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Wrangell turns out for 2020 election

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Sentinel writer

With polls closing at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, preliminary numbers show Wrangell had a large turnout for the 2020 election. Sarah Whittlesley-Merrit, Legislative Information Officer, told media that over 700 ballots were cast on election day. They received 732 ballots, she said, plus four special needs ballots and 23 question ballots. On top of that, she said that Wrangell saw 316 votes cast early in this election. This is a total of 1,075 ballots cast. According to the Alaska

Division of Elections, there are 1,974 registered voters in Wrangell. These numbers mean Wrangell had a turnout of about 54 percent. In the 2016 general election, there were a total of 764 votes cast out of 1,731 registered voters, according to information on the Division of Elections website, creating a turnout of about 44 percent.

Election results will be updated daily online at www.wrangellsentinel.com



The State of Alaska Division of Elections (DOE) unveiled the 2020 "I Voted" stickers and the powerful significance behind the artwork. Created by beloved Alaskan artist, Barbara Lavallee, the stickers feature her stylized depiction of the diversity, strength, and power of Alaskan women.

City responds to threats made against EOC member

By CALEB VIERKANT
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A local member of Wrangell's Emergency Operations Center recently received threats on social media, according to city officials. The COVID-19 pandemic, and governments' response to it, has been a contentious issue across the nation and at home. The EOC is a collection of city officials who are tasked with gathering information on the pandemic, keeping in touch with state officials, and helping the community organize its response.

Nothing has come of these threats, according to officials, but the city has still responded.

"No one should need to worry about intimidation and fear when doing their job," Mayor Steve Prysunka wrote in an Oct. 29 press release. "Differences of opinion are understandable, and even welcomed in our community, but we all need to be careful about the way that we express our opinions. It is not acceptable to attack an individual as you make the case for your support or opposition of any issue."

The threats were made last Thursday, Oct. 29, according to Police Chief Tom Radke. He said that they conducted an investigation into the situation.

All the parties involved were contacted and interviewed, he said, and they closed the investigation without filing any charges.

"It did not meet the threshold for charges," Radke said.

Neither the threatened EOC individual, nor the person who made the threats on social media, were identified. Radke declined to identify the parties involved.

Borough Manager Lisa Von Barga also declined to provide names of those involved. She said that the threats made suggested that the only way the EOC member could be "stopped" was through violence, and warned them against contacting the police. There was also a lot of additional vulgar language, she added. She said that the police do not believe there is any actual danger to the EOC member at this time.

"The police department believes the issue to be resolved, and continues to monitor the situation," Von Barga said.

The city is planning a special assembly meeting Thursday evening, Nov. 6, to discuss the pros and cons of enacting a mask mandate in Wrangell. Von Barga said that everyone is free to share their opinions and thoughts on the matter, within proper decorum.

Trick or Treat, Halloween 2020



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Marcus and Brook Ostrander, dressed up like dinosaurs for Halloween.



Carter and Emily Cummings, in their Five Nights at Freddy's-themed costumes.

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Coast Guard makes rescue south of Wrangell

By CALEB VIERKANT
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The Coast Guard pulled a man out of the water last Sunday evening, Nov. 1. The incident occurred in Union Bay, near Meyers Chuck, south of Wrangell. Petty Officer Janessa Warschkow, with the Coast Guard, said that they were notified of a man in need of rescue at about 4:46 p.m. Warschkow said, in an email, that they were on-scene at 9 p.m. According to a Coast Guard press release, an air

crew from Sitka and the cutter *Anacapa* were sent to conduct the search and rescue.

A 70-year-old man was found floating in the water on a piece of debris, according to a press release. His boat, the *Irony*, had sunk. Warschkow said that they airlifted him out of the water by 9:39 p.m. and was taken to Ketchikan for hospitalization. A press release from the Coast Guard reports that he is in stable condition.

Warschkow credits the man's safety gear and emer-

gency position indicating radio beacon for his survival.

"Luckily he was wearing the proper survival suit," she said.

A vessel under the name *Irony* is owned by Kurt Brodersen, from the homeport of Meyers Chuck, according to the CFEC public search database.

Kate Govaars, with Peace-Health Ketchikan Medical Center confirmed that a man by

that name was currently under their care, as of Tuesday, Nov. 3. She also reported that he was in good condition.

The cause of *Irony's* sinking is unknown at this time. Warschkow said that the man was unsure of what happened. They believe inclement weather is to blame, but she said they could not confirm this. There were winds of 50-knots and 10-foot seas that

night, she said.

"Thankfully due to the Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon we were able to locate the man in the water quickly," Nick Meyers, the Sector Juneau command duty officer, said in a press release. "This allowed us to deploy our survival swimmer and hoist the man to safety to get him to further medical treatment."

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, November 5

Public School's Public Policy Committee Meeting: 3:30 pm in Evergreen Elementary School Room 101 to collect input on Exhibit-5141.42, Professional Boundaries of Staff with Students. *If we have a large number of participants, the meeting may be moved to a Zoom platform.*

Monday, November 9

Public School Board Work Session: 6:30 pm, via Zoom. Meeting ID: 938 5035 1766. Passcode: 547230. www.zoom.us/j/93850351766?pwd=UzhLKzlydjlyT1BCT01VbWdDQTFQQT09.

Wednesday, November 11

Veteran's Day Dinner at the American Legion Due has been canceled.

Jury duty for November. You will be receiving notices in the mail in the next few weeks. Court number: (907) 874-2311.

Anyone doing business at the Wrangell Court are required to wear a mask unless under 2 years of age or exempted for medical reasons. This is effective until further notice. All hearings are being conducted telephonically until further notice. Contact the court for the call-in number at (907) 874-2311.

Continuing Events

AA Meetings: North Star Group Meeting Tuesdays and Fridays 7 - 8 p.m at St. Philips Episcopal Church.

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

November 4, 1920

Last Friday's assembly was observed as a memorial to ex-President Theodore Roosevelt. The officers of the Junior High School presided. Mr. F. E. Bronson gave a very interesting speech on Reminiscences of Roosevelt. Rev. H. P. Corser gave an instructive discourse on the public career of Roosevelt. The program was a real treat to the school. We were favored with several songs by Mrs. J. T. Towers. The visitors were: Mrs. J. T. Towers, Mrs. William Patterson, Mrs. William Paul, Mr. and Mrs. O. Gunderfon, Mrs. L. C. Patenaude, Mrs. Gehring, Mrs. G. M. Bidwell, Miss Marjory Shaffner, Mr. F. E. Bronson and Rev. H. P. Corser.

November 2, 1945

Public Health Department announces that it is presenting a motion picture, at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 3, at the public school, on immunization. Health officials said that they hoped sincerely that pre-school age children and young mothers would attend. The film is said to be not only interesting from the standpoint of public appeal (it is done in the best Walt Disney fashion) but it also demonstrates in an understandable manner the reason for and the rationale of a good immunization plan. In technicolor, the film reveals the method by which the body utilizes the shots for future protection against disease. "We cannot urge too strongly that those people with small children or those who contemplate raising a family, attend." Public Health officials

emphasized.

November 4, 1970

At the city's request, Wrangell General Hospital has been using its own auxiliary electrical power several hours a day the past week while the city hurries to put its new 1,245-kilowatt generating plant in service. The big diesel generator is ready to go except for installation of the electrical switchboard, according to Mayor Don House. Meanwhile the plant is struggling to keep up with an increased load imposed by the coming of cold weather. The diesel should go into service within a week, the mayor said. Meanwhile the hospital has been switching to internal power from 5 to 8 p.m. for the past week, hospital officials said. Wrangell Institute also has a generating plant but has been asked by the city to use it for only one hour last Saturday, an Institute official said.

November 2, 1995

\$175,000 to initiate reconnaissance studies of Wrangell Harbor was included when a Senate/House conference committee last week reached agreement on a bill sponsored by Sen. Ted Stevens. "Harbor space for up to 300 vessels is critical to the economic future of Wrangell," Stevens said, "after the sawmill had to close because the Forest Service canceled the 50 year timber contract." Earlier, Stevens received the Award for Environmental Achievement from the National Security Industrial Association. The senator was honored for his role in establishing the Defense Environmental Restoration Account (DERA). As chairman of the Defense Subcommittee on Appropriations in 1984, Stevens began this account which funds hazardous waste disposal projects from abandoned military installations.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, November 5: Jimmy Baggen, Kaylauna Warren, *Anniversary:* Adam & Dee Dee Sprehe. **Friday, November 6:** Betsy Golding. **Saturday, November 7:** Pam McCloskey, K.D. Roope-Strasburger, Jean-Luc Lewis, Frank Simpson, Garrett Miller, Erik Gile. **Sunday, November 8:** Wilder Harding, Gabriel Duquemin, Taylor Carey. **Monday, November 9:** Kimberly Szczatko, Sawyer Rooney. **Tuesday, November 10:** Lee Byrd III, Austin Sun, Erika Hansen. **Wednesday, November 11:** Daniel Powell, DeAnna Villarma, *Anniversary:* Lucas & Lisa Messmer. **Thursday, November 12:** Alan Frank, Ruby Brock, Andrew Feudner, Joe Stover, *Anniversary:* Ken & Krissy Smith.

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

Senior Center Meals Menu Delivery Only

Friday, November 6

Ham & Bean Soup, Cottage Cheese, Cornbread.

Monday, November 9

BBQ Baked Fish, Mixed Vegetables, Three Bean Salad.

Tuesday, November 10

Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Salad & Biscuit.

Wednesday, November 11

****Veteran's Day****

Closed

Thursday, November 12

Chicken Pot Pie, Mixed Vegetables, Salad & Biscuit.

Please call Wrangell Senior Center at 874-2066 by 10 a.m. for delivery.

Senior van also available to transport seniors to medical appointments reasonable errands like collecting mail, getting prescriptions at pharmacies or other essential need items.

FERRY

No November Sailings

Call 874-2021 for information or call 874-3711 or Toll Free 800-642-0066 for recorded information.



TIDES

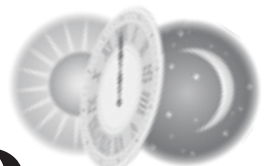
November 5 - November 11

	High Tides		Low Tides		AM	PM	AM	PM	Ft	Ft
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft						
Nov. 5	03:22	12.9	02:50	14.8	08:43	4.8	09:29	0.6		
Nov. 6	04:09	12.2	03:31	14.0	09:28	5.5	10:21	1.2		
Nov. 7	05:10	11.8	04:30	13.1	10:28	6.1	11:23	1.8		
Nov. 8	06:30	11.9	05:58	12.6	11:47	6.3		
Nov. 9	07:45	12.8	07:33	12.8	00:35	1.9	01:15	5.5		
Nov. 10	08:43	14.2	08:49	13.8	01:47	1.7	02:33	3.9		
Nov. 11	09:32	15.9	09:50	15.1	02:52	1.1	03:36	1.7		



Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Oct. 26	49	43
Oct. 27	45	41
Oct. 28	43	39
Oct. 29	39	35
Oct. 30	43	32
Oct. 31	48	42
Nov. 1	54	46
Nov. 2	55	39



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Hours
Nov. 5	7:03a	3:59p	08:56h
Nov. 6	7:05a	3:57p	08:52h
Nov. 7	7:07a	3:55p	08:48h
Nov. 8	7:09a	3:53p	08:44h
Nov. 9	7:11a	3:51p	08:40h
Nov. 10	7:14a	3:49p	08:35h
Nov. 11	7:16a	3:47p	08:31h

Court report

Aug. 31: Victor James Stead was arraigned on two charges of sexual assault, assault 2, assault 3, and burglary. He entered a not guilty plea. An omnibus hearing was scheduled for Oct. 6. A calendar call was scheduled for Dec. 14. A trial was scheduled for Jan. 4.

Sept. 3: Christine Abrahamson was arraigned on charges of criminal trespass. She entered a plea of not guilty. She was released O.R.. A calendar call was scheduled for Nov. 10.

Sept. 8: Charges against Christine Abrahamson, of criminal trespass, were dismissed by prosecution.

Sept. 9: Randy Churchill Jr. was arraigned on charges of commercial fishing in closed waters. He entered a plea of not guilty. He was released O.R. A representation hearing was scheduled for Sept. 15, and a calendar call

Nov. 10.

Sept. 14: Steven Grunstein was arraigned on charges of incest. He entered a plea of not guilty. He was released on a \$25,000 cash performance bond. He was also put on PED supervision. An omnibus hearing was scheduled for Oct. 13, and a calendar call for Nov. 10.

Sept. 15: A status hearing was held for Nicole Lupro, charged with a probation/parole violation. An adjudication hearing was scheduled for Sept. 21.

A \$250 Failure To Appear warrant was issued for Lynn Marks, charged with driving with a cancelled/revoked/suspended license.

A felony first appearance was held for Marisa McComas, charged with vehicle theft. She entered a plea of not guilty. She was released O.R.. An arraignment was scheduled for Sept. 29. A calendar call was sched-

Police report

Monday, Oct. 26

Agency Assist: Department of Transportation.

Citizen Assist: Vehicle Unlock.

Traffic Stop: Alexandra McMurren, 30, Citation issued for Failure to Stop at Stop Sign.

Tuesday, Oct. 27

Agency Assist: Paper Service. Agency Assist.

Traffic: Danielle Roher, 30, Citation issued for Driving without a Valid Operator's License.

Agency Assist: Census Bureau.

Parking: Justin Barker, 34, Citation issued for Proper Parking Required.

Wednesday, Oct. 28

Violation of Condition of Release: Petition to Revoke Probation.

Agency Assist.

Driving Revoked.

Forgery.

Thursday, Oct. 29

Summons Served.

Agency Assist: Petersburg P.D.

Agency Assist: Hoonah P.D.

Traffic Stop.

Friday, Oct. 30

Agency Assist: Accidental Shooting. Emotionally Disturbed Person: Several reports of person jumping out in front of traffic by Panhandle.

Paper Service: 86'd letter served for Senior Apartments.

Citizen Assist: Vehicle Unlocked.

Saturday, Oct. 31

Found Property: Returned to Owner.

Traffic Stop: Verbal Warning for Defective Headlights.

Traffic Stop: Troy Winchester, 30, Citation issued for Speed.

Agency Assist: Hoonah P.D. Fight.

Sunday, Nov. 1

Agency Assist: Department of Public Works.

Debris in Roadway.

Debris in Road.

During this reporting period there were three assists to EMT calls and two Welfare checks.

Wrangell Chamber of Commerce

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NOV. 13-15, 2020

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- Participating Businesses will stamp cards for every \$10 spent
- Enter Full Cards for a chance to win \$500
- Drop off cards in the barrel at the Stikine Inn lobby by Monday, Nov. 16th @1pm

uled for Dec. 14.

A felony first appearance was held for Krysta Gillen, charged with vehicle theft. She entered a plea of not guilty. She was released O.R.. An arraignment was scheduled for Sept. 29. A calendar call was scheduled for Dec. 14.

Sept. 17: Nicole Webster was arraigned on charges of assault in the fourth degree. She entered a plea of not guilty. She was released O.R. A calendar call was scheduled for Nov. 11.

Sept. 21: An omnibus hearing was held for Travis Wassilie, charged with assault 2, 3, and 4. A calendar call was scheduled for Nov. 17.

Probation for Nicole Lupro, charged with a probation/parole violation, was revoked and reimposed.

Nicole Lupro pleaded guilty

to charges of possession. She was ordered to pay a police training surcharge of \$100.

A charge of violating conditions of release, against Nicole Lupro, was dismissed as part of a plea agreement.

Sept. 29: A felony first appearance was held for Gary Hamley, charged with misconduct involving weapons in the third degree, fourth degree, and violating conditions of release. He entered a plea of not guilty. He was released on a cash performance bond of \$3,000, and was placed under PED supervision. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Oct. 9. A calendar call was scheduled for Nov. 10.

Krysta Gillen was arraigned on charges of vehicle theft. She entered a plea of not guilty. She was released O.R.

Sept. 30: Grey Russel plead no contest to a charge of illegal

storage of crab pots. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$250, and a \$20 police training surcharge.

Oct. 7: A motion to dismiss was granted in the case of Kipha Valvoda vs. David Jack et al.

Oct. 9: Trenten Maxand pleaded guilty to charges of assault in the fourth degree. He was sentenced to 360 days incarceration, with 280 suspended. He was ordered to have no contact with the victim, and will contact AICS/SEARHC for an alcohol evaluation. He was also ordered to pay a police training surcharge of \$100 and an initial jail surcharge of \$50. He will be on probation until 2022.

Oct. 26: A temporary order was issued for Victor James Stead, charged with sexual assault, assault, and burglary. He entered a plea of not guilty. He was ordered to be held in custody on a \$50,000 cash performance bond, and he was not to be released upon posting the bail until he appears again in court so that conditions of release may be set out. A calendar call is scheduled for Dec. 14.

Oct. 27: Jessica Ritchie pleaded guilty to charges of driving under the influence. She was sentenced to 30 days imprisonment, with 27 suspended. The unsuspended three days will be credited in residential treatment at Swedish Medical Center's chemical-using pregnant women's program. She was ordered to pay a fine of \$1,500, a \$150 police training surcharge, and a \$50 initial jail surcharge. She will be on probation until 2021.

Oct. 29: Charges of criminal mischief, against Dana Cawthorne, were dismissed by prosecution.

A petition to revoke probation for Dana Cawthorne was dismissed by the prosecutor.

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Obituary: David Leroy Cummings, 73

Dave Leroy Cummings, 73 passed away at home with his family on Oct. 16, 2020. Dave had inoperable/untreatable cancer.

Born in Tacoma, Washington on Sept. 8, 1947, he was the second child of Albert Vern and Vera joining 5-year old brother Albert (Vern) Jr. He graduated from high school in Auburn, Washington in 1965 and was in the National Guard from 1966-1972.

He and Vern Jr. grew up exploring the woods, river streams, ocean shores and many lakes of the Pacific NW and SE Alaska fishing and hunting. The brothers were inseparable.

He was a talented tradesman and diversified and operated a feed store in Enumclaw, Washington.

He moved to Wrangell in 1978 and moved away in 1992. He was involved

with numerous special projects for the City, including building the new Public Safety Building. He ran the local hardware store for Eric Ottesen for a time. He was a skilled carpenter/concrete worker. They purchased the Marine Bar, remodeling the interior, installing pizza ovens and creating the Hungry Beaver. He also owned and operated a pizza parlor in Leavenworth, Washington.



David Leroy Cummings

He captained a dredge-plotting vessel for the US Army Corps of Engineers, surveying and plotting the West Coast, Pearl Harbor and international ports. After 20 years of service, he retired in 2014. He married Diana, the love of his life in 2013. He purchased lots, building homes and sold them. His canned tuna was the best. Dave never slowed down; he was on the water, or

building/fixing something in the shop. The couple loved to vacation in the travel trailer. He designed "Rattle Flash" trolling flashers and sold them to tackle shops along the Oregon coast. Dave took drone movies and published on YouTube.

His parents preceded Dave in death: Vera Oct. 5, 1991 and Albert Feb. 7, 2008.

He is survived by: his wife Diana; daughter Channon (Ty) Chadwick; brother Vern (Nancy) Cummings; nephew V. Alan (Leslie) Cummings; Mark (Yenell) Cummings; and granddaughter Jasalen Hodgen.

A memorial will be Nov. 7 at Reed-sport Church of God. He will be laid to rest at Sunset Cemetery. Cards and letters can be sent to Diana Cummings PO Box 495 Lakeside, OR 97449

Plug-in Wrangell: Advantages of electric vehicles (EVs) in small communities

Southeast Alaskan electrical vehicle owners are hosting a one-hour knowledge sharing session outlining the economic and environmental advantages of EV ownership, including saving money, supporting the local economy, and reducing CO2 emissions.

There are now several hundred EVs in both Sitka and Juneau. The fundamental advantages of EV ownership that exist in Sitka and Juneau also exist in other locations, as the presentation will outline. After the presentation, there will be a Q&A session for attendees to ask questions of the presenters.

The presentation will be made by Devon Kibby, of Juneau and the Alaska Electric Vehicle Association, and Brant Brantman of Sitka Rainpower Project. Tor Benson and Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins are organizing and hosting.

The online presentation will be Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. To RSVP for the presentation, email kevin.mcgowan@akleg.gov, and presentation information will be shared. For questions, call 907-465-3732.

HARRIET ANN BANGS March 23, 1956- January 18, 2020

Harriet Ann Bangs age 63, left this earth surrounded by family and friends on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at Swedish Hospital in Seattle, Washington.

She was born March 23, 1956 in Sitka, Alaska. She joined elder siblings Becky, Ty, Ricky and Donna. The minute her parents brought her home to Wrangell her siblings adored her! Harriet brought joy and much laughter to the family. She was the baby of the family and spoiled for eight years until her three younger siblings, Wilma, Heidi and David were born. Then she became an elder sister who wasn't afraid to keep the three younger Stokes children in line!

Harriet grew up in Wrangell and attended school making lifelong friends. She graduated Wrangell High School in 1975, walking out to the Elton John tune of "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road". She loved reminiscing about the "Good Ole Days" growing up in Wrangell and hanging out with her friends. As teenagers, they loved cruising the logging roads on the island and listening to music. Harriet's favorite music was anything by Elton John and Maggie May by Rod Stewart. She and her friends enjoyed campfires on the beach and running the river. She loved road trips with Tammy. One of her favorite vacations they took was a road trip from Alaska to Florida to visit Ty and Jim Crockett, Harriet's sister and brother-in-law. The shenanigans that this dynamic duo got into during this trip remains unknown.

After high school graduation, she attended Western Business

School with her friend Rynda in Portland Oregon. Upon completing school, she returned to Wrangell and began working for Benjamin's Grocery Store, formally Bob's I.G.A. now Wrangell's I.G.A. Harriet was excellent at keeping secrets and shocked everyone when she gave birth to a bouncing baby boy, her son Geoffrey, by herself, at home on March 31, 1988. Family members remember getting early morning phone calls on April first announcing Geoffrey's birth. "Ha, ha, Happy April Fool's Day to you too!" was the most common response Harriet got from her family and friends when she told them that she just had a baby.

While working at Bob's IGA, Harriet met an annoying guy with red hair. At least, that is the way she described meeting the love of her life and future husband, Mike Bangs. Eventually, Mike managed to win her heart, red hair and all! The couple were married on April 10, 1999 at the Harbor Light Assembly of God Church. Harriet was walked down the aisle by her father, Dick Stokes, surrounded by family and friends. Her small family of two grew to a family of four. It was like the "Brady Bunch" with Mike's son Travis joining the family too! Harriet was a wonderful mother and wife. She was excellent at juggling



Harriet Ann Bangs

family and work while still participating in a very large, extended "sometimes all up in your business" family.

Sister "group texts" would drive her crazy! If you got one sister going, they all would chime in and she would have to listen to random "text beeps" all day long!

In 2007, Harriet and Mike moved from Wrangell and made their new home in Burien, Washington where Mike was born and raised. This move gave the couple the opportunity to travel to Westport, Washington were Geoffrey was working. Mike, Harriet and Bella (their dog) would rent a cottage by the harbor so they could see the boat that Geoffrey was working on enter and leave the harbor. Another favorite pastime was visiting nearby casinos. Harriet was very lucky and would often out play Mike winning over and over again!

Her family was blessed again by adding a daughter-in-law, Caroline, to the family. Harriet, Mike, Geoffrey and extended family attended a beautiful wedding in Hawaii. A state Harriet loved to visit! A couple years later, her family welcomed another member, a beautiful and feisty granddaughter named Remi Lou.

While living in Washington, Harriet worked at Safeway. She received notable recognition for her work ethic and excellent perform-

ance. She retired in September of 2018. In retirement, Harriet still woke up early and kept a spotless house. She enjoyed quiet walks with her beloved dog Bella early in the morning at Seahurst Beach near her house.

Harriet lit up any room with her presence. She was a vibrant person, always eager to help out. She never complained and never turned anyone away. Harriet lived a very fulfilled life as an independent woman, caring wife, loving mother, aunt and dear friend. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. Harriet will be missed by all who had the pleasure and joy of knowing her. She is survived by her husband, Mike Bangs, her sons Geoffrey Stokes and Travis Bangs, her daughter-in-law Caroline, her granddaughter Remi Lou Bangs, her mother Wilma Stokes, her sisters Becky Koenig, Loretta Crockett, Donna McKay, Wilma Leslie, Heidi Armstrong and their respective family members (many, many beloved nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and brother-in-law's) her cousins Auggie and Lester Schultz, dear friends (that were like family) Tammy McCay, Rynda Hayes, Elsie (Hansen) Bailey & their respective family members, as well as many more cousins, aunts, uncles and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Dick Stokes, brothers Rick Stokes and David Stokes, cousins Julie Cogan, Debra Clark, John Schultz and her aunt Loretta Schultz.

Her Celebration of Life service that was scheduled for this past spring has been postponed.

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Guest Editorial

The AMHS Reshaping Work Group report was released. Where do we go from here?

by Senator Bert Stedman

Last week, the Alaska Marine Highway Reshaping Group released a report it had been working on for several months throughout the pandemic. Even though this group has finished its task, I will continue to work to find ways to increase ferry service and reliability throughout Southeast Alaska and the rest of our state, at a level that is sustainable, functional, safe, and efficient.

The Reshaping Group made several recommendations, many of which focused on the need for the ferry system and the ferry budget to focus on long-term service goals, rather than year-by-year needs. The AMHS has a history of being managed in a way that overlooks long-term needs of the system, and the people they are suppose to serve. This limited management style fails to account for longer-term needs of the ferry system that can become costly when ignored.

One of the main suggestions of the report is to develop a multi-year plan for vessel maintenance and replacement. This way, service can remain consistent and we will have a better idea of what vessels will be available for use each year. With this in place, we can avoid lapses in service like those we experienced this past winter. This plan would have to have a multiyear agreement of setting aside federal money to construct and replace aging vessels. However, one Legislature cannot obligate future Legislatures to appropriation agreements. This would be a Constitutional violation.

In order for a long-term plan to work, mechanisms need to be put into place to ensure these agreements will be honored beyond the 32nd Legislature. They need to be durable and acceptable in the statewide transportation plan.

Two related issues the report touches on are the M/V Tustemena replacement and the Prince Rupert terminal. The Tustemena, constructed in 1964, is a certified ocean class ferry that serves the cross-gulf route and the communities in Southwest Alaska all the way to Dutch Harbor. The M/V Tustemena replacement became a focus for the state after a major service interruption in 2013. However, the long-term plan for this and the future fleet is still not clear.

Critical decisions about any new vessel should be made with a long-term system fleet strategy in mind, including abilities of the vessels to meet extra safety requirements to visit an international port in Canada at Prince Rupert and the inclusion of a cross-gulf ferry.

As it stands now, the governance structure of the ferry system is too influenced by the political winds of the day. Governors can change every four years. And the DOT Commissioners change more often than the Governor. With each new administration comes a new ferry management plan. Any organization, including the Marine Highway, cannot implement a continually changing plan.

In order for the ferry system to prosper long-term, we need to create a new governance structure that allows for a centralized figure of authority over the system, one that understands and advocates for the system throughout the changing political tides. As we go forward into next session, my office will be working with Governor Dunleavy's office to help formulate a plan and a budget that will be sustainable in the long term and will provide coastal Alaskans with a transportation system that they need and deserve.



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The Wrangell Mariners' Memorial, at Heritage Harbor.

Mariners' Memorial construction update

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

More progress has been made on the Wrangell Mariners' Memorial, but several aspects of the project have been put on hold as winter begins. Jenn Miller-Yancey, with the Wrangell Mariners' Memorial Board, reported that concrete work around the memorial has been finished for the time being. More will be done next spring, she said, as they install more light posts. While concrete work has paused, there is still work ongoing.

"The material to build the actual memorial walls has arrived," Miller-Yancey wrote in a Facebook message. "Our hope is to get one of the three main walls assembled. We will fill in around the wall foundations to make it safer out at the site

this winter. We encourage people to visit the site, but please use caution."

She mentioned Brennon Eagle specifically, for acting as the project's general contractor, and Jeff and Kay Jabusch for their assistance moving the project forward.

"There are so many volunteers and extra hands that come out from nowhere when things need to get done."

- Jenn Miller-Yancey,
Wrangell Mariners'
Memorial Board

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The mariners' memorial board is still figuring out how to handle ordering plaques for the memorial, she wrote. Once a plan is finalized, they will roll out applications. Miller-Yancey also said that a final fundraising effort for the memorial is looking to raise about \$25,000. Donations will help get the last of the concrete poured this coming spring, she said.

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Rain Coast Data reports on economic conditions

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Last Tuesday evening, in the agenda packet for the borough assembly's meeting, was a report on Wrangell's economic conditions. The report, by Rain Coast Data, was updated this past October, and looks at a variety of aspects of the local economy. With the COVID-19 pandemic impacting many aspects of life in Wrangell, the community's economic survival has been a topic of much discussion.

"In 2019, Wrangell, Alaska had 1,143 year-round equivalent jobs and nearly \$50 million in workforce earnings," the report reads. "The top economic drivers of the community were seafood, tourism, health care, and industrial maritime ... However in 2020, the COVID-19 virus devastated the global economy, with Southeast Alaska and Wrangell in particular, reeling from the impacts."

Some of the impacts of COVID-19 can be seen in the tourism industry. An estimated 26,500 visitors to Wrangell did not materialize because of the pandemic. This is estimated at \$6.24 million not spent in Wrangell's economy. Furthermore, according to the report, Wrangell's fishery had its worst year since 1976. COVID-19 has added reduced demand and prices to an already hurting industry. Unemployment in Wrangell is estimated at 10.7 percent, for the first seven months of 2020. This is the highest unemployment rate in the past decade, with 2010-2019 numbers varying from 6.9 percent to 8.4 percent.

An October 2020 survey of local businesses also brought in some additional information on the impacts of COVID-19. Over 100 businesses responded, according to the report. According to the survey, responding employers had laid

off 32 percent of their total workforce in response to the pandemic. Business revenue is down about 50 percent compared to 2019. Over 21 percent of respondents said they were at risk for closing permanently, plus an additional 2 percent of respondents that have already closed.

"This document, Wrangell Alaska Economic Conditions Report, provides a baseline summary of the economy of Wrangell prior to the 2020 pandemic event, to provide an economic planning tool for stabilizing and re-growing the economy moving forward," the report reads.

This report, and others, can be found online at www.raincoastdata.com.

The city has responded to the pandemic, and the community's economic troubles, in a variety of ways. For example, thanks to funding from the CARES Act, they have a number of grant opportunities for businesses and people who are struggling in this time. A recent press release from the city announced that the deadline to apply for these grants has been extended to Nov. 13. Some of the grants include general household assistance, targeted visitor industry relief, general small business grants, and others.

"The City has designated \$915,000 of the CARES Act funds received from the State of Alaska to these assistance programs which are intended to provide economic relief in the areas of most need within the community," the press release reads. "Each program will require a separate application be completed by each business, non-profit or resident. Each program application provides eligibility require-



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Rocky Horror Picture Show

The Nolan Center hosted a viewing of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* last Friday. It is tradition for movie-goers to play along with scenes from the movie, as well as to dress up in costume. Pictured here is the audience mimicking rainy weather with squirt guns and newspapers.

ments and identifies the supporting information to be submitted. All programs are first-

come, first-served based on receipt of a completed application."

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USDA exempts Tongass National Forest from the 2001 Roadless Rule

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today [Oct. 28] announced a final Alaska Roadless Rule that exempts the Tongass National Forest from the 2001 provision that prohibited

road construction, road reconstruction and timber harvests.

The Record of Decision identifies the selected alternative, provides the rationale for the decision, and explains that the

exemption does not authorize any specific projects in Alaska. Proposed projects must continue to comply with the 2016 Tongass Land Management Plan and be analyzed under the National Environmental Policy Act.

The official notice is scheduled for publication in the Federal Register on Oct. 29, 2020.

A copy of the final Alaska Roadless Rule and the Record of Decision also will be available on the project website.

The Forest Service published the Final Environmental Impact Statement in September following extensive public involvement and a thorough analysis of six alternatives that ranged from no action to the full exemption. Over more than two years, the agency received and reviewed input provided through public meetings and subsistence hear-

ings, 411,000 written comments and petitions, government to government consultations with federally recognized tribes and Alaska Native corporations, and engagement with cooperating agencies.

During its analysis, the Forest Service focused on three key issues: conservation of roadless area characteristics, support for local and regional socioeconomic well being, and conservation of habitat and biological diversity.

The Tongass covers about 80 percent of Southeast Alaska and plays a critical role in supporting local and regional economies, promoting economic diversification, and enhancing rural community well being.

Background:

In 2001, the USDA adopted the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (2001 Roadless Rule).

The roadless rule prohibits road construction, and cutting, selling or removing timber within inventoried roadless areas, with certain exceptions. The 2001 Roadless Rule applies nationwide and includes more than 45 million acres of national forests and grasslands. Under the 2001 Roadless Rule, 9.2 million acres - around 55% - of the Tongass National Forest are designated and managed as inventoried roadless areas, which has limited economic opportunities in some areas.

In January 2018, the State of Alaska petitioned the USDA to consider exempting the Tongass

National Forest from the 2001 Roadless Rule. In June 2018, USDA directed the Forest Service to begin evaluating a state specific roadless rule for Alaska.

Part of this evaluation was conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, which requires federal agencies to analyze significant environmental impacts of any proposed actions through a thorough and public process.

In August 2018, the Forest Service published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to conduct an environmental impact statement on a potential roadless rule exemption for the Tongass National Forest and solicited public comments on the scope of the analysis. In October 2019, the Forest Service published a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and proposed Rule for a 60 day public comment period. The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) responds to public comments received on the DEIS, contains additional analysis of management options, and identifies the preferred alternative to fully exempt the Tongass National Forest from the 2001 Roadless Rule.

After a 30 day waiting period following the release of the FEIS, USDA issued a Record of Decision selecting the full exemption alternative as the final rule. The final rule will be effective upon publication in the Federal Register, but does not directly authorize any ground disturbing activities.



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U.S. Coast Guard ship assigned to Arctic instead of Antarctic

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) - The U.S. Coast Guard has assigned its icebreaker Polar Star to the Arctic in December instead of its normal role in supporting Antarctic affairs.

The Polar Star's change in deployment was due to concerns stemming from the coronavirus pandemic. The announcement also echoes concerns from military commanders in Alaska about security in the region, the Juneau Empire reported Friday.

"The Arctic is no longer an emerging frontier, but is instead a region of growing national importance," said Vice Adm. Linda Fagan, commander of U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Area. "The Coast Guard is committed to protecting U.S. sovereignty and working with our partners to uphold a safe, secure, and rules-based Arctic."

The 44-year-old ship built in Seattle typically supports Operation Deep Freeze during the Antarctic summer from September to March, the Coast Guard said in a statement. Its standard role is to help clear sea ice in the region to allow supply ships to reach McMurdo Station, the largest community in Antarctica and a vital research station. Those operations will now be conducted by aircraft.

Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

Some ups, mostly downs for salmon permit values; Virtual meetings galore

After a salmon season that successfully fished its way through a pandemic and up-turned markets, the value of Alaska salmon permits is ticking up in two regions while toppling in others.

Permit values are derived by the state Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission based on the average value of four permit sales.

One of the uppers is the bellwether fishery at Bristol Bay where driftnet permits are showing good gains after a strong fishing season, despite a disappointing base sockeye price of \$.70 a pound, down by nearly half from last year.

"Probably the lowest asking price out there right now is \$170,000," said Doug Bowen of Alaska Boats and Permits in Homer. "Of course, the next big news here for the Bay would be the forecasts for next year which are not out yet, and they could certainly have an influence on what people are willing to pay for those permits. But they have come up considerably from the low of \$150,000 before the season."

Alaskan Quota and Permits in Petersburg lists one Bristol Bay permit at \$195,000, while Dock Street Brokers has new drift listings at between \$170,000 and \$180,000.

Kodiak was a bright spot for salmon seiners who caught an unexpected surge of more than 21 million pinks. That helped boost permit values for the first time in years.

"Before the season, those Kodiak seine permits were probably worth around \$35,000. In recent sales, they've ticked up to around \$38,000 and we have them available on the market now at \$40,000. So they've trended up a bit."

Permit Master shows Kodiak seine cards listed between \$36,000-\$40,000, and \$45,000 at Dock Street

Elsewhere in Alaska, other salmon permit values have declined since last spring.

At Cook Inlet, yet another lousy season has pushed down the value to the \$20,000 range, the lowest since farmed salmon caused a crash decades ago.

"Those Cook Inlet drift permits got up to as high as \$240,000 or \$250,000 at the high water mark, and then when farmed salmon came along in the late 1980s and early '90s, the entire salmon industry crashed and the permit values dropped by 90% or more. I remember selling Cook Inlet drifts for \$10,000 at the bottom," Bowen said.

The Copper River drift fishery this year also was a wash.

"The fish just did not show up on the flats there. Before the season those permits were around \$140,000 give or take, and recent sales are around \$105,000," he said. "They've dropped a lot and there's not

much movement there. Nobody wants to sell at those low prices."

Prince William Sound seiners did better in their fisheries, but those permit values also have taken a dip from \$140,000-\$145,000 before the season.

"You could probably pick one up for \$130,000 now," Bowen said.

At Southeast Alaska, where a disaster has been declared after one of the worst seasons in more than 40 years, salmon permit values reflect the decline.

"The market for drift and seine permits is about flat with very little interest or movement in those Southeast permits," Bowen said. "Before the season, you could have picked up a drift permit for \$70,000. The lowest asking price out there now is probably \$67,000 so I would imagine you could pick one up for somewhere in the \$60,000 range. In the spring of last year, Southeast seine permits were around \$250,000; the asking price now is \$175,000."

Nowhere in Alaska has a salmon permit value dropped more than at Chignik, once the most exclusive in the state.

"They were probably the most expensive salmon permit on the market for a while at about a half a million dollars. There has been absolutely no activity in that Chignik seine permit market and the lowest asking price is probably about \$90,000. But there is zero interest there," Bowen added.

Permit values at Area M (False Pass) also show little interest after a lousy season with no sales post-season.

"We have a permit listed at \$185,000 and an offer of \$140,000," he added.

Despite the downturns, Bowen said most people are still optimistic about Alaska's iconic fishery and boat sales are brisk.

"You have to be willing to take a risk to plunk down a big chunk of cash for a boat in these times with so much uncertainty, but our boat sales are doing great," he said. "I don't think anything demonstrates confidence in the industry as much as buying a boat. It's a huge investment and people are making them."

Expos and All Hands - The coronavirus has derailed face to face fish gatherings and forced them to online venues, and there's a fishing industry dream of a lineup for this month. One perk of "going virtual" is that more people can tune in to all kinds of meetings, discussions and workshops no matter where they call home.

That will hopefully be the case at the Fishermen's Fall Expo at Sitka on November 11 and 12 hosted by the Alaska

Longline Fishermen's Association and the Alaska Sustainable Fisheries Trust.

"Usually, it's Sitka fishermen and women that come in and get to participate in these trainings and workshops. But this year, we're hoping to have a broader scope of folks throughout the region and the state and maybe beyond, too. We've got quite a lineup and yes, it is a bit pot heavy," said Natalie Sattler, program coordinator, with a laugh.

Sattler is referring to the new lightweight, coiled pots that prevent whales from robbing black cod catches and are changing the game, especially for smaller boats. Manufacturers will be on hand with demonstrations; others will show how to set up boat decks and hydraulics for longliners who are interested in switching to the whale-proof pots.

The new gear could lead to new fishing regulations and Sattler said a forum will discuss potential changes.

"We want to help both hook and line and pot boats really coexist on the grounds and ensure that small boats continue to have a viable future in the sablefish fishery," she said.

Also in the lineup: updates on local mariculture, vessel energy efficiency, hybrid technology, management 101, and fishermen's ergonomics.

"How to take care of your body when you're fishing to prevent certain injuries," Sattler explained. "So that'll be kind of fun to get folks up and moving in the comfort of their own homes."

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Get the latest updates on nearly every Alaska fish in the sea at the popular All Hands on Deck virtual meetings set for November 10-13 by the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute. Each day will focus on marketing strategies and challenges for the fish and shellfish ASMI promotes in the U.S. and around the world.

"ASMI's mission is to increase the economic value and awareness of the Alaska seafood resource and that's a really big lift," said Ashley Heimbigner, ASMI communications director. "And we couldn't do it without the input and guidance and 'on the ground' information we get from all of our industry partners and stakeholders."

The All Hands lineup features the latest industry economic indicators presented by the McDowell Group, including Covid impacts around the world, trade disputes, and a roundtable forum with experts from the global seafood supply chain.

Every fish and shellfish species gets its own session, Heimbigner said.

"If you were to pop in to a crab species committee meet-

ing, you might hear them discussing an overview of stock assessments in specific regions, or how consumer preferences are changing in certain countries or what product forms are gaining in popularity," she explained, adding that ASMI is excited about the potential to attract more attendees.

"This year is the opportunity to get more voices from more places and more aspects of our industry that maybe couldn't have made a trip to Anchorage to participate in previous years," she said.

The All Hands on Deck conference and documents will be posted to the ASMI website. Register for free at www.alaskaseafood.org.

Pacific Marine Expo, the West Coast's largest annual trade show, has been transformed to Expo Online from November 17-19 in Seattle, in partnership with National Fisherman. The three days of "conferences, contests and making connections" will showcase offshore wind power

and commercial fishing, the latest in vessel design and gear technology, what's next for the Pebble Mine and a Fishing Industry Career Fair.

The Expo plans to keep the show running through 2010 with monthly webinars that feature direct marketing, on-board safety drills, ocean health: reducing plastics, and Ask an Old Salt, to name a few. Register for free and get updates at www.NationalFisherman.com/

Covid fishing info gap - Federal fishery overseers want to fill in some information gaps in their understanding of economic impacts by hearing from West Coast and Alaska fishermen via a short survey. Ocean Strategies is gathering the information and delivering it confidentially to NOAA to make sure those harvesters are included in the effort to document impacts to the commercial fishing industry.

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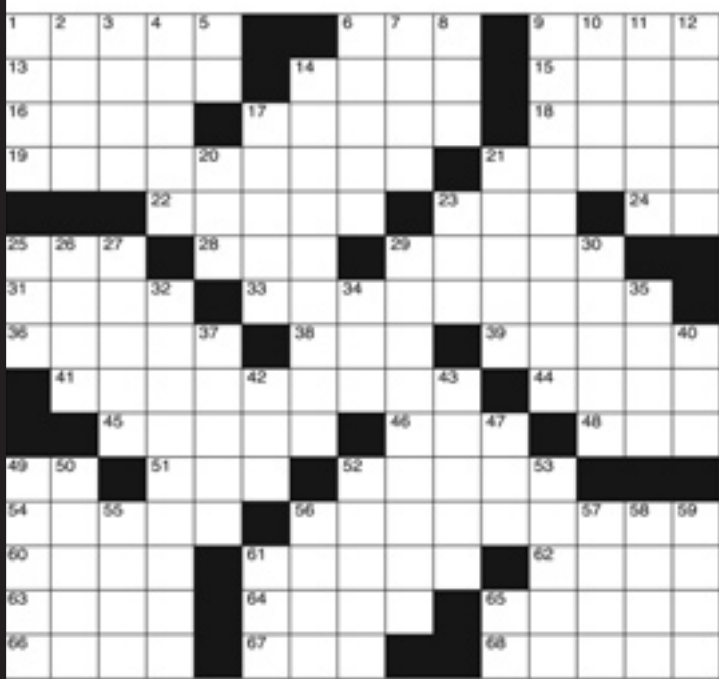
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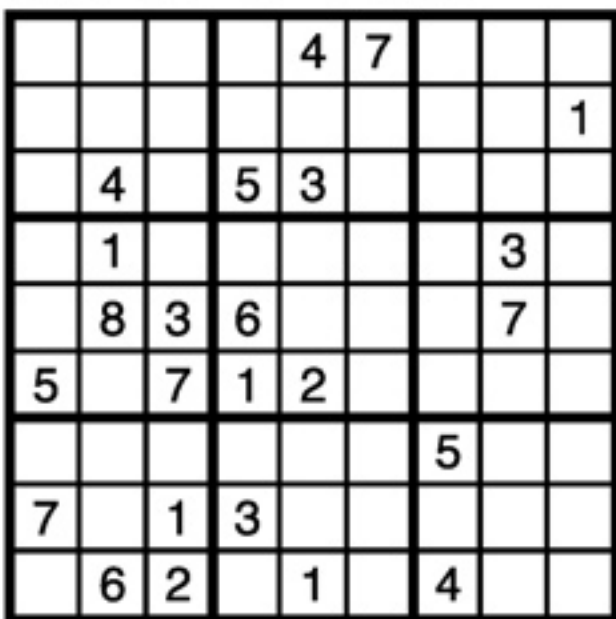
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- 6. Married woman
- 9. Some animals travel in one
- 13. Fear
- 14. Hawaiian island
- 15. Fit to work
- 16. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 17. Former Senator Specter
- 18. Cambodian currency
- 19. Dave Matthews Band hit
- 21. Lists ingredients
- 22. Endangered antelope
- 23. Jerry's TV partner
- 24. Blue grass state
- 25. Obstruct
- 28. Luke's mentor ___-Wan
- 29. Fencing swords
- 31. Oh, heavens!
- 33. Insensitive to changes in price
- 36. Hillsides
- 38. Brew
- 39. Gland secretion
- 41. A typical example
- 44. Get up
- 45. You put it on your pasta
- 46. Expresses surprise
- 48. News organization
- 49. Disorder of the lungs (abbr.)
- 51. One millionth of a gram
- 52. Some are of the "suit" variety
- 54. Group of organisms
- 56. Produces
- 60. Passage into a mine
- 61. ___ and cheeses
- 62. Semitic fertility god
- 63. Dry or withered
- 64. Religious ceremony
- 65. ___ Winger, actress
- 66. German river
- 67. Midway between northeast and east
- 68. Take something or somebody somewhere

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Lyric poems
- 2. Genus of saltwater clams
- 3. Ingroup
- 4. Type of lounge chair
- 5. Memory card
- 6. Archipelago
- 7. Common Korean surname
- 8. It's up there
- 9. Quantity that helps to define
- 10. First month of the Jewish ecclesiastical year
- 11. Metal-headed golf club
- 12. A shade of green
- 14. Begin
- 17. A good thing to have
- 20. Language spoken in Laos
- 21. Loosely compacted sediment
- 23. Naturally occurring protein
- 25. Woman
- 26. Central Indian city
- 27. Volcanic craters
- 29. Largest existing land animals
- 30. Rumanian city
- 32. Equal to 10 meters
- 34. Historic Nevada city
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- 37. Remove
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- 42. Records electric currents linked to the heart
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- 47. Partner to his
- 49. Banking giant
- 50. Slowly disappeared
- 52. End
- 53. Sword with a v-shaped blade
- 55. Fabric with smooth, shiny surface
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- 57. Traditional Japanese socks
- 58. Make of your hard work
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The new Wrangell Medical Center is nearly complete.

Hospital construction nearly complete

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Construction of the new Wrangell Medical Center is nearly done, according to a press release from the SouthEast Alaska Health Consortium. They are about 85 percent complete with the project, the release reads, and the entire project remains on budget and slightly ahead of schedule. The hospital, according to previous reports, is aiming to be ready for use by early-2021.

Drywall work is nearly complete, according to the press release. Siding on the hospital's exterior is finished everywhere except for the courtyard and mezzanine. Equipment is also currently being installed in the kitchens, laundry room, and the radiology department. Renovations to the existing AICS clinic are moving along, as well. It will enter "Phase 3" of its renovations in mid-November. This next phase was reportedly pushed back a few weeks due to shipping delays and the scope of work needed in the remodeled space. Currently, the press release reads, workers and interior painters are focusing on the connecting corridor between the clinic and the new hospital.

"Extra efforts are being made by construction crews to advance the move-in date for the new facility, which is early spring," SEARHC Vice President and WMC Hospital Administrator Leatha Mercurieff said in the press release. "WMC employees are excited to provide care in the new facility with state-of-the-art equipment. The new healthcare campus will maximize our staff's ability to treat our Long-Term Care residents and patients."

Wrangell falls in close games against Klawock

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Lady Wolves travelled to Klawock this past weekend for a set of volleyball games against the Chieftains. The three games were hard-fought and all were close, but they all went to Klawock.

The first game started with both teams neck-and-neck for a significant portion of the game. Wrangell held a narrow lead at several points, but was never able to build off of it. The Chieftains always managed to come back and take a narrow lead of

their own. The final score was 25-23, Klawock.

During the second game, the Lady Wolves took the lead early and fought hard to maintain it. The furthest ahead they got was an eight-point lead, at 8-16. However, the Chieftains were slowly able to narrow the gap, tie up the game, and pull ahead. The final score was 28-26, another win for Klawock.

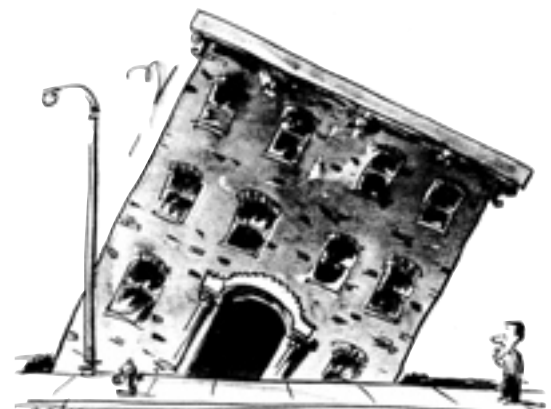
The third game was similar to the first. Wrangell took a narrow lead early on, but was unable to maintain it. The Lady Wolves and the Chieftains went back

and forth for most of the game, but in the end Wrangell could not get ahead. The final score was 25-23, Klawock.

"We ran a new rotation again and need to work on our serving," said Coach Alyssa Allen in a text message.

The next set of games, according to a schedule provided by WHS Activities Director Trisa Rooney, will take place on Nov. 7 in Petersburg. These will be followed by the senior night games between Wrangell and Petersburg on Nov. 13 and 14, and then Regionals starting Nov. 20.

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Wrangell Cooperative Association Transportation (WCAT), a federally recognized tribe, is soliciting proposals and rate information from qualified professionals to provide services for: Civil, Architectural, Mechanical, and Electrical Engineering schematic level design of a Maintenance/Warehouse Facility, and related services. The firm will also provide an associated cost to construct estimate for the design. For more information and to request a copy of the RFQ, please Call Bill Willard at (907) 874-3077, or email wwillard@wca-t.com and lizcabot@wca-t.com. Office hours: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please leave a message if calling after hours. **Deadline: 4:00 p.m. (AKST), Monday, November 16, 2020. Publish: October 22, 29, November 5 and 12, 2020**

The Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) is seeking a full-time SCADA Network Architect responsible for reliability, security, configuration, and maintenance of SEAPA's SCADA and communications systems. Base location is Ketchikan, Alaska with travel required to all SEAPA facilities. The position is open until December 31, 2020 or until filled. A complete job description and the electronic application process are available online at: www.applicantpro.com/openings/seapahydro/jobs/1569835-17612 SEAPA is an Equal Opportunity Employer. **Published: November 5, 2020**



**City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska
SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to Wrangell Municipal Code Section 3.04.090, the Borough Assembly will hold a **Special Assembly Meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**, by ZOOM teleconference, on the following item(s):

- a. Discuss the Merits and Options of Enacting a Mask Mandate

KSTK may or may not be broadcasting the meeting, we will be broadcasting the meeting over Facebook Live.

If you would like to call into the meeting to **Speak under Persons to be Heard**, please contact the Borough Clerk at 907-874-2381 or email: clerk@wrangell.com no later than **Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.** so that your name can be added to the list. Below is the Zoom Teleconference information:

To Join by Computer:

zoom.us/j/9078742381?pwd=MTNqSEdncjRyakh2UCtMVUNxMndYUT09

And enter the Meeting ID: 907 874 2381.

Then Enter Password: 99929

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

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

Pursuant to the City & Borough of Wrangell Code, Sec. 3.04.808, notice is hereby given that the regular assembly meetings of the assembly shall be held on the **second and fourth Tuesday of the month** and shall begin at 6:00 p.m. As per Emergency Resolution No. 03-20-1520, Borough Assembly Meetings shall be held by teleconference/videoconference until October 17, 2020 unless terminated before that date. If any such Tuesday shall fall on a legal holiday as defined by the laws of the State of Alaska, the meetings scheduled for that day shall be held at the same hour on the next succeeding day which is not a holiday. Separate notice for the regular assembly meetings shall not be required. There will be no regular meetings the second Tuesday in July and August and fourth Tuesday in December.

If a work session is scheduled preceding the regular assembly meeting, publication shall be made on the website and posted at city hall and the post office that the regular assembly meeting shall begin at 7:00 p.m.

Kim Lane, Borough Clerk
City of Wrangell, Alaska

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In the Matter of the Estate of:)
JOYCE VIVIAN PHILLIPS,)
Deceased) Case No. 1WR-20-17 PR
Date of Birth: 10/13/1933)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

Dated this October 20, 2020.

Rynda M. Hayes
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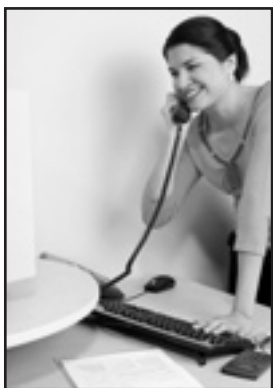
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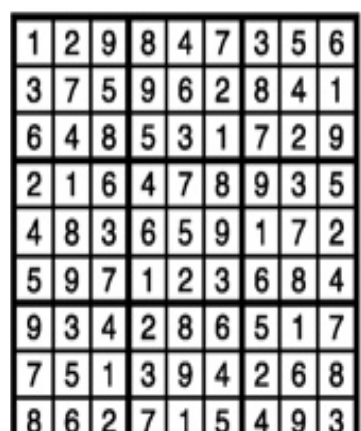
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Puzzle answers from October 29 Edition



New COVID-19 case announced on November 3

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Wrangell's Unified Command announced a new case of COVID-19 the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 3. This is

Wrangell's twenty-first total case, and at the time of writing the only active one. According to the press release, this case was confirmed in a non-resident, who has been notified and is in isolation.

Of the 21 total cases Wrangell has seen, 13 have been locals and eight have been non-locals. Four cases were identified through airport testing. The others were identified by a routine testing plan

or other testing platform. The city's press release included a reminder to the public that free community testing is available at the clinic every weekend, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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About Veterans Day

Veterans Day is observed every year on November 11th. Veterans Day evolved from Armistice Day, which was proclaimed in 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson. Armistice is when warring parties agree to stop fighting; Armistice Day recognizes the end of World War One when hostilities ceased on November 11th at 11 A.M, 1918 (11th hour, of the 11th, of the 11th month)

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs official site on November 11th, 1947 Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, organized a "National Veterans Day" parade in Birmingham, Alabama to recognize veterans of all wars. This celebration may have helped influence Congress to change Armistice Day to Veterans Day in 1954 to recognize Veterans of all U.S. wars.



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Salute to Veterans

Kake turns to biomass heating for public buildings

SITKA, Alaska (AP) - An Alaska island village plans to use an advanced version of an ancient renewable energy system to lower its high energy costs.

The village of Kake wants to build a biomass district heating system to warm its public buildings while saving the community nearly \$100,000 annually in energy costs, Alaska's Energy Desk reported Tuesday.

Kake was awarded a federal Department of Agriculture grant to design its biomass system. The village is now seeking funding.

The system planned for Kake, on Kupreanof Island south of Juneau, would use sensors and multiple chambers to burn wood efficiently with air quality impacts that are the same or less than heating oil systems.

The biomass heating system would use leftover wood from thinning of second growth forests or from timber operations, said Clay Good of the Renewable Energy Alaska Project.

"The cost of energy here is high, so if we can come up with some more affordable energy it's always a good thing to pursue," said Gary Williams, who worked

for 30 years as executive director of the Organized Village of Kake.

Williams wants to use wood to replace thousands of gallons of non-renewable heating oil used in the community's school and other large facilities.

"We've got a fuel supply that's literally in our backyard. We're in the middle of the Tongass (National Forest)," Williams. "So it would reduce the need for imported fuels and also at the same time as we harvested our local fuels, it would create jobs and put money into our local economy."

The Interior Alaska town of Tok uses a biomass system to produce electricity through steam for its school, which Superintendent Scott MacManus said has saved the district money and created jobs since it was started a decade ago.

MacManus said challenges for the biomass system included finding people with the knowledge needed to administer the technology and to convince the community of its viability.

"One of the things about renewable and sustainable energy is that it's got to be specific to



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Election day

Donna Kuntz and Dutch Mongeon, pose for a photo after voting.

where you are," he said. "You have to look at what's available locally."

Williams said biomass heat-

ing would move Kake toward energy independence, affordability and sustainability.

"Besides making this work

for our community today, we want to make sure we leave a good world for our grandchildren too," Williams said.

Alaska to require masks and COVID-19 screens at Capitol

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) - The Alaska Legislative Council approved a measure that requires lawmakers, employees and reporters to be screened for the coronavirus when entering the Capitol and to wear masks or face coverings in the building and other legislative offices.

The council also voted on Thursday to keep the Capitol building closed to the public until at least January, when the next Legislature convenes. Legislative staff and reporters will still be allowed into the building, KTOO Public Media reported.

The council's chair, Sen. Gary Stevens, said that while the Legislature in January could change the policies, he anticipates they will not as long as the

pandemic persists.

"I think the goal, of course, is to make sure that all legislators, staff feel safe, they feel that coming into the Capitol is a safe place for them to be," the Kodiak Republican said in the meeting.

The council voted 9-1 to mandate face coverings and 8-2 to require screenings to enter the Capitol. Republican Rep. DeLena Johnson was the only person on the council to vote against both measures.

Johnson, a Republican from Palmer, said the mask mandate wouldn't be enforceable for legislators.

"There's nothing to this," Johnson said. "This is kind of the worst of the worst. It's a great suggestion, but it's

not particularly meaningful."

The council decided against voting on a third policy change that would ask legislators to quarantine for 14 days before arriving in Juneau for meetings. The change would also ask legislators to arrive with either a negative test result or to receive a test immediately upon arrival and to isolate while results are pending. The proposal also would have required all legislators and employees to avoid non-essential trips outside of Juneau during the session. The council said it plans on considering this policy change again before January.

The state reported four new deaths and 384 new confirmed cases from the coronavirus on Friday, the state Depart-

ment of Health and Social Services said. There have been 81 confirmed deaths and over 15,000 confirmed cases in the state since the pandemic began, according to the state Department of Health and Social Services.

The number of infections is thought to be far higher because many people have not been tested, and studies suggest people can be infected with the virus without feeling sick.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some especially older adults and people with existing health problems it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia, and death.



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