

# "Paper Tigers" shown at high school last week



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## EATS committee tends to garden

From left to right: Jay Anderson, Mikki Angerman, Matt Nore, and Jenn Miller are members of the EATS committee, which tends to the school garden outside Evergreen Elementary. They were laying out gravel Monday afternoon for some garden beds which Miller said BW Enterprises donated. She also said that the garden beds have several sponsors, including Jack and Terree Pino, F/V Pacific Sea/Frank Warfel Jr., the Wrangell Teachers' Association, Frank and Pat Warfel, Dan Rohr, and Break-away Adventures.

#### By CALEB VIERKANT Sentinel writer

Residents of Wrangell were invited to attend a viewing of "Paper Tigers" at the high school last Tuesday. BRAVE, a local organization advocating for building healthy relationships in the community, put the event together. BRAVE member Kay Larson addressed the audience before beginning the film. She said that the documentary was meant to help form a "continuing conversation" on how the Wrangell community could help their children succeed.

"First of all I just want to say, Walla Walla, Washington is the school that we're going to be visiting. We don't want to compare ourselves to Walla Walla, there are many ways that we're similar and many ways that we're different," Larsen said. "But the main idea is to become aware of what are Adverse Childhood Experiences and how does that affect our life, our families, our community."

"Paper Tigers" follows a year in the life of several high school students in east Washington. Many students at the alternative high school they attend have a long history of behavioral problems and substance abuse. After the principal of the high school learns about the effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) on still-developing brains, he changes the school's approach to discipline. The film shows the students finding support and help from teachers and staff at the school.

After the film, Larson invited the public to look at various flyers going into more detail on ACEs, as well as to look at information for various local and regional organizations designed to help people deal with trauma. According to the CDC, both positive and negative childhood experiences have a major impact on brain development. ACEs in a child's life can lead to higher levels of risky behavior, chronic health conditions, low life potential, and early death. Larson encouraged the audience to leave comments on the film, and to talk with one another on how they can work together to build strong relationships with Wrangell's students and to help them avoid as many ACEs as possible.

## SEARHC and Swedish Medical Center to expand specialty services in SE Alaska

#### By CALEB VIERKANT Sentinel writer

Beginning this fall, according to a press release from the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium, specialty services in Southeast Alaska will be expanded thanks to collaboration between SEARHC and Swedish Medical Center. The press release stated that a letter of intent was signed on Sept. 10 to expand both specialty services and clinics across the reDan Neumeister, senior executive vice president with SEARHC, said that the decision to collaborate with Swedish was the result of a months-long process. He said that the quality of patient care and number of specialists available made them an appealing partner. The initial plan, he explained, was for specialists with Swedish to travel to Sitka to work in SEARHC clinics. At first, he said, the specialists will only be around for a few days out of the close to home," Neumeister said. "I think the strategy we have is to start with what we can support."

Neumeister said that the program will, hopefully, expand to other places around Southeast Alaska. He added that he would like to see specialist doctors in Wrangell, but it would depend on the demand for specialists in the area. Specialists are expensive, he explained, and a community would need to have a high enough volume of work to justify their visits. Specialists could come to Wrangell in the future, he said, but he did not want to over promise anything just yet. However, he did add that this collaboration would bring some other benefits to the area, even if specialists did not come to Wrangell immediately.

"It creates an easier pathway for our physicians in Wrangell to refer patients to specialists," he said.

According to the press release, SEARHC and Swedish are still finalizing their agreement, which is expected to happen sometime in the fall. Neumesiter said that, ideally, specialists could be coming to Southeast Alaska as early as 2019.

gion. The services listed in the press release include neurology, urology, cardiology, rheumatology, and dermatology. month, and initially the specialists will only be in Sitka.

"Obviously we all want healthcare

## School board recognizes Tammy Groshong and Darian Gerald during meeting

Sentinel writer The Wrangell school board met Monday evening. The board recently began a new program where "pages" from different classrooms would attend the board meetings to lead everyone in the pledge of allegiance, and a reading of the district's mission and vision. This was the first evening of this program, and the pages were fifth-graders Reese Corn, Andrew Guggenbickler, Ben Houser, and Shailyn Nelson.

By CALEB VIERKANT

The school board took time to recognize Tammy Groshong for six years of service on the board. Groshong is not seeking reelection this year, and Monday's board meeting was her last one. The board thanked her for her service and wished her luck on her future endeavors.

Secondary school principal David Macri also attended the meeting to give recognition to another member of the community. He presented a letter to the board, thanking Darian Gerald for her recent speech she gave on Sept. 10 during a high school assembly on Suicide Prevention Day. Gerald shared her story of her struggles with mental health and thoughts of suicide and encouraged those in the assembly to be there for each other, and to reach out if they were in need of help.

"The conversation you provided is not an easy one to have, with anyone," the letter read. "However, through your bravery, sincerity, and humility you have created a level of understanding, support, and awareness that promotes a safe and accepting environment free of scorn and ridicule. You provided hope."

The school board also brought up some old business during their meeting, taking another look at a proposed legal services agreement with Sedor, Wendlant, Evans, and Filippi. This item was tabled, previously, due to some concerns about the wording of certain sections of the agreement. Upon further review, however, it was adopted at this meeting.

Other items approved during the meeting include an AASB call for resolutions, acceptance of a grant award and a donation, appointment of the 2018-2019 school board standing committee members, approval of the classified salary schedule, and the adoption of Resolution 19-01, stating that the school district may seek to employ retired teachers or administrators under the Alaska Teachers Retirement System.

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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

Thursday, September 20: Radley Powers, Amber Vergilio, Jing O'Brien, Briana Taylor. Friday, September 21: Ellen Massin, Jason Rak, Chris Gillen, Adam Messmer, Terry Buness, Keely Good, David Wilson. Saturday, September 22: Lorne Cook, Braidyn Young, Terri Henson. Anniversary: Terry and Janet Buness, Bucky and Linda Bjorge. Sunday, September 23: Veronica Beasley, Christian Cartwright. Monday, September 24: Jeff Abrahamson, Mateas Rilatos, Barbara Angerman, Ken Hazelton. Tuesday, September 25: Daniel Kirschner, Lisa Nikodym, Hadley Wiederspohn, Lanny Hamley, Tina Doak, Roberta Floyd, Mariah Speers. Wednesday, September 26: Thomas Mathis Jr, Calen Young, Dick Edgley. Anniversary: Bill and Marie Haines. Thursday, September 27: Michelle Amundson, Morgan Petticrew, Chris Kuykendall, Kristin Schwerin, Gail Ottesen, Kristin Schwerin, David Wilson II. Anniversary: Darren and Emily Wickman, Josh and Tasha Toombs, Willie and Deveril Bloom.

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

## **Senior Center**

## Menu

Thursday, September 20 Venison Stew, Cabbage w/Fruit, Pilot Bread Friday, September 21 Pork Roast, Harvard Beets, Cauliflower/Broccoli Toss & Rice Monday, September 24 German Meatballs, Pasta, Beets w/Orange Sauce, Tossed Salad **Tuesday**, September 25 Chicken A La King, Broccoli, Fresh Fruit, Rice Wednesday, September 26 A-1 Meatloaf, Steamed Greens, Perfection Salad, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Thursday, September 27

Liver & Onions, Tomatoes Rockefeller, Creamy Coleslaw, Buttermilk Rolls

> 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, September 22 Malaspina 8:15 a.m. Sunday, September 23 Columbia 8:00 p.m. **Tuesday, September 25** Malaspina 2:15 p.m. Saturday, September 29 Malaspina 5:30 a.m. Sunday, September 30 Columbia 3:15 p.m

## <u>Southbound</u>

Thursday, September 20 Malaspina 11:30 p.m. Monday, September 24 Malaspina 4:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 26 Columbia 7:45 a.m. Thursday, September 27 Malaspina 6:15 p.m. Monday, October 1 Malaspina 12:30 a.m

## Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

## Thursday, September 20

Pot Luck: Cultural Center, 6-7:30 p.m. Wrangell Native Dancers, families and volunteers. Fundraising/practices for Celebration 2020. Discussing fundraising ideas, where and when to practice, crating a non-profit group, etc. Hosted by Solvay Gillen. Text: 660-7150. All are welcome.

## Friday, September 21

Presentation: Nolan Center Classroom, 5:00 p.m. Presentation on fungi in coastal rainforests. Overview of edible, common, rare, and otherwise fastinating mushroom producing species from Southern Alaska and how to identify them.

### Saturday, September 22

Fungus Foray: Location will be determined the week of the walk to take advantage of the best spot for collection. Mushroom collection and identification walk.

> 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: Water Aerobics: Lap Swim:

2 Lane Lap Swim: Lap/Tot Swim: Swim Club: Open Swim:

S 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

MTWThF 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. S 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. M-F 3:15-5:15 p.m. 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.

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### MEETINGS

AA Meetings: Smoked Fish Fri 8 p.m.; at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall, Study Materials provided.

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

**September 19, 1918** 

Ensign W. Kerr, financial representative for the Salvation Army for Alaska arrived in Wrangell yesterday. He has been on a trip as far northward as Atlin and Carcross collecting for local and war work. The Ensign stated that instead of having a harvest Thanksgiving effort and a war work drive at different times the two are being combined into one effort. The drive in Wrangell will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

"We have 50 ambulance cars on the war front," said Mr. Kerr. "Three hundred 'huts' where refreshments and other necessary equipment are provided for the comfort of the soldiers.

"The Salvation Army has 100,000 men engaged in war work of one sort of another, and this does not include a single chaplain or person engaged in religious work. These people are doing just what their hands find to do.

"The Salvation Army felt that Alaska should help in this great work," said Ensign Kerr, "and sent me out to see what I could do. The people of other towns in the North have come to the front nicely, and I am here to receive what aid the people of Wrangell see fit to give."

it, is to stick an American flag in your hat and sally forth to do your "patriotic" duty by killing your limit. After all, there is excess in a government controlled elk herd in Oregon, therefore we must kill off these Sitkan deer, brothers. Or, better yet, perhaps somebody should report this great "surplus" of deer to the Truman committee.

## September 19, 1968

If you are alert these days when you are fishing in Southeastern Alaska, you may be rewarded with a glimpse of a unique and remarkable animal, the sea otter. They are again in this part of Alaska, after a long absence - and in the story of their demise and eventual reappearance is an intriguing one which takes us back two hundred and twenty six years, to a bleak Aug. 26, 1742.

Sea otters, it was learned, were abundant along the American coast from the Aleutians to California. Soon Russian adventurers embarked eastward in quest of furs. Voyage after voyage sailed to Alaska and returned laden with rich furs to invest in a lucrative trade with remaining sea otters. Since then, sea otter populations have re-established themselves and they are again numerous today in the Aleutian Islands and Prince William Sound. However, between their present ranges is a 2,000 mile long gap, the coasts of Southeast Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and Northern California. Formerly this area supported great numbers of sea otters.

This summer, in an ambitious effort to begin filling this gap, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, in cooperation with the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, moved planeload after planeload (302 in total) of very irritated and protesting sea otters from Amchitka Island in the western Aleutians to southeastern Alaska.

## September 16, 1993

This year's moose hunt opened Wednesday and knowing the rules for taking a moose are more complicated than ever. So, complicated that the Fish and Game Department displayed an exhibit in Angerman's that illustrated the complexities of this year's moose hunting rules. If you go hunting, you might want to take a copy of the regulations with you - or an attorney.

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



TIDES September 20 - September 27

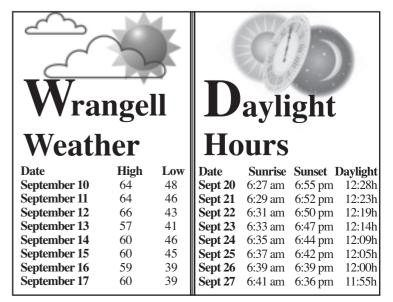
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September 23	0:30	15.9	1:02	15.8	6:41	0.0	6:54	1.5
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September 25	1:41	16.5	2:01	16.7	7:39	-0.3	7:56	0.1
September 26	2:14	16.4	2:29	16.8	8:08	-0.1	8:27	-0.3
September 27	2:48	16.1	2:57	16.8	8:37	0.4	9:01	-0.5

September 24, 1943

A great many things are done in the name of patriotism, some of which would have to be stretched pretty far to get within shooting distance of the word patriotic. One of the latest in this category emanates from Ketchikan where the editor of the Chronicle breaks out with a plea to hunters to be sure and kill their two deer each because "there are more than enough bucks" to go around. "Actually," says the Chronicle, "a large amount of meat that could well be taken is wasted by being left to die at the hands of natural enemies."

The thing, then, to do, we take

China. By 1900 sea otters were almost extinct. In 1911 the International Fur Seal Treaty included a provision protecting the few



# **Candidate roundup for local election**

## SCHOOL BOARD

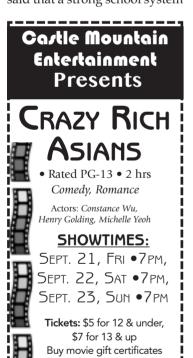
With the October election just around the corner, there are many residents of Wrangell seeking office. One of the most hotly contested races this year is for two open positions on the Wrangell school board. Eight members of the community are running for a seat on the school board, each with their own reasons to run. They are Aleisha Mollen, Aaron Angerman, Annya Ritchie, Brian Ashton, David Powell, Jennifer Bates, Karey Losinski, and Leeann Wiggins-Martin.



Aleisha Mollen

### Aleisha Mollen is an

incumbent candidate seeking reelection. Mollen said that she has a passion for all the kids in the school system, as well as for providing the best education possible. She also said there is an added benefit of neutrality to her being on the board. Not having children of her own in the school, she said that she can more easily take a step back and look at issues from a unique perspective, and really consider what would be best. She also said that a strong school system



is very important, as better schools can help create better towns

"My focus is on the little people issues, not the big people issues," Mollen said. "Since I don't have a kid of my own in the school, every kid in the school is my kid."



**Aaron Angerman** 

## Aaron Angerman said

he had been on the fence about running for the school board for a while, but felt the time was right as Wrangell had just brought on new principals and a new superintendent. With the school system in a period of transition, he said he felt it was a good opportunity to help bring ideas and improvements to the table. He said it was very important for locals in small towns like Wrangell to run for volunteer positions such as the school board, so as to help provide better opportunities and tools for the children.

"I think that I can hit the ground running," Angerman said. "I plan to study up on what's been going on and keep an open mind."

Annya Ritchie said that this is her first time running for any public office. She wants to see the school system put

healthy is here.



Annya Ritchie

more emphasis on career preparedness, rather than complete focus on college prep. She also said she would like to see an expansion of the schools' language programs, as well as more reviews of long term goals and use of technology in classrooms. She added that increased communication with parents was key.

"I am somebody that is going to ask questions. I'm not somebody who is going to be passive in any situation," Ritchie said. "But I'm also somebody who's willing to listen. I want to hear what it is our students want, what our parents want to see in our system, and not put what I feel is right above whatever else."



**Brian Ashton** 

Brian Ashton said that he was part of a group of Wrangell residents who helped

# **Police report**

## September 10, 2018

Suspicious: Contact made with person sleeping in their car.

Traffic: Verbal warning for unsafe load. Traffic stop: Verbal warning for failure to use

## turn signal.

Drug information.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning given for expired

create the school district's strategic plan. He described it as an awesome experience where people offered valuable insight into what the district needed to focus on in the coming years. He said he is running to assist in carrying out that strategic plan. Ashton said that he wants to help Wrangell become a place known for a thriving culture and economy, a place where parents come to raise their families. A strong educational system, he said, is a critical component of Wrangell's success.

"We need to continue to develop our educational system on a culture of encouragement, excellence, and resilience," Ashton said in an email to the Sentinel. "I am offering my time in supporting and encouraging excellence in our children, teachers, and school administration, for the betterment of our community schools."



**David Powell** 

David Powell is a unique candidate in that he is running for two different offices. While pursuing a seat on the school board, he is also looking for reelection to the borough assembly. He said that he wants to be on the school board to help the district recapture former glory. Powell said that Evergreen Elementary, for example, used to be a "blue ribbon" school but it is not anymore. He wants to be a part of the school board to help raise standards in Wrangell and provide greater opportunities for the community's children.

"I've lived here all my life, I know everybody and everybody knows me," Powell said. "If they want to talk to me, just about everybody has my cell phone. I want to listen to somebody's concerns. I think that's what made me a good assemblyperson, is that I listen to concerns and take them to the right people."



**Jennifer Bates** 

Jennifer Bates said

she is running for a position on the school board to be an advocate for the children. She said that experience as a substitute teacher and volunteer in the elementary and middle schools has given her a special perspective on what the school district needs. She said that one of her main goals, if elected, is to find ways to get more paraprofessionals into schools. Teachers are facing larger class sizes and need more help, she said. Bates also

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Agency assist: Evergreen Elementary.

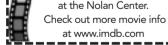
Agency assist: Welfare check. Traffic: Person reported two vehicles

swerved toward them.

Parking: Person parked in handicap area.

Traffic: Reported person speeding and loud music.

Citizen report intoxicated driver: Officer re-



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registration for vehicle. Disturbance/PTRP: Disorderly warning given.

Loud music: Officer made contact, they will turn it down.

September 11, 2018 Caterer's permit. Found property. Vacation check. Theft reported. Civil assist. **September 12, 2018** 

Citizen assist: Officer assisted person to get into hotel.

MVA

Suspicious circumstance.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment.

Agency assist: EMTs requested and dispatched.

#### September 13, 2018

Loud music: Officer responded. Agency assist: Alarm. Agency assist: 86'd letter received. sponded.

conduct

Criminal mischief: Report of kids on new cement.

86'd letter served.

Noise complaint: Music too loud. Unfounded.

86'd letter faxed.

## September 14, 2018

Agency assist: Harbor.

Citizen assist: Unlock vehicle.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for passenger side headlight out.

September 15, 2018

Burglary: Unfounded.

#### September 16, 2018

Gun shots: Unable to locate.

Citation issued: Opal Wilsey, 47. Dog at large and citation issued for license required.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for broken taillight.

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

# **Candidate roundup for local election**

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added that the schools needed to get their safety policies updated, in the event of a bomb threat or an active shooter. She said that her main pitch to voters is "change."

"We have been in a slump of 'This is it. This is Wrangell.' We have a new superintendent, two new principals, so change," Bates said. "And, hopefully, with change comes fresh, new ideas, fresh ears to bounce things off of, and somebody coming up to you and being able to say 'Hey, I need you to listen."

Karey Losinski was a paraprofessional last year, she said, and is on-call as a substitute



Karey Losinski

teacher this year. She said that she decided to run for a seat on the school board to try and combat what she said was favoritism going on in the school system. She said that she has seen several things getting ignored or pushed under the rug because of someone having a certain name, or being friends with other certain people. She said she was worried that proper regulations were not being followed by the district in certain aspects, and she would like to make sure it was doing so. She also said that a big concern of hers was to improve school structure and to make communication between school staff and parents easier. She asked that people not turn the election into a popularity contest, but to actually support someone who will work to better the district.

"I guess I would say to not necessarily vote for me, vote for whoever you think has the best interest for the children. One that's not intimidated, one that's going to be strong and fair," Losinski said. "Make your vote an honest vote."



Leeann Wiggins-Martin

Leeann Wiggins-Martin is the eighth candidate seeking election to the school board. Martin said that this is her first time running, and she wanted to run because she has kids in the school system. In an email, Martin said that she wanted to support the staff and the students of the district, and one of her priorities would be to open up the lines of communication between the schools and the community.

"I have been on both sides. I was a staff member so I have seen the issues on the inside," Martin wrote. "I am a parent and have had to deal with issues regarding my students and I am a community member that would like to see more community involvement in the schools and vise versa."

# Write-in candidate seeks election to borough assembly

#### By CALEB VIERKANT Sentinel writer

Dale Parkinson fell in love with Wrangell about 13 years ago, he said, after he won an Alaskan cruise from the university radio in Long Beach, California. Eight years ago he and his family visited Wrangell again on vacation, when they found a home for sale at 3.5 mile on Zimovia Highway. Parkinson said he and his family spent increasing amounts of time in Wrangell over the years and, in August of 2016, they made a permanent move to the island. Now Parkinson is running as a write-in candidate for the borough assembly.

"I want to serve the community and island of Wrangell. The office of assemblyman is, for me, not one of politics of political power, it's an opportunity to serve," Parkinson wrote in response to several questions. "I want to make certain that the needs and views of the citizens of Wrangell are represented in the borough government. There are exciting things on the horizon for our community and I want to be a part of crafting the direction by which we approach that horizon."

This is the first time running for any political office, Parkinson said. He said he was shocked that nobody had stepped in to run for the second open assembly seat, and that he felt it was the right time to run.

"In a representative form of

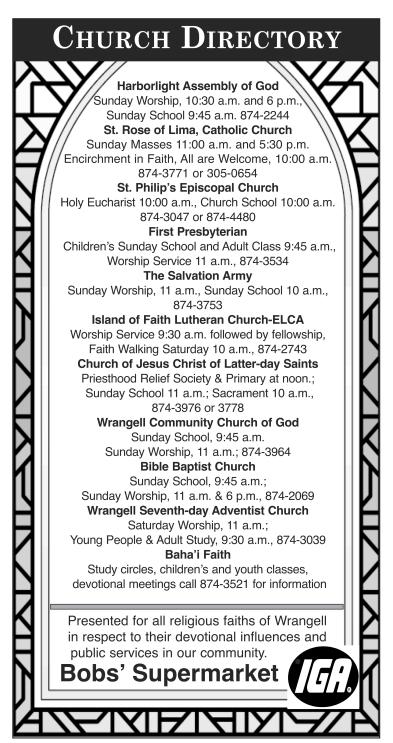


**Dale Parkinson** 

areas where he felt improvement was needed was in communication between government and the people, and the retention of Wrangell's youth. Parkinson said that young people are vital to the strength of the Wrangell community, as well as the variety of cultures found in it. He added that if he is elected as an assemblyman, he would exercise power with care. His experience with bureaucracy, thanks to 20 years of experience as a government contractor, has given him important insight that he said would make him a good repre-

"I'm for small, responsive, respectful government," Parkinson wrote. "If elected, I want to hear from you, both what you like about Wrangell and what you would like to see Parkinson' and fill in the bubble improved. I'm a write-in candidate so please write in 'Dale

next to my name." Election day is Oct. 2.



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government, unfilled seats mean underrepresented citizens."

He said that, if elected, one of his main goals will be to see the new hospital being planned is built as quickly "as is safe and practical." He also said that two



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## Alaska Supreme Court gives opinion on local property dispute

#### By CALEB VIERKANT Sentinel writer

On Aug. 31, the Supreme Court of Alaska gave on opinion on a property dispute between two Wrangell residents, DeWayne Tomal and Jeannette Anderson. The opinion came down after a trial in superior court between the two Wrangellites, after their domestic partnership came to an end and the question of how to divide their property came to trial. The case is an interesting one, the opinion reads, because Tomal and Anderson both reportedly continued to live together for some time after their relationship had come to an end.

"Alaska has long recognized unique legal standards for property disputes between two people ending a domestic partnership," the opinion reads. "Our case law has treated the end of a domestic partnership as coextensive with both the end of a marriage-like relationship and the end of the partners' cohabitation, as has generally been the case in the appeals we have decided. But this appeal presents the novel factual circumstance of a couple who continued living together after their marriage-like relationship ended. We must therefore clarify several aspects of our domestic partnership case law to decide this appeal."

Tomal and Anderson began living together in Wrangell 1998, according to the opinion. Tomal purchased beachfront property off of Zimovia Highway and the two worked to make it into their permanent home. Shortly thereafter, however, there were financial troubles and the relationship fell apart. In 2012, Anderson told Tomal that she would no longer sleep in the same house as him. However, though Tomal and Anderson slept in separate rooms, did their own chores, and prepared their own meals, they continued to live in the same home, according to the report.

In 2015 Anderson obtained legal counsel and proposed the Zimovia property be partitioned, but Tomal did not agree to the idea. Tomal filed a lawsuit against Anderson in 2016, claiming she was liable for property expenses he had been paying for as well as for unauthorized expenditures she had made with his earnings. Anderson denied these claims and filed a countersuit for a domestic partnership property division.

The superior court held a three-day bench trial in February and March of 2017. In April, a written decision was given to divide the property. Tomal failed to prove his misappropriation claims and that he and Anderson were in a domestic partnership, requiring equal division of property. The partnership ended in 2012 when Anderson said she would no longer sleep in the same room as him, the court decided. The court also resolved several valuation disputes and included \$50,000 of Tomal's pension as partnership property.

Tomal was awarded the Zimovia property at a value of \$275,000 and was ordered to



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## Last market of the season

Thecla Lalonde has been making homemade soap for about five years, she said. She was at the community market last Saturday to sell her wares. According to Cyni Crary, with the Nolan Center, last Saturday's market was the last one of the season. The community market will start back up next spring, she said.

pay Anderson an equalization payment of a little less than \$100,000. The court decided against crediting Tomal for post-separation property expense payments as both parties continued to contribute to the household in roughly equal amounts.

The case was complicated, however, by Tomal seeking to get the court to reconsider the denial of the post-separation expenses. He also sought prevailing party attorney's fees and costs. Anderson also sought prevailing party fees and costs, but she also sought to have the court give her the Zimovia property. She also wanted to keep Tomal from entering the property, citing a fear of domestic violence. The court declined to give Tomal prevailing party attorney's fees. Instead, Anderson was awarded over \$500 in litigation costs and nothing in attorney's fees. After this, both parties appealed to the state supreme court.

In the opinion, the Alaska Supreme Court wrote that it determined four things about the case. One, the trial court did not "clearly err" by finding the relationship between Tomal and Anderson at an end in 2012. "By early 2012 the parties had separate finances and filed separate tax returns; they had not filed a joint tax return at least since 2005," the opinion read. Secondly, the court found that it was a mistake to classify certain property as partnership property, such as a portion of Tomal's pension. In the trial Tomal argued that there was no evidence that the parties intended to share his pension, and the court was wrong to require he pay a portion of it to Anderson. Anderson, meanwhile, argued that

the trial court was wrong to classify her truck as shared property, but Tomal's boat as separate. The Supreme Court decided that it was, indeed, an error to count the pension as shared property. The court also determined that Anderson's truck was private, and not shared property. However, the court also decided that the boat in question was correctly assigned as separate property as Tomal purchased it after the relationship came to an end with personal funds.

Third, the court found a clear error in the valuation of a certain piece of property. An excavator was valued by the trial court at \$1,000. According to Anderson, this was a mistake as Tomal had testified a neighbor had offered to purchase it once for \$6,000. The Supreme Court agreed with Anderson that this was a mi take. Finally, the Supreme Court determined that the trial court "did not abuse its discretion by requiring an equalization payment." Tomal argued that the equalization payment effectively forced him to cash out of his pension to pay Anderson. However, the court rejected this argument, saying that Tomal was not required to use his pension to pay Anderson, he could find other sources of funds. "Except as otherwise noted, we affirm the trial court's rulings," The opinion read. "We remand for the trial court to recalculate the equalization payment in light of our opinion."

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# Cross country team prepares for Juneau regional

### By CALEB VIERKANT Sentinel writer

The Wrangell High School cross country team has had an eventful season. They have run against other Southeast Alaska schools in Sitka, Metlakatla, Petersburg, and Ketchikan. This Sat., Sept. 22, they will participate in the Regional competition. Coach Jen Davies said that Wrangell will compete against 13 or 14 other schools at Regionals, but she has very high hopes for her team. She said she is confident that they will make a good showing at Regionals.

"We've had four races already," she said. "And just by seeing where we've placed, we're headed for a good spot, I think.

Cross country is similar to golf in that participants are aiming for a low score, Davies explained. If a runner comes in fifth place, for example, they are given a score of five. Cross country is both a team and an individual sport, she said. After the Regional competition will be the State competition at Bartlett on Sept. 29. The top 15 girls and top 15 boys from the regional competition will go on to run at State.

"Just be rooting for us on Saturday," Davies said.

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The Wrangell High School cross country team will be heading to Juneau this week for the Regional competition. Coach Jen Davies said that she is confident in her team's abilities and asks that the community root for them this weekend.

## **Project HOPE fighting opioid epidemic with Narcan nasal spray kits**

#### By CALEB VIERKANT Sentinel writer

According to documents provided by Erin Michael, the public health nurse for Petersburg and Wrangell, opioids were involved in 42,000 deaths in the United States in 2016. In Alaska, in 2017, there were 108 opioid-related deaths. The National Institute of Drug Abuse said that opioids are highly addictive and can be found in illegal substances like heroin. It is also found in

## Assembly holds special meeting to approve Church Street paving, other upgrades

By CALEB VIERKANT Sentinel writer

The city and borough assembly of Wrangell held a special meeting Monday night to approve various renovations and upgrades to city infrastructure.

The first item was a contract with SECON for paving repairs to Church Street, in the amount of \$29,827. Director of Public Works Amber Al-Haddad went into some detail on the project. She said that the Church Street paving would begin after contractors were finished with their current work on Evergreen Street, and would take about two days to complete. After some brief discussion, the assembly approved of this contract.

The other two items on the agenda were both related to a project to upgrade diesel generation plant controls. One agenda item was to transfer \$36,000 from the general expenditures fund to the distribution expenditures capital purchases fund for the project. The other item was to approve a contract with Electric Power Systems Inc. for the diesel generation plant controls upgrades project in the amount of \$85,697.45.

Al-Haddad said that, initially, they had budgeted \$50,000 for the project. The transfer of \$36,000, however, would allow Wrangell to afford the project without dipping into any savings. Upon explaining this, the board approved both agenda items.

prescription pain medications such as Oxy-Contin and Vicodin. To combat the increasing abuse of opioids in the area, the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services has organized a new program, Project HOPE.

"As far as opioids go, Alaska has seen deaths quadruple from heroin from 2009 to 2015," Michael said.

Project HOPE is working to reduce opioid overdoses providing kits by of Narcan to communities throughout Alaska. The program has been around for about a year, Michael said. Narcan is used to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose, giving the victim time to reach a hospital. According to Michael, the Narcan is administered to a patient via a nasal spray that is easy to use. She said that the kits are provided to several professional medical organizations that apply for them, and the kits are then distributed to the public.

"Any entity that has a medical professional there can sign up," Michael said.

In Wrangell, both the Wrangell Medical Center and the SEARHC AICS clinic have access to the Narcan kits. Michael said that the kits come with a nasal spray, a pair of gloves, a CPR mask, and instructions on how to use the kit. She added that to get a kit, there are a few simple steps one must go through. A person wanting a kit must be 18-years-old or older, first of all, and they must undertake a short bit of training. Michael said that the training is quick and can be done in a few minutes. The person will also need to fill out a small questionnaire to help track demographic information. After this, she said, the person can get up to three Narcan kits at a time.

"It's meant to be very easy for anyone to use," Michael said.

More information about Project HOPE, Narcan, and opioid use can be found online at www.dhss.alaska.gov/dph/

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From left to right: Alicia Holder, Stephanie Cook, and Heather Johnson pose with the prizes available at last Saturday's Sip & Shop.

## **Annual Sip & Shop last Saturday**

#### By CALEB VIERKANT Sentinel writer

Many stores around Wrangell stayed open late last Saturday evening to participate in the annual Sip & Shop. Alicia Holder, with the chamber of commerce, said that the Sip & Shop was a fun way for people to go out and get some good deals while shopping, while also enjoying some wine. Participants would come to the downtown pavilion where they could purchase a ticket and wine glass. They would then go shopping around town while hanging out with friends and enjoying various games and food. After spending \$50 at participating shops, they would then return to the downtown pavilion to enter their ticket into a raffle drawing for various prizes.

There were two raffle winners at the end of the evening. Juanita Courson won a print of a salmon, as well as some stickers. LaDonna Botsford won a rock carving of a salmon, a floral arrangement, and a gift certificate to the movie theater. Holder said that, all in all, it was a very successful event.

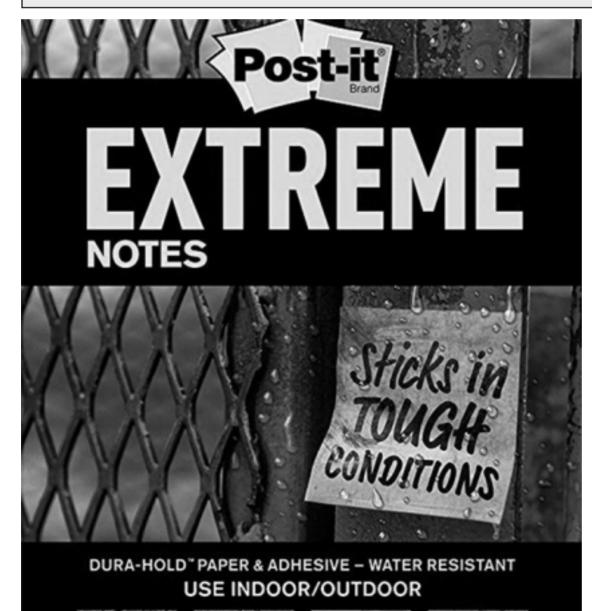
"We probably had around 40 shoppers and it seemed like everyone had a good time," she said.

The stores which participated in the Sip & Shop included 56 North, Alaska Waters Gift Shop, Lovey's, Groundswell, Magnolia Beauty Bar, Silver Liningz Boutique, The Compass Line, Wrangell Art Gallery and the Wrangell Museum.



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Kayla Meissner plays water pong outside of 56 North.



# Officials apologize to Alaska Natives for bird regulations

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) – State and federal wildlife officials have apologized to Alaska Natives for the enforcement of migratory bird regulations that failed to consider the effects on subsistence practices.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued the apology Thursday for the consequences of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which prohibited the spring and summer harvests of migratory birds and their eggs during its implementation in the 1960s and 1970s, KTVA-TV reported .

The prohibition caused Alaska Natives to lose an important food source, prompting many to hunt illegally to feed their families, the agencies said.

"We recognize that the regulations were wrong, that they prohibited hunting of migratory birds when you needed it most during the springtime," said Sam Cotten, the Alaska Fish and Game commissioner. "We got it wrong, we regret that we caused harm. We realize now that it was a wrong regulation to have in place, so we apologize for that."

The bird act was signed into law in 1918, intended to protect bird populations depleted by commercial hunting. Alaska Native leaders led an effort to change the law, resulting in the act getting amended in 1997.

The first legal subsistence harvest was in 2003. The Alaska Migratory Bird Co-management Council was also established that year, bringing in Alaska Native representatives to manage the hunts with the agencies. Cotten and Gregg Siekaniec, director of the federal agency in Alaska, signed official apology letters, which were distributed to members of the council at its meeting in Anchorage. "This moment right here isn't going to fix what has happened in past years, but it could actually bring healing," said Gayla Hoseth, a council member from Bristol Bay. "And healing is what needs to happen for Natives throughout the state on all issues."





# Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH Fisheries columnist

# Sea cucumbers have been used in traditional Chinese medicine to help aid in many different health problems

As Alaska's salmon season draws to a close, lots of fall fisheries are just getting underway from Ketchikan to the Bering Sea.

Southeast is one of Alaska's busiest regions for fall fishing, especially for various kinds of shellfish. Nearly 400,000 pounds of sidestripe and pink shrimp are being hauled in by a few beam trawlers, and the season for spot shrimp opens October 1. Usually about half a million pounds of the popular big spots are hauled up in local pots over several months.

Dungeness crab fishing also will reopen in Southeast in October, and up to 200 Southeast divers will head down for more than 1.7 million pounds of sea cucumbers starting October 1. A 140,000 pound sea cucumber fishery at Kodiak attracts around 20 divers, and smaller cuke catches in the 5,000 to 20,000-pound range also occur along the Alaska Peninsula, the Aleutians and Bering Sea.

Divers, who received about \$4 per pound for their sea cucumber catches last year, are likely to get even higher prices. The cukes are considered a delicacy in Asian countries where they are served in many fresh, frozen and powdered forms. (See more about the amazing health properties of sea cucumbers below.)

A decrease in supply due to a heat wave this summer in China killed most of that country's production and market reports show that dried sea cucumbers from Japan were recently selling for \$126.50 per pound.

Alaska longliners have taken 78 percent of the nearly 20 million pound catch limit since the fishery began in mid-March, with less than four million pounds remaining. Seward, Homer and Kodiak were the top ports for halibut landings. For sablefish, fishermen have taken 61 percent of the nearly 26 million pound quota with Seward, Sitka and Kodiak receiving the most deliveries. Both fisheries end on November 7.

meets October 1- 9 in Anchorage. Comments on all agenda items are open through September 28.

Finally, the state Board of Fisheries will meet October 15-19 at the Egan Center with an unusual lineup that includes a work session, Pacific cod issues and an open town hall meeting on Alaska hatcheries.

In its regular meeting cycle that begins in November, the board will address regulatory issues focused on state managed fisheries at Bristol Bay, the Alaska Peninsula, Chignik, the Aleutians and Bering Sea.

Sea cukes and cancer –Sea cucumbers have been considered a delicacy in Asian cuisine for centuries and also have been used in traditional Chinese medicine to help aid in many different health problems.

In his book *Cancer: Step Outside the Box,* author Ty M. Bollinger calls the spiky, sluglike creates a miracle cure for cancer.

"You can cook them for various dishes, but the way it's found in local health food stores is dried and powdered and in capsule form," he said, adding that dried sea cucumber extract is anti-viral, anti-bacterial and also has anti-inflammatory properties.

"Another of the fascinating things about sea cucumbers is that they are very high in chondroitin sulfate, which is commonly used to treat joint pain and arthritis. To my knowledge, they have the highest concentration of chondroitin of any animal," Bollinger said in an interview.

While customers likely won't see it on the labels, he added that powdered sea cucumbers also have many cancer curing abilities based on studies over the past 15 years.

"Number one, it's cytotoxic, which means it kills cancer could more than triple their production if they had a new FLUPSY. That's a floating upweller system used to grow millions of tiny oysters after they leave their nursery tanks.

It takes up to five years for oysters to grow from microscopic to slurpable size, and the outdated system is taking a big bite out of the potential.

Unlike other shellfish growing regions in Southeast Alaska and Prince William Sound where farms are widely scattered, a dozen Kachemak Bay farmers used their closer proximity and formed a cooperative in 1988 to pool their resources and products. Since then the Kachemak Shellfish Growers Cooperative and its non-profit mariculture arm have grown to share a facility on the Homer Spit for processing, marketing, slurping, shipping and most recently, culturing local oyster seed.

"We should be independent from seed to plate. We are doing that now," said Marie Bader, cooperative president.

Roughly three million microscopic seed oysters are held in five 500-gallon nursery tanks where they feed constantly on algae for three months before transferring to the waters of Kachemak Bay. That's where the FLUPSY comes in. The floating raft is run by a paddle wheel pump that provides a steady flow of water and algae to porous bins that hold the baby bivalves for a year.

"We no longer feed them when they go into the ocean. They depend on the water for their nutrients," Bader explained.

The baby oysters are cleaned and graded throughout their year in the FLUPSY; when they reach fingernail size, they are sold to the farmers who grow them in floating lantern nets for at least two more years before they are marketable nearly 20 year old FLUPSY would help fill that need.

"Instead of three million, we might up it to 10 million, and we could space out the baby oysters more so they weren't so congested in the few bins we have," Bader said, adding that the FLUPSY is "on its last legs."

"It's been in salt water, it's open to the elements, our workers have to boat over to Halibut Cove and are outside in rain and snow keeping that paddlewheel going in the middle of winter. We need a new facility that is enclosed so that our workers are out of the elements and our seed is protected," she added.

A new FLUPSY is on Homer's 2019 capital improvement list for a total cost of \$175,000. City manager Katie Koester called the co-op's oyster businesses a "sparkling year-round addition" to Homer and said that "every cooler of oysters delivered to the dock represents \$150 to the grower."

Koester added that the local hatchery and new FLUPSY also can provide a great educational lab for high school and university students, who currently must travel to Seward for mariculture studies.



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Lisa Von Bargen Wrangell Borough Manager **Published: September 13, 20, 27 and October 4, 2018** 



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Fishing for cod, rockfish, flounders, pollock and other whitefish continues in the Bering Sea. Pollock reopens in the Gulf of Alaska October 1.

Bering Sea crabbers will find out any day the fate of a red king crab fishery at Bristol Bay as well as the catches for snow crab and Tanners. Those fisheries open October 15.

Fall also marks the time for some of Alaska's most important fish meetings. The industry will get a first peek at possible fish catches for next year when the North Pacific Fishery Management Council cells, and it also is immunomodulatory. So it has both sides of what I call the cancer killing coin," he explained. "If you are going to defeat cancer, you need something that regulates your immune system to where it works properly but you also must have something that is going to kill those cancer cells. The sea cucumber does both."

Sea cucumber extract also is used as an adjunct treatment for those undergoing chemotherapy, Bollinger said, because it's very effective at mitigating the side effects of that cancer treatment.

**Bigger home for baby oysters -** Alaska oyster growers at Kachemak Bay near Homer

marketable.

The Kachemak growers sold 150,000 **dozen** oysters last year. Orders online are advertised at \$21 per dozen but sell locally for \$14 to \$16 at retail and "a bit less for restaurants," Bader said. "At Pike's Place Market in Seattle oysters are selling for \$19-\$20 a dozen, so it's a pretty darn good value."

The group also sells oyster seed at \$40 to \$45 per thousand to oyster growers in Alaska and elsewhere, where demand exceeds supply. As the Pacific Ocean acidifies, oyster growers in Washington, California and British Columbia have struggled to get larvae to grow into seed, the stage when shells form, and are turning to Alaska. Upgrading their



Wrangell Regular Election of October 2, 2018, the following ordinance applies:

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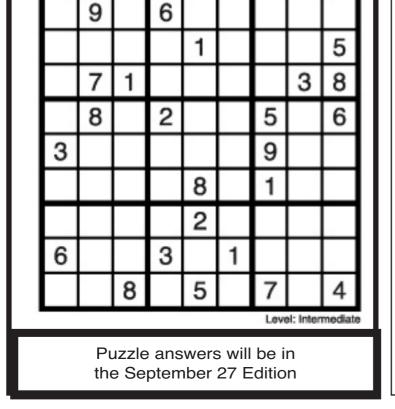
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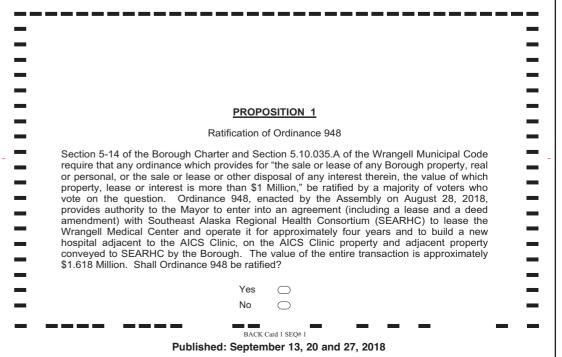
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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Directors of the Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) will hold a Regular Board Meeting on September 27, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at The Landing Hotel Sunny Point Ballroom in Ketchikan, Alaska. During the meeting, an executive session will be held for discussions related to union contract negotiations. For additional information, please call (907) 228-2281. **Publish: September 20, 2018** 

## CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

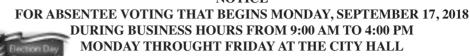
The Borough Assembly will hold a public hearing, on **Tuesday**, **September 25, 2018** in the Borough Assembly Chambers on the following requests to vacate an alleyway (11a) and to vacate unused floating easements (11b).

11a A preliminary plat of the W.M.C. Subdivision, the replat of lots 1 and 10, Block 54, Wrangell Townsite, according to Plat No. 68-81, and Tract "B", supplemental plat of Wrangell Townsite, USS 1119, according to Plat No. 68-129, and portion of Lot 1, portion of Lot 2, and Lots 9 and 10, Block 54, Townsite, USS 1119, creating Lot A, Block 54, W.M.C. Subdivision, Wrangell Recording District, First Judicial District, State of Alaska; and requesting vacation of an alleyway and portion of a scenic strip adjacent to these lots within Block 54, zoned Open LAMINATING services up to 11x17 at the Wrangell Sentinel. 205 Front St. 874-2301 .....

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#### NOTICE



FOR THE OCTOBER 2, 2018 REGULAR ELECTION QUALIFIED VOTERS MAY VOTE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT UNTIL 4:00 P.M., Monday, OCTOBER 1, 2018

For those voters who cannot VOTE ABSENTEE IN PERSON, you may <u>submit an application</u> to have your ballot <u>mailed or faxed</u> to you <u>beginning Monday</u>, <u>September 3, 2018</u>, at 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please stop by the Borough's Clerks Office to apply.

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

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE Vacancies on City Boards and Committees City and Borough of Wrangell

The City and Borough of Wrangell is accepting *letters of interest* from citizens who may wish to serve on the following City Boards and Committees:

Planning & Zoning Commission Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Wrangell Convention & Visitors Bureau Economic Development Committee

two (2) three-year terms two (2) three-year terms one (1) three-year term one (1) three-year term

Deadline for Letters of Interest is: <u>Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.</u> You can drop off your Letter of Interest to at City Hall, 205 Bruger Street or mail it to:

Mayor David L. Jack P.O. Box 531 Wrangell, AK 99929

Or email your *letter of interest* to the Borough Clerk at: clerk@wrangell.com.

A copy of the code chapter for any of the above boards and commissions can be obtained by contacting the Borough Clerk's Office or viewed at the City's website at www.wrangell.com

The City & Borough of Wrangell is an equal opportunity employer.

Kim Lane, MMC Borough Clerk

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## CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 2nd day of October 2018, there will be held in the City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska, a Regular Election for the purpose of voting on the following City Offices and Proposition.

Mayor:	One – (2 Year Term)
Assembly:	Two – (3 Year Terms)
Port Commission:	Two – (3 Year Terms)
School Board:	Two – (3 Year Terms)
School Board	One – (1 Year Unexpired Term until 10-2019)
Hospital Board:	Two – (4 Year Terms)
Hospital Board:	One – (1 Year Unexpired Term until 2019)

## PROPOSITION NO. 1

### **Ratification of Ordinance 948**

Section 5-14 of the Borough Charter and Section 5.10.035.A of the Wrangell Municipal Code require that any ordinance which provides for "the sale or lease of any Borough property, real or personal, or the

- Space/Public, requested by the City and Borough of Wrangell
- 11b A preliminary plat of Health Care Subdivision III, a replat of Lots B-1, B- 2 and B-3, Health Care Subdivision II, and Lot A, Health Care Subdivision, creating Lots 1,2,3 and 4, Health Care Subdivision III; and requesting vacation of unused floating easements within these lots, zoned Open Space/Public, requested by the City and Borough of Wrangell

Written and oral testimony will be taken at that time. Written testimony can also be submitted to Mayor David L. Jack and the Borough Assembly, P.O. Box 531, Wrangell, AK 99929, or dropped off at the Borough Clerk's Office at 205 Brueger Street, Wrangell, AK, on or before the public hearing date, or submitted by email to Borough Clerk at clerk@wrangell.com.

The Public Hearing process has changed by Assembly Action, (Ordinance 937) so that the hearing will take place during the Assembly Meeting under "PUBLIC HEARING" (item 11), on the Assembly's Agenda. **Publish: September 13 and 20, 2018**  sale or lease or other disposal of any interest therein, the value of which property, lease or interest is more than \$1 Million," be ratified by a majority of voters who vote on the question. Ordinance 948, enacted by the Assembly on August 28, 2018, provides authority to the Mayor to enter into an agreement (including a lease and a deed amendment) with Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) to lease the Wrangell Medical Center and operate it for approximately four years and to build a new hospital adjacent to the AICS Clinic, on the AICS Clinic property and adjacent property conveyed to SEARHC by the Borough. The value of the entire transaction is approximately \$1.618 Million. Shall Ordinance 948 be ratified?



The polls for said election will be open at 8:00 a.m. on the said day and will close at 8:00 p.m. on the same day.

Each voter must have the qualifications prescribed by state law. A qualified voter shall vote only once per election and shall exercise that right at the polling place established in the designated <u>Wrangell Precinct (James & Elsie Nolan Museum/Civic Center</u>) and in which he/she resides within the borough boundaries of the City and Borough of Wrangell.

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

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# Man charged in connection with Alaska girl's death

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) – An Alaska man found with the cellphone of a missing 10-year-old girl was charged Monday in connection with her death after GPS coordinates of where the phone had traveled led authorities to the girl's body.

Peter Wilson, 41, of Kotzebue, Alaska, was formally charged Monday with making false statements as police tried to find Ashley Johnson-Barr, who had been missing since Sept. 6. The girl's body was found Friday just outside the remote town located on Alaska's northwestern coast.

Wilson, 41, will make his first appearance in U.S. District Court in Anchorage on Tuesday. Online court records do not list an attorney for Wilson.

An affidavit filed by FBI Special Agent Michael Watson says it appears the girl's death was a homicide, but it remains under investigation. U.S. Department of Justice spokeswoman Chloe Martin said further charges would depend on what other evidence develops.

The girl was playing with friends between 5:30-6 p.m. on Sept. 6 at Rainbow Park in Kotzebue, according to the affidavit. She had her cellphone with her.

Her parents tried to call multiple times, but her phone rang unanswered.

Police interviewed a woman they identified only as JJ in the affidavit. She told investigators she found a cellphone in the pocket of a jacket belonging to Wilson, who occasionally stays with her.

JJ said that late in the evening of Sept. 6, she and Wilson were at her home. She heard a cellphone ringing repeatedly, and she followed the sound to his jacket.

"When she picked up the phone and tried to unlock it, she said Ashley's name displayed on the screen," the document says.

She knew the girl and her family and called Ashley's parents, who told her the girl was missing. The girl's father retrieved the phone and later gave it to police.

According to the affidavit, Wilson told the girl's father and police that he found the phone a half mile away from the park.

JJ also told investigators that she and Wilson had been at her mother's house through the day Sept. 6. About 5:20 p.m., JJ's mother asked him to take the fourwheeler and pickup up JJ's child and another child, who was not Johnson-Barr.

JJ told investigators that Wilson was absent with the four-wheeler for two hours, and he didn't have any children with him when he returned.

Johnson-Barr's parents told officers that the girl was related to Wilson, they knew each other and he had been to their home multiple times.

Police said a forensics analysis of the girl's phone shows her name appears on the screen when it lights up when a call comes in. The affidavit also says the cell phone service provider determined by geolocation that the phone had been near Rainbow Park, near where Wilson said he found the phone and also 2 miles (3 kilometers) east of downtown Kotzebue. That last location is where police found the body.

The girl's body "was located one quarter mile off the road on the tundra in an area that could only accessed by four-wheeler or on foot," the affidavit says. "This was an area that was concealed by thick alder and willow brush and a depression in the ground."

Authorities based the false statement charge on Wilson's claims to them that he didn't use a four-wheeler any time on Sept. 6, denied knowing the girl, claiming the phone screen remained black and not seeing her name come up when it rang, and asserting he found the cell a half mile from the park.

Residents in Kotzebue helped search for the girl in vain, holding vigils at the park where she was last seen. The FBI sent 17 investigators to the community of 3,100 people on Alaska's northwestern coast.

The girl's father, Walter "Scotty" Barr, and other members of her family could not be reached Monday. But Kotzebue Mayor Gayle Ralston said his wife was related to Barr's father and has been in touch with the family.

"They're doing as good as could be expected," he said. Though devastated, they found a small measure of relief and closure that she was found, he said.

Counselors were available Monday at the girl's schoolmates. Terri Walker, assistant superintendent of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District, says counselors were on hand for students who needed them. The support will be available to students "as long as needed," Walker said.

Kotzebue, 26 miles (42 kilometers) north of the Arctic Circle and 550 miles (885 kilometers) northwest of Anchorage, is a regional hub for northwest Alaska villages



# Wold Architects hold meeting at the Nolan Center to give update on new hospital

#### By CALEB VIERKANT Sentinel writer

The Nolan Center was packed Monday night as Wold Architects held a meeting to update the community on plans for the new hospital. Members of the city government, SEARHC, the Wrangell Medical Center, and many residents came to hear the update. According to WMC CEO Robert Rang, there were about 60 people in attendance.

Josh Ripplinger, with Wold Architects, gave the update. Ripplinger started the meeting by reviewing a timeline of how the hospital would eventually be constructed. He said that they were currently in the "schematic

design phase," where they are working to figure out what the community wants in their new hospital, and what would be feasible. The "design development phase" will be next, from October to December, where the designs are finalized. Contracts will be signed between January and March of 2019, and bidding will take place in April 2019. Actual construction of the new hospital, he said, will take place from May 2019 to December 2020. The first patients will be admitted into the new hospital in January of 2021.

"As you can see we're early on, still, in the process ... as you can imagine it takes quite a bit of effort and time to gather that much information and try to build a new hospital in Wrangell," Ripplinger said.

Ripplinger also showed some slides that gave a layout of the proposed hospital. The campus of the new hospital would be approximately 45,000 square feet, and would be attached to the SEARHC AICS clinic. The new hospital would be accessible via Wood Street and Etolin Street, with patient parking in the front and staff parking in the back. The clinic entrance would serve as the main entrance, Ripplinger said, and an emergency entrance would be constructed nearby on the same side of the campus.

"You see that corridor that

## Fast ferry's return uncertain as it leaves southeast Alaska

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – The crew and passengers of a fast ferry celebrated the vessel's possible last voyage in southeast Alaska over the weekend.

The ferry Fairweather traveled from Skagway and Haines to Juneau on Sunday, taking its last trip in the area for the season before continuing operation in the Prince William Sound, CoastAlaska reported this week.

Two new ferries of a different class are expected to enter the service of the Alaska Marine Highway next year, casting doubt on the future of the fast ferry.

During the Fairweather's trip this week, the crew announced its "almost assuredly" last voyage in the southeast, recognizing the occasion by sharing a frosted cake, said Carl Brodersen, a passenger on board at the time.

The vessel began operations in 2004, generating excitement with its capability of reaching 32 knots, or 37 mph (60 kph). Its speed cut travel times in the southeast by about half.

The fast ferry's fate is currently undecided. The two new ferries are slower but can hold more passengers and vehicles. They're also more fuelefficient and seaworthy, as well as less expensive to operate.

"Basically, we can't keep the same ships running when you got two new ones coming in," said John Falvey, the general manager of the Alaska Marine Highway System. "So we're in the process of making those decisions, and we've not made those decisions yet."

The decision is expected to be made when the first new vessel is delivered, Falvey said.

"We will need to take a very close look at what is the best fleet mix as far as service, as far as budgets and funding, to go forward from May 1," Falvey said.

The Fairweather will stay in operation through the winter, connecting the communities of Cordova, Whittier and Valdez.

runs along here to the nurse's station?" he asked the audience, pointing to a long hallway connecting the hospital and clinic. "That's the 'main street corridor' that, as you can see, really connects all the clinical services in with the hospital services."

Besides treatment facilities to care for patients, there were several non-medical aspects of the new hospital that Ripplinger pointed out. These included a prayer/meditation room and a courtyard for patients and staff to enjoy. He also mentioned how they are planning to match the aesthetic of the AICS clinic, and not create a jarring difference in appearance between the two facilities.

"We want to make sure that we capture the image of the existing clinic and just extend it with the hospital addition," he said.

## Petersburg post office shut down due to hazardous material incident

#### By BRIAN VARELA Sentinel writer

PETERSBURG – The Petersburg Post Office has been closed since Thursday after a package leaked mercury inside of the facility, according to a statement issued by the United States Postal Service.

"Out of an abundance of caution, we are temporarily suspending operations at the Petersburg Post Office until the facility is deemed safe to reoccupy," according to the statement.

Though the amount of mercury that has been leaked is not considered dangerous, the post office was closed to preserve the safety and security of post office employees and customers and the mailstream, according to the statement.

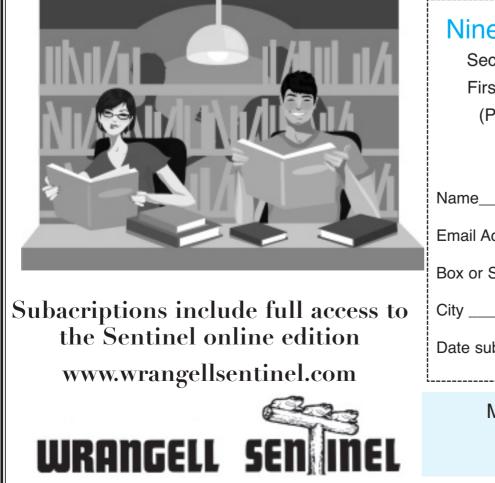
United States Postal Service officials estimate the Petersburg Post Office to reopen on Friday, according to a statement issued by the USPS. Officials had previously expected the post office to resume normal retail and PO box operations by this past weekend.

"The Postal Service apologizes for the inconvenience and appreciates its customers' patience," according to the statement.

Petersburg residents have been able to pick up their mail at the Petersburg Indian Association building.

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