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Borough Assembly holds workshop with federal lobbyist

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Sebastian O'Kelly, a federal lobbyist, is a consultant with Robertson, Monagle & Eastaugh. As a federal lobbyist he represents several communities across Southeast Alaska, working to ensure issues pertaining to the area reach the ears of the right people in Congress. O'Kelly was in Wrangell Tuesday evening to meet with the borough assembly and to discuss several issues pertaining to the region.

"I'm glad to be here," he said to the assembly. "This is my last stop on a 12-day tour."

The topics discussed by O'Kelly and the assembly were wide and varied. One of the bigger topics O'Kelly brought up was federal aid that was coming to Alaska in response to the pink salmon disaster. He explained that, in 2016, Alaska saw a dramatic decline in pink salmon populations in fisheries across the state. In some cases federal law, he said, allows for relief to be brought to areas affected by a decline in fish populations when the decline is not related to fishing. In FY 2019, Congress allocated \$200 million for fishery disasters across the country. Of that, \$56 million is coming to Alaska for the pink salmon disaster, and O'Kelly went into some detail about how that money would be further divided.

"Of the \$56 million, \$4 million is going to go towards research to look at the causes of the decline," he said. "\$32 million is going to go to fishermen, \$2.4 million to municipalities and coastal communities that depend on the fish tax, and \$17.7 million to processors."

A hot issue related to the fishing industry is tariffs. Due to the ongoing trade tensions between the United States and China, O'Kelly said, numerous tariffs have been put in place by both countries. One of these is a seafood tariff. China has installed a 25 percent tariff on seafood entering the country from the United States, and the U.S. has done the same for seafood coming from China. O'Kelly said that these tariffs are not likely to be lifted anytime soon, but he is working to make sure the government is aware of how it could affect Alaska's economy as a whole.

Sea otter management was another topic brought up in the workshop. O'Kelly said that sea otter populations have undergone a population boom and, as fish are a common source of food for otters, this is affecting fisheries. Otters, however, are protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act, which makes controlling their numbers a challenge. Provisions are allowed for native peoples to harvest sea otters, but O'Kelly said that so far this has been far below "sustainable levels." He added that they are looking into ways to further incentivize otter harvests and other avenues of population control.

The assembly also brought to O'Kelly's attention the Essential Air Service, a program guaranteeing that airlines serve rural and isolated communities such as Wrangell and other towns across Southeast Alaska. The assembly brought this up because, they said, they felt that the EAS was in danger of being discontinued every few years. They asked if writing a letter in support of the EAS would be something they could do to help protect the program.

O'Kelly said that the letter was a good idea, and could always be needed, but that the assembly did not have anything to worry about in the near future. He said that there were some people in Congress who wanted to see the EAS discontinued, seeing it as corporate welfare. However, he said there was strong pushback from other groups who saw it as necessary to help small communities stay connected to the world.

After the workshop was concluded and a brief recess was held, the assembly gathered again for a short, special meeting. There were only two agenda items, both of which were quickly adopted. One was approval of a sole source contract with SECON in the amount of \$32,178.25 for a portion of an ADEC-funded water main replacement project affecting the ADOT Evergreen Avenue improvements and pedestrian access project. The other was approval of a letter of support for Trey Acteson to be appointed to a public advisory group for the state specific rulemaking for Roadless Management.



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McKinley Ward was the overall winner of the Wrangell Coho Derby. The first place award for the derby was \$2,000.

Coho derby comes to a close

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

With Labor Day come and gone, Wrangell's coho salmon derby has come to a close. According to Alicia Holder, with the chamber of commerce, 106 coho were weighed in over the four weekends of the derby. The chamber of commerce also sold 240 derby tickets.

The overall winners of the derby were determined by the combined weight of the three biggest salmon fishers were able to reel in over the entire derby. The overall winners are as follows: First place: McKinley Ward, 37 lbs; Second place: Lysie Powers, 36 lbs; Third place: Marilyn Mork, 35.1 lbs.

The prizes for winning the derby overall are \$2,000, \$1,500, and \$1,000 respectively. There were numerous other prizes to be won during the derby, however. Each weekend, a winner was determined by the heaviest fish weighed in. These winners are: Aug. 11 and 12: Jim Debord for a \$250 prize; Aug. 18 and 19: Chet Powell Sr. for a \$250 prize; Aug. 25 and 26: McKinley Ward for a \$250 prize; and Sept. 1, 2, and 3: Robert Blair for a \$500 prize.

A silver bracelet was also available to win by the woman who reeled in the biggest salmon. This prize went to Marilyn Mork, who caught a fish weighing 15.8 lbs. Another category in the derby was for children ages 12-years-old and younger. The winner of this category was 11-year-old Patton Bania, his prize being a drone.

Holder said that while some of the early weekend prize winners had already received their prizes, many others would receive their checks later in the week. More results of the coho derby can be found on the chamber of commerce's website, at www.wrangellchamber.org, under "2018 Coho Derby Ladders."

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, September 6: Heidi Armstrong, Phil Carey, Dan Nore, Casey Shilts, Luke Feuerhelm. *Anniversary:* Jeremy and Brandy Grina. **Friday, September 7:** Chris Versteeg, Clara Waddington, Mathias Wiederspohn. *Anniversary:* Colin and Erin Anderson. **Saturday, September 8:** Leroy Travers, Peggy Wilson, Inky Bushnell, Maxi Wiederspohn. **Sunday, September 9:** Josh Blatchley, Andrew Scambler, Mario Ellsworth, Jody Waddington, Hope Miller. **Monday, September 10:** Carol Haaseth, Neekers Covalt, Connor Blake, Lucille Merrill. *Anniversary:* Arnold and Alice Bakke, Harry and Rose Sundberg. **Tuesday, September 11:** Nancy Cummings, Rebecca Helgeson, Jake Eastaugh, Sanoe Harrison. **Wednesday, September 12:** David Rak, Bryant Benjamin, Rusty Bushnell, Katelyn Early. *Anniversary:* Jason and Sabra Neyman. **Thursday, September 13:** Bernie Massin, Jenny Mork, Kalcie Klinke, Frank Johnson, Wanda Banta, John Waddington, Jim Nelson Sr. *Anniversary:* Jeff and Heidi Villarma.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, September 6

Chicken Adobo, Carrots, Spicy Fruit Cup, Rice

Friday, September 7

Venison Loaf, Mixed Veggies, Peach Salad, Scalloped Potatoes

Monday, September 10

BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Wheat Rolls

Tuesday, September 11

Sweet & Sour Spare Ribs, Green Beans, R&R Salad, Confetti Rice

Wednesday, September 12

Roast Beef w/Gravy, Spinach, Fruit Slaw, Mashed Potatoes

Thursday, September 13

Baked Chicken, Broccoli, Carrot/Pineapple Salad, Buttered Noodles

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, September 8

Malaspina 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 9

Columbia 8:45 p.m.

Tuesday, September 11

Malaspina 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 15

Malaspina 7:15 a.m.

Sunday, September 16

Columbia 4:45 p.m.

Southbound

Thursday, September 6

Malaspina 6:15 p.m.

Monday, September 10

Malaspina 5:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 12

Columbia 8:45 a.m.

Thursday, September 13

Malaspina 8:00 p.m.

Monday, September 17

Malaspina 6:30 a.m.

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



TIDES Sept. 6 - Sept. 13

	High Tides		Low Tides		High Tides		Low Tides	
	AM Time	PM Time	AM Time	PM Time	AM Time	PM Time	AM Time	PM Time
September 6	11:07	14.2	11:02	16.9	4:30	-0.2	4:42	3.4
September 7	12:00	15.7	11:59	18.1	5:31	-1.5	5:44	1.9
September 8	12:47	17.0	6:22	-2.5	6:36	0.5
September 9	0:50	18.8	1:30	17.9	7:07	-3.0	7:22	-0.7
September 10	1:38	19.1	2:12	18.4	7:48	-3.0	8:07	-1.3
September 11	2:24	18.8	2:51	18.5	8:28	-2.3	8:50	-1.4
September 12	3:09	17.9	3:30	18.0	9:07	-1.2	9:33	-1.0
September 13	3:53	16.6	4:09	17.2	9:45	0.2	10:17	-0.2

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

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

Continuing Events

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

Pool:

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

MEETINGS

AA Meetings: 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.

September 5, 1918

Tom Fugita, well known in Southeastern Alaska as a successful restaurant man, has recently returned from a trip to Japan and taken over the Wrangell Restaurant. Tom has an enviable reputation as a chef, and it is not a bad thing for Wrangell that he has returned from the land of cherry blossoms and is again on the job of relieving the hungry public.

September 10, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bennett and three children Ardeh, Alaska and Ila, arrived here this week from Petersburg and intend to establish their future home in Wrangell. They brought with them 85 platinum blue and Arctic white foxes and have leased the Axel Rasmussen place out the highway for fox farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett have been fox farming in the territory for a number of years, most of it to the Westward, with the last two years in Petersburg. The three children of the family have entered Wrangell public school.

September 5, 1968

Wrangell's Road Runners were judged the best band of three entered in the Chamber of Commerce's first annual Battle of the Bands Sunday night.

The event, which took place in the high school gym, saw entries from Petersburg and Ketchikan competing for prize money.

The winning band got \$150

and the other groups were each presented with \$75. Other bands in the event were the Norways of Ketchikan and the Illusions of Petersburg.

The Rev. John Rogers, chairman of the program said sponsors had broken even on the event. The Chamber of Commerce had advanced the committee \$300 to pay for the transportation and expenses of the bands' competing.

Approximately \$525 was raised by the sale of \$2 tickets and this paid back the Chamber and provided prize money, Rogers said. Plans are being discussed by the Chamber to expand the program into a statewide contest. Rogers said chambers throughout the state are going to be contacted to see if they will have preliminary contests in their communities and send the winning bands here for a state event.

Judges for the contest were Bob Anderson and Georgena Paddock, who play as the Bob and Gena duo.

September 9, 1993

A committee appointed by the City Council has finished selecting candidates for the job of drawing up schematic designs and cost estimates for building a new museum.

Three or four candidates were selected Monday from about 40 firms and individuals who presented their qualifications for the job, said museum board member

Lillian Prevette, a member of the special winnowing committee.

Names and qualifications of the candidates selected will be presented to the City Council in mid September, Prevette said. Three of the four finalists are from Alaska, but none is from Wrangell. They were chosen from those who responded to a request for qualifications the city sent to a list developed especially for the purpose, she said.

Firms and individuals on the list are experienced in public buildings such as museums, hospitals, and so forth.

The pre-selection committee is made up of the city manager, Duane Gasaway, council member Ray McGurk, and museum board members Wil Fykerude and Prevette.

The city allocates \$15,000 a year for the museum.



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Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
August 27	57	53
August 28	62	55
August 29	62	53
August 30	57	51
August 31	61	53
September 01	59	51
September 02	57	50
September 03	62	48



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Sept 06	6:00 am	7:32 pm	13:32h
Sept 07	6:02 am	7:29 pm	13:27h
Sept 08	6:04 am	7:27 pm	13:23h
Sept 09	6:06 am	7:24 pm	13:18h
Sept 10	6:08 am	7:21 pm	13:13h
Sept 11	6:10 am	7:19 pm	13:09h
Sept 12	6:12 am	7:16 pm	13:04h
Sept 13	6:13 am	7:14 pm	13:01h

Bible Baptist Church offers 'Eagle's Nest' program

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Bible Baptist Church in Wrangell has recently begun offering an after-school program for elementary-age kids. Tim and Missy Helton are members of the church, and currently run "The Eagle's Nest." They said that the program is a fun and safe place for kids to spend part of their afternoons.

"It's a positive environment for the kids," said Missy. "We're going to be doing a variety of things. We'll have a lesson, we'll have some music, we've got games, and crafts sometimes."

Tim added that the program is good for parents, too, as it offers a place to leave their kids for a while to run errands. The Eagle's Nest is geared towards children from kindergarten to fifth-grade. The Heltons also said that it is not a requirement to be in public school, or a part of the church. Any child within the age bracket is welcome to visit.

"From week to week it's different: Different games, different music, different lessons, different snacks. Everything will be different, it'll never be monotonous," Tim said.

The Eagle's Nest kicked off with 16 kids in attendance last week. Missy said that for the first few weeks they will have an African theme. The next theme for the program will be a "time lab," with several other themes planned through the school year.

"It's not the traditional Wednesday night kids program while the parents are in a Bible study," Tim said. "It is a church program, but it's designed differently. It's after school, it's a time to be an encouragement and



PHOTO BY CALEB VIERKANT/WRANGELL SENTINEL

Missy Helton and several children at The Eagle's Nest, an after-school program on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

to hang out with kids, to get to know them and their parents."

The Eagle's Nest runs every Tuesday from 3:30 to 5

p.m. To learn more about the program, email eaglznest@outlook.com. Bible Baptist Church is located at 538 Church Street.

Byford Junkyard soil relocation 1/3 complete

By CALEB VIERKANT
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Ongoing efforts to remove contaminated soil from the site of the Byford junkyard are about a third of the way complete, according to Sally Schlichting with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. The soil is being packed into large bags specially designed to carry soil and is being shipped to a landfill in Oregon.

Schlichting explained that the soil at the junkyard site was heavily contaminated with lead, as well as with some petroleum and trace amounts of other chemicals. The lead was neutralized, she said, with a chemical called EcoBond.

"The phosphates bond with [the lead in] the soil and keep it immobile," she said.

Lisa Von Barga and Carol Rushmore with Wrangell City Hall went into some history of the Byford junkyard cleanup. The need to clean the site be-

came apparent many years ago, they said, when the EPA found high levels of lead contamination in the area, which had leached into the ground and spread across Zimovia Highway into the beach nearby. The DEC is entirely responsible for the cleanup, they said, and that it was costing the city nothing.

Esther Ashton, tribal administrator with the Wrangell Cooperative Association, said that the original plan was for the DEC to ship all the soil off of the island. However, she said, funding for the project had been diverted. Schlichting added that there was much more soil to transport than they had originally anticipated. The DEC looked for on-island ways to handle the soil, and the idea of using a monofill approximately a quarter mile from Pats Creek to store the soil was suggested.

"There were a few issues," Ashton said. "The first issue

that the tribe had was the lack of public knowledge, involvement, and participation in the process. The DEC, when they did the project, did the planning and chose the location without any public participation ... The second issue is that this location is right in the midst of traditional subsistence areas. It's an area where our tribal citizens go for hunting, for fishing, they go there to collect medicinal plants and pick berries. It's also one of the most highly utilized recreation areas in our community."

Schlichting said that with the EcoBond, the soil was fairly safe. However, if one were to ingest it they could be exposed to some lead. She said that, as EcoBond used phosphate to neutralize the lead, it could promote heavy plant growth. If it got into water, though, it could also hurt oxygen levels in the water or cause algae blooms. It was decided

to continue to move the soil off the island, and Governor Bill Walker asked for an additional \$5 million to be added to the DEC's spill response fund to continue the project.

Schlichting said that, as of Aug. 22, over 13,000 bags have

been filled, and 280 have been shipped to the landfill in Arlington, Oregon. She said that they expect all the soil to be stored in late September or early October, and completion of the project will be around the middle of October.

Police report

August 27, 2018

Citizen assist: Child refusing to go to school.

Traffic: Person called in possible traffic violation.

Agency assist-USFS: Verbal warning for commercial sale of firewood.

Lost/stolen wallet reported.
DVO served.

August 28, 2018

Catering permit.

DVO served.

Citizen assist.

August 29, 2018

Parking complaint.

Report of theft.

Disturbance.

August 30, 2018

Time limit parking citation issued to Andrew Twyford, 19.

Parking complaint.

Vacation check requested.

Recovered firearm.

August 31, 2018

Traffic complaint: Speeding.

Missing person: Person arrived home.

Welfare check.

Two courtesy rides provided.

September 1, 2018

Suspicious activity.

Traffic stop: Checking due to unusually slow speed.

Agency assist: Sea Level Seafoods.

Citation issued: David Andresen, 65. Dog at large.

Domestic violence: Unfounded.

September 2, 2018

Parking complaint.

Disturbance reported: Verbal argument.

Arrested: Scott Hall, 36, on charges of reckless driving, vehicle theft, and driving without a license.

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BRAVE to show ‘Paper Tigers’ at high school

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Kay Larson said that the purpose of her organization is not to “combat” issues in Wrangell. Rather, she said, they want to educate and advocate. BRAVE, or Building Respect and Valuing Everyone, wants to promote healthy relationships through prevention programs, resource referrals, and community engagement.

“Our group isn’t so much in a combative mode as advocacy, prevention, education, it’s just a slightly different touch,” she said. “We’re not against anything, we’re just all in favor of building and strengthening healthy relationships.”

On Sept. 11, at 7 p.m., BRAVE will be showing the film “Paper Tigers” at Wrangell High School. In a short summary of the plot, “Paper Tigers” follows a year in the life of students at an alternative high school in the state of Washington. The school changes its approach to student discipline after research becomes available on the effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and becomes a model on how to break cycles of poverty and violence. Larson said that everybody in Wrangell’s school system, including students, teachers, and parents, can benefit from seeing this film.

“Our school is not to the degree of vandalism and those kinds of behaviors that this school experienced, but the message about toxic stress and the possibility of resilience through forming relationships, healthy relationships, with a caring adult to me is the message of the movie to grab on to,” she said.



SUBMITTED ILLUSTRATION

BRAVE will be showing the film “Paper Tigers” at Wrangell High School next Tuesday evening.

There will also be a question and answer session at the end of the film. According to documents provided by Larson, ACEs are defined as ongoing traumatic events during childhood that cause large amounts of stress and can affect a child’s brain development. Research from the Southern Kenai Peninsula Resilience Coalition said that healthy and supportive relationships can allow for more normal, healthy brain development. These are the kinds of relationships BRAVE hopes to encourage in Wrangell.

“I think we’re on a roll here,” Larson said. “I feel like there’s so much more receptivity, interest, and willingness to talk about these things. Reducing stigmas, giving people courage, so things are happening in a good way.”

Larson said that BRAVE has several other activities planned in the near future, as well. They plan to show another film called “Resilience” at an unspecified date. Near the end of the month they also plan to host a boys program by the name of “I Toowu Klaatseen,” which translates from Tlingit to “strength of spirit.” The 10-week program is meant to encourage a community of respect and give boys the tools to build healthy relationships with others.

BRAVE meets once a month, usually every second Tuesday, according to Larson. More information about the group can be found by contacting Larson at (907) 209-9117, or by sending an email to brave.wrangell@gmail.com.

Alaska Sprouts to kick off teen night this September

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

“Alaska Sprouts – Seeds of Change” is a new group in the city of Wrangell, recently funded through grant money received by the Wrangell Cooperative Association. Their goal, according to the organization’s Facebook page, is to help make a brighter future for the city’s youth. One of the ways this all-volunteer group hopes to do so is by hosting “teen nights.”

Jillian Privett is the main organizer of Alaska Sprouts. She said the teen night is aimed for eighth through twelfth-graders, and is meant to be both educational and fun. She also said that it is something the community needed.

“Wrangell’s needed it for a while,” she said. “They haven’t had a boys’ and girls’ club, teen center kind of thing for quite some time, I believe. We had one when I was in high school.”

There will be many things for teens to learn during teen night, Privett said, depending on who is volunteering. She said she wants teens to learn skills that will be useful for them in adulthood. Teens can look forward to learning about creative writing, learning to make jams and jellies, canning and preserving food, and many other hob-



Jillian Privett, the founder of Alaska Sprouts – Seeds of Change.

bies. Privett said they can also get CPR and babysitting certifications.

Teen night will also have numerous “just for fun” activities such as dodgeball, rock painting, and numerous other games. Privett said that in the future she would love to see other fun activities such as “glow in the dark nights” happen, too.

Parents should register their kids for teen night online at www.wrangellrec.com starting on Sept. 8. Privett said that the teens can also participate in a quick survey there. Anybody wishing to volunteer to help with teen night must volunteer through the parks and recreation department.

“We’re using their facilities, so we’re going to use their paperwork, too,” Privett said.

The first teen night will be held on September 22 at the Wrangell Community Center. To learn more about teen night and Alaska Sprouts, visit their Facebook Page at

“Alaska Sprouts.” Privett said that anybody is welcome to volunteer and share their knowledge or skills.

“Pretty much anything that people can think of that they do in the community that they would want to share with teens,” she said.



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Grand Exalted Ruler Luhr visits Elks lodge

By CALEB VIERKANT
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Petersburg native Michael Luhr has been a part of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks since 1977, when he was initiated into Petersburg Lodge No. 1615. He said that he has lived in Petersburg for 62 years, and has been an Elk for 42. According to a short biography presented at Lodge No. 1595 in Wrangell, he served in a series of

roles at local, state, and national levels for many years.

In a July ceremony this year, Luhr was made the first Alaskan to ever serve as the grand exalted ruler of the Elks.

Last Thursday night, Luhr stopped in Wrangell to visit Lodge No. 1595.

"It's an honor," Luhr said. "It's not being the first Alaskan that's the honor. Any time any individual Elk gets this opportu-

nity it's an honor. There's 780,000 members out there, and each year only one person gets to be the national president."

The Wrangell lodge held a dinner party for their honored guests, which also included the Elks state presidents of Alaska and Washington, Kerry Tomlinson and John Fry, as well as former Grand Exalted Ruler Roger True, First Lady Barb Luhr, and Grand Secretary Bryan Klatt. Be-

fore the dinner, Luhr sat down to discuss how the organization was faring within the state and across the country.

"The Elks in Alaska are doing really good," he said. "All Elks lodges are supposed to give back to the community, they're supposed to make their community a better place to live. So that's how we judge how our Elks lodges are doing. Our Elks lodges do really well, and our as-

sociation as a whole does really well. This is an eye opening experience for me to see other state associations, what they're involved in, what their major projects are in and what their Elks lodges do."

Luhr also took a moment to address memberships within the Elks. When asked if there was any concern about the number of Elks members declining over time, Luhr said that in 2017 the Elks had lost 4,153 members, but was nothing to the 780,000 Elks across the country. This year, he added, the Elks had seen 30,000 new or reinstated members.

Luhr also pointed out that 2018 was a special year for the organization, as it marked their 150th anniversary. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks were chartered in 1868 as an organization dedicated to philanthropy "wherever charity, justice, and brotherly love were needed," according to the Elks website. Interest in the group's mission grew, as did memberships, until the organization became what it is today.

"When you see what the Elks are doing in their communities nationwide, it's pretty cool," Luhr said. "Last year we donated \$682 million dollars to communities in the United States."

More about the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks can be found online at www.elks.org.



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Mike and Barb Luhr (center) and other honored guests sit down for dinner at the Wrangell Elks Lodge last Thursday evening. Luhr is the first Alaskan to hold the position of Grand Exalted Ruler in the Elks organization.

Crawfish Inlet catch sets single day statewide record

By RON LOESCH,
Publisher

The purse seine fleet set a single day chum salmon catch record for the entire state with a haul of over 980,000 chum salmon taken at Crawfish Inlet south of Sitka on Thursday, Aug. 30 according to Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) manager Steve Reifentstahl. Seiners took 1.13 million fish in two openings.

In a year where the pink salmon catch has been said to be the worst since 1976, Reifentstahl said Tuesday many boats doubled their season income in one day.

The manager added, "Crawfish Inlet will top 2.5 million fish; more than three times the forecast of 680,000 fish."

The inlet was designated as open to troll fishing, but with the large return, seiners were allowed two openings under a common property fishery allowed by Silver Bay Seafoods, the contracted cost recovery processor for NSRAA, according to Reifentstahl.

Reifentstahl said 90 seine boats brought in a one-day catch valued at \$6 million with a wholesale value of \$13 million.

The returning chums were the result of brood stocks released in 2014 and 2015 (3 and 4 year fish) that both survived very well, with a 7% survival rate. Normal mortality rates for brood stocks are 50% to 90%, but in the inlet, survival rates were higher because there are fewer predators there.

Crawfish Inlet is a remote release site for the NSRAA and is located about 40 miles south of Sitka on Baranof Island.

The Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game announced a third seine opening at Crawfish Inlet for Thursday, Aug. 6.



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J&W's Fast Food's fundraiser

J&W's Fast Food held a fundraiser to support Wrangell resident Sandy Churchill on Saturday. According to Aleisha Mollen with Wrangell City Hall, Churchill's husband, Jim Haley, was the lead custodian at Evergreen Elementary for many years. He retired on Aug. 1, but recently passed away. Pictured here are Josh Young, Clarissa Young, and Tara Stutz.

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

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

Kim Lane, Borough Clerk
City of Wrangell, Alaska

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


Pursuant to the City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska, Borough Charter, Sec. 4, public notice is hereby given that the following ordinance listed by title only has been adopted by the Borough Assembly. Such ordinances are currently on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and may be inspected upon request.

ORDINANCE NO. 948 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, REGARDING A PROPOSED TRANSACTION BETWEEN THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL AND SOUTHEAST ALASKA REGIONAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM CONCERNING FUTURE OPERATION OF THE WRANGELL MEDICAL CENTER AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HOSPITAL IN WRANGELL

ORDINANCE NO. 949 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, REGARDING INAPPLICABILITY OF PROVISIONS OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE TO A PROPOSED TRANSACTION BETWEEN THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL AND SOUTHEAST ALASKA REGIONAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM CONCERNING FUTURE OPERATION OF THE WRANGELL MEDICAL CENTER AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HOSPITAL IN WRANGELL

Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk
 City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska
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NOTICE
FOR ABSENTEE VOTING THAT BEGINS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 DURING BUSINESS HOURS FROM 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AT THE CITY HALL



FOR THE OCTOBER 2, 2018 REGULAR ELECTION QUALIFIED VOTERS MAY VOTE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT UNTIL 4:00 P.M., Monday, OCTOBER 1, 2018


For those voters who cannot VOTE ABSENTEE IN PERSON, you may submit an application to have your ballot mailed or faxed to you beginning Monday, September 3, 2018, at 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please stop by the Borough's Clerks Office to apply.

Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk
 City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska
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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA
NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 2nd day of October 2018, there will be held in the City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska, a Regular Election for the purpose of voting on the following City Offices and Proposition.

Mayor:	One - (2 Year Term)
Assembly:	Two - (3 Year Terms)
Port Commission:	Two - (3 Year Terms)
School Board:	Two - (3 Year Terms)
School Board	One - (1 Year <i>Unexpired</i> Term until 10-2019)
Hospital Board:	Two - (4 Year Terms)
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PROPOSITION NO. 1
Ratification of Ordinance 948

Section 5-14 of the Borough Charter and Section 5.10.035.A of the Wrangell Municipal Code require that any ordinance which provides for "the sale or lease of any Borough property, real or personal, or the sale or lease or other disposal of any interest therein, the value of which property, lease or interest is more than \$1 Million," be ratified by a majority of voters who vote on the question. Ordinance 948, enacted by the Assembly on August 28, 2018, provides authority to the Mayor to enter into an agreement (including a lease and a deed amendment) with Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) to lease the Wrangell Medical Center and operate it for approximately four years and to build a new hospital adjacent to the AICS Clinic, on the AICS Clinic property and adjacent property conveyed to SEARHC by the Borough. The value of the entire transaction is approximately \$1.618 Million. Shall Ordinance 948 be ratified?

Yes


No

The polls for said election will be open at 8:00 a.m. on the said day and will close at 8:00 p.m. on the same day.

Each voter must have the qualifications prescribed by state law. A qualified voter shall vote only once per election and shall exercise that right at the polling place established in the designated Wrangell Precinct (James & Elsie Nolan Museum/Civic Center) and in which he/she resides within the borough boundaries of the City and Borough of Wrangell.

Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE



For the upcoming City and Borough of Wrangell Regular Election of October 2, 2018, the following ordinance applies:

2.16.030 Write-in Candidates and Write-in Votes. Individuals who fail to file a declaration of candidacy but wish to run for office as a write-in candidate, must file with the borough clerk, a letter of intent no later than five p.m. on the Friday preceding the election (September 28, 2018) in which the candidate plans to participate.

Write-in votes cast for individuals **who do not file a letter of intent will not be counted.**

In order to vote for a write-in candidate, the voter must, in space provided, write in the candidate's name as the candidate's name appears on the letter of intent filed with the borough clerk. In addition, the voter must mark the oval opposite the candidate's name.

Stickers shall not be used.

Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk
 City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska
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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

Pollock skins being tested for use in creative new ways from sealants to coating foods

Cell phones are being used by fishermen to bounty hunt for lost fishing gear for pay.

California fishermen created the retrieval project last year along with the Nature Conservancy to get ropes, buoys, pots and anchors out of the water after the Dungeness fishery so they don't entangle whales, and Washington and Oregon quickly followed suit. Nearly 50 whales were taken on the west coast last year after the annual crab opener, one of the region's largest and most lucrative fisheries.

"They are using their cell phones and its GPS to take a picture of what the gear looked like, tell when they found it, and any identifying markings on the buoy - the vessel, the ID number, and also the latitude and longitude of exactly where they found it," explained Nat Nichols, area manager for groundfish and shellfish at the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game

office in Kodiak. He added that it is not uncommon for gear loss rates in different fisheries to be "anywhere from three to 23 percent."

Under a special permit, the west coast bounty hunters head out two weeks after the Dungeness crab fishery closes to search for derelict gear.

"Dungies tend to be in shallower water and that means there is more wave energy and the gear can get lost or rolled up on the beach. A lot of it has a tendency to move around because it's in the tidal surge," Nichols said.

The fishermen get paid \$65 for every pot they pull up. The gear then goes back to the original owners who pay \$100 per pot for its return.

Whereas saving whales was the prime motivator for pot retrievals on the west coast, in Alaska's crab and pot cod fisheries, it's ghost fishing and gear conflicts.

"The animals go in the pots and starve and that rebaits the pot, so they will fish for years. That can kill a lot of animals because they're doing it 24/7 and always rebaiting themselves," Nichols explained.

By Alaska law, all pots must use twine in escape panels that biodegrades in about 30 days. But sometimes the escape routes get blocked.

"At Kodiak, we average around 7,000 pots in the water for our small Dungeness fishery. If you lose 10 percent or even 5 percent, that's a lot. It starts to build up over the years and get in everyone's way. It's a burden on everyone out on the water if they constantly have to avoid all this gear that is out there doing nothing."

Gear recovery permits are issued to help with retrievals shortly after a crab or pot cod fishery closes; a state enforcement vessel also does a roundup of all the gear it finds. Nichols said the main focus is preventing the loss of pot gear in the first place

He believes a cell phone bounty program could work in Alaska and "it's been talked about" at the Kodiak office, although it would be on a much smaller scale.

"Even though we have quite a bit of gear in the water, I'm not sure it's enough to really incentive people to go find it in compared to the west coast," Nichols said. "Instead of retrieving hundreds of pots and having 20-30 people participating in the recovery, we may just have three or so."

The cell phone idea hasn't attracted any takers yet at Southeast Alaska, said Douglas-based shellfish biologist Adam Messmer in an email from a survey boat. Southeast is home to the state's largest Dungeness fishery, where about 45,000 pots are dropped each year.

Help with fish money - The state wants to hear how Alaskans feel that federal relief funds for the 2016 pink salmon disaster should be distributed.

Two years ago, the state's largest pink salmon regions at Prince William Sound, Kodiak and Southeast and lesser areas went bust from the worst pink returns in decades. At Governor Walker's request the fishery was declared a disaster and Congress appropriated \$56.3 million for Alaska fishermen, processors and communities.

Alaska and NOAA have developed a draft distribution plan for the funds, according to Seafoodnews.com. Once approved, the money will be administered by the Pacific States Marine Commission (PSMFC).

There are four categories outlined in the draft spending plan: research, municipalities, fishery participants and processors. The suggested distribution is \$4.18 million for research; for municipalities, \$2.43 million is set aside for the coastal communities that would have received 1.5 percent

of the landed value of the foregone catch. Processors would get \$17.7 million for lost wages as a result of the disaster.

Alaska fishermen would get the biggest portion at \$32 million. It would be distributed using a calculation that will restore lost ex-vessel (dockside) value equal to 82.5 percent of their five even year averages.

Comments on distributing the pink salmon disaster funds are due to the ADF&G Commissioner's office by September 7.

Talk fish - Kodiak's famous fisheries debate featuring Alaska candidates for governor is set for October 22. Since 1991 all leading candidates have participated in the event, which focuses on the seafood industry and is broadcast statewide. Governor Bill Walker and Democratic candidate Mark Begich have confirmed they will be in Kodiak to "talk fish"; no response yet from Republican candidate Mike Dunleavy, said Frank Shiro, director of the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce which hosts the fish debate.

Hatchery facts - Hatcheries in the southern portion of Southeast Alaska provide stability for the region's fishermen and processors, and a big chunk of fish for sports anglers.

A new economic impact report by the McDowell Group profiled the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA), a 42 year old nonprofit that operates seven hatcheries and seven release sites from Dixon Entrance to Frederick Sound.

The combined operations produce and release around 170 million salmon smolts to the sea annually. Over the last 10 years, the hatchlings have contributed 19 percent of the volume and 28 percent of the value of the region's total harvests.

As a portion of the overall catches averaged over five years from 2008 through 2017, salmon that began their lives in local hatcheries accounted for 57 percent of chum catches, 39 percent for Chinook and 31 percent of the coho harvests, valued at \$175 million to the local fisheries.

Fishermen averaged \$84 million over the five years from hatchery catches, with most of the benefit going to salmon fishermen in the Petersburg-Wrangell area at 37 percent, followed by Ketchikan at 29 percent and Prince of Wales residents claiming 25 percent of the salmon's dockside value.

By gear type, 46 percent of the hatchery salmon harvest value is dominated by the seine fleet, 32 percent are gillnetters and 21 percent are trollers.

The report said that a key benefit of salmon returning home to local hatcheries is that it provides stability with the chums balancing out the volatility of other species, notably, those tough to predict pinks.

Other findings: local processors earned an estimated gross margin of \$134 million on hatch-

ery salmon over the five years; chum roe accounted for nearly half.

The role of the fish in the sportfishing sector is especially prominent near Ketchikan. Creel surveys showed that roughly a third of the Chinook salmon caught were from local hatcheries along with 13 percent of the sport cohorts.

The state closely monitors straying of hatchery fish into wild systems in all areas where the fish are released. An 11 year study at Southeast Alaska and Prince William Sound is currently underway focused on interactions of hatchery and wild salmon to provide guidance for assessing Alaska's hatchery program.

Pollock possibilities - Researchers at Japan's National Institute for Materials Science (NIMS) have discovered that gelatin from pollock skins makes a sealant that is 12 times stronger than conventional uses.

A big plus is the fish gelatin remains liquid at room temperature and can be sprayed directly onto an open wound on any body organ.

Pollock skins also are an exciting new source for nanofibers that are similar to tissue in human organs and skin.

"Hopefully, if you have a damaged organ you can grow these cells outside the body and then reintroduce it into the wound to help improve the ability of an organs to heal itself," said Bor-Sen Chiou at the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture lab in California. He added during a radio interview that studies show fish gelatins improve cell growth far better than traditional animal gels.

Along with pharmaceuticals, gelatin from pollock skins also has huge potential in the food industry.

"They have substances that can be used as a beverage thickener, a clarifier for juices, plus you can roll it out into great films," said former USDA food technologist Cindy Bower.

"When you test it against bovine and pig skin films there is decreased water vapor permeability, meaning the fish films are a better barrier to water. So there is application for using them to coat foods, to keep moisture in or out," Bower added. "Plus, they're fish so they satisfy kosher and Halal (Muslim) dietary restrictions. That opens markets for millions of people worldwide."

From skin to bones ground up pollock bones are being roto tilled into the soil in California neighborhoods to neutralize toxic lead, a problem in nearly every U.S. urban area. Instead of digging up and disposing of contaminated soil, the calcium phosphate in tons of Alaska pollock bone meal is turning the lead into a harmless mineral. The alchemy has been known for nearly 20 years and used mostly at mining sites and military bases.

City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough Assembly approved canceled the Regular Assembly meeting of September 11, 2018.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE Transfer of Ownership

Benjamin's Store, Inc. dba Bob's IGA, located at 223 Brueger Street, Wrangell, Alaska 99929, is applying for transfer of a Package Store AS 04.11.150 liquor license to **Wrangell IGA Inc. dba Wrangell Liquor Store**.

Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1600, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

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Library prepares for fall story time



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A picnic was held at the end of the last story time to celebrate the end of spring. Story time is held at the library every spring and fall.

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Irene Ingle Library has a lot to offer people in Wrangell. Books, movies, computers, meeting rooms, and from October to December, it also offers story time for preschoolers.

Story time runs in both the spring and the fall, and according to library staff is a good experience for both children and adults.

"It helps children to develop their motor skills, their listening skills, they do crafts, and get to use their imagination," said Valerie Ni Heideian.

Margaret Villarma added, "It's an opportunity for mothers to get to know other mothers of small children, because they're all preschool age."

Story time has been a regular program offered by the library for over 30

years, according to Villarma. Besides listening to stories, children who participate in story time also make crafts and learn songs. The kids also get snacks at the end of story time. There are lots of other fun activities like Easter egg hunts in the springtime and occasionally members of the community bring live animals for the kids to learn about.

For the past several years, Sarah Merritt has been the storyteller during story time. She said that story time was important as it can help promote literacy in children, as well as promote the library itself.

"From what I hear from newcomers, our library has one of the best story times they've ever been to," Merritt said.

Story time runs every Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m., beginning October 4.

Swim team makes several personal bests in first meet

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell High School Swim Team went to Petersburg on Aug. 31 for their first meet of the season. According to Coach Jamie Roberts, the team competed against over a hundred other swimmers from six other teams from Petersburg, Craig, Juneau-Douglas, Kayhi, Thunder Mountain, and Sitka. Over the two days of competition, the team accrued 157 points, according to Roberts. This put them in sixth place out of seven. However, Roberts said that she was happy with how her swimmers did.

"I was happy, we had three of our swimmers that this was their first ever swim meet they had competed in. And some of them have had only 10 practices, some of them have had maybe up to 15 practices because our season started on August 1. So, basically, they only had that much time to prepare for a swim meet," said Roberts.

Roberts also pointed out that several of her swimmers achieved some of their personal bests in this meet. Jimmy Baggen, for example, made a personal best of 26.33 seconds in the 50-yard freestyle, and a personal best of 6 minutes and 4.38 seconds in the 500-yard freestyle. On Saturday, he also made a personal best of 1 minute and 13.23 seconds in the 100-yard butterfly.

Renee Roberts also made several personal bests during the meet. On Friday she took first place in the 50-yard freestyle, and came in with a time of 26.28 seconds. She also made a personal best of 57.03 seconds in the 100-yard freestyle.

On Saturday, swimmer Laura Helgeson made a personal best in the 50-yard

freestyle at 39.78 seconds. Wade Jack made a personal best of 1 minute and 21.16 seconds in the 100-yard breaststroke, Tasha Massin made a personal best of 40.21 seconds in the 50-yard freestyle, and Aaliyah Messmer made a personal best of 33.48 seconds in the 50-yard freestyle.

"You're not going to get a personal best every single time, but when you're starting out, usually that's kind of the trend and then it gets harder and harder to get faster," Roberts said. "So what's awesome about the swim meets is that it gives us an opportunity to see how our practice is going and shows us areas we can improve."



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Members of the Wrangell High School Swim Team went to Petersburg last weekend to compete in their first meet of the season against 102 swimmers from several other schools in Southeast Alaska.

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