the grants for KSTK.

without It does this dismantling the building and transmitters, all the physical assets that took so long to establish, and would be hard to replace. It maintains KSTK as an entity that can receive this funding and continue operation. It also preserves what has been built in a reversible state, that could someday be locally owned again.

Who is Coast Alaska? It is a consortium of five community stations formed to manage the finances of the members. (Your editorial states seven stations, but three of those are the KTOO group in Juneau. See coastalaska.org) KSTK is a founding member, and has paid into the savings and strength of Coast Alaska. Other members are **KFSK** (Petersburg), (Ketchikan), and KCAW(Sitka). Coast Alaska issues the pay checks to the employees of all these stations, manages accounting, insurance, and

engineering services. So you see, KSTK is a part of Coast

"Selling" KSTK to Coast Alaska is like putting your house or business in your spouse's name; it is a bookkeeping measure that changes little in actual operations, but changes a lot in terms of grant funding eligibility.

You propose that KSTK should just dissolve and KFSK set up a repeater here, and employ a couple of locals on the KFSK payroll. This shows a lack of understanding how public radio is funded, and the role of Coast Alaska.

The problem with that, is the loss of all the state and federal funds that go to a separate station, with an increase in costs to KFSK. (KFSK will not receive double grants by serving Wrangell, the monies KSTK would receive would be gone.) This weakens KFSK, Coast Alaska, and finishes off KSTK altogether. It further weakens our local economy by the loss of jobs. Plus, the KSTK and KFSK employees are all paid by Coast

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Thanks to everyone for their interest and support.

> Walter Moorhead, **KSTK Board Member**

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nance needs were both identified, and new cleaning methods and temporary staff were taken on ahead of the 2017 season. Combined with community outreach on conscientious water usage, the season's water production went by without incident.

A planned acquisition of Alaska Island Community Services by Southeast Alaska Rural Health Consortium went ahead this month following a delay over agreement details. The regional healthcare services provider took over operations for the Wrangell-headquartered provider, which itself had expanded to six other communities since its founding in 1989. During the transition, an agreement with the City of Wrangell was reached that would continue the clinic's collaboration with the public hospital. AICS facilities would still retain their name after the acquisition, while SEARHC solidified its place as the largest healthcare network in Southeast Alaska.

The 20th annual Stikine River Birding Festival was held during the month's final weekend, celebrating the area's diverse bird population. Drawing in ornithological specialists for a bevy of workshops and presentations, the festival won an award from the Mindful Birding Project in February for promoting conservation.

May

A unit of the Army National Guard decommissioned the Wrangell armory, which along with five dozen others across the state was divested from due to budgetary reductions to the state Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. The 35-year-old facility was situated on a lease lot on Bennett Street owned by the city, and reverted back to its control following the decommissioning.

Wrangell High School graduated 24 seniors in its Class of 2017. Together the students garnered around \$600,000 in financial awards for higher education. For their senior projects, the large graduating class left its mark by



Standing in front of the Capitol Building in Washington D.C. in March are members of the Recovering Voices group from Southeast Alaska: Virginia Oliver, Ruth Demmert, Allen Zuboff, Garfield George, Gabby George, Linda Wynn, Florence Sheakley and Shgen George. The girl in front is Violet George.

supporting a diverse range of community concerns, from the construction of new benches for a proposed mariners memorial to a new greenhouse for Evergreen Elementary School to donated time to various peewee programs and nonprofit groups.

A 64-pound Chinook caught by Gary Smart blew other competition out of the water in the 2017 King Salmon Derby. His party of four also caught the second-largest fish during their trip, with Andrew Rowland bagging a 41.9 pound king. Smart's catch was the biggest the Wrangell derby had seen since 1986, and was an outlier from a trend of winners in the 40-pound range that had continued since 2009.

June

The royalty competition sponsored by the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce kicked off ahead of July 4th's celebrations. Using the new pavilion build at the corner of Lynch and Front streets, Charley Seddon and Hailie Davis competed with food and ticket sales, door-to-door solicitation and other promos, raising money both for themselves and the next year's Independence Day celebration. Seddon came away with the crown after selling 46,463 tickets, with both girls together raising over \$90,000.

City workers walked out on strike for a week after their International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers local and Wrangell negotiators failed to agree to each others' final offers. The two parties had been engaged in a lengthy – at times litigious - series of negotiation after expiry of the previous collective bargaining agreement in 2014. Twenty-four workers went on strike ahead of the July 4 weekend, but went back on the job when it was agreed to return to negotiations. A resolution was soon arrived at on salary increases and health insurance copay that was amenable to both parties.

Selection of a rock pit situated near Pats Creek by state authorities for the construction of a monofill riled local concerns. Over 18,000 cubic yards of treated but lead-contaminated soil from the former Byford yard cleanup were due to be interred at the site by contractors. The Department of Environmental Conservation had chosen the spot after learning removal of the excess soil from Wrangell Island would be uneconomical, after the Byford cleanup it had spearheaded the previous year had turned out to be more extensive than first planned. Subsequent meetings with city and Wrangell Cooperative Association officials yielded a stay on the project, though it is expected to resume in 2018.

The city learned its application for match grant funding with the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities was effectively approved by the Alaska Legislature, with \$5,000,000 allotted to a capital refurbishment program that



A group of fourth graders help sell seedlings in May, raising money for their school's EATS Gardening program. Students drew up signage and helped grow a good many of the plants, about half of which were edible and the others more for show.

would benefit Shoemaker Bay tions regarding their fisheries are Harbor. The \$11m project would expected from the January 2018 replace the harbor's aging float network, and is expected to begin spring 2018. Wrangell's project had been previously accepted by the ADOTP&F, funding had been unavailable in

August

previous years.

Despite an optimistic opening, summer seafood production wound down early in Wrangell with the closure of Trident Seafood just before mid-month. Pink salmon returns to the region had been around average for the season, and while outpacing 2016's dismal season was still considered a disappointment. Returns elsewhere were better, and chum salmon returns in Southeast set records for the year. Diminished king salmon numbers have been cause for concern, and special acBoard of Fisheries meeting in

A pair of problems at the Public Safety Building highlighted deeper concerns with the facility, after its elevator quit working and a colony of carpenter ants were discovered in the walls of a court office. Already slated to have its leaky roof and weathered siding replaced in a project alongside the community swimming pool, the unpleasant discoveries helped shift priority to the PSB, which houses most of Wrangell's emergency and legal services. Pending air quality evaluation, the Alaska Court System would suspend its court services in mid-November. The situation remains ongoing into the new year.

September

Wrangell was named Commu-Continued on page 6



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nity of the Year at the Southeast Conference annual summit. In presenting the award, the regional economic organization cited the community's economic transformation following the downturn in its timber industry in the 1990s.

October

Municipal elections were mostly uneventful, with six positions run for without competition, no ballot measures to consider, and a place on the Hospital Board receiving no candidates. A three-way race for a spot on the School Board came out close, with only a single vote separating the top two candidates after initial polling. Subsequent ballots counted confirmed David Wilson's win by a slightly wider margin.

The local moose hunting season broke records for the Wrangell-Petersburg unit with 117 taken. The monthlong season saw the most moose harvested on Kupreanof Island, and marks an ongoing trend of triple-digit numbers for area hunters.

Stikine Middle School officially adopted the Wolves mascot of Wrangell High School, a move which had been mainly ascribed to financial reasons. The old Cougars name had been in place at the school since the early 1990s, and was adopted after a rural resident on the island had reported the first-ever shooting of a mountain lion in the state. The cougar in question was subsequently stuffed and mounted for display, and still resides in a case near the school's commons.

November

After taking second at Region V in Petersburg, Wrangell High School's volleyball team had a second-place finish at State in Anchorage. Its first appearance to the championships in over a decade, the girls took the tournament into an additional tie-breaker round in the finals against Petersburg. The result was the team's best-ever showing, and a good sendoff for its six outgoing senior classmen.

Management at radio station KSTK approved transfer of the station's assets and licenses to CoastAlaska, a regional organization based in Juneau. An application to transfer its four licenses was filed with the Federal Com-



PHOTO BY DAN RUD

Wearing emergency immersion suits on October 5, a group of high school students taking part in a two-day marine survival course take turns boarding a SOLAS (safety of life at sea) raft in the Wrangell public swimming pool. Parks and Rec staff turned off the heat so that the water would be appropriately cold.

munications Commission the following month, with a decision expected later in January or February. The move was prompted by financial concerns as the station came up short for a crucial grant requirement.

December

The United States Forest Service entered a decision on its Wrangell Island timber sale, scaling back the project to between 5 million and 7 million board feet. The financial viability of the units

being considered in the original proposal and environmental impacts of their harvesting went into the decision. The project had previously proposed under 56 million board feet, which itself was a reduction from an initially-expected sale three or four times that amount.

Weather not so hot in 2017

By DAN RUDY Sentinel writer

2017 was a cooler, wetter year than usual for Southeast Alaska, according to National Weather Service data.

Looking back on the weather for 2017, Juneau meteorologist Rick Fritsch summed things up on Tuesday with his annual climatological report. The year began on a blustery note, with high wind warnings issued five times during the month of January. Though the month had started at or below average temperatures, by its end a warm spell presaged a return of rainfall to the region. This carried into February and the climatological end of winter, with high temperatures recorded around Valentine's Day across multiple locations.

February was on track to set a record low for snow when winter storms pummeled the region toward the month's end. Snowfall continued through the first half of March, and was unusually late for the winter's first major snow event. A protracted wind chill and freezing spray affected several inner channels, giving April a wintry start.

This didn't last long though, with warmer than usual conditions and a dry spell taking over. Several record highs were recorded at this time, increasing by the month's end. Fritsch noted that May featured a mix of beautiful spring weather and above-normal rains, which resulted in record rainfall for much of the Panhandle from the 20th to the 22nd

A bizarre last freeze occurred over Memorial Day weekend at several locations, and snowfall in mid-June caused cancellation of the Kluane-Chilkat Bike Relay. Late snowmelt also contributed to flood conditions on several rivers, and excessive rain continuing into July led most locations to reach their normal monthly precipitation before mid-month.

If the summer didn't feel particularly summery, it was because it wasn't typical. Record-setting July rainfalls and a lack of warmth set the mood for the season, with a large portion of the central and southern zones never rising above the 60s in temperature. August was also wetter than usual, but a brief return of true summer conditions brought some respite. Overall, the summer was the wettest on record, with a seasonal total registered in Ketchikan at 46.99 inches.

September was mostly normal, Fritsch writes, though more daily precipitation records were set at the month's end by an atmospheric river event. NOAA describes these as relatively long, narrow regions in the atmosphere that transport most of the

water vapor outside the tropics. When they make landfall, atmospheric rivers often release this vapor in the form of rain or snow.

October was nicer and reasonably drier, while November temperatures fell quickly due to a very strong and persistent high pressure center over Western Canada. These conditions contributed to multiple small craft advisories as extended periods of gale force winds permeated much of the northern inner channels. The second half of the month saw greater than average snowfall, though accumulation was well below normal.

As cold as November had been, Fritsch reported December had been that much warmer than normal. Numerous daily high temperature records were set during the first half of the month, with highs across the southern Panhandle topping 60 degrees. Though precipitation would return to normal levels, its manifestation as rain had the downside of melting much of the low elevation snowpack. While a combination of light snow and extensive hoarfrost made it a white Christmas for most, the year closed out with above-normal temperatures and below-average precipitation for December.

No climatological data was available specific to Wrangell itself. Meteorologist Brian Bezenek explained data taken at Point Baker was the closest available site being measured for the National Weather Service, about 48 miles away. Even Petersburg's data co-op had not had a complete data set this year, and Wrangell has been without a station of its own for nearly six years.

Precipitation at Point Baker was registered at 72.35 inches for the year, about 10 inches above normal. Nineteen inches of this was in the form of snow, which fell mostly in March. This was below average, which historically is 23 inches.

The average temperature for the year was 43.3 degrees, about 0.2 degrees above normal. Highs had been set in August at 72 degrees, with a low point registered in December at 17 degrees.

Wrangell data could again be compiled if a volunteer were to sign up for NWS' Cooperative Observer Program (COOP). Nationwide, more than 10,000 volunteers take daily observations in the program, which include daily maximum and minimum temperatures, snowfall, and 24-hour precipitation totals.

"If we could find someone to do that then we would be able to start a nice data base in Wrangell," said Bezenek.

For more information on how to get involved, check out the FAQ page at www.nws.noaa.gov/om/coop/.



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Nine firefighters to take part in 2018 stair climb

By DAN RUDY Sentinel writer

A group of Wrangell firefighters raising money for cancer research will have grown this year, with nine to take part in the Scott Firefighter Stairclimb in Seattle March 11.

Drawing 2,000 firefighters this year from around the world, the climb benefits the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Washington and Alaska. Founded in 1949, it is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to researching and treating various blood cancers. Last year's climb raised a record \$2.4 million for the society's efforts, and in 2018 a new goal of \$2.65 million has been set. In its 27-year history, the event has raised over \$15 million for cancer research and patient services.

Participating firefighters make a 69-story climb at the Columbia Center, which is the secondtallest skyscraper west of the Mississippi River. Participants compete for time as they make their climb in full firefighting gear, including air tanks. Six Wrangell firefighters made the trip for last year's event, and several have been taking part since 2013.

Returning climbers include Chris Hatton, Jordan Buness, Adam and Dorianne Sprehe, Dustin Johnson and Walter Moorhead, while first-time participants will be Scott McAuli-



Clockwise from top left, Scott McAuliffe, Adam Sprehe, Walter Moorhead, Chris Hatton, Dorianne Sprehe, Jordan Buness, Steve Prysunka, Clay Hammer and Dustin Johnson will be making the climb at this year's Scott Firefighter Stairclimb in Seattle. The group already kicked off its fundraising activities early last month, and will be raising money for research and patient care related to bloodborne cancers.

Prysunka. Team Wrangell will also have assistance changing

Buness to accompany the team.

"We're excited about having

With 10 people actively raising money for the climb, she's hopeful the crew will be able to beat its previous collections. The Volunteer Fire Department has already been actively soliciting donations, first selling snacks at last month's Midnight Madness, and likely holding a pancake breakfast and pasta feed in the coming months.

A big part of the process is physical preparation, with a stair machine at the fire department garage helping to get Wrangell's firefighters in shape for the strenuous climb ahead.

"The stepper is the best tool for us to practice, but it can also get a bit tedious," said Hatton. Having recently recovered from foot surgery, she has been practicing at the outdoor staircase leading to Rainbow Falls.

Getting into a routine can be difficult, particularly with the holiday season sapping resolve and taking attention.

"The whole holiday season is counter-conditioning," Hammer admitted. His first climb yet, he hopes to start practicing in earnest in the new year, first at Rainbow Falls.

Another newcomer, Prysunka said his practice would need to hold off somewhat until February, after his wintertime traveling wraps up. He has been practicing at the falls as well, albeit without his gear.

"When you put on all your turnout gear, man, that's a real game changer," said Hammer. "Everything about it I'm having to learn."

Hatton explained the most difficult part is getting one's climbing rhythm down. The climb at Columbia Tower is not straight

up a stairwell, and to prevent overexerting oneself one needs to develop a steady pace. She last year was able to make the climb without even changing her air bottle, a feat she would like to try again this year. Hatton said her trick is to practice with a metronome.

More than getting exercise, the climb is about raising funds to combat cancers of the blood. The LLSWA estimates some 58,300 Americans will have died from leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma last year, or around 160 people per day. These illnesses have touched a number of lives, including many of the firefighters taking part in the climb.

Climbers often dedicate their effort to a friend or loved one, and Wrangell's are no exception. Moorhead will be climbing in memory of his late wife, Carol Ross, who passed away in September 2015. Prysunka's wife, Lynn, is a survivor of leukemia, and research such as that supported by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society ultimately saved her life.

"I've been watching team members go do it for quite a few years, and was always impressed they were raising money for such a good cause," Prysunka said of the climb.

People can donate with their local firefighters, or can donate online by visiting the http://www.llswa.org website. The Wrangell team page can be searched for through the "Donate" menu. Once located, a person can pick either the team or individual climbers to contribute to, with the site tracking the team's fundraising progress.



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Alaska Fish Factor.

By LAINE WELCH Fisheries columnist

Annual Fishing Picks and Pan: The best and worst fish stories of 2017

For 27 years this weekly column has featured news for and about Alaska's commercial fishing industry. It began in 1991 in the Anchorage Daily News and now appears in more than 20 news outlets across Alaska, nationally and in the UK.

Today, Alaska fishermen and processors provide 65 percent of our nation's wild-caught seafood, and 95 percent of the wild salmon. The industry puts more people to work than oil/gas, mining, timber and tourism combined.

Alaska's diverse fishing fleet of nearly 10,000 vessels is made up mostly of boats under 50 feet. Each is a small business that supports several families. For towns like Kodiak, Cordova, Homer, Petersburg and Sitka, where 500 to 700 vessels are homeported, boats are the majority of our downtown store fronts.

Here are my annual **Fishing Picks and Pans** – a no holds barred look back at the best and worst fish stories of 2017 in no particular order, and my choice for the biggest fish story of the year.

Best fishing career builders: University of Alaska/Southeast for "on the go" iPad training for fishery technicians, boat hydraulics, electronics, vessel repairs and more. Kodiak College merits honorable mention for same

Biggest new industry potential: Seaweeds. Kelp alone is a \$5 billion global industry. Gov. Walker will unveil a statewide mariculture plan in March for producing more seaweeds and shell-fish. The US Dept. of Energy already is eyeing Alaska for biofuels from macroalgae.

Biggest fish break: Electronic Monitoring Systems replacing fishery observers on small boats to track what's coming and going over the rails.

Best Fish Entrepreneurs – Salmon Sisters of Homer – even Xtra-Tuffs came calling for the sisters' flair on its boots!

Best fish visionaries: Tidal Vision LLC of Juneau – their list of Alaska crab shell-based filters, fabrics and an eye-popping list of other products continues to grow.

Best Fish Legislators: Rep. Louise Stutes, (R) Kodiak; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tompkins (D-Sitka)

Best fish knowledge sharers: Alaska Sea Grant and its Marine Advisory Agents

Best Fish Giver – Sea Share, for donating more than 225 million fish servings to needy Americans since 1994. The program began as a bycatch to foodbanks effort by Bering Sea fishermen and processors.

Trickiest fish conundrum: Protecting transboundary waters shared by Southeast Alaska and British Columbia. More than a half dozen huge mines are operating or being built directly upstream in B.C.; some straddle headwaters of the Panhandle's most important salmon rivers.

Most earth friendly fishing town – Kodiak, for generating nearly 100 percent of its electricity from wind and hydropower, and for turning its fish gurry into oils and meals at a plant owned by local processors.

Biggest fish WTF? Over 70 percent of active fishing permit holders call Alaska home, but most of the gross earnings go out of state. In 2015 Alaska fishing residents and crew grossed more than \$602 million at the docks, while 6,580 Washington-based fishermen took home over \$904 million.

Scariest immediate fish threat: warming water temperatures are throwing fish behaviors and diets out of whack.

Scariest imminent fish threat: ocean acidification. The corrosion of shells and skeletons in sea creatures is already documented in the Pacific Northwest.

Best fish ambassadors – Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI). The Alaska seafood "brand" is #1 on US restaurant menus. Seafood sales are Alaska's top export by far, topping \$3 billion. ASMI, funded primarily by the industry, promotes Alaska seafood in the U.S. and in more than 120 countries.

Most counterproductive fish cut – Alaska legislators zeroing out the \$1 million state ASMI budget in FY 18. (see above) In contrast, Norway's Seafood Council, funded by a tax on seafood exports, has a \$55 million marketing budget.

Best daily fish news sites: Seafoodnews.com; Seafood-Source

Town that best promotes fishing futures: Sitka. Training young fishermen, marketing local catches, fish quality studies, supporting buy-in options for new entries – the Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association helps lead Sitka's investment in future fishing careers.

Best fish watchers: Cook Inletkeeper, Trustees for Alaska

Most encouraging fish talks: The Stand for Salmon and United Fishermen of Alaska educational outreach on the push to update salmon habitat and permitting laws for the first time since statehood (1959).

Most unacceptable fish story: Nearly 60 million gallons of detergents, road run off, human wastes, pharmaceuticals and other Anchorage effluent being legally piped into Cook Inlet every day thanks to decades long waivers from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Best fish economist: Andy Wink, Senior Seafood Analyst, McDowell Group

Best go to bat for their fishery: The Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association, funded and operated by the Bay's roughly 1,800 driftnet fishermen

Best fish mainstream move: Trident's Fork and Fin food truck that is taking the message to the streets that overlooked Alaska pollock (aka "cod's cousin") is what's for dinner.

Most ill-timed fish story – U.S. Navy war games held again in May as Alaska's salmon season gets underway. The area covers 60,000 square miles off the tip of the Kenai Peninsula. The Navy is reportedly considering moving the training exercises to September.

Biggest fish unknown: Every Alaskan benefits from higher fish prices. Half of the taxes from all fish landings go into the state general fund and are distributed at the whim of the Alaska legislature.

Biggest fish pipe dream:Pebble Mine. "Wrong mine/Wrong place."

Best fish booster – Alaska Symphony of Seafood by the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation. For 25 years AFDF has showcased tasty new Alaska seafood products with a level playing field for the majors and small mom and pop's. A new category highlights items made from byproducts, such as pet treats and salmon skin wallets. (Teaser: the 2018 Symphony winners will be announced at a gala soiree in Juneau in February.)

Best veteran fish writers: Margie Bauman, Jim Paulin

Best new fish writer: Elizabeth Earl

Best fish mixer: Pacific Marine Expo/Seattle, which has topped the half-century mark and continues to grow each year.

Saddest fish story: King salmon returns to Southeast Alaska at their lowest levels since the 1970s.

Town that celebrates its fish best: Cordova. Helicopters and hand delivered salmon herald the salmon season's kick off! Chefs and media tours, restaurant revels, First Fish delivered to elders.

Town that celebrates its fish least: Kodiak. Fishing starts Jan. 1. No shout outs. Halibut opens in March, salmon in June. Ditto. No "first of the season fish" featured on Kodiak menus.

Most important fish study: Turning the Tide, which offers hope and guidelines for Alaska's next generation of commercial fishermen. Find it at Alaska Sea Grant.

Fish story of the year: The cod crash in the Gulf of Alaska, where annual surveys showed stocks of one of Alaska's largest fisheries are down by more than 80 percent. The cod shortfall, blamed on warm waters over an extended period, is expected to last for three or more years. Alaska typically produces 20 percent of global cod catches.

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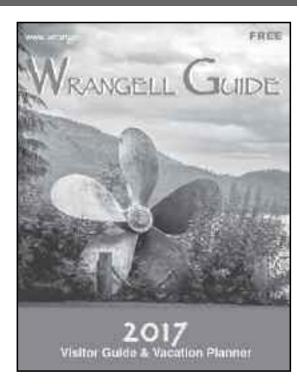
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and independent travelers.

State changes bail system, with more releases expected

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – Alaska is starting the new year with a change in the way the state handles criminal bail.

People charged with a crime

will no longer have to pay money to get out of jail before their trial, the Juneau Empire reported.

Starting Monday, the state

will evaluate each individual under a point system that considers how likely they are to show up to court appearances or commit a new crime.

The change means more people will be out of jail with supervision, said Nancy Meade, general counsel of the Alaska Court System to the assembled attorneys.

It also means the state won't have to pay for jail time. The individuals who qualify will also be allowed to work.

The change has been the works for almost two years. Lawmakers passed the bill in 2016.

Under the previous system, individuals could be not released from jail prior to their trial until they paid a bail amount set by a judge.

Defendants from poorer areas were more likely to stay in jails, according to a 2015 study by the Pew Charitable Trust and the Alaska Judicial Council. The study also found that white, Hispanic and Asian defendants were more likely to be released before trial than black or Native defendants.

Further studies determined that keeping nonviolent offenders in jail increases their chances of reoffending.

"This should enhance public safety and fairness and the credibility of the justice system," said Quinlan Steiner, the state's top public defender.

Parks & Rec extends winter challenge for better health

Now that the holidays are over, those looking to put the feasting and festivities behind them can challenge themselves with a workout regimen

Wrangell Parks and Recreation launched its third annual Winter Workout Challenge on Monday, welcoming the new year with some healthy competition.

"It's an eight-week, progressively building workout challenge," explained Kate Thomas, the department director.

The department overhauled some of its activities for this year's competition, and while tailored mainly to entry-level activity, beginners', intermediate and advanced programs are available. Thirty-eight people have so far signed up for the challenge, with age groups categorized into 13-and-under and 14-up.

Participants earn points with each workout, which is not limited to Parks and Rec programs but also encompasses walks on public trails, time spent in the pool or weight room, and other healthy activities. Each week participants get their names dropped into a raffle for a prize basket, and at the end of the program the person with the highest point count wins a grand prize.

"It's just a way to incentivize winter health," Thomas said.

A board outside the Parks and Rec office tallies people's progress during the course of it, both encouraging them to put in the time and showing what activities their neighbors have been getting into. A slew of activities are on the way, with the newest being the coed inner tube water polo league starting Friday nights in February

Other programs coming up this winter will be youth wrestling, and the wally ball league from Mondays to Thursdays. The department will also be offering several classes. The soonest will be a blended learning lifeguard course, set for this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Red Cross courses teach water safety basics as well as emergency protocol.

Adult swim lessons will begin on January 16, with Thomas leading introductory courses Tuesdays at 5:15 p.m. and Bruce McQueen leading coached workouts the same time Thursdays. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Kim Covalt and Michael Bania will lead arthritis classes and water aerobics at the pool from 9 to 11 a.m.

There will be activities for smaller children as well, with the tot gym program catering to under-5's at the community center Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Held from 10:30 a.m. to noon, the sessions feature interactive circuits, supervised games and the bounce house.

For more information on the challenge and other programming, check out www.wrangell-rec.com

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State to collect pipeline back-taxes after settlement

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – The state expects to collect about \$165 million its owed in back taxes from companies that paid to ship oil down the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, but the payments are not expected to be in cash.

Alaska's Energy Desk reports the oil companies are expected to pay their tax bills by buying tax credits the state owes to other companies.

The state owes nearly \$1 billion to small oil and gas companies under the cash-for-credits program the Legislature ended last year.

A settlement was reached earlier this month on the pipeline shipping rates that created a new rate calculation following years of disputes over high rates. The settlement also allows the state to collect.

The settlement still requires approval by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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Marine Service Center Leases

Sherri Cowan, Port Secretary City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

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City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska **NOTICE INVITING** LOCAL CONTRACTORS AND UPDATED LICENSES

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Annual updated documents such as the Contractor's License, Business License, and/or insurance must be turned into the Borough Clerk.

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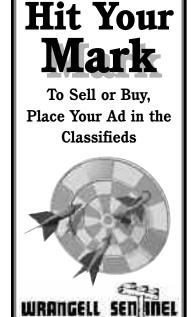
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Borough Clerk

Public Notice Wrangell Museum has been in the process of cleaning up its paperwork and ownership on items

held in the collection: Please be advised that the Museum will acquire ownership of the following items if a valid claim is not received by the museum within 45 days of the last publication of this notice. All items are "Found in collection" All items have been in the museum's documented possession since prior to 1993. A list of the items is as follows: FIC #'s .112 wood mop bucket, .113 tiny glass bottle, .114 & .115 Wee Shrimp Alaskan can, .116 & .117 wood floats, .118 net shuttle, .119 Geode Quartz, .120Boy scout, garnet ledge sign, .121 Yakutat Toy paddle, .122 Alaska Beaded coin purse, .123 Legging, beaded, .124 ski poles, .125 beaded book mark, .126 Beaded pouch, Rock Samples.127 & .128 molybdenite, .129 Staurolite, .130 calcite, .131 to .135 Pyrite, .136 Cinnabar, .137 & .138 Calcite, .139lead sulfide, .140Beryl Crystal, .141 Zinc sulfide, .142 malachite, .143 Asbestos, .144 Staurolite, .145 fossil coral, .146 copper, .147 wood snow ski's, .148 wood duck, .149 halibut hook, .150 Electric griddle, .151 metal wire rack, .152 cast iron pan, .153 boat paddle with red paint, .154 canoe paddle plain, .155 canoe paddle tapered, .156 & .171 US flags condition poor, .157 Gray rock, .158 painting (snow scene by Barrister), .159 painting mountain/lake, .160 & .161 Burroughs manual calculating machines (Fair), .162 wood dining chair, .163 Cummins paper perforating machine, .164 & .165 Mimeograph machines, .166 cast iron lamp part, .167 Flag of Russia, .168 wood float, .169 Flag Alaska Centennial, .170 derby hat, .171 fishing float, .172 Stone tool, .173 harpoon point, .174 cedar hat, .175, .176 & .177 gun flints, .178 Smith manual typewriter, .179 Underwood manual typewriter, .180 Allen manual adding machine, .181 Metal bucket with holes from bear, .182, .183 & .184 sash weights, .185 1950 basketball schedule, .168 & .201 nylon basketball nets, .187 1970 basketball, .188 Linen dresser scarf, .189 painting of Ferry dock, .190 metal loop handle, .191 barrel cart dolly with BABL on side, .192 Barrel dolly, .193 Charcoal portrait, .194 X-ray viewer, .195 Senungatul water color, .196 metal Alaska communication sign, .197 sketch of Harry Ukas, .198 folding wood box(poor), .199 & .200 boat Navigation lights, .202 child's native kuspuk (new), painting (man in boat), .204 Charcoal portrait of man, 206 model fish smoking scene .210 wood roller, .211 print (copy) drawing of chief shakes V, 212 shady lady dress, 213 Anvil model, 214 US flag(fair), 215 totem model, .216 Saucer, .217Cup, .220 paddle Tlingit design, .221 Kuspuk, .222 Totem model, .223 iron tongs, .224 boat sign (Hazel B) .225 1980 trophy (man with torch), .226 wall hanging (lime green with totemic image), .227 linen arm chair cover, .228 small Cig dispenser, .230 wooden coffee table, .231 Burrough's cash register, .232 Replica of small Copper shield, wooden plaque with killer whale from Met. .234 Pen & Ink of Ft. Wrangel brewing co. Contact: Terri Henson, Museum Director, PO Box 1050, Wrangell AK 99929. 907-874-3770 for more information or to make claim of ownership. Claims must be supported by documentation or proof of ownership.

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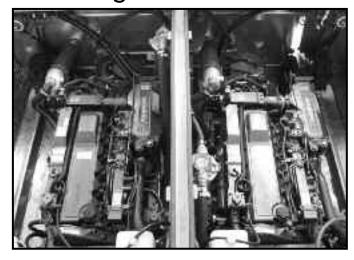
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Regulators consider reducing halibut quota

CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

Pursuant to the City & Borough of Wrangell Code, Sec. 3.04.808, notice is hereby given that the regular assembly meetings of the assembly shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The meetings shall be held at 7:00 p.m., in the Assembly Chambers, City Hall, Wrangell. If any such Tuesday shall fall on a legal holiday as defined by the laws of the State of Alaska, the meetings scheduled for that day shall be held at the same hour on the next succeeding day which is not a holiday. Separate notice for the regular council meetings shall not be required. There will be no regular meetings the second Tuesday in July and August and fourth Tuesday in December.

Kim Lane, Borough Clerk City of Wrangell, Alaska Publish: January 4, 2018

tors are considering reducing the amount of halibut that fishermen are allowed to catch along the Pacific coast this year.

The International Pacific Halibut Commission is expected to consider this month adopting a 24 percent reduction to the an-

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the regular board meeting of the Wrangell Medical Center Board of Directors shall be held on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Nolan Center Classroom, Wrangell, Alaska. Separate notice for the regular Board of Directors meeting shall not be required.

Kris Reed **Board Secretary** Wrangell Medical Center Publish: January 4, 2018

KENAI, Alaska (AP) – Regula- nual Pacific halibut quota for meeting last month. fisheries from Alaska to California, the Peninsula Clarion reported.

> The reduction recommended due to low recruitment rates among young halibut populations over the last decade and increasing pressure on the fish stocks from commercial, subsistence and recreational fishing, according to a report presented to the intergovernmental organization at its

Alaskan fishermen caught more than 20.8 million pounds (9.4 million kilograms) of halibut this year in regulatory areas that cover waters in the Cook Inlet and Gulf of Alaska. A total of 42.4 million pounds of the fish were caught across all the regulatory waters.

Halibut fishermen have faced increased restrictions in recent years as the fish populations in southern Alaska have declined.

Halibut populations are projected to continue gradually declining for the next few years under the current fishing rates, according to the report.

The report recommended dropping the catch quota to 31 million pounds, as anything above would likely continue the halibut decline.

The commission is scheduled to make a final decision at its meeting in Portland, Oregon, in late January.

Feds to look into transboundary mining dispute

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – The federal government says it will look into a transboundary mining issue affecting Alaska and Canada.

CoastAlaska News reports the U.S. State Department says in a letter to Lt. Gov. Byron Mallott that it acknowledges Alaska residents' concerns over pollution coming from British Columbia mines.

The department says in a letter released Dec. 28 that it will work with Canadian officials to protect the salmon-rich, cross-boundary water-

Before this, the department had said it would not get involved with the issue.

Senior Transboundary Mines Adviser Barbara Blake says the department is looking into what gaps and limitations of cooperation exist between the two countries.

The department is expected to present its findings at an International Joint Commission meeting in April.

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Walker's proposal the PFD would be reformulated, basing dividends on a combination of fund earnings and oil revenue share. A transitional \$1,000 dividend would be proposed for the coming two years, until the new formula could be realized.

Other revenue sources being considered include increasing the corporate income tax to reflect levels commonly seen in other states, ranging from zero percent for those making less than \$25,000 taxable income up to 11 percent for those making \$500,000 and over. The current model, devised in the 1970s, spaces a zero-9.4 percent rate over 10 tax brackets. By condensing the brackets and adjusting rates, the administration hopes to yield an additional \$50 million from corporate taxes.

Fee increases and a rise in the

state's motor fuel tax are also proposed, with the fuel tax anticipated to yield \$120 million over two years. To help pay for increases being proposed to capital spending, state finances would also be bolstered by a 1.5-percent tax on payroll, capped at either \$2,200 per year or double the amount of the previous year's

"At least that's how it stands right now," Ortiz said of the latter. "So that's one of the things people need to consider."

It was this item in particular that Ortiz said he hoped to gauge constituents' support for in the coming weeks. Though state residents have the lightest tax burden of any state in the country, adopting new taxes has proven a tough sell to legislators. Put forward already before, the payroll tax had narrowly passed the House during November's special session but

Fiscal Year	Oil Price	(\$/barrel)	Production (Millions of Barrels/day)	Unrestricted Revenue (\$Billions)		
2018	S	54,00	0.456	\$	1.62	
2019	S	60.00	0.442	S	1.87	
2020	S	63,00	0.429	\$	1.91	
2021	5	67.00	0.413	\$	1.94	
2022	S	71.00	0.398	5	2.01	
2023	S	75.00	0.380	\$	2.04	
2024	5	78.00	0.363	\$	2.07	
2025	S	84.00	0.346	8	2.17	
2026	S	88.00	0.331	5	2.22	
2027	5	91.00	0.316	5	2.17	

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET GRAPHIC

Measuring the price of oil per barrel against daily production, the state can calculate what amount of revenue it can earn from the royalties. Despite projections that oil prices will gradually rise back to their pre-crash levels, declining production levels are also expected, meaning less bang for Alaska's petrodollars in the long term.

was not taken up by the Senate. It was uncertain whether the Democratic-led House majority would support the measure a second

"Nobody wants to see a tax implemented, nobody's ever going to get excited about that,"

he said. "However, we do have some building-up infrastructure costs that need to be addressed and some foregone maintenance issues that need to be addressed, otherwise they get more expen-

As for the rest of the proposed

budget, Ortiz noted education funding would remain consistent with the previous year's. "While it's not going to cover inflation costs, at least it's not going to be a reduction," he said. "In this fiscal environment it's about as positive as we can hope for."

Wrangell basketball teams take eighth in preseason tourney

By DAN RUDY Sentinel writer

The girls and boys basketball teams brought back no awards but learned some lessons in a preseason tournament in Ketchikan last week.

The Clarke Cochrane Christmas Classic is a longstanding Ketchikan tournament, typically held between the holidays. As with previous years, Alaska teams paired off with schools from as far afield as New Mexico ahead of their regular season openers.

The Wrangell High School boys opened the tournament on December 28, matched up with Washington's Anacortes High School. A well-regarded team in its own division at home, Anacortes would go on to win the tournament, and the game ended up going roughly for Wrangell.

"They basically put the hurt on us," Wrangell coach Cody Angerman said afterward. Their opponents took the lead from the get-go, with the score wrapping up in a 39-83 loss for the Wolves.

In the consolation bracket now, the team went against the familiar faces of Thunder Mountain, which had lost its opening game to West Anchorage 44-75. Angerman's team started their game on the wrong foot, putting only 10 points on the board during the first half. Players redoubled their efforts during the second half, bringing Wrangell's loss to a more respectable 52-71 score.

"The scoreboard looked a little bit better than it actually was," he said. In its last match for the tournament on Saturday morning, Wrangell played against students from Navajo Preparatory School in Farmington, New Mexico. The Wolves put on a competitive show, taking a slight lead during the second half. Angerman felt the team could have won the match, but with several key plays Navajo Prep was able to come out with the win. Wrangell finished its bracket in eighth place overall.

Wrangell's girls fared about the same over the weekend, up first against Auburn, Washington's Thomas Jefferson High School.

"They were really big," Lady Wolves coach Laurie Brown recalled. The visiting team used its height to its advantage during the game, taking the win. Like the boys' opening game, the girls had faced the eventual tournament winners at the very start. "The girls played hard. It was a good, competitive game."

The following morning, Wrangell was up against University Preparatory from Redding, California. While still a larger school than Wrangell's, Brown thought the teams more evenly matched during their Friday morning game.

"We came out with an alright first half, but the second half was rough," she said. The Uni Prep Panthers had a high-scoring third period, finishing the game with a 47-26 win.

In its last match, Wrangell competed for seventh place with Kenai Central High School. The Kardinals had a solid offensive game, and finished the game with a 62-46 win over the Lady Wolves.

"It was a hard weekend for the girls, particularly humbling," Brown said afterward.

But the benefit of the tournament for both Wrangell teams was that it exposed them to competitive play ahead of their regular schedule. Angerman said lessons had been learned, and that the team could move past

"It's early and we have a lot of ways to go," he said. "From here on out, we're going to try to be the toughest team and the grittiest team, and the best at defense."

Both Wrangell teams next head to Petersburg this weekend for the start of its regular season, with the junior varsity and varsity squads each playing Friday and Saturday. The two schools share a strong rivalry, and both Brown and Angerman expect it to be a good weekend for the kids.

"They should be good games for us," she said.



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