

Several wins for Lady Wolves at Rally the Regions

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The Wrangell Lady Wolves spent the beginning of 2020 in Anchorage, taking part in the Rally the Regions Hardwood Classic. The tournament, held on the first four days of January, brings together schools from across the state, from Southeast to western Alaska. The Lady Wolves won the championship last year, in 2019, and were returning to defend their title this year. While the championship went to Unalaska this year, Wrangell still saw several big wins during the tournament.

"We had four really good matched games," said Coach Laurie Brown. "It was a really good experience to help get us ready for state."

The rally kicked off for the Lady Wolves with a game against Unalaska. It was a strong start to the tournament, with Wrangell taking a victory with a score of 50-34. Their next game, on Jan. 2, pitted Wrangell against Unalakleet. This was a very hard-fought game, and was very close. Unalakleet claimed a narrow victory at 52-46.

The Lady Wolves went up against the Tanalian Lynx in the third day of the tournament. The Lynx were the only undefeated girls team left in the tournament at that point. Things did not go well for Wrangell for a good chunk of the game. Tanalian held a 30-15 lead as of the third quarter. However, the Lady Wolves still had some fight in them and made a comeback in the remainder of the game. According to the Rally the Regions Facebook page, they took the lead with only three minutes of game time left. They pulled ahead and claimed a close win at 43-38, just in the nick of time.

Nearing the end of the tournament, four teams were still within reach of the championship: Wrangell, Tanalian, Unalaska, and Unalakleet. To determine who the finalists for the championship would be, a three-point shootout was held on the evening of Jan. 3. After three rounds of the shootout, it was determined that Unalaska and Unalakleet would be the championship finalists.

While Wrangell did not make it to the championship game, they still had one more match for the tournament. They went up against the Tanalian Lynx again on Saturday. The Lady Wolves did not manage to pull ahead for a last-minute victory this time, however, despite playing hard. It was a high-scoring game, with the Lady Wolves losing narrowly at 61-57. This was a "de facto" championship game, as described on the Rally the Regions Facebook page, as both teams were not in the official championship because of the three-point shootout.

As well as showing lots of skill in a very competitive tournament, several Wrangell players received individual recognition. Two members of the Lady Wolves were among the top 10 scorers for the rally. Kaylyn Easterly was the fifth highest scorer of the tournament, making 58 points altogether. Kiara Harrison was the tenth highest scorer with 37 points. Easterly and Harrison were also recognized and named to the girls' All Tournament Team for the rally. Players for these teams are selected for their character traits, both on and off the basketball court. Harrison was recognized for having the best attitude of the tournament, while Easterly was named the girls' top student athlete.

"It was a good learning experience for us," Brown said. "We got some things to work on ... Overall I'm pleased with their performance."

The Lady Wolves will be facing off against Metlakatla this weekend, Jan. 10 and 11. The games will be streamed on the Wrangell School District's Youtube channel, "WPSD.us Streaming."

2019: A year in review Part 2, July - December

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Below is the second half of The Wrangell Sentinel's review of 2019, covering the months of July to December:

July

July 4 - Wrangell Police Chief Doug McCloskey was recognized for his service to the community at last week's borough assembly meeting. With his retirement at the end of June, McCloskey has closed

out 38 years of police work.

July 11 - The Fourth of July was a hot and sunny day in Wrangell, but that did not stop many people from getting out and having a good time. Like all previous years, this year's fourth was the culmination of a whole week of events to celebrate Independence Day.

July 18 - Sea otters are considered by many people to be an adorable animal, an important part of the ecosystem, and



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Some of the people at the Nolan Center's 1920s-themed murder mystery party. Pictured here (left to right) are Adam Tlachac, Erica Tlachac, Elisabeth Brown, and Adam Rawls.

Nolan Center welcomes the new decade with a murder mystery

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The Nolan Center celebrated the new year on Dec. 31, with a murder mystery party. As this new year marks a new decade, a return to the '20s, the party had a 1920s theme to it. With jazz music, people in themed costumes, and masks, party-goers had the chance to return to the previous century. The main theater of the Nolan Center was decorated to look like an old speakeasy, from the prohibition era, to fit the mood.

For those who have never participated in a murder mystery, it is a lot like a play, but with audience participation. As people came in with their tickets, they were given an envelope with details about the character they would be playing during the murder mystery. Some of the characters included mob bosses (Benn Curtis and Adam Tlachac), Hollywood directors (Walter Moorhead), reporters (Caleb Vierkant and Ryan Howe), and many others. The mystery began shortly after dinner, when "mob boss" Nick Nemetz, better known as Adam Tlachac in real life, was "gunned down" by an unknown killer. It was then up to the rest of the party to figure out who among them was the murderer. Several characters were given pieces of evidence that, when put together, could help solve the mystery. However, many of the characters also had plenty of motive to be the killer, so it was a challenge to figure out who actually did it.

The mystery came to an end late in the evening, after dessert, photo opportunities, and plenty of detective work. Partygoers were invited to write down who they thought the killer was for a chance to win the game. "P.I. Pinkerton," played by Keeleigh Solverson, revealed the evidence and pointed out the mur-

derer. The "killer," as it turned out, was none other than Dwane Ballou, playing the character of "Police Chief Cameron."

At midnight there was a champagne toast to the new decade.

"We had a great time and it was a great success for going into 2020," Solverson said, after the party. "I would say that there will, probably, definitely be another murder mystery in the future. I don't know if it will be on New Year's Eve."

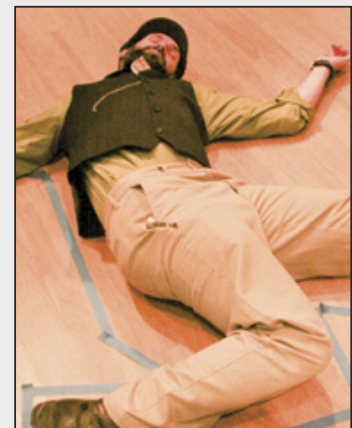


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During the Nolan Center's New Year's party, there was a "murder." The victim for the murder mystery party was Adam Tlachac, who was playing the character of mob boss Nick Nemetz.

also a nuisance that is threatening other marine life populations in Southeast Alaska. In Wrangell, many people have talked about the need for better

population control when it comes to otters.

July 25 - The Nolan Center hosted a grand opening presentation for its most recent ex-

hibit last Tuesday, July 16: "Muybridge in Alaska: 1868." "Muybridge in Alaska" is a collection of photographs taken

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, January 9: Sarah Mason, Chris McMurren, Delton Claggett, Ramsey Rugo, Glenn Smith. **Friday, January 10:** Shane Legg-Privett, Margo Walker-Scott. **Saturday, January 11:** Steve Henson, Diana Nore, Steve Helgeson, Davis Dow. **Sunday, January 12:** Wayne McGee, Seanne Wickman, Alexa Ferris, *Anniversary:* Brett & Kristy Woodbury. **Monday, January 13:** Nolan Johnson, Jessica Rusaw, Sonny Guggenbickler. **Tuesday, January 14:** Victoria Southland, Antoinette Hastings, Mercedes Angerman, Emma Kalkins Stickel. *Anniversary:* Einar & Carol Haaseth. **Wednesday, January 15:** Russ McGee, Ava Hay. **Thursday, January 16:** Josh Toombs, Austin O'Brien.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, January 9
Barbecue Chicken, Vegetables, Potatoes Salad, Biscuit

Friday, January 10
Moms Oven Baked Fish, Sweet & Sour Cabbage, Carrot & Raisin Salad

Monday, January 13
Turkey Curry, Zucchini, Fruit Slaw, Rice

Tuesday, January 14
Roast Beef, Mash Potatoes & Gravy, Salad

Wednesday, January 15
Chicken California, Carrot & Pineapple Salad, Biscuit

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

Friday, January 10
Matanuska, 7:45 p.m.

Friday, January 17
Matanuska, 4:45 p.m.

Friday, January 24
Matanuska, 7:45 p.m.

Friday, January 31
Matanuska, 4:45 p.m.

Friday, February 7
Matanuska, 6:45 p.m.

Friday, February 14
Matanuska, 4:45 p.m.

Friday, February 21
Matanuska, 6:45 p.m.

Southbound

Monday, January 13
Matanuska, 07:30 a.m.

Monday, January 20
Matanuska, 08:00 a.m.

Monday, January 27
Matanuska, 07:30 a.m.

Monday, February 3
Matanuska, 6:30 a.m.

Monday, February 10
Matanuska, 6:30 a.m.

Monday, February 17
Matanuska, 6:30 a.m.

Monday, February 24
Matanuska, 6:30 a.m.

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



TIDES January 9- January 16

	High Tides		Low Tides				
	AM Time	PM Ft	AM Time	PM Time	Ft	Ft	
January 09	11:32	17.3	05:18	3.8	06:04 -2.2
January 10	00:38	14.7	12:13	17.8	06:00	3.3	06:43 -2.9
January 11	01:18	15.3	12:54	18.2	06:41	2.9	07:23 -3.3
January 12	01:58	15.6	01:37	18.2	07:24	2.6	08:03 -3.2
January 13	02:38	15.9	02:21	17.8	08:09	2.4	08:45 -2.8
January 14	03:20	16.0	03:09	16.9	08:58	2.3	09:29 -1.9
January 15	04:05	16.0	04:01	15.7	09:52	2.3	10:17 -0.7
January 16	04:54	15.9	05:02	14.3	10:53	2.3	11:08 0.7

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Saturday, January 11
Baby Raven Reads: Wrangell Head Star, 10am-12pm
Community Education Forum: Wrangell Presbyterian Church, 10am-4pm

Sunday, January 12
Community Education Forum: Wrangell Presbyterian Church, 2pm-3:30pm

Wednesday, January 15
Wrestling Parent Meeting: HS Commons, 6pm

Thursday, January 16
The Wrangell Fish and Game Advisory Committee: Wrangell Fire Hall, 7pm
Is the attendance at your meeting or event low? Send information for Roundup to wrsgent@gmail.com or call 874-2301.

Continuing Events

PARKS & REC ACTIVITIES: Mid-day closure: Monday-Friday 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.

January 8, 1920
Be it enacted by the State House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the incorporated town of Wrangell, Alaska, is hereby authorized and empowered to issue its bonds in any sum, not exceeding \$80,000 for the purpose of enlarging its schoolhouse and constructing and equipping schools, for the acquisition and construction of a water-supply system, for the construction of a sewer system and for the construction of a city dock and also a floating dock.

January 12, 1945
James Nolan was unanimously elected president of the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce at the executive board meeting on Monday night at the Fire Hall. Fred Cunningham received a unanimous ballot for the office of vice-president as did Mrs. Frank Barnes for secretary.

The following committees were appointed: Membership and Finance, Chester Stear, Chairman, Ben F. Judd, and Bill Eastaugh; Greeting and Publicity, Ann DeLong, chairman, Leo McCormack, Fred G. Hanford, H.B. Thornquist, and the members of the executive committee; Home Industries, Fred Cunningham, chairman, Fred Handford, L.B. Chisholm, Leo McCormack, Ben F. Judd, and Chester Stear; Postwar Planning, George Gunderson, chairman, George Fabricius, Z.M. Bradford, Bill Eastaugh, Dr. J.H. Clements, and Dr. E. J. Wheeler and Legislative Committee, Leo McCormack, chairman, and all members of the executive committee.

The legislative committee was formed to work with our representative, Fred G. Handford, in matters of interest to the community which will come up before the legislature about to convene to Juneau.

The dues have been set the same as last year; individuals \$2, business houses \$5, oil and steamship companies \$10, and canneries \$25.

The members of the executive committee decided to meet once

a month on the first Monday.

January 15, 1970
Tuesday night the City Council shortened its meeting to 20 minutes, Vice Mayor Olaf Hansen Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:45 and adjourned it at 8:05.

Most discussion took place by the light of a 6-volt spot lamp and one flashlight as power was cut from the west side of town shortly after the meeting began.

The only action taken at the abbreviated session was general discussion and estimates concerning the amount the city will ask for revenue bonds in order to finance the purchase of new equipment for the power plant. The bond issue is to be drawn up in such a manner that bonds will be sold as needed. In this manner, surplus bonds will not be a liability on the city.

Some councilmen said they would be going to the light plant to review the situation.

January 12, 1995
There were a variety of reasons Wrangellites seem to resist change from the current air service situation. Beech 1900s, although fully equipped for flying in all weather conditions, are 19-passenger turbo-propcraft, not the Boeing 737 jets flown to Wrangell - a change that would probably impact on tourist traffic and is not usually as acceptable to area people needing to make a convenient flight to Seattle.

Possibly the biggest drawback to the Haines Airways proposal would be the degradation of air cargo service. Although Haines promised that fishing industry air cargo needs would be a number one priority, this was an arguable point for many in attendance. Shallcross and Tyler were guaranteeing twice weekly non-stop cargo jet service from Wrangell to Seattle. This might be acceptable in the winter, it was pointed out by fisheries representatives, but in the summer in would fall far short of meeting Wrangell's needs.

Although the Haines Airways representatives were the announced speakers at the luncheon, final words were heard from Alaska Airlines voices. Chick Traylor, a member of Alaska Airlines advisory board, said that although "...no carrier is perfect... Alaska Airlines is doing an extremely good job." It would be detrimental to Wrangell to change, he insisted.

Shallcross and Tyler were scheduled to return to Wrangell Tuesday to address the regular meeting of the City Council but failed to make an appearance, possibly because of poor flying weather. At the meeting, members of the Council heard several citizens speak in favor of staying with the current Alaska Airlines service, a sentiment which the Council members shared.



Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Dec. 30	44	41
Dec. 31	43	40
Jan. 01	43	30
Jan. 02	34	31
Jan. 03	34	26
Jan. 04	36	29
Jan. 05	36	24
Jan. 06	32	24



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Jan. 09	8:15a	3:35p	07:20h
Jan. 10	8:15a	3:36p	07:21h
Jan. 11	8:14a	3:38p	07:24h
Jan. 12	8:13a	3:39p	07:26h
Jan. 13	8:12a	3:41p	07:29h
Jan. 14	8:11a	3:43p	07:32h
Jan. 15	8:10a	3:45p	07:35h
Jan. 16	8:09a	3:47p	07:38h

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by Eadweard Muybridge of Southeast Alaska in the late 1800s. These are some of the first photographs of the region ever taken, according to curator Marc Shaffer.

August

Aug. 1 - With approximately 400 members of the Inland-boatmen's Union going on strike, July 24, the Alaska Marine Highway System came to a halt. Without ferry services, many people across the state, especially in Southeast Alaska, found themselves stranded. In the communities of Wrangell and Petersburg, many people were facing disruptions to their schedules, families, and work.

Aug. 8 - The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration held an online press conference Aug. 2, to announce the release of their annual report to Congress on the state of the country's fisheries. This report, for the year 2018, looks at 479 federally managed fish stocks across the United States. Two Alaskan fish stocks were declared overfished, the blue king crab stock around the Pribilof Islands and the blue king crab stock of St. Matthew Island. No stocks in this report were in the Southeast Alaska region.

Aug. 22 - Thanks to the generosity of several Wrangell residents, and support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, a fundraiser for new games for the Evergreen Elementary School playground was fully funded in a 24 hour window recently. Jenn Miller-Yancey, head teacher of the elementary school, said the

school wanted to get some new yard games for the kids.



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The 2020 Polar Bear Plunge

Sisters Skylar and Adriana Larrabee supporting each other during the 20th annual Polar Bear Plunge.

Police report

December 30

- Noise complaint.
- Traffic stop: Robert Johnson, 72, citation for Failure to Provide Proof of Insurance and Driving with License Cancelled.
- Burning complaint.
- Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.
- Deer complaint.

December 31

- Civil matter.
- Trespass/criminal mischief.
- Eighty-six letter served.
- PTRP.
- Traffic stop: Verbal warning given for rolling stop.

January 1

- Gun fire.
- Noise complaint.
- Fireworks.
- Agency assist: AST.
- Agency assist: Hoonah.
- Suspicious person.
- Domestic disturbance.

January 2

- Dog at large: Citation issued to Kayla Gillen.
- Civil standby.
- Vacation check.
- Family disturbance.
- Paper service: DVO.

January 3

- Agency assist: Hoonah Police Department.
- Citizen assist.
- MVA.
- Suspicious circumstance.
- MVA.

January 4

- Unsecured premise.

January 5

- Noise complaint.
- Agency assist: Alarm.
- Agency assist: Parking complaint.
- Report of theft.

During this reporting period there was one call for EMS.

school wanted to get some new yard games for the kids.

Aug. 29- The Diocese of Juneau released a letter and report Aug. 21, naming seven people with allegations of sexual misconduct against minors and/or vulnerable adults. The letter, signed by Bishop Andrew Bellisario, states that these seven names have been released upon the conclusion of an independent review of the diocese's personnel files from 1951 to the present. Included in the seven names listed was Michael Nash. Nash served as a priest with the Diocese of Juneau for several decades, starting at St. Paul's Church in Juneau in 1980. From 1988 to 1996 he served at St. Catherine of Siena, in Petersburg. He was dismissed from the clerical state in 2005, according to the report. Afterwards, he pursued a career in law. He was admitted into the Alaska Bar Association in 2011, and worked and lived in Wrangell for several years before passing away in a plane crash, on July 11 this year.

September

Sept. 5 - Setting up a booth behind Rayme's Bar on Sunday and Monday, Wrangell resident Maleah Wenzel spent her Labor Day weekend taking signatures for the ongoing recall effort against Governor Mike Dunleavy. Over the two days she manned her booth, she said she gathered 73 signatures.

Sept. 12 - The Wrangell Borough Assembly met Tuesday to discuss the recent announcement that the Alaska Marine Highway System would stop traveling to and from Prince Rupert on Oct. 1. Mayor Steve Prysunka, who called into the meeting via teleconference, said that he has been in contact with the offices of U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski and State Representative Dan Ortiz and has tried his best to stay on top of the situation. The reason for the closure, he explained, is that American customs officials are not allowed to carry weapons in Prince Rupert, as it is Canadian territory. The officials wanted armed security of some kind, however, but Canadian authorities were unable to provide it. Negotiations over this have gone on for about a year, Prysunka said, but it was

just recently announced that the ferry would stop going there at the end of the month.

Sept. 19 - Harbor House, an assisted living facility, closed its doors on Sept. 1. According to a letter sent to employees of Harbor House, the reason for the closure was due to undisclosed health concerns of the owner, Shannon Bosdell. Bosdell said that he worked with the state directly to make sure that the closure was done within regulations, and to try and find placement for affected seniors. All residents left Harbor House on or before the closure date. According to Wrangell resident Briana Schilling, whose 90-year-old grandmother lived at Harbor House, residents received a letter in early August saying that they would need to move out by Sept. 1 at the latest.

Sept. 26 - Alyssa Allen is the Lady Wolves' new head coach and she is looking forward to the new season. Allen was the team's assistant coach for three years, under recently-retired head coach Jessica Whitaker. She has also coached middle school volleyball for two years. She played for the Lady Wolves during her high school career, as well, graduating in 2013.

October

Oct. 3 - The Wrangell Cooperative Association held an award ceremony at Wrangell High School Monday evening, Sept. 30. Tribal Administrator Esther Ashton, along with several members of the WCA board, organized the ceremony to officially give several local organizations a check from the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium's "Healthy Is Here" grant. In total, \$10,600 was given to 17 organizations.

Oct. 10 - With the final votes tallied by the canvass board earlier that morning, the Wrangell Borough Assembly met Oct. 3, to confirm this year's local election. In total, there were 365 votes cast on election day, plus an additional 41 absentee ballots. The final election results followed the preliminary results in all races except one, for two open seats on the school board for three-year terms. The preliminary re-

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Feb 5-6	Cardiology Clinic - Dr. Beglin	888-739-2700
Feb 10-14	Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic - Dr. Brackebusch	907-228-8101
Feb 10-14	Urology Clinic - Dr. Schoenrock	907-225-7346
Feb 24-27	Pulmonology Clinic - Dr. Thorson	907-228-7649
March 2-6	Urology Clinic - Dr. Schoenrock	907-225-7346
March 3-4	Oncology - Dr. Raish	907-228-8101
March 10-13	G.I. Clinic - Dr. Woods	907-228-8101

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sults said that the winners of this race were Beth Heller at 182 votes, and Cyni Crary at 175 votes. After the canvass board reviewed the absentee ballots, however, it was found that incumbent candidate David Wilson had won with 192 votes, bumping out Crary who had a total of 185.

Oct. 17 - Back in April of this year, Wrangell resident Kipha Valvoda filed a civil suit against several past and present members of the Wrangell city government.



Chief Doug McCloskey

Valvoda, in several letters to the editor to the Wrangell Sentinel, has argued that the city has used discriminatory hiring practices that have kept him out of jobs. Judge Kevin Miller set a trial call for Aug. 10, 2020, with the trial scheduled for Aug. 24, 2020. The city is being represented by attorney Joseph Levesque.

Oct. 24 - Wrangell was host to the Tom Sims Invitational wrestling tournament this past weekend. Teams from all over Southeast Alaska, 11 in total, came together to officially kick off the high school wrestling season. The Wolves took second place overall, according to Assistant Coach Carney, behind Ketchikan High School. Among the smaller 1A, 2A, and 3A schools, he said, they were tied for first place.

Oct. 31 - The Wrangell School Board held a work session on the evening of Oct. 28 to begin a review of the district's strategic plan. The strategic plan was adopted in June of 2018, and sets a series of goals for the school district to aim for through to the year 2023. There are five main goals outlined in the plan, each with their own set of strategies and actions to be taken to accomplish them. The goals are: Student Learning, Stakeholder Satisfaction, Employee Development, Ad-

ministrative Support Systems, and Fiscal Responsibility.

November

Nov. 7 - The Thanksgiving basket handout, organized by Don and Bonnie Roher on behalf of the Wrangell Ministerial Association, has been a long-standing tradition in the community. Beginning their tradition in 2000, according to Bonnie, the Rohers and other volunteers put together baskets of Thanksgiving dinners of varying sizes, depending on the size of the family it is going to. Don said they plan to retire this year. The ferry situation has caused them problems going south for the winter, he said. While this will be the last basket handout they will be involved in, both Don and Bonnie said they hope the tradition will continue.

Nov. 14 - The Nolan Center opened its newest exhibit on shipwrecks with much fanfare Nov. 8. With food, wine, music, and special presentations, many people turned out for the grand opening. The exhibit features stories and artifacts of several Southeast Alaskan shipwrecks from the 20th century. Four ships are featured in this exhibit, The Star of Bengal, the S.S. Mariposa, the Princess Sophia, and the Princess Kathleen.

Nov. 21 - After a nearly 29-year career, Salvation Army Majors Michael and Jennifer Bates recently announced their intentions to retire. The Bates have been the corps officers of the Salvation Army in Wrangell for the past four years, according to Michael. They have been good years, and he said they have made many friendships and are tremendously grateful

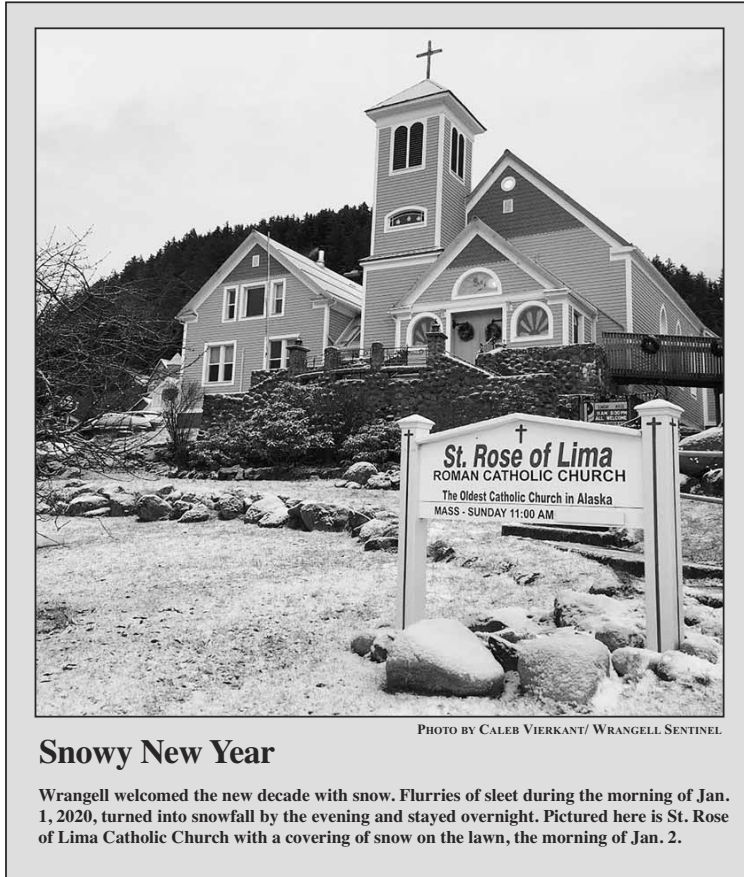


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Snowy New Year

Wrangell welcomed the new decade with snow. Flurries of sleet during the morning of Jan. 1, 2020, turned into snowfall by the evening and stayed overnight. Pictured here is St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church with a covering of snow on the lawn, the morning of Jan. 2.

for the kindness and generosity of the Wrangell community. Replacing the Bates in Wrangell is Lt. Jonathan Tollerud. Tollerud arrived in Wrangell last Thursday and delivered his first sermon in Wrangell last Sunday.

Nov. 28 - Plans are in motion to subdivide the old mill property around 6.5 mile Zimovia Highway, according to Terri Wenger with Anchor Properties. The property, currently owned by Betty Buhler, has been on the market for quite some time. On the Anchor Properties website the almost

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Wolves player Brett Abrahamson (No. 45) and recent graduate Jean-Luc Lewis chat during last week's alumni game.

Hard fight for Wolves at alumni game

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Wolves hosted an alumni game at the high school last week, Jan. 3, as a fundraiser for the rest of the basketball team's season. There was a lasagna dinner before the game, as well as a silent auction. The alumni team was made up of community members and former Wolves basketball players, including some recent Wrangell High School graduates.

"I just want to say thank you to everybody who came here tonight, supporting our boys' basketball team," Coach Cody Angerman said before the start of the game.

The Wolves have had a rough beginning to their season this year, still chasing their first win. In previous interviews, Angerman said that the team needed to focus on their rebound game and avoiding turnovers. This was apparent in the first quarter, as the alumni team pulled ahead 14 points to the Wolves' 5. The Wolves continued to play hard, however, making several impressive three-pointers and fighting hard through the alumni team's defense. They still struggled to match the experience of the alumni team, though, as well as the height difference between some of the players. The alumni team continued to pull ahead in the second quarter, 17-28, and the third, 25-42. By the fourth quarter the Wolves were starting to run out of steam, and only managed to make one more basket. The final score was 27-55, a victory for the alumni team.

"I can't thank the community of Wrangell enough for the love and support shown for our Annual Alumni Game," Angerman wrote in a Facebook post on Jan. 3. "The outpouring of generosity never ceases to amaze me."

This weekend, Jan. 10 and 11, the Wolves will be hosting a set of home games against Metlakatla.

Obituary: John Lloyd Maxand, 80

John Lloyd Maxand, 80, died December 28, 2019 at home in Wrangell, Alaska.

He was born in Wrangell on January 2, 1939 to John and Gertrude (Gerty) Maxand.

He graduated from Wrangell High School in 1956 and was accepted to a college in California, but stayed in Wrangell for his younger brother and sisters when their mother passed away.

John married Lynn (Jabusch) in 1961 and raised their son Jim in Wrangell. John was active in the community as a member of the Elks Lodge; Past President of the Pioneers of Alaska; served seven years on the Wrangell School Board; coached and aided with youth sports; played town team basketball and was inducted in the Gold Medal Basketball Hall of Fame. He spent 38 years with the Volunteer Fire Department, working as an EMT and as assistant fire chief under Gordon Buss.

Over the years, John enjoyed running the river, duck hunting and cabin time among many other activities.

John worked many jobs growing up. As a teen he built fish pens and worked them, he



John Lloyd Maxand

was a member of the 503 Engineers Union, worked for Fickeisen Construction, operated the Standard Oil bulk plant, and worked as a sawmill purchasing agent. His last job prior to retirement was maintenance at Evergreen Elementary School.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Tom Maxand and Bob Maxand.

He is survived by: His wife of 58 years, Lynn (Jabusch) Maxand; son James R. Maxand, honorary son and granddaughter Dean Barker and Audra Netro; sisters Trudy Johnson (Craig); Luanne Grill (Jerry); brother-in-law Jeff Jabusch (Kay) and Wayne Jabusch; sister-in-law Alyse Maxand; cousin Lloyd Goodrich (Carol); nieces and nephews Angie Hamiel, Jeremy Maxand, Rhea Bowman, Karye Pruitt, Steve Grill, Andrea Maxand, Rick Jabusch, Jake Jabusch, Mike Jabusch and ten grand nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Wrangell Volunteer Fire Department, Box 794, Wrangell, Alaska 99929.

A celebration of life will be announced in the near future.

2019: A year in review

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39-acre lot is listed at \$2.7 million. Wenger said that the plan is to subdivide the land into 11 lots, ranging in size from one to three acres.

December

Dec. 5 - On Nov. 27 "Friendsgiving" was celebrated with the students and staff of Evergreen Elementary School at the Nolan Center. Each student was given the opportunity to decorate and prepare the facility for the elaborate affair and could invite a guest of their choosing. Friends and family were present to support each child's creativity as centerpieces and wall decorations were displayed.

Dec. 12 - The borough assembly took a formal stance on the Roadless Rule during their meeting on Dec. 10. The Roadless Rule is a piece of federal legislation protecting undeveloped parts of the Tongass National Rainforest. Recently, the Department of Agriculture and the Forest Service have been considering altering the Roadless Rule. Six proposed alternatives were laid out in a community meeting by the Forest Service back in November. Alternative One would



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Wrangell resident Maleah Wenzel helped lead a local effort to gather signatures to recall Governor Mike Dunleavy over Labor Day weekend. Over two days of manning a booth behind Rayme's Bar, she gathered 73 signatures.

keep the Roadless Rule in place and not change anything. Alternative Six, meanwhile, would be a full repeal of the Roadless Rule. After some back-and-forth among the assembly, it was voted to take a formal stance in support of Alternative Six. Assembly Member Mya DeLong was the only dissenting vote.

Dec. 19 - Governor Mike Dunleavy's administration released a proposed budget for FY 2021 on Dec. 11. One area of the government that is seeing cuts, under the proposed budget, is the Department of Fish and Game. This cut would be made by three main eliminations from the budget: The Southeast Alaska Red King Crab assessment, state support for the Bering Sea juvenile salmon trawl survey, and the closure of the Wrangell Fish and Game office.

Dec. 26 - Danika Smith chose as her senior project to hold a clothes drive for two organizations in Juneau and Seattle. She and her family managed to gather three pallets-worth of clothing. The clothes will be shipped out via Samson Tug and Barge, which offered to transport the donated clothes free of charge. These will be going to the Glory Hall, in Juneau, and Seattle's Union Gospel Mission Hope Place Shelter.



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Harbor House, a Wrangell assisted living facility, closed down in September. Owner Shannon Bosdell said that he decided to close the facility due to some undisclosed health issues.

Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

Fish Factor's annual Fishing Picks and Pans for 2019

Every year since 1991 Fish Factor has selected "picks and pans" for Alaska's seafood industry - a no-holds-barred look back at some of the year's best and worst fishing highlights, and my choice for the biggest fish story of the year. Here are the 2019 picks and pans, in no particular order -

Best fish scientist - Dr. Bob Foy, director of science and research at NOAA's Alaska Fisheries Science Center/Juneau - No one explains science better or with more passion.

Biggest new business potential: Mariculture. Alaska is acting on plans to grow a \$100 million seaweed and shellfish industry in 20 years, and that could be far short of its potential. Along with food makers, the U.S. Energy Department has its sights on Alaska for biofuels from macroalgae.

Biggest fish sigh of relief: Governor Dunleavy's backing off from taking 100% of raw fish taxes from fishing towns.

Biggest fish challenge: Getting whaled. Fishermen say they can lose 75% or more of their sablefish catches when whales strip their lines. Many have switched to pots, but most smaller boats can't handle that heavy gear and hydraulics.

Best fish fighter: Rep. Louise Stutes, R-Kodiak

Best fish fact - Most fishing vessels are independent small businesses that support many families. Coastal harbors can be likened to malls in a marina!

Best fish knowledge builders: Alaska Sea Grant.
Best fish feeder of many: Sea Share,

with over 220 million fish servings to U.S. food banks since 1994.

Trickiest fishing conundrum: Balancing sea otters versus crab and dive fisheries in Southeast Alaska.

Biggest fish missed opportunity: Using Alaska's three billion pounds of fish heads, skins, guts and other "wastes" for nutraceuticals, pharmaceuticals, pet foods, etc. A report by the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute shows using "specialty products" could be worth \$700 million or more to the industry.

Most earth-friendly fishing town: Kodiak, for generating nearly 100 percent of its electricity from wind and hydropower, and for turning its fish wastes into high-quality oils and meals instead of grinding it up and dumping it into the water, as in most Alaska fishing towns. (see above)

Best fish helper: Rick Green, special assistant to the ADF&G commissioner.

Scariest fish stories: Ocean acidification and warming oceans.

Best daily fish news sites: SeafoodNews.com, Undercurrent News, SeafoodSource.

Best fish watchers: Cook Inlet-keeper, SalmonState

Best fish economist: Garrett Evridge/McDowell Group, again. Weekly salmon reports, industry updates, always has the facts and figures.

Best fish mainstream push: Genuine Alaska Pollock Producers (GAPP) On a well-planned mission to make Alaska pollock ("cod's smaller cousin") the world's favorite whitefish.

Best go to bat for their fishery: Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association; the fishermen-funded/operated group generated over \$3 million in 2019 by a 1% tax on their catches to enhance/protect/promote their fishery. (Why other fishing regions don't form state-sanctioned RSDAs is beyond me.)

Best blue economy motivators: Bering Sea Fishermen's Association with its Alaska Ocean Cluster Initiative, Ocean Tuesday Virtual Speaker Series.

Biggest fish broadside: The continuing 25 percent trade tariffs on U.S. seafood products going to and from China.

Best "mom and pop" entrepreneurs: Barnacle Foods of Juneau - kelp salsas, pickles, hot sauce and jams!

Best eco-friendly fish expansion: Net Your Problem by Nicole Baker. One woman's quest to mobilize AK to remove old fishing nets, lines and gear expanded from Dutch Harbor and Kodiak to Naknek, Dillingham, Haines, Petersburg and Juneau. The plastic gear is shipped to Europe and recycled into new products.

Biggest fish fake: Genetically modified salmon, or manmade "Frankenfish."

Best emerging fish writer: Sarah Lapidus, Kodiak Daily Mirror

Worst fish travesty: Cuts to commercial and sport halibut catches while bycatch rates ("non-directed commercial discard mortality") remain fixed for trawl fisheries (6 million pounds in the Bering Sea). Time for those big, out of state fishing boats to share in halibut

conservation.

Best fish assists: Staff at Alaska Department of Fish and Game and NOAA Fisheries/ Alaska.

Best building future fishermen: Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association in Sitka. Deckhand apprenticeships, electronic monitoring, outsmarting whales, fishing loan paybacks based on catches are just a few ALFA programs.

Best fish show-offs: Alaska Symphony of Seafood, hosted for 27 years by the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation.

Best fish switch? Herring taken for roe pays \$100 or so per ton in a fading Japanese market; herring used for food and bait can fetch over \$2,000 per ton. (While AK fishermen pay \$1 per pound for bait herring from the East Coast.) Many are not even bothering to fish at Togiak this year. Time for a management shift?

Best fish boosters: Alaska's salmon hatcheries.

Worst fish drag - The state dragging its feet on enabling a catch share plan for Gulf of Alaska trawlers to help them reduce their bycatch.

Best unheralded ADF&G treasure: Riley Woodford, editor of AK Fish and Wildlife News online magazine

Biggest fish freak out - No cold pool in the Bering Sea for a second year. It used to serve as a fish barrier; now there's nothing to stop more pollock, cod and halibut from heading north.

Best new fish town potential - Nome. Residents are getting newly ac-

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During the Regular Borough Assembly meeting on **January 14, 2020 (beginning at 6:00 p.m.)**, there will be a **PUBLIC HEARING** on the following item(s):

a. ORDINANCE No 965 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING CHAPTER 15.12, ELECTRICITY, BY ADDING SECTION 15.12.193 RATE STABILIZATION (third reading)

b. ORDINANCE No 971 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING SECTION 5.02.070, INVESTMENTS PLACED, IN THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE (second reading)

c. ORDINANCE No 972 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMON INVESTMENT AGREEMENT AMONG POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE OF ALASKA AND TO AUTHORIZE BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INVESTMENT POOL, INC. (second reading)

The Public is encouraged to attend.

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

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City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

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Notice is hereby given that the City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska will receive sealed bids for the purchase of a 10' x 130' Float for the Wrangell City Dock. The Work consists of all activities necessary to construct and delivery the float as described in the contract documents. The Borough's estimate for the float is approximately \$50,000-\$60,000.

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Complete bidding/contract documents for this project are available in electronic form only. Printed copies of the bid documents are not available from the Owner. The contract documents may also be downloaded from the Borough's website, www.wrangell.com, under the Bids and RFP's section. Downloading contract documents from the Borough's website requires registration with the Borough Clerk to be placed on the Plan Holders List and to ensure receipt of subsequent Addenda. Failure to register may adversely affect your proposal. It is the Offeror's responsibility to insure they have received all Addenda affecting this project. To be registered, contact the Borough Clerk at 907-874-2381 or at clerk@wrangell.com.

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OWNER: The City and Borough of Wrangell
Lisa Von Bargaen, Borough Manager

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Fish Factor

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 accustomed to seeing far off lights at night from big fishing boats; research vessels dock at Nome before/after their new surveys in far north waters.

Biggest AK fish beneficiary - The State of Washington. Seattle is home port to about 300 fishing vessels and all but 74 make their fishing livings in Alaska. Of the 6.4 billion pounds landed in AK in 2017, nearly 4 billion pounds were taken by WA residents. Of the \$1.8 Billion dockside value, \$873 million went to WA.

Best mainstream fish innovators: Trident Seafoods for its pollock protein noodles, Alaskan Leader Seafoods for its pop in the oven cod entrees.

Worst fish flim-flam - Pebble Partnership. Inadequate data, misuse of tribal and federal logos in promotions, ghostwritten hype for Gov. Dunleavy to pitch to investors. The release of Pebble's final environmental impact statement is set for...wait for it - the peak of the 2020 Bristol Bay salmon run!

Baddest fish idea - Opening the Tongass National Forest to more roads and development. The Tongass



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Back to school for 2020

Wrangell students are back to school after enjoying winter break. The first day of school was Tuesday, Jan. 7. With about five months left in the school year, Evergreen Elementary Lead Teacher Jenn Miller-Yancey said that the year is flying by. In Mikki Angerman's first grade classroom, students began the remainder of the school year with art projects. Pictured here (clockwise, from the bottom left) are students Sophie Andrews, Jude Johnson, Kyler Angerman, and Kara Heller.

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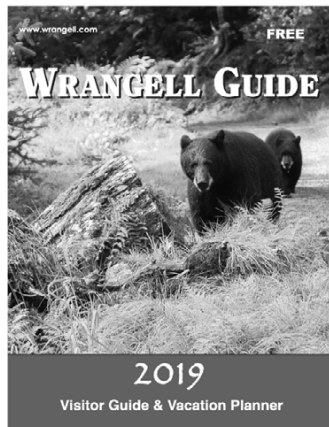
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Biggest fish burn - Seafood without the seal Fillets grown from fish muscle cells in laboratories

Fish is best for babies: Pregnant moms who eat fish can boost their babies' IQ by nearly 8 points, say leading dietary scientists. Worldwide studies revealed that pregnant moms can reduce risks of premature birth by 42% by eating seafood.

Worst fish threat no one thinks about - fugitive dust blowing in the wind from mining projects

Does fish best with least - Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute. ASMI promotes Alaska seafood in 120 countries without receiving one penny from the state. A major competitor, Norway, backs its seafood with over \$50 million from a small tax on exports.

Worst fish roll out - Derelict fishing boat law by the state Dept. of Administration that requires all vessels over 24 feet to be registered in person at a DMV. No one knew about the new law when it went into effect last January; most still

don't.

Best local fish backers - Alaskans Own/Sitka, Catch 49/Kodiak- Community Supported Fisheries programs that sell local fish to subscribers in and out of state.

Best fish payday - Bristol Bay fishermen earned a record \$306 million payday, and that's before final payments.

Most poorly planned fish payout - Due to flawed state and federal payout calculations, payouts of \$38.5 million in disaster relief funds stemming from the 2016 pink salmon run failure are still not in hand for fishermen and communities.

Biggest fish story: The ongoing collapse of cod in the Gulf of Alaska and the closure of the fishery. At Kodiak, for example, where 40% of the Gulf cod crosses the docks, the value in 2018 dropped to \$10 million, down from a \$48 million five year average. The hit to the tax base of Gulf fishing towns will be even worse for 2019. No one has a clue yet if the Gulf cod will recover from the multi-year assault of warm water and off kilter ocean chemistry.

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