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Small turnout for boat parade, winners announced for holiday decorating contest

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Doc Davenport Christmas Boat Parade has been a Wrangell tradition since the 1970s, when it was started by Wayne "Doc" Davenport. Fishermen and boat owners of Wrangell, traditionally, deck out their vessels with lights and holiday decorations. As the sun goes down the boats parade across the shoreline, starting at city dock. The parade fell in popularity in 2012 after Davenport's retirement, according to a 2017 article by Wrangell Sentinel. The chamber of commerce revived the tradition last year, however. Last year's parade brought together nine boats.

This year, however, there was rather low turnout. Only two boats sailed up to city dock to show off their decorations. The lack of participation did not mean that the boats failed to put on a good show, however. The small boat piloted up close to city dock to let people get a better look at the decorations, while the larger boat shot fireworks into the sky.

Back on shore, many Wrangell homes and businesses were in the spirit of the season. The chamber of commerce hosted a holiday decorating contest. Chamber representatives drove through town, taking pictures of homes and storefronts with Christmas decorations. They announced the winners on Facebook last Saturday evening. City hall, 56 Degrees North, and Pink & White Salmon took the top three places on the business side of the contest. For homes, the winners were the houses of Olinda and Gene White, Brenda and David Mork, and Aleisha Mollen.



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One of the two boats that participated in last Saturday's boat parade. The Christmas boat parade has been a tradition in Wrangell for many years, one that the chamber of commerce has recently been trying to revive

Wrangell school district marks last day of school, first semester for new leadership

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

With snow falling all through town, the last day of school for the Wrangell school district was made just that much more special. After a long semester starting last August, students in elementary, middle, and high school now have a few weeks to

relax, spend time with family, and enjoy winter break. The last day of class was made into a celebration across all the schools.

Students at Evergreen Elementary got to leave class early to take a trip to the Nolan Center. There, they were treated to a special showing of "The Grinch."

The middle school and high school also got to celebrate the last day of school. The high school commons were filled with board games, the gym was opened up, and students and teachers all got to enjoy a lunch of hotdogs and sloppy joes. Several kids opted to go outside to play in the snow,

as well.

The beginning of winter break also marks a milestone for several school district staff. Wrangell has a new elementary school principal, secondary school principal, and a new superintendent.

Virginia Tulley, principal of Evergreen Elementary, could not be reached for comment.

Secondary School Principal David Macri, however, said that his first semester was very enjoyable.

"It's going good, I learned quite a bit," he said. "I listened to a lot of different folks, parents, teachers, students. I went down to the chamber of commerce and met with some of the area businessmen. So I'm getting a pretty good idea of what direction the community wants the school to go in."

Macri said that he has had nothing but good experiences with people in the school and the wider community. He added that he believes the school is heading in a good direction, and wants to maintain the course

they're on when classes resume.

A new schedule for the fall of 2019 is in the works, he said, that would hopefully provide more flexibility for students wanting to take a "non-traditional" approach to their education.

Superintendent Debbe Lancaster said that she and other district staff members have worked tirelessly to nurture a positive student learning environment. Things like the school's ranking against other Alaska schools, new safety protocols, and other items were hot topics of discussion across the district. Lancaster also said that she and others have worked hard to form a strong team of teachers and staff members across all of Wrangell's schools.

"I could not be more proud of staff, students, parents, and community members who continually push the limits on making this a harmonious and productive school community," Lancaster said in an email to the Sentinel. "I am delighted to call Wrangell my home and we have a lot to look forward to in 2019."

Polar Bear Plunge coming this New Year

By CALEB VIERKANT
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As many people in Wrangell are surely aware, Alaska is cold in the winter. While others may bundle up or drink lots of coffee to fight the cold, there is another group that embraces it. The Wrangell Polar Bear Club will be holding their annual plunge at Shoemaker Park on New Year's Day.

Aleisha Mollen, with the club, said that this is the 19th annual polar bear plunge for Wrangell. On Jan. 1, at 1 p.m., participants will run chest deep into the ocean, dunk themselves, and stand in the cold water for a full minute. Those who make it the full minute are then welcomed into the polar bear club, and everybody is invited to come do it again next year.

"It's just a way to kind of promote a little bit of fun community unity, you know, getting your new year started off right, just to kind of prove you're a tough Alaskan," she said.

The polar bear plunge is open to anybody willing to participate. Mollen said that they had about 40 participants last year. The number ranges from 30 to 50 people every year, depending on the weather. There is no entry fee, she said, people just need to show up and have fun. There will be door prizes, as well. The polar bear club will also be accepting donations for the Mariners' Memorial. Even if someone attending decides not to take the plunge, Mollen said, they're welcome to sit on dry land and show their support for those who do.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, December 27: Taylor Beck. **Friday, December 28:** Nate Stearns, Per Nolan. **Saturday, December 29:** Emily Sterner, John Feller Jr, Kim Wickman, D. J. McConachie, Kenny Golding, Jennifer Davies, Gordon McCloskey, Christie Jamieson, Michelle Gross, Al Brock. **Sunday, December 30:** Sophia Ely, Parker Mork. *Anniversary:* Kelly and Dawn Davis, Doug and Gail Thomas, Todd and Elaine Torvend. **Monday, December 31:** Korben Young. *Anniversary:* Mark and Dee Galla, Jerry and Judy Bakeberg, Wess and KD Strausburger.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, December 27

1/2 Chicken Sandwich, Minestrone Soup, Romaine & Tomato Salad

Friday, December 28

Beef & Cheese Chili, Texas Coleslaw, Cornbread

Monday, December 31

Roast Beef & Gravy, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Mashed Potatoes

Tuesday, January 1

CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR

Wednesday, January 2

Mac & Cheese w/Ham, Broccoli, Fruit Cup

Thursday, January 3

Beef Pot Pie, Spinach, Honey Orange 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

Sunday, December 30

Columbia 4:45 p.m.

Sunday, January 6

Columbia 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 13

Columbia 4:45 p.m.

Sunday, January 20

Columbia 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, January 27

Columbia 4:45 p.m.

Southbound

Friday, December 28

Malaspina 5:45 p.m.

Wednesday, January 9

Columbia 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 16

Columbia 7:00 a.m.

Wednesda, January 23

Columbia 7:15 a.m.

Wednesday, January 30

Columbia 7:30 a.m.

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



TIDES

Dec. 27 - Jan. 2

High Tides

Low Tides

	AM		PM		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
December 27	4:12	15.8	4:05	15.9	9:54	2.8	10:26	-0.9
December 28	5:08	15.5	5:10	14.5	10:59	3.1	11:22	0.5
December 29	6:10	15.4	6:27	13.3	12:12	3.1
December 30	7:16	15.6	7:49	12.8	0:24	1.7	1:30	2.7
December 31	8:18	16.0	9:03	13.0	1:31	2.7	2:47	1.8
January 1	9:15	16.5	10:07	13.4	2:39	3.2	3:53	0.6
January 2	10:06	16.9	11:02	13.9	3:42	3.5	4:46	-0.4

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, December 27

Riverflats Open Mic Night: Nolan Center, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Is the attendance at your meeting or event low? Send information for Roundup to wrgsent@gmail.com or call 874-2301.

Continuing Events

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

Pool:

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class: M-W-F 8:30-9:30 a.m.
 Water Aerobics: M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.
 Lap Swim: M-W-F 6:00-7:30 a.m. MTWThF 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. TuTh 5:15-6:15 p.m. Sa 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 2 Lane Lap Swim: M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.
 Lap/Tot Swim: MTWThF 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. S 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 Swim Club: M-F 3:15-5:15 p.m.
 Open Swim: M-W 5:30-7:00 p.m. F 6:30-8:00 p.m. S 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Weight Room: M-Thu 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-7:30 p.m. F 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-8:30 p.m. S 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

MEETINGS

AA Meetings: North Star Group Meeting, St. Philip's Church. Tuesday: 7 p.m., Thursday: 8 p.m., Friday: 8 p.m.

The Way We Were

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

December 26, 1918

The new Willson Sylvester mill is nearing completion. The buildings are up, a great deal of the machinery and the engines and boilers are in place, and the finishing touches will be done in a few weeks' time. Within two months, the hum of the saw will be heard once more and Wrangell's chief industry will be in operation again.

It was last March that fire destroyed the old Willson, Sylvester mill that had been on the mainstay of the town for about 30 years. It was not until August that the work of rebuilding the plant began in earnest under the direction of H.T. Hendricks of Everett, Washington. Meanwhile, the company had been reorganized with H.W. Gartley as business manager, and plans had been perfected for a mill that would be far superior to the old plant.

The new mill occupies more ground than the old and contains features that will aid production very materially. The mill will begin cutting the latter part of February. The first cut will be on lumber needed for the mill and will serve as a try-out of the plant after which actual production will begin, and about a month later, the box factory will be started.

December 31, 1943

The City Market announced this week it expected to move into new enlarged quarters in the Red Men building about the middle of January with a complete and expanded line of groceries in connection with the meat market. Renovation of the Red Men ground floor with installation of shelving and other equipment for the market is now underway and is expected to be completed in about two or three weeks.

The grocery stock of Campbell Bros., which is going out of the grocery line to specialize in hardware, fishermen's supplies and clothing will be purchased by the City Market and added to

the serve-yourself display in the new City Market quarters.

"With the additional room in the new store quarters, we will have a complete line of household food supplies so that patrons may walk about and make their own selections," Manager R.W. Curtis explained. "We will have our meat market as usual, with the grocery stock greatly enlarged, hoping to be able to fill every household need in food. We will add a delivery service, the same three-times-per-week service which is now in effect in town."

December 26, 1968

The city's lighted garland and city Christmas tree add to the yuletide appearance of downtown Wrangell. The tree is in a vacant lot. This, city officials hope, will keep it upright. Two years ago a motorist downed the city's tree minutes after it went up in the middle of Front Street.

December 23, 1993

Three light industrial lots will be sold by the City of Wrangell to the highest bidder next month.

Sealed bids are being accepted by the city until 2 p.m. on Jan. 12 for lots 3, 8, and 9 of Wrangell's Block 49. Each of the lots has an assessed value of \$11,900 and city officials have set that as the minimum bid for each of the lots, according to City Manager Duane

Gasaway.

The lots are located next to the Kadin Corp. shop off Wrangell Avenue. Gasaway said the offering resulted from a request by Kadin Corp. to have the properties put up for sale.

At last week's Wrangell City Council meeting, the mayor and council voted to put another 12 lots of city-owned property up for sale at a future date, which has not yet been set. Those lots are located in the Wrangell Industrial Park in blocks 63a, 63b, and 64 along Howell and Third Avenues, which will be extended by the city after the lots sell, according to Gasaway.



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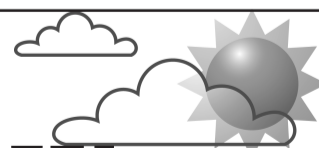
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Date	High	Low
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Dec. 18	48	42
Dec. 19	42	35
Dec. 20	36	28
Dec. 21	37	32
Dec. 22	39	35
Dec. 23	39	32
Dec. 24	33	32



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Dec 27	8:19 am	3:18 pm	6:59h
Dec 28	8:19 am	3:19 pm	7:00h
Dec 29	8:19 am	3:20 pm	7:01h
Dec 30	8:19 am	3:21 pm	7:02h
Dec 31	8:19 am	3:22 pm	7:03h
Jan 01	8:19 am	3:23 pm	7:04h
Jan 02	8:19 am	3:25 pm	7:06h
Jan 03	8:19 am	3:26 pm	7:07h

University researchers analyze data from Alaska earthquake

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) – Researchers at the University of Alaska Anchorage are expecting to gain a wealth of information from the magnitude 7.0 earthquake that rocked south-central Alaska last month.

Researchers are analyzing data captured during the powerful Nov. 30 quake, Anchorage television station KTUU reported.

The information collected is important for improvements to building codes, according to the scientists.

“This is actually a gold mine here for us to data mine,” said Zhaohui Joey Yang, a professor and chair of UAA’s Civil Engineering Department. “To learn from that, we can hopefully help to improve the building design codes to make our community even safer.”

The earthquake damaged roads and structures, but it caused no widespread catastrophic damage. It has been followed by thousands of aftershocks.

Data from the quake was collected from various areas including Anchorage, Eagle River



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Middle School donates to the Salvation Army

Students at Stikine Middle School collected food for the Salvation Army through November. Mr. Davies’ sixth grade class collected the most food and were rewarded with open gym. Michael Bates, with the Salvation Army, estimated the donations at about \$2,000.

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Yang and a team funded by the National Science Foundation collected perishable geot-

echnical data from such sources as ground fissures, slope failures, fill around bridge abutments and building foundations.

UAA’s seismic meters can record the intensity and movement of the ground shaking during an earthquake, as well as the movements of buildings.

“It’s very critical to make sure our buildings have the proper design in order to stand up to the next big earthquake,” Yang said.

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Police report

December 17, 2018

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment.

December 18, 2018

Summons service.
Agency assist: Warrant served.
Parking complaint.
Citizen assist: Unlocked vehicle.

December 19, 2018

Agency assist: ID requested.
Parking complaints: Citations issued to Shapleigh Howell, 84; Terry Bunn, 64; Thomas Stammer, 75; Lucas McDonough, 28, for parking in excess of posted time.
Traffic stop: Verbal warning given for no front license plate.
Agency assist: Unsecured premise.

December 20, 2018

Parking complaint: Neighbors have been notified to move their vehicles.
Parking: Vehicle has been moved.
Welfare check.
Hazardous play: Kids riding 4-wheelers recklessly at school playground without headlights.
Hazardous play: Kids riding 4-wheelers recklessly on road without headlights.
Citation issued: Elizabeth McConachie, 65. No proof of insurance.

Loud music complaint: Officer responded, music has been turned down.

December 21, 2018

MVA: Swerved to miss a dog and ended up in the ditch.
Two paper services.
Citizen assist: Live trap.
Civil issue.

December 22, 2018

Paper service.
Agency assist: Chimney fire.
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty headlight and having Z tags on license plate.
Citation issued: Mary Glaser, 40. Failure to stop.

December 23, 2018

Citation issued: Alan Frank, 54. No proof of insurance. Verbal warning for faulty equipment. Harassment.
Citation issued: Richard Philips, 33. Failure to provide proof of insurance and failure to stop when emerging from alley/driveway/building.
Citation issued: LaDonna Botsford, 52. Failure to stop at a stop sign and failure to provide proof of insurance.

There were five ambulance calls and one dog complaint this week.

Obituary: Lawrence Frederick Bahovec, 101

Lawrence Frederick Bahovec, 101, passed away on Dec. 6, 2018 in Seattle, Washington after a brief battle with cancer. His family was by his side.

Lawrence was born on Jan. 4, 1917, in Chicago, Illinois to Edna Bahovec (Kinch), and Frederick Bahovec. He attended the Sheldon Jackson boarding school in Sitka, Alaska, and went on to the University of Washington in Seattle as a young adult.

Upon completion of college, Lawrence returned to Alaska, and along with two others, built a small fishing boat, named the Lalowa. This fueled his love for the water, which led to a lifelong career in fishing. The majority of his work life was completed on a wooden seiner/longliner named the Aurore Marie (now



Lawrence Frederick Bahovec

named the Darla R), which is currently still seining out of the Fishermen's Terminal in Seattle, Washington. Alongside his fish-

ing career, Lawrence also bought the Brig Bar (now Rayme's) in the '60's, which he owned for the better part of 50 years.

Lawrence was married to Adele V. Bahovec, who passed away after a complication in surgery in 1972. After spending nearly 10 years as a widower, he finally went on to remarry Sylvia L. Bahovec and remained married to until her death in 2013.

He was preceded in death by step-sons Tom Maxand and Craig Vanvervest.

Lawrence is survived by: his sister, Cecilia Hutchinson; niece Helen Copen; step-daughter Shannon Vandervest-Whitacre; daughter-in-law Maureen Maxand; along with grandchildren Chelsea Keutmann, Heidi

Berg, Katrina Berg, Trenten Maxand, Laura Barnett, Brook Pell, and John Franco; as well as 10 great-grandchildren.

Lawrence's celebration of life is open to the public, and will be held from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 4, 2019, on what would have been his 102nd birthday at the Nolan Center in Wrangell and will be conducted as a

potluck-style gathering. Main dishes will be provided, while side dishes, desserts or appetizers are welcome.

The family is asking those of you who share memories with him, big or small, to write down a story to bring to the service. These will be left with the family, and may also be shared during his celebration.



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The Lady Wolves basketball team played against "Team Old People," comprised of alumni basketball players, last Thursday night.

Experience beats youth at girls' alumni game

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Age and experience triumphed over youthful energy last Thursday night, Dec. 20. The Lady Wolves high school basketball team hosted its third annual alumni game as a fundraiser and a celebration of the start of a new season. Attendees were treated to dinner, served by the team, before the game. They were also invited to participate in a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle to support the team. Several players also took the opportunity to thank their parents, volunteers, and everyone in attendance for all their support.

"Last year our girls finished second at regionals and then went on to state, and were able to take

fourth place at state. So they had a really good season, and we're looking for even more this season. We're excited to get back at it," said Coach Laurie Brown.

After dinner, the alumni game began. The Lady Wolves faced off against the self-named team "Old People." The alumni team was made up of ladies who had played for the Lady Wolves in the past, ranging from recent graduates back to the 1980s. It was a lighthearted game, however, that did not make the game any less competitive or exciting.

The first quarter of the game went well for Team Old People. The alumni team took the lead early

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Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; 874-3964

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Sunday Worship, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m., 874-2069

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Wrangell Wolves lose high energy alumni game

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The Wrangell Wolves boys basketball team kicked off its season with an alumni game last Friday night. Like the girl alumni game the night before, attendees were treated to dinner before the game. There was also a silent auction and 50/50 raffle to help raise money for

the team.

"Our biggest thing, as a team here, is we want to be the best we can possibly be by the end of the season come tournament time," said Coach Cody Angerman. "If we are, I'm happy with that, no matter what the results are. If we're the best we can possibly be, I'm okay with that."

The game itself was high energy and very competitive. The alumni team was relatively young, filled with several recent graduates. The oldest member of the alumni team graduated from Wrangell High School in 2006. The Wolves took the lead in the first quarter, thanks to some impressive three-pointers. It was neck and neck right up to the final seconds of the first quarter, but the high school team was able to hold a narrow lead at 14 to 12.

In the second quarter, however, the alumni team pulled ahead. There was a lot of back-



PHOTO BY CALEB VIERKANT/WRANGELL SENTINEL

Despite making some impressive three-pointers and stealing the ball at several points through the game, the alumni team was able to claim victory with a final score of 38 to 73.

and-forth this quarter, with teams stealing the ball from each other repeatedly. The alumni team appeared better at grabbing rebounds and was able to take the lead. It was more of the same in the third quarter. The Wolves made sev-

eral baskets and more three-pointers, but it was not enough to catch up. The alumni team continued to extend the lead.

By the fourth quarter, both teams were clearly tired, but everyone was still giving a great amount of effort. The

Wolves were unable to get any momentum, however. Plus, there was a noticeable height advantage for many players on the alumni team. When the final buzzer rang, the alumni team won. The final score was 38 to 73.

Girl's basketball alumni game

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and held it through the quarter. The Lady Wolves were able to score halfway through the first quarter, and appeared to struggle in their defensive game. It was similar in the second quarter. While the Lady Wolves fought hard to catch up, Team Old People were able to maintain a narrow lead.

Brown could be heard on the sidelines telling her team to fight harder for re-

bounds. At halftime, the score was 25 to 28, in favor of the alumni team.

In the third quarter, things got very interesting. The Lady Wolves were able to take a lead at the six minute mark, but lost it two and a half minutes later. After another 15 seconds on the clock passed, they were able to reclaim the lead. This went back and forth, both teams holding a lead by a single point, down to the last thirty seconds of the third

quarter when Team Old People was able to pull ahead slightly.

The fourth quarter was equally hard fought, with the Lady Wolves narrowing the gap and reclaiming the lead. However, the alumni team was as equally determined to win as the high school team, and were able to pull ahead once again.

When the final buzzer went off, the alumni team had won with a final score of 52-57.

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GARY LEE ALLEN SR.)
Deceased)
Date of Birth: 01/07/1943)
_____) Case No. 1WR-18-16 PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

You are notified that the court appointed Gary Lee Allen Jr. as personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the person who died are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated this 7th day of December, 2018.

Gary Lee Allen Jr.
PO Box 932
Wrangell, AK 99929

Published: December 13, 20 and 27, 2018

City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough Assembly will take action on the following Resolution at the Assembly meeting that will be held on January 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers (City Hall), in conformance with Wrangell Municipal Code Section 16.12.010, Applicability of Provisions:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 01-19-1439 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF PUBLIC LAND IN CONFORMANCE WITH WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 16.12.040, SPECIFICALLY THE VACATED ALLEYWAY THROUGH LOTS A AND C, BAY COMPANY REPLAT AND A PORTION OF LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK B, SORTYARD SUBDIVISION, TO CHET AND BARBARA POWELL, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,500

Copies of the Proposed Resolution are available in the Borough Clerks office at 205 Brueger Street, or by emailing the Borough Clerk at clerk@wrangell.com.

Publish: December 27, 2018 and January 3, 2019.



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Alaska Fish Factor By LAINE WELCH Fisheries columnist

For centuries seafood has taken a special spot on holidays all over the world

Fishermen in Alaska who own catch shares of halibut, sablefish and Bering Sea crab will pay more to the federal government to cover 2018 management and enforcement

costs for those fisheries.

For halibut and sablefish (black cod) the annual fee, which is capped at three percent, is based on dock prices from the March start of the fisheries through September and averaged across the state.

For this year, bills went out to 1,834 holders of halibut and sablefish shares, down by 60 from last year. Their tab ticked up from 2.2 percent to 2.8 percent to cover additional costs to maintain information systems, and yielded \$4.6 million, said Carl Greene, cost recovery coordinator for NOAA Fisheries in Juneau.

The combined value to fishermen of the halibut and sablefish fisheries for 2018 was \$161 million, Greene said, a 22 percent decrease from last year's payout of \$208 million.

"The value of the halibut fishery was down 24 percent year over year, while sablefish was down 21 percent," Greene said, adding that the decreases stemmed primarily from lower dock prices.

The average halibut price of \$5.35 per pound was down from \$6.32; sablefish at \$3.68 per pound was down from \$4.84 in 2017.

Federal fish managers don't track dock prices for the various Bering Sea crab catches, only the total value of the combined fishery which continues its year over year declines.

The total value of crab to fishermen for the 2017/18 season was \$164 million, down \$24 million (13 percent) from the previous year.

The coverage fee for the crab fisheries, paid by just 18 permit holders, increased slightly to 1.8 percent and yielded \$3 million for enforcement costs, Green added.

Another group of about 18 boats that in 2016 began paying for coverage costs of their fisheries includes Bering Sea trawlers, mostly Seattle-based, that fish for flounders, pollock and other whitefish, including vessels owned by Alaska CDQ groups.

"The fee for these programs was less than one percent and were used to cover about \$2 million in enforcement costs," Greene said.

Fish shutdown shaft - Hundreds of boats that are gearing up for the January start of some of Alaska's largest fisheries could be stuck at the docks due to Donald Trump's government shutdown.

Nine of the government's 15 federal departments and several agencies were shuttered at midnight on December 21 when U.S. Senators reached a stalemate over Trump's demand that \$5.7 billion be included for a wall of "artistically designed steel slats" at the Mexican border.

The inaction by lawmakers meant funding expired for the Agriculture, Commerce, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Justice, State, Transportation and Treasury

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Press release: Clarification of Unit 2 Wolf Closure Extension

Thorne Bay and Craig Districts Ranger, Matt Anderson, under authority delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board, closed the Federal public lands of Unit 2 to the harvest of wolf from 11:59 P.M., Tuesday, December 18, 2018 until 11:59 P.M., March 31, 2019. Subsequent to that closure persistent storms have prevented trappers from safely collecting their trapping equipment from the field. Although the closure date remains in effect, in a news release issued on December 18, 2018 Ranger Matt Anderson extended the period during which trappers may collect gear from the field until 11:59 p.m. Friday, December 21, 2018.

On December 13, 2018 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game issued an Emergency Order closing the hunting and trapping seasons for wolf in Unit 2 at 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, December 18, 2018. However, in recognition of the stormy weather and concern for the safety of trappers, on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 the ADF&G issued a new emergency order (EO 1-23-18) closing the hunting and trapping seasons for wolf in Unit 2 at 11:59 p.m. Friday, December 21, 2018. Emergency Order 1-23-18 supersedes Emergency Order 1-22-18.

For additional information, contact Tom Schumacher at (907) 465-4267, or Matt Anderson at (907) 826-3271, or Jeff Reeves at (907) 826-1649. Maps of Unit 2 can be found on the ADF&G website.

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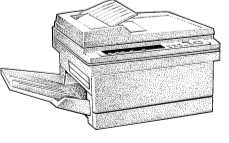
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Ugly Christmas sweater contest at Rayme's Bar

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Rayme's Bar, a popular location among many Wrangell residents, hosted its annual ugly Christmas sweater contest last Saturday night. The contest has been a tradition at the bar ever since it was taken over by Rayme Privett, about 11 years ago. It is not meant to be an overly serious competition, he said, just a way for people to have fun.

"It's a reason to get people out and about," he said.

The bar was packed and in a festive mood the night of the party, Dec. 22. Dozens of people were in attendance, with many wearing what could easily be described as "ugly" sweaters. Store bought or homemade, Rayme's was a menagerie of tackiness. When the contest itself began, there were seven contestants. The audience voted for their favorite sweaters by applause. At the end of the judging, the winner was clear: David Briner, wearing a skin-tone sweater that gave him the appearance of being shirtless. Briner's prize was \$50 and the sense of satisfaction brought with knowing he owned the ugliest Christmas sweater in Wrangell.



PHOTO BY CALEB VIERKANT/WRANGELL SENTINEL

Rayme's Bar hosted its annual ugly Christmas sweater contest last Saturday night. There were seven contestants, decked out in ugly sweaters. David Briner (third from the right) won the contest, and the \$50 prize that came with it.

Fish Factor

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Departments. The shutdown sent home 380,000 workers, while more than 420,000 employees deemed "essential" will continue to work without pay.

Hardest hit will be the Department of Homeland Security, said the New York Times.

"Nearly 54,000 Customs and Border Protection agents and 42,000 Coast Guard employees are projected to work without pay and, as travelers flood the nation's airports and train stations, 53,000 T.S.A. agents will keep working, as will air traffic controllers and aviation and railroad safety inspectors," the Times reported.

Also included in the work without pay list are correctional officers, U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents and Weather Service forecasters.

Alaska's federally managed fisheries from three to 200 miles offshore fall under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Commerce Department, which has furloughed 87 percent of its 47,896 workers.

That likely includes some or all of Alaska's fishery managers, license and permit issuers, fishery trackers, onboard observers, researchers and enforcement agents - but details are vague at best.

In an untimely and unusual first, no one at NOAA in Juneau could speak about the impacts a government shutdown might have on the upcoming fisheries. All questions were referred "to the White House." Calls and email messages to those headquarters were not returned.

At NOAA Fisheries in Alaska, about 105 fishery regulators are located in Juneau, 15 in Anchorage, one in Kodiak and two in Dutch Harbor. Another 100 or so are employed in fishery research labs in Seattle, Kodiak and Juneau.

Alaska's cod fishery is set to open in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea on January 1 followed on the 20th by pollock, flatfish and other whitefish fisheries. The snow crab fishery, also federally managed, gets underway in mid-January.

Meanwhile, no one is predicting how long the Trump shutdown will continue. On Saturday Republican Senator Mitch McConnell, the majority leader, adjourned the Senate until Thursday and Trump headed off for a two week vacation in Florida.

Holiday seafood traditions -For centuries seafood has taken a special spot on holiday tables all over the world and is served up with traditional meaning.

One of the oldest stemming back to Roman times is the Feast of Seven Fishes, an Italian Christmas Eve celebration by Catholics to honor the birth of Jesus. The number seven is considered the perfect number and is repeated 700 times in the Bible, making the Feast of Seven Fishes a symbolic Christmas celebration.

Dining tables can include seven up to 13 different

seafood dishes as a way to refrain from eating meat or milk on holy days, a long ago dietary taboo. One of the most famous dishes is baccalao or salted codfish; celebrants also feast on fried fish such as smelt and calamari.

In other countries around the world-

Eating lutefisk is a Christmas tradition in Norway and Sweden. It is made from dried whitefish, usually cod, that is prepared with lye in a long series of water treatments until the fish becomes jelly-like. Lutefisk dates back to the days of the

Vikings.

In Japan, consuming prawns on New Year's Eve is to ensure long life, and eating herring roe is to boost fertility.

Feasting on pickled herring at midnight in Germany, Poland, and parts of Scandinavia is done in hopes of bringing in a bountiful catch.

In China a fish is served whole, symbolizing a good beginning and end in the coming year.

One seafood that isn't popular in holiday celebrations in many parts of the world is lobster - because it swims backwards.



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