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City responding to HAA5 levels in water

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

In last week's assembly meeting, Borough Manager Lisa Von Barga reported that the city had recently been informed by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation that they had surpassed allowable levels of HAA5 in the water supply. HAA5, or Haloacetic Acids, is a byproduct of organic material in the water being treated with chlorine during the disinfection process.

"It is important to remember organic material is always present in the source water treated for Wrangell's drinking water," reads a Sept. 24 press release from the city. "The organic material load changes throughout the year, typically starting to increase in the fall. This year Wrangell has experienced a higher than normal load of organic material, and earlier in the year than typical."

The maximum contamination levels (MCLs) for disinfection byproducts like HAA5 are established by the EPA, according to the press release. The MCL for HAA5 is 60 parts per billion. The press release goes on to state that compliance with the MCL levels is based on a locational running annual average of water samples taken during the last four calendar quarters. With the latest test results from August, the press release reads, Wrangell's water has a locational running annual average of 80.1 parts per billion. Von Barga clarified, in an email to the Sentinel, that this is 20.1 micrograms over the limit.

The press release goes on to state, at several points, that this is not an emergency. The city would have notified the public within 24 hours if it

were. Staff at the water department are working with ADEC to adjust local treatment processes to reduce the amount of organic material in the water before the introduction of chlorine. The press release adds that the city will be introducing a "more robust testing regime" to check HAA5 levels more often than mandated. HAA5 levels in the water were already dropping, the press release reads. Von Barga said that the next scheduled test is in November, but they will work with ADEC to test prior to that.

"If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water," the press release reads. "You may continue to drink and use water normally. If you feel you are at increased risk there are two primary options for reducing the level of HAA5 in your drinking water: 1) drink bottled water, or 2) purchase a filter (such as Brita) that is carbon activated (has charcoal) to filter drinking water. Boiling water will not remove any HAA5."

Von Barga went into some more detail about operational changes to lower HAA5 levels at the water department. For one thing, she said that the water department's staff will be vigilant regarding chlorine levels, making sure there is enough in the water to disinfect it, while also minimizing the potential to create byproducts like HAA5. Ozone generators have also been adjusted for the maximum possible output, she wrote, which will allow for more removal of organic material before filtration begins. She also said, in an

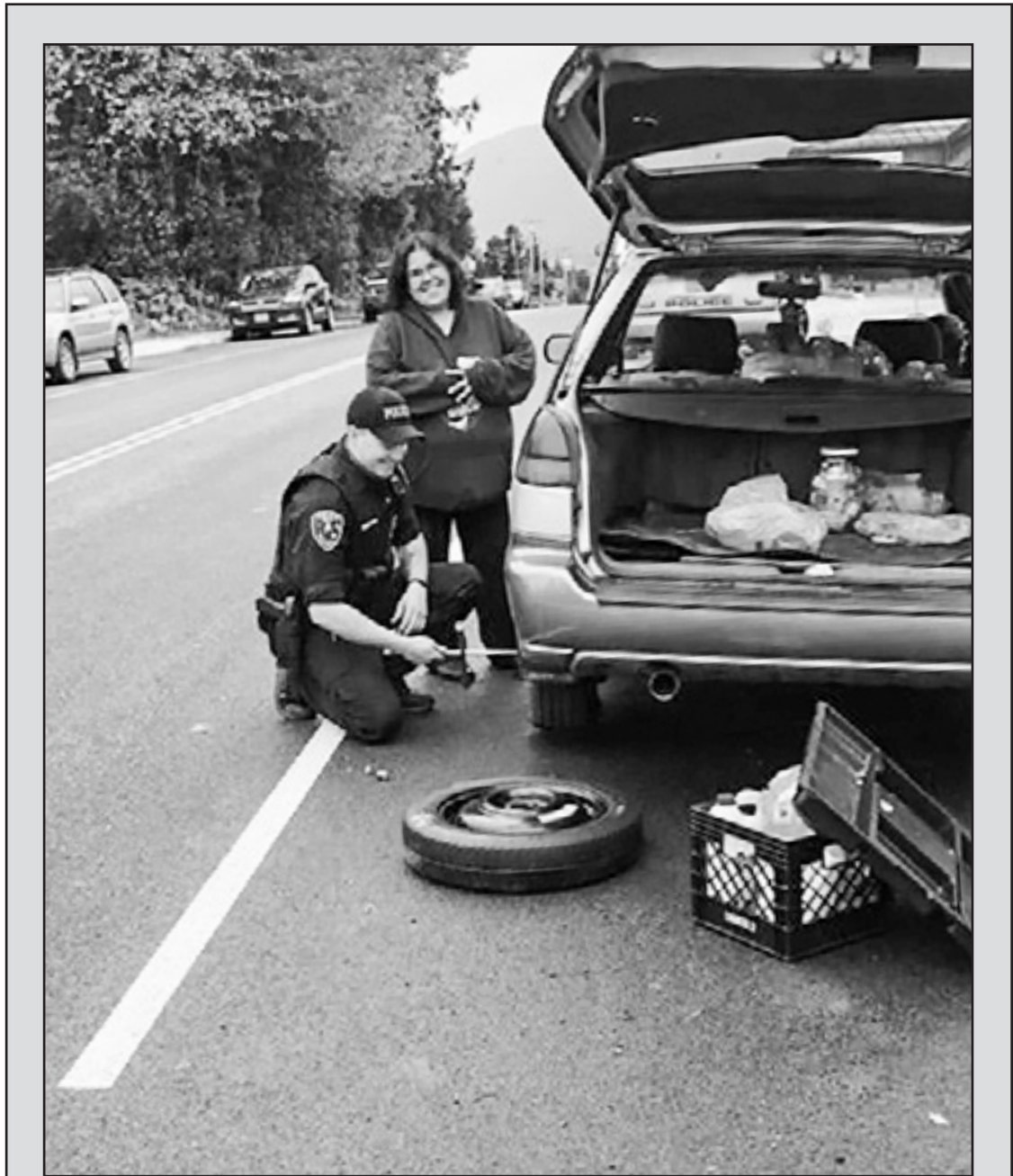


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Helping hand

Wrangell touts itself as a community that supports one another, full of people willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. This was evidenced recently by Officer Connor Philips, who helped Diane Simpson change a tire.

email, that the water flow through the plant has been altered to slow down the average peak flow of raw water.

"This will allow for better

contact time for the ozone to work on the organics within the raw water before filtration," Von Barga wrote.

"This will lower byproduct

potential, and formation within the system. This change will require significantly more filter maintenance at the plant."



Kyle Freeberg

Wildlife Trooper Kyle Freeberg and family moving south

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Freeberg family moved to Wrangell in April of 2019. Kyle Freeberg moved here to take a position as the town's state wildlife trooper. He has a total of three years of experience as a state trooper, the previous two spent in Fairbanks. His year as state trooper in Wrangell involved enforcing state laws, educating the public about important hunting and fishing regulations, and as he said in a July 2019 interview, working to increase collaboration between himself and the community. This chapter of the Freeberg's life has come to a close, however, as they are preparing to move south.

Freeberg announced in September that he quit his job as state trooper and

planned to move down south. He also stated, again on Facebook, that they would be moving to Wisconsin sometime in October. Freeberg also shared a vlog, discussing preparations for the move, on Sept. 22.

"I just quit my job, I got three weeks left until I leave," he said in the vlog. "Moving down south to be by family. Don't have a job, don't have a place to live down there yet, so we'll see how it goes ... We knew Alaska was going to be a chapter of life, you know, just didn't know how long. We just decided it's come to an end. Ready to go back, ready to be closer to family."

Freeberg declined to comment for the paper directly, saying that anyone who had questions could reach out to him personally. Sgt. Cody Litster, state

trooper in Petersburg, said he was told the Freeberg family just wanted to move south to be closer to family. For the foreseeable future, Wrangell will be without a state trooper.

Litster said that if there is business in Wrangell that requires a state trooper, the dispatch center in Ketchikan should be called at (907) 225-5118, and they will determine which trooper is closest to Wrangell at the time. He went on to explain that trooper positions are filled through a bidding process. While he had no specific timeframe, he said that the process for finding a new trooper for Wrangell is currently underway.

"Those positions are filled by internal bids," Litster said. "The bidding process is open."

Alaska reports six more COVID-19 deaths, 128 new cases

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Alaska reported six more deaths from the coronavirus — the highest number of deaths in a single day since the pandemic began, according to the state Department of Health and Social Services.

The state also reported 128 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 on Friday, the most recent available data.

The deaths include three men in their 60s, one man in his 50s and two men in their 70s.

The state had previously reported a high of four deaths on Aug. 25.

As of Friday, there were 4,424 active cases of the coronavirus in the state, with 39 people hospitalized from the disease. Of Alaska's 153 intensive care unit beds, 85 were in

use, the Anchorage Daily News reported.

There have been 8,202 confirmed cases and 52 deaths from the coronavirus in the state since the pandemic began.

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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, October 1: Mark Cummings, Scott Phillips, Fern Seimears, Peter Wilson, Victoria Garcia, Georgia Lewis, Gretchen Powell, Dean Bakeberg, Adalyn Angerman. **Friday, October 2:** Mariah Mork, Tristan Botsford, Alana Harrison, Rory Prunella, Kay Jabusch. **Saturday, October 3:** Jeremy Maxand, Brett Woodbury. **Sunday, October 4:** Bill Privett, Conner Dilg, "Millee", Eva Roher, Thane Ellsworth, Finley Filer. **Anniversary:** K. Rick & Trish Kohrt. **Monday, October 5:** Gerrit Southland, Tony Byford, Kari Massin, Tara Stutz. **Tuesday, October 6:** Betty Newman, Becky Simpson, R. Lee Weiderspohn. **Wednesday, October 7:** Dani Easterly, Jim Wooden, Kirk Davidson, Ed Rilatos, Jr., Casey Nore, Jimmy Jabusch. **Thursday, October 8:** Sandy Churchill, Brian Rooney, Richard Taylor.

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, October 2

Creamy Tomato Soup, Tuna Sandwich, Cucumber Onion Salad.

Monday, October 5

Country Pork Stew, Romaine Radish Salad, Biscuits.

Tuesday, October 6

Roast Venison, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit Slaw.

Wednesday, October 7

Spaghetti Meat Sauce, Tossed Green Salad, Garlic Bread.

Thursday, October 8

Baked Fish, Scalloped Potatoes, Creamy ColeSlaw.

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

Northbound

Monday, Oct. 5
Kennicott 01:45 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 19
Kennicott 01:45 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 2
Kennicott 01:00 p.m.

Southbound

Thursday, Oct. 15
Kennicott 04:45 a.m.
Thursday, Oct. 29
Kennicott 05:45 a.m.

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



TIDES

October 1 - October 8

	High Tides		Low Tides		AM Time	PM Time	AM Time	PM Time	Ft
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft					
Oct. 1	01:17	16.5	01:39	16.7	07:20	-0.2	07:37	0.4	
Oct. 2	01:52	16.4	02:07	16.7	07:47	0.2	08:06	0.1	
Oct. 3	02:25	16.0	02:33	16.5	08:13	0.8	08:34	0.0	
Oct. 4	02:56	15.4	02:58	16.1	08:39	1.5	09:03	0.1	
Oct. 5	03:27	14.6	03:23	15.6	09:06	2.4	09:35	0.5	
Oct. 6	04:00	13.7	03:49	15.1	09:35	3.3	10:10	1.0	
Oct. 7	04:37	12.7	04:19	14.4	10:09	4.4	10:53	1.6	
Oct. 8	05:23	11.8	04:59	13.6	10:51	5.3	11:47	2.2	

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Monday, October 5

Wrangell Public School Board: Work session for the purpose of providing board member training on the budget beginning at 7:00 PM, Monday, October 5, 2020 via Zoom. Although a quorum of the board may be present, no formal action will be taken.

The public is encouraged to attend. Join the Zoom Meeting using this link: <https://zoom.us/j/93267547215?pwd=QVJ0NDhJdzg5SGc2QzFEaVE1cHZPUT09> Meeting ID: 932 6754 7215 Passcode: 376651.

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.

Sept. 30, 1920

The school benefit entertainment and dance given in the Redmen's hall Friday evening was a huge success, both socially and financially. Hon. P.C. McCormack, treasurer of the school board, acted as chairman for the occasion, and his preliminary remarks met with a ready response. The following program was exceptionally well rendered, each number receiving an encore: Piano solo-Miss Erma Grant, Song-Miss Edna Mae Bidwell, Song-Miss Marjorie Johnson, Piano Solo- Glen Matheson, Vocal Solo - Miss Lillian Kelley, Irish Jig - Miss Margaret McCormack, Song - Miss Anabel Frobese, Egyptian dance - Miss Edna Mae Bidwell, Song - Mrs. W.W. McLaughlin. Following the program there was a most enjoyable dance. The hall was tastily decorated with streamers and Japanese lanterns.

Sept. 28, 1945

Bob Ellis, ace flier and general manager of Ellis Airlines in Ketchikan, was back at the controls of the Balanca last Saturday when the plane was put in at Wrangell. Ellis, former Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Air Corps, has just received his honorable discharge and will resume commercial flying. He took time off on his first commercial trip since the war Saturday to say hello to some of his many friends who welcomed him back into civilian life.

Oct. 1, 1970

Tex Godwin arrived home from a month's vacation in Oregon and California in a little blue convertible which he drove off the ferry and into the bay. It sank, but only to a point about at the tops of the fender wells, and then it began to

make like a boat, scooting off across the water leaving a white wake behind. The 1967 convertible looks like a regular small car ashore but it is watertight and has two propellers tucked up under the back bumper which push it at 10 to 12 miles per hour in its guise as a boat. The front wheels act as rudders. How fast will it go ashore? "Well," allowed Tex, "I got fined for speeding in Washington, it keeps up with traffic all right." Godwin a gang trim operator at Alaska Wood Products, said he bought the car in North Hollywood, Calif., and drove it 1,469 miles home to Wrangell, taking dips in numerous lakes enroute.

Sept. 28, 1995

Wrangell had yet another reason to be proud of the Wrangell High School cross country team after its strong showing at Regionals in Sitka Saturday. The boys team consistently produced impressive team scores throughout the season but missed capturing the second by six points, which would have sent the team to state. Robert Ivy had the best time for the Wolves with 16:33, which

earned him second honors. Ivy was followed by Tony Byford, sixth with 17:30. Jeff Nyman came in 18th with an 18:08 and Mike Prevette finished 20th at 18:12. Wrangell's Lady Wolves weren't able to officially be called a team since only three girls stayed throughout the season. Those remaining however, showed great effort. They were led by Stacia Larrance with another excellent run. She placed second with a time of 20:10. Ivy and Larrance both hope to finish in the top ten.



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Date	High	Low
Sept. 21	58	50
Sept. 22	56	50
Sept. 23	59	50
Sept. 24	55	50
Sept. 25	52	46
Sept. 26	57	50
Sept. 27	57	48
Sept. 28	55	46



Daylight Hours

Date	6:51a	6:23p	11:32h
Oct. 1	6:51a	6:23p	11:32h
Oct. 2	6:53a	6:21p	11:28h
Oct. 3	6:55a	6:18p	11:23h
Oct. 4	6:57a	6:15p	11:18h
Oct. 5	6:59a	6:13p	11:14h
Oct. 6	7:01a	6:10p	11:09h
Oct. 7	7:03a	6:08p	11:05h
Oct. 8	7:05a	6:05p	11:00h

Update on Mariners' Memorial construction

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Construction on the Wrangell Mariners' Memorial is coming along well, according to Mariners' Memorial Board Treasurer Jeff Jabusch. The steel for the memorial's walls themselves has been ordered, he said. The walls, once complete, will be where the plaques will eventually be placed.

"We're hoping to get at least

one wall actually finished and up before winter, and then get these three walls poured," Jabusch said. "Then we'll get everything leveled off to grade with gravel, and then probably won't be until next spring we'll do the rest of this concrete all the way down to the parking lot."

Electrical work is coming along, as well, with the assistance of LiveWire. Light stands are currently being installed around the memorial. Some of them are already lit, Jabusch said, and they will be working on bolting them into place in the near future. Now that summer has come to a close, he added that a lot of concrete work will have to wait until spring and drier weather.

Jabusch also pointed out a recently installed compass in the floor of the memorial's lighthouse. The compass is made of pure granite, he said, two inches thick and weighing 800 pounds. It took several people to get it put into place. The entire project has taken the help and time of many volunteers, he said.



PHOTO BY CALEB VIERKANT/ WRANGELL SENTINEL

The Wrangell Mariners' Memorial.

All in all, he said he is hopeful they will have the project

complete before next summer. "I would say by the end of

May it should be all done," Jabusch said.

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Thank you, Wrangell & Petersburg

On July 27, 2020, a tragic car accident took the lives of Sig and Helen Decker, Ian Martin and Dennis Ward. Since then, the communities of Wrangell and Petersburg, as well as many other friends and family from across the state and the Alaska Seafood Industry, responded with unmeasurable kindness and compassion. In our darkest hours, Gig and I have been shown the strength of humanity to care for each other.

We have received hundreds of acts of kindness, both big and small. We do not have enough room to list all of your names, and some of you have chosen to be anonymous, but you all know who you are and what you have done for us. We want you to know your love and support has made all the difference to us and our abilities to survive this tragedy.

We appreciate the connection with Sig and Helen's friends and hope to continue and expand those connections, as a way to keep their memories alive for all of us. We hope Sig and Helen will forever be in everyone's hearts and minds as we transition from the pain of missing them to the celebration of the impact their lives had on us all. Details will be forthcoming about a Celebration of Life for Sig and Helen held in Wrangell over Christmas break.

With deep love and gratitude, Gig and Julie Decker

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Police report

Monday, Sept. 21
Agency Assist: Alarm.
Illegal Parking: Vehicle parked in front of fire hydrant by middle school.

by the wind.
Traffic Hazzard: Department of Transportation. Traffic Stop: Verbal warning for no tail lights.

Tuesday, Sept. 22
Threats.
Driving Complaint.
Dog Complaint: Barking.
VCOR: Arrest, for Violation Conditions of Release.

During this reporting period there were 17 Subpoenas served.

Wednesday, Sept. 23
Citizen Assist.
Parking Complaint.
Found Property.
Dog Attack.
Emotionally Disturbed Person.

Thursday, Sept. 24
Agency Assist: US Forest Service.

Friday, Sept. 25
Agency Assist: Harbor Department.
Traffic Stop.

Saturday, Sept. 26
Three Agency Assists for Hoonah P.D.
Suspicious Circumstance.
Noise Complaint: Persons turned down their music.

Sunday, Sept. 27
Agency Assist: Public Works: Street sign blown down

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The new Wrangell Medical Center, currently under construction.

New hospital nearing completion

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The new Wrangell Medical Center is nearing completion, according to a press release from SEARHC. Several crews are on-site working on siding, concrete, drywall, and other aspects of the construction

project. According to the press release, the facility is 80 percent complete.

Installation of exterior siding is nearly complete, with only the courtyard walls and south-facing side of the facility left. The majority of plumbing has been completed, as well.

Electric crews are currently installing security systems and are preparing to put in the building transformer. Drywall crews are nearly complete with their work, as well.

“Hearing so many projects within the new construction being completed, or nearing completion, is some welcomed news in 2020,” said SEARHC Vice President and WMC Hospital Administrator Leatha Mercurieff in the press release. “WMC staff is eager and excited to begin treating patients and caring for residents in what will be the nicest health-care facility in the region.”

According to the press release, flooring installation will begin this week, and laundry and kitchen equipment will start to be installed. Permanent site power will be tested around mid-October. The last phase of clinic renovations, attached to the new hospital, are

Editorial

Public records don't go away

by Ron Loesch, Publisher

The Aspen Daily News in Aspen, Colorado runs a statement every day on their front page Flag that states: “If you don't want it printed, don't let it happen.”

It's a bit brash for our taste, but the words apply to this newspaper when it comes to public record reporting that appears on our pages.

Recently we've had three persons request that we remove police and court reports that pertain to cases they were involved in. They cite invasion of privacy concerns and correctly state that the information will jeopardize future hiring opportunities as well as admission to some colleges.

Many employment and college level admission forms specifically ask applicants to disclose arrest records.

We print the public records provided to us by the police and courts because it's the duty of a newspaper to cover the actions of both the police department and the courts. Local, state and federal governments have established both law enforcement operations and the judiciary and the public needs to be aware of their work.

If newspapers didn't cover the actions of both the enforcement and judicial arms of the government, their records would still be open to public review. Whether in print, posted on the world-wide web or on private blogs, the public records are continuously made available to anyone searching for them, in a multitude of formats.

The bottom line is that history cannot be rewritten when it comes to public records. If you are arrested for a crime, convicted in a court hearing or owe back taxes to the government, there will be a record of it that is available to anyone searching for it.

In rare cases, information can be expunged from public records, but it is extremely unlikely.

Thus, the warning from the Aspen Daily News is appropriate. Stay out of trouble, enter the courthouse only when called for jury duty, pay your taxes and there will be no public record information to hamper future college or employment opportunities.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

My dad lived in Wrangell from 1944-1949. There was a gentleman who worked at the power house and handmade boats. He gave my dad one and it is amazing. My dad, now 85, was wondering if anyone knows his name and if his family is still in Wrangell. I know this is a long shot but he said that he should email the Sentinel. He however cannot see well so I am emailing you. My dad's name is Charles Milles and his mom was a teacher, Grace Montana (Logan) Milles. Any suggestions? Michelle (Milles) Evans, Phone: 907-322-1461. Email: mevans-24@hotmail.com

Michelle (Milles) Evans

scheduled for early November. The move-in date for the new medical center is anticipated for December, with full project completion in early 2021.

Dan's Dispatch

By Representative
Dan Ortiz

Last week, I had the opportunity to attend the online Southeast Conference Annual Meeting. The organization has a long history of advocating for our region's people and economy. Did you know that it originally started as a group to promote the creation of a transportation system in Southeast, which went on to become the Alaska Marine Highway System?

Of course, since then, it has grown to include all industries pertinent to Southeast, such as mining, timber, tourism, and fishing and mariculture. Overall, the economic numbers for Southeast Alaska are a bit bleak. Ketchikan, Wrangell, and Metlakatla all had fewer jobs in 2019 than in 2018, and the 2020 numbers are expected to be even less because of COVID. This drop is primarily



Dan Ortiz

from the loss of state jobs (because of a continuously cut state budget) and state jobs being transferred to other places. One example of 'capitol creep' is the

proposed Public Safety Dispatch Center; Ketchikan currently houses an emergency dispatch center that serves Southeast, but the Department of Public Safety is attempting to consolidate it to an Anchorage-area center.

Although the numbers for tourism are low this year (once again, unfortunately due to COVID), Southeast Conference is focused on finding solutions so that the numbers will bounce back sooner rather than later. Everyone in the state is very aware of how important the tourism industry is to the economic health of our communities. There were some positive economic numbers! Specifically, jobs in our mining and timber industries have increased, although they are still some of our smallest sectors. There was also a lot of exciting conversation about the future of our mariculture industry. Southeast Confer-

ence highlights the importance of our region to stick together. We can advocate better for our communities when we work as a unified region. I feel particularly strongly about the need for combined advocacy when it comes to our ferry system. Southeast Conference has been a vital driving force in protecting the Marine Highway.

Thank you to Robert Venables, Southeast Conference Executive Director, and his team for gathering our industry and community leaders for the conference. We were able to hold the event virtually, and I'd say it was an all-around success. If you are interested in more information, Southeast Conference published "Southeast Alaska by the Numbers 2020" on their website. You can also email me anytime at Rep.Dan.Ortiz@AKLeg.gov or call my office at 907-247-4672.

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Swim team holds first virtual meet

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Wrangell's high school swim team held their first meet of the season last Friday and Saturday. Coach Jamie Roberts said this was a virtual meet, with Wrangell swimmers competing in their own pool against other swimmers across the region.

Friday results

Aaliyah Messmer swam 31.02 in the 50-yard freestyle, and 1:11.26 in the 100-yard freestyle. Renee Roberts swam 25.89 in the 50-yard freestyle, and 57.12 in the 100-yard freestyle. Jack Roberts swam 25.99 in the 50-yard freestyle, and 57.79 in the 100-yard freestyle. Jimmy Baggen swam 26.28 in the 50-yard freestyle, and 1:03.11 in the 100-yard freestyle. Nikolai Siekawitch swam 23.53 in the 50-yard freestyle, and 51.13 in the 100-yard freestyle. Tyson Messmer swam 30.02 in the 50-yard freestyle, and 1:11.97 in the 100-yard freestyle. Carter Hammer swam a time trial, making 37.74 in the 50-yard freestyle and 1:35.97 in the 100-yard freestyle.

Saturday results

Aaliyah Messmer swam 30.86 in the 50-yard freestyle, and 1:11.87 in the 100-yard freestyle. Renee Roberts swam 25.72 in the 50-yard freestyle, and 57.63 in the 100-yard freestyle. Jack Roberts swam 26.34 in the 50-yard freestyle, and 58.02 in the 100-yard freestyle.

As of press time, Sept. 29, Coach Roberts said she had not received regional results to know how her swimmers placed.

"The team swam well," Roberts wrote in a Facebook message. "Most of them have only been in the pool for 10-13 practices - just enough time to get back some of the endurance that they lost since March, when the pool shut down to organized activities. They felt a little unsure of how they would do since the pool setup isn't the most favorable for racing. The team only has



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The Wrangell High School swim team (from farthest to closest lanes, left to right): Lane 5: Carter Hammer. Lane 4: Jack Roberts and Bruce Smith. Lane 3: Nikolai Siekawitch, Renee Roberts, and Jimmy Baggen. Lane 2: Aaliyah Messmer and Tyson Messmer. Not pictured is Keely Good, Jacob Allen, and Ashleigh Loomis.

one starting block, so they are racing the clock and not a teammate and the pool temperature is a bit warm for rac-

ing ... While the meet results have not been posted yet, I expect some of our swimmers to place well."

Human error causes blackout

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

A contractor at Southeast Alaska Power Agency's Tyee Lake hydroelectric facility accidentally entered an incorrect control system input, resulting in a power outage in Wrangell and Petersburg Saturday morning, said SEAPA CEO Trey Acteson.

SEAPA staff were conducting a training session associated with recent control upgrades when the error was made. Tyee Lake generation was lost at 9:15 A.M. on Sept. 26, said Robert Siedman, an electrical engineer with SEAPA. Power was restored 25 minutes later at 9:40 A.M. All the Wrangell and Petersburg circuits were offline during the Tyee lake generation outage, said Siedman.

"SEAPA continuously strives to modernize aging equipment and ensure personnel are properly trained," said Acteson in an email to the Sentinel. "We apologize for any inconvenience this inadvertent power interruption may have caused."

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- Gillnet - 1 Seat
- Power Troll - 1 Seat
- Hand Troll - 1 Seat



Nominations must be in writing and include the permit holder's name, address, vessel name, phone number and a brief statement. Nominees must be "active" Southern Southeast Commercial Salmon permit holders. Permit holders should nominate person from their own gear groups.

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Wrangell's Cross Country team competing in a virtual meet Saturday, Sept. 26. Ethan Blatchley (far right) is at the head of the pack.

WHS competes in second cross country meet

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Wrangell's cross country team competed in their second meet of the season Saturday, Sept. 28. Like their first meet of the season, on Sept. 12, it was a virtual meet against several other competing schools. Results were provided to the Wrangell Sentinel by WHS Activities Director Trisa Rooney. Rooney said that there were five competing teams: Juneau Douglas, Thunder Mountain, Gustavus, Petersburg, and Wrangell.

For the boys' race, first place for Wrangell went to Ethan Blatchley with a time of 19:42. He took fifth place overall for Division III. Devlyn Campbell took second place for Wrangell at 19:51, sixth overall. Elias Decker came in third place for Wrangell at 21:14, and ninth overall.

In the girls' race, Liana Carney took first place for Wrangell and second overall, with a time of 23:32. Brodie Gardner took second place for Wrangell at 23:41, third place overall. Third place for Wrangell went to Jade Balansag at 23:56, fourth place overall.



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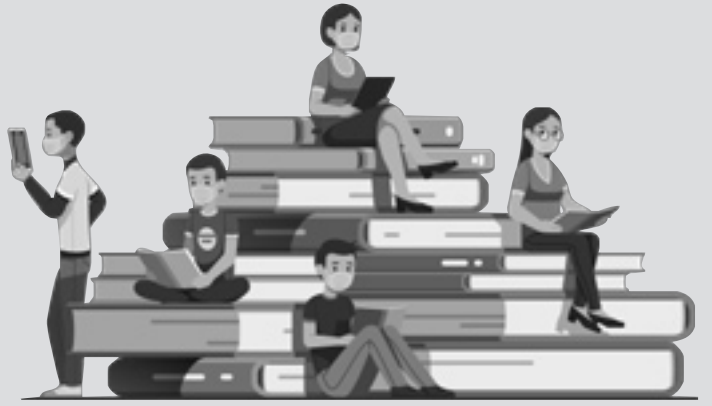




One of the organizations present at last Saturday's Family Resilience Fair was the Salvation Army. Pictured here (left to right) is Lt. Jon Tollerud, Lt. Rosie Tollerud, Annabelle Garcia, and Linda Garcia. The Family Resilience Fair brought together many local organizations to show what resources are available for Wrangell families.



Along with information from local organizations, and games and small prizes for kids, last weekend's Family Resilience Fair also hosted a table of free books for anyone to take home.



Family Resilience Fair

Saturday, September 26

PHOTOS BY CALEB VIERKANT



The third annual Family Resilience Fair took place Saturday, Sept. 26. Several organizations came together to show what resources were available to families in need. Kay Larson, one of the fair's organizers, said they had 13 different tables set up at the meeting, compared to 10 last year. One such organization was Community Roots, Wrangell's LGBT support group. Pictured here is Eli Michael getting the table ready for the fair.

Absentee ballot lawsuit will not be heard before election

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — A federal appeals court will not hear an Alaska absentee ballot lawsuit before the Nov. 3 gen-

eral election.

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals denied a request Tuesday for an emergency order ahead of the election.

The decision likely eliminates the possibility a judge will require the state to send absentee ballot request forms to all voters before November, which was the goal of the lawsuit by the Disability Law Center of Alaska and other plaintiffs.

Alaska voters must request absentee ballots to vote by mail. The state provides an on-line application form.

The state sent paper forms to Alaska residents 65 and older, but the lawsuit alleges failing to send applications to all registered voters during the COVID-19 pandemic is discriminatory.

Earlier in the month, U.S. District Court Judge Joshua Kindred denied a request by the Disability Law Center to compel Republican Lt. Gov. Kevin Meyer to send the ballot applications to all Alaska voters.

Sam Gottstein, an attorney representing the Disability Law Center, said the plaintiffs

are considering what the ruling means for the appeal.

"We disagree with the decision and believe all Alaskans should be given an equal opportunity to vote absentee," Gottstein said.

The state Division of Elections plans to email a reminder about the online form to all Alaska residents registered with MyAlaska, the service used for Permanent Fund dividend applications.

A third-party group, the Washington, D.C.-based Center for Voter Information, plans to mail paper forms to Alaska

voters.

For most people, the 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.

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.



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Wrangell dog Sky getting some energy out of her system at Volunteer Park. Local dog-owners are invited to submit pictures of their pets to Wrangell Parks and Recreation's "Pups In Parks" photo contest.

"Pups In Parks" contest open until Oct. 15

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Wrangell Parks and Rec announced a new photo contest for the public to participate in last Tuesday, Sept. 22. The "Pups In Parks" contest will give Wrangell dog owners a chance to go enjoy the great outdoors with their canines, and take a few pictures while they're out there. There will even be a chance for their dogs to be featured in a new parks and recreation calendar.

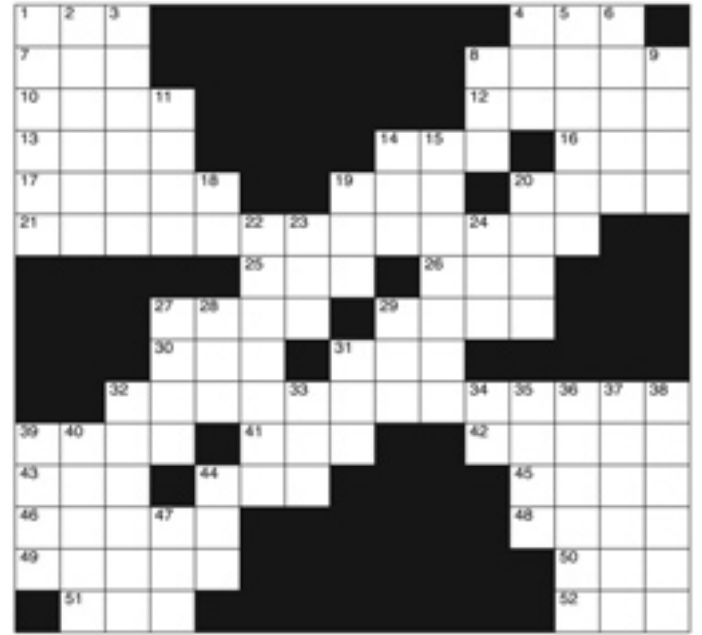
Wrangell is a rather dog-friendly town, Parks and Rec Director Kate Thomas said. There are somewhere around 550 dogs on the island, she said, according to numbers she researched a few years ago. The idea for a dog calendar was the brainchild of Lucy Moline-Robinson, she added. Excess funds from calendar sales will go to-

wards the annual Helping Our Parks project. The plan is to have the calendars ready for purchase in time for Christmas, she said.

"We did a little snippet of a dog contest, during the quarantine or lockdown period, and that was really popular," Thomas said. "Once we got a bunch of those notifications from the public to our Facebook page, and we started re-sharing them, they were super popular. From that, Lucy generated an idea to do an annual dog calendar."

Photos must be submitted by email to recreation@wrangell.com. Parks and Rec will then share these photos to Facebook. Whichever pictures get the most likes, according to a Parks and Rec Facebook post, will be considered for inclusion in the calendar. Parks and Rec will be accepting photos through Oct. 15.

Comics



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| 4. Play | 30. Peyton's younger brother |
| 7. Water (French) | 31. UK firefighters' union |
| 8. Prayer leader | 32. Carroll O'Connor's screen partner |
| 10. Small constellation | 39. Popular show honoring musicians |
| 12. ___ Carta: influential royal charter | 41. Basics |
| 13. Pressure unit | 42. Honk |
| 14. Extrasensory perception | 43. Trent Reznor's band |
| 16. A symbol of "Aloha" | 44. Patti Hearst's captors |
| 17. Portion of the small intestine | 45. Long-legged wading bird |
| 19. Psychedelic amphetamine | 46. Specialized biological grouping |
| 20. Very long period of time | 48. A coin goes in it |
| 21. British overseas territory | 49. Of the wind |
| 25. Cereal grain | 50. One-time measure of length |
| 26. Car mechanics group | 51. A very large body of water |
| 27. Wish harm upon | 52. River in NE Scotland |

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| 2. A type of bribe | 28. Pie ___ mode |
| 3. SE England county | 29. Don't know when yet |
| 4. Returned material authorization (abbr.) | 31. Supervises interstate commerce |
| 5. "Hotel California" rockers | 32. Make a ringing metallic sound |
| 6. Italian province | 33. Helps little firms |
| 8. Mischievous child | 34. Pound |
| 9. Popular street name | 35. Lilly and Manning are two |
| 11. Boxing promoter Bob | 36. Put on the back burner |
| 14. Snakelike fish | 37. Baltimore ballplayer |
| 15. Break into pieces | 38. Cuddle |
| 18. The Bay State | 39. Poker stake |
| 19. Time zone | 40. Drinks to celebrate a birth (Spanish) |
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Puzzle answers will be in the October 8 edition

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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

Surprising results from first of series of briefing papers showing effects on Alaska's seafood industry affected by pandemic

Some surprising results are revealed in the first of a series of briefing papers showing how Alaska's seafood industry has been affected by the pandemic from dock to dinner plates.

The updates, compiled by the McDowell Group for the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI), show that so far the amount of seafood that has been harvested is in line with previous years.

"While 2020 harvests have been significantly lower in some salmon fisheries...the declines are due to weak runs rather than reduced effort or other forces that might have some connection with the pandemic," according to the latest brief.

"If we forgot about the pandemic and we just look at how much has been harvested, we're similar to past years, so that's a vote of confidence there," said Garret Evridge, a McDowell fishery economist.

Market disruptions and increased operating costs definitely put downward pressure on the value of all that seafood, with the price plummet at Bristol Bay being perhaps the most striking

example. The preliminary value of the Bay's fishery this year is \$140.7 million (not including post-season bonuses), compared to the all-time high of \$306.5 million in 2019.

"And that certainly seems to be the trend across nearly all species. Generally, the pandemic has depressed prices across the board," Evridge said.

Also pushing down the value was a smaller processing work force. The extra efforts to manage and mitigate Covid-related risks "are believed to be the primary cause of a 13% overall decline reported for July 2020, a decline of 2,500 jobs from July 2019," the September brief said. Chaotic market changes also forced workers to produce lower valued salmon products.

Using Bristol Bay again as an example, where a compressed run plugged processing plants with millions of salmon, time and labor constraints meant that most of the fish had to be headed/gutted and frozen or canned instead of being trimmed up for pricier fresh or frozen fillets.

"What that effectively does is

it reduces the average value per pound of the Bristol Bay pack, which is particularly difficult in a year when operating costs have increased so much," Evridge said.

Those added costs aren't going away anytime soon.

There are no hard data yet but interviews with processors indicate at least \$50 million has been spent so far by inshore and offshore sectors, said Dan Lesh, a McDowell senior analyst.

"It's definitely an estimate and it's a number that's likely to increase, not only through the end of 2020, but into 2021 and as long as this pandemic is in effect. We're trying to communicate that the industry is sustaining real operating cost increases," Lesh said.

"The industry is taking on these costs out of pocket at the same time we are facing severe disruption in key markets and multiple pre-Covid cost burdens," said Cora Campbell, CEO of Silver Bay Seafoods at a July 29 U.S. Senate committee hearing.

"While a fraction of these costs may be reimbursed, we face significant uncertainty because there's no specific congressional directive to support health and safety protocol costs for critical seafood supply chains," Campbell said, adding that Covid prevention measures have not been included so far in federal relief loans and funds.

The McDowell team is waiting a few more months to get a better understanding of how Covid has affected volumes and values of Alaska's top export. August and September are the peak export months for Alaska seafood; for salmon, about 75% of annual exports (by value) occur between July and October.

One advantage, Evridge said, is that global currency rates are playing in our favor. The dollar has trended weaker since February, making Alaska seafood more affordable to foreign buyers.

"It's important to focus on these bright spots," Evridge said. "But there still is a big trade imbalance there with Russia, not to mention the ongoing trade war with China," he said.

Overall, and despite all the difficulties, Evridge called 2020

"largely a success" for Alaska's fisheries.

"We're still harvesting five to six billion pounds of seafood, the values are down, but we haven't fallen off a cliff," he said. "If you just think back to the early stages of the pandemic, we were talking about the possibility of Bristol Bay not even opening and some of the worst scenarios weren't actually realized. So that's a real positive."

Dinner plate update - Seafood is benefitting from three major eating trends during the pandemic and they are expected to continue.

"The first is the huge increase in home cooking as fewer people eat in restaurants," said John Sackton, founder of Seafood-News.com. "Second is the big increase in using frozen food, which is especially advantageous for the seafood industry, and third is the continued emphasis on health and diet during the pandemic."

He added that national trend tracker IRI has been reporting on changes in protein and frozen food at retail grocery, and that the trends for both frozen and fresh seafood continue to be more positive than any other category.

"The continued strength of seafood consumption suggests that the strong performance of seafood at home will continue through the holidays and into the Lent season next year," Sackton said.

That's backed up by surveys done by the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, which has been quickly adapting to the challenges and opportunities posed by the pandemic.

"In December of 2019 before Covid, 70% of consumers cooked three times a week at home, and since Covid, 66% said they now cook at home more frequently," said Arianna Elnes, an ASMI spokesperson.

She added that for the first half of 2020 restaurant sales were \$65 billion lower, while U.S. grocery store sales for all products were up \$43 billion from the same time last year.

To accommodate the increased interest in frozen foods and food safety, Elnes said ASMI quickly revamped its flagship

Cook it Frozen campaign.

"This focused on filling the pantry and freezers and featured at a glance cooking tips and recipe ideas to help consumers build confidence in cooking wild Alaska seafood at home," Elnes said. "The campaign was launched in March, right at the onset of Covid, and in May frozen seafood sales at retail were up 66%."

ASMI also has partnered with notable chefs and dieticians on Instagram for Seafood Sundays and other cooking specials.

Its survey of over 13,000 consumers also showed that consumers want to know where their food comes from and that fishermen and farmers hold the most trust at nearly 70%.

"We're really trying to focus on origin," Elnes said. "When we talk about local eating, it doesn't just mean in terms of distance, but local as in knowing where it comes from. So we've launched a Choose Alaska campaign and it pitches seafood as critical to the national and global food supply chain, and it lets people know that when they're buying Alaska, they're supporting people's livelihoods."

Elnes added that direct marketing by more fishermen also is on an upward trajectory. ASMI has posted a short survey to identify ways to assist with direct sales.

(www.alaskaseafood.org/news/marketing-updates/)

Fishy questions? Questions are being solicited for the upcoming virtual debate between Republican Senator Dan Sullivan and Independent challenger, Dr. Al Gross. The questions must focus on a sole topic: Alaska's seafood industry.

The fisheries debate, hosted by the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce and moderated by Rhonda McBride, is set for October 10 at 5:00pm. It will take place over Zoom and be live streamed to www.KodiakChamber.com, www.ComFishAK.com, and both the Kodiak Chamber and ComFish Alaska Facebook and YouTube channels. It also will be broadcast via KMXT to public radio stations statewide. Send topics or questions via email by September 30 to Chamber@kodiak.org.

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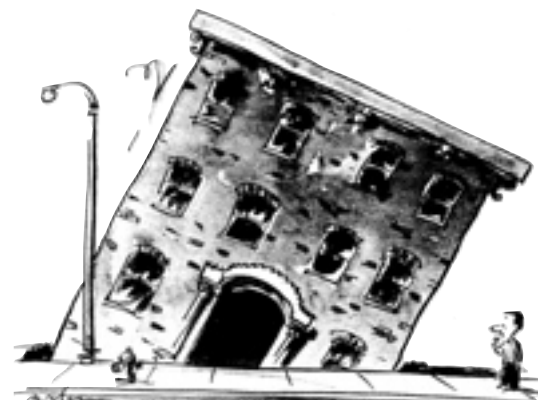
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If a work session is scheduled preceding the regular assembly meeting, publication shall be made on the website and posted at city hall and the post office that the regular assembly meeting shall begin at 7:00 p.m.

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- Yes
- No

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Puzzle answers from Sept. 24 Edition

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Lisa Von Bargen
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Deadline for Letters of Interest is **4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 7, 2020**, for the following vacancies:

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

Appointments will be made at the October 13, 2020 Regular Assembly meeting.

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Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk
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Structural instability detected in courthouse

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Public Safety Building has been a topic of much discussion and concern to city government. The building, which houses Wrangell's police department, fire department, court, and DMV, is in disrepair. It was first constructed in 1987, according to Capital Facilities Director Amber Al-Haddad. Much of the discussion has been whether or not replacing the entire building would be cheaper than renovating it, and about the growing list of issues present in the building.

Another problem has recently been added to the list, according to Borough Manager Lisa Von Bargen, as structural instability was detected in the courthouse.

"The structural issues were noted by the structural engineer who was in Wrangell the week of the 14th as part of a multi-disciplinary team of engineers conducting an assessment of the entire Public Safety Building to determine the condition of the building," Von Bargen wrote in a Sept. 28 email.

According to the engineer's assessment, she wrote, there is rot in Glulam beams and possibly in the floor joints of the west side of the building, particularly in the court office area. The rooms in question, which include the clerk's office and the lounge, are being vacated and relocated to another part of the Public Safety Building. Von Bargen said there was currently not

a timeline for repairing the structural issues, but the city was working towards a solution.

"The recommended repair is that the roof and floor in this area be shored as soon as possible, and prior to snow accumulation on the roof," she wrote. "PND

Engineers has been hired to design a shoring solution. Materials were not in stock in town and so they have been ordered through a local supplier. The construction of the shoring solution will go out for bid as soon as the design is complete."

City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska
PUBLIC NOTICE

ABSENTEE VOTING for the Regular Borough Election (to be held October 6, 2020) begins on MONDAY, September 21, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., (Monday through Friday) at City Hall.

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

Please stop by the Borough's Clerks Office to apply.

Kim Lane, MMC,

Borough Clerk City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
AT KETCHIKAN

In the Matter of the Estate of:)
) CASE NO. IKE - 20 - 93PR
Timothy Charles Johnson)
Date of Birth: 5/04/1954)

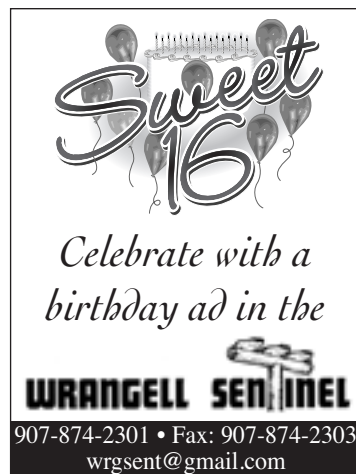
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

You are notified that the court appointed Peter Neville Johnson 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 first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred.

Date: 09-28-2020

Peter Neville Johnson
2417 Tongass Ave., Ste 111-324
Ketchikan, AK. 99901

Published: October 1, 8 and 15, 2020



PUBLIC NOTICE

For the upcoming City and Borough of Wrangell Regular Election of October 6, 2020, the following ordinance applies:

2.16.030 Write-in Candidates and Write-in Votes.

Individuals who fail to file a declaration of candidacy but wish to run for office as a write-in candidate, must file with the borough clerk, a letter of intent no later than five p.m. on the Friday preceding the election (October 2, 2020) in which the candidate plans to participate.

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

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

Stickers shall not be used.

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

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA
NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 6th day of October 2020, in the City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska, a Regular Local Election will be held for the purpose of voting on the following Borough Official positions and proposition.

Borough Mayor:	One – (2 Year Term)
Assembly:	Two – (3 Year Terms)
Assembly:	One – (1 Year <i>Unexpired</i> Term until 10-2021)
School Board:	One – (3 Year Term)
Port Commission:	One – (3 Year Term)
Port Commission:	One – (2 Year <i>Unexpired</i> Term until 10-2022)

PROPOSITION 1

Ratification of Ordinance 979

Shall the City and Borough of Wrangell withdraw from, and no longer participate in, the port authority known as the Inter-Island Ferry Authority, as provided by Ordinance No. 979 of the City and Borough of Wrangell?

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

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

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

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Wrangell Public Schools
PUBLIC NOTICE
Vacancy on the School Board

Wrangell Public Schools is accepting **letters of interest** from citizens who wish to serve on the **School Board.**

The unexpired term of appointment is until October 2021.

To be eligible to be a member of the school board, a person must have the same qualifications as are necessary to be a municipal voter in the school district.

Letters of interest should be submitted to:

School Board President Aaron Angerman
PO Box 2319
Wrangell, AK 99929-2319

or you can email your **letter of interest** to the Administrative Assistant at: kpowell@wpsd.us on or before **Thursday, October 8, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.**

Information on the powers and duties of the School Board are contained in School Board Policy, Article 7. A copy of the policy chapter can be obtained at the School District Office or viewed at the school's website at <http://www.wpsd.us>

Kimberly J. Powell
Administrative Assistant

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After water levels reached capacity at Swan Lake on Revillagigedo Island on July 24, Southeast Alaska Power Agency officials had to spill water from the dam at the Swan Lake hydroelectric facility.

Wet summer overflows Swan Lake

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

During Southeast Alaska's record breaking rainfall this summer, the Swan Lake hydroelectric facility reached its full capacity for the first time since the project was upgraded three years ago, according to a press release from Sen. Bert Stedman's office and Southeast Alaska Power Agency. Water levels reached the flashboards and forced a reservoir spill on July 24.

The upgrade expanded the capacity of the hydroproject from 86,000 acre-feet to 111,800 acre-feet, according to the press release. The expansion can store about 25 to 30 percent more storage.

Swan Lake hydroelectric facility can now provide up to 12,000 MWh of additional energy annually, which is the equivalent of 800,000 gallons of diesel fuel, according to SEAPA. The expansion will eliminate nearly 18 million pounds of CO2 from being emitted into the atmosphere as a result of diesel generation.

"Hydroelectricity and this expansion to the system increases the stability and reliability of the electrical system throughout the district," said Stedman in a prepared statement. "This expansion is a perfect example of how we are working to sustainably develop our great state and bring cheaper, more reliable electricity to our residents."

In the upgraded hydroproject's first year of service, it saved Ketchikan about \$1.1 million in diesel generation.

The project was funded through bonds and a \$3.9 million direct appropriation from the state of Alaska, according to the press release. The total cost came in under \$13.3 million, which was the estimated cost for the project.

SEAPA provides hydropower to Ketchikan, Wrangell and Petersburg. The Swan Lake hydroproject is dedicated to Ketchikan, while the Tye Lake hydroproject powers Wrangell and Petersburg.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SEAPA

Southeast Alaska Power Agency engineers and technicians pose for a photo while releasing water from Swan Lake in late July. From left to right: Robert Siedman, Director of Engineering & Technical Services, Andy Cowen, Operator/Mechanic, Chris Barnett, Roving Relief Operator and John Stanley, Operator/Electrician.