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Steve Prysunka and Wrangell Volunteer Fire Department Cpt. Dorianne Sprehe demonstrate how the department's new automatic resuscitation system works for SEARHC regional director Mark Walker (at center). Walker's eponymous foundation provided grant funding for the device, which will help emergency responders provide CPR to patients during transit.

Emergency response receives first Walker Foundation grant

By DAN RUDY Sentinel writer

Wrangell's emergency services were the recipients of the first-ever grant from the Walker Foundation, a benevolent fund established after the acquisition of Alaska Island Community Services last year by Southeast Alaska Rural Health Consortium.

Governed by an appointed board, the Foundation supports activities that promote health and the welfare of the Wrangell community.

"It's on a project by project basis. We currently have about \$3.75M," explained Mark Walker, formerly CEO for AICS and currently Southern Region Director for SEARHC. The fund's principal will be cultivated through managed investment, with monies added to certified paramedics, and an EMT II is limited in the cardiac medications they are able to administer during a cardiac arrest code. Full care is really only available at the hospital, so good, consistent CPR is vital for appropriate care and a positive outcome. Standard practice demands patients receiving CPR be restrained, which can be difficult when on the go or impractical while in confined spaces like the floatplane WVFD has access to.

In light of this, the department requested assistance procuring a ZOLL-brand autopulse resuscitation system. The portable device is strapped to the back of a patient and automates the CPR process, allowing emergency personnel to remain safely buckled in while delivering care on the way to advanced care. It only takes 20 seconds to put on and is battery powered, delivering non-stop compressions over two-minute periods. Straps and an attached stabilizing board allow patients to receive resuscitation while in transit, on a stretcher, or even in a cramped elevator. Dr. Lynn Prysunka of AICS and WVFD captain Dorianne Sprehe recommended the device as best fitting the department's needs. It retails for just under \$5,000, so the grant allowed Wrangell's emergency techs to acquire a useful but pricey piece of equipment. After receiving the award, the department has procured its preferred device, which is already in service.

Monofill update set for Tuesday evening

By DAN RUDY Sentinel writer A work session on the Byford monofill between the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and City and Borough of Wrangell has been scheduled for next week.

Around 18,500 cubic yards of treated, lead-contaminated soil is slated to be interred in a designated monofill as the second stage of site reclamation for a former privately-run junkyard along Zimovia Highway. The former Byford yard had passed to the City of Wrangell through foreclosure in 2009. Already on the Environmental Protection Agency's radar as a contaminated site, after planned-for federal funding through its Superfund fell through in 2015, the state DEC was able to allot money through its emergency oil response fund for the cleanup.

Undertaking work in the spring of 2016, contractors found the extent of contamination at the property to be far greater than first estimated, with materials buried in a number of caches. After excavation, around two dozen drums and nearly 60 shipping containers of the worst-affected material and debris were transported off-island, at a cost of \$6,000,000. An additional 18,350 cubic yards of lead-contaminated material still remain, and due to cost considerations it was determined treatment and interment would be a more manageable solution than transport off-island.

The monofill DEC designed for that purpose was to be situated at Department of Natural Resources rock pit #2, located a fifth of a mile away from the Pats Creek system. Along with Pats Lake, the creek is a popular system for fishing and recreation to Wrangell's residents, prompting Wrangell Cooperative Association to raise its concerns about the presence of lead nearby. Work on the monofill meant to begin last summer was put on hold, while engineers met with tribal and city staff to assuage safety concerns. Work had at first been scheduled to resume April 1, but the submission last month to DEC of a site report prepared for WCA has caused further delay. Kendra Zamzow with the Center for Science in Public Participation (CSP2) had been contracted by WCA to review the project in November. Based in Montana, CSP2 provides technical expertise on water quality contamination

and other impacts associated with industry, primarily mining. An environmental geochemist with a doctorate in environmental chemistry, Zamzow represents the center in Alaska.

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Examining site plans and other materials, her 19-page assessment raises a variety of questions, from the department's choice of mitigation compound and the monofill's design to groundwater quality and potential contaminants at the rock pit itself. During the project's holding pattern, DEC project manager Sally Schlichting said the department has been putting together a response to Zamzow's report. Many of the concerns raised by the report had been chemical in nature, and over the past month the DEC has collected soil and water samples from both sites as requested.

Schlichting said the department's response also addresses the presence of petroleum contaminants at the rock pit site, lays out a groundwater contour map and proposes additional monitoring for the eventual monofill. DEC submitted its finished response to WCA's report to them last Wednesday, and planned to make its contents public Tuesday after the tribe had time for review.

"It's first for them," Schlichting explained.

The presentation on the project and their findings to the Borough Assembly next week comes at its members' request. DEC staff, engineers and contractors are to be on hand to present an updated overview of the Byford project and answer questions.

"We want it to be a dia-

it on a periodic basis.

"We have an arrangement with SEARHC. They will be making an annual contribution that's dependent on how AICS programs perform," said Walker. "We're going to use that as the basis to generate earnings from that fund," which then goes toward grant awards. The Walker Foundation board receives applications each year in the fall, making its determination for awards by the new year.

"We're looking for projects that can demonstrate actual results, improving the health outcomes for community members," Walker explained.

The Wrangell Volunteer Fire Department put in the program's first and only application for last year, requesting an automated resuscitation system for its emergency responders.

One area of concern identified by the Wrangell Medical Center chief of staff and emergency medical personnel regards providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation for patients during transport. The department lacks Walker explained the Foundation does not currently have a deadline for grant applications, but that its board is open to suggestions for further projects. While the organization does not yet have a website available, Walker can be contacted about application requirements and grant parameters by phone at 874-5000. logue, to allow the city assembly to ask us questions," said Schlichting. The work session has been set for 5:30 p.m. on April 24 inside City Hall, just ahead of the assembly's regularly scheduled 7 p.m. meeting. The public is welcome to attend.

Presently, the proposed monofill is still likely to be situated at the originally selected rock pit, based on cost estimations and the relative characteristics of other potential sites.

"We don't have any other potential sites we are looking at," Schlichting commented.

The treated soil is still being kept at the reclaimed Byford site, but its containment has a limited shelf life. By design, by this spring it was meant to already be disposed of.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, April 19: Anniversary: Jesse and Amber Sumner. Friday, April 20: Odile Meister, Kastle Jo Powers, Kalin Kohrt. Saturday, April 21: Kem Haggard. Anniversary: David and Kimberly Powell. Sunday, April 22: Rosslyn Elizabeth Nore, Paul Stutz, Rusty Hayes. Anniversary: Christian and Michelle Beaghoff. Monday, April 23: Chris Haggard, Nathan Robinson, Logan C. Hammock, Crystal Johnson, Andrew Guggenbickler. Tuesday, April 24: Kim Covalt, Jamie Reading, Tommy Brown Jr., Robyn Booker, April Emmorey, Oliver Byron Nicholas. Anniversary: Richard and Delores Klinke. Wednesday, April **25**: Nicolas Allen. *Anniversary:* Marion and Barbara Neyman. Thursday, April 26: Alex Rooney, Joel Churchill.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, April 19 Grilled cheese, Split peas soup with ham, Sunshine salad,

Rolls Friday, April 20 Chicken cacciatore, Brussels sprouts, Tossed salad, Pasta

Monday, April 23 Halibut chowder, Carrot/pineapple salad, Rolls

Tuesday, April 24 Creole pork steaks, Cauliflower/broccoli toss,

Sunshine salad, Pasta

Wednesday, April 25

Crispy chicken, Steamed carrots, Curry rice pilaf Thursday, April 26

Salisbury steak, Peas, Peach salad, Mashed potatoes and gravy

> Please call Wrangell Senior Center at 874-2066 by 10 a.m. for reservations. Milk, tea and coffee will be served with meals.

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Departures Southbound

- Wednesday, April 25 Columbia 3:45 a.m.
 - Monday, April 30 Malaspina 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 2 Columbia 7:45 a.m. Friday, May 4 Malaspina 4:30 a.m.

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, April 19

SAIL Class: 10 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) free class is a strength, balance and fitness class for adults 65+. For more info call 874-3375. Library Story Time: 10 a.m, Wrangell Public Library. Stories, crafts and snacks. Topic is Three Billy Goats' Gruff!

Friday, April 20

B.Y.O.Paddle Board at the Pool: 5:30 pm, Wrangell Pool. Bring your paddle board and learn basic paddle board skills and practice re-boarding.

Saturday, April 21

H.O.P To It Wrangell: 9:30am, City Park. Helping Our Parks Work Day.

Baha'i Taco Dinner, Video & Discussion: 4:00 pm, Evergreen Elementary Multi-Purpose Room Sunday, April 22

Library Story Time: 10 a.m, Wrangell Public Library. Stories, crafts and snacks.

SEND INFORMATION FOR ROUNDUP TO WRGSENT@GMAIL.COM OR CALL 874-2301.

Continuing Events

PARKS & REC ACTIVITIES:

2 Lane Lap Swim:

Lap/Tot Swim:

Swim Club:

Open Swim:

Mid-day closure: M-F 1:30-3:30 p.m. Closed Sunday

Pool: Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class: Water Aerobics: Lap Swim:

M-W-F 8:30-9:30 a.m. M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m. 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. M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m. MTWThF 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. S 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. M-F 3:15-5:15 p.m. 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 6a.m.-1:30p.m., 3:30-7:30p.m. F 6a.m.-1:30p.m., 3:30-8:30p.m. S 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

MEETINGS

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

The Way We Were

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

April 18, 1918:

There was a special meeting of the town council Tuesday night. All business for the past year as nearly as possible was cleared up. The newly elected councilmen who qualified for office and were seated were F. E. Gingrass, E. A. Lindman, Elmer F. Carlstrom. Before naming the committees Mayor Matheson made a neat little speech, which received hearty applause.

April 16, 1943:

Show prices in Wrangell have not advanced Fred G. Cunningham, Coliseum theatre manager would like it made known. In an advertisement last week advanced prices were announced in the Coliseum ad in The Sentinel but those prices were for the one particular picture advertised above the prices, "Week End in Havana" which was an outstanding picture. "From time to time we will be fortunate in getting first run and unusually good pictures," Mr. Cunningham said. "For these special attractions we will find it necessary to advance the price for those pictures only and will advertise the prices, as we did before, along with the announcement of the film in our ad but they will apply only to those nights that particular picture is showing.'

official told the Chamber of Commerce here last week. James Johnson, vice president in charge of sales for Southeast Alaska, told chamber members his firm plans to upgrade its equipment throughout this area. Johnson said Alaska Airlines also hopes to be able to use one of its Hercules which can carry 40,000 pounds of freight. Alaska Airlines, which recently merged with Alaska Coastal, is making plans for a big tourist year in the state, Johnson said. He said the Wrangell ticket office would be redecorated in the Gold Rush era style used by the firm. Local employees will be garbed in clothing of that era he said.

April 15, 1993:

strictions for 48 drainages in Southeast Alaska, effective March 8. In the Wrangell area, the new restrictions will be in effect for the Anan, Harding and Eagle rivers, and Marten and Thoms creeks. All steelhead trout caught in the listed 48 drainages that do not have clipped adipose fin, as evidenced by a healed scar, must immediately be released unharmed back into the water. Only unbaited, artificial lures with barbless hooks can be used in those areas from Nov. 1 through June 15. ADF&G said they initiated the new rules as a result of declining numbers of steelhead in Southeast Alaska streams. The agency said public concern, in the form of letters and phone calls has also

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



Northbound

Sunday, April 22

Columbia 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, April 28

Malaspina 8:30 a.m.

Columbia 8:45 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2

Malaspina 1:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 29

TIDES April 19 - April 26

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April 21	4:56	16.2	6:11	13.4	11:31	-0.5	11:42	4.3		
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April 24	5:52	14.1	9:59	14.6	2:28	4.7	3:12	1.1		
April 25	10:08	14.7	10:55	15.9	3:54	3.6	4:22	0.7		
April 26	11:11	15.6	11:43	17.0	5:02	2.0	5:20	0.3		

April 18, 1968:

When Wrangell's airport is completed, Alaska Airlines will serve it with twin-engine turbo prop planes, an airline

If it doesn't have a clipped fin, throw it back. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has issued new steelhead reincreased about poor returns and a low catch rate of steelhead experienced in Southeast waters in 1992.

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Apr. 11	57	42	Apr. 21	5:30 am	8:05 pm	14:35h				
Apr. 12	50	39	Apr. 22	5:28 am	8:07 pm	14:39h				
Apr. 13	45	39	Apr. 23	5:25 am	8:09 pm	14:44h				
Apr. 14	48	39	Apr. 24		8:11 pm					
Apr. 15	52	35	Apr. 25	5:20 am	8:13 pm					
Apr. 16	52	32	Apr. 26	5:18 am	8:15 pm	14:57h				

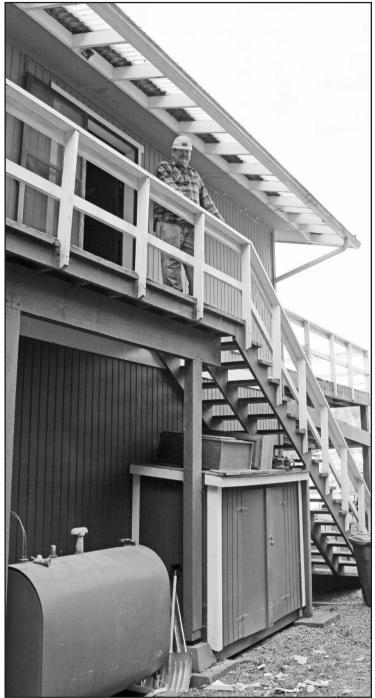


PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

President of Wrangell Cooperative Association Richard Oliver stands atop one of the outdoor stairways behind the apartments at Wood Street and Zimovia Highway on Tuesday. A week into work already, in four or five months the WCA will have a fully renovated office building at the site.

Tribe to get own offices with renovation project

By DAN RUDY

Sentinel writer Wrangell Cooperative Association began work on renovating new office space last week.

Workers began knocking down walls and pulling up old materials from a multiplex apartment at the corner of Wood Street and Zimovia Highway last Tuesday. Sale of the two-acre lot had been finalized in December 2016, and architects have since designed what will be about 2,500 square feet of office space for the Wrangell tribe.

President Richard Oliver of the WCA Council explained offices will be provided for the tribe's various departments, including its administrative wing, the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) and Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (IGAP). Office space will also be available for a twoyear Administration for Native Americans grant program.

"Hopefully by the time that grant is over it'll be self-sustaining," Oliver explained.

As the project moves ahead a cost estimate remains uncertain, with primary funding for construction coming through the TTP. Since the project's inception in 2010 it has been the product of many hands, with office staff, council members and consultants contributing to the effort.

The building will be able to accommodate seven offices in

(907) 222-6500

all, with a council conference hall and visitor reception area. Once complete the building will be WCA's first centralized office, and one it will own for itself. While it holds property for its Cultural Center and the Chief Shakes Island clan house, with its office space the federally-recognized tribe has had to rent different spaces.

Program offices will still pay rent to the tribe, both for maintenance and future expansion. The next phase for the property will be expanding storage for the TTP office, which is engaged each year in road construction and surfacing projects.

"Their plan is to have a storage facility or any equipment they own," said Oliver. TPP staff is currently navigating the wetlands permitting process for that next step.

The office renovation is expected done in four or five months' time. That timetable will depend on the variety of projects that will be necessary, which already includes roof and subfloor replacement. "The more we tear into it, the more we find," Oliver added. "By the time we're done, it's going to be a healthy place to work and more efficient."

The building will be unrecognizable from the current apartments, and once the decking and old siding are taken off the structure will eventually be given a distinctive look. Corner caps of Fiberesin Stonewood paneling will feature formline designs reflective of the Tlingit and Haida peoples, with further landscaping around the property giving it an attractive appearance.

Another of the benefits of its location will be an availability of parking, and once renovated the building will offer ramp access for visitors with mobility issues.

"You couldn't ask for a better location," said Oliver. "I've been waiting for this for a long time."

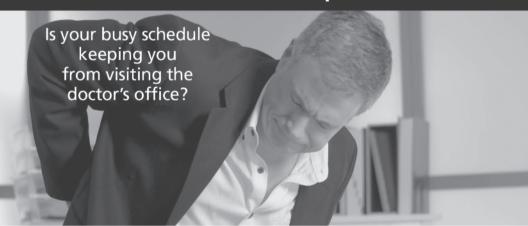
Once finished, he imagines WCA will have a grand opening, with a blessing of the building.

Police report —

Monday, April 9

Citizen assist: Vehicle unlocked. MVA. Theft: Gill net. MVA. Summons service. **Tuesday**, April 10 Suspicious activity reported. Agency assist: Alarm. Agency assist: Power. Agency assist: Harbor Department. Harassment reported: Officer made contact. Wednesday, April 11 Driving complaint reported: Officer made contact with driver and warning was given. Citizen assist: Vehicle unlock. Agency assist: Probation. Thursday, April 12 Vandalism reported: Broken window. Agency assist: OCS. Confrontation reported at place of work. Summons service. Domestic: Person has left the area. Civil stand-by. Traffic stop: Verbal warning for headlight out and failure to carry and show driver's license. Report of theft: Fraud. Friday, April 13 Unlock vehicle. MVA

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1335 Gambell Street Anchorage, Alaska arcticspine.com Traffic complaint: 4-wheeler.

Traffic stop: Citation issued to Jerry Knapp Jr., 37: Failure to stop at a stop sign.

Saturday, April 14

Traffic stop: Driver given courtesy ride home. Drug Paraphernalia found and disposed of. Unattended property.

Citizen assist.

Citation issued to Justin Barker, 32: Fail to stop at stop sign. Citation issued to Jana Wright, 57: Animal at large, first offense. Agency assist: Line crew.

Sunday, April 15

Nothing to report.

There were no ambulance or dog complaints this week.



Obituary: Michael (Mike) Bowering Allen, 71 –



Michael (Mike) Bowering Allen

Reflections

Reflections from the Health Fair

From an airplane (or on a map), the island of Wrangell looks like a bird in flight - some would say a "dove." We all know that a bird needs two strong wings in order to fly. This image inspired the Baha'i booth at the recent Health Fair to pose a question based on the understanding that material and spiritual progress, like two wings of a bird, must be in balance. Those who visited the booth were invited to answer the question: "What do you think would help make Wrangell a better place?" Twenty-seven feathers were added to the bird. Nine on the material "wing" and eighteen for spiritual. Perhaps this alone tells us something about how we see ourselves?

Although this was a small sample from our overall population, the ideas were interesting. Material improvements listed a more colorful downtown area, preserving the older buildings, more chairs and benches for people to sit, improved internet services that would attract businesses to the community, and more salmon. A new hospital was mentioned, and is already in planning stages. Hot tubs and also baby parks for children age 3 and under were listed. One child wrote to say we need more playgrounds. I forgot to mention my favorite. A bandstand somewhere in the middle of town.

Michael (Mike) Bowering Allen, 71, passed away at home in the presence of loving family.

He was born to Wesley (Wes) Allen and Helen Nelson Allen on March 24, 1947 in Olympia, Washington. He joined older brothers Darrell and Gary. The family moved to Alaska when Mike was a young child.

He retired from the City of Wrangell Department of Public Works after 16 years. Prior to that he ran edger for the AWP mill and also commercial fished.

He married Lucille Lanier in 1970, and they had one child, Michael Bowering Allen, Jr.

On January 1, 1992 he married Judy Werner and became step-father to her three children Hans, Fawn and Eric.

He was loved by all who knew him for his generosity, kindness, honesty and hard work. He always had the coffee pot on and welcomed his many friends who enjoyed visiting. Mike's favorite pastime was tinkering with treasures he found at the dump and making them useful again. He enjoyed passing them on to friends who needed them. He skillfully fabricated everything from engine beds to desk chairs that swiveled in different directions and an adjustable rack for his barbecue pit plus many diesel engines in town have responded to his magic touch.

He was preceded in death by his

parents, and his brother Darrell.

He is survived by his wife, Judy; brother Gary Sr.; son, Mike Jr, daughter-in-law Angela; step-children Hans, Fawn, and Eric; grandchildren Ashleigh, Bryan, David, Chad, Jacob, Andrew, Jared, Nicolas, Johnny and Caroline; great-grandchildren Violet, Greyson and Lucas, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of cards and flowers, donations be made to the Wrangell Mariners' Memorial, P.O. Box 2346, Wrangell, AK 99929.

A remembrance gathering will be held Saturday, April 21 at 1:00 p.m. at The Marine. If you would like bring a dish to share.

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good in everyone," to forgive, practice honesty (apply more of the Teachings of our Faiths), be more loving, be kind (two feathers for this) and respectful. Be tolerant and open-minded; make the effort to learn about each other. Take time for prayer, and to rest. Three different feathers suggested to "see the awesomeness around us, people and nature;" "put down your cell phone and look up at the sky;" "turn off cell phone, T.V., the Internet and enjoy Wrangell beauty." One person suggested a need for help for addicts and ex-cons. One very tender child wanted to see "not for hunting" (not to kill or hurt animals; be kind to them.) Another person wanted to see "less division as a community." And a junior youth "feathered" about the need for multi-or inter-faith activity, showing greater appreciation and acceptance for all spiritual paths.

The next steps would be to have meaningful conversations and take action on some of these things. One such opportunity will be April 21 from 4 to 7 pm at the elementary school multipurpose room. Following a taco dinner and 30-minute video, "Light to the World" we will openly explore the question: "Given God's Teachings, our unique talents and available resources, how can we work together for the good of Wrangell?" Everyone is welcome. Call 907 209 9117 for more information.

Kay Larson, a member of the Baha'i Community



On the spiritual side, individuals encouraged us to "see the

Alaska House votes to limit access to marijuana convictions

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – The Alaska House has passed legislation restricting access to records showing past convictions for simple marijuana possession.

The measure is sponsored by Democratic Rep. Harriet Drummond. She says Alaskans should not be passed up for jobs or promotions for possessing something that is now legal.

Alaska voters in 2014 approved recreational use of marijuana by those 21 and older.

The bill pertains to convictions for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana, committed when an individual was at least 21. Defendants would have had to have had any other criminal charges dismissed or been acquitted of them to qualify.

website convictions meeting those requirements.

Convictions aren't erased but public access would be re-

stricted. The Senate gets the bill next.



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23-year-old Wrangell artist has first solo show

By BEN MUIR Sentinel writer

A 23-year-old artist from Wrangell had her first solo show in Petersburg on Friday, where she was stunned by the turn out and support.

The artist, Jaynee Fritzinger, was nervous for her first show at Firelight Gallery and Framing in Petersburg. For two weeks before, she had been waking up before 5 a.m., painting about 10 hours a day.

"I was nervous that I wouldn't have enough pieces," Fritzinger said, "or nervous that people wouldn't show up, or nervous that maybe my art wasn't good enough."

Fritzinger brought about 13

original paintings to Petersburg, selling more than half so far, along with several prints and stickers, which sold out. She even showcased two that she ripped from her sketchbook.

"They were really pretty paintings, but they had the rough edge from my sketchbook still attached to them," Fritzinger said. "And the gallery was able to mount those in a floating frame, and they seriously just looked so cool."

The featured piece, something of a main event, was a painting called "Orca Love," an original acrylic that's priced at \$2,500. Fritzinger was still



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARK KUBO

Jayne Fritzinger at her first solo show, alongside her "Orca Love" piece, at Firelight Gallery and Framing in Petersburg on Friday.



working on the orca piece the night before the show. It took her about two weeks of fulltime work to finish, and she plans to make digital copies of it to sell as prints.

"Bit of a high price tag on it," she said, "just because I'm so attached to it."

Fritzinger's art career became serious when she started to gain an audience on Facebook and Instagram. Her following became loyal enough to where her fans came to the show.

"And that was incredible," Fritzinger said. "I was able to put a face to these people and tell them thank you for all their kind words."

Fritzinger has painted most her life, and her style is a reflection of commercial fishing, and it wasn't until after last seining season when she decided to take art seriously.

"I made some really pretty paintings while I was out on the boat," she said. "And as soon as seining was over, I actually invested most of my check into this art business."

Fritzinger moved to Wrangell when she was 13 and then to Washington after high school. She spent about five years there before moving back to Wrangell at the beginning of this year.

"When I decided I wanted to pursue art," she said, "I just knew that I needed to move back to Alaska."

Above all, Fritzinger expressed shock that people even showed up to her show, and gratitude for the fans that she hardly imagined having.

"It's these people who have made this become a thing," Fritzinger said. "A year ago I didn't think my art would be going anywhere."



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by Linda Thistle

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THE WRANGELL PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD will be creating an ad hoc committee to review school discipline and safety policies. If you are interested in being considered to serve on this committee, please submit a letter of interest to the district office by Thursday, May 10, 2018. Appointments will be made during the May 21 Regular Board Meeting. For more information, please contact the district office. 1x4-19b65

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL JOB ADVERTISEMENT Temporary Water Treatment Plant Light Maintenance Water Department

The City and Borough of Wrangell will accept applications for the position of Temporary Water Treatment Plant Light Maintenance from April 16, 2018 through May 4, 2018.

The Water Department is currently seeking applicants to fill two positions of Temporary Water Treatment Plant Light Maintenance. These positions will assist in the day-to-day maintenance at the water treatment plant. The two positions are full-time, temporary that will work forty hours per week for approximately six weeks.

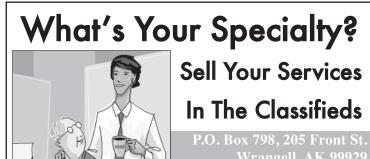
Applicants must have a valid driver's license and have knowledge of light maintenance.

For a complete list of duties and responsibilities a job application may be obtained and returned to City Hall, 205 Brueger Street (P.O. Box 531), Wrangell, AK 99929.

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Lisa von Bargen Borough Manager

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL JOB BULLETIN: Finance Director Finance Department

The City and Borough of Wrangell is recruiting for a Finance Director to lead the Borough's Finance Department.

The Director of Financial Services is a senior management position responsible for integrating accounting operations, audits, systems, and controls governing business transactions such as purchasing, contracts, and insurance.

This position plans, organizes, directs, and coordinates centralized financial management and planning for all City functions and selected outside organizations. Manages financial services including, budgeting, treasury, public financing, liability and debt management, accounting operations, utilities and customer accounting, performance reporting, financial database management, accounting controls, and audit support. Directs and coordinates centralized contract review and administration, personnel, purchasing, and information systems.

This position will appeal to a candidate who thrives in a fast-paced, collaborative, team-centered work environment and enjoys solving problems autonomously and efficiently. The Finance Director will supervise a staff of 3 full-time employees and 1 part-time employee and will report to the Borough Manager.

Preferred education and experience typically requires a bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, business administration or a closely related field and eight years of experience in accounting systems and operations, treasury, financial reporting, or audits, including three years in a leadership capacity. Experience in governmental accounting is preferred. An active CPA or CMA certificate and/or a master's degree in business administration may substitute for some experience.

This is a full-time, salaried position with full benefits, paid at Grade 30 ranging from \$6607 to \$8346 per month. The full job description and employment application can be found online at www.wrangell.com/jobs.

To be considered, submit a cover letter, résumé, and completed employment application via e-mail to amollen@wrangell.com, or in person to City Hall, 205 Brueger St., Wrangell, AK 99929. Applications will be accepted until end of business May 11, 2018.

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL JOB BULLETIN: Nolan Center Director Nolan Center

The City and Borough of Wrangell is recruiting for a Nolan Center Director to oversee all staff management, facility operations, and administration of the Civic Center, Museum, Collections, Gift Shop, Theater, and Visitor Center.

The Nolan Center Director is responsible for maintaining a record of Wrangell's past for its residents and visitors. The Director must educate the public, prioritize collections, and set goals for the safekeeping and care of Wrangell's historical record. The Director is responsible for performing the managerial and administrative tasks required to support and enhance the day-to-day business operations of the facility. This involves work with agency personnel, meeting planners, members of private industry, event planners, historical scholars and researchers and the general public, both locally and outside of Wrangell. The Director is responsible for overseeing the general condition of the building and making sure that all necessary maintenance is performed.

The ideal candidate has the ability to work independently, while performing a variety of administrative duties including supervision, delegation, personnel administration, and the ability to deal with the public. They will also have the ability to perform historical research on regional history, be a reliable source of information, and provide responsible, professional care to the community's collection of artifacts which are housed at the Museum.

Preferred education and experience require at least two years office management/administrative experience with emphasis on customer service and supervisory experience. Familiarity in civic facility operations is preferred. Knowledge in history, museum studies, or anthropology desired. Skill in event management is a plus. Experience in meeting/convention marketing and/or planning, proficiency in grant writing and grant administration, and budget formulation and administration is also desired.

This is a full-time, salaried position with full benefits, at Grade 24. The full job description and employment application can be found online at www.wrangell.com/jobs.

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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH Fisheries columnist

Halibut stakeholders reportedly "blindsided" when halibut catches slashed again after small uptick in 2017

Alaska halibut is facing strong headwinds that have dampened the value of the catch shares needed to go fishing.

Increasing imports of Atlantic halibut from eastern Canada, reports of several million pounds of halibut holdovers in freezers, speculation of reduced catches again next year, and dock prices down by \$2 or more have caused a "major readjustment" in the market for individual fishing quotas (IFQ), according to Alaska brokers.

"That definitely dims enthusiasm for buying quota, and prices have come down quite a bit from last year," said Doug Bowen of Alaska Boats and Permits in Homer. "The stuff that was trading at \$65-\$66 per pounds last year is down between \$50 and \$55.

"Normally, as soon as the halibut catch limits are set the available quota is gone instantly. That's not the case this year," agreed Olivia Olsen who operates Alaskan Quota and Permits in Petersburg.

Alaska's total halibut catch limit for 2018 was set at 17.5 million pounds, a 10 percent drop from last year.

Both brokers said that halibut stakeholders were "blindsided" when halibut catches were slashed again after a small uptick in 2017.

"Last year folks were having good fishing and seeing better looking fish," Bowen said. "A lot of people thought that maybe the trend of declining size at age that we've been struggling with for a dozen or so years had rounded the corner and maybe the stocks were rebuilding. Of course, that's not what happened."

Every year biologists with the International Pacific Hal-

ibut Commission (IPHC) survey 1,500 stations from Oregon to the far reaches of the Bering Sea from May through September. The 2017 results showed that total survey catches were down 23 percent from 2016, and halibut weights declined by 10 percent.

The biggest drop stems from a lack of younger fish entering the halibut explained fishery, IPHC scientist Ian Stewart, adding that the nine to 18 year old fish classes that have vear been sustaining the recent halibut fishery are not being followed up by strong recruits.

"For 2018 and especially projecting out to 2019, we are moving out of a fishery that is dominated by those relatively good recruitments that started in 1999 and extended to 2005. It appears we are going to have an increasing number of relatively poor recruitments from at least 2009 and 2010," Stewart said.

"A lot of people were caught flatfooted by the survey results that showed a significant reduction of recruitment coming into the halibut fishery," said Bowen.

Even more ominously, this year's catch limits were reduced by half of what fishery biologists recommended. "People are waiting for the other shoe to drop next year. That's definitely another negative affecting IFQ values," Bowen said.

Halibut quota shares in Southeast Alaska fetch the highest prices, reaching \$70 a in recent years. Catches there were slashed 15 percent to just 3.5 million pounds this year, a figure that does not mesh with what fishermen are seeing on the grounds.

"Last year they all reported that the halibut were thick in the shallows and deeper waters in Southeast and the Central Gulf also looked good. People were excited and feeling really happy. No one expected big cuts," Olsen said. "And so far this year they are reporting awesome catches. It's really demoralizing."

While fishermen are always willing to err on the side of conservation, Olsen said many are questioning the outcomes and believe that the "coast wide science is out of whack."

"They've lost confidence in the system," Olsen said.

She recommended that halibut scientists should use the data in fishermen's logbooks to improve their stock assessments. And for the Southeast region, Olsen suggested that local fishermen who are familiar with the waters should be involved in the summer halibut surveys "instead of chartering a boat and crew from Canada."

Roughly 2,000 Alaskans hold quota shares of halibut; most are located in Southeast Alaska.

Crab wrap - The season's last delivery of snow crab crossed the docks last week, wrapping up the 2017/2018 Bering Sea crab season until the fall.

"Most of the guys had a difficult time catching their snow crab and it was really spotty. Some landed on the crab and filled up fast and went home.The weather wasn't good and a few boats lost windows," said Jake Jacobsen, director of the Intercooperative Exchange which negotiates prices for the bulk of the 50 to 60 boat fleet.

Fishing for bairdi Tanner crab, which ended in late March, was "no problem across the board," Jacobsen said. "They caught the crab easily and there seemed to be a lot around." Price negotiations for snow crab and Tanners are just getting underway, but the outlook is good.

"We will probably get the second highest price ever for snow crab, and certainly our bairdi price will be good," Jacobsen said.

The highest Alaska snow crab price was \$4.98 a pound in 2011. Tanners in recent years have paid out at around \$3 a pound.

A price also should be finalized any day for red king crab from the Bristol Bay fishery which ended in mid-November, but Jacobsen said it "will be right up there."

The highest red king crab price was last year's \$10.89 a pound. Attention turns now to the next Bering Sea crab season which begins in mid-October. At a time of declining crab stocks, the outcome will hinge upon results of the summer surveys.

"If you go by last year's results, there is certainly a strong possibility of further quota reductions," Jacobsen said. "We're hoping for some uptick in the stocks, but I don't think anyone is overly optimistic."

Jacobsen said the biggest concern among crabbers is the warming of the Bering Sea and the northward migration of the crab stocks.

Grundens for gals - Walk down any fishing dock and you will see the Grundens logo on gear from head to toe. For decades, fishing men and women all over the globe have relied on the bright colored, industrial grade rain bibs and jackets to help protect them in the stormiest of weather.

But there was one problem; the unisex line of clothing was a tough fit for women.

"Either the sleeves are too long or they are too big in the shoulders. It was really just uncomfortable and cumbersome for women to wear," said Eric Tietje, Grundens Global Product Director. "Women would send us emails saying 'we love your gear and we wear it all the time, but it's built for guys.'"

It was a women's social media group that turned their wants and needs into results.

"A group of women got together and formed Chix Who Fish to really make themselves heard. Thev convinced retailers that they are a market that is unserved.' prompted The Chix Grundens to produce the first line of gear designed specifically by and for the women who wear it. The result is called Sedna Gear and the new line has prompted positive responses.

"One thing we've heard loud and clear from women is that creating this product validates what they do in the fishing industry," said Tietje. "They told us 'you guys are recognizing us and that means something.' And it has made a difference for the women, because they are able to do their jobs more efficiently."

"We view these bibs and jackets as equipment, not just as pieces of clothing," he added. "How well it works and functions makes a big difference in how well they can do their jobs."

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21st annual Birding Festival set for next week

By DAN RUDY Sentinel writer Wrangell's annual birding festival is gearing up for a week of activities late next week.

This year's Stikine River Birding Festival will be the 21st, put on cooperatively each year by Wrangell's Convention and Visitor Bureau and the United States Forest Service. Highlighting birding opportunities on the Stikine River, the event also encourages wildlife conservation and is an opportunity to hone new skills.

"This year we've brought back more of the art and photo aspects of the festival," said Corree Delabrue, an interpreter with the USFS Wrangell office.

Speaking with school teachers, an artist who came strongly recommended was Evon Zerbetz, a Ketchikan-based artist and illustrator who had participated in Wrangell's festival a decade ago.

She will be brought up for next week, and in addition to birding festival activities Zerbetz will be working with students at Evergreen Elementary on various art projects. These works will be put on display at the Nolan Center next Friday and will be up for the weekend. The April 27 unveiling will be at the festival's reception, set for 6 p.m.

Geared more toward adults, Zerbetz will also be teaching a six-hour course in relief printmaking, a medium of her specialty. Class size will be limited, so those interested in attending will need to reserve a spot, either by calling Delabrue at 874-7550 or Rushmore at 874-2381. The first two-hour introductory session begins April 26 at 6 p.m., while the follow-up lesson goes from 2 to 6 p.m. on April 28.

"It will be a great opportunity to work one-on-one with a really great artist," said Delabrue.

The city was successfully awarded some Recreation Advisory Committee grant funding for this year's festival, allowing it to reach further out for guest speakers and presenters. Headlining in a sense, researcher Julia Parrish will be presenting on the effects of a warming ocean on marine bird populations, as well as how "citizen scientists" can aid research and conservation efforts.

A professor at the University of Washington, Parrish runs the Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team, which for the past 18 years has enlisted the help of volunteers to observe marine avian populations along the Pacific coast. The data they collect and submit can help inform scientists' understanding of different populations.

Such efforts can be important to researchers, as in the case of the common murre, which saw a die-off associated with the warm "blob" that developed in the North Pacific in 2013. Five mass mortality events were able to be identified over the next three years through the help of citizen scientists, living along the coasts from California up to Alaska. These have since been linked to ecological effects related to the warm mass.

"I think it's an awesome way (to get involved), especially now because of technology," said Delabrue. "Now it's getting much easier with apps."

Phone applications have in some ways simplified birding, giving participants ready access to charts, profiles and even calls that can identify individual specimens. Other apps simplify the reporting process as well, which can be a cost-effective approach to research and management efforts.

Parrish's talk will be at the Nolan Center on 7:30 p.m. on April 27, to follow a presentation by photographer Mark Kelley that starts at 6:30. Kelley is an award winning Alaskan photographer, and will be presenting a slide show of the state's wildernesses, including Denali and Glacier Bay national parks. His portfolio also includes subjects from the Pribilof Islands, aurora borealis, whales and Wrangell's own Anan Creek.

A regular presenter with the Birding Festival, biologist Gwen Baluss with the USFS will discuss the results of recent bird surveys in the Tongass on Saturday, in the Nolan's small theater at 3 p.m.

"We have some really good speakers," said Carol Rushmore, Wrangell's director for economic development.

The speakers will also be hold workshops through the festival. Kelley will put on a workshop on photography Saturday inside



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Water, water everywhere

Water gets discharged downtown during a routine sprinkler system test on Monday. After a couple months of counting droplets, the borough announced last week that it was rescinding its restrictions on water use. A recent spate of rain and warm, thawing weather have refilled Wrangell's two reservoirs, which at the start of the trouble had been running dangerously low. At one point the city had perhaps a month or less of raw water to draw from. In its announcement, the city expressed thanks to residents for their conservation efforts.

the Nolan's small theater at 2 p.m. Before that, at City Park at 8:30 a.m. Baluss will be holding a bird banding workshop, allowing participants to net, log and release songbirds. At the USFS office the next day, Parrish will be holding a citizen science training session at 9 a.m.

A number of other events are planned for the four-day festival, with a schedule of events included in this week's issue of the Wrangell Sentinel. The festival's organizers also maintain a site with more detailed information about activities and speakers, but also containing helpful guides to spotting birds in the area. That site is at www.wrangell.com/birdingfesti val. Associated closely with the festival's feathered focus, local members of conservation group Ducks Unlimited will be holding its annual fundraiser dinner Saturday. For further information or to buy tickets, call Keene Kohrt at 874-3877.

Special tours will also be offered during the festival to look for birds and wildlife on surrounding islands and up the beautiful Stikine River. Seats are limited. Contact Breakaway Adventures at (888) 385-2488 or Alaska Charters & Adventures at (888) 993-2750 for more information. Other operators may also be offering tours and you can find out more by contacting them directly through the local business directory.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL JOB BULLETIN: Electric Utility Superintendent Wrangell Municipal Light and Power

The City and Borough of Wrangell is recruiting for an Electric Utility Superintendent to lead the Borough's Light and Power Department.

Under the direction of the Borough Manager, the Electric Utility Superintendent plans, directs, coordinates and supervises the activities and personnel of Wrangell Municipal Light & Power, including all construction, operations, personnel, and maintenance activities in the department.

The Superintendent performs regular evaluations and directs maintenance tasks to ensure proper generation and distribution operation, oversees the operation, maintenance and repair of the diesel generating plant and distribution system. They are responsible for all electrical maintenance, new work in power plant, overseeing and performing building maintenance, and repair duties to ensure that all power plant structures and distribution infrastructure are safe and operating efficiently. Additionally, they provide leadership to all electrical employees, prepare an annual budget for the electrical department and reports to the Borough Manager on the electrical department's operations.



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This is a full-time, salaried position with full benefits, at Grade 30. The full job description and employment application can be found online at www.wrangell.com/jobs.

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