

## Awards ceremony held at Wrangell High School

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

Friends, family, and school staff all crowded into the gym at Wrangell High School last Monday afternoon for an awards ceremony. With graduation just around the corner, the senior class of 2019 was the primary star of the show, with 25 different scholarship programs present to recognize the graduating students. WHS counselor Aimee Romeijn said that she was not sure how much money was given out, in total, but about 45 scholarships were awarded to the seniors.

Jean-Luc Lewis received the most out of his class, earning 16 scholarships in total. He received scholarships from the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce, the University of Alaska Scholars Program, The Sealaska Heritage Institute, and several others. Lewis said, after the ceremony, that he plans to attend Brown University.

Seven high school students earned the Alaska Performance Scholarship, given out by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education. This scholarship requires that high school students follow a specific high school curriculum, achieve high grades on their ACT or SAT tests, and maintain a strong GPA through high school. According to the ACPE's website, to achieve the highest level of the scholarship available, a GPA of 3.5 is required, as well as an ACT score of 25 or 1210 on the SAT. The seven winners of this scholarship were Lewis, Dillon Rooney, Elizabeth Johnson, Abigail Gerald, Kellan Eagle, Riley Blatchley, and Helen Decker.

Decker, Lewis, and Eagle were also recognized for receiving advanced diplomas this year. The diploma is meant to recognize certain students who put in extra work through their high school career and demonstrate exceptional grades. According to Secondary School Principal David Macri, students must meet a 28 credit requirement for the advanced degree. There are four credits in math, four in science, four in language arts, three and a half credits in social studies, three in vocational education, three in fine arts, and the remaining credits as electives. They must also maintain a 3.7 or higher GPA.

"You always hear about working hard and how if you work hard, you can get anything you want, basically," Macri said. "I love people that work hard, it's really good. You know what I really like? People that work smart. If you can give me a person who works hard and a person that works smart,

it's really difficult to beat them. So you seniors, you've worked hard. Start figuring out how to work smart, as well, and combine those two things. You'll be successful for the rest of your life."

Scholarships were not the only thing passed out at the awards ceremony. Teachers also had the opportunity to present awards to students who stood out to them over the course of the year. Awards were given out in a wide variety of categories, from language arts to student government. Drew Larrabee, CTE teacher, presented numerous awards to students from his shop class. Some were meant as jokes, such as Kendra Meissner receiving the "safety award" for being reminded the most times in class to wear her safety goggles, or Dillon Rooney receiving a "proving Mr. Larrabee right" award for losing a fingernail to a disc sander.

Jonah Comstock was given more serious recognition for one of his projects, a topographical map of Wrangell Island.

Other awards were given by the technology department, the math department, the Shakes Glacier Team, and others.

Senior Stone Guggenbickler was also given recognition for having perfect attendance for all four years of high school.

Before the awards ceremony came to a close, the student body took the opportunity to give special recognition to one of the school staff. Decker, Lewis, and Blatchley presented a bouquet of flowers and a plate of cookies to Romeijn for all her help with scholarship and college applications, and helping many of the students make it to graduation.

"She does so much for our school, and especially for our seniors," Decker said. "Most of us, would probably have only gotten, like, one scholarship, and instead we had a list of maybe a hundred national, state, and local scholarships. Not only that, but she helps a ton with college applications and she just gives us resources that are honestly invaluable."

After the ceremony, two seniors took the opportunity to talk about their future, and some of the lessons they had learned through high school. Lewis said that he plans to attend Brown University, while Eagle said he will be going to Montana State University. They both wanted to share some advice with the high school students they will be leaving behind. Eagle said that college and scholarship applications were, in his opinion, both easier and harder than he thought they would be when he



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Besides scholarships, many high school students were given awards by their teachers for their performance over the school year. Pictured here is Jonah Comstock (left) and CTE Instructor Drew Larrabee. Comstock was given the "drafting student of the year" award for one of his shop projects, where he made a topographical map of Wrangell Island.

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- Secondary School  
Principal David Macri

first began applying. As long as students manage their time well and keep on top of deadlines, the application process is fairly easy.

"Most of the colleges nowadays have a simple website," Eagle said. "The application is pretty simple, essays are always a thing. Scholarships were super easy with Ms. Romeijn helping us out. She laid out a whole Google Doc, had it filtered by the dates it was due, whether it was national, state, or local, the amount, who to apply to, whether it was a website or mail, it just worked really well with her. I was super happy with how everything went."

Lewis agreed with Eagle that time management was the main



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Jacob Hammer receives a pat on the back from Rayme Privett after winning the Stikine Sportsmen's Scholarship.

key on avoiding stress when it came to college and scholarship applications. He also added some advice for younger students, who were about to begin their high school education. He said that it was a great opportunity to explore new hobbies or to find something to be passionate about. All the different clubs, classes, and opportunities available in high school look good on resumes and college applications, and it is also

a good time to learn and grow as a person.

"Take advantage of what Wrangell has, because there are a lot of great opportunities here," Lewis said. "They do really look good on resumes and everything. Just try to take advantage of the opportunities that are provided through the school and the community, and definitely try to give back to the community because they do so much."

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

**Thursday, May 16:** Sean McDonald. *Anniversary:* Alan & Leslie Cummings. **Friday, May 17:** Olin Kagee, Della Demerjian, Violet Allen, Brody Hommel, Peighton Royster, Kristin Mill, Deenie Rilatos, Lovey Brock. *Anniversary:* Wayne & Dani Easterly. **Saturday, May 18:** Mena Feudner, Jakob Cox. **Sunday, May 19:** Laven Ritchie, Rhea Bowman, Sheila Wickman, Kolin Wallace, Jacob Werner. *Anniversary:* Jeff & Danielle Smith. **Monday, May 20:** Christina Taylor, Jerry Bakeberg, Dawn Davis, Lindsey McConachie, Ray Francois. *Anniversary:* George & Ann Benson, Felix & Verda Villarma. **Tuesday, May 21:** Trevor Kagee. *Anniversary:* Dustin & Devyn Johnson, Don & Betsy McConachie. **Wednesday, May 22:** Dante Nesbitt, Angie Mork, Jim Abbott, Charley Murray-Young. *Anniversary:* Nate & Alicia Stearns, Warren & Chloe Edgley. **Thursday, May 23:** Nicole Hammer, Logan Scott, Lori Baremore, Dennis Pavlina, Mia Wiederspohn.

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

## Senior Center Menu

### Thursday, May 16

Salmon Chowder, Cheese & Tomato Sammy, Apricot Salad

### Friday, May 17

Spaghetti, Italian Veggies, Honey Orange Salad, Garlic Bread

### Monday, May 20

Beef Stroganoff, Mixed Veggies, Cabbage Slaw

### Tuesday, May 21

Veggie Chili, Chicken Sandwich, Honey Orange Slaw

### Wednesday, May 22

Hotcha Baked Beef, Steamed Broccoli, Green Bean Salad, Rolls

### Thursday, May 23

Turkey w/Noodles, Mixed Veggies, Cabbage, Raisin & Pear Salad

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

## FERRY

### Departures

#### Northbound

**Saturday, May 18**  
Malaspina 9:15 a.m.  
**Sunday, May 19**  
Columbia 9:00 p.m.  
**Tuesday, May 21**  
Malaspina 5:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 25**  
Malaspina 7:15 a.m.  
**Sunday, May 26**  
Columbia 4:45 p.m.

#### Southbound

**Friday, May 17**  
Malaspina 12:45 a.m.  
**Monday, May 20**  
Malaspina 6:30 a.m.  
**Wednesday, May 22**  
Columbia 9:15 a.m.  
**Thursday, May 23**  
Malaspina 9:00 p.m.  
**Monday, May 27**  
Malaspina 4:15 a.m.

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



## TIDES May 9 - May 16

	High Tides		Low Tides		AM	PM	AM	PM	Ft
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft					
May 16	...	...	12:01	16.0	5:46	-0.7	5:53	0.5	
May 17	12:12	18.6	12:52	16.5	6:34	-2.1	6:37	0.6	
May 18	12:54	19.0	1:39	16.5	7:16	-2.9	7:19	1.1	
May 19	1:34	18.9	2:24	16.2	7:57	-3.1	7:57	1.7	
May 20	2:13	18.4	3:07	15.6	8:36	-2.7	8:35	2.6	
May 21	2:51	17.6	3:49	14.8	9:14	-2.0	9:13	3.5	
May 22	3:28	16.5	4:32	14.0	9:53	-1.0	9:53	4.5	
May 23	4:06	15.3	5:18	13.2	10:34	0.1	10:38	5.3	

## Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Friday, May 17

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

Sunday, May 19

**Blessing of the Fleet:** Heritage Harbor - Memorial Site, 5:00 p.m.

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

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

## Continuing Events

### Pool:

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

### MEETINGS

### AA Meetings:

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

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

### May 15, 1919

Attorney General George Grigsby, candidate for Delegate to Congress to succeed the late Charles A. Sulzer, spoke in the Redmen's hall Sunday afternoon. Mr. Grigsby reviewed the Wickersham-Sulzer contest and read the platform adopted by the Democratic convention, which nominated him.

In his speech Mr. Grigsby referred to the petition, which was so industriously circulated a few weeks ago by Samuel Cunningham for a breakwater between Shustak Point and the mainland, which would create a smooth harbor for the protection of fishing vessels. He believed that Federal aid for a project of this kind could be secured. However, in this connection he urged that Wrangell show its full voting strength at the Special Election next month, because in Congress the importance of an Alaskan town is generally judged by its voting strength.

### May 19, 1944

Saturday, May 27 was proclaimed Poppy Day in Wrangell by Major F. G. Hanford in a proclamation issued today. The Mayor called upon all citizens to observe the day by wearing memorial poppies in honor of the men who have given their lives in the nation's defense. The proclamation stated: "Whereas the United States of America is again being forced to crush powerful enemies seeking to establish their tyranny over the world, and whereas the young men of Wrangell again are offering their lives in the nation's service, and whereas the memory of those who have given their lives is cherished by us all and is an inspiration to us all in these grave days, their service and sacrifice is symbolized by the memorial poppy of The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary. I, Fred G. Hanford, Mayor of the Town of Wrangell, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 27, 1944, to be

Poppy Day in the Town of Wrangell."

### May 15, 1969

The City Council negotiated completion of the ballpark area with Dick Sykes at Tuesday's City Council meeting with a completion date set for June 15.

The original contractual agreement between the city and Sykes Logging Co. called for an indefinite time for leveling of the area near the graveyard for use as a city ballpark. However, Dick Sykes agreed, as a civic gesture, to perform the operation within the next two weeks, as soon as Al Ritchie's barge could pick up a caterpillar tractor at his logging site. The date of June 15 was submitted for completion in the event the ground is still frozen.

### May 12, 1994

A petition signed by more than 100 students of Wrangell High School and Stikine Middle School pushing to keep Wallace "Butch" Schmidt teaching at the high school was presented to the school board Monday night.

The petition was presented by freshman Lean Jaquish at the Wrangell School Board's regular meeting. She said she and sophomore Kristy Nore organized the petition drive when it became known that Schmidt, who teaches science

and math, might be moved to the middle school.

On Tuesday, Laughy confirmed that the move is under consideration. He explained the look at that option, among others, is prompted by a desire to hire a "math specialist" for the high school, since state and national curriculum standards in the not-too-distant future are going to place considerably more emphasis on the subject. Contacted Tuesday, Schmidt said he would prefer to remain in the high school. He also expressed gratitude for the students' gesture. "It was really nice support. I appreciated it. Most of the time, you only hear from parents when they're upset. It's nice to hear from the kids when they're pleased."



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## Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
May 06	48	44
May 07	53	46
May 08	57	48
May 09	62	48
May 10	61	46
May 11	55	46
May 12	57	42
May 13	66	41

## Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
May 16	4:35 am	8:54 pm	16:19h
May 17	4:33 am	8:56 pm	16:23h
May 18	4:32 am	8:58 pm	16:26h
May 19	4:30 am	9:00 pm	16:30h
May 20	4:28 am	9:01 pm	16:33h
May 21	4:26 am	9:03 pm	16:37h
May 22	4:25 am	9:05 pm	16:40h
May 23	4:23 am	9:07 pm	16:44h

# Wrangell businesses invited to enter Path to Prosperity contest

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

Path to Prosperity is a program organized by Spruce Root, a nonprofit that was organized with seed money from Sealaska Corporation through Haa Aaní Economic Development. It is an annual competition open to everyone across Southeast Alaska who wishes to create or expand their small business. According to Spruce Root's website, the Path to Prosperity competition judges business models not only on their feasibility, but on their contributions to the local economy, community, and environment. Program Manager Ashley Snookes said that this is the seventh year of the competition.

"It starts with round one, in the spring, and it just starts off with some ideas about your business and what you hope to accomplish," she said. "Then the heart of the competition is our business boot camp, which happens in September in Juneau every year. Then after that, finalists go on to work on their business plans which they submit as they work on being selected as winners."

The competition is geared towards small businesses looking to take their next big step, she said. As a hypothetical example, a one-shop company may be looking to expand into a second location. In the application, they will be asked a variety of ques-

tions pertaining to their business, like what product or service they provide, and how their business stands out from others in similar fields. They will also be asked questions about how the business plans to contribute to conservation efforts, and how to ensure that business revenue stays in the local economy. Snookes said that existing businesses are not the only ones invited to join the competition. People who want to start their own small business are welcome to submit their plans, too.

According to the competition's website, 12 finalists will be chosen from the first round to attend an intensive three-day business boot camp. The camp will focus on marketing, finance, and business development tools to help the finalists better understand what to submit for their final business plans in the last round of the competition.

"Business Boot Camp is kind of the heart of it," Snookes said.

In the final three months of the competition, following the boot camp, the 12 finalists will write a comprehensive business plan, with the support of Spruce Root business coaches. These plans will be submitted by Dec. 2, 2019, and the winners will be announced in Feb. 2020. There have been several winners and finalists from Wrangell in the past, Snookes said. In 2017, Mighty Bear Roots was one of the two Path to Prosper-



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## Senior celebration

Following a trip up the Stikine River, Wrangell High School seniors all took turns jumping off of City Dock to celebrate their upcoming graduation. Jumping off the dock is a senior tradition that goes back many years. Pictured here is Abby Gerald (left) and Riley Blatchley (right) getting ready to take the leap ... and also face their apparent fear of heights.

## Court report

**April 11** - Charles M. Gadd was cited with failing to register his powerboat. His court appearance was optional, and he chose to pay the \$70 fine.

**April 26** - Denise Louise Boakes was found guilty by Judge Kevin Miller on charges of theft. She was fined a total of \$872, and is required to perform 24 hours of community service. She will also be

required to write a letter of apology, and will be on probation until April 2020.

**April 29** - Anthony Free Guggenbickler pleaded guilty to the charge of driving with an invalid license. He was fined a total of \$120.

**April 30** - Laura and Tony Massin came before Judge Kevin Miller for a domestic violence hearing. The hearing

was scheduled to continue on May 14.

Anthony Free Guggenbickler was arraigned before Deputy Magistrate Leanna Nash on charges of violating conditions of release. He entered a not guilty plea and was released on a \$250 cash performance bond.

**May 7** - Jerry H. Knapp was sentenced by Judge Kevin Miller after

very happy with the turnout she saw.

"We had some great faces come by, and good questions, and some interest in all of the programs we offer," she said.

The deadline to apply for this year's Path to Prosperity competition is May 31. To learn more, visit [www.spruceroot.org/path-to-prosperity](http://www.spruceroot.org/path-to-prosperity).

## Police report

**May 6, 2019**  
Unsecured premise.  
Sprinkler testing.  
Two citizen assists.  
Vacation check.  
Fire alarms.  
Traffic stop.  
Deer complaint.  
**May 7, 2019**  
Conditions of release.  
Report of fraud/identity theft.  
Lost cell phone.  
Illegal parking.  
Citizen assist: Vehicle unlocked.  
Background check.

Traffic stop.  
**May 8, 2019**  
Agency assist: TSA.  
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving without a license.  
**May 9, 2019**  
Summons service.  
Illegal parking: Abandoned vehicle.  
Citizen report: DUI/MVA.  
Unable to locate.  
Harassment.  
Driving complaint.  
**May 10, 2019**  
Traffic stop: Citation issued to Nicholas Andrews, 29, for speed.  
Dance permit.

Driving complaint: Speeders, unfounded.  
Audible alarm.  
DVO: Denial.  
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for registration violation.  
**May 11, 2019**  
Harassment.  
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.  
Traffic stop: Citation issued to Trevor Guggenbickler, 16. No proof of insurance and verbal warning for violating instruction on permit and cracked windshield.  
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for failure to stop.  
**May 12, 2019**  
Found property: Owner notified.  
Arrested: Jazmyn Waddington-Wright, 26. On charges of DUI.  
Arrested: Dylan Franks, 29. On charges of VCOR/resisting arrest.  
Found property: Returned to owner.  
Alarm.  
Agency assist: Search and rescue.  
Traffic: Notified person that he has 10 days to change plates.  
There were two ambulance calls and five dog complaints this week.

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# Parks and Rec Board review fee changes

By CALEB VIERKANT  
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The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met to review some proposed fee changes last Wednesday, May 8. The fee changes discussed in the meeting were mainly for streamlining and reformatting, according to Parks and Recreation

Director Kate Thomas. She said that most of the altered fees were either moved into a different category of the department's spreadsheet, or eliminated altogether.

For example, the \$5 fee for use of the showers at the community pool was removed, as Thomas said those fees were

already paid by memberships and when people came in to swim or use the exercise equipment. Thomas also said they eliminated the three-month pool passes as they were not a very popular pass for people to purchase, so it was redundant. The same went for "adult couple" pool passes, as Thomas

said most people bought pool passes individually. People can still purchase one month, six month, or one year passes.

There are three areas where the parks and rec department is actually increasing their fees. These are the youth basketball program, Wolfpack wrestling, and the summer recreation fees. These are all very popular programs the parks and rec department hosts, and Thomas said the fee increases were minimal. Youth basketball and Wolfpack wrestling were set at a fee of \$40 each. Thomas proposed that this be raised to \$50. Summer recreation, meanwhile, had a few extra changes. It used to be that parents could sign up their child for summer recreation at \$12 a day. Each additional child the parents signed up after that would incur smaller fees, \$10 a day for the second child and \$8 a day for the third child. The proposed fee change eliminated the discounts altogether, and raised the fee to \$15 a day.

"I don't have any negative comments, I think every now and then it's good to tweak the fee schedule," said board member Haig Demerjian. "Since I've been on the board I

think we've done it a couple, three times."

Most of the board members present agreed that the alterations to the department's fees were a good change, and also said that even with the higher fees for summer recreation it was still a good deal. After a brief discussion the changes were approved. Thomas reminded the board that these changes would still need final approval from the borough assembly.

Thomas also gave a report to the board about the borough's ongoing budget workshops. The parks and rec department is looking at approximately \$60,000 in cuts. She said that this was substantial, but reasonable given the financial concerns Wrangell is currently facing.

Other items covered in the meeting include approval of various department policy changes, and a review of the recent Helping Our Parks Project. Thomas said that the final count of the community service project, which took place in April, saw 61 volunteers donate over 200 hours of time to clean up and repair Volunteer Park.

## Summer reading program beginning soon

By CALEB VIERKANT  
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The Irene Ingle Public Library is gearing up for their annual summer reading program once again. The program has been running for over 20 years, according to Library Director Margaret Villarma. She said it is designed to hone kids' reading comprehension even when they are not in school.

"It's important for them to do the reading program because if they don't read over the summer they lose some of what they learned the previous school year," she said. "They call that 'summer backslide,' I think that's how they refer to it. You want them to go back into school the same level they left at, not go backwards."

The rules of the summer reading program are fairly straightforward. Any child from kindergarten to ninth grade can sign up. Beginning on June 1, they can check out a book that is at their reading level or above. After reading the book, they return it and take a comprehension test on one of the library's computers. Upon passing the comprehension test, they are awarded points based on the book's reading level. These points translate into coupons that they can drop into various jars for the final prize drawing at the end of the program, on July 31.

The program always has some exciting prizes available, Villarma said, ranging from small toys to bicycles, drones, and tablets. There are also cash prizes that the kids can win. These prizes are often donated by community members and local businesses. Villarma said that the summer reading program has always enjoyed wide support around town, but this year she said the library has received more donations than usual. This is thanks, in part, to Mary Ann Phillips. Phillips was a longtime Wrangell resident, and member of the Friends of the Irene Ingle Public Library, who passed away last February. In her obituary it was requested that friends of Phillips donate to the summer reading program, in lieu of flowers.

"We did get a lot extra donations this year in memory of Ann Phillips," Villarma said. "We're grateful for that."

The program is very popular amongst Wrangell's kids, as well as the grownups. Last year, Villarma said that they had 134 kids compete in the reading program. They are expecting a similarly enthusiastic turnout this year. The library is located on Second Street, across from the post office. For questions or to register, call (907) 874-3535.

"It's a fun program for the kids," she said. "I think they enjoy it, they look forward to it."

## Letters to the Editor

### To the Editor:

I wonder what has happened to fiscal responsibility in state government? We no longer have statesmen representing Alaska, but more outsiders that don't understand our way of life. And, this mismanagement of the Alaska Marine Highway System is holding Alaskans hostage. Whose idea was it to compete with the cruise industry?

Now the *M/V Columbia* broke down. When you talk to the terminal agents, wipers, engineers, pursers, stewards, and ABs, it has been mismanagement, no funds for maintenance, fast ferries, and poor vessel design. This holding the coastal communities of Alaska hostage without a road system is beyond arbitrary and capricious, it is against the Alaska Constitution.

Did you know all our politicians charge the state for their travel on the AMHS?

The runners on the senate and legislature are paid well and have complete benefits for running notes back and forth.

How about we limit frivolous government spending and focus on making Alaska strong again?

Let's cut the legislature's per diem and

house the House of Representatives and Senate, and all their aides on the ferry during session.

Tie up in downtown Juneau and have their meals onboard.

Let's close the roads to Fairbanks and Homer with no road maintenance, build a toll-booth and charge them for their highway.

Let the AMHS run the US mail and haul freight.

Open the bars and gift shop.

Make the schedules consistent so Alaskans know when they can book.

Reduce the cost of ridership for Alaskans and let drivers go for free.

Thank you, Wrangell, for signing the AMHS petition. It made it to Senator Stedman's in time for the Finance Committee.

Capt. Loretto Jones

### To the Editor:

Wrangell City government is on the same course as the state ferry system. You cannot fix it until it goes broke. The upcoming lawsuit could break the city so it can start new or you could let them tax you out.

Jim Colier



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# School board creates new leadership position at Evergreen Elementary

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

With the recent resignation of Principal Virginia Tulley, Evergreen Elementary School has found itself in need of new leadership. However, the school district itself is also facing tight finances, with the recent passage of a “no fat” budget. This budget does not allow for the hiring of a new principal, according to Superintendent Debbe Lancaster.

In response, the school board determined that a new leadership position was required. The board met in a special meeting last Friday, May 10, to officially create an “Assistant Principal/Head Teacher” position. Lancaster said that the school district has had positions like this before, but it has been some time since one was required. The district also determined to offer this position to Jennifer Miller. Miller is a third grade teacher at Evergreen Elementary, and has over two decades of teaching experience. Lancaster explained that, as superintendent, she would operate as the elementary school’s building administrator, while Miller would take on more of the day-to-day duties of the principal. Along with the new position, according to Lancaster, Miller will be receiving a 12.5 percent pay raise. As Miller will not be able to teach and work as assistant principal at the same time, the elementary school will be hiring a new aide for the next school year.

Some members of the school board had concerns about creating this new position. Board Member Dave Wilson said he felt the pay raise was a bad idea with the district’s current financial sit-

uation, and was also worried about the precedent creating this position could have. He also added that just because the district had done something similar in the past, it did not mean it was appropriate for the current situation.

“I have no opposition to the actual position, but I have an opposition to the pay increase,” he said. “I think it’s fiscally irresponsible of us to pay that much more money, and that actually puts them in a pay scale higher than any other administrator in the school district. I think it sets a bad precedent, and I think that this person, this position, comes out of the classroom and doesn’t have the same classroom responsibilities that they should not be getting that much pay.”

Board Member Anya Ritchie questioned the pay raise. She asked if Lancaster had considered the budget and the district’s finances when coming to the decision to offer a pay raise. Lancaster answered that they had given it serious consideration, and she felt that it was sustainable. School Board President Aleisha Mollen agreed with Lancaster.

“With the budget we approved I think we figured that into it,” Mollen said. “So I think that, at least for the moment, I’m convinced we can afford it. We never know what is going to happen year to year, and if something happens in the legislature next year we may have to change everything around, but I’m confident at least this year.”

Aaron Angerman, board member, added to the discussion that as long as this was something all the teachers in the elementary school were okay with,

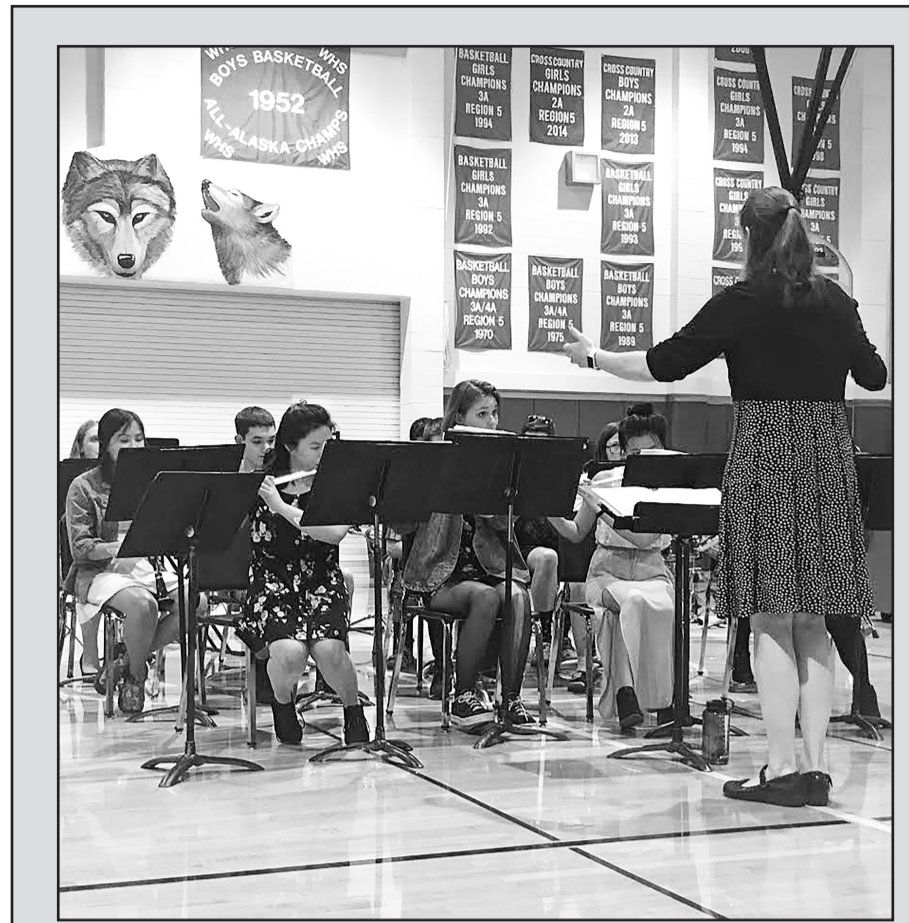


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## Spring concert

The high school band performed after the middle schoolers completed their part of the spring concert. The concert brought together the middle school and high school bands, the jazz band, and the middle/high school choir.

he did not have a problem adopting this new position.

The vote was called shortly thereafter, and the motion was approved. Wilson

was the only dissenting vote, who reiterated he was not against the assistant principal position, only the pay raise and the precedent it could set.



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Questions or for more information contact Justin Jackson, at (480) 619-2131 or [rfp@thrha.org](mailto:rfp@thrha.org).

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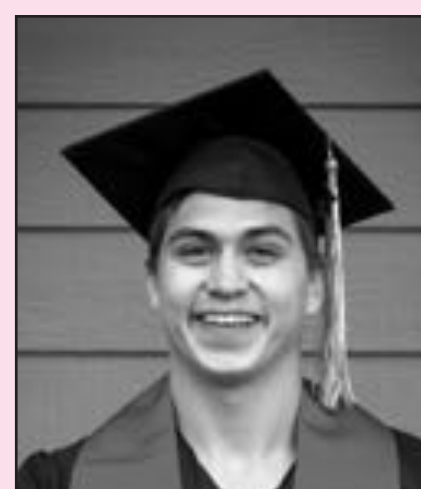
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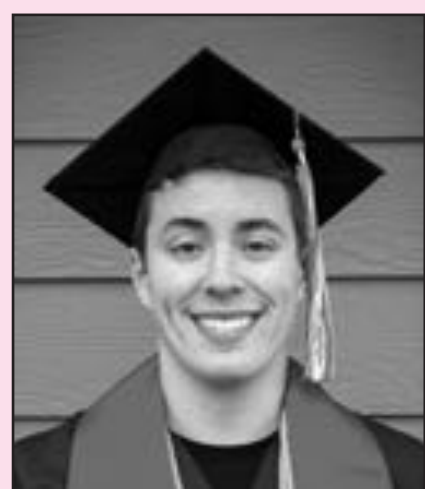
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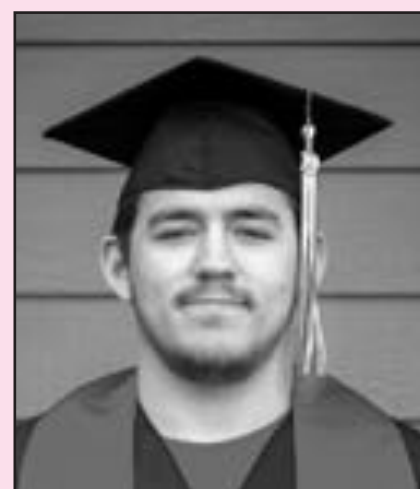
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# Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH  
Fisheries columnist

## Call out for young Alaska fishermen wanting training

Bering Sea crabbers saw upticks in crab recruits during a good fishery for the 2018/2019 season, along with strong prices.

The crab season opens in mid-October for red king crab, Tanners and snow crab (opilio), and while fishing goes fast for red kings in order to fill orders for year-end markets in Japan, the fleet typically drops pots for the other species in January.

Crabbers said they saw strong showings of younger crab poised to enter the three fisheries. Only male crabs of a certain size are able to be retained for sale.

"For Bristol Bay red king crab the reports were very positive," said veteran crabber Jake Jacobsen, director of the Inter-Cooperative Exchange which represents the majority of Bering Sea crabbers. "I got a lot of reports from people saying they saw a lot of recruitment around, a lot of females and small crab, but some boats didn't see any. So, it depended on where you were. Overall, the catch seemed to go pretty fast and the fishing was good, it wasn't scratchy at all for most of the boats."

The price also was good. The red king crab fetched \$10.33 per pound, up from \$9.20 last season, for a catch of 4.3 million pounds.

Crabbers also saw good numbers of bairdi Tanners which had a harvest limit of 2.4 million pounds. Jacobsen said price negotiations are still ongoing for both Tanners and their smaller cousin, snow crab.

"We should be close to record prices for opilio (snow crab)," Jacobsen said.

The record snow crab price was \$4.98 a pound set in 2012; last season's price was \$4.04 per pound.

Competing imports from Russia are up substantially, Jacobsen said, and the are trying to get rid of product held over from last season.

"That's brought the price down and I expect prices will start to climb again as people get a feel for availability of the resource and what the crab looks like," he added.

Snow crab is a bright spot for the Bering Sea fleet. A catch of 27.5 million pounds this season was a 47 percent increase after the 2018 summer survey showed a 60 percent boost in market sized males and nearly the same for females. Bob Foy, NOAA director of science and research based at the Auke Bay lab in Juneau, called it "one of the largest snow crab recruitment events ever seen."

Jacobsen said that was consistent with what the crabbers saw on the fishing grounds. That has speculation running wild that the snow crab catch could double again for next season, but he added it's best to wait and see.

"I've been in the business too long to get excited about that kind of news because I've heard

it before. It all depends on the summer survey and we've been trying to make some improvements in the stock assessment model. But it looks pretty positive," he said. "What we're looking for isn't dramatic swings. We'd rather have a steady, fishable population but with nature that's not always possible. Crab are very cyclic in their population numbers."

There's been some tension between crabbers and managers in recent years over big differences in what crabbers are seeing on the fishing grounds and the numbers managers pull up in the summer trawl survey.

"Apparently, the crab go on vacation somewhere else in the summertime because they haven't been showing up in the survey recently," Jacobsen added with a laugh.

Last season the three Bering Sea crab fisheries were valued at \$190 million for a fleet of about 85 boats.

### Wanted: Young Fishermen -

The call is out for young Alaska fishermen who want training in career opportunities in fishery management, advocacy, research, marketing, conservation, business and much more.

The Young Fishing Fellows Program, now in its third year, is an initiative of the Alaska Marine Conservation Council. The program this year will include five mentor groups across the state.

"The Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association in Sitka, the North Pacific Fisheries Association out of Homer, and the Alaska Fishermen's Network is hosting a fellow of our own this year to help us out with the Young Fishermen's Almanac," said Jamie O'Connor, director of the Network which is an AMCC program. "Also, Koniag, the native group out of Kodiak, is doing a policy fellowship focused on fisheries access. And the N&N Cannery History Project is hosting a fellow and will focus on the history of canneries in Alaska and the folks who work in them."

O'Connor, who got the job at AMCC after participating in the first Fellows cohort, said the fellowships are open to fishermen 35 and under who are paid from \$16 to \$26 an hour for their work, depending on their experience.

"It's part time and usually ends up being about 10 hours a week for a few months in the winter. There's a lot of flexibility built in so people can work around their winter schedule or jobs, and of course, the fishing seasons," she said.

Past Fellows have gone to work as legislative aides in Washington, DC and as part of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council advisory panel. One is a subsistence fishing advocate; another is doing research at the Kachemak Bay

National Estuarine Research Preserve on adaptability for fishing businesses in a changing climate.

"One of our mentors likes to say 'if you're not at the table you're on the menu,' and these fellowships teach people like myself and the others how to effectively be at the table, whether it be regulatory or direct marketing or whatever young fishermen might need to diversify their business," O'Connor said.

The fellowships begin this fall and the deadline to apply is May 26.

"We are hoping to have enough applications to get everybody matched up before I go fishing," O'Connor said. Learn more at [www.akyoungfishermen.org](http://www.akyoungfishermen.org)

The Young Fishing Fellows Program is funded by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Edgerton Foundation.

### Salmon starts + fishing updates -

Alaska's 2019 salmon season officially opens on May 16 with a 12 hour opener for sockeyes and king salmon at Copper River. Salmon opens in other Alaska regions will quickly follow.

Trollers in Southeast began targeting spring king salmon starting May 1. Some Southeast areas opened to beam trawlers for side stripe and pink shrimp on May 1 and a pot shrimp fishery opens on May 15 with a catch of 39,500 pounds. Two areas remain open to golden king crab, and Panhandle divers continue going down for geoduck clams.

At Prince William Sound a third opener for spot shrimp opens on May 14 for a fleet of nearly 70 boats who are competing for a catch of 68,100 pounds. A sablefish season is underway in the Sound with a 134,000 pound target. The recent Tanner crab fishery in Prince William Sound produced nearly 125,000 pounds for 14 fishermen who received \$3.30 a pound.

A one day a week bait herring fishery is open at Upper Cook through May 31, and a small smelt (hooligan) fishery opened on May 1. Clammers also are busy at Alaska's only razor clam fishery at beaches on the west side of Cook Inlet with a 400,000 pound limit.

Kodiak's roe herring fishery continues with a harvest set at just over 1,400 tons. Togiak's herring fishery closed May 3 with a record catch for seiners topping 23,060 tons.

A herring bait fishery is underway near Unalakleet area and Norton Sound Seafood Products plans to buy about 40 tons. There is over 6,000 tons for the herring quota this year, but no buyer interest for a roe fishery, which pays out much less than herring purchased for bait.

Halibut landings have crept

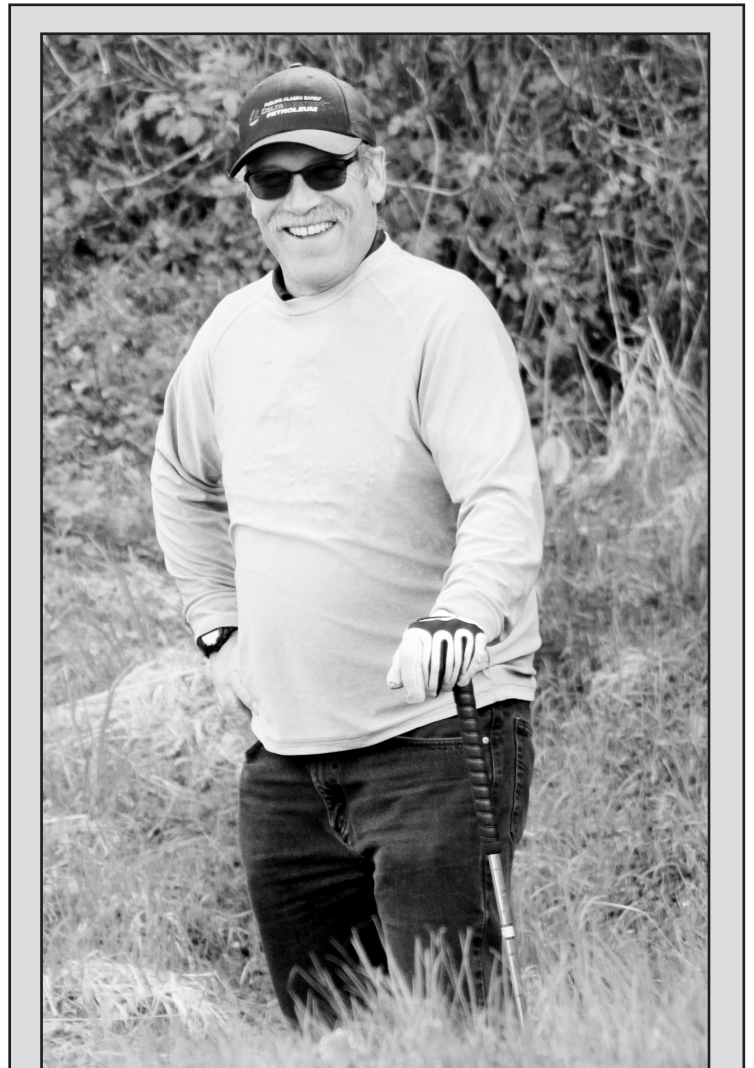


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## Ray Pedersen Memorial golf tournament

Ken Madsen looks for his golf ball, after knocking it into a ditch, at last weekend's Ray Pedersen Memorial Ryder Cup. The tournament, memorializing Ray Pedersen, brings together the towns of Wrangell and Petersburg for a weekend of golfing. Petersburg won the match 22 to 13.

Wrangell and Petersburg came together for Muskeg Meadow's annual Ray Pedersen Memorial Ryder Cup last Saturday and Sunday. The two communities have been going back-and-forth on winning this tournament for several years. In 2015, the two towns tied in the tournament. The win went to Petersburg in a chip-off. Wrangell won the tournament the next year in 2016, and then Petersburg in 2017. Wrangell won last year too. This year, Petersburg continued the pattern with a match win of 22 to 13.

Next weekend will be another 9-hole best ball tournament.

up to about 4 million pounds and 6 million for sablefish.

Fisheries for cod, pollock,

flounders, other whitefish and more are ongoing throughout the Gulf and Bering Sea.

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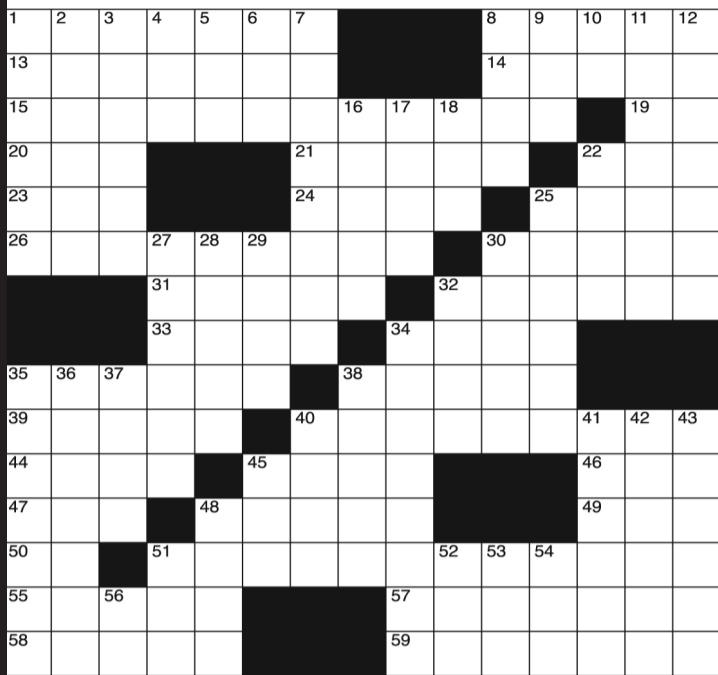
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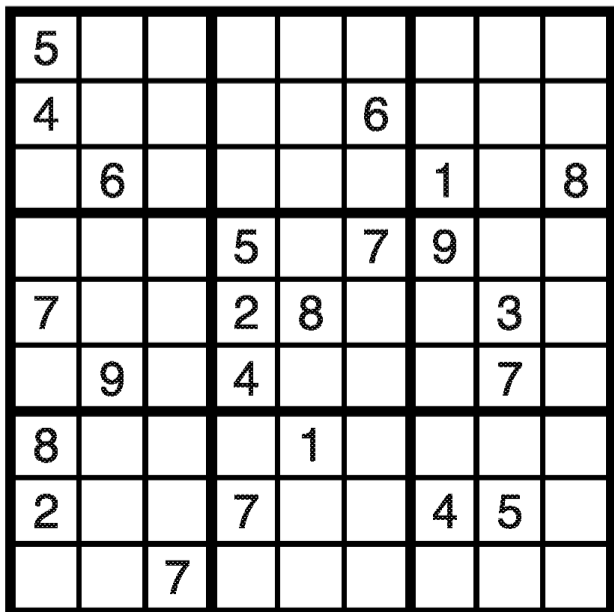
### CLUES ACROSS

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

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Small amounts
- 2. Duplicate
- 3. Current unit
- 4. Neither
- 5. Chromium(II) oxide
- 6. Second sight
- 7. The absence of mental stress or anxiety
- 8. Supplemented with difficulty
- 9. Not the beginning
- 10. Dorm employee
- 11. Hard, white substances
- 12. Scariest
- 16. Spanish island
- 17. Having sufficient skill
- 18. Where golfers start
- 22. No charge
- 25. Print errors
- 27. Where rafters ply their trade
- 28. Paintings of holy figures
- 29. CNN host Lisa
- 30. Gives whippings
- 32. Type of tie
- 34. Unbroken view
- 35. Blemish
- 36. National capital
- 37. "Captain Marvel" actress Larson
- 38. Tenth pair of cranial nerves
- 40. Arizona native peoples
- 41. Confuse
- 42. Body parts
- 43. Plays a fast guitar
- 45. Tub
- 48. Pen parts
- 51. Supervises flying
- 52. Cars come with one
- 53. Some are fake
- 54. Calendar month
- 56. American whiskey (abbr.)

# SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

Puzzle answers will be in the May 23 edition

## Fifth graders to give persuasive speech reading

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

Laura Davies' fifth grade classroom has spent the past year learning about how to create and give a persuasive argument. To showcase their newfound talents in persuasive debates, several volunteers in her class will be presenting their speeches to the public at the Nolan Center next Tuesday, at 7 p.m.

Writing and giving persuasive speeches has been a traditional part of Davies' classroom for several years, she said, but she only opened it up to the public last year. From simple arguments to large, formal debates, the ability to create and defend one's opinion is an important talent for people to learn.

"My main goal, there's a few goals here, is to have the kids learn to present their opinion in a respectable way that people listen," Davies said. "I'm trying to teach them that life skill of 'how do you

present yourself in a respectable way, with confidence?' So we practice this skill of public speaking, and then they have this opportunity."

Davies said she had about 13 or 14 of her students volunteer to give a public presentation this year, about half of her class. Every student has to give an in-class reading of their essay, but those who want to go the extra step will get to present in front of the wider Wrangell community and present their arguments.

The opinion pieces, themselves, show a wide variety of interests among the class. Some students have created persuasive arguments on relatively simple topics, such as why people should go outside and exercise more, or why it is okay to like a wide variety of music. Some of Davies' kids have chosen more mature topics, such as women's rights or the necessity of the Alaska Marine

Highway System.

The purpose of creating these persuasive speeches is not only to help her class learn about how to create and defend an argument, but it is also meant to teach them how to respect others' opinions. One child said that his speech will be on why schools should consider using Virtual Reality programs in their classrooms. Another student has created an argument about the importance of outdoor exercise.

"Part of it is learning to listen to someone you disagree with and be respectful," Davies said. "How do you listen to them, and maybe say your viewpoint without hurting feelings? That's part of this assignment."

The public is invited to attend the presentation next Tuesday, May 21. Davies said that she is very hopeful for a large audience, as it will give her students the chance to practice their new skills with more than just their family watching. She wants them to get the feeling that their projects are important, and that learning to form and defend arguments is a necessary skill.

"Even if we only have a few community members it's like 'Wow, someone thinks I'm important and they came!' I hope that makes sense," she said. "I get all sorts of different topics so you really get to see the students' personalities shine."

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association, Inc., (SSRAA), is soliciting bids from interested parties to conduct transport operations for the spring of 2020 season to tender live fry from SSRAA hatcheries to SSRAA remote release sites located in southern Southeast Alaska. Bids will be accepted until June 1, 2019 at 4:00 pm. For more information go to [www.ssraa.org](http://www.ssraa.org) or call 225-9605.

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### Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Trust Land Office Notice under 11 AAC 99.050 of Statewide Competitive Leasing Offering TLO Project # 2019-172

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the provisions of AS 38.05.801 and 11 AAC 99, the Executive Director of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office (TLO) has determined that it is in the best interest of the Alaska Mental Health Trust and its beneficiaries to offer 24 Trust parcels for disposal through the TLO's Competitive Lease Program. The basis for this determination is explained in a written best interest decision prepared by the Executive Director pursuant to 11 AAC 99.040.

The Trust land affected by the decision is adjacent or near the following communities: Sterling, Seldovia, Kodiak Island, Talkeetna, Cantwell, Chena Hot Springs, Salcha, Juneau, Ketchikan, Kuperaunof, Meyers Chuck, and Wrangell. Further descriptions of the parcels may be found in the written best interest decision.

Persons who believe that the written decision should be altered because it is not in the best interests of the Trust or its beneficiaries, or because the decision is inconsistent with Trust management principles set out in 11 AAC 99.020, or any other provision of 11 AAC 99, must provide written comments on or before **4:30 PM, June 17, 2019. Comments should be submitted to the TLO at 2600 Cordova Street, Suite 100, Anchorage, AK 99503, or by fax (907) 269-8905 or email [mhtlo@alaska.gov](mailto:mhtlo@alaska.gov).** Following the comment deadline, the Executive Director will consider timely comments that question the decision on the basis of the best interest of the Alaska Mental Health Trust and its beneficiaries or inconsistency with 11 AAC 99, and the best interest decision may be changed in response to such written comments or other information. Commenting parties will be provided a copy of the final best interest decision after the end of the notice period.

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Executive Director

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that Beckie Martin and Jeff King were appointed Co-Personal Representatives in the above-named estate in Superior Court for the State of Alaska, First Judicial District at Sitka on the 21st day of March, 2019. All persons having claims against the Decedent, James Frederick King, are required to present their claims to Co-Personal Representatives Beckie Martin and Jeff King, via their counsel Denton J. Pearson, c/o Panhandle Law Center, LLC, 713-B Sawmill Creek Road, Sitka, AK 99835, or to the Clerk of Court at the above-named court within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

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# Sharks chasing first win of the season, Bears and Rays take more victories

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It was a rough week for the Sharks, one of the three minor league teams in Wrangell's little league program this year. After two hard losses to both the Bears and the Rays, the team is currently 0-4. While they are still working for their first win of the season, the other two teams in the minor league division were able to add another victory to their records.

The first game of the week was against the Bears, who have so far gone undefeated all season. The Bears continued this record with a 6-1 win over the Sharks. Sharks player Haidyn Gadd scored her team's only point that game in the second inning. Bears Coach Sheri Ridgeway said that while she has not been able to attend many games personally due to her work schedule, she is very proud of her team's performance. As of May 7, the Bears are 3-0.

The second game of the week, on May



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Kiara Lyons (No. 33) of the Rays at bat. Behind her is Sharks catcher Alyssa Roundtree (No. 28). Little League President Brianna Schilling (right) served as umpire for the game, which according to Rays Coach Tawney Crowley was her first time serving in that position.

9, was between the Sharks and the Rays. The Sharks were able to score in the first inning, but ran out of luck the rest of the game. The Rays, on the other hand, had an exceptional performance last Thursday. They made six runs in the first inning. They also made two runs in the third inning, a single run in the fourth inning, and two more runs in the fifth inning. The final score was 11-1, another

win for the Rays. This victory brought the Rays up to 2-1 for the season. Coach Tawney Crowley said that her favorite part of coaching for little league is watching the team mindset develop in her kids. She said she is seeing growth in her team every game, both in skill and in sportsmanship. She attributes much of this to parental involvement in the little league program, and with her team specifically.

The Sharks will face the Bears again on Tuesday, May 14, and then the Rays on May 21.

"The team that Sarah Gadd, Tory Houser, and I are coaching have not won a game, but they show improvement every game, every practice," said Sharks Coach Rod Rhoades. "It's a delight, I'm really encouraged ... I'm having a lot of fun, and I think the kids are, too."

# Cubs take the lead after close game

By CALEB VIERKANT  
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It was a real nail-biting game last Monday evening, according to Cubs Coach Briana Schilling. The Cubs and the Wolverines are the two major league teams in Wrangell Little League this year, and they have both been fighting hard all season for every win. Up until recently, the two teams

were tied at 2-2 for the season, the teams seeming to be fairly equally matched. However, with there only being one game due to the school's annual spring concert last week, the Cubs have been able to edge ahead with their most recent win.

The Cubs were able to make the first run of the game, but the Wolverines were able to take a

narrow lead early on with a score of 1 to 2. However, the Cubs had quite a hitting streak after this and set the game at 5-2.

"We thought we had it in the bag," Schilling said.

Despite this lead, the Wolverines came back strong and retied the game. The Cubs would pull ahead slightly, but the Wolverines would stay right behind



COURTESY OF BRIANA SCHILLING

(Left to right): Della Churchill (No. 28), Ben Houser (No. 10), Cody Barnes (No. 38), and Clara Waddington (No. 12) pose for a photo at the last major league game on Monday, May 13. The Cubs won a narrow victory against the Wolverines, according to Coach Briana Schilling, with a score of 7-6.

them. It was only in the final inning of the game, with one last score, that the Cubs were able to claim a narrow 7-6 win.

Schilling said she is proud of her team's performance. She pointed out Keaton Gadd (No. 22) specifically for his pitching game on Monday. Gadd threw 85 pitches that game, she said, and gave the Cubs the edge they needed to take the lead. She said that the Cubs were very strong, generally, but it was the finer points of the game that they needed improvement on. Small errors can add up, she said, but all in all she is happy with the Cubs' performance.

After this win, the Cubs are now 3-2 for the season, and the Wolverines are 2-3. They will be facing each other again, uninterrupted, every Monday and Wednesday evening until June 12, when the major league season will come to a close.



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# Borough assembly and school district meet for joint budget workshop

By CALEB VIERKANT  
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Members of the Wrangell School District and the borough assembly came together for a joint workshop on the school district's recently adopted budget. As Superintendent Debbe Lancaster said in the past, and repeated in Monday evening's meeting, this was a "no fat" budget that was operating very close to the district's bare minimum. The FY 2020 budget is assuming \$6.34 million in revenue, and almost the same in expenses. In comparison, this is a decrease from the FY 2019 budget which had expenses set at roughly \$6.61 million, but still higher than the FY 2017 budget of \$5.79 million in expenditures.

"Normally a school starts off with 10 percent reserved, in case there's a problem with getting funding, they can make payroll at the beginning of the year," Lancaster said. "So we want to carry over 10 percent maximum from one year to the next. In this particular budget ... instead of our \$600,000 plus reserve budget of 10 percent, we only have about \$132,000 set as reserves. So that's the 'no fat' budget, there's not a lot of frills in this."

Lancaster pointed out that this budget is making some major assumptions. For one, it assumes that there will be no funding cuts at the state level. Governor Mike Dunleavy caused quite a stir in school districts across the state when he announced his desire to cut the Base Student Allocation by roughly 23 percent. However, this plan has faced opposition in the state house and senate. The district is also assuming that they will see higher enrollment, at 316 students next year. This would bring in approximately half of the district's revenue via the BSA. There are also some parts of the budget that are still "up in the air," she said. The school lunch program is increasing in cost, for example. The district is considering raising the price of school lunches by 50 cents in response. Transportation is another issue the district is still grappling with, as their bus contracts will need to be renewed in the near future.

As far as the borough is involved, this budget is expecting the city to contribute \$616,689 to the school district.



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## Prom 2019

The 2019 Prom Court is (left to right) Jake Eastaugh, Liana Carney, Jacob Allen, Julia Miethe, Hunter Wiederspohn, Jing O'Brien, Kaylyn Easterly, Wade Jack, Loudon Sandhofer, Helen Decker, Maddy Harding, and Skyler Loftus

Lancaster said that this is the bare minimum the city can contribute. They would like more, she said, but the district understands that Wrangell is facing similar financial questions at the state level as the schools are. They are also looking at receiving approximately \$800,000 in Secure Rural Schools funding. The district is also hoping for about \$43,000 from the city for various maintenance and renovation projects.

"One disclaimer here," Lancaster said. "I spoke with Lisa [Von Barga] on Friday and she had wanted more detail from us. I'm not sure how much you know about what goes on in our organization, but as late as Friday afternoon we had a major special meeting, and they approved an elementary leadership position. Until that was actually done we were not able to make room assignments, student distributions, and things like that. Some of our costs haven't been divided up exactly to what you may or may not want. We've given you the best numbers that we can, now, with our organization because we're still getting settled."

Capital Improvement Projects, or CIP, were a big topic of discussion between the assembly and the school district representatives. David Powell pointed to the budget, saying that the school board had only set aside \$18,000 for building repair. There was concern amongst the assembly, he said, that the district was ignoring minor maintenance projects in the school buildings until it became a major problem, which the city was then required to chip in to fix. Georgianna Buhler, and Maintenance Director Josh Blatchley said that this was not the case, the district simply did not have a good definition of what constituted a "major" repair. Borough Manager Lisa Von Barga said that, as a working definition, the borough was assuming that any repairs that cost \$25,000 or more would be considered a major repair. The school representatives assured the assembly that they were keeping their maintenance regular in the district, fixing small problems before they became big problems, but with the current budget situation there was not much extra money to spare for

that certain item.

The assembly also pointed out travel as one of several school district expenses that had been increased. Student travel for regional activities, for example, was increased from \$135,900 in FY 2019 to \$190,900 in 2020. Lancaster said that this was because the district was making the assumption that the state ferry system would go defunct in October, due to state budget cuts, and the increased expenses were for students to travel via plane. Powell also asked why school staff were being allotted \$50,500 for travel. It was a decrease from FY 2019, which was set at \$73,320, but Powell said that if the money was not being spent on students, he did not see why it should be spent at all. School Board President Aleisha Mollen explained that the staff travel expenses were largely for the school board and other staff to leave Wrangell for job training and certification. She also added that some of the money would also be used to take students with the staff on education-related trips.

# Coast Guard continues response to airplane collision near Ketchikan, Alaska

The Coast Guard, partner agencies, and Good Samaritans continue to respond to the report of two aircrafts colliding and are searching for two people in the vicinity of George Inlet near Ketchikan, Alaska, Tuesday.

Ten people were rescued and are receiving medical care. Four people are confirmed deceased. The nationalities of the people from both planes are 14 Americans, one Canadian and one Australian.

Commercial divers dove on the submerged Otter float plane Monday night and located one deceased individual.

The Coast Guard is searching with the cutter Bailey

Barco, an Air Station Sitka MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew and two Station Ketchikan 45-foot Response Boat-Mediums.

The Ketchikan Volunteer

Rescue Squad is searching the shoreline and forested areas near the crash site. Commercial divers remain on scene to assist in the search effort.

The National Transportation Safety Board will investigate the cause of the incident. Preliminary reports to the Coast Guard indicate that this was a mid-air collision be-

tween the two planes.

The aircraft involved were a Beaver float plane and an Otter float plane. The Coast Guard is continuing to search for two missing individuals.

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