

## Planning and Zoning reviews hazard mitigation plan

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

The Wrangell Planning and Zoning Commission held a special meeting last week, June 4, to review the borough's hazard mitigation plan. The plan, according to Economic Development Coordinator Carol Rushmore, is meant for city and other governing entities to better understand what kind of natural disasters it may be vulnerable to, the potential costs of those disasters, and ways that the risks can be lessened.

Wrangell's plan was first created in 2010, and was in need of an update. She also said that the plan is supposed to be reviewed and updated every five years, and Wrangell is required to have it if it wants to qualify for certain federal grants.

"This basically is a requirement if we seek certain types of funding from the feds," she said. "It depends what it is, I don't have all the details. In 2010, the state hired a contractor to work with different communities around the state to develop a hazard mitigation plan. That is this plan here."

The meeting's agenda packet, including the entire mitigation plan and other documents related to it, was over 250 pages long. The commission focused on only two chapters of the plan, six and seven, which covers the vulnerability assessment and the mitigation strategy.

Chapter six is titled "Vulnerability Assessment." According to this chapter, there are seven main natural disasters that Wrangell considers itself vulnerable to: Earthquake, flood, ground failure, tsunami, severe weather, volcanic ash, and wildland fire. According to this chapter, earthquakes present risks largely to infrastructure and people. This is the same case with floods, ground failure, and fire. Volcanic ash presents a slightly different risk, however.

"An eruption of significant size in southcentral Alaska will certainly affect air routes, which in turn affects the entire state," the plan reads on page 6-32. "Other impacts include respiratory problems from airborne ash, displaced persons, lack of shelter, and personal injury. Other potential impacts include general property damage (electronics and unprotected machinery), structural damage from ash loading, state/regional transportation interruption, loss of commerce, and contamination of water supply."

Severe weather also presents a unique risk to the Wrangell area. With most of Southeast Alaska facing a drought, unusual for the area, both the city's water supply and hydroelectric power are being strained.

Table 6-1, in the plan, lists how "at risk" Wrangell's buildings and people are to each of these risks, save for volcanic ash. According to this table, everything and everybody is 100 percent at risk, except for, apparently, floods. Commissioner Kate Hein asked about the chart, questioning why each hazard was put as a 100 percent risk, while the vulnerability to floods was kept blank.

"If an earthquake hit, our entire geographic area could be impacted, and potentially our entire population," Rushmore explained. "That's why 100 is in all of that. I don't know why flood's not in there. It should be."



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The Wrangell and Petersburg softball teams congratulating each other at the end of their final game last Saturday afternoon.

## Wins, losses, and ties as Wrangell and Petersburg meet on the baseball diamond

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After traveling to Petersburg two weeks ago, the Wrangell little league and softball programs hosted a series of home games at Volunteer Park last Saturday, as teams from Petersburg visited Wrangell. There were five games in all, starting at 9:30 a.m.: Two softball games, and three baseball.

### Softball:

Wrangell's fledgling softball team, the Eagles, made a very good showing in Saturday's games. They played

against a softball team from Petersburg, which was a collection of players from softball teams of different age ranges.

"Thank you for having us over," said Petersburg Coach Becky Turland. "We're excited to have softball going between our two small islands."

The first game was at 9:30 a.m. The Eagles demonstrated good teamwork and a strong batting game. While Petersburg's softball team played hard, they had trouble getting hits. The final score for the game was 0-12, a win

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There is also an extensive list of facilities and infrastructure in chapter six. From city buildings, to churches, to local businesses, to roads, the location, value, and vulnerability of each part of Wrangell was listed. For example, city hall was listed at its location on 205 Brueger St. At any given point in the day, the chart reads that eight people might be located inside the building. The building is valued at roughly \$1.7 million, and is listed as vulnerable to each of the natural disaster hazards save ground failure.

Commissioner Don McConachie pointed out what he saw as a mistake in the chart. The chart listed 9.9 miles of city-owned paved roads, valued at \$50 million. McConachie said he was fairly certain there were more paved road in Wrangell than that, and the number probably needed updating.

"It says 9.9 paved road miles in here, I believe we have more than that now," he said. "Are things like that going to be considered, because the amount of paved highway has increased?"

Rushmore said she would look into it, and see if the mitigation plan was only considering city roads or if it should also include state-owned roads. The commission agreed that state roads should probably be added, too.

There was also a discussion about areas at risk of damage from a tsunami.

Hein said that not enough buildings and infrastructure had been labelled as vulnerable to a tsunami. McConachie pointed out that the post office was listed as "at risk," while the Alaska Fish and Game building was not, despite the post office being at a higher elevation. Rushmore said that this was probably not a very well researched part of the plan, as tsunamis were considered unlikely, compared to other natural disasters. However, she agreed that Wrangell needed to be better prepared, and would look into it further.

The commission then looked at chapter seven of the plan, which covers, among other things, various ways the community can mitigate risks in the event of a natural disaster. Rushmore presented the commission with a draft of new proposed mitigation activities, as well as the list that was already in the plan. The draft of proposals came from a borough assembly work session in March, she explained.

"So now you know what your hazards are," she said, "and then it's a question of, well, what can you do to try to minimize the impacts from a hazard?"

The existing list and the new proposals had several points in common. Both stated that increased outreach to the public on potential hazards and how to be prepared was a high priority. Another idea shared by both plans was to install a siren warning system through town.

Other ideas on both lists involved the borough coordinating with other entities around Wrangell to better understand what resources they have available, who could respond to a disaster quickest, setting up emergency shelter designations, and developing back up plans in case the main plans fail.

There was one idea on the existing strategy that caught the commission's attention, regarding severe weather. The plan was part of the public outreach goal of the strategy, putting together "special awareness activities" for the public. These could include Flood Awareness Week, Winter Weather Awareness Week, and others. Several commissioners liked the idea, and said they should give it more serious attention. McConachie said that it would be a great project for high school students.

"It would be a great senior project for a kid at school," he said. "Just go in and do that one thing in October, or whatever the case may be, for their senior project."

During the meeting, the commission also discussed adding underbrush management to the mitigation strategy, and emphasizing drought as a hazard to the community. They planned to continue their discussion of the strategy in future meetings. The planning and zoning commission is scheduled to meet next on Thursday, June 13, and again on July 11.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

**Thursday, June 13:** Stan Martin, Aaron Powell, Alivia Young, Andre Shafer, Mark Walker. **Friday, June 14:** Chester Massin, Ryan Miller, Geoff Stutz, Michelle Shofstahl. **Saturday, June 15:** Dacia Dailey, Kayla Hay, Quinn Carey, Grover Mathis, Bert Nore, Shayna Schultz, Chris Weber. *Anniversary:* Phil & Kara Carey. **Sunday, June 16:** Lana Mike, Hollis Montgomery, Louise Smith. **Monday, June 17:** Brynlee Wolten, Frank Rice, Forest Anasogak, Layla Mill. *Anniversary:* Vern & Ann Phillips. **Tuesday, June 18:** William Barker, Shannon Lindley, Greyson Allen. *Anniversary:* Matt & Leslie Richard. **Wednesday, June 19:** Anna Hagelman, Ken Davidson, Jr., Tammy Davidson. *Anniversary:* Kevin & Teresa Wallace. **Thursday, June 20:** Amber Armstrong, Alicia Armstrong, Greer Kagee, Brian Cooper, Danica Mike.

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

## Senior Center Menu

### Thursday, June 13

Halibut Caddy Gantry, Rice Pilaf, Broccoli, Romaine & Radish Salad

### Friday, June 14

Mac & Cheese w/Ham, Steamed Spinach, Honey Orange Salad

### Monday, June 17

Salisbury Steak, Sweet Potatoes, Peas, Spicy Fruit Cup

### Tuesday, June 18

Sweet & Sour Chicken, Confetti Rice, Tossed Salad

### Wednesday, June 19

Turkey Sandwich, Carrots, Perfection Salad

### Thursday, June 20

Salmon Loaf, Spinach Salad, Sweet & Sour Cabbage

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, June 15

Malaspina 8:15 a.m.

##### Sunday, June 16

Columbia 7:45 p.m.

##### Tuesday, June 18

Malaspina 4:00 p.m.

##### Saturday, June 22

Malaspina 12:15 p.m.

##### Sunday, June 23

Columbia 4:45 p.m.

#### Southbound

##### Thursday, June 13

Malaspina 11:30 p.m.

##### Monday, June 17

Malaspina 5:30 a.m.

##### Wednesday, June 19

Columbia 8:00 a.m.

##### Thursday, June 20

Malaspina 9:30 p.m.

##### Monday, June 24

Malaspina 8:45 a.m.

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



## TIDES June 13 - June 20

	High Tides		Low Tides					
	AM	PM	AM	PM				
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
June 13	10:48	14.2	10:59	17.7	4:33	0.6	4:31	2.1
June 14	11:47	14.7	11:47	18.2	5:30	-0.8	5:27	2.2
June 15	...	...	12:39	15.1	6:19	-1.8	6:15	2.4
June 16	12:31	18.3	1:27	15.3	7:03	-2.4	6:59	2.6
June 17	1:13	18.2	2:12	15.2	7:43	-2.5	7:39	3.0
June 18	1:53	17.7	2:54	15.0	8:20	-2.2	8:17	3.5
June 19	2:31	17.1	3:34	14.6	8:57	-1.7	8:59	4.0
June 20	3:08	16.3	4:13	14.1	9:33	-1.0	9:33	4.5

## Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

### Thursday, June 13

**WCA Program Planning & Potluck Dinner:** Nolan Center, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Please bring a dish to share. For more info, contact ANA Project Director at (907) 874-4304 or e-mail: receptionist@wrgtribe.org.

### Saturday, June 15

**Pats Lake Family Fishing Day:** Pats Lake, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Free outdoor fun for the whole family! Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition will also be providing information on the Pat Creek Restoration Project & offering tours of the project site at 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Wrangell Little League End of Season Picnic:** Volunteer Park baseball fields, 12:00 p.m.

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

## Continuing Events

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

### Pool:

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class: M-W-F 8:30-9:30 a.m.  
 Water Aerobics: M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.  
 Lap Swim: M-W-F 6:00-7:30 a.m. MTWThF 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. TuTh 5:15-6:15 p.m. Sa 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
 2 Lane Lap Swim: M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.  
 Lap/Tot Swim: MTWThF 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. S 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
 Swim Club: M-F 3:15-5:15 p.m.  
 Open Swim: M-W 5:30-7:00 p.m. F 6:30-8:00 p.m. S 1:00-2:00 p.m.  
**Weight Room:** M-Thu 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-7:30 p.m. F 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-8:30 p.m. S 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

### MEETINGS

### AA Meetings:

North Star Group Meeting. St. Philip's Church. Tuesday: 7 p.m., Thursday: 8 p.m., Friday: 8 p.m.

## The Way We Were

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

### June 12, 1919

Prof. Wilcox of the U.S. Bureau of Mines will take an economic geological reconnaissance of Kupreanoff Island and vicinity. Professor E. R. Wilcox who, during the past year, has been Research Fellow in the U.S. Bureau of Mines, University of Washington, will arrive in Wrangell as soon after his duties there are at an end about June 16, to join John T. Towers on Kupreanoff Island. Mr. Wilcox will spend the coming summer making an economic geological reconnaissance of Kupreanoff Island and vicinity. The U.S. Geological Survey renders much valuable assistance to miners and prospectors in their work in Alaska, but it is out of their province to make detail surveys and define commercial values. This work is for the individual company or operator, and it is such detail work that Mr. Wilcox is to undertake this summer.

### June 16, 1944

Wrangell reached the half way mark at noon today in raising its quota of \$15,000 in series E bonds in the 5<sup>th</sup> war loan drive; it was reported at the Post Office. Sales up to that hour were \$7,425. Of the \$10,000 quota for other securities, which are available through Federal Reserve banks report to the local war bond committee was that \$2,500 had been purchased so far. Monday, opening day of the drive, saw the biggest urge on the part of Wrangellites to back the invasion, approximately \$6,000 in bonds being purchased that day. Reports from the Territory indicate that Alaska's quota of three million would be raised long before the end of the drive, July 8. Sales for the Territory for the first 10 days

of June, before the actual drive started, were \$168,604.50 of which series E sales were totaled \$120,290.50.

### June 12, 1969

An art exhibit was held at Wrangell Museum June 7-9 of exhibits prepared by students of Yvonne Traylor, with 66 entries displayed.

Yvonne Traylor, wife of Chuck Traylor, owner and operator of Stikine Air Service, finds time to teach and paint in addition to assisting her husband in the operation of the flying service. Since arriving in Alaska, she has exhibited in the Ketchikan Arts and Crafts shows and was chosen to exhibit at the Governor's Art Exhibit with the paintings displayed in the Governor's Mansion for six months in 1967. She also had paintings displayed in the Wrangell Arts and Crafts Centennial show, in addition to having displays in stores in Wrangell. Many of the paintings were for sale and will hang in the museum, through the summer, and are not judged.

### June 16, 1994

*Lady Washington*, a full-scale replica of the original sailing brig that opened Alaska to maritime trade with the United States in 1789, will be docked at Wrangell.

Visitors have the opportunity to participate in Alaska's commemoration of its maritime bicentennial, seeing first-hand how the early explorers and merchants traveled.

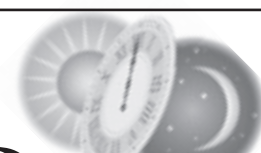
The 170-ton ship carries 4,400 square feet in her 12 sails. Wrangellites and island tourists can board the vessel for free. 1789's version of *Lady Washington* was constructed as a sloop but re-rigged later as a brig and over a decade continued to trade with the natives of the area for sea otter pelts. Today her stock in trade is the rich and colorful maritime heritage of the Northwest Coast.

Designated "Tall Ship Ambassador for the State of Washington," the replica has logged thousands of miles from British Columbia to Southern California and up the Columbia River to the high desert communities of eastern Oregon and Washington.



## Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
June 03	57	46
June 04	59	48
June 05	60	48
June 06	66	48
June 07	64	48
June 08	59	51
June 09	59	51
June 10	57	53



## Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
June 13	4:02 am	9:34 pm	17:32h
June 14	4:02 am	9:34 pm	17:32h
June 15	4:01 am	9:35 pm	17:34h
June 16	4:01 am	9:36 pm	17:35h
June 17	4:01 am	9:36 pm	17:35h
June 18	4:01 am	9:37 pm	17:36h
June 19	4:01 am	9:37 pm	17:36h
June 20	4:01 am	9:37 pm	17:36h



# Assembly adopts budget, approves property tax levy

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Borough Assembly gave a second reading of the proposed FY 2020 budget during their meeting on Tuesday, June 11. This year's budget season has been a challenge for local governments across the state, thanks in part to an ongoing battle over the state budget in the Alaska legislature. City governments and school boards are all looking at financial challenges in the near future, and Wrangell is no exception.

The proposed budget for the borough has revenues set at about \$16.62 million, while expenditures are set at about \$20.12 million. Wrangell has an expected \$27 million in reserve for 2019-2020. Of these reserves, about \$5.95 million is "unrestricted," according to a summary of funds attached to the meeting's agenda packet. This means that the borough can spend this money as they deem fit. The remaining money is restricted by charters, ordinances, resolutions, or a vote by the Wrangell public.

The borough is deficit spending in several categories, according to the summary of funds. The residential construction fund, for example, is expected to bring in \$34,600 while also spending \$68,500. Wrangell Municipal Light and Power will also dip into the red this year, requiring reserve spending. They will be spending about \$5.29 million while bringing in \$4.36 million.

The assembly also approved a resolution to levy a general property tax for school and municipal purposes for the 2019 tax year. The resolution sets the mill levy across all three of Wrangell's different tax zones. The mill rate in the Wrangell Service Area has been set at 12.75, and at 4 for areas outside of the service area and within the differential tax zone. The mill levy is the tax rate that is applied to the value of a property, and is basically a percentage. According to a chart in the meeting's agenda packet, there is a total of \$137 million in taxable property value within the Wrangell Service Area. At a levy rate of 12.75, or 12.75 percent, this would bring in about \$1.75 million in taxes. The total value of property in the borough was valued at about \$149 million, after exemptions were subtracted. The estimated total property tax revenue this year, for FY 2020, is set at about \$1.82 million. This is about



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## Community Roots holds pride picnic

Community Roots, Wrangell's LGBT support group, held a pride picnic at Shoemaker Park last Sunday afternoon. According to the event page on Facebook, the picnic was not only an opportunity for people to come together and share a meal, but it was also a commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots which occurred in late June of 1969, when New York City police raided a gay club known as the Stonewall Inn. According to an article on history.com, the raid sparked almost a week of riots and protests. It also served as the beginning of the modern gay rights movement in the United States.

Pictured here (left to right, from the top left) are Jennifer and Sheri Ridgeway, Breanne Pearson, Hailey Doss, Jonas Crabtree, Nikka Mork, Timothy Pearson, Nicholas Pearson, Maleah Wenzel, Vivian Faith Prescott, Eli Michael, Brina Collins, Jackson Pearson, and Joan Hurst.

\$43,330 more in property tax from last year, according to the packet.

During the meeting, the assembly also approved of a proposition to repeal section 3-9 of the Wrangell home rule charter. This is a housekeeping matter, according to the agenda packet, as section 3-9 deals with the Wrangell Medical Center, which is now under SEARHC control and not the borough's. The proposition will come before the public for a vote in October, pending its final approval by the assembly.

The assembly also took time during the meeting to introduce themselves to Officer Jay Huerta, a new member of the Wrangell Police Department.

It was also announced during the meeting that, due to scheduling conflicts, the planned town hall meeting on the city's conservation efforts on Wednesday, June 12, had been postponed. It will be rescheduled in the next few weeks, though a date has not been set at this

time.

Mayor Steve Prysunka and Borough Manager Lisa Von Barga added that Wrangell's water situation had begun to improve. Thanks to recent rain and local conservation efforts, the reservoirs were beginning to refill and water consumption had lowered by about 100 gallons per minute. However, they both reiterated that Wrangell was not out of the woods yet. With crab season beginning soon, the upcoming Fourth of July celebrations, and a forecast of drier-than-normal weather, demands on the water supply are only going to increase. Conservation remains a high priority, they said. The city will be under a Stage I water watch until further notice.

Before adjourning, the assembly held an executive session to discuss upcoming negotiations between the borough and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union.

## Police report

### June 3, 2019

Animal complaint: Dog killing chickens.

Traffic complaint.

Report of assault.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.

### June 4, 2019

Parking complaint.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.

Violating conditions of release: Unfounded.

Disturbance: Unfounded.

### June 5, 2019

Motor vehicle accident.

Found property.

### June 6, 2019

Suspicious circumstance.

Parking complaint.

Civil matter.

Fireworks.

### June 7, 2019

Agency assist: Line crew.

Agency assist: Wrangell Medical Center.

Suspicious person.

Agency assist: Public works.

Agency assist: Public works, person has no water.

Agency assist: TSA.

Suspicious circumstance.

### June 8, 2019

Citation issued: Sylvia Etefagh, 59. Time limit parking.

Summons service.

86'd letter served.

Disturbance: People partying in the storage shed.

Security check.

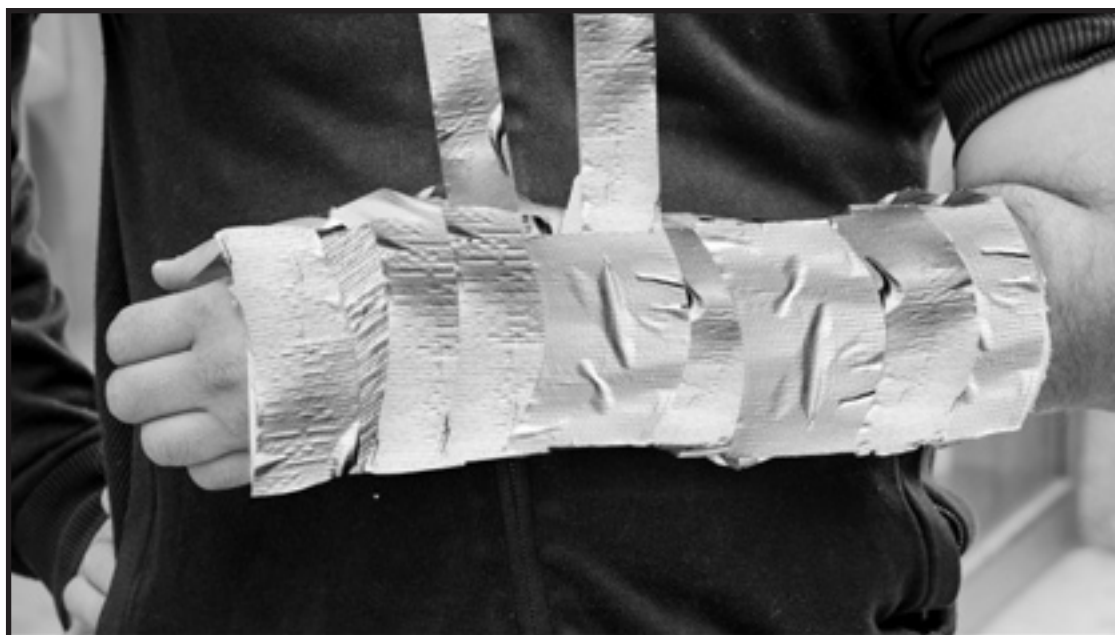
Agency assist: Subpoena service.

### June 9, 2019

Disturbance: Verbal warning to keep it down.

Unattended bag: Bag was returned to its owner.

There were five dog complaints and one ambulance call this week.



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# Brief power outage hits Wrangell and Petersburg

By CALEB VIERKANT  
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At approximately 4:20 p.m. last Friday, June 7, the power went out in the towns of Wrangell and Petersburg. Both islands completely lost power for about 40 minutes, before diesel generators were fired up around 5 p.m.

The outage occurred due to a problem with a breaker at Tye Lake, according to Rod Rhoades with Wrangell Municipal Light and Power.

According to Rhoades, around 4:20 p.m. Breaker No. 10 at Tye Lake opened up, shutting off power to the two towns. Tye Lake provides hydroelectric power to the two cities. Clay Hammer, with the Southeast Alaska Power Agency, said that a lightning strike might have been the cause of the outage,

but he could not confirm it. They searched the whole line, he said, and found no damage or anything that would signify lightning. While the weather on Friday was conducive to lightning, there was no evidence one way or the other.

"We don't know," Hammer said. "A possible lightning strike, but nothing we could point our finger at."

Wrangell switched to generator power around 5 p.m. Petersburg Utility Director Karl Hagerman said that it took a little longer for his crew to restore power to Mitkof Island.

"It took us probably an hour from the time the lights went out to getting the lights back on for everybody," he said.

By 7:30 p.m., breaker No. 10 had been re-energized and

both communities were able to shut their generators off and go back to power from Tye Lake. Rhoades said that he wanted to use the opportunity to recognize his team for all their hard work. Many of them had al-

ready gone home for the day when the power went out, he said, but they all came back once it did and did not stop working until the problem was solved.

"I was just very, very proud

of our electrical maintenance team here," he said.

## Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Wow, the small town politics is oh so... The latest news in my ongoing solo battle to drain the Wrangell swamp is. A certain upstanding citizen came into a certain store and gave away some comments and opinions that now have me at a disadvantage. This I can only see as the swamp's demand that I submit to their collective will and surrender. Being that now I am unemployed in from what was my main source of income, this is a starve-out tactic. They want to deny me unemployment and vacation pay after seven years of service. So nice try swamp creatures alone I strive forward to see you in court.

Kipha Valvoda

## Correction

In last week's story on the borough assembly agreeing to a \$1.3 million contribution to the Wrangell School District, it was reported that an amendment proposed by Assembly Member Patty Gilbert was dropped after discussion. Instead, the amendment was voted on and rejected.

## Obituary: Florence Pringle (Rinehart) 83

Florence Pringle (Rinehart) 83, died on April 6, 2019 in Missoula, Montana where she was living with her daughter, Wendy.

She was born on August 12, 1935 in Wrangell, Alaska to Helen and Harry Pringle.

She had three brothers, Richard, Harry and Robert and sisters, Marlene and Shirley. She also has half-brothers and sisters, the Jacksons, who live in Mississippi.

She graduated from Kent High School in Washington and later continued her education at the University of Washington. She worked at Husky Stadium, where she met Roger Jeffries Oliver; they married and settled in Seattle, Washington where son Richard and daughter Wendy were born.

She worked for Boeing, building airplanes and parts for jets.

In 1971 she moved back to Wrangell so her children could attend school. She met and married Richard Rinehart Sr. Florence worked as a cook for the Wrangell Institute until it shut down. Later, she cooked at the Wrangell Senior Center. After her children graduated from Wrangell High, she moved back to Washington State to be with her children as

they continued their education. She worked as the head cook at North Haven, a retirement home in Seattle. Later in life she moved in with her sister, Marlene Joseph in Martha Lake, Washington. For the sake of Marlene's health,

they moved to Arizona. In 2015 Florence, moved with daughter, Wendy Lyon (Jim), to Missoula, Montana. Every summer, Florence returned to Wrangell to visit her son, Richard (Virginia) and family and celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Florence loved cooking, sewing, gardening, camping and fishing. Florence was a member of the Alaska Native Sisterhood Camp # 1 and was the cook for the ANS Culture Camp and JOM Spirit Camp.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brother Richard Pringle.

She is survived by son Richard and daughter Wendy, sisters, Marlene and Shirley, brothers, Harry and Robert, uncle Ray Willard and niece Shirley Simmons and numerous nieces and nephews and cousins Bill Willard, Myrna Torgramsen, Vicky Kaer, Bill Stokes and Kathy Iversen.

Services will be held June 29, 2019 at 1:00 pm at Harbor Lights Church.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

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The City and Borough of Wrangell sponsors a Household Hazardous Waste collection event on an annual basis. This event is intended for household waste only, not for commercial waste. All other materials will be accepted for the normal disposal fees.



This year's Household Hazardous Waste event takes place **Saturday, June 15th and Sunday, June 16th** with extended hours, **from 8:30am - 4:00pm (closed for lunch from 11:00am-12:00pm).**

Our full Household Hazard Waste Brochure and the Water Environment Federation's Household Waste Chart and other important information can be found on the City's Website at [www.wrangell.com](http://www.wrangell.com). Hard copies are also located at City Hall, the Solid Waste Transfer Station and at the Public Works office. This brochure describes preventative measures you can take in your home to reduce the quantity of waste you must dispose. For more information on what you can do to eliminate hazardous waste from the solid waste stream, contact the Public Works office at 907-874-3904.

**Rolland Howell, Public Works Director  
City & Borough of Wrangell**

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# Rays give Bears first loss of the season

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

Breaking a season-long winning streak, the minor league Bears faced their first loss of the year at the hands

of the Rays. It was not a narrow defeat, either, as the Rays made over twice as many points as the Bears, with a score of 16-7 on June 4. The Rays have had a somewhat average season, winning as many games as losing, but unseating the Bears was a good demonstration of how far the team has come, according to coach Tawney Crowley.

"It was 100 percent their attitude," she said. "They were working together. We had a big pep talk at practice the day before, talking about the expectations of the team, expectations of each other, going over what our strengths were, things that we could work on. Then they showed up and it was, like, they were communicating, they were backing each other up, they were actually believing in themselves. Then they just ended up completely blowing themselves, and us, away. It was just really impressive."

Despite the loss, the Bears returned to form in their next game, on June 6, against the Sharks. While the Sharks got in two runs early in the game, they were unable to keep up with the Bears. The score was 2-7 by the third inning, and then 2-8. The final score, in the sixth inning, was 2-9 in favor of the Bears.

"I'm glad that all our team players came to play, and I'm proud of them sticking it out," said Bears Coach John Powell.

Sharks Coach Rod Rhoades was overheard giving his team a pep talk after the game. He said he was proud of their performance. They had done fairly well in most areas of the game, and they would have won if they had gotten more hits. He also reminded the team that they would be playing in a special game against Petersburg on Saturday, and to show up ready to play at 1 p.m. that day.



COURTESY OF BELLA CROWLEY

The Rays before their game against the Bears on June 4. The Rays would go on to give the Bears their first loss of the season. Pictured here (left to right, from the top row) is Delaney Decker, Bradley Eklund, Kiara Lyons, Lucas Stearns, Zander Bartlett, Kai Wigg, Connor Blake, Lynnea Harrison, Addie Bania, Kiara Brevick, and Amura Brevick.

# Cubs take two wins over Wolverines

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

The Cubs have taken two wins over the Wolverines this week, putting them one game ahead of their rivals for the season.

The first game was on

Wednesday, June 5. It went very heavily in the Cubs' favor. The Cubs made one run in the first inning, while the Wolverines failed to score. After that, the Cubs were all but unstoppable. The Wolverines made a single point in the

second inning, while the Cubs raised their score to 13. In the third inning, the Cubs made another 10 runs. The coaches of both teams decided to call it a game by that point, with the score being 1-23, and the Wolverines took the loss.

The next game, on June 10, was more competitive. Despite the rainy weather, the game went long, well past 9 p.m. The Wolverines had a much stronger batting game that night, compared to last

Wednesday. However, the Cubs still managed to keep ahead. The final score for Monday's game was 23-12.

The Cubs are now 6-5 for the season, and the Wolverines are 5-6. With only one game left for the major league season, on Wednesday, June 12, the Wolverines will have a final chance to tie both team's records for the season.

An end of the season picnic is scheduled for June 15, at noon.



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Cubs pitcher Keaton Gadd (No. 22) ducking after a pitch during warmup for their game against the Wolverines on June 5.



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# Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH *Fisheries columnist*

## Fishermen still waiting for Federal disaster relief funds for 2016

Alaska fishermen are still awaiting disaster relief funds for the 2016 pink salmon run failure, which was the worst in 40 years.

Congress approved \$56 million that year for Alaska fishermen, processors and communities hurt by the fishery flop at three Alaska regions: Ko-

diak, Prince William Sound and Lower Cook Inlet. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game and NOAA Fisheries finalized plans and procedures for payouts last August. Since then, the paper push has stalled on various federal agency desks.

NOAA Fisheries missed a promised June 1 sign off dead-

line and now says the funds will be released on the first of July, according to Representative Louise Stutes of Kodiak who has been tracking the progress.

"It affects all the cannery workers all the processors, all the businesses in the community," she said. "This has a big trickle-down effect."

The draft spending plan awaiting approval provides for funds in four categories. Coastal communities that would have gotten 1.5 percent of the landed value of the foregone pink catch would receive \$2.43 million. Just over \$4 million was set aside for pink salmon research, and processors would get \$17.7 million for lost wages as a result of the humpy bust.

Alaska fishermen would get the biggest chunk at \$32 million. The funds would be distributed using a calculation to restore lost dockside value equal to 82.5 percent of their five even year averages.

As for the July 1 promise, Stutes said she "is not holding her breath because of the fed's current track record in adhering to its own timelines."

"They know I'm a squeaky wheel and my job is to keep this moving in a forward direction," she said.

**Season of uncertainty** - Fisheries are always fraught with uncertainties, but there is an added element this year: trade tariffs on Alaska's largest export: seafood.

"The industry is accustomed to dealing with uncertainty about harvest levels, prices and currency rates. The trade disputes just add another layer to that," said Garrett Evridge, an economist with the McDowell Group.

Tariffs of up to 25 percent on U.S. seafood products going to China went into effect last July and more are being threatened now by the Trump administration. China is Alaska's biggest seafood buyer purchasing 54 percent of Alaska seafood exports in 2017 valued at \$1.3 billion.

"It's important to remember that a tariff is simply a tax and it increases the prices of our products," Evridge explained. "As Alaskans we are sensitive to any increase in the price of our seafood because we are competing on a global stage. And right now we have tariffs imposed on seafood from the Chinese side and the U.S. side."

In terms of Alaska salmon, the new taxes could hit buyers of pinks and chums especially hard. Managers expect huge runs of both this summer and much of the pack will be processed into various products in China and then returned to the U.S.

"There is uncertainty as to whether or not those products will be tariffed and the Trump administration has indicated they want to tariff all products from China," Evridge said.

For salmon, in a typical year Alaska contributes 30-50 percent of the world's wild-caught harvest. But when you include farmed salmon, Evridge said, Alaska's contribution is closer to 15 percent of the global salmon supply.

The Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game is predicting a total catch of 213.2 million salmon this year, more than 80 percent higher than

in 2018.

The harvest breakdown this year is pegged at about 42 million for sockeye salmon, 9 million fewer than last year.

For pinks, a haul of nearly 138 million would be an increase of 97 million fish over last summer. A coho salmon harvest of 4.6 million would be up 900,000 silvers over 2018.

Chum catches are projected to be at an all-time high with a catch of 29 million, topping the 25 million record set in 2017.

The harvest for Chinook salmon is 112,000 fish at areas outside of Southeast Alaska, where catches are determined by a treaty with Canada. The all gear limit in Southeast this year is 137,500 kings.

You can track Alaska's salmon catches via weekly emails that Evridge compiles for the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute.

"It gives folks a sense of what the various Alaska areas are producing versus prior years. The goal is to provide a quick snapshot of 2019 versus 2018 as well as the five year average," he said. Sign on at [garrette@mc-dowellgroup.net](mailto:garrette@mc-dowellgroup.net)

**Big boat buy** - The Bristol Bay Native Corporation (BBNC) is in talks to buy the two largest U.S. Pacific cod longline fishing companies, according to Undercurrent News. The companies - Clipper and Blue North - have 20 percent and 17.5 percent, respectively, of the longline portion of the Pacific cod catch. Clipper has a fleet of six vessels while Blue North has five larger longliners.

Buying the fishing companies would be the first move into seafood for BBNC, which reported revenue of over \$1.6 billion in 2018. Undercurrent said the corporation "generates around half its revenue from providing services to the oil and gas industry. The company's next biggest business units are firstly construction and then providing engineering and technical services primarily for the U.S. government."

**New fish hire** - Scott Kelley has joined United Fishermen of Alaska as its new executive administrator. Kelley was former director of the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game commercial fisheries division from 2015 until his retirement last year. He worked with ADF&G since 1990, starting as a port sampler at Excursion Inlet near Juneau.

Kelley replaces Mark Vinsel, who has worked at UFA for 18 years, including as executive director.

"Scott's immense knowledge of commercial fisheries in Alaska is well-respected and his relationship with commercial fishermen is extremely valuable. We are very lucky to have him join our organization," said UFA Executive Director Frances Leach.

UFA is the nation's largest commercial fishing trade group, representing 35 member organizations.

## Flag Day ceremony at Elks June 14

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

The Wrangell Elks Lodge will be hosting a Flag Day ceremony tomorrow, June 14, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Flag Day is a national holiday, celebrated annually on June 14.

The holiday was established in 1916, by President Woodrow Wilson, in honor of the flag of the United States, and also to give recognition to other historical events occurring near the same time. According to a 2018 article on history.com, Congress first established the Continental Army in June of 1775, during the Revolutionary War. This also led to the creation of the first "American" flag.

Carrie Wallace, chairperson for this year's celebration, pointed out another important event that occurred near this year's Flag Day: D-Day. On June 6, 1944, American and allied forces launched an amphibious assault on the beaches of Normandy, France, to begin the liberation of Europe from the Third Reich.

"It's so fitting, now, with 75 years from Normandy, where so many lives were lost," Wallace said. "It's fitting Flag Day falls so close to that."

Wallace said at the Elks Lodge there will be a flag procession of all the American flags throughout history. It will begin with the "Pine Tree Flag" and will end with the modern stars and stripes. The public is encouraged to attend the event.

The American Legion will also be participating in the ceremony, where they will have a public retirement of several flags which have become too old and worn for use.

Wallace said that anybody who owns an American flag they would like to retire is welcome to drop it off at the lodge during business hours, prior to the ceremony. After the ceremony, burgers will be served to all attending. Veterans' dinners will be complimentary of the lodge, according to a Facebook post by the Wrangell Emblem Club, an auxiliary of the Elks.



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Petersburg player Scotty Newman (No. 18) sliding into home just before Cubs pitcher Keaton Gadd (No. 22) is able to catch the ball.



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Sharks player Alyssia Roundtree (No. 28) at bat against a minor league team from Petersburg.

## Baseball diamond

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for Wrangell.

"They did really well in the first game," said Eagles Coach Tawney Crowley. "We loved playing against that other team. Not because we won, or anything, we just really like playing with them because when I'm out there base coaching, the girls on the other team are cheering each other on, they're cheering our team on, they just have positive attitudes, they hustle."

Crowley also added, after the games, that she felt it was all a very empowering experience for both teams.

The softball teams also had the final game of the day, beginning around 3:30 p.m. Once again, the Eagles demonstrated a strong batting game. While Petersburg put in a great amount of effort, they were still unable to make any runs. The final score was, once again, 0-12 in favor of Wrangell.

"It was a lot of fun, it was all very competitive," said Eagles Coach Bella Crowley. "The kids seemed to have a blast."

### Cubs vs. Rangers:

The Cubs, one of Wrangell's two major league division teams, opened the day of little

league games at 9:30 a.m. with a game against Petersburg's Rangers. The Rangers also had several players from the Mariners, another Petersburg team, playing alongside them.

The Rangers made six runs in the first inning, while the Cubs were unable to make any. In the second inning, the Cubs managed three points, but the Rangers were able to double their score. The Cubs did not make another run for the rest of the game, while the Rangers continued to make more points. The final score was 3-21, a win for Petersburg.

### Wolverines vs. Dodgers:

Wrangell's second major league team, the Wolverines, played against the Petersburg Dodgers at 11:30 a.m. after the Cubs/Rangers game.

"It's the first time we've been able to come over here in my memory," said Dodgers Coach Matt Pawuk. "Nice to get a change of pace from playing the same kids every week."

The game could be described as "nail biting," especially near its close. The game started with the Wolverines taking a decent lead, with a score of 8-3 by the second inning. However, the Dodgers made a comeback in the third

and fourth innings. During the Dodger's turn to bat, they tied the game at 11-11. The Wolverines were able to get players on base, but were unable to score until they had two outs. Then, at the last second, they made a final run to win the game. The final score was 12-11.

### Sharks vs. Petersburg minor team

At 1:30 p.m., the minor league division got its turn to play. The Wrangell Sharks, one of Wrangell's three minor league teams, went up against a combination of various minor league teams from Petersburg. Adam Swanson, coach for the Petersburg team,

said that he was excited for the game. It was a beautiful day, he said, and he believed his team was going to do well.

"Thanks for bringing us over," he said before the game.

The Sharks took a lead of 4-1 in the first inning. The score stayed there through the next two innings, with both teams having equally strong batters and fielders. In the fourth inning, both teams managed to make another three runs, bringing the score up to 7-4. Then, in the fifth inning, Petersburg got a second wind and pulled ahead of the

Sharks, making the score 7-9. In the sixth inning, the Sharks managed two points to tie the game. At this point, however, the game had been running long, and the softball teams were waiting to use the field for their scheduled game. After some discussion amongst the coaches and officials, the game was declared a tie at 9-9.

"I'm just thrilled that the kids played well today, and they had fun," Sharks Coach Rod Rhoades said. "Again, the tie was as good as a win for them. It was really a lot of fun."

## Golf roundup

City Market and Sentry Hardware co-sponsored a gold tournament at Muskeg Meadows last weekend. There were 15 participants on Saturday, May 8. First place went to Jerry Bakeburg, with a score of 29 and handicap of 12. Second place went to Eric Kading with a score of 30 and a handicap of 13. Frank Roppel had the straightest drive of the day at 5 feet, 10 inches.

Sunday's game saw 20 participants. First place went to Keene Kohrt, Faye Kohrt, Wayne Ellis, and Eric Kading with a score of 19 and team handicap of 15. Second place went to a team consisting of Ed Rilotos, Ron Sowle, Tyler Cropley, and Becky Cropley with a net score of 19 and team handicap of 17. Tyler Cropley had the straightest drive of the day, and Brett Woodbury was closest to the pin at 28 feet, one inch. The prizes for the tournament included an LED flashlight, picnic supplies, crab pop, a slow cooker, and a large cooler.

On Saturday, June 15, KSTK and Alaska Power and Telephone will be co-sponsoring a tournament. The Elks Lodge will be hosting a game on Sunday, June 16.



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