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2019: A year in review Part 1, January-June

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Following is the Wrangell Sentinel's news review for January through June of 2019. Next week the review will include events from July through December.

January

Jan. 13 - The Fairbanks Arts Association opened their 24th annual statewide poetry contest for submissions this December. Each year, the association picks a new judge for the contest. This year will be judged by Wrangell resident Vivian Faith Prescott. Prescott is the author of numerous works, including *The Hide of My Tongue* and *The Dead Go to Seattle* and has received several awards for her writing.

Jan. 10 - In an 8 1/2 hour meeting Tuesday, Jan. 8, the Wrangell School Board upheld the firing of first year art teacher Shanna Mall. According to Allen Clendaniel, a lawyer representing the school district, Mall was put on leave for numerous reasons under the general umbrella of "incompetence." Among her reported infractions were using foul language in front of students, being argumentative with staff, and sharing a photograph of her teenage son's genitals with coworkers.

Jan. 17 - The borough assembly held a meeting Jan. 11 to approve of two tail insurance policies for the Wrangell Medical Center to cover something that happened in the past, but had consequences that only become apparent in the future. The assembly approved of two tail insurance policies. The first was in the amount of a total of \$53,554. The second was a continuous professional liability policy protecting the liability of hospital operations, for a one-time payment of \$60,280.

Jan. 24 - Water levels in Swan and Tyee lakes were a hot topic at an assembly meeting. Mayor Steve Prysunka gave a presentation to the borough assembly, informing them that Wrangell might be facing power supply issues in the future. He explained that there are three communities in question with this looming issue: Wrangell, Petersburg, and Ketchikan. Ketchikan gets most of its power from Swan Lake, while the power plant at Tyee supplies Wrangell and Petersburg. However, extra power from Tyee Lake can be sold to Ketchikan, when it is available. Prysunka said that the Southeast Alaska Power Agency has oversold power from Tyee, and has put Wrangell and Petersburg in danger of having to switch to diesel power.

Jan. 31 - Harbor Light Assembly of God held its 20th annual men's game dinner on Jan. 27. About 200 Wrangell men and boys attended the event, and were treated to a dinner of 300 pounds of ribs, 90 pounds of chicken, six Cajun fried turkeys, and numerous sides and desserts. People also got to enjoy door prizes, raffles, and plenty of hunting and fishing stories.

February

Feb. 7 - 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.

Feb. 14 - The gym at Evergreen Elementary School was



COURTESY OF AMBER AL-HADDAD

Jewelry making class at the library

The Irene Ingle Public Library hosted a jewelry making class Dec. 28, as part of a series of events hosted to give Wrangell youth activities to do over their holiday break. Pictured here (clockwise, from the bottom) is Amber Gifford, Kia Bylow, Molly Smith-Greiner, Laura Massin, Seanne Smith, William Massin, Hannah Bunes, Hannah Bylow, and Jozlyn Privett.

packed as teachers, parents, friends, and students from across the school district congregated to say goodbye to a member of their community. Kindergarten teacher Matt Nore left Wrangell last week with the National Guard, on deployment to Kuwait. This is his fourth deployment with the Guard, Nore said, and he will be gone until February of 2020.

Feb. 21 - The Southeast Alaska Power Agency held a teleconference on Feb. 15, to discuss the ongoing power issues in the region. The lights are usually kept on in the cities of Wrangell and Petersburg via hydropower from Tyee Lake. Due to unusually dry weather, Tyee Lake has not been able to refill adequately, and SEAPA recently reported that there was



COURTESY OF SUSAN CALLBREATH

Stikine Auto Works, on Peninsula Street, caught fire the afternoon of March 1. The Wrangell Fire Department put the fire out within half an hour, and determined it to be an accident. Nobody was injured, but the interior of the shop was burned in several areas.

not enough power to go around. In response, Wrangell and Petersburg are using diesel power to help solve "peaking" issues, as the demand from the two communities exceeds Tyee's supply. Ketchikan has switched to diesel as well to pay back the power SEAPA oversold them.

Feb. 28 - Elizabeth Peratrovich, was recently remembered in an assembly at Wrangell High School last Tuesday. Students attending the assembly listened to songs performed by the Evergreen Elementary third grade class, as well as learned about the story of Elizabeth Peratrovich. High school student Jade Balansag presented a

slideshow about her to the school.

March

Mar. 7 - Kyle Freeberg has been with the Alaska Wildlife Troopers for two years. He's been stationed in Fairbanks since joining. Freeberg said that he is moving to Wrangell because it was time to find a new station. There were several things that appealed to Freeberg and his family. He and his wife have always wanted to live on the coast and said that several wildlife troopers in other Southeast Alaskan towns have fallen in love with their communities and never plan to leave.



PHOTO BY CALEB VIERKANT/ WRANGELL SENTINEL

Work began on clearing land for Wrangell's new hospital this month. The new Wrangell Medical Center, located next to the SEARHC AICS Clinic, will be approximately 44,500 square feet in size and is projected to cost \$30 million.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, January 2: Tucker Gillen, Ryan Robinson, Joan Benjamin, Justin Barker, Earnest Harvey, Jim Bailey, John Maxand, *Anniversary:* Dan and Twyla Nore. **Friday, January 3:** Evelyn Hammock, Eliza Feudner, Kyler Nore, Devan Nore, Jacquie Dozier, Wes Ingram, McKenna Harding, Archie Young. *Anniversary:* Tyman & Beth Comstock. **Saturday, January 4:** Justin Rusaw. *Anniversary:* Butch & Jackie Wenderoth. **Sunday, January 5:** Jeremy Welch, Carolyn Taylor, Logan Ritchie. *Anniversary:* Jordan & Shawna Bunes. **Monday, January 6:** Rod Brown, Ryan Moore, Susan Haggard, Gale Glass. **Tuesday, January 7:** Rilyn Young, Ava Meyerhoff, Teresa Wallace. **Wednesday, January 8:** Leah Liukkonen, Cody Thomassen, Jayden Gillen, Tyla Nelson. **Thursday, January 9:** Sarah Mason, Chris McMurren, Delton Claggett, Glenn Smith. **Friday, January 10:** Ridge Powers, Shane Legg-Privett, Margo Walker-Scott, Lysie Powers.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, January 2

Beef Pot Pie, Spinach, Honey Orange Salad.

Friday, January 3

Baked White Fish, Carrots, Fruit Slaw, Boiled Potatoes

Monday, January 6

Beef Stew with Vegetables, Broccoli, Cauliflower Toss, Biscuit.

Tuesday, January 7

Lasagna, Steamed Carrots, Zucchini Salad, Garlic Toast.

Wednesday, January 8

Baked Chicken, Mexicali, Green Beans, Spice Fruit Cup, Rice

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

Friday, January 3

Matanuska, 5:15 p.m.

Friday, January 10

Matanuska, 7:45 p.m.

Friday, January 17

Matanuska, 4:45 p.m.

Friday, January 24

Matanuska, 7:45 p.m.

Friday, January 31

Matanuska, 4:45 p.m.

Friday, February 7

Matanuska, 6:45 p.m.

Southbound

Monday, January 6

Matanuska, 08:00 a.m.

Monday, January 13

Matanuska, 07:30 a.m.

Monday, January 20

Matanuska, 08:00 a.m.

Monday, January 27

Matanuska, 07:30 a.m.

Monday, February 3

Matanuska, 6:30 a.m.

Monday, February 10

Matanuska, 6:30 a.m.

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



TIDES January 2- January 9

High Tides

Low Tides

	AM		PM		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
January 02	05:49	13.2	05:43	11.6	11:36	5.2	11:44	3.1
January 03	06:44	13.3	07:01	11.1	.....	.....	12:42	4.8
January 04	07:40	13.6	08:18	11.1	00:39	3.9	01:52	4.0
January 05	08:33	14.3	09:24	11.6	01:40	4.4	02:58	2.9
January 06	09:21	15.0	10:21	12.4	02:42	4.7	03:54	1.5
January 07	10:07	15.8	11:11	13.3	03:41	4.5	04:42	0.2
January 08	10:50	16.6	11:56	14.0	04:32	4.2	05:25	-1.1
January 09	11:32	17.3	.....	.....	05:18	3.8	06:04	2.2

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

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: Monday-Friday 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.

January 1, 1920

The people of Wrangell enjoyed a rare treat Saturday night when a wonderful program of Northland adventure scenics by Richard Suratt was presented at the Rex theater.

The first number was a trip to Le Conte glacier showing several views that were surprisingly beautiful. These glacier pictures were in blue-tone pink, the coloring having been done in the great Gaumont laboratory in New York City. It was a genuine tribute to Mr. Suratt's skill when a Wrangell audience, who knows Le Conte glacier so well, applauded his pictures because they were so beautiful and so true to nature.

All persons in the audience who had ever made the voyage up the Stickine had pleasant memories recalled when some of the amazing views of scenic grandeur along this wonderful stream were flashed on the screen.

January 5, 1945

Mason and families of Eastern Star members were guests Tuesday night at a public installation of officers held by Wrangell Chapter No. 11, OES. Officers installed for the ensuing year were: Worthy Matron, Lempi Fykerude; Associate Matron, Irene Coulter; Associate Patron, Olaf Hansen; Conductress, Helen Angerman, Secretary, Valborg Coulter; Treasurer, Doris Barnes; Marshal, Marjorie Thornquist; Organist, Dorothy Ottesen; Warder, Esther Johnson. Sentinel, Gus Johnson; Adah, May Gartley; Ruth, Helen Wells; Esther, Bertha Hansen; Martha, Helen Clements; and Electa, Inga Carlson. Sister Valborg Coulter was installing officer, assisted by Doris Barnes, installing chaplain and Edna Sinclair, installing marshal.

Following the installation ceremonies, clam chowder, made from clams sent to the

chapter by Mrs. Frances Handy, was served by Marjorie Thornquist, Esther Johnson, and Doris Barnes. During the serving of the refreshments, Leonard Campbell acted as toastmaster, welcoming the guests and expressing congratulations to the outgoing officers for their work and cooperation in the past year. Retiring Worthy Matron Valborg Coulter was presented with the past matron's pin.

January 8, 1970

The Wrangell station of the State Troopers is to be shut down, according to Sgt. Ralph Shaffer of the State Troopers in Ketchikan.

Shaffer said another trooper will be assigned to Wrangell as soon as personnel are available. He said troopers from Ketchikan will periodically visit Wrangell to keep up the judicial procedures. Shaffer said anyone needing trooper assistance should call the office in Ketchikan.

January 5, 1995

Wrangell's annual hoop shoot, sponsored by Wrangell Elks, will be Saturday morning in the Community Center gym.

A first step toward winning the national contest, the local

hoop shoot will be decided between boys and girls. Contestants are divided into three age categories, determined by a child's age on April 1.

Regional winners will go to the national contest in Indianapolis.

Saturday is the preliminary round. The top six contestants in each group will advance to the finals, scheduled for Jan. 14. The top three finishers there will receive trophies at Wrangell High School games the following week on Jan. 20. Alaska's entries in regional competition are chosen based on their scores at local finals.



A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

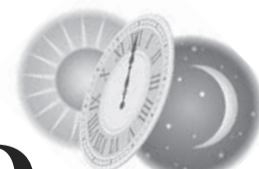
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Showtimes:
Fri. Jan. 03 - Sun. Jan. 05
@ 7pm



Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Dec. 23	39	33
Dec. 24	37	33
Dec. 25	41	35
Dec. 26	41	37
Dec. 27	43	36
Dec. 28	43	36
Dec. 29	45	37
Dec. 30	44	42



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Jan. 02	8:19a	3:25p	07:06h
Jan. 03	8:19a	3:26p	07:07h
Jan. 04	8:18a	3:27p	07:09h
Jan. 05	8:18a	3:29p	07:11h
Jan. 06	8:17a	3:30p	07:13h
Jan. 07	8:17a	3:31p	07:14h
Jan. 08	8:16a	3:33p	07:17h
Jan. 09	8:15a	3:35p	07:20h

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Mar. 14 - After two intense games against the Petersburg Lady Vikings and Metlakatla Miss Chiefs, the Wrangell Lady Wolves claimed victory in the ASAA Region V championship. This is the first time in 25 years that the Lady Wolves have taken first place in regionals, according to the Region V website. The last time the Lady Wolves won the regional tournament was in 1994, back when Wrangell was a 3A school. Coach Laurie Brown said that it was an amazing experience to take the regional title, but all the credit belongs to the girls on her team. She said their work ethic and skills on and off the court are exceptional.

Mar. 21- Bob Dalrymple said he first became interested in forestry when he was in the Boy Scouts. It was a fairly linear career trajectory. He said he knew what he wanted to do since high school. In 1982 he came to Southeast Alaska for seasonal work, and fell in love with the area. Dalrymple has served as Wrangell's district ranger since 2010. However, after 39 years of work, he has decided it's time to retire. His retirement became official back in January but the community threw a big retirement party for him last week-

end.

Mar. 28 - The Coast Guard flew into town last Friday to show off some rescue maneuvers to a crowd of curious on-lookers. They dropped swimmers into the water, between City Dock and the Nolan Center, and demonstrated how to rescue them with a rope as well as a basket. The Coast Guard also trained with The Wrangell Fire Department, search and rescue, and Alaska Crossings on how to raise and lower a basket up to a hovering helicopter. Afterwards, they landed on the dock to give the public a chance to talk with the pilots and rescuers, and get a closer look at the helicopter.

April

April 4 - The Wrangell Cooperative Association, the local organization dedicated to supporting Alaska Natives, held an election for new tribal council members March 25. Board members are elected by tribal members of the WCA. Five people have been chosen for the council this year, according to results released on the WCA's Facebook page: Christie Jamieson, Michelle Jenkins, Cori Robinson, Richard Oliver, and Lu Knapp.

April 11 - The cruise season has officially opened in

Wrangell. The Wilderness Adventurer, of UnCruise Adventures, docked early on the morning of April 9. According to Economic Development Director Carol Rushmore, the city saw about 16,000 tourists from cruise ships in 2018. This year, there will be an estimated 20,000 cruise ship tourists coming to Wrangell.

April 18 - Many people came out the morning of April 13, to participate in the Wrangell Community Clean-Up. Both individuals and local organizations participated in picking up trash wherever it could be found. Wrangell Resident Paula Rak and the Wrangell Cooperative Association IGAP Department organized the event, and also put together a big lunch for all the volunteers after the clean-up was complete.

April 25 - The third Helping Our Parks Project, according to Wrangell Parks and Recreation Director Kate Thomas, was a huge success. The HOP Project is an annual event organized by the parks and rec department, where volunteers come out to parks around Wrangell and help with cleaning and upkeep. Thomas said that they saw 61 volunteers at Volunteer Park Saturday morning. Approximately 211 hours of work were



PHOTO BY CALEB VIERKANT/ WRANGELL SENTINEL

A disaster drill was held at the Wrangell airport. This is a triennial event, according to Airport Manager Willie Bloom, to see how prepared the city's emergency services and medical professionals are for an actual emergency. Pictured here is Jordan Bunes (left) checking on Loretta Rice (right), one of the "walking wounded" volunteers for the drill.

donated by volunteers.

May

May 2 - Virginia Tulley moved to Wrangell in late July of 2018, to take on the position as principal of Evergreen Elementary School. Coming from Arizona, she has worked in a variety of teaching positions before the move to Alaska. Coming here was a bit of an adventure but after one school year, Tulley decided to put in her resignation. Tulley said that she will finish up her contract through the end of the school year, but afterwards plans to move back to Arizona. There were some unspecified medical reasons, she said, but the main reason she decided to leave was because she missed her family.

May 9 - Lean times are ahead for the Wrangell School District,

according to the budget that was adopted on April 30. The FY 2020 budget has about \$6.34 million in expenses. As far as revenues go, the school district is looking to break even with \$6.34 million coming into the school system. Superintendent Debbe Lancaster said that they are asking for \$616,689 from the City and Borough of Wrangell for the 2020 budget, which she said was the minimum contribution they could make.

May 16 - With the recent resignation of Principal Tulley, Evergreen Elementary School has found itself in need of new leadership. However, the budget does not allow for the hiring of a new principal, according to Superintendent

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Police report

December 23

Agency assist: TSA.

Agency assist: Harbor Department.

December 24

Noise complaint.

Intoxicated person.

Traffic complaint: Verbal warning.

Traffic: Stranded vehicle.

December 25

86'd letter.

Report of theft.

Courtesy transport.

December 26

Nothing to report.

December 27

Traffic/citizen assist: Report of truck losing its tire.

Subpoena service.

Traffic: Report of speeders.

Welfare check: Everything is good.

December 28

Suspicious circumstance: Alarm.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for headlights.

Disorderly conduct.

December 29

Agency assist: Hoonah Police Department.

During this reporting period there were three calls for EMS.

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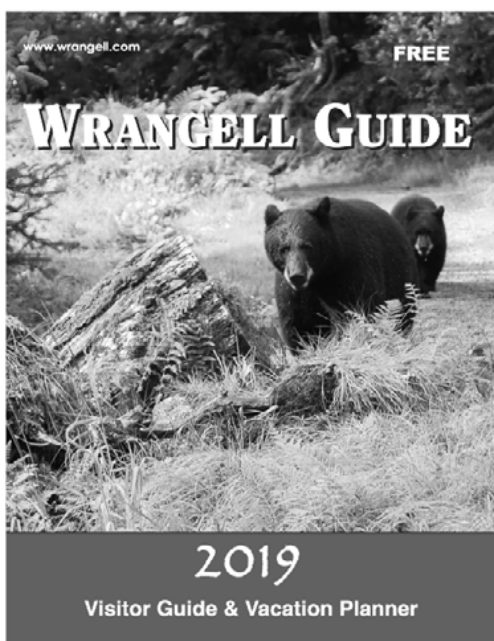
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 Debbe Lancaster. In response, the school board determined that a new leadership position was required. The board met in a special meeting May 10, to officially create an "Assistant Principal/Head Teacher" position. The district also determined to offer this position to Jennifer Miller.

May 23 - Wrangell High School was packed with students, family, and friends of the class of 2019 last Friday night. Another school year had come to a close, and so had the high school careers of 16 seniors. The school's commons was filled with poster boards covered in pictures of the graduating students, and the gym was decorated in school colors and filled with extra seating.

May 30 - The Wrangell Borough Assembly held a long meeting May 28. There were various proposed amendments to Wrangell's water management strategy. The water watch has three stages, one to three, that the city can declare depending on how low water levels become. The water department recommended that a stage one water watch be declared "when the Upper Reservoir stops overflowing across the spillway." Stage two would be declared

"when a Stage I level exists and the average production levels have increased to a sustained 720,000 gallons per day." Stage three would be recommended "when it becomes necessary to clean three filters a week, or when maintaining or recovering storage tank levels becomes problematic or impossible."

June

June 6 - A groundbreaking ceremony was held next to the AICS clinic on Wood Street May 30, signifying the official beginning of construction of Wrangell's new hospital. The new medical center, which will connect with the existing clinic, will be roughly 45,000 square feet and built by Dawson Construction. Wold Architects and Engineers completed the designs for the hospital in January, and the plan is to have it built and ready to receive residents by January 2021.

June 13 - After traveling to Petersburg two weeks ago, the Wrangell little league and softball programs hosted a series of home games at Volunteer Park, as teams from Petersburg visited Wrangell. There were five games in all: Two softball games, and three baseball.

June 20 - The carcass of a gray whale was reported floating between Wrangell and Channel Is-



PHOTO BY CALEB VIERKANT/ WRANGELL SENTINEL

(Right to left) Greg Roberts, Tory Houser, and Kate Savage work to get a sample from the stomach of a gray whale, which washed up onto a beach on Wrangell Island early last June.

land, in the eastern passage. According to Kate Savage, with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, her organization heard about the whale early June 15.

June 27- One of the most highly anticipated events in Wrangell's Fourth of July celebration is the Chuck Oliver Logging Show. The contest harkens back to Wrangell's days as an important part of the timber industry in Southeast Alaska. Formed in 1975 by Chuck

Oliver, who was then working with Alaska Lumber & Pulp, the logging show drew people from all over to Wrangell. The Oliver family has participated in the organizing of the competition off-and-on since it was first started, Randy Oliver said. However, part of the logging show's tradition will come to a close this year. Chuck passed away in March, at the age of 90-years-old. Randy said that this, the

45th annual logging show, would be his last.

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School News

Riley Blatchley made the Dean's List for the 2019 Fall Semester at the University of Hawaii Hilo. Riley is a 2019 graduate of Wrangell High School and is pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering.



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Magic Show

Irene Ingle Library hosted a magic show last week. "Stranger Things by Rondoc Magic" drew a crowd of 55 people, according to Library Director Margaret Villarma. Pictured here is Dr. Myron Fribush (AKA Rondoc the magician) teaching kids a few of his tricks.



Understanding the First Amendment is key to protecting our free society.



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Lady Wolves host volleyball alumni game

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Lady Wolves' player Kendra Meissner serving the ball during last week's alumni volleyball game.

The Lady Wolves volleyball team hosted an alumni game last Monday, Dec. 23. The volleyball team officially ended their season back in November after competing in regionals. The alumni game is a long-standing tradition for the team to close out the year, testing their skills against former players and other community volunteers.

The evening opened with a hard fight by both teams. In the first game, the alumni team managed to take an early lead, but were quickly passed by the Lady Wolves. The game was marked by both teams staying neck-and-neck with their scores up until the very end. The game was tied 21-21 when the alumni team finally managed to pull ahead. The final score was 23-25, a win for the alumni team. The second game was another win for the alumni team, who claimed a narrow lead early on and held it through the whole game.

The third game was much like the first, with both teams staying close to each other in their scores. The alumni team took the lead first, but were overtaken by the Lady Wolves shortly after. While both teams continued to rack up points, the high schoolers were able to maintain their lead. The final score was 25-21, a win for the Lady Wolves.

The fourth game went to the alumni team. The Lady Wolves scored first, but like all the previous games, it was a hard fight. Near the end, however, the alumni team pulled ahead and managed to claim victory, with a score of 13-15. Having then won three out of five games, the alumni team claimed overall victory.



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Helen Decker was one of the younger players on the alumni team in last week's volleyball game. She graduated from Wrangell High School last year.

Busy weekend for Wolves at Clarke Cochrane tournament

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

While most people take days between Christmas and New Year's as an opportunity to rest and gear up for a return to work or school, the Wrangell Wolves stayed busy by competing in the Clarke Cochrane Christmas Classic. This is a basketball tournament held in Ketchikan annually, that draws in many schools from across Alaska and from out of state.

Things didn't go very well for the Wolves, Coach Cody

Angerman said in a Facebook post on Sunday, Dec. 29, but it was a good learning experience for the team and they found several areas they can work to improve on.

Wrangell's first game was against Monroe Catholic High School, of Fairbanks, on Dec. 27 evening. Monroe demonstrated a strong defensive game, as well as a fast offense. The Wolves were several points behind after the first quarter, 22-6 in favor of Monroe. The distance between the two scores only grew as the



Trevor Miller

game went on, 42-16 in the second quarter and 56-23 in the third. Wrangell saw a bit of a comeback in the fourth quarter, almost doubling their points. However, it was not

enough to catch up with Monroe. The final score was 74-41, a loss for the Wolves.

After this loss, the Wolves played against Craig High School. Angerman said that this was a kind of different team than the Craig they've played against in the past. According to Jenn Miller-Yancey, the final score for that game was 48-59, a win for the Wolves.

Wrangell's third and final game was against Lathrop High School of Fairbanks. Being a 4A school, Angerman said that their team had a large pool of players to work with. He pointed out that they had fast guards, and Wrangell was outmanned for the game. Sam Allen, with the Ketchikan Daily News, said the final

score was 71-41 in favor of Lathrop.

One spot of good news for the team was that one of their players, Trevor Miller, was named to the All-Tournament team. This means that he was one of the top 10 players for the whole tournament. Angerman said that moving forward, the team is going to focus on getting rebounds and avoiding turnovers. These are some weak spots that became apparent in the tournament, he said.

The Wolves will be hosting an alumni game at the high school gym this Friday evening. Dinner will be at 6 p.m., followed by the game at 7 p.m.

They will be traveling next week, Jan. 10 and 11, for a game against Metlakatla.

CVB discusses tourism best management practices

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Wrangell's Convention and Visitor Bureau met last Monday, Dec. 23, to continue their ongoing work on putting together a "tourism best management practices" document for the city. This conversation began back in November. A growing tourism industry in Wrangell has highlighted the need for some form of guidelines, as well as concerns about how future tourism might impact the community's day-to-day life. Tourism best management practices, or TBMPs, are a way to help ease friction between tourism related companies and the wider public.

"Juneau and other communities are doing this, and it's been a way to have a real positive effect for both tourists, but it's more for local residents," said Brenda Schwartz-Yeager. "Juneau's been doing it for 20-some years really successfully."

In previous meetings on the topic, Economic Development Director Carol Rushmore said that they were basing Wrangell's own TBMP document off of Juneau's. Juneau's TBMP document for 2019, which can be found online, lays out guidelines for all tour operators and other tourism-related businesses to follow. These range from agreements to keep the streets outside of businesses clean, to being courteous

with the use of parking spaces, to limiting engine idling time. The guidelines also allow for other people, be they fellow business people or city residents, to voice complaints if there is a problem. Juneau's document is 36 pages long. The bureau agreed that a TBMP document for Wrangell did not need to be so long or extensive. Much of the discussion revolved around what items could potentially be added or expanded upon.

"I don't really think we've had that many complaints to be quite honest with you," Rushmore said. "So I don't think we want to go overboard and make something an issue if it's not an issue."

One of the bigger topics discussed was parking around Mt. Dewey, Petroglyph Beach, and other popular tourist spots in town. Another issue the bureau brought up was idling jet boats. Tour boats come up to city dock to pick up and drop off passengers, and will keep the engine running while doing so. However, keeping the engine idling can create a current out from the dock that can make it challenging for other boats to pull up to the floats easily. Yeager also added that she would like to see something in the document regarding boating etiquette when traveling up and down the Stikine River.

Work on these tourism best management practices is still ongoing.

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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH Fisheries columnist

Some of Alaska's biggest fisheries get underway starting January 1

Alaska's seafood industry will be "open for business" starting January 1 when some of the biggest fisheries get underway long before the start of the first salmon runs in mid-May.

Cod will begin it all in the Bering Sea, which has a 305.5 million pound catch quota, down about a million pounds from 2019. Less than 6 million pounds of codfish will come out of the Gulf.

A 400,000 Tanner crab fishery at Kodiak starting on January 15 will be helpful to a town whose economic bottom line will be badly battered by the Gulf cod crash.

But it will be the opening of Alaska pollock on January 20 that will keep Kodiak's processing workforce on the job, along

with many other Gulf and Bering Sea communities.

The Gulf of Alaska pollock catch took a slide to about 250 million pounds, a drop of more than 57 million pounds from 2019. Conversely, the Bering Sea will produce over three billion pounds of Alaska pollock this year, a 2% increase.

Mid-January is also around the time when Bering Sea crabbers will get serious about pulling up snow crab. That quota is nearly 34 million pounds, a 24 percent increase from last season.

Southeast Alaska crabbers will drop pots for golden king crab and Tanner crab on February 17. In recent years, those harvests have been in the 76,000 and one million pound range,

respectively.

Halibut fisheries will open to more than 2,000 Alaska longliners in March. Catches will be announced by the International Pacific Halibut Commission in early February.

Also coming in the spring - roe herring fisheries with some jaw dropping harvests. At Sitka Sound, a catch quota of 25,824 tons is double the 2019 limit when the fishery was called off for the first time in decades due to the small size of the fish. Managers predict heftier herring next spring, saying the forecasted 2020 age-4 herring population is "extremely high."

"The 2020 forecast is larger than the estimated 2019 mature biomass of 130,738 tons and is greater than any forecast previ-

ously estimated for Sitka Sound herring," said a release by the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game.

At Alaska's biggest roe herring fishery at Togiak in Bristol Bay, a whopping 38,749 ton harvest is forecasted.

Up next for the state Board of Fisheries is Kodiak, where it will meet January 11-14. The seven member board sets the rules for subsistence, commercial, sport, and personal use fisheries and takes up issues by region every three years. Thirty-six Kodiak proposals are on the docket.

Murkowski: Name it or no sale - Makers of Frankenfish have changed their tune now that labeling their product is about to become law.

In a \$1.4 trillion appropriations bill passed by

Congress two weeks ago to avoid another government shutdown, Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski slipped in a rider that will require "a clear, text-based label" that tells customers they are buying "genetically engineered" fish.

The manmade fish, first created in 1989 by Massachusetts-based Aqua Bounty Technologies, replaces a growth hormone gene in Atlantic salmon with one from a Pacific Chinook, and combines it with antifreeze proteins from an ocean pout, giving it the ability to survive in near-freezing waters. The tweak enables the GM salmon to grow year-round, nearly three times faster than normal fish. The salmon are

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Public Hearing - Proposed Critical Habitat for Humpback Whales

NOAA Fisheries will be holding a public hearing in **Petersburg on January 6th** to solicit public input on a proposed rule to designate critical habitat for humpback whales under the Endangered Species Act. The hearing will be held in **the Borough Assembly Chambers** (12 South Nordic Drive, Petersburg, Alaska 99833) from **4- 7 pm**.

For more information on this proposed rule or instructions on how to access the hearing remotely, please contact Lisa Manning (lisa.manning@noaa.gov).

City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska NOTICE INVITING BIDS CITY DOCK SUMMER FLOAT PROCUREMENT

Notice is hereby given that the City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska will receive sealed bids for the purchase of a 10' x 130' Float for the Wrangell City Dock. The Work consists of all activities necessary to construct and delivery the float as described in the contract documents. The Borough's estimate for the float is approximately \$50,000-\$60,000.

Sealed bids will be received by the City and Borough of Wrangell, Post Office Box 531, Wrangell, Alaska 99929, or located at the Borough Clerk's Office, 205 Brueger Street, Wrangell, Alaska 99929, until 2:00 PM prevailing time on January 21, 2020, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

Complete bidding/contract documents for this project are available in electronic form only. Printed copies of the bid documents are not available from the Owner. The contract documents may also be downloaded from the Borough's website, www.wrangell.com, under the Bids and RFP's section. Downloading contract documents from the Borough's website requires registration with the Borough Clerk to be placed on the Plan Holders List and to ensure receipt of subsequent Addenda. Failure to register may adversely affect your proposal. It is the Offeror's responsibility to insure they have received all Addenda affecting this project. To be registered, contact the Borough Clerk at 907-874-2381 or at clerk@wrangell.com.

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Puzzle answers from Dec.26 Edition



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Salvation Army raises thousands in Wrangell and Petersburg

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Along with the lights, the trees and carolers, the Salvation Army's red Christmas kettles are a very common sight during the holiday season. Standing in front of stores and on street corners, volunteers accept donations for the Salvation Army with ringing bells and the iconic red buckets. The Christmas kettles are a century-old tradition, according to the Salvation Army's website. In 1891, Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee organized a fundraiser, where people could throw money into a large iron kettle, to put together a Christmas dinner for the needy in San Francisco. From those beginnings, the red kettles have become one of the

most iconic fundraising missions of the Salvation Army. The tradition continues across the country to this day.

In two Southeast Alaska communities, Petersburg and Wrangell, this past Christmas season saw thousands of dollars raised.

Petersburg

Major Loni Upshaw, with the Salvation Army in Petersburg, said that they received a total of \$17,130.54 in red kettle donations this year. All of this money will be staying in the Petersburg community, to aid in the Salvation Army's social service programs.

"This is all bell ringing, and it's \$3,000 more than last year," Maj. Loni said.

She added that it was not just monetary donations that came in this holiday season. There were many toy donations, too. The Petersburg Salvation Army was able to gather together toys for 45 children in total. One generous donor gave enough toys for 20 children alone, she said. Along with toys, there were also many food donations. She pointed out the Petersburg Lutheran Church, in particular, for donating holiday turkeys.

"We can only do what we do because of the community," she said.

Wrangell

In Wrangell, the Salvation Army also saw lots of generosity over the holiday season. Ac-



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Messmer family wins Christmas decorating contest

The Messmer family was a first-place finisher for the chamber of commerce's annual Christmas decorating contest. The contest was for homeowners and Wrangell businesses. Pictured here is the Messmer home on Christmas eve. Other winners include the Pullman family in second place, and the Mork family in third. Business winners are Groundswell, 56 Degrees North, and Tongass Federal Credit Union.

cording to Lieutenant Jon Tollerud, Wrangell's new corps officer, the red kettles brought in \$10,469. This is the total as of Dec. 26, he said, as donations are still coming in via the mail. He added that they also received a large amount of food donations, worth approximately \$6,200. On top of that, he said that they gave Christmas dinner baskets to 60 families this holiday season, and 68 Wrangell children also received gifts from them.

"Our Christmas was great!" he said in a Facebook message.

To learn more about the Salvation Army, visit www.salva-

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grown at a land based facility in Indiana.

The labeling rule is a final hurdle for AquaBounty to sell its salmon in the U.S. The push has been two decades in the making; with approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 2015 the "AquaAdvantage" fish now is set to go to market by late 2020.

AquaBounty called Murkowski's push for labeling "vague" and "unnecessary" and said it was a "misguided attempt to single out a small, innovative company to protect special interests," adding in a release that the rider only benefits "Chilean and Norwegian companies that currently export more Atlantic salmon to the U.S. than any American company produces."

That's a change of tune from October when AquaBounty embraced the Frankenfish name at a conference in Washington, DC, likening it to the Frankenstein monster in the book written in 1817, and calling opponents an "uneducated mob" that "didn't understand the benefits of the science."

Then, company CEO Sylvia Wulf applauded the push for labeling.

"We think that's really good news for us. The market will be awash in so many bioengineered products, customers won't focus on our fish," Wulf said at the time, adding "buyers are already lined up to get it."

That sounds like a tough sell.

Nearly 2 million Americans opposed the FDA's approval of Frankenfish and 60 major grocery chains with 9,000 locations pledged not to sell it, including Safeway, Kroger, and Target.

Meanwhile, Jeremy Woodrow, director of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, said it's just another type of farmed fish.

"Honestly, here at ASMI we see that as just another farmed seafood product, and we've been competing against farmed salmon in the marketplace for several decades now. Wild, natural, sustainable - those are attributes that really only apply to Alaska salmon, wild-harvested salmon and that sets us apart in the marketplace, and those are the attributes that we'll continue to sell to customers."

In a touch of irony, while AquaBounty plans to expand its sales to China and South America, it has no plans to pitch its Frankenfish to Europe because of "their anti-GM leanings."

Bristol Bay goes galactic! The famed Nushagak and Mulchatna Rivers are now named in the cosmos as an intergalactic star and exoplanet (planets that are outside of our solar system that revolve around other stars instead of the sun).

The International Astronomical Union chose the names that were submitted by Ivory Adajar, a Bristol Bay fisherman and member of the Curyung Tribal Council. Adajar's winning entries topped a field of nearly 900 entries in the competition and were announced in Paris on December 17.

She chose the name Nushagak for a star and Mulchatna for an exoplanet, Adajar said, "after earth's greatest wild salmon river ecosystems that resemble the nature of the exoplanet's orbit," she told the Cordova Times, adding, "Our wild salmon are known for their wiggly, eccentric paths out to the ocean and back to fresh water. We might not have this natural habitat and rich fisheries in the future but we can have the star and exoplanet in honor of Alaska's rich salmon culture and heritage."

"After winning this great honor," she added, "I plan to use it as a platform to help educate youth and others about our beautiful starry sky above and the rich natural ecology of our Earth below."



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