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School district working to combat bullying

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Bullying is, unfortunately, a common occurrence in many schools across the country. With modern technology, it is not limited to the schools any more, either. Bullying can come in many forms, from unkind words, to physical violence, to ostracism, to harassment via social media. While many people may want to pretend that bullying is not a serious issue, or that it does not even happen in their local school district, it happens everywhere.

Even in Wrangell, there are instances of bullying. District Superintendent Debbe Lancaster said that she and school staff are working hard to end bullying, though.

Lancaster said that bullying was present in the school district, but that it was not prevalent. She could not give specific examples due to student privacy concerns, but she said that over the course of the school year, there was only one report of bullying at the secondary schools. She added that there were a handful of instances of students needing help with some conflict resolution, but that these cases did not amount to bullying.

"If bullying is taking place, it's not been brought to the attention of the administration," Lancaster said.

She went into a little detail about the differences between bullying and "conflict resolution deficits." Teenagers do not always have the social skills in place to han-

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Coast Guard gives a demonstration

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

Mariner's Memorial recognized at Chamber of Commerce dinner

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual dinner to recognize people and businesses around town. The dinner, held at the Nolan Center last Saturday evening, drew a very large crowd.

Attendees had the opportunity to participate in a silent auction and other contests. There was also an auction for various homemade desserts that saw a lot of high rollers. A chocolate cheesecake, baked by Kay Jabusch, was auctioned off for \$500 to Jake Harris.

The evening was not all about auctions and food, however. The Wrangell Mariner's Memorial organization was also recognized at the dinner. Board members were invited to speak about the memorial, and why it is important for Wrangell.

The Mariner's Memorial is an ongoing project for a memorial to recognize Wrangell residents who have lost their lives at sea. It is an idea that has been in the works for about 20 years, according to the organization's website. The group achieved non-profit status in 2017 and has worked hard since then to make the memorial a reality. The ground was broken at the future location of

the memorial, near Heritage Harbor, this past December.

Several board members spoke, sharing stories of their time at sea and how the project is moving along. One common theme among all the board members was their belief that the memorial was important for the preservation of Wrangell's history, as well as a way to honor the memory of lost loved ones.

Board President Jenn Miller shared a very personal story about why she was involved in the Mariner's Memorial project. She and her late husband, Ryan Miller, used to own a small commercial fishing business. Their ship, the MRS, was not only a source of income, it was a way for their whole family to spend their summers. Each summer was a grand adventure, Miller said, and created numerous memories for them all to cherish. Sadly, Ryan Miller passed away on Oct. 14, 2005, when the MRS went down. Over a decade later, she said that the Mariner's Memorial board was being organized, and she felt drawn to the project. She originally wanted to assist in a small way, she said, but she wound up as president.

"I'm involved in this project because I believe in its mission to preserve Wrangell's seafaring

"I am totally overwhelmed. I just feel like I'm blessed to live in the best place in the world, and what little part I can play is my honor and my privilege. Thank you."

- Loretta Rice
The Citizen of the Year



maritime industry and cultural history, to remember and retell those stories," she said. "The Wrangell Mariner's Memorial Project has become near and dear to my heart, as it has for the many hands that have gotten us where we are today. My dear late husband, Ryan, will have a plaque on the wall of this memorial someday, as will my maternal grandfather that I never personally knew, who also lost his life at sea in waters just outside of Wrangell, when my mother was just a high school senior, as well as a long line of other mariner family members and friends. I'm looking forward to an endless future full of life-long learning through the stories gathered about Wrangell's very rich cultural mariner history, through the Wrangell Mariner's Memorial Project."

Several other individuals and organizations were recognized during the dinner, as well. The chamber of commerce announced their annual awards to local residents and businesses which have stood out in their efforts to make Wrangell a better place. Rebekah Gile received the Youth Leadership Award, while Lovey Brock received the Community Appreciation Award. Two Wrangell High School students, Laura Helgeson and Paige Hoyt, were named "young leaders of the year." Angerman's Inc., located on Front Street was named the business of the year. "Educator of the Year" was given to Mikki Angerman, a kindergarten teacher at Evergreen Elementary School.

"Teaching in Wrangell is a really special thing, I'm also a transplant. It's, to me, Wrangell

is, and I've said this many times before, an extended family for me," she said. "The family and community that have come to support the school, and support my classroom, I couldn't have done that without them."

The final award of the evening was the "Citizen of the Year" award. This award went to Loretta Rice, for her countless hours dedicated to youth sports, her time volunteering around the community, cooking for bake sales, and donating quilt art to town auctions.

"I am totally overwhelmed," Rice said. "I just feel like I'm blessed to live in the best place in the world, and what little part I can play is my honor and my privilege. Thank you."

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, March 28: Gary Stevens, Chet Powell Sr., Trevor Guggenbickler. **Friday, March 29:** Tamara Eastaugh, Beverly Angerman, Paige Baremore, Larry Taylor Jr. **Saturday, March 30:** Bob Wickman, Christian Weber, Alan West-erlund, Gene Fennimore, Kelyn Young. **Sunday, March 31:** Janell Privett, Andrew Edgley. **Monday, April 1:** Donald Co-valt, Adrianna Stough, Elissa DeBoer, Erin Hammock. *Ann-iversary:* Dave & Arlene Wilson. **Tuesday, April 2:** Michael Hoyt, Mark Wooden, Carson Kautz, Edward Kalkins II. *Ann-iversary:* Stan & Ann Schnell. **Wednesday, April 3:** Steve Nesbitt, Raven Feller, Jim Nelson Jr., Don Vergilio, Camden Messmer, Abby Rifenburg. **Thursday, April 4:** Tracy Churchill, "Sophie" Cummings, Eddie Rilatos III, Suzie By-ford, Jeff Good. *Anniversary:* Steve & Cori Prunella, Deed & Chris Gillen, Bruce & Christie Jamieson.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, March 28

Chicken Chop Suey, Peach Salad,
Steamed Rice

Friday, March 29

Spaghetti, Mediterranean Vegetables,
Romaine Salad

The rest of the Senior Menu is not available

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, March 30
Malaspina 2:30 a.m.
Sunday, March 31
Columbia 6:45 p.m.
Tuesday, April 2
Malaspina 8:15 p.m.
Saturday, April 6
Malaspina 12:00 a.m.
Sunday, April 7
Columbia 2:45 p.m.

Southbound

Friday, March 29
Malaspina 9:00 a.m.
Monday, April 1
Malaspina 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 3
Columbia 5:30 a.m.
Friday, April 5
Malaspina 7:45 a.m.
Monday, April 8
Malaspina 4:45 a.m.

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



TIDES March 28 - April 4

High Tides

Low Tides

	AM		PM		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
March 28	7:03	13.3	8:40	11.3	0:29	5.6	1:40	2.9
March 29	8:29	12.7	9:57	11.8	1:48	6.4	3:05	3.1
March 30	9:47	13.0	10:55	12.8	3:26	6.3	4:24	2.6
March 31	10:48	13.8	11:41	13.8	4:46	5.3	5:20	1.8
April 1	11:39	14.6	—	—	5:38	4.1	6:00	1.1
April 2	0:19	14.8	12:21	15.4	6:16	2.8	6:33	0.5
April 3	0:53	15.6	1:00	15.9	6:49	1.7	7:03	0.2
April 4	1:23	16.2	1:35	16.2	7:20	0.9	7:31	0.2

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, March 28

Riverflats Open Mic Night: Nolan Center, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Theme: Good luck, bad luck. Bring a dessert and get in free. Enter to win a prize.

School Board/Borough Assembly Work Session: Borough Assembly chambers, 6:00 p.m. This meet-ing is to discuss the Wrangell school budget and facilities. The public is encouraged to attend.

Monday, April 1

Wrangell Public School Board Work Session: Elementary Gym, 6:30 p.m. Discussion regarding a Board Student Representative.

Saturday, April 6

Wrangell Health Fair: Nolan Center, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. All are welcome, no registration needed.

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.

March 27, 1919

A nation-wide campaign is being made this week for 1000 tons of old clothing for the relief of the most serious need of mil-lions of men, women and chil-dren of northern France, Italy, Czecho-Slovakia, Belgium, Ser-bia, Romania, Greece and other allied countries. Wrangell's share of this amount is 2000 points and a committee consist-ing of Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. John-son, Mrs. Grant, Miss Woods and Mrs. Walker is canvassing the town. While garments should be strong and durable, they need not be in perfect con-dition. The committee wishes it understood that the clothing should be clean, however. Shoes and household linen are needed badly.

March 31, 1944

In cooperation with the na-tional and territorial move for increase in Victory Gardening this year, the University of Alaska is conducting a series of lectures, given by W.R. Carter, throughout Southeast Alaska.

Governor Gruening, from Juneau, has issued a proclama-tion calling for more Victory Gardens this year in keeping with appeal made by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In-formation to Mayor F.G. Han-ford states that Carter will be in Wrangell next week for talks on soil and soil preparation, trans-planting, soil fertility and insects and diseases of crops, and, in ac-cordance with a request, repre-sentatives from each local civic and fraternal organization have been instructed to meet with Mr. Carter when he arrives.

March 27, 1969

Residents of Wrangell and Pe-tersburg this week were assured that the state would provide room for fresh food vans aboard ferries if the Seattle dock tie-up continues. Rep. Ernie Haugen, R-Petersburg, said the state ferry Taku is being taken out of

dry-dock this week and work is being rushed to put her back into service ahead of schedule. Haugen said the ferry would be used to transport food to South-eastern Alaska if the tie-up that has stalled the area's regular barge service is not solved. "I have been talking with (Public Works) Commissioner Strand-berg about this and he assured me that the merchants of the communities of Wrangell and Petersburg will get a share of the space available," Haugen said. Haugen said that if the dock problems continue the state probably would begin more frequent runs from Prince Rupert, where its ferries could pick up goods shipped up the highway.

March 31, 1994

Local historian Pat Neal is gathering information on Wrangell's totem poles as part of the national Save Outdoor

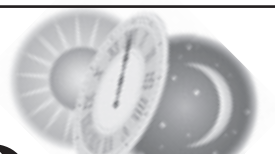
Sculpture project. Neal, who volunteered for the undertak-ing, is filling out an eight-page form on each of the 18 totem poles, as well as Chief Shakes' gravesite. The task requires de-scribing the figures on the poles, the colors used, and providing a summary of the monument's condition. "Basically, what I have to do is describe each one of the totems," Neal said last week.

She said there is also library research to find the dates poles were erected, who carved them and other pertinent informa-tion. Neal hopes to attend a workshop for SOS volunteers in Ketchikan being put on by the Alaska State Museum. The end result of the SOS project will be a national database of all out-door sculpture in the U.S. com-piled by the National Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Property in Washington, D.C.



Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Mar. 18	61	44
Mar. 19	54	39
Mar. 20	53	41
Mar. 21	59	42
Mar. 22	50	44
Mar. 23	51	40
Mar. 24	53	35
Mar. 25	51	30



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Mar 28	6:32 am	7:16 pm	12:44h
Mar 29	6:29 am	7:18 pm	12:49h
Mar 30	6:27 am	7:20 pm	12:53h
Mar 31	6:24 am	7:22 pm	12:58h
Apr 01	6:21 am	7:24 pm	13:03h
Apr 02	6:19 am	7:26 pm	13:07h
Apr 03	6:16 am	7:28 pm	13:12h
Apr 04	6:13 am	7:30 pm	13:17h



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Amphibians of the Stikine area

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Alaska is not home to many reptiles, according to Joshua Ream, cultural anthropologist with the Alaska Herpetological Society. Alaska is home to some marine turtles, as well as garter snakes, but not much else.

On the other hand, he said, the state is home to a variety of amphibians. From 2010 to 2018, Ream has researched the kinds of amphibians that can be found in Southeast Alaska, particularly around the Stikine River. There has not been much research into Alaskan amphibians, he said, so much of this work was to help establish baseline data for future projects.

"We don't know a lot about the amphibians that exist in Alaska, very basic data about what species, and how many, and what their range is, is still unknown in most parts of the state," Ream said. "We don't have a lot of long term data to know whether or not populations are changing over time, so this is one of the first long term programs of monitoring amphibians."

For a quick biology lesson,

amphibians are cold blooded vertebrates that are similar to reptiles, but have several key differences. Amphibians lack scales, for example, and several species are capable of breathing through their skin. They often undergo metamorphosis from aquatic larva into air-breathing adults. Frogs are a very common example of amphibians.

For his research, Ream, fellow researchers, and local volunteers had three main search areas. They researched the Stikine River itself, Wrangell Island, and Mitkof Island. There are five types of amphibians that call this area home, he said: The Columbia Spotted Frog, the Wood Frog, the Boreal Toad, the Long-toed Salamander and the Rough-skinned Newt.

Ream said that there was supposedly a sixth breed of Salamander in Alaska, the Northwestern Salamander, that was first reported in the 1990s. However, he said that they did not find any in all of their research, and there have been no reported sightings of the Northwestern Salamander in the area before or since that ini-

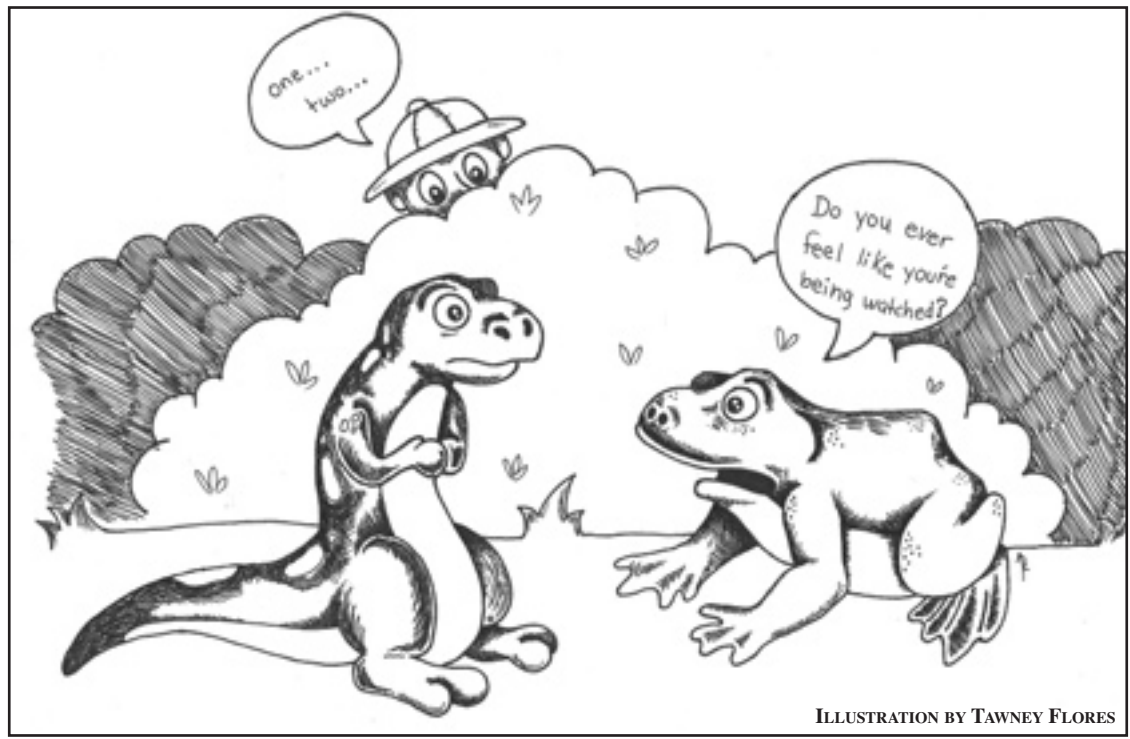


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tial report. It might have just been a mis-reported Long-toed Salamander, Ream hypothesized, which is a close cousin of the Northwestern Salamander.

During their research, according to Ream's presentation, there were a total of 2,555 specimens found and documented. This includes individual animals, but also clumps of tadpoles or eggs, he said. The large majority of them were found in various locations around the Stikine River, he said, but this may be due to the fact that was where they spent most of their time looking.

There were 71 specimens lo-

cated on Wrangell Island, another 29 on Mitkof Island, and 25 more found in various places outside of the three research zones. Compared to the other amphibians in Ream's presentation, the Rough-skinned Newt is very common on Wrangell Island. There were 61 specimens of this salamander found in Wrangell, as well as 10 specimens of the Boreal Toad. Ream said they did not find any other species in Wrangell, though Columbia Spotted Frogs have been reported in the area.

Mitkof Island was home to a more diverse array of amphibians, research showed. There were 15 Rough-skinned Newts, 11 Columbia Spotted Frogs, and one Boreal Toad. Ream said that there were two additional frogs located on Mitkof. Due to them escaping before close examination, they were labelled as "Rana spp.," which he said means that their genus is known, but not their species.

Ream pointed out that there were several factors that could potentially limit or skew the research. Some factors include limited funding and limited timespans allowed at some research spots, he said. The

weather was also a big factor. Ream also said that there is always human error and people could just be tired or not pay attention and miss an amphibian.

Ream explained that having baseline data about amphibians is important because they typically have "boom" and "bust" cycles with their populations. Without a long term set of data, however, it would be difficult to tell if something is happening to a population of amphibians outside of the norm. Should a species of amphibians suddenly start to disappear outside of the normal cycle, he said, it could be a good indicator that there is a wider problem with the ecosystem in that area.

"Amphibians are also great indicators of biological health," he said. "So when something starts to affect the environment, especially water quality contaminants, it usually affects amphibians first."

Ream said that the research will be published in the next edition of the scientific journal "Northwestern Naturalist," which he said will be coming out within the next six months.

Police report

March 18, 2019

Two agency assists.
Control burn.
Agency assist: DOT.

March 19, 2019

Reckless driver.
Welfare check.
Domestic: Verbal only.

March 20, 2019

Citizen assist: Vehicle unlocked.
Security check.
Trespass.
Citation issued: Opal Wilsey, 47. Dog at large.

March 21, 2019

Agency assist: AICS.
Catering permit.
Paper service: DVO denial.
Welfare check.
Report of theft.
Agency assist.

March 22, 2019

Citation issued: Tyla Nelson. Dog at large.
Reckless driving.

March 23, 2019

Two agency assists.
Found property.
Courtesy transport.

There were two ambulance calls and two dog complaints this week.

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Obituary: David Charles (Chuck) Oliver, 90

David Charles (Chuck) Oliver, 90, passed away peacefully March 17, 2019, in Anchorage, Alaska.

He was born September 30, 1928 in Fall Creek, Oregon, to David and Dorothy Oliver and raised by Dorothy and Lloyd Williams.

On September 29, 1947, Chuck married his high school sweetheart Alice Irene Rice. He attended Oregon State University before joining the U.S. Army and

served during the Korean conflict. He was honorably discharged as a First Lieutenant.

He returned to Oregon where he and Alice started a logging company. For the next 20 years he logged all over the state, at one point becoming the second largest logging company in the state of Oregon. They also started a family and raised two daughters and three sons.

In June of 1974, he moved his family to Wrangell, Alaska

where he logged for Alaska Lumber & Pulp. In 1975 he started a logging competition for the local loggers over the 4th of July. Now known as the "Chuck Oliver Logging Show" this competition has continued over the years and has become an integral part of the Wrangell 4th of July celebration.

In the early 1990s he began working for Alaska Pulp Corporation (APC) as the timber and construction division and log

yard supervisor. He developed and implemented the method of using wood waste as fill material building roads and pads, including the Shoemaker RV Park and the Point Nemo road and campground. He also used this technique to build the recreation/track field, the shooting range off Ishiyama Dr. and the Muskeg Meadows Golf Course.

After retiring at the age of 72 from APC, Chuck and Alice sold their home in Wrangell and moved to Wasilla, Alaska, where he remained until his passing.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Alice; daughters Vicki Stough (Mike) and Marla Oliver-Jones; sons Randy Oliver (Toni Marie), Roger Oliver (Olena), and Tim Oliver (Lisa); 9 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren and a niece.

A memorial service will be



David Charles (Chuck) Oliver

held Sunday, March 30 at 2:00 p.m. at Valley Funeral Home, 151 E Herning Ave. Wasilla, Alaska with a reception immediately following the service at the Oliver residence. For directions call Randy Oliver at 907-470-4888.



COURTESY PHOTO U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS ACE RHEAUME)

The guided-missile destroyer USS Zumwalt, left, is underway in formation with the littoral combat ship USS Independence on the final leg of its three-month journey to its new homeport in San Diego. The USS Zumwalt arrived in Ketchikan last Saturday.

New class of US destroyer visits Ketchikan

KETCHIKAN, Alaska (AP) – One of the U.S. Navy's newest class of warships has docked at an Alaska port for a rare visit.

The USS Zumwalt docked in Ketchikan for a weekend stay beginning Saturday, the Juneau Empire reported .

The 610-footlong guided missile destroyer launched in October 2013 and based in San Diego was scheduled to be open for public tours Sunday in the southern Alaska city, officials said.

Steve Corporon, Ketchikan's port and harbors director, said bigger fenders were needed to make sure the ship would fit without damaging the vessel or the dock.

Navy Commander Brandon Raile said the last Navy visit to Ketchikan was the USS Ogden in 2005, while the USS O'Kane guided missile destroyer stopped in Juneau nearly 300 miles (about 483 kilometers) further north in May 2017.

The 15-year time gap and strategic reasons were behind the Alaska stop, according to Raile, who explained that receding ice in the Arctic is creating

waterways that previously did not exist. He added that "everybody is more interested in the area for trade and other purposes."

"It's important that the Navy does more and more exercise up in this part of the world," Raile

said. "We have the opportunity of a ship that needs something to do and something that needs to be done. It works out pretty well."

The ship will continue to undisclosed locations after leaving Ketchikan, Raile said.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Alaska was well represented by so many communities in Alaska finding common ground by working together with Alaska's Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault (CDVSA). Executive Director L. Diane Castro was delighted to see Wrangell's BRAVE (Building Respect and Valuing Everyone) representatives there: Kay Larson, Joan Sargent and Loretto Jones who attended numerous workshops and shared with other agencies the common thread to provide advocacy for healthy relationships in all Alaskan communities through prevention programs, resource referral, and community engagement. We found grant opportunities and networked with Juneau's AWARE (Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies), and Ketchikan's WISH (Woman in Safe Homes). We had sessions on community change and how we can lead the way in helping our wonderful community's journey toward embracing prevention and building respect for all.

Loretto Jones

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

3rd Annual Helping Our Parks

outdoor work event is coming your way this spring! We would like to invite you to participate in the community wide effort and help us improve Volunteer Park.

Saturday, April 20, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm at Volunteer Park

We'll be working on:

- alder removal • trail brushing and swamping
- building maintenance • senior field maintenance
- hazardous tree removal • tennis/volleyball court clean-ups and more...

LUNCH AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED TO VOLUNTEERS DURING THE EVENT. PLEASE JOIN US!

For more information about the project, please contact Kate Thomas @ 907-874-2444



is welcomed

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State ups budget, timeline for review of Alaska ferry system

By BECKY BOHRER
Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) - Gov. Mike Dunleavy's administration is upping the budget and extending the time for a review of potential options for the future of Alaska's ferry system.

A spokeswoman for the system, Aurah Landau, said the administration so far has not changed its position on funding to continue operating the ferries while future options are explored. No boats currently are scheduled to sail past Oct. 1, though Senate Finance Committee Co-chair Bert Stedman has

said he's working with the administration on alternatives that would allow for vessels to keep operating at some level.

An initial request for proposals laid out a budget for the analysis of up to \$90,000, with a report due to the state transportation department by July 31. The latest version sets a budget of up to \$250,000, with a report due to the department by Oct. 15.

In setting the new budget, the department estimated the cost of an economist, marine consultant and support staff working on the project over six months, Landau said by email. Officials have set April 2 as the deadline to receive proposals from those interested in doing the analysis and hope to award a contract later that month. The money is coming from ferry system funds, she wrote.

Landau said officials think the new timeframe and budget will result in a quality report. "The proposals we receive will confirm whether we are correct," she wrote.

The idea is to have a report submitted to the administration that will be shared with lawmakers and the public. The analysis is to take into account a number of prior studies on the



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Five tons of electronics collected at e-waste event

The WCA IGAP department held its third annual e-waste event at the carving shed last Saturday. This was the last e-waste event the cooperative association will be hosting for a year or so, according to Kim Wickman. During the e-waste event, people were encouraged to stop by the carving shed and drop off old or broken electronics, which the WCA is helping to ship away for proper disposal and recycling. Pictured here is Wickman with a bag full of nothing but old power cords. Wickman said in an email, after the event, that they gathered 19 pallets of mixed electronics, weighing a total of 10,102 pounds. These pallets are being sent to Total Reclaim, a Washington company, for recycling and disposal.

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Dawson Construction will begin working at the Wrangell Medical Center in April 2019.

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system.

Hundreds of people testified at recent hearings on the ferry system, which covers 3,500 miles of coastline and serve communities stretching from Bellingham, Washington, to southeast Alaska to the Aleutian chain. Many of them from com-

munities not tied to the state's main road system told lawmakers this is their highway.

Jerrick Hope-Lang, who attended a rally in front of the Capitol Wednesday in support of the system, said he grew up in Sitka and recalls getting on a ferry with his mom and their vehicle and coming to the bigger city of Juneau to shop for supplies.

"It really is a lifeline for

smaller communities," agreed Eunice James, who grew up in the southeast Alaska community of Angoon.

The department, in the request for proposals, lays out a number of options it wants considered, including selling or giving vessels and terminals to a private entity "to run whatever service they can justify economically," transferring assets to a public corporation whose board would set service levels, fares and employee pay; continuing to operate the system as a state entity but dropping or reducing some high-cost, low-volume runs; privatizing some or all on-board passenger services; and further raising fares.

The department, which notes that list isn't exhaustive, said it's seeking the best options or combination of options to reduce the financial cost to the state.

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Conservation groups speak against Pebble Mine at Wrangell film screening

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Bristol Bay is home to the largest sockeye salmon fishery in the world, according to pamphlets from the organization Save Bristol Bay. The Kvichak and Nushagak rivers, connecting to the bay, are two of the largest remaining sockeye runs in the world. The sustainable harvest from these runs reportedly provide over half of the sockeye

salmon available in the global market. Bristol Bay's fishery supports over 14,000 jobs, the pamphlet says, and drives a \$1.5 billion economy.

However, some Alaskan conservation groups fear that Bristol Bay is in danger from the proposed Pebble Mine, which would be placed near the bay's headwaters. Heather Bauscher, with the Sitka Conservation Society, said that the area holds one

of the world's largest deposits of copper and gold left in the world. However, she said that the ore body, which is the amount of useful material compared to waste created, is only at one percent.

Bauscher said they came to Wrangell on behalf of Save Bristol Bay to show the documentary, "Red Gold." The film shows life in Bristol Bay, and the pivotal role the salmon play in it. Should the salmon disappear, as some fear would happen with Pebble Mine's operations, it could irreparably harm a unique, Alaskan way of life. The documentary was brought to Wrangell to raise awareness across the state, and to encourage people to make their voice heard. Bristol Bay is far from Southeast Alaska, she said, but they have common dependency on salmon and share a similar coastal way of life.

"We are all salmon people," Bauscher said. "Coastal communities need to stand together to protect our vital salmon resource."

According to Save Bristol Bay's website, Pebble Mine would be one of the largest mines in the world if it is built. It would have a pit that is a mile wide and a quarter mile deep. The entire mine complex itself would cover 20 square miles, and would destroy over 3,000 acres of wetlands and 21 miles of salmon streams. During the mine's lifespan, which is being planned for about 20 years, about 11 billion tons of waste could be generated. There are also concerns about the stability of the tailings dam that would be constructed, Bauscher added, as well as to how the mine plans to keep acidic waste from leaching into the water.

"I grew up in Pennsylvania," she said. "I know firsthand about acid mine drainage and why we couldn't eat any of the fish in the rivers where I grew up. I don't want to see that happen here in Alaska."

Bauscher said that people can get involved in a number of ways. Comments can be submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers before the end of May, she said. They also had petitions at the film screening to Senator Lisa Murkowski for members of the public to sign. More about Save



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Heather Bauscher, with the Sitka Conservation Society, came to Wrangell to discuss the proposed Pebble Mine at Bristol Bay.

Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council meets in Wrangell

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council is a group of 13 people from across Southeast Alaska. As a part of the federal government's subsistence management program, the job of the council is to advise the federal subsistence board and make recommendations on how to best manage the wildlife of Southeast Alaska. Many Alaskans use the forest and the sea for their day-to-day lifestyle, and properly caring for it is a large job.

Point Baker resident Donald Hernandez, chairman of the advisory council, went into a little detail about the council's job.

"We advise them on regulation changes, we advise them on issues involving land management, policy issues, we also bring to their attention any issues relating to subsistence that come to our attention from members of the public," he said. "Our recommendation changes that we make are enacted by the board, as long as they meet certain criteria such as our recommendations are backed by good scientific information, they have to be beneficial to subsistence users, and if they're not unduly unfair to non-subsistence users."

The advisory council met in Wrangell, at the Nolan Center, for a three-day meeting from March 19 to 21. They went over a wide variety of topics, ranging from a review of the council's charter to hearing agency reports from tribal governments and the Forest Service. During this meeting, they also heard and discussed propositions from the public and other council members on better managing wildlife in the region. While there were many proposals and agency reports over the course of the three days, Hernandez gave a brief recap of items that were especially pertinent to the local area.

"One of the main considerations of this meeting was the Alaska Board of Game met this past winter and they changed some of the state regulations, and we have a memorandum of understanding with the state that state and federal regulations will try and align, remain the same, unless there's some reason a federal priority should be put in place."

One of the regulation changes that is important for the local area involves deer hunting. Hernandez said the state board of game decided last winter to increase the length of the deer hunting season on Mitkof Island, Woewodski Island, and the Lindenberg Peninsula on Kupreanof Island, from two weeks to five. The new deer hunting season in these areas is from Oct. 15 to Nov. 15, whereas previously the season ended on Oct. 31. The council decided, after some discussion, to match that in federal regulations.

Wolf hunting and trapping was another major topic of discussion. The state board of game recently approved of a new wolf management plan on Prince of Wales Island. Instead of putting a bag limit on the number of wolves that can be hunted, the board of game decided to set up a target population range for wolves on the island. Hunting and trapping seasons will then be opened and closed as needed to keep the wolf population within that range. The advisory council determined that a few changes to federal regulations were needed to keep in line with the new state regulations. They advised that the federal regulations be changed from a limit of five wolves to no limitations. Trapping season will begin on Nov. 15 and close at the appropriately determined date, and hunting season for subsistence users will run from Sept. 1 to March 31.

"Essentially it did away with any quotas they did in the past," Hernandez said. "We decided it was what we wanted, as well."

The advisory council also decided to recommend changes to customary and traditional use determinations. These determinations are controlled solely by the federal board, Hernandez said, the state of Alaska does not have a say in them. The determinations are necessary to create a subsistence hunt, he explained. The existing determinations were very piecemeal, he said, and quite specific. Some of the original determinations

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are holdouts from when the federal government took over the program from the state. The advisory council determined to make the determinations broader.

"Last year we did the first proposal, and we proposed for deer, and only deer, that we allow customary and traditional use ... by all rural residents of Southeast Alaska," Hernandez said. "So this year we took a look at some other species. We looked at, well we looked at everything, actually. We looked at moose, goats, bear, and we considered elk as being subsistence species. We put forward a proposal that would kind of, in general, declare that all rural residents of Southeast Alaska did have customary traditional use for bear, moose, goats, and elk, basically anywhere they occur in Southeast Alaska."

The public will have the opportunity to weigh in on this proposal. It will be analyzed and debated before the federal board makes a final decision next winter. Hernandez said that putting elk in that list could be somewhat controversial, as they were introduced to the region about 30 years ago, and some might say that they have no customary or traditional value for a subsistence hunt. However, he said the council felt the topic was worth discussing.

The Roadless Rule was also discussed in the meetings. The Roadless Rule is a federal regulation prohibiting the construction of logging roads in roadless areas of the Tongass National Forest. Recently, the state government has sought to be released from the Roadless Rule, and implement their own Alaska-specific ruling. The council has several major concerns in regards to this, Hernandez said. Logging and roads have hurt subsistence users in Southeast Alaska, as they can damage parts of the forest people use for harvesting and hunting. Subsistence users need roadless land for their lifestyle, he said, and doing away with the federal regulations could see more of that land disappear. In response, the advisory council decided to draft a letter to the Forest



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Shotrock draws the crowds

Rayme's Bar was packed last Saturday night, with lots of people coming out for a night of live music. Local band Shotrock performed a setlist of classic rock, from Alice in Chains to ZZ Top. Pictured here is the band: Singer Kelley Decker, Glen Decker on the guitar, "Doc Rock" Don Sherman on Bass, and drummer Jason Beaty.

Service, asking for the opportunity to give some "meaningful comments" when their environmental impact statement is released. They are also planning to hold a teleconference in August to receive public comments on the Roadless Rule.

"The council was somewhat upset that this process is happening where subsistence users are asked to comment on this proposal in the middle of the summer, which is generally the busiest time of the year for most

people here in Southeast Alaska," Hernandez said. "We're not happy about that, I'd put that in the article, but we're going to try and do it anyhow."

The next in-person meeting for the council is scheduled for the week of Nov. 5, in Ketchikan. After that, the council's winter meeting will be in Petersburg, the week of Feb. 25. More about the Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council can be found online at www.doi.gov/subsistence under the "regions" tab.



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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

Commercial fishermen pick up tab for salmon in Alaska starting their lives in a hatchery

Commercial fishermen pick up the tab for just about anyone who catches a salmon in Alaska that started its life in a hatchery.

That was a finding that wended its way to the surface during a hearing last week of the House Fisheries Committee on the state's hatchery program. The program began in the mid-1970s to enhance Alaska's wild salmon runs.

Unlike meetings that are top heavy with fishery stakeholders, most of the committee members are not deeply familiar with many industry inner workings and their interest was evident.

"Who funds the hatchery programs?" asked Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins (D-Sitka), referring to the 25 private, non-profit associations that operate in Prince William Sound, Southeast Alaska, Kodiak and Cook Inlet.

Turns out, it's commercial fishermen.

"In each region where there is an aquaculture association, commercial salmon permit holders have levied a salmon enhancement tax upon themselves from one to three percent," said Tina Fairbanks, executive director of Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association.

Fishermen also catch and sell returning adult salmon to the hatchery which operators use to pay operating expenses, a process called cost recovery. In 2017 cost recovery fish, which fetch a lower price for fishermen than selling to processors, accounted for 79 percent of hatchery income.

There have been discussions about sport charter operators contributing, but it's not really needed, said Steve Reifenstahl, executive director of the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association. "Because of the mechanism we have for doing cost recovery there is not really a need to bring in additional money."

"That's very refreshing to hear right now that you have adequate revenue. That is not something we hear very often," said Rep Sarah Vance (R-Homer). "So thank you to all the fishermen who contribute and make it sustainable."

"The hatchery programs truly represent one of the most successful public/private partnerships in the state's history," Fairbanks said. "These facilities produce salmon for sport, subsistence, personal use and commercial fisheries at no cost to the state of Alaska. The revenues generated through commercial landings and fish taxes go back into the communities and state coffers and represent a great return on the state's initial investment."

"It's very uncommon," said Dan Lesh, an economist with the McDowell Group. "It is quite impressive that it produces such large economic benefits with no cost to the state."

"It seems to me that the commercial fishing industry is pay-



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New Elks officers sworn in

Wrangell Elks Lodge No. 1595 swore in a new batch of officers in a small ceremony last Friday evening, March 22. Pictured from right to left are Leading Knight Juanita Courson, Secretary Shirley Clark, Exalted Ruler Barbara Hommel, Esquire Kevin Stutz, Treasurer Bob Grant, Chaplain Jennifer Bates, and Trustee Carrie Wallace. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is a nationwide organization that works to support and give back to their local communities.

ing out millions of dollars through foregone revenue in cost recovery and enhancement revenues that benefit Alaskans collectively," responded Rep. Kreiss-Tomkins, adding that he would like to see an analysis done. "It's paying for all Alaskans in a sense by underwriting this common benefit."

Alaska's hatchery harvest in 2017 of 47 million fish accounted for 21 percent of the statewide salmon harvest valued at \$162 million to fishermen, which was 24 percent of the statewide value. That was the lowest percentage of hatchery fish in the overall catch since 1995, and due largely to a wild stock harvest that was the 3rd highest in Alaska history. An additional 194,000 Alaska hatchery fish were caught in the sport, personal use and subsistence fisheries.

Fish differences - Americans have very different perceptions on wild versus farmed fish, and whether it is grown in fresh or salt water.

In a new report called Aquaculture/Mariculture, US Market Insights and Opportunities, food industry trackers Changing Tastes and Datassential surveyed 1,500 consumers and 400 restaurant operators about their preferences for America's three favorites: salmon, tuna and shrimp.

Nearly half of consumers and 40 percent of restaurateurs said they prefer wild fish and shellfish because it has better flavor, quality, texture, is free of antibiotics, pesticides and other chemicals. For salmon, 57 percent of consumers said they prefer wild caught; it was 64 percent for restaurants.

Both believe less than half of

the seafoods we eat today comes from aquaculture. Overall, land based and nearshore aquaculture operations got much lower marks across the board.

Water pollution and impacts on water quality were listed as the top concerns by 66 percent of consumers for land based fish farms and 58 percent for near shore. Water concerns jumped to 80 percent among buyers.

The use of antibiotics and pesticides in fish farms ranked as the second concern by 64 percent of consumers and 68 percent for restaurant operators.

Consumers and buyers believe a substantial amount of seafood is already farmed in the deep ocean, and one quarter believe that open ocean mariculture is better for the environment than wild capture fishing.

The report concludes that as more Americans shift to eating seafood, the share with no established preferences for wild versus farmed increases.

Fish bits - Gov. Michael J. Dunleavy has nominated Nicole Kimball, Vice President of Pacific Seafood Processors Association and Cora Campbell, CEO of Silver Bay Seafoods to seats on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. They would replace two current members whose terms expire this summer: Theresa Peterson of Kodiak and Buck Laukitis of Homer. The NPFMC oversees more than 25 fisheries in federal waters off Alaska, meaning from three to 200 miles out.

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council meets April 1-9 at the Anchorage Hilton. On the agenda: Navy war game plans for May in the Gulf of Alaska. Comments on

any items can be made through May 29.

For its upcoming meeting cycle, the state Board of Fisheries is accepting proposed changes to subsistence, personal use, sport and commercial and statewide fisheries at Kodiak and Lower and Upper Cook Inlet through April 10.

Tariffs on US imports from China will continue indefinitely the Trump Administration announced last week. The trade war, which began last July, has hit the seafood industry on both sides. SeafoodSource reports that Trump said he plans to "leave them on for a substantial period of time."

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- 19. Other side of yang (Chinese)
- 20. Consume
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- 26. Not awake
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- 4. Former CIA
- 5. Global health group
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- 8. Open Payment Initiative
- 9. Desert plants
- 10. A bird that cannot fly
- 11. Off-Broadway theater award
- 12. Lump of clay
- 13. Barbie's pal
- 16. Seldom
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- 22. Denotes past
- 23. Selling at specially reduced prices
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- 25. Comes before two
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- 28. Nocturnal rodent
- 29. Chinese revolutionary
- 30. Electronic counter-countermeasures
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- 33. Villain
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- 37. Old television part (abbr.)
- 39. Roughly chipped flint
- 42. Helps change channels
- 43. ___ Sagan, astronomer
- 44. Cooling unit
- 46. Uttered words
- 47. Small integers
- 48. Type of data
- 49. Inspired
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WRANGELL PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
SEASONAL JOB POSTING**

The Wrangell Parks and Recreation Department will accept applications for the positions of **Park Maintenance I** until the position has been filled. First review of applications will take place on March 29th, 2019. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, hold a valid Alaska Driver's License and have knowledge of power tools and be familiar with grounds maintenance and repairs. Applicants must be able to work through September. Position is full time, temporary.

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Lisa Von Bargaen
Borough Manager

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PAYETTE RANDALL ARENDELL, Petitioner, vs. DIANA M. ARMSTRONG, Respondent. Case No. CV2018-173 SUMMONS BY SERVICE BY PUBLICATION TO THE RESPONDENT DIANA M. ARMSTRONG. You have been sued by RANDALL ARENDELL, the Petitioner, in the District Court in and for the county of Payette County, Idaho Case No. Cv2018-173. The nature of the claim against you is a Petition for Divorce. Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this Summons, the court may enter a Judgement against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you file a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid any filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 1130 3rd Ave. N. Payette, Idaho 83661, (208) 642-6011, and served a copy with your response on the Petitioner's Attorney at: Bond Law Chartered, 1511 N. Whitley Dr. Fruitland, Idaho 83619, (208) 452-4468. A copy of the Summons or Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the Attorney for Petitioner. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter. Dated: February 15th, 2018. CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT By: Betty Dressen, Deputy Clerk

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Rod and Gun Club holds "Pig Plunk" at the public safety building last weekend

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Rod and Gun Club hosted a shooting event at the indoor range at the public safety building last Sunday. The "Pig Plunk," as it was called, was designed as a fundraiser, membership drive, and a fun way to spend the afternoon for club members and visitors. At 16, the turnout was smaller than the club's previous shooting event, the Turkey Shoot last December. Club member Terrell Courson attributed this to the nice weather Wrangell saw on Sunday.

The rules of the competition were fairly simple. Participants were given five shots at a pig-shaped target with a .22 rifle. The closer to the bullseye, the more points each shot was worth. The maximum number of points possible was 50, which would be all five shots right on the bullseye. Participants were divided into three categories: Children, men, and women.

Kids shot first and for some, this was their first time using a rifle. Police Chief Doug McCloskey was on hand to show them how to properly handle a gun, and to assist them with aiming and loading. There were four kids competing, all between the ages of 6 and 12-years-old. Ian Nelson took first place in the children's category, making 44 of 50 points. Second place went to Lee Balansag, third place to Chrysalis Balansag, and fourth place to Charlie Nelson.

There were eight men who got their shot at the pig targets next. First place went to Caleb Vierkant, reporter for the Wrangell Sentinel, who also made 44 out of a potential 50 points. Vierkant expressed surprise that he won. Second place in the men's category was tied between Jim Nelson and William Beppu, while third



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The Pig Plunk shooting contest, held at the indoor range at the public safety building, had several younger Wrangellites in attendance. Pictured from left to right are Lee Balansag, Ian Nelson, Charlie Nelson, and Chrysalis Balansag. Ian took first place in the kid's category, followed by Lee, Charlie, and Chrysalis.

place went to Curtis Wimberley.


The women got to shoot last in the contest. There were four contestants in the women's category: Kim Powell, Shirley Wimberley, Barb Hommel, and Pam McCloskey. McCloskey took first place, while Hommel took second. Powell and Wimberley took third and fourth, respectively.

The prizes for first place, in the men's and women's categories, were hams. Second place received a package of smoked sausages. In the kid's category, everyone received a stuffed toy pig. Gift bags were passed out to participants, as well. To learn more about the club, look up "Wrangell Rod and Gun Club" on Facebook.



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Pam McCloskey and Barbara Hommel won first and second place in the women's category of the Pig Plunk last Sunday afternoon. McCloskey won a ham, while Hommel won a package of smoked sausage.



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Superintendent Debbe Lancaster standing next to a poster of the Wrangell School District's values. Lancaster said that bullying does happen in Wrangell, but that it is not very common compared to other districts. She added that the district is working to decrease the amount of bullying even further, partially through adults setting a good example for kids.

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dle a disagreement in a healthy way, she said. While the term "bullying" can be loosely applied to the situation, she said, there is a difference. Bullying is different in that it is repetitive, she said, and plays off of a power imbalance.

While bullying is not prevalent in Wrangell, the district still takes it seriously. Several programs have been put in place to help staff and fellow students combat bullying if and when it occurs. This year, she said, staff took crisis prevention training to help them better understand how to de-escalate situations. Staff will also be undergoing ACEs training in April, to better understand how adverse childhood experiences can alter brain functions and behaviors in students. Starting next year, she added that the district will be trying to teach assertiveness to staff and students.

It is not healthy to avoid conflict, Lancaster said, people need to step up and confront the issue if they are feeling bullied. At the elementary school level, Lancaster said that they are trying a system of positive reinforcement. Teachers and staff will praise and reward students for having positive interactions with each other, and put less emphasis on punishing students for negative interactions.

"When a student is bullying, they're doing that because they have an unresolved issue, or they've got anger that they can't manage, so that's a release for them," Lancaster said. "The person that's being bullied develops

their own set of coping skills, and avoidance of interaction starts to happen. Well, as a school district, we need to be aware of these things going on."

If any student does feel that they are being bullied they should try to resolve the conflict themselves in a responsible way, Lancaster said. If the bullying continues, they should inform an adult. Be it a parent or teacher, it is important to speak up, she said, as the district cannot act unless they know what is going on. It is then the responsibility of that adult to take the information to the school's building administrator, who will then investigate the issue and determine the next course of action. Families of the bully and the victim will both be informed of what is going on after the preliminary investigation is complete, she said. One of the biggest ways bullying can be stopped is adults following the school district's core values of respect, honesty, integrity, courage, confidence, and kindness. Children learn from what they see, Lancaster said, and not what they hear. If they listen to adults talking about the school's core values all the time, but do not see any adults practicing those values, they will see them as pointless. It is all about setting a good example, in other words.

"What are the kids going to learn? They're going to learn there's a disconnect between what they're supposed to be doing and what they're actually seeing adults act like. It's important to this administration that we always model the behavior we want to see in children," she said.

Noise ordinance approved after third reading in assembly meeting

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Borough Assembly discussed a proposed noise ordinance once again during their meeting on Tuesday. The ordinance has been the source of some controversy around town, some seeing it as the result of two feuding neighbors, or that the regulations proposed by the ordinance are unrealistic. When the ordinance was brought up for discussion in the last meeting, on March 12, there was a very large public turnout to speak their minds on the topic. During that meeting, the assembly proposed various amendments to the ordinance.

Previously, the ordinance read that it would be illegal to create noise above 90 decibels between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. on weekdays, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends and holidays. The ordinance also allows for various exceptions to the rule, particularly in the use of power tools and for boat maintenance. In the March 12 meeting, it was proposed to increase the limit to 95 decibels. The hours of the ordinance were changed to 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. from Monday to Saturday, and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sundays. At all other hours, the decibel limit is set at 60. The word "personal" was erased from the section of the ordinance regarding boat maintenance per the request of the assembly, to avoid accidentally making it illegal for people to work on their own charter boats or fishing vessels. A new provision was also added to the ordinance, exempting motor vehicle maintenance as well as boat maintenance.

During the meeting, Assembly Member David Powell put forward an amendment to change the hours of the ordinance back to 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., from Monday to Saturday. The idea to change the hours in the first place was his idea in the last meeting, but he said that he has changed his mind and felt that the original hours would be a better fit. This amendment was unanimously adopted by the as-

sembly.

Wrangell resident Hague Demerjian called into the meeting via telephone, to voice his support for the ordinance. He said that, in his opinion, some of the provisions of the ordinance were still too subjective and that they could be easily skirted. However, in general he said he liked the proposed ordinance.

"Over the past 20 years my family has endured repeated noise and junk violations that never should have been allowed to begin with," he said. "The city has been lax in developing new laws that protect the rights of residential property owners ... Now, we have developed new enforceable nuisance laws that address the issue that sorely need to be dealt with in our town."

Another member of the public spoke at the meeting, Scott Eastaugh who is Demerjian's neighbor, and claims that he has been the target of harassment from Demerjian. He also said

that he is upset by the ongoing debate around the noise ordinance, as people are chalking it up to a feud between neighbors. There is no feud, he said, it is all one-sided on the part of Demerjian.

"I don't have a problem with anyone, I've never called the cops on any of my neighbors, ever. It doesn't matter what he does. He can do his own thing, I can do my own thing, I find it kind of disparaging, it hurt my feelings, everybody around town going 'Oh, two neighbors fighting, two neighbors fighting.' I don't have a problem with anyone, I'm just trying to live my life."

After receiving public comments Mayor Steve Prysunka said that he wanted to reiterate to the public that this noise ordinance was not being brought up because of any reported animosity between Demerjian and Eastaugh. The city decided to update its nuisance codes, which the noise ordinance is a part of,

on its own. It was not brought to the city to consider by anyone. Prysunka did say that while the ordinance may have become intertwined with outside events, that was not the original intention.

Assembly Member Jim DeBord said he was very concerned about the unintended consequences of approving this ordinance. This would be a bad use of the police department's time, he said. He also pointed out that decibel levels can fluctuate.

After further discussion, however, a vote was called. The noise ordinance was finally adopted. DeBord was the only assembly member who voted against its passage.

During the meeting, Prysunka also gave an update on the city's power situation. As of Sunday, he said, Wrangell turned off its diesel generators and has gone back to full hydropower. Water levels at Tye Lake have risen from 1,258 to

1,265. They will be monitoring the situation closely to make sure water levels continue to increase with additional rain and melting snow. Prysunka also added that there are no planned power sales to Ketchikan for the time being, so all power from Tye will be coming to Wrangell and Petersburg.

Other items covered in the meeting include congratulating Bob Dalrymple, formerly of the Forest Service, on his retirement. The assembly also approved a resolution allowing the Southeast Alaska Power Agency to re-finance some bonds to increase its savings, amended the borough manager position to add it to the Public Employees' Retirement System, and amended the job description of the facility manager position for the Nolan Center. Assembly Member Patty Gilbert also announced in the meeting that SEARHC has selected Leatha Mercurieff to be the new CEO of the Wrangell Medical Center.

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