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Piper Bunes attempting to throw a fish into a bucket, one of the many games at the Kids Fishing Day last Saturday.

Fun and fish habitat restoration at Kids Fishing Day last Saturday

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Pats Lake was crowded last Saturday as people came out to enjoy the eighth annual Kids Fishing Day. The day is an event hosted by the Forest Service, to encourage interest in fishing and the great outdoors. Plenty of kids came out to fish and spend time around the lake with their families. The Forest Service also had lots of games set up for the kids to enjoy, and booths where they could learn how to make fishing lures or paint their own custom T-shirts.

The Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition was present, as well. They were offering tours of Pat Creek to anybody who was interested. The coalition announced back in May that they would be undertaking fish habitat restoration work along the creek, during the Nolan Center's chautauqua speaking events this past spring. The area around the creek was heavily logged a few decades ago, when the timber industry was thriving in Wrangell. The coalition is looking to restore fish habitats and undo some of the damage done to the area.

The project has several aspects. Rob Cadmus, with the coalition, said that they have uprooted about 31 trees from the nearby area and placed them along the sides of the creek. These trees are varied in size, and have been kept as intact as possible, he said. According to information sheets the coalition had laid out at their booth during the event, having wooded areas and brush along creek beds is very important for a number of reasons. It stabilizes the banks, creates a complex channel structure, stores sediment and nutrients in the area, provides cover and makes deep pools for fish to live in, and helps dissipate energy during floods.

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Jay Huerta: New cop on the beat

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Wrangell residents are likely to see a new face patrolling the streets, as the Wrangell Police Department has recently recruited a new officer. Paul Jay Huerta was sworn in on June 10. New to Alaska, Huerta spent a lot of his life and career in California. Wrangell, he said, is a terrific opportunity for him to slow down and enjoy the small town life.

"I started getting the Alaska bug," he said. "Alaska is something that I've always wanted to do. Long story short, I pretty much woke up one day and said 'I gotta do Alaska. If I don't do it know, I'm never going to do it.'"

Huerta said that he was always interested in a career in law enforcement since he was a kid, growing up in California. He made his first applications in his 20s, but got turned away. He said that he had been a "knucklehead a couple times" when he was younger, and his application was rejected. The department he had applied to suggested that a stint in the military would be a good pathway to consider. So, in 1995, he joined the Marine Corps.

"I joined for supposedly four years, get that under my belt, little check in the box, but as a lot of Marines do, four turned into eight, eight turned into twelve," Huerta said. "Once you pass your ten-year mark, you're like 'Do the twenty.' So that's what I did."

During his two decades in the Marines, Huerta has travelled the world. He has four tours in Iraq under his belt, along with a tour in Afghanistan. He has been almost everywhere in the Middle East, he said, except Iran, as well as several places in Europe and Asia.

"I got the traveling bug out of my system. I've

been there, done that," he said.

After the military, Huerta decided to give police work another shot. He spent six months attending the police academy at night, after his day job, and graduated top of his class. His first job was with the Indio Police Department, east of Los Angeles, where he worked for about five months. He then moved to Desert Hot Springs, also east of Los Angeles, where he worked for over a year. It was not exactly what he was hoping for, however. He said that he wanted to be in a place where he could talk to people and get to know their names while on the job. In California, the pace of work just did not allow for that.

"That's when I contacted the Wrangell Police Department, because I was looking for career opportunities and Wrangell was on the Alaska website," Huerta said.

He has only been in Wrangell for a few weeks and Huerta said he is loving the town so far. It was just what he was looking for, he said. He wanted a place with a small town feel and a slower pace. After a long career of traveling the world and not staying in one place long term, he said that this was a good place to settle down. He has between 15 years or so to go before he can retire, he said, but he wants to spend them here.

"I've literally, pretty much, lived out of my sea bag for the last 25 years. I mean like renting apartments and things of that nature. I have not yet purchased a house and settled down. That's what I'm doing here," he explained.

Huerta said that he is a very friendly person, despite outward appearances. He said that his Marine Corps training can make him look unapproachable at times, but that he is very outgoing and eager to meet the people of Wrangell.



Jay Huerta

Dead whale reported near Wrangell

By CALEB VIERKANT
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The carcass of a gray whale was reported floating between Wrangell and Channel Island, in the eastern passage. According to Kate Savage, with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, her organization heard about the whale early Saturday morning, June 15. Wrangell resident Sara Gadd shared several photographs of the animal on Facebook. Gadd's husband, Charles, took the photos. He said that he first found the whale floating in the water around 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, and saw it again beached around 9:30 a.m. Monday, June 17. It is located about a mile or two before Earl West, he said.

There is currently an "Unusual Mortality Event" happening around Alaska and the west coast in general, Savage said, leading to a spike in whale deaths. Since Jan. 1 this year, according to an article on the gray whale UME, there have been 155 whale strandings along the length of the Pacific coast from Mexico to Alaska. In the month of May, alone, there were 30 strandings reported along the United States west coastline, as opposed to about five in May of



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According to NOAA spokesperson Julie Speegle, NOAA is currently making efforts to secure the carcass of a gray whale to the beach where it washed up on Wrangell Island a few days ago, and plan to perform a necropsy later in the week.

2018. The month of June is also higher than last year's record of gray whale strandings. Julie Speegle, spokesperson for NOAA, said that this is the eighth dead whale reported in Alaska this year.

"Full or partial necropsy examinations were conducted on a subset of the whales," the NOAA article reads. "Preliminary findings in several of the whales have shown evidence of emaciation. These findings are not consistent across all of the whales examined, so more research is needed."

Savage said that NOAA plans to run a necropsy on the whale to determine the cause of

death, and see if more clues about the wider mortality event can be found. She has asked that the public keep their distance from the carcass until the necropsy is completed. They have a limited window of time to complete their work, she said, and the fewer distractions from their work there are, the better. She also added they would be happy to answer any questions from the public once the necropsy is completed. For more information about the UME, visit www.fisheries.noaa.gov under "2019 Gray Whale Unusual Mortality Event Along the West Coast."

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, June 20: Amber Armstrong, Alicia Armstrong, Greer Kagee, Brian Cooper, Danica Mike. **Friday, June 21:** Terree Pino, Andrea Gillen, Griffey Angerman, Jonah Comstock. **Anniversary:** Kim & Jeanette Covalt, Nonay & Cherrith Young. **Saturday, June 22:** Gerri Mesack, Renate' Davies, Jacob Dow. **Sunday, June 23:** Augie Schultz, Glen Decker, Vena Stough, Stone Riley. **Monday, June 24:** Tina Mickle, Tyler Dailey, Aleisha Mollen, Andrew Helgeson, Tymon Teat. **Anniversary:** Doug & Sheila Wickman. **Tuesday, June 25:** Melvin Gadd, Scott Curley. **Anniversary:** Brent & Dawn Mill, Robbie & Liz Rooney. **Wednesday, June 26:** Erika Jabusch, K.C. Anderson, Olson Anderson, Scott Gile. **Anniversary:** Dan & Carlene Nore, Mike & Angela Allen, Craig & Margaret Villarma. **Thursday, June 27:** Harry Sundberg, Trey Torvend.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, June 20

Salmon Loaf, Spinach Salad,
Sweet & Sour Cabbage

Friday, June 21

Beefaroni, Steamed Cauliflower,
Apricot Salad

Monday, June 24

Creole Pork Steak, Steamed Carrots,
Honey Orange Salad, Rice

Tuesday, June 25

Oven Baked Fish, Mediterranean Veggies,
Buttered Noodles, Tomato Aspic

Wednesday, June 26

Chef Salad, Potato Soup, Cracked Wheat Roll

Thursday, June 27

Baked Chicken, Peas, Sunshine Salad, Rice

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, June 22
Malaspina 12:15 p.m.
Sunday, June 23
Columbia 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, June 25
Malaspina 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 29
Malaspina 7:15 a.m.
Sunday, June 30
Columbia 6:15 p.m.

Southbound

Thursday, June 20
Malaspina 9:30 p.m.
Monday, June 24
Malaspina 8:45 a.m.
Wednesday, June 26
Columbia 8:15 a.m.
Thursday, June 27
Malaspina 10:30 p.m.
Monday, July 1
Malaspina 4:00 a.m.

Arrival times may vary. Call 874-2021 for verification
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TIDES June 20 - June 27

	High Tides		Low Tides		High Tides		Low Tides	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
June 20	3:08	16.3	4:13	14.1	9:33	-1.0	9:33	4.5
June 21	3:45	15.4	4:52	13.7	10:09	-0.2	10:15	4.9
June 22	4:23	14.4	5:34	13.3	10:48	0.6	11:02	5.2
June 23	5:07	13.4	6:21	13.1	11:30	1.5	11:56	5.4
June 24	5:59	12.4	7:13	13.2	12:16	2.2
June 25	7:07	11.7	8:09	13.5	0:58	5.2	1:08	2.9
June 26	8:23	11.4	9:02	14.1	2:05	4.6	2:04	3.5
June 27	9:34	11.7	9:50	14.8	3:11	3.7	3:03	3.8

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Friday, June 21

Community Market: Nolan Center, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tuesday, June 25

Assembly Meeting: City Hall, 7 p.m.

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

Continuing Events

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

Pool:

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

MEETINGS

AA Meetings: North Star Group Meeting. St. Philip's Church. Tuesday: 7 p.m., Thursday: 8 p.m., Friday: 8 p.m.

The Way We Were In the Sentinel 100, 75, 50 and 25 years ago.

June 19, 1919

Friday the thirteenth was a lucky day for the town of Wrangell. Donald Sinclair, a prominent Wrangell merchant, was advised Friday by Judge Jennings that the department had allowed Wrangell a new \$6,000 jail and courthouse. Mr. Sinclair took word of the new building on his return to Wrangell. He said to the Dispatch that for that amount a very substantial building could be erected to accommodate the U.S. commissioner, deputy marshal and jail, as the Government owned an excellent site. The present building in use at Wrangell is an old log affair, which was originally used as an old trading post by the Hudson Bay Company.

June 23, 1944

June 20, 1944. That, in years to come, will be an important date in Wrangell history. It was the day this week when Mayor Fred G. Hanford, Street Superintendent Joe Weaver assisted by Walter Coulter, Bill Hanson, Mike Lynch and Jacko Brown, also assisted by a large group of "sidewalk supervisors," poured the first concrete for Wrangell's first paving - Front Street.

As the first strip materialized under Joe's able trowel, other citizens rallied to the cause. The Mayor, himself, took a turn at the wheeling; theater operator Fred Cunningham got an electrical ailment of the concrete mixer remedied in no time and directly had Barber Lowell Sturtevant straining himself on the other end of the concrete tapper.

Paving on Front Street in Wrangell was becoming a reality, and Wrangell's citizens didn't mean maybe. Weaver's crew was laying as much as 40 feet in two hours and with volunteer workers, the Mayor estimated at least one side of the street would be down in a week.

June 19, 1969

The USS Pickaway will visit Wrangell July 3-7. USS Pickaway is an attack transport. Pickaway is home ported in San Diego, California and is a unit of Amphibious Squadron FIVE. The mission of the ship, together with its landing craft, is to transport troops and their combat equipment efficiently and comfortably to their destination, whether that destination be a staging area, a contested beach or home. The ship's motto, "Spectemur Agendo," means "Judge us by our own deeds." For its efforts during World War II and the Korean War, Pickaway is entitled to display the following ribbons: Asiatic Pacific, with bronze star, American Campaign, World War II Victory, National Defense, China Service, Navy Occupation, Korean Service with silver and bronze stars, United Nations and Korean Presidential Unit Citations.

June 23, 1994

Albert Binkley, 83, has been named Grand Marshal of Wrangell's Fourth of July celebration, recognizing his many years as a resident. It is believed that only a few people, all born on the island, have spent more years calling the island "home."

Binkley tested many of Alaska's occupations before settling into fishing, which he still does for a couple months each summer. Binkley has witnessed many changes during his years in Wrangell, not the least of which has been the ships plying the Inside Passage waters. "There were steam ships, back then - almost daily," he said. "One time, on a Fourth of July, there were three of them at dock."

In thinking back on his life in Wrangell, the octogenarian says, "It has been a great life. Wish that I could do it over again."



Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
June 10	57	53
June 11	60	53
June 12	57	52
June 13	60	50
June 14	63	52
June 15	64	50
June 16	62	53
June 17	59	52



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
June 20	4:01 am	9:37 pm	17:36h
June 21	4:01 am	9:38 pm	17:37h
June 22	4:01 am	9:38 pm	17:37h
June 23	4:02 am	9:38 pm	17:36h
June 24	4:02 am	9:38 pm	17:36h
June 25	4:02 am	9:38 pm	17:36h
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June 27	4:03 am	9:38 pm	17:35h



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June 10, 2019

Subpoena service.
Disturbance: Both parties went their separate ways.
Agency assist: Fire department.
Civil matter.
Theft of services.
Discharge firearm.

June 11, 2019

Catering permit.
Parking complaint: Vehicle was moved.
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.
Fireworks: Unfounded.

June 12, 2019

Citizen assist.
Two agency assists.
Parking complaint.

June 13, 2019

Courtesy transport.
Two summons services.
DUI: Watercraft.



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Local barber hangs up clippers

(Left to right): Nickole Marie, Ken Davidson, Apryl Dawn, Heidi Milazzo and Clay Culvert. Local barber Ken Davidson was the man of the hour at Rayme's Bar last Sunday afternoon. Wrangell community members all came together to celebrate Davidson's retirement party with drinks, laughs, and good times all around. Davidson said that he began working in Wrangell in the 1970s, originally at City Market. He became a barber in 1996, working at Island Salon on Lynch Street. He said that his retirement plans include spending time out on the water in his boat with his wife.

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Motor vehicle accident.

June 14, 2019

Traffic complaint.
Found property: Property was returned to owner.
Agency assist: TSA.
Agency assist: OCS.
Disturbance: Both parties

were separated.

June 15, 2019

Intoxicated person.
Criminal mischief.
Disturbance.
Agency assist: TSA.
Suspicious circumstance.
Citizen report of DUI: Un-

founded.

Animal complaint.

June 16, 2019

Agency assist: Harbor department.
Citizen assist: Unlocked vehi-

cle.

Animal complaint: Barking dog.

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

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- Fine Arts
- Creative Writing
- Photography
- Woodworking
- Native Style Arts
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- Hobbies & Crafts.



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Workshop held to discuss healthcare and economic development in the community

By CALEB VIERKANT
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The Wrangell Cooperative Association, along with Corvus Design and SALT, a consulting team, held a workshop at the Nolan Center last Thursday, June 13. The workshop was part of the Administration for Native Americans grant project, which has been led in Wrangell by Ruby McMurren and Talea Massin of the WCA. The project was designed to look at ways to prevent the out-migration of the native community in Wrangell.

Through several meetings with community and tribal leaders, McMurren and Massin determined that there were three areas of improvement needed in the community: Economic development, healthcare, and housing. Last week's workshop was meant to bring the community together to see what priorities everyone shared, to create a survey that would go out to the people of Wrangell. Economic development and healthcare were the main topics of discussion at the workshop, though housing was also discussed.

Meilani Schijvens, with SALT, opened the meeting by presenting some data on Wrangell's economic outlook. As of 2018, Wrangell had a population of 2,426 people. This is a step up from 2017's population estimate of 2,389, but is still below 1998's population of 2,560. Of this population, about 22 percent are Alaska Native. As far as work goes, there are an estimated 1,160 jobs in the community, generating \$47 million in wages. Of these earnings, about a third are from government employment. The maritime industry came in a close second, taking up 27 percent of a pie chart Schijvens presented. Health and social services made up 13 percent, while tourism and construction tied at 5 percent each. The remaining 19 percent of jobs were finance, transportation, utility and trade work, among other things.

There are about 110 healthcare jobs in Wrangell, she said. This is about 10 percent of all jobs in Wrangell, generating about \$6 million in wages. There are about 18 medical transcriptionists, 17 personal

care aides, 15 nursing assistants, 13 registered nurses, 12 self-employed people in the local healthcare industry, six medical assistants, five mental health and substance abuse workers, and 23 healthcare support and other workers.

Despite making up a relatively small portion of jobs on the island, the visitor industry has been rather robust in Wrangell. According to Schijvens, visitors to Wrangell spent \$4.6 million last year. Cruise ship passengers have steadily increased since 2014, with an estimated 22,000 tourists expected to visit Wrangell in 2020. Visitors from private yachts have increased in Wrangell, as well, as have people who come in via airplane. The only downturn in the tourism outlook, she said, was in ferry passengers. Visitors on the ferry system fell from 4,841 in 2017 to 3,749 in 2018.

"So what this really means is we have a lot more cruise ship passengers coming, and more yachters coming, and there's really a lot more opportunities to find those excursions, those kind of shorter excursions that are really marketed especially to those cruise ship passengers," she said.

Schijvens also had information on the housing market in Wrangell. According to her, the average home size in Wrangell is 1,875 square feet, the largest size in all of Southeast Alaska. Wrangell is also the least overcrowded city in the region. However, Wrangell also generally has older homes than other communities. About 12 percent of Wrangell homes were built before the 1940s. Energy usage and costs in Wrangell are also the highest in the Southeast Alaska region, costing \$6,590 a year. This is over twice the cost of energy usage in Anchorage, she said.

"So in summary they're big, they're old, the quality is comparatively lower, the homes are energy inefficient, the rental prices are really low," Schijvens said. "They're the lowest in the region, but rental vacancies are also low."

After Schijvens' presentation, Chris Mertl of Corvus Design broke the workshop up into small groups to get more community input. Healthcare and economic development



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City Market holds annual tent sale

Grocery store City Market held its annual Tent Sale last week, from June 13 to 15. Offering a wide selection of produce outside of their main store, the public could stop by the tents, enjoy some open air shopping, eat some free hot dogs, and sign up for a wide variety of prize drawings. Pictured here is Benn Curtis and Shirley Wimberley.

were the primary topics of discussion, with a more in-depth look at housing planned for Monday, June 17. Some of the common themes amongst the economic development small groups was that the public wanted to see Wrangell with a thriving economy, but also maintain its small town feel. Increased options for tourism was a well-supported idea, and so was the idea of ensuring children could have a future in Wrangell. Wrangell locals needed to benefit as the economy grew, in short.

"Our short term goal was to increase tourism options," said Chris Hatton, who was part of one of the economic development small groups. "Our longer term was sustainability, and we sort of tangented into that, as well, as having jobs for kids when they grow up. So they can go get an education that they need and come back."

On the healthcare side of the small groups, better care for elders, increased mental health services and substance abuse programs, and more specialty services were all discussed. A shared priority between the two groups was giving Wrangell "cradle to grave" status. People wanted to see babies being born in Wrangell, growing up in Wrangell, and eventually being buried in Wrangell.

"Travel is a pain in the butt, it's expensive, and we can have those [specialty services] in the future that would be great because we are very isolated," said Aaron Angerman, part of a healthcare small group. "But we're here because we want to be in a small community, because we love

the quality of life that Wrangell presents."

McMurren, with the WCA, said that the survey being put together from this workshop will be sent out within the next few weeks. To learn more about the ANA project, contact McMurren at ana.director@wrgtribe.org.

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Flag Day at the Elks Lodge

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The Wrangell Elks Lodge hosted a Flag Day ceremony last Friday, June 14. Flag Day is a national holiday to commemorate the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the country's national flag. According to military.com, commemoration of Flag Day dates back to the 1880s, when teacher BJ Cigrand organized a group of Wisconsin students to observe the flag's birthday. The practice grew and spread across the country until it was officially recognized as a holiday by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks requires that their lodges formally recognize Flag Day.

"Charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity are the cardinal principles of our order," Exalted Ruler Barbara Hommel said. "They are exemplified in all of our services. By them we teach love of country, and of our countrymen, and loyalty to our American way of life."

Part of the ceremony involved a parade of flags, carried by Girl Scouts AJ and Kailee Roundtree. Starting with the Pine Tree Flag of 1775 and working up to the modern Stars

and Stripes, each rendition of America's flag was carried through the lodge while its history was read aloud. What is considered the country's first national flag consisted of 13 alternating red and white stripes, along with a British Union Jack where today's stars are located on the flag. Flags exchanging the Union Jack for stars would come later during the Revolutionary War. It was not until 1818 that Congress decided that a new star would be added to the American Flag for every new state to join the union. Alaska and Hawaii were the two most recent states to join, both in 1959, bringing the total number of stars on the flag from 48 to 50.

"Our flag is at once a history, a declaration, and a prophecy," Hommel said. "It represents the American nation as it was at its birth. It speaks to what it is today, and holds the opportunity of the future to add other stars to the glorious constellation."

After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, everyone attending the ceremony was invited to step outside of the lodge for a flag retirement ceremony. Harry Churchill and Dave Hartong, of the American Legion, volun-



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American Legion Members Dave Hartong (left) and Harry Churchill (right) participated in the Elks Lodge's Flag Day ceremony last Friday, by helping to retire several American flags which were too old for use. One of the proper ways to dispose of an American flag is to burn it. According to Hartong, they had gathered about a dozen flags for the retirement ceremony.

teered their time to lead the ceremony. When an American flag becomes too old or tattered for use, it is meant to be properly disposed of. One of the ways to do so is to burn it. About a dozen American flags had been gathered for the ceremony. Slowly adding flags to the fire, making sure they were all burned and nothing was left, Churchill and Hartong burned flags while the Elks and other members of the public looked on.

"In conclusion of this observance of Flag Day, let us rededicate ourselves to the flag of the United States of America," Hommel said. "May the principles of charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity ever increase in each of us."



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Girl Scouts AJ and Kailee Roundtree participated in last Friday's Flag Day ceremony at the Elks Lodge. The girls paraded several flags through the lodge, from the earliest American flag to the modern one.

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Corps regulatory open house scheduled in Wrangell

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Alaska District will be available to discuss and answer questions about the regulatory program at an informational open house in Wrangell. The event will be held on Monday, June 24, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 205 Brueger Street. Representatives from the Corps' Regulatory Division will be available to answer permitting questions regarding requirements for placing fill and structures in waters of the United States and provide assistance with preparing applications. For more information, contact Michael Gala, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, at 907-753-2821.

School board extends bus contract, approve SPED contract addendum

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell School Board held a meeting last Monday evening, June 17, to review contracts for the next school year. The district holds various contracts with other entities to assist in the day-to-day management of the district, from transporting students to assisting in educating them.

One contract is between the school district and the Etolin Bus Company. The company had a three-year contract to pick up and deliver Wrangell students to school and then back home at the end of the day, from 2016 to 2019. School Board President Aleisha Mollen said that this contract was due to expire this year. However, it was decided to give the contract an extension of one year, pushing back the expiration date to June 30, 2020. The remainder of the contract has stayed the same, Mollen said, the extension was meant to give the board more time to review their options and decide what would be best for the district in the near future. In the meantime, the Etolin Bus Company will continue to operate on behalf of the school district at the rate of \$1,546 per day for a minimum of 170 days.

The school board also approved of an addendum to the contract for Ryan Howe, to make him the special education coordinator. Due to budgeting constraints, the school board decided that Superintendent Debbe Lancaster would assume the position of Special Education Director in the near future, along with her regular duties as superintendent. Ryan Howe is a special education teacher at Evergreen Elementary. The board decided to make an addendum to his contract to let him begin taking on the role of special education coordinator, as well.

“That contract will help him as he takes on those additional tasks and becomes the special ed coordinator, and then Dr. Lancaster will be taking on the role of special ed director eventually,” Mollen said. “Then that way Ryan can start building his knowledge base.”

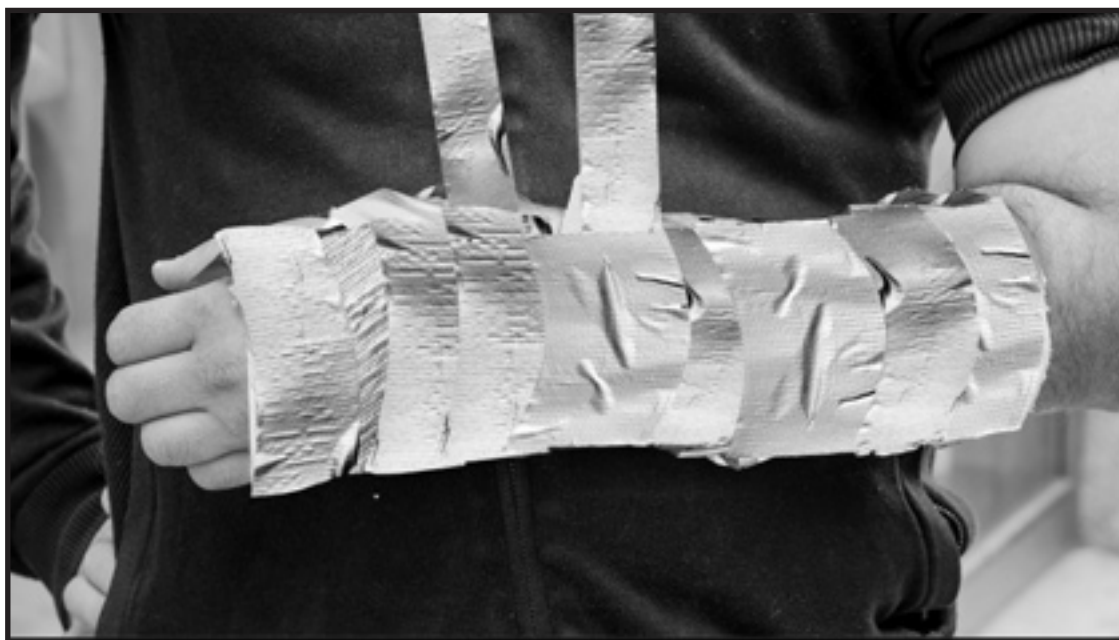
Other items covered in the meeting include approval of the 2019-2020 Upward Bound grant application, and the naming of students Jing O’Brien and Jade Balansag as student representatives to the school board. Mollen added that a work session has been scheduled on June 27, to discuss budget revisions, with a special school board meeting to follow on July 11.



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End of the season celebration

Tim Hunt runs for home plate To celebrate the close of the little league season, a party was held at Volunteer Park last Saturday afternoon. Besides a large picnic, there were two “grown ups vs. kids” baseball games, divided between the minor league division and the major league. This year’s little league season saw about 60 kids participate, not counting the T-ball teams.



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Fourth of July Celebration is here again

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Fourth of July is a fun holiday across the country. With fireworks, parades, barbecues, it is hard not to get into the patriotic spirit of the event. Wrangell is known far and wide for going above and beyond in their Fourth of July celebrations. Instead of a single day, a whole week of fun events draw the community and many visitors together.

Alicia Holder, with the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce, said that there are plenty of fun events that the public can look forward to this year. One of the first events that will kick off the celebration will be the “crazy craft” races on June 30, where anything that floats on water, except boats, can be entered into the competition. Holder also said that there will be a picnic at City Park on July 1 to welcome home everyone who has returned to Wrangell for the celebration. Other fun events to expect include canoe races, the greased pole competition, a talent show, and the well-loved Chuck Oliver Logging Show.

“Wrangell’s Fourth of July is special because it’s a week long



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A photo of the 2017 third of July fireworks show over City Dock, courtesy of Robert E. Johnson.

event, and not just one day,” Holder said. “But what really makes it special are all the volunteers.”

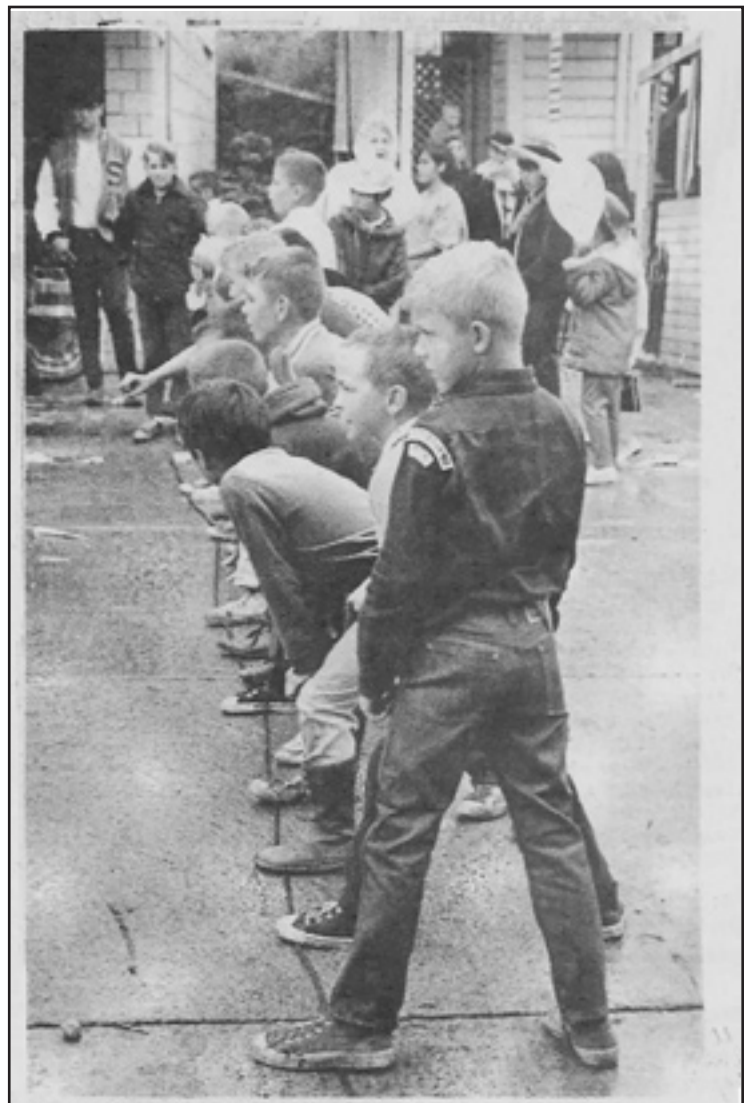
Of course, no Fourth of July would be complete without fireworks. Wrangell is slightly different from other communities in this regard, as well, as they hold their fireworks show on the third of July, and not the fourth itself. For many years, the fireworks were held at City Dock, downtown. This has been a very popular location in the past. However, due to a number of different factors, the fireworks

will be held at Volunteer Park this year. In a previous interview with the Wrangell Sentinel, Holder said that the decision was made after discussions with the fire department and city officials that the dock was no longer a suitable location for the fireworks show.

“The reason for that is it has to do with permitting issues,” Holder said in the interview. “So there has to be a perimeter, there’s an area where once they start setting up the fireworks, people and buildings that are occupied are not supposed to be within that perimeter. There’s so much going on the third of July, around that time, there’s just too many activities and people that end up being in that area that is supposed to be unoccupied.”

This year’s fireworks show will feature live music, food booths, games, and a biergarten the evening of the fireworks. Parking will be available behind Evergreen Elementary School, along a lane of Spur Road which will be closed for the event, and at the track. Free transportation from downtown to the park will be available both before and after the fireworks.

Another important staple of the Fourth of July in Wrangell is the annual royalty contest. Since the chamber of commerce first took the lead on organizing the celebration in 1950, nine years before Alaska even became a state, the royalty contest has been a major part of the Fourth of July, both as one of the events and as a fundraiser. Those participating in the royalty contest raise funds through selling tickets and managing a food booth through the month of June. The majority of the funds go towards Fourth of July events, while the partici-



READY TO GO—Boys line up for one of the races during the Fourth of July celebration. Runners had a wet track—Front Street—after sprinkles. Hundreds of youngsters competed for cash prizes in the annual Fourth of July games. (Staff Photo)

pants get to keep a percentage for themselves, and also have a chance of being named Wrangell royalty. The city’s first queen was Patricia Lewis, according to a 1950 article in the Wrangell Sentinel’s archives.

“It pays for the fireworks, it pays for the prizes and the equipment, and supplies for every Fourth of July event,” Holder said. “You know, log rolling, the logging show, the street games, and the fireworks is obviously the biggest part of that.”

This year’s royalty contest is unique from previous years, as there is only a single candidate. Abigail Gerald is 2019’s lone

queen contestant. She has been running a food booth out of the downtown pavilion for the past several weeks, since the beginning of June, selling food and contest tickets. She has seen lots of community support, she said, both monetarily and from locals and businesses donating time and supplies.

“Just the support, and people coming down to the food booth, and giving food donations, and buying tickets has been awesome,” Gerald said.

To learn more about the Fourth of July, the fireworks show, and other events, visit the chamber of commerce’s website at www.wrangellchamber.org.

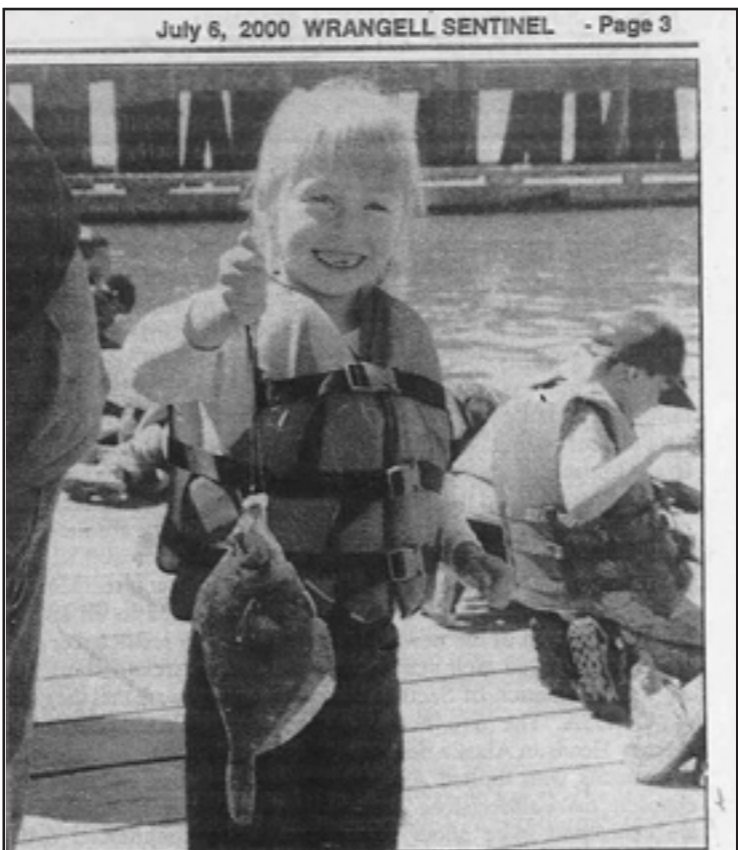


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She found her flounder

Tiffany Merritt proudly displays the first fish of the Scrapfish Derby held Saturday. Dozens of junior anglers lined the summer float to try their luck.

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AXE CHOPPER—Vern Larrance takes a turn at chopping a log in record time at the annual Chuck Oliver Logging Show.

Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH *Fisheries columnist*

State managers predict total Alaska salmon catch will be 84% higher than 2018

Salmon dominates the summer fishing headlines but it's among many other fisheries going on throughout the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea.

Alaska's salmon season has gotten off to a mixed start, with strong catches in some regions over the past month and dismal hauls in others.

Good harvests have continued at the Copper River and more recently throughout Prince William Sound. That's not been the case at Kodiak, Cook Inlet and Chignik where fishing is off to a very slow start.

Trollers are targeting Chinook salmon in Southeast, and other salmon fisheries are popping up all over that region.

The state research vessel *Pandalus* is on its way to Port Moller to start sampling ahead of the big sockeye run expected in a few weeks at Bristol Bay.

State managers predict a total Alaska salmon catch this year of 213 million fish, 84 percent higher than 2018.

In other Alaska fisheries - A lingcod fishery reopened at East Yakutat on June 7 and Southeast's shrimp beam trawl fishery reopens on July 1 with a 175,000 pound combined harvest of pink and sidestripes.

Fishing for Alaska pollock reopened on June 10 in the Bering Sea where a catch this year will top three billion pounds. Hundreds of other Bering Sea and Gulf boats also are targeting cod, flounders, rockfish, and myriad other whitefish.

Alaska halibut longliners are nearing a catch of eight million pounds out of a 17 million pound catch limit. For sablefish, about 10 million pounds has crossed the docks from a 26 million pound quota.

Several summer crab fisheries are coming online: The Dungeness season opens in Southeast Alaska on June 15. State fishery managers will use catch stats from the first seven days to predict the harvest for the season. Last summer's dungy fishery produced three million pounds.

The Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery also opens on June 15 for a slightly increased catch topping seven million pounds.

A red king crab fishery will open at Norton Sound on June 26 for a 147,300 pound harvest.

Finally, a wrap up by state managers shows that 19 seiners set a record at Alaska's largest herring fishery at Togiak in April with a 23,060 ton harvest. Fishermen got just \$75 a ton for the roe herring making it worth \$1.73 million at the docks.

Pebble pushback - As the July 1 deadline approaches for public comments on plans for the Pebble Mine, the project is getting unprecedented pushback from unexpected people and places, to the ire of the Dunleavy administration.

The City of Kodiak, Aleu-

tians East Borough, North Pacific Fishery Management Council, Trident Seafoods and 53 members of Congress are newly on record to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers opposing the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the massive copper and gold mine, saying it is flawed, inadequate and leaves more questions than answers.

At Kodiak, where over 500 resident fishermen and tenders work at Bristol Bay, city council members said in a comment letter that there is no discussion in the DEIS of how Pebble affects fisheries beyond the Bay and Cook Inlet.

"Any potential negative impacts, release of toxins or damage to the watershed and consequently on the fisheries at Bristol Bay, has the potential to have a profound impact on all our fisheries by damaging the Alaska brand," said Councilman John Whiddon

Likewise, the Aleutians East Borough, representing six communities adjacent to the mine area, commented they were never even invited for consultations, and discussions about impacts to their borough were "non-existent." Mayor Alvin Osterback's letter called the project "an avoidable risk" and said the best option is no Pebble Mine.

Similarly, a comment letter written by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council recommends that the potential impacts of large-scale mining be assessed not only for fish populations, but also "on both the value and reputation of North Pacific Fisheries."

That had the Dunleavy administration calling foul at the recent NPFMC meeting in Sitka.

Deputy Commissioner of Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game, Rachel Baker, entered the state's formal opposition to the letter calling the Pebble DEIS "outside the Council's purview" and "a distraction from the large number of fishery management issues on our agenda," reported KCAW in Sitka.

In Congress, led by US Representative Jared Huffman of California who chairs the committee on water, oceans and wildlife, 53 House Democrats sent a letter last week to the Army Corps asking them to simply drop the Pebble Mine project because it would "destroy thousands of acres of wetlands in Alaska and threaten the most valuable wild salmon fishery in the world."

"We urge the Corps to listen to the tribes, village corporations, commercial fishermen, hunters, anglers, and those whose lives and livelihoods depend on the integrity of the Bristol Bay watershed, and we urge the Corps to deny the permit for the Pebble Mine," the letter said.

Trident Seafoods, the largest seafood company in the U.S., has sent a letter to Alaska fishermen sharing its comments to

the Army Corps that the Pebble Mine "poses a significant risk to the many families, businesses and communities that rely on the natural resources of Bristol Bay."

Finally, Sen. Lisa Murkowski's office in Washington, D.C. is being deluged with hundreds of net corks being sent by Alaskans with messages entreating her to stand with them in opposition to the Pebble Mine. A Pebble spokesman called the outreach to the Senator "disrespectful."

Building blue businesses - Seward is the first Alaska community to work with the Alaska Ocean Cluster to jump and grow ocean based businesses. A first cohort of four early-stage businesses that signed up with AOC's Blue Pipeline Incubator last October has so far attracted \$1.6 million from an investment goal of \$2.3 million, ten times more than anticipated.

"They include seafood manufacturing, ocean energy, mariculture and coastal tourism," said Justin Sternberg, director of the Blue Pipeline Incubator in Seward which is a partnership with the AOC, the City and local Chamber of Commerce, UAF College of Fisheries and Ocean Science, and the Alaska Small Business Development Center (ASBDC).

One business also filed a provisional patent on a new technology that won the Invention of the Year award at the University of Alaska/Fairbanks.

"It's a technology that pulls hydrogen out of ocean water that can then be stored as a battery for use later. It also de-acidifies the water," Sternberg said. "If it proves to be commercially viable it would allow for a mass scale way to produce energy and at the same time reduce the carbon that is in the water creating acidification."

Another Blue Pipeline company was a semi-finalist at the first Alaska Angel Conference last month in Anchorage which brings investors and business startups together.

Sternberg said the cohorts receive mentoring and "MBA level training" that helps them "with the whole suite of starting a business from the idea all the way to the implementation to selling it down the road."

The Incubator also offered ASBDC support to 18 Seward businesses, including 2 new ones, with 8 new jobs created as a result.

Sternberg, who also helped launch Alaska's kelp industry in Kodiak, said AOC collaborators are refining the Blue Pipeline to make sure it "fits the dynamics of entrepreneurship in Alaska communities" as they expand to more regions.

The Alaska Ocean Cluster is a project of the Bering Sea Fishermen's Association.

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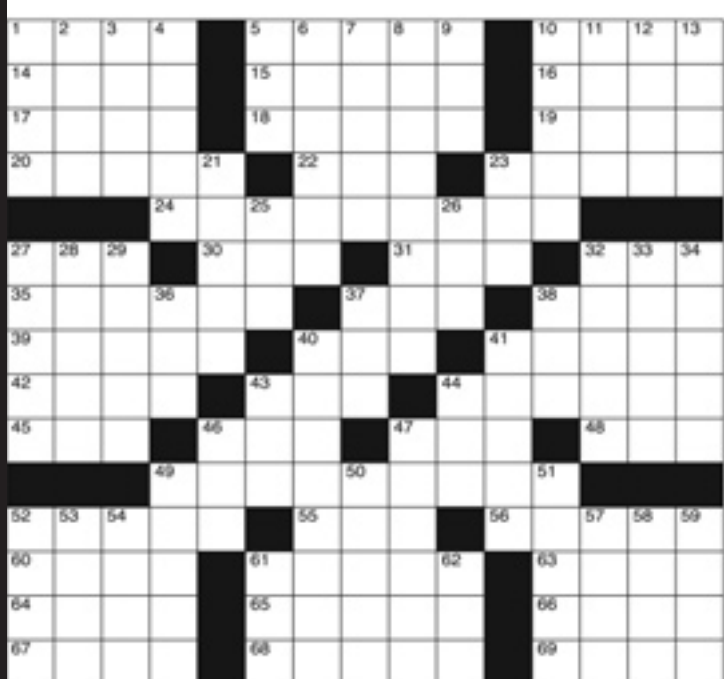
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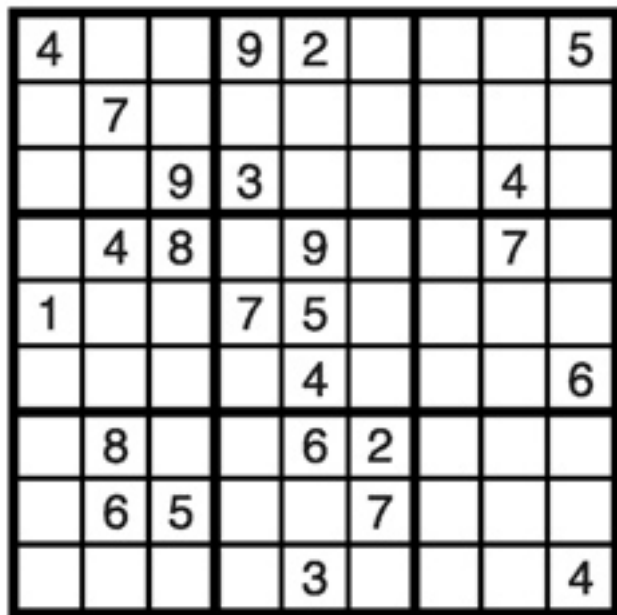
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Drains
- 5. Cleveland baseball team
- 10. Leans in for apples
- 14. Language spoken in India
- 15. Norwegian parish
- 16. Wings
- 17. "Family City, USA"
- 18. Prague
- 19. Tottenham footballer Alli
- 20. Cakes
- 22. A way to save for retirement
- 23. Good gosh!
- 24. HBO Dust Bowl series
- 27. ELO drummer Bevan
- 30. Kids' game
- 31. Computer giant
- 32. Luxury automaker
- 35. Made disappear
- 37. Mandela's party
- 38. Greek personification of Earth
- 39. Semitic lords
- 40. Where to put groceries
- 41. Healthy lunch
- 42. Greek mountain
- 43. Disfigure
- 44. Ramble on
- 45. Partner to carrot
- 46. Figure
- 47. Mock
- 48. Former CIA
- 49. Salts
- 52. Bledated
- 55. Never sleeps
- 56. Cavalry sword
- 60. Scottish island
- 61. Cyprinid fishes
- 63. Italian seaport
- 64. Fruit tree
- 65. Old World lizard
- 66. U. of Miami mascot
- 67. Gentlemen
- 68. Cover with drops, as with dew
- 69. Don't stick it out

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Broken branch
- 2. A distinctive quality surrounding someone
- 3. Commoner
- 4. It can be poisonous
- 5. Recipe measurement
- 6. Eager
- 7. City in Finland
- 8. Acting appropriately
- 9. Pitching stat
- 10. Cops wear one
- 11. Evergreen genus
- 12. Lacking hair
- 13. Witnesses
- 21. Supplies to excess
- 23. This street produces nightmares
- 25. Cool!
- 26. Basics
- 27. Type of jazz
- 28. Remove
- 29. Seaport in Finland
- 32. Large formation of aircraft
- 33. You should eat three every day
- 34. Dips feet into
- 36. Patti Hearst's captors
- 37. Swiss river
- 38. Talk
- 40. Humorous conversation
- 41. Gurus
- 43. Actress Gretchen
- 44. Hitters need one
- 46. Offer
- 47. Flower cluster
- 49. The Navy has them
- 50. Palmlike plant
- 51. Vaccine developer
- 52. Guys (slang)
- 53. Jai ___ sport
- 54. Assert
- 57. Beloved movie pig
- 58. ___ Clapton, musician
- 59. Gamble
- 61. Hit lightly
- 62. Carpenter's tool

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Puzzle answers will be in the June 27 edition



COURTESY OF BELLA CROWLEY

Bears player Ryder Ritchie (No. 4) at bat while Rays player Addie Bania (No. 15) catches.

Sharks and Rays end season on a high note

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

With two final games, the minor league division of the Wrangell Little League's season came to an end last week. The Sharks and the Rays ended their seasons on a high note, both teams taking a final victory for the season. The Bears, the third minor league team, ended their season with a loss, but created a strong track record through the season regardless.

The first game was between the Rays and the Sharks on June 11. Rays Coach Tawney Crowley said that it was a very evenly-matched game. The two teams were at loggerheads, having roughly equal batters and players in the field. Despite that, she said that it was far from a slow game. Both teams had to work very hard for each and every point. By the end of the game, the Sharks were ahead by a single point, 4-5. This was the Sharks' second win of the season. Sharks Coach Rod Rhoades said that he was very proud of his players, and it was a great way to end the season.

The last game of the season, on June 20, was between the Rays and the Bears. Due to a lack of minor league players that evening, both teams had to re-



COURTESY OF BELLA CROWLEY

Bears player Sawyer Larrabee (No. 12) at first base.



COURTESY OF BELLA CROWLEY

Rays player Lynnea Harrison (No. 17).

cruit players from other teams. As such, it was technically an unofficial game.

"It was an unofficial game, but we played as though it was official, and it didn't feel like any less of a win," said Crowley.

Like last Tuesday, this was also a very close and competitive game. Bella Crowley, also a Rays Coach, said that she believed every player got on base at least once. Once again, both teams had to fight hard for each point they made. Tawney said teaching her team how to bunt gave them an edge in the game. It was a tied game right up until the final inning, where the Rays managed to get in one last run and win the game with a score of 10-9.

The Rays ended their season with a record of 5-5. The Sharks' season record is 2-8. The Bears, despite last Thursday's loss, have had an otherwise very strong record of 8-2. All three teams got to enjoy an end of the season picnic and a "parents vs. kids" game on Saturday, June 15.

Sport Fishing for King Salmon Opens in the Petersburg and Wrangell Areas

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game have announced sport fishing regulations for king salmon in the areas near Petersburg, Wrangell, and Kake that are opening to the harvest of king salmon after being closed for Southeast Alaska wild king salmon conservation.

In the waters adjacent to the Stikine River

(District 8 and a portion of Eastern Passage near Wrangell; see attached Map No. 1):

JULY 15 - DECEMBER 31:

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All other areas where king salmon retention was prohibited

(Districts 6, 10 and portions of District 5, 7 and 9; see attached Map No. 1):

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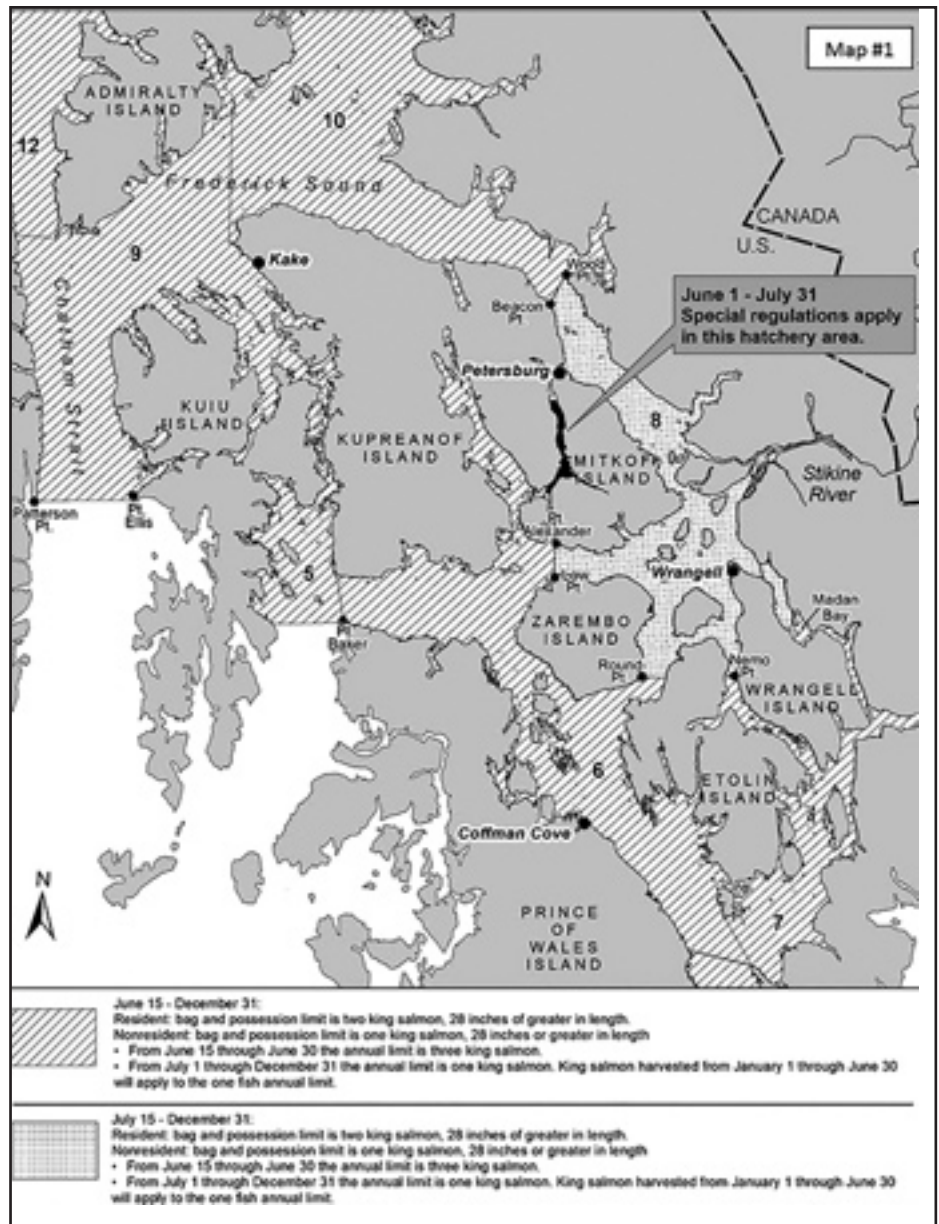
Southeast Alaska Regional King Salmon Regulations for the Outer Coast

Regional king salmon regulations announced April 1, 2019, remain in effect along the outer coast in areas where restrictions on king salmon harvest were not implemented during the spring of 2019 (see attached Map No. 2).

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Regulations for hatchery areas including the Wrangell Narrows/Blind Slough terminal harvest area, Anita Bay, and the City Creek terminal area will continue to be in effect. See Sport Fishing News Release issued May 23 for specific information. For further information concerning this announcement please contact Petersburg/Wrangell Area Management Biologist, Patrick Fowler at (907) 772-5231.



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ORDINANCE No. 962 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, REPEALING SECTION 13.12.050, FEE SCHEDULES, IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ESTABLISHING A NEW PROCESS FOR FEE SCHEDULES IN CHAPTER 13.12, PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE

ORDINANCE No. 963 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING SECTION 5.09.045, CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, IN CHAPTER 5.09, EXCISE TAX ON MARIJUANA, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE

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Kids Fishing Day

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"We're not trying to create something that's new, we're trying to kind of put it back the way it would be if it hadn't been logged in the first place," Cadmus said. "There was no digging into the bank, no wires involved, there's no anchoring. The only thing keeping this wood in place is its weight and the fact that they're piled onto each other, and then some of them you'll see are shooting off into the bank just

like this."

The wooded structures the coalition created have been placed along various points on the main portion of Pats Creek, according to a map of the project area, and along the western fork. Another aspect of the project was along a disused logging road, which follows the eastern fork of the creek. John Hudson, with the coalition, said that this road was breached in several areas to allow the creek access to the area

on the opposite end of the road. This will allow the creek to flow more freely through the area where it used to do so naturally.

"Alluvial fan streams like the east fork tend to migrate laterally," he said. "So one day they're

over here and the next year, because of floods and dams, they're 200 yards in the other direction. They just go back and forth forming this high mound of gravel and rock and boulders. Well with that road there it was

constrained, it could no longer go back and forth as much as it used to."

More information about the restoration project can be found at www.alaskawatershedcoalition.org.



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Peter Houser makes some practice casts alongside Imes Vaughn during the eighth annual Kids Fishing Day at Pats Lake last weekend.



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Father's Day Picnic at Muskeg Meadows

Stuart and Brett Woodbury spending time together during a picnic at Muskeg Meadows Golf Course. The Wrangell Elks Lodge hosted a Father's Day picnic at the golf course last Sunday afternoon, following a tournament earlier that morning. Members of the lodge cooked burgers, hot dogs, and brats while other community members supplied enchiladas, baked beans, tamales, and desserts.

Golf Roundup

Radio Station KSTK sponsored a nine-hole best ball tournament at Muskeg Meadows last Saturday, June 15. There were 18 participants in the tournament. First place went to a team consisting of Spenser Stavee, Ed Rilatos, Ron Soale, and Drew Eyon, with a net score of 20 and team handicap of 17. Second place went to Eric Kading, Tyler Eagle, Toot Harding, and Wayne Harding with a net score of 21 and team handicap of 17. Third place went to Dough Nelson, Jerry Bakeburg, and Frank Roppel with a net score of 22 and team handicap of 14. Spencer Stavee had the straightest drive of the day at 2 feet.

The next day, June 16, the Wrangell Elks Lodge hosted a Father's Day tournament, which saw 20 participants. First place went to a team consisting of Eric Kading, Corrie Wallace, Brian Smith, and Jason Garringer, with a net score of 22 and team handicap of 16. Second place went to a team consisting of Ed Rilatos, Ron Soule, Nate Johnson, and Joe Pelabru, with a net score of 23 and team handicap of 17. Eric Kading had the straightest drive of the day at 37 inches. After the tournament, the Elks Lodge held a Father's Day picnic for everyone at the golf course.

Next weekend's tournaments will be sponsored by Alaska Airlines.

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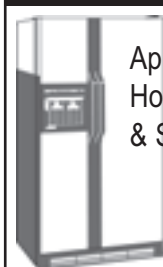


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Fireworks allowed in service area one three days a year

By **BRIAN VARELA**
Sentinel writer

PETERSBURG - An ordinance allowing the use of fireworks within service area one three days out of the year was passed by the borough assembly in its third reading on Monday.

Ordinance #2019-04 allows residents to light fireworks on their property on July 3 and 4 and Dec. 31 from 12 P.M. to 1 A.M. Those who light fireworks within service area one outside of the three dates stated in the ordinance can face up to a \$500 fine. The ordinance will also allow special permits for the use of consumer fireworks with permission from the Petersburg Police Department and Petersburg Fire Department during special occasions, such as wed-

dings and birthdays.

When the ordinance was first presented to the borough assembly at the May 6 meeting, an amendment was made to the ordinance to not allow fireworks in service area one during any time of the year because the loud noises could be troublesome for pets and veterans suffering from PTSD. What remained in the ordinance was wording that gave a guideline to authorities to give fines to anyone lighting fireworks illegally. During the May 20 meeting, the ordinance was amended to allow fireworks in service area one on July 4 and Dec. 31, after assembly members and residents made arguments in favor of fireworks in service area one, such as freeing up police officer time to pursue

drunk drivers instead of people lighting off fireworks. On Monday, the ordinance was ultimately amended to allow fireworks in service area one on July 3 and 4 and Dec. 31 in a 6-1 vote.

"There were a couple disingenuous arguments made last time," said Vice Mayor J Leigh Stanton Gregor. "If we kept it illegal in service area one cops would not be doing DUI arrests or if we made it legal, cops would be doing more DUI arrests and drug arrests. That's kind of an insulting argument to the police department. Whether fireworks are legal or illegal, the cops do their job and focus on the important things."

Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter made an amendment to the ordinance,

which passed in a 7-0 vote, to allow fireworks in service area one anytime of the year for special occasions with a special permit with permission from the police department and fire department. Police Chief Jim Kerr requested that language be added to specify the fireworks be consumer fireworks that can be bought at a fireworks stand and not display fireworks that require a special permit from the state, such as the fireworks the borough lights off during the Fourth of July firework show at the ball field.

The ordinance to allow fireworks in service area one for three days out of the year and allow officers to give fines for the illegal use of fireworks passed in a 5-2 vote, with Mayor Mark Jensen and Stanton Gregor opposed.

Eaglecrest Ski Area eyes plan for new summer activities

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) - Officials with Eaglecrest Ski Area in Juneau want to expand summer offerings to capitalize on the crowds that visit the capital city on cruise ships.

Eaglecrest representatives presented the idea Monday to a Juneau Assembly committee, whose members were open to the concept, the Juneau Empire reported.

"This is the single greatest news I have heard come out of Eaglecrest since I've lived in Juneau all 24 years," Assembly member Wade Bryson said.

Desired additions would include a rope-suspended aerial obstacle course, a gravity assisted mountain roller coaster, an expanded zip line and additional mountain bike trails, according to Ski Area General Manager Dave Scanlan.

The matter did not need Assembly action. Scanlan said he wanted to be transparent about a potentially large development, estimated to cost up to \$35 million.

Scanlan said he hopes to return with a more definite plan in the fall. In the meantime, he wants to gauge the public's reception to the idea.

Eaglecrest is subsidized by the city, receiving \$7000,000 a year for operations. Scanlan said the ski area also usually receives another \$225,000 to \$250,000 for deferred maintenance and other expenses.

Operators hope increased summer revenue will eliminate the need for the subsidy, said Eaglecrest board member Mike Satre.

"We believe this is an opportunity to pay for itself and generate additional revenue for Juneau," he said.

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