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Court orders arbitration stay in public workers dispute

By Dan Rudy
Sentinel writer

A judge ruled last week that the city will not have to enter arbitration with its public workers union during an ongoing labor grievance, pending further decision.

After hearing oral arguments on Sept. 21, Superior Court Judge Trevor Stephens approved the City and Borough of Wrangell's request for a stay of interest arbitration between it and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547 on Sept. 28. The union had filed a motion to compel arbitration the preceding week, as part of an ongoing dispute over a new collective bargaining agreement.

According to the court record, employees at issue in the dispute are party to a collective bargaining agreement between CBW and the union, which expired on June 30, 2014. That agreement continues to remain in effect, but negotiations to approve a new CBA, while ongoing, have so far been unsuccessful. Mediation undertaken by both sides in March 2015 did not resolve the issue, and a "last best offer" was submitted that June by email from Wrangell manager Jeff Jabusch to IBEW representative Jay Rhodes.

During the exchanges, in an email Jabusch sent to Rhodes on June 9, 2015, he advised the union to go to arbitration if it would not sign an amended offer.

"I would like to get an agreement as much as you do, but I have other responsibilities and concerns about the city that have to be part of the decision making process," Jabusch explained in the message. "This is our offer and reasons for our decisions, but we have come as far as we can to have any hope of getting this approved. If this doesn't fly, I would like to set the arbitration date this early fall."

Court documents indicate subsequent offers and counteroffers were rejected by both sides as discussions continued. On Sept. 1, 2015, Jabusch had declined the union's last best offer, and the process to schedule an arbitrator was suggested due to other options of negotiation being exhausted. Under arbitration, an agreed-upon third party hears both sides' arguments and makes a decision, which both parties then agree to move forward with.

Another final offer was submitted on behalf of CBW on Sept. 15, and after it was not approved by the union attorneys were involved for the selection process of the arbitrator. Representing IBEW would be Justin Roberts, while Wrangell's attorney Bob Blasco stood in for the city. The court notes the two communicated during the autumn of 2015 about interest arbitration, but that was not scheduled.

Discussions continued into the beginning of this year, with both attorneys agreeing in late January to proceed with interest arbitration with Robert Landau as arbitrator. Based in Anchorage, Landau is described in court documentation as "a well-qualified and experienced arbitrator who is highly regarded by representatives of both labor and management." A date for Oct. 5 was set for arbitration.

Further disagreements and proposed scheduling conflicts since have led the city to withdraw from interest arbitration. IBEW has since filed an unfair labor practice charge with the state Labor Relations Agency and initiated legal action against CBW with Alaska Superior Court. In a letter explaining the union's intended action to the city sent on Aug. 29, Roberts contended the city had agreed to binding interest arbitration in the email sent by Jabusch the previous July, the terms of which Rhodes had accepted.

The city disagreed, formally withdrawing from arbitration that day. It filed a complaint for declaratory judgment and injunctive relief, and motion to enjoin and stay arbitration on Sept. 8. Stephens had granted expedited consideration at Wrangell's request on Sept. 9, with a briefing schedule and oral arguments set for Sept. 20.

In considering the stay of arbitration, the court found that IBEW-represented employees of the city were not statutorily entitled to binding interest arbitration, and that an arbitrator cannot make the decision that a union and employer must engage in arbitration and that the decision be binding.

"It appears that there are at least four issues which must be decided," Stephens wrote in his decision. The issues are whether both parties entered into an enforceable agreement for binding interest arbitration, what type of arbitration that would entail, whether the two had entered such an agreement depending on the first two issues, and whether CBW agreed that disputes would be decided by Landau.

In agreeing to the stay, Stephens noted the issues would need to be decided by a jury after both parties have had the opportunity to conduct discovery and prepare for a trial. While the court could decide the case before that stage, neither party has filed the necessary motions.

"The court is staying the interest arbitration pending decisions being made with respect to the above-referenced issues. The court is not permanently enjoining arbitration as that would require a ruling on the merits which could not be entered at this point, either procedurally or substantively." Court documents also note, "CBW and IBEW are poised to proceed with potentially lengthy and expensive litigation."

Coupled with his decision to stay arbitration, on Sept. 28 Stephens denied a motion by IBEW to compel arbitration, citing the reasons the court had considered for approving Wrangell's motion to stay those proceedings. Stephens set a scheduling hearing for setting trial and pre-trial deadlines for Nov. 17. Both parties are required to submit their report of planning meeting by Nov. 16.

Based in Ketchikan, since 2011 the IBEW 1547 represents 24 of Wrangell's public employees, in addition to 192 workers in the Ketchikan area. A request for comment on the ongoing dispute was not responded to by press time.

Due to the nature of ongoing negotiations, actions related to it taken by the Borough Assembly have been made in executive session. For example, at a meeting held Sept. 6 it authorized Jabusch to file its motion to stay arbitration. Similar meetings scheduled for Sept. 29 and Oct. 1 were cancelled. Asked for comment, Jabusch explained the city did not have anything to add for the story.

Submitted Photo

At left, Reyn Hutten holds up her medals with fellow 2A division runners after the State Cross-Country Tournament in Anchorage last Saturday. A senior, Hutten took second for her division and eighth overall for the 1-3A schools.

Cross-country takes silver in State meet

By Dan Rudy
Sentinel writer

Wrangell High School's representative to the state-level cross-country meet in Anchorage came away with silver.

Running on Saturday, senior Reyn Hutten had finished the challenging Bartlett High School course in second place for the 2A division, and finished in eighth overall for the 1-3A runners.

The two-lap course is a notoriously difficult one, explained Wrangell coach Jenn Davies. Steep, rolling hills force runners to change pace, pushing their abilities to suit the terrain. As a result, the course is short but intense. Runners benefitted from good weather at least, sunny but not overly warm

"It was just a good day for a race," said Davies.

This was the third time Hutten has competed at State, and will be her last for her high school. She came out with a run time of 19 minutes and 57 seconds.

"Going up there her goal was to get under 20 minutes," the coach said of her pupil. "She went there and did it."

Davies said it was encouraging to see a student reach new heights in the sport, setting and meeting a personal goal while coming away with a pair of awards. This was the first year contestants in the 1-3A divisions were recognized for individual division rankings, in addition to the overall category.

"She was recognized for both, so she actually got two medals," Davies explained. "I'm really proud of her."

"This is the first year State has done this, and I think it's going to go well," said WHS activities director Bill Bradley. "It gives everyone a chance to be recognized."

The State performance puts an end to the cross-country season. At Region V the previous weekend, Hutten had finished in first for the 1-3A runners, with the Wrangell girls team coming in fourth overall. The boys came in seventh among the region's teams, and runners finished just shy of the cutoff to make State.

Davies said the season had concluded well. Students will be celebrating later this week over floats and awards.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, October 6: Abigail Bylow, Lee Wiederspohn, Betty Newman, Lisa O'Keefe, **Friday, October 7:** Jimmy Jabusch, Casey Nore, Jim Wooden, Dani Easterly, Harold Snoddy, Pat Mork, Kirk Davidson, Ed Rilatos, Jr., **Saturday, October 8:** Richard Taylor, Nealy Stearn, Brian Rooney, Audrey Durnez, Jeannette Newcomb, Sandy Churchill, Vivian Grossardt, **Sunday, October 9:** Jake Jabusch, Melinda Messmer, **Monday, October 10:** Dave McCandless, Will McCandless, Amy Byrd, Megan Clark, Kevin Wallace, David Newman, Free Guggenbickler, **Tuesday, October 11:** Marty Kaer, Kurt Young, Donna Kuntz, Kanen Miller, *Anniversary:* Craig and Kim Strain, **Wednesday, October 12:** Darian Meissner, Jay Bradley, Perry Brink, Kathie Angerman, Peyton Campbell, *Anniversary:* Jason and Jessica Rooney, Tony and Sue Ann Guggenbickler, **Thursday, October 13:** Karen Lockabey, Tori Gulla, Joyce Phillips, Tyler Sebastian, Victoria Roberts

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

Senior Center Menu

Friday, October 7:
Beef chop suey, rice, spinach, mandarin oranges
Monday, October 10:
Crispy chicken, curry rice, steamed carrots, broccoli and cauliflower toss
Tuesday, October 11:
Spaghetti with meat sauce, brussels sprouts, tossed green salad, garlic bread
Wednesday, October 12:
Moose roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn blend, fruit slaw
Thursday, October 13:
Chicken tahitian, brown rice, broccoli, apricot and cranberry salad
Friday, October 14:
Country pork stew, romaine and radish salad, biscuits

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

FERRY SCHEDULE

Departures

Northbound	Southbound
Saturday, October 8	**Thursday, October 6**
Matanuska 2:30 a.m.	Matanuska 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 9	**Monday, October 10**
Kennicott 3:15 p.m.	Matanuska 9:15 a.m.
Tuesday, October 11	**Wednesday, October 12**
Matanuska 8:45 p.m.	Kennicott 3:45 a.m.
Saturday, October 15	**Friday, October 14**
Matanuska 7:45 a.m.	Matanuska 12:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 16	**Monday, October 17**
Kennicott 9:45 p.m.	Matanuska 2:30 p.m.

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

TIDES TABLE
October 6 - October 13

	High Tides				Low Tides			
	AM		PM		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
Oct. 6	4:35	13.1	4:24	14.3	10:09	3.9	10:48	1.7
Oct. 7	5:19	12.2	5:04	13.5	10:51	4.8	11:38	2.4
Oct. 8	6:19	11.5	6:02	12.7	11:46	5.6	------	------
Oct. 9	7:43	11.3	7:27	12.3	0:41	2.9	12:59	6.0
Oct. 10	9:02	12.0	8:54	12.8	1:54	2.9	2:23	5.7
Oct. 11	10:02	13.2	10:02	13.8	3:08	2.4	3:41	4.5
Oct. 12	10:50	14.7	10:58	15.1	4:12	1.5	4:42	2.8
Oct. 13	11:33	16.2	11:48	16.4	5:04	0.4	5:32	0.9

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, October 6

SAIL Class: 10 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) free class is a strength, balance and fitness class for adults 65+. For more info call 874-3375.

Healthy Eating Demo on Healthy Food Preparation: 11:30 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Free class. Learn how easy it is to prepare healthy and delicous food. Samples will be available. For more info call 874-3375.

Sunday, October 9

Harvest in Pink: 12 p.m. Legion Hall. American Legion Auxiliary is putting on a light luncheon, games, door prizes.

Tuesday, October 11

SAIL Class: 10 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) free class is a strength, balance and fitness class for adults.

Community Chorale: 5:15 p.m. High School Music Room. Rehearsals for the Christmas concert start. All singers welcome.

Is the attendance at your meeting or event low? Call Rachel at the Sentinel to have it placed here.

Continuing Events

PARKS & REC ACTIVITIES: **Lap Swim:** M, W, F 6:00-7:30 a.m. & 5:00-6:00 p.m., M-F 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., S 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; **Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class:** at the Pool: M, W, F, 9:00-10:00 a.m.; **Water Aerobics:** M, W, F 10:00-11:00 a.m.; **Family Swim:** F 6:00-7:00 p.m.; **General Swim:** M & W 6:00-7:00 p.m., F 7:00-8:00 p.m., S 1:00-2:00 p.m.; **Weight Room:** M-TH 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. **Extra 2 Lane Lap Swim:** M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.

OTHER MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

AA Meetings: Step Study, Mon 8 p.m., Tu. 7 p.m., Toss Off Th. 7 p.m., Smoked Fish F 8 p.m., at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall, Study Materials provided. Wed. M & M 12 p.m. at the Catholic Parish Hall, use back entrance.

NA Meeting: Wednesday, We Do Recover, 8 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

Bridge Social: F, 1 p.m. at th Island of Faith Lutheran Church 874-3440, 874-3507.

Salvation Army Food Bank: Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For information or questions please call Major Michael Bates at 874-3753.

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

October 19, 1916: F.M. Fenton, manager of the Dease Creek Syndicate, arrived on the Iskoot last Thursday afternoon. The Dease Creek Syndicate, which is controlled by Victoria capitalists, has been for several years operating an hydraulic mining on Thibert Creek, which empties into Dease Lake about six miles below the mines. When seen at the Wrangell Hotel just before his departure for Seattle on the Princess Alice, Mr. Fenton said: "There isn't much to be said about our operations at present. Since I became manager for the company three years ago we have been operating on a moderate scale. Next season we will operate on a much more elaborate scale. The past season has been a bad one for water. It has been unusually dry where we were operating. We were also handicapped by the poor transportation facilities into the country."

October 17, 1941: The 13 men from Wrangell selected for service in the Army as announced by the local draft board this week are: Joseph Lynn Newton, Chester Rhodes Maleski, Leon Merton Wies, John Adamoli, James Clement Ford, Carl Frederick Johanson, Cecil Fred Wentz, Lloyd Egbert Goodrich, Roy Williams, Jr., David Dennis Sandman, Harry Ukas, Vernon Axel Anderson and Robert Y. Urata. The men are to report at the local draft board at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, October 23, from where the Board will provide transportation to the induction center which was changed this week by the Juneau office of Selective Service to Chilkoot Barracks. Wrangell's army selectees and men who have voluntarily enlisted in the armed forces since registration will be honored Tuesday night at a going-away party.

October 14, 1966: Fire which broke out in the rear of the Wrangell Laundry building on Front Street Tuesday morning destroyed the structure and its contents and caused two families living in apartments on the second floor to become homeless, losing all their personal effects. Immediate cause of the blaze was not determined, Fire Chief Gordon Buness said. A representative of the state fire marshal's office was due here today, the chief said. The Kenneth Nauska family and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Puntin were routed from the apartments by the conflagration which spread rapidly through the apartment section before the fire department could contain the blaze which they battled for more than two hours. Puntin, operator of the laundry, estimated the loss at $50,000. Long a landmark on the waterfront, the building is one of the oldest structures in town.

October 17, 1991: Wrangell may see its share of gray skies, but you can't blame it on Alaska Pulp Corp.'s sawmill. The sawmill has passed a major emission test for its refurbished power boiler, "easily passing all regulatory requirements," APC officials announced this week. "We're pleased with the test results," mill Superintendent Rick Klinke said. "We put a lot of emphasis on environmental controls when we modified the boiler last year. We expected low emission levels for all regulated air pollutants, and that's what we got." The final test report showed that the mill's boiler met state and federal standards "by substantial margins" for particulates, carbon monoxide and visible emissions, said Tom Hanna, a Juneau environmental consultant. The company also tested for dioxins and furans and also found those levels extremely low, he added.

Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
September 25	51	46
September 26	53	46
September 27	51	46
September 28	53	46
September 29	55	42
September 30	57	44
October 1	59	41
October 2	53	39

Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Oct. 6	7:01a	6:10p	11:09h
Oct. 7	7:03a	6:08p	11:05h
Oct. 8	7:05a	6:05p	11:00h
Oct. 9	7:07a	6:02p	10:55h
Oct. 10	7:09a	6:00p	10:51h
Oct. 11	7:11a	5:57p	10:46h
Oct. 12	7:13a	5:55p	10:42h
Oct. 13	7:15a	5:52p	10:37h

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M/V Columbia done for 2016

By Jess Field
Sentinel writer

Repairs to the Alaska Marine Highway System's M/V Columbia are going to take longer than anticipated and it won't return to service this year, according to Jeremy Woodrow, Alaska Department of Transportation spokesman.

The ferry headed for dry dock in Oregon at the end of September to be looked over after divers in Wrangell reported a bent starboard propeller. After arriving in Oregon, the damage turned into much more, and the vessel will take around six weeks to repair, Woodrow says.

"Upon dry dock inspection it was discovered that the propeller blade was actually in good condition, but the propeller did indeed get hit by something," he says. "And it damaged the components that associate with the propeller mechanism, so all the internal components were damaged."

The repairs will keep the Columbia from returning to service before it's scheduled to go into layup for the winter. The vessel would have run until Sept. 13. Now the M/V Kennicott will be stepping in and begin making the Columbia's runs starting Oct. 7.

Woodrow says the vessel is smaller and the schedule will be subject to change. He encourages passengers to always check out ferry schedules online for updates or call local terminals for information.

AMHS is working to contact people with reservations on the Columbia to inform them of the change. This time of year, there are more customers headed south than north.

"We have a lot of that come up and work tourism jobs or just do their Alaska trip and then they head south during the late summer, early fall," Woodrow says.

Service notices and schedule changes may be found at dot.alaska.gov/amhs/service_notices.shtml, through your local AMHS terminal, or by dialing 1-907-465-3941 or toll-free at 1-800-642-0066.

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Police report

Monday, September 26
Disturbance – Officer responded.
Tuesday, September 27
Violating Conditions of Release – Dylan Franks, 26.
Dog At Large – Owner came in and picked up dog.
Civil Issue – 911, officer requested. Officer responded.
Reported Scam.
Warrant Arrest – Dylan Franks, 26, arrested on charges of Failure to Appear.
Wednesday, September 28
Citizen Assist – Officer unlocked vehicle.
Citation issued to Collin Dando, 28, for Objectionable Animal.
SAR – 911 – Report of person in boat overdue. Later received call all okay.
Thursday, September 29
Criminal Trespass – Trespass warning given.
Verbal warning for driving habits.
Friday, September 30
Citizen Assist – Caller reported threatening phone calls.
Agency Assist – Officer returned phone call.
Driving Complaint.
Agency Assist – FD.
Saturday, October 1
Citizen Assist – Unlock Vehicle.
Intoxicated Person reported.
Sunday, October 2
Arrested: Beau Radach, 25 on charges of Driving Under the Influence.

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

Court report

September 20
Clinton R. Lewis, 51, appeared before First District Judicial Officer Leanna Nash on the charge of Driving Under the Influence, a Class A Misdemeanor. The defendant pleaded no contest and was ordered to serve 10 days with seven suspended, pay $2,555 in fines and surcharges with $600 suspended, and complete a treatment program. Lewis' license was revoked for 90 days, and he will have to use an ignition interlock device on his vehicle for six months after privileges are returned. He has been placed on probation for one year.

September 28
James Lebo, 63, appeared before First District Deputy Magistrate Leanna Nash for the non-criminal violation of Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose – Unit 1. He pleaded guilty to the charge, and was ordered to pay $310 in fines and surcharges. All parts of the moose involved in the charge have been declared forfeit and seized. Troy Winchester Jr., 26, received an electronic judgment from First District Deputy Magistrate Leanna Nash following a guilty plea, for the charge of Driving With License Cancelled/Suspended/Revoked. He was ordered to pay $310 in fines and surcharges.

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REMINDER

The total due of your **2016 Property Taxes** are due on or before Monday October 17, 5:00 PM. To avoid owing penalties and interest please be sure to make your payment by Monday, October 17, 2016.

There is a drop box at City Hall for anyone who is having trouble finding time to make the payment between **office hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.** Payments put in the drop box **after 5:00 p.m**. on Monday October 17**, 2016,** will be delinquent.

We will also accept payments in the mail, but they **must** be postmarked no later than October 17, 2016**.**

Property tax payments must be made with either cash or checks. We **do not** accept credit card payments for property taxes.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Sections of a harvested moose are quartered up and ready to process in a Wrangell garage. The animal was shot upriver by local hunter Glenn Smith, during week two of the monthlong season.

Moose season hits halfway, seems average

The moose season is past the halfway point, with harvest totals appearing nearly on par with last year's.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game reported 50 moose had been harvested by Sept. 30. The season began Sept. 15, and is set to wrap up next weekend on Oct. 15.

At the halfway point last year hunters in the Wrangell, Petersburg and Kake areas had put away 54 moose, which at the time led ADFG to anticipate an average season. An unexpectedly solid last couple of weeks ended up bringing the season total to the third-highest on record, however.

The numbers for this season's second week may get an additional boost as hunters continue to log their kills. Under state regulations they have five days to report their harvests from the time of the hunt.

Kupreanof Island continues to have the highest count, with 21 moose collected. Up the Stikine River, hunters have taken nine moose so far, with seven killed around Thomas Bay and six on Mitkof Island. On Wrangell Island, four moose have been harvested, already higher than last year's season total of three. In Farragut Bay another three moose have been taken, with two on Kuiu Island and one at Virginia Lake.

Not included among the 50, three moose deemed to be illegal have been confiscated so far this season. Last year, the number of specimens failing to meet regulations had been a problem early in the season, but additional caution taken on the part of hunters brought that number down to a more respectable 13. This year hunters are on track to keep those numbers lower than average.

All hunting permit holders are reminded to complete and submit a season report, even if they did not actually participate in hunting. Reports can be filed with the nearest ADFG department offices in Wrangell, Petersburg, Douglas, Kake or Sitka, or online at http://hunt.alaska.gov. Failure to do so can result in ineligibility for permits next year.

Obituary: Dorothy Frandsen, 92

Dorothy Frandsen

Born at home November 29, 1923 in Barnet, Vermont, Dot spent her early years in a loving family with her parents Edward and Alice Morton Johnson and her younger brother Edward. She attended grade school in Barnet, high school at McIndoes Academy. She graduated from Lynden, a Vermont state college. Dot started her teaching career in 1943 in a one room school with all 8 grades in Comerford, Vermont.

After teaching in schools in Vermont and Massachusetts, she moved to Alaska with her first husband, Dan Roberts, in 1948, arriving in Ketchikan, Alaska in a Grumman Goose, Dot wearing a pink raincoat. They were weathered in. Later, Bob Ellis of Ellis Airlines couldn't find Dot to tell her it was time to fly to Wrangell, as she had the audacity to take off her pink raincoat and he couldn't find her. Dot taught school first in the BIA Wrangell Institute, then later in the Wrangell Public Schools until 1970.

In 1970, Dot moved to Wasilla, Alaska, with Ed Frandsen, her second husband. Dot continued to teach at the Elementary School. Dot and Ed purchased a lot on the Kenai River, where they built a fishing camp and enjoyed many years of salmon fishing and time spent with friends and family. They were also avid gardeners, their dahlias were colorful and exuberant. Dot retired in 1977. She briefly worked for the Frontiersman, a local newspaper, and volunteered for the Iditarod Sled Dog Race and for the Mat-Su Visitors and Convention Center.

In 1986, the couple bought a cottage on Coeur d' Alene Lake and spent summers there while still living in Alaska. They started spending winters in Yuma, Arizona in 1991; in 1995 they moved out of Alaska permanently. The couple traveled all over the U.S. and Canada, many trips over the Alaska-Canada highway in its earlier, unpaved form. They visited Vermont and explored much of the country, including most of the Canadian provinces.

They moved into Leisure Park in Hayden, Idaho in 2000. Once, at St. Marie's Golf Course in Idaho, Dot, a casual golfer, made a hole-in-one for the only time in her life.

Dot is survived by Kris and Tom Yeomans of Worley, Idaho; Jan and Dick Leander of Spokane, Washington, and countless close friends.

No date of death provided.

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Wrangell volleyball 8 for 13 in weekend round-robin

By Dan Rudy
Sentinel writer

The volleyball season is off to a good start, with the Lady Wolves competing in a busy round-robin at Petersburg over the weekend.

The girls went through 13 games in only a day and a half, against an assortment of teams from around the region.

"They played a lot," said volleyball coach Jessica Whitaker.

On Sept. 30, the Lady Wolves varsity team started the morning off against Craig. The Lady Panthers pulled ahead in both match-ups, with Wrangell losing 19 to 25 in the first and 24 to 26 in the second.

It next played against the Petersburg junior varsity squad, winning one of two games. The Lady Wolves won the second 25 to 17, but finished the first 14 to 25 for a split.

Varsity finished its day against Metlakatla, winning both games, 25 to 8 and 25 to 11. The next day, Wrangell's varsity girls played four more games, losing matches to Klawock and Petersburg's varsity, and winning against Juneau-Douglas and a rematch with Petersburg's J.V.

The first match against last year's varsity league leaders, Petersburg, was closely contested, with Wrangell just edged out in extended play, 25 to 27. The Lady Vikings went on to win the second 11 to 25. In its rematch against the Petersburg secondary, Wrangell finished both matches with wins, 25 to 13 and 25 to 23.

Wrangell's J.V. squad won its share of games over the weekend as well, beating Petersburg's fourth squad and Skagway on Sept. 30, and splitting with Petersburg's tertiary, Thunder Mountain J.V., and Craig's J.V. on October 1.

In all, the Lady Wolves won eight of its 13 games, putting it onto an even start for the new season.

"I think they did really well for the opening weekend," said Whitaker. "They had great match-ups."

She explained the team had been working on its outside passing the past couple of weeks, with the extra work showing during the round-robin.

Several players stood out offensively, with Helen Decker leading the team for kills and a number of hits fielded by Makena Hammer.

The team will be playing Petersburg again this weekend, hosting Friday evening and changing up venues the following day to Petersburg. The trade-off will happen again the next time the two teams play, allowing parents in both communities the opportunity to see how their girls are improving over the season. Junior varsity play begins at the high school gym tomorrow at 6 p.m.

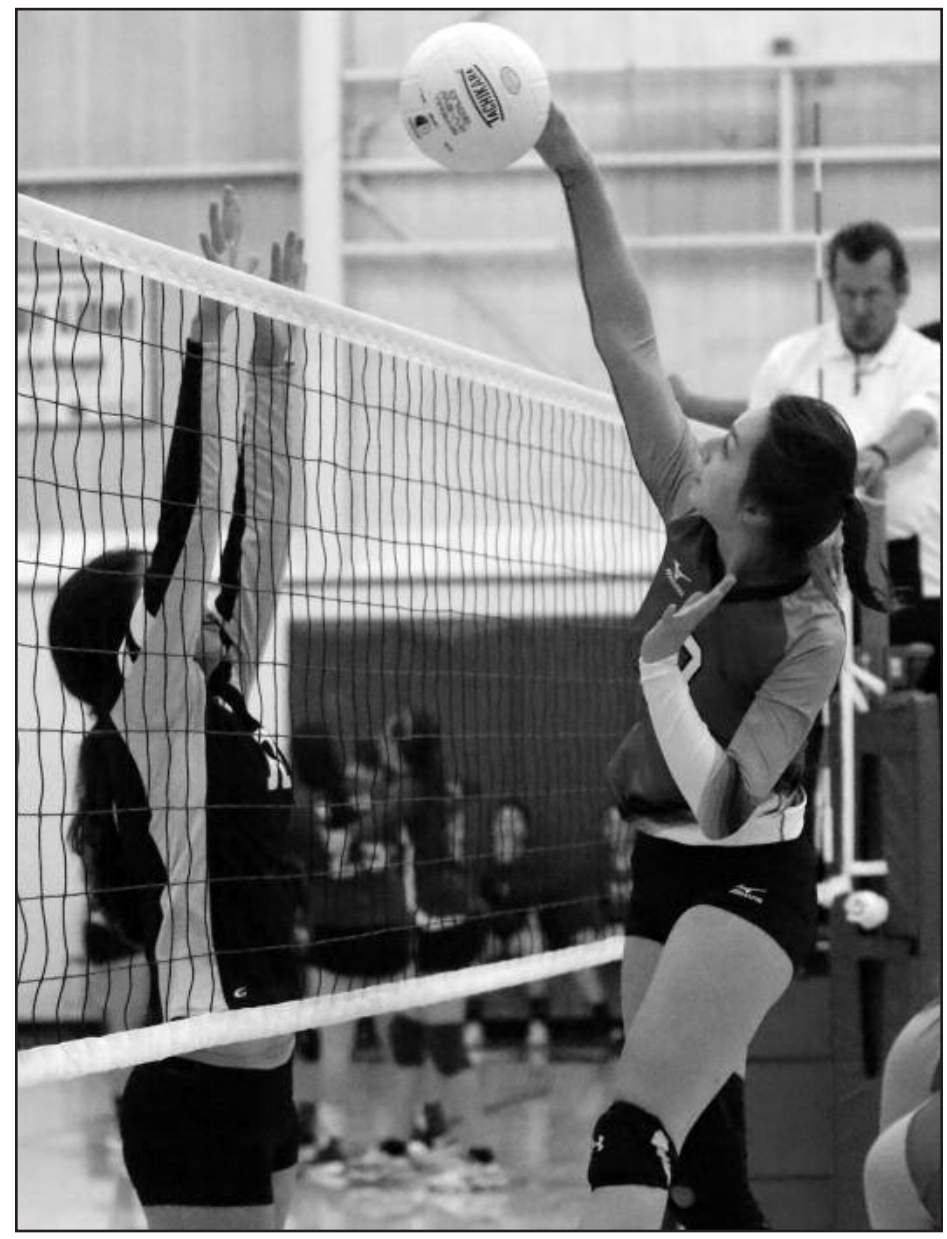
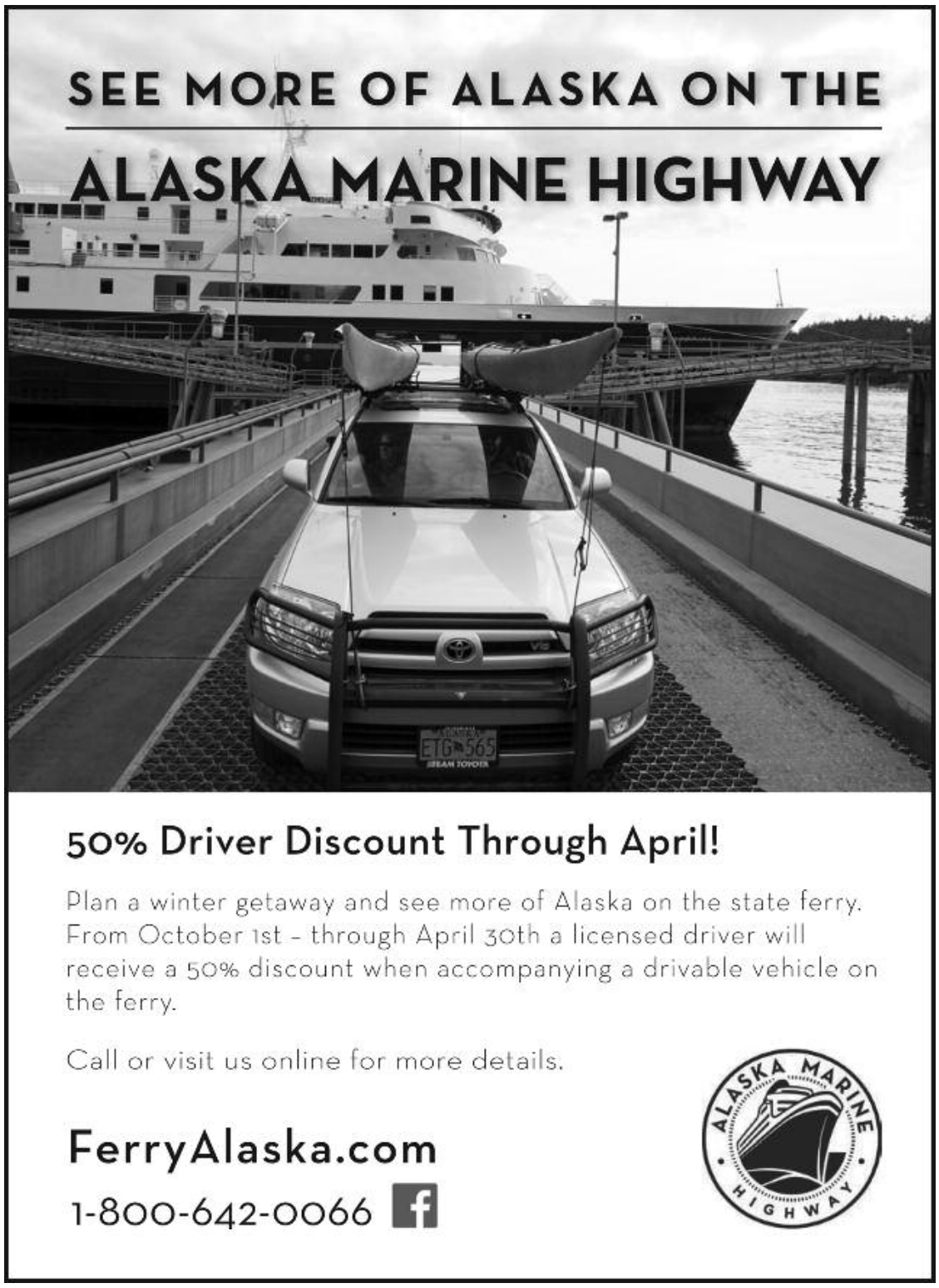


Photo by Jess Field

Makena Hammer volleys the ball back to Petersburg during Wrangell's games there over the weekend. Competing with other schools from around the region in a round-robin competition, the Lady Wolves' varsity and junior varsity teams won eight of their 13 games.



Jack likely re-elected mayor in municipal elections

By Dan Rudy
Sentinel writer

Preliminary results are in for the 2016 Wrangell municipal election.

Those who hadn't already voted early took to the polls in person Tuesday, with 384 ballots cast at the Nolan Center.

Running for mayor, David Jack won reelection with 321 votes. Candidate Kipha Valvoda garnered 49 votes, and seven additional write-in votes did not qualify.

Two candidates ran unopposed for two three-year terms on the City and Borough Assembly. Incumbent Julie Decker received 345 votes, and write-in candidate Patty Gilbert received 157.

Two candidates also ran unopposed for two three-year seats on the Wrangell Port Commission, and both were elected. John Yeager was reelected with 363 votes, while write-in candidate Gary Morrison earned 87.

Running for one four-year term on the Wrangell Hospital Board, Marlene Messmer was reelected with 179 votes, narrowly winning the seat ahead of fellow incumbent Barbara Conine with 173 votes. At the request of the board in March, the Borough Assembly had approved reducing its size from nine members to seven, eliminating some standing vacancies. That is the reason two incumbents on the same board could be running for the same seat.

Also running for the hospital board, Patrick Mayer and incumbent Olinda White were unopposed for two unexpired terms, which expire in 2018. White received 308 votes and Mayer 258.

Four candidates ran for two three-year seats on the Wrangell Public School Board. With the most votes, Georgianna Buhler and incumbent Rinda Howell were elected with 216 and 177 votes, respectively. Candidate Robert Rang received 165 votes, and Scott Seddon 138.

Voters also approved a proposed measure which formally retires the Nolan Museum and Civic Center Board. The board was deemed no longer necessary or cost effective, as its oversight functions were already being undertaken by the Friends of the Wrangell Museum. At the board's own request and the Assembly's approval, the proposal to repeal its section from the Home Rule Charter was added to the ballot. Voters approved the measure by325 votes to 47 against.

The Canvass Board meets this morning to finalize the election's results, which will then be certified by the Assembly at a special meeting Monday at 11:30 a.m.

Extra flu clinic to be held for children

Wrangell's annual flu clinic may have set an attendance record last week.

By the end of Sept. 30 inoculators had tallied 183 residents, who each received vaccinations for this year's influenza season.

Sponsored by Wrangell Medical Center, the annual clinic is held in order to encourage people to protect themselves from flu before the bug becomes prevalent. Costs for the shots are scaled back as an incentive, with patients given the choice of the standard vaccination or a high dosage variety.

The clinic is meant for people aged 18 and older and is recommended for those working around children, elders, travelers and those with depressed immune systems. Ordinarily the state Department of Public Health holds a flu clinic of its own later in the fall for children and young adults. Despite the cutting of its full-time nurse and staffing position due to budget reductions, the Wrangell office still intends to hold one this year once its supply of vaccines arrives, likely in November.

With school already back in full swing, to help keep kids covered in the meantime Wrangell's hospital announced it will also be holding a children's flu clinic, set for October 15. Interested parents of kids aged 4 to 17 are asked to preregister with the hospital's front desk by this afternoon, in order to ensure availability.

As with the adult clinic, this upcoming one will reduce costs of the vaccine to $25 per child. Held on a Saturday, those wanting an inoculation can stop by the Wrangell Medical Center lobby between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. To pre-register, call 874-7000.

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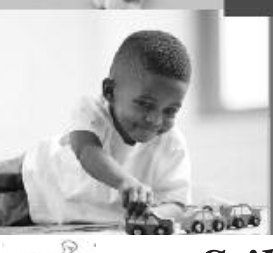

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Fish Factor

by Laine Welch

Alaskan Cod Crunchies begin a national roll out this week with a debut at Costco's two stores in Anchorage. The dog treats are one of the newest products stemming from Alaskan Leader Seafood's commitment to complete "head to tail" usage of their catches.

"It's pure, 100 percent human grade trimmings coming right off the cod fillets," said Keith Singleton, president of the company's value added division.

Alaskan Leader's four freezer/longline vessels are owned in partnership with the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (BBEDC) and fish primarily for cod in the Bering Sea. Besides the frozen at sea fillets, Alaskan Leader also has developed markets for (and thereby monetized) all of the cod heads, livers and skins.

The Crunchies, which have been under development for about a year, are dried and shaped into crispy, domino sized wafers. Taste tests with numerous dogs proved the product was a winner.

"Boy, they get going on that crunch and it's like that potato chip commercial that says 'you can't just eat one.' They keep coming back for more," Singleton said.

Dillingham dogs agreed, according to Robin Samuelson, president of Ocean Beauty Seafoods and chairman of BBEDC.

"When I came home to Dillingham I had two sacks with me and there was a 12-week old black lab. I opened them up and said let's put it to the test, and that little dog loved the cod treats," Samuelson said with a laugh.

"What's most exciting is Costco chose Alaska to debut the product. We feel really blessed about that," Singleton added.

The buzz surrounding the new Cod Crunchies is exciting, echoed Samuelson, but to him, the bigger story is the full use of the fish that comes over the rails.

"It's a new product that we think will do good throughout the U.S.," he said. "And it's the full utilization of the species and we're just tickled pink."

Celebrate seafood! October is National Seafood Month – a distinction proclaimed by Congress more than 30 years ago to recognize one of our nation's oldest industries. Government figures show that nationwide, the seafood industry contributes $60 billion to the U.S. economy each year.

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Alaska deserves special merit during Seafood Month, as it produces about 65 percent of our nation's wild-caught seafood, more than all the other states combined.

The seafood industry also is Alaska's number one private employer – it puts more people to work than oil and gas, mining, timber and tourism industries combined.

Americans eat about 16 pounds of seafood per person each year, which pales in comparison to other parts of the world. The Japanese, for example, eat 146 pounds of seafood per person annually. Figures from the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization show that people in Greenland eat 186 pounds per capita, and in Iceland more than 200 pounds of seafood are eaten annually.

The country with the lowest seafood consumption is Afghanistan at zero. And where in the world is the most seafood eaten? The South Pacific island of Tokelau where each person eats more than 440 pounds of seafood every year.

Think pink! To whet more American appetites for seafood, Chicken of the Sea has claimed October 8 as National Salmon Day. The company uses Alaska pink salmon in its pouched and canned products and the promotion is a way to highlight the iconic fish.

"We wanted to get behind an effort to create a Salmon Day for anyone and everyone who provides salmon, and/or serves salmon. Wild or packaged, anyway that we can get people to eat more salmon, that is our goal," said company spokesman Bob Ochsner.

"Tuna has a day, lobster, crab, even clams have a day," he continued. "We believed strongly that it was appropriate for the second most popular seafood in the United States to have its own day."

To coincide with the second annual event, Chicken of the Sea has rolled out its list of the Top 10 U.S. Salmon Cities, where residents eat more fresh and shelf-stable salmon per person than counterparts in other cities.

The top 10, in no particular order, are Anchorage, Seattle Chicago, Cincinnati and Columbus, Ohio; Baltimore, Nashville, New York City, San Diego and Washington, D.C.

Salmon lovers can use the hashtag #NationalSalmonDay on their social media platforms on October 8 to be entered for a week-long Alaska cruise and other prizes.

Fall fish meetings - Fish meetings over the next few months give industry stakeholders a chance to participate in policy-making that directly affects their livelihoods.

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council meets October 5 – 11 at the Anchorage Hilton. The agenda includes a first look at next year's catch quotas for pollock, cod, flounders and other groundfish in federally managed waters (three to 200 miles out), which account for over 80 percent of Alaska's harvest poundage.

The public has until October 4 to comment to the state Board of Fisheries on agenda change requests and stocks of concern for its meeting cycle that begins with a work session October 18-20 in Soldotna. Through March the Fish Board will take up 276 commercial, sport, subsistence and personal use fishery proposals focused primarily on Kodiak and Cook Inlet.

The International Pacific Halibut Commission is calling for 2017 regulatory and catch limit proposals, due by October 31. The industry will get a first glimpse at next year's halibut catch recommendations at the IPHC interim meeting set for November 29-30 in Seattle. The halibut commission's annual meeting will take place January 23-27 in Victoria, British Columbia. The eight month halibut fishery opens in March.

All of the fish meetings are available online as they happen.

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Public Notice

More Creek Hydroelectric Project

Public Comments Invited

September 26, 2016 – The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) must decide whether a federal environmental assessment is required for the proposed More Creek Hydroelectric Project, located approximately 130 kilometres north of Stewart, British Columbia.

To help inform this decision, the Agency is seeking comments from the public on the project and its potential effects on the environment, as described in the summary of the project description. All comments received will be considered public.

Written comments must be submitted **by October 17, 2016** to:

More Creek Hydroelectric Project
Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
410-701 West Georgia Street
Vancouver, BC V7Y 1C6
Telephone: 604-666-2431
Fax: 604-666-6990
Email: CEAA.MoreCreek.ACEE@ceaa-acee.gc.ca

To view a summary of the project description or for more information, visit the Agency's website at www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca (Registry reference number 80131).

The Proposed Project

Alaska Hydro Corporation, a British Columbia based company, is proposing to construct and operate a 75-megawatt hydroelectric facility with reservoir storage, approximately 130 km north of Stewart, in British Columbia, and 95 km east of the Alaskan border. The project would be located on More Creek, which drains into the Iskut River and then the transboundary Stikine River. As proposed, the More Creek Hydroelectric Project would generate approximately 348 gigawatt hours of electricity per year, and its reservoir storage area would cover approximately 2,680 hectares of the More Creek drainage area basin. The proposed project would include the construction and operation of a powerhouse and energy generation facilities, a transmission line, a water intake, dam and reservoir, concrete works, as well an access road and other construction related components.

ATTENTION SALMON FISHERS

The Board of Directors of the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association, Inc. seeks nominations for the following three (3) year seats:

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Wrangell sawmill's golden years and eventual collapse

Part three of a three-part series

Editor's note: Frank Roppel was in the timber industry from 1956 to 2002 and a Wrangell resident since 1992. After graduating from high school in Ketchikan and receiving a degree from Oregon State University, he began full time employment for Ketchikan Pulp Company in 1959. Rising to sawmills manager, Roppel became the first president of Sealaska Timber in 1980, and served as executive vice president and general manager of Alaska Lumber and Pulp from 1984 until its closure.

At the advice of his wife, the late writer and historian Patricia Roppel, he began putting together a history of the local timber industry. The work went unpublished, and at the advice of a friend Frank has asked the Wrangell Sentinel to run his history. The paper is pleased to present this final installment of a three-part serialization of his work.

By Frank Roppel

With a new market in Japan for primary manufactured logs, called "cants" or "resaw timbers," the Wrangell sawmill began 40 years of success. The first shipload of 3,240,000 board feet of lumber to Japan was swung aboard the Kosho Mauru in July 1955. This shipment was not an immediate success, and Alaska Lumber and Pulp – doing business as Wrangell Lumber Company (WLC) – lost money on the shipment.

Japanese buyers were not familiar with the Alaska species, and Japanese size standards were different. It took over a year to sell the first cargo. Gradually the quality of spruce and hemlock became known, and sales from Alaska increased. WLC shipped 3.3 million board feet in 1956, 6.1 million in 1957, and 14.2 million in 1958. Sales to Japan continued to increase every year reaching 55 million in 1961 and 83 million in 1964.

At that time a full shipload was being loaded every two weeks. Until 1964, WLC was the only Alaska mill selling to Japan. WLC established a large sales force in Japan, and demand now exceeded the supply from the Wrangell mill. To meet the demand, in 1964, WLC began selling lumber produced by other mills in Southeast including Ketchikan Spruce Mills, Schnabel Lumber Company, and Alaska Forest Products, the latter two located in Haines.

Several years later, a mill in Petersburg named Mitkof Lumber Company sent lumber to Wrangell by barge from Petersburg for loading on the ships serving WLC. In 1967, WLC shipped 251 million feet of lumber with a value of $27 million from Wrangell and other Southeast ports.

To further meet the growing demand and to acquire additional log resources, in about 1968, WLC purchased the Pacific Northern Timber (PNT) mill and its USFS log supply contract. PNT had built a mill and started operations in 1962 at Shoemaker Bay south of town. ALP (Wrangell Lumber Company) converted the Shoemaker Bay mill to cut 4-inch "baby squares" for the Japanese market. In 1980, the former PNT mill was completely rebuilt, and all ALP sawing operations were transferred to it.

The old "town mill" was closed and later torn down, thus ending 93 years of lumber production at that site. The new mill had the largest capacity of any mill in Alaska, well over 100 million board feet capacity per year. Production of over 400,000 board feet in one day was frequently achieved. A full shipload of lumber was produced every two weeks. During good market periods, the logs were sawn in two eight-hour shifts per day, five days and occasionally six days per week. The scale of technology and operations could scarcely have been imagined by the first Wrangell sawmill operators nearly 100 years earlier.

Another product, wood chips, contributed to the Golden Age. During the 1960 period as the lumber production rapidly increased, pulp mills had begun operating in Southeast Alaska: Ketchikan in 1954 and Sitka in 1959. The pulp mills needed wood chips, and sawmill waste – the portion of the tree that could not be made into saleable lumber – became an important fiber source and a major advancement in the full utilization of the tree.

Previously wood waste was most often burned in the familiar "teepee" cone-shaped burners.

Submitted Photo

In this aerial view of the Wrangell mill from 1970, a chip barger is prepared for transport to Sitka's pulp mill. Billowing smoke, at right was the mill's bark burner and at left its boiler for steam power generation.

WLC also had wood fired boilers that burned a substantial portion of the best quality waste to produce both electricity and steam power for the sawmill. In 1967, a large waste wood chipper was installed at the downtown mill, along with chip loading facilities. Since the pulp mill at Sitka, owned by the same company, needed "clean" (without bark) chips, large bark removal machines were installed near the log intake conveyor at the sawmill.

The addition of the chipping business helped the economy of the sawmill. Soon the other mills at Ketchikan and Haines were also chipping waste wood for sale to the pulp mills at Sitka and Ketchikan. The full utilization of the logs coupled with the increased market acceptance in Japan improved the economics of milling, pulping and logging in the Tongass to the point that in 1980, 454 million board feet of logs were harvested and made into lumber in six major sawmills and into pulp at two pulp mills.

During the 1970-1995 period, roughly 50 percent of the logs harvested in the Tongass went to a sawmill. During that time, Ketchikan, Metlakatla, Klawock, Haines and Petersburg, in addition to Wrangell ran large mills. The other 50 percent of harvested low grade logs went directly to the pulp mills for chipping. Their logs were not of high enough quality to make economically saleable lumber.

In Wrangell sawmill employment was as high as 240 workers. An additional 32 longshoremen had nearly full-time work. Sometimes there was one ship at the dock loading and another standing by. By 1990, annual payrolls exceeded $10 million for the sawmill, not counting the longshoring, tug, and timber harvest operations.

Submitted Photo

A shipment of lumber processed at the Petersburg mill awaits unloading at Wrangell in 1966. Timber from area mills made their way to Wrangell for export abroad to Japanese markets.

With the passage of the Tongass Timber Reform Act by Congress in 1990, the supply of timber needed by the two pulp mills and large export sawmills was severely curtailed, and large scale operations ceased shortly thereafter. Alaska Pulp Corporation (originally ALP) closed its Wrangell sawmill at Shoemaker Bay in 1995. The mill was later sold to Richard Buhler of Silver Bay Logging, who continued to operate the mill intermittently until 2008, only when logs were available.

Demolition of the mill was essentially completed in 2011, with only the dock, chip loading facility, office, and a few shop buildings remaining. The old "downtown mill" city sawmill site was purchased by the City of Wrangell and currently has a dock, Trident's fish processing facility, a boat haul-out, repair shops, and boat storage.

Wrangell's sawmill stands out not only for large production – approximately 4.5 billion board feet of lumber produced – and long continuity of operations, but particularly for initiating large scale sales to Japan in 1955 that were to usher in the 40-year Golden Era of sawmill operations. Wrangell's sawmilling tradition is continued today by Mike Allen, who operates a small, by comparison, sawmill to supply local needs. Occasionally he ships high-grade product to the Puget Sound for further processing. There are other small Volkswagen-style mills such as the one operated by Jim Colier, producing lumber and other wood products for local use. He recently cut the cedar blocks that were adzed to repair the Chief Shakes House and totem poles.

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City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska
Public Hearing
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough Assembly will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING at 6:30 p.m.,** in the Borough Assembly Chambers on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, on the following item:

a. PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 926: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF TITLE 20, ZONING, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE, TO ADD LICENSED MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT FACILITIES AS CONDITIONAL USES IN CERTAIN SPECIFIED ZONING DISTRICTS, AND TO UPDATE THE TEMPORARY AND SPECIAL ZONING ACTS TABLE ***(second reading)***

Action on this item will be taken at the Regular Assembly Meeting that follows the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

The Public is encouraged to attend.

Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk
City & Borough of Wrangell

Publish: October 6, 2016

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the regular board meeting of the Wrangell Medical Center Board of Directors shall be held on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Nolan Center Classroom, Wrangell, Alaska. Separate notice for the regular Board of Directors meeting shall not be required.

Kris Reed
Board Secretary
Wrangell Medical Center

Publish: October 6, 2016

CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

Pursuant to the City & Borough of Wrangell Code, Sec. 3.04.808, notice is hereby given that the regular assembly meetings of the assembly shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The meetings shall be held at 7:00 p.m., in the Assembly Chambers, City Hall, Wrangell. If any such Tuesday shall fall on a legal holiday as defined by the laws of the State of Alaska, the meetings scheduled for that day shall be held at the same hour on the next succeeding day which is not a holiday. Separate notice for the regular council meetings shall not be required. There will be no regular meetings the second Tuesday in July and August and fourth Tuesday in December.

Kim Lane, Borough Clerk
City of Wrangell, Alaska

Publish: October 6, 2016

LEGAL

Pursuant to the City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska, Borough Charter, Sec. 4, public notice is hereby given that the following ordinance listed by title only has been adopted by the Borough Assembly. Such ordinances are currently on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and may be inspected upon request.

ORDINANCE NO. 924

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A SEWER REVENUE BOND IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF $91,000 TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING CERTAIN ADDITIONS AND BETTERMENTS TO AND EXTENSIONS OF THE BOROUGH'S SEWER SYSTEM; FIXING THE DATE, FORM, TERMS, MATURITIES AND COVENANTS OF THE BOND; RESERVING THE RIGHT OF THE BOROUGH TO ISSUE FUTURE REVENUE BONDS WITH A LIEN ON REVENUES ON A PARITY WITH THE BOND UPON COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE BOND TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ORDINANCE NO. 925

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING SECTION 18.04.040, BUILDING PERMITS - COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCES, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO BUILDING PERMITS

Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk
City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

Publish: October 6, 2016

LEGAL NOTICE

Forest Service planning regulations require that each Forest in the Alaska Region prepare a Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA) identifying projects which may undergo analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) within the next year. The schedule is prepared quarterly (January, April, July, and October) and mailed to persons, agencies, and organizations that have expressed interest in being informed of these types of projects.

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City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska
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WRANGELL COURTHOUSE - CARPET REPLACEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska will receive sealed bids for the construction of the **WRANGELL COURTHOUSE - CARPET REPLACEMENT** project. WORK consists of all activities necessary to replace carpet flooring and associated flooring accessories in the Wrangell Courthouse spaces. The Owner's Estimate for all work is approximately $25,000-$30,000.

Sealed bids will be received by the City and Borough of Wrangell, Post Office Box 531, Wrangell, Alaska 99929, or located at the Borough Clerk's Office, 205 Brueger Street, Wrangell, Alaska 99929, until 10:00 AM prevailing time on October 20, 2016 and publicly opened and read in the Assembly Chambers at that time.

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OWNER: The City and Borough of Wrangell
Jeff Jabusch, Borough Manager

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In the Matter of the Estate of:)
)
IMOGENE PETTICREW) Case No. 11WR-16-19 PR

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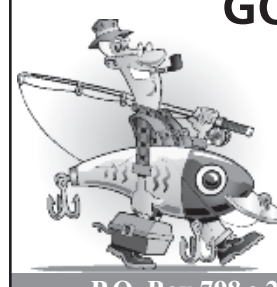
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PSP found in butter clams at Shoemaker Bay

By Dan Rudy
Sentinel writer

Following up on a warning issued this summer, the risk of poisoning from area shellfish has been revised.

Shellfish specimens found around Shoemaker Bay in August had tested positive for saxitoxin, which causes paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP). Severe cases of PSP can cause nausea, vomiting, neurological effects, respiratory failure and ultimately death. First signs tend to be a numbness of the mouth after eating tainted shellfish.

The Southeast Alaska Tribal Ocean Research website at www.seator.org/data maintains a page laying out updated information on beaches where toxins have been discovered. Some communities have been more greatly affected than others, such as beaches in Craig and Hydaburg. Locally, Wrangell Cooperative Association's Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (IGAP) collects samples of mussels and clams from local beaches, which then get sent to the SEATOR laboratory in Sitka for testing. IGAP also observes water samples at its own lab, checking for signs of harmful phytoplankton.

There are primarily three types of phytoplankton which can cause harm to local residents: Alexandrium, Dinophysis, and Pseudo-nitzschia. While the phytoplankton themselves are not harmful to humans, they produce toxins which are absorbed by filter-feeders like shellfish.

Blooms of these species can put out significant amounts of toxins, which eventually get absorbed by filter-feeders like shellfish. These are not themselves harmed by the toxins, but can pass them on to humans when ingested.

Alexandrium produces saxitoxin, while Dinophysis can produce okadaic acid, which can cause non-fatal diarrhetic shellfish poisoning. Pseudo-nitzschia produces domoic acid, which can be fatal. Domoic acid in the body can lead to amnesic shellfish poisoning. Symptoms include vomiting, nausea, diarrhea, cramps and hemorrhagic gastritis. Domoic acid also damages neurons in the brain, which can cause headache, dizziness, loss of short-term memory, and at its worst seizures and cardiac arrhythmia.

So far, only saxitoxin has turned up near Wrangell, and only at the Shoemaker beach. Butter clams have been found to contain the toxin, but cockles and mussels there have been testing negative. Depending on when the blooms occurred, different species of bivalves retain toxins for different amounts of time, from months to years, which would help explain why some species do not contain saxitoxin.

An unenforced advisory to residents remains in effect, with the caveat that eating butter clams collected from the Shoemaker Bay area may have risks. IGAP staff will continue to monitor area beaches, and any new information will be updated at the SEATOR site as test results come in.

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DO's

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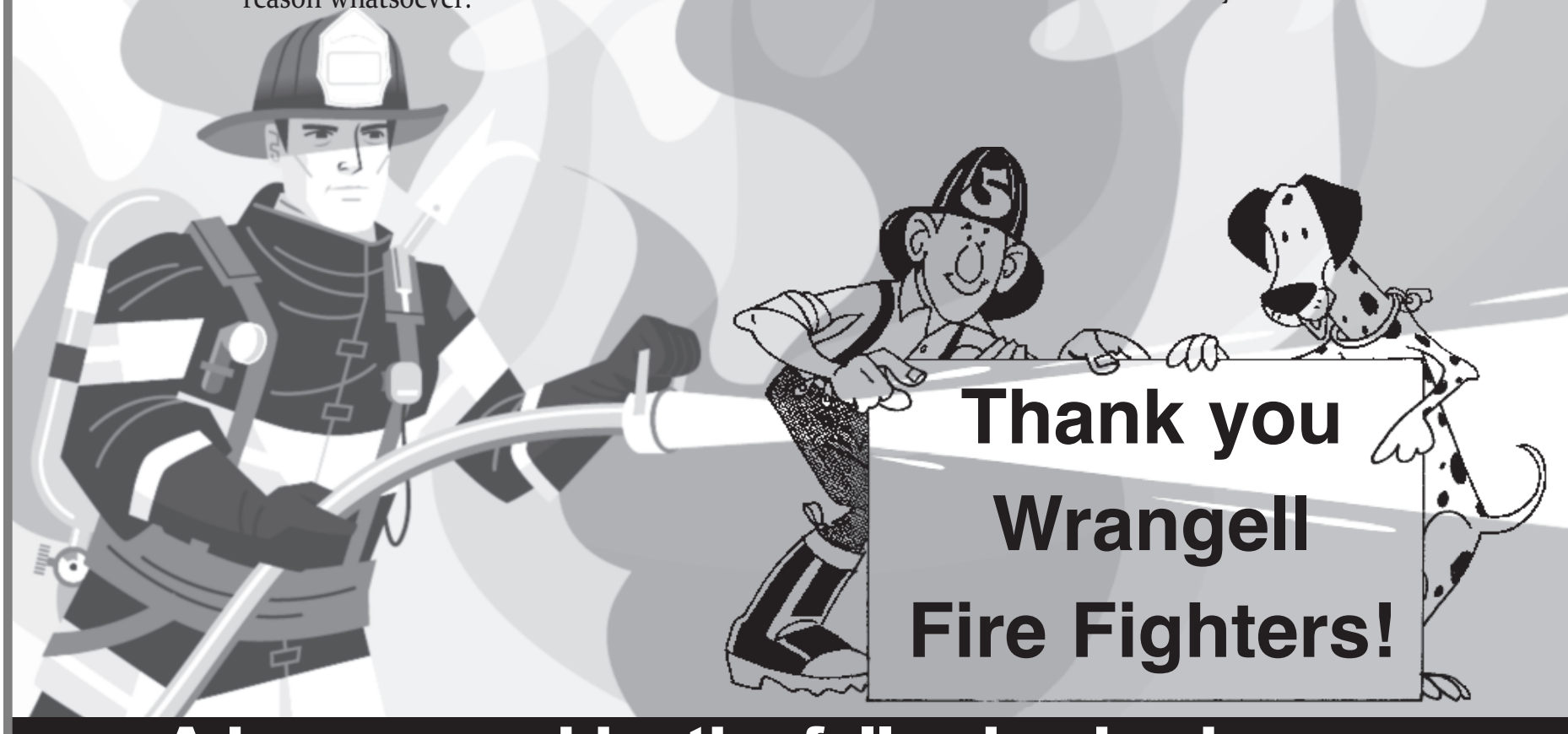

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Local cafe helps feed kids across country

By Dan Rudy
Sentinel writer

One Wrangell restaurant has been making an effort to help feed hungry children in addition to its diners.

Zak's Cafe owners Katherine George-Byrd and James George set aside half of their restaurant's profits last week for non-profit group Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry campaign. The nationwide initiative seeks to connect underfed children with nutritious meals. The group works in a number of cities with partner organizations, including private citizens, businesses, schools and government agencies.

To raise awareness, it designated September "No Kid Hungry Month." Restaurants across the country such as Zak's pooled resources for the initiative, with collected funds going toward boosting enrollment in nutritional assistance programs, teaching healthy cooking skills to families, and supporting a variety of local programs aimed at keeping kids fed.

One in particular George liked was a program which converted buses into food trucks, providing lunches for kids in New York City during the summer.

"Every other place does different stuff," he said. "We really like these programs because they're real legit."

The campaign is not the first the couple has participated in, first holding a "Pay What You Can" fundraiser for group Heifer International. Over three years, their restaurant raised enough money to sponsor four pairs of cows for villages abroad.

Photo by Dan Rudy

Katherine and James George helped raise $1,500 to combat child hunger, using half the sales of Zak's Cafe last week.

The couple has also held fundraisers to assist disaster victims, such as the 2004 tsunami in the Indian Ocean, Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and the Haiti earthquake in 2010. They also support causes closer to home, such as St. Frances Animal Rescue.

George explained what had eventually drawn them to the Share Our Strength group was its focus on hunger at home in the United States. The organization estimates one in five American children go underfed, particularly in the summertime for those whose only lunches come from school.

"Most of them are under five years old," George commented. The cook explained the importance of a nutritious meal to young students, which not only keeps them fed but helps them stay focused on their studies through the day.

"For a lot of kids, the only meal that they have is in school," he said.

Zak's used this year's "Pay What You Can" fundraiser to support the initiative in 2012, becoming the first restaurant in Alaska to do so.

"We made it nationwide," George-Byrd said. After that, the program was officially operating in all 50 states.

Following that year's fundraiser, Zak's owners had to forgo further events for several years due to ongoing medical costs. This year marks the first enent they felt able to hold in a while, and George-Byrd said she was glad.

"It was fun," she said. "Every night we've had a big group of people."

Serving specials through the week, from Monday to Friday, the two ended up raising $1,500 for the hunger initiative through sales and several donations.

"We're not breaking any records, but every little bit helps," said George-Byrd.

Elks bowling season setting up its pins

By Dan Rudy
Sentinel writer

The local Elks Lodge bowling season is about to start, with mixed league play beginning Sunday.

Bowling has been a longtime tradition at the club, with its two lanes predating the big Main Street fire of 1952. The lane continued to update with the times, getting its first mechanical pinsetter during the 1960s.

"Prior to that, they had kids back there setting pins," League secretary Bob Robbins pointed out.

The current setting equipment was installed about three decades ago, and takes a bit of work to keep running smoothly. Robbins said its last major repair took place over the summer, repairing its backend motor. The search for new parts was a bit of a process, and Robbins said after several months the right ones turned up with a company in New York. From here on the island, the need for replacement parts often ends up leading searches to bowling yards across the country.

The bowling lane is a big draw for membership at the Elks, and the league gives people an opportunity to get some recreation in during the fall and winter.

Robbins explained the season lasts 21 weeks, with leagues set up for men, women and mixed teams. A total of 21 teams are so far signed up to play, with six in the women's league, eight in the mixed, and seven for men.

Games occur weekly during the evenings, with the men's teams meeting Mondays and Tuesdays, the women's Thursdays and Fridays, and mixed matches Sundays. Nonleague bowlers can play too, with lanes typically open Wednesdays and Saturdays.

By the end of the season, awards go out for the teams in each of the three leagues for high game, high series and high average. Bowling with the club now for 27 years, Robbins has accumulated a number of these on the wall of his office.

Robbins said the men's league could still use an additional team, if there is an interest. The league is open to Elks members, and participating teams are encouraged to find themselves sponsors to pick up the $100 league fee.

"Typically everyone right now is sponsored by a local business," Robbins said.

The league also has spots open for people interested in signing up as substitute bowlers. Speak with a bartender or with Robbins for details.

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