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## Disaster drill helps first responders stay prepared

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

Fire, smoke, and sirens could all be seen and heard at the Wrangell airport last Tuesday afternoon. While there was no real emergency, the situation was meant to simulate one. A disaster drill was held on the airport's runway. According to Airport Manager Willie Bloom, the drill is a triennial event in Wrangell and is required by the FAA. He said the drill is meant to be an opportunity for the Department of Transportation, the Wrangell Fire Department, and the city's medical services be better prepared to collaborate in an actual emergency.

"It makes sense to combine, obviously, with the fire department because we would be joining forces with them if there was an incident out here," said Dorianne Sprehe, with the fire department. "Then the hospital plays along because it tests their ability to put up their emergency operations and such."

The drill was a simulation of an airplane crash, according to Cathy Gross, with the Wrangell Medical Center. There were about 67 people "on board" during this fictional wreck. Mostly high school students, the participants were laid out all over the runway in fake blood, makeup, and artificial injuries. Some played dead while others cried for help. Each "victim" was also given a card to wear around their necks, outlining their in-



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**Jordan Bunes** answers his radio while checking on the condition of **Loretta Rice**, one of the participants in last Tuesday's disaster drill. Rice was one of the "walking wounded," only sustaining a few cuts and bruises that were simulated with fake blood and makeup.

juries and how responsive they would likely be in a real emergency. To add more realism to the "disaster," airport firefighters set two wrecked cars out on the runway and set them on fire

with gasoline and road flares.

Airport personnel were the first on the scene when the disaster drill began, around 5:30 p.m. The fire department showed up next, a few minutes after the call went out. Airport personnel handled the majority of the work for putting out the fires, while firefighters began going around the runway triaging "victims." The Wrangell Police Department and the TSA also played a role in the drill, keeping a perimeter around the airport.

"Our role was to assist the state DOT with any fire suppression," Sprehe said, adding that

they also had the task of triaging and transporting people to the hospital.

After assessing everyone's injuries, the volunteers were gathered together a safe distance from the fires to await transportation via ambulance. Katrina Ottesen, with SEARHC, said that six patients were transported to the medical center, while the AICS Clinic received 18. All of the volunteers were triaged and transported appropriately, Gross said. Bloom also said he felt that the drill went well, as things were winding down.

"For SEARHC Wrangell

Medical Center and the community of Wrangell, this was a successful disaster drill," Ottesen said in an email. "A drill of this size would not be possible without the help of our volunteers, who are willing to donate their time for this valuable training exercise. Changes to the facility emergency plan that were made prior to the drill, concerning our communication and triage processes, proved to be effective. The goal is a seamless, coordinated response by our Wrangell SEARHC facilities in the event of a disaster to support our community, and the April 30 drill was a great starting point."



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**Kym Roher** and her dog, **Ella**, wait in a staging area at the airport for an ambulance to transport them to the hospital. Roher was one of the disaster drill's participants who received relatively minor "injuries." Ella was also the only canine "victim" in the disaster drill.



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The disaster drill that took place last week, according to Cathy Gross, was a simulation of a plane crash. To add some realism to the drill, two wrecked cars were set on fire on the airport's runway.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

**Thursday, May 9:** Tillie Bainter, Iver Nore, Hannah Crayne, Carrie Wallace. **Friday, May 10:** Alesha Jabusch, George Benson, Waka Brown, Russell Shilts, Ann Schnell, Helen Decker, Jeff Wiederspohn. **Anniversary:** Karl & Adrian Kohrt. **Saturday, May 11:** Talea Davis, Jeff Petticrew, Tara Campbell, Jessie Angerman. **Sunday, May 12:** **Anniversary:** Bob & Debi Prunella, Ken & Lou Davidson. **Monday, May 13:** Gaven Hunt, Harley Johnson, Troy Kagee, Everly Cook, Kyle Hammock, Bart Churchill, Stone Guggenbickler. **Anniversary:** Joe & Donna Kuntz. **Tuesday, May 14:** Kjell Nore, Jon Abrahamson, Kristofer Maenhout. **Anniversary:** Joe & Pam Stover. **Wednesday, May 15:** Terry Davenport, Michael Reeves, Trista Szeffler, Dave Dailey, Eliza Villarma, Danika McGee, Hunter Wiederspohn. **Thursday, May 16:** Sean McDonald. **Anniversary:** Alan & Leslie Cummings.

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

## Senior Center Menu

**Thursday, May 9**

Mac & Cheese w/Ham, Broccoli, Carrot Raisin Salad

**Friday, May 10**

Chieken Enchiladas, Black Beans, Spanish Rice

**Monday, May 13**

Beef & Bean Chili, Texas Cole Slaw, Cornbread

**Tuesday, May 14**

Sweet & Sour Chicken, Carrots, Rice, Cauliflower Toss

**Wednesday, May 15**

Beef Noodle Casserole, Sunshine Salad, Peas

**Thursday, May 16**

Salmon Chowder, Cheese & Tomato Sammy, Apricot 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, May 11**  
Malaspina 7:15 a.m.

**Sunday, May 12**  
Columbia 3:45 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 14**  
Malaspina 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, May 18**  
Malaspina 9:15 a.m.

**Sunday, May 19**  
Columbia 9:00 p.m.

#### Southbound

**Thursday, May 9**  
Malaspina 9:30 p.m.

**Monday, May 13**  
Malaspina 5:45 a.m.

**Wednesday, May 15**  
Columbia 4:00 a.m.

**Friday, May 17**  
Malaspina 12:45 a.m.

**Monday, May 20**  
Malaspina 6:30 a.m.

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



## TIDES May 9 - May 16

### High Tides

### Low Tides

	AM		PM		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
May 9	3:59	16.3	5:12	13.6	10:34	-1.1	10:40	4.3
May 10	4:49	15.5	6:15	13.2	11:29	-0.3	11:43	4.9
May 11	5:53	14.5	7:30	13.3	...	...	12:33	0.4
May 12	7:17	13.8	8:44	14.0	1:00	5.1	1:44	0.9
May 13	8:46	13.8	9:47	15.2	2:26	4.4	2:57	1.0
May 14	10:01	14.5	10:40	16.6	3:46	2.9	4:04	0.8
May 15	11:05	15.3	11:28	17.8	4:52	1.1	5:02	0.6
May 16	...	...	12:01	16.0	5:46	-0.7	5:53	0.5

## Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

**Monday, May 13**

**School Board and Borough Joint Work Session:** City Hall, 6 p.m. Meeting to discuss the Wrangell School budget. The Public is welcome to attend.

**Tuesday, May 14**

**Assembly Meeting:** City Hall, 7 p.m.

**Friday, May 17**

**High School Graduation:** Wrangell High School, 7 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.

**May 8, 1919**

The regular monthly meeting of the town council was held on last Thursday evening in the town hall. All members of the council were present. E.F. Carlstrom of the health committee reported an urgent need for a general clean up. Dr. Shuriek, the health officer, addressed the council at some length on the same subject. He was insistent on a general cleanup, both as a precautionary measure against disease and as a means of improving the appearance of the town. The health officer also stated that there were several shacks that should be condemned and destroyed. After some discussion, a motion prevailed that Wrangell have a cleanup day and that Saturday, May 17 be set apart as a day for a general cleanup of all rubbish and garbage. The clerk was instructed to prepare and publish notices informing the public of the cleanup day and also giving notice that if any property owner failed to clean up his premises on or before May 17, the town would then have the premises cleaned up and collect for same from the owner.

**May 5, 1944**

The local OPA and Rationing Board this week is making appeal to car drivers in the community to conserve rubber, and are explaining their policy in issuing tire certificates for delivery trucks. Tire shortages are still acute, and consumers are asked to do their bit in helping to conserve rubber. Private trucks, which are used to deliver commodities to individual consumers, are not eligible for rationed tires. Now, with the fishing season approaching, it is felt that the fishermen will experience a real hardship if they are not able to have their groceries and supplies delivered to their boats when they come in from the fishing grounds. In order to

help this war essential industry, the local Board will issue certificates when available to merchant trucks making wholesale deliveries.

**May 8, 1969**

The Vikings have landed! Reliable sources today reported that a group of grisly, bearded men in strange costumes landed at Wrangell Harbor. On their heads they wore helmets with animal horns as decorations. They carried strange looking war axes and kept chanting something about "Little Norway" and "Petersburg." It is not known what their objective is, although it is believed that their place of origin is a land to the north of her known only as "Halibut Valley." Witnesses have had a problem understanding the invaders and the only thing that can be reported is that they keep chanting over and over a strange saying that "ya shure, yew will like it at de Liddle Nor-

vay Fesdeval over in Pedersborg dis veekend." Ve shure vish ve knew vat de var meaning.

**May 12, 1994**

The 32-year old Frenchman wasn't adhering to conventional wisdom when he flew to Seattle in late January, and then walked from there to Vancouver, B.C. Once there, Fisset purchased a sea kayak, learned the fundamentals of its operation and paddled off to the north on a journey up the inside passage. The French adventurer's ultimate destination is Anchorage. Or, rather, that is where he intends to end his kayak trip. As of last week, Fisset had made it as far as Wrangell. He arrived here late on April 30 after paddling about 12 hours from Union Bay. After staying a few days with Dick and Yvonne Stough, he left the afternoon of May 4, bound for the LeConte Glacier and then on to Petersburg.

Date	High	Low	Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Apr. 29	59	37	May 09	4:49 am	8:41 pm	15:52h
Apr. 30	61	37	May 10	4:47 am	8:43 pm	15:56h
May 01	59	39	May 11	4:45 am	8:45 pm	16:00h
May 02	48	42	May 12	4:43 am	8:47 pm	16:04h
May 03	48	44	May 13	4:41 am	8:48 pm	16:07h
May 04	51	43	May 14	4:39 am	8:50 pm	16:11h
May 05	52	42	May 15	4:37 am	8:52 pm	16:15h
May 06	48	44	May 16	4:35 am	8:54 pm	16:19h



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# AmeriCorps volunteers helping out around Wrangell

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

From building flower pots to repairing walls, a group of AmeriCorps volunteers will be spending six weeks volunteering in Wrangell.

"Green 3," as the team is called, came to Wrangell at the request of the U.S. Forest Service to help with a wide variety of community service projects in the area. They arrived on April 24, according to a press release from the National Civilian Community Corps, and will be working in the area until June 3.

"The team overall is excited to be in Wrangell for the first time," said team member Juliana Sottnik in an email. "The community is warm and insightful, which makes serving its members that much more fun. Learning about Alaskan tales, plants, and wildlife while enriching the community seems like a pretty good deal."

What the NCCC does, explained team member Nellie

Speers, is send out teams of volunteers around the country to aid in various projects over a 10-month time period. The projects they are sent to last for about six weeks. Orion Nicol, another team member, said that this is the third year an AmeriCorps team has come to Wrangell. After they are done in Wrangell, Green 3 will be sent to Yakutat.

"We're part of AmeriCorps NCCC, which stands for 'National Civilian Community Corps,'" said Speers. "It's a government organization for young adults ages 18 to 24."

People join the AmeriCorps teams for a variety of reasons. Team member Anna Li Holey said in an email that she joined the NCCC to travel the country and to help communities in need. She said that it has been a great experience to develop leadership and construction skills, making many lifelong friends in the program.

Lena Chase, leader of Green 3, said she joined the NCCC



COURTESY OF NELLIE SPEERS

Working on a garden box for the elementary school's E.A.T.S. Garden are: left to right: Lena Chase, Reilly Childers, Anna Li Holey, Savannah Duncan, Spencer Biddle, and Robert Bareza.

## Wrangell Public Schools Indian Education Informational and Input Public Meeting

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because she has had a passion for community growth,

"I have gained perspectives and skills that no other jobs have been able to offer in the past and overcome challenges beyond the expectations I had set," she said in an email. "Through this program I discovered my passion of team management through service work and will continue to seek out opportunities to grow. I am so grateful that the Wrangell community has welcomed the team with open arms and provided us multiple opportunities to integrate and know each of us

on a one on one basis."

The team has worked on a wide variety of projects already, using the ranger district's wood-working shed as a workspace. They built and installed several new gardening beds for the E.A.T.S. Garden at Evergreen Elementary School. They also built some flowerpots for the Forest Service to put around their building. Sottnik said that they have also been working to prepare old gillnets for recycling.

"The net itself is recyclable but the line and some of the strings attached to it aren't, so for

the past three days we were just cutting rope off of nets," she said.

Nicol added that their team is not just helping the Forest Service on various projects. In later weeks they plan to assist the parks and recreation department, the school district, and even the radio station on a number of different community service projects. He said that the majority of the work they are doing in Wrangell is community focused. When they move on to Yakutat in June, they will be doing much more outdoor trail work.

## Police report

April 29, 2019

Harassment/civil.

Noise complaint.

Parking complaint.

Intoxicated person: Caller reported person staggering up Pine Street.

Suicide threats: Officer and family members responded.

DVO denial paper served.

Assault: Unfounded.

Disturbance: Verbal only.

April 30, 2019

Disturbance: Officer responded.

Paper service.

May 1, 2019

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for speed around the bluffs.

May 2, 2019

Suspicious circumstance.

Welfare check: Everything was fine.

Two traffic stops: Verbal warning for speed in a school zone.

Agency assist: Alarm.

Summons served.

Subpoena service.

Noise complaint.

May 3, 2019

Agency assist: Unlock vehicle.

Welfare check.

Parking complaint.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for equipment violation.

May 4, 2019

Arrested: Lisa Nelson, 36. On charges of DUI.

Agency assist.

Agency assist: Public works.

Drug paraphernalia.

Citizen assist.

Agency assist: Fire department.

May 5, 2019

Citizen assist: Unlocked vehicle.

There were three ambulance calls and two dog complaints this week.

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# Dan's Dispatch

By Representative Dan Ortiz

As the State of Alaska grapples with our current fiscal situation, legislators are considering ways to balance the budget while protecting our savings and preserving the PFD. I urge my colleagues to focus on an important part of the discussion: oil taxes.



Dan Ortiz

Alaska is the only state in the US that taxes oil based on net profits, yet we are also the state that relies the most on oil revenues for government services. Unique among states, Alaska is also the owner of the resource: most of our oil has been produced from state owned lands. This also means we collect the landowner's royalty in addition to the production tax.

When SB21 passed in 2013,



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## Paddle trip to Shoemaker

The Wrangell Parks and Recreation Department organized a paddle trip from City Park to Shoemaker Harbor last Saturday, May 4. The trip was about three miles, according to Parks and Rec Director Kate Thomas. It was kind of a challenging trip, against the wind, but the group that went enjoyed a BBQ waiting for them at Shoemaker. Pictured here (left to right) is Susan Toch, Kate Thomas, and Tom Weter.

the expectation was that "government take" would be about 65% of profits. With lower prices, reduced company spending, and the federal tax cut, current totals are much lower. The latest analysis shows the between the royalty, production tax, and other taxes, the state currently receives a bit over 40% of profits, the federal government around 10%, and the producers close to 50%. What this tells us is that our oil tax is not performing as intended.

Over the past three years, the legislature has solved some of the problems, including eliminating tax credits that

could be exchanged for state cash. But the basic pieces of the tax itself have not been changed, and it's probably time to look at this again.

The easiest way to approach this issue is to reduce the deductible per-barrel credit. The House Majority Coalition in 2017 passed a bill that would have eliminated the credit and reduced the base tax rate. Had it become law we'd be collecting close to another \$700 million per year, which I believe would be enough to pay a fair dividend without having to harm our schools, health care, and ferries. I hope that next session we'll have a more com-

prehensive conversation about how we can truly build a sustainable budget model for Alaska.

Thank you to everyone who has already reached out to my

office on this issue, and please don't hesitate to email me at Rep.Dan.Ortiz@akleg.gov or call me at 907-247-4672 with any suggestions or concerns.

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# School district tightens belt and adopts “no fat” budget

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

Lean times are ahead for the Wrangell School District, according to the budget that was adopted on April 30. Funding for the district has been a topic of much concern ever since Governor Mike Dunleavy released his proposals for the state budget. One of his proposals was a major cut to the Base Student Allocation, a program that gives schools money for every student in their district.

It has been very challenging to prepare a budget for the new school year without knowing for sure what was going to happen at the state level, said Superintendent Debbe Lancaster. According to her, the budget that was adopted by the school board last week is as close to “no fat” as possible.

“The budget that was adopted Tuesday was a conservative and hopeful projection,” she said. “We made significant cuts to be sensitive to the struggles that our legislators are going through to look at ways to reduce expenditures. We’ve kept that in mind, and we’ve streamlined as much as possible with limited information. It’s been an all consuming process.”

The FY 2020 budget has about \$6.34 million in expenses. The largest expense is teacher salaries at about \$1.74 million. The district is also paying \$885,005 for life and health insurance, which is a three percent increase from last year. Another expense category that has seen a rise is in travel for student regional activities. At a total of \$190,900, Lancaster said that they added roughly \$70,000 to this part of the budget. The extra money would be to cover jet travel, she said, as the ferry system is in danger of shutting down from lack of state funding come October.

As far as revenues go, the school district is looking to break



PHOTO BY CALEB VIERKANT/ WRANGELL SENTINEL

## Free comic book day

About 400 comic books were offered to the community for free as a celebration of Free Comic Book Day last Saturday. Aleisha Mollen, who also put together Wrangell’s Little Free Library, ordered the comics and gave them out to any interested passers-by to share her love of comics and reading. The Little Free Library is located on Case Avenue.

even with \$6.34 million coming into the school system. Lancaster said that they are asking for \$616,689 from the City and Borough of Wrangell for the 2020 budget, which she said was the minimum contribution they could make. With Wrangell in a similar situation as the district, trying to form a budget in spite

of economic uncertainties at the state level, she said it would not be right to ask for more.

“This year we budgeted to only ask for the minimum from the city,” Lancaster said. “The minimum contribution, because right now the state is struggling with their budget and we’re still all up in the air about what our budget may end up looking like.”

The district’s projected revenues are also based upon what Lancaster pointed out was a major assumption: That the Base Student Allocation would not be cut at all, despite the governor’s wishes. With a predicted 316 students in the school system, the district is projecting that over half of their revenue will come from the BSA, at roughly \$3.9 million. If there are cuts, Lancaster said that they would obviously have to respond and make cuts in their own budget. As they are already at bare bones, she said that this would necessitate

numerous meetings with school staff, the city, and even town hall meetings with the wider community.

To achieve a “no fat” budget, there were numerous cuts made. One that Lancaster pointed out was that Evergreen Elementary would not be hiring a new principal. With the recent resignation of Principal Virginia Tulley, Lancaster said that the school’s head teacher will act in the role of an assistant principal. The district will also not have a full-time guidance counselor anymore, though Lancaster said that staff are working to find different solutions or alternatives for this. Another idea that had been floated in previous school board meetings was for Lancaster to take on the role of special education director, as well as district superintendent. She said that this idea had been tabled for now, but depending on how things play out she may take on the role for no pay increase. The district is

looking hard for ways to save money in any way possible, she said. Any savings that they are capable of making will go straight into reserves, as a holdover for the future, she said. As a hypothetical example, she said if the ferry system did not shut down, that extra \$70,000 budgeted for student travel would be put into the nest egg.

“For instance, if we get additional funding from somewhere, we are allowed by law to carry over 10 percent for the next year, our carryover funding,” she said. “It’s important to have that carryover funding in case anything happens and if, for some reason, you can’t make that first payroll. You’ve got to have the carryover funding. At this point, in this budget, right now we’ve got about \$132,000 to carry over to next year. What that means is we would not go in at our 10 percent, so we’re going to be looking for every possible fiscal advantage.”

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# Wolverines and Cubs both 2-2 for the season

By CALEB VIERKANT  
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The Cubs and the Wolverines, the two major league teams in the Wrangell Little League, met for their third game of the season on Wednesday, May 1. Both teams had beaten the other before, in the opening week of the season. Last week's game was very competitive. The Wolverines were able to claim their sec-

ond win of the season after a close finish to the game, however.

The game started in the Wolverines' favor, after they made four runs in the first inning to the Cubs' two. In the second inning, however, the Cubs got some momentum and were able to tie the game. After that, the Cubs started to pull ahead. By the fourth inning, the score was

7-10 in the Cubs' favor.

The fifth inning was the last of the game, as per little league rules another inning cannot be started after 8 p.m. The Cubs made one final point to bring their score up to 11. The Wolverines appeared determined to not let the game end so easily, however, and began to get run after run. The Wolverines took a victory with a final score of 12-11.

While the team was obviously hoping to win, the Cubs' coaches told their players to not be disappointed. They played hard, they could be heard saying in the dugout after the game, and should be proud of themselves.

The Cubs were able to turn things around the next game, on Monday, May 6. It was raining, so conditions were less than ideal for both teams. The Cubs took an early lead in the first inning with a single run. However, the Wolverines tied up the game in the second inning with a run of their own. The Wolverines were able to take the lead briefly in the third inning, two runs to one. However, Vanessa Johnson (No. 16) for the Cubs was able to re-tie the game 2-2 when she was able to steal home plate from third.

The Cubs appeared to hit their stride after that, and quickly pulled ahead. By the fourth inning, the score was 9-2 in the Cubs' favor. However, the Wolverines rebounded much like they did in the previous game. Thanks to some strong hitters on their team, and several stolen



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Aubrey Wynne (No. 8) of the Cubs stands at first base during Monday evening's game against the Wolverines.



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Wolverines player Tank Martin (No. 31) throwing a pitch.

bases, the Wolverines were able to narrow the lead. However, it was not quite enough. The game ended with a score of 9-6, the Cubs victorious.

"I'm proud of the kids," said Cubs Coach Mike Barnes. "We had a great practice on Thursday and the effort they put in at practice on Thursday carried over

into tonight's game. We've had four solid games with these guys. We've battled our butts off every game, they've battled very hard as well. I'm looking forward to next Monday."

Both the Cubs and the Wolverines are 2-2 for the season so far. Their next game is scheduled for Monday, May 13.



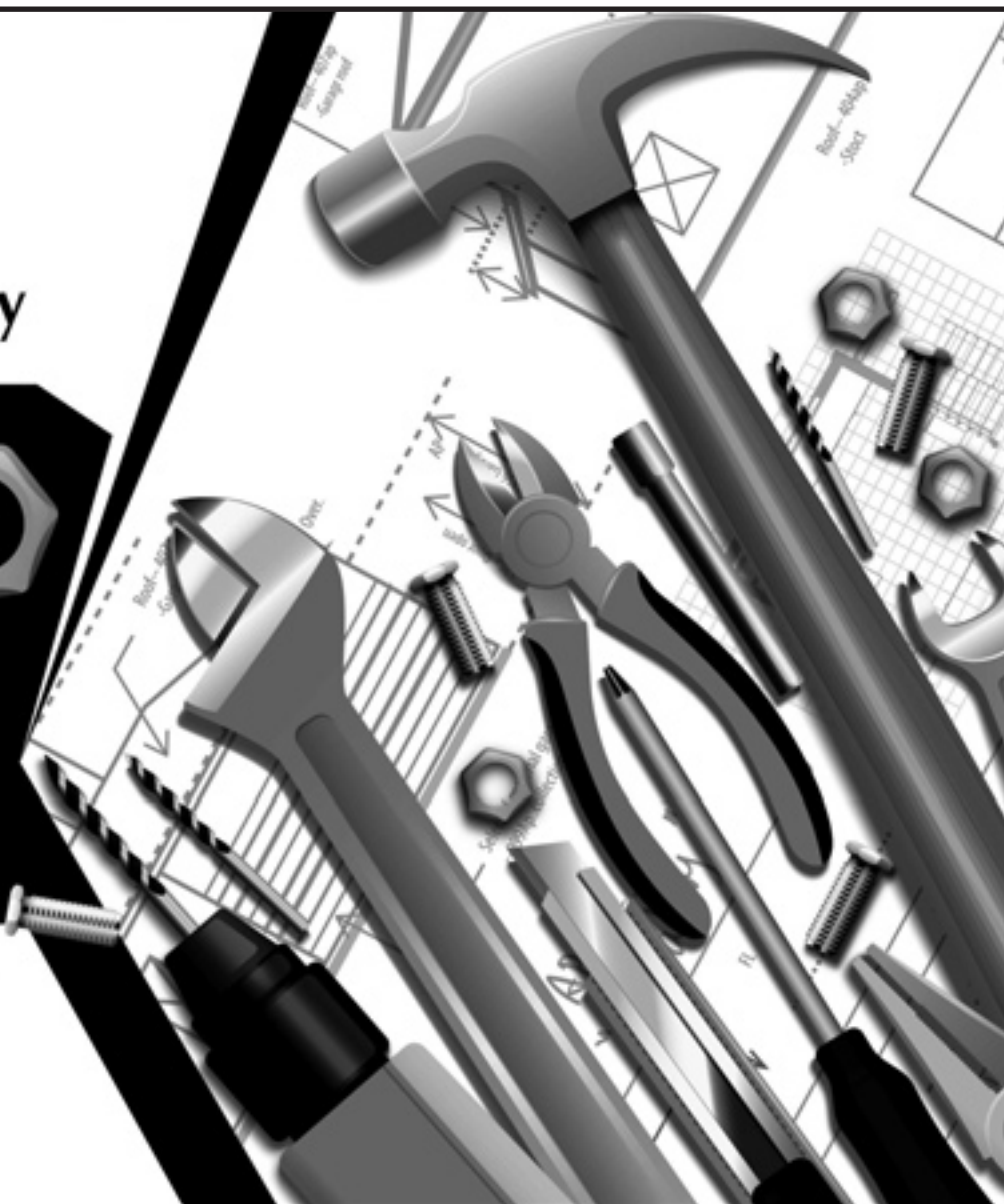
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# Bears come out strong in first games of the season, Rays and Sharks showing improvement

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

The Rays and the Sharks, both a part of the Wrangell Little League's minor league division, had their first game of the season on April 30. The game went heavily in the Rays' favor and they won the game with a score of 8-1.

Tawney Crowley, coach for the Rays, said it was a good game for her team for a

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Sharks player Kourtney Johnson (No. 26) taking a swing at Friday's game against the Bears. After their loss last week, the Sharks are currently 0-2 in the minor league division.

number of reasons. One of their players, Kiara Lyons, got to play in the catcher position for the first time, and she did a great job. The Rays also made four home runs that game, the first of which was made by Zander Bartlett. All in all, Crowley said that the game was very exciting and high en-

ergy. She added that the game was a good experience, also, in that it showed some ways all the teams in the minor league division could work together more to help all the players improve and enjoy the season.

"Their progress from the first practice was really encouraging," she said. "I think

that's what we were most proud of during that whole game, was the fact that they really, truly functioned like they were a team. Not just in their playing, but they were cheering for one another, actually getting into it. It seemed like the interest was really there."

While the Sharks got an extra day off to recover from the game, the Rays went on to play against the Bears on May 2, the minor league division's third game of the season for the Bears, coached by Sheri Ridgeway, John Powell, and Hank Voltz. It proved to be a very strong opening game for them, as the Bears went on to win the game 6-1.

The Bears played again the next day, May 3, against the Sharks. The Sharks were wiped out by the Bears, not making a single run the entire game. The Bears, on the other hand, demonstrated a strong batting game, winning 10 to nothing. Sharks Coach Tory Houser pointed out that they have a team of comparatively younger players. In spite of the loss, she said the game was a great learning experience for the Sharks, and that she is seeing improvement with each practice and game.

"The game went good," Voltz said after the game. "The kids show up to practice every day prepared, ready to go. It makes my job pretty easy. It's pretty fun, they're good kids and listen pretty good."

As of Tuesday, May 7, the Rays stand at 1-1 for the season. The Bears remain undefeated at 2-0, and the Sharks are continuing to chase their first win of the season at 0-2. Minor league games will continue every Tuesday and Thursday evening until June 13, followed by an end of the season picnic on Saturday, June 15.



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Brandon Leatherland of the Bears (No. 14) about to hit a triple at Friday's game against the Sharks. The Bears won the game 10 to nothing.



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# Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH Fisheries columnist

## Public comment period for Pebble Mine extended to June 29

Bulldozers, blasters, excavators, vibrators, jaw crushers, drillers, graders, crushers, huge trucks and other heavy equipment are tools of the trade when building and operating large mines - and they all kick up a lot of dust.

In the case of the Pebble Mine, the project is expected to generate 8,300 tons of so called fugitive dust in its annual mining operations. Another 5,700 tons will come from building the 83 mile main road to Cook Inlet, and the 35 daily round trip trucking of mineral concentrates will churn out 1,500 tons of road dust each year.

When it's blowing in the wind, the dust will land on at least 1,500 acres of wetlands and 300 acres of lakes, ponds and streams, according to analyses done for the United Tribes of Bristol Bay, a tribal consortium representing 15 Bristol Bay tribal governments that represent over 80 percent of the region's total population. The dust will contain particles of the metals being mined, notably, copper, which when it leaches into water bodies, has been proven to be toxic to the olfactory system of salmon.

"Increases in copper concentrations of just 2-20 parts per billion, equivalent to two drops of water in an Olympic-sized swimming pool, have been shown to impact the critical sense of smell to salmon," said Dr. Thomas Quinn, a professor at the School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences at the University of Washington. "Salmon use smell to identify predators, prey, mates, and kin. And importantly, they use sense of smell to return to their natal streams."

But little to no baseline data on soil or sediments is presented in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement compiled by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that is currently undergoing public review.

"One of the most eye opening things was, when you're looking at fugitive dust, you're looking at it from the perspective of human health and there are 10 or 11 hazardous air pollutants that you must look at when you're permitting for air quality. Copper is not a human health hazard, so that was completely omitted from any mention in the discussion on dust," said Kendra Zamzow, an environmental geochemist with the Center for Science in Public Participation.

Zamzow, who is from Chickaloon, has pored over thousands of supplemental documents to the DEIS called requests for information (RFIs) on behalf of the United Tribes.

"They have a table in the soils chapter that lists how much they expect in concentrations of things like arsenic or cadmium or mercury increases

over time in soils based on loading from dust. But there is no mention of copper. And this is going to be a copper mine," Zamzow said. "We know from the element analyses they've done on concentrations in the ore and the waste rock that copper will be one of the top two components in the rock, and probably the highest of the trace metals. And there's absolutely no mention of the copper, which to me is really surprising because we know how copper is toxic to aquatic life, and everyone knows impacts to aquatic life is the entire reason that people are concerned about the Pebble Mine."

The copper will inevitably leach into waterbodies where fish and aquatic life in general will be exposed.

"A lot of these particles could become available to the base of the food chain, the benthic feeders and zooplankton," Zamzow said.

The copper saturated dust would blow from the mining area, whereas road dust would likely have a different composition.

"The road dust is expected to impact a lot more waters than the mine site. But we don't know to what extent concentrates could be making up part of the dust because it is not discussed at all. And mitigation mostly talks about watering the road," Zamzow said.

According to a 2014 Assessment of Potential Mining Impacts on Salmon Ecosystems at Bristol Bay by the Environmental Protection Agency, the transportation corridor in the Kvichak River watershed would cross approximately 64 streams and rivers of which 55 are known or likely to support migrating and resident salmonids, including 20 streams designated as anadromous waters. The corridor would run near Iliamna Lake and cross multiple tributary streams.

Lower Cook Inlet also will get impacts from the Pebble dust as Amakdedori Creek in Kamishak Bay will be the export terminal to ship out the mined materials. Trucks from the mine site will transport the finely powdered concentrates to ice breaking barges for an 18 mile daily transit across Iliamna Lake, truck it on a 30 mile road to the coast, load it onto barges, then offload to a mothership 12 miles or more offshore.

"They're going to take 38 ton shipping containers off of trucks, lower them into a ship's hold and turn them upside down to dump out the concentrates. And it will have very high concentrations of copper," Zamzow said, adding that the DEIS says the transports will include nearly 630,000 tons of materials per year.

Pebble's mine site struc-

tures will include an open pit, a tailings storage facility, low grade ore and overburden stockpiles, quarry sites, water management ponds, milling and processing facilities, a 188-mile natural gas pipeline from the Kenai Peninsula to the site, a power plant, water treatment plants, camp facilities and storage facilities.

"Building and powering a mine like Pebble or Donlin is like adding a new city to Alaska," said Zamzow.

"Dust is another example of how the Corps of Engineers has not done their job and is not holding Pebble up to a high standard of scientific rigor that Bristol Bay demands. And our decision makers are letting them," said Alannah Hurley, United Tribes executive director.

The public comment period for the Pebble Mine has been extended to June 29. Find more information at [www.pebbleprojecteis.com/](http://www.pebbleprojecteis.com/)

**Expo #3** - The third annual Bristol Bay Fish Expo is just weeks away as the region gears up for the world's biggest sockeye salmon fishery. The event is held at Naknek, the fishing hub for 10 major seafood processors and a fleet of nearly 1000 boats and is a fundraiser for local child-care.

"There was no child care whatsoever in the community," said Sharon Thompson, Expo co-organizer and board president of Little Angels Childcare Academy.

The Expo so far has raised nearly \$40,000 to open the doors and pay staff at the Academy, which received its state license last week to serve up to 15 children.

"It has been the reason that Little Angels could continue existing while we got through the licensing process," Thompson said.

The Expo is on track to match or beat the 50 trade show vendors from last year. Other features include the premiere of *The Wild*, a film by Mark Titus and a visit from renowned sushi chef Taichi Kitamura who will be serving salmon dishes.

Two of the biggest Expo hits are the Fashion and Wearable Art Show followed by an Auction featuring Bristol Bay fisherman and auctioneer Kurt Olson. (Donations are needed for the auction.)

Invitations also have been sent to Alaska's policy makers.

"Those who are in public service and our politicians are forming the policies that will affect everything from our industry to our way of life. So, we are putting invites out to Senator Murkowski, Governor Dunleavy, and a lot of others because it is an important part of our show," Thompson said.

The Expo theme this year is



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### Muskeg Meadows fundraiser dinner

Muskeg Meadows Golf Course held its annual fundraiser dinner last Sunday evening. As it was May 5, it was a Cinco de Mayo themed party with plenty of Mexican food to enjoy. The dinner was held at the Elks Lodge on Front Street, and many people and businesses from around town donated items for the auction. Some of the auction items included a crab pot, a chainsaw, t-shirts, artwork, and much more. Pictured here is Jane Bliss, saving a table for a few of her friends.

"feeding our families and fueling our dreams," which Thompson said is exactly what the Bristol Bay salmon do.

"We are just so grateful because our wild salmon resource is supporting all of this," she said. "In times of budget crises, they're putting

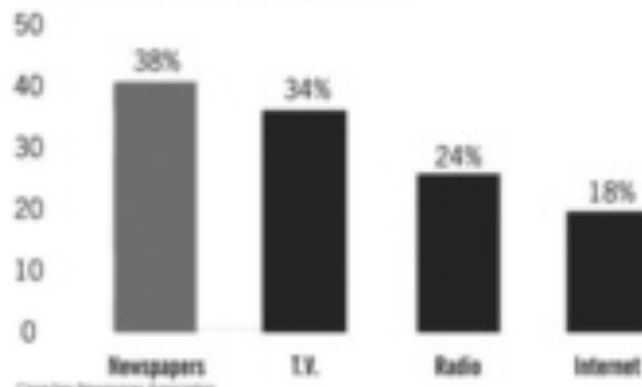
food on our table, food in our freezers, and the wild salmon has provided a child care facility."

The Bristol Bay Fish Expo is set for June 9 and 10 at the Naknek school. [www.bristolbayfishexpo.com](http://www.bristolbayfishexpo.com)

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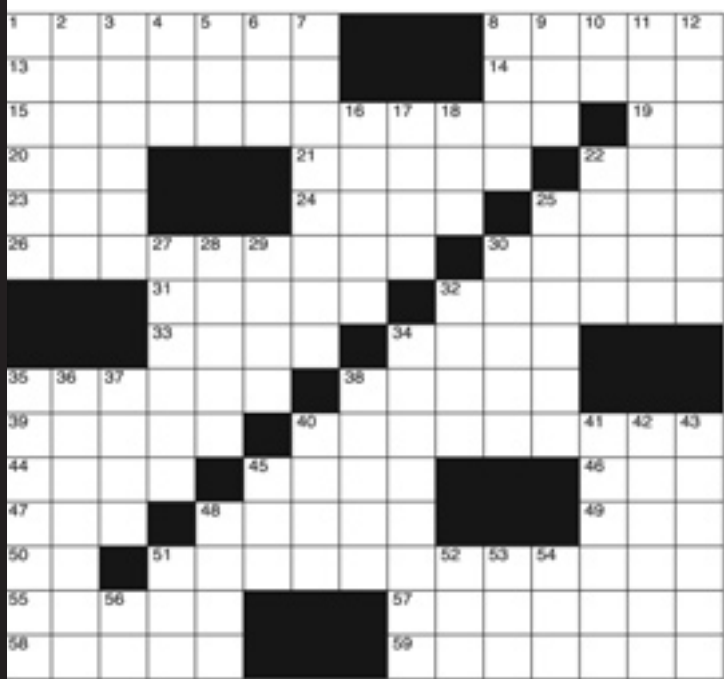
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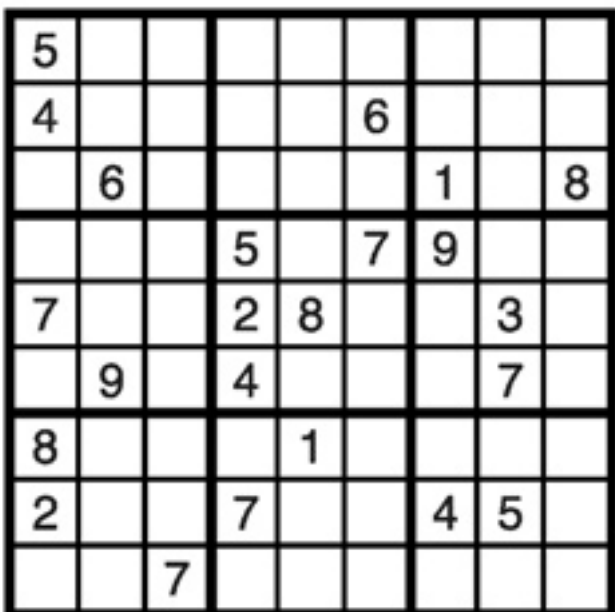
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- 8. Strange
- 13. Deep regret
- 14. Rogue
- 15. Took without permission
- 19. An alternative
- 20. Performer \_\_-Lo
- 21. Partner to flowed
- 22. Best day of the week (abbr.)
- 23. Body part
- 24. Famed river
- 25. Lake \_\_, one of the Great
- 26. Make free from bacteria
- 30. People native to Canada
- 31. Japanese seaport
- 32. Least clothed
- 33. Horse of small breed
- 34. Italian doctor and poet
- 35. Moving away from land
- 38. One who parks cars
- 39. Some are front and some are back
- 40. Views
- 44. Ancient Greek shield (alt. sp.)
- 45. Spanish seaport
- 46. New England college (abbr.)
- 47. The woman
- 48. Belgian province
- 49. Danish krone
- 50. Excessive dose (abbr.)
- 51. In great shape
- 55. 7th month of Islamic calendar
- 57. Shaped
- 58. Icelandic poems
- 59. Swollen area within tissue

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- 2. Duplicate
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- 4. Neither
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- 9. Not the beginning
- 10. Dorm employee
- 11. Hard, white substances
- 12. Scariest
- 16. Spanish island
- 17. Having sufficient skill
- 18. Where golfers start
- 22. No charge
- 25. Print errors
- 27. Where rafters ply their trade
- 28. Paintings of holy figures
- 29. CNN host Lisa
- 30. Gives whippings
- 32. Type of tie
- 34. Unbroken view
- 35. Blemish
- 36. National capital
- 37. "Captain Marvel" actress Larson
- 38. Tenth pair of cranial nerves
- 40. Arizona native peoples
- 41. Confuse
- 42. Body parts
- 43. Plays a fast guitar
- 45. Tub
- 48. Pen parts
- 51. Supervises flying
- 52. Cars come with one
- 53. Some are fake
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COURTESY OF SARAH WITTESEY-MERRITT

Five students from Wrangell High School recently took a trip to Washington D.C. and New York City as a part of the Close Up Program, a national student government nonprofit. During their trip, they visited many important locations around the two cities, including the Holocaust Museum. At the museum they had the opportunity to meet Louis de Groot (center), a Holocaust survivor. Pictured from left to right are Adriana Larrabee, Jing O'Brien, Laura Helgeson, Madison Blackburn, and Skylar Larrabee.

## “Close Up” group returns from trip to D.C., NYC

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel* writer

Five Wrangell High School students recently returned from a trip to Washington D.C. and New York City, as a part of the Close Up program.

Close Up is a nonprofit student government nonprofit organization, according to Sarah Wittlessey-Merritt with the Wrangell Legislative Information Office. The program brings high school students from schools across the country to visit the two cities, learn about government, and foster an interest in politics. Merritt has been involved in the Close Up program for about 12 years, she said. She, along with students Jing O'Brien, Skyler and Adrianna Larrabee, Madison Blackburn, and Laura Helgeson travelled to the east coast from April 26 to May 6.

The program involves students learning a lot about how American politics work and what all is involved with running the country. There are numerous workshops the students attend, and they also hold a mock Congress where they learn how to create a bill and work to turn it into a law. Merritt also said that they get to sit in and listen to a debate between a liberal and a conservative on a current event or topic, to learn debate skills. This year's debate was on climate change, she said.

"It's to get the high school students, because they're our future leaders, engaged and enlightened, and excited about government," Merritt said.

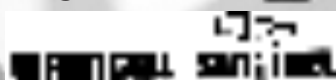
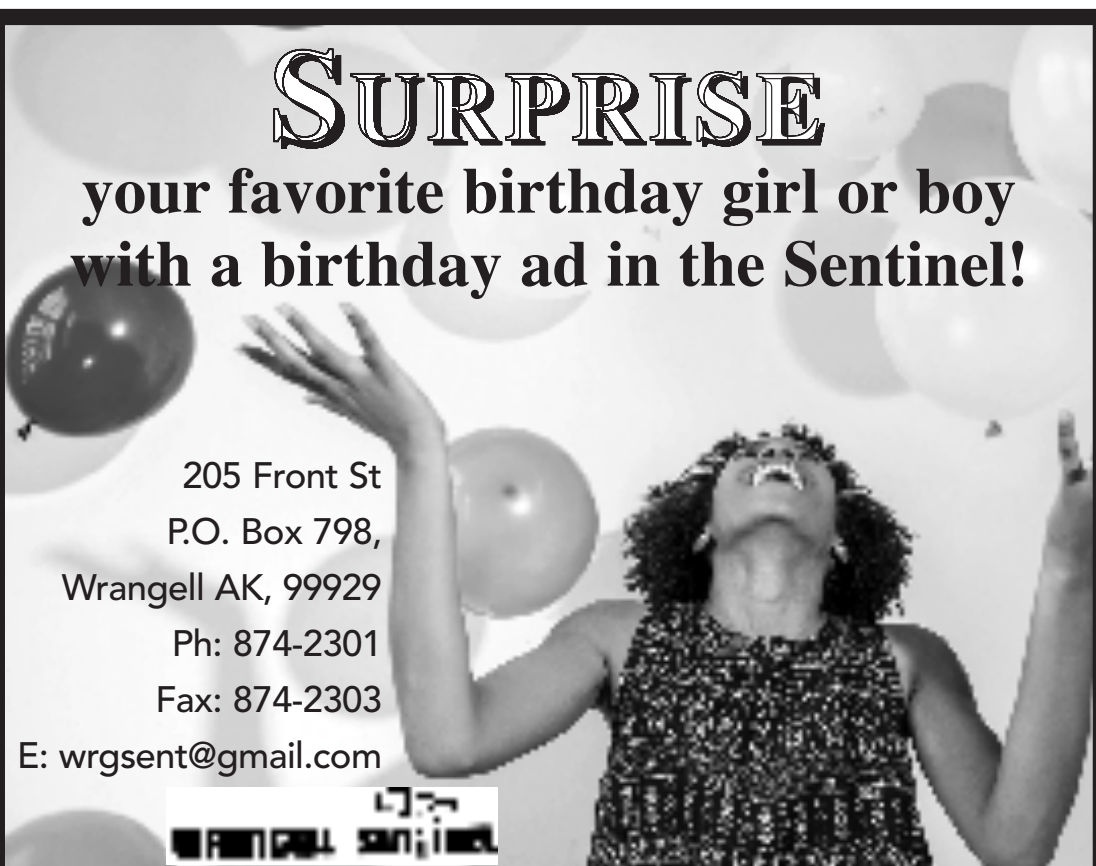
Besides workshops and learning about government, the students also got to see some of the major sights around D.C. and New York. Merritt took the group to see "Into The Woods" at Ford's Theater, and also "King Kong" on Broadway. They also visited the Lincoln Memorial and other sites. One stop that Merritt pointed out in particular was a trip to the Holocaust Museum, where the group got to meet survivor Louis de Groot. The kids are also all divided into different groups, with kids from different schools, so they can learn from them about life in different parts of the country. In all, she said, this trip was much more than just teaching this group of students about politics.

"They're getting culture, they're getting education, they get school," Merritt said. "They're going basically from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., and that is the whole trip so they are exhausted. But we cram everything in and they really learn."

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Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk  
City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

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## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT SITKA

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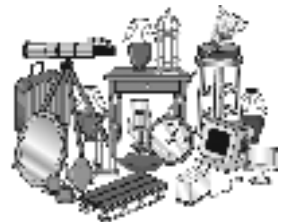
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## Puzzle answers from May 2 Edition



5	1	6	4	7	9	2	3	8
4	7	3	8	2	5	6	1	9
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6	5	4	3	8	7	1	9	2
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COURTESY OF LUKE MESSMER

One of the senior pranks that took place at Wrangell High School last week was more public than pouring shredded paper into the principal's office. A group of students hung a banner outside the high school on Friday that read "Prison for sale!!! Moving, everything must go! More info @ By Sail Trade." The banner got quite the response from the public on social media, most people laughing at it or commenting on the poor spelling.



COURTESY OF DAVID MACRI

### Senior pranks at Wrangell High School

Senior pranks have been a staple part of high schools for many years, almost as routine a part of the schedule as graduation itself. The senior pranks that took place at Wrangell High School last week were described as "good, clean fun" by Secondary School Principal David Macri.

Macri's office was filled with four large trash bags of shredded paper by a group of senior students, he said. He pointed out that they left his workspace alone as to not make anything important get misplaced. There was no property damage, and nobody was hurt, all in all Macri described it as an innocent prank.

"I was actually very honored they involved me," Macri said. "They're super kids."

Graduation for the WHS class of 2019 will take place at 7 p.m. next Friday, at the high school gym.

# Tongass National Forest timber sale nearing completion

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) \_ The first phase of the largest timber sale in Tongass National Forest in decades is moving ahead, and the U.S. Forest Service is asking for public comment through May 13.

The Forest Service has confirmed it plans to offer about 225 million board feet (531,000 cubic meters) of Tongass old growth timber over 15 years, CoastAlaska reported Monday.

More than a fifth of that could be in the next year alone.

But the federal agency insists this is much more than a timber sale. The agency prefers calling it a "landscape level analysis" because it's folded into other work.

That work includes stream restorations and culvert replacements. There's also improved recreation like trail building and new public use cabins and shelters that has strong local support.

Until funding is provided, the Forest Service has set aside federal dollars for ongoing commercial timber surveys. It says it intends to offer 50 million board feet (118,000 cubic meters) in the next year.

Supporters and critics alike have registered their concern with the lack of detail offered to date by the Forest Service. There

have been maps of units with potential logging and other activities but no specific plans.

Forest Service spokesman Paul Robbins says the Forest Service's current process is new for everybody.

"Before we would say, 'Hey, these are the activities we're proposing to do,'" Robbins said. "And instead, now we're saying, 'What activities do you want to do? OK, we're going to go do those.'"

Timber industry representative said there's an understanding that a timber sale is in the works even if the details aren't out yet.

"You know, when I talked to the timber sales staff, they said they had a project that they're working on, a specific timber sale project with specific units," said Owen Graham, executive director of the Alaska Forest Association in Ketchikan.

The Forest Service is holding its last round of public workshops before it begins offering specific areas for logging and deciding which restoration and recreational projects to pursue.

"Those decisions are going to be made after the comment period's done based on the information we gather," Robbins said.

## Golf Roundup

Wrangell IGA sponsored a pair of golf tournaments at Muskeg Meadows last weekend.

Saturday's tournament saw 18 participants. First place went to a team composed of Rocky Littleton, Marva Reid, and Rodney Littleton. Second place went to Spencer Stovee, Dwight Yancy, Kevin Roope, and Jim Brooks. Chris Ellis made the straightest drive of the day at 11 feet, 8.75 inches. Faye Kohrt was closest to the pin at 10 feet, 10.5 inches.

There were seven participants in Sunday's best ball tournament. First place went to a team consisting of Brian Smith, Dough Nelson, and Nick Andrews. Rocky Littleton had the straightest drive of the day at 23 feet, 3 inches.

Next weekend, May 11 and 12, will be the Rider Cup between Wrangell and Petersburg. Saturday's game will be an alt-shot tournament, nine holes each. Sunday's game will be an individual best ball tournament. To learn more, call Muskeg Meadows at (907) 874-4653.

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July 9-10	Oncology - Dr. Raish	907-228-8101



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# Assembly adopts agreement for Nome generators, holds budget workshop

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Borough Assembly held an emergency meeting last Thursday night to adopt a "surplus property agreement" with the Nome Joint Utility System. The surplus property in question is a pair of diesel generators currently sitting in storage in Nome. Power has been a topic of concern around Wrangell, and amongst the assembly, thanks in part to the recent hydropower shortages at Tye and Swan Lake. Wrangell currently has four diesel generators which it can use for power in the event of an emergency. It was brought up in a February assembly meeting that these generators could meet the city's power needs, but in the event one of them failed it would mean rolling blackouts around town.

Electrical Utilities Director Rod Rhoades originally brought forward the idea to purchase the Nome generators. They had been sitting in storage for about a decade, he said in the February meeting, but they were in good condition. Between purchasing them, moving them to Wrangell, and installing them, he said the cost would be roughly \$300,000.

According to the agenda packet for the meeting, the only request from Nome was that the agreement address insurance and liability coverage for staff and for the generators once ownership passes to Wrangell. This would not be much of an issue, the packet explained, and the city administration was working to make sure Wrangell would have the proper coverage. After a brief discussion, the agreement was accepted unanimously.

After that business was taken care of, the meeting was adjourned so the assembly could hold a budget workshop. Since the beginning of May, the assembly has been meeting to go over different aspects of the borough's financial needs for FY 2019-2020, department by

department. According to a summary of funds, Wrangell is looking at roughly \$15.58 million in revenues, and \$20.72 million in expenditures. The borough will have an estimated \$31 million in reserves on July 1, 2019, according to the draft. After this budget, those reserves will be down to about \$25.76 million.

The first thing the assembly looked at last Thursday was the parks and recreation budget. The parks and rec department is requesting about \$960,000, according to Director Kate Thomas. As far as expenses go, they are estimated to be about \$973,000. The largest expense, according to a draft of the budget, is wages and salaries at \$140,000. There was also an increase in the category of "travel and training," which was put at \$16,920. This is an increase of roughly \$4,000 from FY 2018-2019. Thomas said that this increase was meant to help pay for several certification classes for parks and recreation staff, and also for traveling expenses for youth basketball and Wolfpack Wrestling.

Mayor Steve Prysunka requested that Thomas put together a detailed copy of what traveling and training the department was hoping for, while Assembly Member Dave Powell said he wanted to see a list of service orders for parks and recreation equipment. Assembly Member Patty Gilbert pointed to a line item that caught her eye, \$1,500 for dog waste bags. She asked why the department needed so much money for this item, to which Thomas responded that dog waste bags were expensive, and they had several areas where they needed to be supplied.

The Planning and Zoning budget was reviewed next. Wrangell's planning and zoning commission is estimating \$31,030 in expenses for FY 2019-2020, which is a steep decrease from the previous budget of \$64,500 in projected costs. Part of the reason the ex-



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## Baby Raven Reads picnic

Baby Raven Reads, the reading program for young native children, held a beach party at City Park last Saturday morning. This will be the last program of Baby Raven Reads until September, according to community liaison Delila Ramirez. The party began with a performance by Wrangell's JOM dancers, followed by story time with Lu Knapp (left) and Virginia Oliver (right). Kids also got to grill hotdogs and make s'mores. After story time, the group went beachcombing.

penditures are lower is because one item of the budget, "surveys", is expected to be spent out of the Residential Construction Fund this year. The economic development director said that the planning and zoning commission is planning to conduct a number of surveys in the near future, such as lots of land along Etolin Avenue, a survey of the former Byford Junkyard site, and others. The budget did not list how much these surveys would cost, but the FY 2018-2019 budget listed survey costs at \$35,000. Aside from thanking Rushmore for all her hard work, the assembly did not have any questions for this portion of the budget.

Ports and harbors were a major topic of discussion at the meeting. The Port and Harbors Administration is looking at about \$400,690 in expenses. The

harbor department itself is looking at revenues of \$824,076 and expenditures of \$594,678. The port fill, dock, and barge ramp are expected to generate a total of \$282,490 in revenue at a cost of \$260,607. The Marine Service Center and travel lifts will generate revenues of \$411,675 and cost \$345,138.

Prysunka said that there was something he wanted the harbor department to add to the budget, which he did not see listed. The dock at Meyers Chuck needed some maintenance done to it, but he did not see any funds being set aside for the work. Prysunka said that Meyers Chuck, located about 60 miles south of Wrangell, as the raven flies, is part of the borough. While they are not on Wrangell Island itself, as residents of the borough they needed to be taken care of

just the same as everyone else.

The Convention and Visitor's Bureau is also expecting to bring in \$66,250 and spend \$84,000 this budget. The borough also plans to use \$215,000 of the Commercial Passenger Vessel Excise Tax Fund for various projects. These include Mt. Dewey trail extensions, construction of bathrooms at Petroglyph Beach, construction of a covered shelter at City Dock, and others. \$50,000 of the Marian Glanz Memorial Fund will also be used for marketing purposes.

The assembly will be having numerous other budget workshops through the rest of the month. There will be formal assembly meetings on May 14 and 28. To learn more about the budget workshops or to see the draft budget, visit the city calendar at [www.wrangell.com](http://www.wrangell.com).

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