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Mathilde Gordon and Lucy Graham arrive at Wrangell's summer dock Friday morning after traversing the Wrangell Narrows. The two are kayaking their way south from Glacier Bay National Park to Vancouver to support marine cleanup efforts in Canada and their native Australia.

Kayakers spreading plastic-free message along coastline

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

A pair of Australian kayakers navigated their way to Wrangell over the weekend, part of a three-month excursion down the Pacific Ocean's northeastern coastline.

Starting in Glacier Bay National Park a couple of weeks ago and terminating in southern British Columbia, their trip is one with two purposes: to raise funds for marine conservation and to raise awareness about the impact of plastics on the world's oceans.

Lucy Graham and Mathilde Gordon come from Cairns, a seaside city in Australia's northeastern province of Queensland. Much as Wrangell is to the Stikine River and Anan bear observatory, Graham explained their community is the primary gateway to the Great Barrier Reef.

"It's the largest continuous coral reef system in the world," she noted.

Stretched over 1,400 miles and larger than the state of New Mexico, the reef is the largest single structure made by living organisms and can be seen from space. Despite its impressive size, the great reef is under pressure from various environmental factors, ranging from warming ocean temperatures and pollution to overfishing and harmful starfish.

"It's such an important ecosystem," said Graham. From an economic standpoint, the reef is a linchpin to her community's visitor sector and the basis for

the region's fishing industry. Ecologically, the reef enables a highly diverse ecosystem, and is home to hundreds of species of unique fish, marine mammals, bivalves, birds and other creatures.

"There is a kind of ecosystem where you can go snorkeling and diving and see anything from humpback whales to manta rays to sharks to Nemo," said Graham, referring to Pixar's iconic animated clownfish. "Everything you see in 'Finding Nemo,' that's what it's about, the Great Barrier Reef."

Protecting this resource has become a focus for both women, and their paddle trip is itself a project to further that goal. Dubbing their project "Passage Adventures" in reference to Alaska's Inside Passage, Graham and Gordon have set a goal of \$20,000 to raise for restorative efforts like Tangaroa Blue Foundation, which mobilizes volunteers to clear debris from Australia's shores, and Living Oceans, a similar group operating in British Columbia. Once they reach Vancouver, the two will meet up with the latter and assist in a remote beachside debris project, one requiring helicopter support.

Gordon explained the trip has been two years in the preparing, learning the ins and outs of marine navigation and survival skills, and researching as much as they could about the Alaskan and Canadian coastline. She had limited experience with kayaks beforehand, doing

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Royalty competition kicks off ahead of Fourth

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

It's a royal rumble this month, with the competition to see who gets crowned this year's king or queen of Wrangell's Independence Day celebrations starting off on May 31.

Arranged by the Chamber of Commerce, the competition is meant to raise funds both for the summer festivities and for the candidates themselves. Typically individuals have used what they raise to support higher education or some other project.

This year's group is no exception. Recent graduate McKinley Bosdell intends to head to Portland Community College in Oregon to study sign language interpretation. Wrangell High School alumnus Robbie Marshall is looking for funds to return to the University of Alaska with the intention

of eventually teaching math, while Draven Golding has aspirations to attend flight school.

The competition's metric revolves around ticket sales, which themselves enter holders into a prize drawing. The candidate who sells the most by the end gets coronated.

To achieve that end, candidates and their helpers will do a lot of door-to-door sales, but their major draw through the coming month will be food sales at a trio of booths at the downtown pavilion.

"There'll be a lot of long nights, a lot of prepping food, and a lot of door-to-door smiling at everyone's faces. And hopefully a lot of fun," said Jessica Whittaker, this year's royalty manager.

The first year holding the candidacy kickoff at the pavilion, on May 31 the competitors were formally introduced. After each making some remarks

about their motivations, samples of their refreshments to come were quickly mown down by the assembled visitors. Whittaker was there to lay out the rules and kick things off on the right foot.

"It is my first time doing it, but I'm not a stranger to the Fourth of July royalty race," she explained. "I ran in 2002, both of my sisters ran after me, respectively, and I've been a ticket manager for three different candidates three different times."

None of the three were able to start selling food, but instead had a short window to get a jump on selling tickets. The booths themselves opened up for business Friday morning, and will keep purveying through July 1.

"They'll have different specials throughout the month, which are laid out in their calendars," Whittaker said. "And

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PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Royalty manager Jessica Whittaker introduces this year's three candidates at a kick-off event on May 31. Draven Golding, McKinley Bosdell and Robbie Marshall will vie for the title over the next month, culminating in a coronation ball before the fireworks display on July 3.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, June 7: Kelly Tuttle, Hunter Abbott, Jacob Soeteber. **Anniversary:** Mike and Natalya Jabusch. **Friday, June 8:** Stephanie Cartwright, Chase Robertson, Chester Armstrong, Shannon Smith. **Anniversary:** James and Cinda Stough. **Saturday, June 9:** Carolyn Gould, Jon Ryon Pino. **Sunday, June 10:** Stan Schnell, Dan Newport, Josepine Lewis, Aveline Faye Russel. **Anniversary:** Trevor and Talea Keller, John and Lynn Maxand. **Monday, June 11:** Danielle Smith, Kiara Meissner, Kyler Archie Young, Kim Stover. **Tuesday, June 12:** Cole Appleman, Leonard Angerman. **Wednesday, June 13:** Stan Martin, Aaron E Powell, Andre Shafer, Alivia Lani Young, Mark Walker. **Thursday, June 14:** Chester Massin, Ryan A Miller, Geoff Stutz, Michelle Shofstahl.

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

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

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

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

Pool:

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

MEETINGS

AA Meetings: Smoked Fish Fri 8 p.m.; Step Study Sat. 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall, Study Materials provided.

The Way We Were

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

May 30, 1918

Once more Wrangell has demonstrated her ability to go "over the top" in any worthy enterprise. Although the Red Cross drive followed close on the heels of the Third Liberty Loan, the committees in charge of the raising of the Red Cross war fund met with unqualified success. The returns are not complete as there are several canneries to be heard from but the amounts received up to the present time are as follows: Wrangell donations: \$1453.35; Wrangell Band: 25.00; Union Bay cannery: 240.00; Santa Ana cannery: 166.50; Burnet Inlet Packing Co.: 126.50; Superior Fish Co.: 60.00; Point Warde Packing Co.: 92.45; Alaska Packers (partial returns): 130.00; Columbia & Northern High School entertainment and dance: 65.10; Received from raffle of moccasins donated by Mrs. Wm. Taylor: 25.75; Alaska Steamship Co.: 100.00; Point Ellis cannery: 167.00; Bayview: 85.00; North Pacific Trading & Packing Co.: 184.25; Craig: 573.00. Total receipts to date: \$3618.90

June 4, 1943

Statehood for Alaska is creating more and more interest in Washington, Delegate Dimond reports. Members of Congress are asking the Delegate daily whether he thinks Alaska is ready for statehood, and what he would like to have is more expressions from the residents of Alaska. He points out that setting up of statehood would take several years at best, and now is the time to get your views on the matter in to Delegate Dimond so that he may be

governed accordingly. Probably there isn't much chance of action during the war, but with its end, Alaska can be ready to go if the spadework is done now.

June 6, 1968

Three Wrangell High School juniors are attending the American Legion's Boys State program at Glennallen.

They are William Turner, Stephen Urata and Robert Urata.

The boys are sponsored by Merlin Elmer Palmer Post No. 6 of the Legion. It is the first time youths have represented Wrangell at the government forum. Students attending the program set up a mythical state government, complete with cities and boroughs.

June 3, 1993

The return to service of the Alaska Marine Highway System ferry Taku has been delayed.

The 352-foot vessel was expected to return to service in early June after an engine overhaul. But AMHS officials now say the ferry won't return to service until June 22.

The Taku has been in Mobile, Ala., for the equipment upgrades since last fall. The installation of two 4,000 horsepower NAK en-

gines was estimated to cost \$7 million, and work was anticipated to be completed by May 4.

In February, the return date was pushed back to late May or early June.

Last week, the ferry underwent sea trials to test the new engines, but problems were found with the reversible pitch propellers.

All passengers scheduled on the Taku have been notified and rebooked.

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, June 7

Herbed lime chicken, mixed veggies, sunshine salad, au gratin potatoes

Friday, June 8

Taco salad, spicy fruit cup, Spanish rice

Monday, June 11

Ham, sweet potatoes, cauliflower, buttermilk rolls

Tuesday, June 12

Crispy baked chicken, brussels sprouts, Texas coleslaw, berry cup

Wednesday, June 13

Halibut caddy ganty, broccoli mix, romaine & radish salad

Thursday, June 14

Mac & cheese w/ ham, steamed kale, honey orange salad

Please call Wrangell Senior Center at 874-2066 by 10 a.m. for reservations.

Milk, tea and coffee will be served with meals.

FERRY

Departures

Northbound

Saturday, June 9

Malaspina 11:45 a.m.

Sunday, June 10

Columbia 5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, June 12

Malaspina 9:15 p.m.

Saturday, June 16

Malaspina 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 17

Columbia 3:45 p.m.

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

Southbound

Thursday, June 7

Malaspina 9:15 p.m.

Monday, June 11

Malaspina 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 13

Columbia 6:15 a.m.

Friday, June 15

Malaspina 2:15 a.m.

Monday, June 18

Malaspina 7:45 a.m.



TIDES June 7 - June 14

High Tides				Low Tides				
AM		PM		AM		PM		
Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	
June 7	7:56	11.8	8:55	13.8	1:41	5.2	1:54	2.8
June 8	9:10	12.1	9:45	14.8	2:51	4.2	2:54	2.9
June 9	10:14	12.8	10:31	15.9	3:54	2.8	3:53	2.8
June 10	11:11	13.7	11:14	16.9	4:49	1.1	4:47	2.5
June 11	12:02	14.6	11:57	17.9	5:39	-0.6	5:37	2.2
June 12	12:51	15.4	6:24	-2.2	6:24	2.0
June 13	0:40	18.7	1:38	15.9	7:08	-3.3	7:09	1.8
June 14	1:24	19.1	2:25	16.2	7:52	-4.0	7:55	1.8

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Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
May 28	48	44
May 29	55	44
May 30	57	44
May 31	60	41
June 01	55	46
June 02	54	46
June 03	55	46
June 04	57	46

Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
June 07	4:05 am	9:28 pm	17:23h
June 08	4:05 am	9:29 pm	17:24h
June 09	4:04 am	9:30 pm	17:26h
June 10	4:03 am	9:31 pm	17:28h
June 11	4:03 am	9:32 pm	17:29h
June 12	4:02 am	9:33 pm	17:31h
June 13	4:02 am	9:34 pm	17:32h
June 14	4:02 am	9:34 pm	17:32h

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Kayakers

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some island-hopping off the Australian coast.

"I didn't know anything about chart reading and tides, like reading the weather out on the water, or most of the equipment we have now," Gordon said. "This trip seems like a crazy adventure and you like have to be some kind of expert to do it. I think for any kind of adventure it just takes some good research and planning and commitment. ... That's a lot of commitment, but everyone can find that commitment if they find something that they want to do."

Graham had more experience between the two, spending time as a kayak instructor near Vancouver a decade ago. It was that experience which had inspired the setting for their present project.

"It was always in the back of my head," she said. "Doing travel and trips like this you have to keep it in the back of your mind and hope one day there'll be an opportunity for you to take that and do it."

Already some weeks into the trip, Gordon pointed out some of the benefits of traveling by kayak. "It gets you very nice and close to the animals and nature without disturbing them," she said. "And it's pretty awesome to get somewhere and know it was powered by yourself."

Graham said their trip has so far been aided by fair weather. Their first big crossing was Lynn Canal, and that Stephens Passage had been disconcerting for her in advance. Luckily enough, she said "bathwater conditions" made the day's journey a safe one. Continuing southward, their trip should mostly be protected until leaving the Haida Gwaii, where two open stretches of ocean lie on the itinerary.

"Which is quite challenging, and will probably be some of the toughest conditions that we'll face," said Graham.

The fundraising element of their venture has so far gone swimmingly, and after stopping into Wrangell last Friday the count has topped \$14,000. Gordon and Graham took part in the weekly potluck arranged by the Forest Service at the Nemo Loop Road, where they had the opportunity to meet with residents and describe their project.

"That we can come to a place we've never been before ... when you get to connect to those other people who care, that's very rewarding," Graham commented.

The trip isn't only about raising funds, and a large compo-

ment of its aim is outreach. Graham and Gordon both want to encourage people to be more mindful consumers, particularly with regards to single-use plastic materials. Disposable flatware, superfluous packaging, straws and other such disposable conveniences are problematic on several levels. For the very short period of convenience these offer, the energy expended to produce and distribute them seems wasteful and after disposal, plastics' non-biodegradable nature means they will be sticking around for some time, in many cases hundreds or thousands of years.

"It's important to realize that there's never an 'away'," said Gordon. Out of sight, out of mind they may be, but every item that gets thrown away is still someplace. "In reality it's just buried somewhere or burnt somewhere, or out in the ocean."

Not long before their interview on Saturday, various Alaskan news outlets were reporting on a pilot whale found dead in Thailand last week with a stomach full of plastic. Earlier this year scientists reported that a plasticine garbage patch occupying a space nearly the size of Alaska in the Pacific Ocean is still growing. Graham noted current trends put the world's oceans on course to have more plastic in it than fish by 2050. Backdropped by these realities, she felt it was critical that people become more mindful about what they use in their day to day lives.

"If we don't change what is normal, the waste and the plastic, we are going to lose some of the things we love. It's not going to end the world, that's for sure. But how we enjoy it and what we give to our next generation and the people we love will be very different," she said.

It was coming across these sorts of items on a regular basis while clearing beachside debris that inspired Gordon to try to live a more plastic-free lifestyle two years ago. "When it really hit home was doing some beach cleanups and seeing the toothbrushes and the flipflops and the food packages," she recalled. "Any of that could have come from me. That's something I need to stop at home, from the source."

Both of the friends have since given disposable plastics notice, opting for reusable containers and package-free supplies. Where possible, they produce the soaps and pastes and other items they regularly need themselves.

"At first it was definitely overwhelming," Gordon admit-

ted. "I remember walking into the supermarket and going 'Great, now I'm going to eat apples for the rest of my life.'"

"Don't try and do it all at once," cautioned Graham. "It's basically about creating a whole new habit."

One of the ways the pair have prepared for this trip is by dehydrating meals beforehand, using otherwise serviceable produce bound for disposal at local grocery stores. Meal ingredients are then wrapped in newspaper - which itself can be used further as tinder or toilet paper - and kept in dry storage bags. Caches of these foodstuffs are then posted to the ports of call on the kayakers' itinerary.

The plastic-free approach is not a perfect one, either, Graham

explained, and sometimes plastics will come up.

"We were sponsored by a number of people on this trip, a number of companies, which was amazing. A lot of our gear came wrapped in single-use plastic, probably enough to out-compete the amount of plastic we avoided in making all of our meals. But that's not the point," she said. "It's important not to give up, or be down on yourself when you fail. And I think it's really important to be honest about how often you fail."

"We've been doing everything in our power to be plastic-free for two years," she continued. "It's never going to be 100-percent perfect, but that doesn't mean it's not worth trying."

Their progress can be followed online on their website, passageadventures.org, along with links to the organizations they are supporting.

Meanwhile, green thinking has already been finding a niche in Wrangell. The food truck the Pit Stop began discontinuing plastic utensils this year, after switching over to biodegradable packaging last year. Owner Jill Privett said the change has been a smooth one, with customers understanding. Even at this year's royalty competition for July 4 the trend has picked up, as candidate Draven Golding opts to provide plastic-free alternatives to the usual fare. Interestingly, even his menus double as garden starters, with embedded seeds in the paper.

Court report

May 29

Tasha M. McColloch, 33, appeared before First District Court Judicial Officer Chris Ellis for judgment on the charge of Driving Under the Influence. The defendant pleaded guilty to the count and was ordered to serve 30 days jail/monitoring with 10 days suspended.

It being a second offense, McColloch was ordered to pay \$5,692 in fines, costs and surcharges, with \$1,100 suspended, and after completing jail service is to complete a treatment program. Her license has been revoked for one year, and after its return an engine interlock device must be used for another 12-month period. McColloch has been placed on probation for two years. In a minor offense judgment for Driving Without a License, she was also ordered to pay \$200 with \$150 suspended.

Criminal charges were dismissed after successful completion of probation for Leroy Jonathan Hughes, 55, approved by First District Court Magistrate Chris Ellis. A count of Driving Without a License was dropped. Any bond

posted in the case that had not been ordered forfeited is exonerated.

Criminal charges were dismissed after successful completion of probation for Brett L. Woodbury, approved by First District Court Magistrate Chris Ellis. A charge of Failure to Stop for School Bus was dropped.

May 30

A \$25 sanction was imposed on Barbara Coleman for failure to respond to an annual jury questionnaire. Coleman appeared to show cause when ordered, but no good reason was found by the court.

June 4

Criminal charges were dismissed by prosecutors for Wilson T. Boon, 29, approved by First District Court Magistrate Chris Ellis. Four counts were dropped, one each for Burglary 1, Theft 2, Criminal Trespass 1 and Violate Conditions of Release. Any bond posted in this case that has not been ordered forfeited is exonerated.

Police report

May 28, 2018

Subpoena service.

Domestic.

Citizen report of DUI.

May 29, 2018

Health and safety.

Dog complaint: Warning given to owner for aggressive dog.

Agency assist: Ambulance.

Report of theft.

May 30, 2018

Loud party.

Noise disturbance.

Agency assist: OCS Juneau.

Agency assist: Ambulance requested.

Dog complaint.

Civil matter.

Agency assist: Ambulance requested.

Paper service: Subpoena.

Paper service: Subpoena.

Found keys.

May 31, 2018

Noise complaint.

Citation issued: Justin Barker, 32: Using electronic device while driving.

Vehicle parked on side of road: Person will be moving vehicle.

Report of criminal mischief/DV.

Civil standby.

Arrested: Justin Barker, 32: Arrest warrant.

June 1, 2018

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for unsafe backing.

Civil bench warrant: Served on Brandon Kenfield.

Traffic stop: Jeremy Welch: Failure to provide proof of insurance and verbal warning given for expired tags.

Traffic stop: Draven Golding, 19: Failure to provide

proof of insurance.

June 2, 2018

Citation issued: Tymon Teat, 17: Failure to provide proof of insurance.

Citation issued: Cody Urban, 20: Failure to provide proof of insurance.

Vehicle theft: Vehicle recovered.

Criminal mischief: Property damage.

June 3, 2018

Citizen assist/ FD.

Dog complaint: Aggressive dog.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for improper riding equipment.

Found property/ ID: Card turned in; owner notified.



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Golf roundup

It was a relatively quiet weekend at the links this weekend, with two teams squaring off during the annual City Mar-

ket/Sentry Hardware and Marine Golf Tournament. Eight golfers were teamed off at random during Saturday's

mystery scramble, and a team made up of Jerry Bakeburg, Doug Nelson, Wayne Ellis and Randy Littleton came out on top with a combined score of 168. Littleton would hit the straightest drive of the day, while George Woodbury would land the closest to the designated pin.

On Sunday, teams formed for a best ball endeavor, and Nelson, Ellis, Grover Mathis and Ed Rilatos finished first with a net score of 21. Bakeburg would pick up achievements for both straightest drive and closest to pin during the day's play.

A pair of tournaments await this weekend, with the Stikine Sportsmen's Association holding a nine-hole event Friday evening beginning at 5 p.m.

Friends and former colleagues will converge on Satur-

day and Sunday for the Greg Scheff Memorial Tournament. The event has been held in the avid golfer's honor since his passing in a plane crash on Admiralty Island in April 2016.

Signup both mornings starts at 9:30 a.m., with play to follow at 10. Saturday's will be a best-ball 18-hole tournament, while Sunday will only have nine holes to play.



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

A placard at the Muskeg Meadows Golf Club shelter commemorates Greg Scheff, whose third annual memorial tournament takes place this Saturday and Sunday. Friends of the late land surveyor purchased the display and installed it last fall.

Obituary: Jerry William Larson, 50

Jerry William Larson, 50, of Athol, Idaho, passed away on May 12, 2018, from drowning at Jewel Lake near his home during a family outing.

He was born on October 11, 1967, in Anchorage, Alaska, to Richard and Barbara Larson, and grew up in Eagle River, Alaska. At age 16 he moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, with his parents. After high school graduation, he attended North Idaho College where he learned welding and machining which became his life's work. He eventually opened his own business, Midnight Sun Manufacturing. He loved that work and held several patents.

He was very passionate about life and lived it to the fullest. His family and family's name was most important to him. For many years on 10 acres he raised five children alone and always involved them with all of his outdoor sports and their school activities.

A high school girlfriend, Rebecca "Becky" Allen, bravely stepped back into Jerry's life, and they got married at Jewel Lake on August 20, 2011.

Jerry never got Alaska out of his blood. He fell in love with the Wrangell, Alaska area where his parents lived and soon bought a live-aboard boat so that he and his family could enjoy the waters and people during the summer months.

Jerry had a magnetic personality, making lifelong friends from grade school classmates to recent acquaintances. You might say that he had a family of friends including some business people that he never met in person.

He was preceded in death eight months earlier by his father, Richard Larson, of Wrangell.

He is survived by his wife, Becky Larson, of Athol; his mother, Barbara Larson, of Wrangell; six children, Jerry "JJ" Wm. Larson, Jr. (Rachel) of Arizona, Tuckett, Scott, Sierra, Kianna, and Summer Larson (all of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho area); two step-children, Cody (Glennisha) Whalen, and Reshaye Allen of Idaho; and eight grandchildren.

Services and a Celebration of Life BBQ were held on May 19, 2018 in Idaho.



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Former Sen. Begich to challenge Walker in upcoming race

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) - Democratic former U.S. Sen. Mark Begich is running for governor of Alaska, complicating Gov. Bill Walker's re-election bid.

Begich made his plans official shortly before a Friday filing deadline. Before the announcement, Walker, an independent, said he would skip the Democratic primary and gather signatures to appear on the general election ballot in November.

A recent court ruling allowed independents to run in the Democratic primary if they want the party's backing. Walker was elected in 2014 with Democratic support.

Begich said in an email to supporters that he waited so long to decide to run because his family was a big consideration. He has a son in high school and recalled losing his father at a young age. But Begich said his family decided "nothing would be as hard as sitting back and watching our state continue to struggle."

He cited concerns with high unemployment rates, crime and "years of out of control state spending," but did not delve into any policy proposals.

Walker said there's a long road to the November election, "and I have no interest in criticizing anyone for stepping up to

serve their state." The election will provide "a historically unique choice," he said.

"I appreciate the folks who worked hard to try to find a way to make this a two-way race. I understand that made things simpler from a strategic and technical perspective," Walker said. "But I can tell you that I am as excited as I've ever been. I am an Alaskan before I am anything else."

The governor said he likes his chances.

On the Republican side, former Lt. Gov. Mead Treadwell shook things up by jumping into the race Friday. He joins a list of candidates seeking the GOP

nod, including former state Sen. Mike Dunleavy, who is known for his conservative views, and businessman Scott Hawkins.

In an email to supporters, Treadwell said many Alaskans were dissatisfied with their choices leading to the filing deadline. In an interview, the former chairman of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission said his experience sets him apart, citing work with the fishing, Alaska Native and science communities.

State Rep. Mike Chenault of Nikiski dropped his bid for the GOP nomination, citing personal reasons and "other reasons I would rather not discuss."

One of Walker's goals was to run as a team with Lt. Gov. Byron Mallott, a Democrat. Walker changed his party affiliation from Republican to undeclared in 2014 in joining forces with Mallott as part of a so-called unity ticket to upset then-Gov. Sean Parnell, a Republican.

Skipping the primary ensures they can run together. Winners of the party primaries for governor and lieutenant governor get paired up for the general election.

The defining issue of the race will be "who's done what," Walker said, citing efforts to shrink the state's budget deficit, bills to address crime and the expansion of Medicaid to cover more lower-income Alaskans as achievements.

Begich, a former Anchorage mayor, eked out a win over longtime Republican U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens in 2008. Begich served one term in the Senate, losing a hard-fought, high-pro-

file race to Republican Dan Sullivan in 2014.

His father, Nick Begich, was Alaska's lone congressman when the plane carrying him and House Majority Leader Hale Boggs, a Louisiana Democrat, vanished en route to Juneau in 1972.

Begich told supporters last summer he was considering a run for governor, after being encouraged to do so. He said he loved the consulting work he took up after his Senate defeat and spending more time with family.

He has spoken out on Twitter on policy issues, including support for Medicaid expansion and funding for Planned Parenthood. At times, he also has jabbed at state leaders and Sullivan.

But he hadn't said much publicly about his intentions to run for governor.

One major issue in the race is likely to be the future of the yearly check that Alaskans receive from the state's oil-wealth fund, the Alaska Permanent Fund. Dunleavy already has sought to distinguish himself from Walker on that issue.

Faced with legislative gridlock over how to address the state's budget deficit two years ago, Walker halved the size of the check, prompting an unsuccessful lawsuit from a Democratic state senator.

Since then, amid ongoing debate over resolving the deficit, the statutory formula for calculating the check hasn't been followed, prompting outrage from more conservative Republicans and from some Democrats.

Childcare shake-up considered by state

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) - Alaska childcare providers are concerned drastic changes could be coming to preschools throughout the state.

A document outlining proposed changes from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Child Care Program Office says an administrator of a child care facility with current certification would need to have a bachelor's degree in a child care-related field and in-service training, and an administrator without a current certification would need a master's degree in a related field and in-service training, the Juneau Empire reported.

"One of the concerns is changing the administrative qualifications," said Gretchen Boone, director at Gold Creek Child Development Center, a Juneau preschool program that focuses on early childhood development. "This would prevent several programs from meeting these criteria."

Teachers and administrators without higher education currently have the option of earning a Child Development Associate credential through the Council for Professional Recogni-

tion. This credential would no longer apply under the proposed regulations.

"There are programs that could potentially have owners and administrators who may not be qualified to run their own programs," Boone said. "They may have to close."

The Juneau Empire repeatedly contacted the Child Care Program Office but did not receive any comments on the proposed changes to the regulations.

There is no timeline on when these changes could take place.

Seven child care offices in Juneau collectively wrote a letter to the state's Child Care Program Office outlining their concerns.

One of the groups' main concerns is maximum group student sizes.

Currently, the ratio for services from birth to 12 months is 10 children to two adults. But the proposed changes would lower that ratio to eight to two, thus taking away those tuition costs from the programs.

Groups of all ages would see decreases in sizes under the proposed changes.

Comics

Amber Waves



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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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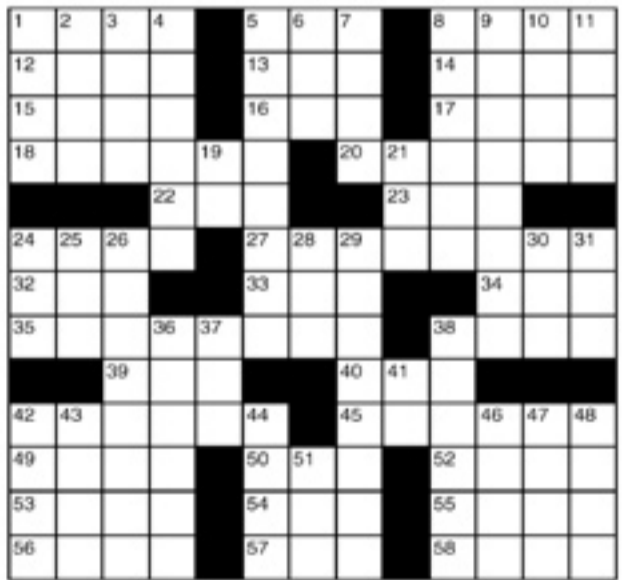
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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

Hagfish, commonly called slime eels may become viable fishery; ready markets await

Hagfish is the real name for what is commonly called slime eels and it could become a viable fishery with ready markets standing by.

Little is known about hagfish in Alaska, although they are commonly caught elsewhere in the U.S. and abroad. In Oregon, for example, a fleet of 15 to 20 boats catches up to two million pounds each year in customized five gallon buckets or large barrels and pay fishermen up to \$1.25 a pound.

Now, two Alaska biologists are testing the waters for a fishery with longliner in Southeast who were given a special permit to catch 60,000 pounds of hagfish for their studies.

"It's commonly seen as a pest," said Andrew Olson, a biologist with the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game in Douglas. "In longline fisheries for sablefish, they often leave slime blobs on the hooks and strip bait, and they get into shrimp pots as well."

Olsen is in the second year of a hagfish study with fellow researcher Aaron Baldwin. Their goal is to "keep the science ahead of any fishery to make sure it is sustainable" by learning more

about the unique species.

"We are looking at basic biology such as length, weight and egg counts in females. We can't yet age the fish and they don't thrive well in captivity. We are really starting from scratch," said Olson.

Reproduction and spawning have never been witnessed or documented, and biologists don't know where or when hagfish do so.

"We've seen eggs, and juveniles, but nothing in between," said Baldwin. "No one has ever seen a baby hagfish."

A single foot and a half inch, nine-ounce hagfish can fill a bucket with slime in seconds from 100 glands alongside its body.

"It's extruded and looks like a white latex liquid that comes out when it's dry and it expands when it hits seawater. The slime molecules will entrap water molecules and it is an amazing substance," he said.

The slime has several functions - it suffocates predators, helps hunt prey by forcing them out of burrows and it lubricates entry into fish through the anus.

"It has digestive enzymes so when

you open up a sablefish, for example, it is literally bones, hagfish slime and a few hagfish inside the fish. They start with the internal organs and eat every bit of flesh that's in there," Baldwin explained.

Most slime, as with slugs, is just mucus, he said and doesn't have the capability of absorbing water molecules and expanding.

"Hagfish produce a very unique substance. It is definitely one of a kind," Baldwin added.

Studies by the U.S. Navy and other researchers has shown that the chemical makeup of hagfish slime is stronger than spider silk.

"Because of its qualities there are lots of efforts to make synthetic duplicates or bioengineer bacteria to produce the slime for industrial purposes," Baldwin said. "The US navy is using synthetic hagfish slime to produce a substance that is lighter and stronger than Kevlar. The slime also shows potential as an anti-foulant for ship hulls. And medical research has shown that hagfish slime heals burns quickly and may be used as microfibers for cell repair."

A well-established market for hagfish is Korea where the meat is a barbecue and stir fry favorite and the skin is sold as "eel skin leather" products.

"It's been a fun project to work on," Baldwin said. "We get to work with fishermen on developing a fishery and it's a species we haven't paid much attention to so everything we are learning is really new to us."

If Alaska fishermen encounter hagfish in waters outside of Southeast, Olson and Baldwin would like to know about it.

Learn more about hagfish at Alaska Fish and Wildlife News where you also can see videos of commercial hagfish fishing aboard the Viking Sunrise and a biologist handling hagfish slime.

Alaska tops for salmon catches - Salmon catches throughout the North Pacific remain near all-time highs, and Alaska's take tops them all.

For 25 years the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC) has summarized abundances and catches of salmon as reported by its member countries -

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

Pursuant to the City & Borough of Wrangell Code, Sec. 3.04.808, notice is hereby given that the regular assembly meetings of the assembly shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The meetings shall be held at 7:00 p.m., in the Assembly Chambers, City Hall, Wrangell. If any such Tuesday shall fall on a legal holiday as defined by the laws of the State of Alaska, the meetings scheduled for that day shall be held at the same hour on the next succeeding day which is not a holiday. Separate notice for the regular council meetings shall not be required. There will be no regular meetings the second Tuesday in July and August and fourth Tuesday in December.

Kim Lane, Borough Clerk
City of Wrangell, Alaska
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JOBS WRANGELL COOPERATIVE

ASSOCIATION is seeking: a Tourism Coordinator. Closing date: Monday, June 18, 2018. WCA Receptionist/ ANA Project Assistant. Closing date: Open until filled. Complete job descriptions and applications are available at the Wrangell Cooperative Association office at 104 C-2 Lynch Street. Contact Esther

Ashton at 874-4304 with any questions.....2x6-14b50

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the regular board meeting of the Wrangell Medical Center Board of Directors shall be held on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the City and Borough Assembly Chambers, Wrangell, Alaska. Separate notice for the regular Board of Directors meeting shall not be required.

Aaron Angerman
Board Secretary
Wrangell Medical Center
Publish: June 7, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

Project Notification

**Wrangell (Byford) Junkyard Cleanup- Final Phase
Soil/crushed rock transportation along a portion of the Zimovia Highway
Wrangell Island, Alaska
June 4, 2018**

NRC Alaska hereby provides notice of its intent to package and ship approximately 18,500 cubic yards of treated, lead-contaminated soil currently stockpiled at the Wrangell (Byford) Junkyard site located at mile 4 of the Zimovia Highway. The soil will be loaded into 9-cubic yard flexible, intermediate bulk containers and transported by truck at a rate of approximately 25 containers per day to the Silver Bay logging barge landing area located at mile 6.2 Zimovia Highway for loading and transport by barge to a facility in Arlington, Oregon.

The operation will run six days a week until completion. This activity is anticipated to begin between June 4th and 8th, 2018, with completion estimated for September 30, 2018, but not to extend beyond December 31, 2018.

In addition, NRC will utilize a 1.7 mile portion of the National Forest Service Road identified as NFS 6259 (otherwise known as the Pats Creek Road) and the Zimovia Highway (mile 11 to mile 4) for the purpose of transporting crushed rock from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Rock Pit #2 located adjacent to NFS 6259/Pat's Creek Road to the Silver Bay logging barge landing located at mile 6.2 Zimovia Highway and the Wrangell Junkyard site located at mile 4 Zimovia Highway.

There will be no hauling on Pat's Creek Road the following dates:

June 30 through July 5, 2018 for Independence Day holiday celebrations
September 1 through 3, 2018 for Labor Day Weekend.

Project Point of Contact:

For more information about the project, contact the NRC project manager: Shane O'Neill at (907) 980-0818. The Department of Environmental Conservation project manager, Sally Schlichting, can be reached at (907) 465-5076. More information about the cleanup can be found at <http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/csp/sites/wrangell-junkyard/>
Published: June 7, 2018

Weekly SUDOKU

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SUBMITTED BY DEVYN JOHNSON

Automotive show-and-tell

An assortment of utility vehicles are encamped at the Evergreen Elementary School parking lot on Saturday for “Touch-a-Truck,” an educational outing organized by radio station KSTK. An assortment of emergency services, businesses and municipal departments pooled together for the display, which encouraged young Wrangellites to familiarize themselves with the vehicles that help get things done. Below, Kyler Angerman, Jude Johnson and Hailey Gablehouse were among the kids in attendance, and received booklets on school bus safety for their participation. “It turned out really good. We had a lot of kiddos turn out,” commented Devyn Johnson, on the KSTK board. Everyone seemed to have a good time: “The horns were going full time.”



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Royalty

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then they'll also be able to host dinner specials, and they'll have garage sales and silent auctions and different events throughout the month.”

The competition itself will last through the afternoon of July 3, when the ticket sales will end and final numbers tallied. A coronation ceremony will be held in association with the annual talent show at the Nolan Center.

“They'll be able to re-thank everybody that has helped them throughout the month, and then we'll announce how much each candidate sold throughout the month, and then we'll crown the winner,” said Whitaker.

In recent years the competition raised tens of thousands of dollars, sometimes into six figures. Last year's race raised nearly \$90,000 in all, while two years ago Alex Angerman and Kyla Teat each smashed previous individual records to raise over \$126,000.

“We hope to be able to break records again,” Whitaker said hopefully. This year's race will be the first three-way competition in about six years, which changes the dynamic somewhat.

“A three-way race obviously offers a little bit more competition,” she explained. “Every dollar counts when you're trying to win a royalty race. That comes down to selling tickets.

When you have three contestants vying against each other, it cuts into the number of people you see at a booth in two-people races. But it also gives them more opportunities for breaks in hosting different events throughout the month.”

The additional competition has its benefits, such as allowing an occasional weekend off for one or the other from late-night boothing. Those won't be free evenings, though, in all likelihood being used to hold some other event.

“It's a whole lot of work,” Whitaker recalled. “As a candidate, I could see that my parents would get up at five, six o'clock in the morning and start preparing the food that would be available by 11 a.m. If you weren't up early enough to boil your potatoes for your potato salad, or get your lasagnas put together and put into the oven by 11 a.m., then everybody who is waiting at your booth for your specials might not wait. It's early mornings, late nights, cleaning the kitchens at the end of the night after you shut down your booth. That's not every night, but those are the more extreme examples.”

Putting together a successful candidacy takes many hands, and each contestant has a team to help them. Some portion of their earnings will go to compensate their different managers, who head up ticket sales or coordinate the booth. In a

good year, a team can keep as much as 40 percent of what they raise, with 30 percent going toward the candidate. But there are a number of other helpers who are simply in it to win, and to contribute to the town's Fourth celebrations in the process.

“A lot of the people that you see in the booth or out selling tickets, they aren't getting paid anything,” Whitaker pointed out.

The candidates and competition's organizers have been preparing for this year's competition since March, arranging menus and planning out different events. The teams have been eager to get to this point, Whitaker said, but have been working together without any friction.

“They're in for a lot of hard work, and that's what the royalty race is good about, is building character, building hard work ethics, a sense of team, gratitude to the community, gratitude to other team members,” she promised. “We've been preparing non-stop to make sure things go as smoothly as possible.”

There is still much to be done, and several ways to help out. Each candidate maintains their own event page on Facebook, which is one venue they might reach out to either for additional bodies or supplies. Both grocery stores also have signage up indicating items

one or the other candidates could use for a particular menu item.

“There's a lot of ways that you can help,” said Whitaker.

“When they do track you down, make sure you're nice to them, because they're going through a lot of stress and they're working really hard.”

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