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Vivian Faith Prescott named judge of annual statewide poetry contest

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Fairbanks Arts Association opened their 24th annual statewide poetry contest for submissions this December. Each year, the association picks a

new judge for the contest. This year will be judged by Wrangell resident Vivian Faith Prescott. Bahr said that Prescott was originally meant to judge last year's contest, but was named the judge this year due to scheduling issues. Prescott is

the author of numerous works, including *The Hide of My Tongue* and *The Dead Go to Seattle*. She has received several awards for her writing, such as the Jason Wenger Award for Literary Excellence, a Rasmuson Fellowship, and the Alaska Literary

Award.

"Mrs. Prescott was chosen because she is a renowned Alaska poet," Bahr said. "We've heard lots of good things about her work."

Prescott said that she wrote her first poem when she was 11-years-old, living in Wrangell. By middle school she said she was known as a "poet." She said her friends would pay her to write poems for them, adding with a laugh she probably made about as much as she did now for her work. Having a contest like this open to younger poets is terrific, she said.

"I especially encourage elementary school and high school writers, middle school too, to submit their poems," she said. "And if they have them looked over by a teacher or trusted mentor first, that's always good, too."

Besides young writers, Prescott said she really hopes to see lots of submissions from people across all of Southeast Alaska. The Southeast region, she said, is surprisingly underrepresented in poetry. She also added that the poems do not have to be Alaska themed. They only have to be written by an Alaskan resident and all styles of poetry are welcome.

"My interests kind of vary widely," she said. "I like narrative poems that tell a story, but on the other hand I write lyrical poems, too. So I think the poem somehow has to say something or move me."

According to the association's website, the contest aims to "encourage, publicize, and reward the writing of high quality poetry in Alaska. The contest is open to Alaska residents across the state. There are four categories people may submit their poems in: Elementary school, middle school, high school, and adult. All poems submitted must be original and not previously published, according to the contest's submission guidelines. Contestants may not send more than four poems per author. First place in the adult category will receive \$150. First place in high school will receive \$100. First place in middle school and elementary school will both receive \$50.

The winners of the contest will be announced in April, during National Poetry Writing Month. The deadline to submit poems is Feb. 15. To learn more about the poetry contest, and the Fairbanks Arts Association, visit www.fairbanksarts.org. More information can also be found by calling (907) 456-6485 ext. 224, or by emailing literary@fairbanksarts.org.



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Poetry night

Riverflats Open Mic event at the Nolan Center. Beverley Rivard, reading poems from her personal collection.

Parks and Recreation department offering lifeguard training

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Parks and Recreation department is offering lifeguard training, starting on Jan. 10. The courses are open to all eligible candidates over the age of 16. Those wishing to participate must pass a few tests. The first test is a 300 yard swim, either a front crawl or a breaststroke. Second, participants must be able to

tread water for two minutes continuously with only their legs. The third test requires swimmers to swim 20 yards, dive underwater to retrieve a 10 lb. brick, return to the surface, and swim back while holding the brick on their chest. All of the three tests must be completed in two minutes.

"It's fairly interactive," said Kate Thomas, with the parks and rec department. "There's

some lecturing, but most of the class will be practical."

The lifeguard training is known as a "blended learning course," meaning that there are online classes, as well. The online portion of the training must be complete before the first day of class, on Jan. 10. After signing up for the classes, participants will be emailed a link to the online course. Participants will also be required to down-

load an electronic lifeguard manual, which can be found on the parks and rec website. Once the online course is complete, participants must bring a certificate of achievement to their first day on in-person training.

"There's about five to seven hours of online course work," Thomas said, explaining that the online work helped cut down on lecture time in class.

Registration is open until

Jan. 6. The course is free, and the parks and rec department is looking to hire certified lifeguards once the course is complete. To apply, visit the parks and rec website or stop by the office at the community pool. More information about the training, what to bring to class, and how to apply can be found at www.wrangellrec.com in the "programs" tab under "register."

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, January 3: Evelyn Hammock, Eliza Feudner, Kyler Nore, Devan Nore, Jacquie Dozier, Wes Ingram, McKenna Harding, Archie Young. **Anniversary:** Tyman & Beth Comstock. **Friday, January 4:** Justin Rusaw. **Anniversary:** Butch & Jackie Wenderoth. **Saturday, January 5:** Jeremy Welch, Carolyn Taylor, Logan Ritchie. **Anniversary:** Jordan & Shawna Bunes. **Sunday, January 6:** Rod Brown, Ryan Moore, Susan Haggard, Gale Glass. **Monday, January 7:** Rilyn Young, Ava Meyerhoff, Teresa Wallace. **Tuesday, January 8:** Leah Liukkonen, Cody Thomassen, Jayden Gillen, Tyla Nelson. **Wednesday, January 9:** Sarah Mason, Chris McMurren, Delton Claggett, Glenn Smith. **Thursday, January 10:** Ridge Powers, Shane Legg-Privett, Margo Walker-Scott, Lysie Powers.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, January 3

Beef Pot Pie, Spinach, Honey Orange Salad

Friday, January 4

Baked Fish, Carrots, Boiled Potatoes w/ Parsley, Fruit Slaw

Monday, January 7

Beef & Veggie Stew, Apple Slices, Herb Biscuit

Tuesday, January 8

Baked Chicken Mexicali, Green Beans, Rice, Spicy Fruit Cup

Wednesday, January 9

Moose Lasagna, Steamed Carrots, Zucchini & Tomato Salad, Garlic Bread

Thursday, January 10

Spinach & Lentil Soup, Perfection Salad, 1/2 Meat & Cheese Sandwich

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

Sunday, January 6

Columbia 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 13

Columbia 4:45 p.m.

Sunday, January 20

Columbia 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, January 27

Columbia 4:45 p.m.

Sunday, February 3

Columbia 8:15 p.m.

Southbound

Wednesday, January 9

Columbia 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 16

Columbia 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 23

Columbia 7:15 a.m.

Wednesday, January 30

Columbia 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 6

Columbia 6:45 a.m.

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



TIDES Jan. 3 - Jan. 10

High Tides

Low Tides

	AM		PM		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
January 3	10:52	17.3	11:51	14.4	4:37	3.5	5:31	-1.2
January 4	11:35	17.4	5:23	3.4	6:09	-1.6
January 5	12:34	14.7	12:15	17.3	6:03	3.4	6:44	-1.7
January 6	1:13	14.8	12:51	17.0	6:39	3.5	7:17	-1.6
January 7	1:50	14.7	1:26	16.6	7:13	3.6	7:48	-1.2
January 8	2:24	14.5	1:59	16.1	7:46	3.8	8:19	-0.8
January 9	2:57	14.3	2:32	15.4	8:21	4.0	8:51	-0.2
January 10	3:30	14.0	3:06	14.6	8:58	4.2	9:25	0.5

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Monday, January 7

Public Hearing: Evergreen Elementary School gym, 5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. There will be a public hearing in front of the School Board. The public is welcome to attend.

Wrangell Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting: 6:30 pm, at the Wrangell Fire Hall

Tuesday, January 8

Public Hearing: Evergreen Elementary School gym, 5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. There will be a public hearing in front of the School Board. The public is welcome to attend.

Saturday, January 19

Community Roots Meeting: Stikine Inn, 3 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.

January 2, 1919

All requests for discharge of soldiers now in the service must originate with the soldier himself and not with outside parties, according to information sent to the local Draft Board. Outsiders making requests for the discharge of soldiers are given scant consideration and their messages are placed on file. It is suggested by officers that persons wishing the discharge of soldiers secure employment for them and then notify the soldier himself and allow him to file his own request for discharge.

January 7, 1944

A local man writes to his dog, Dear Old Pal: You know, I've been wondering. When a guy's out here, a long way from home, he does a lot of thinking and a lot of wondering.

I've been wondering if Mom ever reads you any of my letters. Or maybe Mom, not knowing dogs like I do, sort of has it in her head that you wouldn't understand if she did read them to you. But I know different.

I've been wondering about something else too. I've been thinking that this selective service thing doesn't go far enough. When a guy like me has got a dog like you, they ought to let us team up. I've been in a couple of spots lately where I could have used you... and how! And you would have loved it because you sure are fond of the gun!

And talk about foxholes! Gee, I've been in a lot of 'em lately, and when I get out of 'em I don't always pick up the "scent". That's where you'd come in... with a nose like yours.

I've made up my mind to one thing. If ever I ran a war, I'd fix it so that pals like you could go along, because what's the use of having a lot of fun and excitement (and believe it or not, plenty of beef) when you can't share it with your best pal. Well, I've got to be a little careful what I write you because the censor reads all these letters, so take good care of yourself and guard

the old homestead. Don't let anybody pull off any funny business while we guys with the tin hats are away.

And whatever you do, don't eat too much; stay in condition because this shindig is going to be over one of these days, and then I'll lay down this rifle and pick up the old scattergun, and go out with you-just the two of us-and do some shooting that don't do too much harm.

January 2, 1969

The Wrangell Chamber of Commerce and the Wrangell Historical Society have appealed to a Seattle firm for return of a petroglyph.

The stone carving disappeared from Shakes Island about the same time as the barges of the dredging firm did.

In a letter to the company - Pacific Marine Construction - the chamber and historical group asked for return of the rock, which they said was aboard one of the firm's barges when it left Wrangell.

The letter, signed by Chamber

President Marc Langland and Ron Castle of the historical group, said the petroglyph had long been a tourist attraction.

January 6, 1994

It may come as little consolation to you if you're one of the people suffering from it, but Wrangell's two doctors say this year's outbreak of the flu is no worse than the usual.

"It's something that happens every year," Dr. Wayne Davenport said Monday. "This is no worse than any other year."

That apparently differs from the trend in other parts of Alaska. According to a story in the Anchorage Daily News, state epidemiologists report that they've logged almost 30 percent more influenza sample cases than for the same time last year.

Dr. Dave McCandless said that most of the cases he's seen in Wrangell have suffered symptoms primarily affecting their upper respiratory system, although he said a few have also suffered gastrointestinal problems as well.



Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Dec. 24	37	32
Dec. 25	41	33
Dec. 26	43	39
Dec. 27	42	39
Dec. 28	39	30
Dec. 29	37	32
Dec. 30	36	30
Dec. 31	39	35



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Jan 03	8:19 am	3:26 pm	7:07h
Jan 04	8:18 am	3:27 pm	7:09h
Jan 05	8:18 am	3:29 pm	7:11h
Jan 06	8:17 am	3:30 pm	7:13h
Jan 07	8:17 am	3:31 pm	7:14h
Jan 08	8:16 am	3:33 pm	7:17h
Jan 09	8:15 am	3:35 pm	7:20h
Jan 10	8:15 am	3:36 pm	7:21h



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Petersburg Borough approves \$600,000 for new baler in first reading

By BRIAN VARELA
Sentinel writer
PETERSBURG - The bor-

ough assembly passed ordinance 2018-21 on Dec. 17 in its first reading which allocates \$400,000 from the sanitation fund and \$200,000 from the Motor Pool to replace the borough's baler.

Last month, the assembly had voted to completely replace the baler after public works director Chris Cotta suggested it be replaced because of deteriorating parts that included the belt conveyor, control system and wear surfaces on the rams, hopper and baler chamber.

Recently, the borough's baler has been experiencing issues with its hardware, Cotta reported at the assembly meeting on Dec. 17. The wire tie unit on the baler was replaced and was operational again on Dec. 6. After 12 hours of run time that was spent baling the built up

garbage and recyclables on the baler floor, the conveyor broke. Public works determined that the conveyor structure was failing and wouldn't be operational for much longer. After failed attempts to repair the conveyor, employees from the sanitation and streets department modified the baler to allow a front end loader to dump garbage into the baler.

"At this point, I think it is important to note that while we have had significant challenges keeping the solid waste baler running, that services to the public have largely not been affected," said Cotta in his report to the assembly.

If the ordinance passes in its third reading, Cotta would develop a request for proposals, or RFP, that would outline how

much garbage and recyclable material the borough bales and how it is shipped out, said borough manager Stephen Giesbrecht. Manufacturers that respond to the RFP would give their recommendations of equipment that would best fit the borough's needs.

Some members of the assembly expressed concerns over the quality and life-span of the replacement baler and whether it would adequately meet the needs of the borough.

"These are people in that industry, and we're going to have to take, to a certain extent, their expertise into play here," said Giesbrecht. "They may come back with the same old equipment we've got now, with just the newest version, or they may come back with something totally different that we're not

thinking of. We won't know that until they respond to the RFP."

As an alternative to baling the borough's garbage, assembly member Kurt Wohlhueter asked Cotta if the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Environmental Conservation would allow an open landfill. Although it is allowed, Cotta said an open landfill is an expensive alternative. In addition to the cost, Cotta said that the Federal Aviation Administration had issues with the city's landfill in the past because the flocks of birds that were attracted by the landfill caused difficulties due to the proximity to the airport.

"That's just one option for disposing of waste, but in my opinion it's one that is very costly," said Cotta.



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Police report

December 24, 2018

Animal Complaint.
Citizen assist: Vehicle unlock.

December 25, 2018

Motor vehicle accident.

December 26, 2018

Theft reported.
Citizen assist: Vehicle unlock.
Agency assist: AICS mental health.

Arrested: Jonelle Marie Bjorge, 65 on charges of assault III/domestic violence.

December 27, 2018

Overdue parking: Vehicle has been moved.
Trespass: Persons were told not to come back to residence.
Parking complaint: Vehicle was parked on private property.

December 28, 2018

Parking complaint: Unfounded.
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for no headlights.
Theft.
Agency assist: EMTs.
Found item.

December 29, 2018

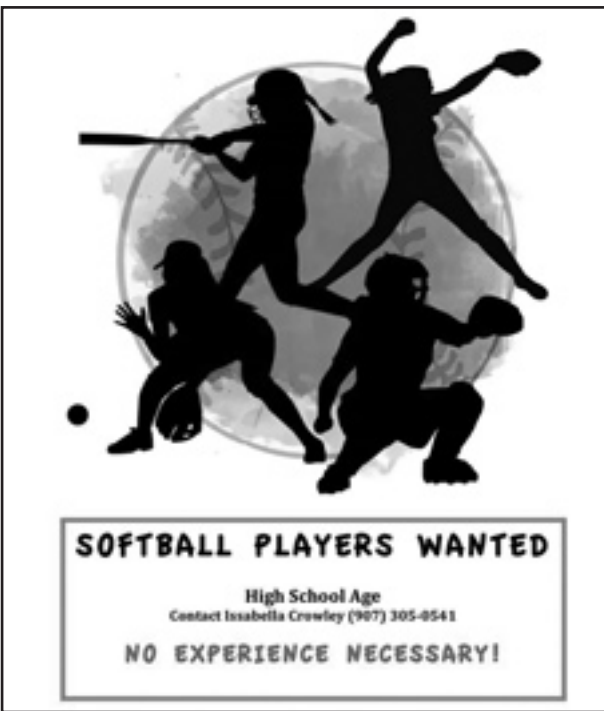
Agency assist: Power outage.
Citizen assist: Vehicle unlock.
Bird complaint.
Harassment.

December 30, 2018

Trespass: Report of people at the dump after hours.



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COURTESY OF BELLA CROWLEY

A poster advertising the high school softball team, which Issabella Crowley is working to reorganize for this spring.

High school softball team being reorganized

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Softball is a popular pastime across many small towns in the United States. However, in Wrangell, both softball and baseball have had low participation in recent memory. The most recent mention of a softball team found in the Sentinel's records was dated 2014, which also mentioned low turnout for softball teams in other Southeast Alaska communities. In 2015, both the softball and baseball season were cancelled due to a lack of players. Crowley is looking to change this record of low participation, and to share her love of the sport, by reorganizing the softball team.

"I love softball. I've played since I was eight," said Issabella Crowley.

Crowley said that she needs at least nine high school girls to sign up to put a team together, but is aiming for twelve. She has shared flyers on Facebook, and plans to post others in the high school and around town. She said that many people have expressed interest in joining the softball team, but no one has formally signed up as of Dec. 20.

"We would travel, it would be just like basketball and volleyball. We'd travel around Southeast and other areas in Alaska," Crowley said.

Signup for the team is open until March. If the team is not put together this year, she said, it will definitely come together next year. To learn more about the team, or to sign up, contact Crowley at (907) 874-0541.

Basketball season opens with Rally the Regions

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

After some exciting alumni games, both the boys' and girls' basketball teams left town for Rally the Regions, a round robin style tournament for 2A teams across Alaska. The tournament is a good opportunity for everybody to size up the competition, according to Lady Wolves Coach Laurie Brown. It is also good exposure for their team and lets them get a feel for which teams have good odds of making it to State.

Brown said she is very confident in her team this season. The Lady Wolves have a lot of return-

ing players as only one senior player graduated out last season. The team is in better shape and also has some exciting new additions, she said.

"We took second, last year, in our region and went to State. We were able to place fourth up there, at State, and so we're looking to do even more this year," she said.

Cody Angerman, coach of the boy's basketball team, also feels that his team is looking good for this new season. He said that his team exceeded a lot of people's expectations last year. This season, he is hoping that the team can build itself up to the best it

can be by the end of the year.

"I do know that we had some tough games where we didn't show up to play very well, but I know a lot of games where we were happy about a lot of things that happened," he said.

Rally the Regions opened on Wed., Jan. 2, at Dimond High School in Anchorage. Both teams are scheduled to play against Tok, Selawik, and Cordova.



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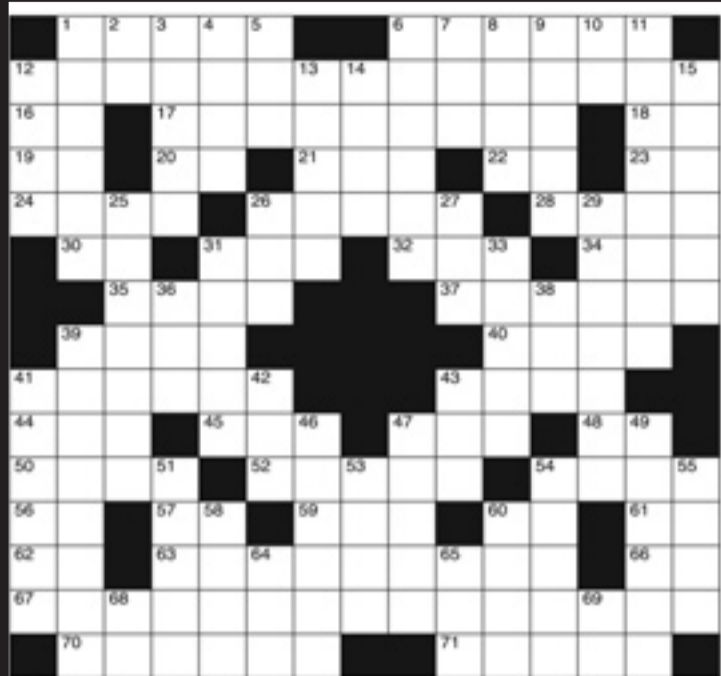
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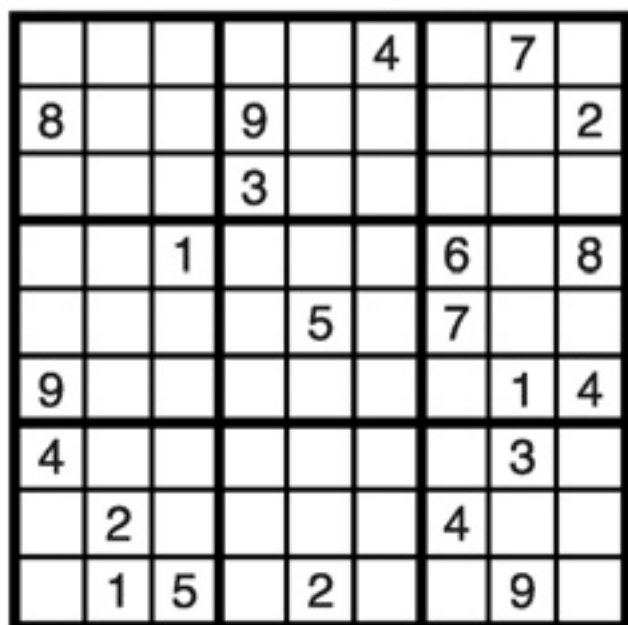
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Class
- 6. Husband or wife
- 12. All the same
- 16. Exclamation of surprise
- 17. Lived in
- 18. Hawaiian entertainer
- 19. Of I
- 20. Belonging to me
- 21. One thousandth of an inch
- 22. Midway between south and east
- 23. Article
- 24. Pitchers have them
- 26. Steps
- 28. Mars crater
- 30. __ route: on the way
- 31. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- 32. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 34. These three follow A
- 35. Frail
- 37. Platforms
- 39. Level
- 40. Computers
- 41. Where spiders live
- 43. An enemy to Batman
- 44. Mineral
- 45. Body part
- 47. Give
- 48. Atomic #21 (abbr.)
- 50. European tax
- 52. Bleated
- 54. Capital of Norway
- 56. Pa's partner
- 57. Stephen King's clown tale
- 59. Atomic #50
- 60. Military policeman
- 61. One quintillion bytes
- 62. Where impulses manifest
- 63. Offers as a candidate
- 66. Spielberg film
- 67. Great job!
- 70. Live in
- 71. Cares for

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Form a whole
- 2. Indicates position
- 3. Moves in water
- 4. Diminutive
- 5. Old English letter
- 6. "Save the Last Dance" actress
- 7. Dab
- 8. Digits
- 9. Female cattle's mammary gland
- 10. Yes
- 11. Improves
- 12. We all have one
- 13. Book of Esther antagonist
- 14. Invests in little enterprises
- 15. Organs that produce gametes
- 25. Mediterranean city
- 26. Peter's last name
- 27. Unhappy
- 29. Swollen area within tissue
- 31. "No __!"
- 33. Soap
- 36. Chop or cut
- 38. "Atonement" author McEwan
- 39. Bullfighter
- 41. Of the universe
- 42. Founder of Babism
- 43. Not good
- 46. Large, flightless bird
- 47. Punitive
- 49. Makes less messy
- 51. Belts out a tune
- 53. Aboriginal people of Japan
- 54. An eye protein
- 55. Broad sashes
- 58. Actress Spelling
- 60. Distribute
- 64. Unpleased
- 65. Body art
- 68. Midway between north and east
- 69. Overdose

SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

Puzzle answers will be in the January 10 edition



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Members of the Lady Wolves and the alumni team after the game.

Lady Wolves claim victory at volleyball alumni game

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Lady Wolves volleyball team held its annual alumni game last Wednesday, the day after Christmas. The game brought together current team members and former players to compete in a fun three-out-of-five tournament. Before the game began, however, current members of the Lady Wolves were recognized with a series of awards. Many teammates had earned recognition during the past season, in which they took second place in regionals and rode out an earthquake during the state tournament in Anchorage, but Coach Jessica Whitaker wanted to give team awards to her players. Everyone present for the alumni game received honors, including "most improved" Kendra Meissner, "best server" Ashley Allen, and "best net player" and "MVP" Helen Decker.



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Members of the Lady Wolves celebrating a score.

The alumni team took the lead early in the first game, and held it to almost the midpoint. The Lady Wolves caught up and tied the game at 14 to 14. There was some back and forth between the teams, each getting ahead before the game tying again, before the Lady Wolves finally pulled ahead. The first game went to the Lady Wolves, 25 to 22.

During the second game, the alumni team made several points early on and held a decent lead. The Lady Wolves fought hard to catch up, and tied the game at 10 to 10. The teams re-tied again at 13 to 13, then 14

to 14. Once again, the Lady Wolves were able to pull ahead after some hard spikes and impressive saves. The high schoolers won with a final score of 25 to 21.

The third and final game was very competitive. Both teams were neck and neck for the first portion of the game, answering point for point. The Lady Wolves were able to pull ahead after a tie of 6 to 6. Despite a last-minute rally by the alumni team, the Lady Wolves won the third game and the whole tournament with a score of 25 to 17.

The alumni team did get to savor some victory, too, how-

ever. After the third and officially final game, both teams agreed to play a fourth game just for the fun of it. Though this game was only for fun, it was no less competitive. The lead changed hands several times in this game. The Lady Wolves took the lead for the first half of the game, but then the alumni team caught up and overtook them. The Lady Wolves pulled ahead again, only to fall behind the alumni team two points later. At the very end of the game, it was tied 23 to 23, and then 24 to 24. In a close finish, the alumni team won by two points, 24 to 26.

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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

Fish Factor's annual Fishing Picks and Pans for 2018

This column that each week focuses on Alaska's seafood industry will enter into its 28th year in 2019. It began in the Anchorage Daily News in 1991 at the request of longtime former business editor Bill White and has appeared in the ADN ever since. Fish Factor also is featured in more than a dozen weekly papers across Alaska and nationally. The goal is to make all readers more aware of the economic, social and cultural importance of one of Alaska's oldest and largest industries.

Here are Fish Factor's annual **Fishing Picks and Pans for 2018** - a no holds barred look back at some of the year's best and worst fishing highlights, in no particular order, and my choice for the biggest fish story of the year.

Biggest new industry potential: Mariculture. Growing shellfish and seaweeds could be a \$100 million Alaska industry in 20 years, says a comprehensive state report. Kelp farms are cropping up around Kodiak and, along with food makers, the Dept. of Energy already has its sights on Alaska for biofuels from macroalgae.

Best fish sigh of relief: Many Gulf fishermen began using pots instead of hooks to keep whales from robbing their pricey sablefish catches, called "getting whaled."

Best fish visionaries: Tidal Vision of Juneau, for their eco-friendly method of extracting chitin from crab shells, a first in the US. Uses for chitin range from fabrics to filters to pharmaceuticals.

Best Fish Legislators: Rep. Louise Stutes (R) Kodiak, Rep. Bryce Edgmon (D) Dillingham, Rep. Dan Ortiz (N), Ketchikan

Best fish knowledge sharers: Alaska Sea Grant

Best Fish Giver - Sea Share, over 225 million fish servings to food banks since 1994. The program began as a way to use by-catch caught in Bering Sea fisheries.

Trickiest fishing conundrum: Sea otters vs. crab and dive fisheries in Southeast Alaska

Most earth friendly fishing town - Kodiak, for generating nearly 100 percent of its electric-



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Magic Show

Ron Doc Magic suspending a bubble between his hands for a crowd at the Irene Ingle Public Library on December 26th.

ity from wind and hydropower, and for turning its fish wastes into high quality oils and meals

Biggest fish WTF? Rick (Ry-dell) Green being chosen as a special assistant to the AK Dept. of Fish and Game to "restore trust" in the department. Green has no education or experience in fisheries or wildlife and was a talk show host on KENI/Anchorage since 2001.

Scariest fish stories: ocean acidification and warming oceans

Best daily fish news site: SeafoodNews.com

Best fish watchers: Cook Inlet Keeper, Salmon Beyond Borders

Best new fish economist: Garrett Evridge, McDowell Group

Best go to bat for their fish: Genuine Alaska Pollock Producers (GAPP); the fishermen funded/operated Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association

Best fish motivators: The Bering Sea Fishermen's Association's Alaska Ocean Cluster Ini-

tiative that promotes Blue Economy business ideas and entrepreneurs.

Best fish mainstream push: The Get Ugly crab campaign by the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute. Older crabs with shells that are discolored, scarred or covered with barnacles can comprise 30 percent of the catch in Bering Sea fisheries. The "ugly" crab can be a turn off to buyers. "It's what's on the inside that counts," the campaign says, adding that the older crab often have better meat fills.

Biggest fish bust: 25 percent tariffs on nearly all U.S. seafood products going to and from China. China is Alaska's biggest seafood buyer, purchas-

ing 54 percent of our seafood exports last year valued at \$1.3 billion.

Best Industry Entrepreneurs - Salmon Sisters of Homer

Best eco-friendly fish feat: The removal of hundreds of thousands of pounds of old fishing nets, lines and gear from Dutch Harbor and Kodiak by Nicole Baker's "net your problem" program. The nets are shipped to Europe where they are recycled into plastic products.

Biggest fish fake: Genetically modified salmon - Frankenfish

Biggest fish raised eyebrows: Offshore fish farms being proposed by the Trump Administration. Backers that include

Cargill, Pacific Seafood, Red Lobster, High Liner Foods, Sysco and Seattle Fish Company are pushing a bill in the U.S. Senate called Advancing the Quality and Understanding of American Aquaculture (AQUAA) Act that will streamline the permitting process for offshore aquaculture projects.

Best new fish writers: Elizabeth Earl, Alaska Journal of Commerce; Alistair Gardiner, Kodiak Daily Mirror

Worst fish travesty -Commercial and sport fishermen get cuts every year while nearly six million of pounds of halibut are

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City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough Assembly will take action on the following Resolution at the Assembly meeting that will be held on January 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers (City Hall), in conformance with Wrangell Municipal Code Section 16.12.010, Applicability of Provisions:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 01-19-1439 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF PUBLIC LAND IN CONFORMANCE WITH WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 16.12.040, SPECIFICALLY THE VACATED ALLEYWAY THROUGH LOTS A AND C, BAY COMPANY REPLAT AND A PORTION OF LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK B, SORTYARD SUBDIVISION, TO CHET AND BARBARA POWELL, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,500

Copies of the Proposed Resolution are available in the Borough Clerks office at 205 Brueger Street, or by emailing the Borough Clerk at clerk@wrangell.com.

Publish: December 27, 2018 and January 3, 2019.

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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Fish Factor

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allowed to be taken as bycatch in other fisheries. It's getting better, but still a long way to go.

Best fish assists: Every person at ADF&G and NOAA Fisheries/Alaska.

Best go to bat for its future fishermen - Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association, Sitka

Best fish show offs: Alaska Symphony of Seafood, hosted for 26 years by the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation.

Biggest fish uncertainty - Dunleavy administration

Best fish switch - Herring taken for its roe pays \$100-\$350 per ton in a fading Japanese market; herring used for food and bait can fetch up to \$2,000 per ton. (While many fishermen pay over \$1/lb for bait herring from the east coast.) Time for a management shift?

Biggest fish opportunity - Turning Alaska's three billion pounds of fish heads, skins, internal organs and other "wastes" into pet foods, nutraceuticals, pharmaceuticals, etc. An Analysis of Alaska Seafood Specialty

Products report by the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute says using byproducts could be worth an additional \$700 million or more to the industry.

Biggest fish disappointments- Salmon catches throughout the Gulf of Alaska were the lowest in 50 years in some regions. Likewise, catches of cod, halibut and Bering Sea crab also tumbled.

Best fish boosters - Alaska's salmon hatcheries

Biggest fish story - Alaska Fish are changing their behavior in search of colder waters. No sea ice in the winter of 2018 in the Bering Sea led to the disappearance of the "cold pool," a big tongue of bottom water that corresponds to the usual southward extent of the ice cover. That's led to more than half of the cod biomass being found in regions north of the normal surveys, as well as a big plug of pollock. There also was a 20 percent shift in the density of Pacific halibut from a year ago in the northern Bering Sea.



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Christmas Day in Wrangell

It was a quiet Christmas morning in Wrangell last week. The Wrangell Sentinel hopes that everyone had a very merry Christmas, and wishes everybody a happy new year.

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New Alaska forester talks about goals

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) - Dave Schmid is ready to move out of the Juneau Hotel.

For eight months, Schmid has been the acting regional forester for the Alaska Region of the U.S. National Forest Service. Though he's been treating it like a long-term job, it wasn't officially permanent until this November. A Nov. 30 press release announced that he was taking over the post full-time.

"I think the employees in the region and the external community leaders, how much do you really invest in someone that's got an 'acting' in front of their title? I tried to break through that a lot with folks," Schmid said. "I think that just helps with the discussion, knowing that I'll be here for a while."

Schmid, 57, replaces Beth Pendleton in the position and now oversees 22 million acres of forest in Southeast and South-central. Pendleton retired earlier this year after working as the regional forester for eight years and for a total of 30 years for the Forest Service.

Schmid has worked in Alaska for 23 years, working as a fisheries and watershed program leader on the Chugach National Forest and as a district ranger on the Tongass National Forest in Southeast.

He described the Tongass as a place "where national politics and everything play out on a daily basis." When he worked as a district ranger in Thorne Bay in

the late 1990s, the federal government canceled contracts with Ketchikan Pulp Mill workers and he had to deal with the fallout.

With national government again getting involved in Alaska's forests, Schmid said he feels prepared to handle it.

When Congress passed the 2001 Roadless Rule which blocks construction of new roads on millions of acres of the Tongass Schmid was working in Alaska. Now, as state and federal officials are working to create an Alaska-specific rule, Schmid is right in the middle of it.

Most of the process so far has been collecting public input, he said. The Forest Service got more than 144,000 comments, Public Affairs Specialist Dru Fenster said. Now, Schmid said, he and his colleagues are taking those into consideration and developing a list of options.

"What we're developing right now is a range of alternatives, and that will reflect everything from no action to an exemption from the rule," Schmid said. "It's bookended on both ends with some alternatives in between."

He said they should have an Environmental Impact Statement by next summer laying out the environmental effects that changing the Roadless Rule would have. The deadline to have the whole process finished is the summer of 2020, which Schmid said is "an aggressive

timeline."

Schmid said he feels prepared to meet those deadlines and work with the state, the federal government and tribal governments to find the best solution for the state's forests.

Though the Roadless Rule is the hot-button issue at the moment, Schmid said he has a number of other goals for his time as regional forester.

Chiefly among those goals is creating a better work environment. In mid-November, Forest Service Chief Vicki Christiansen testified in front of a Congressional panel and pledged to address reports of sexual harassment, bullying and discrimination among Forest Service employees over the years. Schmid said he and his colleagues are taking those allegations seriously and are working to find solutions.

Secondly, Schmid said he'd like to make more of an effort to work with local communities to make sure they manage young-growth forest and improve forest conditions as a whole.

Third, he said he wants to improve customer service. He said he's heard feedback requesting better communication and easier processes for those looking to work in the forests. Schmid said he hopes to make it easier for people to contact the people they need to contact at the Forest Service.

"We've got this kind of wall of bureaucracy out there," Schmid said.

Schmid said this is his last stop before retirement. He isn't looking to jump to another job. Like so many transplanted Alaskans, Schmid said he and his wife came up to Alaska for a summer and decided they wanted to stay.

He worked for a time in Montana, but knew he wanted to come back to the Last Frontier.

"I fell in love with Alaska and I fell in love with the landscapes, the lifestyle, the culture," Schmid said. "I lived in rural Alaska most of that time and we raised our daughter in that environment. It's a special place for me."

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University of Alaska sets goal to improve teacher retention

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) - The University of Alaska wants to address public school teacher turnover with more locally educated educators.

University of Alaska President Jim Johnsen has set a goal for 90 percent of all new teacher hires to have graduated from the university by 2025, the Juneau Empire reported. The current rate is 43 percent.

"The Alaska-prepared teachers just stay longer," said Steve Atwater, dean of the Alaska College of Education. "As you put more Alaskans into the classrooms (the number of vacancies each year) will go down."

The university will have to increase their numbers from around 250 education graduates each year to about 400 to 500, he said.

People are not as willing to come to Alaska as they used to be, Atwater said. Nearly two-thirds of all teacher and administrative school positions are hired from out of state each year, according to university data. Many new graduates stay a year or two and return to the Lower 48.

"Between 2004 and 2014, district-level teacher turnover in rural Alaska averaged 20 percent per year, and about a dozen districts experienced annual turnover rates higher than 30 percent," said Dayna Jean DeFeo, a senior research associate for the Center for Alaska Education Policy Research in a report. The national rate is 8 percent.

Johnson's goal of 90 percent UA hires is part of an initiative called "Grow your own" and used by teacher recruitment programs across the country.

The university is focusing on recruitment and retention, especially among Alaska Natives, and taking a multifaceted approach.

Besides including traditional recruiting, the university is focused on public awareness and outreach, a statewide mentoring program to support teachers who are already working in Alaska and a K-12 outreach program to encourage young students to enter the profession.

The university is also reorganizing the structure of education programs in the university and using a scholarship program to help recruit, educate and retain Alaska Native teachers.



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