



“Diamond Club” honored at Nolan Center celebration

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

With old-time music playing in the background, and friends and family all talking and laughing together, Pastor Kem Haggard of Harbor Light Assembly of God welcomed everybody to the Diamond Club Celebration. The party, hosted at the Nolan Center, brought together eight Wrangell couples who were the guests of honor for the evening.

A married couple's sixtieth anniversary is also known as the “diamond anniversary,” as

the couples are traditionally supposed to buy each other diamond jewelry. Haggard and other community members organized this first-ever Diamond Club Celebration to recognize and celebrate Wrangell's couples who achieved that milestone. He also wanted to use the celebration as an opportunity for younger married couples to glean some wisdom.

“You guys are the professionals, you're the ones that we look to and think ‘You know? We can do this,’” Haggard said to the Diamond



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Felix and Verda Villarma, married 64 years.

Club. “My wife and I are just youngsters, this year we'll only make 39 [years.] Yet I look at some of you, and you represent over 800 years of marriage.”

The eight couples present at the celebration were: Bob and Georgie Sansom, Jim and Pat Haggard, Doyle and Delores Sarff, Warren and Chloe Edgely, “Cappie” and Alice Bakke, Felix and Verda Villarma, Ken and LouRae



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Ken and LouRae Davidson, married 63 years.



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Bob and Georgie Sansom, married 68 years.

City agrees to \$1.3 million contribution to the school district

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There was a long and, at times, tense meeting over a single issue at city hall last Friday, May 31. The Wrangell Borough Assembly had called a special meeting to make a last-minute decision on how much money to give to the Wrangell School District this year. The assembly had planned to cover the item in their previous meeting on May 28, but opted to table the item to wait for extra financial information from the school. Over the course of two-and-a-half hours the assembly and several school staff members present at the meeting discussed the school's needs and what the city could afford to give out.

The borough was originally considering a contribution of \$1,365,117 to the school district. Of this money, \$869,887 would come from Secure Rural Schools funds (SRS), while the remainder would be paid out of sales tax money from the city. The number being considered was already \$100,000 less than the school district was requesting. According to Alaska statutes, the borough has 30 days upon receipt of their school district's budget to determine the local contribution. As they received the budget on May 1, this was the final day possi-

ble to determine the local contribution. Mayor Steve Prysunka said that nobody on the assembly was against giving money to the school district, but that they had to be realistic considering Wrangell's current financial situation.

Georgianna Buhler, with the school district, explained that the district is looking at a much lower carryover from the previous budget than originally anticipated, in the range of \$83,000 in unrestricted carryover as opposed to carryover in the \$400,000 range. The budget that the school board approved in April is looking to break even, with revenues and expenses at \$6.34 million. However, she said that they were already planning to revise this budget later in the month, depending on what the assembly decided. School Board Member Aaron Angerman also spoke up, asking the assembly to not punish the school district by taking away money. The current financial situation was rough right now, he said, but it could be brought somewhere sustainable within a few years. He reminded the board that they were all in this together, as a community.

“I hear a lot of ‘we’s’ and ‘you’s’ but not a lot of ‘us’s,’” he said. “I think that's something

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Davidson, and Frank and Janet Teague. Haggard mentioned that there were several other couples in the Diamond Club that were unable to attend that evening, including Elmer and Pat Mork, Ole and Connie Bunes, and Gerald and Jeanie King, among others. The Sansoms were the most seasoned of the Diamond Club present, being married 68 years. The Sansoms were married in 1950, the same year that the “Peanuts” cartoon was first published.

A large potluck dinner was served, along with dessert. After dinner, Haggard gave each member of the Diamond Club the opportunity to share some advice on how to make a marriage last 60+ years. Some of the advice given was traditional and fairly common, such as “don't go to bed angry.” Others were more humorous, just as Ken Davidson's simple

“Her mother told her, and she told me several times, that if you're gonna get married you're gonna stay married. If you make your bed hard, you're gonna sleep in it. So we've been sleeping on it ever since.”

- Bob Sansom

advice to just stay alive to have a long marriage. Verda Villarma talked about how marriage was not easy, but that

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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, June 6: Mick Young, Megan Scott, Chelsea Cleghon, Carter Cummings, Cari Hazelton, Deanne Cooper. *Anniversary:* Brent & Shannon Mickle, Jeremy & Dawn Welch. **Friday, June 7:** Jacob Soeteber, Hunter Abbott, Kelly Tuttle. *Anniversary:* Mike & Natalya Jabusch. **Saturday, June 8:** Shannon Smith, Chase Robertson, Chester Armstrong, Stephanie Cartwright. *Anniversary:* James & Cinda Stough. **Sunday, June 9:** Jon Pino, Carolyn Gould. **Monday, June 10:** Aveline Russell, Dan Newport, Stan Schnell, Josephine Lewis. *Anniversary:* Trevor & Talea Keller, John & Lynn Maxand. **Tuesday, June 11:** Kiara Meissner, Kim Stover, Danielle Smith, Kyler Young. **Wednesday, June 12:** Leonard Angerman, Cole Appleman. **Thursday, June 13:** Stan Martin, Aaron Powell, Alivia Young, Andre Shafer, Mark Walker.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, June 6

Herbed Lime Chicken, Mixed Veggies, Au Gratin Potatoes, Sunshine Salad

Friday, June 7

Ham Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Honey Mustard Coleslaw

Monday, June 10

Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Cauliflower & Broccoli Toss, Rolls

Tuesday, June 11

Crispy Baked Chicken, Brussel Sprouts, Texas Coleslaw, Boiled Potatoes

Wednesday, June 12

Moose Spaghetti, Peas & Carrots, Cantaloupe w/Berries

Thursday, June 13

Halibut Caddy Gantry, Rice Pilaf, Broccoli, Romaine & Rdish 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, June 8
Malaspina 1:15 p.m.
Sunday, June 9
Columbia 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, June 11
Malaspina 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 15
Malaspina 8:15 a.m.
Sunday, June 16
Columbia 7:45 p.m.

Southbound

Thursday, June 6
Malaspina 9:30 p.m.
Monday, June 10
Malaspina 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, June 12
Columbia 10:15 a.m.
Thursday, June 13
Malaspina 11:30 p.m.
Monday, June 17
Malaspina 5:30 a.m.

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



TIDES June 6 - June 13

	High Tides		Low Tides		High Tides		Low Tides	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
June 6	3:06	17.5	4:15	14.8	9:36	-2.4	9:41	3.5
June 7	3:52	16.8	5:06	14.6	10:25	-1.9	10:36	3.9
June 8	4:45	15.9	6:02	14.5	11:17	-1.1	11:40	4.1
June 9	5:48	14.8	7:06	14.6	12:15	-0.2
June 10	7:04	13.8	8:12	14.2	12:53	4.0	1:18	0.7
June 11	8:27	13.5	9:13	16.0	2:11	3.3	2:24	1.4
June 12	9:43	13.7	10:09	16.9	3:26	2.1	3:30	1.9
June 13	10:48	14.2	10:59	17.7	4:33	0.6	4:31	2.1

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, June 6

Port Commission Meeting: City Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 11

Assembly Meeting: City Hall, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12

Town Hall Meeting: Nolan Center, 6 p.m. To discuss water conservation and management strategies.

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.

June 5, 2019

Memorial Day was fittingly observed in Wrangell last Friday. At one o'clock in the afternoon an excellent program was rendered in the Redmen's hall, which was crowded beyond its seating capacity. F. H. Gray presided.

At the conclusion of the program a line was formed for a march to the city float, where boats had been provided to take all persons to the cemetery who wished to go. The parade was headed by the Wrangell Native band; then came returned soldiers in uniform. At the float two boats were in waiting. They were the Eagle from the A.P.A. cannery and the Columbia & Northern's boat, the Martha, with a scow in tow. A good portion of the population made the voyage to the cemetery where the graves of old soldiers and others were decorated. There are still several soldiers whose graves are without headstones. An effort will be made to obtain markers from the Government for these graves, even through some of the required data is lacking.

June 9, 1944

Beginning of Wrangell's first paving was undertaken here this week as a bulldozer and scraper was put to work digging up Front Street in preparation for laying a concrete street from the McCormack Dock to just below The Sentinel office and continuing a cement sidewalk from that point to Grant's Grocery. Work is being done by day labor. Six inches of the present surface will be removed, Mayor F. G. Hanford said, and as soon as this is accomplished the first concrete will be poured.

June 5, 1969

Five girls are competing for the title of Fourth of July Queen this year. They are Christy Cox,

sponsored by the American Legion and its auxiliary; Diane Johnson, Redmen & Pochontas; Vicki Turner, Wrangell Sentinel; Kim House, Elks-Emblem Club; Lena Marshall, Wrangell Lumber. Managers are allowed their candidates to have no more than 10 books of tickets in their possession at any time. Managers will be allowed to check out only 50 books at any given time.

Each candidate will receive \$50. If she remains in the contest until completion, each girl will receive 10% of all her own sales exceeding \$1,000.

June 2, 1994

A program recently moved into Wrangell's Stikine Native Organization Building is keeping Native American customs alive by teaching them to children.

Instructor Lorraine Allen said

youngsters from 3 years of age up through high school seniors are eligible to participate in the program, which is funded by the federal government through the Johnson-O'Malley Act.

The intent of the law is to keep Native American craftsmanship and other customs alive through the education of children. Allen said that non-Native youth can participate in programs, but the act requires at least 55 percent of the children enrolled to have Native ancestry.

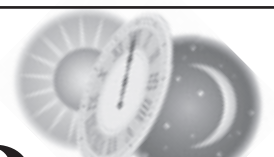
As many as 18 children a day have been coming to the sessions at the SNO building, Allen said.

Middle school students who were making moccasins during a recent visit to the Johnson-O'Malley program's new quarters had favorable comments regarding what they were doing.



Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
May 27	70	51
May 28	64	51
May 29	66	51
May 30	72	51
May 31	57	51
June 01	54	48
June 02	55	48
June 03	57	46



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
June 6	4:06 am	9:27 pm	17:21h
June 7	4:05 am	9:28 pm	17:23h
June 8	4:05am	9:29 pm	17:24h
June 9	4:04 am	9:30 pm	17:26h
June 10	4:03 am	9:31 pm	17:28h
June 11	4:03 am	9:32 pm	17:29h
June 12	4:02 am	9:33 pm	17:31h
June 13	4:02 am	9:34 pm	17:32h

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Court report

May 16 -

Dylan Franks pleaded guilty to charges of violating conditions of release, while charges of unlawful contact and resisting arrest were dismissed. Judge Kevin Miller sentenced him to four days of imprisonment and a \$150 fine.

Corey Wayne Torgramen pleaded guilty to charges of reckless injury, while charges of criminal mischief and another count of reckless injury were dismissed. Judge Kevin

Miller sentenced him to 365 days of imprisonment, with 270 suspended. He is also ordered to make restitution to the victim(s), will undergo a behavioral health assessment, and will pay a \$150 fine.

May 20 -

Samone Lyons's petition for a long-term protective order against Raymond Bean was denied, as the petitioner failed to appear at the hearing. An order of dismissal was issued.

Dusty Cowan was brought before Judge Kevin Miller for an omnibus hearing, on charges of online enticement of a minor and distribution of indecent material to minors. A trial was scheduled for June 25. His conditions of release were also altered to allow for fishing within 10 miles of Wrangell.

Charges against Dennis Lee Neff, of possession of a controlled substance, were dismissed by prosecution. He was ordered to six months' probation on a suspended entry of judgment by Judge Kevin Miller, and will pay a \$50 fine.

May 28 -

Anna Rebecca Hagelman was arraigned before Judicial Officer Leanna Nash on charges of driving with an invalid license. She pleaded no contest, and was fined \$100. Charges were then dismissed by prosecution.

Larry W. Aitken was arraigned before Judicial Officer Leanna Nash on charges of not controlling dangerous dogs. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$320.

Charges against George Rasmussen Stoican, for driving without a valid license, were dismissed by prosecution.



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Baha'i community picnic

The Wrangell Baha'i community held a community picnic at Shoemaker Park Saturday, May 25, to celebrate Memorial Day Weekend. Many community members came out to enjoy the sunny weather, enjoy plenty of snacks, or explore along the riverbed or beach, or play badminton. Kay Larson, of the Baha'i faith, emphasized that this was a multi-faith gathering, though the Baha'i's organized it. Pictured here (left to right) is Valentina Bardina, Kay Larson, Ben Houser, and Karen Morse.

Casey Seimears was arraigned before Judicial Officer Leanna Nash on charges of unlawful contact and violating conditions of release. A status hearing was scheduled for May 31.

Joshua Grunstein was arraigned before Judicial Officer Leanna Nash on charges of reckless injury. He was ordered to have no contact with the alleged victim or return to any property or business owned by them. A calendar call was scheduled for July 9.

Andrew Twyford was ar-

raigned before Judicial Officer Leanna Nash on charges of driving with an invalid license. He failed to appear, and a 15-day notice for him was sent out.

Cooper Seimears was arraigned before Judicial Officer Leanna Nash on charges of leaving an accident without providing information, and violating conditions of release. He forfeited his previous unsecured bond. He must pay a new \$500 cash performance bond and comply with all prior conditions of release. A calendar call was scheduled

for June 18.

May 29 -

Mason Dingwall was arraigned before Judicial Officer Leanna Nash on charges of reckless injury. A representation hearing was scheduled for June 7.

May 30 -

Richard Metzger and Loretto Jones came before Judge Kevin Miller for a settlement hearing. A divorce hearing was scheduled for June 10.

Casey Seimears was indicted on charges of theft and burglary.

Police report

May 27, 2019

Lost property.
Agency assist: Alaska state trooper.
Medical alarm.
Disturbance.
Lost property.
Domestic dispute.
Criminal mischief.
Civil matter.
Found property.

May 28, 2019

Seven subpoena services.
Lost property.
Illegal parking.
Conditions of release.
Civil matter.
Criminal mischief.

May 29, 2019

Traffic complaint: Speeding.
Two subpoena services.
Citizen assist: Unlock vehicle.
Two security checks.

May 30, 2019

Found property.
Theft: Unfounded.
Agency assist: US Fisheries.
Medevac.
Animal complaint: Porcupine.
Citizen assist.
Animal complaint.
Traffic: Citation issued to Randi Brady, 28. Driving with a revoked license for DUI.

Disturbance: Unfounded.
Citizen assist.

May 31, 2019

Welfare check.
Theft: Unfounded.
Agency assist: WCA.
Illegal parking: Unfounded.

June 1, 2019

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for failure to signal.
Title 47: Sandra Byrd, 53.
Traffic stop: Arrested Jeffrey Hay, 51. On charges of DUI.
Agency assist: Fire department.
Welfare check.
Arrested: Dylan Franks, 28.
Three counts of violating conditions of release.
Trespass warning was given.
Animal complaint.
Traffic complaint.

June 2, 2019

Drugs: Confiscated from the airport.
Citizen assist: Report of someone fallen and person was okay.
Agency assist: Public works.
Citizen assist: Vehicle unlock.
Report of theft.

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

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June 17-20	Pulmonology Clinic - Dr. Morison	907-228-7649
June 17-21	Urology Clinic - Dr. Schoenrock	907-225-7346
July 8-12	G.I. Clinic - Dr. Woods	907-228-8101
July 9-10	Oncology - Dr. Raish	907-228-8101
July 15-16	Cardiology Clinic - Dr. Beglin	888-739-2700
July 15-19	Urology Clinic - Dr. Schoenrock	907-225-7346
July 15-18	Pulmonology Clinic - Dr. Thorson	907-228-7649
July 15-18	Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic - Dr. Christensen	907-228-8101

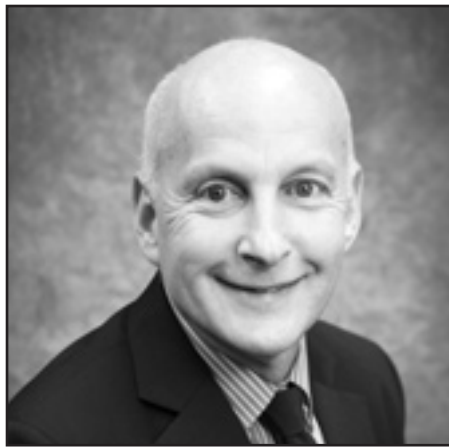


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Dan's Dispatch

By Representative
Dan Ortiz

Earlier this month, the House passed House Bill 49, which is a collaborative bill between the House, the Senate, and the Governor's administration to improve public safety. After the Conference Committee process last week, the Senate passed the bill on Tuesday, May 28th. The bill now heads to the Governor's Office to be signed. The bill has most generally been referred to as the "SB91 Repeal" and contains the following provisions:



Dan Ortiz

Keeps in place the pretrial services program and the pretrial risk assessment tool, while making them subject to judges' discretion.

Gives offenders up to one year of credit for time spent in treatment, which is part of a larger effort to promote treatment and rehabilitation for offenders.

Reduces credits for "good behavior" that a person on parole or probation can receive. The bill also removes caps on the amount of time a person can serve for probation or parole violations and gives discretion back to judges.

For simple drug possession, the first conviction for possession of a controlled substance will result in a class A misdemeanor. The second conviction within ten years will result in a class C felony. The Department of Law testified that

this change will give law enforcement and prosecutors the tools they need to address substance abuse-related crime. The bill also adds a 10-year look back requirement for drug offenses.

Creates a new crime of possession of motor vehicle theft tools. The bill also includes provisions to allow prosecutors to aggregate misdemeanor theft offenses within a six-month period in a single felony charge.

Increases penalties for a variety of sex crimes and makes important updates to existing law. This bill also requires law enforcement agencies to ensure that all sexual assault examination kits are sent to a crime lab within 30 days of collection and advise the victim within 2

Wedding announcement

Mercedes Angerman and Donald "Jay" Neal were married in a short ceremony on Saturday May 11, 2019. Aminda Skan, daughter of the bride, served as the maid of honor. Craig Wilson of Wasilla was the best man. The wedding was held at The Bridge Seafood Restaurant that spans across Ship Creek in downtown Anchorage and was followed by a reception and dinner catered by the restaurant.



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Mercedes Angerman and Donald "Jay" Nea

Mercedes is the daughter of Mercedes and the late Frederick Angerman Sr. of Wrangell. She recently retired from the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs after more than 30 years of State of Alaska public service.

Jay is the son of Richard Neal of Choteau, Montana and Pok Tok Neal of Great Falls, Montana. Born in Kyonggi-Do, Korea and raised in Montana, Jay served 20 years in the U.S. Army, retiring in 2006. He now works for Ahtna, Inc.

The couple will make their home in Anchorage.

weeks that testing is complete.

Repeals the Marriage as a Defense in cases of sexual assault and rape allegations.

Increases the presumptive sentencing ranges for people charged with felonies.

With 36 yeas and two nays (two members were excused) on the House

Floor, and 18 yeas and zero nays (two members were excused) on the Senate Floor, HB 49 had broad support. It now goes to the Governor's Office to be signed into law. Feel free to email me at Rep.Dan.Ortiz@AKLeg.gov or call at 907-247-4672 if you have any questions or comments.

Obituaries:

Lisa Marie Merritt (Pearson), 55



Lisa Marie Merritt (Pearson)

Lisa Marie Merritt (Pearson), 55, died in Gilbert, Arizona on December 6, 2018.

She was born May 1, 1963, in Sturgis, South Dakota, and in 1967, came to Wrangell with her parents Ron and Marlene Merritt, and siblings, Steven, Brian and Michelle.

After graduation from Wrangell High School, she continued her education in Oregon and received an undergraduate degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Pacific University. Later, she earned her

MS in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Wisconsin.

She married Kerry Pearson in 1984, and they settled in Arizona, where their two children, Kyle Andrew and Jenna Rae were born. She taught school at Gilbert Christian Elementary for 15 years, and then left that career when the couple became foster parents. During the next 10 years, they provided love and care for seven newborn babies until each one was adopted into a forever family.

She is survived by: her husband Kerry; son Kyle, (Aszia) and granddaughter, Joie of Dallas, Texas; daughter, Jenna, Gilbert, Arizona; parents, Ron and Marlene; siblings, Steven, Brian, (Sarah), Michelle, (Dan),

and three nieces and three nephews; mother-in-law, Marlene Pearson, and brother-in-law, Kirk Pearson.

Her ashes are sealed in the Columbarium at Wrangell's Sunset Gardens Cemetery.

Meredith Sykes, 79

Meredith Sykes, 79, passed away on May 12, 2019 in Washington State.

She was a small-town girl from Fargo, North Dakota, who traveled the world, with adventures in Asia, Europe, and Africa. She braved the wilds (and not-so-wilds) of Alaska for 32 years before moving to Gig Harbor, Washington in 1993.

She and her family lived in Wrangell from about 1961 to 1972 and her children were born in Wrangell.

She was an excellent cook and baker and instilled that passion and talent in all three of her daughters. She belonged to gourmet groups in Anchorage and Gig Harbor and considered those women her lifelong friends.

She loved playing cards and was a devoted member of her local bridge group. She played games and puzzles and was a fan of the Sunday

NYT crossword. She adored language, literature and her book clubs. Her kindness and desire to help people learn made her a natural choice as a substitute teacher in our elementary school classrooms. In both Anchorage and Gig Harbor she taught English as a Second Language (ESL) to immigrant adults.

After getting her three girls off to college, she went back herself to finish her degree at the University of Alaska, Anchorage.

She was preceded in death by her husband Richard Sykes, Jr.

She leaves behind her daughters Stephanie Sykes, Suzy Tangen and her husband Kit, Wendy Sykes and her husband John Schussler, extended family, more friends than we can count, and the love of her life, her granddaughter, Georgia Meredith Sykes.

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Groundbreaking held for new medical center

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

A groundbreaking ceremony was held next to the AICS clinic on Wood Street last Thursday, May 30, signifying the official beginning of construction of Wrangell's new hospital. Wrangell has been seeking a new hospital to replace the Wrangell Medical Center for some time now. The Southeast Alaska Health Consortium, SEARHC, acquired the medical center in 2018. Part of this acquisition deal was the construction of a new hospital.

The new medical center, which will connect with the existing clinic, will be roughly 45,000 square feet and built by Dawson Construction. Wold Architects and Engineers completed the designs for the hospital in January, and the plan is to have it all built and ready to receive residents by January 2021.

SEARHC CEO Charles Clement was present for the groundbreaking, welcoming everyone and thanking them for letting them join the Wrangell community.

"It's really quite amazing what can happen when like-minded organizations come together, put their minds to something," he said. "I want to thank all of you again for coming out, all the staff that are here to celebrate with us. I'm really excited about what the future holds for Wrangell and SEARHC's place in the community."

Mayor Steve Prysunka also said a few words at the ceremony. He talked about how this groundbreaking ceremony had been a long time coming,



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SEARHC CEO Charles Clement welcoming everyone to the groundbreaking ceremony for Wrangell's new hospital.



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Several people who played a role in getting a new hospital for Wrangell were invited to dig the ceremonial first shovelful of dirt during last Thursday's groundbreaking ceremony. Pictured here are (front to back): Mayor Steve Prysunka, June Durgen, and Harriet Brouillette of the SEARHC board of directors.

and the result of hard work at the hands of many people. Among several people he said deserved credit, he pointed to David Jack, who was Wrangell's mayor when the idea for a new hospital first got underway. He also gave a special thanks to Lovey Brock, part of the SEARHC board of directors, for representing the community.

"Through a partnership with SEARHC our community is not only ensured that existing services are preserved, but

that new and enhanced services are available to all community members," he said.

Clement, Prysunka, and other board members and SEARHC staff present were given hard hats and shovels. Then, after digging the first ceremonial shovelful of dirt, and a round of applause, Brock was given the opportunity to say a few words.

"Thank you for letting me represent you, and thank you to Wrangell for everything," she said.

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Wolverines one game ahead of Cubs

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wolverines have stayed one game ahead in their lead against the Cubs, the other major league team in Wrangell's little league.

The teams met on Wednesday, May 29. It was a very high scoring game, with both teams making run after run. The Wolverines proved to have a stronger defensive game, however, and were able to keep the Cubs back a few points. The final score was 20-15, in favor of the Wolverines.

The next game was on Monday, June 3. The Cubs made a strong start in the first inning, making four runs to the Wolverines' two. This turned around in the second inning, however, when the Wolverines made five runs. The score was then 5-7 in favor of the Wolverines. The Cubs were able to tie the game up, however, and for a long time both teams were unable to take the lead. However, The Cubs were finally able to get some momentum after Clara Waddington (No. 12) slid into home plate just ahead of the ball. This was followed by another close call by Ben Houser (No. 10). While the Wolverines put in a great amount of effort, they were unable to stop the Cubs' momentum or make another run of their own. The final score of the game was 15-7, a win for the Cubs.

The Wolverines are now 5-4 for the season, while the Cubs are 4-5. The teams are scheduled to meet three more times before the season comes to an end.



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Members of the Cubs little league team. Pictured here (left to right, from the top row): Dayne Pritchett, Della Churchill, Vanessa Johnson, Aubrey Wynne, Addy Andrews, Kody Barnes, Katelynn Gillen, Clara Waddington, Ian Maleski, Ben Houser, and Keaton Gadd.

Cooperative Association gives public update on department projects

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Cooperative Association held a "meeting of the association" last Wednesday, May 29. The cooperative association is Wrangell's governing body for tribal citizens. The meeting held a dual purpose: To introduce the public to the new tribal council, and to let the public know about several projects that are in the works.

The WCA elected five new members to the tribal council in April. These are Christie Jamieson, Michelle Jenkins, Cori Robinson, Richard Oliver, and Lu Knapp. After introducing the council, and a prayer by Virginia Oliver, the rest of the meeting got underway.

Lizzy Romane, administration assistant for the transportation department, began with her department. The largest job the transportation department has been involved with is the construction of a new administrative building for the WCA. The association moved locations from downtown to a new building on Zimovia Highway, across from Alpine Mini Mart, a few months ago. The new building is almost 100 percent complete, Romane said. Those who worked on the project were: Lloyd Ward, project manager; Richard Oliver, on-site superintendent; Mackie Ward, plumbing; Tim and Jordan Bunes, electricians; and several others.

"Almost all of the beautiful formline panels have been hung, they're really wonderful," Romane said, showing pictures of panels being hung on the exterior of the new building. "They were designed by Master Carver Steve Brown and one of his associates."

The transportation department will also be developing property next door to the administration building, she said, for a new maintenance and warehouse facility.

The transportation department has also been working with the Forest Service on various projects, such as road and trail maintenance, brush clearing, and installing new road signs near Rainbow Falls. Ro-

mane also talked about their ongoing collaboration with Catholic Community Services and the Senior Center to offer transportation to community members with limited mobility.

Kim Wickman and Chris Bunes played a video slideshow to show what the IGAP department has been working on. Their department recently spent three Mondays teaching the fourth grade class at Evergreen Elementary about mold and moisture, where students learned about what health concerns can be brought about by indoor mold. The IGAP department also discussed water conservation during the 2019 Health Fair, back in April. Related to conservation, they also attended a drought workshop hosted by the Forest Service. They hosted their third annual e-waste collection event, where over 10,000 pounds of old and broken electronics were gathered and shipped off for proper disposal. During the annual Community Clean Up that took place in April, over 60 people came out and picked up over 200 garbage bags-full of litter. In the near future, the IGAP department plans to look into ways to combat illegal dumping, and compose a "tribal integrated solid waste management plan."

Ruby McMurren and her assistant, Talea Massin have been working on a comprehensive action plan for the Administration for Native Americans. The ANA offers grants to communities to improve the areas of healthcare, housing, and economic development, in order to prevent outmigration of native communities. They have been holding public meetings over the past several months, McMurren said, speaking with various members of the community to hear about what is important to them, what Wrangell really needs to improve, and any ideas on what to do. She added that they will be holding a large workshop on June 13, for anyone interested in learning more about the ANA project.

"That is basically the heart of our grant," McMurren said. "What that is, we have a profes-

sional consulting firm coming to Wrangell to meet with the board members, the community members, to gather information for a survey we will put out. With the information on this survey they will gather information for us to do a survey here, after they leave. All of that information will go into the comprehensive action plan."

Before the meeting came to a close, Tribal Administrator Esther Ashton wanted to talk

about some other projects that were not yet mentioned, but deserved attention. The WCA, along with Tlingit and Haida Regional Housing Authority, received a Healthy Homes Grant that they intend to use to renovate several tribal citizens' homes and make them healthier to live in. There is also an Indian Community Development Block Grant they are using to upgrade the energy efficiency of other homes. Ashton also added,

among other projects, that the tourism department is currently working on a full business plan and feasibility study to get the association more involved in Wrangell's tourism industry.

"At this point WCA is just growing leaps and bounds, and it's so exciting to be able to provide that for our tribal citizens and make an impact on the Wrangell community as a whole," Ashton said.



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Sharks make their first win of the season

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Sharks, one of the three minor league teams in Wrangell's little league, finally won their first game of the season last week.

The Sharks played two games last week, against the Bears and the Rays. The first game, on May 28, went heavily in the Bears' favor. The Bears have gone undefeated all season, and continued that track record last Tuesday. The final score for the game was 11-2.

Things turned around, however, the following Thursday. The game opened with the Rays and the Sharks both making two runs in the first inning. The Sharks then got another two runs in the second inning, while the Rays made none. In the fourth inning, both teams again scored two points. The Sharks had a strong run in the fifth inning, as well, making three runs and keeping the Rays from scoring a single point. The final score of the game was 9-4, a long-sought after win for the Sharks. Rays Coach Tawney Crowley said that the Sharks definitely earned the win. It was well played, and she complimented their defensive game.

"Our kids were not on the game that day, but we're glad that the Sharks got a win," said Rays Coach Bella Crowley.

Sharks Coach Rod Rhoades said that his team didn't even realize that they had won by the end of the game. The smiles on their faces when he congratulated them, he said, are something he'll remember forever. It was a great experience for both the players and the coaches.

"It was an amazing thing," said Rhoades. "You would've thought they won the World Series."

The Sharks are now 1-7 for the season, while the Rays are 3-4 and the Bears remain undefeated. The season will draw to a close next week, with an end of the season picnic scheduled for June 15.



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Rays player Amura Brevick (No. 1) at bat while Sharks player Tommy Rohr-Wickman (No. 10) catches.

Community asked to conserve as city goes back on water watch

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The City and Borough of Wrangell went on a water watch for a few weeks back in March. Due to a forecast of insufficient rainfall, and ongoing drought conditions across Southeast Alaska, a water watch has been declared once again. As part of the water watch, there will be a town hall meeting to discuss conservation efforts at the Nolan Center on June 12, at 6 p.m.

This is a Stage I water watch, the lowest that city officials can declare. In a statement on the borough's website, city officials have requested that community

members all find ways to conserve water. This includes fixing leaky faucets and pipes, washing clothes and dishes only when necessary, and taking shorter showers. The city has also recommended that the public not wash vehicles, sidewalks, or use water for outdoor uses if at all possible. It is also advised that the public try to conserve electricity, too, as Wrangell generally keeps its lights on with hydropower.

"Conservation efforts implemented now, may help prevent water shortage issues later this summer," the statement reads. "This conservation ap-

proach is part of our efforts to adapt to, and alleviate, the cumulative impacts of the drier-than-normal weather we are having now and expect to experience throughout the summer. Using water wisely, will help reduce the seasonal increase in water demand."

Wrangell is currently undergoing what the U.S. Drought Monitor at www.drought.gov is labelling severe drought conditions. While the island is part of the Tongass Rainforest, the long term forecast for rain is not optimistic. While there was limited precipitation recently, it was not enough to offset water consump-



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A dry creek bed, near Wrangell's upper reservoir. Borough officials declared a Stage I water watch last week, in response to ongoing drought conditions across Southeast Alaska. The snowpack was inadequate to refill the community's water supply, according to Mayor Steve Prysunka, and weather forecasts predict dry weather with intermittent, but minor, rainfall. A town hall meeting to discuss ongoing conservation efforts and the city's water situation has been scheduled for June 12.

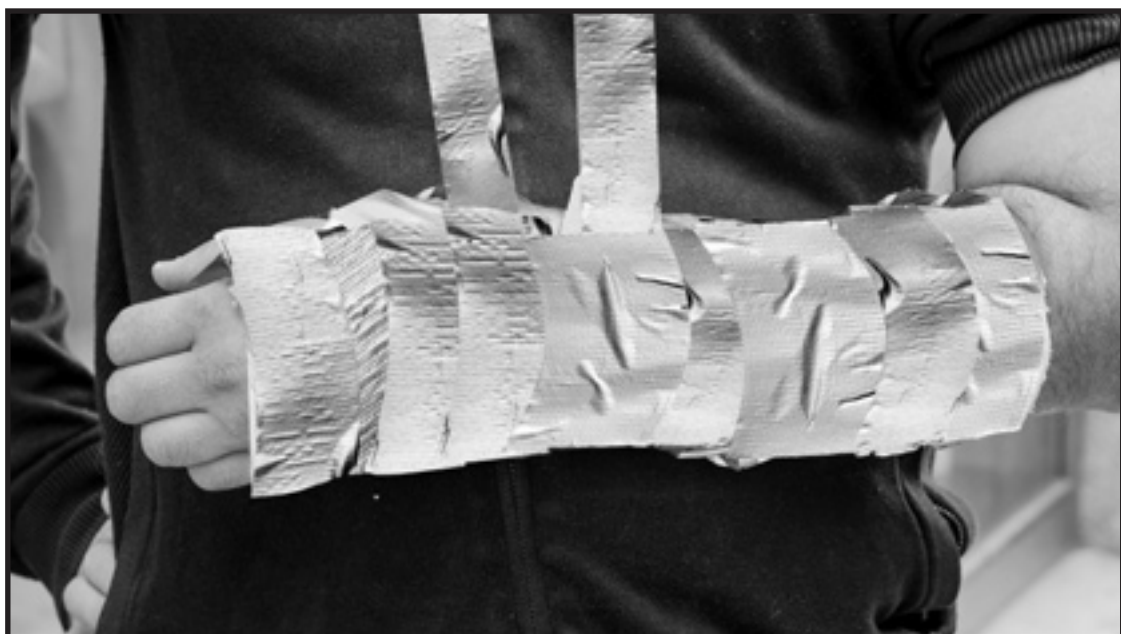
tion.

Mayor Steve Prysunka brought more awareness to the situation with a Facebook post on May 31. He and other city officials walked around the upper reservoir, where Wrangell stores much of its water, and reported that there were "zero inflows" of new water. Prysunka reiterated that conservation was very im-

portant, as Wrangell's seafood processors will also be needing water for crab season in the near future. As part of a conservation effort on the city's part, Prysunka said that Wrangell will not be selling water to cruise ships until the situation improves. Other industrial water-users will also be pulling water from the well near Shoemaker Harbor, which will have no impact on domestic supply.

"Unfortunately our delivery system is prone to leaks," Prysunka wrote. "We all need to keep an eye out for leaks and report these to public works so they can repair asap."

The public works department can be reached at (907) 874-3904. To learn more about how to conserve water, or the situation in general, visit the city's website at www.wrangell.com.



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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

SE Alaska is state's biggest producer of shrimp; much of it enjoyed where it's landed

Shrimp shines in the Panhandle - Southeast Alaska is the state's biggest producer of America's #1 seafood favorite: shrimp. And much of it is enjoyed right where it's landed.

Four varieties of shrimp are taken at various times throughout the year by permit holders, with recent catches topping 1.5 million pounds, worth \$3 million at the docks.

"We have 19 different areas around Southeast and each has its own appropriate harvest level for sustainability," said Dave Harris, area manager for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Juneau.

Catching shrimp with beam trawls, in fact, is Southeast's longest ongoing fishery since 1915.

The trawlers target tiny northern, or pink, shrimp and larger sidestripes, mostly near Petersburg and Wrangell, with recent harvests topping one million pounds. Most of the pinks pay out at around 20 cents a pound and are frozen into blocks and currently processed elsewhere; the sidestripes, fetch over a dollar a pound from local processors and lots of customers pay much more buying direct from the boats.

Fewer than 10 boats are participating in the trawl fishery of late - it's the better known and more lucrative pot fishery for big spot shrimp that is drawing the most interest.

"That's been getting more popular," Harris said. "In 2016, 116 fished, the next year it was 157," adding that 175 of 256 active permits fished the current season for a half million pound harvest.

Fishermen have several sales options for spots. They can fetch \$5-\$7 a pound from processors; \$10 at the docks and boats rigged to freeze the shrimp onboard get even more.

"Guys are catching, hand packing and freezing whole shrimp onboard their boat primarily for the Japanese sushi market," Harris said. "They can get \$10 to \$12 for the whole product, which is about twice the weight of the tailed product."

Fishermen also catch coon stripe shrimp in pots along with the spots, which usually pay out at around \$2 a pound.

Shrimp are unique in that they are protandric hermaphrodites, meaning they start out as males and switch to females after reproducing for a year or two. The sex switch can make it a tricky species to manage.

"As part of the overall population dynamics, it doesn't really matter when you harvest that shrimp - you're taking away their reproductive potential," Harris explained. "For a young male, you're taking them a couple of years before they convert over to female for the rest of their life. That's a key part of the management which

makes it so difficult because it is very easy to overfish shrimp if you're not careful."

It also has been difficult to gauge impacts on the shrimp stocks from personal users. In 2018, new state rules required that personal use fishery permits be issued for the first time.

"We have some information from specific areas that it can be quite significant, equal to or more than the commercial harvest in some cases," Harris said.

Other shrimp bits: Total U.S. shrimp production in 2016 was four million pounds valued at \$10 million. Texas is the largest U.S. shrimp producer at nearly 3 million pounds annually, followed by Alabama and Florida.

The U.S. imported nearly 700,000 metric tons of shrimp in 2018 (1.54 billion pounds), setting a new tonnage record for the third year in a row. India achieved the milestone of becoming the first country to top 500 million pounds of shrimp to the U.S., followed by Indonesia and Ecuador.

More Alaskans are turning to seaweed farming as the state's fledgling mariculture industry expands to more regions. Shellfish growers also are finding that an oyster/aquatic plant combo boosts their bottom line. Sixteen applications were filed for new or expanding aquatic farms during the January through April time frame, of which 56 percent were for growing various kelp, 31 percent for a combination of Pacific oysters and kelp, and 13 percent for oysters only.

While it was the same number of applications as 2018, the underwater acreage increased considerably, said Cynthia Pring-Ham, aquatic farming coordinator at the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game which issues the farm permits.

"There were about 616 acres that were applied for in 2019 compared to 462 acres in 2018. That's about a 33 percent increase," she said, adding that ADF&G partners with the Dept. of Natural Resources which leases the tidal and submerged lands where aquatic farming takes place.

For the first time, interest came from a westward region beyond Kodiak.

"In 2019 we had our first applications from the Alaska Peninsula, two from Sand Point and for kelp species," said Pring-Ham. "It's difficult for bivalves in that area to grow successfully, so maybe that will be a new avenue for people. We are very excited."

Two Kodiak growers pioneered kelp farming in Alaska by getting the first state permits in 2016. A mixed sugar and ribbon kelp harvest of 16,000 pounds followed in 2017; that jumped to to nearly 90,000

pounds in 2018, valued at \$33,000.

Currently in Alaska there are 58 aquatic farms, 5 hatcheries and 7 nurseries operating, with most involved in oyster production at Kachemak Bay, Southeast and Prince William Sound. In 2017, 41 operators produced a crop of nearly two million Pacific oysters, valued at \$1.53 million.

Pring-Ham said Alaska oyster farmers are finding that fast growing kelp can boost their bottom lines.

"The major species people are growing can be grown in a very short amount of time. They put them out in the fall and can harvest in the spring. So in four to six months they can have a product ready for market, which is a lot shorter than for shellfish like our Pa-

cific oysters which can take two to four years," she said, adding that aquatic plants also provide opportunities for more people in fishing communities.

The global commercial seaweed market is projected to top \$22 billion by 2024, with human consumption as the largest segment.

Besides kelp, 21 of Alaska's aqua-farmers also have added dulce, nori and sea lettuce to their macroalgae or shellfish menus. Other undersea crops being grown in Alaska include urchins, sea cucumbers, mussels and giant geoduck clams.

Wood who? Seemingly out of nowhere, Governor Dunleavy last week named fly fishing enthusiast John Wood of Willow to the state Board of Fisheries, to which industry

stakeholders responded with a collective "who?"

Wood, who is an attorney and local chairman of the Alaska Republican party, was a legislative staffer for then Senator Dunleavy from 2012 - 2014 and focused on northern Cook Inlet salmon allocation issues. Wood also has participated in the Mat-Su Fish and Game Advisory board, according to a press release.

The surprise timing of the appointment also raised eyebrows, because the legislature won't be able to confirm him until next year when the regular session resumes. Meanwhile, Wood will be making decisions starting this fall on Cook Inlet regulatory issues when the Board of Fisheries begins its meeting cycle in October.

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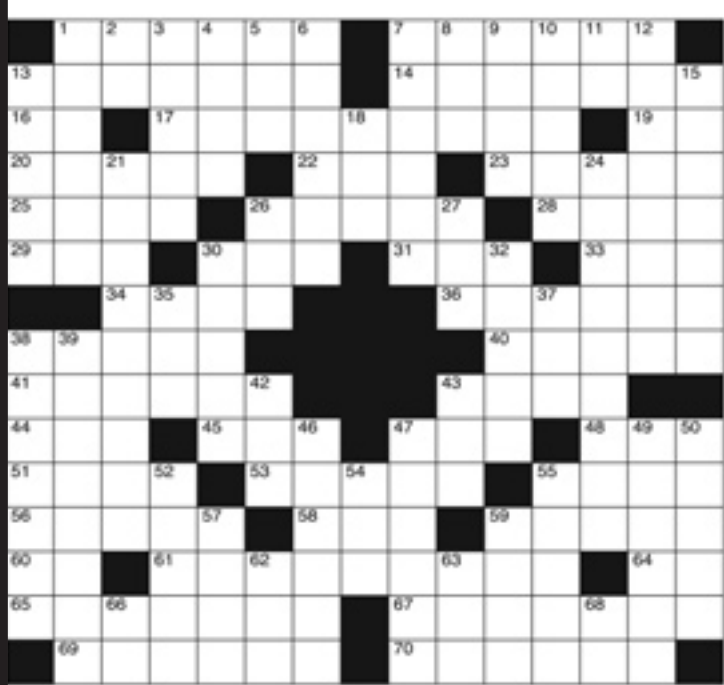
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- 16. Morning
- 17. The Garden State
- 19. __, myself and I
- 20. Gets up
- 22. Type of meal
- 23. Cavalry sword
- 25. Proclaims
- 26. Historic places
- 28. They go into space
- 29. Hostelry
- 30. Peter's last name
- 31. Necessary for syrup
- 33. Kids' channel
- 34. Take upon oneself
- 36. A bog
- 38. Small cavities in a gland
- 40. Grand Theft Auto vehicle
- 41. More vigorous
- 43. Supply to excess
- 44. Pie ___ mode
- 45. Dash
- 47. You sometimes pardon it
- 48. Catch doing something wrong
- 51. A constellation's second star
- 53. Famed French painter of dancers
- 55. Engines do it
- 56. Chemically inactive
- 58. Moved quickly on foot
- 59. Threaten persistently
- 60. Commercial
- 61. Listen without the speaker's knowledge
- 64. Rhodium
- 65. Caregivers to kids
- 67. Highly ornamented
- 69. Real, fixed property
- 70. Brains

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Resembling apes
- 2. Famed TV host Sullivan
- 3. Rare Hawaiian geese
- 4. Convicted traitor
- 5. Make into leather
- 6. Urge to do something
- 7. Small town in Spain
- 8. They promote products
- 9. Small Eurasian deer
- 10. Ancient people
- 11. The Volunteer State
- 12. Academic term
- 13. Natives of Alberta, Canada
- 15. Cause to become insane
- 18. Feed
- 21. Crime organization
- 24. Acrobatic feats
- 26. Car mechanics group
- 27. Mustachioed actor Elliott
- 30. Inquired
- 32. S. Korean industrial city
- 35. Member of the cuckoo family
- 37. Test for high schoolers
- 38. Some nights are these
- 39. Helps you stay organized
- 42. Cool!
- 43. Genus containing pigs
- 46. An opinion at odds
- 47. Types of bears
- 49. Smartphones give them
- 50. Nobel physicist Hans
- 52. Where rock stars work
- 54. Your car needs it
- 55. Dutch name for Ypres
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The Eagles, Wrangell's newly created softball team, also travelled to Petersburg. According to Coach Tawney Crowley, they played and won two games against Petersburg's softball teams. Pictured here is most of the team boarding a Breakaway Adventures boat to Petersburg (clockwise, from top left corner): Bella Crowley, Shailyn Nelson, Evilyn Gadd, Phebe Garcia, Lunnea Harrison, Charlie Nelson, Kiara Harrison, Kayla Young, Beanne Boone, Kaylyn McCutcheons, Sophia Martinsen, Sydney Young, Kaidyn Gadd, and Kiara Lyons. Not pictured are Alana Harrison and Paige Hoyt.



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Baseball play day

Sawyer Larrabee, of Wrangell, running to first base after making a hit. Wrangell and Petersburg went up against each other in a series of little league games last Saturday, in baseball and softball. Four players from each of Wrangell's minor league division teams were selected to create a team to travel to Petersburg, as well as players from both of the major league division teams. Both towns will have a rematch this Saturday, as Petersburg travels to Wrangell.

“Kidz Blitz” kicking off this Monday

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Wrangell Bible Baptist Church will be hosting their first annual “Kidz Blitz” this coming week, from June 10 to 14. The event is being organized by Tim and Missy Helton, the two Wrangellites behind the church's Eagle's Nest after-school program. The Heltons are putting together another children's event because, they said, they both feel like its an area they are especially called to.

“We've been in ministry since 1995 with children,” said Missy. “So it's been kind of one of our things.”

“We know that there are chances kids are maybe not growing up in a positive environment,” Tim added. “I know people have invested in us when we were kids, and we just want to do the same thing and make an investment in kids' lives.”

Kidz Blitz is similar to the Eagle's Nest program but “magnified,” as they said. It is open to all children from kindergarten to the fifth grade, completely free. Kids who come can expect food, games, and plenty of fun, the Heltons said. There is also going to be music and object lessons for them to learn, too. Lunch will be provided also completely free. It will be an epic week of energy and fun, Missy said.

“Wrangell really has some good kids,” Missy said. “Between our involvement at Evergreen and then, of course, at Eagles' Nest, we've met some really great kids.”

Kidz Blitz will run from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day, next Monday to Friday. Registration can be completed online at www.bbcwrangell.com.

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Royalty food booth open for business

Abigail Gerald's royalty contest food booth opened for business last Friday, May 31, with a kickoff party. Gerald and family, friends, and other volunteers will be running the booth out of the downtown pavilion all of June to raise money for Wrangell's third of July fireworks show, and for Gerald's college fund. A menu can be found on Facebook, at "Abby for 4th of July Queen." Pictured here is the Gerald family: Abby, Jenifer, and Matt.

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
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City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska PUBLIC NOTICE of a TOWN MEETING

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

The Borough Assembly Borough Assembly will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on **Tuesday, June 11, 2019**, during the Regular Borough Assembly meeting that begins at **7:00 p.m.**, in the Borough Assembly Chambers on the following item(s):

- PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 962** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, REPEALING SECTION 13.12.050, FEE SCHEDULES IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ESTABLISHING A NEW PROCESS FOR FEE SCHEDULES IN CHAPTER 13.12 PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE
- PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 963** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING SECTION 5.09.045, CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, IN CHAPTER 5.09, EXCISE TAX ON MARIJUANA, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE

The Public is encouraged to attend.

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

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 - b. Scroll through the pages.
 - c. The Wrangell housing office is located at 730 Zimovia Hwy #A2.

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

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Puzzle answers from May 30 Edition



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Public invited to ANA workshop on healthcare, housing, and economic development

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Cooperative Association and the Administration for Native Americans will hold a workshop for the community to discuss ways to improve healthcare, housing, and economic development in Wrangell. Ruby McMurren and her assistant, Talea Massin, have been working on creating an action plan to combat the out-migration of tribal citizens since 2018, thanks to a grant from the ANA. Through a series of meetings with various community members, they determined that healthcare, housing, and economic development were the three areas the community is most concerned about. The workshop, to be held on June 13, is meant to help design a final comprehensive action plan to meet Wrangell's needs in these areas.

"We have the three specific focus areas that were identified in a previous survey, which is healthcare, economic development, and housing," McMurren said. "We just get a lot of feedback from the meetings that we have to have, which is mandated by this grant, and we try to meet with a lot of the tribal residents in town and get their feedback on what they feel are important issues to address the out-migration of tribal citizens."

Housing is one of the main areas McMurren and Massin have heard a lot about, across all their meetings, and they say this is one of their bigger priorities. More homes are needed, and at more affordable prices. Economic development goes hand-in-hand with the housing issue, as well. McMurren said that the town cannot have one without the other. Healthcare is also important, she added, especially amongst older tribal citizens. However, with a brand new hospital opening in the near future, she said that this has taken a slightly lesser role among the three priorities.

The June 13 workshop will run all day amongst commu-



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FOCUS missionaries visit Wrangell

A group of missionaries with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) came to Wrangell last week for a short mission trip. The missionaries were college students from across the country, who came together to spend a week serving the Wrangell community. They held a get-to-know-you bonfire at Petroglyph beach, offered daily events for kids, several dinners through the week, and also held mass every day of the week at 5:30 p.m. The group left on May 25. The night before they held a final community dinner and bonfire to say goodbye to everyone.

"In addition to being on college campuses we lead mission trips during spring break, during the summer, and those look vastly different depending on where you go," said missionary Branson Schroeder. "Here, this week, we're mainly trying to encounter the people of Wrangell, to talk with them, to invite them to different events, to invite them to mass and prayer with us, and also interact with the parish that's already here."

Pictured here is the FOCUS mission group: Tori Vissat, Joe Sutherland, Randy Morrow, Fr. Joseph Minuth, Fr. Martin Latiff, Kelly Caffrey, Branson Schroeder, Gabriel Diaz-Serrano, Abigail Horswell, Nathan Seiler, Laura Taylor, Justin Claas, Mikayla Kyle, Martha Jackson, Emily Crocker, Lyndsey Astarita, Lance Spreaker, Annie Magnusson, Sofia Cooper, Trevor Don, Patrick Rich, Justin Irish, and Katherine Perry.

nity leaders, according to Massin. A public potluck will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Nolan Center, and is being hosted by consulting teams SALT and CORVUS. McMurren said that these two groups will use the workshop to get public feedback on the focus areas and put together a survey they will send out to the community, the results of which will be used to design the comprehensive action plan. Mc-

Murren said that the plan is meant to be very long term, over the next 20 to 50 years. As such, things are likely to change over time

"It's like a living document so it can be changed over time, so if anything changes to the point where it's like we have enough economic development, and it's no longer an issue, but this is another issue, then we can change to fit the community," Massin said.

McMurren emphasized that while the workshop, and the project as a whole, are geared towards tribal citizens, all community members are

welcome at the workshop. For more information, call the cooperative association at (907) 874-4304, or email ana.director@wrgtribe.org.

Golf roundup

The Stikine Sportsmen's Association sponsored a tournament at Muskeg Meadows last Friday, May 31. There were 31 participants in total.

First place went to a team consisting of Paul Axelson, Steve Boehlert, Rick Collins, and Aaron Powell with a net score of 11 and team handicap of 15. Second place went to a team consisting of Ian Brinkman, Nick Andrews, Dwight Yancey, and Christ Stuart with a net score of 16 and team handicap of 15. Third place went to a team consisting of Mike Ottesen, Mike White, Chuck Haye, and Tyler Gunn with a net score of 18 and a team handicap of 15. Prizes for first, second, and third place were \$250, \$175, and \$75 respectively. All three teams gave their winnings back to the golf course.

The following Saturday and Sunday was the Greg Scheff Memorial Tournament. There were 40 participants on Saturday, June 1.

First place went to a team consisting of Steve Boehlert, Paul Axelson, Chet Thimpson, and Sean Mitchel with a net score of 33 and team handicap of 30. Second place went to a team consisting of Jerry Bakeburg, Frank Roppel, Brett Woodbury, and Doug Nelson with net score of 34 and team handicap of 30. Third place went to a team consisting of Tyler Gunn, Mike Ottesen, Aaron Powell, and Rick Collins with a net score of 36 and team handicap of 30. Ed Rilotos had the straightest drive of the day at 7 inches. Brett Woodbury was closest to the pin at 115 inches.

There were 37 participants on Sunday, June 2. First place went to a team consisting of Aaron Powell, Tyler Gunn, and Rick Collins with a net score of 17 and team handicap of 15. Second place went to a team consisting of Sean Mitchel, Chet Thompson, Dave Price, and Tor Jorgenson with a net score of 19 and team handicap of 15. Third place went to a team consisting of Brett Woodbury, Doug Nelson, Jerry Bakeburg, and Frank Roppel with a net score of 19 and team handicap of 15. John Zinn had the straightest drive of the day at 30 inches. Gram Neal was closest to the pin at 29 feet, 2 inches.

City Market and Sentry Hardware will be co-sponsoring a tournament next weekend.

The Wrangell Ranger District in partnership with ADF&G, Wrangell Rod & Gun Club and the Stikine Sportsmen Association is hosting the

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Assembly

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we can change. I hope that myself, as being a new budget committee chairperson, can sort of push forward."

Assembly Member Patty Gilbert motioned to amend the item, bringing the local contribution back up to \$1.46 million instead of the \$1.36 being considered. This was questioned by Assembly Member David Powell. Gilbert said this was because she saw how little the school district would be carrying over from the FY 2019 budget, and she didn't know how the school district would be able to manage without tapping into their reserves.

In response, Prysunka reminded everyone of their own situation. The assembly had adopted a deficit budget last month, and were going to rely on their own reserves to make up a roughly \$500,000 difference. There was also an ongoing water crisis, and leaks in the borough's pipes and water systems that had to be fixed. In Prysunka's opinion, he said it would only be fair that the district dip into their reserves, too. While he reiterated that he wanted to give the district more money, it was time to be realistic and remember that the borough had other priorities it could not ignore. After some discussion, Gilbert dropped her amendment.

"As a city, we have so many infrastructure issues we're trying to deal with," Prysunka said. "We're approving deficit budgets and tapping into our reserves, and yet we're not asking the school to tap into their reserve? I've found this process confusing ... I just feel like if we cannot tap into our reserves in that amount, and it comes out of their reserves, that's money for us to do things like replace some water pipe or fixing our reservoir issues."

There were various amendments and amendments to those amendments being considered. Assembly Member Mya De-

Long suggested a full payment of SRS funds, plus an additional \$57,000 in extra SRS money the borough had received unexpectedly, and that amount would be subtracted from the sales tax contribution. Assembly Member Julie Decker also made a proposition, that the city give \$1.3 million to the district, then also offer an additional \$200,000 maximum reimbursement package for district maintenance and repair work.

The discussion went on for some time, with school staff asking questions or providing extra information, until Prysunka asked that the board focus and not get the public involved. Eventually, everyone agreed that they had gotten too far off track and scrapped every amendment on the table, restarting with the original motion to contribute \$1.36 million to the school district. Decker proposed another option: The borough would give \$1.3 million, even, to the district, all of which would be paid out of the SRS funds. The assembly had approximately \$3 million of SRS money in reserve, so they could afford to make a sizable payment with just those funds, and then save the sales tax funds to confront the water shortage and other city projects.

A brief recess was called shortly after this proposal, to give everyone a chance to collect their thoughts. After the assembly reconvened, they found this amendment to be favorable. The amendment was adopted, and the full motion adopted shortly after that. The school district will be receiving \$1.3 million from the borough this year.

Borough Clerk Kim Lane added that the assembly also approved \$100,000 in reimbursement for building repair and maintenance, during the meeting. She also said the city will be spending \$65,000 on sidewalk repairs on school property. This brings the total monetary contribution from the city back up to the district's original request of \$1.46 million.



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Doyle and Delores Sarff, married 65 years.

Diamond Club

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love and commitment were important things to remember through all the ups and downs. Chloe Edgely said it was important to marry your best friend, and to remember that they are your best friend even when there is a disagreement.

"The least said is the easiest mended," offered Georgie Sansom, while her husband Bob said, "Her mother told her, and she told me several times, that if you're gonna get married you're gonna stay married. If you make your bed hard, you're gonna sleep in it. So we've been sleeping on it ever since."

Some of the couples also shared how they met and got married. Felix Villarma, for example, proposed to Verda during a 10-day leave, while

he was being deployed to Korea. Chloe Edgely also shared her story. She and her then-boyfriend, Warren, had been dating for three months. They were having a picnic when marriage got brought up.

"I said, 'You know, I've been waiting for you to ask me to marry you,'" she said. "He kind of paused and looked at me, 'Well, I was giving us time,' and I said 'Oh, sure.' So then 10 minutes later I said 'Well?' He said 'Well what?' And I said 'You've had time.' He said 'Well would you?' And I said yes."

Before the evening drew to a close, Haggard reiterated how much of a role model the elderly couples were in the wider community.

"You are our heroes, because you've set a legacy for us," he said. "You've set an example for us."

Bear killed after encounter with campers east of Wrangell

By CALEB VIERKANT
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A brown bear has been killed by Wildlife Troopers and Forest Service personnel after a run-in with a group of Alaska Crossings campers just north of Berg Bay, across the narrows on the mainland near Wrangell.

According to information provided by Public Information Officer Ken Marsh, with the Alaska State Troopers, the encounter occurred on Sunday, May 26, around 3 a.m. A brown bear wandered into the Crossings camp and began rummaging through the group's food. The group had a bear fence, according to Martin Hutton, acting district ranger for the Forest Service, but the bear was able to get through it.

"The bear then dragged one of the guides out from under his tarp until he started yelling at it," Ashton said in an email. "The bear stopped and the guide was uninjured."

Hutton said that the guide's screaming scared the bear away temporarily, but it returned. The group then used a flare to scare it away a second time, but once again it returned. According to a press release from SEARHC, which has Alaska Crossings as part of their care network, the group kept the bear a safe distance from the campsite until after 5 a.m. By then, the group had

packed up and left for a different campsite. Hutton reiterated that nobody was hurt by the bear, save for a few pounds of cheese and lunch meat.

"Alaska Crossings is a wilderness based program operating in bear habitat," said Steve Helgeson, SEARHC Senior Manager of Adolescent Programs, in their press release. "It's not unusual to be in close proximity to bears, however, it's unusual to have a significant bear encounter like this."

The group contacted the authorities soon after the run-in. Wildlife Troopers and law enforcement from Petersburg met with the Wrangell Forest

Service and the local Wildlife Trooper to look for the bear around Moose Creek, and found it was still in the area.

"A bear was located on the beach at the camp which matched the description given by the group," Marsh's email read. "The bear was downwind of the officers for more than 30 minutes as they approached the site on foot and never appeared to be alarmed by their presence."

The bear was killed, and its body was brought back for autopsy. It was a juvenile bear, he said, and Hutton said they wanted to check its stomach for blocks of cheese or food wrappers to confirm it was the

same bear. While they did not find this evidence, he said he is highly confident it was the same bear.

Jerrie Dee Harvey, Alaska Crossings' program manager, said that they are still looking into all of what happened on Sunday, but that she is very thankful nobody was hurt.

"We just had a curious bear go through some gear," she said. "No injury, no nothing."

Petersburg Wildlife Trooper Cody Litster said that it was impossible to be completely sure, but they are "95 percent sure" it was the right bear. He also emphasized that this was not a hunting trip, but an investigation. They did not set

out planning to shoot the bear on sight, if scaring it away was an option. The bear was habituated to humans, however, and Litster said that as it did not show any fear of being near people it was a danger. Killing it was unfortunate but necessary.

Hutton and Litster both took the opportunity to remind everyone to be "bear-aware" when out in the woods. Brown bears are fairly common in Alaska. According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, 70 percent of all brown bears in North America live in the state, ranging from the Arctic to Southeast.



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