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Old cannon poised for display in museum collection

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Museum added a new piece to its public gallery, an antique cannon.

Not that the piece itself is new, thought to be close to two centuries old. Nor is it newly acquired, donated in 2002 to the museum by nonagenarian Bruce Johnston, a former resident then living in Ketchikan. Handed over before the museum's transition over to the Nolan Center, during the shift the cannon wound up in one of the many scattered caches of items kept around town.

By now settled, museum staff have over the past few years started to catalogue its collection with the aid of some grants, whittling down superfluous, degraded or less interesting pieces and better preserving the rest for posterity. It was during this process that the cannon came up.

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Last spring she and archivist Cindy Kilpatrick began checking the different storage locations, finding what they were searching for in the line building next to Rayme's Bar. They were surprised to find it at some point had been painted bright red, and was somewhat worse for wear.

Both museum workers also discovered they couldn't lift the



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Clay Hammer poses with the refurbished cannon newly on display at Wrangell Museum, after helping get it set up on Monday. In storage for the past 16 years, an anonymous craftsman did restorative work on it for the museum, and Hammer helped arrange its transportation.

thing. It was small, only about four feet long, but quite solidly built. Henson called Clay Hammer, superintendent at Wrangell

Municipal Light and Power, for help.

"The line department has always been one of those depart-

ments we can call," Henson said. "They've always come and given us a hand."

"What it needed was a good sandblasting and a paint job," he thought after looking it over.

Hammer knew someone with the right skillset who might be able to refurbish the piece. The person agreed, but wanted his contribution to remain anonymous. When he could find time over the past year the paint was painstakingly removed, with a protective coat added in its stead.

Finished last weekend, on Monday Hammer conveyed it back to the museum. He said he was helped by a group of Stikine Sportsmen Association members, who were at the time breaking down displays from their annual dinner at the Nolan Center on Saturday.

Together they helped shift the artillery piece inside, placing it on a wheeled cart the museum

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Brian Gilbert fundraiser and golf tournament cancelled

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Wrangell Medical Center Foundation last month issued a letter to supporters informing them it would forgo its annual fundraiser week-end this year.

For the past ten years the Brian Gilbert Memorial Golf Tournament and fundraiser dinner is hosted in Wrangell each May in order to raise money for the Foundation. The Foundation is a nonprofit dedicated to support the community's medical needs. The funds it handles fills a few roles, primarily supporting WMC's bid for a new facility but also procuring new equipment, funding its cancer-related travel expenses program, and financing a two-year health careers scholarship for Wrangell High School graduates.

Arranging the organization's largest fundraiser – which includes a nine-hole golf tournament, a catered dinner at the Nolan Center, and a charity auction – is no easy feat. One of the reasons the Foundation has decided not to hold the event is the upcoming departure of WMC's outreach coordinator, Kris Reed, who in past years has led its planning.

"She was the one that carried most of the burden," explained Patty Gilbert, WMC Foundation president.

Some volunteers had gotten together to plan the fundraiser themselves, but Gilbert said with the time available it had proven too much to handle.

"We can't really do it justice," she said. "We're going to take a break for a year and regroup."

Reed will continue working with WMC through the middle of April on a half-time basis, transitioning into a new position with Southeast Alaska Rural Health Consortium. The hospital is this week in the middle of interviews for her replacement, though some of the job's duties will be covered by other staff, leaving the position a half-time one.

"We relied quite a bit on Kris Reed. We're going to miss her,"

Gilbert commented.

WMC CEO Robert Rang explained another reason for the fundraiser and tournament's cancellation this year relates to the changing scope of finding a new facility. Updated cost estimates for a facility put out last fall were several times higher than previously expected, and coupled with revenue issues the city-run hospital is looking at other options.

One of those potentialities being explored will be some degree of partnership with another health care provider, with SEARHC the likeliest candidate. At this juncture, Rang explained, it was a good opportunity for the Foundation to step back from its fundraiser and reevaluate how it allocates its resources.

The Foundation's tournament had once been a big draw for golfers from other communities around Southeast, though in recent years Gilbert thought less promotion has lessened turnout. Petersburg participants have still made the rounds for it, though Petersburg golfer Rocky Littleton explained the annual Ryder Cup and Alaska Airlines tournaments were the bigger draws.

Another big tournament for both communities is the Rally for Cancer Care Tournament, typically held in August. Also benefiting the WMC Foundation, proceeds from that go toward its cancer care travel fund, which helps defray costs for flights and accommodations for patients undergoing treatment. Gilbert said that tournament is still on for this year, which will be its 12th.

All the tournaments are held at Wrangell's Muskeg Meadows Golf Course, which may begin its 2018 season at the start of April.

"It's weather-dependent," explained club manager Bill Messer. "Right now it's not looking good for April 1."

But the course's tournament lineup this year looks similar to last year's, the Brian Gilbert notwithstanding. An increase in cruise ship dockings scheduled for Wrangell this summer is also expected to boost use at the course.



Birthdays & Anniversaries



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

Thursday, March 8: Rhonda Edgley, Carter Hammer. **Friday, March 9:** Hudsyn Welch, Clayton Howe, Julie Allen, Jerry Massin, Ashley Young, Tanner Thomassen. **Saturday, March 10:** Hunter McCloskey, Sumi Angerman, Rick Kohrt, Ian Campbell, *Anniversary:* Charles and Shari Moore. **Sunday, March 11:** Chloe Smalley, Ann Ruks, Steve Powers, Jim Gillen, Michael Villarma, *Anniversary:* David and Audrey Durnez. **Monday, March 12:** Jackie Wenderoth, Mark Edgley. **Tuesday, March 13:** Kaydin Mill, Darlene Villegas, Savannah Wickman, Morgan Torvend. **Wednesday March 14:** Vern Phillips, Leda Klein, Woody Wilson, V. Alan Cummings, Alex Hammock. **Thursday, March 15:** James Campbell, Jessica Rooney, Lucy Simonek.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, March 8

BBQ chicken, oven fries, creamy slaw, hot biscuit.

Friday, March 9

Baked halibut, rice, mixed veggies, fruit cup.

Monday, March 12

Cheese sandwich, split pea soup with pork, apricot salad.

Tuesday, March 13

Chicken pot pie, steamed broccoli, tossed salad.

Wednesday, March 14

Baked ham, molasses yams, spinach salad, hot roll.

Thursday, March 15

Baked bbq salmon, rice, brussels sprouts, carrot raisin salad.

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

Milk, tea and coffee will be served with meals.

FERRY

Departures

Northbound

Saturday, Mar. 10

Kennicott 5:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 11

Columbia 8:45 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13

Kennicott 8:45 p.m.

Friday, March 16

Kennicott 10:15 p.m.

Southbound

Friday, March 9

Kennicott 9:15 a.m.

Monday, March 12

Kennicott 3:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 14

Columbia 6:00 a.m.

Friday, March 16

Kennicott 6:30 a.m.

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



TIDES March 8 - March 15

	High Tides		Low Tides		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
March 8	4:51	14.5	5:41	11.7	11:11	2.5	11:08	4.8
March 9	5:46	13.5	7:02	10.9	.....	.....	12:13	3.3
March 10	7:00	12.9	8:28	11.0	0:10	5.8	1:31	3.5
March 11	9:19	12.9	10:36	11.8	1:33	6.3	3:56	3.1
March 12	10:25	13.6	11:28	12.9	4:02	6.0	5:02	2.2
March 13	11:19	14.5	.....	.....	5:10	5.0	5:48	1.2
March 14	0:11	13.9	12:04	15.4	5:57	3.8	6:25	0.3
March 15	0:48	14.9	12:45	16.1	6:34	2.7	6:58	-0.4

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, March 8

SAIL Class: 10:00 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 a.m. AICS Medical Clinic. Yoga for everybody, please come and join.

Monday, March. 12

Hatha Yoga: 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Hosted at the AICS Medical Clinic.

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

Continuing Events

PARKS & REC ACTIVITIES: Mid-day closure: M-F 1:30-3:30 p.m. Closed Sunday

POOL:

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class:

M-W-F 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Water Aerobics:

M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Lap Swim:

M-W-F 6:00-7:30 a.m. MTWThF 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

TuTh 5:15-6:15 p.m. Sa 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

2 Lane Lap Swim:

M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Lap/Tot Swim:

MTWThF 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. S 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Swim Club:

M-F 3:15-5:15 p.m.

Open Swim:

M-W 5:30-7:00 p.m. F 6:30-8:00 p.m. S 1:00-2:00 p.m.

WEIGHT ROOM: M-Thu 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-7:30 p.m. F 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-8:30 p.m. S 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

MEETINGS

AA MEETINGS: Smoked Fish Fri 8 p.m.; Step Study Sat. 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall, Study Materials provided.

NA MEETING: Wed, We Do Recover 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

BRIDGE SOCIAL: Fri 1 p.m. at the Island of Faith Lutheran Church 874-3440, 874-3507.

SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK: Tues 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For information please call Major Michael Bates 874-3753.

The Way We Were

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

March 14, 1918:

Mrs. C. E. Weber was hostess Wednesday of last week at a very pleasant afternoon tea in honor of Mrs. Cole. Bowls of golden daffodils contrasted with the blue and white appointments of the tea table around which the ladies gathered after a time spent in needlework, knitting and merry conversation. Mrs. Weber, whose love of blue and white china is no secret among her friends, was presented with a number of new pieces to add to her collection by those present.

March 19, 1943:

On March first the Extension Service of the University of Alaska launched the Home Food Supply for Victory Campaigning with a roll call for all rural women. Every pound of food grown in Alaska will help to release ships and workers for work elsewhere. A great many Alaska families grow a part of their garden supplies and under the threat of shortages and high prices will make a special effort to produce larger gardens than ever before. The Wrangell roll call will be directed by Mrs. J. H. Clements, president of the Wrangell Garden Club. The town has been divided into six districts with a leader in each district who will report the number of people who plan to have gardens this year. The leaders are: Mrs. Chester Stear for the district from the Institute to the city limits, Mrs. Chas Burch in the Bay district; Mrs. Tom Elswick from Church Street and Front Street to Wyatt and Crear's store.

March 21, 1968:

Hey, Charley, want to buy a television station? That's right, a television station. They're selling all the equipment that was part of Alaska Television Network's cable TV station here. The gear will go on sale at an auction at 10 a.m. Tuesday at city hall. Included in the items to be sold are: Cash box, 16 packages of film tape, one Ampex tape recorder, one TV analyst, a Conrac monitor, a Jerrold Television Trol, a voltage regulator, an amplifier, an account file, an adding machine. The equipment was seized by the city after the cable television firm was shut down.

March 11, 1992:

Alaskans who want the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge explored for its oil and gas potential face a long and difficult struggle. The coming debate may equal the congressional decision to grant Alaska statehood, both in length and intensity. This may not be the time to push legislation au-

thorizing development of the Coastal Plain, but Alaskans cannot afford to sit idly while national leaders attempt to determine this great state's future options.

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Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Feb. 26	39	27
Feb. 27	37	33
Feb. 28	42	33
Mar. 01	41	28
Mar. 02	37	26
Mar. 03	39	24
Mar. 04	32	23
Mar. 05	36	21

Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Mar. 08	6:24 am	5:35 pm	11:11h
Mar. 09	6:22 am	5:37 pm	11:15h
Mar. 10	6:19 am	5:39 pm	11:20h
Mar. 11	6:16 am	5:41 pm	11:25h
Mar. 12	6:14 am	5:43 pm	11:29h
Mar. 13	6:11 am	5:45 pm	11:34h
Mar. 14	6:09 am	5:47 pm	11:38h
Mar. 15	6:06 am	5:49 pm	11:43h

Vacancy on SEAPA board to be filled

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

With the recent resignation of Clay Hammer from the Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) board of directors, the City and Borough of Wrangell is seeking letters of interest to fill the vacancy.

SEAPA provides power to the communities of Wrangell, Petersburg and Ketchikan, using electricity generated by hydro projects at Swan and Tyee lakes. A board of five voting members and five alternates is divided between the three by annual allotment, with Ketchikan always maintaining two pairs of seats, and Petersburg and Wrangell maintaining one apiece. The fifth seat moves around on a rotating

basis, with Ketchikan selecting a member for odd years and the other two alternating during even years.

2018 has been Wrangell's year to occupy the extra seat, to which Hammer was appointed by Mayor David Jack with the consent of the Wrangell Assembly late last year. Previously he had sat on SEAPA's board as Wrangell's alternate. With him, Lisa Von Barga and Lee Burgess were also named to the board as alternates, respectively being the city's manager and finance director.

Long Wrangell Municipal Light and Power's electrical superintendent, Hammer has recently accepted employment with SEAPA, precluding him from serving on its board.

With that vacancy, city clerk Kim Lane explained the mayor has power to appoint a replacement to fill Wrangell's empty seat at the table, which lasts through the year's end.

SEAPA CEO Trey Acteson explained that duties of a board member include reviewing financial and usage reports, approving annual budgets and operations plans, contributing input on renewal and replacement or other projects, and setting agencywide goals.

Board membership is on a voluntary, unpaid basis. SEAPA bylaws require at least quarterly meetings, customary travel and accommodations for which the agency would cover. Meetings cycle between communities,

so at least a couple of trips to Ketchikan and one to Petersburg could be expected.

Von Barga and Burgess may also be considered for the main voting seat, with other candidates potentially considered for an alternate spot. That would depend on the letter of interest provided and the background of the candidate, Lane explained. Inquiries or letters can be addressed to her at City Hall, in person or by phone at 874-2381, or by email at clerk@wrangell.com.

So far no letters have been received by the clerk's office. The hope is to have an appointment made at the time of the assembly's next meeting on March 13.



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Monday, February 26

Arrested on charges of Domestic Violence Assault and Criminal Trespass: Jazmyn Wright, 25.
Vacation check.
Civil Issue.

Tuesday, February 27

Unlocked vehicle.
Report of reckless driving.
Report of harassment.

Wednesday, February 28

Civil standby.
Domestic: Verbal
Noise complaint: Verbal warning for disorderly conduct given.

Thursday, March 1

Disturbance: Officer re-

sponded.

Unlock house.
Harassment: Officer responded.
Traffic hazard: Vehicle parked partially in the roadway.
Civil issue.

Friday, March 2

Agency Assist.
Report of MVA.
Citizen Assist: Citizen was able to get car started.
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.

Saturday, March 3

Obnoxious Odor: Report of someone burning plastic.
Welfare check: All is fine.
Report of harassment.
Agency Assist: EMTs
Theft of cell phone.

Sunday, March 4

Courtesy transport.
Citizen Assist.

There were three ambulance calls and one dog complaint in this week.

Outlook not so good as water shortage continues

The city requests residents continue to think conservatively about their water use as a Stage I water watch remains in effect.

First issued on February 23 due to diminishing water reserves in the town's two reservoirs, the conditions thought to have contributed to the decline are expected to continue well into spring.

Wrangell's treated water supply is sourced from a pair of reservoirs, with the plant drawing from the lower of the two. Their maximum capacity has been estimated at a combined 56,700,000 gallons, though the build-up of sediment in the lower reservoir over the years is gradually reducing its available volume.

Public Works director Amber Al-Haddad explained the recent problem has been driven primarily by a relatively dry, cold winter. Both reservoirs have thick layers of ice on their surface, further trapping available water, while lack of rain or melted snow has meant little replenishment to the reserve supply.

Reporting the problem at the time of the first alert, raw water levels in the reservoir were about nine feet lower than capacity in the upper reservoir, and a foot low in the lower. Since then the levels have dropped another two or so feet. Updated information on the reservoirs is expected sometime this week.

Coupled with this, user habits during the winter are thought to

have contributed (see chart). While summertime's seafood processing season is more commonly known to be a busy time of year for the water plant, once the temperature drops below freezing water usage spikes back up to similar levels as people leave their taps running.

Keeping an eye to weather forecasts, Al-Haddad said the expectation was for a colder, drier March than usual, conditions which may exacerbate the problem. Further, the outlook for the next three months also indicates a similar pattern, she said.

The water watch declared two weeks ago is the first of three stages in the emergency response plan the CBW Assembly had adopted last April, responding to a shortage in the summer of 2016 the city had been unprepared for. At that time the problem had been with the plant itself being unable to keep up with demand. While diminished reservoirs are not a new problem for Wrangell, it has been a while since it has caused a shortage.

Water utility users are advised to be mindful of their usage, reducing where they can. Unlike production-related shortages, when the raw water supply falls short there is no way to catch back up to demand. Depending on the extent of the ongoing shortage, further reductions and bans on certain types of uses may be enforced to preserve the remaining water supply.

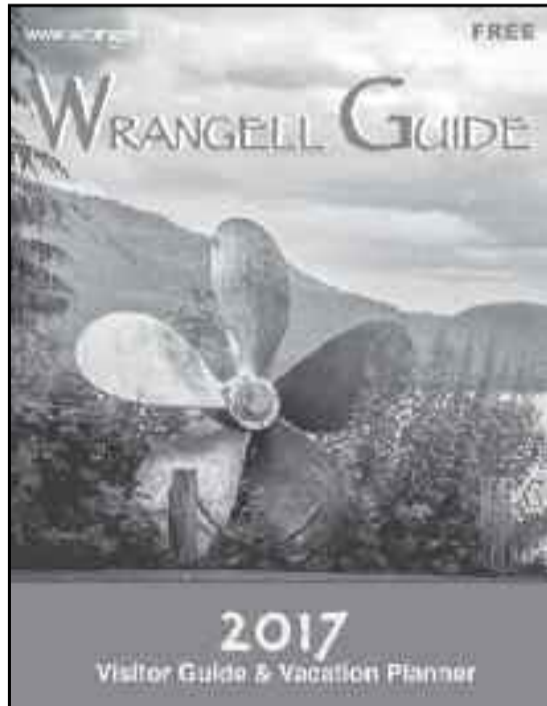
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PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

A batch of unfortunate freshmen are made over during Friday's homecoming pep rally at Wrangell High School. The event also saw oversized tricycle races between students and faculty, and competitions with visiting Petersburg students.

Homecoming weekend counted a success

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Homecoming weekend went well for the students at Wrangell High School, with girls basketball winning both their games against visiting Petersburg, and the boys getting a split after two hard-fought games.

For their last regular season games the Lady Wolves started the weekend with a real nail biter, taking things into overtime. Friday's game started off well enough with the team taking an early lead, which the Lady Vikings shaved down to three points by the half.

Petersburg propelled itself ahead with 21 points in the third period to Wrangell's eight for a 48-39 lead. But the Lady Wolves fought back in the final eight minutes, able to tie things back up at 62 in the closing seconds. The team's eventual 73-66 win

came down to free throws and good defending.

Offensively, sophomore Maddy Harding scored 26 points, including making six of 10 attempted three-pointers. With 29 fouls made by Petersburg, Wrangell had plenty of opportunities at free throws, with junior Helen Decker making eight of them and sophomore Kaylyn Easterly completing five of six attempts.

During the boys' first game Friday, the Wolves and Vikings both struggled to come up with baskets in the first half, with Petersburg leading by only 11-6. Over the next two periods the Vikings were able to outscore their hosts, resulting in a 46-27 win over the Wolves.

Shifting games to an earlier Saturday schedule to accommodate events elsewhere, after the morning's junior varsity games the Lady Wolves returned in

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PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Riley Blatchley prevents Petersburg's Rylan Wallace from scoring two early on in Wrangell's win Saturday afternoon.

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Finding in opening in Petersburg's defense, Helen Decker goes for some extra points near the end of the first half on Saturday.



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Assisting the coronation between basketball games Saturday, teacher Anne Luetkemeyer places a tiara on the head of senior Hannah Miethe, who was queen alongside this year's homecoming king, Ian Jenson.

Homecoming

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command of the court. After a closely run first period the team began building its lead over Petersburg, by the final period outscoring them 18-6. The girls won handily 62-38.

The boys also had a run of the board during their follow-up game Saturday afternoon. They held the lead from the start, opening with a three-point drop by Riley Blatchley. Leading 24-13 at the half, the Wolves went on to win 47-23.

Blatchley scored 24 points in all during the game, making nine free throws and half a dozen two-pointers. He had also led the previous evening, scoring 14 of his team's 27 points.

Both teams head next to Ketchikan for Region V this week.

In between Saturday evening's

games Wrangell High School's homecoming court was coronated. Crowned this year's king and queen were Ian Jenson and Hannah Miethe. Accompanying the couple were princesses Erin Galla and Anna Allen, and princes Tymon Teat and Brian Schwartz. Underclass attendants to the procession were Riley Blatchley and Helen Decker for the juniors, Trevor Miller and Kaylyn Easterly for the sophomores, and Brett Abrahamson and Julia Miethe for the freshmen.

The weekend had been preceded by activities to boost school spirit, culminating in some shenanigans through the week and a pep rally early Friday afternoon.

"Everything seemed to go smoothly," activities director Trisa Rooney commented. Coaches, students, parents and

staff had worked together to make it happen, wrapping up the last of the year's home weekends.

Principal Bill Schwan also unveiled the new score table, a light-up model emblazoned with the Wolves logo which now works for both high school and Stikine Middle School activities since the latter changed its mascot last fall.

"It really makes things easier," Schwan said of the change.

With the cougar logo now retired, the stuffed mascot in the middle school commons will be needing a new home. Schwan indicated a place at the museum might be appropriate. Its ultimate destination still needs to be worked out. When the specimen met its demise in 1989 it was reportedly the first-ever mountain lion shot in the state.

Douglas Roberts DBA Roberts Construction

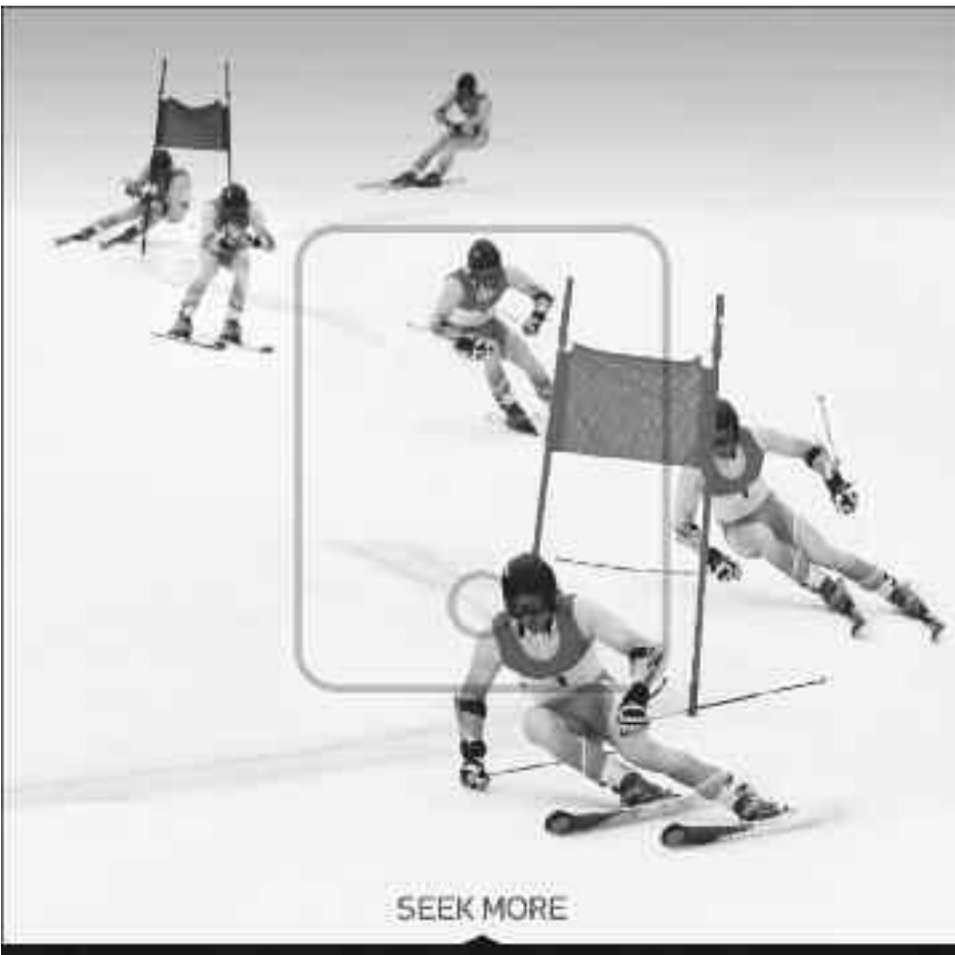
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JOB

WRANGELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS is accepting applications for the position of: Long-term Substitute Elementary Lead Teacher: This position will begin on April 25 and run through May 25. The Lead Teacher will assist with administrative duties and scheduling during the absence of the Elementary Principal. Please contact the district office at 874-

2347 for more information. Position: Open until filled. It is Wrangell Public School District's policy to not discrimination the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex or disability.....1x3-8b

WRANGELL PUBLIC SCHOOL is accepting applications for the position of: Maintenance/Custodian: This is a 12-month position with benefits paid on Column F of the Classified Personnel Salary Schedule. Responsibilities include assisting the maintenance director with repairs and maintenance of the buildings, keeping our school complex clean and assisting with setting up rooms for classes, large presentations and business meetings as needed. For a complete job description and salary schedule, please contact the district office at 874-2347. POSITION: Open until filled. It is Wrangell Public School District's policy to not discrimination the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex or disability.....2x3-8b101

WRANGELL PUBLIC SCHOOL is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2018-2019 School Year:

K-12 Fine Arts Teacher: This is a full-time teaching position providing a K-12 art program. The applicant must have the ability to develop an appreciation of art in every student so that every student recognizes their own creativity to express themselves and enhance their environment. A current Alaska Teaching certificate with the appropriate endorsements in Art is required. Multiple endorsements are preferred. For more information and a detailed job description, please contact the Wrangell Public Schools District Office at 907-874-2347. Position: Open until filled. It is Wrangell Public School District's policy to not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex or disability.....1x3-8b121

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BOROUGH DECLARES STAGE I WATER WATCH

On February 23rd, the City and Borough of Wrangell declared a Stage I Water Watch, effective immediately, in accordance with the Borough's Water Shortage Management Plan (WMC 15.04.650) when water conservation is needed to protect the water supply. This elevated need for water conservation is in response to a reduction in our raw water supply.

Although the short-range forecast shows some rainfall approaching, the long-range weather forecast continues to suggest conditions that are likely to continue to reduce the water supply in the Wrangell reservoir basins.

In reviewing climatological outlooks with NOAA staff, predictions are for colder and drier than normal conditions through March 2018. NOAA's three-month outlook indicates that below-normal temperatures are more likely for the Alaska panhandle.

Climate conditions will continue to be monitored, and water restrictions will be adjusted as necessary. The Stage 1 Water Watch status will remain in effect until further notice, or unless replaced by Stage II Water Warning restrictions.

During a Stage I Water Watch, citizens are strongly encouraged to reduce their water use and find ways to make water conservation routine in their daily use of water.

The City and Borough of Wrangell welcomes questions about the Stage I Water Watch or about ways in which you can reduce your water consumption. Public Works can be reached at 874-3904.



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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA PUBLIC NOTICE

With the recent resignation of a member on the Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) Board of Directors, we are seeking *Letters of Interest* to fill the vacancy on the SEAPA Board which consists of:

EITHER One (1) voting member OR One (1) alternate member for Wrangell until December 31, 2018

Please note that we are seeking letters for either a VOTING Member seat **OR** an ALTERNATE Member seat.

The term will expire on December 31, 2018.

Please turn your Letter of Interest into the Borough Clerk's Office, 205 Brueger Street, City & Borough of Wrangell, P.O. Box 531, Wrangell, AK 99929, **on or before 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 13, 2018.**

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

Appointments will be made at the regular Assembly meeting on March 13, 2018.

Publish: March 1 and 8, 2018

City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska PUBLIC HEARING / WORK SESSION PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough Assembly will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING/WORK SESSION** on **Tuesday, March 13, 2018**, in the Borough Assembly Chambers on the following item:

Off-Road Vehicles (Ordinance Review)

This Public Hearing/Work Session will be held at 6:00 p.m. There will be an opportunity for the Public to weigh in on the operation of off-road vehicles as well.

The Public is encouraged to attend.

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

Publish: March 8, 2018

OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT TO SSRAA BURNETT INLET HATCHERY RESIDENCE PROJECT

The Tongass National Forest, Wrangell Ranger District, has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Decision Notice (DN) that would allow the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) to construct and maintain a new building and relocate a segment of boardwalk foot trail at the Burnett Inlet Hatchery. The Responsible Official for this project is: M. Earl Stewart, Tongass Forest Supervisor.

The EA and Draft DN are available online at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50261>. The EA and Draft DN are also available for review at the Wrangell Ranger District, 525 Bennett Street, Wrangell, AK 99929. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: David Rak, P.O. Box 51, Wrangell, AK 99929, 907-874-2323 or drak@fs.fed.us.

This project is subject to the pre-decisional administrative review process (objection process) pursuant to 36 CFR 218, subparts A and B. Please review the information concerning implementation of this draft decision and objection rights and procedures carefully. Detailed information on objection rights and procedures are included in the Draft DN, beginning on page 7.

The objection must be in writing and meet the content requirements at 36 CFR 218.8(d). Written objections, including any attachments, must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, or express delivery) with the Reviewing Officer within 45 days of the publication date of the legal notice in the Ketchikan Daily News. Objections must be sent to: Beth Pendleton, Reviewing Officer, USDA Forest Service, Alaska Region, 709 W. 9th Street, Juneau, AK 99802-1628, fax 907-586-7840. E-mail: objections-alaska-regional-office@fs.fed.us.

For those submitting hand-delivered objections, the office business hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic objections must be submitted in a format such as an email message, portable document format (.pdf), plain text format (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx). It is the responsibility of objectors to ensure that their objection is received in a timely manner (36 CFR 218.9).

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Douglas Van Sundberg has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Harry Sten Sundberg. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Douglas Van Sundberg, Personal Representative, c/o Faulkner Banfield, P.C., 8420 Airport Boulevard, Suite 101, Juneau, Alaska 99801-6924, or filed with the Superior Court for the State of Alaska, First Judicial District at Wrangell, Alaska, 1WR-18-02 PR.

Published: March 8, 15 and 22, 2018

LEGAL

Pursuant to the City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska, Borough Charter, Sec. 4, public notice is hereby given that the following ordinance listed by title only has been adopted by the Borough Assembly. Such ordinances are currently on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and may be inspected upon request.

ORDINANCE NO. 939

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA CREATING SECTION 5.04.060 OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM EXEMPTION QUALIFICATIONS

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

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Swimmers make finals in Juneau championship meet

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

A trio of Wrangell swimmers went to Juneau last month to participate in the annual Alaska Age Group Championship.

Wrangell Swim Club shared lanes with 21 other teams during the mid-February meet, which drew qualifying participants from around the state.

Now in the club's second year of competitive participation, coach Jamie Roberts said her swimmers are starting to feel like seasoned athletes. Competitive meets of this size are quite fast-paced, with competitors in one event often taking a flying start over the heads of those in the previous event as soon as they finish.

"If you blink and don't pay attention, you'll miss your meet," said Roberts. It proved to be no problem though for Wrangell's swimmers, which included 11-year-old Jack Roberts, and 13-year-olds Nikolai Siekawitch and Renee Roberts.

"The three of them were right on it," Coach Roberts recalled.

All three had previously competed at last year's championship, and in two seasons of competition each has swum in from seven to nine such meets. So they were comfortable returning to Juneau.

Which isn't to say the meet was easy. Participants are allowed to compete in up to seven events over the three-day meet. Swimmers have to place in the

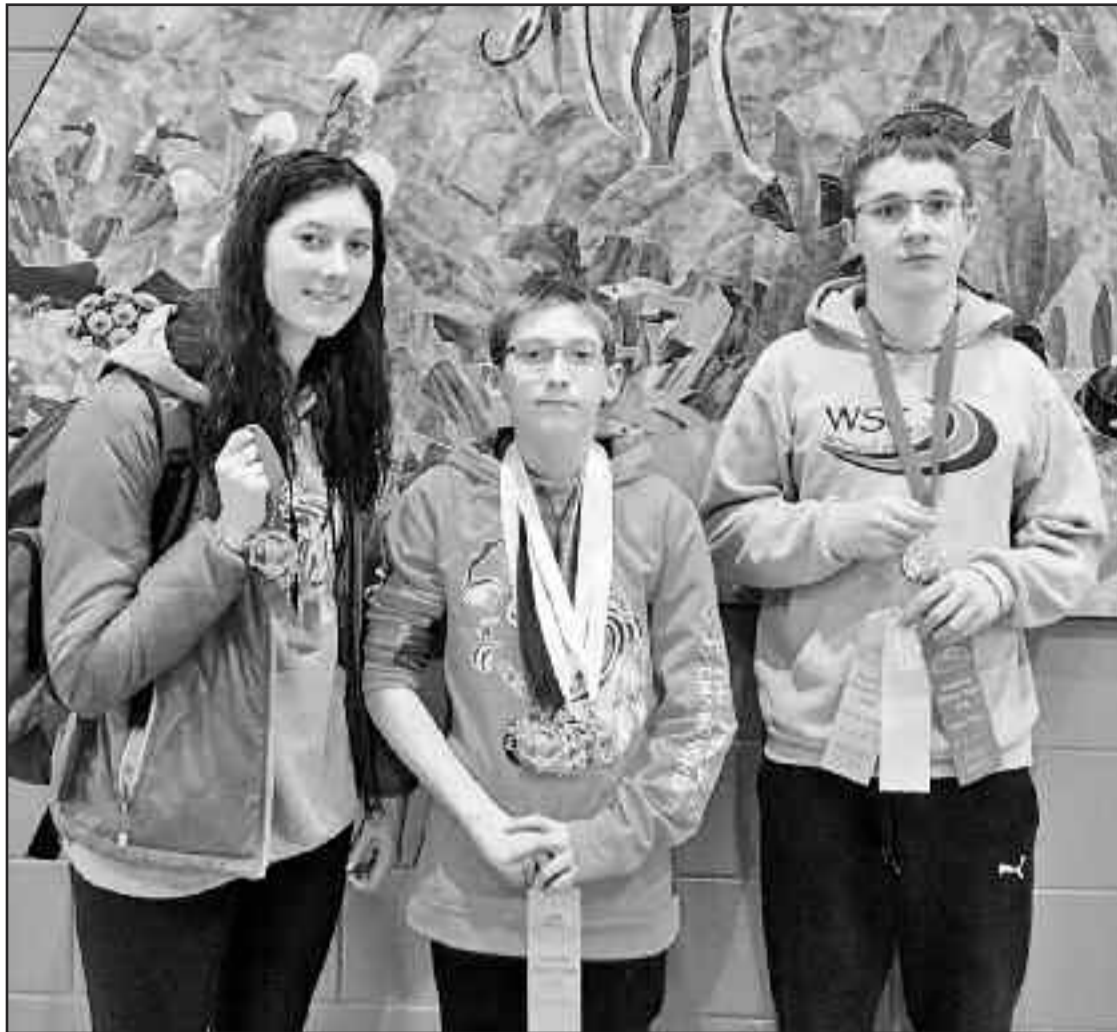


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Siblings Renee and Jack Roberts and teammate Nikolai Siekawitch present their awards after last month's Alaska Age Group Championship in Juneau. Representing Wrangell Swim Club at the statewide meet, all three broke personal bests and placed in the top echelons of their events.

Blood tests at a discount during month of March

Wrangell Medical Center's annual health fair is coming up, with a month of discounted blood tests available at the hospital in the month leading up.

Starting back on Monday, five of the tests the hospital's laboratory administers have been reduced in cost ahead of April 7's fair. The screenings include a coronary risk profile, which measures blood and cholesterol counts. The screening for hemoglobin A1C can be helpful for diagnosing pre diabetic conditions, and is useful for monitoring the long-term care of persons already with diabetes. Two screenings gauge thyroid function and vitamin D levels, while the last is for prostatic specific antigen.

The PSA screening is aimed at assessing the prostate, which is an elevated source of disease among men. The screening is to accompany a separate digital rectal exam, and together they can help identify prostate cancer. Not all elevated PSA readings mean cancer is present – about two-thirds of men with elevated readings will not have it – though consulting a urologist is recommended in that instance. The American Cancer Society recommends the exam for men ages 50 and older, and for men as young as 40 who fall into high-risk groups. The results may be helpful, though it is noted that while 30 percent of men over 50 have cancer cells present in their prostate the majority will never have symptoms or problems as a result, dying instead of an unrelated issue.

Discounted tests can be done at the hospital during weekday operating hours through the end of March, with results available for pickup at the April 7 health fair. An exception to this is a holiday closure on March 26, and early laboratory hours beginning at 7 a.m. for March 14.

Due to reduced lab staffing, special blood draw times have been scaled back compared to previous years. To avoid lengthy wait times, patients wanting blood drawn should plan to stop by earlier rather than later in the month. The last week can get pretty hectic, and the month long drive last year drew 480 patients taking 1,600 different tests.

The health fair itself will be held at the Nolan Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and as with past years will feature booths and informational tables from a wide variety of health- and wellness-related organizations.

top eight before moving on to the finals, which through hard work all three of Wrangell's did. The team fielded a smaller group than many of the other competitors, some of which had brought several dozen children.

"It went really well," said Roberts. "They all placed top eight among everyone in the state."

Siekawitch took second place in the 100-meter breaststroke, fourth place in the 100-meter fly and 50-meter freestyle, fifth place in the 200-meter breaststroke, and sixth place in the 400-meter and 200-meter medleys, and the 100-meter backstroke. He earned 30 points for the team and earned personal best times in six of his events.

Jack Roberts took first place in the 100-meter fly and 100-meter medley, second place in the 50-meter fly, third place in the 100 and 50 freestyles and 100-meter breaststroke, and fourth place in the 200-meter medley.

He earned 48 points and logged personal bests in two of his events.

Renee Roberts took second place in the 100-meter backstroke, fourth place in the 100 fly, sixth place in the 50- and 200-meter freestyles, seventh in the 200-meter backstroke, and eighth in the 200-meter medley. She earned the team 25 points and made three personal bests.

All three have qualified for participation in the Alaska Junior Olympics in Anchorage, set to start April 26. Roberts said she will be trying to coordinate an additional open swim meet in Juneau on April 6, though ferry scheduling could pose a problem.

Wrangell Swim Club is a youth-oriented club with increasing interest, this year having 42 members. The team earlier last month held a lap-a-thon fundraiser, securing pledges from various residents based on the number of laps the swimmer

could perform.

Roberts said the event had to be spread over a span of four days due to the number of kids involved. Some of the youngest were able to do 10 laps, while the most done in an hour was 86.

"We raised over \$7,000," the coach said.

Those funds will go to several areas, including acquiring an additional starting block. Currently the team only has one, putting some swimmers at a disadvantage during meets. With the new block, they should be on a more equal footing.

"We're raising money for that and some other equipment," Roberts said.

Funds will also go toward starting up travel and scholarship funds for the team, with the latter helping to defray costs for would-be swimmers. Costs can add up pretty quickly, from the team dues and USA Swimming registration fee to the community pool pass.



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Cannon

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already had that had been built to support it. Henson did not think it had been the artillery piece's original cart, but seemed to fit for display purposes. The cannon now resides in the Fort Wrangell and Redoubt St. Dionysus section of the collection, viewable by the public.

Not a lot is otherwise known about the cannon's origins, though some theories and conjectures surround it. The casting marks identifying the foundry it came from have since been weathered away, but Kilpatrick said the donor Johnston had suspected it was a Russian piece.

Hammer said the anonymous restorer had an interest in cannonry, and had noted its design to be unique from typical American or British models. At around 3.5 inches, he thought that the caliber of the weapon was distinctive.

He also had suspected it to be a Russian artifact, dating from that country's time in the region. Colonial Wrangell had its start as a Russian strategic outpost in 1834, commanded by Dionysius Zarembo. The Russian presence was not long-lived, leasing the fort to the British Hudson Bay Company in 1840. The place finally transferred to American control with the purchase of Alaska from the Russians in 1867.

"It's a really cool little piece of Wrangell history," Hammer concluded.

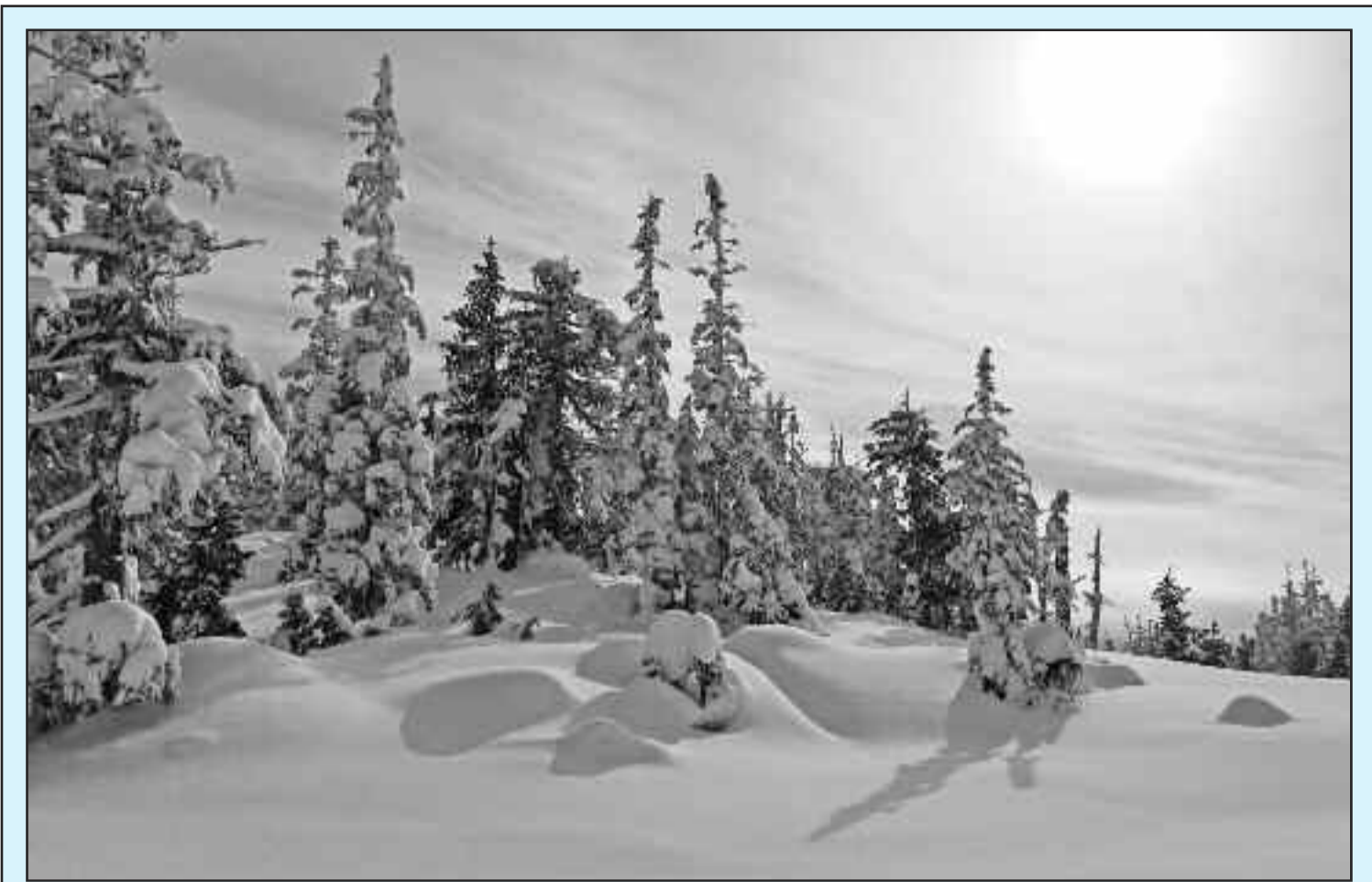


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Pristine powder

Fresh snowfall graces Paradise the afternoon of February 28, on Wrangell's Middle Ridge. Recent accumulations over the previous couple of weeks had deepened coverage to five or six feet in parts, drawing a number of recreants on their snow machines.

Henson suggested a cannonball found by a resident on their Panhandle Avenue property some years ago could be similarly sized to the cannon. However, further examination of the relic by an expert would be needed before jumping to any conclusions.

In the meantime, she was

very grateful for the assistance given the museum.

"They did a wonderful job," she said.

The cannon, along with a piece of Tlingit totem, will be a new addition to museum visitors this year. Still on its winter

weekend schedule, Wrangell Museum will shift to its extended summertime hours starting April 2.

EPA and Trident reach settlement on Wrangell waste violations

The Environmental Protection Agency announced last Friday that it has reached an agreement with Trident Seafoods Corporation and the U.S. Department of Justice to resolve violations of the Clean Water Act for discharges of fish waste at two seafood processing facilities in Wrangell and in Sand Point, in the Aleutians.

Under the agreement, Trident will remove nearly three-and-a-half acres of waste from the seafloor near its Sand Point plant, and limit the amount of seafood waste discharged from its Wrangell plant.

"We are pleased that Trident has committed to removing the waste pile at Sand Point and to continue reducing the amount of seafood waste discharges from its operations," stated Edward Kowalski, director of the EPA Region 10 Office of Compliance and Enforcement. "This settlement is the result of a productive and successful collaboration with Trident, and will help protect the seafloor, surrounding water quality, and important habitat for a variety of marine life."

Trident has operated a fish meal plant at Sand Point since 1996 to help limit the amount of fish waste discharged to marine waters. Yet after decades of processing, the historic waste pile exceeds the allowable one-acre limit, and continues to impair the health of the seafloor. Unauthorized discharges of seafood processing waste lead to large seafood waste piles, which contain bones, shells and other organic materials that accumulate on the seafloor. Seafood waste piles create anoxic, or oxygen-depleted conditions that result in unsuitable habitats for fish and other living organisms.

In addition to removing the Sand Point waste pile, Trident has committed to installing state-of-the-art filter technology to prevent most solids, including fish tissue, from being released to marine waters when fish are transferred from supply boats to the plant. At the Wrangell plant, Trident has agreed to screen out most solid seafood wastes, which will reduce or eliminate waste discharges to the near-shore marine environment. Annual dive surveys at both processing plants will monitor the size of any accumulated seafood waste to ensure continued compliance with permit requirements. The EPA expects the combination of these measures to improve water quality and help ensure Trident's long-term compliance with the Clean Water Act.

Trident also agreed to pay a \$297,000 civil penalty and to conduct a comprehensive audit of the company's system for monitoring environmental compliance.

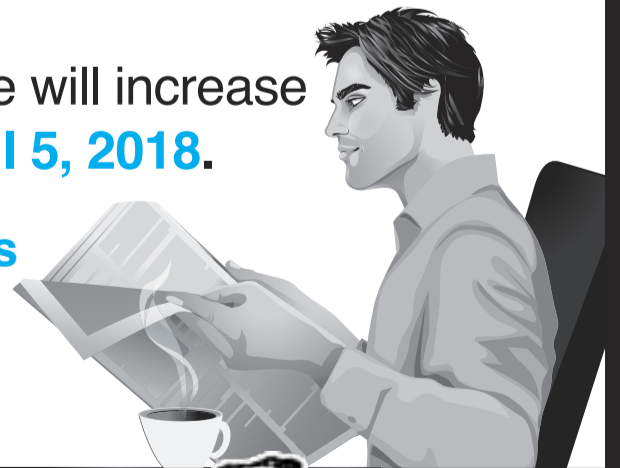
The proposed settlement, lodged in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington, is subject to a 30-day comment period and final court approval. Information on submitting comments is available at <https://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>.

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