



Hospital and water rates may rise, Assembly hires new manager

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

With the department heads scrambling to put forward budgets before the month's end, talks of rates and spending seemed inevitable at the City and Borough Assembly's Tuesday evening meeting.

High up on its agenda was a continued discussion of the city's residential and commercial water rates, which have fallen well behind covering costs. In light of looming supply problems being dealt with (see water plant story), significant capital investments ahead with a new plant, and prospective growth with development at the Institute and former mill sites, every penny counts for the water enterprise fund.

At the past several meetings, interim city manager Carol Rushmore presented Assembly members with an assessment of rates charged to local water users, prepared by city accounting and public works staff. What they found is that relatively speaking, the break-even rate of consumption varies between categories.

The break-even point for residential consumption, for example, which is unmetered and charges a flat \$40.75 monthly rate, is at just under 10,000 gallons of water. Less than that and the city makes some amount of profit, but higher consumption means the city begins to lose money.

Commercial rates can be starker, such as for high-volume metered users. For large commercial users a \$401.67 monthly base rate begins to climb once usage passes a 500,000-gallon threshold. But well before that point the city's break-even is at 119,565 gallons, meaning the city loses increasingly more money on production the more water gets used.

"Right now when you look at our rates, they're way off kilter. We're giving our water away," Rushmore commented.

Finance director Lee Burgess explained there are difficulties in figuring total cost to produce that go beyond the water plant. Much of Wrangell's water infrastructure has been funded and maintained through state or federal assistance, either through grants, loans or direct appropriations.

When the city's last water rate study was conducted, rate adjustments were formulated with the anticipation such grants and other supplementary funding would continue to contribute toward upkeep and maintenance projects. A recommended increase based on these figures was rolled out in five-percent annual increments over five years, concluding in the summer of 2015.

In short, rates have been kept artificially low over the years, and while the water fund has largely been able to make ends meet operationally, additional funding to be set aside for future projects has not been accrued. In the face of diminished state and federal funding availability, the current rate structure thus poses a significant problem. A similar situation ongoing with the harbor facilities fund prompted the Port Commission last year to approve its own overdue adjustment to public moorage and storage rates, one which would begin setting aside money for deferred maintenance.

At the Assembly's request, a proposed change to the water rate schedule was prepared by staff, envisioning incremental increases to unmetered, flat rates for commercial and residential users, and an adjusted schedule for metered users. Under the recommended schedule, flat rates for metered commercial use would apply to the first 4,000 or 5,000 gallons before increasing per 1,000 gallons. For large commercial users, this drop



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

With queen candidates Haley Davis and Charley Seddon in front, competition organizers and team managers Mikki Angerman, Megan Talburt, Michelle Jenkins, Brooke Bartz, Scott Seddon and Cyni Waddington get ready to kick off the run-up to July 4. Food and ticket sales begin June 1 and go on throughout the month.

Queen candidates announced for 2017 Fourth festivities

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A pair of high schoolers announced plans to run for the crown in this year's Fourth of July Royalty competition.

Each spring the competition raises funds for Wrangell's Independence Day celebrations, with royalty candidates holding fundraisers and selling tickets. Last year's competition between Kyla Teat and Alex Angerman broke records, with the pair selling 126,408 tickets.

Thirty percent of what contestants raise goes back to them as a scholarship, helping to pay for college or some other form of higher education. A percentage also goes back to the candidates' campaign managers, usually a parent, sibling or family friend.

Vying to be queen this year are school junior Charley Seddon and senior classman Haley Davis.

A resident of Wrangell for 12 years, after graduating this summer Davis will be going into the medical field, and plans to enlist in the Army.

"I think I want to go into nursing and more into medicine. It's something I'm passionate about doing," she explained. "I love doing trauma, I just love medicine. I love learning how to take care of people, and different things that can happen, and I can see myself doing it for the rest of my life."

Eventually she wants to take those skills and pursue a career as an Army medic.

Though busy this year with sports and her final semester of classes, Davis explained she wanted to run in the royalty competition to help pay back her community.

"The community has played a huge role – the whole time that I've lived here, they've helped out tremendously. With sports – when my parents passed away – they helped with everything. Without them I wouldn't have been able to go out on sports trips and do everything I like to do. I think it'd be right to give back," she said. "That's my end message to everyone, thank you to absolutely everyone for all the support they will be giving and have gave."

Assisted by teacher Michelle Jenkins as her food manager and Megan Talburt as ticket manager, Davis plans to hold a car wash, a carnival for area children, and of course the queen competition food booth at the pavilion on Front Street.

"We're going to take a little bit of a healthier route with our menu," Jenkins explained.

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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.

May 11: Talea Davis, Jeff Petticrew, Jessie Angerman, Tara Campbell.
May 12: Tonnie Fennimore, Jeanna Wittwer; *Anniversary:* Anatoly and Jenia Shashakov, Bob and Debi Prunella, Ken and Lou Davidson, Paul and Erin Allen; **May 13:** Gaven Hunt, Harley Johnson, Bart Churchill, Everly Cook, Troy Kagee, Kyle Hammock, Stone Guggenbickler; *Anniversary:* Joe and Donna Kuntz. **May 14:** Kjell Darek Nore, Jon Abrahamson, Kristofer Maenhout. *Anniversary:* Joe and Pam Stover. **May 15:** Terry Davenport, Michael Reeves, Trista Szeffler, Dusty Wittwer, Dave Dailey, Eliza Villarma, Hunter Wiederspohn, Danika McGee. **May 16:** Sean McDonald; *Anniversary:* Alan and Leslie Cummings. **May 17:** Olin Kagee, Della Demerjian, May Schmohl, Violet Allen, Peighton Royster, Kristin Mill, Brody Hommel, Deenie Rilatos, Lovey Brock. *Anniversary:* Wayne and Dani Easterly. **May 18:** Mena Feudner, Jakob Cox, Toby McCandless.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, May 11

Crispy chicken, mixed veggies, boiled baby red potatoes, fruit slaw

Friday, May 12

Stuffed beef roll, rice, Brussels sprouts, apricot salad

Monday, May 15

Beef noodle casserole, peas, sunshine salad

Tuesday, May 16

Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian blend vegetables, honey orange salad

Wednesday, May 17

Chili with beef and cheese, texas cole slaw, corn bread.

Thursday, May 18

Sweet and sour chicken with rice, carrots, broccoli and cauliflower toss.

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, May 13
Matanuska 10:45 a.m.
Sunday, May 14
Malaspina 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, May 16
Matanuska 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 20
Matanuska 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, May 28
Malaspina 4:00 p.m.

Southbound

Thursday, May 11
Matanuska 9:15 p.m.
Monday, May 15
Matanuska 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 17
Malaspina 5:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 18
Matanuska 11:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 21
Malaspina 4:45 p.m.

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



TIDES TABLE May 11 - May 18

	High Tides				Low Tides			
	AM		PM		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
May 11	1:46	17.1	2:28	15.2	8:01	-1.1	8:00	2.5
May 12	2:17	16.7	3:03	14.8	8:31	-1.0	8:30	3.1
May 13	2:46	16.2	3:37	14.2	9:02	-0.7	9:02	3.7
May 14	3:16	15.6	4:13	13.7	9:36	-0.2	9:36	4.3
May 15	3:47	15.0	4:52	13.1	10:12	0.3	10:16	4.8
May 16	4:23	14.2	5:38	12.7	10:54	0.9	11:05	5.4
May 17	5:07	13.4	6:35	12.5	11:43	1.5
May 18	6:08	12.7	7:42	12.7	0:05	5.6	12:40	2.0

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, May 11

Story Time: 10 a.m. Public Library. Join us for stories, crafts and snacks.

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.

Sunday, May 14

Piano and Violin student recital 3:00 p.m. in the Wrangell high school commons.

Gospel Meeting: Gospel Meeting with Lucas and Don in the Nolan Center classroom. 6:00 p.m.

Singspiration: hosted by St. Rose Catholic Church at 6:30 p.m. Great music, followed by fellowship and refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Monday, May 15

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

Tuesday, May 16

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.

Wednesday, May 17

Pioneers of Alaska Women's Igloo #15: 6:00 pm, Last Meeting of the Summer.

Gospel Meeting: Gospel meeting with Lucas and Don at the Nolan Center Classroom. 7:00p.m

Continuing Events

Is the attendance at your meeting or event low? Call Adrienne at the Sentinel to have it placed here.

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 gChurch 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.

May 19, 1917: Miss Mary Louise Bihler, teacher of primary department of the Wrangell public school, gave an exhibit of the children's work in her room last Friday afternoon. The four walls of the room were covered with written exercises, drawings, free hand cuttings, tablemats, caps, and various other articles made by the children. A number of miniature hammocks made by the different pupils were all so nearly alike, and the weaving so perfectly done, that they looked more like a factory product than the work of school children.

May 22, 1942: Ten Wrangell high school seniors will receive their diplomas at commencement exercises to be held this evening in the high school auditorium. Winding up the school year in the Wrangell schools sheepskins are Betty Binkley, Jane Eyon, Walter Firzibbon, Emmy Lee Forrester, Bernard Iverson, Reginald Johnson, Elizabeth Kee, Barbara Paulson, Clifford Thopson, Lew Williams Jr. Bernard Iverson is Valedictorian of the class and Betty Binkley, Salutatorian.

May 5, 1967: The 1967 slate of Queens was introduced at the kick off dance last Saturday night at the Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall. Margaret Gross, Fourth of July Chairman, introduced Edward B. Rasmuson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, who in

turn introduced the girls and presented them with their tickets. Patty Brinker, sponsored by the National Bank of Alaska, Terry Winslow, Elks Emblem, Peggy Gross, American Legion and Auxiliary, Loretta Stokes, Wrangell Lumber Co., and Paula Norris, Alaska Wood Products Inc. Lorraine Johnson, the reigning queen, drew for the Centennial trip award and the name drawn was that of E. F. Lehman.

May 21, 1992: The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities will hold public hearings to discuss fea-

tures of a new ocean class vessel scheduled to be added to the Alaska Marine Highway System in 1996. The new vessel will replace the Malaspina and run the route of the Tustumena when that vessel is being repaired, according to Richard Ploss, project manager for the Marine Highway System. It will cost about \$75 million he said. The Malaspina was built in 1962 and is one of the oldest vessels in the fleet, Ploss said. It is one of eight ships that serve more than 30 communities along 3,500 miles of Alaska coastline, according to department statistics.

Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
May 2	55	43
May 3	50	38
May 4	54	40
May 5	54	41
May 6	55	41
May 7	56	44
May 8	54	43
Mat 9	57	44

Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
May 11	4:45a	8:45p	16:00h
May 12	4:43a	8:47p	16:04h
May 13	4:41a	8:48p	16:07h
May 14	4:39a	8:50p	16:11h
May 15	4:37a	8:52p	16:15h
May 16	4:35a	8:54p	16:19h
May 17	4:33a	8:56p	16:23h
May 18	4:32a	8:58p	16:26h

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New temporary staff hired for water plant

By DAN RUDY
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Staff numbers have been boosted for Wrangell's ailing water treatment plant this summer in an effort to keep up with increased demand.

Sedimentation has built up over the life of the 18-year-old plant's slow sand filtration system, an increasing weight on efficiency, which last summer resulted in an emergency shortage of treated water. Measures to curb Wrangell's usage were taken as a result, causing some disruption to the water-intensive seafood processors' seasonal operations.

Public Works director Amber Al-Haddad explained the plant was poorly suited to Wrangell's

water supply from the start. Heavily sedimented water from its two reservoirs quickly clogged up the sand layer in the initial stage roughing filters, and periodically bungs up the silicate in the four main filtration bays. As designed, plant staff are supposed to skim and dispose of the topmost layer of the filters' sand, replacing it with new material every few years.

The cost to replace the material has run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars – latest estimates put a full replacement of material at over \$1,000,000 – which likely contributed to the decision to maintain rather than replace the sand. Over the years staff have thus had to modify and make do with the system as

best as it could. Within its first year, Al-Haddad reported the roughing filter's sand layer had to be replaced with stone to reduce clogging. Various methods to stir up and flush sediment from the main bays have also been employed over the years.

"Everything's been modified, or else we're cleaning it in an unconventional way," Al-Haddad said.

Concerned about the plant's ability to perform this year, last month in a special meeting the Borough Assembly approved replacement of the roughing filter with a more recommended model that automatically flushes, as well as new sand for one of the bays. It reversed course on the latter option at a subsequent meeting when it learned the new material would not be delivered in time for the coming summer.

Instead, Assembly members instructed Public Works to take on additional staff devoted to keeping the filters clear over the summer, when water usage is at its highest. Higher usage means faster filtration, and the additional sedimentation build-up that brings. As such, the three-person staff employed to run both the water treatment and sewage treatment plants have in the past been pushed to their limits trying to keep up.

"We have hired four temporary employees," said Al-Haddad. The hires are all local, and are full time. One has been hired for the whole summer, with the others for four to six weeks. "They're already up there working."

Replacing the previous "harrowing disc" method of clearing sediment, which involved partially submerging an ATV in the

filter bays, the new method to clear up clogs staff will be using has been referred to as "plunging." Al-Haddad explained a manifold with four hoses tipped with copper wands injects a mixture of water and air deep into the filters' sand. "As they push it down what it does is the air and the water pushes up the sand, and brings particulates that have attached to the sand up with it." This material is then freed up and removed from the units.

"They are working daily," she continued, working through each filter and the roughers at least once a week. The method is a unique approach to a unique problem, but Al-Haddad expressed optimism in it.

To better measure how well it actually works, though, a meter has been added to one of the plant's effluent lines. Previously there has been no built-in way to measure output from the plant's filters, and so gauge their relative efficiency or compare it to past years.

"We'll be giving some averages and comparisons," she said, as the season progresses.

Otherwise, concerns in February that water levels at the reservoirs were low following unusually high usage over the winter have reversed, following melt-off and a good rainfall.

Both reservoirs are full, with the upper one actually overflowing. The plant's two reserve tanks for treated water, together holding around 820,000 gallons, are also filled to the top.

"We are still encouraging people to start finding ways to routinely save water," Al-Haddad added. This means finding alternative sources of water, such as rainwater, for gardening and lawn care, and being more conservative or mindful of usage. People are asked to check for leaks as well.

A public outreach program will also be employed, with color-coded signage outside City Hall letting people know how water conditions are on a blue, yellow, orange and red scale.

"If it's blue, we're good," the Public Works director said.

Additionally, the city will keep people updated through social media, newspaper and the radio, as well as its website.

The application process seeking funding for a new, better-suited water plant is being navigated through the help of the Department of Agriculture. Right now the city's finances are being examined in order to weigh its ability to pay for loans against its need for grants for the project. A new plant could cost \$8.5 million.

MOTHER'S DAY CEREMONY

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- Wednesday, May 3**
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- Thursday, May 4**
Found Property.
Lost Property.
Agency Assist: Caller reported water problem.
- Friday, May 5**
Nothing to report.
- Saturday, May 6**
MVA: Under \$2,000 in damage.
Citizen Assist: Unlocked vehicle.
Agency Assist: Crossings.
MVA: Caller reported damage to vehicle after hitting deer.
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Traffic Stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.
- Sunday, May 7**
Traffic Stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.
Found Property: Driver's license.
Verbal warning: Driving habits.
Citation Issued: Ronald Salmon, age 70, for blocking roadway prohibited.

There was one ambulance call and two dog complaints this week.

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Take me out to the ball game

Players on Wrangell's little and minor league baseball teams doff hats out of respect during the Pledge of Allegiance Monday evening, at the season opener. Three tee-ball teams – the Thunder, Lightning and Falcons – and two minor leaguers – the Sharks and Rays – will be playing throughout the coming month. It being Southeast, despite a little bit of rain, the teams were still able to play their opening games.

Obituary: Marian Glenz, 80

Marian Glenz, 80, of Wrangell, Alaska died on April 26, 2017 at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle.

She was born to Buckshot and Irene Woolery on August 19, 1936, in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

She grew up in Port Protection, Ketchikan, Meyers

Chuck and Wrangell. She graduated from Main School in Ketchikan and worked for her parents in Port Protection, fished commercially and ran the U.S Post Office in Meyers Chuck.

She married Ed Glenz in 1958 in Ketchikan, and they were happily married for 54 years.

Glenz was preceded in death by her husband, mother Irene

Woolery, and father, Buckshot Woolery.

She is survived by her daughter Teresa Glenz of Ketchikan; siblings, Lauran Woolery of Wrangell and Claire Moser of Ketchikan; grandchildren, Melanie Willa, David Otte, Jacob Rodgers and Jasper Rodgers, all of Ketchikan; great grandchildren, Kaitlin Willa,

Lillian Otte, Chevell Marcano, Anna Otte, Kalina and Hunter Rodgers, and Sawyer and Finnley Jones; niece, Caity Shafer; nephews, Allen Rooney and Chris Pulju; brother in law, Gary Glenz, sisters in law,

Barbara Host and Alvina Glenz, and other family members.

Per her request, no services will be held. Memorial donations can be made to the multiple sclerosis foundation of your choice.

Reflections

May: A Mother's Day Reflection

I recently heard a humorous story from Pastor Diane of Trinity Lutheran Church in Palmer. During the children's sermon portion of the Sunday service, she asked the children a question. (This can be tricky—you don't know what to expect.) The Pastor asked the children to recall names for Jesus—names they had learned from Bible stories. They shared: Jesus is the good shepherd, the bread of life, the light of the world, the Son of God, the Prince of Peace. On it went. One little fellow hadn't shared yet; he was giving it a lot of thought. Finally, his hand shot up and he yelled out: "Jesus is a chicken!" Pastor Diane was stunned; how had he come up with this out-of-the-box description? Jesus, a chicken?

Upon further investigation, the mystery was solved. The child was recalling a story based on Matthew 23:37. Jesus says, "How often I have desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing." The young man knew what he was talking about!

This is a perfect scripture reading for Mother's Day when we celebrate the mothers and maternal influences in our lives. On Sunday, May

14, we honor these women who hold/held hopes and dreams for their children. The United States is the founding country of Mother's Day and it is interesting to note that in 1870 the first Mother's Day proclamation asked women everywhere to join for world peace—protective mother hens, gathering their children under their wings.

If you are familiar with the behavior of chickens, you are aware of the fierce devotion a mother chicken has for her chicks. When they are threatened by a chicken hawk, she gathers her small, frightened, vulnerable chicks under her wings—puffs herself up and puts her life on the line to save them.

Jesus displays that kind of fierce love for us—his children. No matter what we have done, good decisions or bad, he gave all He was to take us under His wing. Jesus put His life on the line to rescue us from temptation, self-love and destruction. He preserves us to eternal life.

A wonderful hymn praises the wings of Jesus: "Oh, let me nestle near thee, within they downy breast where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest. Oh, close they wings around me and keep me safely there, for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care."

Pastor Nancy Gradwohl
Island of Faith Lutheran Church

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Household waste drive to collect hazardous materials

By DAN RUDY
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The city will be collecting a variety of household hazardous waste items this weekend at its waste disposal facility on Evergreen Avenue.

Public Works director Amber Al-Haddad said the doors at the center will be open to residents this Friday and Saturday, where up to 200 pounds of items per household can be disposed of free of charge. Hazardous wastes being sought include various cleaners, sprays, waxes, solvents, paints, pharmaceuticals, fertil-

izers, fuels and lubricants – anything that cannot ordinarily be thrown into the garbage or poured down the drain.

“The purpose of the drive is to capture that household hazardous waste that might otherwise go into the solid waste stream, or down the drain,” she said. Over the course of the year the crew at the solid waste facility tries to sort out such items as they turn up in the garbage, but it is not a thorough or at times safe process.

“A lot of that stuff we can’t monitor. If we see it we’ll pull it out,” said Al-Haddad. Anything that does wind up separated from the regular refuse gets held for eventual shipment, generally after the annual hazardous waste drive. A 20-foot container serves as the holding area for it until the materials all get shipped out for proper disposal.

Contracted to undertake this end of the disposal is firm Carson Dorn of Juneau, which



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It's an honor

Along with Penny Mazona from Peters Creek, Wrangell Unit 6 Auxiliaries Marilyn Mork, Zona Gregg, Barbara Hommel and Juanita Courson are recognized for their service within the American Legion at a meeting in Haines last month. Gregg was elected a Sergeant at Arms for the Alaska Department during the meeting, and Mork was named Woman of the Year. “My motto is 'the reward for work well done is the opportunity to do more,’” Mork commented. The group also visited the new Soboleff McRae Veterans Village and Wellness Center, completed last year.

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has been involved in Wrangell’s efforts the past half-decade. Al-Haddad estimated the drive in all costs around \$17,000, paid for through the city’s sanitation enterprise fund.

One type of item of particular interest the department also hopes to round up this weekend is car and boat batteries, which contain a cocktail of corrosive and poisonous materials that

shouldn’t be left leaching into area soils and waters. Batteries were major culprits behind the extensive contamination of the Byford junk site near Shoemaker Bay, which last year was cleaned up through an extensive, expensive process by the state Department of Environmental Conservation and federal Environmental Protection Agency. Costing \$6.5 million in all, the end goal for the site was to make it suit-

able for eventual residential development.

The drive is only gratis for residential wastes. Commercial users are still encouraged to bring their hazardous items for disposal, but will be charged at the usual rate.

Hours for the drive tomorrow will be from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and from noon to 4:00 p.m. Saturday’s hours will be 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 4 p.m.

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Murders, romance and adventure in Wrangell-set novel

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

A relatively recent resident to Wrangell took a novel view of the place, in February self-publishing a fictional adventure set here.

K.E. Hoover's book *West of North* follows character Josh Campbell, a man who has come to Wrangell looking for a new start at life. He makes some new friendships – and new enemies – in the process, learning to live in the Alaskan wilderness.

"It's a thriller in addition to an adventure story," Hoover explained.

One of the characters is loosely based on his own father, Jack Hoover, a resident of Wrangell. "Most of what I write about him is accurate," he said, resulting in the prospector Silver Jack, who takes Campbell under his wing.

As well as developing his lifelong love of the outdoors, it was through his father that Hoover had become familiar

with Wrangell, and the manuscript for his story was finished in the winter of 2007-08. It was his first work of fiction, though he had previously worked on a number of professional projects.

A school administrator in Colorado and Washington, Hoover co-authored a book written to assist former principals and teachers take on the financial responsibilities of district administration. *Superintendent and the CFO: Building an Effective Team* was written with Brian Benzel and published in 2015 by Rowman & Littlefield.

"It's a different kind of writing. There's a lot of craft as well," Hoover said, compared with writing fiction. "It's so different, in fact lots of time publishers don't want to hear about your professional writing."

An avid reader, he explained the move to writing fiction was a natural one. "I get an idea about a premise and I almost can't help myself." Writing projects also

give Hoover an excuse to do some research, and present a challenge to create compelling characters and stories.

"There's a lot of research in here," he said of *West of North*. "The history of the region is so rich that there's lots to choose from."

Southeast Alaska is fascinating and full of history, and with the story he also wanted to convey what it's like living in a small community.

After completing his manuscript Hoover left the project for more pressing responsibilities. "I was just so busy with work that I couldn't put in the editing polish that it required."

A school superintendent, after retiring in the middle of 2015 Hoover and his wife, Kimberly, bought a boat and moved to Wrangell the following summer. The two now live on board in Heritage Harbor. Though still "actively retired," as he put it, Hoover was able to devote more time to finishing his novel.

"It was fun," he said. The original version was 127,000 words, which on reflection he felt was a little long. Trimming it down to about 104,000 words, he was satisfied with the final product. "I was forced to really think a lot about what was in here. It was a bit about tighten-

ing it up – pacing is an important element of any writing."

Publishing the book was its own process, with Hoover going the do-it-yourself route. Speaking with Wrangell museum, he is arranging to have the book made available there. It is also available on Amazon for Nook and Kindle e-reader devices. And of course, copies can be obtained at the Petersburg and Wrangell libraries.

Irene Ingle Public Library will be hosting a "meet the author" event on May 22 at 6 p.m., where Hoover will talk about his book, the writing and publishing processes, and his own background exploring the

backcountry with his father. The presentation will include a brief slideshow from a trip they took back in 2007.

"I selected a few to demonstrate what it's like back there," he said.

"I talk a little bit about the characters and the character choices that I make," Hoover added. He won't give away too many details however, so as not to give away *West of North's* surprises.

Alaska students walk out to support education funding

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) – Hundreds of Alaska residents and students gathered in Fairbanks on Sunday to show support for schools facing heavy budget cuts.

The rally happened two days after hundreds of high school and middle school students in the Fairbanks area left school early in protest of proposed cuts to music, arts, sports and other activities, the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner reported.

"The youth of Fairbanks have sent us an S.O.S message – save our schools – loud and clear," said Montean Jackson, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District's director of drug and alcohol intervention. "I'm so proud to have seen the loud cry from our youth to say, 'Hey, wait a minute, you're cutting the very thing that makes me who I am.'"

The state Senate is pushing to cut the per-student education formula by 5 percent, which would translate into millions of dollars lost for the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District.

The Borough Assembly is also considering cutting local contribution to schools by about \$3 million.

In total, the cuts to Fairbanks schools could be as much as \$15 million.

The district is considering cuts to teachers, reading aides, other staff and school programs in response.

Two North Pole High School freshmen, Bella Martinez, 14, and Honor Mealey, 15, gathered more than 300 signatures from students on a petition and are sending more than 100 letters to local legislators advocating against school cuts.

"The music and the arts are really important to us, and they're really important not just for all the students now but the students that are going to be coming in to high school in the coming years," Mealey said. "We want to make sure that those essential parts of our education are kept for future years."

The University of Alaska system also faces a possible \$22 million budget cut. The House and Gov. Bill Walker have supported flat-funding for the university system at \$325 million.

University Chancellor Dana Thomas spoke at the rally and said the reality of proposed cuts is "pretty dark."

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Salmon derby launches on Saturday

By Dan Rudy
Sentinel writer

The month-long King Salmon Derby will get to a start on Saturday, the 65th in Wrangell's long-running competition.

Wrangell's annual derby is organized by the Chamber of Commerce, and during its month long run draws close to 1,000 participants. Last year's grand prize winner was Malia McIntyre, who brought in a 46.7 pound king salmon toward the end of the derby. As with last year, first prize for 2017 will yield a \$6,000 jackpot. Additional prizes for second through fourth place are \$4,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000, respectively.

There are other prizes scattered throughout the derby as well, with a \$2,500 prize for the biggest king landed over Memorial Day weekend, this year spanning May 27 to 29. Each week a \$500 prize also goes out to the angler with the largest king caught and entered.

The largest king salmon caught and entered on May 28 will win an additional \$250 as part of the Aileen Meissner Memorial Prize. The first king weighing 50 pounds is also worth a \$500 prize. The

last time a 50-plus pounder was caught was in 2009, by derby winner Wayne Spencer. A similar prize is in effect for 60-plus pound kings, though it has gone unclaimed for over 30 years.

The Art Clark Pioneer Prize worth \$250 will go for the largest king entered by an angler aged 65 or older, while the largest king caught and entered by a woman will win a sterling silver salmon bracelet, valued at \$350. All three prizes are awarded in addition to other applicable prizes. Cash prizes will also go to the 10 kids with largest kings, and special prizes for youth include a drone donated by First Bank.

There are also rewards for the best fish caught on camera. The best photo chosen will be featured in next year's derby booklet, which is put together by Southeast Design and Promotion. Copies of the new rule book come with the purchase of derby tickets at participating businesses in town, or can be read online at the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce website at www.wrangellchamber.org.

Three weigh-in stations will be available around town. During

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Malia and Abe McIntyre and their children, Myla and Andrea, stand with the winning fish Malia caught last year off Found Island. Her 46.7 pound king topped the chart for the 2016 King Salmon Derby, and in addition to the \$6,000 prize McIntyre also won the Week 4 \$500 prize and a silver salmon bracelet, valued at \$350.

Put together by Southeast Design and Promotion, this map of Wrangell's surrounding waters shows the boundaries for this year's annual derby. Anglers are advised to be aware of all state regulations for the locality, and to be aware of any changes made to the sport fishery in-season.

weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. stations will be located at the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce

office by the city dock and at Petro Marine at Inner Harbor. Another station will be set up at the Harbormaster's office for weekday nights from 5 to 9 p.m. and on weekends, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The derby begins at 6 a.m. Contestants found fishing before then on opening day will be disqualified for the entire day. The contest lasts through June 11 at 9 p.m. The awards night for the derby prize hand-outs is set for June 15, inside the Nolan Center at 6:30 p.m.

Contestants must be present to claim derby prizes or else have someone present to accept them on their behalf, as derby organizers can no longer ship or hold prizes. Contestants are limited to one prize for salmon caught, regardless of the number entered except for bonus prizes as determined by the derby's committee.

Tickets this year will cost \$35. In addition to the derby ticket, participants will need to have a current fishing license with applicable salmon stamps.

Regular sport fishing licenses for residents cost only \$29 per year, and the annual salmon stamp is an extra \$10. For non-residents, one-, three-, seven- and 14-day licenses can be purchased for from \$25 to \$105 or an annual license for \$145. King salmon stamps cost between \$15 and \$100.

Alaska Department of Fish and Game sport regulations for District 8 apply to the derby. Derby entrants are allowed only one rod only while fishing, and can only use equipment that reflects good sporting ethics and customs. Entrants must catch their own salmon, both hooking and playing the fish themselves without any assistance beyond gaffing and netting.

As with previous years, federal taxes for all combinations of cash prizes worth \$5,000 or more will be withheld from winning sums up front, in accordance with Internal Revenue Service rules. These will be initially deducted from prize monies and submitted to the IRS under the winner's Social Security number.

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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

In less than two weeks, Alaska's salmon season is set to get underway

Alaska's salmon season officially gets underway in less than two weeks!

The first fishery for sockeye and king salmon is set for May 18 at Copper River and the town of Cordova is buzzing, said Christa Hoover, executive director of the Copper River/Prince William Sound Marketing Association.

"The mood changes at the start of May with all the folks back in town and boats going in and out of the water," she said.

Enthusiasm among the fleet of more than 500 drift gillnetters has not been dampened by a reduced harvest projection. Fishery managers expect a Copper River salmon catch this season of just 889,000 sockeyes, 4,000 kings and 207,000 coho salmon.

"Regardless of the forecast from one year to the next, fishermen just want to have their nets in the water. It's what they do and they are ready to go," Hoover said.

The marketing group, which is funded and operated by local salmon fishermen, is again working with Alaska Airlines to whisk away the first catches to awaiting retailers and restaurants in Seattle. Every year, images of airline pilots carrying the famous "first fish" off the plane make headlines around the world and add to the media hoopla surrounding the Copper River catches. The salmon are first hand delivered to three chefs who have a cook off on the Sea/Tac airport tarmac. The dishes are served to airline guests who select a winner.

The Cordova group also use the opportunity to promote the fact that Copper River salmon isn't just a "May event," Hoover said.

"We do a lot of outreach to help people understand that there are five months of wild Alaska salmon coming out of Cordova, especially with cohos into the fall," she explained, adding that they also are

broadening their salmon messages to build more awareness and appeal for the entire Prince William Sound fishery.

Alaska's total salmon catch for 2017 is pegged at 204 million fish, nearly one million more than were taken last year.

The breakdown for the five species calls for a sockeye salmon harvest of nearly 41 million, a decrease of 12 million reds from last year. Coho catches should increase slightly to nearly 5 million; for chums, a catch of nearly 17 million is an increase of more than one million fish. The projected statewide take of pink salmon is 142 million, an increase of nearly 103 million humpies over last year. For Chinook salmon, the forecast calls for a catch of 80,000 in regions outside of Southeast Alaska, where the harvest is determined by a treaty with Canada. The all-gear Chinook catch for Southeast in 2017 is 209,700 fish, 146,000 fewer than last year.

Pass on pinks – Alaska salmon fishermen hoping for relief funds from last year's failed pink salmon fishery appear to be out of luck. The pink fishery, the worst in over 40 years, was officially declared a failure in January by former U.S. Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker, setting the stage for fishermen and other stakeholders at Kodiak, Prince William Sound and Lower Cook Inlet to seek disaster assistance from the federal government.

The monetary assistance, however, was not included in last week's huge \$1 trillion-plus spending bill approved by Congress to keep the government operating through September. The bill also did not include disaster relief funds for West Coast salmon and crab fisheries. Congress could choose to appropriate the money separately, but chances of that happening are slim.

Antibiotics turn off - For 20 years, the movement to use the "power of the purse" to promote and reward sustainably managed fisheries has set a global standard for seafood purchases. Today, it's nearly impossible for a company to do business without being officially certified as a source for earth-friendly seafood.

This month another global effort was launched that uses the same strategy to promote new standards for the use of antibiotics in seafood and other animal products. The Michigan-based National Sanitation Foundation International has tested food products for health and safety since 1944. Its new Raised Without Antibiotics certification program will provide independent verification of claims made on food packages that they are antibiotic-free, including seafood, meats, dairy, eggs, even leather and certain supplements.

The campaign follows a NSF survey last year that showed nearly 60 percent of consumers prefer products that are free from antibiotics. That's backed up by the NPD Group, a market tracker that operates in 20 countries, interviews 12 million consumers each year and monitors purchase data from more than 165,000 stores. The Group said that consumers are demanding "free from" foods with fewer additives, especially antibiotics, growth hormones, tweaked genes, and they are reading labels like never before. Antibiotics are widely used in the farmed fish industry, most notably in Chile (the largest importer to the U.S.), which has come under fire for using more than one million pounds of antibiotics to ward off a fish virus, according to the National Service of Fisheries and Aquaculture. What's worse, *Intrafish* reported that 50 Chilean salmon companies refused to disclose the amount and type of antibiotics they

used, saying "such disclosure would threaten their business competitiveness."

In contrast, Norway, the world's biggest farmed salmon producer, uses about 2,100 pounds of antibiotics, mostly to combat fish lice. Sea lice are the farmed Atlantic salmon industry's most expensive problem, costing around \$550 million in lost output each year.

"Free from" food labeling requirements and guidelines generally apply to products raised in a controlled environment," said Jeremy Woodrow, Communications Director for the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute.

"Salmon in Alaska hatcheries may also receive antibiotics on occasion, but there have been no detectable levels of antibiotics found by the time the salmon are harvested in the ocean."

NSF International is now seeking companies to sign on to its Raised Without Antibiotics campaign, saying "Without an independent protocol and certification process, customers have not been able to verify claims made by marketers – until now."

Good idea grants - Gulf of Alaska groundfish are at the forefront for "innovation" grants from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Fisheries Innovation Fund. The Fund is a partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Walton Family Foundation. The grants, totaling \$650,000, aim to support projects that help sustain fishermen and coastal communities, promote safety, and support fishery conservation and management. While the Gulf is selected as a target area, the Innovation Fund will consider proposals in all U.S. fisheries, both commercial and recreational. Successful projects should include approaches that promote full utilization of catches and minimize bycatch,

develop markets, research and training, and "improve the quality, quantity and timeliness of fisheries-dependent data used for science, management and fishermen's business purposes," according to a NFWF statement. Alaska groups and communities have obtained several Innovation grants in recent years. They include Sitka's Fisheries Trust Network that aims to acquire and keep catch quotas local, the Alaska Marine Conservation Council's "Every Halibut Counts" project that promotes gentle release methods, and the Southeast Alaska Guides Organization for its sport sector catch share project. The Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association and the Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association also have received grants to test electronic monitoring systems. Pre-proposals are due May 25 and invitations for full proposals will be sent on June 29. Full proposals are due on Aug. 31 and the NFWF will announce award winners by Nov. 17. Find more information and applications at <http://www.nfwf.org/fisheriesfund/Pages/fisheries2017rf>

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Forecast closes Stikine Chinook subsistence fishery

The Federal Subsistence Board announced Monday that the Stikine River Chinook salmon subsistence fishery has been closed.

Emergency Special Action Request FSA17-02 was approved, and delegation of authority given to the in-season manager to rescind the closure if an updated in-season abundance estimate is large enough to produce an allowable catch.

Scheduled to run from May 15 to June 20, the subsistence fishery fell afoul of a low pre-season abundance forecast of the terminal area. The 2017 forecast is at 18,300 large Chinook salmon, measuring greater than 30 inches of length. Under stipulations of the Pacific Salmon Treaty between the United States and Canada, a direct-

ed Chinook subsistence fishery is not allowed if the pre-season run estimate is less than 28,100 large salmon.

The treaty does allow for the season to be reopened if the weekly in-season abundance exceeds 24,500 large Chinook. The Wrangell District Ranger has been authorized to reopen the season in that event. This particular closure does not affect other federal subsistence fisheries on the Stikine River starting on June 21.

For more information, contact Ranger Bob Dalrymple at the Wrangell US Forest Service office, P.O. Box 51. Also, consult the Federal Subsistence Management Program site online at www.doi.gov/subsistence.



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Two poetry books forthcoming for Wrangell writer

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Bringing to a conclusion a writing grant received two years ago, local poet Vivian Prescott will be publishing a pair of works this summer.

"The newest book that's coming out in July is a poetry chapbook," she explained. "So it's small, about 30 pages. It's more a hybrid so it's a little bit of prose poetry. It's called *Traveling With the Underground People*."

The subject matter focuses on the diaspora of the Sami people, a group indigenous to the northern parts of Finland, Norway, Sweden and nearby Russia. Though Alaska residents for about five generations, Prescott she has Sami roots through her father's side of the family. Born and raised in Wrangell, her work explores this heritage and also relates them to the experience of her local roots.

She was surprised at some of the parallels she found during her research. "The Sami underwent assimilation practices under the Norwegian, Finnish and Swedish government similar to what Native Americans went through here," she explained, which included boarding schools and restrictions on the use of their native language.

Some of the subject material is dark, focusing for instance on anthropological collections and the desecration of burial places.

"So I have poems about skull studies of the Sami," Prescott revealed.

Both *Underground People* and another forthcoming chapbook, *Our Tents are Small Volcanoes*, are drawn from the same manuscript, which Prescott in 2015 received a \$18,000 grant to produce from the Rasmuson Foundation.

"That one is similar," she said of the second. In it, her poetry ties more into the Sami language, exploring its many iterations for "snow," for which they have at least 180 different words. These can be very specific, describing the consistency, depth or quality of it.

"To survive in the Arctic I think they need to have to know exactly the conditions of snow for reindeer herding, hunting in winter. Things like that," she explained.

Like the first work, *Small Volcanoes* also draws parallels between Prescott's Sami past and her present. "I wrote poetry to the Sami dictionary. So I kind of combined the idea of climate change and what I was seeing here, and what I was learning about Sami culture."

The manuscript took a year to work on, and having a grant-funded project was a departure from past projects for Prescott. Rasmuson's Individual Artist Awards were first launched in December 2003, as a multi-year initiative to make a significant

investment into the state's various arts and cultural resources. The purpose of the awards is to allow artists to seek a variety of creative opportunities, including providing them with the time necessary to focus on creative work.

"Having that financial motivation was good, because someone believed in me," Prescott recounted. "It was fun to sit at a desk and think 'I'm getting paid to write poetry.'"

Scheduling the hours could be a bit of a challenge though she said. "Every day I set a schedule where in the mornings I would write, which is hard to do when you live a subsistence life because you're out fishing and things like that. So I would take my notebook with me."

Traveling With the Underground People is being published by Finishing Line Press, out of Kentucky. It will be available to ship July 14, and can be preordered at the publisher's website.

Our Tents are Small Volcanoes is being produced by QuillsEdge Press, and is also available to preorder. The work was selected for publication after winning the publication's Editor's Choice award for 2015-16.

Already a published author and poet, writing has long been an outlet for Prescott's expressions. "By the eighth grade I was known for being a poet, and was

Petersburg wins in Ryder Cup, cut short by weather

Reversing Wrangell's fortunes last year, the Ray Pederson Memorial Ryder Cup returned to Petersburg this weekend after its golfers edged out locals in a 5-4 win.

Due to expected weather conditions Sunday, the usually two-day annual tournament was condensed down to cover Saturday. With nine participants from each community on hand, teams were made parties of three rather than the usual two, which Muskeg Meadows course manager Bill Messmer said worked out pretty well.

The six teams were able to get in 27 holes in three categories of play, earning points for their communities rather than themselves. The first nine holes were alternating shots, with the second and third nine regular best ball play. Last year Wrangell came away with the trophy, though Petersburg had won the cup back in 2015.

This upcoming weekend no tournaments are scheduled. However, volunteers are needed for a work party on Saturday at 10 a.m. Some minor grounds work and repairs will be undertaken, and necessary tools will be provided.

Golfers otherwise are free to play on through during the week or around scheduled tournaments. The course is open from 12 to 8 p.m. during the week. Baskets of balls are also available to practice with at the driving range.

For more information on the course, upcoming tournaments and contact details, check out Muskeg Meadows' site at <http://wrangellalaskagolf.com>.

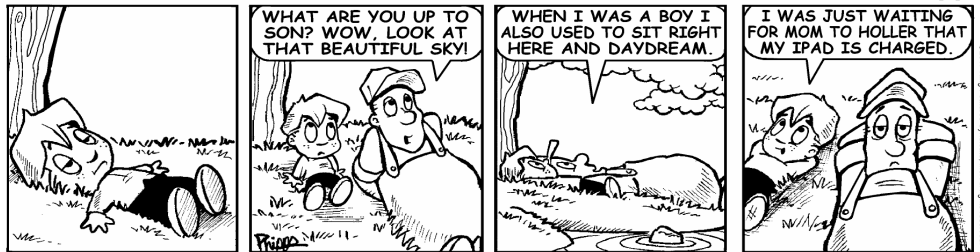
paid \$5 and \$10 a poem, writing love poems for my friends that wanted a poem for their boyfriend or girlfriend," she recalled. On reflection she added, "I get paid less per poem now."

She is starting a group for writers and artists to do collaborative work as well, called the

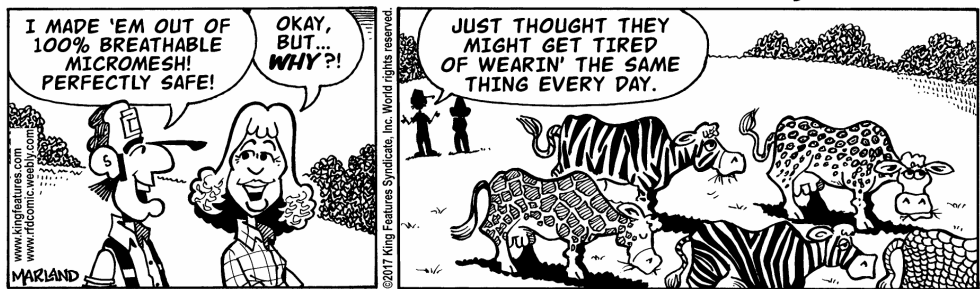
Flying Islands Writers and Artists Group. In its infancy, it will meet twice a month, and be a place for writers, painters, musicians and other artists to converse and challenge each other to produce new works. Those interested in participating can get in contact with Prescott at doctorviv@hotmail.com.

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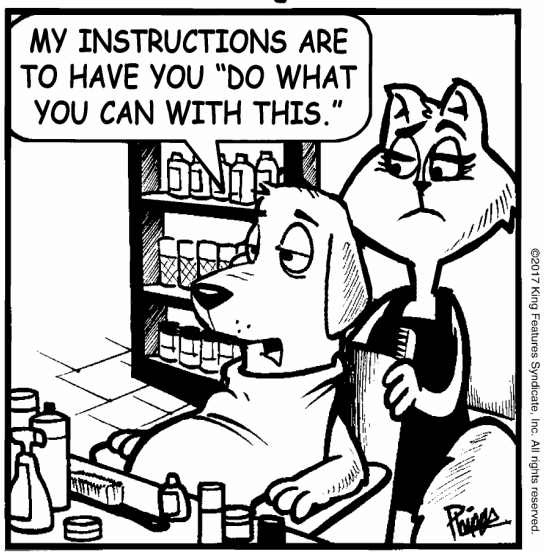


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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Classified/Legals

**City & Borough of Wrangell
Board of Equalization
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Borough Assembly, acting as the Board of Equalization, shall hear testimony, both oral and written, with a decision to follow, at 6:00 p.m., Monday, May 15, 2017, in the Borough Assembly Chambers.

The hearing and meeting is open to the public.
Per WMC 5.04.140, the Board of Equalization meetings shall be held on the first Monday following the first Thursday in May and continue each day thereafter until its scheduled business is completed.

This year's meeting was postponed by Assembly action at its Regular Assembly meeting held February 28, 2017 at the request of the assessor due to scheduling conflicts.

Kim Lane, Borough Clerk
City & Borough of Wrangell

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Request for Proposals

Wrangell Cooperative Association Transportation (WCAT), a federally recognized tribe, is soliciting proposals and rate information from experienced professionals to provide services for the architectural design of the renovation of a recently-purchased duplex into office space. The firm will also provide an associated cost to construct estimate for the architectural design, with line items, including labor, equipment and materials. For more information and to request a copy of the RFP, please contact Bill Willard at 104 Lynch St. C-1, Wrangell AK 99929, call (907) 874-3077, or email wwillard@wca-t.com and esthera@wca-t.com. Office hours: 8 a.m.- 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please leave a message if calling after hours. Deadline: 5:00 p.m. (AKST), Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

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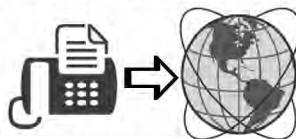
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**LEGAL NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT
STREAM RESTORATION USING HAND TOOLS PROJECT**

The Stream Restoration Using Hand Tools EA and draft Decision Notice were completed and mailed out on May 9, 2017 to those who previously requested to be included on the project mailing list or submitted specific written comments related to the project. The Stream Restoration Using Hand Tools project proposes to implement instream and floodplain restoration on the Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts on the Tongass National Forest. The project goal is to improve instream and floodplain function in streams and on floodplains impacted by logging and road construction activities. The Responsible Officials for this project are David Zimmerman, Petersburg District Ranger, and Robert Dalrymple, Wrangell District Ranger. A copy of the EA, the draft Decision Notice, and additional information regarding this proposed project can be obtained on the project website (<http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50781>) or from:

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Hydrologist
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Petersburg, AK 99833
907-772-3871 / hwhitacre@fs.fed.us
Fax: 907-772-5995

The draft Decision Notice is subject to a pre-decisional administrative review (objection) pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Objections will be accepted only from those who previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project either during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with 36 CFR 218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after designated public comment opportunities (36 CFR 218.8(c)).

Individual members of organizations must have submitted their own comments to be eligible to object; objections received on behalf of an organization are considered those of the organization only. If an objection is submitted on behalf of a number of individuals or organizations, each individual or organization listed must meet the eligibility requirements (36 CFR 218.5(d)). Names and addresses of objectors will become part of the public record.

Incorporation of documents by reference in an objection is permitted only as provided for at 36 CFR 218.8(b). Minimum content requirements of an objection are identified in 36 CFR 218.8(d) and include: objector's name and address with a telephone number if available (signature or other verification of authorship must be supplied upon request); identification of the lead objector when multiple names are listed, along with verification upon request; name of project, name and title of the responsible official, national forest/ranger district of project; sufficient narrative description of those aspects of the proposed project objected to, specific issues related to the project, how environmental law, regulation, or policy would be violated, and suggested remedies which would resolve the objection; and statement demonstrating the connection between prior specific written comments on this project and the content of the objection, unless the objection issue arose after the designated opportunity for comment.

The Reviewing Officer is Earl Stewart, Tongass Forest Supervisor. Objections must be sent to:

Earl Stewart, Reviewing Officer
Tongass Supervisors Office
Federal Building
648 Mission Street
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
Fax: 907-228-6301
Email: objections-alaska-tongass@fs.fed.us

Written objections, including any attachments, must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, or express delivery) with the Reviewing Officer within 45 days following the publication date of this legal notice in the newspaper of record. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered objections are 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic objections must be submitted in a format compatible with the current version of MS Word. It is the responsibility of objectors to ensure their objection is received in a timely manner (36 CFR 218.9).

The publication date in the Petersburg Pilot and Wrangell Sentinel, both newspapers of record, are the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection of this project. Those wishing to object to this proposed project should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

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Murkowski: Omnibus bill yields benefits for Alaska

Last week the United States Senate passed an omnibus bill to fund the government through the end of Fiscal Year 2017.

A member of the Appropriations Committee and Chairman of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) announced a series of provisions within the bill that will provide resources to support programs with significant impacts in communities throughout the state.

“With our state in the midst of a fiscal crisis, this bill will provide a much-needed boost to our economy. The bill provides new investments for our military, increased funding for fighting wildfires, and it will help Alaskans who grapple with some of the highest heating costs in the nation,” she said in a release. “This bill empowers Alaskans to strengthen our economy and create safe and healthy communities at a time when we need it most.”

Highlights of the Fiscal Year 2017 Omnibus Appropriations Bill include:

• Polar Icebreaker and the Arctic Council:

Provides \$150 million to the Navy procure materials needed for construction of a polar icebreaker. Directs \$55 million to the Coast Guard for procurement of a heavy icebreaker. Also requires a report on polar icebreaker requirements, preferred design, overall acquisition strategy, and a breakout of funds necessary to support the acquisition within 90 days. The omnibus supports the

Arctic Council and directs federal agencies to focus on economic opportunities in the region, as well as science and subsistence issues.

• **Opioids and Substance Abuse Prevention:** Provides “robust funding” to combat the opioid abuse epidemic in Alaska and throughout the nation. This includes funding for pilot programs to address treatment gaps for pregnant and postpartum women with substance abuse disorders.

• Wildfire Prevention and Suppression:

The bill funds our nation’s wildfire suppression efforts at the historic 10-year average and includes additional emergency funds that will be available in the event of a catastrophic fire season. Also included is increased funding for preventative measures that can be taken in advance of wildfire season, such as hazardous fuels reduction and mitigation.

• Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP):

Allocates robust funds for the LIHEAP program – which acts as a crucial supplement for many Alaskans who face the highest energy prices in the nation. Over 11,000 Alaskan households received LIHEAP assistance in 2014.

• GE Salmon:

Following the FDA’s decision in 2015 to approve genetically engineered (GE) salmon for human consumption, Murkowski successfully included a provi-

sion in the omnibus that blocks the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) from introducing GE salmon into the market until it publishes labeling guidelines so consumers are aware of what is contained in the product they are purchasing.

• State Water Revolving Funds:

Provides funding to help local communities improve water infrastructure in both the wastewater and drinking water areas. Funding from this program can be used to address problems like lead content in water.

• Payment in Lieu of Taxes:

Fully funds the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program at \$465 million, well above last year’s funding levels. The PILT program provides monetary compensation to local governments throughout Alaska that contain federal lands that are not subject to state or local taxation. The revenue helps local governments provide vital services, such as firefighting and police protection, construction of public schools and roads, and search-and-rescue operations.

• Impact Aid:

Increases funds for Impact Aid – which reimburses school districts for the cost of educating students who live on properties that are tax-exempt due to federal law. This includes students who live on, or parents who work on, military installations, federally-designated low-income housing, and Native lands.

• Essential Air Service:

Funds Essential Air Service at \$150 mil-

lion, a program to maintain commercial air service in approximately 60 small communities throughout Alaska. It also secured additional funds to support the lifesaving work of Civil Air Patrol squadrons in Alaska and throughout the nation.

• **Suicide Prevention:** Allocates resources for suicide prevention efforts including the Suicide Lifeline, Garrett Lee Smith Youth Suicide prevention funds, and the American Indian and Alaska Native Suicide Prevention Initiative.

• **Native American Housing Block Grants:** Provides \$654 million for the Native American Housing Block Grant, to provide a range of affordable housing activities on Indian reservations and Indian areas.

• **Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Fund:** Provides \$7.2 million for the Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Fund, a home mortgage specifically designed for American Indian and Alaska Native families, Alaska Villages, Tribes, or Tribally Designated Housing Entities.

• **Small Businesses:** Allocates funding to the Small Business Administration to provide assistance to small businesses, expand the economy, and increase job growth for underemployed and unemployed Americans.

• **USGS Earthquake and Volcano Hazards:** Provides funding for earthquake and volcano monitoring, with specific funds allocated to the Alaska Volcano Observatory.

Lawmaker silent amid apology demand for abortion remarks

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – An Alaska lawmaker who set off a firestorm by suggesting women try to get pregnant for a “free trip to the city” for abortions is a military veteran and first-year representative who has developed a reputation for being outspoken in his conservative beliefs.

Rep. David Eastman, a Republican from Wasilla, is a firefighter and father of two young children.

Eastman found himself in the hot seat last week when he discussed his concerns about the use of state funds and Medicaid for

abortions. In an interview with The Associated Press, he said there are not many places “where you have the kinds of incentives for abortion that we have in this state.”

“We have folks who try to get pregnant in this state so that they can get a free trip to the city, and we have folks who want to carry their baby past the point of being able to have an abortion in this state so that they can have a free trip to Seattle,” he said.

Eastman made similar comments later to a public radio reporter.

The backlash was swift, with lawmakers, including Eastman’s own Republican caucus, calling on him to apologize.

Rep. Geran Tarr, an Anchorage Democrat who suggested Eastman be censured, called his comments “deeply offensive, racist in nature and misogynistic.”

Many Alaska Natives live in rural communities, where health services are limited and travel often is needed to access care in larger communities.

Alaska has restrictions in place that Planned Parenthood says effectively force women seeking a second-trimester abortion to travel out of state for procedures.

House Speaker Bryce Edgmon, a Dillingham Democrat, and Rep. Charisse Millett, the House Republican leader, said Monday that they had heard nothing from Eastman in response to separate requests that he apologize.

Edgmon said nothing had been determined as to what further steps, if any, might be taken.

During a brief floor session, Eastman gave a speech about a mine. He avoided reporters in leaving the floor.

The Alaska Supreme Court has held that the state must fund medically necessary abortions if it funds medically necessary services for others with financial needs.

The state health department says it uses the same out-of-state travel policy regardless of the medical service being provided but has not provided details.

In response to Eastman’s comments, Liz Medicine Crow, president and CEO of the First Alaskans Institute, a nonprofit that works to help Alaska Natives, said she believes leadership of the House majority and minority caucuses “understand the incredible trauma that this type of commentary and hate speech can create. That’s why

they’ve taken the serious action that they’ve already taken and I’d just love to see what that follow-through will look like. I think many of us are watching.”

In a letter shared by Eastman’s office, Pamela Samash, president of Right to Life Interior Alaska, praised Eastman’s anti-abortion stance. She wrote that she is offended by women “who use abortion as birth control.”

“The big question is the whole picture: What happened to mother-child bond?” she said in an interview.

Tuckerman Babcock, chair of the state Republican Party, said a censure “smacks of thought police.” But he said Eastman’s comments were inexcusable and hopes he apologizes.

“I would hate to see him fail to do that because he’s smart and very energetic and taking on a lot of good fights,” Babcock said. “It’s his first term. Everybody makes mistakes but you need to own up to your mistakes.”

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT IN WRANGELL MAY 12 – 13, 2017

The improper disposal of household waste can cause problems for the entire community. Most household hazardous wastes cannot be dumped in the sewer system or at landfills.



The City and Borough of Wrangell sponsors a Household Hazardous Waste collection event on an annual basis. Successful collection events have helped the Borough protect our community’s wastewater treatment plant and sanitation utility from hazardous waste contamination.

This year’s Household Hazardous Waste event, takes place Friday, May 12th and Saturday, May 13th. The Solid Waste Transfer Facility will accept up to 200 pounds of various types of household hazardous wastes for free. This event is intended for household waste only, not for commercial waste. All other materials will be accepted for the normal disposal fees.

Our full Household Hazard Waste Brochure and the Water Environment Federation’s Household Waste Chart can be found on line at: <http://www.wrangell.com/publicworks/annual-hazardous-household-waste-event>. Hard copies are also located at City Hall, the Solid Waste Transfer Facility and at the Public Works office. This brochure describes preventative measures you can take in your home to reduce the quantity of waste you must dispose. For details on what you can do to eliminate hazardous waste from the solid waste stream, contact the Public Works office at 907-874-3904.

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from the 500,000-gallon base would be a significant change, but one more in line with the rate structure of communities Haines, Petersburg and Sitka.

While this could help incentivize more conservative use among larger water consumers, the unmetered use still poses a problem to managing demand. Assembly member Mark Mitchell expressed his support for eventually adding meters to all users, a decision he explained was one made from necessity.

“The idea of metering is not because we want to be metered,” he commented. “It’s just the cheapest option avail-

able for producing more water.”

Public Works director Amber Al-Haddad explained general benefits of having meters include giving the city and consumers both a better idea of what is being used, and allocating costs more fairly. Meters also better help the city identify and locate leaks in the line, which can otherwise sap supply. Adding meters from scratch can be a costly and time-consuming process though, she added. Burgess roughly estimated it could cost about \$500,000 to acquire and install the devices, though ensuring they would fit each line properly and adequately siting them could pose difficul-

ties and costs of their own.

“It will take us some time to determine those costs,” Rushmore explained. Rather than wait for meters, she recommended the Assembly take some action on adjusting water rates sooner.

Even with the proposed increases, Assembly member Patty Gilbert noted rates would still be behind estimated production costs. “It’s just amazing how far we are off in terms of getting close to the actual cost of producing water,” she said.

Assembly members Stephen Prysunka, Becky Rooney and Mitchell discussed the merits of raising unmetered rates by a higher percentage than only

five, noting that only amounted to a couple of dollars per month per household. Along with David Powell they were in general agreement that more of an adjustment would be preferable.

“Five percent, I wouldn’t even bother making that increase if we’re not putting it back where it needs to be,” Mitchell said.

Mayor David Jack directed Rushmore to come back next meeting with a formal ordinance proposal that would alter rates, preferably by more than five percent.

In its new business, the Borough Assembly also examined and approved a proposed budget for Wrangell Medical Center, covering the coming fiscal year. In a meeting rescheduled to Monday, the WMC governing board had approved the item for submission, which projects an \$11.34 million operating budget.

The budget also assumes a 10-percent increase in hospital services pricing across all service lines. Speaking to the Assembly, hospital chief executive Robert Rang explained these increases were long overdue.

“We haven’t raised our prices in a number of years. We’ve been leaving a lot of money on the table,” he said. This can be problematic when dealing with Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements, which together make up about 78 percent of WMC’s revenues. If rates lag behind actual costs, the difference starts to add up quickly for the hospital’s bottom line.

“You always want to charge more than what it costs,” Rang summarized.

While \$13.28 million in charges are anticipated for the year, when factoring in bad debts, discounts and other allowances, net revenue for the year is forecast at \$10.98 million. As a result, the budget assumes an operating loss of \$360,000, a net loss of \$295,000, but a positive cash flow of \$30,000.

The new budget also prioritizes major capital purchase requests. Its topmost priorities

are a system-wide phone system for its information technology department, as well as a Microsoft Office software upgrade, which together would cost \$97,000. The records department, in order to meet federal reporting requirements, also needs upgrades to its software and training for its staff, which together would be another \$100,000.

For medical machinery, the nursing department needs a new telemetry system, a rough estimate for which was ballparked at around \$75,000. A firmer quote would be needed before procurement. The hospital’s laboratory wants to replace its 10-year-old hematology analyzer as well, a \$62,000 investment. Carried over from last year’s requests and considered a lower priority, the radiology department is also hoping to replace its ultrasound machine for a cost of \$115,000.

Finally, the Assembly decided in executive session to approve hire of a new, permanent city manager. A contract for candidate Lisa Von Barga was accepted, with a start date expected later this summer. Rushmore will continue to serve in that position in the interim.

Negotiations on contract terms have been ongoing since Von Barga was officially selected on April 11. Von Barga has been the director for community and economic development in Valdez since 2001, and has worked for the city’s Chamber of Commerce and its Convention and Visitors Bureau prior to that.

Visiting Wrangell as a potential hire early last month, Von Barga had expressed a wish to hold off on any in-depth interviews about herself until an offer and negotiations with the city had been resolved. She was unresponsive to requests for comment made by the Sentinel on Monday.

The Assembly’s next meeting has been moved from the 23rd to the 30th, to be held inside City Hall at 7 p.m. A budget workshop will likely be held prior, but will be announced by the borough beforehand.

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Dishes like Indian tacos will be interspersed with specials put on by different community members, she explained. For instance, Shawn Curley will be making his halibut tacos and Bill Privett his ribs.

“At first we weren’t going to do a full menu, but we kept building on it and building on it,” said Jenkins.

“It’s going to be a ton of fun,” said Davis.

Seddon and her family have lived in Wrangell for the past two years, coming from Missouri.

“It was probably the greatest thing that we’ve done for our family,” she commented. “I’ve never noticed how a community can be so involved. It’s with sports, academics, everything. The community’s just there to help out.”

During her time here she has participated in the volleyball, basketball and cheerleading programs, and has been taking online courses ahead of college. Seddon’s eventual plan is to pursue a career in medicine.

“I’m running because I want to raise money for my college fund,” she explained. “I’m taking medical terminology and health sciences – those are online classes. And then I’m taking (Certified Nursing Assistant) classes next year, as I’m a senior.” She will continue to take courses over the summer as well, to get a jump start on the rigors of medical school. “That’s a big task.”

For her fundraising effort, she will be assisted by sister Brooke Bartz as ticket manager, and father Scott Seddon as food manager.

“I plan to hit the streets every day and sell tickets,” the candidate explained. “And be a happy face at the booth every day.”

The Seddon booth will feature a number of breakfasts through the week, but will also be bringing a southern flavor to its dinner items.

“We’re going to do a lot of barbecued smoke meats,” Bartz explained.

“We’re doing a lot of ribs, pulled porks, and smoked chickens, and that kind of stuff,” Scott Seddon said. “Tenderloin sandwiches.” The booth will also be slinging a number of local favorites, such as haystacks, chili dogs and fry bread. “We have the deep fryer,” he added.

“We’re going to do at least one gun raffle,” Seddon said.

At either food booth, every \$3 spent on food translates into a ticket. Tickets collected are then entered into a drawing on July 4 itself. Chamber of Commerce director Cyni Cray explained that the stakes have risen this year, due to last year’s record-breaking showing. Drawing prizes will be for \$5,000, \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000, an addition of \$5,000 overall more than last year.

The ticket-selling season begins June 1, and ends July 3. Queen booths will run through July 1.

“The 31st of May we’re doing a kickoff party at the Elks,” added Mikki Angerman, who is coordinating the competition for the Chamber.

Keep an eye on the Chamber website at www.wrangellchamber.org for updates and menu schedules, or look for Seddon and Davis’ competition pages on Facebook.

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