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Assembly covers committee appointments, derelict boat, dump truck, and more

By CALEB VIERKANT Sentinel writer

Running three-and-a-half hours long before even coming to an executive session, the borough assembly meeting on Oct. 22 saw a wide variety of topics covered. One of them was overseeing several appointments to various city positions. Patty Gilbert, recently re-elected to the borough assembly, was named the vice-mayor. There were two open seats on the planning and zoning commission, to which Terri Henson and April Hutchinson were appointed. Annya Ritchie was appointed to the parks and recreation advisory board. The convention and visitor's bureau also had two open seats available, which were given to Brenda Schwartz-Yeager and and Stephanie Cook. These were all approved by the assembly without objection. The assembly also planned to appoint one of their members to sit on the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Board. Prysunka said he had intended to nominate Assembly Member David Powell, as he had been on the board before. He was not present at the meeting, however, and Prysunka did not know if he was interested in the position again. So he put his own name out there, volunteer-



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Annual performance at Alaska Day Luncheon

The third grade class of Evergreen Elementary School, 28 in all this year, gave their annual performance of the state anthem and "The Wrangell Song" at Island of Faith's Alaska Day Luncheon. This was the 18th year that the Lutheran church held their luncheon.

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Wolves take second overall in Tom Sims Invitational

By CALEB VIERKANT Sentinel writer

Wrangell was host to the Tom Sims Invitational wrestling tournament this past



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weekend. Teams from all over Southeast Alaska, 11 in total, came together to officially kick off the high school wrestling season. Jack Carney, assistant coach for the Wrangell Wolves, said that the teams bracket, Rowen Wiederspohn took 5th all wrestled some on Thursday and Fri-

day, before the official tournament on Saturday, Oct. 19.

The Wolves took second place overall, according to Carney, behind Ketchikan High School. Among the smaller 1A, 2A, and 3A schools, he said, they were tied for first place.

In the Varsity 103 bracket, Jacen Hay took 2nd place and Devlyn

Campbell took 4th place. In the Varsity 112 bracket, Elias Decker took 6th place. In the Varsity 119 bracket, Logan Ritchie took 5th place and Jonah Comstock took 2nd place. In the Varsity 125 bracket, Ryan Rooney took 1st place and Chase Kincaid took 5th place. In the Varsity 130 bracket, Ethan Blatchley took 6th place. In the Varsity 140 bracket, Randy Churchill took 3rd place. In the Varsity

152 bracket, Steven Bales took 8th place. In the Varsity 160 bracket, Hunter Wiederspohn took 1st place and Steven Larsen took 4th place. In the Varsity 171

place. In the Varsity 285 tournament, Leroy Wynne took 5th place. In the Varsity B 160 bracket, James Shilts took 4th place. In the Girls' 125G bracket, Liana Carney took 1st place and CeAirra Glaser took 4th place. In the Girl's 135G bracket, Jamie Early took 4th place.

"Overall, I'm really impressed with the work ethic of these kids," Carney said.

During the tournament, the teams also took time to recognize all of their senior players. Wrangell's senior wrestlers are Jonah Comstock and Hunter Wiederspohn. The Wolves will be heading to Haines for their next tournament on Oct. 25 and 26.

"We're gonna miss the seniors," Carney said. "Jonah and Hunter are amazing

Rowen Wiederspohn attempting to break out of a hold by Kole Sperl, of Peters-

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, October 24: Juliette Morris, Kyler Castle, Adeline Andrews. Friday, October 25: Gauge Powers, Ira Merril, Travis Bangs, Brandon Whitaker, "Cappy" Bakke, Dude Torvend, Einar Haaseth. Saturday, October 26: Autumn Hammock. Anniversary: Rick & Maxi Wiederspohn. Sunday, October 27: Nathaniel Rooney. Anniverary: James & Rachel Stough. Monday, October 28: Relda Streets, Frank Young, Jr., Abigail Armstrong. Tuesday, October 29: Sadie O'Brien, Carolyn Ottesen, Margaret Fisher, Stan Torvend, Jody Lindley, Jeanne Lindley. Wednesday, October 30: Michael Christian, Eric Dilg, Keith Shilts, Sr., Dawsyn Jabusch. Anniverary: Mark & Nola Walker. Thursday, October 31: River Guggenbickler. Anniversary: Steve & Karin Nesbitt, Mick & Celly Young.

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 24

Baked White Fish, Brussels Sprouts, Carrot/ Raisin Salad, Pilot Bread

Friday, October 25

Fiesta Pork Chops, Cauliflower, Fruit Slaw, Sweet Potato

Monday, October 28

Not available

Tuesday, October 29

Not available

Wednesday, October 30

Not available

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

Friday, October 25 Malaspina 06:15 p.m. Tuesday, October 29 Malaspina 09:45 p.m. Saturday, November 2 Malaspina 12:15 a.m. Friday, November 8 Malaspina 4:45 p.m. Friday, November 15 Malaspina 2:45 p.m. Friday, November 22

Malaspina 4:45 p.m.

Southbound

Monday, October 28
Malaspina 07:00 a.m.
Friday, November 1
Malaspina 07:45 a.m.
Monday, November 4
Malaspina 06:30 a.m.
Monday, November 11
Malaspina 05:15 a.m.
Monday, November 18
Malaspina 04:30 a.m.
Monday, November 25
Malaspina 04:30 a.m.

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



TIDES Oct. 24 - Oct. 31

	High	Tide	es	Low Tides				
	AM		PM		AM		PM	
	<u>Time</u>	<u>Ft</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Ft</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Ft</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Ft</u>
October 24	10:41	15.5	10:51	15.8	04:01	0.5	04:37	2.3
October 25	11:28	17.1	11:46	16.9	05:00	-0.3	05:33	0.2
October 26	•••••		12:11	18.4	05:49	-0.9	06:21	-1.7
October 27	00:37	17.7	12:53	19.3	06:34	-1.2	07:06	-3.0
October 28	01:25	18.0	01:33	19.7	07:15	-0.9	07:48	-3.7
October 29	02:12	17.7	02:12	19.5	07:55	-0.2	08:30	-3.6
October 30	02:57	17.0	02:52	18.8	08:35	0.9	09:12	-2.9
October 31	03:43	15.9	03:32	17.6	09:15	2.2	09:56	-1.8

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Sunday, October 27

The Wrangell Community Orchestra, Fall Concert: the Evergreen Elementary Gym, 3 p.m.

Monday, October 28

Wrg Public School Board, Work Session: Evergreen Elementary School Rm 101 , 6:30 p.m.

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

Continuing Events

PARKS & REC ACTIVITIES: Mid-day closure: Monday-Friday 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 23, 1919

The merchants of Wrangell have been busy the past week outfitting loggers and trappers. In view of the shortage in many American furs, as well as in certain of the foreign pelts, it is expected that the prices of fur this coming season will be higher than at any time in the history of the fur business.

October 20, 1944

After seven years as superintendent of Wrangell Institute, George T. Barrett, accompanied by his wife and three children, left this week. Since coming to Wrangell, Barrett increased the enrollment from 50 students to 200. During that time many physical improvements have been made in the school but Barrett asserts the most satisfaction has come from the fact that more students have been educated as leaders among their people. At the time of the evacuation of Aleuts when the Japs invaded Attu and Kiska, 200 of the refugees were maintained on the Institute campus before moving to Burnett Inlet.

October 23, 1969

Friday the Wrangell Lumber tug Chester came close to a disastrous mishap when the transducer fell off the bottom of the tug. This left an inch and a half hole where water gushed in at an unbelievable rate. Luckily the tug was working in the mill pond which gave the captain, Harold Bailey, just enough time to make it to the grid without sinking. The fire department came and pumped the tug out.

October 20, 1994

Moose season closed on Sat-

urday and Charlie Land, area biologist with Alaska's Department of Fish and Game said hunter success was generally good although total kill may be down slightly from previous years. Land said hunters general saw moose but many did not see a bull meeting antler requirements.



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Date	High	Low
Oct. 14	47	38
Oct. 15	52	47
Oct. 16	49	45
Oct. 17	52	45
Oct. 18	46	43
Oct. 19	48	43
Oct. 20	48	38
Oct. 21	45	37



w	Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
3	Oct. 24	7:35a	5:28p	09:53h
7	Oct. 25	7:38a	5:25p	09:47h
5	Oct. 26	7:40a	5:23p	09:43h
5	Oct. 27	7:42a	5:21p	09:39h
3	Oct. 28	7:44a	5:18p	09:34h
3	Oct. 29	7:46a	5:16p	09:30h
3	Oct. 30	7:48a	5:14p	09:26h
7	Oct. 31	7:50a	5:12p	09:22h



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Convention and Visitor Bureau hear budget update, plan future meetings

By CALEB VIERKANT Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Convention and Visitor Bureau met last Thursday, Oct. 17, to look over their updated budget and to start planning for future meetings and conventions. On the agenda for the night was the selection of a new chair and vicechair for the bureau, but as there were two unfilled seats at the time of the meeting, they decided to postpone this decision.

According to the bureau's budget, provided by Economic Development Director Carol Rushmore, there is \$262,000 in CPV funds budgeted for Wrangell. The majority of this has already been earmarked for future projects like construction of toilets near Petroglyph





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Harriet's Helpers starts training new volunteers

Harriet's Helpers, Wrangell's hospice group, began training new volunteers this Saturday, Oct. 19. The volunteers will spend four weekly training sessions learning how to support frail and end-of-life residents. Pictured here (clockwise, from the bottom left): Training lead Alice Rooney, Nettie Covalt, June Leffler, Linda Churchill, Dana Van Slyke, Doug Shoultz, and Kay Larson. Not pictured is volunteer Maria Byford.

Beach, an extension of the Mt. Dewey trail, and construction of a summer float on City Dock. As of June 30, 2020, there will be an estimated \$77,000 in CPV funds left over. Rushmore explained that CPV funds, or Commercial Vessel Passenger, is a state fee applied to cruise ships visiting Alaska.

Wrangell is also seeing some income via the transient tax, which is a six percent per room,

per night fee that the hotels and bed and breakfast places in Wrangell pay. According to the budget, there should be \$85,836 in transient tax money. However, Rushmore said, the actual amount currently available sits at \$118,000. This is a big discrepancy that she could not explain at the time, Rushmore said, but she was looking into it to figure out why the numbers were not matching.

"So what's in the budget book is \$85,000 as our ending balance, and beginning balance for this year," she said. "When I got into the records today, we've just been allowed to start getting into the actual budget documents, this is what I

As of Oct. 1, according to the budget, once expenses and revenues were accounted for, the convention and visitor bureau has about \$68,000 in funds bud-

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Police report ———

October 14

Agency assist: Parks and Rec Agency assist: AST Suspicious persons Disorderly conduct

October 15

Disorderly conduct

October 16

Disorderly conduct

October 17

Agency assist: FD Welfare check

October 18

Suspicious person Agency assist: DOT Citizen assist Agency assist Citizen assist

Traffic stop October 19

DUI - unfounded

Agency assist: Fire Dept.

Arrested Kelly Bullard, 58, on charges of DUI

Chimney fire

Traffic stop: Citation issued to Alecia Bridges, 19, for headlights

October 20

Suspicious activity Traffic stop Civil dispute Burglar alarm MVA: Private property Disturbance Citizen assist

During this reporting period there were three EMS



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Questions? Contact 907.874.7101



Donna McKay recognized for three decades of service at Head Start

By CALEB VIERKANT Sentinel writer

Donna McKay, assistant teacher at Head Start in Wrangell, was recently recognized for hitting the 30-year mark in her career. She was given a plaque last Monday, Oct. 14, in Fairbanks during an award ceremony. Head Start is an early childhood program that, according to their website, serves children from birth to five-years-old in 100 Alaskan communities. Starting her career this month 30 years ago, McKay said that she has helped to teach approximately 620 children.

"By the 28th of this month it'll be 30 years of me teaching," McKay said.

McKay said that she first got involved with Head Start because the program was there for her family, and she wanted to help support it. She said that she became a single mother in 1976, and was also attending classes at Mt. Hood Community College. She had three children, five-years-old, three-years-old, and three-months-old. It was a challenge, she said, and finding a good daycare program was important. She eventually learned about Head Start, she said, and it

was a good choice for her children.

Now as an assistant teacher in Wrangell, she said that she loves to bring her energy and creative thinking to the program, and that she has no plans to retire. It is a perfect job, she said, and she has no reason to leave.

"The reason I love my job is that every day is a new day for them [the kids]," McKay said. "They love you for who you are. I'm very fortunate to have that job. I enjoy getting up every morning and going to



COURTESY OF DONNA MCKAY

Donna McKay was recognized by the Alaska Head Start Association for her work as an assistant teacher. McKay will have spent 30 years working for Head Start on Oct. 28.

Obituary: William Joe Stover, 75

Budget update

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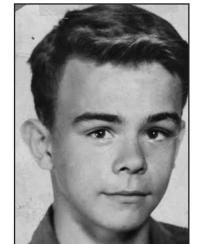
geted, but an "actual" amount of approximately \$135,000.

In other business, there are several conventions coming up in which the bureau will be represented. The Alaska Media Road Show will take place from Oct. 27 to 29 in Las Vegas. The Seattle Boat Show will take place from Jan. 24 to Feb. 1, 2020. Closer to home, the bureau decided to plan some local workshops and meetings for a variety of topics. The bureau will meet on Nov. 1 to discuss the Tongass Roadless Rule. The Forest Service is seeking public comments on a draft environmental impact statement that could potentially exempt the Tongass National Forest from the 2001 ruling. The bureau will also meet on Nov. 4 to workshop best management practices when it comes to tourism in Wrangell. Lastly, they will meet on Nov. 7 to discuss the identity and branding of the city.

Death Notice

October 16,2019.

Full obituary will follow.



William Joe Stover

William Joe Stover, 75, died on October 8, 2019.

He was born November 12, 1943 to William L. Stover and Mildred Ann Stover in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was the eldest of 13 children.

He came to Alaska in 1964 and quickly came to love it and made Wrangell his home. He married Pamela Kaye McCormick in 1966 and together they had two children Kimberly and Nicole.

Joe made a career in the safety industry and worked throughout Alaska until his retirement in 2005.

He was preceded in death by: sister June; parents William and Mildred; and brothers John and Jim.

He is survived by his wife, Pam; daughters, Kim and Nicole; brothers Jerry, Jeff, Bill, and Charles; sisters Julie, Joann, Janet, Kathleen, and Elizabeth; grandchildren Jody, Kyle, Erin, Alex, Tawni, Jaime, Tamra, and Shawna; and great grandchildren Evelyn, Joseph, Autumn, Forest, Derek, Lana, and Logan.

No services are planned.



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Preliminary moose harvest sets unit record

Sentinel writer

The 2019 moose season ended with a preliminary count of 125 animals, setting a new record in unit three.

Moose season began on Sept. 15 and ended Tuesday, Oct. 15. As of Wednesday afternoon, the final number of moose brought in by hunters this season was 125. Hunters have until five days after the end of the season to report their kill to fish and game officials.

"It's still subject to change," said Fish and Game Area Biologist Frank Robbins. "I don't expect it to change a lot."

In 2017, hunters set a unit record of 119 moose harvested in the season. That number was beat by six moose as of Wednesday's preliminary results.

By about halfway through the season, the number of moose harvested proved that this year was going to be a strong season. The moose numbers were above the fiveyear average with a moose count of 64 at just 17 days into

Preliminary moose numbers for the 2019 moose season compared with moose numbers for the last four years.									
Location:	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015				
MITKOF ISLAND	14	12	13	15	16				
KUPREANOF ISLAND	55	48	50	50	40				
Kuiu Island	16	12	4	6	3				
Woewodski Island	0	1	1	1	1				
Wrangell Island	5	3	4	7	4				
ZAREMBO ISLAND	0	1	3	no data	2				
FARRAGUT BAY	5	3	8	5	3				
STIKINE RIVER	19	17	25	16	22				
THOMAS BAY	7	5	8	10	10				
OTHER AREAS	4	3	3	2	2				
Total harvest, including illegal moose	125	105	119	112	103				
ILLEGAL	11	13	11	12	13 courtesy ADF&G				

SEACC discusses potential downsides of transboundary mining

By CALEB VIERKANT Sentinel writer

The Southeast Alaska Conservation Council is one of several groups which have been working in towns like Wrangell

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to raise awareness of how transboundary mining British Columbia could affect them. Most recently, Heather Evoy visited Wrangell to discuss some of the potential downsides mining represents, especially to indigenous communities.

"A big problem is that a lot of these companies operate all over the world and are known



bad actors pretty much everywhere," she said.

Some of the information Evoy brought up about transboundary mining has been covered in previous meetings in Wrangell by other conservation

Corrections

In last week's signature page of the Wrangell High School music students, student Terra Hoyt was not named. She is located between Danika Smith and Jing O'Brien.

In last week's photograph of the wrestling team's fundraiser dinner, Ethan Blatchley misidentified as Skyler Lofftus.

groups. The Mount Polley mine, as readers may know, had its tailings dam collapse in 2014 and caused the spillage of 24 million cubic meters of toxic waste. The Galore Creek Mine, which has been proposed and permitted along the Stikine River, could pose a disaster to the river and its headwaters should a similar dam failure

According to flyers Evoy had available at the meeting, The Galore Creek Mine has a proposed lifetime of 25 years. Over the course of that lifetime, it is expected to generate 3.2 billion tons of waste rock. Of that, 289 million pounds will be acid generating. The Galore Creek Mine, and all transboundary mines, Evoy said, put the environment at risk. Besides that, they can also threaten a way of life for many people.

"It really can lead to community division and breakdown," she said. "Forced community displacement and loss of cultural identity."

Evoy also said that there is a disproportionate impact on women in communities where mining corporations move in. There is a link, she said, between a mining operation moving into an area and indigenous women going missing or being murdered. While she did not have numbers to back up this claim, she said that she has been in touch with an organization known as the Sovereign Bodies Institute to gather more

"The response I got is that they are extremely busy right now and they're a very small team, but I was just in Oklahoma the week before last and made some connections with some folks who said they could share some of the data with me," she said. "Again, it's hard for me to say that it's not a legitimate issue unless you have the numbers to prove it."

An article by CBC News, posted on June 6, said that a report by the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls found "a link between resource extraction and violence against Indigenous women, girls, and LGBTQ and two-spirit people." According to the report, 2,380 people participated in the inquiry. The two-volume report can be found online at www.mmiwg-ffada.ca. A 2017 report by the Firelight Group, a Canadian research group that works on behalf of indigenous communities, found that industrial work camps did offer sevbenefits to communities, such as employment opportunities, but also found that indigenous women and girls were the least likely to participate in those benefits and also saw increased risks by their presence. This report can be found at www.firelight.ca.

Hometown Healthy Visiting Specialist Schedule

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Nov 5-6	Oncology - Dr. Raish	907-228-8101
Nov 11-15	Urology Clinic - Dr. Schoenrock	907-225-7346
Nov 18-21	Pulmonology Clinic - Dr. Thorson	907-228-7649
Nov 19	Pediatric Cardiology of Alaska	907-225-5237
Dec 3-5	Oncology - Dr. Raish	907-228-8101
Dec 9-13	Urology Clinic - Dr. Schoenrock	907-225-7346
Dec 16-19	Pulmonology Clinic - Dr. Lam	907-228-7649



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More time improvements as swim team heads for regionals

By CALEB VIERKANT Sentinel writer

The Wrangell swim team achieved more personal bests at last weekend's meet in Petersburg, on Oct. 18 and 19. In all, over 40 individual events between the two days of swimming, the team achieved 21 new personal best times. The following is a list of the results.

Friday's results:

Paige Baggen took 11th in the 200-yard Freestyle at 2:54.24, and 17th in the 50-yard Freestyle at 36.15. Laura Helgeson took 9th in the 50-yard Freestyle with a personal best of 31.92, and 12th in the 100yard Backstroke with a personal best of 1:21.67. Aaliyah Messmer took 6th in the 100yard Freestyle with a personal best of 1:08.73, and 14th in the 100-yard Backstroke with a personal best of 1:30.81. Renee Roberts took 1st in the 100-vard Freestyle with a personal best of 56.16, and 1st in the 100-yard Backstroke with a personal best of 1:06.57. Jacob Allen took 16th in the 50-yard Freestyle with a personal best of 28.08, and 13th in the 100-yard Freestyle with a personal best of 1:03.52. Jimmy Baggen took 9th in the 50-yard Freestyle at 26.23, and 3rd in the 500-yard Freestyle at 6:13.04. Carter Hammer took 25th in the 50-yard Freestyle at 38.33, and 18th in the 100-yard Freestyle at 1:32.53. Coby Holder took 17th in the 50-yard Freestyle with a personal best of 29.65, and 14th in the 100yard Freestyle with a personal best of 1:13.22. Wade Jack took 8th in the 200-yard Freestyle at 2:46.12, and 12th in the 50-yard Freestyle at 26.48. Sean Rooney took 7th in the 200-yard Freestyle at 2:41.56, and 20th in the 50-yard Freestyle at 31.07.

The girls' 200-yard freestyle relay team took 4th place with a personal best of 2:06.54. The boys' 200-yard freestyle relay team took 8th place with a personal best of 1:53.45.

Saturday's results:

Paige Baggen took 4th in the 500-yard Freestyle at 7:21.29, and 8th in the 100-yard Breaststroke at 1:43.84. Laura Helgeson took 12th in the 200-yard Freestyle with a personal best of 2:49.21, and 5th in the 100yard Breaststroke at 1:28.70. Aalivah Messmer took 11th in the 50-yard Freestyle at 31.16, and 3rd in the 500-yard Freestyle with a personal best of 7:16.53. Renee Roberts took 1st in the 50-vard Freestyle at 25.91, and 1st in the 100-yard Freestyle with a personal best of 55.83. Jacob Allen took 12th



PHOTO BY BRIAN VARELA/ WRANGELL SENTINEL

Wrangell swimmer Wade Jack in the 100-yard breaststroke.

in the 50-yard Freestyle with a new personal best of 28.05, and 10th in the 100-yard Freestyle at 1:03.53. Jimmy Baggen took 5th in the 100-yard Butterfly with a personal best of 1:08.74, and 3rd in the 100-yard Breaststroke with a personal best of 1:15.05. Carter Hammer took 24th in the 50-yard Freestyle with a new personal best of 33.67, and 17th in the 100-yard Freestyle at 1:28.77. Coby Holder took 14th in the 50-yard Freestyle with a personal best of 29.31, and 14th in the 100-yard freestyle with a personal best of 1:10.95. Wade Jack took 5th in the 50-yard Freestyle at 25.59, and 4th in the 100-yard Breaststroke with a personal best of 1:16.51. Sean Rooney took 15th in the 50yard Freestyle with a personal best of 29.97, and 12th in the 100-yard Freestyle at 1:08.58.

The girls' 200-yard medley relay team took 4th place with a personal best of 2:25.82. The girls' 200-yard freestyle relay team took 4th place at 2:11.65. The boys' 200-yard medley relay team took fourth place with a personal best of 2:09.14. The boys' 200-yard freestyle relay team took fifth place at 2:02.28.

"Each of the swimmers have been working on a particular technique, such as flip turns, breathing position, starts, and stroke rate," said Coach Jamie Roberts. "The focus of this past weekend's meet was to implement that



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Wrangell swimmer Laura Helgeson in the 100-yard breaststroke.

technique in a race setting, under pressure. We also focused on how to maintain good form when they start to get tired in the final lap, or laps, of a race. They were successful, for the most part, and it resulted in quite a few personal bests."

The regional championships will take place in Sitka on Nov. 1 and 2.



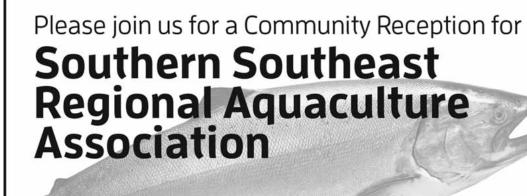


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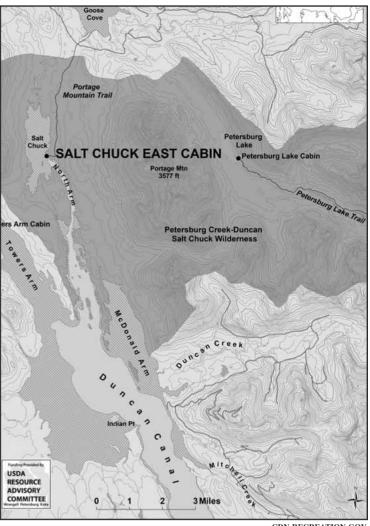
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The cabin sits within the Petersburg Creek-Duncan Salt Chuck Wilderness, overlooking a large expanse of saltwater grass flats and rapids.

Hunter recalls night the skiff capsized

By BRIAN VARELA Sentinel writer

PETERSBURG - Mike Payne, a local resident was part of a hunting trip last Friday when a skiff capsized in Duncan Canal around 1 A.M. that resulted in the death of Doug Larson.

Payne said that Larson and Charles King were bringing the rest of their hunting buddies warm pizza when the wind and tide became too strong and pulled the skiff back to shore. Payne couldn't see the duo in the dark, but at one point he heard a yell.

"We called out, but through the wind and tide they couldn't hear us or us hear them," wrote Payne in a statement to the Pilot. "We figured they had headed back to the cabin."

Payne, Larson and King and two other individuals were on a hunting trip when their vessel, Fish Hawk, got hung up on a rock in Duncan Canal near the salt chuck around 12:30 P.M. last Thursday. The tide was coming in, so the group decided to start unloading the supplies and transporting gear to shore in an inflatable boat. As the last of the gear was taken off the Fish Hawk, Payne said he knew the boat was going to be stuck until 12:22 A.M. when the tide would be able to lift the boat.

Payne decided to remain on the vessel while Larson, 50, King, 40, and another member of the group went ashore to a cabin. After his alarm went off at 11 P.M. Thursday night, Payne said he went outside and could see the tide rushing in. About 75 yards away, Payne could see Larson and King come towards him in a forest service skiff with pizza they had made. Larson and King could not get closer than 75 yards and after about 15 minutes of trying, the skiff turned sideways and started heading to shore. That was when Payne heard the yell.

The Fish Hawk began to move, and around 12:30 A.M. Friday morning, the vessel righted itself. Payne quickly went to the cabin, but didn't see the forest service skiff. According to Payne, the third individual who had gone ashore with Larson and King said the two hadn't returned and that he assumed they stayed out on the vessel.

Payne called the USCG Sector Juneau around 1 A.M. Soon after, Payne heard King yell while he was searching for the skiff. King and Larson had drifted about three quarters of a mile away, according to Payne. Due to the wind and current, King and Larson weren't able to kick the skiff, which had capsized, back to shore. Additionally, the anchor fell out of the skiff and was preventing them from getting blown to the beach.

According to the Alaska Department of Public Safety, King and Larson had clung to the overturned skiff for approximately one to

"When I was finally able to locate them, I didn't see [Larson], and [King] barely had his mouth above water," wrote Payne. "I actually had to grab his hair to pull him up. [King] then pulled [Larson] up and tried to get me to take him. When [King] pulled him up, [Larson] had been fully submerged for a while and in my mind,

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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH Fisheries columnist

Cook Inlet kelp harvest gets a closer look from managers and scientists

As more Alaskans eye the lucrative opportunities in growing kelp, many others are heading to beaches at Lower Cook Inlet to commercially harvest the detached bunches that wash ashore. That practice is now getting a closer look by state managers and scientists and could result in new regulations by year's end.

Detached kelp harvests have occurred at Lower Cook Inlet under special permits since the 1970s but matters of who needs permits, for how much and for what purposes are not clearly defined. Currently, a special permit is needed for commercial takes.

"A commissioner's permit is needed that describes where and when harvests will occur and how much will be taken. It needs to be documented thoroughly to make sure they are not taking the wrong species, or not taking from below the high tide line," said Glenn Hollowell, area manager for finfish at the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game office in Homer.

Owners of the Anchor Point Greenhouse, for example, take 6,000 to 7,000 pounds from local beaches each September and over four decades they've created a booming business for a potting soil blend that is sold statewide.

In the past, the detached seaweed has been considered dead. More recently, it's been discovered that many clumps continue to release live spores. Hollowell said that may mean it's important to sustaining those kelp populations, and all that beached seaweed might also serve other purposes.

"Whether this is for reproductive reasons, or to provide shelter and food for a variety of wild animals, as well as a carbon source. It does feed a lot of other ecological needs. And we're just not certain that the wholesale removal of this stuff in large quantities might not have a negative impact on the ecosystem in general. So, we're approaching this very cautiously," he explained.

The state Board of Fisheries will take up two detached and live kelp proposals at its December 10-13 meeting in Seward. One (#21) submitted by Al Poindexter of the Anchor Point Greenhouse, aims to better identify the commercial harvest of detached kelp off of beaches.

"First, Fish and Game does not know production rates of seaweed and what keeps it sustainable...Another issue is what is commercial or home use and what amounts are those?" Poindexter wrote. "For instance, I will collect 6 small pickups and it is called commercial, but my neighbor will collect 10 pickups for his berry patch and that is called home use. Another may just collect a bucket full for his flower patch. Who needs a permit and who doesn't? And for what purpose? Does anyone get grandfathered in or who decides by what criteria, amounts, geographic area or timing? Parameters would be based on what data?"

"At this time, I believe that out of all the folks who collect seaweed from the beach, I have been the only one who has been required to get a permit for this activity," he concluded.

Another proposal (#241) would allow for the personal use harvest of aquatic plants in the Cook Inlet area outside of subsistence areas, similar to rules the Fish Board created in Southeast Alaska last year.

Researchers at the University of Alaska/Fairbanks are working with ADF&G to learn what happens when kelp is removed from areas and how such harvests affect rejuvenation.

"The department wants to be very cautious as we start doing new things with it, to make sure that we don't allow something we will later regret. It might cause damage to that kelp population, or to other species of invertebrates or vertebrates that utilize it such as birds and fish," Hollowell said.

The outcome of those projects, he added, will likely shape future regulations.

Comments can be made to the Board of Fisheries through November 25.

Eating fish boosts IQ - For centuries what's been regarded as an old wives' tale has claimed that fish is brain food. Now there's more proof that eating seafood does indeed make you smarter.

A report out last week by 13 leading dietary scientists declared that children whose mothers ate seafood during pregnancy gained an average 7.7 IQ points compared to children of moms who did not.

The findings came after a review of 44 different studies since 2000 that included nearly 103,000 mother-offspring pairs and over 25,000 children.

The brain benefits began with just one serving of seafood per week during pregnancy, and the beneficial outcomes appeared on tests given as early as three days of age and as late as 17 years.

Along with IQ, measures included verbal, visual and motor skill development. Four studies looked at hyperactivity and ADHD diagnoses and showed that kids of moms not eating seafood had nearly three times greater risk of hyperactivity.

The findings follow a report this year from the American Academy of Pediatrics that said U.S. children are not eating enough seafood.

Dr. Tom Brenna, a professor of pediatrics and nutrition at Dell Medical School at the University of Texas, said it's the omega-3s in seafood that boost brain growth.

"The brain and the retina in the eye are omega-3 organs – you can say that as calcium is to the bones, omega 3 is to the brain."

Brenna agreed it's been tough to get the message to a wider au-

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had already passed away."

Payne was only able to pull King aboard, who was still conscious. He put King in front of a heater, but was unable to find Larson's body. On the way back to the cabin to get help, Payne called the Coast Guard again which said a helicopter was on its way, but it wasn't able to make it to the scene until 9 A.M., according to Payne. Meanwhile, the rest of the hunters were searching the area.

According to Amanda Norcross, a spokesperson with the United States Coast Guard, Larson's body was found sometime between 11 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. Friday. Payne said the body was found about 100 yards away from the skiff.

A MH-60 Jayhawk from Air Station Sitka, United States Coast Guard Cutter John McCormick, Petersburg Search and Rescue and an Alaska State Trooper vessel were all dispatched to search the salt chuck and the north arm of Duncan Canal for Larson. After the helicopter spotted Larson, the crew directed the Fish Hawk to his body, according to Norcross.

Five members of Petersburg Search and Rescue also made their way to Duncan Canal at approximately 6 A.M. Friday, according to Assistant Fire Chief Dave Berg. The crew searched the beaches on both sides of the salt chuck area.

"I may have saved [King's] life, but I am no hero," wrote Payne. "Anybody would have done it for a friend. I just wish I could have done more for [Larson]. It was just two friends who were trying to bring a warm pizza out to two other friends and it went sideways from there."

"We don't have a good a way of getting the word out. Maybe we should have a contest to find a nice tag line that would identify seafood in the same way as 'Got Milk' or 'Beef, it's what's for dinner,'" he added in a phone conversation.

The IQ boost from eating fish report comes as the U.S. is updating its dietary guidelines through 2025. The Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee will meet five times through March 2020 and written comments are being accepted until the committee completes its work.

Salmon summaries - Prince William Sound's salmon harvest this summer came in at nearly 58 million fish, of which almost 50 million were pinks. The estimated fishery value was \$114 million, including hatchery sales, and paid out at \$81,600 per permit on average for the fleet of 504 drift gillnetters; 238 seiners averaged \$218,000 per permit. Rev-

enue generated for hatchery operations was approximately \$18.6 million.

At Copper River, a catch of nearly 1.3 million sockeye salmon was 28% more than the previous 10-year average, and the average sockeye weight of 5.5 pounds was the largest in the last five years.

Those are just a few of the details in season summaries that will continue to trickle in by region to the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game.

At Lower Cook Inlet the 2019 salmon catch totaled 2.4 million fish, of which nearly 2 million were pinks. The commercial harvest value of nearly \$3.6 million was above the 10-year average of \$2.4 million.

At Norton Sound 145 permits were fished this summer, the second highest since 1993, and the fishery value topped \$2 million for the third year in a row. The region saw well above average runs of chums, pinks, sockeyes

and coho salmon. The chum salmon harvest of 157,035 was the third highest in the last 35 years.

At Alaska's farthest north salmon fishery at Kotzebue the chum harvest topped 400,000 fish for only the tenth time ever for 93 participants. The value of more than \$1.5 million was down a third from last year due to lower prices, but it was the fifth time since 1988 that it exceeded one million dollars.

Fishery managers at Bristol Bay were the first to come out with a season summary showing a preliminary fishery value at \$306.5 million, an all-time record. A total take of 44.5 million salmon, of which 43 million were sockeyes, was the second largest in history since the 45.4 million fish taken in 1995.

Salmon summaries from other regions will soon follow and yield the preliminary dockside value for the entire 2019 fishery.



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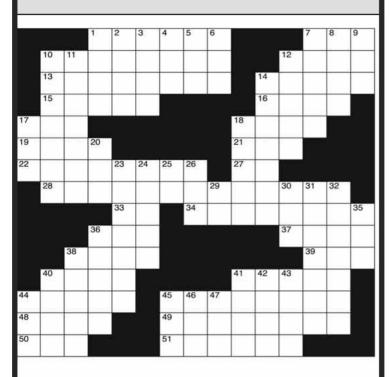
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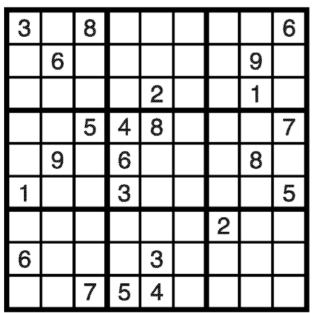
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Puzzle answers will be in the October 31 edition

Wrangell's Baha'i community preparing for 200th anniversary celebration

By CALEB VIERKANT Sentinel writer

The Baha'i faith will be recognizing the 200th anniversary of the birth of their founder this month. According to the Baha'i's website, Siyyid 'Alí-Muhammad was born in Iran on Oct. 20, 1819. He would later take the title "The Báb", which means "the gate" in Arabic. He served as the herald for the faith, proclaiming the coming of a new messenger from God, the Bahá'u'lláh.

Kay Larson, of Wrangell's Baha'i community, explained that The Báb would be somewhat similar to John the Baptist in Christian faiths. There are about 5 million Baha'i followers around the world, according to the faith's international website, and Wrangell is home to several of them.

"The Wrangell Baha'i community has been preparing for the occasion for many months by holding interfaith devotionals, developing the art of storytelling and creating artwork that reflects a spirit of joy and happiness," Kay Larson, of the

Baha'i community, wrote in a description of the upcoming celebration.

The celebration is free and open to everyone, regardless of faith. Larson said that the celebration will be divided into two parts. On Monday, Oct. 28 at 6 p.m., the community is invited to Evergreen Elementary school for a potluck dinner, artwork display, and a viewing of the opening minutes of the film "Dawn of the Light." Following this, the community is invited to take part in a discussion on social issues that concern Wrangell, and how the community can best come together to fix them. A full viewing of "Dawn of the Light" will take place on Nov. 5, at 6 p.m., at the Stikine Inn

"Because it's current and relevant to today's society," Larson said, when asked why people should come learn more about the Baha'i faith. "The faith is only 200 years old so all of the teachings focus on the need for unity in a world that's getting ever smaller and more interdependent."



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Kimberly Lane, Borough Clerk City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

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Alaska Native convention passes climate change declaration

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) -The Alaska Federation of Natives convention approved a declaration of a climate change emergency after a dispute over climate change and resource development, news organizations reported.

Delegates to the group's convention in Fairbanks approved the declaration Saturday.

The resolution calling for the reinstatement of a climate change task force was the result of a measure drafted at a prior Elders and Youth Conference and presented by two high school students, 15year-old Nanieezh Peter and 17-year-old Quannah Chasing Horse Potts.

"I'm worried for our generation," Potts said. "We are crying up here, we should not have to come to you worrying about future generations.'

The pair argued for the nonbinding measure calling on the federation to restore the task force to advocate for strong climate policies, develop indigenous voices and declare a state



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Alaska Day Fun Run

One of Wrangell's many traditions is the Alaska Day Fun Run, hosted by Southeast Beasts every Alaska Day. This year's fun run gave participants the opportunity to run in a one-mile family dash, a 5k, 10k, and a half marathon. Besides getting out to celebrate Alaska and to get some exercise, runners also had the opportunity to support the high school volleyball team, which sold biscuits and gravy at the event.

of emergency on climate change.

Debate on whether to adopt the resolution included disagreements over how to combat climate change and the potential risk of outside interests preventing development of Alaska Native lands.

convention Younger participants voiced concerns about thawing permafrost and eroding villages. Older members expressed fears of lost access to oil and mineral

resources and animals they hunt, including whales and

Crawford Patkotak, chair of the Arctic Slope Regional Corp., unsuccessfully pushed for a resolution amendment designed to protect resource extraction on Native land. Arctic Slope is a Native corporation in an oil-rich region of the

Peter argued against the proposed amendment, saying it would protect oil and coal production contributing to global warming.

"We shouldn't have to tell those in charge that we want to survive," Peter said.



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had expressed interest in. While not listed in the agenda packet, Mayor Steven Prysunka named Caitlin Cardinell as a second community member who had expressed interest in the position. However, he said he had a point of concern when it came to appointing her. Cardinell is the head of the Stikine River Jet Boat Association. He said he wanted Borough Manager Lisa Von Bargen to sit down with her to make sure she understood that she would need to find ways to help the economy of Wrangell in all aspects, not just for jet boats. Her appointment was postponed until this conversation

Another topic in the meeting was the disposal of a derelict vessel. The F/V Tres Suertes was impounded for nonpayment, according to the meeting's agenda packet, and was essentially abandoned by its main owner. However, it has proven to be a challenge to get rid of. Despite holding an auction and an over-thecounter sale, the borough could not get rid of the Tres Suertes. The main owner did make a small payment on Sept. 25, it is reported, in the amount of \$240, but there is still a debt of over \$5,600. The harbor department recently received a document from a co-owner of the vessel giving them permission to dispose of it. The cost of disposal will be around \$1,000. The total debt will be sent to collections to help the borough, hopefully, recoup some of their cost. The request to dispose of the Tres Suertes was approved.

Another topic of discussion related to vehicles was a proposed resolution to move \$80,000 from the general fund to the public works capital equipment account for the purchase of a used replacement dump truck. The borough's current dump truck is 36 years old, according to Public Works Director Roland Howell. It finally broke down three weeks ago, and according to the agenda packet the parts needed to fix it are no longer being manufactured. The public works department had requested money for a new dump truck back when the FY 2020 budget was being put together, in the amount of \$100,000, but this was not approved.

Howell said in the meeting that a dump truck was absolutely necessary for their work. He pointed to several leaky pipes and water main breaks that they fixed recently, that could not have been done without a dump truck to help dig and refill holes. Prysunka said he understood the importance of having a dump truck, but he was balking at the price. If they keep taking money out of the general fund for purchases, eventually the general fund would dry up, he said. There was some back and forth between Howell, Prysunka, and the assembly, but eventually the resolution was approved.

One topic that was not originally on the agenda, but was added at the request of Assembly Member Julie Decker, was a discussion on the Institute property. Development of the old Institute property, located near Shoemaker Harbor, has been the topic of revived discussion in the planning and zoning commission, but Decker wanted the assembly and whole borough to relight the fire under the project that has been sidelined for several years. More and more people are asking about what is being done with the property, she said, and she added that they really needed to start thinking about how they intend to pay for any future development.

Prysunka said, during the discussion, that getting the Institute property developed should be a high priority because it really could help boost economic development. A lack of housing was bottlenecking economic development in Wrangell, he said, so getting more housing on the island was an important first step to seeing more business. All assembly members agreed that it was time to prioritize developing the Institute property once again.

Some of the other items on the night's agenda included approval of the parks and recreation department's new membership purchasing policy and user group policy, postponing a vote on a disposition and development plan for the former junkyard property at 4.5 mile, a continued discussion of joining a proposed remote sales tax authority, and approval of a change order for the Shoemaker Harbor renovations in the amount of about \$318,000.

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Book fair at Evergreen Elementary

Evergreen Elementary School hosted a book fair last week, Oct. 17 and 18. Besides being an opportunity for students and parents to purchase books, posters, snacks, and school supplies, this book fair also marked the conclusion of the school's first "read-a-thon." Pictured here is Piper Buness at the book fair.

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