

Junk ordinance passes, water operator jobs revised

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Wrangell's Borough Assembly gave the go-ahead to an ordinance updating the city's procedures for handling junk vehicles during its Tuesday evening meeting.

The new verbiage comes as a

result of a workshop addressing the issue held on September 26, and brings Wrangell's code more in line with state statutes. Changes were to adjust deadlines, giving owners more time for notification and redress before disposal.

If the vehicle is being auc-

tioned off, the state gives municipalities a total of 50 days to contact the owner of record or lien holder of an abandoned vehicle, and to publish a notice of auction beforehand. It will remain against the local law for a junk vehicle to be left in public view on any property, public or private, within

the borough for more than 10 days. The fine schedule puts a \$50 fine on each offense, with every 10 days that passes considered a separate violation.

"I'm still kind of bothered with the idea of private property," said Assembly member Patty Gilbert, specifically where a junk

vehicle is removed without the owner's permission. "A junk vehicle is sort of in the eye of the beholder."

Clerk Kim Lane also pointed out an attorney had been consulted in crafting the draft ordinance, and after looking at other communities' versions for comparison.

"She said that a lot of those – Ketchikan, Sitka – although they're vast, a lot of those don't meet state statutes," Lane said. The updated version would conform to state rules, however.

Mayor David Jack also noted many of the draft's procedures were already in place: Police attempt to track and contact owners beforehand. If a vehicle is deemed repairable they are given time to fix it, and there are further steps to reclaim a vehicle should it be impounded.

"Right now they're just not enforcing it," Assembly member Becky Rooney commented. One of the major impediments to tackling the island's assortment of disused and unusable vehicles is a lack of space to keep them at the waste transfer facility. Due to economic factors and the cost of disposal, derelicts and other scrap have accumulated to the point where it is about past capacity.

The city has been looking at several options, the least expensive of which Public Works director Amber Al-Haddad explained would be to arrange for a scrap

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Standing up with Standing Rock

Organized by the local camp of the Alaska Native Sisterhood, Wrangell residents show solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe at Totem Park early Sunday afternoon. The central North Dakota tribe has been protesting construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline since the spring, citing concerns that the major oil pipeline project would threaten freshwater sources the nearby Standing Rock Reservation relies upon. Last week the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers finally put a hold on the project after rejecting a crucial permit application. Supporters drawn from around the country will remain at the protest's campsite through the winter, as the issue is ongoing.

Wrangell house gets center spotlight at new museum

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An exhibit built by Wrangell craftsmen is now one of the first sights visitors see when entering the new Alaska State Museum in Juneau.

The museum, formally named the Father Andrew P. Kashevaroff Library, Archives and Museum Building, was completed and opened to the public in June, and features more than twice the floor space of its predecessor. Completely replacing the capital's previous museum, the \$139 million project was the largest scale project the city had seen in over four decades.

Soon after passing through the terrazzo floored, high-ceilinged lobby and the museum's front desk, patrons are sure to notice a traditional tribal house built in the fashion of the Tlingit Auk Kwáan clans, just inside the entrance to the museum's Alaska Native wing. Those familiar with Wrangell may recognize its many similarities to the house on Chief Shakes Island, being built of the same red cedar, capped with copper and its surfaced adzed by many of the same hands.

The crew which finished renovating the Wrangell historical site was contracted to build the new house, which replaces one featured on the old museum's first floor that

had been a popular attraction. Museum curator of collections Steve Henrikson explained Todd White of White Construction had been selected to head up the project due to his team's stellar work on the Shakes project back in 2013.

"We'd heard a lot of good things about the crew there that worked on it," he said.

Working with a rough drawing of a northern-style house, White collaborated on its design with Steve Brown, a master carver and former Wrangell resident now living in Sequim, Washington. Carving for nearly half a century, he lived on the island during the mid-1980s and helped carve the totem poles at City Park.

They surprised the museum with the addition of copper trim, which is meant more than for looks, as it helps protect the beam ends from oversaturation.

The house structure was designed similarly to those used by the Auk Kwáan of the Juneau area. However, some other liberties were taken for aesthetic and practical reasons. For instance, Henrikson noted a Juneau house would more likely have used Sitka spruce as its main building material.

"We just really love cedar," he admitted.

The house also was unable to feature the terraced floor structure common to the



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

The traditional house of the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian people greets visitors to the Alaska State Museum's Native Alaska gallery. The display is the start of a historical timeline of displays wending its way from time immemorial to the present.

design, and is fully accessible to visitors with limited mobility.

"The space for the exhibit really determined the size of the house," Henrikson explained.

Between the support columns and new health and safety requirements, a balance

was struck which made the most of the available space and has ended up with a well-received exhibit since it opened in June.

"It will be seen for a long time by a mil-

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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, December 15: Anniversary: Richard and Nicole Taylor, **Friday, December 16:** Matt Robinson, Jeff Jabusch, Angus Booker, Brogan Booker, Jennifer Wiederspohn, Kynleigh Marcott, **Saturday, December 17:** Karin Nesbitt, Amber Mann, Pam McGee, Danny Sims, Sophia O'Brien, **Sunday, December 18:** Boomchain Loucks, Jenna Eastaugh, Garren Cooper, Cherie Young, Randy Barlow, **Anniversary:** Chet and Lois Powell, **Monday, December 19:** Jason Chris, Gemi Wright, Bruce Smith III, Chuck Hay, **Anniversary:** Clay and Holly Hammer, **Tuesday, December 20:** Aliyah Kenfield, Caity Shafer, Marrisona Barker, Logan Vergilio, Traci Nikodym, Danelle Barlow, **Anniversary:** Ken and Tammy Davidson, **Wednesday, December 21:** Maggie Rooney, Aundria Cummings, **Anniversary:** Eric and Staci Dilg, **Thursday, December 22:** Alicia Stearns, Sean Gillen, Robert Hayes, Rob Hayes, Carmen Chaney

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

Senior Center

Menu

Friday, December 16:

Chef salad with egg, cheese and ham, hot roll

Monday, December 19:

Moose chili with cheese and onion, texas slaw, orange juice, corn bread

Tuesday, December 20:

Pork with apples, rice pilaf, mixed veggies, green salad with tomato

Wednesday, December 21:

Moose roast and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, romaine and radish salad

Thursday, December 22:

Cream of tomato soup, 1/2 tuna sandwich, waldorf salad

Friday, December 23:

Closed for Christmas Eve Holiday Break

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

Milk, tea and coffee will be served with meals.

FERRY SCHEDULE

Departures

Northbound

Saturday, December 17

Matanuska 8:15 a.m.

Sunday, December 18

Kennicott 3:15 p.m.

Tuesday, December 20

Matanuska 6:45 p.m.

Saturday, December 24

Matanuska 1:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 25

Kennicott 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 27

Matanuska 7:30 p.m.

Southbound

Friday, December 16

Matanuska 5:30 pm.

Monday, December 19

Matanuska 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday, December 21

Kennicott 6:45 a.m.

Friday, December 23

Matanuska 8:45 a.m.

Monday, December 26

Matanuska 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 28

Kennicott 5:30 a.m.

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



TIDES TABLE

December 15 - December 22

	High Tides				Low Tides			
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Dec. 15	1:31	17.0	1:20	19.5	7:04	1.2	7:45	-4.2
Dec. 16	2:18	16.8	2:07	18.7	7:51	1.7	8:30	-3.3
Dec. 17	3:05	16.3	2:54	17.4	8:40	2.3	9:16	-2.0
Dec. 18	3:53	15.6	3:43	15.8	9:32	3.1	10:03	-0.6
Dec. 19	4:44	15.0	4:37	14.2	10:29	3.8	10:52	0.9
Dec. 20	5:40	14.5	5:42	12.8	11:32	4.3	11:46	2.2
Dec. 21	6:41	14.2	6:59	11.9	-----	-----	12:44	4.3
Dec. 22	7:42	14.3	8:14	11.8	0:45	3.2	1:59	3.8

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, December 15

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

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

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

Monday, December 19

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Is the attendance at your meeting or event low? Call Rachel at the Sentinel to have a notice placed here.

Continuing Events

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

OTHER MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

AA Meetings: Tu. 7 p.m., Toss Off Th. 7 p.m., Smoked Fish F 8 p.m., Step Study Sat. 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall, Study Materials provided. Wed. M & M 12 p.m. at the Catholic Parish Hall, use back entrance.

NA Meeting: Wednesday, We Do Recover, 8 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

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

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

The Way We Were

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

December 21, 1916:

Alaska is the only place over which the American flag flies where two Christmas days are celebrated. This applies especially to the Alaskan peninsula and adjoining islands, where many of the natives belong to the Russian church with her Julian calendar. It is only since the coming of the American public school and mission that the "American Christmas" has been introduced in those parts. According to the Julian calendar Christmas, Dec. 25, falls on the day that is Jan. 7 in the calendar elsewhere. According to the Russian church in Alaska, Christmas begins at 2 o'clock in the morning, when the church bells announce the birth of Christ, and when the natives come out of their huts they find a bright and beautiful star of Bethlehem over the church beckoning.

December 19, 1941:

Despite blackouts and war, Christmas holiday period will be observed in Wrangell in the traditional manner. Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 the Red Men will be host to their wives and families at the Christmas tree in the lodge hall. Wednesday afternoon is the annual community affair for the children, sponsored by the Elks. Due to the ban on outdoor lighting, the event will be held in the Coliseum theater and will be accompanied by a free show. There will be something for each child. With dismissal of school for the holiday Wednesday, the Senior class, carrying out tradition,

will have a Christmas tree program for the Junior and Senior high school students and faculty.

December 15, 1966:

Revision of the City Charter is being considered by the City Council, it was revealed at Tuesday night's meeting. The charter adopted in 1960 provided for a city manager form of government. Councilman Al Ritchie, Sr., told the council he thought the subject should be given some study and he recommended the mayor appoint a charter committee of local citizens, similar to the one that drafted the original charter, to review the entire document and recommend changes if desired.

December 19, 1991:

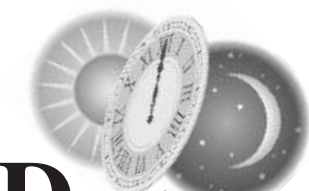
Over 100 drama/debate students gathered in Sitka last weekend to compete

in several different events. In this tournament, the hosting team decided to have two preliminary rounds followed by a final round. Wrangell's Joe VanSlyke made finals and placed sixth in dramatic interpretation of literature. The judges in that final round chose VanSlyke to perform his Steven King selection for the community at the command performance at the close of the tournament. Arram Dreyer also made it to the final round in humorous interpretation of literature, placing eighth overall. The rest of the Wrangell team also did well. The debate team of Arram Dreyer, Joe VanSlyke and Hanna Hall placed fifth overall. Hall also placed sixth in oratory speaking and third in radio announcing. Toby Down placed sixth in radio speaking.



Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
December 4	33	30
December 5	33	23
December 6	23	19
December 7	24	21
December 8	28	23
December 9	28	19
December 10	21	17
December 11	28	19



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Dec. 15	8:13a	3:13p	7:00h
Dec. 16	8:14a	3:13p	6:59h
Dec. 17	8:15a	3:13p	6:58h
Dec. 18	8:15a	3:14p	6:59h
Dec. 19	8:16a	3:14p	6:58h
Dec. 20	8:17a	3:14p	6:57h
Dec. 21	8:17a	3:15p	6:58h
Dec. 22	8:18a	3:15p	6:57h

Wrangell pot shop obtains conditional use permit

By DAN RUDY
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Last week Wrangell's Planning and Zoning Commission approved a conditional use permit for a cannabis retail and cultivation facility.

Happy Cannabis will be a small business just behind the Diamond C Cafe on Front Street. Cafe owner Kelsey Martinsen began the process of applying for the necessary permitting back in March, triggering a months-long process of reevaluating and updating the city's zoning ordinances to reflect the drug's new-found legalization, approved by Alaska voters in 2014 and taking effect this year.

The state's legalization process gave municipalities considerable weight in deciding how and if cannabis-related businesses would be allowed, and Martinsen's plan for a growing, processing and retail center did not align with Wrangell's commercial zoning parameters at the time. P&Z members worked with city staff to decide what would and would not work for the town.

They decided licensed operations for commercial retail, cultivation, testing and processing of marijuana would be barred from single or multiple family residential zones, with additional limitations placed on cultivation and processing. All applications for permits in the city would be sub-

ject to conditional use, thereby bringing proposals before P&Z and a public hearing.

Martinsen has two applications currently under review by the Marijuana Control Board, for retail and cultivation. Both cost him \$12,000 to file. He also intends to apply for a license to manufacture concentrated tetrahydrocannabinol – THC, the psychoactive compound of cannabis – in about four months time, once his stock of plants are more mature.

Elsewhere, an application for limited cultivation has already been completed by Southeast Moog Droog LLC in Petersburg, with a potential retailer beginning the application process. Around the state 65 licenses have been issued and about 32 marijuana-related establishments have begun operation, a number Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office director Cynthia Franklin is expecting to rise shortly.

"Everyone is really shooting to get open by the holidays, particularly the retail stores," she explained. She predicted between 45 and 50 stores to be open by Christmas, and double the current number by the start of spring. Many of these latest will crop up around the Anchorage area as entrepreneurs navigate the city's layers of regulation.

"It's happening, places are opening and making money," Franklin said.

At the MCB's meeting last week, it indicated revenue from the drug statewide was up past \$750,000 and climbing. As the industry better establishes itself, a share of that will return to the state in the form of taxes. Franklin said her office had recently reaped its first \$10,000 in taxes earlier this month.

So far she believes the roll-out of the state's monitoring program – which tracks plants electronically from "seed to sale" – has been going smoothly. On the regulatory end, AMCO is working to reduce the number of applicants idling on the state's listing.

"We're approaching 500 applications in our database. A lot of those people have not taken the steps to move beyond just getting the information in the database," Franklin noted. Often, applicants have not taken the steps needed to notify the public, obtain certifications of compliance, or pay filing fees. "They're not real to us. If they haven't paid us any money we're not looking at their stuff."

Letters giving them 90 days to finish up their applications or be booted out of the system are being issued. Despite this culling, a freeze on new hires due to state budgetary cutbacks has contributed to a glut in applications to process during the roll-out.

"We are perennially understaffed," Franklin said. "It comes from the best of intentions, but it has a disproportionate effect on us. We were small to start with."

The fledgling office had expected to have five additional staff added in the Fiscal Year 2018 budget, but the addition was ultimately turned down. The problem has led to longer turnaround times for processing, and could have wider impacts on the state program.

"The bubble that our licensing team is currently experiencing – where the line is getting longer and longer for them to look at the license because everybody is getting started at the same time – that bubble will move over to enforcement," Franklin added.

The program began with eight enforcement agents – with five in Anchorage, two in Fairbanks and one posted in Juneau – meant to oversee compliance around the state. One has since retired, and finding a qualified replacement has been difficult. Their job is

further complicated by having to work on alcohol licensing oversight in addition to marijuana.

"A good day in our office is when no one cries," she commented.

Still, AMCO and the MCB continue their task, ironing out policies as the new program proceeds. Six regulation changes have lately been brought up for public comment, three recommended by staff themselves. In one instance, Franklin noted a "Catch 22" situation with the state Department of Environmental Conservation, where cultivators cannot apply to AMCO without its certification – which they can't obtain without an AMCO license.

Another upcoming hurdle is the impending change of presidential administrations. President-elect Donald Trump has named as his prospective attorney general Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions, a politician with a long track record of opposition to cannabis. The recent legalization effort on the parts of Alaska and other states are bolstered by the tolerance of the Department of Justice, as per a memorandum issued by U.S. Deputy Attorney General James Cole in 2013, something which could be reversed under new leadership.

When visiting Wrangell in February, Franklin explained the Cole memo had outlined eight specific areas where federal legal intervention may occur, but beyond which the department would consent to retailers and distributors so long as they operate within robust state guidelines. The memo serves as a legal benchmark against which AMCO's policies are measured, and enables transport from licensee to licensee within state boundaries.

Franklin pointed out Alaska's current regional U.S. attorney, Karen Loeffler, has done a "fantastic job" tailoring the office's prerogatives to regional issues. With the change in administra-

Police report

- Monday, December 5**
Fireworks being shot off UTL.
- Tuesday, December 6**
Nothing to Report.
- Wednesday, December 7**
Noise Complaint – Verbal warning given for loud music.
Parking Complaint.
- Thursday, December 8**
Dog at Large.
- Friday, December 9**
Report of suspicious activity.
Alarm: All was secured.
- Saturday, December 10**
Disorderly Conduct.
Driving Complaint.
- Sunday, December 11**
Citizen Assist: Unlocked Vehicle.
Report of Criminal Mischief/Trespass.

There were two ambulance calls during this week.

tions, it seems unlikely Loeffler will be reappointed to the position. "Who she's replaced with is very important to our state marijuana market," she explained.

Also of potential concern is the Alaska Legislature, which this upcoming session will have the opportunity to reevaluate and possibly repeal the state's legalization. However, Franklin considered the possibility there to be remote at this time.

"We're just going to keep rolling and keep going with this program," she said.

A link to the current licensees under the AMCO program is available on its site, under the Public Input Questions tab at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco/MarijuanaFAQs.aspx>.

Matanuska running late due to engine trouble

The M/V Matanuska will be sailing on an altered schedule into next week, according to the Alaska Marine Highway System. Due to problems with one of


the vessel's engines, it remained overnight in Ketchikan for repairs. It resumed its course Monday, but will be running on a delayed timetable through December 20, when it departs from Ketchikan for its evening stop in Wrangell.

Its scheduled northbound stop into Wrangell was bumped to Wednesday at 7:15 a.m. On its southbound leg, the ferry is due into port again Friday at 4:45 p.m., arriving again the following morning at 7:30 a.m. heading north. Its final delayed stop into Wrangell is set for Monday at 10:30 a.m.

Additional information will be provided as necessary. AMHS staff is currently contacting affected passengers. Service notices may be found at dot.alaska.gov/amhs/service_notices.shtml or by contacting your local terminal by dialing 907-465-3941 or toll-free at 1-800-642-0066.

Correction

In last week's issue, the wrong caption was used with a photo of Santa Claus during Midnight Madness. Sitting on his lap was youngster Delilah Clark.



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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR WEEK'S SCHEDULES



Fri., Dec. 16 Noon, Deadline for Christmas ads

Friday, Dec. 23, open 9 am - 2 pm

Monday, Dec. 26, open noon - 5 pm

Friday, Dec. 30, open 11 am - 4 pm

Monday, Jan. 2, open noon - 5 pm

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Wrestlers take first at Region V, head to State

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Wrangell's wrestlers took first for the 1-3A Boys Region V Tournament in Sitka over the weekend, with nine of the high school team's 10 wrestlers headed to State in Anchorage this week.

In the Girls 1-4A Tournament, freshman Hannah Brown will be headed to State after taking second in the 132 weight bracket. She bested Mikenna Pingayak-Simon from Mt. Edgecumbe in the first round, finishing with a pin in 1:27, then won by fall in 1:23 over teammate Elizabeth Johnson. Brown faced Mt. Edgecumbe junior Andrea Prince in the final round, with Prince winning by 7-0 decision.

Because of her high win percentage over the course of the season, it was decided Brown would be headed to Anchorage this week to compete in the girls tournament.

"It was quite amazing," said coach Jeff Rooney. "We're all very pleased."

Johnson went on to take third place in the bracket, but due to a decision to have only one girl from each 1-4A division participate in this year's state tournament, will not be making the trip to Anchorage.

In the boys tournament, freshman Jonah Comstock beat by fall Mt. Edgecumbe's Gabriel Klushkan in the 98 bracket final, securing his berth at state. Junior JD Barratt likewise took first in the 106 bracket, beating Mt. Edgecumbe senior Kendrick Hoblet by 3 to 1 decision in the final.

"The boy was just on point," Rooney commented.

In the 132 bracket, junior Ian Jenson took first place in a crowded field. He pinned Klawock freshman Ruben Hoppe in 1:40, next won by fall over Petersburg's Alex Worhatch in 3:34, and in the final won on injury time over Mt. Edgecumbe sophomore Leon Evon.

Senior Sig Decker likewise took first on injury time in the final, after opponent and number-one seed James Hepe from Klawock twisted his knee. To get there, Decker pinned Mt. Edgecumbe's Jacob Jametski in 0:37, and Mt. Edgecumbe's Trevor Akelkok in 1:44 in the semifinal round.

Senior wrestler Dawson Miller took first in the 160 weight bracket, opening with a win by fall over Petersburg sophomore Koren Sperl in 3:13. In the final he faced Mt. Edgecumbe senior Shawn Williams, winning by 10-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Wrangell High School's wrestlers take first at the Region V 2A Tournament in Sitka on Saturday. In the top row: Sig Decker, Dawson Miller, Hunter Wiederspohn and Caleb Groshong. From the bottom left: assistant coach Jack Carney, Hannah Brown, Elizabeth Johnson, Jonah Comstock, Sam Armstrong, JD Barratt, Ian Jenson and coach Jeff Rooney.

7 decision.

Caleb Groshong took first in the 220 bracket, opening with a win by pin over Mt. Edgecumbe's Kaden Gibbens in 1:28. He next ended a semifinal bout with Metlakatla junior Gabe

Nathan by fall in 1:10, then likewise pinned Hydaburg senior Traesean Miramontez in 1:26 during the final round.

Wrangell wrestlers Sam Armstrong and Hunter Wiederspohn took third and

fourth in the 152 weight bracket, respectively. The freshman Wiederspohn opened with two wins by pin before being relegat-

ed to the consolation group by bracket winner Kyler Sumauang, from Sitka. He went on to win by fall over Sitka freshman Trenton Hammock in 1:48. Senior Armstrong began with two pins before being bested by Petersburg senior Nathaniel Lenhard by 15-4 majority decision. The two teammates then ran a paper bout to see who would make third, with Armstrong coming out on top.

"They wanted to be good sports about it," said Rooney.

Cumulatively, the team garnered 150 points in the tournament, trailing only the much larger Mt. Edgecumbe team at 163.5 but taking first for 2A division teams.

"It was a great season," Rooney commented.

Speaking Monday, Rooney said his students were busy taking finals and finishing up assignments before taking off on Tuesday evening. The Wolves are by now up in Anchorage, participating in the 2016 ASAA/First National Bank Alaska Wrestling Championships.

To all our Alaska friends,

We just want to say thank you all again for loving, caring and supporting us (in so many different ways) and mainly sharing your memories of Samuel. The condolences have meant so much from all of you, Sam truly touched many lives there and afar. Our hearts continue to ache and will for a very long time. We cherish your thoughts and prayers.

Merry Christmas & God Bless you all,
Otto, Debbie, and Hannah Cornthwaite

SALVATION ARMY Annual Christmas Food Assistance



DISTRIBUTION
December 19
611 Zimovia Highway
12:00 to 5:00 pm

We are in need of:

100 hams bone in or boneless, peanut butter, canned fruit, tuna, chili

Cash donations are accepted if you do not wish to shop for items.
Thank you Wrangell for your support and generosity to help those in need during the holidays.

Packing of boxes, December 17, 10am to 2pm
(we need 5-10 people)

4 volunteers are needed to help sort toys and bag them
December 17, 10am to 2pm
We need volunteers to stand kettles for 2 hour time slots.
Please call 874-3453 if you have questions or would like to help.
We need your help Wrangell!!

WRANGELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS WOULD LIKE TO HONOR THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO HAD PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR 1ST QUARTER:

EVERGREEN ELEMENTARY:

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Noah Austin | Lucas Larrabee |
| Olivia Austin | Sean McDonald |
| Orin Beale | Spencer Petticrew |
| Madelyn Davies | CharLee-Ann Seimears |
| Clara Edens | Kasey Whitaker |
| Amber Gifford | Donovan Wood |
| Gregory Gifford | Lillian Younce |
| McKinley Gillen | |

STIKINE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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| Jimmy Baggen | Daniel McIntyre |
| Paige Baggen | Elizabeth McIntyre |
| Devlyn Campbell | Aaliyah Messmer |
| Jamie Early | Tyson Messmer |
| Brodie Gardner | Sophie O'Brien |
| Germayonie Ibarra | Bruce Smith |
| Emma Martinsen | Darryl Smith |

WRANGELL HIGH SCHOOL

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| Kellan Eagle | Josephine Lewis |
| Abby Gerald | Antonio Lopez |
| Stone Guggenbickler | Jing O'Brien |
| Joseph Hommel | Erik Ottesen |
| Christopher Howard | Brian Schwartz |
| Reyn Hutten | Blake Scott |
| Emelyn Ibarra | Ryan Soeteber |
| Adriana Larrabee | Tymon Teat |
| Skylar Larrabee | Hank Voltz |

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Swim team exceeds goals in regional meet

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

In the team's first regional meet since starting up this year, members of the Wrangell Swimming Club took some top spots and beat personal records earlier this month.

The team fielded seven swimmers, who joined 182 others on six teams during the 2016 Savannah Cayce Southeast Championship at Juneau's Dimond Park Aquatic Center from December 2-4.

"There were a lot of swimmers there, and a lot of good swimmers," said assistant coach Jamie Roberts. "It went really well. The kids did really well,"



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Members of the Wrangell Swim Club chill out before hitting the pool in Juneau December 2. From left to right are Jack Roberts, William Massin, Hope Mikkelsen, Lindee McIntyre, coach Bruce McQueen, Renee Roberts, Elizabeth McIntyre, Sophie O'Brien, Mercy Mikkelsen, and assistant coach Jamie Roberts.

she said of the meet.

Jack Roberts took first place in six events in the boys 10-and-under category, and was named the bracket's individual point winner. Points are awarded for swimmers placing in the top eight spots for their age group, with higher placements earning greater points. Roberts also finished with five personal best times in the meet.

In the 11-12 year age group, Renee Roberts placed in six events, with a first, second, third and fourth placement in butterfly and freestyle competitions. She also finished with three personal bests in the meet.

William Massin took third place times in four events for boys aged eight and under, including the 25 yard backstroke. Two of his times were personal bests.

Mercy Mikkelsen took third in the girls 13-14 group's 200 yard breaststroke, and placed in six

other events. She finished four of them with personal bests.

Other swimmers on the team finished with personal best times for the events they competed in, with Hope Mikkelsen making seven in the 11-12 year group; Sophie O'Brien six in the 11-12; and Elizabeth McIntyre three of the three she placed in for the 11-12.

Additionally, four of the team's swimmers made times which meet the requirement to attend the Alaska Age Group Championship meet in Fairbanks next February.

Coach Roberts explained the team has already exceeded its goals since starting the season with a meet in Petersburg last month. It was Wrangell's first competitive swim club in 14 years, the previous being the Stikine Sea Runners.

Starting in steps, the team at first intended only to compete at events in neighboring Petersburg

and at an open meet in Ketchikan scheduled for the end of March. The opportunity to compete in Juneau came as a pleasant surprise, and half of Wrangell's team's swimmers were able to make the journey.

As some swimmers have qualified for the Fairbanks meet and for the Alaska Junior Olympics in April, Roberts explained the team's parents will be deciding whether they can afford to make the meets this next year, or if they should shoot for participating the following year.

"We're deciding right now," she said.

The team is still working on filing for its 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, which should help with future fundraising efforts. Roberts said it is still planning to get to Ketchikan's Spring Splash.

"We're going to be taking as many kids as we can," she promised.

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PUBLIC NOTICE - MARINER'S MEMORIAL SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The Borough Assembly approved Resolution No. 11-16-1354 which authorized the creation of a Mariner's Memorial Special Committee as follows:

Two (2) Port Commissioners and **Three (3) At-Large members of the Community** with at least one having a connection to the Mariner Community to the Special Committee.

The Special Committee will meet at least monthly and will report and take direction from the Port Commission. For a copy of Resolution No. 11-16-1354, please contact the Borough Clerk at clerk@wrangell.com.

Please turn your Letter of Interest into City Hall to the attention of Sherri Cowan, Port Recording Secretary, 205 Brueger Street, City & Borough of Wrangell, P.O. Box 531, Wrangell, AK 99929, **on or before 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 30, 2016.**

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Borough Clerk's Office at 907-874-2381, or email: clerk@wrangell.com.

Appointments will be made at the regular Port Commission Meeting on January 5, 2016.
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**State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry
Southeast Area Office
Draft Forest Land Use Plan**

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry (DOF), gives formal notice per AS 38.05.945 that the Division proposes to adopt a site specific Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) under AS 38.05.112 and the administrative standards of AS 41.17.060 for the commercial timber sale: Coffman Cove Timber Sale (SSE-1336 K).

This Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) covers the access for proposed forest operations on approximately 430 acres of land in the Coffman Cove Planning Unit of the Southeast State Forest and adjacent State land all located on Prince of Wales Island approximately one-mile south of the City of Coffman Cove. The timber sale areas are located within Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11 of T68S, R81E and in Section 7 of T68S, R82E, Copper River Meridian. The sale area is found within the Petersburg A-3 and Craig D-3 USGS quadrangles.

The FLUP is intended to provide the best available information regarding the proposed timber harvest and management of other non-timber uses in compliance with AS 38.05.112 and AS 41.17.060, and must be adopted by the DOF before the proposed activity can occur. This FLUP does not determine whether or not to access and sell timber within the timber sale area, nor the method of sale. Those decisions have been made previously in the August 31, 2016 Best Interest Finding and are not appealable under this FLUP. The DOF expects to adopt the Forest Land Use Plan for the road access sometime after **January 9, 2017.**

The DOF also gives formal notice per AS 38.05.945 as required by 38.05.118(b) that it intends to negotiate with a purchaser using a request for proposal process for the purchase of the timber. The volume to be offered totals approximately 8,600 thousand board feet (MBF). The timber will be marketed to a list of local mills and interested parties maintained by the DOF Southeast Area Office.

The public is invited to comment on the FLUP. Comments should be mailed to the Alaska Division of Forestry, 2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213, Ketchikan, AK 99901. Comments must be received at the Division of Forestry office no later than **January 9, 2017**, in order to be considered in the adopted FLUP. To be eligible to appeal the adopted FLUP a person must have provided written comment by **January 9, 2017.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS CONTACT:

Alaska Division of Forestry	Contact:	Greg Staunton
2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213	Phone:	(907) 225-3070
Ketchikan, AK 99901	Fax:	(907) 247-3070
	Email:	Greg.Staunton@alaska.gov

Copies of the FLUP are available for review at the division's Area Office, the division's web site and at

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Lee Burgess, Finance Director
City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

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ANSEP committee looking for Native support

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

The special committee tasked with pursuing development of a residential high school in Wrangell is currently courting support from a major consortium of tribal villages in Interior Alaska.

The school would be the first year-round residential facility to be operated under the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP), a supplementary learning program which earlier this fall opened its first full-time accelerated high school in the Matanuska-Susitna area. The program is part of the University of Alaska system, and was founded to improve

enrollment numbers and hiring patterns for rural, predominately Native Alaskan students in science- and math-related career fields.

With Wrangell looking at redeveloping 134 acres of its former Institute property, ANSEP has expressed interest in possibly locating a residential academy there. The proposed campus would house between 400 and 450 students from around the state, and would condense high school to a three-year timeline.

After better acquainting itself with the program, in late July the Borough Assembly approved formation of a steering committee to observe ANSEP's Mat-Su school and pursue potential development of the new residential campus. Committee members include representatives of the city, public school system, and Wrangell Cooperative Association.

Spearheaded by Wrangell schools superintendent Patrick Mayer, the committee has since obtained a memorandum of understanding with the city and WCA, and is looking for support for the project from the Alaska Federation of Natives, the state's largest Native organization. To that end, Mayer explained in a meeting Monday evening that since August he has been in contact with the

Tanana Chiefs Conference, which is "a huge voting body" within the AFN. Their support would be critical to the project's success moving forward.

In its correspondence with Mayer, TCC explained its board needed additional details on the proposed school's funding, whether the project had the support of the WCA, and whether other locations for such a facility had been considered.

For funding, the ANSEP residential school project will at first be seeking support from private sources and grants. This may in time give the project stronger footing in applying for Capital Improvement Project funding through the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development. The funds are expected to be hard to come by in light of the state's budget deficit. The full project could cost as much as \$50,000,000.

As for the support of the local Native community, in addition to the MOU finalized on December 6, WCA president Richard Oliver is drafting a letter to the TCC board of directors, explaining the Tribal Council's view on ANSEP and the opportunities it should pro-

vide.

"This is a strong statement from our local tribe," Mayer commented on the draft.

As for the proposed facility's location, Mayer cited the performance records of Wrangell Public Schools, land availability and infrastructure, the community's overall support for the development, its access to air and ferry service, and low crime rate.

In a response sent November 16, TCC explained its board continued to have concerns with the plan. This included the size of the project, the problem of outmigration from Interior communities, the educational emphasis, and negative experiences related to the Wrangell Institute's history itself. It noted it could also make a compelling case to have a school situated in the Fairbanks area.

Mayer and other members of the ANSEP steering committee were invited to address these concerns at the TCC board's scheduled meeting for November 28. He explained the meeting went alright, and that only a few of its 13 members seemed averse to the idea. They voted to table the item until the

board's next meeting, scheduled for February.

"Overall I think it was well-received," Mayer said. "I see them making a decision here at this next meeting." He took heart that the concept was tabled rather than voted down outright, and expected further conversations await.

He noted TCC support would bolster Wrangell's case moving forward, but that a lack of support would not be "a deal-breaker" for the ANSEP project. In the meantime, he said he would continue working on the proposed school's residential application with DEED, which is a necessary step toward securing its Base Student Allocation.

Asked his opinion on the project's progress, committee and WCA board member Ken Lewis replied he was pleased. "I absolutely think we're on the right track. There's definitely a lot of support locally." He was enthusiastic about the school's intended goals, and felt it would be a benefit to Alaskan youths wherever it may be located. "In my mind, the location doesn't matter as much," said Lewis.



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Assembly takes local preference in dock light project bid

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

In a special meeting held last week, the Wrangell City and Borough Assembly decided to go with a local contractor over the low bidder in a major lighting project.

Buness Electric and Tongass Electric were both bidders from among nine being considered for the city dock lighting project, a continued step in improvements to commercial passenger vessel facilities that was estimated at around \$300,000. The project funding comes from a grant through the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, and when completed should upgrade feeders and the lighting fixtures around the city's primary vessel dock.

Based in Coffman Cove, Tongass Electric submitted a bid for \$246,577.79, which included the base bid work and an alternative to upgrade the facility's power center. Wrangell-based contractors Buness Electric submitted a bid for the same work for a price of \$254,440.

The Public Works Department recommended awarding the bid to Tongass as the lowest bidder but in a letter to the city, contractor Jordan Buness pointed out Wrangell has an ordinance a local bidder preference when the difference is within a five-percent margin when the total cost is \$1,000,000 or less. Because the project is being funded through the state such a practice is allowable, though that would not be the case for federal monies. Because the difference between the two bids was just over three percent, the Wrangell contractor made the case it should be awarded the bid.

The Buness letter cited several other technicalities about Tongass' bid paperwork which it argued should disqualify it from consideration. This included using two different names – Tongass Electric and Tongass Enterprises LLC – in the filing, and putting the base bid total down outside of the sealed bid when submitting by email or fax, which would make it a "nonresponsive bid."

In a response letter, Tongass owner Micheal Burgess noted that the use of a local preference was not advertised in the invitation to bid, and that considerable time and effort had gone into preparing the packet. Both businesses made the case that

their selection would effectively have an economic benefit to the local community.

In the special session, Assembly members had four options to consider, which had been reviewed by the city's attorney. They could waive any informalities and consider Tongass' bid responsive, thereby awarding them the bid. Despite the local preference ordinance, additional language stipulated they could forgo that if it was deemed to be in the community's better interests.

Alternatively, they could award the bid to Buness, either because of local preference or because of the technicalities with Tongass' filing. Because Buness had an outstanding bill with the city at the time of submitting its bid – itself a technicality – the Assembly could also vote to reject all bids for the project, starting the process over again.

Discussing the problem, members were largely in favor of overlooking the technical errors in both cases. Tongass had listed its total bid amount on its submission form November 25, and had listed the owning limited liability company in addition to the licensed contractor name.

"When staff received it, we knew what they meant," explained city manager Jeff Jabusch. "It was an honest mistake, but it was a mistake."

"The bid form is a little confusing, because it asks for the total of the bid," conceded Assembly member Patti Gilbert.

Member Becky Rooney pointed out the language against revealing the bid amount was a "should" rather than a more definite "shall," and that doing so would anyway be in no way beneficial to the contractor.

As for Buness, Jabusch pointed out it had paid up on a delinquent bill with the city the week before, and were now in good standing. "They cleaned that up right away and paid."

Assembly members Stephen Prysunka and Dave Powell pointed out the local preference, while not mentioned explicitly in the bid invitation, was still among "all applicable ordinances" contractors were expected to be familiar with.

Citing this ordinance, ultimately members unanimously approved awarding the contract to Buness Electric.



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Tribal house

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lion people a year,” commented White. He got to see the finished house and exhibit for the first time on Tuesday. “To see everything together, it was really incredible.”

“Reviews of the exhibit have been really good,” Henrikson noted. In particular, the exhibit’s presentation and accuracy have been praised, which he attributed to years

of consultation with Native elders and research.

On a basic level, the tribal house had a survival component, providing a comfortable shelter during the winter months. But in a larger context the house formed the basis of the clan, whose members lived together within its walls.

“The clan was the biggest political unit in

the culture,” Henrikson observed. Prior to later consolidation under the United States, clans were largely independent. Few groups grew to need more than 10 or 15 houses, and each house was led by its own chief. At a certain point, houses could split off and form clans in their own right.

“The house was kind of like a nation unto itself,” he summarized.

Inside the display, a variety of household and everyday items highlight centuries’ worth of knowledge and expertise, from the tools of subsistence activities like fishing and hunting to skills like weaving and the arts.

“We wanted to use the exhibit of those items to talk about Tlingit society,” he explained.

Ceremonial items and clan regalia are also displayed, in a way which portrays the reciprocal social relationship between the Eagle and Raven moieties. Symbols of each moiety face each other from opposite sides of the room, as though conversing in a formal situation. Respect is a value which underpins the Tlingit culture, a concept the display tries to convey.

“We have been working with the Auk Kwáan with what items go in here,” said Jackie Manning, curator of exhibitions at the museum.

The exhibit last week added a Chilkat article in the process of being woven, and Manning explained they were working on adding a screen and house posts to the exhibit. Another of the items on display is

the Kiks.ádi clan hat rescued from a Sothesby’s auction by Tlingit Haida Central Council in 2014.

“There are still some things being finished up in here, but it’s mostly here,” she said.

The interactive display of the Tlingit house was one of the features people wanted the new museum to carry over from the old, one of many touches to the facility paying such tribute.

“We wanted to make homage to the original building,” said Paul Gardinier, a designer on the museum project. The traditional doorposts from the museum’s previous incarnation grace the entrance to the gallery, and the new house has as its backdrop a mural featuring the old village near modern-day Juneau.

White was excited to have been included in the project, and was very pleased with how it turned out.

“It was neat to be really passionate about what you do, and to be recognized for it,” he said. “It was an honor to do the project. I worked with some really good people.”

White said he could not have done it without the help of Brown, Richard Oliver, Peter White, Lee Romane, Michael Maleski or Jim Holder. Susie Beebe held a special place on the crew, doing the vast majority of the adzing, working in Wrangell Cooperative Association’s new cultural center and carving facility from the winter of 2014 through much of 2015.



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

A short, four-block walk from Juneau’s Alaska State Museum, the distinctive Walter Soboleff Building pays tribute to the region’s Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian people with a trove of artwork and design work reflecting their traditions. The interior of the building contains a full clan house, paneled in adzed cedar and featuring a glass screen created by Tlingit artist Preston Singletary. At 17 by 12 feet in size, it is the largest glass screen in the world, and is flanked on either side by glass posts depicting Eagle and Raven warriors.

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dealer to load up and take what it could by barge in lieu of payment. She spoke with such a firm last week, and an arrangement has tentatively been set for sometime after the new year begins. The deal would be contingent on whether the barge had space left for Wrangell’s scrap, and a suitable loading site would have to be worked out.

“We just don’t have the room at the landfill to take it right now,” she added.

“It would be nice if we had a staging area,” Gilbert agreed. She suggested making a public service announcement ahead of time to encourage residents to participate. Talk also produced the suggestion a waiving of fees could be done to further spur interest.

Assembly member Dave Powell disagreed with taking that tack, noting that giving a free service does not help pay for the actual costs of disposal. Similarly,

the city’s yearly “free dump days” are another example of the issue. These have been discontinued the past two years due to lack of storage space and solvency concerns with the waste disposal program.

Fellow member Julie Decker said she supported passing the ordinance, but “I think the bigger issue is direction to staff on what to do with it.” Another issue with enforcement was the problem of where to begin. With derelict vehicles on public and private property an island-wide state of

affairs, which vehicles to start with and where to begin can become a delicate issue.

Al-Haddad explained her department is primarily concerned with rights-of-way conflicts, and during the winter time hindrance of plow activity. The department has already notified owners of problematic vehicles along Evergreen Road, which is due to be widened and resurfaced next year.

“We’ve gotta start somewhere,” said Rooney.

In other business, the

Assembly approved redefining job descriptions of current operator leads for the wastewater and water treatment plants, stemming from July’s emergency water shortage. Borough manager Jeff Jabusch explained that during the summer crisis it became apparent the positions needed to take on more responsibilities, and a different reporting structure to suit. Under the new definitions, both would report issues directly to the public works director, rather than through the shared foreman.

“That comes with an addition

in pay,” Jabusch pointed out. The pay raise was budgeted in the previous year, and would apply retroactively to the current fiscal year, beginning July 1. “I didn’t feel we should shortchange them because of our delay in doing this.”

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