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Civil rights activist remembered at WHS

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When one thinks of the civil rights movement, there are several names that come to mind. Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks are two well known people who were influential civil rights activists. The fight for civil rights has not just been limited to the lower 48, though.

Alaska has its share of important civil rights figures, as well. One such figure, Elizabeth Peratrovich, was recently remembered in an assembly at Wrangell High School last Tuesday.

The assembly was put together by the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood, two organizations

that were important to the Peratrovich family. The ANB was founded in 1912, in Sitka, to help Alaska Natives fight against discrimination. The ANS was founded in 1915 to support the ANB. Peratrovich and her husband, Roy, would both become Grand Camp presidents of these groups in their fight for native civil rights.

Students attending the assembly listened to songs performed by the Evergreen Elementary third grade class, as well as learned about the story of Elizabeth Peratrovich. High school student Jade Balansag presented a slideshow about her to the school.

"One thing I would like to say about Elizabeth Peratrovich is, when I learned about her in the third grade, she has always been one of my heroes. So being up here talking about her is kind of an honor," she said.

Peratrovich was born in Petersburg in 1911, of the Tlingit nation. She was adopted by Andrew and Mary Wanamaker. Her adoptive father was a preacher, and she learned her public speaking skills from him. She met her husband, Roy Peratrovich, in college at the Western Washington School of Education. When she and her husband returned to Alaska in the 1940s, they found "Jim Crow law in place of the Bill of Rights," the slideshow read. Alaska natives, in those days, were barred from buying a home, entering certain establishments, and lacked several basic civil rights. Elizabeth and Roy began advocating for civil rights for all Alaska natives, joining and later leading both the ANS and ANB.

On Feb. 8, 1945, Peratrovich gave a speech to the Alaska Territorial Legislature in support of passage of the Anti-Discrimination Act. This civil rights bill, one of the first of its kind in the United States, was championed by Peratrovich and also had the support of Territorial Governor Ernest Gruening

"No law will eliminate crimes," she said in her speech to the Alaska Senate, "but at least you as legislators can assert to the world that you recognize the evil of the present situation and speak your intent to help us overcome discrimination."

The bill was passed on Feb. 16, 1945. In 1988, in honor of her



Elizabeth Peratrovich

work, the Alaska legislature named Feb. 16 "Elizabeth Peratrovich Day."

"... Her inspiring words helped gain the legislative support needed for the passage of the bill, which was approved by the Territorial Legislature on February 6, 1945, nearly two decades before the Civil Rights Act of 1964," wrote Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy in a proclamation on Feb. 12, 2019. "The passage of HB 14 marked the end of an era, and the beginning of a bright new chapter for all Alaskans, one resulting largely from the faithful and unrelenting advocacy of Elizabeth and her husband, Roy."

Lu Knapp, with ANS, added during the assembly that Peratrovich will soon be remembered across the country in another way. In 2020, she said, Peratrovich's face will be minted on the \$1 coin, alongside Sacagawea, another famous Native American. The design of the coin changes each year to honor important Native Americans and their contributions.



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Senior recognition night

The Wrangell High School boys and girls basketball teams held their last home games of the season last weekend. On Saturday, Feb. 23, between the two games, the coaches of both teams took time to recognize their senior players who will be graduating at the end of the academic year. The senior players and their families were called out to the court and given gift bags. The coaches talked about how each player had grown over the years, and how they had helped the basketball program. The players also got a chance to speak, as well, thanking their coaches, friends, and families for their support.

The seniors are: Girls: Abby Armstrong (No. 12), Abby Gerald (No. 32), and Helen Decker (No. 11). Boys: Jacob Hammer (No. 44), Jean-Luc Lewis (No. 15), Stone Guggenbickler (No. 20), Kellan Eagle (No. 24), and Riley Blatchley (No. 12).

Suicide prevention training available this weekend

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Community Roots, Wrangell's LGBT support group, will be hosting suicide prevention training at the Stikine Middle School Commons this weekend. The training is designed by the QPR Institute, an organization dedicated to training people with practical and supportive methods of suicide prevention.

This type of training is being taught across the country, according to Community Roots member Eli Michael. He said that the training covers warning signs people should be aware of, as well as what they can do to help someone contemplating suicide. This training is im-

portant for everybody, Michael said, because it opens the door to make suicide a more acceptable topic of discussion.

"Suicide is the second or third leading cause of death in Alaska," Michael said. "It [suicide] is one of those things that, when people hear it it's almost taboo. You don't really talk about it. When people hear something like that the tendency is almost to freeze. It can be really empowering for anybody to know what to do and to be able to provide help, to provide support."

According to the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, suicide rates are increasing across the country. Between 1999 and 2016, the suicide rate

across the United States has risen by 30%. In 2016, Alaska had the second highest rate of suicide in the country. In 2017, there were 197 suicides in Alaska. The Alaska native community has been especially hard-hit by suicide attempts, as well. Michael added that members of the LGBT community were several times more likely to attempt suicide than straight people.

"Pretty much every single community has been touched," Michael said.

There will be two different training sessions, he said. The first will be held on Friday, March 1. This session is being made available to students at Wrangell High School to attend after class. The

second training session will be held on Saturday, March 2. This session is open to all members of the public, and is also completely free. It will begin at 1 p.m., and is being lead by Jay Greene and Tracy Wiese of Anchorage. Michael said that the training will last about an hour and a half, and suggested that people bring a notebook and some pens.

"I've had multiple friends, over the years, say they were suicidal, and I just remember my mind going blank," Michael said "Like, I don't even know the first thing to do. Who do I call? What do I do? Is this going to be on me? To be able to have access to free training can really just ease some of those anxieties."

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, February 28: Howard McNeely, Tasha Massin, Lou Davidson, Shannon Nore, Felix Villarma, Frank Warfel, Kyla Teat. **Friday, March 1:** Jamie Strain. **Saturday, March 2:** Ron Sowle Sr., Calleigh Miller, Ella Guggenbickler. *Anniversary:* Jim & Juli Gillen. **Sunday, March 3:** Brodie Gardner, Nicole Webster, Josh Rice, Sig Decker, Beth Comstock. **Monday, March 4:** Andy Morse, Donna Loucks, Betsy McConachie, Angela Allen, Alan Cummings, Judy Guggenbickler, Samuel Comstock, Alan Fennimore, Sherry Bond. *Anniversary:* Dude & Debbie Torvend. **Tuesday, March 5:** Kevin Roope, Jessica Davidson, Pat Warfel, Lucy Robinson. *Anniversary:* Jim & Elsie Bailey. **Wednesday, March 6:** Andy Mickle, Sierra Ely, Michael Lockabe. *Anniversary:* Mike & Gail Ottesen. **Thursday, March 7:** Jack Keller, Delilah Clark.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, February 28

Beef Burritos, Black Beans, Fruit Slaw, Spanish Rice

Friday, March 1

Chicken Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Spinach Salad

Monday, March 4

Beef & Green Pepper Casserole, Succotash, Tossed Salad

Tuesday, March 5

BBQ Chicken, Fried Potatoes, Coleslaw, Biscuit

Wednesday, March 6

Chinese Pork, Broccoli, Garden Salad, Rice

Thursday, March 7

Moose Loaf, Carrots, Radish Salad, Mashed Potatoes

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, March 2
Malaspina 2:15 a.m.
Sunday, March 3
Columbia 7:15 p.m.
Tuesday, March 5
Malaspina 1:45 a.m.
Friday, March 8
Malaspina 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 10
Columbia 1:45 p.m.

Southbound

Sunday, March 3
Malaspina 4:15 p.m.
Wednesday, March 6
Columbia 6:15 a.m.
Thursday, March 7
Malaspina 7:45 p.m.
Sunday, March 10
Malaspina 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 13
Columbia 5:00 a.m.

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



TIDES Feb. 28 - March 7

	High Tides		Low Tides		AM	PM	Ft	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
	AM	PM	AM	PM								
February 28	8:08	13.9	9:28	11.8	1:23	5.8	2:55	2.5				
March 1	9:17	14.2	10:27	12.7	2:54	5.9	4:07	1.7				
March 2	10:15	14.8	11:15	13.6	4:09	5.2	4:57	0.9				
March 3	11:03	15.6	11:54	14.5	5:01	4.3	5:35	0.1				
March 4	11:45	16.1	5:40	3.3	6:08	-0.4				
March 5	0:29	15.2	12:22	16.5	6:13	2.5	6:36	-0.7				
March 6	1:00	15.7	12:56	16.6	6:43	1.9	7:04	-0.7				
March 7	1:29	15.9	1:28	16.4	7:13	1.4	7:30	-0.4				

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, February 28

Riverflats: Nolan Center, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Theme: Love is. \$5 suggested donation. Bring a dessert to get in free & enter contest.

Saturday, March 1

Suicide Prevention Training: Stikine Middle School Commons, 1:00 p.m.
Baha'i Ayyám-i-Há Potluck Dinner: Fireview Room, Stikine Inn, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Music, stories, and crafts for children and table games.

Sunday, March 3

Bazaar: Stikine Inn, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Crafters, artists, jewelry, makeup, clothing, and more.

Monday, March 4

Wrangell Public Schools Work Session: District office conference room, 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: 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. Tu-Th 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: M-T-W-Th-F 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.

February 27, 1919

An event in Wrangell, which is looked forward to from one year to the next is the annual firemen's ball. By common consent, Washington's Birthday is a date always reserved for the Wrangell Fire Department and the fine boys never fail to celebrate the day in a manner that gives unmistakable evidence that they are glad that the "Father of His Country" lived.

Seldom, if ever, has the Redmen's hall been more beautifully decorated than on this occasion. From the center of the ceiling overhead streamers were suspended to the walls. On each wall there was a row of Japanese lanterns, but the decoration that attracted the most attention was the fire apparatus in front.

All numbers were enjoyable but the moonlight waltzes were especially popular. The "moon" which furnished the moonlight was a suspended drum containing an electric bulb.

March 3, 1944

Final drafting of the federal soldier-vote bill by Senate and House conferees made no provision to handle ballots of soldiers in Alaska or Hawaii. It is reported that the conferees took such action because it would cause too much confusion in handling ballots from the Territories. Federal ballots to provide for absentee voting by men and women in the armed services were approved by the joint conference. A restricted Federal ballot will be available to overseas service members only if they have applied for a ballot from their home state and not received it by October 1.

February 27, 1969

If the City of Wrangell operated on the budget prepared for

this year, it would be \$70,000 in the hole when the year ends. But, with a program of slashing spending throughout the fiscal document, the deficit will be approximately \$15,000, City Administrator Clayton Schmitt said today. Reason for the deficit is that the City Council Tuesday night okayed the budget for the year, but did not approve two measures aimed at providing the money needed in the budget. The adoption came at a heavily attended council session on Tuesday. Approximately 60 persons jammed the tiny council chambers above the fire hall.

Many spectators protested the city's plan to increase the sales tax from 3 to 5 per cent. Another matter discussed by the council was the sale of Bishop Rowe Hospital. The re-

sult of the public bid meeting was reviewed and it was announced that Ben Engdal's bid of \$4,500 was high. Councilmen rejected all bids.

February 24, 1994

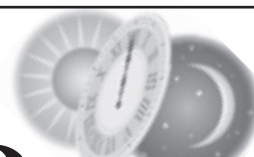
Eleven Wrangell High School students and teacher Dan Roope are in Washington, DC., this week to learn, firsthand, how American government operates. The group is participating in the Close Up Foundation government studies program for high school students.

According to a news release from the foundation, during their week in Washington, they will attend seminars with members of Congress, and meet with journalists, lobbyists, government officials and political figures to learn more about the governmental process.



Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Feb. 18	35	27
Feb. 19	39	33
Feb. 20	37	30
Feb. 21	37	33
Feb. 22	39	30
Feb. 23	22	38
Feb. 24	35	28
Feb. 25	39	26



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Feb 28	6:44 am	5:18 pm	10:34h
Mar 1	6:42 am	5:20 pm	10:38h
Mar 2	6:39 am	5:22 pm	10:43h
Mar 3	6:37 am	5:24 pm	10:47h
Mar 4	6:34 am	5:26 pm	10:52h
Mar 5	6:32 am	5:29 pm	10:57h
Mar 6	6:29 am	5:31 pm	11:02h
Mar 7	6:27 am	5:33 pm	11:06h



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Nuisance codes, power issues covered in Assembly meeting

By CALEB VIERKANT
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It was a long night for the Wrangell Borough Assembly. Beginning with a work session to discuss the borough's federal priorities for 2019 at 5:30 p.m. last Tuesday evening, the assembly and more dedicated members of the public did not leave city hall until four hours later, at 9:40 p.m. The big issues covered in the assembly meeting ranged from proposed changes to the code of ordinances to the ongoing power supply issues in Wrangell and other communities.

Proposed changes to the city's code of ordinances, pertaining to new nuisance codes, were brought before the assembly for consideration during this meeting. The proposed ordinance states that it will be illegal to make "unnecessary" noise above 90 decibels between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. on weekdays, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends and holidays. The proposed ordinance does allow for some exemptions. Two exemptions that caused a lot of discussion related to power tools and boat maintenance.

Haig Demerjian, Wrangell resident, called into the meeting to voice his support for the ordinance. However, he did state

that he felt the exemptions for power tools and boat maintenance were "too subjective" as they were currently written. He asked that the assembly try to better define what kinds of power tools, and what kind of boat maintenance was and was not allowed.

Another member of the public who spoke was Scott Eastaugh. He said that he was Demerjian's neighbor, and the only reason that the assembly was currently considering a nuisance code at all was because of a personal vendetta Demerjian holds against him. The tools listed in the nuisance code are things people could find in any shop or garage, he said, and felt that the wording of the code would essentially ban people from working on their personal boats in their own garage. He could not afford to buy a separate piece of property for boat maintenance and didn't have the money for a company to do it for him, so what options were left for him? James Nelson spoke up in the meeting, as well, to voice similar concerns.

These concerns caused a lot of discussion amongst the assembly. Several assembly members said that it was a shame that they faced a reality where the city had to legislate common decency. Mayor Steve Prysunka said that everyone had the right to make noise and work on their own property, but neighbors also had a right to peace and quiet. The one thing the assembly could agree on was that there was no easy answer. Eventually, it was agreed to accept the first reading of the proposed ordinance on the condition that it would be workshopped further before coming before the assembly again.

Wrangell's ongoing power issues were also discussed in the meeting. Prysunka, also a member of the Southeast Alaska Power Agency board or directors, gave a brief explanation of

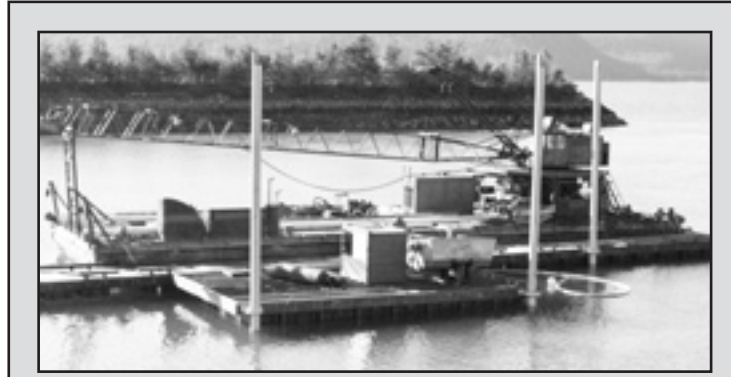


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Shoemaker renovation update

Renovations to Shoemaker Bay Harbor are on schedule despite some delays with receiving floats, according to Wrangell Public Facilities Director Amber Al-Haddad. There were some issues with the float manufacturer, based in Seattle, getting the floats ready and shipped up to Wrangell, she explained. However, the project is still on track to meet its completion date of June 13.

Al-Haddad said that contractors Tamico Inc. and Rock-N-Road Construction have several floats installed already, and received an additional five floats this week that they will be installing. Installation of water and sewer lines have also begun, she added. Work crews have been working on the concrete structure for the harbor's gangway, but this has been delayed due to the cold weather. She said that they are just waiting for things to warm up, and that part of the job will be completed relatively quickly. The entire cost of the project, she said, is \$8,427,240.

what was going on. The cities of Wrangell and Petersburg receive their power from Tyee Lake. The city of Ketchikan, to the south, gets their power from Swan Lake but has the option to buy power from Tyee whenever there is enough water to share.

SEAPA, it was discovered a few months ago as the lakes began to dry up, that they had over-sold power to Ketchikan and there was not enough water to go around. As such, all three communities have recently switched to diesel power to try

and conserve what hydropower was left, in case of an emergency. He said that he and Borough Manager Lisa Von Bargaen would be speaking with SEAPA to receive payment back for the cost of running the diesel generators.

The diesel generators themselves posed another challenge, as well. Wrangell has four generators, each capable of generating two megawatts of power. Only two generators are currently in use. Wrangell is able to meet its full power need with all the generators, but if a single generator should fail it could cause rolling blackouts through the city. A new generator, to replace any broken ones, Prysunka said, could cost Wrangell as much as \$3 million.

A solution has presented itself, however. Electrical Utilities Superintendent Rod Rhoades said that the city of Nome has two generators that have been in storage for the past 10 years. They are used, but in good condition, he said. Nome has approached Wrangell and said they are welcome to the generators, if they want them. The cost of getting the generators down to Wrangell, refurbishing them, and installing them would be around \$300,000, Rhoades said. The assembly was very excited about the prospect of getting these generators, and voted that the city look into getting them right away.

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Convention and Visitor Bureau approve "Wrangell By the Numbers" plan

By CALEB VIERKANT
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The Wrangell Convention and Visitor Bureau held a meeting last Thursday, on Feb. 21. The bureau's online presence was a big topic of discussion. The bureau is working on a new website. This has been a big project for them for the past several months, and is still in the works. The new site is designed to show off Wrangell and let visitors know about the many attractions the island has to offer, and to help tourists plan their trips. The site is up and running, but the bureau is still working to make sure all the links are working and the information provided is up-to-date.

"I get in there when I can and do updates, and additions, and changes, and stuff like that, but there's still a lot to do," said Wrangell Economic Development Director Carol Rushmore.

Something the bureau wants for the website is more photographs to show off the town. They request that members of the public who have photographs they would like to donate to the website get in touch with them. Rushmore can be reached at (907) 874-2381.

Another aspect of the bureau's online presence that was brought up was Facebook ads. The Wrangell CVB has \$1,500 budgeted for Facebook ads for the whole year, Rushmore explained. So far, about \$200 of that budget has been spent. What Rushmore wanted, she said, was some direction on how to use the remainder of that money. There was some discussion on the cost of advertisements, and how often they should be run. Eventually, the bureau agreed to spend \$100 a week on Facebook ads, which would take them into the month

of May. They would decide week-by-week what the ads should promote.

"Wrangell By the Numbers" was also discussed in the meeting. In previous years, Rain Coast Data out of Juneau was contracted to put together an economic report of the visitor industry in Wrangell, as well as a general overview of Wrangell's economy. The most recent report, completed in 2018, showed that tourism was the second largest private sector industry for Wrangell. Between the summer months of May and September of 2017, about \$4.6 million was spent.

The "by the numbers" report was brought up again because Rushmore said she would like to have the report updated this year, and have it come out more regularly. The bureau decided that they would like future reports to look at Wrangell and the tourism industry as a whole, but they would also like to see some reports on the Nolan Center in particular. They agreed, after some discussion, that they would like to see a new report this year. Afterwards, they decided to schedule further reports every two years.

Other items covered in the meeting included a draft schedule of the upcoming Birdfest, a budget update, a discussion of concerns of how the governor's proposed cuts to the Alaska Marine Highway could hurt Wrangell, and approval of a purchase of a taxidermied halibut for the Nolan Center and for Wrangell's booth at boat shows.

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Local Swim Club makes waves at four meets since December

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The Wrangell Swim Club, the local organization for youth swimmers, has been very busy these past few months. Since December, they have participated in three different championship meets as well as a decathlon. Jamie Roberts, coach of the swim club, said that many of her swimmers have been showing improvement in their techniques and speed.

“What I like to look at is how many of them got improved in their times, those are what I call their personal bests,” she said. “That, to me, really speaks to the level of work that they’re doing and the improvements that they make.”

The 10 & Under Alaska State Championship took place on Dec. 1 of last year. Roberts said that this was the first championship of its kind, a “virtual” meet. About 260 swimmers from 18 different teams across the state participated. Instead of gathering all the teams into one location, Roberts explained, everyone competed in a different location of their choice and turned in the results to the state. Awards were then given out according to the results. Roberts said that the Wrangell Swim Club traveled to Ketchikan for

their meet, to have a little bit of real-life competition.

Five swimmers from Wrangell competed. Stella Bunes, the youngest Wrangell swimmer participating at seven-years-old, achieved one personal best. Christina Johnson achieved three personal bests. Sophia Martinsen achieved one personal best. Andrei Siekawitch achieved three personal bests. Roberts pointed out that all the swimmers achieved a personal best in at least one swim.

The 2018 Mike Smithers Decathlon took place in Ketchikan, from Dec. 14 to 16. There were 89 swimmers participating from five different Southeast Alaskan teams. Wrangell sent nine swimmers to compete. Roberts said that of the 90 total swims made during the meet, there were 63 personal bests achieved. Alisha Armstrong achieved six personal bests. The decathlon, as the name suggests, has swimmers competing in 10 events. Roberts said that for some members of the club, this was their first time to compete in some of the particular events. The Wrangell Swim Club trains all their swimmers in each type of stroke, she said, but swimmers often prefer to compete in their favorites.

Jimmy Baggen achieved seven personal bests. Roberts

added that, “in a very exciting moment lasting only 25.61 seconds,” Baggen performed well enough in the 50-yard freestyle during the decathlon to qualify for the Senior Championships meet. Trinity Glaser made nine personal bests. Ashleigh Loomis made eight personal bests. Sophia Martinsen made nine personal bests. Jack Roberts made six personal bests. Renee Roberts made six personal bests. She also took the first place High Point award for girls 13-years-old and over. Nikolai Siekawitch achieved seven personal bests. He took the second place High Point award for boys 13-years-old and over. Rhiannon Wenzel made five personal bests.

On Jan. 25 to 27, the swim club participated in the 2019 Alaska Senior Championship in the city of Homer. This competition was open to swimmers between the ages of 13-years-old to 20-years-old, who met the qualifying times and swam in six events previously. There were 118 swimmers from 14 different teams. Wrangell sent three swimmers to compete. Jimmy Baggen, Renee Roberts, and Nikolai Siekawitch each

achieved one personal best during the championship meet.

Baggen took 11th place in the 1000-yard freestyle, 16th in the 200-yard breaststroke, 43rd in the 50-yard freestyle, 40th in the 100-yard freestyle, 26th in the 100-yard breaststroke, and 22nd in the 500-yard freestyle. Roberts took 11th place in the 100-yard backstroke, 5th in the 50-yard freestyle, 24th in the 200-yard individual medley, 14th in the 100-yard freestyle, and 22nd in the 100-yard breaststroke. Siekawitch took 10th place in the 1000-yard freestyle, 22nd in the 100-yard backstroke, 21st in the 100-yard fly, 24th in the 50-yard freestyle, 26th in the 100-yard freestyle, and 24th in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Most recently, the swim club also participated in the 2019 Alaska Age Group Championship. Roberts said that this competition is open to swimmers from the ages of eight-years-old to 14-years-old that met qualifying times and swam in seven previous events. There were 390 swimmers from 24 teams. Wrangell sent four swimmers. Christina Johnson made six personal bests. Jack Roberts made five personal bests. Renee

Roberts made six personal bests. Nikolai Siekawitch made six personal bests. Jack Roberts won the state championship in the 50-yard fly in the 12-year-old boys category. In total, of the 28 swims made by the swim club, there were 23 personal bests.

The Wrangell Swim Club is not slowing down just yet, either. Coming this April, they will be competing in the 2019 Southeast Championships in Juneau. Some members of the swim club will also be participating in the Alaska Junior Olympics near the end of April. Coach Roberts also said that they are planning to hold a fundraiser sometime in March.

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Agency assist: Fire alarm.

February 20, 2019

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Two summons served.
Criminal trespass.

February 21, 2019

Six subpoena services.
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for defective brake light.

February 22, 2019

Three subpoena services.
Agency assist: Fire alarm.
Criminal trespass II.

February 23, 2019

Title 47.
Two subpoena services.
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for failure to stop.

February 24, 2019

Citation issued: Jazmyn Waddington-Wright, 26. Failure to provide proof of insurance and failure to stop at stop sign.

Arrested: Anthony Guggenbickler, 22. On charges of assault in the fourth degree, two counts, resisting arrest and probation violation.

Citation issued: Dan Trail, 58. Dog at large.
Trespass: Warning issued.
Citizen assist: Porcupine quills removed from dog.
Civil standby: Welfare check.

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- 9. Holds potatoes
- 13. Plant of the goosefoot family
- 14. Spoken in Cameroon
- 15. Students' rights document (abbr.)
- 16. Skin lesion
- 17. Went over the airwaves
- 18. Nestle malt drink
- 19. Rockets' point guard
- 21. Developed the polio vaccine
- 22. Businessmen
- 23. Animals have it
- 24. Atomic number 58
- 25. Cycles/second
- 28. Japanese classical theater
- 29. Slow nocturnal primate
- 31. Used in a play
- 33. One that breaks apart
- 36. Yellow-fever mosquitos
- 38. Bag-like structure in a plant
- 39. Simple wooden shoe
- 41. Leeches
- 44. Tide
- 45. Fathers
- 46. Decay
- 48. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 49. The Golden State (abbr.)
- 51. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
- 52. Unique garments
- 54. True firs
- 56. One who's not on time
- 60. Angry speech
- 61. Young children
- 62. About aviation
- 63. This (Spanish)
- 64. Earns a perfect score
- 65. People of Ghana
- 66. Founding member of The Grateful Dead
- 67. Of she
- 68. Genus of lichens

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- 1. Variety of pear
- 2. Curved symmetrical structure
- 3. A demon in some cultures
- 4. Cricket frogs
- 5. Atomic #45
- 6. Abnormal bone joint
- 7. Cain and ___
- 8. Unhappy
- 9. Dogooder
- 10. Most babies need ___ when they eat
- 11. Abdominal pain suffered by babies
- 12. Monetary unit
- 14. Tendency to suffer from a particular condition
- 17. Genus of flowering plants
- 20. It comes up some days
- 21. Koran chapters
- 23. In support of
- 25. One who crunches numbers
- 26. A type of school
- 27. Pops
- 29. Tears
- 30. Not influenced by drugs
- 32. Forms a boundary
- 34. Touch quickly and gently
- 35. Stray
- 37. A period between solar and lunar eclipses
- 40. Third-party access
- 42. A very large body of water
- 43. Infections
- 47. It might be due to nerves
- 49. Hall of Fame ballplayer Rod
- 50. Belittle
- 52. Type of sword
- 53. Makes very wet
- 55. One-time Peruvian money
- 56. A shoe typically has one
- 57. Not nice
- 58. Sea eagle
- 59. Civil Rights figure Parks
- 61. Humbug
- 65. A precious metal (abbr.)

Wolves beat Haines Glacier Bears

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Wolves, in their last home games of the season, defeated the Haines Glacier Bears. It has been somewhat of a mixed season for the Wolves, with equal numbers of wins and losses. However, the team demonstrated a lot of skill this last weekend, and are now 8-6 in conference games.

The first game was played on Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Wrangell High School gym. The Wolves were able to hold a lead of 19 to 11 in the first quarter, and expanded that lead through the rest of the game. The Glacier Bears demonstrated a strong scoring game, but it was not strong enough to keep up with Wrangell. The Wolves walked away with a win at the end of the fourth quarter, the score being 75-52.

On Sunday, the game was closer but still a decisive win for Wrangell. The Glacier Bears were able to make the opening score in the first quarter, and made Wrangell work for their points. However, the Wolves were able to maintain a narrow lead by the end of the quarter. They built on this lead slowly but surely. Despite their best efforts, Haines only fell further behind as the game went on. The final score was 44 to 36, another win for Wrangell.

"Handling Haines the way we did shows how far we've come since the start," said Coach Cody Angerman.

The Wolves will be heading to Petersburg this weekend for their final games before Regionals. Angerman said that the Wolves and the



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Skyler Lofftus (No. 23) passing the ball.

Petersburg Vikings are both currently fighting for the second place slot for the Regional tournament. No matter how this weekend turns out, they'll be seeing each other again at Regionals. It is just a question of personal pride, he said, who gets to be in second place and who gets to be in third. Angerman said that, in his opinion, Wrangell had the better team, but anything could happen this weekend as well as at Regionals.

"We have a really competitive region down here," he said. "I think we're ready."

Lady Wolves win last home games of the season

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Lady Wolves had a successful series of games against the Haines Glacier Bears last weekend. The Lady Wolves played strong this weekend, after a rough pair of losses to Metlakatla the weekend before. These two wins give the Lady Wolves a 11-3 record in conference games for this season.

The first game took place on Saturday, Feb. 23. The Lady Wolves started strong, taking the lead early on. Haines could not get much of an offensive game going, and struggled to make baskets. They were not able to get their score into the double digits until the third quarter.

Several starting members of

the Lady Wolves had to sit out of the game due to injuries. Despite this, they had a very strong offense and were able to keep far in the lead through the whole game. The final score was 59 to 26, favoring Wrangell.

At the beginning of the first quarter on Sunday, the teams stayed fairly close together score-wise. At one point, Haines was able to tie the game. However, the Lady Wolves pulled ahead by the end of the first quarter, and remained in the lead for the rest of the game. Once again, Haines struggled to score through most of the game, and only got into double digits by the third quarter. The final score was 60 to 18, another win for Wrangell.

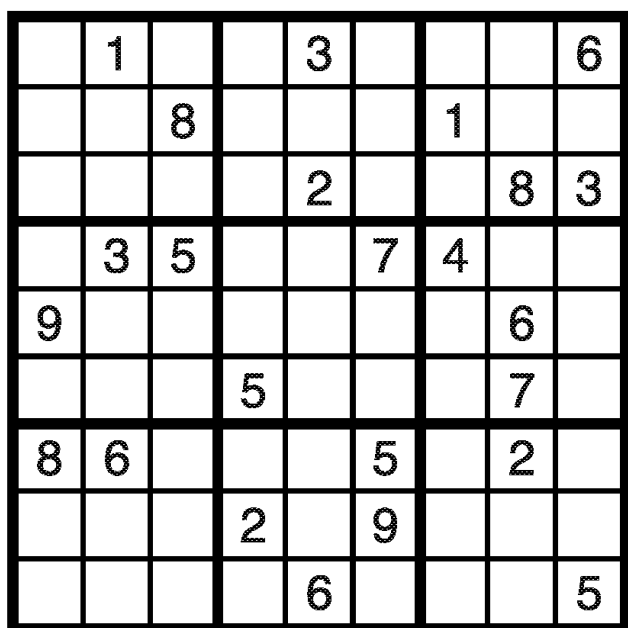
"So this was a really good

weekend for us to develop our younger players, let our bodies rest up," Coach Laurie Brown said. "A lot of injured players this weekend, so we're just trying to get healthy by Regionals. So this was a good weekend for them to take some time off and rest those muscles, those injuries and whatnot."

The Lady Wolves will be heading to Petersburg this weekend for one more round of games before Regionals. The team is looking ahead to Regionals, and Brown said she is confident in her team's abilities. Regionals will be held in Sitka, from March 5 to 9.

"I think we're going to get in some solid practices, some good games against Petersburg, and go into Regionals strong," Brown said.

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The meeting will take place on **Wednesday, March 6, 2019 beginning at 6:00 p.m.**, and will be held at **the Nolan Center.**

Although there may be a quorum of the Borough Assembly present, there will be no action taken.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA AT Wrangell, Alaska

In the Matter of the Estate of:)
)
Lawrence Bahovec)
Date of Birth: 01/04/1917) CASE NO. 1WR-19-01PR

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You are notified that the court appointed Chelsea Keutmann as personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the person who died are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred.

Date: 02/13/2019

Chelsea Keutmann
PO Box 263
Petersburg, Alaska 99833

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City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska Request for Quotes - Electric Deck Winch Procurement

Notice is hereby given that the City and Borough of Wrangell will receive quotes for the procurement of an Electric Deck Winch. Quotes are due by March 14, 2019, 2:00 p.m. prevailing time. A copy of the solicitation can be downloaded, free of charge, from the City and Borough of Wrangell's website (www.wrangell.com) under the "Bids and RFPs" section.

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

JOB BULLETIN:

Accounting Clerk/Deputy Borough Clerk
Finance Department

The City and Borough of Wrangell is recruiting for an Accounting Clerk to join the Borough's Finance Department. This position will also serve as Deputy Borough Clerk to assist the Borough Clerk in execution of the Clerk's duties in the absence of the Borough Clerk.

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Three years of relevant work experience in a professional business, office or administrative setting is required. Education or experience in accounting, budgeting, or position closely aligned with the duties, responsibilities and skills of the position is strongly preferred.

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To be considered, submit a cover letter, résumé, and completed employment application via e-mail to amollen@wrangell.com, or in person to City Hall, 205 Brueger St., Wrangell, AK 99929. **Applications will be accepted until end of business March 5, 2019.**

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Lisa Von Bargaen
Wrangell Borough Manager

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PAYETTE RANDALL ARENDELL, Petitioner, vs. DIANA M. ARMSTRONG, Respondent. Case No. CV2018-173 SUMMONS BY SERVICE BY PUBLICATION TO THE RESPONDENT DIANA M. ARMSTRONG. You have been sued by RANDALL ARENDELL, the Petitioner, in the District Court in and for the county of Payette County, Idaho Case No. Cv2018-173. The nature of the claim against you is a Petition for Divorce. Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this Summons, the court may enter a Judgement against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you file a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid any filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 1130 3rd Ave. N. Payette, Idaho 83661, (208) 642-6011, and served a copy with your response on the Petitioner's Attorney at: Bond Law Chartered, 1511 N. Whitley Dr. Fruitland, Idaho 83619, (208) 452-4468. A copy of the Summons or Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the Attorney for Petitioner. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter. Dated: February 15th, 2018. CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT By: Betty Dressen, Deputy Clerk

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Alaska Fish Factor By LAINE WELCH Fisheries columnist

Dunleavy administration has full gag order on AFG&G

All budget questions referred to press secretary

Alaska's new slogan is "open for business" but good luck trying to find out any budget details when it comes to the business of fishing.

The Dunleavy administration has a full gag order in place at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and all budget questions, no matter how basic, are referred to press secretary Matt Shuckerow. Likewise, queries to the many deputies and assistants at the ADF&G commissioner's office are deferred to Shuckerow who did not acknowledge messages for information.

"It isn't just the media or Alaskans. Legislators are faced with that same gag order," said Representative Louise Stutes (R-Kodiak).

"I don't know if the administration is just trying to settle in and thinks that the legislature is their worst enemy and they want to keep people at bay or what," she added. "Hopefully, they will realize that we have to work to-

gether and the sooner we do it, the better relationship we're going to have."

Stutes, who is the majority whip in the Alaska legislature and also chairs both the House Fisheries and Transportation Committees, said that "the governor has made very few appearances and nobody can get an appointment with him."

She confirmed that anyone who meets with Gov. Dunleavy must relinquish cell phones, Apple watches and any recording devices.

The executive committee of the Alaska Municipal League was able to meet briefly with the governor during its annual meeting last week in Juneau, said Pat Branson, a committee member and mayor of the City of Kodiak. The AML includes 165 cities, boroughs and municipalities that represent over 97 percent of Alaska's residents.

"We were grateful to meet with the governor because he

did not come to any of the AML meetings," Branson said.

"All we heard was that he's all ears," she added. "I told him that we are problem solvers and it is something we do every day. We're all aware that the state's fiscal plan has not been in order for many years. How can we maintain our services and work through a plan that meets our community needs?"

Branson said the AML is "shocked and upset" at the drastic cuts in the governor's proposed budget and the way it came about.

"It was done without any communication with municipalities, school boards, or boroughs and, I believe, without any care or understanding of how things work in Alaska, or the importance of the marine highway system or fisheries to local communities or how it will affect Alaska's overall economy," Branson said. "Why would people want to come or stay here? We've

never seen a budget come forth from an administration like this. It's just not acceptable."

AML members plan to hold town hall meetings, Branson said, and return to Juneau with ideas to present to the legislature and the governor.

"We, as elected officials, are just getting a grasp on this budget. I don't know if Alaskans understand the degree that these cuts affect them individually" Branson said. "We want to bring in a neutral party to explain the cuts and how it affects our communities. We're hopeful the governor will listen to some alternative solutions from Alaskans."

Fish first - The House fisheries committee has several new faces among its members that include Stutes, Speaker of the House Bryce Edgmon of Dillingham, Geran Tarr, Chuck Copp and Lance Pruitt of Anchorage, Sarah Vance of Homer and Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins of

Sitka.

"We are going to focus on fish, fish and more fish, and how important and critical it is that we sustain our fisheries in a healthy manner. And part of that equation is making sure that the Department of Fish and Game is fully funded," Stutes said.

Frances Leach, executive director of United Fishermen of Alaska said she is excited about the make-up of the Fish Committee. UFA is the nation's largest fisheries trade organization with 35 diverse member groups.

"Stutes as the chair really knows how to run the show and I think it's going to deliver some great benefits," Leach said.

She agreed with the committee's main focus to educate people in the capital about how critically important commercial fisheries are to the economic stability of Alaska.

"UFA is proud of the fact that
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Fish factor

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commercial fishing is the number one private sector employer in the state of Alaska employing over 60,000 men and women and I think that's often forgotten," Leach said.

Both UFA and the Fish Committee will continue to push for HB 35, an act relating to participation on the Boards of Fisheries and Game that resolves conflicts of interest.

"This bill will ensure that people who are sitting on the boards have an opportunity to participate in the discussion even if they can't vote," Stutes said. "That's why they are there, because of their expertise, and right now they are conflicted out."

UFA also is focused on shellfish enhancement bills that were reintroduced this year.

"We're really excited because if it all goes through, in 20 years Alaska mariculture could be a \$100 million industry," Leach said.

UFA also will strongly support the state's hatcheries and "urge use of good science and facts to guide the future of the program," Leach said.

UFA is opposed to the governor's proposal to divert \$28 million in fisheries landing and business taxes from local towns to state coffers

"We're very concerned and believe it will cause a lot of hardship for coastal communities," said Leach. "Not just for fishermen, but for the towns that use that money for education and infrastructure. It impacts everybody."

Budget bits - Governor Dunleavy's proposed budget for the state's commercial fisheries division is \$69.45 million, a \$1.64 million reduction, according to Rep. Stutes' office.

Details are sketchy but it aims to reorganize and consolidate the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) into the ADF&G Commercial Fisheries Division. Also, the directors of the Habitat and Subsistence divisions would be moved from ADF&G to the Office of Management and Budget.

The travel budget for all state departments would be cut by 50 percent, which will be difficult for the Boards of Fisheries and Game to hold meetings in constituent regions.

A proposed 16.3 percent increase to the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute was removed and ASMI will receive zero from the state.

Fish meetings - A push for a

personal use fishing priority over all other users in Cook Inlet will be among 16 proposals before the Board of Fisheries in its meetings on March 9-12 at the Anchorage Sheraton.

Dubbed "Help Move Alaskans Up the Food Chain," proposal 171 by the Kenai River Sportfishing Association would "require the BOF to consider Alaskans' food needs and use of fisheries by Alaskans when setting fishery allocations. The current allocation method prioritizes the export of Alaska's fish for consumption by outsiders over the need of Alaskans."

On March 8 the board's Hatchery Committee also will hold a special meeting. All meetings are open to the public and available via live audio at www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Do you know who is running the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) into the ground? Captain John Falvey, the General Manager of AMHS, a graduate of the Maine Maritime Academy spent 25 years operating offshore deep-sea oil tankers for the Union Oil Company of California and went on to operate fast ferries for 5 years as a high-speed code type rated Captain in both New England and South American waters.

Two northern Alaska Republican Legislators pushed for the fast ferries even though British Columbia and Hawaii told them fast ferries wouldn't work in Southeast or any other body of water in Alaska, yet they broke the back of AMHS in breakdowns, fuel costs, and design flaws. Why didn't we hire a former Alaskan ferry captain, tugboat, or commercial fisherman from Alaska who knows our water, tides, and extreme conditions?


AMHS has vessels they are trying to sell. How about cut per diem and house the House of Representatives and Senate, and all aides and stay on the ferry? Tie it up in downtown Juneau and

have their meals. Let's close the roads to Fairbanks and Homer with no road maintenance, build a tollbooth and charge them for their highway. No more free rides for oil, legislators, or gas companies. They must pay to take our natural resources or ride the ferry.

Make all the mining corporations pay to extract our gold, lead, zinc, etc. Do not vote for any of the politicians that have a conflict of interest or can't walk across the aisle and agree to work out a budget. Back to the 120 days session and they can't leave until they get rid of stupid, outdated bills and introduce bills that matter like the political corruption, meth, heroin and opioid epidemic and the homeless issues. The Legislature needs to pay the \$37M for the Legislative Information Office in downtown Anchorage. Streamline all State of Alaska Departments and unload mid-managers.

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AMHS is on the lookout for focused, hard-working individuals interested in positions in our passenger services department. Whether your interest lies in a summer job, or permanent work that can start you on the path to building your certifications for a successful maritime career, AMHS is a great place to gain your sea legs. Best of all, you don't need any prior maritime experience to apply!

If you love to travel and meet new people our passenger service employees provide professional customer service and ensure the safety of our passengers while performing tasks in the galley, dining room or cafés, crew mess, staterooms and public areas aboard the ferries.

AMHS offers competitive starting pay and a full benefit package that includes paid leave, medical & dental coverage, retirement options, and opportunities for advancement. If you're ready for a little more adventure and a little less of the same old thing, check out the full job description at FerryAlaska.com/employment.

**The Alaska Marine Highway is a division of the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities. AMHS currently operates 9 vessels, with 2 under construction and 1 in the final design phase. AMHS employs approximately 1,000 employees system-wide. Employees live in 44 different Alaska communities, with 82% of those employees residing in the Southeast Region.*

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