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## Races, photographs and plenty of bears in annual festival

By DAN RUDY  
*Sentinel writer*

This year's Bearfest is gearing up for an assortment of fun events next week, the ninth Wrangell has hosted.

The five-day series of events has been organized each year by Sylvia Ettefagh, an outfitter with Alaska Vistas whose work frequently conveys visitors southward to the Anan Wildlife Observatory, a mainland enclosure overlooking the Anan Creek lower falls and its robust bear population. As Alaskan a sight as the salmon they come to feed upon, the festival highlights these black and brown bears inhabiting the area surrounding Wrangell.

Chock full of information about them and the ecosystems they rely upon, a series of symposia will be held throughout the festival inside the Nolan Center. The first takes place Wednesday at 7 p.m., where noted conservation biologist Lance Craighead will report on the impacts of mining activity on bears.

"He is actually instrumental in helping find new people for the symposium itself," Ettefagh said. The seasonal Wrangell resident and director of the Craighead Institute in Montana has been a supporter of the festival since its inception.

A film screening of "Irreparable Harm," a video documentary covering the effects of industrial mining on humans' quality of life, will follow his talk at 8 p.m. The film will be presented by Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, which produced it.

On Thursday, director John Neary of the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center in Juneau will present methods Forest Service personnel there handle local black bears. The talk starts at 6 p.m.

Ross Dorendorf, a wildlife biologist with the Department of Fish and Game, will on Saturday at 5 p.m. be holding a talk overviewing management and research methods of Alaska's brown and black bear populations.

The educational opportunities won't be restricted to the lecture hall, either, with different demonstrations and exercises planned in the great outdoors. Starting Wednesday at 10 a.m. a bear preparedness course will be led by photographer Robert Johnson at the shooting range off Spur Road. Directly afterward, Doug McCloskey of the Wrangell Police Department will hold a gun safety course at noon, which may be useful as local hunters start preparing for the upcoming seasons.

A plant walk on the Volunteer Park nature trail hosted by Forest Service botanist Joni Johnson will take place the following day at 11 a.m. Then John Martin will lead a session of Tlingit storytelling at the Chief Shakes clan



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Seated at right just before the July 4th parade, artist Ceona Koch tops a float along with this year's Bearfest bear, which she decorated earlier this year with a combination of acrylic and house paints, and a Sharpie marker.

house Saturday at 2 p.m.

Among new activities to be featured this year, Michael Bania will be holding a drawing workshop focused on bears Wednesday at 2:30 p.m., inside the Nolan Center.

"Michael Bania is a successful Alaskan children's book writer," Ettefagh explained, as well as an illustrator. Her

award-winning Kumak story series has introduced many young readers to the life and perspective of the Inupiaq villages, where she worked as a teacher.

Bania also designed the cheerful logo for this year's festival, and had previously led a workshop for prospec-

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## Courts to consolidate Wrangell magistrate spot, Troopers to fill vacancy

By DAN RUDY  
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Summer has found Wrangell with a pair of vacancies in the realm of law and order, with the retirement of its magistrate judge at June's end and the transfer of its Alaska Wildlife Trooper on July 11.

Chris Ellis had worked the magisterial track within the Alaska Court System for 30 years before retiring last month. Spending the first half of her service on the Seward Peninsula and Prince of Wales Island, Ellis served the court in Wrangell for 14 years.

With her departure, ACS has decided to consolidate the position with surrounding courts. Magistrate Desi Burrell of the Petersburg court has been appointed to cover a portion of Wrangell's caseload, such as felony first offenses and long-term domestic violence protection orders.

Judge Kevin Miller of Ketchikan will continue to come to Wrangell on a monthly basis as before, but will handle minor offenses and small claims in addi-

tion to his ordinary caseload.

A level-two deputy magistrate, Leanna Nash will continue her duties at the Wrangell courthouse, handling a variety of other legal items. With the shift in staffing, she explained the court office will begin operating on a more flexible schedule around lunchtime to allow her to handle mail and other assorted tasks. Those in need of court services are advised that between 11:45 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. the office may be closed, beyond its usual noon-1 p.m. break.

Area court administrator Neil Nesheim acknowledged the decision is a



Magistrate Desi Burrell

reaction to reductions to the ACS budget. Along with other state agencies and departments, over the past three years the court system has taken cuts to its allocations amounting to \$7 million, or six percent.

Over the same period, filings and dispositions in the Wrangell court have mostly fallen, following a wider statewide trend. While ACS has turned to various efficiencies in office supplies and higher court fees to offset these reductions, staffing attrition has also been felt in courts across the state, with duties consolidated where possible.

"We're still in a budget crunch,"

Nesheim noted.

The system is still trying to find ways to save money, including a shift to e-filing of court documents begin piloted at the Kenai court.

Meanwhile, Trooper Dave Bozman recently accepted a position with the division of State Troopers in Fairbanks, taking off earlier this month. He had come to Wrangell in February 2017 after an assignment in Soldotna.

Trooper information officer Megan Peters explained AWT intends to retain the Wrangell post, replacing Bozman as soon as possible. In the meantime, officers from other Southeast posts will conduct routine patrols in the Wrangell area.

Wrangell's post had been slated to be cut back during the 2015 budget cycle, as legislators grappled with a ballooning spending deficit driven by dropping petroleum prices. An effort to save the position on the part of the public and district representation was successful, and through two turnovers since the post has been preserved.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

**Thursday, July 19:** Dorianne Sprehe, Tony Harding, Dane Richard, Mike Ottesen Sr, Tom Sims, Shelley Versteeg. *Anniversary:* Ben and Rhea Bowman. **Friday, July 20:** Erin Galla. *Anniversary:* Dave and Sharon McGuire. **Saturday, July 21:** Terry Coblenz, Jeff Neyman, Honey Kalkins, Liz Rooney. **Sunday, July 22:** Matt Scott, James Castle, Trevor Keller, Paul Smith, Jim Haley, Butch Wenderoth. *Anniversary:* Kevin and Charley Young. **Monday, July 23:** Allison Petersen, Jennifer Taylor, Marni Privett. *Anniversary:* Jim and Betty Abbott. **Tuesday, July 24:** Maddox Angerman, Emily Rugo, Jeanette Covalt, David Smith. *Anniversary:* Allen and Carolyn Taylor, David and Sabrina Smith. **Wednesday, July 25:** Lizzy Romane, Celly Nelson-Young. **Thursday, July 26:** Evan Fortunato, Kyle Cooper, Darian Burley, David Allen, Paige Baggen, Timothy Melzer, Gus Barlow.

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

## Senior Center Menu

### Thursday, July 19

Liver & Onions, Stewed Tomatoes, Apple, Cabbage Salad, Wheat Bread

### Friday, July 20

Moose Lasagna, Steamed Zucchini, Tossed Salad

### Monday, July 23

Ham, Peas, Au Gratin Potatoes, Tossed Salad

### Tuesday, July 24

Sweet & Sour Chicken, Steamed Broccoli, Spicy Fruit Cup, Rice Pilaf

### Wednesday, July 25

Chili w/Beef & Cheese, Tomato Slices, Creamy Cole Slaw, Cornbread

### Thursday, July 26

Mac & Cheese w/Ham, Cauliflower, Spinach Salad

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

## FERRY

### Departures

#### Northbound

**Saturday, July 21**  
Malaspina 10:30 a.m.  
**Sunday, July 22**  
Columbia 4:45 p.m.  
**Tuesday, July 24**  
Malaspina 6:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, July 28**  
Malaspina 9:45 a.m.  
**Sunday, July 29**  
Columbia 3:15 p.m.

#### Southbound

**Thursday, July 19**  
Malaspina 11:00 p.m.  
**Monday, July 23**  
Malaspina 5:15 a.m.  
**Wednesday, July 25**  
Columbia 5:30 a.m.  
**Friday, July 27**  
Malaspina 12:00 a.m.  
**Monday, July 30**  
Malaspina 4:45 a.m.

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



## TIDES July 19 - July 26

	High Tides		Low Tides		AM	PM	AM	PM
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft				
July 19	6:26	13.9	7:10	15.6	0:14	2.5	12:26	1.4
July 20	7:39	12.7	8:12	15.3	1:22	2.7	1:23	2.8
July 21	8:57	12.2	9:13	15.4	2:35	2.5	2:27	3.8
July 22	10:08	12.3	10:10	15.6	3:48	2.0	3:35	4.4
July 23	11:09	12.7	11:02	15.9	4:52	1.3	4:40	4.5
July 24	12:02	13.3	11:49	16.2	5:45	0.5	5:36	4.3
July 25	....	...	12:48	13.9	6:27	-0.3	6:21	4.0
July 26	0:32	16.5	1:29	14.3	7:04	-0.7	6:59	3.7

## Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

### Saturday, July 21

**Baby Raven Reads:** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Cultural Center. Alaska Native Families with children up to age 5 are invited to join us for storytelling, songs, and other cultural and literacy activities. Families can enroll at the event. This weeks theme is Alphabet. To enroll go to [goo.gl/pX8gDz](http://goo.gl/pX8gDz) or call SHI education office at 907-586-9219

### Sunday, July 22

**Pioneers of Alaska:** 1 - 3 p.m. at Shoemaker. Igloo's # 21 & 15 Family Potluck Picnic.

### Sunday, July 29

**Singspiration:** 6:30 p.m., Lutheran Church. Pastor Nancy and 'The Lemon Sisters'. Refreshments and fellowship will be available after the service. All are welcome.

Is the attendance at your meeting or event low? Send information for Roundup to [wrgsent@gmail.com](mailto: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:** Smoked Fish Fri 8 p.m.; Step Study Sat. 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall, Study Materials provided.

## The Way We Were

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

### August 1, 1918

The Sentinel will soon display a service flag. Weston Dalgity who has been connected with this office almost constantly since it came into the possession of its present owner goes south this week to enlist.

Following the custom which is prevalent at the present time of filling a vacancy caused by a man's entering the service by putting a woman in the position vacated by Mr. Dalgity will be filled by Miss June Elliott who has severed her connection with the Spokane Chronicle to come north. Miss Elliott is aboard the Humboldt and will reach Wrangell in time to assume her new duties the first of the week.

### July 23, 1943

At last week's end Alaska's salmon pack for the season stood at virtually 1,500,000 cases, according to figure prepared by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Bristol Bay has slightly more than a million cases through July 17. Cook Inlet had up 93,000; Copper river, 61,000 (final for that district); Prince William Sound, 150,000; Yakutat, 8,000 and Icy Strait Western and Eastern district comprising Southeast Alaska districts open, 160,000.

Wrangell-Petersburg's three canneries had up 16,520 cases through last Saturday of which 6,850 were halves. This compares with 15,969 cases for similar period last year. Ketchikan had up 33,253 against 23,729 at the same time last year.

### July 18, 1968

City Administrator Clayton Schmitt's plan to spur home building could do much to provide housing for the community.

Under it, city lots would be sold at a low rate- Schmitt suggested \$300. The purchases would be required to build within a year or lose the lot.

The plan is designed to end speculation and encourage construction. By providing lots at a

low cost, Schmitt feels that persons would be more likely to be able to build.

Ownership of a lot is key to several types of home financing thus making it easier for the lot to be owned would make it easier to get the financing.

### July 22, 1993

Four local students enrolled in the Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska Higher Education Scholarship Program achieved honor roll status during the spring semester of 1993.

In order to achieve that status, students must obtain a minimum 3.0 grade point average, while maintaining full-time status as an undergraduate or graduate student.

The students are: Kaylin Jones, 3.91 GPA, majoring in psychology at the University of Washington; Tammi Stough, 3.78 GPA, elementary education, Western Oregon State College; Naomi Fowler, 3.30 GPA, English, Southern Oregon State Col-

lege; Louella Knapp, 3.25 GPA, secondary education, University of Alaska Southeast.

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## Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
July 09	66	54
July 10	60	57
July 11	57	51
July 12	55	51
July 13	64	50
July 14	61	50
July 15	55	52
July 16	55	53

## Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
July 19	4:28 am	9:20 pm	16:52h
July 20	4:29 am	9:18 pm	16:49h
July 21	4:31 am	9:17 pm	16:46h
July 22	4:32 am	9:15 pm	16:43h
July 23	4:34 am	9:14 pm	16:40h
July 24	4:36 am	9:12 pm	16:36h
July 25	4:38 am	9:10 pm	16:32h
July 26	4:39 am	9:08 pm	16:29h

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# Water update

The water situation remains well in hand as the traditionally high demands of summer get underway.

Public Works director Amber Al-Haddad reported both reservoirs to be in good supply, helped along by rainfall earlier this week. After a hot, dry spell at the month's start, the upper of the city's two reservoirs had dropped by around three feet, she said. The change in weather has since brought about a reversal of that.

"We're looking pretty good," Al-Haddad said.

Following an emergency shortage brought about by production difficulties in 2016 and a reservoir level scare at the end of this past winter, the City and Borough of Wrangell has been more conscientious about its water levels and production. A set of

emergency response measures were adopted by its assembly last year and additional emphasis lately put into detecting and repairing leaks in the distribution system to reduce waste.

Public Works have had a pair of line breakages to contend with recently, with one pipe on St. Michael Street near the pharmacy rupturing. Workers dug up a section of the hillside road to make the repairs before putting in a temporary patch.

Another break near the local Salvation Army property has been more difficult to suss out. As late as Tuesday staff were still surveying the grounds in search of the leak's source.

Another potential break will be investigated later this week, Al-Haddad said, with leak detection specialists being

brought in to test out the lines near Ash Street. Residents nearby have complained about low water pressure lately.

Meanwhile, the town's aging water treatment plant has been keeping up with demand so far, thanks to an extra hand temporarily taken on for the summer season. Demand tends to rise as Wrangell's two seafood processors step up their production, though use at the community's harbors also sees elevated use. The temporary staffer adds to the plant's current crew, which has three employees split between both the water and sewer treatment facilities, plus helps out with various deferred maintenance tasks.

While things seem to be running smoothly at the moment, Al-Haddad reminded utility users to be mindful of

their water usage.

"The better we treat our re-

source, the longer it's going to be around," she commented.

# Court report

## June 25

A minor offense judgment was issued for Mark Hamley, 41, for a charge of non-criminal littering. He pleaded guilty after trial for the violation, and was fined \$450 with \$400 suspended and a \$10 surcharge. Hamley shall pick up 25 court-approved bags' worth of trash from the Pats Lake area, Spur Road and other designated sites for proper disposal, to be completed by August 24. He has been placed on probation for one year.

## June 26

Anthony F. Guggenbickler, 21, had a charge of Theft 2 dismissed by prosecutors at First District Court in Wrangell. All charges in the case have been disposed.

Probation for Tasha M. McColloch, 32, was ordered revoked by First District Magistrate Judge Chris Ellis after finding conditions had been violated. The defendant was ordered to serve three days in incarceration and pay \$100 for jail surcharges. McColloch will be allowed credit for time spent in residential treatment if successfully completed and verified, allowing for early termination of probation.

Court issued a corrected judgment on Linda A. Churchill, 53, on a count of driving under the influence. Churchill had pleaded guilty to the count and has been ordered to serve 30 days with 27 suspended, pay \$1,791 in fines and surcharges with \$100 suspended, undergo a treatment program and surrender her license for 90 days. Once privileges are returned she will be required to make use of an engine interlock device for six months. She has been placed on probation for one year.

## June 27

Judgment was issued on Mark J. Mitchell, 64, at First District Court in Wrangell by Magistrate Judge Chris Ellis for a first offense count of requiring Dungeness crab registration. The defendant had pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$500. In addition, landing value worth \$6,307.40 was to be paid to the state, while seven of Mitchell's pots were seized. The line and buoys would be returned.

David P. Churchill, 21, appeared before First District Court Magistrate Judge Chris Ellis on the count of assault in the fourth degree, a class A misdemeanor. Churchill pleaded guilty to the charge and was ordered to serve 180 days with 160 suspended. Additionally, he was ordered to participate in a residential treatment program, surrender a DNA sample to the state if requested, and pay \$200 in surcharges with \$100 suspended. Churchill has been placed on two years' probation.

## July 16

Elmer C. Mork, 60, appeared before Magistrate Judge Desiree Burrell at the Wrangell District Court for a minor offense charge of failure to log personal use permit. The defendant entered a not guilty plea, but was found to be guilty. The court ordered Mork to pay \$210 in fines and surcharges with \$200 suspended, and has been placed on probation for six months.

Jeffrey C. Darr was acquitted of a charge of fishing in closed waters during a hearing at First District Court in Wrangell. In his ruling, Judge Kevin Miller acknowledged the state had been unable to disprove the defendant's assertion about where he caught the king salmon in question. The allegation was subsequently discharged.

# Police report

## July 9, 2018

Criminal mischief: Hole in window.

Agency assist: Alarm notice: Person testing alarm.

Found property: Tote turned into WPD.

Subpoena served.

Agency assist: Caller reported broken water main.

Lost property.

Two reports of suspicious circumstance.

## July 10, 2018

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for backup lights on.

Agency assist: Contact Trooper regarding crabbing issues.

Citation issued: Christian Larson, 70: Time limit parking.

Noise complaint.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for bright bar light.

## July 11, 2018

Agency assist: TSA.

Citizen assist.

Animal complaint: Black bear with cub reported around 3.3 Mile, Zimovia Highway. KSTK was notified to put out an announcement.

Civil issue.

Agency assist: Fire department: Report of an electrical fire on pole near Heritage Harbor.

Noise complaint.

Two reports of citizen assist: Vehicle unlocked.

## July 12, 2018

Citation issued to Jayden Stutz, 18: Failure to provide proof of insurance and verbal warning for expired registration.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.

Suspicious persons.

Agency assist: Fire.

Civil standby.

## July 13, 2018

Fireworks.

Illegal parking: Verbal warning.

Welfare check.

Citizen assist: Vehicle unlocked.

Dog at large.

## July 14, 2018

Noise complaint.

Citation issued: Lucas McDonough, 27: Failure to provide proof of insurance.

Citation issued: Max Voltz, 18: Failure to provide proof of insurance; verbal warning for broken taillight.

Civil issue.

Found property: Black purse turned in.

Aggressive dog.

## July 15, 2018

Verbal warning for no safety glasses on while riding motorcycle.

Citation issued: Crystal Hamley, 34: for having an open container.

Bench warrant: Justin Barker: For failure to appear.

Vacation check requested.

**First Bank's 17th Annual**

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# Reception for visiting relatives of island's namesake

By DAN RUDY  
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The Friends of the Museum will be hosting a reception next Tuesday to celebrate Wrangell's eponym, in a sense, and welcome a group of his descendants.

The island is one of the namesakes of a prominent Russian explorer, the Baron Ferdinand von Wrangel, who in the early 19th century explored the Siberian Arctic and was appointed governor of the empire's holdings in Alaska in 1829. While an explorer, administrator and admiral for the Russian Empire, Wrangel was himself of German descent, part of the wider Baltic German community. He was born in 1797 in the city of Pskov, near the present-day Estonian border in Russia.

When Wrangel was commissioned by Tsar Alexander I to direct activities in Alaska, policy required the then-bachelor to marry before assuming his post. Returning to Estonia, he met and married his wife, Elizabeth, who accompanied him eastward via Siberia.

Under his administration, the first European fortification on Wrangell Island was established in 1834. It was named after the lieutenant charged with its construction, Polish explorer Dionysius Zarembo. Named Redoubt St. Dionysius, the strategically-placed fort served as a deterrent to incursions down the Stikine River by the Hudson Bay Company, British-backed rivals in the fur trade to the Russian-American Company.

During this period, the Tlingit Chief Shakes relocated his people from their village further south on the island nearer to the fort for commercial reasons. The settlement they founded would form the basis for the modern town of Wrangell.

Due primarily to logistical difficulties in supplying the fort,



**Baron Ferdinand Friedrich Georg Ludwig von Wrangel (1796-1870)**

the Russians leased the fort and its fur interests to the Hudson Bay Company, with the British renaming it Fort Stikine. It would eventually be decommissioned in 1843.

Wrangel himself was recalled from the territory in 1834, soon after joining the admiralty in the Russian navy. He would serve as president of the Russian-American Company during the 1840s before reentering active service and participating in the Crimean War. He also served as Russia's naval minister, before retiring in 1864.

Wrangel was also a researcher, naturalist and cartographer, helping to found the Russian Geographical Society in 1845. A published author, he kept detailed accounts of his expeditions still available today.

A number of geographical

features bear his name today, from the town and island of Wrangell in the Alexander Archipelago to Wrangel Island in the Arctic, the Wrangell Narrows, the Wrangell Mountains in Eastern Alaska, and a school in Roela, Estonia.

Following in their forebear's footsteps, 14 members of the Wrangel family will be stopping into Wrangell after visiting the family estate in Estonia. Tracing their shared roots back to 1207, the visiting members now live in Germany, Sweden and the Seattle area. Among their number will be journalist and author Cornelia von Wrangel, as well as family historians Joachim and Ingela Storhas.

At an informal meeting on

Tuesday, the community is invited to meet them at the Nolan Center over refreshments. The Friends of the Museum have

arranged the gathering, which is scheduled to run between 4 and 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

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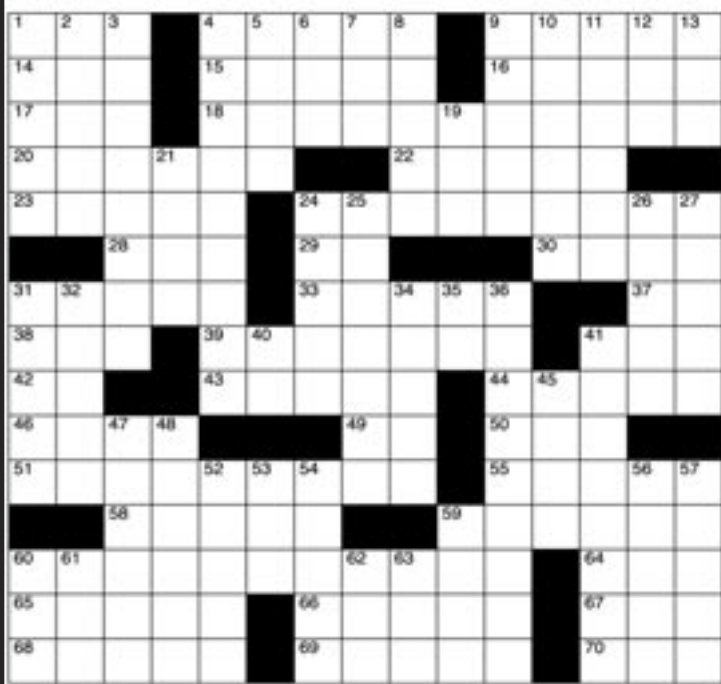
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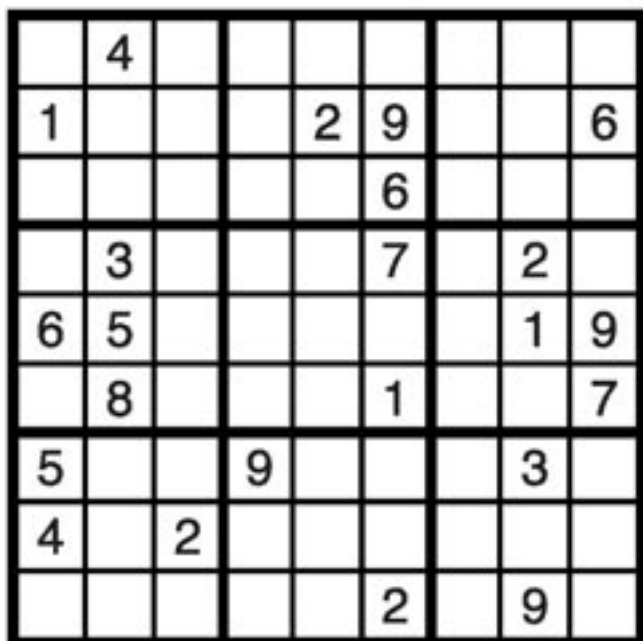
### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Owns
- 4. Beef intestine
- 9. Expression of contempt
- 14. Expression of horror
- 15. Famed architecture couple
- 16. Escape
- 17. "The Raven" author
- 18. Chiefs' tight end
- 20. Removes
- 22. Pesto dish
- 23. One who roots against
- 24. Type of writer
- 28. Old woman
- 29. Early multimedia
- 30. This (Spanish)
- 31. Part of a play
- 33. Elephant's name
- 37. Home of the Flyers
- 38. Builder's trough
- 39. Tel
- 41. Google certification
- 42. Electric current
- 43. Belonging to them
- 44. Nostrils
- 46. Arranges
- 49. Commercial
- 50. Skywalker's mentor \_\_\_-Wan
- 51. Single-reed instrument
- 55. Voodoo
- 58. World of Warcraft character
- 59. Paddling
- 60. Most agreeable
- 64. Chafed
- 65. A way to analyze
- 66. Remove
- 67. Metal-bearing mineral
- 68. Remains as is
- 69. Large predatory seabirds
- 70. The Science Guy

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Central Chinese province
- 2. The marketplace in ancient Greece
- 3. Covered the sword
- 4. Cleanser
- 5. Body parts
- 6. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 7. Mega-electronvolt
- 8. One from Asia
- 9. A superior grade of black tea
- 10. Thin
- 11. Circles of light around the head
- 12. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 13. Tiny
- 19. Evil-doing
- 21. \_\_\_ Connery, 007
- 24. British sword
- 25. Type of cyst
- 26. Musical composition
- 27. Advises
- 31. Herring-like fish
- 32. Chocolate powder
- 34. Somalian district El \_\_\_
- 35. Indicates position
- 36. Refurbishes
- 40. Exclamation of surprise
- 41. Football field
- 45. Hilly region in India near China
- 47. Come to an end
- 48. Most mad
- 52. Sheets of glass
- 53. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- 54. Stares lecherously
- 56. Consisting of a single element or component
- 57. Monetary unit of Zambia
- 59. Bones (Latin)
- 60. Frames-per-second
- 61. Tell on
- 62. Gall
- 63. Cologne

# SUDOKU



Level: Advanced

Puzzle answers will be in the July 26th edition

# Congressman seeking flexibility for fisheries management

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) – A revision of a federal law sponsored by a congressman from Alaska seeks to add flexibility to fisheries management.

Alaska Public Media reports the U.S. House on Wednesday passed the revision to the Magnuson Stevens Act, the 1976 law that prevents foreign fleets from fishing off U.S. shores and established regional management councils to rebuild fish stocks and ensure sustainable harvests.

Republican U.S. Rep. Don Young says his latest bill builds upon the idea that fisheries management should be based on sound science. He says the management councils need flexibility because they know their fisheries better than legislators.

Democratic U.S. Rep. Jared Huffman has led opposition to the revision, saying it would open the door to overfishing.

The bill goes before the Senate next.

# Murkowski 'stunned' that Trump didn't confront Putin

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – Alaska's senior U.S. senator says she is "stunned" that President Trump did not confront Russian President Vladimir Putin over election interference.

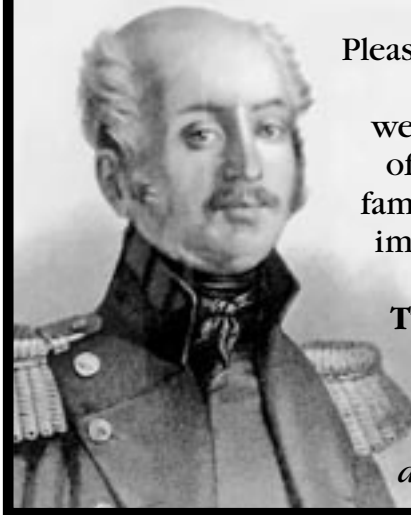
In a statement, Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski says Trump "ultimately validated Putin at the expense of American intelligence by giving credence to Putin's claim to have not interfered in our elections."

Trump met with Putin on Monday. Trump openly questioned the finding of his intelligence agencies that Russia meddled in the 2016 election to his benefit and seemed to accept Putin's insistence that Moscow's hands were clean.

Murkowski called it a "sad diminishment of our great nation."

Alaska's other U.S. senator, Dan Sullivan, says he disagrees with Trump's remarks. He says measures must be taken to prevent future meddling and to hold Russia accountable.

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# Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH  
Fisheries columnist

## Trade war tariffs on seafood going to and from China will affect Alaskan fishermen

Trump's trade war now includes tariffs on seafood going to and from China.

China is Alaska's biggest seafood buyer purchasing 54 percent of Alaska seafood exports last year valued at \$1.3 billion. On July 6 a 25 percent tariff went into effect on U.S. imports to China, including all Alaska salmon, pollock, cod, herring, flatfish, Dungeness crab, sablefish, geoduck clams and

more.

Then on July 11 Trump added a 10 percent tariff on all seafood sent from China to the US.

According to market expert John Sackton of Seafoodnews.com, it includes products that are reprocessed in China and sent back for distribution in this country.

The total value of the 291 seafood products China sends to the U.S. each

year is \$2.75 billion. Sackton called the 10 percent tariff "a \$275 million dollar direct tax on Americans."

It will hit 70 percent of imports of frozen cod fillets. Likewise, 23 percent of all frozen salmon fillets come into the U.S. from China, including pink salmon that is reprocessed into salmon burgers and fillets.

Trade data show that China represents 47 percent of U.S. breaded shrimp

imports and 37 percent of frozen squid imports. China also supplies 20 percent of the U.S. frozen scallop market.

Sackton said the economic hit will go far beyond the \$275 million consumer tax.

"As sellers are forced to raise prices, competitive products from other countries will follow suit resulting in across the board seafood price increases. That

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**WRANGELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS, is accepting applications for the following extracurricular positions for the 2018-19 school year: Sophomore Class Advisor, Middle School Volleyball Assistant Coach, High School Baseball Assistant Coach, High School Softball Head & Assistant Coach, High School Swim Coach, Business Professionals of America (BPA) Advisor, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Advisor. For a complete job description and application, please contact the district office at 874-2347. Positions open until filled. It is Wrangell Public School District's policy to not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex or disability.....EOW7-19b73**

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**City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Borough Assembly approved rescheduling the Regular Assembly meeting of July 24, 2018 to **Tuesday, August 7, 2018.**  
Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk  
City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska  
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**City and Borough of Wrangell  
NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

**DIESEL GENERATION PLANT CONTROL UPGRADES**

Notice is hereby given that the City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska will receive sealed bids for the construction of Diesel Generation Plant Control Upgrades.

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK.** WORK consists of all activities necessary to provide upgrades of the MSLCs and DSLCs for diesel power generation and engine controls for automatic synchronizing from hydro power to diesel power. The Owner's Estimate for all work is approximately \$50,000.

**OPENING OF BIDS.** The Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 PM on July 31, 2018 in the Assembly Chambers of the City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska.

**OBTAINING CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.** Contract Documents may be obtained at the Borough Clerks Office, 205 Brueger Street, Wrangell, Alaska 99929. The Contract Documents may also be downloaded free of charge on the City & Borough of Wrangell website ([www.wrangell.com](http://www.wrangell.com)) under the Bids and RFP's section. Downloading Contract Documents from the 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 that they have received all Addenda affecting this Solicitation. To be registered, contact the Borough Clerk at 907-874-2381 or at [clerk@wrangell.com](mailto:clerk@wrangell.com).

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STATE AID FOR RETIREMENT OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION DEBT (AS 14.11.100)	\$165,246
COMMUNITY REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM (AS 29.60.850-29.60.879)	\$435,897
<b>TOTAL AID</b>	<b>\$4,213,856</b>

The millage equivalent of this state aid, based on the dollar value of a mill in the municipality during the current assessment year and for the preceding assessment year, is:

	MILLAGE EQUIVALENT	
	PREVIOUS YEAR	THIS YEAR
PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION PROGRAM ASSISTANCE	24.10 MILLS	24.17 MILLS
STATE AID FOR RETIREMENT OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION DEBT	1.19 MILLS	1.11 MILLS
COMMUNITY REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM	2.63 MILLS	2.92 MILLS
<b>TOTAL MILLAGE EQUIVALENT</b>	<b>27.92 MILLS</b>	<b>28.19 MILLS</b>

Lee Burgess  
Finance Director

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# Fish Factor

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will discourage seafood buying so sellers will lose business as customers back away," he added.

China has been the fastest growing global market for high-end seafood. Last month Governor Walker led a trade mission to China with several Alaska seafood companies which have spent millions to expand their brand even more.

"All this money will go up in smoke," Sackton said.

In recent years, Alaska seafood sales to China have increased by millions of dollars through eCommerce activity, said Hannah Lindhoff, international program director for the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute.

Lindhoff said ASMI will try to expand sales to other markets, such as Brazil, Spain and Ukraine. But, as Sackton points out, it is more expensive to mount campaigns in multiple countries than in a single large market like China.

ASMI operates on a shoe-string international budget of less than \$7 million a year,

mostly from grants and federal dollars. Its overall budget is about \$22 million, nearly all from processor taxes.

Trump's seafood tariffs come at a time when the Alaska legislature has zeroed out the state's \$1 million dollar contribution to ASMI.

Compare that to Norway's more than \$50 million marketing budget from a small tax on its seafood exports.

Meanwhile, the Associated Press reported on Thursday that "scant" American fish or shellfish was for sale at Jing-shen, Beijing's largest wholesale seafood market which supplies restaurants and grocers across China. Several distributors said that the recent 25 per cent tariff has made American seafood unaffordable.

Unless Congress intervenes, the additional 10 percent will take effect in September. Alaska's delegation has yet to comment.

**Gearing up for crab** - Boats already are signing up to participate in fall Bering Sea crab fisheries that begin October 1.

Meanwhile, many crabbers are still awaiting word on what their pay outs are for last season.

Prior to the crab fisheries changing from "come one, come all" to a catch share form of management in 2005 prices were set before boats headed out, said Jake Jacobsen, director of the Inter-Cooperative Exchange which negotiates prices for most of the fleet.

"Since then the price is based on the historical division of revenues and there is a formula that is applied to sales. It takes a long time for sales to be completed to the point where we know or can predict what the final wholesale prices will be, and then we can apply the formula to it," he explained.

Prices to fishermen were down a bit from last year but historically very high, Jacobsen said. For snow crab and bairdi Tanners, which typically are hauled up after the start of each year, prices were just settled and won't be made public for another week.

"Most of the snow crab and

## Golf round-up

Despite the weather, at least 16 players participated in last weekend's golf tournament, an annual event sponsored by Ottesen's True Value.

Saturday teed things off with a best ball team tournament, where at the first hole Martin Pihl won straightest drive of the event. Top team consisted of Grover Mathis, Chris Ellis, Randy Littleton and Carrie Wallace, who with a handicap of 17 finished with a score of 21. Just behind them with a matching score but handicap of 13 were Pihl, George Woodbury and Frank Roppel.

The rosters were mishmashed in a "mystery scramble" the following day, with a combination of Woodbury and Mathis taking first place with a score of 33, from a team handicap of 12. Brett Woodbury and Pihl followed up in second with a score of 37, handicap of 10. Brett would place closest to the pin for the afternoon, while Mathis had the straightest drive.

First Bank's big tournament will be held at Muskeg Meadows this weekend, with the first of the two-day competition teeing off at 10 a.m. Saturday.

bairdi prices were over \$4 a pound, so that's very good," he hinted.

According to processor data, last season's average snow crab price was \$4.07 a pound; Tanner crab averaged \$3.33. For golden king crab, fishermen averaged \$5.51 per pound.

For Bristol Bay red king crab, the price averaged \$9.20 a pound last year, down from the record \$10.18 in 2016.

Heading into the fall, Jacobsen said the price outlook is good.

"We expect king crab to be very high this year. There is quite a bit of demand throughout the world and it's in short supply," he said, adding that a huge reduction in illegally caught crab imports from Russia has helped boost the market for Alaska crab.

Right now stakeholders are "on pins and needles" that crab stock surveys underway now will yield good news for the 2018/2019 crab catches, which have been on a downward trend for several years.

"Based on last year's surveys it looks like we might have another decline in snow crab and we're not sure about red king crab as it was kind of on the margin last year," Jacobsen said. "With Tanners, we never know. If we can get some good quotas it should be a good year."

Last season's catch limit for Bristol Bay red king crab was 6.6 million pounds, down 20 percent. For golden king crab the quota has remained stable at 6.3 million pounds. The snow crab catch quota at 19 million pounds was a 12 percent decline. For bairdi Tanners, a catch of just 2.5 million pounds was down from over 20 million pounds two years prior.

The combined value of the 2017/2018 Bering Sea crab fisheries was nearly \$190 million at the Alaska docks.

**Fish prices** - The first thing any fisherman wants to know is what he's getting paid for his catch.

The Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game provides dock prices for nearly every fish species with comparisons going back to 1984 in its Commercial Op-

erator's Annual Report (COAR) compiled from inputs by Alaska processors.

Here's a sampler of some of the average prices from 2017 -

The price for cod was 32 cents per pound, an increase of 4 cents from 2016. The ling cod price averaged \$1.88, up 33 cents.

Those 3 billion pounds of Alaska pollock fetched 12 cents a pound for fishermen, down a penny. Herring also dropped a penny to 11 cents.

Octopus averaged 60 cents a pound, a 14 cent increase; sea cucumbers fetched \$5.02, up nearly a dollar.

For 11 types of flounders, pesky arrowtooth increased 3 cents to 10 cents a pound; rex sole held as the priciest flat fish at 34 cents. Alaska plaice was the cheapest at 3 cents a pound.

For 20 types of rockfish, yellow eye (red snapper) topped the list at \$1.49, up 20 cents.

Geoduck clams paid out at \$6.27, down 32 cents. Longnose skates fetched 49 cents, up a nickel.

Halibut averaged \$6.25, an increase of 19 cents a pound. Sablefish averaged \$7.36 compared to \$6.50 the year before.

Sockeye salmon averaged \$1.26, up 20 cents. Chinook at \$5.73 increased from \$4.88; cohos at \$1.23 were up a nickel, chums at 70 cents increased by 8 cents, and pinks at 36 cents a pound dropped a penny.

The priciest Alaska catch was spot shrimp paying out at \$9.32, up 36 cents. Sculpins were the cheapest at one penny a pound.

Another report shows how much each fishery produced and what processors sold it for.

Alaska pollock topped them all with 1.3 billion pounds processed for a first wholesale value of \$1.5 billion.

Sockeye salmon was second at nearly \$790 million for 208 million pounds.

Why should all Alaskans care about fish prices? With annual catches coming in at 5 to 6 billion pounds per year, adding just one penny per pound to the total catch makes a difference of nearly one million dollars in landing taxes for the state and local governments each.



## THANK YOU'S & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS 2018

As Chairman of the July 4<sup>th</sup>, "Chuck Oliver Logging Show I once again want to thank my best friend, my partner and my father, Chuck Oliver for starting this show 44 years ago. He continues to give me the knowledge, drive, commitment and inspiration to continue on with his vision to teach the youth of our community what it is to be a logger! One more for the books Dad!

It takes a team effort to put on an event the size of the Chuck Oliver Logging Show so I would like to take this opportunity to introduce my team and give them my sincere thank you for all their hard work!

On the podium this year was Aleisha Mollen as our MC, along with Cyni Waddington and Frank Grossardt helping with heat times, point tally, money and paperwork. It was the first time Cyni was able to spend time at the Logging Show and it was a pleasure to have her with us.

Ron Rice ran fork lift, helped me with setup and removal of logs during the show.

Judge Conniff for the second year was our field Judge. He was also responsible for finding Timers to help in the arena during the events. The Judge's word in the arena is final on all events.

Scott McAuliffe felled the trees we used for all the sawing events Sue Ann Guggenbickler worked our T-shirt booth during the show.

Last but not least I would like to give a special thank you to the love of my life Toni Marie Guggenbickler. She started long before I arrived, working on the lettering that was incorporated into the hand drawn "Pen Ink Art" used on the front of our T-shirts and hoodies. Not an easy job when I'm critiquing the work. She was there with me trudging through the woods getting logs, packing Alder, moving equipment and cleaning up the arena before and after the show. Thank you sweetheart for a job well done and another year by my side, I couldn't have done it this year without you!

Toni Marie also took over as chairman of the greased pole this year and did an excellent job. We would both like to thank the following individuals and businesses, for it's their donations and help, that make it possible to have the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Chuck Oliver Logging Show and Greased Pole events.

The City and Borough of Wrangell donated the trees from borough land used in the show. The artist known simply as Kitty, created and donated the original "Pen Ink Art" free hand drawing of our two Man Crosscut (Idaho Style) event, which was featured on this year's Logging Show T-shirts. Brenda Schwartz-Yeager donated a print for the prize for the women's Rolling Pin Toss. Once again Alaska Vista donated two \$100.00 bills placed on the bull's eye for the Axe Throwing Event. Wrangell Extended Stay also placed \$100.00 on the end of the log for the Axe Throwing Event. Chet & David Powell of the Bay Company donate all the work on our saws used in competition as well as donating the saw we give away for "Bull of The Woods." Cyni Cray provided Logging Show programs and release forms for the Greased Pole events. Doug McClosky has been setting and filing our crosscut saws used in competition. Dave Miller and Miller Welding provided his boom truck and time to set up and take down the Greased Pole. Dave has done this four out of the last six years. Nate Bliss with Samson Tug and Barge provided equipment and storage as well as moving Cans & Equip. AML donated their equipment along with providing a chassis and container to use for our Podium. Greg Meissner and the Harbor Department working with us on show site logistics and tour boat arrivals. Greg also coordinated the placement of the boom sticks and the log rolling log for the "Sonny Wigg Log Rolling" event.

Hopefully I haven't forgotten anyone and if I have I apologize.

Lastly thank you to all the spectators that showed up in the heat to watch and cheer us on!

**Randy Oliver, Chuck Oliver Logging Show Chairman  
Toni Marie Guggenbickler, Greased Pole Chairman**



# Bearfest

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five writers at Wrangell's public library last year.

Every festival features a uniquely designed bear, with the collection making appearances around town in the run-up to the festival. A different artist gets a crack at capturing a different aspect of the locality in paints, and this year Alaska Vistas staffer Ceona Koch designed this year's bear at Ettefagh's invitation.

"It's really just a hobby," Koch said of her skills. "I studied environmental science in school, and I've never taken any art classes. I think I got it from my mother, she's an artist."

Featured on a Bearfest float in this year's parade, her bear design involves a white-on-black rendering of assorted plants. Having an interest in botany, Koch focused on ubiquitous specimens like the area's bushes, herbs and shrubbery.

"We've had bears with fish, we've had Native bears and all that, but we didn't have anything with flora and fauna, so I decided to do something with local, native plants," she explained.

Applying a design to a fiberglass bear is not the easiest task, though the curvaceous nature of plants was of help. Still, the project was very time consuming, Koch recalled.

"I think it took somewhere between 30 and 50 hours, probably. I had it in my kitchen in Bellingham for a couple of months, working on it," she said.

Other craft-related courses at the Nolan Center will include photo workshops, taking place throughout the week. One on digital photography for begin-

ners will be led by James Edens Thursday at noon, while Johnson will take participants into the new directions of digital photography Friday at 10 a.m. A photo slideshow featuring some of his recent portfolio will be shown Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

A hands-on musical demonstration led by Matt Koerner and his band will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday. The group will be raising roofs all weekend, starting at the Nolan Friday at 7 p.m., and the Totem Bar the next night at 8.

The festival will feature plenty of family-centered fun throughout, such as various bear-related films showing at 1 and 4 p.m. at the Nolan's small theater Wednesday through Saturday.

On Friday Corree Delabue and her Forest Service friend Smokey the Bear will be at the library, reading several books at 10:30 a.m. Local teddy bears can also be brought in for their annual checkups directly afterward at 11. A "cub plunge" geared toward kids of all ages will be hosted at the community pool, with inflatable creature Nessie blown up for the occasion.

More kids games will be held on the Nolan Center's front lawn Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, coinciding with the monthly community market inside.

Always a big draw at Bearfest, its annual marathon, half-marathon and 5K kicks off Sunday morning at 8 a.m., outside the Nolan Center. Guiding them along their routes this year will be aluminum markers produced by Svendsen Marine and Wolf Fabrications, the latter



ILLUSTRATION BY TAWNEY FLORES

a venture run by students at the high school.

Registration begins at 7, though pre-registration will be available at a pre-race pasta feed Saturday evening just inside. The first marathon finisher will have the honor of drawing the winning ticket in an Alaska Airlines ticket raffle, with two round-trip passes on offer.

Looking beyond the coming weekend, Ettefagh intends to use Bearfest's resources for additional projects of benefit to the community. Its committee already lends support to Wolf Fabrications and other programs, but this year she has workshops for the schools and wider public in mind.

"This year we are sponsoring a guitar and ukulele performer in September," Ettefagh said. The musician will be

brought up for a week to get aspiring strummers started. Dates are being hammered out yet, but keep an eye out for notices as the month approaches.

For other information on Bearfest and an updated schedule, visit [www.alaskabearfest.org](http://www.alaskabearfest.org) or its Facebook page.

## Changing of the guard at the Sentinel



Caleb Vierkant

On Tuesday, new reporter Caleb Vierkant arrived on the afternoon jet from his hometown of Bullard, Texas.

Home-schooled until college, he attended Texas A&M in College Station. He earned two bachelor's degrees there, double-majoring in history and journalism with minors in English and military studies. After graduating in May 2017, he went to work for his hometown paper, the Jacksonville Progress.

He worked there until July 6, when he accepted a job with the Wrangell Sentinel. Vierkant had visited Alaska once in his youth on a family cruise, but the transition this week will be a new experience for him.

"It seemed like an interesting place to come to," he said. "Looking forward to figuring out how life works up here."

He is accompanied by his dog, Sky, a three-year old "fat dingo." In his spare time Vierkant likes to read and write, watch movies and explore with his dog.

After four years at the Sentinel's desk, Dan Rudy will be heading back to school to pursue his master's degree in journalism, at Columbia Journalism School in Manhattan. He reportedly had an enjoyable time living and working in Wrangell, an experience unlike any he had previously encountered.

"I am enormously grateful to all the friends, neighbors and acquaintances here who have made this such a rich and interesting chapter. If possible, it's one that bears repeating," he said.

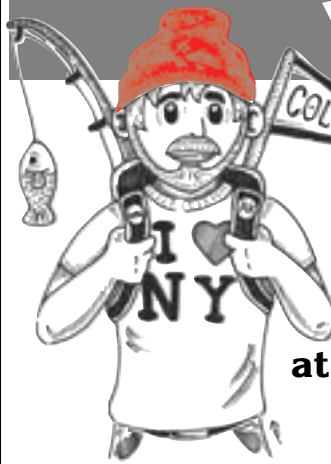
Rudy will be going into greater detail about his time on the island during next Tuesday's "Talk on the Rock" segment aired on KSTK.

There will be an open house this Friday from 3-5 p.m. to say goodbye to Rudy and welcome Vierkant at the Sentinel office with refreshments to be served. Petersburg Pilot staff, including publishers Anne and Ron Loesch, will also be in attendance.



Dan Rudy

## We'll miss you Dan!!



Stop in and say good bye to **Dan** Friday, July 20, 3-5 pm at the **Sentinel office**

Refreshments will be served

And welcome new reporter **Caleb Vierkant**

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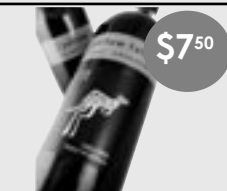
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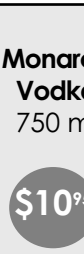
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