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Guardian Flight resumes service in Alaskan communities

By BRIAN VARELA
Sentinel writer

Guardian Flight has resumed their air medical transport service in six base locations across Alaska following a 63-hour search for an overdue Guardian King Air 200 medical life flight near Kake.

While services have resumed in Anchorage, Deadhorse, Dillingham, Fairbanks, Ketchikan and Sitka, Guardian Flight base locations in Kotzebue and Juneau will reopen sometime in the future, according to Guardian Flight senior vice president of operations Randy Lyman in a prepared statement.

"Guardian Flight recognizes that many crew members want to get back to what they love to do and that is flying those in need of medical attention," said Lyman in a prepared statement. "At the same time, clearly, we are giving crews the tools and all the flexibility that they need to determine whether they feel ready to fly patient transports."



PHOTO COURTESY OF GUARDIAN FLIGHT

On Monday morning, about 100 people welcomed the first Guardian Flight plane to return to Kake after one of their aircrafts went missing last week. Kake residents greeted the aircraft and those on board with a performance of their national anthem in Tlingit.

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**-Randy Lyman,
Guardian Flight senior
vice president of operations**

The United States Coast Guard suspended their search two days after an overdue aircraft that was expected in Kake at 6:19 P.M. on Jan. 29. Onboard the aircraft were pilot Patrick Coyle, 63, flight nurse Stacie Rae Morse, 30, and flight paramedic Margaret Langston Allen, 43. Guardian Flight is continuing their own search efforts with help from Temsco Helicopters, Inc. Alaska Claims Service will perform a Sound

Navigation and Ranging, or SONAR, naval search near the last reported position of the missing aircraft, according to Lyman in a prepared statement. Guardian Flight is also searching for the onboard flight recorder, commonly referred to as a Black Box, to be used by the National Transportation Safety Board in their investigation.

"While the formal search and rescue effort has been discontinued and we recognize the

gravity of the situation, we will continue efforts to recover our friends in order to hopefully reunite them with their beloved families," said Lyman in a prepared statement.

The crew was headed to Kake to perform a medical evacuation when the aircraft went missing. Jim Gregory, a spokesman with Guardian Flight, declined to give further information about the patient, including how the patient was

ultimately cared for, because Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act regulations prevents him from disclosing information that would lead to the identify of the individual.

Debris from a plane was located in the water approximately 22-miles west of Kake on the afternoon of Jan. 30, but both the USCG and Guardian Flight couldn't confirm the debris was from the overdue aircraft. Since then, both the USCG and Guardian Flight have stated in prepared releases that the debris appears to be from the Guardian Flight aircraft. No other debris has been located.

The crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Anacapa, home ported in Petersburg, an Air Station Sitka MH-60 Jayhawk crew, the Coast Guard Cutter Bailey Barco and an Alaska Army National Guard UH-60 rescue helicopter were involved with the search of the aircraft. Petersburg Search and Rescue also sent six of its members onboard a harbor security boat the morning after the aircraft was expected in Kake to assist with the search, according to Petersburg Fire Department assistant fire chief Dave Berg.

Alaska State Troopers, Kake Search and Rescue, Wrangell Search and Rescue, Alaska Marine Highway ferries, Anchorage Air Route Traffic Control Center and good Samaritans all contributed to the search effort.

School board prepares for legislative fly-in, discusses legislative priorities

By CALEB VIERKANT

Members of the Wrangell school board and two high school students will be heading to Juneau this week for the legislative fly-in. The fly-in is an event organized by the Association of Alaska School Boards. According to Aleisha Mollen, school board president, 35 students and school district representatives from across the state will have the opportunity to learn about the legislative process, meet with their representatives, and discuss issues that are important to them and their district. Mollen and Board Member David Wilson will be attending, as well as high school junior and sophomore Jing O'Brien and Jade Balansag.

"It's one weekend the AASB designates to bring in members and students from around the state," Mollen said. "So we'll have two days, Saturday and Sunday that will be conference days and we'll learn who the legislators are, what the bills are, how to advocate at a legislative level. Then Monday and Tuesday is when we'll go around. Every district has their own appointments with different people at different times."

According to a draft flyer passed around at the workshop, Wrangell has five legislative priorities they want to advocate for during the fly-in: Priority funding for education, a revenue enhanced fiscal plan, career and technical education, student emotional and mental health, and early childhood education.

The state of Alaska must provide "timely, reliable, and predictable" revenue for schools, the draft flyer read. With rising costs, Wilson said, it is getting harder for school districts across the state to make ends meet. Board Member Anya Ritchie added that a \$20 million cut to education funding, proposed by Governor Mike Dunleavy, could also have a very negative impact on Wrangell's school system. To help with these funding issues, the school district felt it should be another priority for legislators to create a fiscal plan with multiple revenue streams for the state. At a more local level, the Wrangell school district wants to advocate for increased CTE opportunities for students, as well as more support for student mental health programs and early childhood

education.

After reviewing the priorities and discussing the format of the flyers they will be passing out, the board also discussed the proposed schedule with the students. They also offered them advice on how to dress at the capitol, what the fly-in conference will be like, and also how to talk to their representatives and effectively advocate for their priorities. One thing they proposed was sharing stories about what the school was doing right, and what programs needed assistance.

"You've got all week, I know it's a short week," Wilson said to O'Brien and Balansag. "If you don't have stories, start asking kids at school for stories about what these things mean to you. What does the CTE program mean to your friends? Get as many stories as you can from your friends at school."

The Wrangell delegation will be leaving for Juneau on the afternoon plane this Friday, Feb. 8. The fly-in is scheduled to last from Feb. 9 to 12. The students and board members are scheduled to meet with multiple state representatives and senators over that time period.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, February 7: Krystal Schultz, Lindsay Hannah, Paige Hoyt. **Friday, February 8:** Ethan Blatchley, Chris Blackburn. *Anniversary:* Joel & Tis Peterman. **Saturday, February 9:** Dan Roope, Bill Grover Jr., Rebecca Fortunato. **Sunday, February 10:** Valarie Draper, S.R. Privett III, Jeff Barlow, Bridgette Andrews. **Monday, February 11:** Ashlyn Christian, Cosy Eastaugh, Terry Gerrard, Lexi Prunella. **Tuesday, February 12:** Lacey Soeteber, Rooney Shafer, Victoria Ingram. **Wednesday, February 13:** LaDonna Botsford, Robert Davidson. *Anniversary:* Michael & DeAnna Villarma. **Thursday, February 14:** Baxter Prunella, Bob Maxand, Jacob Mork Jr., Carsyn Christian. *Anniversary:* Gig & Julie Decker.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, February 7
Tomato Soup, 1/2 Cheese Sandwich,
Cabbage w/ Fruit Slaw
Friday, February 8
Greek Beef & Bean Stew,
Beets in Orange Sauce, Noodles
Monday, February 11
Beef & Veggie Soup, 1/2 Sandwich,
Sunshine Salad
Tuesday, February 12
Sweet & Sour Pork, Salad, Carrots, Rice
Wednesday, February 13
Mooseloaf, Green Beans,
Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Fruit
Thursday, February 14
Tamale Pie, Steamed Spinach,
Apricot Salad, Biscuit

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

Sunday, February 10
Columbia 4:45 p.m.
Sunday, February 17
Columbia 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, February 23
Malaspina 2:30 a.m.
Sunday, February 24
Columbia 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, February 26
Malaspina 4:00 p.m.

Southbound

Wednesday, February 13
Columbia 5:45 a.m.
Wednesday, February 20
Columbia 6:15 a.m.
Monday, February 25
Malaspina 6:45 a.m.
Wednesday, February 27
Columbia 6:30 a.m.
Friday, March 1
Malaspina 8:15 a.m.

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



TIDES

Feb. 7 - Feb. 14

	High Tides				Low Tides			
	AM Time	Ft	PM Time	Ft	AM Time	Ft	PM Time	Ft
February 7	2:29	15.1	2:16	15.8	8:03	2.7	8:25	-0.4
February 8	2:57	15.1	2:47	15.2	8:36	2.7	8:55	0.3
February 9	3:25	14.9	3:21	14.4	9:13	2.7	9:27	1.0
February 10	3:55	14.7	4:00	13.4	9:54	2.7	10:03	1.9
February 11	4:30	14.5	4:49	12.4	10:42	2.8	10:46	3.0
February 12	5:16	14.2	5:58	11.5	11:39	2.9	11:39	4.0
February 13	6:16	14.1	7:29	11.1	---	---	12:49	2.6
February 14	7:31	14.3	8:54	11.7	00:46	4.9	2:07	1.9

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Monday, February 18

Annual Meeting: Hospice of Wrangell (Harriet's Helpers). Catholic Church Parish Hall, noon. Lunch provided.

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.

February 6, 1919

We are enjoying a very mild winter, and up to the present have not had any weather below zero. The snowfall has been light; only a depth of eight inches along the river in this vicinity. Also, very little ice is on the Stikine. The trappers are catching very few furs. In fact, trappers say that prospects this winter are the worst that they remember in this district. There is a lot of illness among the Natives at present, and the medical missionary has 22 patients under his care. He said that it resembled Spanish influenza, but that it was not this epidemic.

February 11, 1944

Striking out at the lack of coordination between Federal and Territorial agencies in Alaska as the result of our "inefficient" form of limited Territorial government, retiring Secretary of Alaska E. L. Bartlett of Juneau addressed the first "Statehood for Alaska" dinner ever held in the Territory here last Monday night. The momentous event, sponsored by the Statehood committee of the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce, brought out a crowd of men and women who filled the Civic Center to capacity. The Alaska flag and the 49th state ideas were carried out in the table decorations arranged by women of the Civic Club, who also assisted in serving the excellent dinner which had been prepared by Mrs. Helen Ronning and which was topped off with "Statehood" cake and "Alaska" ice cream. In

his address Bartlett replied to many of the arguments which have been advanced against statehood. "Too much of our money goes out now in the form of dividends and accumulated wages and accumulated nest eggs and not enough remains behind to add in developing the country," Bartlett said.

February 6, 1969

Governor Keith Miller will be in Petersburg for a Lincoln's Birthday program. He hopes to visit Wrangell on the same trip. Bernice Stokke, former mayor of Petersburg has been named to the State Boundary Commission by Gov. Miller. She will succeed Luis Chase, Wrangell stevedoring firm manager. A \$235,000 boat harbor improvement project is in the budget for Petersburg. Also in works for this year is the Wrangell East Highway, which is scheduled to be bid this year. Also in the works are airport extensions for Wrangell and Petersburg. The Wrangell job is in the 1969 fiscal year budget and Petersburg a year later. Representative Haugen said he expects to attend the meeting this weekend of the recently-revived-Southeastern Conference, a group of representatives from the communities of Southeast Alaska. He also said he will be sending

copies of legislation to residents of Wrangell and Petersburg so they can study it.

February 10, 1994

Wrangell voters will go to the polls Tuesday to decide the fate of the city's controversial harbor ordinance. Opponents of the ordinance successfully petitioned the Wrangell City Council late last year to hold a special election to give voters the chance to repeal the ordinance governing operation of city harbors passed by the council in October. The new ordinance increases rate charged for moorage of "transient" vessels from 10 cents per running foot to 20 cents.



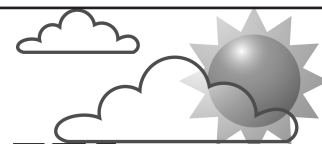
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Date	High	Low
Jan. 28	37	30
Jan. 29	39	33
Jan. 30	41	37
Jan. 31	39	35
Feb. 01	30	10
Feb. 02	14	8
Feb. 03	24	14
Feb. 04	19	14



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Feb 07	7:33 am	4:32 pm	8:59h
Feb 08	7:31 am	4:35 pm	9:04h
Feb 09	7:29 am	4:37 pm	9:08h
Feb 10	7:27 am	4:39 pm	9:12h
Feb 11	7:24 am	4:41 pm	9:17h
Feb 12	7:22 am	4:43 pm	9:21h
Feb 13	7:20 am	4:45 pm	9:25h
Feb 14	7:18 am	4:48 pm	9:30h

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Secondary schools evacuated due to broken water pipe

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Classes were disrupted by an unexpected alarm at Wrangell High School and Stikine Middle School the morning of Monday, Feb. 4. Superintendent Debbe Lancaster said that alarms were triggered at 9:50 a.m. According to a press release from the school district, the alarms were triggered after one of the school's heaters malfunctioned due to a water leak. As this was not a planned drill, Lancaster said, the schools were evacuated. Everybody waited in the gym of Evergreen Elementary for the all-clear signal.

The fire and police departments checked the school room by room, and said the school was safe within half an hour. Classes resumed around 10:40 a.m., according to the news release. Both staff members and students were very calm and well behaved during the fiasco, she added.

"It [the evacuation] didn't last that long," she said. "Everybody worked together, all the staff."

Secondary School Principal David Macri said that a student assembly was organized after the kids were all brought back to the high school to congratulate them on handling the situation so well and to explain what set off the alarms. It was impressive, he said, that the whole school could be evacuated in roughly two minutes. They



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Chamber of Commerce holds luncheon

The Wrangell Chamber of Commerce held a luncheon at the Stikine Inn to introduce the chamber to new people, network with current members, and discuss future events. Several local organizations were represented at the lunch, including the school district, the city, BRAVE, the rod and gun club, and several others. Some of the topics discussed at the meeting included future fishing derbies, the Fourth of July, and the Mariner's Memorial.

have held several evacuation drills through the year, he added, which has been helpful.

"We evacuated the building, took the kids to another site, and got them all back in about 47 minutes," Macri

said. "The joint effort of the community and the school district to form a crisis management plan paid off."

Police report

January 28, 2019
Traffic complaint.
Welfare check.
Noise complaint: Loud music.
Turned down before officer's arrival.

January 29, 2019
Citizen assist: Vehicle unlock.

January 30, 2019
Report of theft.
Domestic violence: Unfounded.
Agency assist: GCI cable down.
Noise complaint.

January 31, 2019
Two reports of theft.
Agency assist: Welfare check.
Two reports of trespassing.
Traffic stop: No tail lights.
Agency assist: WMC.
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for passing in unauthorized zone.

February 1, 2019
Suspicious person.
Agency assist: Chimney fire.
Citizen assist: Unlock vehicle.
Traffic stop: Verbal warning

for headlights and driving habits.
Citizen assist: Alarm.
Agency assist: Public works.
Domestic violence: Unfounded.

February 2, 2019
Agency assist: Harbor.
Traffic stop: Citation issued to Tyver Gillen, 29. Failure to provide proof of insurance.
Disturbance/assault.
Arrested: Marline Fain, 61. On charges of assault II/DV and assault IV.

Arrested: Katie Edfelt, 30. On charges of assault II/DV and assault IV.
Agency assist: Fire alarm.

February 3, 2019
Citizen assist.
Agency assist: Public works.
Disorderly conduct.
Traffic stop: Citation issued to Theodosia James, 44. Driving with license revoked.
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for no tail lights.
There were three ambulance calls this week.

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Chocolate Lovers Festival coming this weekend

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Valentine's Day is always a popular holiday among those who enjoy eating chocolate. Chocolate and the holiday for love and romance have long been connected. In Wrangell, however, there is another special chocolate-related event in February that chocoholics can look forward to. The Chocolate Lovers Festival will be taking place this Sat., Feb. 9, at the Downtown Pavilion.

JoDee Howell, Activities Director with the Wrangell Medical Center, is organizing the festival this year. She said that the festival has a long history in Wrangell, but is unsure of how many years it has been a tradition. The event had always been put together by the Wrangell Medical Center Auxiliary, she said, but as they voted to disband last October the activities department has taken over.

"I have a great team who's helping," Howell said. Starting at 11 a.m., she explained, people can come by the Downtown Pavilion and purchase a box. Then they can go around and pick out whatever kind of chocolates they want, all homemade. A free cup of hot chocolate or cider comes with every box, she said. People are not limited to a single box, either. They can pur-

chase as many as they want, or until supplies run out. "They'll be homemade chocolates," she said. "I have somebody bringing some turtles. I have somebody bringing chocolate-dipped pretzels. I'm going to attempt to make caramels."

The boxes make a great present for a valentine, Howell said, or just a nice treat for anybody with a sweet tooth. Not only will people attending get plenty of chocolate, but they will also get the satisfaction of knowing they're helping a good cause. Howell said that the money they raise from the festival will be used for fun activities for Wrangell's seniors in Long Term Care. These include boat rides, trips to the movies, lunch outings, birthday parties, and things like that. There is no monetary goal for the Chocolate Lovers Festival, she said, but she hopes that the community comes out to show its support.

"My goal is for the community to come out and support the elders in our long term care, she said. "I want to get people out in the community to know that they're still here. It will take a community effort to provide the things that these residents need. It's not just taking them and going out to lunch, and coffee, or something like that. It's more than that. It's them, the residents, knowing that people care."

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Activities Director with the
Wrangell Medical Center**



PHOTO BY CALEB VIERKANT/ WRANGELL SENTINEL

Activity Director JoDee Howell holding a flyer promoting the Chocolate Lover's Festival, and a box that people will get to fill with candy. The festival will be held at 11 a.m. on Feb. 9, at the downtown pavilion. People can buy a box and fill it with homemade chocolates. Hot chocolate and cider will be available for purchase, as well. Proceeds of the festival go towards activities for Long Term Care residents.

Petersburg City Cargo notes delivery delays from airline

By BRIAN VARELA
Sentinel writer

PETERSBURG - There has been a decrease in air cargo coming into Petersburg that is affecting the timely arrival of residents' packages after the retirement of Alaska Airline's combi 737-400 aircraft, a half passenger and half cargo jet, at the end of 2016, according to Joe Prus, CEO of City Cargo.

Prus has asked his customers to submit feedback to Alaska Airlines on their website informing the airline company of the inconvenience of not receiving their packages on time.

"There's medications and things that [residents] rely on to have moved in on a regular basis," said Prus. "Especially with UPS, it's not cheap. That's something they're paying for."

Prus posted his message on Facebook earlier this month asking his customers to express their frustration to Alaska Airlines over the delayed delivery times. He was first instructed to visit the company's website and submit a written statement after inquiries over the delayed cargo. It could take the airline company as long as a month to respond, said Prus.

When the combi jets were taken offline, a dedicated freighter fleet of 737-700s took over the movement of cargo throughout Alaska, according to Tom Thompson, manager of ex-

ternal affairs with Alaska Airlines. Southeast communities are to receive at least one freighter flight a week, with the rest of the cargo arriving on passenger jets. The freighter fleet is expected to add 20 percent more cargo capacity throughout Alaska, according to Thompson.

"We're only scheduled for one freighter a week out of Seattle on Wednesdays," said Prus. "Ninety-nine percent of my freight comes out of Anchorage. Right away I knew there was going to be an issue."

City Cargo, which receives and delivers packages from the United Postal Service, was receiving a steady amount of cargo five days a week up until the combi fleet was retired. Currently, Prus receives cargo two to three times a week; however, the same amount of cargo is still going through Alaska Airlines.

"There's just no way for me to really operate a business receiving freight a couple days a week not knowing which two days those are going to be," said Prus. "[I'm] trying to schedule my drivers, trying to keep them interested in a job that they're not sure if they're going to work when they get up in the morning or not."

Although most of City Cargo's freight comes out of Anchorage, the flights to Juneau are filled with passengers and their luggage leaving little room for

cargo, said Prus. Once the jets leave Juneau, there are about 85 empty seats. To counteract the bottle-neck affect that is taking place in Anchorage, cargo is being put on to different flights that don't come to Petersburg to be staged at various locations. A few weeks ago there were 5,000 pounds of UPS sitting in Juneau waiting to be delivered to Petersburg, according to Prus.

"The Alaska Air Cargo group does a daily review of needs in Southeast Alaska, and where possible, an extra aircraft or stop may be added to alleviate back-

logs," said Thompson in a statement to the Pilot. "Alaska Air Cargo is continually working with shippers to meet their needs on a weekly basis."

Prus said that he received cargo from Tuesday through Saturday last week and had forgotten what it feels like to receive a full week of freight. He suspects that his constant emails and phone calls to Alaska Airlines helped push the airline company into making changes to ensure cargo was coming in on time.

"I think I rattled some cages out there," said Prus. "I know I've

been heard. It's just a situation that I have to keep holding them accountable for their service."

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Lady Wolves continue to go undefeated after homecoming games

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Wrangell's Lady Wolves continued their winning streak this weekend, against Petersburg during homecoming. The girl's basketball team is now 8-0 in conference games. Last weekend's games against the Petersburg Lady Vikings went heavily in Wrangell's favor, both games being won by a wide margin.

Friday's game saw Lady Wolves player Helen Decker (No. 11) make the first basket. Maddy Harding (No. 10) also made an impressive three-pointer during the opening quarter. The team, as a whole, managed to keep the ball out of Petersburg's hands for a good

chunk of the quarter. The Lady Vikings only managed to make a single basket before the buzzer rang. They were able to make more baskets in the second quarter, but the Lady Wolves were able to make double Petersburg's score.

The score by the end of the first half was 24 to 12, with Wrangell in the lead. The third and fourth quarter saw more of the same, with the Lady Vikings struggling to make any momentum. The final score, a win for the Lady Wolves, was 50 to 25.

On Saturday the Lady Vikings appeared much more coordinated and determined. However, it still did not prove to be enough to beat Wrangell. The



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The coaches and senior players for the Lady Wolves. From left to right: Helen Decker, Coach Laurie Brown, Abigail Gerald, Abigail Armstrong, and Assistant Coach Katelyn Reeves.



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Maddy Harding (No. 10) trying to get through the Lady Vikings' defense.

Lady Wolves took the lead in the first quarter and held it for the entire game. Petersburg had a rally in the third quarter, but by then Wrangell was far in the lead. By the end of the fourth quarter, it was another victory for the Lady Wolves with a score of 57 to 31. Decker made the most points for the team this game, with 15 points. Harding was close behind with 14 points.

"I was really happy with two wins over Petersburg," said

Lady Wolves Coach Laurie Brown. "They're our rivals, they've been our rivals for many years, so it's always good to get a win over them."

The Lady Wolves will be travelling to Craig this weekend, for their first away games in two weeks. They will face off against Metlakatla the weekend after that, and then will hold their last home games of the season on Feb. 22 and 23. Wrangell and Petersburg will meet again, before

regionals, on the Lady Vikings home turf on March 1 and 2.

The Lady Wolves have continued to go undefeated in conference games so far. Brown said this is a streak she hopes will continue, but said the team is trying to remain humble as their competition is improving through the season.

"I feel the girls are getting better every week," she said. "We've got to earn every win we get."

Stikine Hoops Invitational coming next week

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Stikine Hoops Invitational, an annual tournament hosted by the Wrangell girls' Amateur Athletics Union, will be coming up again next week. Starting on Feb. 14, AAU teams from Sitka, Juneau, and Petersburg will be coming to Wrangell

to compete in the double-elimination tournament. Penny Allen, administrator and coach for the girl's AAU program, said that this is the fifth invitational tournament Wrangell has hosted.

"We've heard good things, too, from visiting coaches. They've told us this is their favorite tournament to attend,"

she said.

Allen said that the tournament will open with a round-robin style set of games to determine the brackets, as well as a few scrimmages. Each participating city will have an A and B team participating in their brackets over several days. The final games are scheduled to take place on Saturday evening, Feb. 16.

The Stikine Hoops Invitational is a fun way for AAU kids, between the fifth and eighth grade, to get some experience with basketball. Having an AAU team has really helped local kids grasp the fundamentals of basketball, she said, and has had long-lasting effects as the kids grow up and go on to play basketball at the high school level.

"It's had a huge impact on the performance of our high school team," Allen said. "Actually our first AAU girl graduated last year ... Now most of the girls that are in high school basketball have been AAU players."

The program does not cost the Wrangell community anything, Allen added, besides time spent by volunteers and donations people choose to make. Coaches, referees, and parents running the concession stands are all volunteers. She also said that several local churches have stepped up to house the visiting teams during the tournament. Those attending the games, which will take place at the high school and community gyms, will have the opportunity to make a suggested donation and participate in a 50/50 raffle. There will also be some shirts and hoodies available for sale.

"It's great that the community is so supportive and giving to the program," Allen said.

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Wolves end three-game slump at homecoming

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Wrangell High School held its annual homecoming basketball games last weekend. The Wrangell Wolves went up against the Petersburg Vikings, after taking two losses to Metlakatla the previous weekend. While the first game went in the Vikings favor, Wrangell was able to end its string of losses last Saturday with an impressive win.

On Friday the game had a bit of a slow start. Both teams focused heavily on defense. The Wolves were able to score first, about two minutes and twenty seconds into the first quarter. After that, the points began to come in more regularly. Wrangell held a narrow lead until the beginning of the second quarter, where the Vikings finally started getting momentum.

The Wolves rallied in the third quarter and brought the score to a one-point difference

at one point, 23 to 24, but could not overtake Petersburg. By the end of the fourth quarter, Wrangell had its third conference loss, 38 points to the Vikings' 58.

"As a team, we were kind of wondering what was going on," Coach Cody Angerman said about the loss. "We were looking for a way out of it [the losing streak]."

Angerman said that, on Saturday, the Wolves came onto the court stronger than on Friday. The team made a more concerted effort to take the lead and hold on to it, he said. Petersburg had the lead by the end of the first quarter, but the second quarter saw Wrangell tying the game at several points. The Wolves were able to take the lead by a single basket just before the first half ended, beating the buzzer with a two-pointer.

The second half of the game was very tense, for players and

the audience. Several members of the public could be seen, and heard, growing agitated with the coaches and the referees. The Vikings regained the lead in the third quarter, but this was soon lost to Wrangell again.

Through the whole fourth quarter, both teams stayed within only a few baskets of each other. Thanks to some fouls by the Vikings, giving Wrangell some free throws, as well as some good baskets by the team, the Wolves were able to maintain a narrow lead. Wolves player Trevor Miller (No. 34) made 25 points that game, the most of the team.

The game ended with the Vikings making one last basket before the buzzer went off, but the victory went to Wrangell. The final score was 53 to 48.

"Hopefully we're back on track now, we can get our minds right and start winning games," Angerman said.



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The Wrangell Wolves faced off against the Petersburg Vikings last weekend during their homecoming games. Despite a rough loss on Friday, Feb. 1, but came back for a win on Saturday.



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Skyles Lofftus (No. 23) running the ball down the court.

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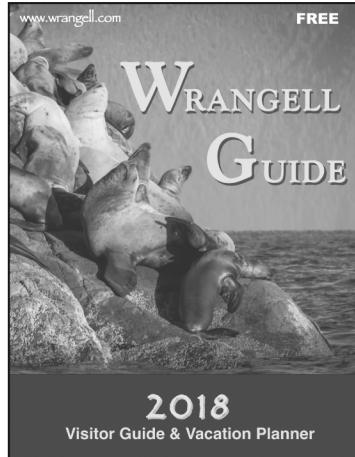
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Homecoming, February 1-2



During halftime of Saturday's basketball game, on Feb. 2, the Wrangell High School Homecoming Court was announced. The court consisted of the following people (from left to right): Freshman Prince and Princess Jake Eastaugh and Liana Carney, Sophomore Prince and Princess Brett Abrahamson and Julia Miethe, Junior Prince and Princess Wade Jack and Ashley Allen, Homecoming King and Queen Jacob Hammer and Ashley Allen, Senior Prince and Princess Kellan Eagle and Helen Decker, and Senior Prince and Princess Riley Blatchley and Abby Gerald.



The Wrangell Wolves basketball team, being introduced at Friday's pep rally before their homecoming games.

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One of the many activities held during the pep rally included school staff getting pied in the face including Drew Larrabee pictured here.



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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

Commercial catches of Pacific halibut increased for 2019

Contrary to all expectations, commercial catches of Pacific halibut were increased for 2019 in all but one Alaska region.

The numbers were revealed Friday at the International Pacific Halibut Commission annual meeting in Victoria, British Columbia.

The reason was due to increased estimates of the overall halibut biomass based on expanded surveys last summer from Northern California to the Bering Sea, said Doug Bowen who operates Alaska Boats and Permits in Homer.

"There's a couple of strong year classes from 2011 and 2012 that are just starting to show up in the commercial catches and I think the scientists are cautiously optimistic that we could see some better harvests as a result of those halibut entering the fishery," he said in a phone call as he was leaving the meetings.

The coastwide commercial catches were increased to nearly 25 million pounds, almost six percent higher than 2018. Alaska's share will be just under 20 million pounds, a boost of about three million pounds.

Southeast Alaska's catch was upped by just over 1 percent to 3.6 million pounds; the Central Gulf gets a nearly 10 percent increase to over 8 million pounds.

The Western Gulf is the only Alaska region to get a halibut reduction - a catch of 2.3 million pounds is a drop of more than 11 percent.

Halibut harvests at the two Aleutian Islands regions were increased to well over one million pounds and the Bering Sea catches went up by nearly 30 percent to top 2 million pounds.

Bowen said the increases came despite concerns by IPHC executive director, Dr. David Wilson.

"He feels that any coastwide catches over 20 million pounds will result in declines in the biomass. So, it is interesting that the catch limits are going up in light of the fact that we do have both declining recruitment and harvest rates coastwide," Bowen said.

The halibut fishery will open on March 15 and run through November 14, said Malcolm Milne, president of the Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association. And in more good news for Alaska, Milne added that next year's IPHC annual meeting will be held in Anchorage.

Deckhands wanted - The call is out for Alaskans interested in learning firsthand about commercial fishing.

It's the second year for the Crewmember Apprenticeship program hosted by the Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association in Sitka. Over 100

Area		2018 Millions/lbs	2019 Millions/lbs	Percent Change
2A	WA, OR, CA	0.68	0.86	27.04
2B	British Columbia	5.3	5.1	-3.70
2C	Southeast AK	3.57	3.61	1.12
3A	Central Gulf of AK	7.35	8.06	9.66
3B	Western Gulf of AK	2.62	2.33	-11.07
4A	Aleutian Islands	1.37	1.65	20.44
4B	Aleutian Islands	1.05	1.21	15.24
4CDE	Bering Sea	1.58	2.04	29.11
Total		21.51	24.86	5.73

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Commercial Halibut catches of 2019

applied last year from all over the country, over half were women, and 13 were placed on local boats.

"It's very exciting to see so many young people interested in entering the industry," said Tara Racine, ALFA communications and program development coordinator. "You always hear about the graying of the fleet but it shows that the interest is out there. Young people just need these resources to explore and get involved."

ALFA received a \$70,000 matching grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to launch the program last year and to help support expansion of similar apprenticeships in Alaska. "We are hoping to share any information and lessons that we've learned and materials we've created from this program and give it to anyone interested in doing a program like this," Racine said.

Most of the recruits last year went out on longline and troll

vessels and plans include expanding to seiners and gillnetters in a flexible fishing schedule.

"We have short and long term programs," she explained. "It could be just a couple of days for people who just want an introduction to fishing. We also have plenty of individuals who go out for the entire season or several weeks at a time."

The rookies are paid for their work and Racine said skippers are eager to show them the ropes.

"The skippers that are interested are looking for reliable crew and want to mentor the next generation of resource stewards and skilled fishermen," she said. "So not only are they training a pool of young people as deck hands, they also are ensuring the life of this industry that they love and is so important to our coastal communities."

Longtime salmon troller Eric Jordan has mentored over 40 young fishermen aboard his

vessel, the *I Gotta*. Out on the water, he teaches them the intricacies of commercial trolling and encourages a strong conservation ethic. He calls the apprenticeship program "a win-win for the crewmembers and the skippers."

"The future of our fisheries is dependent on young fishermen learning to love and care for the fish we harvest and the habitat essential to their well-being," said Jordan. "Finding crew with some experience is critical for individual businesses and the industry as a whole. Our generation's legacy will be defined how we, as Alaskan fishermen, rebuilt and enhanced our fisheries, and how we mentored

the next generation."

Applicants must be 18 or older to apply and the deadline is February 28. Sign on at www.alfafish.org/apprenticeship/

Fish farm fans - The push for industrialized offshore fish farms is gaining steam among American lawmakers.

Farming fish is banned in Alaska waters, but the Trump Administration proposes to put net pens in federal waters, meaning from three to 200 miles out. The farms are being touted as a silver bullet to boost seafood production, provide jobs and reduce the nation's \$15 billion seafood trade deficit from importing over 85

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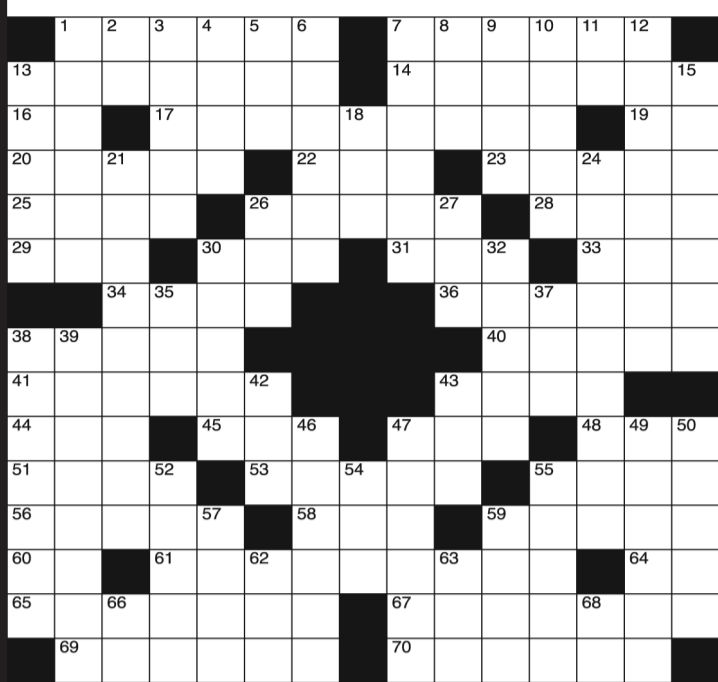
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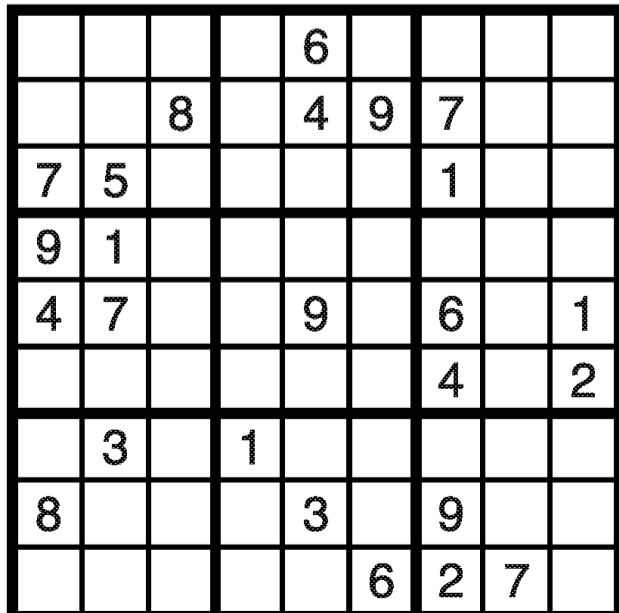
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- 13. Domestic hybrid cattle
- 14. Quality of one's character
- 16. Doctor's helper
- 17. Not holding back
- 19. Type of degree
- 20. Short but severe
- 22. 007's creator
- 23. Linguistics icon
- 25. Large integers
- 26. Upset
- 28. Former
- 29. Peyton's younger brother
- 30. An Irish dance
- 31. Title of respect
- 33. Small lump
- 34. Baroque musical instrument
- 36. The third sign of the zodiac
- 38. The 1st letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 40. A group of nine
- 41. Garment
- 43. Capital of Yemen
- 44. One point south of due east
- 45. Drain
- 47. Moved quickly
- 48. Bar bill
- 51. An idiot
- 53. Indicates silence
- 55. Protein-rich liquids
- 56. Samoan monetary units
- 58. "___ your i's, cross your t's"
- 59. Forms the bottom
- 60. Potato state
- 61. Toy that spins around
- 64. Barium
- 65. Type of molding
- 67. Closes again
- 69. Sounds the same
- 70. Come into view

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Nix
- 2. Indicates position
- 3. Quantitative facts
- 4. Strong and healthy
- 5. Former measure of length
- 6. Dads tend to be this
- 7. Parts of a movie
- 8. An animal's foot
- 9. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 10. Saudi Arabian money
- 11. One billion gigabytes
- 12. Smallest musical interval
- 13. A rugged box (usually made of wood)
- 15. Cheese dish
- 18. An ugly, evil-looking old woman
- 21. Widely used
- 24. Makes into pages
- 26. Afflict in mind or body
- 27. Set up
- 30. Toilets
- 32. "Life of Jesus" theologian
- 35. A big deal on Wall St.
- 37. Western Thai people
- 38. Free from contamination
- 39. Type of dog
- 42. Revolver
- 43. High schoolers' exam
- 46. San Diego ballplayers
- 47. Hit the sack
- 49. Suitable for crops
- 50. Red mineral
- 52. Yellowish-brown
- 54. Lowest point between two peaks
- 55. Late TNT broadcaster
- 57. Thin strip to align parts
- 59. Swiss wind
- 62. A way to chill
- 63. Jewel
- 66. Rhodium
- 68. The top lawyer in the land

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Fish Factor

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percent of its seafood.

Since last June a coalition called Stronger America Through Seafood (SATS) has swelled from 14 to 21 large companies, including Cargill, Red Lobster, Sysco, Pacific Seafoods and Seattle Fish Company. Currently there is only one offshore farm operating in U.S. waters - a mussel farm called Catalina Sea Ranch six miles off the coast of Los Angeles, California.

At a U.S. Commerce Department hearing in Juneau last September, spokesperson Margaret Henderson said that Alaska's stance is a sticking point.

"We in no way mean to impede a state's authority to manage their own waters, but when it comes to managing federal waters outside the state line, we think that there's a balance to be had there, that there's room for both," she said.

Undercurrent News reported last week that SATS has begun collecting signatures to support legislation to streamline the permitting process for offshore fish farms and plans to submit its petition to Congress on February 6.

An earlier effort failed, but the Advancing the Quality and Understanding of American Aquaculture (AQUAA) Act will be reintroduced soon in the U.S. House and Senate by lawmakers from Mississippi, Florida and Minnesota.

At the Alaska hearing, Under Secretary of Commerce Timothy Gallaudet cited climate change in his pitch for the push.

"Changes in the environment are affecting fish stocks," he said. "They are either moving or they're not thriving and so this aquaculture, done the right way and scientifically based, provides a means for employment of fishermen who are losing some of their gain through these changing conditions."

A group of about 140 small scale fishermen and fishing groups has formed to fight the effort. At the Juneau hearing, Sam Rabung, new director of Alaska's commercial fisheries division, also spoke out against offshore fish farms.

"I think it's safe to say that we're going to fight pretty hard to maintain the state's opt-out option and maintain the ability to prohibit fin-fish farming off of Alaska."

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To accommodate last-minute planning, four permits each day will be made available at the Wrangell District Office during the season through weekly lotteries. All lottery requests must be made in person at the Wrangell Ranger District front desk. A schedule with lottery dates will be available at the District Office before the permit season begins. Information on the observatory, including site restrictions and a list of authorized guiding services can be found the Tongass National Forest website. For information, contact the Wrangell Ranger District at (907) 874-2323.



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Stikine Middle School and Wrangell High School held a fire drill at 10:15 a.m. last Wednesday. Both schools were evacuated quickly, and students were allowed back into class by 10:20 a.m. Here, middle school students can be seen waiting outside, across the street from the school.

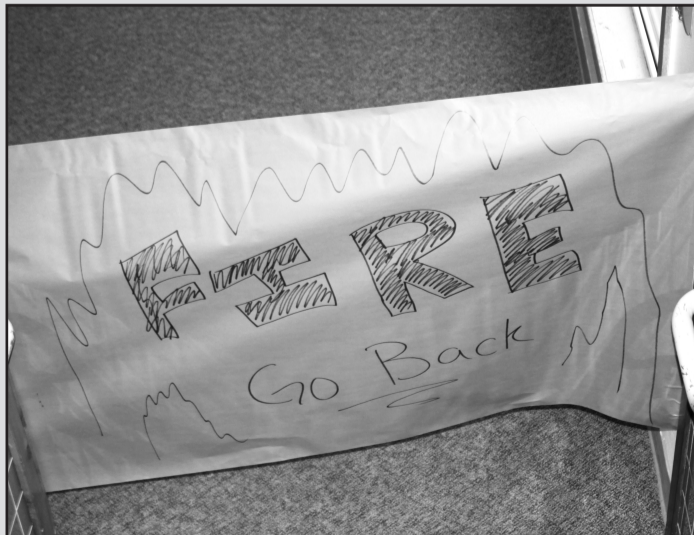


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To make the fire drill a little more interesting, a "fire" was put at the bottom of the stairwell to the middle school commons. Students and teachers had to follow an alternate evacuation route out of the building.

Fire drill at middle school and high school

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Alaska town approves observance of daylight saving time

KETCHIKAN, Alaska (AP) – Residents of a small town in southeast Alaska have voted for the community to observe daylight saving time.

The Metlakatla Indian Community Council authorized the time change last month for the town of about 1,500 people on Annette Island, the Ketchikan

Daily News reported last week.

Residents approved the change that aligns the local time with the state's time zone in a special election in December.

The state merged its four time zones into one in 1983, but Metlakatla Mayor Karl Cook said the community opted out.

"We decided as a community

not to follow that and just keep our time the same," Cook said. "We didn't fall back, we didn't spring forward."

In recent years, the community's time difference to nearby cities has become a nuisance to some residents.

"For some of the people, it became a problem with keeping track of what time it was here, what time it was in Ketchikan and stuff like that," Cook said. "Some people thought it's more convenient to follow the state's ferry system and airplane flights."

Cook was opposed to the change.

"I don't think there's much help springing forward and falling back. I don't think those things help anything," Cook said. "Those kinds of things are more of a pain than they are a help."

Alaska mayor pleads guilty to soliciting prostitution

KETCHIKAN, Alaska (AP) – A mayor in southeast Alaska received a 10-day suspended jail sentence after pleading guilty to soliciting prostitution.

Klawock Mayor Lawrence Armour pleaded guilty to the misdemeanor charge Wednesday in court on Prince of Wales Island, the Ketchikan Daily News reported.

The 36-year-old mayor electronically sent \$400 to a woman on New Year's Day, asking her to come to his residence for sex, according to court documents. Craig police obtained a copy of their communication on Facebook Messenger.

"The person took the money and just kept the money," Ketchikan District Attorney Timothy McGillicuddy told the court. "There was no follow-through conduct that happened here."

When questioned earlier this month, Armour told police he asked for sexual favors and made the payment, according to the

documents.

"The defendant was remorseful and indicated that he had been drinking prior to the Facebook interaction, and he had made a mistake," Craig Police Chief RJ Ely wrote in the probable cause statement.

Armour told the court that he went to emergency counseling and is planning to enter a treatment program.

"This is not behavior that you want to model for youth or the community," Magistrate Judge Kay Clark told Armour. "I think that people make mistakes, and this was a mistake. It is telling what people do after a mistake and in this case, you were quick to come forward and take responsibility for your behavior, and I think that deserves some weight."

Armour was also sentenced to six months of probation and fined \$1,000. Half the fine amount was suspended upon completion of a substance abuse treatment program.



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WHS 2018- 2019 Cheerleaders & Pep Band



PEP BAND

The Wrangell pep band gearing up for practice before a basketball game. Pictured here are (left to right, from the front row): Tasha Massin, Adriana Larrabee, Jing O'Brien, Terra Hoyt, Madison Blackburn, Jade Balansag, Sophie O'Brien, Skylar Larrabee, Tasha Morse (director), Coby Holder, Jacob Allen, and Laura Helgeson. Not pictured are Bruce Smith, Jamie Early, Jimmy Baggen, and Jonah Comstock.



CHEERLEADERS

The Wrangell Cheer Squad (left to right, from the back row): Savannah Smith, Coach Stephanie Cartwright, Aaliyah Messmer, Aria Chase, Mercedes Morgan, and Danika Smith.

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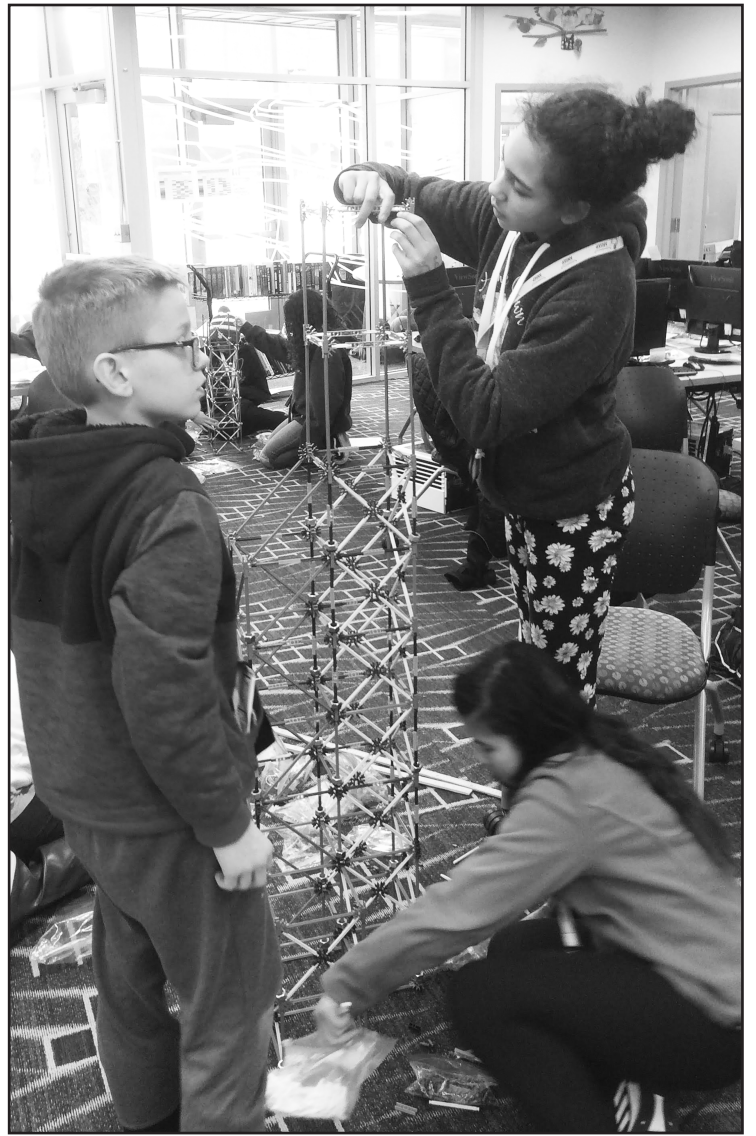
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COURTESY OF WINSTON DAVIES

Last month, 13 students from Stikine Middle School got to visit Anchorage as a part of the ANSEP middle school academy. Pictured here (in no particular order) is Teacher Winston Davies, Patton Bania, Zahara Ritchie, Timothy Garcia, Kayla Young, Clara Waddington, Rhiannon Wenzel, Daniel Harrison, Jacen Hay, Johnny Allen, Will Ashton, Kiara Harrison, Paige Baggen, and Ander Edens.



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Wrangell students helping to test the stability of a structure, to see how well it would survive an earthquake.

Wrangell kids return from ANSEP trip

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Students from Stikine Middle School returned from their trip to Anchorage on Jan. 24. The trip, hosted by the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program, let the students get a taste of college life by staying on the University of Alaska Anchorage campus and participating in numerous STEM projects. Winston Davies, teacher and chaperone for the trip, said it was a terrific experience for the kids.

"It went really well. The kids, all 13 of them, had a blast," he said. "It was a neat experience. It was an educational thing, but it was just a fun trip to come out of town and get some exposure to the college campus life."

The kids, from middle schools from several different communities, got to work on several various projects. They got to build computer towers, learned about the 1964 earthquake, dissected fish and sea lion droppings, and also made a visit to the Sea Life Center in Seward. Education surrounding earthquakes was heavily emphasized during the trip, Davies said. In fact, he said in an email, the class got to experience a 5.0 magnitude earthquake on the second day of their trip. Besides all that, they also got to hear a presentation from an astronaut.

"Our timing was pretty cool because, apparently, every year they do this big annual ANSEP celebration at the Dena'ina Center, which is the big convention center in Anchorage. It was basically to thank all their donors," Davies said. "It was a huge production. The keynote speaker was an astronaut, Bernard Harris."

The purpose of the middle school academy, Davies said, was not only to give middle school students a taste of college

life, but also to help point them towards other programs when they get to high school age and

begin looking for college credits. He mentioned that there had been talk of ANSEP building an

academy in Wrangell several years ago, but he was not sure if those talks had gone anywhere.

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