

French sailor stops in after Arctic adventure

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Being “The Last Frontier,” Alaska has long been a crossroad for adventure. From the likes of John Muir, Susan Butcher and Jack London, that tradition continues with the arrival of modern-day travelers.

Circling the globe in his sailboat, Guirec Soudée found a friendly harbor in Wrangell last week during a run of rough weather. Hailing from Brittany, a peninsular region in northwestern France, the 24-year-old sailor recently navigated the Arctic’s Northwest Passage, accompanied only by his hen, Monique.

For Soudée the journey began when he turned 18, leaving home for Australia with only €200 in his pocket (about \$260 at the time). Spending his first night there on a Sydney street, Soudée acquired a bike and worked his way across the continent’s southwest. Pulling seasons as a shrimper, he earned enough money to return to France and buy a boat to travel the world in at age 20.

“When I bought my boat I learned how to sail,” he said. “I learned on the way.”



Guirec Soudée and chicken Monique sit on sledges in April as they wait for the ice to melt off the coast of Greenland. He spent 130 days with his boat completely trapped in ice, braving deadly weather and various privations.

Then 21, Soudée took Monique and his boat, *Yvinec*, southwest to Spain, Portugal, then to the Canary Islands off the coast of Morocco. From there he

crossed the Atlantic in 28 days, making his way to the islands of the Caribbean Sea. While spending a year there he developed a plan to travel the Arctic, which

would include having *Yvinec* trapped in ice during the winter.

Setting out from the island of Bermuda, he sailed north to Nova Scotia, then from there to the west coast of Greenland, arriving on August 22, 2015. He made friends along the way, and bided his time before the freezing weather set in. He found a suitable bay a short trip from the village of Saqqaaq, on Greenland’s west-central coast.

Getting the boat to stay put during the freeze was more difficult than expected, and twice during the process Soudée recounted the wind and weight of the ice threatened to push his boat ashore, anchor and all.

“It was very interesting, very hard,” he said.

Once the ice did form and the boat settled in for the winter, the weather turned foul. Temperatures dropped down to 50 or 60 degrees below zero and the wind approached 60 knots.

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Assembly talks nepotism after Prysunka resignation, marijuana taxes

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Remaining members of the Borough Assembly revisited local nepotism rules, after member Stephen Prysunka tendered his resignation last month.

In a letter explaining the decision, Prysunka said his daughter had applied for a lifeguarding job with the city, and as such felt he had a conflict of interest under the city’s code. The current reading had been updated in August 2013, and does not allow for the assembly, manager, or other figures of authority to appoint relatives to offices or positions of profit if within the second degree of relation or affinity.

Other members accepted Prysunka’s decision reluctantly.

“I have a great deal of respect for Steve and his opinions and his view,” said Mark Mitchell. Though he admitted they did not always agree on matters, Mitchell felt he had a number of good ideas. David Powell echoed that sentiment, but added he accepted the decision because of the city charter.

Prysunka has served since he was appointed in 2014, with a term set to expire next year. He had previously served as the assembly’s liaison to the hospital board, and is the city’s voting member for the Southeast Alaska Power Agency board. Despite his resignation, assembly members agreed to reappoint him to serve another year on the board, along with current alternate Clay Hammer.

Wanting to keep him on, members discussed options which included amending the nepotism

rules to exempt hourly waged and seasonal jobs usually filled by younger people.

“I think we need to really think long and hard before changing this,” cautioned member Becky Rooney.

City manager Jeff Jabusch expressed similar thoughts, explaining such restrictions actually helped protect his position to appoint or dismiss from undue pressures.

Mitchell noted there was a hard enough time as it was trying to fill positions on the city’s various boards and committees without the additional worry of relations in a small community. In the conversation, Mitchell’s son Duke Mitchell was pointed out to sit on Planning and Zoning, while Jabusch and Powell are distantly related by marriage. Ultimately no action was taken on the matter, and it was brought up that Prysunka could apply for reappointment if he wished.

In other business, following their approval during October’s meeting of zoning updates which would allow for particular cannabis-related businesses in town, assembly members discussed options for levying additional taxes on the sale of such products. Already the city has a seven-percent sales tax on goods and services, and the state currently expects \$50 for every ounce of flower or bud sold, or \$15 per ounce for the rest of the plant.

Speaking prior to the meeting, prospective cannabis retailer Kelsey Martinsen requested the city be reasonable when making the decision.

“If you’re talking about an excise tax, just make sure I can compete statewide,” he said. “I

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Early election results strongly GOP for Wrangell

Local voters took to the polls Tuesday, putting an end to what was for many an overlong campaign season.

Nationally, indications showed Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump to be ahead of Democratic rival Hillary Clinton, though by press time Tuesday final tallies were being calculated in half a dozen states.

In Alaska, preliminary results from around the state were only just coming in from different precincts as of Tuesday night. In unofficial tallies for Wrangell voters, some 45 percent of registered voters turned out on Election Day, with 764 ballots cast of 1,685 registered. The actual turnout will be higher, as the count does not consider early and absentee ballots, or question ballots.

In the presidential race, local voters overwhelmingly backed Trump and running mate Mike Pence, with 512 votes to Clinton and Tim Kaine’s 177. Of third party candidates, Libertarian Gary Johnson led with 35 votes.

For the U.S. Senate race, a wide margin of local voters supported incumbent Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski, with 457 votes. Libertarian Joe Miller brought in 184 votes while Democrat Ray Metcalfe and unaffiliated candidate Margaret Stock each earned 52 votes.

The Wrangell electorate likewise favored incumbent Rep. Don Young for reelection, with 491 votes cast. Democrat Steve Lindbeck pulled 170 votes, with Libertarian Jim McDermott gaining 68.

More regionally, District R candidate for Alaska Senate Sen. Bert Stedman earned 641 votes. Twenty-seven went to an as-yet unspecified write-in candidate, possibly Petersburg challenger Michael Sheldon.

In perhaps the closest race for local voters, incumbent state Rep. Dan Ortiz only received 295 votes compared to Republican candidate Bob Sivertsen. For District 36 Constitution Party candidate Kenneth Shaw received 26 votes. But district-wide, with 60-percent of precincts reporting in by press time, Ortiz was ahead of Sivertsen by a nine-point spread.

Voters also approved Ballot Measure 1 by 502 votes to 243, supporting automatic registration to vote when applying for the Permanent Fund Dividend. Voters narrowly rejected Ballot Measure 2 by 384 votes to 335, which would have expanded the state’s authority to incur debt by issuing bonds for postsecondary student loans.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, November 10: Erika Hansen, Austin Sun, Alora Wigg, **Anniversary:** Jason and Megan Clark, **Friday, November 11:** Heather Stevens, Rob Dailey, Daniel Powell, **Anniversary:** Lucas and Lisa Messmer, **Saturday, November 12:** Ruby Brock, Joe Stover, Andrew Feudner, Alan Frank, **Anniversary:** Ken and Krissy Smith, **Sunday, November 13:** Ken Lewis, Eleanor Larabee, James Leslie II, Levi Powers, **Monday, November 14:** Olga Norris, Barbara Hommel, Brent Mill, Annette Younce, Jake Mork, Jordan Bunes, Dalton Reeves, Nicholas Jackson, Tai Brown, **Tuesday, November 15:** Floyd Ramsey, Steve Ramsey, Dick Angerman, **Anniversary:** Ryan and Rhonda Edgley, Laura and Winston Davies, **Wednesday, November 16:** Hannah Armstrong, Fred Angerman, Jr., Lorri Angerman, Connor Guggenbickler, Irene Buethe, **Anniversary:** Jack and Terree Pino, **Thursday, November 17:** Talon Churchill, Laura Siggins, Jim Thompson, Cody Angerman, Kelsey McGee, Carol Snoddy
If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary at no charge please call the Sentinel at 874-2301.

Senior Center Menu

Friday, November 11:

Closed for Veteran's Day.

Monday, November 14:

1/2 Cheese sandwich, split pea soup, apricot salad

Tuesday, November 15:

Sloppy moose on bun, potato salad, steamed carrots

Wednesday, November 16:

Turkey dinner with fixins, happy thanksgiving dinner

Thursday, November 17:

Moose and noodles, broccoli and cauliflower blend, three bean salad

Friday, November 18:

BBQ Fish, rice, mixed veggies, jello sunshine 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 SCHEDULE

Departures

Northbound

Saturday, November 12

Matanuska 4:15 a.m.

Sunday, November 13

Malaspina 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, November 15

Matanuska 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 19

Matanuska 1:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 20

Malaspina 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, November 22

Matanuska 9:00 p.m.

Southbound

Friday, November 11

Matanuska 9:15 a.m.

Monday, November 14

Matanuska 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 16

Malaspina 7:00 a.m.

Friday, November 18

Matanuska 9:45 a.m.

Monday, November 21

Matanuska 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 23

Malaspina 7:30 a.m.

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



TIDES TABLE

November 10 - November 17

High Tides

Low Tides

	AM		PM		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
Nov. 10	9:08	15.3	9:30	14.4	2:23	1.8	3:11	2.2
Nov. 11	9:55	16.8	10:25	15.6	3:23	1.2	4:07	0.1
Nov. 12	10:39	18.2	11:16	16.6	4:16	0.6	4:56	-1.8
Nov. 13	11:23	19.3	-----	-----	5:03	0.1	5:42	-3.4
Nov. 14	0:05	17.3	12:06	19.9	5:49	-0.1	6:27	-4.3
Nov. 15	0:53	17.5	12:49	20.1	6:33	0.1	7:11	-4.6
Nov. 16	1:41	17.3	1:34	19.6	7:17	0.6	7:57	-4.1
Nov. 17	2:29	16.7	2:20	18.7	8:03	1.5	8:44	-3.2

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, November 10

SAIL Class: 10 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) free class is a strength, balance and fitness class for adults 65+. For more info call 874-3375.

Healthy Eating Demo on Healthy Food Preparation: 11:30 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Free class. Learn how easy it is to prepare healthy and delicious food. Samples will be available. For more info call 874-3375.

Yoga: 5:30 p.m. AICS Medical Clinic. Yoga for everybody, please come and join.

Monday, November 14

Yoga: 5:30 p.m. AICS Medical Clinic. Yoga for everybody, please come and join.

Tuesday, November 15

SAIL Class: 10 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) free class is a strength, balance and fitness class for adults.

Is the attendance at your meeting or event low? Call Rachel at the Sentinel to have it placed here.

Continuing Events

PARKS & REC ACTIVITIES: Lap Swim: M, W, F 6:00-7:30 a.m. & 5:00-6:00 p.m., M-F 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., S 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; **Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class:** at the Pool: M, W, F, 9:00-10:00 a.m.; **Water Aerobics:** M, W, F 10:00-11:00 a.m.; **Family Swim:** F 6:00-7:00 p.m.; **General Swim:** M & W 6:00-7:00 p.m., F 7:00-8:00 p.m., S 1:00-2:00 p.m.; **Weight Room:** M-TH 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. **Extra 2 Lane Lap Swim:** M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.

OTHER MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

AA Meetings: Step Study, Mon 8 p.m., Tu. 7 p.m., Toss Off Th. 7 p.m., Smoked Fish F 8 p.m., at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall, Study Materials provided. Wed. M & M 12 p.m. at the Catholic Parish Hall, use back entrance.

NA Meeting: Wednesday, We Do Recover, 8 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

Bridge Social: F, 1 p.m. at th Island of Faith Lutheran Church 874-3440, 874-3507.

Salvation Army Food Bank: Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For information or questions please call Major Michael Bates at 874-3753.

The Way We Were

In the Sentinel 75, 50 and 25 years ago.

November 23, 1916: The December run of king salmon in Wrangell harbor has begun a little earlier than usual this year. It has been an interesting sight during the past week to see the numerous fishing boats trolling in sight of the Wrangell waterfront. Fishermen catch from five to fifteen fish a day. The average weight of a king salmon is 25 pounds. Fishermen find ready sale for their fish in Wrangell at 5 cents a pound. The fish sold here are shipped to Prince Rupert and Seattle. Experienced fishermen predict an unusually large run of salmon in 1917.

November 21, 1941: Chamber of Commerce was host to officials of the Salvation Army winding up its annual Congress here, Monday at the regular luncheon meeting. Commissioner Benjamin Orames was the principal speaker, discussing world affairs and the work of the Salvation Army S.A. officials present with the Commissioner were Lieut. Col. Ham, Major Halvorsen, Adjutant Newton, Captain Newton and Brig J.T. Gillingham, in charge of the work here. Chamber was advised in a letter from the International Fisheries held in Seattle November 27 at which time the matter of allowing trollers to take and sell halibut caught while trolling for salmon will be taken up. Chamber previously has appointed A.R. Brueger and Fred Gunderson, both in Seattle, to represent it at the hearing. To the Council of Recreation being sponsored here by the Rev. N. Harry Champlin, the Chamber named Van H. Fisk. The recreation group expects to have a representative for the various organizations in town to meet with the City Council to ascertain the policy and particular use to which the new recreational hall over the Fire Station may be best put to advan-

tage, a letter to the Chamber from Mr. Champlin said. Chamber voted support of the Territorial Chamber in its effort to get greater development of air transportation in the Territory.

November 18, 1966: With the passage of the airport construction bond issue at the general election, the Chamber of Commerce, at its luncheon meeting yesterday in Aunt Winnie's Café, directed letters to be sent to the Division of Aviation and state officials urging an early start on the planned Wrangell airfield on the back channel. Work on the Wrangell project, which is next on the airport program in the southeast, has been tentatively scheduled for next spring. City administrator Clayton Schmitt reported to the Chamber that it was expected a call for bids on the new hospital would be made shortly after the

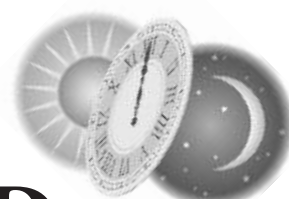
first of the year.

November 21, 1991: Progress is being made at the Tyee hydroelectric project to meet the Alaska Energy Authority's 30-day deadline to correct problems at the facility, and it appears the AEA is doing all it can to cooperate with the Thomas Bay Power Authority. Wrangell City Manager George Edes and Petersburg City Manager Dave Carlson met with AEA Executive Director Charlie Bussell and Director of Engineering and Operations Stan Sieczkowski last Friday in Anchorage. At a special meeting of TBPA on Tuesday, Edes detailed AEA's current plan of action regarding the Tyee project discussed in Anchorage. AEA has threatened to take over management of the hydroelectric facility if deficiencies it found during an inspection aren't corrected.



Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
October 30	46	37
October 31	44	33
November 1	51	39
November 2	50	39
November 3	51	44
November 4	51	44
November 5	48	41
November 6	48	42



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Nov. 10	8:14a	4:49p	8:35h
Nov. 11	8:16a	4:47p	8:31h
Nov. 12	8:18a	4:45p	8:27h
Nov. 13	8:20a	4:44p	8:24h
Nov. 14	8:22a	4:42p	8:20h
Nov. 15	8:24a	4:40p	8:16h
Nov. 16	8:26a	4:38p	8:12h
Nov. 17	8:28a	4:37p	8:09h

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SEARHC commits to investments, taxes in AICS merger

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The heads of two consolidating health providers appeared before the Wrangell City and Borough Assembly Tuesday

evening to talk about upcoming plans and to answer any questions the assembly's members might have about the transition.

Last month Wrangell-based Alaska Island Community

Services (AICS) announced it would be merging with larger organization SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC), a process expected to finalize in February 2017.

AICS executive Mark Walker explained the move was necessitated by the provider's growth. Since its founding in 1989, the organization has expanded its service range to include clinical, pharmaceutical and behavioral health care in six communities. Its most recent expansion came earlier in autumn, when AICS announced it would be taking over administration of the Juneau Front Street Community Health Center.

"I think we have the broadest array of health and social services delivered by a small company that I know of," Walker commented. AICS is currently Wrangell's largest single employer, and provides various staff and services for the local medical center.

With the growth came an increase in revenues, which on average increased by 25 percent over the 15-year period to 2010. Since then returns flattened, and in 2014 and 2015 the organization suffered losses.

"This period was a wake-up call for us," Walker explained. AICS facilities have since begun turning a profit again, but its administration decided it needed new plan to sustain its growth.

Enter SEARHC, a non-profit tribal health consortium representing 18 Native communities in

Police report

<p>Monday, October 31 Nothing to Report.</p> <p>Tuesday, November 1 Animal Complaint. Found Items. Driving Complaint.</p> <p>Wednesday, November 2 Agency Assist – DVO Service. Agency Assist – Harbor Department. Illegal Dumping.</p> <p>Thursday, November 3 Scam. Courtesy transport given.</p> <p>Friday, November 4 Vehicle Unlock. Agency Assist. Subpoena Served. Traffic stop verbal warn-</p>	<p>ing given for driving habits.</p> <p>Saturday, November 5 Agency Assist: DOT was notified of a small landslide. Parking Compliant – Vehicle was moved. Welfare Check.</p> <p>Sunday, November 6 Noise Complaint. Arrested: Randy Hal Littleton, age 65 on charges of driving under the influence. Safe Keeping: Officer brought in a battery charger. Agency Assist.</p> <p>There were three ambulance calls and five dog complaints during this week.</p>
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All Harbor Users

In preparation for winter snow removal the Harbor Department is requesting that you clear **all** items from the floats and fingers around your vessel.

Leaving items on floats or other areas impedes snow removal and can be hazardous to other people. Please tuck your power cords, bowlines and water hoses under the bull rails or on your vessel to avoid damage from snow removal equipment.

If you have any questions please contact the Harbor Department at 874-3736.

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SALVATION ARMY Christmas Food and Toy sign-up for families in need



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November 15, 16, 17, 22
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Phone: 874-3753

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• Proof of address- Electricity bill

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Our annual Kettle Kick off is November 25, 2016 at Bobs' IGA at 11:00 am.

EARLIER DEADLINE

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the region. Among its facilities are Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital and the Ethel Lund Medical Center in Juneau, and with 1,000 people on staff it is one of the largest employers in Southeast Alaska.

"We take a great deal of pride in that. We try to be a positive presence in each of the communities in which we serve," explained SEARHC president and CEO Charles Clement.

The merger with AICS would extend the reach of SEARHC to 24 communities, and Walker pointed to a number of benefits the transition would bring to the Wrangell-based provider. For one, he estimated a \$2,000,000 net operating margin increase for AICS after the hand-over, due in part because of SEARHC's status as a tribal entity. As such it enjoys enhanced reimbursement rates in both Medicare and Medicaid. The organization is also better able to negotiate with Blue Cross due to its larger size.

"That's something we could never achieve without this particular affiliation," Walker said, arguing this in turn would help to preserve jobs.

Clement affirmed that no clinical jobs in Wrangell would be lost as a result of the new affiliation, and that its goal was to enhance service within the community.

"Our intention to maintain employment opportunities here in Wrangell is paramount," he said, pointing to similar acquisitions in Haines and Hoonah. The change would also better position AICS to withstand expected losses in state and federal funding in the foreseeable future.

"We agreed to do that because we thought it would be good for services, we thought it would be good for the community," said

Walker. "We're affiliating with SEARHC in order to preserve what we have built."

Wrangell Medical Center CEO Robert Rang explained that from his discussions with both SEARHC and AICS, his understanding was that all current agreements between them and the hospital would be maintained. He said the merger could be of benefit for the city's hospital as well, as the greater resources available to SEARHC meant it would be better able to bring in specialty providers, such as orthodontists and cardiologists. These would also make greater use of WMC's laboratory services, for instance, meaning an increase in revenue for the hospital.

One of the areas of concern for the borough would be potential loss of property tax revenues, which it considered SEARHC would be exempt from as a tribal entity. Currently AICS contributes between \$60,000 and \$70,000 in property taxes and similar payments.

"It seems like every day those things are going backward for us," lamented Jeff Jabusch, borough manager.

Clement pointed out SEARHC is licensed with the state as a 501(c)3 nonprofit, and that he did not anticipate the tribal exemption would apply.

"Our path forward right now is we want to be perceived as a non-profit," he explained. "It really is our expectation. We're not doing this to maintain the status quo in Wrangell."

Clement and Walker intend to oversee establishment of a community foundation with a portion of AICS' financial reserves, to help support programs and services dedicated to improving the health of Wrangell's residents. Clement estimated an initial endowment would range between \$1,000,000 to \$2,500,000 initially, with 10 percent of the Wrangell clinic's net profits cycled into the foundation.

"It's a little bit like a permanent fund," Walker explained. The earnings from that core could then be used to fund other initiatives, as needed by the community.

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Obituaries:

Gerald Lee Hall, 73

Gerald Lee Hall, 73 died on Oct. 24, 2016.

He was born on February 27, 1943, to Marion Louise and Glenn E. Hall, in Seattle, Washington. A year later his mother and dad divorced and his mother married Thomas C. Charlton, who in 1952 moved the family to Wrangell. Gerald attended school in Wrangell and graduated in 1962.

He moved out on his own right after high school and he and Mel Gadd shared an apartment for awhile. He started work at the saw mill on the log pond. It was very hard work but he thrived on it and did a good job feeding logs into the mill. He entered the Army in November 1965 and after his training at Fort Hood, Texas and Fort Lewis, Washington, shipped out to Vietnam with the 4th Infantry division. He was seriously injured in a mortar attack on his camp and medivaced to a hospital in Japan.

If you didn't know Gerald was in the Army. Then you didn't know Gerald because he would have told you about his service in the first five minutes of talking with him. He was proud to have served his country. After his military service he returned to Wrangell and worked at various jobs including shrimp fishing, tug boat deck hand, a season of seining and then longshoring.

In about 1970 he married Patricia Easterly and set about helping raise her four children Terri, Randy, Michelle, and Darren. However the marriage ended in 1980. On the day after Christmas 1980 Gerald married Lahoma and they had two children, Scott and Jennifer. Gerald continued to



Gerald Lee Hall

work longshoring and when not working on the ships he worked with his lifelong friend Bob Maxand, until his retirement. He took great pride in his community and his role as legion commander and working to help other vets.

He never did things half way, whether it was weight lifting, running, computers, guns or drones - he went all the way. He was competitive, stubborn and if you became a friend you were a friend for life.

A memorial service was held on October 29 at the American Legion Hall, Wrangell, Alaska.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the family to assist with memorial expenses.

Sue Gabrinski, 63

Sue (Susan) Linda (Almquist) Gabrinski, 63, died Oct. 16, 2016, with her family by her side. Sue fought colon cancer beginning in May 2013.

Sue was born in Wrangell, Alaska on June 19, 1953. In 1954 the family moved back to Willmar, Minnesota. In 1975, she earned her degree in Special Education from Augustana College in Sioux

Falls, South Dakota. While teaching in Petersburg, Alaska, she met and married Tom Grabinski on Aug. 20, 1977. The family moved to Bozeman in the fall of 1979 and lived there until moving to Troy in 1991.

Sue is survived by her husband Tom of Troy; son Ryan (Jamie) of Belgrade; son Kevin of East Helena; and daughter

Nicole (Jeremiah) Nygren.

Sue's celebration of life services were held at Christ Lutheran Church, Libby, on Nov. 5.

Memorials can be made to Christ Lutheran Church, Lincoln Country Wings Foundation or the Troy Food Pantry.

Interment will be in the Bozeman area.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone in the Wrangell Community for coming together and supporting the loss of our beloved father, husband, and grandpa, Gerald Hall. Thank you to Carol Churchill and family, Jeannie Easterly and family, Billie and Joe Younce and family for being by our side. Also a special thank you to Marilyn Mork and all the Ladies at the Legion for your hard work and dedication. Thank you Pastor Kern Haggard and Tracy Churchill and everyone else for supporting our loss. Thank you to Josh and Rissa Young at J&W's for all the money you raised.

*Thank you all so much with love,
Lahoma, Jenn, Scott Hall & Family, The Charlton Family, & The Easterly Family*

I HAVE A DREAM

This is the reason I am now applying for the FFSF scholarship. I would like to attend Oaksterdam University.

I picked up OU's "GROW" postcard when I attended the Patients Out of Time 9th Annual Convention in Florida last year and learned many fantastic and interesting developments in the endo-cannabinoid system of the body. I continue to be blessed to bless others as I trod this iration to health, love and LIFE.

Presently, I maintain an apartment in Southeast Alaska because my mother moved here after divorce from my father in 1993. After surgery in 1995, when I completed final in-patient trauma treatment, I visited her here for Christmas. That is when from 1997, I came and went periodically from Jamaica, so I am empaneled in the Puget Sound Health Care Veteran Medical Center. My vehicle is still registered NON-OP in California and my father expects me home. I am the sole survivor to our family, an American military family, and I HAVE A DREAM. The prodigy and endless misuse of human inhabitants on this earth when there is a Tree of Life promoting health now more than ever needs to be understood and developed for health quality living in happiness.

In Alaska, we have legalized and people in this community are going at it half-hazard. I need something to ground me in the knowledge I can apply to extend the American dream of quality life and pursuit of happiness.

I began using essential oils with Young-Living and spoke with those in positions of authority to distill essential cannabis oil and they are only waiting for the market to open legally to consider operation. I obtained a business license after being certified with a neurological technique to assist with neuropathy. The name of my business is LIVING RAINDROPS. I know cannabis has saved my life and re-directed my functioning from deterioration in a way no synthetic chemical drug can do. I am alive, and I know it! My purpose of re-assimilation and to properly conduct myself knowledgably among different cultures and classes is to promote clarity in this age of confusion and present a chance to live so others can be blessed.

Jennifer Dozier

See Insert

Stikine Middle School and Wrangell High School Honor Roll

Stikine Middle School:

Principals Honor Roll: Jade Balansag, Emma Martinsen, Samantha Acuna, Elizabeth McIntyre, Jimmy Baggen, Tyson Messmer, Liana Carney, Sophie O'Brien,

Honor Roll: Paige Baggen, Aaliyah Messmer, Devlyn Campbell, Mercedes Morgan, Jacob Dow, Ryan Rooney, Jamie Early, Nikolai Siekawitch-Bardin, Jacen Hay, Bruce Smith, Daniel McIntyre, Leroy Wynne, Kendra Meissner,

Honorable Mention: Brett Abrahamson, Brodie Garner, William Ashton, Ethan Blatchley, Terra Hoyt, Jayden Buhler, Alex Rooney, Randy Churchill, Logan Ritchie, Cassady Cowan, Kira Torvend, Jake Eastaugh, Rowen Wiederspohn, Brandon Ellsworth.

Wrangell High School:

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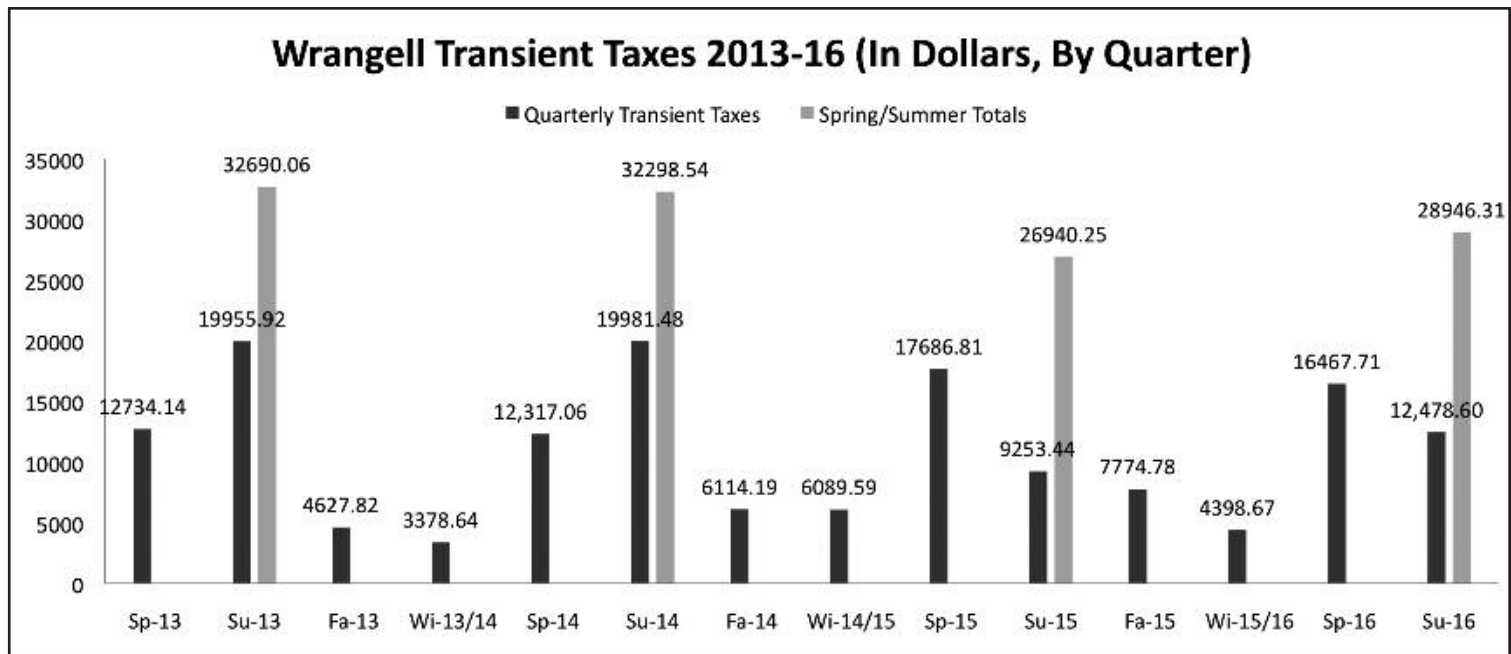
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Wrangell visitor season improved over 2015, lower than 2013

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

The summer visitor season appears to have improved slightly over the last year for Wrangell, according to data available through the city, state and private businesses.

One indication of this has been collections of the city's transient occupancy tax, commonly called the "bed tax," a six-percent levy on room rates for local hotels, lodges and other accommodations. The Wrangell Chamber of Commerce has 17 of these listed, whose primary seasons and target



Measuring transient occupancy taxes collected in Wrangell from the spring of 2013 to this past summer, the local visitor industry appears to have dipped significantly during 2015, but has since rebounded slightly. Local lodgings point to ferry schedule reductions and economic conditions as possible contributors to the drop.

markets vary. While sales tax data could be a useful way to gauge how the local economy as a whole has been doing, those are not broken down more specifically by industry.

These numbers over the last few years suggest a slowing down in visitation, though that decline

has rebounded slightly this year. Most activity in the visitor sector takes place between April and the end of September, making up at least two-thirds of the full volume of room rentals for the year. So for those six months in 2013, the borough collected \$32,765 in transient taxes, reflecting about \$545,000 in total rentals. For comparison, the full calendar year of 2013 the city collected \$46,157 in bed taxes, a six-percent share of \$769,280 in activity.

The 2013 spring and summer seasons were a high point for subsequent years. After a quiet winter, visitation for the next visitor season dropped only slightly, with a one-percent decrease to \$32,298 collected in transient taxes. A larger dip in activity came for the 2015 season, with \$26,940 in transient taxes indicating a 16-percent decline in booked lodgings over the previous year.

Bed taxes collected this spring and summer show local accommodations have rebounded a little from that, with better than a seven-percent increase over 2015 seasonal business. Still, the \$28,946 collected by the city indicates the 2016 season is about 11.5 percent short of 2013's high.

The 2013 and 2014 seasons were likely given a boost by sizable functions Wrangell hosted, with the Chief Shakes Tribal House rededication and Southeast Conference occurring in those respective years. The scheduling of construction projects and special work details also brings bodies in need of beds.

Alaska Sourdough Lodge owner Bruce Harding explained a substantial portion of their busi-

ness model caters to such crews, due to its location, size and ability to provide meals year-round. This year the contaminant mitigation team cleaning up the former Byford junkyard stayed with the lodge during the summer, but last year technicians with GCI had lodged there during a number of hardware improvements, as did a paving crew the year before.

"Those things are very helpful for our bottom line," he said.

The visitor industry is an important facet of the economy for Southeast Alaskan communities, making up about 17 percent of all jobs in the region and accounting for close to a tenth of earned income. Economic forum Southeast Conference estimated some 1.4 million people visited the region last year, with the majority making their way by cruise ship.

"The bigger boats definitely made an impact," commented Jake Harris, manager of the Stikine Inn and Restaurant.

Such visitors to Wrangell bring income into the economy by perusing its shops and sights, getting in a round of golf at Muskeg Meadows or taking daytrips with a number of tour outfitters. In addition to the cruise traffic, destination tourists have been a growing part of the island's visitor industry. Staying for a few days or a week or longer, primary destinations around Wrangell are the robust bear population at Anan Wildlife Observatory on the mainland, the LeConte and Chief Shakes glaciers, and various outdoor opportunities up the Stikine River.

"Anan is the biggest attraction," said Harris. Though not the

largest proportion of business, he has noticed slight increases in the charter fishing and hunting crowd, as well.

As far as this year's spring and summer seasons went, area lodgings have reported mixed success. Speaking with local hoteliers, after a lull in June visitation picked up again in mid-July, the tourist traffic continued for longer than usual into August and September.

"It caught us by surprise," commented Harris. The Stikine Inn's restaurant half wrapped up its season October 1, due to business keeping apace through September.

"For me it was quite similar to last summer," said Chris Hatton, who rents out a small float house through her Dockside Wrangell business.

"It's been pretty steady even after the summer," agreed Julie Decker, of Mt. Dewey Garden Guesthouse. Her small rental apartment keeps a different schedule than most lodgings, available for longer-term rental to boat repairers during the winter in addition to summer travelers.

Corresponding with these transient tax trends, ferry passengers disembarking at Wrangell during the spring and summer seasons show a decline in numbers over the past several years. For example, in 2015 Wrangell was the destination for 3,372 people from April through September, with every month a drop from the previous year's counterpart. In all, traffic for those six months dropped by 18.6 percent from 2014 numbers, and dropped by 25.1 percent when compared to 2013.

Partly this is attributable to slight reductions in operating weeks for the Alaska Marine Highway System, as well as problems with scheduling and maintenance the past two seasons. Leslie Cummings of Grand View Bed and Breakfast said the unexpected layup of the M/V Columbia last month stranded a few groups of scheduled lodgers, including a family from Ireland.

"The good news was the guests were all very, very kind," she said. "It did turn out okay," com-

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Wrangell visitor season

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mented Becky Rooney, owner of Rooney's Roost. Despite some problems, a substantial portion of her clientele still arrived by ferry this year, with those finding plans disrupted able to find other means of transport. "People seemed to adjust to it."

"This year we were busier than last year," said Christie

Jamieson, of Squawking Raven Bed and Breakfast. She noticed a majority of her visitors were European, coming to either see the Anan Wildlife Observatory or to fish. The majority came by ferry, and booked rooms using either Airbnb or Booking.com. While two couples' plans were compromised due to the summer's ferry problems, Jamieson

still figured that last year had been a more disruptive season.

On the other hand, air traffic to and from Wrangell did not correspond with ferry service trends. According to Alaska Airlines' records, while passengers had declined in 2014 from the previous year by about seven percent, traffic rose again by three and a half percent during

2015. Figures for 2016 are currently not available for comparison.

In its annual economic report released last month, SEC projected the visitor industry should still improve in coming years. In particular, it highlighted an expected rise in cruise passenger totals, with arrivals in 2018 to surpass the record set 10 years prior thanks to the deployment of larger vessels. On a more ominous note, the report also drew attention to cuts to the state tourism marketing budget, which this year has been reduced by 92 percent from FY2015 levels.

Harding's concern is that, going forward, cuts to state transportation and capital improvement budgets will see a reduction of projects, and the business it brings. As an example he cited the planned resurfacing of Evergreen Road, work for which is expected to start next year but has already been delayed each year since 2013.

A project to replace the floats at Shoemaker Bay Harbor is also first in queue next year for match grant funding through the Department of Transportation. But receipt of the funding is dependent on how much is budgeted to the program. Already ranked second the previous year, the item was passed over due to a lack of budget to fully fund the \$5,000,000 match.



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Anne Luetkemeyer's art class of sixth to eighth graders show off their latest project by the new kiln, which middle and high school art students raised money for over three years of auctions.

School raise money for new kiln

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Art students at the middle and high schools are throwing pottery with style, now that a new kiln was purchased.

Stikine Middle School and Wrangell High School art teacher Anne Luetkemeyer explained the new addition to her classroom was financed thanks to proceeds from annual art auctions. Held in early December each year, students from her class pool together pieces and various works to sell during the annual Christmas concert.

Saving for the past three years, the class raised the \$3,800 needed for the kiln, which replaces one which has been in use for about three decades. The school system had previously come by a different replacement which was gas-powered, but was unable to install it due to safety concerns.

This new kiln is electric, and when fired up can reach temperatures of 2,300 degrees Fahrenheit.

"I've been running it every day since we hooked it up," Luetkemeyer said.

Her 95 students have been getting plenty of use out of it, making wheel-thrown pottery, plates, dishes and glassware. One recent project had her middle school class put together ceramic pots shaped into elephants, highlighting the animal's sturdy shape but also its delicate forms, like the ears and trunk.

"They did a beautiful job," Luetkemeyer remarked. Hardened by fire, the objects now join a number of other projects in displays around the school. "I've got six cases full of stuff down the halls."

Students will next prepare items to sell at this year's auction and concert, slated for the evening of December 5.

"Each student will produce one piece," the teacher explained. Among the planned wares will be an array of functional mosquito coil holders. An example ceramic wedge resembles a slice of watermelon, for a summery feel.

Luetkemeyer hopes to next raise funds through the auction for additional potter's wheels and other materials.

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Fish Factor

by Laine Welch

As Alaska's iconic halibut fishery wraps up this week, stakeholders are holding their breath to learn if catches might ratchet up slightly again in 2017. Meanwhile, prices for hard to get shares of the halibut catch are jaw-dropping.

The halibut fishery ends on Nov. 7 for nearly 2,000 longliners who hold IFQs (Individual Fishing Quotas) of halibut. The Alaska fishery will produce a catch of more than 20 million pounds if the limit is reached by the fleet. Last year, the halibut haul was worth nearly \$110 million at the Alaska docks.

For the first time in several decades the coastwide Pacific halibut harvest numbers increased this year by 2.3 percent to nearly 30 million pounds. Along with Alaska, the eight-month fishery includes the Pacific coast states and British Columbia.

The feeling that the halibut resource is stabilizing and recovering after a long decline has upped the ante for shares of the catch. The fact that the dock price again hovered in the \$6 to \$7 a pound range all season at major ports also has fanned interest. It holds especially true for shares of Southeast Alaska fish.

"Fishermen say they're seeing some of the best fishing they've ever seen in their lives there, bigger fish, better production and you see that reflected in IFQ prices," said Doug Bowen of Alaska Boats and Permits in Homer.

The quota shares are sold in various categories, and the asking price for prime shares in Southeast waters has reached \$70 per pound!

IFQ asking prices for shares in the Central Gulf, the largest halibut fishing hole, also have increased to \$60 a pound, according to several broker listings.

But the buying there is not as aggressive as in the Panhandle.

"They took a 5 percent cut - it's the only area in the entire coast that didn't stay the same or have an increase. There is still quite a bit of concern about the resource there," he said. "And there's still a lot of concern about other removals and possibly inaccurate accounting of bycatch."

Halibut shares in the Western Gulf sold for a record \$48, Bowen said. Shares in regions of the Bering Sea were listed mostly in the mid-\$20 range.

The halibut fishery falls under the stewardship of the International Pacific Halibut Commission, which has set the annual coastwide catch limits based on surveys since 1923. Stakeholders will get a first glimpse of recommended catches at an upcoming IPHC meeting Nov. 29-30 in Seattle. Mum's the word so far on any numbers for 2017.

"They won't reveal any information about how their surveys went, for better or worse, and I give them a lot of credit for that," Bowen said, "because it would only fan the flames of speculation in the IFQ market."

On a related note: Linda Behnken of Sitka has received a presidential appointment as a Commissioner to the International Pacific Halibut Commission. Behnken has been a commercial fisherman for over 30 years, and since 1991 has been Executive Director of the Alaska Longline Fisherman's Association.

Expo time! For 50 years, it's been the most popular West Coast trade show for anyone who makes their living on the water. Pacific Marine Expo, dubbed Fish Expo, has bragging rights as one of

the nation's top trade shows, and it's even bigger this year.

"We are going to be 522 companies strong and 90 of them are brand new to the show. It just continues to grow," said Denielle Christensen, Expo Director, adding that in this day of internet shopping, nothing replaces the "hands on" and networking of a real event.

New to the show floor are 11 safety workshops, a Job Fair and a fishermen's lounge.

"It's an amazing space where people can come in and see art and history and take a break from the floor," Christensen said.

Seminars include selling your own catch, emergency crew duties, marine connectivity, salmon habitat and the importance of bait. The event also features National Fisherman's popular Fishermen of the Year competition and Highliner awards.

Pacific Marine Expo takes place Nov. 17-19 at the Century Link Field in Seattle.

Pot cod goes EM - Boats that catch cod with big pots are in the pre-implementation stage of making electronic monitoring a reality. That's due to a steadfast push for three years by the Homer-based North Pacific Fisheries Association (NPFA) and Saltwater, Incorporated of Anchorage, a leader in data collection since 1988. The EM systems can replace or augment onboard observer coverage which can cost boat owners \$400 a day or more.

Armed with funding by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the partnership proved that pot cod is a fishery that fits the bill because of the way the fish is brought on board. Starting in

2013, the pot codders set out to prove that using video cameras aimed at the catch could be cost effective and clearly show what's coming aboard.

"From 2013-2015 we had up to five boats and 13,000 pot hauls. Saltwater data reviewers were able to identify 99.6 percent of the more than 55,000 catch items to a species or a species group level. It was like, wow, this works. That really caught the managers' attention," said Nancy Munro, Saltwater founder and president.

To get required weights of both catch and discards, the fishermen devised measuring grids on their sorting tables and Saltwater created a digital ruler that snaps nose to tail images of the fish, along with software that calibrates each to length and weight.

On the basis of that work, federal managers gave the go-ahead for the pot cod fleet to begin EM pre-implementation starting January 1.

Boats are needed to test out EM systems; all costs will be covered by the grant money. Questions? Contact Saltwater, Inc. or the NPFA

Giving back - American Seafoods Company is again offering grants totaling \$38,000 for community projects that address hunger relief, safety, housing, research, natural resources and cultural activities. The majority of awards range from \$500 to \$3,000 per organization. The deadline to submit applications is November 16. The awards will be announced by a community advisory board on December 1.

Contact Kim Lynch at kim.lynch@americanseafoods.com or 206-256-2659.

Native elder needs survey underway

Wrangell Senior Center is conducting a survey this month tracking Native elder health and social issues.

The local surveying is a cooperative effort between Southeast Senior Services and Wrangell Cooperative Association. The results go to the National Resource Center on Native American Aging, which assesses the quality of life for elders across the United States.

NRCNAA helps compile and prepare the results of the assessment, as well as provide assistance on how to best use that data. The survey focuses on individuals aged 55 and older, and provides a useful tool for accessing federal Title VI grant funding which can further help such senior assistance

programs.

"It certainly would help us fulfill that part of the grant application," explained Marianne Mills, SESS program director. The service maintains a network serving 14 communities across the region, providing meals and transportation services, care coordination and other programming.

On a local level, the additional grants can translate into greater capacity, allowing for more days for meals and ride services. At Wrangell's Senior Center, manager George Joseph explained a representative is already setting up appointments with local Native seniors. Those interested in participating are invited to give the center a call at 874-2066 to set up a time.

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Wrestlers take sixth in statewide invitational

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Wrangell's wrestlers took sixth place overall during the weekend's annual tournament in Anchorage.

The Lime Solar-Anchorage Christian Schools Invitational draws schools from around the state each year, many of them contenders for tops honors at State. Forty-six teams attended this year's tournament, and Wrangell fielded one of the smaller rosters for teams making the top ten.

Nine Wolves competed, with seven counting toward the team total for points.

In the Varsity 98 bracket, Jonah Comstock bested Eielson High student Jolie Lucas in a 14-11 decision. Eventual second-placer Jacob Andrew from New Stuyahok ended up beating him by fall the next round. Winning by fall over Stephen Maxie of Napaskiak, Comstock placed third for his bracket and earned his team 20 points overall.

In the Varsity 106, JD Barratt ended his first two matches in pins. Chevok's Ajey Moses was finished in 1:46, and Barratt pinned Dillingham's Jimmy Nicolai in 19 seconds. He then went against Thomas Dymont of Bethel, who pinned Barratt in 1:10 and went on to win the bracket. Barratt ended up finishing fourth for the bracket and earned 20 team points.

Ian Jenson won by 9-0 majority decision over Homer's Mose Hayes in the Varsity 132, bested by Bethel's Hayden Lieb by 8-1 decision the next round. Lieb went on to take silver for the bracket, and Jenson won the subsequent fifth-place match by 14-8 decision. He earned 12 points for his team.

In the Varsity 145, Sam Armstrong and Sig Decker both competed. Armstrong ended his first two matches in pins of 2:44

and 3:42, before ending in a 10-2 majority decision favoring Klawock's James Heppe. In a rematch for third place, Heppe again won in an 8-2 decision. Decker finished his opening match in a 24-second pin, concluding two more by fall and by 8-5 decision. He went on to win the fifth place match against Mian Alexie-Leonard of Bethel. Armstrong earned 24 points for the team, and led among the Wolves for pins over the weekend.

Hunter Wiederspohn and Dillon Rooney competed together in the Varsity 152 bracket, with Wiederspohn winning by fall against Homer's Seth Classen in the opener. He narrowly lost to Gabe Martin of Grace Christian, and was a hair shy of making the podium.

Competing in the 160, Dawson Miller finished his first match in a pin, before taking the next in a 7-2 decision. Competing in the third-place match against Barrow's Isiah Passi, Miller finished fourth overall after a 12-6 decision.

Caleb Groshong took fifth place overall for the Varsity 220, besting Thorne Bay wrestler Luke Congdon in a quick 52-second pin and winning his next in a close 7-6 decision. After a disqualification in the semifinal round, Groshong went on to win the fifth-place match against Andrew Wilson of Aniak in a 10-6 decision.

"We're really proud of the kids," said assistant coach Jack Carney. The team finished just behind the leading 2A team, and Wrangell's players stood out in terms of matchups.

"The Wrangell Wolves got 19 pins over the tournament," Carney said. "It was really impressive."

He pointed out most were 32-person brackets, and with that level of competition

the team comes away with a better idea of how it will stack up in later tournaments.

"It was fun, but we definitely learned from the tournament," Carney said. "The guys kind of know where they are now as far as the state goes."

The team is next headed to Metlakatla before taking a two-week bye. The Wolves will then host its annual tournament before heading into Region V.

"We're really looking forward to the break," Carney commented.



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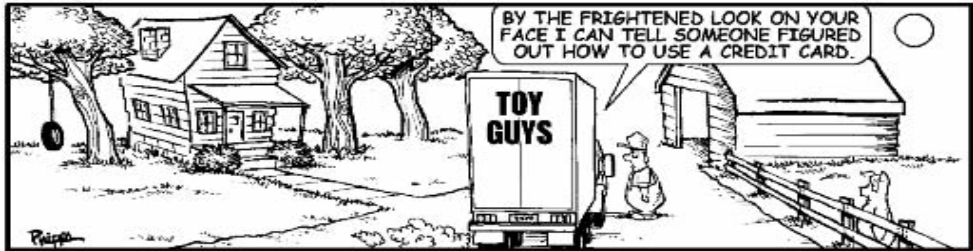
Student project "KidsVote"

Draven Golding and Max Voltz deputize a fellow student at the Nolan Center on Election Day morning. For his senior class project, Golding elected to hold a mock vote for the benefit of fellow minors. Students from the high school made their way down through the day to cast ballots, which were counted yesterday.

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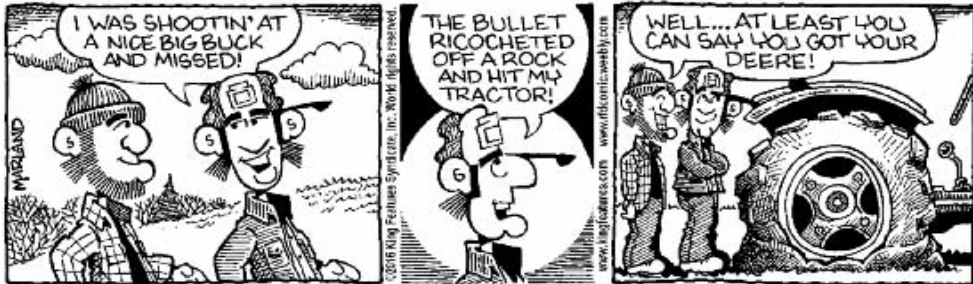
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- 27 — de plume
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Election injections

Lexi Prunella gets a free flu shot from Public Health Nurse Erin Michael Tuesday evening, during the department's "Vaccinate and Vote" drive. A clinic was held at the Nolan Center in tandem with ongoing elections, giving locals the opportunity to exercise two civic duties at once. At no cost to those getting inoculated, vaccinations were available for children aged 6 months and older, and adults alike. Petersburg-based staff attended to the drive, as the Wrangell office wound down operations in May due to budget cutbacks.

Alaska's Ketchikan Gateway Borough hires new manager

KETCHIKAN, Alaska (AP) – A California city manager has been selected to serve as the new manager for Alaska's Ketchikan Gateway Borough.

The Borough Assembly picked Ruban Duran for the job on Friday. He's leaving his position as manager of the Southern California city of El Centro and will take over for the borough's outgoing manager, Dan Bockhorst, on Dec. 19, The Ketchikan Daily News reported.

Duran was chosen to manage the borough over two other candidates – Washington state-based municipal employee Robert Grumbach and Albert Scott, who most recently managed a homeowners association near Dallas.

"I think he's got a wealth of experience that will be helpful and relevant to Ketchikan," assembly member Stephen Bradford said of Duran.

As manager of El Centro, Duran said he has been dealing with issues such as increased costs and financial burdens brought on by the state of California.

"It's bad and getting worse," Duran said. "The state continues to shift costs and work to the cities and counties and

trying to take away revenues at the same time. It's turning into a real difficult situation for the communities – particularly the rural communities in California."

While Alaska is facing its own financial troubles with a multibillion-dollar budget deficit, Duran said the state is in "a much better situation."

"I think there's a true desire by the state Legislature to do something about it," he said.

Duran and his wife have already sold their house in El Centro and are looking forward to making the move to Ketchikan.

"The more we looked at it we realized, irrespective of the outcome, we want to live here," Duran said. "This is a community that likes being a community. You have a great arts community – people like each other here."

Duran's five-year contract with the borough states that he will be paid an annual salary of \$110,000. He will also be entitled to a 10-percent bonus if he remains in the position for the full term.

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NOTICE

Attention Fishermen using gear floats at Shoemaker Bay and In-town Harbor. **ALL** Gear, Pots, Nets etc need to be removed from gear floats prior to November 15th, 2016.

This includes all gillnets on the storage float off the south end of Reliance Float.

All gear, pots and nets remaining on the floats November 15th, 2016 will be disposed of by the Harbormaster.

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CITY OF WRANGELL

In-House and Public Announcement ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POSITION TEMPORARY Laborers Nolan Center/Museum

The Nolan Center/Museum will be accepting applications for Temporary Laborers, the deadline to turn in an application is November 18, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Duties will be assigned by the Nolan Center Director and may include both days, nights, weekends, indoor and outdoor work. Must have computer experience, some office skills, and be able to lift 50 pounds.

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

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Jeff Jabusch
Wrangell City Manager

Publish: November 3 and 10, 2016

City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

PUBLIC NOTICE

Vacancy on the Wrangell Medical Center Board

The City and Borough of Wrangell is accepting *letters of interest* from citizens who wish to serve on the Board of Directors for the Wrangell Medical Center.

The unexpired term of appointment is unexpired until October 2019.

Any interested person is eligible to apply. Letters of interest should be submitted to:

Mayor David L. Jack
PO Box 531
Wrangell, AK 99929

or you can email your *letter of interest* to the Borough Clerk at: clerk@wrangell.com on or before **Tuesday, November 29, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.**

Information on the powers and duties of the Wrangell Medical Center Board are contained in the Board of Directors' Bylaws. A copy of which can be obtained by contacting the Borough Clerk at 205 Brueger Street or email to clerk@wrangell.com.

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Kim Lane, MMC
Borough Clerk

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FOR RENT

Available November 1st Apartment upstairs at 310 Front Street. 3 bedrooms, 1 3/4 bathrooms, Washer/Dryer Hookup. No Pets. 1440 Square Feet. \$850 per month plus tax = \$909.50. To move in 1st month/last month and \$500 deposit. Call Darlene Harding 907-874-2420 (home), 907-305-1091 (cell)tfn11-10b44

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JOBS

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tions at WMC front desk, job open until filled. WMC is an EOE.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

NOTICE INVITING BIDS - WRANGELL DOCK LIGHTING

Notice is hereby given that the City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska will receive sealed bids for the construction of the **WRANGELL DOCK LIGHTING** project.

The WORK consists of all activities necessary to construct the Wrangell Dock Lighting, as shown in the contract documents. The Work is comprised of a Base Bid and an Additive Alternate A. The Engineer's estimate for the Base Bid is \$250,000 - \$260,000 and the estimate for the Additive Alternate A is \$30,000 - \$40,000.

The Contract Documents are available in electronic format only and are available for downloading from the City and Borough of Wrangell website (www.wrangell.com) under the Bids and RFP's section. The full solicitation is listed on the website. To be registered on the Plan Holder's List, contact the Borough Clerk at 907-874-2381 or at clerk@wrangell.com

Sealed bids will be received by the City and Borough of Wrangell, Post Office Box 531, Wrangell, Alaska 99929, or located at the Borough Clerk's Office, 205 Brueger Street, Wrangell, Alaska 99929, until 10:00 AM prevailing time on November 28, 2016 and publicly opened and read at that time.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any informality in a Bid, or to make award as it best serves the interests of the OWNER.

OWNER: The City and Borough of Wrangell
Jeff Jabusch, Borough Manager

Published: November 10, 17 and 23, 2016

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Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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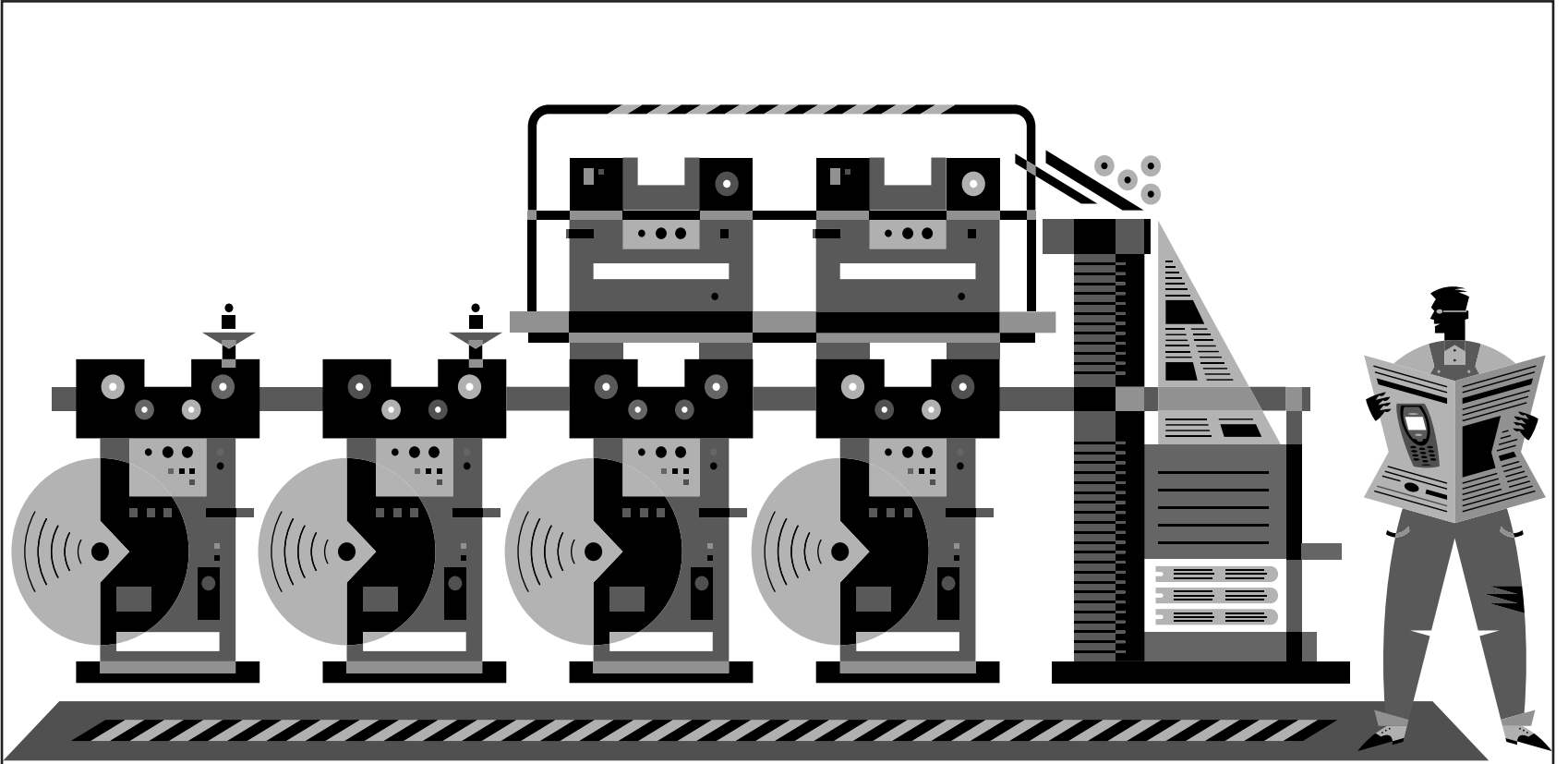
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WRANGELL SENTINEL



French sailor

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With the high winds and snow, visibility was sometimes reduced to a whiteout which could make venturing out on the ice a dangerous endeavor.

“Two times I was lost right across from my boat,” said Soudée.

In all, he spent 130 days iced in off the Greenland coast, and of those, he reckoned the weather was only clear for 10. Soudée was unsure how long he would be there, but had intended to augment his rations with fish caught from the ice.

As things turned out, he caught only one fish during the duration of the stay. His hen Monique laid 106 eggs however, which he ate along with carefully measured allotments of rice. More plentiful was water, for which he collected and melted blocks of ice with his stove. In all, Soudée estimated he lost about 26 pounds during the extended winter.

He was beyond radio contact as well, and was for all practicalities on his own. Soudée was rarely short of ways to spend the time, maintaining the boat and breaking ice from its hull. The pressure from the ice was such that a few times Soudée was in fear for his boat.

“I was thinking this is the end of my trip, no?” said Soudée.

Other times were less stressful: “You read, you write, you speak with the chicken,” he recounted. When the weather was cooperative and he had the opportunity, Soudée would hike, ski and ice surf.

For power, the boat is decked out with solar panels and a wind turbine. With low light conditions for much of the winter, the latter proved the more useful, and Soudée has been able to record parts of his trip using a drone and post entries online with his computer. He has been maintaining a Facebook page and YouTube channel as he goes, Guirec Soudée Adventure, which has



PHOTO COURTESY OF GUIREC SOUDÉE

Viewed by a drone from above, the sailboat Yvinec makes its way along the icy Northwest Passage in August en route to Canada's Cambridge Bay. Beginning its sojourn in France, the boat is currently on its way around the world.

accumulated over 100,000 likes.

After the ice finally broke and Yvinec was free to sail again, Soudée crossed Baffin Bay and headed to the Arctic Ocean.

“It was hard because there was so much fog,” said Soudée.

The trip was also made hazardous due to icebergs and floes, which he had to carefully avoid. He found navigation was also hindered, with the magnetic pole rendering his compass useless. On little sleep he made the Northwest Passage trip in 32 days, arriving in Nome on September 2. In clearer waters, from there he traversed the Bering Strait, passing through the Aleutian Islands before making his way across the Gulf of Alaska over to Southeast.

Soudée picked up another crew member in Kodiak, a puppy

name Bosco. With Monique, the three of them landed in Hoonah, where Soudée said he was warmly received. He had the chance to fish for halibut and see a number of bears, and also learn about the local history and culture. Before departing, his host on the island presented him with a canoe paddle he'd made, decorated in a formline design.

“I enjoy to be here,” Soudée said of Alaska. “It was very interesting.”

Making his way southward, an extended period of rough weather brought Yvinec to Wrangell, where it remained moored over the weekend. So far he figured he has traveled about 17,000 miles, but there are many more ahead before the journey concludes. From here Soudée will head to Ketchikan, then to Vancouver and eventually San

Francisco. Next year he plans to continue southward to South America and from there cross the Pacific Ocean by way of French Polynesia.

Soudée figured this was the perfect time to make such a trip, before having to focus on the responsibilities of career and family life. If there is a lesson to be had from it, he explained there was an ingenuity to be found from necessity, and that the experience has helped teach him to be self-sufficient. His travels have also taken him to far-off places and introduced him to new communities, making him new friends. These are things which will be carried throughout his life.

“You have so many memories, and your story,” he commented. “It is important to realize your project, your dream.”

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Movie info: www.imdb.com

Assembly

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think any kind of additional costs will make it hard for me to compete with illegal operations.”

Looking at other communities around the state, member Patty Gilbert found municipalities' approaches varied considerably. Houston, for example, added a flat rate of \$10 per ounce of bud or \$2 for the remainder sold. But then Ketchikan added an additional five-percent rate on top of its existing sales tax. Valdez meanwhile voted to place an excise worth 50 percent of the drug's market value.

“It's all over the place,” she said.

Rooney expressed an interest in fixing a tax to market value as equitable, while Mitchell likened it to raw fish taxes, saying he would not be opposed to a 10-percent rate to be applied.

Martinsen last month submitted applications for retail and cultivation licenses, and estimates it will be at least February before he can expect to be able to begin operations at his store, Happy Cannabis. With time to contemplate, assembly members charged the city clerk with looking into options for a new tax.

In other business, a request for modifying a contract zone agreement was approved, expanding the proposed storage facility at the Torgramsen-Glasner subdivision to include two buildings instead of one. A bid for recarpeting the courtroom area in the amount of \$21,495 by Rainbow Builders was approved as well.

Mayor David Jack also extended an invitation to the public to attend a Veterans Day program at the high school on Friday, set for 10:30 a.m.

“If you are veteran, or you know a veteran, you're invited,” he commented.

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