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Cruise ship season comes to a close: *A look at cruise ships' effects on Wrangell*

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The cruise ship season closed in Wrangell earlier this month. The Oceania *Regatta* was the last cruise ship that pulled into the city dock in 2018. According to a draft schedule from the chamber of commerce, the season will re-open in May of 2019. For Wrangell, and Southeast Alaska in general, tourism is an important aspect of life.

Stephanie Cook, with the chamber of commerce, said that 75 cruise ships visited Wrangell in the 2018 season, ranging from small size to large ships with about 1,500 passengers. This influx of people is very good for the town and its businesses, she said.

"We get people coming in here, looking at all our brochures we have for the tour boats and stuff like that, so yeah I think it definitely benefits the community," Cook said.

Other businesses agree that tourism is helpful. Hailie Davis, with Stikine River Gifts and Apparel, said that tourists have a "tremendous" effect on the business.

"They come in, there's probably like, I want to say 80 to 100 people that come in and they shop and they make the summer really worth being open," she said.

The Nolan Center relies on the tourist industry, as well. Director Cyni Crary said the Nolan Center is a popular stop for tour groups with Alaska Waters and the Etolin Bus Company. She added that tourism is vital to the center's

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Southeast Beasts teamed up with the Wrangell Mariners' Memorial for the Alaska Day Fun Run last Saturday. The run attracted 73 people in total, who ran a variety of different distance runs. The fun run was meant to help raise funds and awareness for the Mariners' Memorial.



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Alaska Day Fun Run

Left to right: Christiana Johnson, Madeline Davies, and Addison Bania were the first three finishers of the mile-long "family dash" during the fun run.

WMC board holds last meeting before SEARHC transition

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Medical Center Board of Directors met on Oct. 17 for their last meeting before the long-planned transition of authority to SEARHC. This comes after the successful passing of a ballot measure on Oct. 2 allowing SEARHC to take charge of the medical center. Senior Executive Vice President of SEARHC Dan Neumeister attended the meeting to give the board an update on the transition, which is scheduled to officially take place in early November.

The Wrangell Medical Center will keep the same name after SEARHC takes over operations, Neumeister said, and will offer the same services to patients. With the transition, qualified

medical center personnel will become SEARHC employees. SEARHC will also assume all the assets and liabilities of the medical center. Neumeister also pointed out that SEARHC's advisory council, consisting of SEARHC and AICS representatives, has been expanded to allow members of the WMC board a seat.

"I think this is the culmination of where we are. We are, like I said, very excited about the transition," Neumeister said. "We've got somewhere around 20 to 22 transition teams currently working, a transition team includes people from SEARHC, including folks from Wrangell, probably many of the people sitting here in the audience, and then also folks from AICS."

SEARHC has agreed to a four-year

lease of the hospital while also promising to construct a new facility. The new hospital is planned to be a modern, 44,500 square foot facility. It will be built at a cost of approximately \$30 million and will be completed by 2021.

"It's been a pleasure to be on this board, this has been a lot of fun," said board member Don McConachie.

Board member Olinda White and CEO Robert Rang also took time to thank everybody for their time on the board, and to express that they enjoyed their time on the board.

Besides an update on the SEARHC transition, the board also discussed some recent awards the hospital received. Cathy Gross, with the medical center, came to the meeting to present two

awards recently won by the hospital's long term care center. The awards were two gold pans, for "Quality Achievement" and "Most Improved" long term care. To be recognized for the quality achievement award, an article on the medical center's website read, the facility must be in good standing with the State Survey Agency and the Office of Healthcare Licensing and Survey, must be in good standing with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and meet the requirements of the Minimum Data Set composite scores. As the Wrangell Medical Center's nursing home had the greatest reduction rate in their composite score, at 68 percent, they also received the "Most Improved" award.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, October 25: Gauge Powers, Brandon Whitaker, Cappy Bakke, Dude Torvend, Travis Bangs, Einar Haaseth, Ira Merrill. **Friday, October 26:** Autum Hammock. *Anniversary:* Rick and Maxi Wiederspohn. **Saturday, October 27:** Nathaniel Rooney. *Anniversary:* James and Rachel Stough. **Sunday, October 28:** Abigail Armstrong, Frank Young Jr, Relda Streets. **Monday, October 29:** Margaret Fisher, Stan Torvend, Jody Lindley, Jeanne Lindley, Carolyn Ottesen, Sadie O'Brien. **Tuesday, October 30:** Keith Shilts Sr, Michael Christian, Eric Dilg. *Anniversary:* Mark and Nola Walker. **Wednesday, October 31:** River Guggenbickler. *Anniversary:* Steve and Karin Nesbitt, Mick and Celly Young, Bob and Denise Armstrong **Thursday, November 1:** Liam Maddox, Debi Prunella, Karen Morse, Matthew Weber, Amos Comstock, Danica Barker.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, October 25

Fiesta Pork Steaks, Cauliflower, Sunshine Salad, Pasta

Friday, October 26

Chicken Fried Moose Steaks, Mixed Veggies, Rice

Monday, October 29

Swedish Meatballs w/ Gravy, Broccoli, Tossed Salad, Pasta

Tuesday, October 30

Chicken California, Peas, Texas Coleslaw, Rice

Wednesday, October 31

Honey Glazed Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Sukiyaki Salad, Roll

Thursday, November 1

Fish, Mixed Veg, Honey /Orange Salad, Rice Pilaf

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, October 27

Malaspina 2:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 28

Kennicott 3:45 p.m.

Tuesday, October 30

Malaspina 6:45 p.m.

Saturday, November 3

Malaspina 4:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 4

Kennicott 6:00 p.m.

Southbound

Friday, October 26

Malaspina 8:45 a.m.

Monday, October 29

Malaspina 5:45 a.m.

Wednesday, October 31

Kennicott 8:00 a.m.

Friday, November 2

Malaspina 9:00 a.m.

Monday, November 5

Malaspina 11:45 a.m.

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



TIDES Oct. 25 - Nov. 1

	High Tides			Low Tides				
	AM Time	Ft	PM Time	AM Time	Ft	PM Time	Ft	
October 25	1:54	16.2	1:54	17.7	7:37	0.7	8:06	-1.9
October 26	2:31	16.1	2:26	17.7	8:10	1.1	8:41	-2.1
October 27	3:09	15.6	3:00	17.5	8:45	1.7	9:21	-2.0
October 28	3:51	15.0	3:38	17.0	9:24	2.5	10:06	-1.4
October 29	4:39	14.2	4:23	16.1	10:10	3.5	10:59	-0.6
October 30	5:37	13.4	5:21	15.1	11:08	4.4
October 31	6:51	13.0	6:38	14.1	0:01	0.3	12:20	5.0
November 1	8:14	13.3	8:11	13.8	1:13	0.9	1:47	4.9

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Friday, October 26

ANA Committee Meeting: Wrangell Cooperative Association, 104 Lynch Street C-2, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tribal youth and young adults of Wrangell are encouraged to attend.

Sunday, October 28

Singspiration: Seventh Day Adventist Church, 6:30 p.m. Enjoy singing your favorite hymns and share refreshments following the service. Everyone is welcome

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.

October 31, 1918

The Common Council shall appoint a health officer, who will hold office during the pleasure of the Common Council. The health officer may, whenever he deems it necessary, examine all persons entering the Town of Wrangell, from any place when said officer has reason to believe there are any cases of cholera, yellow fever, smallpox, or other contagious or infectious diseases. The health officer shall make it his duty to investigate all cases where it is alleged that cases of communicable, infections, or contagious diseases are said to exist. Whenever he may deem it necessary, he may remove any person having such communicable, infectious or contagious disease, and the expense of said removal shall be paid by the Town of Wrangell.

October 22, 2018

Chairman Mansfield of the House rivers and harbors committee said this week that 200 non-controversial navigation works estimated to cost two hundred and fifty million dollars, would be proposed by his committee for construction after the war. Among the items tentatively approved, he said, are: Wrangell harbor dredging, \$189,000; Metlakatla harbor dredging, \$160,000; Craig mooring basin, \$80,000; Meyers Chuck harbor rock mound breakwater, \$25,000; and Wrangell Narrows widening and deepening channel, \$2,731,000.

October 24, 2018

The \$1.9 million Wrangell

airport was officially opened for traffic on Friday. In a dedication program that drew state and federal officials from throughout Alaska, the 5,050-foot gravel runway was opened to traffic. But, state aviation officials report that Green Construction Co. crews have some minor work to complete before the airport is officially accepted by the state. Approximately 200 persons attended the program, which centered around a speaker's platform on the parking apron. The high school band provided music for the occasion. Prior to beginning of the program, the new runway was buzzed by float-planes from Wrangell and Pe-

tersburg.

October 28, 1993

Secret goose housing is going up on Wrangell Island. If you don't like the idea, tell the Forest Service, but they still won't tell you where the artificial nesting sites are to be built, except to say they are in the vicinity of Earl West Marsh. The Forest Service announced this week that District Ranger Keene Kohrt decided to build 10 artificial nesting sites, small platforms attached to tree trunks near streams, estuaries and wetlands on the island, at undisclosed locations. The platforms are raised, as Vancouver Canada geese prefer, and are designed to protect them from predators.

Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Oct. 15	55	46
Oct. 16	60	44
Oct. 17	52	46
Oct. 18	51	44
Oct. 19	57	48
Oct. 20	51	46
Oct. 21	50	46
Oct. 22	55	46

Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Oct 25	7:38 am	5:25 pm	9:47h
Oct 26	7:40 am	5:23 pm	9:43h
Oct 27	7:42 am	5:21 pm	9:39h
Oct 28	7:44 am	5:18 pm	9:34h
Oct 29	7:46 am	5:16 pm	9:30h
Oct 30	7:48 am	5:14 pm	9:26h
Oct 31	7:50 am	5:12 pm	9:22h
Nov 01	7:52 am	5:09 pm	9:17h

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Police report

October 15, 2018
 Assault Domestic Violence: Unfounded.
 PTRP in reference to alcohol consumption: Joel Franks, 53.
 Unattended death.
 Threats.

October 16, 2018
 Traffic stop: Verbal warning for stop sign violation.
 Trespass: Person was advised to move their vehicle.
 Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment.

October 17, 2018
 Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment.
 Citizen assist: Vehicle unlock.
 Arrested: Cooper Seimears, 33 on charges of DUI.
 Deer complaint.

October 18, 2018
 Report of Domestic Violence: Unfounded.
 Traffic stop.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.
 Traffic stop: Verbal warning for no headlights.
 Suspicious activity.
 Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment.
 Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving with parking lights only.
 Citation issued: Antonio Lopez, 18. Failure to provide proof of insurance.
 Citation issued: Leroy Kissinger, 44. Failure to provide proof of insurance and verbal warning for faulty equipment and expired registration.

October 19, 2018
 Parking complaint: Owner notified not to park there anymore.
 Information: Information received by e-mail.
 Report of criminal mischief.

October 20, 2018
 Suspicious circumstance.
 Citizen assist: Search and

rescue.
 Citizen assist: Vehicle unlock.
 Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment.
 Alarm: Accidentally set off.
 Citation issued: Seanne Smith, 30. Failure to stop at an alleyway.

October 21, 2018
 No reports made.

There were three ambulance calls and one dog complaint this week.

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Court report

October 17 - Charles Lanny Manley was found guilty of hunting a sub-legal bull moose. He has been fined \$300 and the moose will be donated to a charitable organization for distribution in Wrangell.

Franklin I. Nore was found guilty of hunting a sub-legal moose. He has been fined \$300 and the moose will be donated to a charitable organization for distribution in Wrangell.

Steven L. Forrest was found guilty of hunting a sub-legal moose. He has been fined \$300 and the moose will be donated to a charitable organization for distribution in Wrangell.

October 23 - Randy W. Churchill Jr. was found guilty of hunting a sub-legal bull moose. He has been fined \$300 and the moose will be donated to a charitable organization for distribution in Wrangell.



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Vivian Faith Prescott read some poems last week at the Nolan Center.

Poetry Reading at Nolan Center

Greg Wood was the first performer at last week's poetry reading. He played guitar and sang, opening with "Knockin' on Heaven's Door."



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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Does the Wrangell Hospital Auxiliary have a future?

For nearly half a century, the group has existed to raise funds and otherwise support our local hospital, paying many thousands of dollars for equipment and items to improve the care and quality of life for patients and residents.

November 1, 2018, marks the transfer of Wrangell Medical Center to SEARHC. With a stronger revenue stream, the hospital administration will have adequate operating funds. SEARHC will purchase all equipment necessary for the planned new hospital building. The Auxiliary's donations will no longer be needed.

Membership in the group has declined significantly in recent years, as it has with other local volunteer service groups. The remaining members question if the Wrangell Hospital Auxiliary has a future.

An important meeting is set for Monday, October 29 at 1 pm in the WMC conference room on the lower level. A vote may be taken to disband the group and disburse its remaining funds.

Voting will be open to all who have paid \$5 dues for the membership year that started September 1.

Janet Bunes, President
Diana Nore, Secretary
Alice Rooney, Treasurer

Obituaries:

Theoma Marie Sims (Winslow), 63

Theoma (Tedi) Marie Sims (Winslow), 63, passed away Oct. 2, 2018, from an extended illness, in Aberdeen, Washington.

She was born in Wrangell on June 30, 1955, to her mother, Olga Norris.

She and her husband, Tom fished commercially all over Southeast Alaska for salmon and halibut, and their son Dan was raised on the boat. Tedi worked at Wrangell Schools for many years. She got an Associated Arts degree in Elementary Education and when the school developed a reading enhancement program using computers, she was trained in the new system. This eventually ended up in her being instrumental in developing the high school computer education program. She was a certified Mac repair person, and retired in 2009.

She was active in the Episcopal Church. She was artistic, could draw, paint, and made earrings. She also sang in the community choir.



Theoma Marie Sims

In her last few years, Tedi and Tom did a lot of traveling. They went to Indiana to see all the other sisters, nieces, and nephews. They went to the Grand Canyon, and they saw Santana and Elton John. One of Tedi's favorite memories was the trip she made with Eadie to Hawaii.

Tedi loved to be around people, and they felt it. Through it all, she never lost her sense of humor. She had a smile that lit up her whole face as well as an infectious laugh.

She is survived by: Husband, Tom Sims; son Daniel Sims; mother Olga Norris, sisters Terry Hosford (James); Vicky Arndt (David); Michelle Hodges (William); Teckla Sliger (John); and many nieces and nephews.

Her funeral was held at St. Philips Episcopal Church, on Oct. 20 and was officiated by Don McConachie. Her ashes will be scattered by the family at a later date.

Christopher Roy Kuykendall, 64

Christopher Roy Kuykendall, 64, passed away on Oct. 12, 2018.

He was born in Wrangell on September 27, 1954, to Roy and Mona Kuykendall. Chris was the seventh of ten children and was born with cerebral palsy.

At the age of 10, he left Wrangell and moved to the Seattle area where he could receive the medical care that he needed. Although he suffered with the effects of the disorder throughout his life, he enjoyed many happy days. One of his greatest joys, was anything related to Star Wars. Many hours



Christopher Roy Kuykendall

were spent with his treasured collection.

Chris was very independent, living in the Seattle area. He figured out and utilized the city bus system so that he could go where he wanted and attend many events.

His parents, Roy and Mona, as well as his sister, May Schmohl, preceded him in death.

Siblings Bill Adsit, Earl Adsit, Clara Haley, Byrd Marsh, Kathy Appleman, Ellen Swicegood, Fern Seamers, and Clint Keso survive him.



If you have a fishing license, **GO VOTE**. If you ride the ferries, **GO VOTE**. If you drive on our roads, **GO VOTE**. If you have or know children in the school district, **GO VOTE**.

The people you elect will be making decisions that will affect all of these things and more. It is the duty of a legislator to appropriate funding to our government departments, including Fish & Game, Transportation, and Education. This is not a single issue election. Sometimes the political process in Juneau seems far away; but these decisions will directly impact you, your family, and our community.

Since beginning my time of service as your State Representative in 2015, we have cut the budget significantly — in some cases to levels harmful to our state's economy. There are approximately 3000 fewer workers working for the state than in 2015. That's 3000 fewer people earning wages that circulate in the economy; which means fewer people to manage our fisheries, maintain our roads, staff our pioneer homes and teach our young people. I am in favor of a balanced budget, which is why I am not opposed to smart, precise cuts. However, we cannot keep making large, hurtful cuts to necessary services.

This past session, the legislature succeeded in adding \$20 million into the AMHS budget. We also allocated an additional \$20 million to our education budget, which is the equivalent to a \$37 increase to the base student allocation (BSA).

GO VOTE! Voting is the foundation of our democracy. Early voting began on Monday and continues through November 5th at the Wrangell Borough Clerk's office from 10am-5pm. In-person voting at the poll is on November 6th. It only takes a few minutes to make a big difference.

Dan Ortiz

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Lutheran church celebrates 17th Alaska Day Luncheon

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Island of Faith Lutheran Church opened its doors to Wrangell's elderly for a celebration of their 17th annual Alaska Day Senior Luncheon. Gayle Gross, with the church, said that the luncheon was originally started almost 20 years ago, to ensure that senior citizens in Wrangell would be provided a meal when most places on the island closed for the holiday. Today it is a fun event for people to come together to enjoy good food, music, and each other's company.

Another tradition of the senior luncheon is to have music performed by children from Evergreen Elementary School. This year's performance was by Jennifer Miller's third grade class, who sang "Alaska's Flag" and "The Wrangell Song."

"They're the best part of it, when they sing," said Gross.

There was also a special guest at the luncheon this year, Corree Delabrué with the Forest Service. Delabrué was invited to speak to attendees about "citizen science" and several projects going on around Wrangell that people could be a part of. Citizen science is the collection of data by regular people and amateur scientists, typically to help provide information for research into the natural world. Delabrué pointed to the annual bird census that occurs around Christmas time as an example of citizen science. Regular people can help with the census by counting the number of birds they see, which can help



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Jenn Miller's third grade class from Evergreen Elementary School sang at the Lutheran Church's Alaska Day luncheon. They performed two songs, "Alaska's Flag" and "The Wrangell Song."

scientists track bird populations over time.

"The first year was in 1900, there were 27 people that participated in the U.S. and Canada. Now, in recent years, we've had over 70,000 in the U.S., Canada, Caribbean, and Latin America participate to see who can count the most birds around the holidays," said Delabrué.

Island of Faith Lutheran Church is located at 211 2nd Street, near the public library. They can be reached at (907) 874-2743.



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Members of Island of Faith prepared meals for their guests at the luncheon. Attendees had the option of a halibut chowder or vegetable soup. The lunch also came with bread rolls, cookies, and drinks.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Harborlight Assembly of God

Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.,
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. 874-2244

St. Rose of Lima, Catholic Church

Sunday Masses 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Encirchment in Faith, All are Welcome, 10:00 a.m.
874-3771 or 305-0654

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m., Church School 10:00 a.m.
874-3047 or 874-4480

First Presbyterian

Children's Sunday School and Adult Class 9:45 a.m.,
Worship Service 11 a.m., 874-3534

The Salvation Army

Sunday Worship, 11 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m.,
874-3753

Island of Faith Lutheran Church-ELCA

Worship Service 9:30 a.m. followed by fellowship,
Faith Walking Saturday 10 a.m., 874-2743

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Priesthood Relief Society & Primary at noon.,
Sunday School 11 a.m.; Sacrament 10 a.m.,
874-3976 or 3778

Wrangell Community Church of God

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; 874-3964

Bible Baptist Church

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.;
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m., 874-2069

Wrangell Seventh-day Adventist Church

Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.;
Young People & Adult Study, 9:30 a.m., 874-3039

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Bobs' Supermarket



Assembly discusses removal of invocation from meeting agendas

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

It was a long meeting for the Wrangell Borough Assembly on the evening of Oct. 23. Nearly reaching two hours long, a large portion of the meeting was devoted to a proposed amendment to the municipal code, which would remove the invocation as a mandatory part of assembly meetings.

Mayor Steven Prysunka explained that this has been brought up because of a recent ruling by the Alaska Supreme Court, when they found that the invocation policy of the Borough of Kenai Peninsula was unconstitutional. The court recently ruled that an assembly cannot codify an invocation. As the municipal code requires that certain items always be present on agendas for assembly meetings, City Manager Lisa Von Barga explained, keeping the invocation would set Wrangell up for legal trouble.

Many members of the public that were present opposed the removal of the invocation. Don McConachie, for example, said that he was a member of the assembly when the invocation

was first added by then-assembly member Teddy Williams in 1999. He felt that it was an important tradition for Wrangell that should not be thrown out. Other members of the public said that they felt having an invocation before meetings got underway was a good way to keep everyone in the right mindset, and that prayer was important. Another member of the public, Rudy Brisker, argued that the invocation could be kept because it was harmless. It might offend some people, he admitted, but that was different from causing harm. One argument in defense of the invocation was made by Mark Armstrong, who read an excerpt from the Declaration of Independence.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, and are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, and among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," Armstrong said. "We have the political system that we have because there were men who

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Medical Center holds flu shot clinic for seniors

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Medical Center held a flu shot clinic for Wrangell's senior citizens last Friday at Harbor Light Church. The clinic was open to community members aged 65 and older, who were able to come in and were able to receive a high-dosage flu vaccine.

An article on the medical center's website explained that, while receiving flu vaccinations are important for everyone, it is especially important for senior citizens. People over the age of 50, those with certain chronic medical conditions, and those who care for the elderly are at a higher risk of complications from the flu than others.

The high-dose vaccine is recommended for those over the age of 65, the article stated. The dose has four times the regular amount of antigens, which help the elderly develop antibodies to fight the flu.

The CDC recommends that everybody receive a flu shot by the end of October, before the flu season begins. According to information on their website, it can take about two weeks for antibodies to develop in the body to fight the flu after receiving the vaccination.

The Wrangell Medical Center will hold a separate flu shot clinic for those under the age of 65 at a later date, when the proper vaccines are delivered. More information about flu season and flu vaccinations can be found at the CDC website, www.cdc.gov.



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Jenn Wiederspohn and Ann Ruks at the senior flu shot clinic.

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recognized unalienable rights given by their creator. We recognize that in the Pledge of Allegiance, it's created the political system that we have. It's been handed down that that can't be part of our code, but if there's a way that we could figure out, as a community, to keep that as part of our business, I think that would be very acceptable to the community and very beneficial."

Another man in attendance, Jim Leslie, did not speak against the proposed amendment outright. He said that no matter what, whether or not there was an invocation at the beginning of assembly meetings, everybody was free to pray in private. He also added that it should be important to have respect for people of other faiths.

"Whatever action is taken or has been taken by the Alaska Supreme Court does not preclude anyone from praying," he said. "We don't need to pray publicly. One of the problems with that is we don't all pray to the same entity, idea, deity, or philosophical belief."

Several members of the assembly also voiced their support of the invocation, but recognized that keeping it in the municipal code was legally dangerous. Ideas were tossed around for keeping the invocation in some fashion, such as a moment of silence before meetings were officially called, or letting a member of the public give a brief invocation during the "persons to be heard" portion of the meeting, or even allowing a brief recess in the middle of meetings for a short prayer. After further discussion, however, the amendment was put to a vote and approved. A second reading of the proposal will take place at the next assembly meeting on November 27.

During the meeting, the as-

sembly appointed new members to fill two vacant terms that are set to expire in October 2019. Five letters of interest were received for this position, but the assembly decided on Anne Morrison and James DeBoard. Assembly Member Patty Gilbert was appointed as the city's liaison to the SEARHC/AICS advisory board, and Annya Ritchie was appointed to the Parks and Recreation board. Certificates of service were passed out to Rolland Howell, Duke Michell, Charles Haubrich, Alice Rooney, Bob Lippert, Heidi Armstrong, and Mark Mitchell for their service to the city.

Prysunka also made a special announcement during the meeting. He gave a proclamation that sets November 1, 2018 as "Extra Mile Day." He said the day is meant to recognize members of the community who "go the extra miles" to make Wrangell a better place, and to encourage others to take extra steps to help each other and improve their community.

Other items covered in the meeting included a quarterly permanent fund report, approval of a sole-source contract with Seattle Radiator in the amount of \$27,702, approval of several resolutions related to the upcoming transition of the hospital to SEARHC, the transference of \$41,000 from the general fund budget to the fire department for the purchase of turn-out gear, approval of a professional services agreement for renovations to the public safety building in the amount of \$23,595, and the first reading of a proposed ordinance allowing for people outside of the borough assembly to serve on the election canvassing board, and amending city election regulations regarding write-in candidates to come into line with state laws.

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Eight wrestlers finish in top three positions in Juneau tourney

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Wolves wrestling team had eight of their wrestlers finish in top three positions at last weekend's tournament in Juneau. It was the first bracketed tournament of the season, according to Assistant Coach Jack Carney.

Wrestlers were divided by their weight class and fought to advance in the brackets. Ryan Rooney and Jonah Comstock took first and second place, respectively, in the Boys Varsity 112 bracket. Fenton Jim took second place in the Boys Varsity 135 bracket. Hunter Wieder-spohn took first place in the Boys Varsity 160 bracket. Jake Eastaugh took third place in the Boys Varsity 171 bracket. Dillon Rooney took third place in the



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The Wrangell Wolves wrestling team pose with some of their brackets from the Juneau invitational tournament.

Boys Varsity 215 bracket. Liana Carney took first place in the Girls Varsity 125G bracket. Eliz-

abeth Johnson took third place in the Girls Varsity 160G bracket.

Carney pointed out that team member Liana Carney fought above her weight class at the

Juneau tournament. She was originally supposed to go against other girls in the 112 weight bracket, but none besides her showed up. So, she wrestled in 125G bracket.

"She wrestled girls about 12 pounds heavier than her, and she came out with a win," Carney said.

He also said that three of his wrestlers beat opponents they had lost to in the past, which he said is a very impressive feat. Eastaugh, Jim, and Wieder-spohn each beat wrestlers that they had lost to in previous tournaments. Carney added that each win occurred within the final seconds of the matches, which showed how his wrestlers did not give up.

"We had some really tough matches," he said. "It's hard to beat someone you lost to before."

The wrestling team will be heading to Ketchikan for another tournament this weekend.

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Volleyball team in three-way tie for second place

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

After last weekend's tournament in Craig, the Wrangell High School volleyball team is in a three-way tie for second place for the season. Craig High School holds first place currently, with Wrangell competing with Petersburg and Klawock.

During the tournament, Wrangell won games against teams from Haines, Met-

lakatla, Petersburg, and Skagway. They lost against teams from Craig and Klawock, however.

Coach Jessica Whitaker pointed out senior player Ashley Allen for how well she played in the Craig tournament.

"We did well with only three days of practice," she said.

Whitaker added that she is hopeful her team can come out on top in the three-way

tie for second place. The tie will be broken during the second seeding tournament in Petersburg, during the first week of November. Before that Wrangell will be hosting home games on Oct. 26 and 27. Whitaker said that the extra practice at home will really help the team get stronger.

"We only have room to improve," she said. "We just need to clean up some net plays and we'll be dialed in."

School district prepares to roll out new crisis strategy

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Beyond giving students as good an education as possible, one of the highest priorities for many schools is safety. This is especially true at the Wrangell Public School District, where a new crisis strategy is being prepared for implementation. According to Superintendent Debbe Lancaster, preparing students and teachers for an emergency is the best way to keep everyone safe.

"The committee has gone over the crisis plan that's in place and made some changes," she said.

The school district's safety committee, made up of school staff, parents, and other members of the community, put the new crisis strategy together. The idea for the new strategy came to the committee during some ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) active shooter training. The strategy has almost any potential emergency a school could face divided among five command phrases, Lancaster said. These command phrases are "Clear the halls", "Lockdown", "Shelter in place", "Evacuate the building", and "Stay put." The strategy covers emergencies ranging from a student having an allergic reaction, to weather-related emergencies, to bomb threats or active shooters.

"I think it's well thought out. It is easy to understand, and we should practice so that everyone knows what to do," she said.

Part of the new strategy involves putting bright red folders in each classroom with instructions on what teachers and students should do in the event of a crisis. Lancaster said that the instructions are easy to follow, clear, and will help avoid confusion or panic. The folders themselves are useful, too, she said. Teachers can use them to signal for help, or to help guide their students out of the school.

Lancaster said that the plan is



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Superintendent Debbe Lancaster holds the new folders and an example of a "what to do" paper that will be placed in classrooms in all of Wrangell's schools. Lancaster said that these are part of the school district's new crisis strategy, which hopes to keep students and teachers prepared and safe in the event of an emergency.

awaiting final approval from the school board, which she expects will take place at their next meeting. Evergreen Elementary is planning to begin some drills for the new crisis plan soon, going over one command phrase a week. The crisis strategy will be implemented in the middle school and high

school, as well.

"I'm really glad that we're doing this," Lancaster said. "Because of the fact that we have fire drills all of our lives, people aren't harmed in fires. If we have these drills and practice them, we're going to have better results should we run into a crisis."

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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

Two proposals to limit production of hatchery salmon rejected by Alaska Board of Fisheries

Hatchery reprieve - Two proposals to limit production of hatchery salmon were rejected by the Alaska Board of Fisheries at a special meeting on Oct. 16 in Anchorage. Both claimed that hatchery fish are straying and intermingling with wild stocks and are out competing wild salmon for food in the open ocean.

Typically, over 30 percent of Alaska's total salmon harvest each year are fish that began their lives in state hatcheries, mostly pinks and chums. Long-time studies by state fishery scientists show some straying of

the fish but in very small numbers.

A proposal by the Kenai River Sport Fishing Association asked the board to rescind an authorized 20 million increase of pink salmon eggs at a Prince William Sound hatchery. The group claims the fish threaten wild sockeye and king salmon bound for their region. It lost by a 6 to 1 vote.

Another proposal by former fish board member Virgil Umphenour of Fairbanks asked to cut statewide hatchery egg takes by 25 percent. That failed by a 5 to 2 vote.

According to the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC) which has tracked salmon abundances and catches for five countries for more than 25 years, salmon catches throughout the N. Pacific remain near all-time highs and Alaska's take tops them all.

The NPAFC also tracks releases of hatchery salmon from Canada, Japan, Korea, Russia, and the U.S. The five countries released just over 5 billion fish in 2017, similar to numbers over three decades.

U.S. hatcheries released the

most salmon at 37 percent, followed by Japan at 35 percent and Russia at 21 percent. Chum salmon made up 64 percent of all hatchery releases, followed by pinks at 25 percent.

The half day Fish Board meeting drew lots of support from fishing stakeholders. SeafoodNews.com's Peggy Parker said when people in the packed room were asked how many depended on hatchery fish for their livelihood, over half stood up.

Ugly crab is better - In the Bering Sea fisheries, crabs with ugly shells can comprise up to 30 percent of a catch at certain times of year and crab molting cycles. Shells that are discolored, scarred or covered with barnacles can be a turn off to customers, and fishermen get paid less for the so called number 2's or dirty crab catch.

Alaska crabbers aim to get more value from the crab by convincing customers that it's what is on the inside that counts in a Get Ugly campaign.

"We're promoting it in a new way," said Jeremy Woodrow, communications director at the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute. "We're educating retail and food service professionals that once you get inside the shell it's no different. And a lot of times these ugly crab are older and have greater meat fill so they are actually a better value often at a lower

price," he said.

The ugly crab campaign is modeled after similar "food enhancement" programs underway by farmers that is designed to reduce food waste and improve sustainability practices.

"Whether it's produce or proteins, consumers are becoming more educated and definitely more thoughtful about where their food comes from. This dovetails right into that same mindset that it's ok that your food might look a little different, it's all about how it tastes and what it does for you as a person," Woodrow said.

ASMI's annual All Hands meeting is set for October 29-31 at the Captain Cook Hotel in Anchorage. The public is invited to attend.



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Dan Ortiz visits Evergreen Elementary

Alaska State Representative Dan Ortiz visited Evergreen Elementary School this past Tuesday, Oct. 23. Ortiz spoke with Jenn Miller's third-grade class about his job as a state representative.

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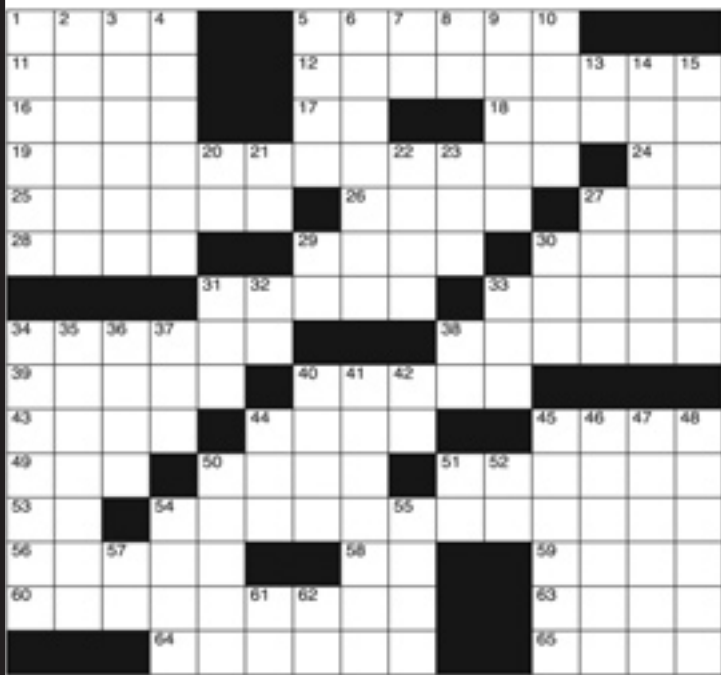
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- 5. Fashion accessories
- 11. Prong
- 12. Clever
- 16. Network of nerves
- 17. Helps the police (abbr.)
- 18. Russian lake
- 19. Not allowed into evidence
- 24. Indicates position
- 25. Without clothes
- 26. Geological times
- 27. Folk singer DiFranco
- 28. Buddy
- 29. ___ but don't break
- 30. Father
- 31. Cast a shadow over
- 33. Afghan city
- 34. Concluding speech
- 38. Type of creed
- 39. French Revolution image "The Death of ___"
- 40. Syrian president al-__
- 43. Soviet composer
- 44. Dove into
- 45. Famed Broadway producer
- 49. Leavened bread
- 50. Ruling family House of ___
- 51. Planet
- 53. Publicity
- 54. Manifesting approval
- 56. Fern genus
- 58. Larry and Curly's pal
- 59. Company officer
- 60. Expressed loathing for
- 63. Birthplace of Constantine
- 64. People from Asia
- 65. "Hercules" voice Donovan

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Central hall or court
- 2. Italian city
- 3. All there
- 4. Seamstress's tool
- 5. Sends after
- 6. Used in herbal medicine
- 7. Specific gravity
- 8. A male
- 9. Hydroxyls + 2C
- 10. Trigonometric function
- 13. Archaic language (abbr.)
- 14. East African native
- 15. Satisfy
- 20. Mother
- 21. Where innate impulses are processed
- 22. "Rule, Britannia" composer
- 23. Not good
- 27. Swiss river
- 29. A-Team member Baracus
- 30. Calendar month
- 31. Drunk
- 32. Mercury
- 33. Concealed
- 34. Give forth
- 35. Contradiction in terms
- 36. Middle Eastern country
- 37. On the ___
- 38. Sodium
- 40. One who attended a school
- 41. Supporters
- 42. South Dakota
- 44. American brewer Adams, Sr.
- 45. Type of attorney
- 46. Absence of oxygen
- 47. Most sheer
- 48. Human soul, mind or spirit
- 50. Flies high above
- 51. University of Dayton
- 52. Dorm moderator (abbr.)
- 54. Intestinal pouches
- 55. Assents to
- 57. Delaware
- 61. Robots are a byproduct of this
- 62. Tantalum

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106 moose taken this year

By BRIAN VARELA
Sentinel writer

This year's moose season finished with a final count of 106 animals, down from last year's unit record breaking 117, according to Petersburg Fish & Game.

Moose season began on Sept. 15 and ended Oct. 15. The final number of moose brought in during this year's moose season was 106. Although the season ended Mon., Oct. 15,

hunters had five days to report their kill to fish and game. If a hunter shot a moose on that Monday, then they would have until Saturday to report it to fish and game; as a result, that final number wasn't available until this week, according to a fish and game official.

Twelve moose were shot on Mitkof Island with two of them being illegal. On Kupreanof Island, 49 total moose were shot. Three of

them were illegal. Kuiu Island had 12 legal moose.

Woewodski had one legal moose. Hunters shot three moose on Wrangell Island with one being illegal. Zarembo Island only had one moose, but it was illegal.

Farragut Bay had three moose total, with one being illegal. In the Stikine River area, 17 moose were shot, with five of them being illegal. There were five legal moose



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Scott Gile with his moose.

shot in Thomas Bay. Three legal moose came from other areas.

In unit three, which encompasses Mitkof and Wrangell islands, residents and nonresidents alike could take one bull moose during the season. For the moose to be deemed legal, it must have spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with three or more brow tines on at least one side or two brow tines on both sides, according to the 2018

through 2019 Alaska hunting regulations.

At 12 days into this year's season, the total number of moose was at 22, which was 23 moose short of where the unit was last year around the same time.

Last year's moose season closed with a moose count of 117, which was a unit record beating out the 111 record in 2016. In 2015, the moose season closed at 103 moose total.

Preliminary moose numbers for the 2018 moose season compared with moose numbers for the last 3 years.

Location:	2018	2017	2016	2015
MITKOF ISLAND	12	15	15	16
KUPREANOF ISLAND	49	48	50	40
KUIU ISLAND	12	4	6	3
WOEWODSKI ISLAND	1	1	1	1
WRANGELL ISLAND	3	6	7	4
ZAREMBO ISLAND	1	3	no data	2
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Cruise ship season closes

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growth, and is also beneficial for the rest of the town.

"We are greatly appreciative of our tours," Crary said. "We appreciate the economic development. It's good to get Wrangell out there."

The Stikine Inn and Restaurant is located right by the city dock, where cruise ships berth. Jake Harris said that the largest impact on the business can be felt in the restaurant. He said that on a good day, he guesses that about one out of every three passengers on a ship will eat at the restaurant. However, he said that they don't rely too heavily on cruise ships for business.

"The direct-to-Wrangell tourism and the local model are, I'd say, that's kind of the combined model that makes it work," he said.

Harris said that as things stand currently, with one ship coming in every few days, Wrangell is generally benefiting from the business. The types of cruise ships that come to Wrangell are coming for the same reason that direct tourists come to the island, to get away from "touristy" areas. People come to Wrangell for a more intimate look into Alaska, he said. However, he added that it

was important to maintain a balance between letting ships in and keeping Wrangell a quiet town.

"I think that, in general, it's a good thing. There's not a lot of negatives I see from it," Harris said. "I've been here 13 years, now, and incrementally Wrangell is doing better every year. Very small steps, but it's getting there in a controlled manner, which in some degree benefits the locals more than anyone else."

While the influx of tourists is good to bring money into the area, there are a few negative aspects of the industry. Wrangell has a population of about 2,500, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. A cruise ship depositing anywhere between several hundred to over a thousand tourists into town can have a noticeable effect on the number of people out and about. Wrangell Chief of Police Doug McCloskey said that tourism mainly affects the police department when it comes to traffic congestion. However, these issues are not typically major, he added. His department mainly keeps an eye on traffic and helps give directions to people.

"It [tourism] creates a bunch of congestion and issues along



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On Wednesday, Oct. 3, the Oceania Regatta pulled into port. The Regatta was the last cruise ship scheduled to visit Wrangell in 2018.

those lines, but it's very minor," he said.

Shawna Bunn, with the chamber of commerce, added that some members of the community could see the increase in people wandering around town as a negative. Harris said something similar, that there

were people in town who just want Wrangell to stay a quiet island.

Cruise ships not only bring tourists, but sometimes they also bring disease. Public Health Nurse Erin Michael said that diseases spread as people travel. She said she was unaware of specific cases where a disease was brought to Wrangell via cruise ship, but she said it was a relatively common occurrence.

"It happens anywhere ships go in. Same with airplanes," Michael said. "If you have the flu and get on an airplane, you can spread that wherever you go."

Carol Rushmore, Wrangell's economic development director, said that the city relies on the cruise ships themselves to keep their passengers healthy, and to help keep sickness from spreading off the ship. As to worries about the cruise ship industry turning Wrangell into something other than a quiet town, she said that it is possible to see growth while also maintaining a small town feel.

"The smaller ships are a really good fit for Wrangell, and I mean a really, really good fit for Wrangell, because you don't even notice that they're here," Rushmore said. "The bigger ships, of course, you see they're here, you can't miss them at the dock, but they're not even in weekly. So, for a day you will see some changes to the community but for the most part I think Wrangell is

maintaining its small town atmosphere."

The cruise ship industry is growing in the region, Rushmore said, and across the state. Cruise lines are building more ships and are looking for more places in Alaska to take passengers. In 2018, Rushmore said that Wrangell saw an estimated 16,000 tourists from cruise ships. That number is expected to rise in 2019, with a potential 21-22,000 tourists during the cruise ship season. Rushmore added that between 2014 and 2017, each passenger that visited Wrangell spend an average of \$158, which the city government saw through sales taxes. She said that the cruise ships are very good for Wrangell, both for businesses and the city government, but she did say that with continued growth the community will have to face some issues in the future.

"I think if there's continued growth, as a community there are things we'll have to address, from an infrastructure standpoint or staging areas," she said. "Communication with the ships is very important, and just making sure we're able to provide the necessary services for the visitors. And not just the cruise passengers, we're looking at trying to grow the independent passengers, as well, because they actually spend more money than cruise ship passengers. We're seeing growth in that portion of the industry, as well."



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