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How much wood could a Chuck Oliver Logging Show chuck?

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The roundabout near City Dock was blocked off July 4, for the 45th Chuck Oliver Logging Show. The logging show has been a staple of Wrangell's Independence Day celebration since it was first organized by Chuck Oliver in 1975. Chuck and his son, Randy, have been heavily involved in the logging show off-and-on for many years. With Chuck passing away in March this year, and Randy announcing that this would be his final show before retiring, many Wrangellites came out to see the close of this particular chapter in the community's history.

"With the logs, site and tools picked up, my final year as chairman of the July 4th Chuck Oliver Logging Show comes to an end, I want to thank all of you that have come out year after year to cheer us on," Randy wrote in a letter sent to the Wrangell Sentinel. "Tom Roland will be taking over next year and I have all the faith that he is going to do great as the logging show chairman. I would like to thank my dad in heaven for starting this show 45

years ago. Although he is gone his vision to teach the youth of our community what it is to be a logger continues."

There were 10 events in this year's logging show. There were traditional logging-related contests, such as axe chopping and power saw bucking, where contestants try to be the first to slice through a log with a chainsaw. There were also contests that called back to the more rustic days of the timber industry, such as the Idaho Style contest where two contestants would have to operate a large, two-person saw. One new event added to the show this year was the Obstacle Bumping contest. This was a challenge that tested participant's speed and balance. Starting on one end of a narrow log, contestants would grab a chainsaw and run to the other end of the log. They would then climb on top of the log and walk across it, stopping to turn on the chainsaw halfway across. Then, while keeping their balance, contestants would cut off the end of the log. Once that was complete, they then had to turn off the chainsaw, turn

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Looking for a shade

You may not just see ice on the way to the LeConte Glacier. This mama goat and her babies was spotted looking for shade on a hot Sunday afternoon.

Fun times and broken logs at greased pole competition



PHOTO BY CALEB VIERKANT/WRANGELL SENTINEL

The man, the myth, the greasy. Rowen Wiederspohn was the winner of the 2019 greased pole competition.

By CALEB VIERKANT
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Wrangell's annual greased pole competition took place last Tuesday, July 2, at the city dock. The event is a popular part of the city's weeklong Fourth of July celebration. The competition is simple, in theory, but proves to be quite challenging to those participating. A large log is laid out over the water, on the dock's summer float, and covered in grease. Participants then attempt to scale the log and grab a small American flag on the opposite end. Grabbing the flag means winning \$100.

A large crowd of people gathered around the dock and the summer float to watch the competition and participate. Each attempt garnered cheers and applause, especially when the attempts ended in somebody falling into the water.

There were several dozen people signed up to participate, however, this year's greased pole competition would come to a close earlier than expected. Rowen Wiederspohn, high schooler, was the 14th person signed up to make a try at the greased pole. His strategy was a little different from previous partici-

pants. While other people tried scaling up the log on their bellies, Wiederspohn stayed in a sitting position and inched his way forward with his hands. He was making very good progress, gathering lots of cheers, and jeers, from those watching. When he was a little past the halfway mark, things became a lot more challenging for him. Wiederspohn, and the pole, began to be sprayed with water from a water gun, while other competition organizers and members of the public began rocking the summer float back and forth. This caused the greased pole to bob up and down, making balancing an even greater task. Despite this, Wiederspohn continued to make progress.

All of a sudden, with a loud cracking sound, the greased pole spit in half. The upper half of the pole, the American flag, and Wiederspohn were all sent into the water. Thinking quickly, however, Wiederspohn dived forwards after the fallen end of the log and reemerged clutching the flag. Swimming back to the float with the flag between his teeth, to thunderous applause from the crowd, he was declared the winner of the competition.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, July 11: Robert Kuntz, Keian Young. *Anniversary:* Sarah & Andrew Scrambler. **Friday, July 12:** Levi Dow, Tis Peterman, Kara Helgeson, Sharon McGuire, Elijah Comstock, David Bryner. **Saturday, July 13:** Matt Richard, Maggie McChargue, Sam Atkins, Betty Abbott. **Sunday, July 14:** Marshall Peterman, J. C. Gillen, Stanley Guggenbickler, Koen Kohrt. *Anniversary:* Woody & Peggy Wilson, Winston & Renate' Davies. **Monday, July 15:** Kevin Smalley, Kay Nesbitt, Mary Edgley, Lily Feuerhelm. *Anniversary:* Kevin & Janell Stutz. **Tuesday, July 16:** Kaelene Harrison, Carmen Pavlina, Delores Klinke, Mike Howell, Casey Seimears. **Wednesday, July 17:** Daniel Nore, Sr. *Anniversary:* Bob & Alysse Maxand. **Thursday, July 18:** Dave McGuire, Tom Wickman, Rick Brock, August Paulsen, Bethany Comstock. *Anniversary:* Scott & Carrie Mason.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, July 11

Baked White Fish, Peas, Cabbage Pear Salad, Sweet Potatoes

Friday, July 12

Chicken Sandwich, Minestrone Soup, Romaine/Tomato Salad

Monday, July 15

Alaskan Casserole, Brussel Sprouts, Citrus Salad, Wheat Roll

Tuesday, July 16

Baked Chicken, Mixed Veggies, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy

Wednesday, July 17

Country Pork Stew, Peas & Onion Salad, Buttermilk Roll

Thursday, July 18

Moose Lasagna, Steamed Zucchini, Tossed 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, July 13

Malaspina 7:15 a.m.

Sunday, July 14

Columbia 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 16

Malaspina 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, July 20

Malaspina 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, July 21

Columbia 4:45 p.m.

Southbound

Thursday, July 11

Malaspina 10:15 p.m.

Monday, July 15

Malaspina 5:00 a.m.

Wednesday, July 17

Columbia 7:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 18

Malaspina 10:15 p.m.

Monday, July 22

Malaspina 7:45 a.m.

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



TIDES July 11 - July 18

	High Tides				Low Tides			
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
July 11	9:23	12.8	9:38	16.5	3:01	1.7	2:56	3.1
July 12	10:33	13.1	10:34	16.9	4:13	0.8	4:04	3.6
July 13	11:34	13.6	11:26	17.2	5:15	-0.2	5:06	3.7
July 14	12:28	14.2	6:07	-1.1	6:00	3.6
July 15	12:14	17.4	1:15	14.6	6:51	-1.6	6:46	3.5
July 16	12:58	17.4	1:58	14.8	7:30	-1.8	7:26	3.5
July 17	1:38	17.2	2:37	14.9	8:06	-1.7	8:03	3.5
July 18	2:16	16.8	3:13	14.8	8:39	-1.4	8:38	3.6

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, July 11

Planning and Zoning Meeting: City Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Special School Board Meeting: Evergreen Elementary School Room 101, 5:00 p.m. This meeting is to take action on the Fiscal Year 2019 and 2020 budget revisions.

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.

July 10, 1919

It has always been the custom of Wrangell to celebrate the Fourth in a most joyous and enthusiastic manner, but our celebration this year had an added interest because of the presence of Governor and Mrs. Riggs who arrived Thursday noon on the Murre.

Everyone in town who could get away was at the wharf to welcome the distinguished guests. The Admiral Evans was in port and her passengers joined in the greetings, the Wrangell band playing gaily all the while.

While the reception for Mrs. Riggs was in progress Governor Riggs was being shown the various industries of the town, in each of which he took a keen interest. That evening he and Mrs. Riggs were dinner guests at the home of F. E. Bronson.

July 7, 1944

A large group of members and visitors of the Wrangell Civic Club and Library Association were entertained at the regular monthly meeting Saturday afternoon, July 1, at 1:30 with a musical program of patriotic numbers sung by Mrs. E. R. Sharnbroich and Mrs. Orville Keeney. The songs enjoyed were "This is Worth Fighting For," "Your Land and My Land," "Here Comes The Navy," and "God Bless America."

Mrs. John Coulter, reporting for the library board, stated that three dollars had been given to the library last month and the Association will make further announcement in this regard as soon as selection is made.

Mrs. Coulter also advised

that the Presbyterian Ladies Aid were the first to subscribe to the Library Book Memorial. This organization has voted to place a book on the Memorial Shelf at the library in memory of Mr. Ludwig Berg. All books on the Memorial Shelf will have attached a card showing the name of the organization or individual presenting the book and also the name of the person in whose memory it is placed on the shelf.

July 10, 1969

A committee of Alaska educators, school board members, representatives of professional education organizations, and State and local government agencies met in Juneau, in the Governor's Conference Room to consider problems of State financial support to Alaska's public schools. Committee members initiated planning for the proposed statewide school finance study.

The State of Alaska presently provides financial support to local school districts through a foundation program developed in 1961-62. Subsequent legislative action

at both the State and Federal levels has created a need for a comprehensive review of the school finance program in Alaska.

July 7, 1994

The USDA Forest Service announced a schedule to make 71 million board feet (MMBF) of timber available for bidding by independent sale operators between July and the end of September 1994 on Tongass National forest.

Regional Forester Phil Janik said the timber sale offerings were rescheduled to utilize some volume from the former Alaska Pulp Corporation long-term timber sale contract area. This timber is now available as a result of APC's closure of the Sitka pulp mill and the subsequent termination of the long-term contract. This volume will be available for competitive bidding to supply the sawmills in Southeast Alaska. Several small sales are planned to make up the 71 MMBF scheduled for offering in the next three months. This brings the total independent sale offerings to 99 MMBF for the fiscal year.

Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
July 01	71	55
July 02	67	57
July 03	61	54
July 04	73	56
July 05	80	56
July 06	81	56
July 07	71	57
July 08	63	56

Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
July 11	4:16 am	9:30 pm	17:14h
July 12	4:17 am	9:29 pm	17:12h
July 13	4:19 am	9:28 pm	17:09h
July 14	4:20 am	9:26 pm	17:06h
July 15	4:22 am	9:25 pm	17:03h
July 16	4:23 am	9:24 pm	17:01h
July 17	4:25 am	9:23 pm	16:58h
July 18	4:26 am	9:21 pm	16:55h

Court report

June 24: Dylan Franks pleaded guilty to driving with an invalid license. Judge Kevin Miller sentenced him to 10 days in jail and \$150 in fines.

Dylan Franks pleaded guilty to violating his conditions of release. Charges of driving with an invalid license and driving in violation of a license limitation were dismissed as part of a plea agreement. Judge Kevin Miller sentenced him to three days in jail and \$150 in fines.

Dylan Franks pleaded guilty to the charge of theft. Another charge of theft and violating conditions of release were dropped as part of a plea agreement. Judge Kevin Miller sentenced him to 18 months in jail, with 16 months suspended. Franks will also pay \$300 in fines and is also ordered to pay restitution, and will also be on probation for two years.

Judge Kevin Miller signed an order to modify or revoke probation for Casey Seimears, on the charge of criminal mischief. Seimears will serve 30 days in jail and pay \$100 in fines.

Judge Kevin Miller signed an order to modify or revoke probation for Casey Seimears, on the charge of unlawful contact. Seimears will serve 23 days in jail and pay \$100 in fines.

Casey Seimears plead guilty

to the charge of theft. The charge of burglary was dismissed by prosecution. Judge Kevin Miller sentenced him to undergo a substance abuse evaluation, and \$100 in fines. He will also be on probation for one year.

Margret A. Bergerud of the Alaska Public Defender Agency made an entry of appearance on behalf of Theodosia James, who is facing charges of disorderly conduct and violating conditions of release.

June 25: Theodosia James was arraigned before Judge Kevin Miller on charges of disorderly conduct and violating conditions of release. A calendar call was scheduled for Sept. 17.

Andrew Twyford was arraigned before Judge Kevin Miller on charges of failure to pay bail/fine/failure to appear. A representation hearing was scheduled for July 9.

Caleb Mieth was arraigned before Judge Kevin Miller on charges of assault and a petition to revoke probation. The summons went unserved, and will be reissued for two weeks.

Joshua Ingman was arraigned before Judge Kevin Miller on the charge of speeding. He plead guilty, and was fined \$128 and a \$20 surcharge

June 29: Richard Johnson was arraigned on charges of criminal mischief, harassment, and causing fear of injury. He was released on a \$250 bail and a \$250 appearance bond. He has also been ordered to not leave Southeast Alaska without court permission, and is barred from consuming alcohol. His next scheduled appearance Sept. 17.

June 30: Aaron Edwin Young

Alaska, 1868: Nolan Center hosts exhibit of first known photographs of life in Southeast Alaska

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Nolan Center, Wrangell's museum, movie theater, and cultural center, is hosting a new exhibit. "Muybridge in Alaska: 1868," is a collection of 16 original stereo views of Southeast Alaska, taken by pioneer photographer Eadweard Muybridge. These are some of the first known photographs of the region ever taken, according to a press release from the Nolan Center.

"He was commissioned by the US government as part of an expedition led by Major-General Henry W. Halleck to photograph native Tlingit residents, Russian inhabitants, and dramatic landscape," the press release reads. "These images of Tongass, Wrangell and Sitka are the first ever taken."

Even by the standards of their time and the images captured, Muybridge's photographs are unique. The images, or stereo views, are doubles of the same picture. This means that they have to be viewed through a special lens, to create a 3D image. They provide an interesting look back to a fascinating time in Alaskan and American history.

"Essentially they're two photos side by

side, and you need a special twinscope viewer, you know like those old little viewers, and that merges the two photos together into a 3D image," said Keeleigh Solverson, with the Nolan Center. "So it's a hands-on exhibit. We have three of the twinscopes and 16 photos."

These photos were taken shortly after the Civil War, said Solverson, and the United States had only recently purchased the territory from Russia. The exhibit has been making rounds across the state this year. According to the press release, the exhibit was shown in the Alaska Native Heritage Center in Anchorage from January to March. From there, it made its way to Haines. Wrangell will host the exhibit until mid-August.

A special opening ceremony will be held on Tuesday, July 16. Solverson said that the exhibit's curator, Marc Shaffer, will be present to talk more in-depth about Muybridge's history. Virginia Oliver will also be in attendance to talk about Tlingit history and culture of the mid-1800s. To learn more about the exhibit, contact the Nolan Center at (907) 874-3699.

was arraigned on charges of violating his conditions of release. He was released on a \$250 bail and a \$250 performance bond. He has been ordered to not consume alcohol, and will submit himself to alcohol tests from the Wrangell Police Department, upon reasonable suspicion.

July 1: A sentencing hearing for Drew Huntington was held over several various cases. Huntington plead guilty to the charge of theft. Judge Kevin Miller sentenced him to 30 days imprisonment, with 30 days of credit for time served. There was also a charge against Huntington of contempt. For this he was sentenced to 30 days imprisonment

and \$100 in fines. There was another charge of burglary, for which Miller sentenced Huntington to three years imprisonment, while suspending all except 110 days. He will also be put on probation for four years.


Dustin Lee Haviland was

found guilty of reckless driving. He was sentenced to 30 days imprisonment, with 30 suspended. He was also fined a total of \$1,050. He will be on probation until July 2020, and must also complete 24 hours of community service.

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Police report

July 1, 2019

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.

Found property: Person came in and claimed property.

Citation issued: Cary Emens, 51. Dog at large and license required.

Parking complaint.

July 2, 2019

Suspicious person.

Citizen assist: Vehicle unlock.

Citizen assist: House unlock.

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

Traffic stop: Charlie Ercolin, speeding on Evergreen Ave.

Three noise complaints.

July 3, 2019

Suspicious vehicle.

Animal complaint: Deer.

Agency assist: Fire alarm.

Agency assist: Alaska Airlines.

Two disturbance calls.

Suspicious circumstances.

Parking complaint.

Two agency assist: Fire department.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for equipment violation.

Citizen assist.

July 4, 2019

Traffic complaint.

Traffic stop/DUI: James McCormack, 66.

Disturbance.

Citation issued: Clarissa Young, dog at large.

Agency assist: Petersburg Police Department.

Two agency assist: Line crew.

Intoxicated person.

Disorderly conduct.

Three found property calls.

Hazardous material in

road.

Agency assist: Public works.

Two fireworks complaints.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.

Noise complaint.

July 5, 2019

Probation complaint: Unfounded.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.

Four subpoena services.

Vehicle theft I: Loretto Jones, 64.

Agency assist: Warrant.

Agency assist: Harbor.

Assault IV.

Two fireworks complaints.

Agency assist: Coast guard.

Lost property.

Violating conditions of release.

July 6, 2019

Courtesy transport.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for not obeying single lane traffic rules.

Subpoena service.

Citation issued: David Crossley, 61. Blocking traffic.

Civil issue.

Domestic disturbance.

Burglary.

July 7, 2019

Report of smoke: Smoke coming from chimney.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for equipment violation.

Arrested: Elizabeth Golding, 52. On charges of DUI.

Parking complaint.

Civil issue.

Citizen assist.

Agency assist: Alaska state troopers drug information.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment.

There were five ambulance calls and five dog complaints this week.

Obituary: Melba Ann Marshall, 83



Melba Ann Marshall

Melba Ann Marshall, 83, passed on June 18, 2019.

She was born in Limon, Colorado on April 1, 1936. She came to Wrangell in 2001 to live out her life with her three children and grandchildren.

A memorial will be held at Harbor Light Church on July 20, 2019 at 4 p.m.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

How can it be that we are knee-deep in tourist effluent and Medicaid is being cut? Why isn't the State Treasury fat with income from the tourist industry? Southeast Alaska is being exploited by tour ships. We need to, A: set a limit on the number and size of tour ships allowed in state waters; B: issue permits with contractual obligations; C: get compensated for their use of the state resources, including monitoring

costs.

Is anyone in the state taking any action aside from cutting programs to state residents? Is it hard to believe that a state as large and as rich in resources as we are can't support the needs of 600,000 people? The word mismanagement springs to mind. Who benefits?

**Gretchen Goldstein
Port Protection**



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The band Trego performing during the block party on July 3, near the downtown pavilion.

Block party thrown in lieu of fireworks

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The annual third of July fireworks show was cancelled this year, according to a press release from the City and Borough of Wrangell. This decision was made after borough officials, members of the police department, and the fire department determined that with the ongoing concerns of a water shortage in Wrangell, and drought conditions across the Southeast Alaska region, a large fireworks show was unwise.

Borough Clerk Kim Lane went into a little more detail on the decision. She explained that the city's water reservoirs were going down due to a lack of rain in the area. On top of that, on July 2 the city's water treatment plant was shut down for several hours because of a broken water main. The Forest Service recently went around and looked at the woods, and reported that conditions were very dry.

"So it was the decision to go ahead and cancel the fireworks because of that," Lane said. "If there were to be a fire, then that would deplete our water. The fear is that then the town would have no water."

On top of there not being any large fireworks display this year, Lane added that the personal use of fireworks are also banned. Fireworks are always prohibited within the borough under section 9.12.020 of the municipal code, according to the city's press release.

"This prohibition includes all fireworks which make a loud noise or that ascend into the air by its own power," the press release reads. "This includes firecrackers, roman candles, any aerial mortars or rockets and all types of bottle rockets. Penalties for this offense start at \$200 and can reach \$500 per violation. Any fireworks taken onto U.S. Forest Service managed lands are also subject to Federal penalties."

"In the past they allowed some of it, you know, just the kids playing around out here by the water, but they're going to strictly enforce no fireworks at all," Lane added.

The decision was upsetting to many people in Wrangell, but also understandable, as several Wrangellites took to social media to voice either their disappointment or support. In lieu of fireworks, a block party downtown was thrown instead. Kicking off around 8 p.m. after the Fourth of July talent show and queen coronation, Front Street was packed with a sizable portion of the town's population all having a good time. Trego, a Washington-based band who was in town for the fireworks, changed location to give a concert by the downtown pavilion. As the night went on and the crowds grew larger, they moved to a nearby rooftop to play.



THANK YOU'S & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS 2019

With the logs, site and tools picked up, my final year as chairman of the July 4th "Chuck Oliver Logging Show comes to an end. I want to thank all of you that have come out year after year to cheer us on. Tom Roland will be taking over next year and I have all the faith that he is going to do great as the logging show Chairman. I would like to thank my dad in heaven for starting this show 45 years ago. Although he is gone his vision to teach the youth of our community what it is to be a logger continues! One last for the books Dad!

It takes a team effort to put on an event the size of the Chuck Oliver Logging Show so I would like to take this opportunity to identify my team and give them my sincere thank you for all their hard work over the years!

On the podium this year and back by popular demand, Steve Pyrsunka as MC, along with Cyni Waddington and Alisha Mollen helping with heat times, point tally, money and paperwork. These three people were responsible for keeping the show moving forward in a timely fashion.

Wes Allen came up from Ketchikan to run fork lift, helped get logs along with setup and removal of logs during the show. Thank you Wes for all the help over the years!

Judge Conniff was back again as our field judge. He was responsible for overseeing and working with multiple contestant timers per heat to get the most accurate time possible. The judge's word in the arena is final on all events.

Our timers this year were Toni Marie Oliver, Sierra Reil-Berry, Alex Sargent and Ron Rice. Ron Rice has been involved in the logging show in one aspect or another over the last eight years. Thanks old buddy I have appreciated all your help over the years!

Dennis and Kristine Turmon along with Sue Ann Guggenbickler worked our T-shirt booth during the show. Dennis is a semi retired auctioneer and auctioned off 3 original one of a kind pen ink art hand drawings by Kitty, each featuring one of the point events from the logging show.

Last but by no means least I would like to give a special thank you to my wife who has put up with me over the last eight years. She would start working long before the 4th on the lettering that was incorporated into the hand drawn "Pen Ink Art" used on the front of our T-shirts and hoodies. She has trudged into the woods with me to get trees for logs, packed alder and helped me move equipment around. Thank you for another year by my side Toni Marie, what can I say? I love you sweetheart.

Toni Marie was also the chairman of the greased pole again this year and did an excellent job, even though she had a little trouble with the pole, fun was had by all.

We would both like to thank the following individuals and businesses, for their donations and help that made it possible to have the 4th of July Chuck Oliver Logging Show and Greased Pole events.

The City and Borough of Wrangell donated the trees from borough land used in the show. The artist known simply as Kitty, created and donated the original pen ink, free hand drawing of Chuck Oliver, which was featured on this year's Logging Show T-shirts. Brenda Schwartz-Yeager donated one of her prints for the prize for the women's Rolling Pin Toss. Once again Alaska Vista donated two \$100.00 bills placed on the bull's eye for the Rolling Pin Toss and Axe Throwing Events. Wrangell Extended Stay also gave us \$100.00 to be placed on the bull's-eye for the Axe Throwing Event. Chet & David Powell of the Bay Company donate all the work on our saws used in competition as well as donating the saw we give away to the contestant voted "Bull of The Woods." We would also like to thank Kevin Stutz for the use of his front-end loader to yard and load logs used in the show. Harley and Dustin Johnson of Johnson Construction provided the boom truck and time to set up and take down the Greased Pole. Nate Bliss with Samson Tug and Barge provided equipment and storage as well as moving cans & equip. Greg McCormick and AML donated their equipment along with providing a chassis and container to use for our podium. Greg Meisner and the Harbor Department worked with us on show site logistics and tour boat arrivals. Greg also coordinated the placement of the boom stick and log for the "Sonny Wigg Log Rolling" event. Lastly we would like to thank Alicia Holder and the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce for all they have done to make the 4th of July in Wrangell the place where everyone wants to be. Hopefully I haven't forgotten anyone and if I have I apologize.

**Randy Oliver, Chuck Oliver Logging Show Chairman
Toni Marie Oliver, Greased Pole Chairman**

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Fun on the Fourth

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Fourth of July was a hot and sunny day in Wrangell, but that did not stop many people from getting out and having a good time. Like all previous years, this year's fourth was the culmination of a whole week of events to celebrate Independence Day. There were numerous events, games, food booths, and other things to do to keep everyone busy last Thursday.

While this year stood out because of a lack of fireworks due to ongoing drought conditions across Southeast Alaska, it still brought out lots of people.

Alicia Holder, with the chamber of commerce, said that an event as big as the Fourth is in

Wrangell could only be possible because of all the people who volunteer.

"It was great because of all the volunteers that stepped up to make it work, and everyone that just rolled with not being able to have fireworks and made it happen, made the best of it," she said. "We had a great street dance, there's a lot of great food vendors, and people volunteering to do events. So even though we didn't get to have fireworks it was still a really great Fourth of July."

The Fourth of July started bright and early for several people, with a fun run starting at the community pool. The run, which also allowed walking and biking, took off around 7:30 a.m. from



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Members of Wrangell's American Legion in a flag procession during the annual Fourth of July parade.

the pool, clockwise around the airport loop, and back to the pool down Church Street. According to a Facebook post by the Wrangell Parks and Recreation Department, there was a high turnout of 75 people for this year's fun run. All in all, it was a strong start for Wrangell's Fourth of July.

Another early morning event was a worship service jointly held by the Wrangell Ministerial Association. The service was held in the parking lot of Wrangell IGA, and the community was invited to start their Independence Day celebration with some hymns and prayer. Members of various churches around Wrangell all participated in this service.

After the morning events were out of the way, it was finally time for one of the most anticipated events of Wrangell's Fourth of July: The parade. Dozens of floats, vehicles, and local organizations were part of this year's parade.

Members of Wrangell's motorcycle community led the parade, with flags waving on the backs of several of their bikes with members of Wrangell's native community, and the American Legion Auxiliary after them. The volunteer fire department was a big part of the parade, as well, with several of their trucks in the procession. One of the unique vehicles in the parade was an antique tractor, driven by Coby Holder. The Forest Service had a float, as well, decorated like a birthday party for their mascot Smokey Bear.

As a part of the "Back to Our Roots" theme of this year's Fourth of July, several alumni classes of Wrangell High School could be seen in the parade. The classes of 1969, 1989, 2009, and 2019 were scattered through the parade.

After the parade, the Fourth of July events really got going. Royalty contest tickets were pulled by Abby Gerald, the Fourth of July Queen, shortly after the parade. Toddler games were held on the City Hall lawn. Among the many events held were infant races, for very young children. Ann Tlachac won the girls' category of the infant races for toddlers not yet walking. Nearby the toddler games were some Junior Olympics on Lynch Street. These events included a water balloon toss, tug-of-war, and a 50-yard dash. Later in the afternoon, street games were held along Main Street. These included three-legged races and other foot races. One of the more popular street games, the egg toss, was

held around 4:30 p.m. in the afternoon. The egg toss had people lined up along a good portion of Front Street, tossing eggs back and forth to their partners. To say that the street looked like the beginnings of a record-breaking omelette at the end of the egg toss would not be inaccurate.

Some of the bigger events that people attended on the Fourth were the Chuck Oliver Logging Show, the boat races, and the Sonny Wig Log Rolling Competition. Each event drew large crowds, and many participants. This was the 45th annual logging show, named after founder Chuck Oliver, and the last one before Chuck's son, Randy, announced his retirement from the event.

The boat races were held near city dock, where several people with speedboats competed to see who had the fastest. In the unlimited class races, first place went to Randy Easterly. Chris Guggenbickler took first place in the limited class races. Matt Svendsen took first place in the jet slalom competition and the rooster tail competition.

Log rolling was held at the summer float of city dock. First place went to Lee Wiederspohn, in the men's competition, and Dawson Fairbanks in the women's competition. Wiederspohn was also named the top eliminator of this year's competition.

Now that the Fourth of July is done for this year, the next big event Wrangellites have to look forward to is Bearfest, which will kick off near the end of July.



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The egg toss is one of Wrangell's more popular events during the Fourth of July. Pictured here are contestants throwing eggs across Front Street to their teammates.



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Broken sprinkler causes Nolan Center flood, no damages reported

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

A call went out on the police scanner around 12:45 p.m., July 8, about the Nolan Center flooding. The Nolan Center is Wrangell's museum, movie theater, tourist destination, and conference center. The fire department responded to the call quickly, finding a broken sprinkler pouring water all over the center's floor.

While the fire department was able to shut off the water within minutes of arriving on the scene, water continued to pour out of the broken sprinkler for quite some time. Keeleigh Solverson, Nolan Center employee, said that the sprinkler broke when they were trying to move a divider wall, and bumped into it. Nolan Center employees and members of the fire department worked quickly to mop up the water and to replace the broken sprinkler.

The fire department left around 1:30 p.m., with the situation largely under control. Nolan Center staff were left to mop up what water was left. Nolan Center Director Cyni Cray said that nothing was damaged, beyond the sprinkler, and that all of the museum pieces and other items remained dry.



Gary Allen taking off during the Fourth of July boat races.

4th of July Independence Day

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Jade Balansag playing inside a large inflatable ball in a pool during the Fourth of July.



Kadin Messmer (back) and Nate Houston (front) compete in last Tuesday's canoe races, trying to gather more gill net buoys than the other competing teams. John Martin, one of the organizers behind the event, said that there were 157 participants. Unfortunately, the results from the races have disappeared. "I regret to inform you that while cleaning up after the canoe races we inadvertently disposed of the race results," he wrote in a statement. "The prize money has been awarded and we hope all enjoyed themselves."



Abby Gerald, Fourth of July Queen, throws candy to her "loyal subjects" during the Fourth of July parade.



Coby Holder driving an antique tractor in the annual Fourth of July parade. Holder said that the tractor is from somewhere in the 1940s.

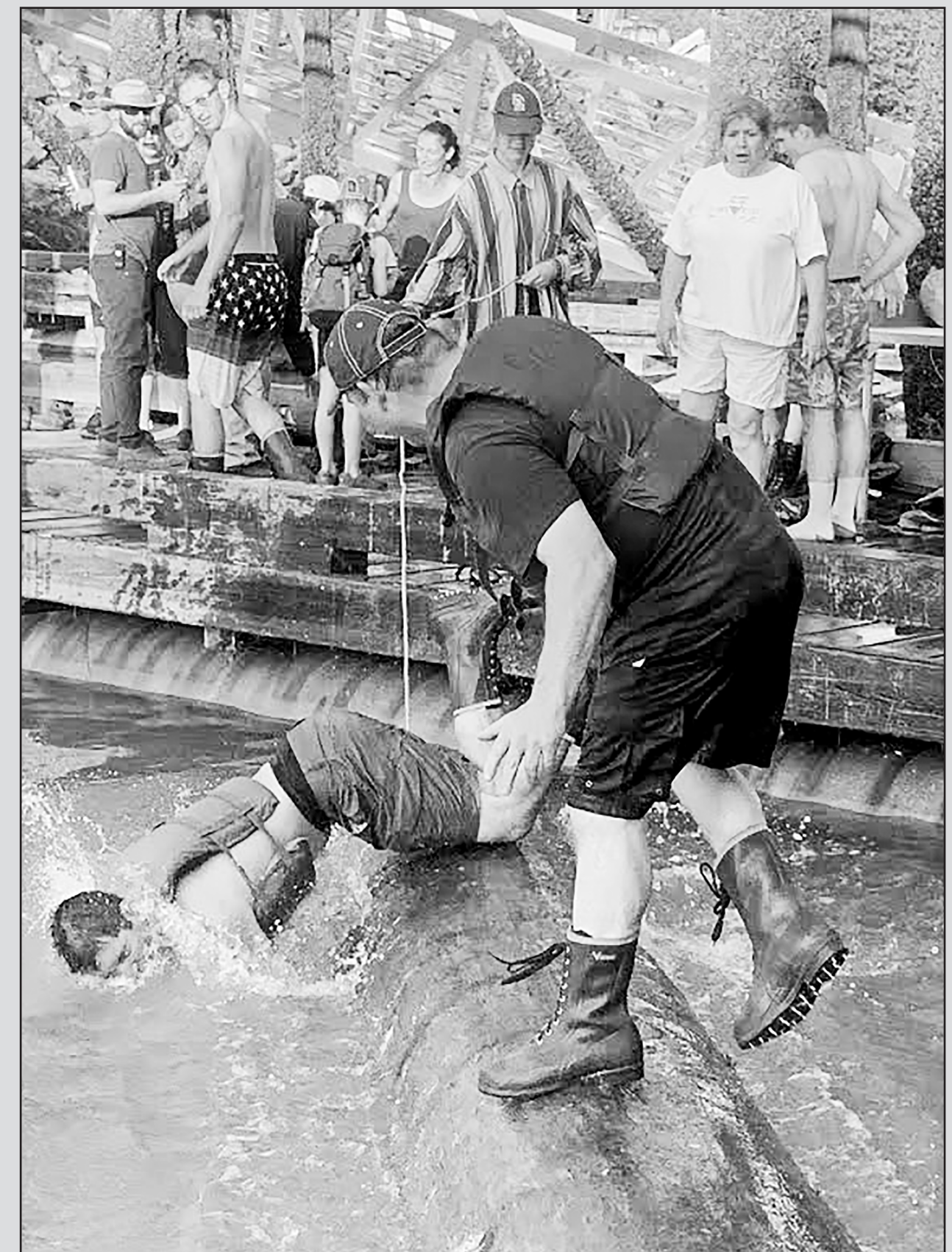


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Lee Wiederspohn sending Jared Gross into the water at the annual log rolling competition during the Fourth of July. Wiederspohn took first place in the competition this year.



The Wrangell High School class of 2009 during the Fourth of July parade.



Addison Bania attempting to win the \$100 prize during the greased pole competition.

Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH Fisheries columnist

One fisheries item that appears to have escaped Gov. Dunleavy's veto pen is desire to divert local fish taxes from coastal communities into state coffers

One fisheries item that appears to have escaped Governor Mike Dunleavy's veto pen so far is his desire to divert local fish taxes from coastal communities into state coffers.

Dunleavy's initial budget in February aimed to repeal the sharing of fisheries business and landing taxes that towns and boroughs split 50/50 with the state. Instead, all of the tax revenues would go to the state's general fund – a loss of \$28 million in FY 2020 to fishing communities.

"There is a recognition that these are viewed as shared resources, and they should be shared by Alaskans," press secretary Matt Shuckerow said at the time. "So that's kind of what this proposal does. It takes shared resources and shares them with all Alaskans, not just some select communities."

The tax split remains in place and the dollars are still destined for fishing towns, said Representative Louise Stutes (R-Kodiak) who also represents Cordova, Yakutat and several smaller towns.

"It's general fund revenue and that has been appropriated to the appropriate communities," Stutes said in a phone interview. "What we can tell right now is it slipped by unscathed because it appears he did not veto that revenue to the communities that generate the dollars. So, it looks like we're good to go there."

What's not so good is the nearly one million dollar cut to the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game's commercial fisheries budget.

Stutes and Senator Gary Stevens (R-Kodiak) worry that the shortfall could result in lost harvests.

"It's always short-sighted when you cut Fish and Game. It's just really crucial that we have the personnel we need to manage our resources and to make sure they continue to be there when we need them," Stevens told KMXT in Kodiak.

Rep. Stutes, who chairs the House fisheries committee, said it does not make sense to cut state money makers.

"In the long run, that creates revenue for the state because it allows all these different fisheries to stay open longer," she said, adding that lost oversight due to budget cuts will result in more conservative management.

"If they do not have the personnel to do the appropriate salmon counts, they're going to manage very conservatively. And that means less

openings or they'll close the season earlier," Stutes said. "Those are dollars that the state's not going to get by the governor vetoing those funds to Fish and Game. It just doesn't make sense to me under any conditions."

All the amendments that the Alaska legislature added back into the original ADF&G budget were vetoed, including a \$280,000 cut to special areas management, which include 12 game refuges, 17 critical habitat areas and three wildlife sanctuaries. Two director-level positions and associated funding from the Habitat and Subsistence Research Divisions will be moved to the Office of Management and Budget and no longer be associated with ADF&G related duties.

Impacts of the budget cuts were not readily available and all questions are referred to a new gov.pressoffice@alaska.gov address. The questions may be directed back to appropriate staff, but "they want everything to be through that address," said one ADF&G employee.

"Welcome to our world," said Rep. Stutes. "As a legislature, we can't get answers. We can't speak to department heads. We get no response. We are required to go through the legislative liaison. I have never seen such a lack of communication between any department or between the legislature and the executive branch."

Robots cut crab - Radio Canada reports that robotic machines that cut and shuck crab have nabbed a U.S. patent that is being hailed as a breakthrough in fish processing technology worldwide.

The system, developed by the Canadian Centre for Fisheries Innovation in Newfoundland, operates at lightning speed on crab at fish plants in eastern Canada.

In a shipping container-sized chamber, crabs go down a conveyor belt where each is analyzed by cameras; then, 'pick and place' robots saw off the legs, sort and package them and off they go. Along another belt, robots shuck the meat from the crabs, a job that would instead be done in China.

"Instead of sending all our crab out as sections with the meat in the shell we thought we could attract a higher price if we sold the meat instead," said Bob Verge, the brains behind the crab robots and managing director at CCFI.

While the crab cutting robots are designed for snow crab (Eastern Canada is the

world's largest producer), Verge said the system is adaptable to other crab species and potentially other shellfish. He added that interest is high, including from international markets who are interested in developing robotic solutions to other fish production problems.

CCFI has applied for patents in 10 other countries and those are expected to be issued soon.

The robot makers are hoping the system will help solve workforce problems in fish plants that often are located in remote regions where it's tough to recruit enough workers. In this case, Verge said humans will work on more highly skilled machines and computers, and not on the slime line cutting up crab.

"If we are going to attract the young people we need, we need better jobs, not more jobs. We have to offer them a better deal," he said. "In demonstrating this technology to young people, they are very impressed with it."

Land ahoy! Since the 1990s, Alaska's salmon industry has faced tough competition from farmed fish. Now salmon growers are coming ashore in the U.S. in a big way. The latest trend is raising Atlantic salmon in massive tanks on land, called recirculating aquaculture systems (RAS).

"It really could be considered salmon aquaculture 2.0," said Garrett Evridge, an economist with the McDowell Group. "The current model is the near shore farms, and land based technology has really improved upon that. Obviously, there is no worry about interaction with wild stocks."

The closed loop systems, some holding two million gallons of water, also use no antibiotics, additives or pesticides, removing big negatives from fish that are farmed in crowded ocean net pens. The tank water, gotten mostly from deep wells, is filtered similar to an aquarium, and can be constantly reused. A non-stop current also provides exercise to enhance fish health and meat quality.

Maine already has attracted two growers. Last month Nordic Aquafarms of Norway announced plans to build an RAS farm in Belfast that will eventually produce 70 million pounds of salmon each year. UK company Aquabanq also announced they will begin building a massive RAS facility in Millinocket next spring.

Another Norwegian company – Atlantic Sapphire – is doubling its land purchase in Homestead, Florida to 160 acres for a RAS facility that aims to grow 500 million pounds of salmon annually by 2030. Since 2017 a Wisconsin

company called Superior Fresh has advanced the land-based fish tank model on its 720 acres by attaching it to a greenhouse. Its motto is "great food from the best fish."

Alaska needs to pay attention, Evridge advises.

"In sum, these proposed facilities would have production that in some years is equal to current Alaska salmon production. It's certainly something to pay attention to and it looks like there's momentum around the industry."

Video deadline - August 2 is the deadline to submit short videos that highlight contributions of women in all segments of the the seafood industry - fishing, fish farming, processing, selling, managing, teaching, etc. It's the second round for the contest that was launched last year by the Paris-based group Women in the Seafood Industry.

Last year's winner showcased women who mend nets for a living in Spain. Second place went to a film about California women who formed a clam farming cooperative. Tied for third place were films about female fishing mentors in Newfoundland and women in India who started food trucks to sell their husbands' catches. The top winner receives 1000 euros along with

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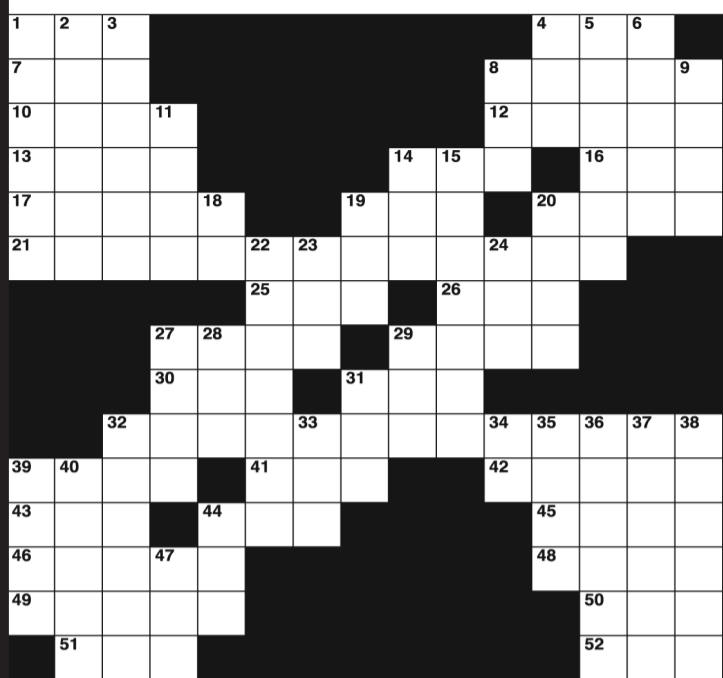
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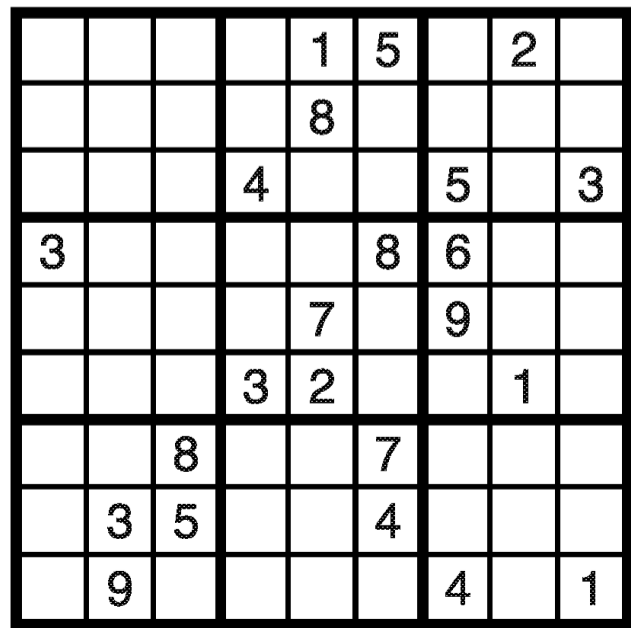
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| 10. Popular sandwiches | 41. Soda comes in it |
| 12. Construction site machine | 42. Counting frames |
| 13. Variety act | 43. Where some get their mail (abbr.) |
| 14. Fall back | 44. Having ten |
| 16. An electrically charged atom | 45. Assn. of oil-producing countries |
| 17. Mountain lakes | 46. A type of cigar |
| 19. Japanese classical theater | 48. World's longest river |
| 20. Pesky insect | 49. Single-celled animal |
| 21. Natural wonders | 50. Decay |
| 25. Design file extension | 51. General's assistant (abbr.) |
| 26. Genus of grasses | 52. Pigpen |
| 27. Container for shipping | |
| 29. Theron film " __ Flux" | |

CLUES DOWN

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| 4. Disfigure | 31. Kids' TV channel (abbr.) |
| 5. Irons | 32. Poke quickly |
| 6. NW Italian seaport | 33. Pouch |
| 8. Play a role | 34. City of Angels |
| 9. A reduction | 35. Dark olive black |
| 11. Short poem set to music | 36. Nocturnal hoofed mammals |
| 14. Pain unit | 37. Wild cat |
| 15. Get in form | 38. Fine detail |
| 18. Junior's father | 39. Prevents harm to creatures |
| 19. To the __ degree | 40. A city in Louisiana |
| 20. Wild or sweet cherry | 44. Everyone has their own |
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Puzzle answers will be in the July 18 edition



Results

3-ON-3 BASKETBALL

TOURNAMENT WINNERS:

Girls Middle School:
"The Young Trio," Taylor Young, Braidyn Young, and Brynlee Young.
Girls High School:
"Red," Janie Early, Zahara Ritchie, and Kiara Harrison.
Boys Middle School:
"The No Names," Keaton Gadd, Lucas Schneider, and Daniel Harrison.
Boys High School:
"Wolves," Jacen Hays, Ryan Rooney, and Brett Abrahamson.
Adult Men:
"Cadavers," Tony Harding, Jonathan Spitler, and Dustin Johnson.

GREASED POLE COMPETITION:
Rowen Wiederspoehn.

ROYALTY CONTEST:
Queen: Abby Gerald, 57,684 tickets sold.

TICKET PULL WINNERS:
1st: Randy Oliver, \$4,000.
2nd: Zimovia B&B, \$3,000.
3rd: James Brenner, \$2,000.
4th: American Legion Auxiliary, \$1,000.

CRAZY CRAFT RACES:

Kids: First place - Bella Ritchie
Adults: First place - John Bunes

CHUCK OLIVER LOGGING SHOW:

All Around Logger:
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Axe Throw:
Randy Oliver.
Obstacle:
Duane Ricker.
Ma & Pa:
Thomas Rolland & Sierra Reil.
Women's Rolling Pin Toss: Toni Marie Oliver.

LOG ROLLING:

Lee Wiederspoehn and Dawson Fairbanks.

TALENT SHOW:

Children: Dylan Rathbun.
Solo: Abby Gerald.
Duet: Clara Waddington and Cadence Williams.

TARGET COMPETITION:

Highest overall: Ian Koenig.
Closest to 50 percent:
Roderick Ryll.
Adult males: Ian Koenig.
Adult females: Christina Michel.
Junior males: John Bunes.
Junior females: Brooke Eastman.

PARADE RESULTS:

Floats, business/organizations:
U.S. Forest Service.
Floats, families:
Jabusch Family.
Floats, churches:
Seventh Day Adventist.
Children's costumes:
Harper Cook.
Big wheel/wagons/bicycles:
Alaska Rooted.
Wheelers:
Navy Trailer.
Marching units:
Native dancers.
Horses & pets:
Bruiser ridgeway.
Motorcycles:
Maggie and Dena McChargue.

BOAT RACES:

Unlimited class:

Randy Easterly.
Limited class:
Chris Guggenbickler.
Jet slalom: Matt Svendsen.
Rooster tail: Matt Svendsen.

BIG WHEEL RACES:

Three-year-old boys:
Bo Ritchie
Three-year-old girls:
Annika Gillen
Four-year-old boys:
Keian Young
Four-year-old girls:
Roslyn Nore
Five-year-old boys:
Jackson Robinson
Five-year-old girls:
Rylan Young
Six-year-old boys:
Jake (last name not reported)
Six-year-old girls:
Ava Meyerhoff
Seven to ten-year-old boys:
Cooper Powers
Seven to ten-year-old girls:
Macy Baker
Eleven to thirteen-year-old boys:
Keaton Gadd
Eleven to thirteen-year-old girls:
Gracie Richard
Fourteen to seventeen-year-old boys: Randy Churchill
Fourteen to seventeen-year-old girls: Jade Balansag
Men: Matt Richard
Women: Jen Gerald

TODDLER GAMES:

Infant races, not yet crawling:
Boys - Parker (last name not reported).
Girls - Espen (last name not reported).
Boys Not Yet Walking:
Archer Kissinger.
Girls Not Yet Walking:
Ann Tlachac.

CANDY RACES

Walking, Not Yet 1:
Boys- Chasen McMurren.
Girls- Indiana (last name not reported).
Boys Not Yet 2:
Maddox Angerman.
Girls Not Yet 2: (tie)
Nova Ward, Leonie McHolland.
Boys Not Yet 3: Rhyatt Miller.
Girls Not Yet 3: Lillian Morse.
Boys Not Yet 4:
Skylar Janssen.
Girls Not Yet 4:
Roanna Kearney.
Boys Not Yet 5: Ryder Miller.
Girls Not Yet 5: Kelawna Morelli.
Boys Not Yet 6:
Radley Powers.
Girls Not Yet 6: Grace Stack.

BALL RACES

Mixed 1 - 3-years-old:
Rhyatt Miller.
Mixed 4 - 6-years-old:
Radley Powers.

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History, talent, and royalty at the Fourth of July talent show

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Among the many events occurring the week of the Fourth of July in Wrangell is the annual talent show. The event is a great way for locals and visitors to show off their talents, whatever they may be, and to have a fun evening. There were a wide variety of acts for people to enjoy this year.

Bella Ritchie and her brother, Ryder, read poetry. Abby Gerald performed "Even If" by MercyMe on the piano. One particularly large act was done by the Young cousins: Braidyn, Taylor, Dvyn, Brynlee, Kelyn, Rilyn, and Keian. They performed a cheer routine of the old Wrangell High School spirit song.

Several people danced at the talent show, too. Cadence Williams danced to "How Far I'll Go" from Disney's *Moana* while her friend, Clara Waddington, sang. Taylor and Dylan Rathbun both danced as well. Awards for the talent show were given out in several categories. The first place results are as follows: Kids: Dylan Rathbun, first place. Solo: Abby Gerald, first place. Duet: Clara Waddington and Cadence Williams.

This year's talent show had much more than just local performances, however. Between acts several volunteers were given the opportunity to speak about Wrangell's history.

The evening's history lesson began with members of Wrangell's Alaska Native population performing a traditional song and dance. The audience also got to learn a bit about Tlingit history in the Wrangell area. The Tlingit nation, or *Kwaan*, of the Wrangell area once consisted of about nine clans, long ago. The Tlingit nation of this area was also known as the *Shtax'heen Kwaan*. It means "The Bitter Water People," and refers to the Stikine River. The *Shtax'heen Kwaan* defended Wrangell Island from invaders at two points pre-contact with Russian explorers once from Canadian natives, and again from a group of Tlingits from further north up the coast.

Following the lesson and performance by the native dancers, guests of honor Frank Roppel and Mike Lockabey Sr. were invited onto the stage to talk about Wrangell's history in the logging industry. Roppel has a long history in the logging industry. According to a 2016 article in the Wrangell Sentinel, he began working for the Ketchikan Pulp Company in 1959. In 1980 he became the

first president of Sealaska Timber, and was the executive vice president and general manager of Alaska Lumber and Pulp from 1984 until its closure. Wrangell has a very long history in the timber industry, he said. Its heyday was in the early 1950s, post-World War II, when Japan became heavily involved in the timber industry in Southeast Alaska. The industry declined and eventually fell apart in the 1990s, however. According to another 2016 article by the Wrangell Sentinel, the passage of the Tongass Timber Reform Act in 1990 hurt the local timber industry. Alaska Pulp Corporation sold their Wrangell mill in 1995, which continued to run intermittently until 2008. Despite the golden years of the industry being in the past, Roppel said that its influence on Wrangell can still be felt.

"Wrangell is a sawmill camp," Roppel said. "There was a sawmill here from 1889 until 2008."

Lockabey is a longtime resident of Wrangell, also with a history in the industry, who remembers well the town's logging days. Back before the industry declined in the area, there were lots of logging camps scattered across the region. At the center of all these different camps and people together, he said, was Wrangell. However, with the loss of the logging industry in the area, Lockabey said that a sense of community had left with it.

"The camps were communities," he said. "We had families that lived there, bunkhouse guys in the summertime. It was a brutal job. We had fatalities, we'd have memorial services. We'd actually have weddings in camp ... Like any other job in the woods it was a perilous job and you did it the best you could and try to stay in one piece."

Another fun bit of Wrangell's history came in the form of a skit put on by "Dawson Dale" and "Emerald Elle" (Dale Parkinson and Liz Bunes). Wrangell was an important stop for prospectors in the gold rush days. With the prospectors came "shady ladies." Wrangell, back in the late 1800s, was a pretty rough-and-tumble town, according to the skit. A fun fact about that time period, according to Master of Ceremonies Bonnie Ritchie, is that Wyatt Earp came to Wrangell in those days and was sheriff of the town for a week and a half.

"Wrangell was too wild for him, so he went back to San Francisco," said Master of Ceremonies Abigail Bylow.

After the talent show and the history lessons, another important part of Wrangell's Fourth of July tradition took place: The queen coronation. The Fourth of July royalty contest is a tradition that dates back to 1950, Ritchie said.



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Dylan Rathbun dancing during the Fourth of July Talent Show last week, on July 3. She took first place in the kids' category of the show.

Contestants wanting to be named Queen or King would spend the month of June running food booths and selling drawing tickets. The funds raised by ticket sales go towards next year's Fourth of July events. Wrangell's first-ever queen was Pat Lewis Mork.

This year, Wrangell's Fourth of July Queen is Abby Gerald. While she was the sole candidate for the contest this year, she did not slack off the last month. For all of June she could be found selling food and tickets at the downtown pavilion, alongside her family, friends, and other volunteers. In all, she sold 57,648 tickets during the contest. While much of the money raised goes to the chamber of commerce, Gerald also gets to keep a portion for her college fund.

"What's on the stage is not what made this happen," Gerald said. "Everyone made this happen. This whole

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The Wrangell Police Department is accepting applications for the position of Police Chief beginning June 22, 2019. The position is open until filled. Review of each application for potential interview will begin immediately upon receipt.

The City & Borough of Wrangell is seeking a dynamic leader for the Police Department with a proven record of Community Policing. Wrangell is one of the safest communities in Alaska however, it still faces many challenges. The new Chief will play a critical role in spearheading joint agency efforts to strengthen the social fabric of Wrangell. Working with regional law enforcement to address issues common across Southeast Alaska will be a priority. Wrangell faces the statewide issue of officer turn-over. Bringing fresh solutions to the dilemma of officer recruitment and retention will be key. In addition to the City of Wrangell, the Borough encompasses more remote enclaves of residents – some only accessible by boat. Broader outreach to these areas while maintaining coverage in town will also be important.

This position plans, organizes, directs, and integrates all activities of the Police Department to protect life and property through law enforcement and crime prevention work. The Police Chief is a management position, responsible for the full scope of Police Department operations including patrol, investigations, corrections, public relations and community education. They will continuously analyze and evaluate operations and trends for assuring efficiency and adequacy of service, maintain professional discipline in the Department and assure that all employees are properly trained.

The position requires extensive knowledge and experience in all phases of police work including principles and practices of modern crime prevention, investigation, criminal identification, apprehension, rules of evidence, traffic control and safety, care and custody of prisoners, record keeping, and all other aspects of law enforcement and administration. Requires advanced knowledge of management and administrative practices and procedures required. Requires well-developed human relations skills to conduct negotiations, persuade others to a course of action, and to build an effective team through leadership and training.

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.

To be considered, submit APSC form 3 (Personal History Statement), Authorization for Release of Information, resume and cover letter to Aleisha Mollen, PO Box 531, Wrangell, AK 99929 or via email to amollen@wrangell.com. **Applications will be accepted beginning June 22, 2019 until the position is filled. Review of applications will begin immediately.**

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Lisa Von Bargaen
Borough Manager

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Wrangell Community Prioritization Survey closes next Friday

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Ruby McMurren, with the Wrangell Cooperative Association and project director of the local Administration for Native Americans grant project, wanted to remind everybody in town that the "Wrangell Community Prioritization Survey" will come to a close on Friday, July 19. The survey is designed to get public input on the subjects of economic development, healthcare, and housing in Wrangell, and what people want to see improved or changed. The ANA grant project is designed to help stem the flow of outmigration of native citizens from the area, but McMurren said that anybody over the age of 10-years-old is welcome to take the survey.

"The survey is for all citizens, so all members of a household over the age of 10 can fill it out," she said. "The feedback of all community members are very important."

The survey was put together by a planning team consisting of several organizations, including SALT, Corvus, Rain Coast Data, ANA, the cooperative association, and the WCA's IGAP department. A workshop was held June 13 to gather public input on the community's priorities, to help better hone the survey, and the survey itself was released shortly afterwards. Once the survey closes, McMurren said that Meilani Schijvens of Rain Coast Data will take its results and combine them with another survey that was done back in 2016. The information gathered from this will be used to design a comprehensive action plan, which will outline projects and steps to take to improve housing, economic development, and healthcare in Wrangell. This action plan will be completed and released sometime in September of this year, McMurren said.

"The WCA does not want this action plan to sit on a shelf once this grant project is done," she said. "It is an



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Scrap Fish Derby

Last week's Art Clark Scrap Fish Derby saw over a hundred children participating, as estimated by volunteer Tammi Meissner.

action plan and we want to treat it as such."

Besides helping to create more accurate data, McMurren said that there are other incentives for taking the survey. Completing it will make one eligible for a number of prizes, such as 25,000 Alaska Airlines miles, \$200 worth of free groceries, or for Wrangell youth between 10 and 18-years-old, an iPad. McMurren mentioned that not very many youth have filled out the survey, so they

are hoping to get more responses from that category before the survey ends. Talea Massin, McMurren's assistant, also added that the majority of responses to the survey so far have been from women. They would like to see additional responses from men, as well.

To find the survey, visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/WrangellWCA. For questions, contact McMurren at ana.director@wrgrtribe.org.

Dan Ortiz holds teleconference with Wrangell and Ketchikan

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

State Representative Dan Ortiz (I) held a teleconference with constituents in Ketchikan

and Wrangell Monday, July 8, to hear public opinions on the state budget, the PFD, and other items. Monday was the start of a second special

session of the state legislature, one that has appeared to be just as divisive amongst legislators and Alaskan residents as the

previous sessions. One of the hot topics of this session, when it was announced, was whether or not to overturn Governor Mike Dunleavy's line-item vetoes of the state budget.

The governor cut \$444 million from the budget, according to a June 28 article by the Anchorage Daily News. Among these cuts, according to the report, are \$130 million from the University of Alaska, elimination of Medicaid dental coverage, complete defunding of the Alaska State Council on the Arts, and elimination of the state's senior benefits program. Governor Dunleavy won his seat on a campaign that emphasized cutting costs and giving Alaskan residents a full PFD payment. This has become a controversial topic in Juneau and across the state. While many Alaskans want to see government costs reined in and want a bigger PFD, many others are very concerned about the programs being lost.

Ortiz said he believes the vetoes need to be rejected. Not only was it a popular opinion in the teleconference, but he said it was also popular in the

legislature. However, at the time of the teleconference, he said that they did not have as much support as necessary.

"Unfortunately, right now we have 40 votes and we need 45," he said.

Ortiz added that those who were really concerned about getting the vetoes overruled should contact state legislators who were still on the fence about the subject. He sent an email containing a list of who to contact to the Wrangell LIO shortly after the teleconference. The "on the fence" legislators include Representatives Sara Rasmussen, Sarah Vance, Lance Pruitt, Dave Talerico, DeLena Johnson, Kelly Merrick, Laddie Shaw, Josh Revak, and Senators Mia Costello, Peter Micciche, and Mike Shower

There were five people who came to the Wrangell Legislative Information Office for the teleconference, including the Wrangell Sentinel reporter. After some discussion amongst those in the office, everyone appeared to be in agreement that they wanted to see the legislature overturn the governor's vetoes. Not wanting to all repeat themselves, they asked Sarah Whittlesey-Merritt, of the local LIO, to speak for them.

"They all agree with Ketchikan," she said. "They would like you to override the vetoes."

"I really appreciate you folks going down to the LIO and letting your voices be heard. Again, I appreciate anything you can do to communicate with the rest of the legislature, encouraging them to take the kind of action that you want me to take as your representative, and that's to vote for the overrides," said Ortiz.



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At the end of the Chuck Oliver Logging Show, organizer and competitor Randy Oliver (left) won the “Bull of the Woods” award. To his right is James Montgomery, who won the “All-Around Logger” award.



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Al Brock cutting through a log during the power saw bucking portion of the Chuck Oliver Logging Show, taking third place. Brock has long history with the logging show, competing in the very first one in 1975. Back in the '75 competition, Brock won first place in power saw bucking, axe cutting, under cutting, and was also named the “All-Around Logger.” This year, he took third place in power saw bucking and axe throwing.

Logging Show

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around, walk back across the log, and run back to the starting point.

With all of these events going on, safety was a high priority. The public was asked to keep their distance from the show area, staying along the sidewalk or behind caution tape that had been set up beforehand. The only people allowed into the show, besides volunteers or contestants, were members of the press who signed a safety waiver. Parents were also asked to keep a close eye on their children.

“We find that five-year-olds and chainsaws never go well together,” said Mayor Steve Prysunka, the logging show’s Master of Ceremonies.

Al Brock was one of this year’s contestants. Like the Oliver family, Brock has a long history with the show. He was there for the very first one in 1975, according to an article in the Wrangell Sentinel’s archives. Back then he took first place in power saw bucking, axe cutting, under cutting, and was also named the year’s “All-

Around Logger.” This year Brock proved that he still had some skills in the logging department, claiming third place in power saw bucking and axe throwing.

Randy also participated in his own show. He took second place in power saw bucking, first place in axe throwing, and was named “Bull Of The Woods.” Aleisha Mollen, one of the judges for the show, said that this award is basically for good sportsmanship, and is voted on by other participants in the contest.

“This is the sixth year that I’ve done scorekeeping,” she said. “It gets a little bit better every year, it’s always fun.”

The full results of the logging show are as follows:

Power saw bucking

- 1st: Duane Ricker
- 2nd: Randy Oliver
- 3rd: James Montgomery

Axe chopping

- 1st: James Montgomery
- 2nd: Nathan Moores
- 3rd: Thoms Roland

Idaho Style

- 1st: Thomas Roland and James Montgomery

- 2nd: Duane Ricker and Jamie Stough
- 3rd: Nathan Moores and Brian Lea

Hand bucking

- 1st: Thomas Roland
- 2nd: James Montgomery
- 3rd: Duane Ricker

Choker setting

- 1st: Duane Ricker
- 2nd: Thomas Roland
- 3rd: James Montgomery

Obstacle bucking

- 1st: Duane Ricker
- 2nd: James Montgomery
- 3rd: Thomas Roland

Axe throwing

- 1st: Randy Oliver
- 2nd: Mitchell Cabrigas
- 3rd: Al Brock

Ma & Pa bucking

- 1st: Thomas Roland and Sierra Reil
- 2nd: Nathan Moores and Jerrie Dee Harvey
- 3rd: Jamie and Rachel Stough

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Women’s rolling pin toss

- Toni Marie Oliver

All Around Logger

- James Montgomery

Bull of the Woods

- Randy Oliver

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