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Assembly prioritizes fire hall remodel, scrap removal

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

In its Tuesday evening meeting this week, the City and Borough Assembly decided to shift focus for block grant funding to remodeling the Public Safety Building.

Sited centrally to town at the start of Zimovia Highway, the aging facility has already neared the top of the city's capital improvement priorities.

In its project outline, city staff recommended putting the building forward as a candidate for Community Development Block Grant funding, a competitive program sourcing \$2.4 million of Housing and Urban Development funding each year into Alaskan communities. Use of the funds is tightly regimented, with a number of criteria having to be met to be eligible for the program.

One criterion is a community's income level, with at least 51 percent of the population having to fall into the low or moderate income levels. A re-estimation of Wrangell's fiscal makeup last spring found that level to be at 52.8 percent, making the city eligible for CDBG consideration.

Seven possible projects were presented to members of the Assembly as candidates for CDBG funding. One of these had been suggested by a member of the public, extending utility access to the former Institute property in advance of future residential and commercial development.

Of the problems presented though, city staff considered the Public Safety Building to be one of the highest priorities, as it houses Wrangell's fire and police departments, Department of Motor Vehicles office, courthouse and local jail, and is critical to emergency and disaster response coordination for the area. Its window fixtures and siding were identified as needing replacement at least 13 years ago, and the recent discovery this summer of an infestation by carpenter ants, coupled with various structural failures and leaks, have elevated the building's remodeling in priority above most other projects.

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PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Wearing emergency immersion suits on October 5, a group of high school students taking part in a two-day marine survival course take turns boarding a SOLAS (safety of life at sea) raft in the Wrangell public swimming pool. Parks and Rec staff turned off the heat so that the water would be appropriately cold.

High schoolers earn certifications in onboard survival drills

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Eleven Wrangell high school students took part in a two-day workshop, enabling their certification to conduct fishing vessel drills.

Secondary schools principal Bill Schwan explained the 18-hour instructional course was provided through a grant with Alaska Marine Safety Education Association, a Sitka-based organization which provides marine safety training for a variety of nautical activities across the country. Its Coast Guard-approved fishing vessel drill conductor trainings focus on safety issues pertinent to commercial fishing, but the skills have wider applications for subsistence and recreational boaters as well.

AMSEA sent instructor Dug Jensen, a Petersburg

resident who has led 240 five-day training courses for the USCG, among other activities. By the service's reckoning, the skills he has imparted have directly saved some 38 confirmed lives.

The course curriculum covered a number of necessities, not merely in a classroom setting but through direct exercises as well.

"It's all hands-on," said Jensen. He has presented similar courses for other schools around Southeast, including at Petersburg High this April.

Taking place over October 5 and 6, students who volunteered for the course demonstrated knowledge on using emergency position indicator radio beacons (EPIRB) and flares, conducted exercises at the public

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Shoemaker Bay design moving to 100-percent stage



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

As seen on September 29, the mossy northern stalls at Wrangell's 40-year old facilities at Shoemaker Bay Harbor are due for replacement next year. Slightly less than half of the funds needed to rebuild its sagging fingers are coming from a Department of Transportation facilities grant, an allocation approved by the State Legislature and signed by Gov. Bill Walker in a special session this August.

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Finalized designs to replace existing facilities at Shoemaker Bay Harbor have been greenlighted by the Wrangell Assembly.

Built by the state in 1977, management of the harbor and responsibility for its upkeep were devolved to the city in 2003. The wood-and-iron floats have since reached the limits of their useful life, and plans to replace them with a more modern design have been in the works for several years. A design for new floating facilities and a dredging of the harbor was put together by PND Engineers in Juneau, and a financing plan adopted by the city in 2015.

The project was made possible by the Alaska Legislature's inclusion this year of \$5,000,000 for the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities' Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Fund. As

the Shoemaker project was the top of the list for consideration this year, the funds were earmarked for that request. During the previous fiscal year, Wrangell's project was second on the list after a Kodiak request, and a shortfall in allocated capital funding meant Shoemaker was skipped over.

With the grant now in place, Wrangell will more than match the allotment with a combination of its own funds and municipal bonds. Harbormaster Greg Meissner explained money from a combination of deferred maintenance, fishing infrastructure and reserve funds will make up several million dollars of the cost, with the final amount depending on final estimates for the project. When it was first designed by PND Engineers several years ago the initial estimate for it had been \$10.7 million, but that has since been

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Birthdays & Anniversaries



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

Thursday, Oct. 12: Peyton Campbell, Perry Brink, Kathie Angerman, Darian Meissner, Jay Bradley, *Anniversary:* Jason and Jessica Rooney, Tony and Sue Ann Guggenbickler. **Friday, Oct. 13:** Karen Lockabey, Tori Gulla, Joyce Phillips, Tyler Sebastian, Victoria Roberts. **Saturday, Oct. 14:** Diane Corner, Dustin Johnson, Ariana Ellsworth, Erika Seimears. **Sunday, Oct. 15:** Bonnie Stutz, Amanda Kalkins, *Anniversary:* Kurt and Jeannette Newcomb, Kenny and Mariah Speers. **Monday, Oct. 16:** Ken Cesar, Kathy Jahner, Bonnie Demerjian, Leslie Kagee, Craig Villarma. **Tuesday, Oct. 17:** Ann Benson, Rachel Angerman, Charles Meissner Sr., Ryan Olson, Kari Mork. *Anniversary:* Fred and Sumi Angerman. **Wednesday, Oct. 18:** Steve Thomassen Sr., Mikee Lockabey, Kevin Neyman, Cyni Crary, Ian Bunes. **Thursday, Oct. 19:** Duncan Rooney, Lee Byrd Jr., Paula Wickman, Rian Guggenbickler, *Anniversary:* Chris and Jodie Guggenbickler.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, Oct. 12

Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, spinach, fruit slaw.

Friday, Oct. 13

Baked Salmon, scalloped potatoes, peas and carrots, pickled beets

Monday, Oct. 16

Corn chowder, half a roast beef sandwich, creamy cole slaw.

Tuesday, Oct. 17

Chicken adobo, rice, oriental veggie honey orange salad.

Wednesday, Oct. 18

Closed for Alaska Day!

Thursday, Oct. 19

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, peach salad.

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, Oct. 14

Matanuska 10:15 a.m..

Sunday, Oct. 15

Kennicott 6:15 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 17

Matanuska 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 21

Matanuska 2:30 a.m.

Southbound

Friday, Oct. 13

Matanuska 3:15 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 16

Matanuska 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 18

Kennicott 6:00 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 20

Matanuska 8:00 a.m.

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



TIDES Oct. 12 - Oct. 19

High Tides				Low Tides				
AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	
Oct.12	6:52	13.1	6:47	14.5	0:07	0.2	12:21	4.6
Oct.13	8:18	13.1	8:17	14.2	1:21	1.0	1:48	4.9
Oct.14	9:33	13.9	9:38	14.6	2:43	1.2	3:19	4.2
Oct.15	10:33	15.2	10:44	15.5	3:58	0.8	4:34	2.8
Oct.16	11:24	16.4	11:39	16.3	5:00	0.3	5:32	1.3
Oct.17	12:08	17.3	5:49	-0.2	6:18	0.0
Oct.18	0:28	16.8	12:47	17.9	6:30	-0.3	6:57	-0.9
Oct.19	1:11	16.9	1:23	18.0	7:07	-0.1	7:33	-1.4

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, October 12

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

Healthy Eating Demo on Healthy Food Preparation: 11:30 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Free class. Learn how easy it is to prepare healthy and delicious food. Samples will be available. For more info call 874-3375. **Yoga:** 5:30 p.m. AICS Medical Clinic. Yoga for everybody, please come and join.

Saturday, October 14

WALK For Freedom: Abolish Slavery with every step. Join us as we walk for the millions enslaved across the globe. Meet at City Dock from 12p.m.-4p.m.

Tuesday, October 16

Regular School Board Meeting: 6:30 pm, Evergreen Elementary School Room 101.

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

Thursday, October 19

Pioneers of Alaska Men's Igloo #21, Lunch Meeting: Noon, St. Philip's Parish Hall

Wrangell "Bear" oque Players: 7:00 p.m., Evergreen Elementary School Gym, Free Admission

Continuing Events

PARKS & REC ACTIVITIES: Lap Swim: M, W, F 6:00-7:30 a.m. & 5:00-6:00 p.m., M-F 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., S 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; **Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class:** at the Pool: M, W, F, 9:00-10:00 a.m.; **Water Aerobics:** M, W, F 10:00-11:00 a.m.; **Family Swim:** F 6:00-7:00 p.m.; **General Swim:** M & W 6:00-7:00 p.m., F 7:00-8:00 p.m., S 1:00-2:00 p.m.; **Weight Room:** M-TH 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-7:30 p.m., F 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-8:30 p.m., S 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. **Extra 2 Lane Lap Swim:** M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.

OTHER MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

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

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

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

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

The Way We Were

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

October 18, 1917: Dr. W. J. Pigg returned Saturday from Ft. Seward at Haines where he took a physical examination and passed. He expects to receive notice any day to report somewhere for medical examination. Dr. Pigg hopes soon to get a commission in the regular Army. He thinks it probable that he will leave Wrangell within the next three months.

October 23, 1942: Merlin Elmer Palmer Post, American Legion, last night gave a farewell dinner for Wrangell's latest group of men who expect to leave soon for the Army. The dinner was given at the Legion Dugout and a sumptuous meal was furnished and prepared by Mrs. Harry Ferguson, Mrs. Frank Churchill, Mrs. William Taylor and Mrs. May Hanford, who volunteered their services and efforts. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson generously donated cigarettes for the affair. Regulations prohibit the publication of selectees' names or the number inducted until after they have been accepted and are in uniform. Toastmaster H.C. McKowan, Commander elect of the Legion, expressed the good wishes of the Legion and entire community which will accompany Wrangell's men wherever they may go.

October 13, 1967: Since Wrangell still has unpaved roads, there should be an unwritten law which would benefit the many pedestrians who use the roads. This law to which I am referring is quite simple, slow down when you near a pedestrian on the road. Surely you aren't in such a hurry that you don't notice all the mud you leave behind on some pedes-

trian. Even though our streets are muddy, many of us still have to use them for lack of a better mode of transportation. So please, the next time you see someone walking down the street on a rainy day use a little common courtesy and take your foot off the accelerator.

October 15, 1992: Thomas Bay seems to have been the place to be during this moose season which concludes today. As of press time Wednesday, 21 legal moose were taken in the Thomas Bay hunt according to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. The Stikine River harvest was 18 bulls. There have been two confirmed legal moose taken on Wrangell Island according to ADF&G. Fish and Wildlife trooper Greg Hamm said he had

heard reports of a third, but it hasn't yet been confirmed. An illegal moose was shot in the Wrangell hunt, which has a spike fork or 50 inch antler restriction.

POSTED FUEL PRICES

WRANGELL

L N M: \$3.80

Alpine Mini Mart: \$3.80

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SE Island Fuel: \$3.76

Petersburg Motors: \$3.68

Unleaded gas prices posted Tuesday, October 10th



Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Oct. 2	53	42
Oct. 3	56	45
Oct. 4	58	47
Oct. 5	52	45
Oct. 6	48	44
Oct. 7	50	44
Oct. 8	49	43
Oct. 9	49	44



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Oct. 12	7:11 am	5:57pm	10:46h
Oct. 13	7:13 am	5:55pm	10:42h
Oct. 14	7:15 am	5:52pm	10:37h
Oct. 15	7:17 am	5:50pm	10:33h
Oct. 16	7:19 am	5:47pm	10:28h
Oct. 17	7:21 am	5:45pm	10:24h
Oct. 18	7:23 am	5:42pm	10:19h
Oct. 19	7:25 am	5:40pm	10:15h

THE PFD SALE HAS LANDED

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Altercation in Kake leads to drive-by shooting

By **BEN MUIR**
Sentinel writer

State troopers arrested a Kake man last week after he sat in a Chevrolet pickup truck and sprayed semi-automatic gunfire into a construction site trailer with eight people inside, leaving no one hospitalized or shot.

Jacob Hallingstad, 46, was arrested on Thursday in connection to the shooting in Kake. Nine charges were doled to him at a felony first hearing in Petersburg over the weekend, to which he teleconferenced from the Lemon Creek Correctional Center in Juneau.

Sgt. Nicholas Zito with the Alaska State Troopers filed a report into court

documents based on interviews with witnesses and the troopers' investigation of the scene.

The report said eight people were inside a SECON Construction camp trailer before troopers were called at about 12:53 a.m. on Thursday. Most of the group was awake in the dining area past midnight. Among them was Hallingstad's wife, Melissa. She stopped by the trailer after seeing the party, according to the report.

Soon after, Hallingstad entered the trailer and kicked one of the men near Melissa in the chest. The man allegedly assaulted did not retaliate and Hallingstad left. He returned

minutes later with a rifle, which he would later tell Zito was a black Bushmaster AR-15 with a collapsible stock. He shot toward the trailer from the driver's side of a black Chevrolet truck.

The bullets shattered a window and laced the siding. At least three rounds made it through the wall and into the dining area and kitchen, hitting no one.

One witness said when the rapid "pop, pop" sound rang out, he froze before dropping to the ground with the rest of the group. Another witness said he grabbed a rifle soon after and went outside to defend the trailer, but Hallingstad was gone, court documents said.

Hallingstad disputed the allegations early in the investigation, saying six crew members threatened him before he "grabbed his hunting rifle and shot back at him," according to the trooper report. In a later interview with police, Hallingstad said he "shot back at the SECON crew from his truck."

Hallingstad, who Magistrate Judge Desiree Burrell said grew up in Petersburg, faces six counts of assault in the third degree, one count of assault in the fourth degree, one count of criminal mischief and one count of misconduct involving weapons. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for October 16 in Petersburg, Burrell said.

Court report

September 24

Joshua C. Jenkins, 25, appeared before First District Court Judicial Officer Kevin Miller on the charge of Assault in the 4th Degree, a Class A misdemeanor.

He pleaded guilty to the offense, with sentence suspended. Jenkins was placed on one year's suspension, ordered to pay \$150 in surcharges with \$100 suspended, and shall make restitution in amount to be determined.

Judicial Officer Kevin Miller on the charge of Hinder Prosecution 2, a Class B misdemeanor. The defendant pleaded guilty to the count, and was ordered to pay \$300 in fines and surcharges with \$150 suspended. Hamley was also placed on one year's suspension.

fense, with judgment suspended and a hearing date set in one year. Freeman was placed on

probation, and ordered to pay a \$50 surcharge and restitution in an amount to be determined.

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September 25
Cheryl L. Hamley, 62, appeared before First District Court

October 2
Christopher Grant Russell Freeman, 23, appeared before First District Court Judicial Officer Kevin Miller on the charge of Criminal Trespass 2 - Vehicle, a Class B misdemeanor. The defendant pleaded guilty to the of-

Police report

Monday, Oct. 2
Citizen Assist: Message Contact. Three Summons Services.

Tuesday, Oct. 3
Abandoned Vehicle. Welfare Check. Citizen Assist.

Wednesday, Oct. 4
Report of Theft. Parking Complaint. MVA. Agency Assist: DA.

Traffic Stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.

Thursday, October. 5
86'd letter received. Two Random breath tests. Vacation check requested. Citizen Assist.

Traffic Stop: Verbal warning for driving habits. Found item.

Agency Assist: Officer and Ambulance requested.

Friday, October. 6
Welfare check.

Abandoned vehicle.

Saturday, October. 7
Citizen Assist.

Domestic: Verbal 86'd letter service.

Noise Complaint: Disorderly Conduct warning given for loud music.

Sunday, October. 8

Traffic Stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment.

Citizen Assist: Vehicle Unlocked.

There was one request for EMS during this reporting period.



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New reporter signs on at KSTK

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Local radio station KSTK has recently hired a new reporter, following a five-month stint without one.

June Leffler from Louisville, Kentucky arrived late last week after earning her master's degree from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism this spring. She flew in to Juneau with her family last week, and took the overnight ferry from there to Wrangell.

"It's wild, this is totally different," she said.

After earning her bachelor's degree at the University of Louisville, Leffler explained she was unsure what direction to take professionally. During the interim she taught English for a year in



June Leffler

Daegu, South Korea, and back in Louisville was the editor for Goodwill Zine, a non profit youth arts publication. That interest is what ultimately drew her toward journalism.

"When I was a kid, all through my adolescence, even when I was an undergrad, I was making zines," she explained. "I was making

those DIY punk zines and I just wanted to do something legit.

"If I was going to make money doing something that I loved, this made the most sense," Leffler added.

During her graduate studies at Northwestern in Illinois, she interned at the Studs Terkel Radio Archive in Chicago. Leffler recounted acquainting herself with the famed late broadcaster's extensive collection of interviews, spanning nearly 50 years.

Her ambition became getting into public radio as a journalist. After graduating from that program, she worked as a summer fellow at the Kentucky Center for Investigative Reporting. Searching for her first full-time position in the medium, she came across the opening at KSTK.

Obituary: James Daniel Fenderson, 58

James Daniel Fenderson, 58, passed away on July 25, 2017.

He was born to Ernestine and Clarence Fenderson on October 20, 1958 in Kittery, Maine.

He moved to Wrangell, Alaska in the early 1990s to live out his dreams. He loved hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Susan Hludik and Gail Bernier; and brother John Fenderson.

He is survived by: brothers Jeff and Joseph Fenderson; and sisters Paula Carl and Janet Knight.

A memorial gathering will take place on Fri., Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. at the home of Ronnie and Clara, 1040 Case. Spreading of ashes will take place on Sat., Oct. 21 at noon at The Hump chartering with Eric Yancey.

"I just heard word and saw job listings for Alaska in public radio, and I knew I wanted to be in public radio," she said. "Once a seed is planted you start seeing it everywhere."

Local listeners can expect to hear her on the air soon as Leffler

gets acquainted with Wrangell. Her hiring ends a lengthy search to fill the position, vacated after previous reporter Aaron Bolton took a post at Homer's KBBI at the end of April. During the hiring process, coverage had been picked up by the CoastAlaska radio network.



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Adding color to that orange

At the Chamber of Commerce's annual Pumpkin Patch Festival on Saturday, Griffey Angerman, Ella and Rian Guggenbickler, and Jenny Shilts decorate little examples of the seasonal squash. Giving kids a place to enjoy themselves while families did their Tax Free Day shopping downtown, a plethora of pumpkins was accompanied by games, desserts and even pony rides.

- THANK YOU -

Thank you to the entire community for helping Choose Respect! To the school administrators, teachers, staff and students for your eagerness in helping make the march a success and continuing to teach respect on a daily basis. To the Alaska Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault for the large banner, t-shirts, coloring books and many other supplies. To Senator Lisa Murkowski and your representative, Chere Klein, for a statement offering words of strength and encouragement. To Bobs', City Market and SEARHC for your generous contributions of hotdogs and buns, apples and oranges. To the Junior Youth Empowerment group for cheerfully serving lunch. To the many organizations who lent their backing for the march simply by demonstrating awareness of and genuine interest in it. To Erin Michael and Noa Hockstein, of the Petersburg /Wrangell Public Health Centers, for floating over from Petersburg to join our party. And finally to the members of the group that have formed as a WISH-affiliate to create a safer, more respectful island community. It couldn't have happened the way it did, without the assistance of each and every one of you.

Kay Larson,
Rural WISH Board Member

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday	10 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 1:30 p.m.- 5 p.m.
Tuesday	10 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 1:30 p.m.- 5 p.m.
Wednesday	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 1:30 p.m.- 5 p.m.
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Church groups gather gifts for global distribution

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Local volunteers put together 256 packages of toys and supplies for children in need this Christmas.

The 17th annual Operation Christmas Child event was held at the Nolan Center last Saturday, hosted as before by the Wrangell Ministerial Association. Each year the church coalition collects donations from congregants and various community members with the intention of buying supplies for their gift boxes.

"We order stuff from every-

where," explained Deanna Reeves, who helped organize this year's drive. "It's been an awesome outreach. People have been very generous."

The project accrued around \$4,000 for 2017, which went to purchase the preprinted shoeboxes, paper, toys and stuffed animals, hygiene products, art supplies and other cheerful items. Volunteers pre-assembled the boxes, with residents stopping by over the afternoon to fill them.

"There's three stages that we like them to fill. One of the most important ones is writing a letter

and coloring a page," said Susan Haggard, another of the organizers.

Every gift comes with a handwritten or -colored page, expressing seasonal greetings and perhaps telling a bit about the giver. Those putting together a box then select items from a variety of tables, enough to fill their package. Once assembled, the Ministerial Association then arranges to have the boxes shipped north to Anchorage, from where a chapter of Christian aid organization Samaritan's Purse International Relief then distributes the boxes worldwide.

"We do have tracking on them, where we try to keep track of where ours go," said Haggard. Packages find their way to countries around the globe, making their way to children in time for Christmas. Packages do not contain return contact information, but she presumed they will make some kids' holiday a little cheerier.

"This simple gift is something very important to them," said Haggard. "A lot of the kids that receive these have never gotten a gift in their life."

Haggard noted the annual project is a community effort.

"There're a lot of generous people," she said. "All the churches are aware of it. Since it's from the community we open up to whoever wants to come, whether they can give or not."



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Debbie Glaze prepares a message for her gift box, one of 256 sent out by the Wrangell Ministerial Association for its annual "Operation Christmas Child" endeavor.



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Residents of all ages gave care packages a personal touch on Saturday, during Operation Christmas Child. The boxes each included a stuffed toy, as well as a variety of games, art and school supplies, and hygiene products, destined for girls and boys abroad this holiday season.

Alaska Day to see luncheon and flu shots, no marathon

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Celebration of the state's sesquicentennial anniversary next week in Wrangell will be on the quieter side, with the 16th annual senior luncheon and yearly flu clinic both scheduled.

Island of Faith Lutheran Church is inviting area seniors to join them for lunch next Wednesday at noon. "We kind of started it when our church was newly built," said Joan Kading, a

parishioner. "It seemed like a way to honor the senior citizens of Wrangell."

The informal meal has featured homemade soups and bread, with both a vegetarian and carnivorous option to choose from, and is followed up with dessert. Because this year's Alaska Day marks 150 years of the territory's association with the United States, Kading explained a special cake will be prepared for next week's luncheon.

As integral to the celebration as the state flag, students from Mrs. Miller's third grade class will perform songs for diners. Steering committee member Gig Decker will afterward deliver a presentation to them on progress with a proposed mariners memorial.

Wrangell Medical Center will also use the day to hold its annual adult immunization clinic. Held in the rumpus area of Harbor Light Assembly of God from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., hospital clinicians will be providing both regular dosage and high-dose inoculations for influenza at a lower cost than usual.

"The 18th is... a holiday for some, so we're hoping that having it then will make it easier for folks to get there," explained WMC outreach coordinator Kris Reed in a release. "We hope making it available earlier, over the lunch hour, will help those who have to work to take advantage of the opportunity."

The high-dose vaccine has four times the antigens of the regular variety, and is geared toward helping seniors aged 65 and older

weather the upcoming flu season. Its cost has been lowered to \$45 per injection, while the regular dosage shot will cost \$25. Staff on site will be able to bill people's insurance, Medicare or Medicaid coverage, and can accept other forms of payment. Visitors are advised to bring their insurance details with them to the church.

The federal Center for Disease Control recommends wide immunization early on in the flu season, which begins to pick up in the autumn and lasts into spring. People 50 years and older are particularly advised to get their annual shots, which each year are tailored to strains of the virus anticipated to be the most virulent. Those experiencing chronic medical conditions or are otherwise at high risk for complications, as well as those who live or work with them are also encouraged to get their shots. Questions on the shots can be answered by Katrina Ottesen at WMC by calling 874-7000.

Because of the holiday, residents are also advised that Southeast Alaska Rural Health

Consortium facilities will be closed next Wednesday. The closure will affect both administrative offices and affiliated medical clinics.

Another, more recent tradition will not be held this year, due to organizational difficulties. In recent years local running group Southeast Beasts has hosted a marathon to mark the day, commemorating the United States' purchase of the Alaska Territory from Russia in 1867. Since 2014 the group has used the run to raise money for the local hospital cancer care fund, incorporating wooden medallions for participants prepared by the high school fabrication class.



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Election results certified, new Assembly members sworn in

By **DAN RUDY**
Sentinel writer

Results from last week's elections were certified and accepted by the City and Borough Assembly in a special meeting Monday.

Turnout in the largely uncontested October 3 municipal elections had been low, with only 16 percent of the borough's 1,721 registered voters polling in. Of these, 242 cast votes on election day, with 29 others turning in absentee ballots ahead of time. Two other ballots had been rejected, due to the voters not previously being registered in the Wrangell polling area.

Of eight seats up for election this year, one unexpired two-year term on the Wrangell Medical Center Board garnered no candidates. City Hall will continue to advertise the opening, with the mayor able to appoint an applicant to fill this position. Those interested can submit a letter or message of interest to the city clerk's office.

One unexpired two-year term on the Wrangell Public School Board had three candidates for voters' consideration. Incumbent Robert Rang wanted to run for a completed term, after being appointed to a vacancy on the board in April. Residents David Wilson and Caitlin Cardinell also were running for the office.

After the close of last week's polls Wilson appeared to be one vote ahead of Rang, making the race too close to call until the canvass board convened Thursday. With the addition of absentee ballots, Wilson gained an additional net vote, putting him two ahead in the official tally with 92 votes. Rang was just behind with 90 votes, and Cardinell had 72.

Other positions had one candidate apiece, with no declarations of candidacy for a write-in option. Each elected for a three-year term on the Assembly were incumbent member Stephen Prysunka with 224 votes and Rolland Howell with 198. Not wanting to



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Newly elected and re-elected Assembly members Rolland Howell and Stephen Prysunka are sworn in by city clerk Kim Lane on Monday, following approval of last week's municipal election results. Seated in the background between them, outgoing member Mark Mitchell will be headed to the Port Commission after running unopposed.

run again for another term on the Assembly, Mark Mitchell instead ran unopposed for the Port Commission, earning 227 votes. Jes-

sica Rooney was elected to a three-year term on the school board with 245 votes, while Rebecca Christensen and Jennifer

Bates were each elected to the hospital board for four-year terms with totals of 210 and 203 votes, respectively.

Meeting during Monday's lunch hour at City Hall, Assembly members confirmed the canvass board's results and swore in Prysunka and Howell, who were both present. They also issued certificates of service for outgoing officials: Mitchell, on the Assembly from June 2014 to the present; Walter Moorhead, on Ports since October 2014; Susan Eagle, on Schools since January 2009; and Bernie Massin and Terri Henson, both serving on the WMC board since October 2012. After being sworn in, new officials can take their seats at the next meeting of their elected body.

Volleyball team swept in close POW matches

By **DAN RUDY**
Sentinel writer

The girls on Wrangell High School's volleyball team forayed into their first pair of games last weekend, taking on Craig and Klawock.

Traveling across to Prince of Wales Island by charter boat the morning of October 6, the Lady Wolves' first match-up was at Craig. There, the Lady Panthers' varsity won in three sets, besting Wrangell 25 to 17 in the first, and 25 to a close 22 in the second two sets.

The two schools' junior varsity squads also had an opportunity for a match, and after losing the first set to Craig 22 to 25, the Lady Wolves JV won the second 25 to

22. Craig came back with a pair of winning sets, with the final's score at 27 to 25.

On Saturday, the girls played against the Klawock Chieftains. As with Friday's match, the varsity squad finished just behind in a close three sets. Klawock won the first 25 to Wrangell's 22 points, the second 25-20, and the third 25-23.

"All really close matches," noted Wrangell coach Jessica Whitaker.

Wrangell's JV fared better in a best-of-three match, winning it in two with scores of 25-19 and 25-14.

Whitaker felt player Helen Decker had had a strong weekend, playing some crossover on both the varsity and junior varsity

teams. "She was able to be a leader on the court," the coach said.

Kaylyn Easterly also did well, leading the team for kills both evenings.

"She has grown tremendously," Whitaker commented, adding Easterly had done a good job both offensively and defensively.

As the team prepares for its next meets, they will be focusing on cleaning up their passing, and working on serving. The girls first head to Juneau-Douglas for the school's annual JIVE Tournament


on Friday and Saturday, then travel to Haines immediately afterward for the season's first seeding tournament Monday and Tuesday.

"We're going to be playing a lot of volleyball the coming weekend," said Whitaker. She plans on taking 12 students for the extended weekend's matches. "Hopefully they'll get a lot of experience on this trip."

The team's only home game scheduled for the season will follow its trip to Metlakatla, hosting Petersburg November 10 and 11.

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Wrangell named 'community of the year' at SEC

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Every year Southeast Conference presents a number of awards to municipalities, businesses and individuals for their contributions to the region. At this year's annual meeting in Haines last month, Wrangell was among the recipients, being named the organization's "Community of the Year" for 2017.

"I think that was absolutely fantastic, that's very exciting," said Carol Rushmore, Wrangell's longtime director for economic development. "I think it's a great honor that SEC recognized Wrangell."

Accepting the award on the city's behalf at last month's summit, Assembly member Julie Decker gave Rushmore considerable credit for the community's economic progress, citing her work with residents over the years to create a consensus-based process for development.

Rushmore has been working in this important capacity for nearly 24 years, coming on at a critical time in the local economy. The Alaska Pulp Company closed down its Wrangell mill in 1994, at a time when the declining industry still accounted for 20 percent of local employment and a third of its wages. As the residents that remained reeled to adapt to the change in circumstances, the need to rebuild the island's economy drove much of Rushmore's efforts for the next decade.

"It's changed a lot," she said of her office. "Earlier on, especially after the mill shut down, there was a lot more focus on business development, working with local businesses and trying to get entrepreneurs to develop businesses after the mill closed."

The community turned its attention from its forests to the sea and the city channeled a multimillion-dollar relief package secured by then-Sen. Ted Stevens into supporting various aspects of the industry. This included municipal investment in seafood production capabilities, installation of Heritage Harbor



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

At Tuesday's meeting of the Wrangell Assembly, Mayor David Jack displayed the "Community of the Year" award given the city by Southeast Conference last month. He lauded the efforts of city staff in their role supporting various projects, and the wider community for persevering after the loss of its mill. A break was enjoyed during the meeting, where those in attendance got to share a congratulatory delicious cake prepared by resident Dan Reed.

and development of the Marine Service Center, but efforts also included construction of the Nolan Center, and the revitalization of Front Street, which was completed in 2012.

"All of those took considerable time and strategy," Rushmore said, recalling

the associated grants. With work and planning, residents regained their economic footing, and SEC noted the community is now one of the region's fastest growing communities, with the maritime sector accounting for half of its private sector employment.

"This community really pulls together to make things happen," Rushmore commented. "Residents, organizations, committees, would work really hard to look at a project, to figure out how to make it work, and to follow through. There's been some really critical economic development projects that have been done over the last 20 years that I think have really provided a lot of future opportunities for the community."

Looking ahead, Wrangell and other rural communities have new obstacles to overcome in light of Alaska's budgetary situation. Declining petroleum production coupled with a drop in prices over the past five years have contributed to multi-billion-dollar spending deficits each year, leading to extensive cuts to its capital and municipal spending. While Wrangell did recently secure funding for facility replacement at Shoemaker Bay Harbor, similar opportunities for funding support from the state government are sure to decrease, which means project planning will need to become more selective.

"Cost, unfortunately, becomes a larger factor now than it did before because you need to be much more creative in how you will put together a financial package that won't hurt the city but will still be affordable," said Rushmore.

Another problem more localized to Wrangell will be using available resources to update its aging infrastructure. Staged improvements to power utilities is ongoing, and City Hall is in the process of developing a strategy to bolster efficiency at its water treatment facility. Without increased capacity for electricity and reliable water supplies, other planned developments such as those at the former Institute property will be hamstrung.

"Infrastructure is critical to economic development," she commented. "For example, the water plant issue right now, if you're going to grow and expand you have to be able to provide basic infrastructure."

So far so good: moose season wrapping up this weekend

With one weekend to go in the 2017 moose hunting season, numbers were approaching 100 as of Tuesday.

Ninety-five bull moose had been reported by hunters in the Petersburg-Wrangell management area, only seven of which have been confiscated due to noncompliance with local antler restrictions.

"It seems like a nice, lower number of illegals," Department

of Fish and Game wildlife biologist Rich Lowell said of the year.

Typically about 10 percent of the total harvest is deemed illegal by management officials, making this year's slightly better than average.

"As we approach the end of the season, hunters should take into consideration that there are now almost 90 fewer moose out there with legal antler configurations. Examine the antlers

closely," Lowell advised, "before you pull the trigger."

Bulls with two-by-two brow tines have area far more harvested upriver.

The majority of moose have been taken on Kupreanof Island, with hunters reporting 41 so far. After the Stikine, Mitkof Island has seen the next-most success with 11. Hunters at Farragut and Thomas bays have reported six and four moose taken, respectively, with another four on Kuiu Island, three on Zarembo Island, two apiece on Wrangell Island

and the nearby mainland and one on Woewodski Island.

The final day of the month-long season will be Sunday, October 15. All hunting permit holders are required to complete and submit a report, even if they did not participate in hunting. Failure to do so can result in ineligibility for permits next year. Reports can be filed with the nearest ADFG department offices in Wrangell, Petersburg, Douglas, Kake or Sitka, or online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov>.

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Company unveils new plan for Alaska mine; critics unmoved

UNEAU, Alaska (AP) – The company pursuing a copper and gold mine in southwest Alaska has unveiled plans for what it says will be a smaller, safer project, with plans to move into permitting later this year.

The Pebble Limited Partnership is attempting to reintroduce a project that for years has been the subject of fierce debate because of its location and potential effects on a major salmon fishery in Alaska's Bristol Bay region.

Under the Obama administration, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed restrictions on development. Pebble sued, and the restrictions were never finalized.

As part of a settlement, the EPA under President Donald Trump pledged to initiate a process for withdrawing the proposed restrictions.

Critics of Pebble worry the project being pitched might only be a starting point.

Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

Fishing outlooks for some of Alaska's largest catches run from celebratory (salmon) to relief (Bering Sea crab) to catastrophic (cod)

Fishing outlooks for some of Alaska's largest catches are running the gamut from celebratory (salmon) to relief (Bering Sea crab) to catastrophic (cod).

First the bad news.

Stakeholders were stunned to learn that surveys yielded the lowest numbers ever for Pacific cod in the federally managed waters of the Gulf of Alaska, meaning from three to 200 miles offshore. Seafood.com was the first to report the bad news as the North Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting got underway last week in Anchorage.

Fisheries biologist Steve Barbeaux of the Alaska Fisheries Science Center in Seattle said the summer survey, done every other year, revealed that the cod year classes for 2012 and 2013 appeared to be "wiped out," and the data suggest recruitment failures through 2016. Overall, the surveys reflected a 71 percent decline in Gulf cod abundance since 2015, and an 83 percent decline since 2013. The cod crash coincides with the record warm Gulf water temperatures in 2015, Barbeaux said. Preliminary estimates indicate cod catches in the Gulf of Alaska next year could drop by 60-85 percent, although the data must undergo further analysis and could change when final decisions are made in December. The 2017 Gulf cod harvest from federal waters was 150,000 metric tons (330 million pounds), which was down 20 percent from the previous year.

The cod crash will be felt in waters closer to shore as well. "The state cod fishery harvest guidelines are based on the federal harvest level. So as that declines, the state harvests will decline as well," said Forrest Bowers, deputy director of the commercial fisheries division for the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game (ADF&G). The state waters allowable cod harvest for 2017 is approximately 45 million pounds.

Pacific cod accounted for 12 percent of Alaska's fish harvests by volume in 2016, and 11 percent of the value. Alaska fishermen produce roughly 16 percent of the global cod catch. The 2018 cod catches in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands fishery are expected to remain the same at nearly 527 million pounds.

Bering Sea crab breather – Crabbers breathed a big sigh of relief when they learned last week that they will be able to drop pots for snow crab, Tanners and red king crab at Bristol Bay when the fisheries open on October 15. Dwindling stock numbers had cast doubts that the fisheries would open at all for the 2017/2018 season.

For snow crab, a catch just shy of 19 million pounds will be the lowest harvest level since 1971.

For bairdi Tanners, the larger cousins of snow crab, a small harvest of 2.5 million pounds will be allowed in the western fishing district, while the eastern region will remain closed. The Tanner fishery produced a catch of 20 million pounds two years ago. The red king crab fishery at Bristol Bay also is a go, albeit with another reduced catch. Fishery managers have ok'd a harvest of 6.6 million pounds, down 22 percent from last year's take of 8.5 million pounds.

Although they would like to have access to more of the crab, crabbers were pleased with the "ongoing progress and dialogue" with fishery managers, said Tyson Fick, executive director of the trade group Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers. "They will continue refining stock assessment and harvest strategies in a way that protects crab species for future generations while also allowing for more consistent fisheries in the future," Fick added.

Salmon celebration – Alaska's 2017 salmon season is being hailed as a "banner year," which, except for Chinook, produced strong catches across the state. The preliminary harvest is just shy of 225 million fish. "We were really pleased with how the salmon fishery went this year. The total harvest came in above the forecast and there were a number of all-time harvest records that were set," said state commercial fisheries deputy director Forrest Bowers.

The preliminary dockside value of nearly \$700 million is a 67 percent increase over last season, and the third highest since 1975. The values will go even higher after post season bonuses and other price adjustments are tallied. It is the third year in a row that the statewide sockeye salmon harvest topped 50 million fish. Sockeyes accounted for 48 percent of the total salmon value, topping \$326 million.

In terms of salmon sizes, Bowers said there were no surprises, unlike recent years where Bristol Bay sockeyes ran small and Kodiak pinks were porkers. "Nothing stood out as an anomaly this year," Bowers added. Still, the total weight of the big salmon catch topped one billion pounds for only the third time.

Other highlights: The pink salmon take of nearly 142 million ranks fourth in terms of poundage and accounted for 63 percent of the total harvest. The humpy value of \$169 million was the third highest for fishermen. Chum salmon set a record with a catch of 25.2 million fish (11 percent of the harvest), valued at over \$128 million (19 percent of the value). The coho catch of just over 5 million (two percent of the harvest) rang in at nearly \$38 million (six percent of the value). The Chinook salmon



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A march for mutual respect

Flanked by teacher Laura Davies at left, Wrangell fifth graders Ander Edens, Johnny Allen, Trevyn Gillen and Avery Gordon bear a banner promoting "Choose Respect" at the head of the elementary school's march.

Students at Evergreen Elementary School took part in a "Choose Respect March" last Friday. Members of the wider community were also involved in the event, which coursed through town from the school to Front Street and back.

The purpose of the march was to encourage respect for others, and students took time to prepare supportive signs and banners conveying that message.

The campaign was lent official support, with the Mayor David Jack last month issuing a proclamation for the day and a representative for Sen. Lisa Murkowski reading out a proclamation to the same effect.

The core message of the wider Choose Respect Campaign initially founded in 2008 is to discourage abusive relationships and domestic violence. In Alaska marches have been held in 170 communities, and supporters cite a 2015 survey suggesting such cases have been declining, by 32 percent since 2010. A local affiliate of Ketchikan group Women in Safe Housing is being formed, with meetings beginning in June. Member Kay Larsen explained a new name will be chosen at their upcoming meeting, and that the group will be focusing on creating a safe and caring community.

harvest of 251,141 fish has a preliminary value of \$17.8 million.

Prices to fishermen increased for all but pinks compared to last season (in parentheses). Chinook averaged \$5.86 per pound (\$4.88); sockeyes fetched \$1.13 (\$1.05); cohos were at \$1.19 (\$1.17); chums at \$0.66 (\$0.61), and pink salmon averaged \$0.32, compared to \$0.34 a pound in 2016.

Fish hurricane help – SeaShare, seafood companies, freight transporters and cold stor-

ages partnered to donate and deliver 100,000 pounds (two million servings) of salmon, pollock and other seafood to victims of Hurricanes Irma in Florida and Harvey in Texas and Louisiana. SeaShare, a Seattle based non-profit, got its start over 20 years ago with a 'by-catch to food banks' program and has since coordinated shipments of more than 200 million seafood servings to hunger relief programs throughout the nation. The group

now wants to collect and send shelf-stable (non-refrigerated) seafood donations to ravaged Puerto Rico. "SeaShare is actively seeking donations for our fellow Americans who are experiencing severe food, water, fuel and electricity shortages in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria," said executive director Jim Harmon.

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Upper Cook Inlet's sockeye harvest smallest in decade

KENAI, Alaska (AP) – The Upper Cook Inlet had a scarce sockeye salmon harvest this year, but commercial fishers caught more coho, chum and pink salmon than expected, the Peninsula Clarion reported.

The sockeye harvest was the smallest in 10 years, leading to this year's overall salmon harvest being lower than average, according to a season summary released on Tuesday by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Fishers brought in about 1.8 million sockeye, according to the summary. Altogether, about 3 million salmon of all species were harvested, which is about 500,000 fewer than the recent 10-year average.

The larger than normal harvests of chum, coho and pinks were odd, especially since pinks are usually scarcer in odd years in Upper Cook Inlet. Given that harvests were above normal even with the commercial fishing restrictions, the numbers would have likely been even higher if sockeye had been plentiful enough to keep the fishery open, said Pat Shields commercial fisheries area management biologist.

The sockeye run was late, as well, which frontloaded the commercial fishery with most of its sockeye catch for the season before July 20.

Historical models showed that the Kenai River sockeye run should have been about 40 percent complete by July 20, when managers re-evaluated the run size, but it was still only at about 265,000 fish – although commercial fishers had harvested about 1.4 million sockeye.

The sockeye run has been late to show up in the rivers before, but the one this year was exceptionally late, Shields said.

Final calculations are still in the works, but Shields estimated it was between four and seven days late, which made it hard for managers to decide whether to open up commercial fishing with the expectation the fish would show up or close commercial fishing on the off chance the fish didn't show up at all.

While Upper Cook Inlet experienced a slow year, most of the state had a strong year.



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Medal from the King of Norway

Glo Wollen, the harbormaster in Petersburg, was surprised by Norwegian Ambassador Kare Aas when he presented her the Saint Olav's Medal on September 28. The award is the ninth highest honor in Norway and was given to Wollen on behalf of the king. It recognizes efforts to build relationships between the United States and Norway, along with strengthening bonds between US-living Norwegians and their home country.

Comics

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

by Mike Marland

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

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Wrangell Museum has been in the process of cleaning up its paperwork and ownership on items held in the collection: Please be advised that the Museum will acquire ownership of the following items if a valid claim is not received by the museum within 45 days of the last publication of this notice. All items are "Found in collection." All items have been in the museum's documented possession since prior to 1993. A list of the items is as follows: FIC #'s .017 US flag, poor condition, 018 US flag, faded, 019 Burroughs adding machine, 020 Alenn66 adding machine, 021 LC Smith Typewriter, 022 Underwood NO5 typewriter, 024 Wicker table, good condition, 025 paper dispenser, 026 1/2 barrel Broken, 027 Fire extinguisher, 029 Ice tongs, 031 Petroglyph rubbings (35) moldy, 033 Iron disc, 034 tent stove, 035 ironing machine owned by Irene Ingle, 038 Short handled shovel, 039 presentation award for Maj. John Chennault, 040 Gas lamp regulator-poor condition, 041 bone tool, 042 orange crush bottle, 043 petroglyph, 044 telephone cable, 045 qt. milk bottle, 046 pt. milk bottle, 047 biscuit cutter, 048 kerosene lamp reflector, 049 blue cloth purse, 050 Alaska License Plate (ALP) T14801, 051 ALP 3356, 052 Yukon LP 2894, 053 ALP 627, 054 through 069 Wrangell License plates #'s 78 through 91, 070 two 1972 Filipino Pisos, 071 wooden mop bucket, 072 manual master clock, 074 master clock weights & key, 075 Clock key, 076 ALP AHR510, 077 Japanese fan, 078 Winnies café pen, 079 plastic matchbook cover with seal hunting etched, 080 Gravestone rubbing on poster board, 081 watercolor by R. Korthals, 082 Ivory & Baleen bracelet, 083 White beaded bag, 084 black satin fan, 085 ladies leather gloves, 086 hair curler, 087 button hook, 088 laundry plunger, 084 metal pail with lid, 090 through 094 cannon balls, 094 glass insulator, 095 pt. mason jar, 096 crank coffee grinder, 097 sewing kit in leather, 098 miners pick, 099 salvation army badge, 100 cedar woven mat, 101 Salvation army medal, 102 Iron stove APA cannery, 103 splitting maul- Nore family, 104 scallop shells, 105 wooden crate, 106 Iron disk, 107 spool holder, 108 coffee grinder, 109 stone anchor, 110 gas light fixture parts, 111 pike pole. Contact: Terri Henson, Museum Director, PO Box 1050, Wrangell AK 99929. 907-874-3770 for more information or to make claim of ownership.
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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA Reminder

The total due of your **2017 Property Taxes** are due on or before **Monday October 16, 2017 4:00 PM**. To avoid owing penalties and interest please be sure to make your payment by **Monday, October 16, 2017**.

There is a drop box at City Hall for anyone who is having trouble finding time to make the payment between **office hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.** Payments put in the drop box **after 5:00 p.m.** on Monday October 16, 2017, will be delinquent.

We will also accept payments in the mail, but they **must** be postmarked no later than October 16, 2017.

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

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Solid Waste Transfer Station Announces New Hours of Operation

Effective October 3rd, 2017, the hours of operation at the Solid Waste Transfer Station will change. The new schedule will be:

- Sunday — Monday** Closed
- Tuesday — Friday** 8:30 am to 11:00 am and 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm
- Saturday** 8:30 am to 11:00 am and 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm

This change is necessary to give the facility attendants the time needed to ensure that garbage is stowed and that the fire is extinguished by the end of the work day. This change streamlines the operating hours throughout the week, represents the same five hours per day of public access, and maintains access through the standard lunch hour. The Saturday schedule reduces the public access by one hour. The station will remain closed on Sundays and Mondays. If you have any questions about the new schedule, contact Public Works at 874-3904.

Amber Al-Haddad
 Director of Public Works and Capital Projects
 City and Borough of Wrangell

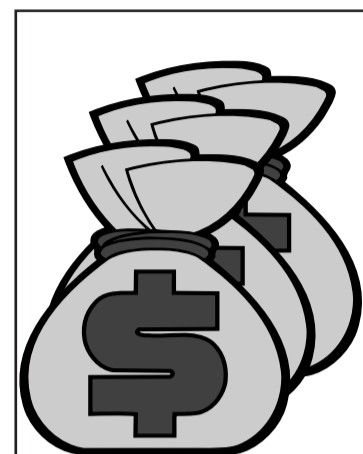
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— King Crossword — Answers Solution time: 25 mins.

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— Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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Shoemaker Bay

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adjusted most recently to just under \$11.5 million.

The city finance director's office is in touch with the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority, which is capable of money at more favorable interest rates than smaller municipalities might. This money then gets used to purchase the bonds offered by those municipalities and other authorized borrowers. These borrowing entities repay principal and interest to AMBBA on these debts over an extended period.

The Borough Assembly had in

June 2015 approved a spending plan for the improvements project, including the issue of revenue bonds for up to \$2.5 million. The plan's adoption had been necessary to applying for the state facility grant. Under it, the city intends to pay back the bond over the course of 20 years.

Annual repayments could run at approximately \$182,000, and would be covered in part through a portion of stall fees currently deferred to the harbor reserve fund. Under estimates put forward earlier this year, stall revenues for the Harbor

Department are approximately \$450,000 a year, with the larger stalls expected to earn an added \$25,000. Forty-eight percent of these revenues head to the reserve fund, from which the money to repay the debt would come. In this scenario the Harbor Department would still reserve some money for other projects and emergencies.

During its Tuesday meeting, the Assembly approved two contract addendums for PND, one revising its engineering design contract to add \$51,227 for additional finger and gangway design. Funds are to come from the

Harbor Department's FY18 capital expenditures account for Shoemaker Bay, which now stands at \$1.2 million.

The other contract amendment enables PND to move forward with the 100-percent design, in the amount of \$122,331. PND's existing contract only required it to take the design to a 90-percent completion level, and the additional work would make the harbor's plans shovel-ready. Funds for this contract addendum are to come from the Shoemaker capital expenditures account.

A completed design is anticipated by the year's end and Meissner expected the project to be ready to bid out by January. How long it will take to build will depend on the time needed to acquire the components and the scheduling availability of contractors.

"It'll be nice when it's done," Meissner commented.

To be built using synthetic, more durable materials, the new float structure will consolidate access to one gangway and reduce the number of slimmer slips to accommodate wider, modern vessel designs.

FIRE PREVENTION

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DO'S

- DO NOT** place flammable materials near stoves or other sources of fire.
- DO NOT** store flammable liquids or rags soaked in flammable liquids any place in your home.
- DO NOT** attempt to put out a fire yourself, unless it is very small and easily contained.
- DO NOT** attempt to retrieve valuables before exiting a burning building.
- DO NOT** go back into a burning building for any reason whatsoever.

- DO** have at least one smoke detector on every floor of your house, including the attic and basement.
- DO** install fresh batteries in your smoke detector in the spring and fall, the same day you set your clocks forward or back one hour. Test the batteries monthly.
- DO** have a plan for getting out of your house in the event of a fire. Conduct family fire drills.
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Assembly

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Redesign of the aging municipal water treatment facility was eligible for the program as well, and though likely more pressing an issue is currently undergoing a comprehensive analysis. Conclusions to be drawn from the data on that are unlikely to be available before mid-November, by which time an application for CDBG funding should be ready for submission.

City manager Lisa Von Barga relayed estimates for rehabilitation of the Public Safety Building as being around \$549,633. However, due to program criteria any CDBG funds may not be used for improvements to the courthouse or police department, as those services fall beyond the scope of the program. Separating out Volunteer Fire Department facilities as a separate item, total costs would be \$294,273, with a minimum match on the part of the city estimated at \$137,408.

"We're still refining that, but that's where we are," Von Barga said of the estimate.

In the 2018 fiscal year budget approved earlier this summer, funding for the building's rehabilitation had been approved as a top capital expenditure, with funding to come from the city's general fund. Estimates made prior to the extensive ant and dry rot discoveries were considerably lower, however, at around \$335,000. Though CDBG funding would not be able to completely cover revised costs, Von Barga pointed out its use to cover at least \$157,000 would defray costs and relieve some pressure on Wrangell's savings.

"I think this is a good project," Assembly member Patti Gilbert remarked after the assessment was given. Fellow members agreed in discussion, voting to approve putting the rehabilitation forward as a candidate for CDBG funding.

In other borough business, Von Barga reported Juneau-based scrap firm Channel Construction would be returning with its barge in mid-November to offload more scrap from the island. The firm shifted tons of the stuff from Wrangell's waste transfer yard in June, waiving fees in exchange for the city foregoing compensation for its recyclable scrap. The junkyard had been strained for space prior to the deal, with ferrous waste building up after years of depressed commodities prices made its removal too costly.

Von Barga took the news as an opportunity to invite residents to bring in what scrap they can before next month's removal. As an encouragement, she said the waste transfer facility would be waiving its usual fees for disposal of metallic scrap until then.

"This is an opportunity for the community to clean up prior to winter," Von Barga added. She referenced a decision by the Assembly at its last meeting on September 26 to prioritize removal of various "nuisances," the term in code used to describe any number of scrap piles, abandoned vehicles and other eyesores that accumulate in the

public view.

There are already laws on the books against such nuisances, but to the present have largely gone unenforced. Von Barga reported she has met with the chief of police on the matter, and that abandoned vehicles currently on public property will be dealt with soon. For the rest of the island's property owners, the Assembly proposed allowing a "grace period" through the start of May allowing them ample time to resolve any issues on their own. After that, Von Barga suggested residents can expect more regular enforcement of municipal code.

On its agenda in the near future, the Borough Assembly will be holding a joint workshop with Wrangell Medical Center administrators and board members on November 6, to discuss the financial feasibility of a new hospital facility.

Von Barga said she has also been in contact with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, which is slated to begin building a monofill site for treated lead-contaminated soil at a rock quarry near Pats Creek

next spring. Citing local concerns about the project, the department had postponed the project from its original start time of July. The city soon afterward submitted a letter requesting guidance on potential alternatives to move or dispose of the soil elsewhere.

Two letters have been received, which Von Barga said will soon be put up on the www.wrangell.com website for the public to view. She has already met with staff with Wrangell Cooperative Association, which has also vocalized a disapproving view of the project's siting.

"What I would like to do is have a workshop with the Assembly prior to the next meeting," Von Barga said, which is scheduled for October 24. Gilbert suggested she would like to see better details from DEC on its cost estimates to transport the materials off island. The department has cited high cost as its motivation for consigning the 18,300 cubic yards of soil to a monofill on the island, but has given various estimates on what that would be.

Drills

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pool involving personal flotation devices and immersion suits, and performed a staged firefighting drill on board a vessel at Heritage Harbor.

Most of the students had already had some experience with the different equipment, and a few had even had to contend with some of the situations being covered. What the course does is take a comprehensive look at the survival and safety measures licensed commercial vessels must be prepared for when operating beyond federal boundaries. Knowing the potential hazards and being familiarized with the tools at one's disposal can mean the difference between life and death.

"'Stuff happens' is the name of the class," Jensen told his students during a classroom presentation the first day. "The first of the seven steps to survival is recognition," he explained.

Over two days, the students learned how to contend with cold water threats, practiced putting on and activating float suits and various personal flotation devices even when submerged, how to convey emergency signals and being prepared for eventual evacuation. By the course's end, students successfully completing the curriculum received certification to conduct similar drills on board commercial fishing vessels, a skill set that is both marketable and potentially life-saving.

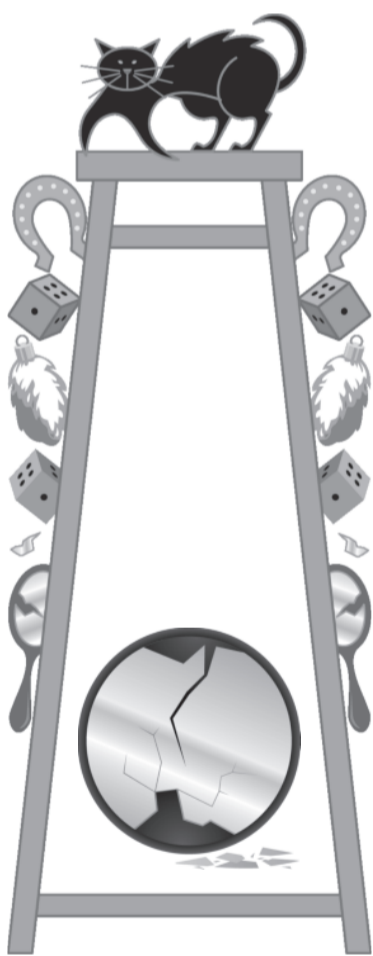
"This is a great group of kids," Jensen commented.

Schwan explained Wrangell High School is hoping to cultivate more such programming opportunities in the future. He had become aware of the AMSEA program through a flyer, and beyond its educational benefits the program's offer to cover costs for the training had been a deal-sealer.

"Anything that's got 'free' on it, I'm all over it," he joked.

For more information on AMSEA and its other training programs, visit its website at www.amsea.org.

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