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## Planning & Zoning Commission discusses nuisance code



A school bus drops off students on their first day of the new school year.



## First Day of school

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Students reciting the Pledge of Allegiance before the start of their class.

#### By CALEB VIERKANT Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Planning and Zoning Commission met last Thursday evening to discuss potential changes to the city's code regarding nuisance activities. Specifically, they looked at the parts of the code regarding noise complaints.

Carol Rushmore, Economic Development Director for Wrangell, explained to the commission that Wrangell City Manager Lisa Von Bargen had presented the borough assembly a rough draft of a rewritten nuisance code. Copies of this draft were also being presented to the planning and zoning commission for their input, to ensure that any new codes would comply with existing zoning

The proposed noise ordinance stated that it would be unlawful to produce noises that exceed 60 decibels from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays, and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends. This limit would be lowered to 50 decibels outside of the previously mentioned times. The commission agreed that one of their concerns, upon reading through the ordinance, is that they were unsure of who would be keeping track of what noises exceeded the decibel There were also concerns that this would make use of lawnmowers and chainsaws difficult for homeowners. Members of the commission also wanted to know how this could affect members of the public who worked night shifts, and therefore slept during the day.

The discussion on the pros and the cons of the draft ordinance were discussed for some time. Eventually, however, the commission agreed that more time was needed to

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## Wrangell Public School district welcomes new teachers

By CALEB VIERKANT Sentinel writer

The sounds of finding classooms, opening lockers, and seeing friends filled the middle school and high school in Wrangell last Thursday morning. Another school year has started and both students and teachers were excited.

Macri, David recently brought on as the new principal of the middle and high school, took the opportunity to introduce himself in a student assembly. He also took some time to lay out a few of his expectations of the student body for the year.

Macri told the students that he wanted to see students treating others respectfully, and to be friendly to new people in their class. He also told the older students that they were role models for the younger ones and asked them to be sure they were setting a good example. He shared



Jennifer Ingman

with the students a motto he wanted them to keep in mind through the year: Acta non verba, or "action, not words."

"Talk's really cheap," Macri said. "But we look at what we do, we look at ourselves in the mirror. Each one of these people, every night, we evaluate how well we did for you. You



**Shane Phillips** 

folks need to start thinking about doing that. You need to look at yourself each night in the mirror and say, 'Yeah, yeah, yeah, eh, I need to develop that

During the assembly Macri also took the opportunity to introduce new teachers. There are three new teachers this year,



**Shanna Mall** 

each working for both the middle school and high school:

Special education teacher Shane Phillips; Art teacher Shanna Mall;

Math teacher Jennifer Ing-

"This is about you," Macri said. "This is about now and



**Katie Powell** 

your future. That's what this is about. I'll tell you what, I like to have fun, but I take your education very seriously. Nothing's going to get in our way of doing the best that we can every day to meet your needs and expecta-

The last day of school will be May 23, 2019.

#### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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

Thursday, August 30: Lana Altepeter, Theresa Paulsen. Anniversary: Andrew and Lauren Helgeson, Dean and Cami Bakeberg, Jeff and Kay Jabusch, Tom and Seanne Wickman. Friday, August 31: Rose Kalkins Johnson, Susan Bushnell, Scott Eastaugh, Joel Peterman. Anniversary: Alan and Kelly Westerlund. Saturday, September 1: Joshua Campbell, Toni Guggenbickler. Sunday, September 2: Tristan Botsford, Kameron Stough, Kristen Atkins, Allen Taylor, Clara Haley. Monday, September 3: Colby Nore, Tasha Peterman, Janice Churchill, Shailyn Nelson. Anniversary: Daniel and Shelley Powers. Tuesday, September 4: Rynda Hayes, Kenny Speers. Anniversary: Paul and Bonnie Stutz, Glenn and Rebecca Smith. Wednesday, September 5: Devan Massin, Helen Keller, Jason Rooney, Randy Oliver, Luke Steele, Sandra Byrd. Anniversary: Matt and Margo Walker-Scott. Thursday, September 6: Heidi Armstrong, Phil Carey, Dan Nore, Casey Shilts, Luke Feuerhelm. Anniversary: Jeremy and Brandy Grina.

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

#### **Senior Center Menu**

#### Thursday, August 30

Baked Fish & Peas, Cabbage, Pear & Raisin Salad, Sweet Potatoes Friday, August 31

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

Monday, September 3

CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

Tuesday, September 4

Sloppy Joes, Mexicali Vegetables, Texas Coleslaw, Bun

Wednesday, September 5

Ham Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread, Cup of Tomato Soup,

Thursday, September 6

Chicken Adobo, Carrots, Spicy Fruit Cup, Rice

Please call Wrangell Senior Center at 874-2066 by 10 a.m. for reservations. Milk, tea and coffee will be served with meals.

#### **FERRY**

#### **Departures**

#### **Northbound**

Saturday, September 1 Malaspina 6:45 a.m. Sunday, September 2 Columbia 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, September 4 Malaspina 2:15 p.m.

Saturday, September 8 Malaspina 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 9 Columbia 8:45 p.m

#### **Southbound**

Thursday, August 30 Malaspina 8:30 p.m. Monday, September 3 Malaspina 1:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 5 Columbia 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 6 Malaspina 6:15 p.m.

Monday, September 10 Malasnina 5:30 a m

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



### TIDES August 30 - September 6

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| August 30   | 3:39        | 15.3      | 4:03        | 15.7      | 9:38        | 0.5       | 10:02       | 1.3       |  |
| August 31   | 4:16        | 14.5      | 4:35        | 15.5      | 10:13       | 1.4       | 10:46       | 1.4       |  |
| September 1 | 5:00        | 13.6      | 5:15        | 15.2      | 10:53       | 2.3       | 11:38       | 1.6       |  |
| September 2 | 5:56        | 12.6      | 6:08        | 14.8      | 11:43       | 3.4       |             |           |  |
| September 3 | 7:14        | 11.8      | 7:19        | 14.5      | 0:41        | 1.9       | 12:45       | 4.3       |  |
| September 4 | 8:45        | 11.9      | 8:42        | 14.8      | 1:56        | 1.7       | 2:02        | 4.8       |  |
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## Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

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

## **Continuing Events**

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

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class: M-W-F 8:30-9:30 a.m. M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m. Water Aerobics:

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.

## The Way We Were

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

August 29, 1968

August 29, 1918

School will open September ninth, a week later than usual this year owing to the repairs that are being made to the interior of the school building. These repairs were very necessary from a sanitary standpoint and will improve the arrangement greatly besides eliminating considerable wasted space. Besides the alterations, two rooms have been painted and new blackboards will be installed throughout the school.

#### August 27, 1943

The Coast Guard's widely heralded 35-piece band will play a concert in the ANB hall here on September 7, it was announced today by Port Captain John Brantner on receipt of information from Capt. F. A. Zeusler, commanding the Coast Guard in Alaska. The band reported to be one of the best service musical organizations in the north, is making a tour of communities where Coast Guard units are estab-

Music lover Gov. Gruening, hard pressed for time, went to hear the band for "not more than 10 minutes." Result: Pressing matters waited; Chief Executive stayed nearly an hour; urged Capt. Zeusler to get his band out around so other Alaskans might hear it. Wrangell's opportunity will be Sept. 7. The public is invited to attend. There is no charge.

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With the school year beginning, a warning was issued this week by Wrangell Police Chief Bill Klink and State Trooper Joe Petticrew to motorists. They asked that they pay

particular attention to school children walking to and from

"With the completion of the Highway project and other paving improvements, speed is bound to increase. I would hope that everyone could enjoy the pleasure and convenience of the new paved roads, but not at the expense of the life or limb of one of our school chil-

"Motorists are reminded that the maximum speed limit in a school zone is 20 miles an hour under the best road conditions. Maximum safe speed may be considerably less, depending upon road and weather conditions. Please, help keep our children safe."

#### September 2, 1993

Wrangell School District has announced the hiring of Kelli Prescott to fill the new firstgrade teaching position created by the school board at its special meeting Aug. 23.

The board decided to add

this position based on recent enrollment data for this grade level and the school's priority goals developed through last fall's planning process.

Prescott graduated from Warner Pacific College in Portland, Ore., in the spring of 1992 with a degree in human development and elementary educa-

Her student teaching was accomplished at the first-grade level and resulted in outstanding ratings from both supervising personnel and university

Last year, Prescott worked in Wrangell's primary school program as a para-professional providing specialized reading instruction. She is a 1988 graduate of Wrangell High School and joins classmate Jennifer Warfel in the primary building.

"It's a great new relationship," said elementary Principal Dave Dirksen, commenting on the fact that he now has two teachers in his building who were Wrangell High students during his tenure as the high school principal. "It's nice to see Wrangell young people come home to make a contribution to our community."

Kelli Prescott is the daughter of Kay and Mickey Prescott of Wrangell.



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|   | Aug 31  | 5:48 am | 7:48 pm | 14:00h   |
|   | Sept 01 | 5:50 am | 7:45 pm | 13:55h   |
|   | Sept 02 | 5:52 am | 7:42 pm | 13:50h   |
|   | Sept 03 | 5:54 am | 7:40 pm | 13:46h   |
|   | Sept 04 | 5:56 am | 7:37 pm | 13:41h   |
|   | Sept 05 | 5:58 am | 7:35 pm | 13:37h   |
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## 2018 Primary unofficial election results posted online

By CALEB VIERKANT Sentinel writer

After voting on Aug. 21, the results of the Alaska primary election have started to come in. Unofficial election results have been posted online at the Alaska Division of Elections' website. According to the election results, it was a low turnout for the primary, with only 18.2 percent of Alaska's voting public casting

There were seven candidates running for the position of U.S. Representative this year, three Republicans and four Democ-

Alysa Galvin took 19,735 votes, or 54.09 percent, securing the Democratic nomination for the office.

On the Republican side, longtime incumbent Don Young secured almost 71 percent of his vote, pushing far ahead of competitors Jed Whittaker and Thomas Nelson who received 13.72 and 15.43 percent of the vote, respectively.

The race for governor has been hotly contested, as well.

Mark Begich, the sole Democrat running for the position on the ballot, received 85.15 percent of the vote.

Coming in second at 14.85 percent of the vote was William Toien who ran with the Alaska Libertarian Party.

There were seven Republicans running for governor, as well. Of these seven, the winner was determined to be Mike Dunleavy who received 61.75 percent of the vote. Both Begich and Dunleavy will run against the incumbent Governor Bill Walker in the general election.

According to Samantha Miller with the Division of Elections, Walker did not appear on the primary ballot as he opted to have supporters sign a petition to put him on the November ballot.

Further election results can be viewed online at www.elections.alaska.gov.



PHOTO BY CALEB VIERKANT/ WRANGELL SENTINEL

One of the fire trucks responding to an alarm at the Wrangell Medical Center.

## Fire alarm trips at Wrangell Medical Center

By CALEB VIERKANT Sentinel writer

At approximately 10 a.m., Aug. 24, a fire alarm was tripped at the Wrangell Medical Center. The fire department responded quickly, with 14 members of the department showing up. The forest service also arrived on-scene to offer assistance.

The hospital was searched, but no fire could be found. At about 10:37 a.m., it was determined that it was a false alarm and the medical center nor anybody inside were in danger. Business returned to normal shortly afterward.

"They didn't find anything," said Dorianne Sprehe, with the fire department. "So it was a good false alarm drill."

According to Aaron Angerman, the WMC does have a fire evacuation plan in place in the event of an emergency, but no evacuation was made during the alarm. He said that if the situation had been more "up in the air" about what was going on, they would have evacuated the building. As things stood, the staff did not want to disrupt services for a non-emergency, as it was determined to be.





## Police report

August 20, 2018

Citizen assist: Vehicle unlock.

Civil issue.

Civil matter.

Found property: Returned to

Warrant arrest: Arrested Julio A Cardona III, 27 on charges of VCOR, DUI, and refuse chemical test.

August 21, 2018

Welfare check.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for speeding.

86 d letter served. Harassment.

August 22, 2018 Agency assist.

August 23, 2018

Domestic: Unfounded.

Citation issued: Mark Walker, 69. Speeding in school zone and verbal warning for expired reg-



istration.

Citations issued: Andrea Marrero, 19. Speeding in school zone and failure to provide proof of insurance.

Citation issued: Daniel Trail, 57. Speeding in school zone.

Agency assist.

August 24, 2018

Traffic stop: Verbal warning

Agency assist: Fire alarm.

Agency assist: Harbor.

Citizen assist: Vehicle unlock.

Suspicious vehicle.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for defective equipment.

August 25, 2018

Citizen assist.

Agency assist: USFS.

Citations issued: Patrick O. Lennon, 71. Failure to stop at a stop sign and failure to provide proof of insurance.

Arrested: Omar Nagaya-Sanchez, 28. On charges of DUI.

August 26, 2018

Citation issued: Timothy Gillen, 46. Failure to provide proof of insurance and verbal warning for expired driver's li-

There were five ambulance calls and three dog complaints

## Mixed-grade class at **Evergreen Elementary**

By CALEB VIERKANT Sentinel writer

For a long time, one-room schoolhouses were the main place where children of all grade levels received their education. In recent memory, however, this has been replaced with the modern school system many Americans are familiar with where each grade is in its own classroom.

In some schools, such as Evergreen Elementary, necessity has brought about a return of some aspects of the earlier system. Jen Davies, for example, teaches a mixed-grade classroom of second and third-graders.

Davies' class of 19 students is composed of seven thirdgraders and twelve second-graders. She said that the reason the mixed-grade class was created was due to the large number of second-graders attending school this year.

"We just did this because there were 33 second-graders, so we had to split somewhere," she said.

While they share a classroom and a teacher, Davies said that the students are given separate assignments appropriate for their grade. She said it could be challenging, as her class can be doing two different things at any given time, but she said that being around older students might help the younger ones in some

"You know, the second-graders get to hear kind of what the third-graders are doing," she said. "They're still hearing it so I guess that would be one benefit."

Virginia Tulley, principal at Evergreen Elementary, also said that she feels there are some benefits from the mixed-grade class.

"Usually how the standards work, the standard is taught all the way across, starting at kindergarten," she said. "It just increases in rigor as it moves up the grade. So they get a little more in-depth as they go up in grades. They'll do fine, just as if they were in two separate classes."

Mixed-grade classes are not new to Evergreen Elementary. Davies said that she taught a mixed-grade class six years ago. Another teacher, Laurie Brown, has taught a mixed-grade class of first and second-graders in the past, but according to school officials is not doing so this year.

## **Obituary:** Larry D. Simpson, 60



Larry D. Simpson

Larry D. Simpson, 60, passed away on August 17, 2018 in Klawock, Alaska.

He was born on February 5,

Larry was an employee with Allied Timber and was a member of the Wrangell community for 20 years.

He is survived by his daughter, Mandy Simpson; his brothers, Steven Ness and Kenneth Simpson; and his mother, Phyllis

A celebration of life will be held at the Marine Bar on October 6 at 5 p.m.

Mandy Simpson can be contacted for more information at (503) 939-2249.

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## Swim team prepares for first meet in Petersburg

By CALEB VIERKANT Sentinel writer

Meeting five days a week to train, the Wrangell High School swim team is working hard to prepare for their first competition. From August 31 to September 1, they will be in Petersburg for their first meet of the season. Coach Jaime Roberts said that she expects the team will represent themselves, and their school, very

"I think the kids will be surprised at how well they do," she said. "One thing that's always different for us is our pool temperature is fairly warm, compared to competitive pools around the state. I don't know if it's just the level of excitement added with a cooler pool temperature tends to make the kids go a little faster."

A big focus for the team during training, Roberts said, was building endurance teaching mechanics. She said every student on the team who attends the meet will likely compete in at least one event, such as it backstroke, breaststroke, or butterfly. She also said that there were enough girls on the team for them to compete in a relay event at this weekend's meet. In high swimming, school Roberts said, swimmers are limited



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Coach Jamie Roberts discusses drills with members of the swim team.

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individual events and two relay events.

beginner swimmers freestyle and backstroke are where we start," she

Wrangell is part of Region V of the Alaska School Activities Association, that covers much of Southeast Alaska. According to a schedule provided by Roberts, the team will be travelling all over the region for their meets this year. Other meets on the schedule are in Sitka, Juneau, Ketchikan, should the team make it to the state competition, Anchorage.

"I'm not interested in the amount of points we're going to accrue for our team or where we're going to place. This is really about each individual advancing for themselves where they want to go and then having some fun," she said.





To celebrate the start of a new school year, the community was invited to a cookout at the basketball court by Evergreen Elementary School.

## Back to school BBQ

PHOTOS BY CALEB VIERKANT/ WRANGELL SENTINEL



Besides food, there was also a raffle for a door prize at the cookout. The prize consisted of snacks and some board games. The winner of the drawing was

## Petersburg Assembly responds to closure of Ocean Beauty

By Brian Varela Sentinel writer

PETERSBURG – In response to Ocean Beauty announcing that they'll be closing their plant in Petersburg, the borough assembly discussed a draft letter in response on Monday.

In the draft letter from Vice Mayor Jeigh Stanton-Gregor to Ocean Beauty on behalf of the Petersburg Borough Assembly, Stanton-Gregor expressed appreciation for informing the assembly of its decision, as well as the impact the move will have on the local economy.

"While this is most unwelcome news to our community and it will be difficult for us to replace the lost revenue, employment, and general economic activity from the plant closure, we appreciate your dedication to your employees and desire to retain some staff here in Petersburg," stated Stanton-Gregor in the draft letter.

For now, Ocean Beauty plans on keeping the facility and bunkhouse. Should Ocean Beauty decide to sell the facility, the borough would like an opportunity to discuss the sale of the property because it is a central piece of the downtown water front.

"I like being kept informed about what they're doing," said assembly member Nancy Strand. "If it gets sold we'd like to hear about it officially and not just from rumor control."

In his absence at Monday's assembly meeting, a statement was read on behalf of Mayor Mark Jensen stating he would like a portion of the letter to thank Ocean Beauty for their years of service in Petersburg.

"It's kind of a drag that we're losing such a large corporation or a large business downtown," said assembly member Eric Castro. "It's good to be able to kind of give them props from having held business here in town for so long."

Assembly member Brandi Marohl found two sentences in

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the draft letter unnecessary and stated she would not vote to approve the letter. The two sentences explained how it was unfortunate that Ocean Beauty was unable to take advantage of Petersburg's business-friendly community, which includes low utility costs and an affordable, high value location.

Ocean Beauty made the decision to close the facility after reviewing their options, according to a release from Ocean Beauty Seafoods. Since the facility was primarily a cannery and had limited amount of fresh and frozen fish daily, their other facilities

at Excursion Inlet, Cordova and Kodiak Island are more suitable to keep up with their customers' demands, according to the release.

During the operational season, June through September, Ocean Beauty employed approximately 200 individuals. During the last two seasons, the plant has not been operating in Petersburg.

A motion was passed to amend the letter by replacing the previously stated two sentences with words of appreciation and thanks. Approval of the draft letter, which included amended language, passed in a 4-0 vote.

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## Study: Climate models underestimate permafrost emissions

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) -Global climate projections drastically underestimated carbon emissions from thawing permafrost in the Arctic, a new study sug-

The study published in the peer-reviewed journal Nature Communications indicated that permafrost emissions could be more than double what has been projected because of the methane from thermokarst lakes, which form in permafrost, Alaska's Energy Desk reported Monday.

Scientists have previously projected that the Arctic could absorb as much or more carbon than emitted partly because of additional plant growth from warmer temperatures. Taking into account the thermokarst lakes, the projections of permafrost emissions in the later part of this century could increase by 118 percent, according to the study.

``If we take into account these lakes, we realize, 'Oh, we actually have a pretty significant source permafrost carbon this century,''' said Katey Walter Anthony, the study's lead author and associate professor at University of Alaska Fairbanks.

The permafrost emissions could match emissions from land use change, like forest clearing and burning the second-largest human source of emissions. If more carbon from permafrost is emitted, it could lead to greater warming.

`The models that we've used to construct these carbon budgets of how much CO2 we can emit and stay below a certain temperature threshold that we say is the edge of where things go from bad to really bad those carbon budgets are probably made with models that are incomplete and may, in many ways, be very optimistic," said Charlie Koven, a scientist who works on climate models at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in California.

Anthony's study calls for the broader climate models to incorporating thermokarst lakes for a more comprehensive projection of emissions this century.



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#### "Back to school" raffle

The American Legion Auxiliary held a "back to school" raffle at First Bank last Wednesday afternoon. The prize included many things a family would need for the new school year, such as snacks, binders, pens and pencils, crayons, notebooks, and many other items. The winner of the raffle was Lacey Soeteber.



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### **NOAA** to work on Arctic marine navigation during Juneau panel

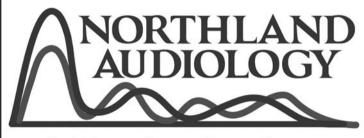
JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) - Officials are set to meet to help shape the future of marine navigation in the Arctic and around Alaska.

The Juneau Empire reports the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Hydrographic Services Review Panel convenes Tuesday in Juneau for three days.

The group of experts on navigation and marine transportation meet twice annually with the goal is to develop priorities for NOAA's navigation services the charts, tide tables, and coast surveys on which mariners depend.

Leaders are scrambling to capitalize on Arctic sea routes that are staying open longer as sea ice continues to melt in the Arctic.

But the United States lacks maritime infrastructure in the region and is building fewer ice breaking ships capable of traveling through ice free zones.



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## Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH Fisheries columnist

# Trump's trade war with China hitting Alaska coming and going with more seafood tariffs

More seafood tariffs in Trump's trade war with China are hitting Alaska coming and going.

On July 6 the first 25 percent tax went into effect on more than 170 U.S. seafood products going to China. On August 23, more items were added to the list, including fish meal from Alaska.

"As of right now, nearly every species and product from Alaska is on that list of tariffs," said Garrett Evridge, a fisheries economist with the McDowell Group.

Alaska produces more than 70,000 metric tons of fish meal per year (about 155 million pounds), mostly made from pollock trimmings, with salmon a distant second. The pollock meal is used primarily in Chinese aquaculture production, while salmon meal goes mostly to pet food makers in the U.S.

In 2017 about \$70 million worth of fish meal from Alaska was exported to China from processing plants all over the state.

Anchovy-based fish meal from Peru is the predominate source for world aquaculture, but white fish meal made from Alaska pollock is regarded as the premium. According to Undercurrent News, pollock meal commands \$600-\$700 per ton more than Peruvian meal and is currently trading at up to\$2,300 per ton.

The tariffs on U.S. seafood products exported to China is a done deal. In the long run, Evridge said Alaska might be able to shift exports to other countries, but the mere size of the Chinese market makes it tough to replace.

"On the Chinese side, it looks like there is little recourse," Evridge said. "At least in the short term there is little ability for the Alaska seafood industry to avert these tariffs."

And there's also a flip side. Trump has proposed a 25 percent tariff on products imported into the U.S. from China. It would include seafood caught in Alaska, sent to China for reprocessing into fillets, portions or fish sticks and then resent to the U.S. for distribution to buyers.

"That will possibly be the case next month when those tariffs go into effect on the US side," Evridge said.

Last Monday the U.S. International Trade Commission began hearing from over 350 speakers representing a wide variety of industries harmed by Trump's tariffs. The commission also must review more than 2,300 letters received so far and the pile is expected to grow by the September 6 public comment deadline.

"We're kind of a pawn in a broader game," Evridge said, adding that the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, Alaska's congressional delegation and the governor's office are "closely engaged."

The National Fisheries Institute voiced strong opposition to the proposed new tariffs in testimony last week saying that "it will punish American fishermen and the communities that rely on them by making their products more expensive for American families to eat."

"Of the \$2.7 billion in annual seafood shipments subject to this proposal, an estimated \$950 million comes from an American fisherman – primarily an Alaska fisherman – harvesting in U.S. waters in a U.S.-flag vessel using a U.S. crew," said NFI's Robert De-Haan.

The Trump Administration's stated goal for the tariffs – making China respect its obligations regarding intellectual property rights – don't line up with tariffs on seafood, DeHaan added.

"How punishing these harvesters – and these businesses for 'Buying American' – will convince China to respect its obligations regarding intellectual property rights and technology transfers is difficult to fathom," he said. "Cutting fish is not an intellectual property secret."

Last year China purchased 54 percent of Alaska's seafood, valued at nearly \$800 million.

Salmon wrap – Alaska's statewide salmon catch is 31 percent below expectations and is unlikely to reach the preseason forecast of 147 million fish. In what the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game (ADF&G) is calling an "unusual season," a wrap up announcement said that the shortfall stems from poor pink salmon returns to Gulf of Alaska regions.

ADF&G also cited unexpected run timing for sockeyes at several major regions, causing uncertainty for managers and lost harvest opportunities for fishermen. Bristol Bay's Kvichak River saw the latest peak since 1956, over half of Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon returned during the month of August, which has only occurred once before, and Copper River sockeye salmon returned in three distinct pulses, the third happening in mid-July.

But "it is important to maintain perspective on historical salmon harvests," ADF&G said, pointing out that the three largest Alaska salmon harvests on record occurred between 2013 and 2017.

The 2018 season has not

been without bright spots, notably in Western Alaska where Bristol Bay experienced the second largest sockeye salmon harvest on record of nearly 42 million fish, and the fourth consecutive season with the harvest topping 35 million sockeyes. Norton Sound is likely to exceed last year's record coho salmon harvest and at Kotzebue the chum salmon harvest will be among the top four ever.

Preliminary statewide total harvests and exvessel (dockside)values by salmon species and area will be available by mid-October.

Salmon cells - Plans are underway to grow and sell salmon and other seafoods made directly from fish cells. San Diego-based BlueNalu says it will "disrupt current industry practices" and be a pioneer in "cellular aquaculture" in which living cells are isolated from fish tissue, cultured in various lab media and then assembled into "great-tasting fresh and frozen seafood products."

BlueNalu is being seeded with \$4.5 million in startup funds from a private venture fund called New Crop Capital whose mission is 'funding the future of food.'

Seafood perceptions - Seafood lovers around the world believe that the biggest threat to the oceans is pollution, followed by overfishing. Those are some of the top takeaways from a survey earlier this year of over 25,000 people in 22 countries.

The survey was done by the public opinion research firm GlobeScan for the Marine Stewardship Council. The non-profit MSC led the movement starting 20 years ago towards certifying fisheries that are managed sustainably, which has become a requirement of doing business by most seafood buyers around the globe.

The study found that 72 percent of seafood consumers want sustainability verifications at their supermarkets, but price is still the biggest motivator for buying decisions. A surprising gender divide showed that men are more motivated by price while women regarded seafood sustainability as more important.

Seventy-two percent also agreed that buying seafood from sustainable sources will help save our oceans; 70 percent said people should switch their purchases to earth friendly fisheries.

Eighty-three percent of global consumers agreed that seafood needs to be protected for future generations, and 70 percent said they would like to hear more from companies about their sustainability purchasing practices.

In what the survey called "a climate of persistently low consumer trust in business globally," trust in the blue MSC label remained high at 69 percent and understanding of the label has increased to 37 percent, up from 32 percent in 2016.

Younger consumers are even more tuned in to choosing sustainable seafood, with 41 percent of 18-34 year olds understanding what the MSC label means. That group also showed a slightly different profile, eating less seafood on average and worrying more about the effects of climate change on the oceans than their older counterparts.

Global consumers also rated certification organizations third for their contribution to protecting the oceans, after NGOs and scientists. Governments and large companies rated as contributing the least.

Fish event - Big names in fisheries are inviting the public to participate at a special town hall event on August 31 at the Centennial Hall Convention Center in Juneau. Keynote is retired Navy Rear Admiral Timothy Gallaudet, an American oceanographer who currently serves as the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere within the U.S. Department of Commerce. Gallaudet will discuss the DOC's Strategic Plan and NOAA's Blue Economy priori-

Joining him in a roundtable discussion is David Wetherell, director of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Nicole Kimball, vice president of operations for the Pacific Seafood Processors Association; Alexa Tonkovich, director of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute; Frances Leach, director of United Fishermen of Alaska; Rich Yamada, president of the Alaska Charter Association; Stephanie Madsen, director of the At-sea Processors Association; Chad See, director of the Freezer Longline Coalition; Ben Stevens, tribal advocate for the Tanana Chiefs Conference; Mark Fina, policy analyst for U.S. Seafoods; Jamie Goen, director of Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers; Paddy O'Donnell, president of Alaska Whitefish Trawlers; Brett Veerhusen, alternate director of the North Pacific Fisheries Association, Chris Woodley, director of the Groundfish Forum and Linda Behnken, director of the Alaska Longline Fishermen's Associa-

The group will take questions from the public. Doors open at 3:30. Contact is Kevin Wheelerat kevin.wheeler@noaa .gov or 202-482-5096.

Video deadline - August 31 also is the deadline to submit videos to the worldwide Women in Seafood competition. Videos must be no longer than four minutes and will be judged in two categories: Under 25 which highlights futures for young women in the seafood industry, and Women's Contributions from a social and/or economic perspective. Winners will receive 1,000 Euros (US \$1,162) and their films will be shown to global audiences. Send videos to wsivideo@matis.is or contact@wsiasso.org. Winners will be announced in late September.

#### CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL JOB ADVERTISEMENT Temporary Marine Mammal Observer Capital Facilities Department

The City and Borough of Wrangell, Capital Facilities Department, will accept applications for the position of Temporary Marine Mammal Observer, through August 31, 2018.

This position is for a temporary hire related to the Shoemaker Bay Harbor rehabilitation project, with work scheduled for approximately five months.

Applicants must have the flexibility to work intermittently and throughout a seven day a week schedule, during dredging and pile removal and installation activities, as dictated by the General Contractor's project schedule.

For a complete list of qualifications, as well as duties and responsibilities, a job description may be obtained from City Hall. Applications, with resume describing applicant's relative experience, shall be submitted to Wrangell City Hall, 205 Brueger Street (P.O. Box 531), Wrangell, AK 99929. Rate of pay is \$25/hour.

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Lisa Von Bargen Borough Manager

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#### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. One-time money in Spain
- \_\_ of one" 8. "Got
- 13. Set a framework for
- 14. Cover with drops of water
- 15. One who does something for a living
- 19. Germanium
- 20. An enclosure for confining livestock
- 21. Locks a door
- 22. Buddy
- 23. Supplement with difficulty
- 24. Not moving
- 25. Islamic unit of weight
- 26. Warmers
- 30. Hindu queen
- 31. Border river near Bosnia and
- Herzegovina 32. Analyzed

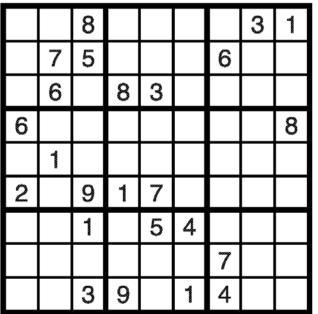
- 33. Caps
- 34. Pastime
- 35. Contrary belief
- 38. Walking devices
- 39. Accustom to something unpleasant
- 40. Singing methods
- 44. Shouts of farewell
- 45. Hand (Spanish)
- 46. Small constellation
- 47. Cardinals are this
- 48. Gives a hoot
- 49. Chatter incessantly
- 50. Thallium
- 51. Making very hot
- 55. Hours (Spanish)
- 57. Remove completely
- 58. Eyeglasses 59. Rubbed clean

#### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Blues Traveler frontman
- 2. Found it!
- 3. Killed
- 4. A helper to Santa
- Male fashion accessory
- 6. Autonomic nervous system
- 7. US Attorney General 8. Greek sophist
- 9. The world of the dead (Norse myth.)
- 10. Excessive and dangerous dose 41. Calming
- 11. One who receives a legacy
- 12. Brooded
- 16. Hindu warrior king
- 17. Used to anoint
- 18. One point east (clockwise)
- of due north 22. Connecting part of the
- brain stem 25. Most uncommon

27. Do-nothings

- 28. Emerge 29. Neat
- 30. Herb of tropical Asia
- 32. Reviews poorly
- 34. Waterproof overshoes
- 35. Fireplace floors
- 36. Surround
- 37. Regretted
- 38. One who whips 40. Ticket price
- 42. Citrus fruit
- 43. Drooped
- 45. An explorer's necessity
- 48. Speak profanely
- 51. Pouch
- 52. A type of date (abbr.)
- 53. Away from
- 54. Large beer
- 56. Once more



Level: Intermediate

Puzzle answers will be in the September 6 edition

## Classified/Legals

FOR ABSENTEE VOTING THAT BEGINS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 DURING BUSINESS HOURS FROM 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM MONDAY THROUGHT FRIDAY AT THE CITY HALL

FOR THE OCTOBER 2, 2018 REGULAR ELECTION QUALIFIED VOTERS MAY VOTE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT UNTIL 4:00 P.M., Monday, OCTOBER 1, 2018

For those voters who cannot VOTE ABSENTEE IN PERSON, you may submit an application to have your ballot mailed or faxed to you beginning Monday, September 3, 2018, at 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please stop by the Borough's Clerks Office to apply.

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

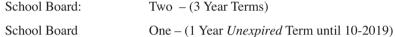
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#### CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 2nd day of October 2018, there will be held in the City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska, a Regular Election for the purpose of voting on the following City Offices and Proposition.

Mayor: One – (2 Year Term) Two – (3 Year Terms) Assembly: Port Commission: Two – (3 Year Terms)



Hospital Board: Two – (4 Year Terms)

Hospital Board: One – (1 Year Unexpired Term until 2019)

#### **PROPOSITION NO. 1**

#### **Ratification of Ordinance 948**

Section 5-14 of the Borough Charter and Section 5.10.035.A of the Wrangell Municipal Code require that any ordinance which provides for "the sale or lease of any Borough property, real or personal, or the sale or lease or other disposal of any interest therein, the value of which property, lease or interest is more than \$1 Million," be ratified by a majority of voters who vote on the question. Ordinance 948, enacted by the Assembly on August 28, 2018, provides authority to the Mayor to enter into an agreement (including a lease and a deed amendment) with Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) to lease the Wrangell Medical Center and operate it for approximately four years and to build a new hospital adjacent to the AICS Clinic, on the AICS Clinic property and adjacent property conveyed to SEARHC by the Borough. The value of the entire transaction is approximately \$1.618 Million. Shall Ordinance 948 be ratified?



The polls for said election will be open at 8:00 a.m. on the said day and will close at 8:00 p.m. on the same day.

Each voter must have the qualifications prescribed by state law. A qualified voter shall vote only once per election and shall exercise that right at the polling place established in the designated Wrangell Precinct (James & Elsie Nolan Museum/Civic Center) and in which he/she resides within the borough boundaries of the City and Borough of Wrangell.

> Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

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#### City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska **Notice to Voters**

Voter qualifications for the City & Borough of Wrangell, October 2, 2018, Regular Election, are as follows:

- 1. a United States citizen;
- 2. registered and qualified to vote in the State of Alaska elections and registered thereat for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the municipal election;
- 3. at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- 4. a resident of the City & Borough of Wrangell for thirty (30) days preceding the election;
- 5. not disqualified by reason of having been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude, and if so, that civil rights have been restored, nor disqualified because judicially determined to be of unsound mind.

Voters are cautioned to make certain their residence address is correct on their State Voter Registration. City law requires that each voter shall be registered to vote in the precinct in which that person seeks to vote in order to vote in municipal elections.

Your name must appear on the precinct list! If you are registered in another city, you must change your registration prior to Sunday, September 2, 2018, to qualify to vote in the Regular Election of October 2, 2018.

You may ask the Borough Clerk to check the precinct register to assure your qualifications.

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

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**



For the upcoming City and Borough of Wrangell Regular Election of October 2, 2018, the following ordinance applies:

2.16.030 Write-in Candidates and Write-in Votes. Individuals who fail to file

a declaration of candidacy but wish to run for office as a write-in candidate, must file with the borough clerk, a letter of intent no later than five p.m. on the Friday preceding the election (September 28, 2018) in which the candidate plans to

Write-in votes cast for individuals who do not file a letter of intent will not be counted.

In order to vote for a write-in candidate, the voter must, in space provided, write in the candidate's name as the candidate's name appears on the letter of intent filed with the borough clerk. In addition, the voter must mark the oval opposite the candidate's name.

Stickers shall not be used.

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

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#### CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL **Public Announcement**

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POSITIONS OF **Nolan Center Lead Attendant** 

The Nolan Center will be accepting applications for a Nolan Center Lead Attendant through August 31, 2018 at 5:00p.m. This is a temporary, part time position. In addition to working with the public in the gift shop, visitor center, and museum, this position will also assist the Facilities Manager with all aspects of the theater, including set-up, ordering, bookkeeping, and concessions. This person must be knowledgeable about Wrangell, personable, and welcoming to visitors. The Nolan Center Lead Attendant must be versatile and ready to assist at many different types of tasks including but not limited to event prep, gardening, cleaning, kitchen work, visitor response. Applicants must be willing to a work flexible schedule and weekends.

Applications and job descriptions may be obtained and returned to Wrangell City Hall, 205 Brueger Street (P.O. Box 531), Wrangell, AK 99929.

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA

**LEGAL** 

BOARD and signature petitions as required, will be available in

the Borough Clerk's Office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday

through Friday (except holidays), August 1, 2018 through

Qualified persons may have their name placed on the ballot for the October 2, 2018, City & Borough of Wrangell Regular

Election by filing declarations of candidacy for Borough Mayor,

Borough Assembly, Port Commission, School Board and (WMC)

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Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk

City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR

MAYOR,

SCHOOL BOARD AND (WMC) HOSPITAL

**PORT** 

Lisa Von Bargen Borough Manager

**BOROUGH** 

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Hospital Board.

Assembly:

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#### **JOBS**

WRANGELL **PUBLIC** SCHOOLS, is accepting applications for the following extracurricular positions for the 2018-2019 school year: Drama, Debate & Forensics (DDF) Coach; Sophomore Class Advisor; Middle School Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach: Middle School Volleyball Assistant Coach; High School Baseball Head & Assistant Coach; High School Softball Head & Assistant Coach. For a complete job description and application, please contact the district office at 874-2347. All positions are 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.....2x9-6b92

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Housing

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE Transfer of Ownership**

Benjamin's Store, Inc. dba Bob's IGA, located at 223 Brueger Street, Wrangell, Alaska 99929, is applying for transfer of a Package Store AS 04.11.150 liquor license to Wrangell IGA Inc. dba Wrangell Liquor Store.

Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1600, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

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#### **Public Meeting Central Tongass Project**

The Wrangell Ranger District invites you to a public meeting to gather your input on the proposed action for the Central Tongass Project, a landscape-scale project located on the Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts.

> Wednesday, September 5th 5 to 7 pm Nolan Center

A Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was published in the Federal Register on August 9, 2018, which initiated a 45-day comment period that ends on September 24th.

Members of the Central Tongass Planning Team will be available to answer questions about the information presented in the NOI and the Scoping Report. The Central Tongass NOI and Scoping Report with project area maps, and details about the purpose and need, and proposed action can be found online at https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tongass/landmanagement/projects/? cid=fseprd568085.

Specific written comments on the project's proposed action will be accepted at this meeting. Comments may also be electronically https://cara.ecosystemmanagement.org/Public//CommentInput?Project=53098 or mailed to the Petersburg Ranger District (PO Box 1328, Petersburg, AK 99833), or hand-delivered to the Wrangell District office at 525 Bennett Street.

From more information, contact Project Leader Carey Case at 907-772-3871.

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## **Puzzle** answers from Oct. 23 Edition



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## Upper reservoir dam hot topic at borough assembly

By Caleb Vierkant Sentinel writer

About a week ago, according to Director of Public Works and Capital Facilities Amber Al-Haddad, water seepage was found in the upper reservoir dam at Wrangell's water treatment facility. She came before the Wrangell Borough Assembly Tuesday evening to bring them up to speed on the situation.

The seepage was located in the east end of the dam, and while Al-Haddad said the dam

always maintained a wet consistency, the amount of water was higher than usual in this area. Al-Haddad said that once it was discovered, a series of weirs were built at the seepage locations to track the leaks. She said that the seepage has been consistent over the past few days, but was not increasing in speed or size. She also informed the borough that her department has been reaching out to the Dam Safety Program in Juneau, as well as the engineering firm Shannon & Wilson, for guidance and assistance on what to do about the seepage.

Al-Haddad explained that there were two reservoirs at the water treatment plant, an upper one and a lower one. Water currently flows from the upper reservoir into the lower one before being sent through the facility, and thereby providing Wrangell with water. She said that her department has a project that's been in the

planning stage to bypass the lower reservoir by sending water to the facility straight from the upper reservoir. She said the connection could help with dam repairs. However, there are two pipes near the seepage area where connection could potentially be made. Another problem that Al-Haddad made the assembly aware of was that these two pipes were broken, and would have to be repaired before any connection that used them could

ne made

As to the seepage, Al-Haddad made it clear that she was keeping a sharp eye on the situation, and the seepage was being monitored daily.

On other business, the borough assembly held two public hearings during their meeting. Both hearings were for proposed ordinances regarding the proposed transaction between Wrangell and SEARHC of the Wrangell Medical Center. As there

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## Good Luck WHS 2018-2019 Cross Country & Swimming Teams





#### WHS Cross Country 2018 Schedule

August 25 @ Sitka

September 1 @ Metlakatla

September 8 @ Petersburg

September 15 @ Ketchikan

September 22 Regions @ Juneau

September 29 State @ Bartlett

## WHS Swimming 2018 Schedule

Aug. 31-Sept.1 @ Petersburg

Sept. 14-15

@ Sitka

Sept. 28-29

@ Juneau

Oct.12-13

@ Ketchikan

Oct. 26-27

Regions @ Petersburg

Nov. 2-3

State @ Anchorage



#### **Best of luck to the Wrangell Wolves from the following businesses:**

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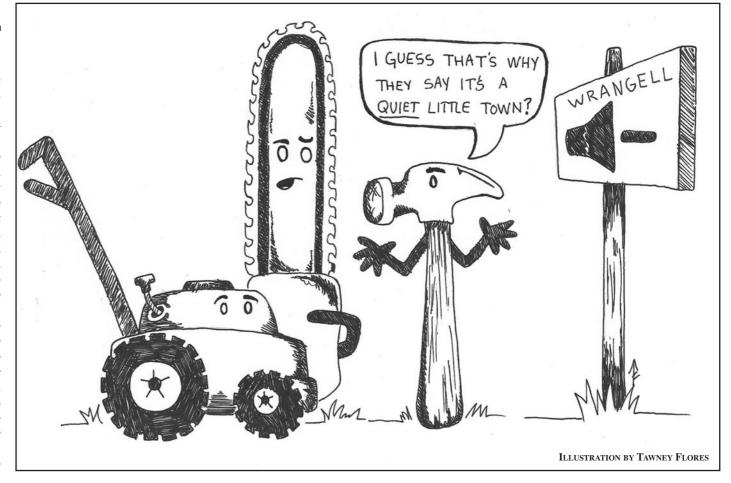
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the document thoroughly before giving their opinions to the city manager. They agreed to hold a workshop to discuss the draft further on Sept. 6.

During this meeting, commission also heard Wrangell resident Jim Collier. Collier said that he owned two properties, one on Hemlock Avenue and another at 12.3 mile. He came to the commission to state his dissatisfaction with the lack of snow plow services at his Hemlock Avenue address. He said that, as a taxpayer, he felt that he should receive similar city services as everyone else. He also added that not getting snow removed for people who lived outside city limits also put them in some danger, as fire services could have trouble reaching peoples' homes if too much snow was piled on the road. As this was not an agenda item, the commission did not take any action during the meeting.

Other items approved in the meeting include:

A preliminary plat review of the Bay Company Replat and Alley Vacation II;



A final plat review of the Massin/Industrial Replat; and

short term B&B or Airbnb rental, as

A conditional use application for well as long term rentals, requested by Kay Larson.

## Assembly

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were no members of the public in attendance for these hearings, they were closed quickly and the ordinances adopted. The were assembly also discussed a proposal to authorize the surplus of borough property via scrap metal disposal. This proposal was rejected after some discussion, as some members of the board wanted to seek bids

some items of property from the public before scrapping

Other items approved in the meeting include:

An amendment to the FY 2019 budget by accepting a harbor facility matching grant from the Alaska Department of Transportation of \$5 million for renovations to Shoemaker Bay Harbor;

Cooperative agreements between Wrangell and the U.S. Department of Transportation

for the North Country Trailhead Access Road Repair Project, as well as Mt. Dewey Trail Extension Project;

The job description for the facility maintenance specialist lead position and the amendment of the union wage and grade table;

The purchase of a new police vehicle in the amount of \$39,499; and

Cancellation of regular assembly meeting on Sept. 11.



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