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Tribal sovereignty affirmed at AFN conference, ANSEP resolution tabled

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Wrangell delegates returned from last month's annual conference for the Alaska Federation of Natives at Anchorage's Denina Center.

AFN is the largest statewide Native organization in Alaska, representing 151 federally recognized tribes, 150 village corporations, 12 regional corporations, and various nonprofit and tribal consortiums. Its annual October conference, this year held between the 19th and 21st, provides AFN membership the opportunity to put forward resolutions as well as to discuss and prioritize issues pertinent to Alaska's Native communities.

Representing Wrangell Cooperative Association was its tribal administrator, Esther Ashton.

"The conference was very amazing. It was my first one ever," she said afterward. The conference – AFN's 51st – was the first WCA had sent a representative to for a while. "I was pretty honored to be a part of this one specifically, because the Walker ad-

ministration recognized tribal sovereignty."

At AFN, Gov. Bill Walker announced and signed a compact to strengthen the state's child welfare system, specifically reducing the disproportionate number of Alaska Native children kept in foster care. Though only making up 19 percent of the youth population, they account for 55 percent of children in out-of-home foster care. Of these, 61 percent of Alaska Native children in foster care end up being placed in non-Native homes.

The historic agreement recognizes the authority of Alaska's tribal governments to provide child welfare programs and services on behalf of the state's Office of Children's Services, the first of its kind in the country. The intergovernmental arrangement was the product of negotiations between the state's departments of health and law, Native governments and organizations.

"It's a big step forward," said Ashton. She expressed hope that it would be followed by further commitments to self-determination, improving cooperation in future.

Related to that, one of the issues Ashton



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Valerie "Nurr'araaluk" Davidson, commissioner for DHSS, along with Lt. Gov. Byron Mallott in the background, watch as Gov. Bill Walker signs a compact affirming tribal sovereignty and commitments to improving child services at the Alaska Federation of Natives Conference in Anchorage October 19.

came to AFN with was to seek an audience with Alaska officials to discuss a monofill site proposed by the Department of Environmental Conservation. Over 18,000 cubic yards of treated, lead-contaminated soils removed from Wrangell's former Byford junkyard last year is due to be interred in a permanent monofill site next April. However, the site's proximity to Pats Creek and other anadromous water sources has been disconcerting to WCA, which had not been consulted during the course of the project.

DEC has since delayed the project to allow more time for site alternatives, and the Tribe has come to an agreement with the Wrangell Assembly to work more closely on finding a solution.

"I got to meet with the Lieutenant Governor (Byron Mallott) and Barbara Blake," senior advisor to Walker on tribal affairs, fish, game and marine resources, said Ashton. "I got them up to speed on the monofill, and the collaboration that was happening between the Tribe and the City to come up with an alternate location or potentially ship the material off-island. He said he is going to meet with the governor and commissioner on this."

Per their discussion, Ashton said Mallott had recommended WCA's coming to the Governor's Advisory Committee with a resolution requesting greater collaboration between state and tribal government agencies, and for greater transparency in such projects. One of the Tribe's complaints had been the agency's site selection process, which it felt had lacked public input.

"With the monofill issue specifically, we want to make sure this doesn't happen to other tribes in future," she said.

One resolution presented to the convention Wrangell had hopes for would have gotten AFN's support to site a residential accelerated high school there. The Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program has since last year courted the idea of developing a 400- to 450-student school at Wrangell's former Institute property. The campus would offer an accelerated curriculum centered on mathematics and science to primarily rural youths living around the

state, enabling them to finish high school in as little as three years. Students in the program also have the opportunity to earn college credits along the way, better preparing themselves for that next step after graduating.

An ANSEP accelerated high school is already operating in the Matanuska-Susitna area, though inclusion in the program is largely limited to students living in the area. Only in its second year, the school from the start has had an extensive waiting list of interested pupils, and the opening of a second, residential institution is expected to better meet that surplus demand in the state.

Since the idea's introduction last year, a steering committee was formed that included input from WCA, the Public School District, City and Borough Assembly, and Chamber of Commerce. Lobbying for outside support, the concept received the endorsement of the Tlingit and Haida Central Council in April, which then submitted the resolution to AFN.

At the convention, ANSEP was one of many programs and groups setting up informational tables at the convention center. Wrangell school superintendent Patrick Mayer participated there, meeting with delegates and making them aware of the proposed school.

"It was great," Mayer said. "We got a lot of positive feedback on ANSEP."

Recommended to the convention by AFN's review committee on October 10, once submitted, membership chose to table the ANSEP resolution. Whether the proposal would be taken up at a later time or sat upon was uncertain.

"It's in the hands of the AFN," Mayer commented. He said the steering committee would continue to seek out support for the proposal.

Hospital campus to go smoke-free

By DAN RUDY
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The hospital is scheduled to implement a new smoke-free campus policy at the start of the new year.

Wrangell Medical Center administrators and key staff signed the new policy on October 24, to take effect on January 1. Currently the hospital sports designated smoking areas for staff, patients and visitors, one of the few hospitals in the state still to do so, reckons Scott Glaze, WMC compliance and risk manager. Its health provision counterpart Alaska Island Community Services has had such a policy in place since February 2015.

The new policy would require people on hospital property or using its vehicles to abstain from smoking. It was developed with the assistance of Southeast Alaska Rural Health Consortium's Tobacco Policy program, based on other policies similarly employed around the state. SEARHC educator Tammi Meissner will help arrange for new signage for the hospital to use as well, Glaze explained.

WMC had held off on taking a smoke-free step for so long in part because some of its long-term care residents were tobacco users. Without wanting to inconvenience them or else have to "grandfather" a user or two into a smoke-free environment, Glaze explained the hospital instead waited until an opportunity arose. Right now none of the LTC residents are smokers, so the time seemed prime.

Glaze, hospital CEO Robert Rang, chief of staff Dr. Lynn Prysunka and other key staff members signed the policy, which gives smokers a little more than two months to adjust to the transition.

"We're doing that so we have time to let staff and community members to know this is happening," Glaze said.

The hospital will also be offering cessation aids to help staff kick the habit.

Its decision is the latest in a string of similar smoke-free policy adoptions by other local businesses and entities. Providing a timeline, Meissner noted that since the Elks Lodge adopted such a policy in May 2014, 12 others have likewise done so officially. Many other apartments, restaurants, bars and workplaces are informally smoke-free, lacking an adopted policy. Such policies make them eligible for state assistance for signage and other materials, she explained.

WMC's addition to that number comes ahead of the annual "Great American Smokeout" on November 16, a day designated by the American Cancer Society for tobacco users to finally quit. Because tobacco use is connected to one in three cancer-related deaths in the United States each year, the organization has since 1977 used the date to encourage people to be aware of the risks and to take action.

"Despite the absence of a local clean indoor air ordinance in Wrangell, many local businesses have taken actions to protect the health of employees and patrons by instituting their own smoke-free indoor policies, with widespread community support," Meissner commented. "This appears to be the time for the Wrangell Assembly to pass a local ordinance to eliminate secondhand smoke in all businesses and help establish standard distances from windows, doors and ventilation areas to protect those who choose not to smoke."



Birthdays & Anniversaries



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

Thursday, Nov. 2: Kristen Stutz, Kyna Deboer, Haig Demerjian, Jackson Powers, Ian Nelson. **Anniversary:** Mike and Ida Howell, Don and Dana Van Slyke. **Friday, Nov. 3:** Kitty Angerman, Arabella Nore, **Anniversary:** Al and Ruby Taylor. **Saturday, Nov. 4:** Ethel Lund, Shelby Smith, Edith Grover, Jessica Byrd, Anny Newport, Claire Rooney, Ayla Harris, Deano Barker, **Anniversary:** Jeff and Pam Wiederspohn. **Sunday, Nov. 5:** Jimmy Baggen, Kaylauna Churchill, Glenda Gillen. **Monday, Nov. 6:** Betsy Golding. **Tuesday, Nov. 7:** Pam McCloskey, K.D. Strasburger, Seth Nolan, Jean Lewis, Jayanne Scott, Frank Simpson, Garrett Miller, Erik Gile, **Anniversary:** Steve and Yvonne Powers. **Wednesday, Nov. 8:** Gabriel Duquemin, Kevin Bylow, Jeremy Stolley, Taylor Carey. **Thursday, Nov. 9:** Kimberly Szczatko, Sawyer Rooney.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, Nov. 2

Swedish meatballs, Pasta and gravy, Broccoli, Tossed salad.

Friday, Nov. 3

Herbed Chicken, Oven Fries, Peas, Carrot Raisin and Salad.

Senior Center was not able to provide the rest of the menu for November

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, Nov. 4

Kennicott 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 5

Columbia 9:15p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 8

Kennicott 12:35 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 11

Kennicott 8:00 a.m.

Southbound

Friday, Nov. 3

Kennicott 6:00 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 6

Kennicott 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 8

Columbia 9:45 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 10

Kennicott 5:15 p.m.

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



TIDES Nov. 2 - Nov. 9

High Tides

Low Tides

	AM		PM		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
Nov. 2	12:13	17.6	5:52	0.6	6:24	-1.2
Nov. 3	0:43	16.4	12:49	18.5	6:31	0.2	7:03	-2.5
Nov. 4	1:26	16.9	1:27	19.1	7:10	0.1	7:43	-3.4
Nov. 5	1:09	17.1	1:05	19.2	6:49	0.3	7:24	-3.8
Nov. 6	1:53	16.8	1:46	19.0	7:30	0.9	8:09	-3.5
Nov. 7	2:40	16.2	2:30	18.3	8:14	1.8	8:57	-2.7
Nov. 8	3:31	15.3	3:20	17.1	9:04	2.7	9:50	-1.6
Nov. 9	4:30	14.5	4:18	15.7	10:03	3.8	10:50	-0.4

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, Nov. 2

SAIL Class: 10:00 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.

Healthy Eating Demo on Healthy Food Preparation: 11:30 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Free class. Learn how easy it is to prepare healthy and delicious food. Samples will be available. For more info call 874-3375.

Yoga: 5:30 a.m. AICS Medical Clinic. Yoga for everybody, please come and join.

Wednesday, Nov. 8

Veterans Day Program: Veterans will meet in the Wrangell High School Library at 11:00 a.m.

Pioneers of Alaska: Women's Igloo # 15 will be holding a meeting at the Senior Center at 7:00 p.m. Is the attendance at your meeting or event low? Call Adrienne at the Sentinel to have it placed here.

Continuing Events

PARKS & REC ACTIVITIES: **Lap Swim:** M, W, F 6:00-7:30 a.m. & 5:00-6:00 p.m., M-F 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., S 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; **Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class:** at the Pool: M, W, F, 9:00-10:00 a.m.; **Water Aerobics:** M, W, F 10:00-11:00 a.m.; **Family Swim:** F 6:00-7:00 p.m.; **General Swim:** M & W 6:00-7:00 p.m., F 7:00-8:00 p.m., S 1:00-2:00 p.m.; **Weight Room:** M-TH 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. **Extra 2 Lane Lap Swim:** M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.

OTHER MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

AA Meetings: Tu. 7 p.m., Toss Off Th. 7 p.m., Smoked Fish F 8 p.m., Step Study Sat. 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall, Study Materials provided. Wed. M & M 12 p.m. at the Catholic Parish Hall, use back entrance.

NA Meeting: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, We Do Recover, 8 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

Bridge Social: F, 1 p.m. at th Island of Faith Lutheran Church 874-3440, 874-3507.

Salvation Army Food Bank: Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For information or questions please call Major Michael Bates at 874-3753.

The Way We Were

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

November 8, 1917: A cry of distress was heard in Wrangell about 10 o'clock Tuesday night when a passenger off the Dispatched walked off the Columbia and Northern dock, falling into four feet of water. The traveler had been seen uptown for several hours and gotten in such a condition that he needed a friend to look after him. However, his splash in the icy water of the bay tended to have a reviving effect. At least there was nothing the matter with his voice when it came to waking the town to the fact that he had come to grief. Marshal Earl West, Wm. Patterson and others went to his rescue.

November 13, 1942: Officers of the Wrangell chapter of American Red Cross express themselves as highly appreciative of the added interest shown in Red Cross work by the women of Wrangell since an appeal was made two weeks ago for volunteer workers. Although the response has been gratifying, there still is an urgent need for more workers. Materials and directions may be obtained from the Red Cross headquarters in the Civic Center. For those who wish to make use of the sewing facilities of Red Cross, the sewing rooms are open on Tuesday afternoons. It is earnestly hoped that every Wrangell woman who has time to devote to this patriotic cause will do so. His efforts of those who have felt their responsibility for this have greatly speeded up the accomplishment of Wrangell's

quota of humanitarians of war work Red Cross assignments. With the coming winter season there is an increase in the need of warm garments for service men and for others whose needs are met by Red Cross.

November 10, 1967: Wrangell Banker Ed Rasmuson picked out selections on the piano at his farewell dinner Saturday night. Marc Langland who was in Anchorage previously, will replace Rasmuson as the manager of the local branch of the National Bank of Alaska. Rasmuson is moving to Anchorage.

November 12, 1992: The Wrangell Police Department will be back up to full strength soon, following the hiring of a new officer. Doug McClosky will be filling the position opened up when Bruce Pratz left the force in mid-October. McClosky has served the past 10 years as a deputy sheriff in Beaverhead County, Montana. He also served as the resident deputy for Wisdom, Mont. Wrangell Police chief Brent Moody said that position represents "a huge responsibility." McClosky was chosen as the top of eight finalists from a field of 22 applicants.

Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Oct. 23	55	44
Oct. 24	48	42
Oct. 25	45	36
Oct. 26	46	39
Oct. 27	51	46
Oct. 28	48	41
Oct. 29	46	35
Oct. 30	43	37

Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Nov. 02	7:55 am	5:07pm	9:12h
Nov. 03	7:57 am	5:05pm	9:08h
Nov. 04	7:59 am	5:03pm	9:04h
Nov. 05	8:01 am	5:01pm	9:00h
Nov. 06	8:03 am	4:59pm	8:56h
Nov. 07	8:05 am	4:57pm	8:52h
Nov. 08	8:07 am	4:55pm	8:48h
Nov. 09	8:09 am	4:53pm	8:44h

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Machine shop fire contained quickly, damage limited

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

While costumed revelers cele-

brated Halloween Saturday night, fire fighters suited up and responded to a call on Case Avenue near the boatyard.

A pedestrian passing by Freeman & Sons Machine and Fabrication just before 11 p.m. noticed smoke coming from an upstairs office. They reported it to the bartender on duty across the street at Rayme's Bar, and the Volunteer Fire Department was called.

"They were here before I was," commented Randy Freeman, co-owner and manager of the machine shop. "They were right on it."

Chief Tim Bunes of WVFD said fire fighters arrived soon after the call, gaining entry from below. "It was fairly heavy smoke when they made entry into the room," he recalled.

Flames were extinguished, and responders had wrapped up the operation by 12:45 a.m., Bunes recounted.

It was unsure whether the fire

was electrical in origin, but Freeman suspected it had begun at the floor level. A siding panel had been removed from the front of the shop and a window broken during the operation, with damage contained to the upper area. Freeman explained the ground floor machine shop and its equipment were spared any damage, and expressed his appreciation to the fire department for its quick response.

His parents first arrived in Wrangell in 1969, constructing the present machine shop in 1973. Freeman & Sons has continued since, with the house at the back added in 1977. Freeman's mother, Elodie, is still a partner in the business.

The damaged office has been out of use for some time, Freeman said. Finding a silver lining to the mishap, he thought it would be a good opportunity to convert the space into an apartment.



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

The damage to Freeman & Sons Machine and Fabrication done by a fire Saturday night was still apparent Monday morning, with repair work to continue through the week. Damage had fortunately been contained to an upper, disused office area, and was put out quickly by fire fighters.

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Trooper report

October 3

Alaska Wildlife Troopers onboard the *P/V Enforcer* contacted the *F/V Talon* (ADFG #58859) in Zimovia Strait near Thoms Place, after observing two sea cucumber divers in the water after the fishing period had closed at noon. The divers were identified as permit-holders Tristan Schwehm, age 20, and Franklin Hayward, age 28, both of Metlakatla. Further investigation revealed that a crewmember onboard, Trevor

Dundas, age 32, also of Metlakatla, did not have a commercial crewmember license. Schwehm and Hayward were both issued strict liability citations from commercial fishing for sea cucumbers during a closed period. Hayward was additionally issued a \$260.00 citation for employing an unlicensed

crewmember. Both men have a mandatory court appearance in the District Court at Wrangell. Dundas was issued a \$260.00 citation in the District Court at Wrangell for failing to possess a commercial crewmember license.

Matthew Ashenfelter, age 30 of Kake, issued summons to ap-

pear in the District Court at Petersburg for taking a sub-legal moose. Ashenfelter self-reported taking the illegal moose. The meat and antlers were seized and the meat was donated to charity.

October 10

Devon Miller, age 22 from Wrangell, was issued a \$110 citation for failure to return hunt permit as required. Miller failed to report taking a moose from GMU 3 within the required five days.

October 11

Jordan Glass, age 50 from Wrangell, issued a summons to appear in the District Court at Wrangell for taking a sub-legal moose. Glass self-reported taking the illegal moose. The meat and antlers were seized and the meat was donated to charity.

Court report

October 30

Drew Florence Huntington, 29, appeared before First District Court Judicial Officer Kevin Miller for the charge of Theft 3, Value \$250-\$999. The defendant entered a guilty plea, and two additional counts of Burglary 1 and Violate Condition of Release were dismissed by the prosecution. Huntington was ordered to serve 30 days with 30 days suspended, make restitution of \$40 to the aggrieved, and pay \$150 in surcharges with \$100 suspended.

Police report

Monday, Oct. 23

Random breath test.
Harassment.
Violation conditions of release.
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for no taillights.
Found Property: Jerry jug.

Tuesday, Oct. 24

Trespassing.
Citizen Assist.
Disturbance.
Citizen Assist: 86'd letter.

Wednesday, Oct. 25

Disturbance: DV.
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for no tail lights.
Citation issued to James Edward Vandebunte III, 54: No proof of insurance, verbal warning for faulty equipment.

Agency Assist: Alarm.

Thursday, Oct. 26

Citizen Assist: Unlocked vehicle.
Injured dog: Fish hook removed from lip.
Report of assault.
Report of trespassing.

Friday, Oct. 27

Agency Assist: Fire Department.
Agency Assist: Ambulance requested.

Saturday, Oct. 28

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.
Fireworks.
Concerned parent.
Traffic stop: Verbal warning

for equipment.

Sunday, Oct. 29

Found property.
MVA.
Trespass: Officers gave warning for individual to leave premises.
Agency Assist: Alarm: Employer notified and alarm reset.
Domestic disturbance: 911: Officer responded to disturbance call.
Control burn notice.
Citizen assist: Officer unlock vehicle.
Citizen Assist: Unlock residence.

Job:

Wrangell Cooperative Association is seeking an:
ANA Project Manager & ANA Project Assistant/WCA Receptionist


Complete job descriptions and applications are available at the Wrangell Cooperative Association office @ 104 C-2 Lynch Street. Contact Esther Ashton at 907-874-4304 with any questions.
Closing date: November 15, 2017 at 1:00 P.M.



Please Join Us!

The community of Wrangell is invited to join together for an Elks Memorial and Celebration of Life for the beloved Harry Sundberg. Ceremony will be held Saturday, November 4th at 2pm, upstairs at the Elks Lodge, with potluck style reception downstairs to follow.

Donations of food dishes for the reception are welcomed and greatly appreciated. Pass the word along so we can all share in the happy remembrance of Harry Sundberg together.



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Wrestlers headed to Anchorage after Juneau and Ketchikan tourneys

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Wrangell's wrestlers continue their season with a handful of first placements and other top-three showings, following a pair of tournaments the past two weekends.

At the Pilot Invitational in Juneau October 20 and 21, eight Wrangell High School students participated after one was pulled for an injury. Of them, in bracket play two wrestlers finished with first placements, two with seconds, and two with thirds.

"They jumped in there, they really wrestled tough," commented coach Jeff Rooney afterward.

Competing in round-robin play in the 106-pound weight bracket, JD Barratt finished in first place and teammate Jonah Comstock came in second. Barratt won his first round match with Thunder Mountain's Ricky Ramirez with a pin in 1:23, while Comstock bested Ketchikan's Cassandra Stout by fall in 1:47. The two teammates squared off with each other in the next round, with Barratt winning by 13-3 majority decision. In the third round, Barratt won by pin over Stout in 41 seconds, while Comstock likewise won his match with Ramirez by fall in 4:50.

In the Varsity 113, Chase Kincaid was relegated to the consolation bracket after Nate Houston from Thunder Mountain won by fall in 47 seconds. After a bye, he squared off with Curtis Stauss, also of Thunder Mountain, who prevailed by a close 7-6 decision.

"He wrestled a tough tournament," Rooney said.

In the girls' 145 bracket, Hannah Brown lost her first round to Mt. Edgecumbe's Anya Pingayak by 5-3 decision, but won her next match over Laura Ekada of Mt. Edgecumbe by 6-4 decision. Competing for third place, Brown again was matched against Pingayak, but this time had the upper hand in a 5-1 decision win.

Competing for the boys' 145 bracket, Ian Jenson won his first round over Ketchikan's Richard Stuart with a pin in 1:36. The next match was over Sitka student Gavin Hammock, with Jenson winning by 4-0 decision. In the final, he beat Ketchikan's Troy Harris by 5-2 decision.

Hunter Wiederspohn took second in the 152 weight bracket, finishing his first two matches in pins with times of 36 seconds and 3:22. In the finals, Ketchikan wrestler Max Collins won by 16-3 majority decision.

In the 182-pound bracket, Dil-

lon Rooney began with a win over Thunder Mountain's Josh Quinto by 7-3 decision. In the next, Thunder Mountain's Derek Mason won by pin in 5:09, after which Rooney pinned Mason's teammate Camden Erickson in 29 seconds during the consolation semifinal. Competing for third, Rooney went on to beat Brandon Wieber of Ketchikan by 4-2 decision.

Coming off that showing, the team next shipped off to Ketchikan for the Bill Weiss Invitational on October 27 and 28. Wrangell finished in third place overall in the tournament, garnering 99 points.

Wrestlers in the 106 weight bracket were split into two pools for round-robin play, competing afterward in a final bracket round. After winning his two matches in the round-robin, Barratt went on to best Craig's Lexis Collins in the semifinal round, finishing by fall in 3:15. He went up against Comstock in the final, after his teammate won two matches. Barratt came out with a first place finish, with Comstock in second.

Kincaid finished the 113 bracket tournament in fourth place, winning one of his two matches in the round-robin, after pinning Petersburg's Shayla Madole in 1:46. In the finals bracket, Houston won by fall in 1:05, and Kincaid lost by fall to Petersburg's Jolyn Toyomura in 2:46.

Competing in the 145, Jenson finished in fourth place after winning two matches in the round-robin pool. In the finals bracket, he won by 11-2 majority decision over Ketchikan's Justin Albecker, before being beaten by Craig's Drew Marker by 6-3 decision. In the consolation pool vying for third, he finished just behind Troy Harris from Ketchikan, who won by 7-5 decision.

Weiderspohn finished in second place in the 152 weight bracket, winning his two in the round-robin. In the bracket, he finished his first match against Christ Smith of Ketchikan with a pin in 1:24, then beat Thunder Mountain's Jacob Ferster by 9-2 decision in the semifinal round. Ketchikan's Collins came out on top again in the finals, winning by 8-3 decision.

Rooney finished his round-robin with a win, pinning Sully Schulz of Ketchikan in 1:48. In the bracket he finished Nicoli Bolshakoff of Ketchikan with a pin in 26 seconds, going on to win over Wieber by 3-2 decision the next round. In the finals, Rooney finished second to Cameron Harris of Ketchikan, who won by 7-2 decision.

Senior Caleb Groshong was pulled from play with an injury at Juneau, and had been unable to participate the following weekend either. "We're hoping for a quick recovery," said Rooney.

The team next heads to the Anchorage Christian Schools Tournament this weekend, which is an early exposure to other schools from around the state the team would be likely to come up against during the state tournament in December.

Pumpkin Weight Contest Winners

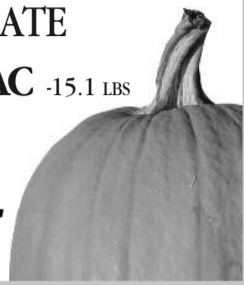
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The official weight was 14 # 6 oz



Harry S. Sundberg

June 27, 1922 - September 16, 2017

Longtime Wrangell resident Harry S. Sundberg died September 16, 2017 in Bellingham, WA, as a result of a fall at his assisted living facility. He was 95.

Harry was born June 27, 1922 in Hemnesberg, Norway. He was the second child of Jens and Hanna Sundberg. The family emigrated to the US in 1925 and in 1928 settled in Wrangell, where Jens had procured a job building gillnet boats for the Stikine River fishery. Harry helped his father build the family home on Case Avenue in which he resided for the rest of his life. During his youth he transported milk from Knorr's dairy herd on Sergieff Island to Wrangell for bottling at their dairy, and delivered it around town by truck in the evening. At age fifteen he began fishing his own gillnetter.

After graduating from Wrangell High School in 1941 as valedictorian of his senior class, Harry joined the US Navy and served in the South Pacific during World War II. Upon his return to Wrangell he resumed commercial fishing. In 1949, he staked a site on Limb Island on the Stikine River and built later built a cabin with salvaged lumber from the old Point Highfield Cannery. Also in 1949, he and partner Ben Engdal built Harbor Seafoods, Inc. in Wrangell to process and can shrimp, salmon and crab. Until the Wrangell lumber mill went into operation, they were Wrangell's largest employer. They sold Harbor Seafoods in 1974.

Following his father's death, Harry took care of his mother in the family home until her death in 1978. Every five years he ac-



Harry S. Sundberg

companied her back to the old country to maintain connections with the rest of the family; later, he continued the practice with other family members. Over the years, his house provided a stable home to younger relatives and others in need. He also quietly helped many people with housing, employment or financial problems.

After the sale of Harbor Seafoods, Harry devoted his time to serving in many ways. He was active in the Fraternal Order of Elks, ascending to the rank of District Deputy, overseeing all Elk activities in Alaska. He was a member of the Masons, and a member and past president of Pioneers of Alaska, Igloo 21. He was a strong supporter of the Salvation Army and donated the property on which their Wrangell church is built. He served on the State Board of Fisheries during the Hammond administration. He was instrumental in constructing the Senior Housing apartments in Wrangell. Harry was also a founding board member of the Thomas Bay Hydroelectric Association, which was formed to bring low cost electricity to Wrangell and Petersburg, and

ultimately resulted in the Tye Lake Hydro project.

In 1994, Harry married Rose Shilts. With the marriage Harry also acquired five step-children, their children and grandchildren. Harry and Rose were devoted to each other and enjoyed many years together fishing, hunting at the Stikine cabin, gardening, travelling and playing table games. Signs of Alzheimer's disease began appearing about 10 years ago, but thanks to the efforts of Rose, Harry was able to continue living productively at home until 2015, when he moved to The Orchard at Bellingham, an assisted living facility. His ready smile, vigor and helpfulness quickly made him a staff favorite there.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Irene and his brother Odd. He is survived by his wife Rose and her children and families, by his nieces and nephews and their families, and by many cousins and their families in Norway and Canada.

A memorial service for Harry will be held on November 4, 2017 at 2 pm at the Wrangell Elks Club. A later celebration of Harry's life, as well as a remembrance of his niece Lorene (Skip) Henderson, and the spreading of their ashes, will be held in May 2018 when his nieces, nephews and families can attend.

Condolences can be sent to Rose Sundberg, Box 613, Wrangell, Alaska 99929. In lieu of flowers, friends are encouraged to donate to the Wrangell Salvation Army or a charity of your choice.

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Donations sought for annual Thanksgiving food basket drive

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

With October finally gone, Don and Bonnie Roher remind the community that Thanksgiving is on the way, which means it's time to prepare their annual food baskets.

The couple has been putting together food baskets for families and single residents in need for the past 15 years, with 2017 marking their 16th. Neighbors and friends nominate those they think might benefit best from the drive, which makes sure there's a turkey and trimmings on every table this November 23. Volun-

teers bring together the ingredients, arrange the baskets, then distribute them ahead of the holiday.

In past years the drive has put out around 80 or so meals, with last year's drive distributing around \$4,600 worth of food to nominated households. This year the drive is hoping to raise \$5,316, making it the largest drive yet.

The Rohers explained the basket distribution is facilitated by Wrangell Ministerial Association, whose congregations help collect checks and cash donations for the drive. As this year's distribution is scheduled for November 17, Don Roher asked that people nominate or sign up for the program by Nov. 13.

Those wishing to help or volunteer can contact them at 305-0319.

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Bringing in the silver

Liana Carney, Jamie Early, Kendra Meissner, Grace Miller and Emma Martinsen made up the A-team for Stikine Middle School during last weekend's Stikine Invitational Tournament in Petersburg. Involving students from Petersburg, Craig and Klawock as well, play took place for boys and girls both from October 26 to 28, with the championship bracket taking place that Saturday evening.

THANK YOU

The Wrangell K9 SAR team would like to thank everyone who supported our fundraising for our annual training. This year we had two team members attend the Canine Search and Recovery conference in Ohio. They joined over 120 other handlers and k9's from all over the United States. Lorne Cook and his K9 partner Aspen attended a Human Remains Detection land based program. Stephen Prysunka and his K9 partner Katilli completed a Human Remains Detection water based program. We would specifically like to thank the Wrangell Fire Department, Stikine Sportsmen, Lucy Robinson, Southeast Beasts, Reme Privett, Rayme's Bar and the many individual community members that supported our fundraising activities. A special thank you to Vern Philips and Sea Level for donating fish for our CSAR auction. The K9 Search and Recovery program is part of the Wrangell Volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Department provides fire protection, search and rescue, advanced pre-hospital medical services, and public safety and educational programs for the Wrangell community and surrounding area.



Walker presents plan to address crime increase in Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Alaska Gov. Bill Walker unveiled a plan Monday to address a rise in the state's crime rate and said a stable economic process would help.

People training to put their lives on the line in state jobs connected to fighting crime should be assured they will not be repeatedly targeted for layoff notices every May during state budget deliberations, Walker said.

"Alaska needs fiscal cer-

tainy," the governor said at a news conference in Juneau. "They need to know now and into the future they're not going to have another series of pink slips upon pink slips upon pink slips."

Walker, accompanied by a handful of commissioners, said his public safety plan will tackle the state's rise in crime by addressing recidivism rates, improving the efficiency of state agencies and expanding mental health treatment opportunities.

A rise in crime in the past two years coincided with an increase in the use of opioid drugs, cuts to public safety resources and an economic downturn, said Attorney General Jahna Lindemuth. The approach must address underlying causes, she said.

Public Safety Commissioner Walt Monegan said his department will address areas where

personnel can be more effective and efficient. The state now spends \$2 million annually transporting prisoners from jails to courthouses.

The department's biggest challenge, he said, is finding men and women to fill vacancies. He said 43 Alaska State Trooper positions are open out of a 285-trooper authorized force, as well as 34 of 78 village public safety officer positions.

He agreed with Walker that the state's unstable budget process is a factor in attracting qualified employees.

Department of Corrections Commissioner Dean Williams said his agency's pretrial enforcement division, with the responsibility of making sure defendants attend court appearances, will launch in January.

The state for 20 years has had a serious recidivism problem, with two of three Alaskans who get out of prison returning within three years. The department will make a renewed effort for constructive, productive activities within prison walls, he said.

The department also will try to expand job opportunities for Alaskans leaving prison. Williams said fish processors, who have had problems filling positions, might find a solution from former inmates.

Health and Social Services Commissioner Valerie Davidson said improved access to mental health and substance abuse treatment is essential to the plan to improve public safety.

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Shooting boosters hoping to launch clay pigeon team

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

A new group of shooting enthusiasts has formed in Wrangell with the intent of forming a competitive trapshooting group for local youth.

Friends of the NRA – referring to the National Rifle Association, a gun rights advocacy group – is its own nonprofit group with chapters located around the country. State committees raise money for the NRA Foundation, which in turn allocates half of all net proceeds back to the state of origin. In the form of grants, these funds then go toward programming and projects related to shooting sports. Since its start in

1992, the group has held nearly 20,000 events and raised \$740 million.

In Southeast Alaska, Friends of the NRA committees already operate in Juneau, Prince of Wales Island, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Haines, Cordova and Sitka. Wrangell's will be the latest addition, with its committee to be chaired by retired police officer Terry Courson.

Member Reme Privett explained the focus of the local group will be to access grant funds to start up a trapshooting team that can compete with neighboring communities. In trapshooting, participants take aim at clay pigeons launched

from a "house" or machine, using shotguns. This differs from more complex forms of clay pigeon-related shooting competition, such as skeet shooting – which uses two houses – and sporting clays.

An Olympic sport, trapshooting leagues can be found across the country. Privett explained Petersburg already has a competitive youth team, the Devil's Thumb Shooters. If Wrangell were to add the needed facilities at its own shooting range and attract a designated coach, he said it could cultivate its own team that could potentially help form a regional league.

"You've got the facility already there, you just need a few upgrades," commented Greg Stephens, senior field representative for NRA Field Operations in South Alaska. It was with his encouragement that the Wrangell committee has been formed, with

its first fundraising dinner planned for this Saturday at the Nolan Center.

While Wrangell already has the Stikine Sportsmen Association, a homegrown club which raises money for various sporting activities, Privett explained that involvement with the Friends of the NRA organization could open up the community to additional sources of grant funding. Already the NRA Foundation has funded the youth shooting team in Petersburg in past years, and Stephens said the last two have seen around \$30,000 go to the POW committee for new ranges and shooting facilities.

Privett explained the local committee's priority will be to start up a shooting team for the high school, with a new house, and possibly shotguns, targets and ammo. In future though, the group would like to see the start

of hunter safety courses and educational opportunities, and perhaps improve shotgun facilities at the Spur Road shooting range.

Volunteers have been selling tickets for Saturday's fundraiser dinner, with tickets available at the Bay Company, Stikine Inn and Angerman's. At the Stikine Inn, raffle tickets for three different firearms are also being sold, to be drawn in a "reload" type of fashion. This means winning tickets will get tossed back into the barrel, with the potential to win again.

Privett and Stephens both emphasized that funds going to the NRA Foundation are not used for the NRA's political lobbying, which is handled separately. Foundation funds are dedicated to cultivating shooting sports, law enforcement training, hunter education and other such programming.

City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska Amended - Public Hearing PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough Assembly will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING at 6:30 p.m.**, in the Borough Assembly Chambers on **Tuesday, November 7, 2017**, on the following items:

a. Request for a vacation of a 3 foot wide trail right-of-way from Cassiar to the corner of Lot 20A Oliver Subdivision and Lot A LRO Subdivision, requested by Thomas Roland, owner of Lot 20A and Michael Nash, Attorney for Evi Fennimore, Trustee of the Viola Erickson Irrevocable Trust, owner of portion of Lots 7 and 8, Block 13, USS 1119 (or proposed new Lot 8A of proposed Fennimore/Roland Replat)

b. PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 937: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 3.05 OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE, ASSEMBLY – RULES OF PROCEDURE (second reading)

Action on these items will be taken at the Rescheduled Regular Assembly Meeting that follows the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

The Public is encouraged to attend.

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

Publish: November 2, 2017

City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska PUBLIC NOTICE

At their Regular Borough Assembly meeting held on October 10, 2017, the Borough Assembly approved canceling the upcoming Regular Assembly meetings on November 14th and November 28th and holding only one Regular Assembly meeting in November, on **Tuesday, November 7, 2017**.

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

Published: November 2, 9 and 16, 2017

CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA PUBLIC NOTICE

The Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) is seeking *Letters of Interest* to fill the upcoming vacancies to the SEAPA Board of Directors, which consist of:

**Two (2) voting members and
Two (2) alternate members for Wrangell**

These vacancies are one-year terms from January 1 – December 31, 2018.

Please turn your Letter of Interest into the Borough Clerk's Office, 205 Brueger Street, City & Borough of Wrangell, P.O. Box 531, Wrangell, AK 99929, **on or before 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 7, 2017.**

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Borough Clerk's Office at 907-874-2381, or email: clerk@wrangell.com

Appointments will be made at the *rescheduled* regular Assembly meeting on November 7, 2017.

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

Kris Reed
Board Secretary
Wrangell Medical Center
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City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska Work Session PUBLIC NOTICE

On **Monday, November 6, 2017** the Borough Assembly, the Wrangell Medical Center Board, Hospital Staff, and City Staff, will hold a **WORK SESSION at 5:30 p.m.**, in the Borough Assembly Chambers regarding the following topic:

To receive information on the Financial Feasibility Study that was done for a new Hospital

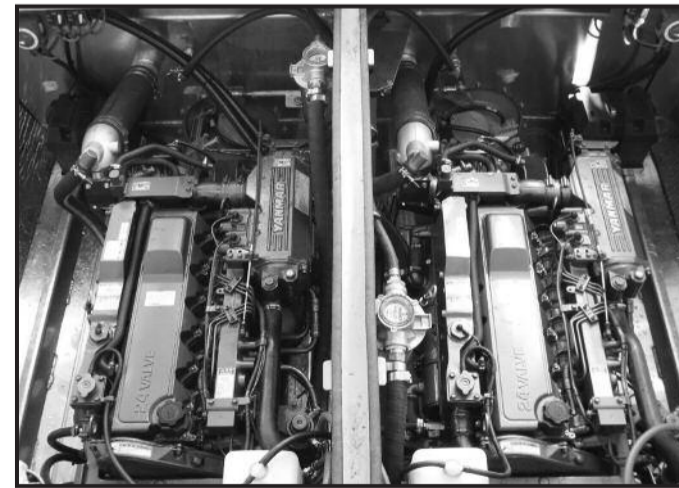
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Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk
City & Borough of Wrangell

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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

Great salmon season results in buying, building new or upgrading boats

It's steady as she goes for the values of Alaska salmon fishing permits, with upticks in the wind at several fishing regions.

"There's a lot of cautious optimism," said Jeff Osborn of Dock Street Brokers in Seattle.

As well there should be after a salmon fishery that produced 225 million fish valued at nearly \$680 million, a 67 percent increase over 2016.

Bristol Bay drift salmon permits trade more than any other due to the sheer volume (1,800) and it's no surprise the value is increasing after one of the best fishing seasons ever. But they are not "rocketing up" in value, said Doug Bowen of Alaska Boats and Permits at Homer.

"They're over \$140,000 right now, which is up from the start of the season when they were down around \$130,000-\$135,000," Bowen said. "But they are inching up and it seems there's as many people who want to get into the Bay as there are who want to get out, and so the prices have kind of stabilized."

Osborn at Dock Street agreed. "They haven't come up at Bristol Bay as much as I would've anticipated, but maybe that's yet to come," he said, referring to potentially strong 2018 salmon forecasts being released soon by state fishery managers.

The trend appears similar for permit values at other major fishing regions.

"It's interesting that some years there can be a huge difference between a drift gillnet permit at Bristol Bay, at Prince William Sound or Area M on the Alaska Peninsula. For whatever reason, this year they are all about in that same \$140,000 range," Bowen said.

Elsewhere, the slide in the value of Cook Inlet drift permits reflects three lousy salmon sea-

sons, despite being able to stack permits and fish extra gear.

"That wasn't enough to save the day," Bowen said. "Those permits started at over \$48,000 before the season after getting all the way down to the low to mid \$30's. They've inched back up to about \$40,000 but that's down from \$60,000-\$70,000 just a year or two ago."

Kodiak seine permit values have increased from around \$25,000 to over \$30,000.

At Southeast Alaska, Bowen said there's not a lot happening for drift permits at \$100,000 and seine cards have "slipped a bit to the \$180,000 range."

Meanwhile, more fishing boat action is going on fueled by the extra \$200 million or so circulating from a great salmon season.

"We're seeing interest in buying and building new boats or upgrading to a bigger or newer boat," Bowen said, adding "there is definitely movement with gillnetters and seiners."

Some salmon paychecks – Wrap ups of the 2017 salmon season reveal some rewarding paydays for Alaska fishermen, with a few exceptions.

Reports trickling out from regional Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game offices show that Upper Cook Inlet salmon fishermen were among the losers. A total catch of about three million fish was 13 percent below the 10 year average and the sockeye catch was the lowest in 10 years. The preliminary value to UCI fishermen of \$23.7 million is down 21 percent.

Lower Cook Inlet salmon fishermen fared better. Their 2.5 million catch fetched about \$4.5 million, nearly double the 10 year average.

At Prince William Sound nearly 800 permit holders caught over 56 million salmon valued at \$128 million. That averaged out to \$74,000 for drift gillnetters, \$54,000 for setnetters and \$313,500 for seiners.

At Chignik 67 permit holders caught fewer than 900,000 sockeyes but over 7 million pinks, five times more than usual. That paid out at nearly \$16 million, or \$236,000 per fisherman.

Norton Sound's 138 salmon

fishermen shared the best payday ever at almost \$3 million.

On the Yukon River, 401 permit holders fished for chums this summer, 388 at the Lower Yukon where the average paycheck was about \$4,000. At the Upper Yukon, 13 fishermen each averaged \$21,000 for their chum catches – both dock values were above the 10 year average.

The biggest fish bucks went to Bristol Bay fishermen whose harvest of nearly 40 million salmon paid out at \$215 million, double the 20 year average.

High halibut stall - Prices for catch shares of Alaska halibut remain in the nosebleed area but they've been stanchd a bit, at least for now.

"They seem to have stabilized somewhat at high ranges," said Doug Bowen. "Seventy some dollars a pound in Southeast, \$60 in the Central Gulf and in the \$40's in the Western Gulf. The values stair step down as you move farther west."

A big nosedive in halibut dock prices also has rippled the market. Prices that had for several years been in the \$6 - \$7 per pound range dropped closer to \$5 at major ports, and some halibut trips were even being turned away.

"When they don't care if you turn that boat around and drive away, then you have to start taking them seriously that there are issues in the marketplace," Bowen said.

The price pushback coincides with a broadside from millions of pounds of cheaper Atlantic halibut flooding fresh fish markets.

"That has put a lid on the halibut quota share market and slowed down interest," said Jeff Osborn. "But it's still a seller's market, within reason. There is quota out there at prices people aren't going to touch. Still, the transactions that have occurred are at lofty prices."

Halibut fishermen will get a first glimpse of potential catches for 2018 and that usually causes a quota share price blip up or down.

"If the survey results show it's really strong for one halibut area or another, you'll definitely see folks trying to buy to get out ahead of any price increases," Bowen said.

Recommended halibut catch limits for 2018 will be revealed by the International Pacific Halibut Commission Nov. 28-29 in Seattle

Fish fanfare and funds – The Fall Fishermen's Expo is set for November 7-9 at Centennial Hall in Sitka. The event, co-hosted by the Sitka Seafood Festival and Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association, offers free workshops, training, celebrations and social gatherings, including a first Fishermen's Job Fair to connect prospective employers and crews.

American Seafoods Company is accepting applications for its latest round of grants to Alaska projects that focus on hunger, housing,

safety, education, research, natural resources and cultural activities. Most grant awards range from \$500 to \$3,000 from a total pool of \$38,000.

Since 1997 American Seafoods has granted over \$1.4 million to Alaska organizations and pro-

grams. The company also awards educational scholarships to rural Alaska students.

Applications are available on line or by contacting kim.lynn@americanseafoods.com or call 206-256-2659. Deadline to apply is November 27.

SEARHC help office adds Saturday hours for health enrollment period

This year open enrollment in the state's health insurance marketplace has been shortened to six weeks, beginning yesterday and running through December 15.

Enabled through the Affordable Care Act, Americans meeting certain criteria can apply for government subsidies for participating insurance plans. Before the start of each calendar year, they are required to prepare submissions for new or renewed coverage through the HealthCare.gov website during this open enrollment period.

As previously announced last month, Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium has offered to assist potential enrollees in the region, with its Outreach and Enrollment office able to walk people through the online registration process. The program also offers free assistance for those turning 65 to apply for Medicare, veterans applying for benefits, Medicaid applications, and Tribally Sponsored Health Insurance (TSHIP).

Due to the shortened enrollment period, on Tuesday SEARHC announced its Outreach and Enrollment counselors will be opening their Sitka office Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in addition to its usual 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. hours during the work week. Four counselors are there to help individuals navigate the health insurance marketplace by phone anywhere in Southeast Alaska, or else in person at their offices in Juneau and Sitka.

In its release, SEARHC advised potential applicants that the cost of health insurance plans has gone down this year. Outreach and Enrollment can help them identify which program they may be eligible for with a short series of screening questions, walking them through the particular enrollment process, and can assist if any problems arise after coverage.

"Don't be shy to ask us questions," said Susan Briles, Outreach & Enrollment Specialist, "we are more than happy to help."

To schedule an in-person or telephone appointment Monday through Saturday, individuals can call one of SEARHC's enrollment specialists. In Sitka, call either Briles at 966-8662, Michaela Dunlap at 966-8920 or program manager Andrea Thomas at 966-8883. In the Juneau area, Mariah Enloe can be reached at 364-4589. People may also call toll-free at 1-855-966-8684, or submit to them an email at outreach@searhc.org.

Wrangell Medical Center also offers resources to assist in navigating the Marketplace. Residents can contact social worker Mary Campbell during the regular workweek at 874-7191.

As well as the shortened enrollment period and lower costs expected for next year's plans, other changes to the federal healthcare program are expected. One is a broader exemption to employers from covering female contraceptives. Previously, under the ACA health care insurers have been required to cover the cost of at least one form of the Food and Drug Administration's 18 approved methods of birth control for women, at no out-of-pocket costs to the consumer.

In October the Department of Health and Human Services and other agencies announced new rules would be in effect for 2018, broadening exceptions already established for church and religious organizations and some for-profit corporations. All plan sponsors, including institutions of higher education, would thus be able to deny contraceptive coverage on religious and moral grounds.

The Division of Insurance of the Alaska Department of Commerce reminds consumers that women may still obtain contraceptives at zero cost sharing under an optional accommodation process. An exempted employer must notify HHS of their objection, which notifies the consumer's insurance provider in turn, which then provides the coverage at no cost. Those concerned about a change in contraceptive coverage are advised to reach out to their employer or insurer to determine whether changes can be expected. Alaska law requires that insurers provide at least 45 days' notice prior to any change in benefits.

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Comments sought on ferry summer schedule draft

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

The Alaska Marine Highway System has put forward its draft summer schedule for next year, one which is similar to 2017 sailings.

The proposed schedule covers service between May and Sep-

tember 2018. Nine of the system's 11 vessels will be operational during the season,

Wrangell will be serviced through the summer by the Malaspina and the Columbia. The Malaspina will sail from Prince Rupert to Skagway once per week, and from Prince Ru-

pert to Juneau once per week. It will make southbound stops into Wrangell Monday mornings and Thursday evenings, returning northbound Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

The Columbia will remain on the Friday Bellingham route, passing through Wrangell twice

a week. It will be scheduled to stop through on its southbound route Wednesday morning, and Sunday afternoons on its way back north. After the Malaspina enters layup for maintenance in mid-September, the Columbia would be Wrangell's sole ferry service for the final weeks of the month.

The Matanuska will not be included on the summer schedule, undergoing a propulsion systems upgrade. The 54-year-old vessel was last repowered in 1984, and \$34 million was allocated for next year's overhaul. The vessel will see replacement of its main propulsion engines and ancillary systems, with various upgrades.

Schedule patterns are based on expected funding levels for the 2019 fiscal year, which begins July 1. The schedule has remained much the same since the 2016 summer season, with funding cuts each year absorbed elsewhere in the schedule.

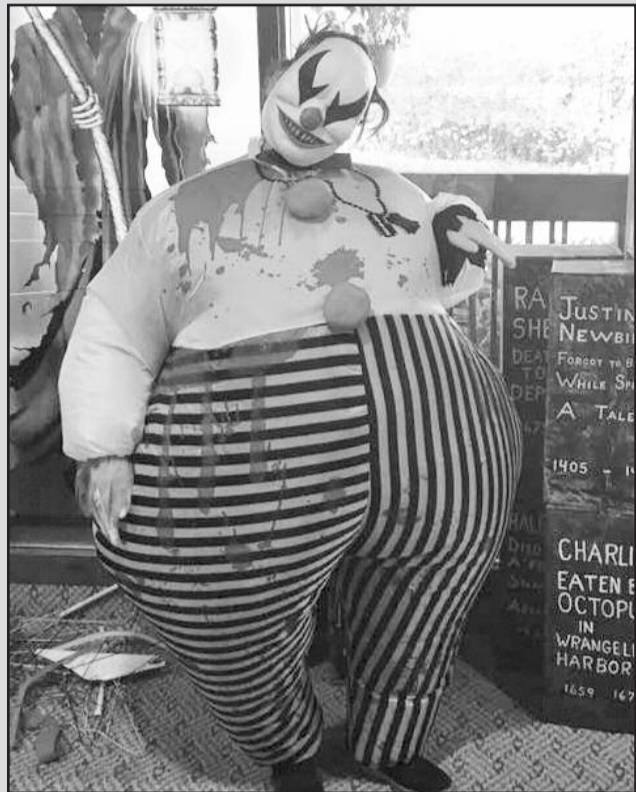
Members of the public are invited to review and comment on the proposed draft by November 10. The full schedule is available online at www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs/share/schedule/considerations.pdf. Written comments can be emailed to dot.amhs.comments@alaska.gov, or faxed to

907-228-6874.

AMHS is also interested in knowing about any need for special events scheduling and other requests that organizers or communities may have. For instance, the Little Norway Festival in Petersburg next May and the SE Alaska State Fair in Haines in July are among those events listed for consideration. Wrangell currently does not have any events listed, such as its July Fourth celebration or Bearfest in late July.

A public teleconference to hear additional comments and consider adjustments is scheduled for November 16 at 10:00 a.m. for Southeast schedules, with the meeting physically held at the AMHS Ketchikan office. The toll free number to participate in the teleconference is 1-515-604-9000, with the access code 279613.

Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, or other special modifications to participate in this public meeting can contact the AMHS operations manager, Captain Tony Karvelas, at either 228-7252 or by emailing anthony.karvelas@alaska.gov, no later than November 2. Karvelas is also the point of contact for additional questions about the draft schedule.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Going bump in the night

One of the scarier elements of Harbor House's haunted house on Saturday, Charlie Ross got some of the biggest screams of the night in his evil clown getup. Co-owner Shannon Bosdell estimated some 150 residents came through during the evening.



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A bit before Halloween but nonetheless scary, on Friday the 13 local advocacy group Community Roots organized a Fright Walk through town. Zombifying themselves up, participants lurched from Reliance Harbor down Front Street while enjoying food at the Elks, tunes and good company. Prizes were given to the best-looking individual, family and group of zombies.



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Little Hawkeye Bosdell visits with Carolyn Tanner at Harbor House's haunted house event on Saturday. Staff and residents helped put together props and decorations, with even a few donning parts in the spooktacular walk-through. Among the attractions filling visitors with the most dread – and eliciting screams – was its spookily named “dead room.”

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