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Harbor House closes its doors after two years

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Harbor House, the assisted living facility, closed its doors on Sept. 1. The facility opened in April of 2017 as a place for Wrangell's senior citizens to live, and also became a popular spot for haunted houses around Halloween.

Before then, the building was known as the Sourdough Lodge. According to a 2017 article in the Wrangell Sentinel, Harbor House offered five assisted living rooms and an additional 11 rooms for senior housing.

According to a letter sent to employees of Harbor House, the reason for the closure was due to undisclosed health concerns of the owner, Shannon Bosdell.

"I want to thank you all for your dedication to bringing joy [to] our seniors life," the letter reads. "I know how thankless of a job it is but know each and everyone of you have earned my respect."

Bosdell did not go into detail about his health issues but said that he closed Harbor House "with a heavy heart." He said that he worked with the state directly to make sure that the closure was done within regulations, and to try and find placement for affected seniors. All residents left Harbor House on or before the closure date.

"We worked with several people in town in an attempt to keep it going and have someone who could manage it in my stay while dealing with what I am dealing with," Bosdell said in a Facebook message. "But it is a very difficult job and thankless and takes a special kind of person who can dedicate their life's [sic] to such a calling."

Bruce Harding, owner of the Harbor House building, did not have much in-



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Harbor House, the assisted living facility, closed its doors as of Sept. 1. According to owner Shannon Bosdell, the facility closed because he is facing undisclosed health issues that required attention.

formation at the time of writing regarding the future of the facility. There are no plans for the future at this time, he said, and they are focusing on cleaning up the grounds.

The current situation for the former residents of Harbor House is largely unknown, as well. Ethel Lane, with the senior apartments on Bennett Street, said that a few people have stopped by for applications but none have been returned yet. For Wrangell's seniors, one of the other housing options available to them is the Long Term Care facility at the Wrangell Medical Center. Maegan

Bosak, with SEARHC, said that she could not provide information about any recent move-ins to Long Term Care without making a HIPAA violation. However, she did say that Long Term Care is a good option for assisted living that Wrangell families may want to consider.

According to Wrangell resident Briana Schilling, whose 90-year-old grandmother lived at Harbor House, residents received a letter in early August saying that they would need to move out by Sept. 1 at the latest. She is currently caring for her grandmother, she said, but is

on a waitlist for a place in Long Term Care.

"The closure, on such short notice, has put an extreme amount of stress on her which she definitely didn't need," Schilling wrote in a Facebook message. "I am currently taking care of her, but her living situation is less than ideal."

Marylin Mork, another Wrangellite, said that both of her in-laws were Harbor House residents, too. She said that her father-in-law has moved in with her family, and her mother-in-law will also be moving in once she recovers from a broken hip at the hospital.

Wrestling team sporting lots of talent this year

By CALEB VIERKANT
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While the Wrangell Wolves wrestlers do not have their first meet until mid-October, they have already been hard at work getting ready for the new season. Both wrestling coaches, Jeff Rooney and Jack Carney, said that they are looking at a very talented team this year and are looking to build off of previous successes.

"We won a Region Championship with eight scorers in 2016," he wrote in a Facebook message. "We also took second for 2A at State that year. This year, it looks like we'll have 13 of the 14 weight classes filled for the Men's team alone. This is the largest team we've had since I've been here."

More recently, in the 2018 season, the Wolves took 4th place in the 2A division at state and 10th place overall. Carney said that he is very excited for the state tournament this year. There are several returning players that Carney pointed

out. Ryan Rooney and Liana Carney were both finalists in last year's state tournament, he

said. Another wrestler he mentioned was Jonah Comstock, who took 6th place in state as

a freshman wrestler.

"A handful of kids went to summer camps, several are

running cross country, and many are enrolled in strength training class," Carney said. "Preseason isn't mandatory, but our kids are showing up consistently to prepare for the upcoming season. The kids are putting in work early with both training and fundraising."

Both coaches also gave some recognition to newer wrestlers on their team. Rooney said that the new wrestlers are showing a lot of heart, and he has high expectations for the upcoming season. According to the school district's sports calendar, the wrestling season opens on Oct. 2, with Wrangell's first meet being the Tom Sims Tournament on Oct. 18 and 19 in town. Carney also said that community members can come out and support the team at their annual halibut dinner on Oct. 12.

He also mentioned that since it's still the preseason there is plenty of time for more students to join the team.



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Members of the Wrangell Wolves wrestling team stretch before practice.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, September 19: Alex Angerman, Doug Roberts, Mark Galla. **Anniversary:** Tom & Linda Nore. **Friday, September 20:** Jing O'Brien, Amber Vergilio, Radley Powers, Briana Taylor. **Saturday, September 21:** David Wilson, Jason Rak, Chris Gillen, Adam Messmer, Keely Good, Terry Bunes, Ellen Massin. **Sunday, September 22:** Lorne Cook, Terri Henson, Braidyn Young. **Anniversary:** Bucky & Linda Bjorge, Terry & Janet Bunes. **Monday, September 23:** Christian Cartwright, Veronica Beasley. **Tuesday, September 24:** Barbara Angerman, Mateas Rilatos, Jeff Abrahamson, Ken Hazelton. **Wednesday, September 25:** Lisa Nikodym, Danile Kirshner, Hadley Wiederspohn, Lenny Hamley, Tina Doak, Roberta Floyd, Mariah Speers. **Thursday, September 26:** Thomas Mathis, Jr., Calen Young, Dick Edgley.

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 19

Pork Roast, Harvard Beets, Cauliflower, Rice with Broccoli Toss

Friday, September 20

Lemon Baked Chicken, Brussels Sprouts, Sukiyaki, Sweet potato Salad

Monday, September 21

German Meatballs on Pasta, Beets with Orange Sauce, Tossed Salad

Tuesday, September 22

Meatloaf, Steamed Greens, Perfection Salad, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Wednesday, September 23

Chicken A LaKing, Broccoli, Fresh Fruit with Creamy Sauce, Rice

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 21
Malaspina 08:45 a.m.

Sunday, September 22
Columbia 3:45 p.m.

Tuesday, September 24
Malaspina 09:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 28
Columbia 09:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 29
Columbia 01:45 p.m.

Southbound

Thursday, September 19
Malaspina 08:15 p.m.

Monday, September 23
Malaspina 08:15 a.m.

Wednesday, September 25
Columbia 03:30 a.m.

Friday, September 27
Malaspina 01:45 a.m.

Monday, September 30
Malaspina 04:15 a.m.

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TIDES Sept 19 - Sept 26

High Tides

Low Tides

	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
September 19	4:23	13.7	4:25	15.0	10:09	2.8	10:47	1.4
September 20	5:06	12.7	4:25	14.4	10:48	3.8	11:38	1.8
September 21	6:04	11.7	5:57	13.8	11:39	4.8
September 22	7:30	11.2	7:17	13.5	0:42	2.2	12:47	5.6
September 23	9:03	11.7	8:48	13.9	2:00	2.1	2:13	5.7
September 24	10:14	12.9	10:04	15.0	3:21	1.4	3:39	4.9
September 25	11:09	14.5	11:06	16.4	4:31	0.2	4:50	3.2
September 26	11:56	16.1	5:28	-1.1	5:46	1.3

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Saturday, September 21

Baby Raven Reads: "Harvest" Wrangell Headstart, 10a-12p

Monday, September 23

School Board Meeting: Evergreen Elementary School Room 101, 7p

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

Continuing Events

PARKS & REC ACTIVITIES: Mid-day closure: M-F 1:30-3:30 p.m. Closed Sunday

Pool:

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class: M-W-F 8:30-9:30 a.m.
 Water Aerobics: M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.
 Lap Swim: M-W-F 6:00-7:30 a.m. MTWThF 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. TuTh 5:15-6:15 p.m. Sa 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 2 Lane Lap Swim: M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.
 Lap/Tot Swim: MTWThF 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. S 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 Swim Club: M-F 3:15-5:15 p.m.
 Open Swim: M-W 5:30-7:00 p.m. F 6:30-8:00 p.m. S 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Weight Room: M-Thu 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-7:30 p.m. F 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-8:30 p.m. S 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

MEETINGS

AA Meetings:

North Star Group Meeting. St. Philip's Church. Tuesday: 7 p.m., Thursday: 8 p.m., Friday: 8 p.m.

The Way We Were

In the Sentinel 100, 75, 50 and 25 years ago.

September 18, 1919

Improvements which will be of valuable aid to navigation on the Stikine are soon to begin, according to G.B Hull, district engineer, Department of Public Works, who arrived from Prince Rupert a few days ago. Mr. Hull recently made a shipment of dynamite from Rupert to Wrangell, the explosives to be used in clearing the river channel. Glenora riffles will receive special attention.

rived within the past few weeks. All of the men are employed either at Wrangell Lumber Co. or Alaska Wood Products. A large number of the young people left Kake this fall to go to school and some have moved to Wrangell due to the lack of industry in Kake. With a population of 700, Kake was significantly reduced with 12 families moved to Wrangell.

Chief of the U.S. Forest Service, Jack Thomas, visited Wrangell Saturday to try to answer charges that it was his department and the current administration that was taking actions designed to shut off timber harvesting in the Tongass National Forest. Shortage of quality saw logs has caused Wrangell's Alaska Pulp Corporation to schedule closure for the mill in mid-November, idling about 225 workers for an undetermined time.

September 22, 1994

September 15, 1944

A total of 182 pupils have been enrolled in the Wrangell school so far this year, according to Superintendent George Fabriclus, the 154 register in the eight grades and 31 in the high school. By far the most youngsters are in grade one, and the total gradually diminished until there are only five juniors and six seniors, while the freshman sophomore classes each has ten students.

September 18, 1969

Twelve families and three single men are newcomers to the community from Kake, having arrived in the past few months. Two families have ar-



Wrangell Weather

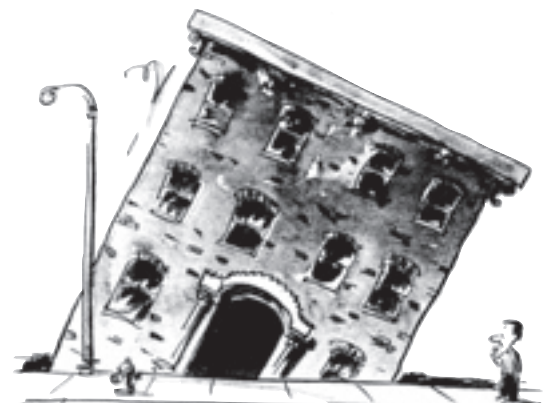
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Sep. 10	69	51
Sep. 11	62	54
Sep. 12	63	53
Sep. 13	59	53
Sep. 14	59	46
Sep. 15	62	46
Sep. 16	57	49



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Sept 19	6:25a	6:58p	12:33h
Sept 20	6:27a	6:55p	12:28h
Sept 21	6:29a	6:52p	12:23h
Sept 22	6:31a	6:50p	12:19h
Sept 23	6:33a	6:47p	12:14h
Sept 24	6:35a	6:44p	12:09h
Sept 25	6:37a	6:42p	12:05h
Sept 26	6:39a	6:39p	12:00h

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Planning and Zoning Commission considers Institute property rezoning

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Wrangell's planning and zoning commission met last Thursday, Sept. 12. One of the big discussion items on the agenda was the potential rezoning of the old Institute property, by Shoemaker Harbor. The property was once the location of the Wrangell Institute, a boarding school for natives that opened its doors in 1932. During World War II, the Institute was used to relocate Aleut people, as well. The Institute closed in 1975, and was briefly used by the Young Adult Conservation Corps until 1980. The property has not seen use since, according to Wrangell's 2017 master plan to develop the land.

According to documents in the meeting's agenda packet, the property was rezoned in 2011 from "multi-family residential" to "holding," until the city could decide how to develop the land. A master plan was developed in the years following, which can be found on the city's website. No further progress in development has been made recently, however, due to a number of factors.

"We started this discussion a year or so ago, and then with the commission changing and not having a quorum, and life happens, it kind of got dropped to the bottom of the list, but we need to start addressing this," said Economic Development Director Carol Rushmore.

The commission also received a letter from Wrangell resident Jillian Privett saying that she hopes to see the Institute property become a residential area. She would also like to see a portion of the land saved as a memorial site to the Institute, the letter read, "if the local tribe would like to take it on as a historical landmark for what was and will never be again ..."

The final result of the master plan designed a few years ago, Rushmore said, has the Institute property being developed into a mixed-use area. Most of the land would be set aside for residential area, but

some bigger areas would be zoned for a variety of potential commercial uses. One such use that was considered was an ANSEP school, she said, but that idea has largely fallen by the wayside recently. Another potential use of the land would be for an assisted living facility. Several potential designs of how the property could be developed can be found in the online master plan.

The commissioners present at the meeting seemed to like the idea of zoning the land for mixed use. Commissioner Don McConachie said that the property was far enough out of town that it made sense to let some businesses into the area, such as small corner stores. That way, people living out there would not have to drive all the way back into town if they forget to buy a loaf of bread, he gave as an example.

Another idea that McConachie said he liked was that of a park, possibly around a creek on the property. Rushmore added that the creek area could also be considered for a remembrance area, like was mentioned in Privett's letter. McConachie agreed that a memorial would have to be put first and foremost on any developments.

"There's going to be, I think, some ceremonies, cleansing and some other things," Rushmore said. "We've been talking to the

tribe and we'll continue to be talking to the tribe. In fact, developing this property, the city is going to have to work closely with the tribe."

After further discussion, the commission was largely in agreement that mixed-use rezoning would be the best route to take with the property. This was only a discussion item, and no action was taken. However, Rushmore said that it was good to get the ball rolling again.

During the meeting, the commission also denied a request by Wrangell resident Dale Parkinson for a conditional use permit to use his home at 3.5 mile Zimovia Highway as a bed and breakfast. The issue came down to access to Parkinson's property. An easement to the property cuts through land owned by David Mork, as well as a rocked road from the highway across Alaska Mental Health Trust land. Mork spoke at the

meeting against the permit. While he and Parkinson have been good neighbors, he said, he did not want strangers and tourists snooping around on his property.

Parkinson responded by saying that his insurance would be willing to investigate, and likely cover any accidents on the easement involving him or his customers. He also added that he has updated his welcome letter to visitors asking that they be respectful of their neighbors' privacy.

There was some discussion between all the involved parties, and the commissioners, but eventually a vote was called. It was a tie, McConachie and Commissioner Terri Henson against and Commissioners Apryl Hutchinson and Kate Hein for. Commissioner Andrew Hoyt was not present for this meeting. In the event of a tied vote, a motion fails.



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Trespass: Unfounded.

September 10
Suspicious persons: Criminal mischief.
Report of burglary.
Agency assist: Alarm.
Civil Matter.
Agency assist: Random breath test.
Assault: Information.

September 11

Trespass.
Illegal dumping.
Traffic.

September 12
Suspicious activity.
Domestic Disturbance.
Three vehicle unlocks.

September 13
Citizen assist: Vehicle unlock.

September 14
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Citizen assist: Vehicle unlock.
Subpoena service.

During this reporting period there were five EMS calls and two animal complaints.



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Fun Run supports WHS swim team

Southeast Beasts, Wrangell's local running group, decided to host their annual Fall Fun Run a little early this year to support the high school swim team, who is looking to raise a total of \$5,000 to cover expenses this season. Over thirty members of the community, including several members of Wrangell's cross country and wrestling teams, came out to run in support of the swim team.

According to Lucy Moline-Robinson, with Southeast Beasts, there were over 30 people who ran last Sunday afternoon, from the Stikine Inn, around the nature trail at Volunteer Park, and back. There was also a random drawing for a \$100 cash prize at this event, which was won by Mariah Carney. In total, according to a Facebook post by Southeast Beasts, about \$600 was raised for the swim team.

Nolan Center hosting Nostalgic Movie Nights

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Nolan Center, Wrangell's museum, convention center, and theater has announced a new monthly program for moviegoers young and old to enjoy. Starting Thursday, Sept. 19 at 6:30, the public is invited to "Throw Back Thursday" movie night. The monthly program will provide people with dinner and a nostalgic movie from days gone by.



"It's something that Cyni [Crary] thought up when she first took over her director position last year, and once I came on as the manager here we were able to implement it," said Keeleigh Solverson, with the Nolan Center.

The first "Throw Back Thursday" will feature the 1985 film "The Breakfast Club." Tickets get people access to the movie and a complimentary dinner. Solverson said that the theater's usual concessions will also be

available. The Nolan Center will be continuing their regular schedule of more modern films on weekends, too.

The nostalgic movie nights are a great way for people to see popular movies from the past, Solverson said. They plan to show all the classics. Next month will be a classic Halloween movie, she said, and around December they will show a Christmas movie.

"It'll be your 'Steel Magnolias' and, you know, your 'Grease' and all your classics that we'll rotate throughout the months," she said.

To learn more about the movie nights, contact the Nolan Center at (907) 874-3699. Solverson added that they are also open to suggestions about which movies to show.

Dan's Dispatch

By Representative
Dan Ortiz

Representative Ortiz visited Prince Rupert, British Columbia (B.C.) this week to meet with Canadian officials. He met with Royal Canadian Mounted Police Inspector Blake Ward Chief Financial Officer for Prince Rupert Corinne Bomben, Member of Legislative Assembly Jennifer Rice, City Councilors, and Mayor Lee Brain. The intent of these meetings was to find a solution to the current AMHS Prince Rupert port of entry requirements.

It recently became a requirement to provide armed law enforcement coverage for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers who provide clearance for Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) vessel passengers entering the U.S. from Prince Rupert. In a press release last week, the Department of Transportation stated that the requirement could not be fulfilled, and therefore, the AMHS route to Prince Rupert would cease on October 1, 2019.

After conversations in Prince Rupert, Representative Ortiz has



Dan Ortiz

been reassured that fulfilling the requirement is feasible and pos-

sible solutions will be presented to the Department and the Administration next week during meetings in Juneau.

"I'm very heartened by the overwhelming sense of support from all of the government officials here in B.C. and their commitment to maintain AMHS

access to Prince Rupert. I look forward to Mayor Brain's visit to Juneau next week; it's my expectation that he will come forward with very viable options for the State of Alaska to maintain year-round AMHS access to Prince Rupert," said Representative Ortiz.

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One of the recently renovated shelters at the Wrangell shooting range. Many organizations held a meeting last week to discuss future improvements to the range.

Local groups discuss continuing gun range improvements

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Members of the Parks and Recreation Department, the Wrangell Rod and Gun Club, The Stikine Sportsmen Association, and the Forest Service held a meeting last Wednesday, Sept. 11. The purpose of the meeting was to review some recent renovations to the outdoor gun range on Spur Road, and to discuss priorities for future improvements.

Renovations to the gun range began back in May, thanks to a \$14,500 grant from the NRA Foundation. According to a document passed out by Parks and Rec Director Kate Thomas, the Rod and Gun Club and the Stikine Sportsmen collaborated to write the grant application back in October of 2018. The application had several priorities listed for repairs and improvements to the gun

range. Among the projects funded and completed, or soon-to-be-completed, include replacement of pavilion roofs, construction of a walking path, and access improvements to the shotgun range.

"I wanted to say thanks to you all who've gotten this started," Thomas said. "Kim [Powell] did the grant writing for the NRA Foundation application, and the Stikine Sportsmen is the fiduciary agent, so a pass-through agency for the funding for the project. The outdoor shooting range hasn't seen any major improvements in years, although it's a heavily used site and very valuable to the community of Wrangell."

Kim Powell went into detail

about some renovations that did not get funded this year, but were on the to-do list. This includes new signage, construction of a new trap house,

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- Kate Thomas
Parks and Rec Director

installation of surveillance cameras, and extending utilities out to the gun range for power. Among these projects were sev-

eral new ideas that were brought forward in the meeting, such as a new gate to the range, siding on the shelters, and the construction of a clubhouse. The Rod and Gun Club and the Stikine Sportsmen will be pursuing another grant application to continue renovations into the future, so they wanted to determine what their priorities should be.

It was agreed that getting power out to the gun range should be a main priority, as should getting new equipment for the gun range like benches and targets. Another priority that everyone agreed on was enclosing the gun range shelters to make them nicer and more weather resistant.

Installing a lockable gate on the road to the gun range caused quite a bit of discussion. Powell said that if there were a gate then the parks and recreation department could charge a small entrance fee to help cover the cost of maintaining the gun range. Everyone agreed that suddenly charging a fee for a gun range that was previously free to use would likely upset people, but also agreed that it was not very fair to expect parks and recreation to maintain the range without any form of income from it.

Some other ideas passed around included having volunteers who could come out to open the gate when someone called to be let in, or to just leave the gate open during daylight hours and only lock it at night. The reason for the gate was to keep people from com-

ing in at night and vandalizing the place, which was part of the cause for some of the renovations in the first place. It was agreed that a gate was a good idea, but the implementation of such a project still needed more workshops and public input.

"I like the fee schedule, I do not care for the code thing," said David Powell, who was present at the meeting. "The reason I don't care for it is because it makes you have to have a fee schedule. I know we have to have a fee, I agree with that, but I like the dawn to dusk opening."

Clint Kolarich, Wrangell's district ranger for the Forest Service, suggested that everyone consider bringing some of these projects before the Regional Advisory Committee, as they were responsible for finding and funding projects in and around Forest Service Land similar to some of the things they had been discussing. This was an idea that many present at the meeting liked. The whole meeting lasted less than an hour, with those present being largely in agreement on the priorities laid out.

"The larger items we have listed are power, utilities, security for the entrance, enclose the range shelters, and benches and targets, are up on the top five list," Thomas said. "To follow that would be a new trap house, a club house, we won't include surveillance because that would be funded outside, and then that's all I have listed."

Public comments regarding the gun range or any planned improvements are welcome by Sept. 20. These should be emailed to Thomas at kthoms@wrangell.com.

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Thursday, September 26th

5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

SEARHC/AICS Clinic Community Room

For more information, contact Martha Pearson at 966.8783

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Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk
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SEARHC to receive Awards for Sitka and Wrangell Facilities

SouthEast Alaska Regional Healthcare Consortium's (SEARHC) Sitka Long-Term Care (SLTC) and Wrangell Medical Center Long-Term Care (WMC LTC) will be presented with a trio of quality awards this month from Mountain Pacific Quality Health's (MPQH). SEARHC will be awarded "Gold Pans" during the Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Associ-

ation annual conference on Sept. 26 in Girdwood, Alaska, with STLC tabbed as a recipient for the Quality Achievement Award and WMC LTC receiving both the Quality Excellence Award and the Most Improved Award.

Having met MPQH composite score requirements between one and six times in 2018, SLTC is set to receive the Quality Achievement Award.

As a facility that met the composite score requirements between seven and 12 times in 2018, WMC will be honored with the Quality Excellence Award. In addition, as the nursing home with the greatest reduction in rate on their overall composite score, WMC will also be awarded the Most Improved Gold Pan for the second year in a row. Both STLC and WMC LTC were re-

ipients of the Quality Achievement Award for care provided in 2017.

"We have an extremely skilled and caring staff working hard to improve the lives of our residents," said Kay Turner, SLTC Administrator. "We are excited with this recognition as it demonstrates our commitment to each and every resident. We at STLC strive to meet our highest potential and ensure that our resident's needs, goals and preferences are met."

"These two awards are evidence of the commitment to exceptional quality service made by the WMC LTC staff," said SEARHC Vice President and WMC Hospital Administrator Leatha Mercurieff. "Our residents deserve the highest

level of care possible and WMC staff has delivered in service worthy of the most prestigious Gold Pan. And by being named Most Improved Nursing Home for the second year in a row, it's clear our LTC staff is making the effort to constantly improve in all areas of service."

MPQH is a nonprofit corporation serving as a Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) under the direction of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). MPQH partners with health care providers, practitioners, stakeholders, and patients on a variety of quality improvement initiatives to achieve better care, better population health and lower health care costs.

United States Coast Guard suspends part of Alaska tour company boat fleet

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Most boats from a southeast Alaska tour company that were inspected this week in Juneau and Sitka have been taken out of service for corrective action.

The U.S. Coast Guard suspended seven of 10 boats operated by Allen Marine Tours, Alaska's Energy Desk reported.

The company provides scenic and wildlife-viewing tours in and around Juneau, Ketchikan and Sitka. The company's fleet of more than 50 vessels includes 37 stationed in Juneau or Sitka during the time of the inspections on Wednesday, spokesman Zakary Kirkpatrick said in an email to The Associated Press on Friday.

The inspection identified violations ranging from "material condition to crew familiarity," the Coast Guard said in a statement.

The boats with violations were taken out of service and the problems need to be corrected before the vessels can resume operations, the Coast Guard said.

The company is fixing the problems, but a timeline for the resumption of the boat tours is uncertain, said Chief Petty Officer Matthew Schofield.

"The inspection resulted in

the inability for us to operated scheduled tours aboard seven vessels from the Sitka and Juneau fleet. We welcome the

chance to make improvements to continue our 50 years of excellence in safety," Kirkpatrick wrote.

SAMPLE BALLOT FRONT

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL
SAMPLE BALLOT
REGULAR ELECTION
OCTOBER 1, 2019

Completely fill in the oval opposite the name of each candidate for which you wish to vote as shown:

**FOR ASSEMBLY MEMBER
THREE YEAR TERM**

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN TWO

Julie Decker
Patricia Gilbert

**FOR ASSEMBLY MEMBER
UNEXPIRED ONE-YEAR TERM
UNTIL OCTOBER 2020**

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN TWO

Caitlin Cardinell
Drew Larrabee
Anne M. Morrison
Jennifer Ridgeway

**FOR PORT COMMISSION
THREE YEAR TERM**

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN TWO

John A. Yeager

**FOR SCHOOL BOARD
THREE YEAR TERM**

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN TWO

Cyni Crary
Beth Heller
Jayme Howell
David G. Wilson

**FOR SCHOOL BOARD
UNEXPIRED ONE-YEAR TERM
UNTIL OCTOBER 2020**

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN ONE

Jeanie Arnold
Sheri Ridgeway

**FOR SCHOOL BOARD
UNEXPIRED TWO-YEAR TERM
UNTIL OCTOBER 2021**

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN ONE

Patricia Gilbert

TURN BALLOT OVER - VOTE BOTH SIDES

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Evergreen Elementary Open House

Thursday, September 12th

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STEPHANIE CARTWRIGHT



Evergreen Elementary School held an open house last Thursday, Sept. 12, for parents and community members to see their kids' school. Pictured here is an art project put together by Tawney Crowley and Evergreen's K-5th grade students.



Evergreen Elementary student Zachary Cartwright showing off some garlic picked from the school's community garden at last week's open house.



Kids playing giant chess during the open house, one of several new playground games the elementary school bought for the new school year.

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PROPOSITION 1

Ratification of Ordinance 964

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Shall the Home Rule Charter of the City and Borough of Wrangell be amended to repeal Section 3-9, Wrangell Medical Center, as set forth in Ordinance No. 964?

Yes
No

BACK Card 1 SEQ# 1

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Petersburg drug dealer gets time served

Anchorage, Alaska (KINY) — A Petersburg man received 21 months in federal prison and five years of supervised release for a methamphetamine case.

Assistant US Attorney Jack Schmidt said Randal Long, 55, pled guilty to drug charges at a hearing in Anchorage Friday.

Long was arrested in 2017 by Petersburg Police after they found 126 grams of methamphetamines inside a trailer he was renovating.

Authorities also seized \$5,000 in suspected drug cash and various items of drug paraphernalia.

The street value of the illegal drugs was estimated to be over \$25,000.



Randal Long

Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

Salmon fishery on track to be 8th largest since 1975

“Unpredictable” is the way salmon managers describe Alaska’s 2019 salmon season, with “very, very interesting” as an aside.

The salmon fishery is near its end, and a statewide catch of nearly 200 million salmon is only six percent off what Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game number crunchers predicted, and it is on track to be the 8th largest since 1975.

The brightest spot of the season was the strong returns of sockeye salmon which produced a catch of over 55 million fish, the largest since 1995 and the fifth consecutive year of harvests topping 50 million reds. The bulk of the sockeye catch - 43.2 million - came from Bristol Bay, the second largest on record.

It was a roller coaster ride in many regions where unprecedented warm temperatures threw salmon runs off kilter and also killed large numbers of fish that were unable to swim upstream to their spawning grounds. Many salmon that made it to water faced temperatures of 75 degrees or more in some regions.

“The hot dry weather for most of the summer resulted in low and warm water conditions in many of the important spawning systems around the state. The salmon had to spend more time in saltwater than they normally would, in the terminal areas near the stream mouths,” said Forrest Bowers, deputy director of the ADF&G commercial fisheries division.

Despite the heat stress, escapement goals were met in most Alaska regions.

“The runs returned in large enough numbers to make that happen. So that’s a bright spot,” said Bowers, a nearly 30 year salmon management veteran.

It’s been difficult to get a good census on how many salmon might have perished in the heat wave, Bowers said, but managers are assessing potential impacts on future fish.

“We’ve been taking reports from the public and we’ve had staff out in the field trying to collect information on the extent of those die offs,” Bowers said. “We’re looking at all the data, but from what we’ve seen, the magnitude is relatively small and we don’t believe it has been significant enough to impact escapement.”

“Now, whether the warm water and low water conditions will result in reduced viability of offspring from the fish spawning this year or increase overwintering mortality, that remains to be seen. But those are possibilities,” he added.

The same environmental conditions are playing out favorably for salmon in westward regions, which adds to the unpredictability.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TYLER GARBISCH

Family of deer

A family of deer walking around the driveway of Tyler Garbisch last Sunday, Sept. 15.

“Particularly north of the Alaska Peninsula and the Bering Sea have been really favorable for salmon production at Bristol Bay, the Yukon, Norton Sound and Kotzebue,” Bowers said. “And we’re starting to see salmon move even further into the Arctic. On the North Slope, we’re seeing sockeye and pink salmon up there.”

It’s a sign of the times, Bowers added, and the unpredictability brings new challenges to salmon managers.

“It’s difficult to count on tra-

ditional run timings,” he explained. “We have so much run timing data for Pacific salmon and Alaska that go back over 100 years for some of the stocks that we rely on for in season management decisions. With a very compressed run such as at Bristol Bay, even a deviation of a few days creates a lot of uncertainty. Does that mean the run is late or not as large as forecast?”

So that’s what we’re seeing in the last couple of years, this increased uncertainty in terms of run time and size.”

Fish watch — As salmon fishing winds down, hundreds of boats of all gear types and sizes are going after cod, rockfish, perch, flounders, Alaska pollock and many other species.

Alaska halibut longliners have taken 73 percent of their nearly 18 million pound catch limit with less than 5 million pounds remaining. Homer leads all ports for halibut land-

ings followed by Seward and Kodiak.

So far 58 percent of the nearly 26 million pound sablefish quota has been caught. Sitka has topped Seward as the usual leading port for sablefish landings, with Kodiak third.

Both the Pacific halibut and sablefish fisheries end on November 14.

Fall means the start of dive
Continued on page 9

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT KETCHIKAN

In the Matter of the Estate of:)
)
NADINE IONE PHILLIPS)
Deceased) CASE NO. 1KE-19-162PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Leland Ray Phillips has been appointed the Personal Representative of the above-entitled estate. Pursuant to Alaska Statute, Title 13.16.450, all creditors are hereby notified to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or be forever barred. Said claims must be submitted to Leland Ray Phillips, c/o Keene & Currall, PPC, 540 Water Street - Suite 302, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901.

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CITY OF WRANGELL JOB ANNOUNCEMENT METER READER (ON-CALL, PART TIME) WRANGELL MUNICIPAL LIGHT & POWER

The Wrangell Municipal Light and Power Department will accept applications for the position of **Meter Reader** through September 27, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. This is an on-call position, working approximately one 40-hour week per month. This position is a non-benefitted position.

The Meter Reader is essential to the support of Wrangell Municipal Light & Power operations. The Meter Reader will assist line crews in the reading of electric meters citywide. A city vehicle will be used for the position and a pre-employment drug test will be required.

Applications and job descriptions may be obtained and returned to Aleisha Mollen at City Hall, 205 Brueger Street (P.O. Box 531), Wrangell, AK 99929 or via email at amollen@wrangell.com.

The City and Borough of Wrangell is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

Lisa Von Bargaen
Borough Manager

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYER

For the current fiscal year the City and Borough of Wrangell has been allocated the following amount of state aid for school and municipal purposes under the applicable financial assistance Acts:

PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION PROGRAM ASSISTANCE (AS 14.17).....	\$3,443,055
STATE AID FOR RETIREMENT OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION DEBT (AS 14.11.100)	\$160,846
COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (AS 29.60.850-29.60.879).....	\$409,356
TOTAL AID	\$4,013,257

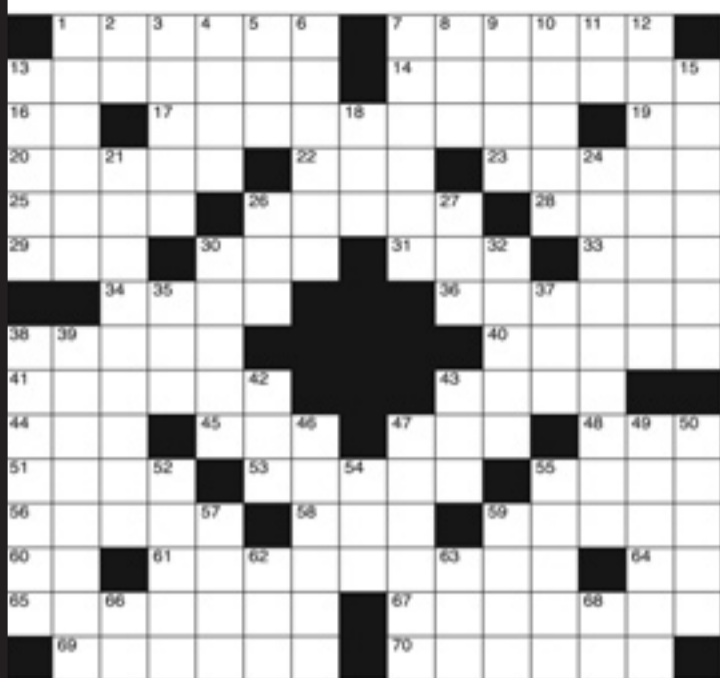
The millage equivalent of this state aid, based on the dollar value of a mill in the municipality during the current assessment year and for the preceding assessment year, is:

	MILLAGE EQUIVALENT	
	PREVIOUS YEAR	THIS YEAR
PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION PROGRAM ASSISTANCE.....	22.93 MILLS	22.49 MILLS
STATE AID FOR RETIREMENT OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION DEBT	1.13 MILLS	1.05 MILLS
COMMUNITY REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM	2.78 MILLS	2.67 MILLS
TOTAL MILLAGE EQUIVALENT	28.19 MILLS	26.22 MILLS

Joyce Mason
Finance Director

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Comics



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Study of sight
- 7. Becomes less intense
- 13. Juicy, soft fruit
- 14. A great ape
- 16. All-time NY Giants great
- 17. Big Apple native
- 19. Home of the Flyers (abbr.)
- 20. People stand in them
- 22. Automotive legend Iacocca
- 23. Influential linguist
- 25. ___ and Andy, TV show
- 26. Wives (law)
- 28. Discriminating
- 29. Star Wars hero Solo
- 30. Married woman
- 31. A digital tape recording of sound
- 33. Chinese dialect
- 34. Angolan monetary unit
- 36. A type of sheen
- 38. "Ash Wednesday" poet
- 40. Nobel Prize-winning chemist
- 41. Spoke angrily
- 43. Separated with a tool
- 44. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 45. Actors' group
- 47. A type of ship (abbr.)
- 48. Bar bill
- 51. Romanian city
- 53. Greek sorceress
- 55. Small water bird
- 56. Tropical Asian plants
- 58. "Unforgettable" singer
- 59. Belonging to a bottom layer
- 60. Potato state
- 61. A toy that spins
- 64. "A-Team" character
- 65. Ornamental molding
- 67. Covers again
- 69. Poets write them
- 70. Appear

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Popular mid-size Kia
- 2. Image management (abbr.)
- 3. Prongs
- 4. Cools
- 5. It produces milk
- 6. Trends
- 7. Concurred
- 8. Chinese cabbage ___ choy
- 9. Greek war god
- 10. Straits along the Red Sea
- 11. Railway
- 12. Washing with water
- 13. Supreme being
- 15. Ductless gland
- 18. Parts producer (abbr.)
- 21. Not arranged in a straight line
- 24. Red sweet peppers
- 26. Famed protest yacht
- 27. Drain
- 30. Distributes
- 32. Small, savory dishes
- 35. Web of Things (abbr.)
- 37. Defunct aerospace company
- 38. Lacking consistency
- 39. Type of retriever
- 42. Barrier
- 43. Senior officer
- 46. Categories
- 47. Call it a career
- 49. Suitable for growing crops
- 50. High jumping legend Iolanda
- 52. Hairy
- 54. Dish made with lentils
- 55. TNT broadcaster Craig
- 57. Used to align parts
- 59. Cold, dry Swiss wind
- 62. Water in the solid state
- 63. A great play
- 66. Atomic #45 (abbr.)
- 68. Big shot lawyer (abbr.)

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Level: Intermediate

Puzzle answers will be in the September 26 edition

Fish Factor

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fisheries for pricey sea cucumbers. On October 7 divers will head down for nearly 2 million pounds of cukes in Southeast Alaska.

A much smaller sea cucumber fishery of 165,000 pounds opens on October 1 at Kodiak, Chignik and the South Peninsula. Red sea cucumbers last year paid out at over \$4 a pound to fishermen.

The Panhandle's popular spot shrimp fishery also opens October 1. Fishermen using pots can haul up just over a half million pounds.

Also in Southeast Alaska - the Dungeness crab fishery will reopen October 1 in a year that could be the best in a decade.

The catch for the summer fishery that wrapped up last month topped 4 million

pounds and managers expect a good catch this fall. Dungeness averaged \$3.06 a pound making the summer fishery worth nearly \$13 million at the docks.

Here's a new one: The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has established a season for the commercial harvest of detached kelp that has washed up on beaches in Lower Cook Inlet.

Almanac call - Share personal glimpses of your fishing life in photos, songs, stories, art, poems, musings and mischief in the second Alaska Young Fishermen's Almanac. The call for submissions is going on now.

"It's a window into the lifestyle that so many of us live here in Alaska," said Jamie O'Connor, a fisherman and head of the Alaska Young Fishermen's Network, an arm of the Alaska Marine Conservation Council.

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The almanac is modeled after a publication for farmers that dates back to 1792. Last year's 141 page inaugural edition featured nearly 60 items from almost every Alaska region. It serves as a "cultural touchstone" for fishermen that reinforces their sense of community, O'Connor said, adding that she's been pleasantly surprised at how popular the book has been with non-fishing people.

Ultimately, the almanac celebrates the culture and builds understanding of the fishing life.

The Alaska Young Fishermen's Almanac will be available in mid-November, just in time for holiday gift giving. Deadline for submissions is October 1.

Fish bucks give back - American Seafoods Company is again offering grants for community programs at Kodiak, the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands, Alaska Peninsula, Bristol Bay, Lower Kuskokwim, Lower Yukon, Norton Sound and regions north. The majority of grant awards will range from \$1,000 to \$7,500 and be based on the need in the community, the number of people who will benefit from the program and the ability to garner matching funding. The deadline to submit applications is October 14 and recipients will be announced by the Western Alaska Community Grant Board on October 30.

Apply at www.americanseafoods.com or contact Kim Lynch (kim.lynch@americanseafoods.com).

PUBLIC NOTICE

For the upcoming City and Borough of Wrangell Regular Election of October 1, 2019, the following ordinance applies:

2.16.030 Write-in Candidates and Write-in Votes.

Individuals who fail to file a declaration of candidacy but wish to run for office as a write-in candidate, must file with the borough clerk, a letter of intent no later than five p.m. on the Friday preceding the election (September 27, 2019) in which the candidate plans to participate.

Write-in votes cast for individuals **who do not file a letter of intent will not be counted.**

In order to vote for a write-in candidate, the voter must, in space provided, write in the candidate's name as the candidate's name appears on the letter of intent filed with the borough clerk. In addition, the voter must mark the oval opposite the candidate's name.

Stickers shall not be used.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Hearing

The Borough Assembly Borough Assembly will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on **Tuesday, September 24, 2019**, during the Regular Borough Assembly meeting that begins at **6:00 p.m.**, in the Borough Assembly Chambers on the following item(s):

A. **ORDINANCE No. 965** of the Assembly of the City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska, amending chapter 15.12, electricity, by adding section 15.12.193 rate stabilization (third reading)

The Public is encouraged to attend.

Kim Lane, MMC,
Borough Clerk

City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

Publish: September 19, 2019

NOTICE FOR ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019
FROM 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AT CITY HALL

FOR THE OCTOBER 1, 2019 REGULAR ELECTION QUALIFIED VOTERS MAY VOTE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT UNTIL 4:00 P.M., Monday, SEPTEMBER 30, 2019.

For those voters who cannot VOTE ABSENTEE IN PERSON, you may submit an application to have your ballot mailed or faxed to you.

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

The Canvass Board will meet on **Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., in the Borough Assembly chambers** to canvass the results of the Regular Election held on October 1, 2019.

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

Publish: September 19 and 26, 2019



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) will hold a Regular Board Meeting on September 26, 2019 from 1 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and September 27, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon AKDT at the Petersburg Assembly Chambers in Petersburg, Alaska. During the meeting, the board may hold an executive session for a CEO review and hydrosite investigations. For additional information, please call 907.228.2281.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

City Board and Committee Vacancies City and Borough of Wrangell

Persons interested in serving on the following City Boards and Committees, please submit your **Letter of Interest** to the Office of the Borough Clerk, City & Borough of Wrangell, P.O. Box 531, Wrangell, AK 99929. You can also email your *Letter of Interest* to the Borough Clerk at: clerk@wrangell.com.

Deadline for Letters of Interest is **4:00 p.m., Friday, October 2, 2019**, for the following vacancies:

Planning & Zoning Commission	two (2) three-year terms
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board	one (1) three-year term
Wrangell Convention & Visitors Bureau	two (2) three-year terms
Economic Development Committee	two (2) three-year terms

Appointments will be made at the October 8, 2019 Regular Assembly meeting.

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 1st day of October 2019, 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.

- | | |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Assembly: | Two – (3 Year Terms) |
| Assembly: | Two – (1 Year <i>Unexpired</i> Terms until 10-2020) |
| Port Commission: | Two – (3 Year Terms) |
| School Board: | Two – (3 Year Terms) |
| School Board | One – (1 Year <i>Unexpired</i> Term until 10-2020) |
| School Board | One – (2 Year <i>Unexpired</i> Term until 10-2021) |

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Shall the Home Rule Charter of the City and Borough of Wrangell be amended to repeal Section 3-9, Wrangell Medical Center, as set forth in Ordinance No. 964?

Yes

No

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 Wrangell Precinct (James & Elsie Nolan Museum/Civic Center) 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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Puzzle

answers from 9/12 Edition



\$62,000 in heroin, meth seized by Petersburg police

By BRIAN VARELA
Sentinel writer

PETERSBURG — The Petersburg Police Department served search warrants at 410 Mitkof Highway at approximately 3:50 P.M. on Tuesday, Sept. 10 and found distribution quantities of heroin and methamphetamine with a combined street value of approximately \$61,670, according to police.

Carter Gueller, 30, was arrested and booked into the Petersburg jail on charges of misconduct involving a controlled substance in the second degree, a class A felony, misconduct involving a controlled substance in the third degree, a class B felony and misconduct involving weapons in the second degree, a class B felony, according to police. Gueller formally heard the three charges in an arraignment Wednesday after-



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Among the property seized by authorities were approximately 2.5 ounces of heroin, about 3.32 ounces of methamphetamine, \$7,257 in cash and four guns.



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During the search, authorities said they located approximately 2.5 ounces of heroin and approximately 3.32 ounces of methamphetamine. Both narcotics were found in a safe along with a Glock 20 10mm and a scale with what authorities believe to be heroin residue. Gueller had \$2,177 on his person, and an additional \$5,080 in cash was found in the house. Authorities also found a handwritten ledger with people's names and phone numbers. Police Chief Jim Kerr could not state whether or not the people in the ledger would



Carter Gueller

be persons of interest since the case is still under investigation.

The Glock 20 10mm, an AR-15 assault style rifle, a shotgun and a single shot hunting rifle, along with ammunition and accessories, were seized by police.

The Petersburg Police Department received assistance from the Juneau Police Department, Alaska State Troopers, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Postal Inspectors, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Petersburg Harbor Department.

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Senior Center's new manager planning big things for the future

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

After a recent shake-up that saw the loss of the Wrangell Senior Center's site manager, cook, and driver, the facility is working to get back to its normal routine under the new leadership of Tom Jenkins, the new site manager. The center is still looking for additional staff and volunteers, but there are some big things being planned for the future.

Jenkins is originally from Tennessee, he said, and has a background in industrial building. He worked for the senior center in Haines for three years as a driver and staff member before moving to Wrangell. His interests include music, flying, history, and traveling. He is also a very big fan of author Jane Austen, he said. Jenkins first got involved in senior center work because he said he was wanting to find something useful to do, and has always been involved in projects of a similar nature.

"I've always been involved in Christian ministries and public service," Jenkins said. "In Wrangell there was an opening and I thought it was something I could do in my retirement."

As the new site manager, Jenkins said that his main goal is to get the senior center back to full staff, and to refocus on their core mission of providing

meals and transportation to Wrangell's senior citizens, and to provide a fun and healthy environment for people to socialize in. What Jenkins is hoping to see, too, is the senior center really transform into "the funnest senior center in Alaska."

"This isn't a nursing home, this is a senior center for fun and for socializing," Jenkins said. "We want to encourage socializing."

The senior center recently received a piano, donated by Shannon Bosdell of the now-closed Harbor House. Another recent addition to the center that Jenkins pointed out was a computer room where seniors can come by for hour-a-day training on how to use the internet. Other programs that will be coming soon, Jenkins said, include exercise programs, trivia nights, and music sessions, among several other ideas. For all of these future programs to succeed, though, Jenkins said that new staff members, volunteers, and donations are sorely needed.

"Once we get staff we'd look for volunteers to help us serve meals and to bus tables afterwards," he said. "Anyone who knows anything about exercise, like someone who can do stretch or balance exercises, man that would be wonderful ... Anyone that could teach

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**- Tom Jenkins,
Senior Center site manager**



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Tom Jenkins, the new site manager for the Wrangell Senior Center, plays on a piano that was recently donated by Shannon Bosdell of the former Harbor House. Jenkins describes himself as a musician, pilot, traveller, history buff, and a big fan of Jane Austen. As the new site manager, he said that he hopes to see the senior center get back to its core mission of providing meals and transportation to Wrangell's senior community, and also becoming "the funnest senior center in Alaska."

something in art, maybe some sort of art that seniors or anyone else could enjoy, or any kind of music volunteer, would all be things we're looking for."

Besides just donations of time, Jenkins said that there are several items charitable members of the community could consider donating, as well. These

items include exercise equipment, bluetooth speakers for music, and a bingo roller.

"We want to be more than just for seniors," Jenkins said. "We want to be doing stuff for the community, too."

For more information regarding the senior center, call (907) 874-2066.

Cross country girls take third place in Craig meet

By CALEB VIERKANT
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Wrangell's cross country team competed in the Craig High School Invitational this past weekend, continuing a trend of improving times from their past two meets.

In the women's 5,000 meter varsity run, Wrangell took third place just behind Ketchikan and Petersburg.

Liana Carney was the first Wrangell runner to complete the race, coming in with a time of 21:27.39. Jade Balansag came in shortly afterward with a time of 22:15.27, her new personal record. Wrangell's third-place runner was Jamie Early at 23:56.81, also a personal record.

In the men's 5,000 meter run, Ethan Blatchley finished first for Wrangell with a time of 21:15.86. Elias Decker was the second Wrangell runner to finish at 22:58.77. The third Wrangell runner to complete the race was Tyson Messmer at 23:13.98. Austin Reid was only about six seconds behind Messmer at 23:19.63, which is his new personal record.

Coach Drew Larrabee said that the team all saw improvements on their times this last meet, and the team told him that they attributed it to the

emphasis on pacing themselves in practice. He also added that they got a few days

off this week to rest, using practice time to go downtown for ice cream, and are looking

forward to the next run.

The cross country team will be traveling to Ketchikan this

weekend. Regionals will take place the following weekend in Sitka.

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