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## 18th Thanksgiving basket handout coming soon



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Many businesses around town participated in downtown trick-or-treating this year. Kids and adults spend the afternoon and evening walking around town, collecting candy, and having a good time.



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Matthew Strickland, Kristina Decker, Kyliana Strickland, Steven Larsen, and Delaney Decker dressed as a herd of T-rexes for Halloween.

### Halloween in Wrangell



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Trick-or-treaters stopping at Groundswell.

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

“The Thanksgiving baskets have a long tradition of Wrangell neighbors helping other neighbors who are having hard times,” said Don and Bonnie Roher. “This is our 18<sup>th</sup> year of working with the Thanksgiving Baskets.”

Thanksgiving is a time for families to come together and share a delicious meal. Of course, as many people know, preparing Thanksgiving dinner can be an expensive prospect. For many people, it is simply beyond their budget to prepare the Thanksgiving meal they would want to have. Don said that the holiday can be a very stressful time for people, and that is where the Thanksgiving baskets come in.

The baskets, a collaborative project with the Salvation Army and the Wrangell Ministerial Association, are a way for families and people on a budget to get the materials for Thanksgiving dinner. According to documents provided by the Roher family, the organizers of the handout, the baskets are divided according to the size of the family receiving them. Each basket comes with traditional Thanksgiving items like a 12-pound turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, cranberries, and many other items.

“We expect to hand out about \$5,000 worth of food,” Don said.

Don said that, generally, single-parent families are given a high priority for receiving a basket. Another target demographic for them are families who are dealing with tragedy, such as death or ongoing sickness. However, regular families and single individuals are more than welcome to apply for a basket, as well. Don said that they expect to serve 80 to 85 families this year.

“There’s a lot of satisfaction in it, and there’s a lot of stress in it,” he said. “It is work. It takes a lot of hard work putting this together.”

People who do not want a basket themselves, but who would like to make a donation or to sponsor a family, can do so through the Wrangell Ministerial Association. Excess food and funds after the handout will be sent to the Salvation Army. To volunteer with putting together the baskets and handing them out, call the Rohers at (907) 305-0319, or the Salvation Army at (907) 874-3753.

To receive a basket, Don or Bonnie Roher must be contacted by Nov. 13. The baskets will be handed out at Harbor Light Church on Nov. 16, from noon to 6 p.m.

### BRAVE to show “Resilience” film

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

About two months ago, BRAVE hosted a film screening of “Paper Tigers,” a documentary demonstrating how schools and communities can combat ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) that affect the development of their children. This month, on Nov. 17, they will be showing a follow up documentary by the same filmmakers, “Resilience.”

“Resilience” takes a deeper look at the science behind ACEs and what people can do to mitigate their effects on young people. The hour-long documentary looks at how stressful and traumatic events can alter a child’s brain development. It also discusses how this can increase a child’s risk for sickness, behavioral problems, and even early death.

“‘Resilience’, however, also chronicles the dawn of a movement that is determined to fight back,” reads a description of the documentary on KPJR Film’s website. “Trailblazers in pediatrics, education, and social welfare are using cutting-edge technology and field-tested therapies to protect children from the insidious effects of toxic stress.”

Maleah Wenzel, a member of BRAVE, said that they are holding a private viewing on Nov. 13 for BRAVE and other invited organizations. A public viewing will be given at Wrangell High School on Nov. 17, at 6 p.m. She said that this movie was important for people to see, especially for people in Wrangell. Domestic violence, poverty, and child abuse are issues that Wrangell, and communities across Southeast Alaska, struggle with. Wenzel said that becoming more aware of ACEs was a good step in the right direction to combat these issues.

“I think this film can really help people be more conscious and learn ways to act, learn things you can do both in your personal life and in your work to help people who have gone through Adverse Childhood Experiences or going through it themselves,” she said.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

**Thursday, November 8:** Jeremy Stolley, Taylor Carey, Gabriel Duquemin, Kevin Bylow. **Friday, November 9:** Sawyer Rooney, Kimberly Szczatko. **Saturday, November 10:** Erika Hansen, Austin Sun. **Sunday, November 11:** Rob Dailey, Daniel Powell. *Anniversary:* Lucas and Lisa Messmer. **Monday, November 12:** Ruby Brock, Joe Stover, Andrew Feudner, Alan Frank. *Anniversary:* Ken and Krissy Smith. **Tuesday, November 13:** Ken Lewis, Eleanor Larabee, Levi Powers. **Wednesday, November 14:** Barbra Hommel, Brent Mill, Jake Mork, Dalton Reeves, Tai Brown, Jordan Bunes. *Anniversary:* SLR 73. **Thursday, November 15:** Steve Ramsey, Floyd Ramsey, Dick Angerman. *Anniversary:* Laura and Winston Davies, Ryan and Rhonda Edgley.

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

## Senior Center Menu

### Thursday, November 8

A-1 Meatloaf, Zucchini, Creamy Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes

### Friday, November 9

Ham & Bean Soup, Tomato Slices & Cottage Cheese, Cornbread

### Monday, November 12

CLOSED FOR VETERAN'S DAY

### Tuesday, November 13

Turkey on Bun, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Radish Salad

### Wednesday, November 14

BBQ Baked Fish, Mixed Veggies, Sunshine Salad, Herb Biscuits

### Thursday, November 15

Turkey Pot Pie, Corn, Romaine 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, November 10

Malaspina 2:30 a.m.

#### Sunday, November 11

Kennicott 2:15 p.m.

#### Wednesday, November 14

Malaspina 12:00 a.m.

#### Saturday, November 17

Malaspina 4:00 a.m.

#### Sunday, November 18

Kennicott 5:15 p.m.

#### Southbound

#### Friday, November 9

Malaspina 8:00 a.m.

#### Monday, November 12

Malaspina 10:15 a.m.

#### Wednesday, November 14

Kennicott 6:15 a.m.

#### Friday, November 16

Malaspina 11:15 a.m.

#### Monday, November 19

Malaspina 10:45 a.m.

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



## TIDES Nov. 8 - Nov. 15

### High Tides

	AM	PM	AM	PM
Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time

### Low Tides

	AM	PM	AM	PM
Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time

	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
November 8	0:57	16.7	12:54	18.5	6:38	0.9	7:11	-2.5
November 9	1:38	16.1	1:29	17.8	7:13	1.7	7:47	-2.0
November 10	2:18	15.3	2:03	16.9	7:47	2.7	8:23	-1.2
November 11	2:58	14.4	2:37	15.8	8:22	3.7	9:00	-0.2
November 12	3:40	13.5	3:14	14.6	9:01	4.7	9:41	0.8
November 13	4:27	12.6	3:56	13.5	9:46	5.6	10:29	1.8
November 14	5:25	12.0	4:53	12.4	10:43	6.2	11:25	2.6
November 15	6:36	12.0	6:13	11.7	11:57	6.4	....	...

## Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Wednesday, November 17

**Community Roots Meeting:** Stikine Inn, 3 p.m.

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

## Continuing Events

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

### Pool:

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

### MEETINGS

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

## The Way We Were

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

### November 7, 1918

The committee in charge of the benefit dance given by local Moose last Thursday evening spared no pains in their endeavor to make the affair successful.

Redmen hall was beautifully decorated in bunting and flags. Beneath the stars and stripes, on the wall opposite the entrance, hung the honor roll of the Wrangell Moose organizations with its nineteen names. The committee had secured good music and floor manager Ned Lemieux arranged the dances so that everyone had an enjoyable evening.

The dance netted the sum of \$138.90, which will be put into the Moose War Chest, a fund which is used for the benefit of members of the order who are in the service.

### November 12, 1943

More than \$180.00 has been collected in the annual tuberculosis seal sale drive which opened here last week, according to Mrs. E. M. Campbell chairman on the drive.

Seals are already in the hands of most of the citizens of the com-

munity and those who do not have them can obtain them from Mrs. Campbell.

The Christmas seal sale is an annual affair in the Territory to aid in the war against tuberculosis and a large part of the money collected in Alaska stays in the Territory to aid Alaska victims.

### November 7, 1968

City Council members have voted to ask the school board to return \$50,000 in surplus funds to the city treasury to finance the Front Street paving project.

At a special meeting Monday night, councilmen voted to adopt a resolution requesting return of the funds.

Cost of the project totaled approximately \$50,000. Of that, \$4,000 will be paid by several firms and individuals.

### November 4, 1993

Amid public concern that include accusations of "premeditated murder," the Department of Environmental Conservation has extended the comment period on new water quality standards to Nov. 15.

Meanwhile, Wrangell's public

works superintendent says local water is tested so often and for so many things that he is not worried, and that the town's standards are high enough for him not to worry about the health of his own family.

The Wrangell Resource Council urged the DEC to adopt the "most protective cancer risk level possible" and prohibit carcinogens from contaminating fish and water.

## Nolan Center Theater Presents

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## Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Oct. 29	48	42
Oct. 30	48	44
Oct. 31	46	39
Nov. 01	45	37
Nov. 02	44	39
Nov. 03	45	39
Nov. 04	44	37
Nov. 05	42	30



## Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Nov 08	7:07 am	3:55 pm	8:48h
Nov 09	7:09 am	3:53 pm	8:44h
Nov 10	7:11 am	3:51 pm	8:40h
Nov 11	7:14 am	3:49 pm	8:35h
Nov 12	7:16 am	3:47 pm	8:31h
Nov 13	7:18 am	3:45 pm	8:27h
Nov 14	7:20 am	3:44 pm	8:24h
Nov 15	7:22 am	3:42 pm	8:20h

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# Wrangell votes in midterm elections

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By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*  
The midterms have come again, and Wrangell turned out to make their voice heard in the Nov. 6 election. Polls were open at the Nolan Center. On the ballot was the position of Alaska governor and lieutenant governor, U.S. representative, and state representative.

The race for governor was hotly contested. Bill Walker, the current governor of Alaska, suspended his re-election campaign in October, though his name still appeared on ballots. The other candidates include Democratic candidate Mark Begich, Republican candidate Mike Dunleavy, and Libertarian candidate William S. "Billy" Toien.

The position of U.S. representative came between two candidates. Alyse Galvin, an

undeclared Democratic nominee, and incumbent Republican candidate Don Young. Galvin ran on a campaign of supporting public education, healthcare reform, and environmental protection, among other issues. Young, who has served as Alaska's representative since 1973, also espoused healthcare reforms in his campaign, and also stated his desire to roll back regulations and work on tax relief.

Wrangell is a part of House District 36, and the city had the opportunity to vote for their state representative. Dan Ortiz, a resident of Ketchikan, is the undeclared incumbent candidate. Running against him is Republican Trevor Shaw, another resident of Ketchikan.

The residents of Wrangell also got to vote on Ballot Measure One, also known as the "Stand For Salmon" ballot measure. The statewide act, if adopted, is meant to provide protection for the state's salmon population and fish habitats. The measure, basically, would require permits for any construction activity that could significantly affect fish habitats.

Election results will be published in a later edition of the Wrangell Sentinel.



PHOTO BY CALEB VIERKANT/ WRANGELL SENTINEL

Polls were open at the Nolan Center on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Residents had the opportunity to vote on a new governor, state representative, and U.S. representative. People also got to vote on Ballot Measure One, also known as the "Stand For Salmon" ballot measure.

**Correction**  
In a previous edition of the Wrangell Sentinel, we wrote that Michelle's prepared the fundraiser dinner for the Lady Wolves volleyball team. The meals were instead prepared by Lynn Balansag and Lynn Martinson.

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**October 29, 2018**  
Citizen assist.  
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Theft.  
Criminal mischief.

**October 30, 2018**  
Paper service: Domestic violence order.  
MVA: Person hit deer.  
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment.

**October 31, 2018**  
Online enticement.  
Suspicious vehicle.

**November 1, 2018**  
Protective order violation.  
Ex-parte requested.  
Agency assist: Petersburg.  
Theft reported.  
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for defective brake lights.

**November 2, 2018**  
Arrested: Richard Eklund II, 31. On charges of violating conditions of release.  
Paper service.

**November 3, 2018**  
Arrested: Dana Cawthorne, 36. On charges of assault IV/ domestic violence.

**November 3, 2018**  
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.  
Paper service.

**November 4, 2018**  
Criminal mischief.  
Gun shots: Unfounded.

There were five ambulance calls and one dog complaint this week.

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## Obituary: Jimmie Wayne Thompson, 80

Jimmie "Jim" Wayne Thompson, passed away peacefully on July 5, 2018 at the Wrangell Medical Center. His health had declined over the last several years after suffering from several small strokes, and one substantial one in 2011 while he was visiting his mother in Texas. After spending several weeks in rehab, he was able to return back to his home in Wrangell where unfortunately his health continued to decline.

He was born to Leon and Lorene Thompson, November 17, 1937 in Montague County, Texas. His family moved to Arizona in the mid 1940's and remained there throughout his childhood. He entered the Marine Corps in Los Angeles, California at the age of 17, during his tour he spent time in Japan. After he was discharged he moved to Petersburg, Alaska where he met his future wife Clara Nordgren. They were married in 1961. Soon after they married they moved to California for a couple of years, however they could not stay away from Petersburg and moved back. In 1965 they had their son Matthew and three years later they settled in Wrangell where they made their home.

He worked many jobs around the state - bartending to drilling, blasting and handling explosives. One of his greatest passions was to hunt and fish with his friends and family in Alaska and in the lower 48. He was also a very talented musician who loved playing his guitar and banjo. He was a man who loved to entertain. When he traveled out of state he always made it a point to stop through Texas to visit his family - toting his guitar along with him.

He was a longtime member of the Elks Lodge in Wrangell, and the Moose Lodge in Petersburg. He was also involved with the Stikine Sportsman Association, Stikine Moose Hunters and the Muskeg Meadows Golf Course in Wrangell.



**Jimmie Wayne Thompson**

Jim was preceded in death by his wife Clara (Nordgren) Thompson, son Matthew Thompson both of Wrangell, his parents Leon and Lorene "Long" Thompson, sister Judy Morgan, all of Bowie, Texas, and his great, great nephew Diavik Nielsen, Coos Bay, Oregon.

He is survived by niece, Kathy Stout, Nocona, Texas, niece, Michelle Woods, Knoxville, Tennessee; brother in law Ole (Kandi) Nordgren, niece, Vickie Sokol, Petersburg, nephew Ole Nordgren, Juneau, Alaska - many cousins, great nieces and nephews, plus his extended family of friends around the United States.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Elks Lodge in Wrangell, on Sat. Nov. 17, 2018 at 2:00 pm. His ashes will be spread up the Stikine River in the spring of 2019.

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# Renee Roberts makes new personal best at state swim meet

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

Renee Roberts, a freshman at Wrangell High School, set a new personal best time at the ASAA swim and dive state championship last weekend. The tournament took place in Anchorage, where 289 swimmers from 29 different schools competed, according to Swim Team Coach Jamie Roberts. Renee was the sole member of the Wrangell swim team to advance to the state competition.

She competed in two events, the 50-yard Freestyle and the 100-yard Freestyle. She took 11<sup>th</sup> place and 14<sup>th</sup> place, respectively. In the 100-yard Freestyle, she also set a new personal best time, completing the swim in 56.64 seconds.

"It was good, I had a lot of fun," Renee said. "It's always nice to improve your time."

Jamie said that her daughter has been involved in competitive swimming for about three years, so the state meet felt similar to other matches. Renee said she will continue swimming through the year with the Wrangell Swim Club until next year's season.

"I'm proud," said Jamie. "It feels good for her to do it [get to state] in her first year, and for our team to do it in its first year."



PHOTO BY BRIAN VARELA / WRANGELL SENTINEL

Senior player Helen Decker (No. 4) competing in her second seeding tournament in Petersburg.

## Volleyball team going to regionals in second place

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

The Lady Wolves, Wrangell's high school volleyball team, competed in their second seeding tournament last weekend in Petersburg. Wrangell was tied for second place in their region with Petersburg and Klawock after the first seeding tournament earlier in the season. After this weekend, however, Coach Jessica Whitaker said that they have secured second place for their region, behind Craig High School, and will be going into regionals at that rank.

Wrangell played against six other schools in the Petersburg tournament. The Lady Wolves were able to go undefeated against teams from Skagway, Haines, Klawock, and Metlakatla. They lost to Craig High School in the best-of-three games, however. They also took a victory against Petersburg High School, though this match was hard-fought and went to five games.

Wrangell will host Petersburg for home games this weekend, on Nov. 9 and 10. The regional tournament will take place afterwards from Nov. 15 to 17.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Members of the Wrangell high school wrestling team on the ferry to Metlakatla.

## Three wrestlers take first place in Metlakatla meet

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

Three Wrangell high school wrestlers were able to take first place at the Metlakatla invitational tournament last week. The Wrangell Wolves competed

against eight other schools at the tournament: Craig, Haines, Hydaburg, Ketchikan, Metlakatla, Mt. Edgecumbe, Petersburg, and Thorne Bay. Hunter and Rowen Wiederspohn and Jake Eastaugh all took first place in their weight brackets.

Hunter Wiederspohn took first place in the 152 bracket

over three wrestlers from Ketchikan High School. Rowan Wiederspohn took first in the 160 bracket over two wrestlers from Petersburg High School and one from Ketchikan. Jake Eastaugh took first place in the 171B bracket over two wrestlers from Metlakatla and Mt. Edgecumbe.

Wrestlers Ryan Rooney and Jonah Comstock placed second in the 103 and 112 brackets. James Shilts placed third in the 160B bracket. Wade Jack, Liana Carney, Elizabeth Johnson, and Sophia Ely all took sixth place in their respective brackets, as well.

The wrestling team will be competing in the ACS invitational tournament on Nov. 9 and 10.

### Death Notice

Long time resident Jim (James) E. Smith, 69, passed away on Nov. 1, 2018 at the Wrangell Medical Center, while surrounded by his loved ones. An obituary will follow.

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# Wrangell hosts Stikine Middle School Invitational basketball tournament

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

From Thursday to Saturday last week, Wrangell high school and the old community gym held numerous basketball games. The town held the Stikine Middle School Invitational, a large basketball tournament for middle school teams across the region. The tournament rotates between the towns of Wrangell, Petersburg, and Craig each year, according to Aleisha Mollen.

Six schools were represented at the tournament: Wrangell, Petersburg, Craig, Hydaburg, Thorne Bay, Klawock, and Prince of Wales. These teams competed in four different "A" and "B" brackets for the boys and girls teams. Craig and Thorne Bay



PHOTO BY CALEB VIERKANT/ WRANGELL SENTINEL

Wrangell Middle School basketball team, winner of the "Boys A" bracket.

won the Girls A and B brackets, respectively. Hydaburg took the Boys B bracket, with Wrangell and Craig in second and third

place. Wrangell took first place in the Boys A bracket. They beat Petersburg Middle School 54-39 in the final game.

Each first place team got to take home their brackets to show off. Wrangell High School's fabrication class is also making plaques for the

winning teams, which will be delivered to them at a later date. Next year's invitational tournament will take place in Craig.

### City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough Assembly approved canceling the Regular Assembly meeting of November 13, 2018.

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

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Borough Clerk's Office at 907-874-2381, or email: clerk@wrangell.com

Appointments will be made at the Regular Assembly meeting on November 27, 2018.

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# Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH  
Fisheries columnist

## Alaska salmon permit values stagnant all year, except for two regions

Values for Alaska salmon permits have remained stagnant all year, except for two regions, and costs for halibut quota shares have plummeted.

For salmon permits, an off kilter fishery that came in 30 percent below an already grim harvest forecast kept a downward press on permit values. The preseason projection called for a salmon catch of 147 million this year; the total take was closer to 114 million.

"All of these salmon fisheries in the Gulf, both gillnet and seine permits, had a lousy year. And we see that in the lackluster permit market," said Doug Bowen of Alaska Boats and Permits in Homer.

Further west, Bristol Bay with its back to back record breakers is an exception and permit prices there reflect increased buying interest. A scan of multiple broker listings show Bay drift gillnet permits at \$165,000 compared to the \$145,000 range before the fishing season.

Salmon fishermen at Bristol Bay pocketed a record \$280 million at the docks, not including post season bonuses, on a catch of 35 million sock-eyes.

Bowen said more fishermen from regions of repeated poor salmon runs are eyeing Bristol Bay. His company has nearly 30 listings of Cook Inlet drift permit holders who want to exit that fishery.

"Folks are wanting to move out of the Inlet, which had another terrible year and go to Bristol Bay and people want to move from Southeast to the Bay," he said.

Drift permits for False Pass (Area M) on the Alaska Peninsula also are increasing in value after several years of good fishing.

"We recently sold one for \$175,000 which is \$10,000 more than what the Bay permits are selling for," Bowen said.

Elsewhere permit prices re-

main stalled. Prince William Sound seines have stayed at \$165,000 and drift gillnet permits at around \$150,000. At Cook Inlet, drift permits are in the \$30,000 to \$50,000 range. Kodiak seine permits have ticked up a bit to \$28,000. For Southeast, seine permits are in the \$210,000 to \$250,000 range and drift gillnets at or slightly above \$85,000.

Further north, Norton Sound and Kotzebue again set records in their salmon fisheries, but permit transactions in those regions operate differently.

"There aren't very many of them and not many change hands. When they do, a lot of those folks know each other and it's word of mouth. So we're not that involved in those permit markets," Bowen said.

Higher salmon prices should show a big boost in the value of this year's catch but it won't make up for the shortfall in fish.

"It's a matter of price and production," Bowen said. "If you're limited on how much you can harvest, that great price is not going to save the day."

**Catch share values plummet** - High prices for halibut quota shares that one year ago were in the nose bleed area have now taken a nose dive.

"Negative news about recruitment into the fishery and more bad news about lower exvessel prices - that was enough to turn that IFQ (Individual Fishing Quota) market downward. There are some stiff headwinds for sure," said Alaska Boats and Permits Doug Bowen in Homer.

Multiple broker listings show quota shares in Southeast Alaska (Area 2C) that for several years topped \$70 per pound are now 20 to 25 percent less, in the \$48 to \$59 range.

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### An Alaskan Education

A deer strung up at the basketball court by Evergreen Elementary School. Brian Merritt, a teacher at the school, taught his fourth-grade class how to skin a deer last Friday morning.

3A), halibut shares have dropped 30 to 40 percent to \$40 to \$50 per pound. The value for halibut quota in the Western Gulf (Area 3B) is down 50 percent to under \$30 dollars per pound.

Surveys of the stocks in 2017 showed a lack of young halibut recruiting into the fishery and managers pushed for drastic cuts for future fisheries.

Then last fall, halibut prices dropped by \$2 a pound at the docks and boats sometimes couldn't even find buyers for their fish. Another broadside came from seven million pounds of cheaper Atlantic halibut from eastern Canada displacing Alaska's fish in traditional U.S. markets.

The industry will get its first look at potential catches for next year at the International Pacific Halibut Commission meeting set for Nov. 27-28 in Seattle.

**Chilling assists** - The fisherman is the first link in the cold chain and RSW (refrigerated seawater) is their go to system. At Bristol Bay (and elsewhere), processors are now requiring that the salmon they buy from fishermen must be chilled, and they are paying nice bonuses for the better quality fish. The chilling rate for Bay salmon jumped from 24 percent a decade ago to 73 percent in 2017, and it will surely be higher for this season.

Several RSW buying assists are being offered as more Bristol Bay boats acquire the chilling technology.

"The gold standard for Bristol Bay used to be 7.5 ton hydraulic, that's what everyone wanted. It's really changed a lot. Now RSW systems go from three ton electric to 12 ton diesel drive," said Kurt Ness, director of operations and co-owner of Seattle-

based Integrated Marine Systems (IMS).

One ton of refrigeration will chill 12,000 pounds of water and fish one degree in one hour.

IMS has developed a new system for smaller vessels, some dealing with RSW for the first time.

"Some boats don't have the hydraulic power to power a traditional unit or don't have the space for a larger diesel drive," Ness explained. "So we came up with a three ton and five ton electric that can be run by a single faced generator so the footprint is much smaller. It's designed for boats that pack in the 5,000 to 8,000 pound range."

Costs for an RSW system can range from \$15,000 for small electric units up to \$44,000 for large diesel drives.

"There are a lot of other costs involved too," Ness said. "There could be flush decking, insulation, maybe some hydraulic upgrades. You could easily double that just in terms of the actual installation itself."

Despite the initial hit to the pocketbook, "practically to the person, everyone admits RSW is the best thing they ever did," said Bristol Bay veteran Buck Gibbons. With the quality incentives that many processors offer the difference can be upwards of 40 to 50 cents per pound. Last year, those who sold dry fish received around \$1.25. Those who did everything right received \$1.55 - \$1.61. When you run that through 100,000 to 200,000 pounds, it adds up quick."

To help defray the RSW cost, IMS is offering a \$1,500 discount for Bristol Bay fishermen "for retrofits, new builds and everything in between" through March 1.

The Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association (BBSDA), funded and operated by fishermen, also

negotiated a bulk RSW purchase with Pacific West Refrigeration for 7.5 ton units for resale for \$20,500, said executive director Andy Wink. Contact 907-677-2371 or email info@bbrsda.com.

The Bristol Bay Borough also is offering a tax credit to fishermen in the Naknek-Kvichak District who install a chilling system by the end of this year. Participants will be eligible for a \$1,500 rebate from the three percent fish landing tax paid to the Borough.

The Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (BBEDC) also is offering a limited number of free RSW systems to qualified residents.

**ASMI Axed** - The budget has been zeroed out for the state run Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute.

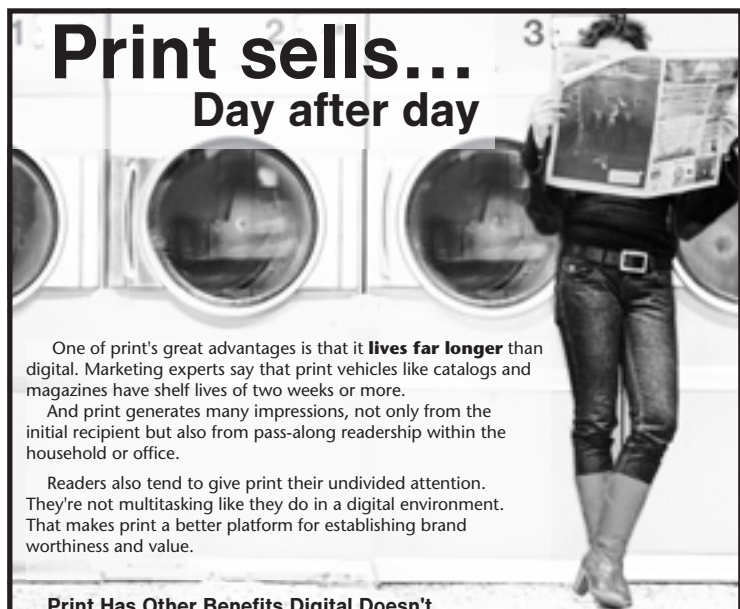
"With zero state general funds, the fiscal year 2019 budget was reduced by just over \$1 million. Every program took a reduction this year," said Becky Monagle, finance director for ASMI at an "All Hands" meeting last week in Anchorage.

For FY 2018, ASMI spent \$16 million in marketing promotions and outreach at home and abroad. That was funded by \$10.8 million from fisheries related taxes, \$4.2 million from the federal government and \$1 million from the state's general fund.

Compare that to the budget of one of Alaska's biggest competitors, Norway. That country imposes a small tax on its seafood exports that generates over \$50 million a year to fund sales and marketing.

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# Full house at Friends of NRA Banquet

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

The Friends of NRA is the fundraising wing of the National Rifle Association. According to the group's website, they are a "100 percent grassroots effort" to support the second amendment to raise funds and awareness for shooting sports. Since the group's inception, they have raised about



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There were many items for the taking at the Friends of the NRA Banquet. Besides many firearms, people had the opportunity to bid for bar stools, artwork, knives, and an electric guitar autographed by Ted Nugent.

"The money goes to the NRA Foundation, which is 100 percent non-political. We have absolutely nothing to do with any of the politics."

- Greg Stephens

\$815,000,000, and awarded 3,000 grants across the country. Wrangell hosted the Friends of the NRA last Saturday at the Nolan Center, where the organization held a fundraiser banquet.

Greg Stephens was the master of ceremonies for the evening. This was the second year the Friends of the NRA held a banquet in Wrangell, and he said he was impressed with the turnout. Last year's banquet sold out with roughly 150 attendees, and he said they sold out again this year. Banquet attendees also had the opportunity to enter raffles for various firearms and other items, and to participate in a live auction.

"The money goes to the NRA Foundation, which is 100 percent non-political. We have absolutely nothing to do with any of the politics," Stephens said. "Half of the money stays in the state of Alaska, and we give it out in the form of grants every year. The other half goes to the national foundation, which is given out in grants. 100 percent of all net proceeds get donated back to the mission."

Stephens explained that because they've hosted a banquet, Wrangell will get to have a voice in where the money raised goes. A delegate from the town gets to vote in the state fund meeting in Anchorage, and to help determine which grants will receive funds. He added that there was a grant in the works for shooting range improvements in Wrangell.

"Last year we gave away over \$600,000, and this year I expect we'll do the same thing," he said.

To learn more about the Friends of NRA, visit their website at [www.friendsofnra.org](http://www.friendsofnra.org).



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Eric Yancey won a Ruger rifle in a "Big Shooter" raffle at the banquet.

## City prepares to hold hostile intruder drill at AICS clinic

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

Wrangell Mayor Steve Prysunka said that city officials will be holding a "hostile intruder drill" today, Thursday Nov. 8. The drill will involve a number of different departments, including the clinic itself, the hospital, the police department, and the fire/EMS department. He added that Airlift Northwest will also be flying into town to participate in the drill. He said that the drill is meant to test Wrangell's preparedness in case of a crisis.

"Given things that have gone on in the world today, it's a new reality for every community to have to think about," Prysunka said. "Although we do a major disaster drill every year at the airport, we wanted to do something that was a

little bit smaller in scale, but was also based on a potential reality."

Details of the drill could not be released for the sake of security, Prysunka said, but he did give a quick summary of how the drill was expected to go. A "hostile intruder" alert will go out to various authorities. A series of "patients" will be waiting in the AICS clinic to be rescued. Police will secure the building, and EMS will then stabilize the patients and transport them to the hospital for further care.

Prysunka asked that media and the public not attend this drill, to keep things running smoothly and to keep police tactics secure. He said that more information about how the drill went will be made available afterwards, however.



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