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Variety of problems plague public safety building

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Bad luck came in threes for Wrangell's Public Safety Building last month, the latest in a long line of problems with the facility.

A failing elevator, water damage and a colony of carpenter ants have disrupted activity at the building, home to the city's emergency services, courthouse and Department of Motor Vehicles office.

The first setback, that of the elevator, occurred on August 14.

"As far as the elevator is concerned, we had a power outage," said Amber Al-Haddad, head of Public Works. A bird strike temporarily downed power transmission at the time. "It affected one of the control boards and the door motor, and basically fried them."

For several weeks the elevator remained out of commission. Access to the building's services has been limited as a result, as it is the only means other than stairs to get to the second floor, where the DMV, court and police offices are located.

Police Chief Doug McCloskey explained accommodations have been made during the interim, with paperwork brought to the downstairs lobby when possible. Several people, needing either their picture taken for identification cards or to make court appearances, had to be physically assisted up and down the stairway by emergency medical technicians.

Parts were tracked down – not an easy feat, considering the elevator's manufacturer, Dover Elevators, has been out of business since 1999. The facility still maintains a service agreement through Otis Elevator Company, which sent a technician with the necessary parts on Tuesday.



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Signage directs visitors to the Public Safety Building to take the stairs, while tools and parts await use to repair its elevator Tuesday morning. A power outage caused by a bird strike last month put the device out of action for about three weeks.

Al-Haddad said the door's motor and control board will need to be replaced before the lift can be reprogrammed. As it stands, the cost for both the parts and installation nears about \$10,000. However, Al-Haddad conceded more repairs may end up being necessary before it works properly, though that won't be known until the reprogramming.

The ant infestation manifested itself in the office of the court assistant on August 28.



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

The walls have been laid bare in the court assistant's office, after discovering its colonization by carpenter ants. The wall and framing itself has experienced a considerable degree of rot from exposure, and will need to be replaced.

After spotting a group of ants on the window sill she called Public Works, which is responsible for facilities maintenance, and workers helped her move her desk and supplies out of the office. A subsequent inspection behind the west wall and drop ceiling uncovered a colony of carpenter ants had taken up residence there.

The colony has reportedly been destroyed, but the discovery of mold and sig-

nificant rot through to the siding had led to the office being sealed up.

"We found that the majority of that wall is rotten," said Al-Haddad.

Constructed in 1985 near the start of Zimovia Highway at its intersection with Bennett Street, over the years water seepage stemming from its roof has undermined walls, windows and other fixtures both in-

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Local café raising funds for Hurricane Harvey relief

By DAN RUDY
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A Wrangell café is raising funds for disaster relief, following the hurricane and deadly floods affecting Texas last month.

Zak's Cafe owners James George and Katherine George-Byrd plan to send all earnings from their Tuesday and Wednesday sales this week to a response fund benefiting Hurricane Harvey victims. On August 24 the storm system became the first category 4 hurricane to make landfall in the United States in over a decade, and the biggest in Texas since Hurricane Carla in 1961. Within a couple of days the deadly storm and related floods had displaced tens of thousands of residents in the Houston area, coastal Texas and neighboring Louisiana.

The Wrangell restaurateurs have in the past raised money for various events, with their most recent raising about \$1,500 to combat child hunger last October.

"If there's a fundraiser where we think money is needed now to help people – and we actually have friends that live in Houston, and we've seen their posts on Facebook about how urgent things are – once the water started receding people that live there started seeing real damage," said George. "Right now it's still just covering the basics of survival, people need to get food, clothing and



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

James George and Katherine George-Byrd get ready to fix up the day's menu ahead of their fundraiser to assist hurricane victims in the Houston area. Sales from Zak's Cafe on Tuesday and Wednesday are to be sent to a fund dedicated to their assistance.

shelter."

George-Byrd said she consulted a friend, formerly of Wrangell now living in Houston. "She's there, she's in Texas. I just asked her, 'We want to donate but we don't know where to yet.'"

Her recommendation had been to contribute to the Houston Flood Relief Fund, an online effort hosted on website YouCaring.com. The fund was put together by professional football player J.J. Watt,

whose Justin J. Watt Foundation had previously raised \$3.3 million for middle school after-school programs. A defensive end for the Houston Texans, Watt has as of Tuesday raised \$20.1 million on the online account.

"He knows where money is needed in that area," said George. "His organization was the first one that popped into my head."

Serving Jamaican grilled sandwiches – using homemade coconut bread, with a recipe George had picked up while visiting

the island nation – and tacos on Tuesday, and a halibut basket and burgers Wednesday, the couple hoped to raise something to contribute to the disaster relief effort.

"If it stays busy during the afternoon we're going to try to stay open later," George said. "As soon as the fundraiser's over we can get right into it." He expected whatever they had raised would be sent out sometime this morning.

The Zak's owners had begun raising money for different causes last year, after a several-year hiatus. Medical concerns during the interim had diverted their focus closer to home, but George-Byrd said everything has since improved.

"We finally feel we need to get back out there and start fundraising and helping," she said.

For those interested in contributing to Harvey relief or to learn more about the J.J. Watt Foundation, visit www.youcaring.com/victimsofhurricaneharvey-915053. The Federal Emergency Management Agency also maintains a page on the crisis with suggestions for how best to assist, at www.fema.gov/hurricane-harvey. The agency is also reaching out to residents in Florida and other Gulf of Mexico borders to the threats posed by Hurricane Irma, an even larger, category 5 storm making its way through the Caribbean Sea this week.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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

Thursday, Sept. 7: Chris Versteeg, Clara Waddington, Leah McCandless, Mathias Wiederspohn, Donna Wellons, *Anniversary:* Colin and Erin Anderson. **Friday, Sept 8:** Inky Bushnell, Leroy Travers, Peggy Wilson. Maxi Wiederspohn. **Saturday, Sept.9** Andrew Scambler, Hope Miller, Ruby Taylor, Jody Waddington, Marlo Ellsworth, Josh Blatchley, Marit Stevens. **Sunday, Sept. 10** Connor Blake, Lucille Merrit, Trinity Jackson Sr., Carol Haaseth. *Anniversary: Harry and Rose Sundberg, Arnold and Alice Bakke.* **Monday, Sept. 11:** Sanoe Harrison, Recca Helgeson, Jae Eastaugh, Nancy Cummings. **Tuesday, Sept. 12:** Katelyn Early, Rusty Bushnell, Bryant Benjamin, David Rak, *Anniversary:* Jason and Sabra Neyman. **Wednesday, Sept. 13:** Jenny Mork, Bernie Massin, Frank Johnson, John Waddington, Kalcie Klinke, Jim NelsonSr., Wanda Banta, *Anniversary:* Jeff and Heidi Villarma. **Thursday, Sept. 14:** Mikki Angerman. *If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary at no charge please call the Sentinel at 874-2301.*

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, Sept. 7

Cup of tomato, ham sandwich with lettuce and tomato.

Friday, Sept. 8

Halibut enchilada, spanish rice, chips and salsa, calico corn salad.

Monday, Sept. 11

Half a chees and tomato sandwich, cabbage patch soup, danish salad.

Tuesday, Sept. 12

Chinese Pork, rice, oriental veggie, green salad.

Wednesday, Sept. 13

Herb chicken, oven fries peas, carrot and raisin salad.

Thursday, Sept. 14

Chili dog, creamy cole slaw, corn bread.

Please call Wrangell Senior Center at 874-2066 by 10 a.m. for reservations. Milk, tea and coffee will be served with meals.

FERRY SCHEDULE

Departures

Northbound

Saturday, Sept. 9

Matanuska 11:15 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 10

Malaspina 4:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 12

Matanuska 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 16

Matanuska 6:30 a.m.

Southbound

Thursday, Sept. 7

Matanuska 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 11

Matanuska 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 13

Malaspina 7:00 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 14

Matanuska 10:00 p.m.

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



TIDES TABLE Aug 31 - Sept 7

	High Tides		Low Tides					
	AM Time	PM Ft	AM Time	PM Ft	AM Time	PM Ft		
Sept. 7	2:04	17.2	2:32	16.9	8:07	-1.2	8:23	0
Sept. 8	2:40	17.0	3:03	17.1	8:39	-0.9	9:00	-0.4
Sept. 9	3:18	16.5	3:37	17.1	9:14	-0.4	9:41	-0.4
Sept.10	4:00	15.8	4:14	16.9	9:52	0.5	10:27	-0.2
Sept.11	4:47	14.7	4:58	16.3	10:36	1.7	11:21	0.3
Sept.12	5:44	13.5	5:53	15.6	11:28	2.9
Sept.13	7:00	12.6	7:05	15.0	0:24	0.9	12:32	4.0
Sept.14:	8:49	12.5	8:30	14.9	1:40	1.2	1:51	4.6

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, September 7

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.

Tuesday, September 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.s

Is the attendance at your meeting or event low? Call Adrienne at the Sentinel to have it placed here.

Wednesday, September 13

Pioneers of Alaska Womens Igloo #15 : Potluck at 6:00. Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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: 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.

September 13, 1917: The town council met in regular monthly session Thursday night. The school board was authorized to purchase three typewriters and a microscope. The school board was directed to submit plans for a shed for the school playground. H.D. Campbell was awarded contracts for a walk on Church street and roadway on Case avenue, also a bridge on Case avenue. A communication was read from a Front street resident complaining that two houses of ill repute on Front street are a nuisance. Marshal Earl West was summoned before the council and directed to notify the tenants of the houses mentioned in the complaint to abate to the nuisance at once, and that if they did not do so the council would take steps to force them to do so.

September 11, 1942: Wrangell merchants topped the Territory in making their cost of living commodity reports, according to a message received this morning from Mrs. Mildred R. Hermann. Alaska OPA director. "Congratulations to Wrangell for being the first town in Alaska to achieve 100 per cent rating on cost of living reports," said Mrs. Hermann's radiogram to the local rationing board. The local board issued the following statement: The local board is grateful to the merchants of Wrangell for the fine cooperation they have shown in carrying out the provisions of price control. We appreciate the additional burden which has been placed upon all in meeting the requirements of war and we are proud that Wrangell has come through, as we felt sure it would to point the way for the rest of the Territory. This is an example of the spirit

of united effort which wins wars.

September 8, 1967: There is a lot of different kinds of progress going on in Wrangell these days. At the Totem Bakery a new electric oven is being installed. It's had its day Lee Stella remarked. "We estimated baking around a million loaves of bread in it." The Stellas came Wrangell in 1951 and started operating at the present site since 1952. Mrs. Kay Stella and daughter Cerrina are in the middle west visiting family and daughter Madelyn is attending college in Germany, taking a concentrated language course.

September 3, 1992: The work repair on the break water is now complete. Ritchie Transportation, under supervision of the Army Corps of Engineers completed the work in about eight days. The Corps was ex-

perimenting with a new technique called "shotcrete." Concrete was pumped into the existing breakwater through a hose. The concrete not only patched holes in the breakwater, but penetrated the rocks beneath, making it one solid mass that water can't seep through.

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L N M: \$3.75

Alpine Mini Mart: \$3.75

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SE Island Fuel: \$3.69

Petersburg Motors: \$3.61

Unleaded gas prices posted Tuesday, September 5th



Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Aug. 29:	57	49
Aug. 30:	57	49
Aug. 31:	58	48
Aug. 1:	56	45
Aug. 2:	55	45
Aug. 3:	55	44
Aug. 4:	55	44
Aug. 5:	54	44



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Sept.7	6:02 am	7:29pm	13:27h
Sept.8	6:04am	7:27pm	13:23h
Sept.9	6:06am	7:24pm	13:18h
Sept.10	6:08am	7:21pm	13:13h
Sept.11	6:10am	7:19pm	13:09h
Sept.12	6:12am	7:16pm	13:04h
Sept.13	6:13am	7:14pm	13:01h
Sept.14.	6:15am	7:11pm	12:56h

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Fourth special session may be called for revenues

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Last week, Alaska's lawmakers received word from the governor's office another session may be called for October.

On August 31 emails were sent to members of the Alaska Legislature, letting them know a special session – the fourth of the year – will likely be called to discuss revenue.

During the second special session in July an operating budget was passed, with a capital budget approved the following month in another session. The spending bills came with cuts and an overhaul of the state's oil tax credit system, but

without new sources of revenue.

During the year competing strategies on how to make up for declining petroleum royalties and taxes were offered in the House and Senate, with a measure of consensus reached by both chambers on a restructuring of the Permanent Fund. Other options still being considered include reinstatement of an income tax, or implementation of a statewide sales tax. However, neither option will likely close the prospective \$2.7 billion spending deficit, and some combination is likely.

As it stands, the state has nearly emptied its Constitutional Budget Reserve after five

years of drawing on it and other accounts. The approximately \$2 billion left by next year is not expected to last much longer at the present rate.

Details on what Gov. Bill Walker might propose are not yet available, and an official proclamation is expected later this month. Alaska's Constitution requires 30 days' notice be given before legislators can be called into session.

Responding to the news in an announcement later that day, the coalition Alaska House Majority seemed ready to adopt a fiscal plan for the state, which it considered incomplete following previous sessions.

"The facts are that low oil prices are likely for the foreseeable future and we currently have less than one year's worth of savings to fund essential state

services like public education and public safety. That means it is time for all of us to put aside politics and come together to find a sustainable fiscal solution for Alaska," said Rep. Bryce Edgmon (D-Dillingham), House Speaker. "The members of the Alaska House Majority coalition are prepared to go back to work to finish what we started earlier this year when we passed a full fiscal plan that included new revenue to fill the budget gap. I am concerned that if action is not taken this fall the politics that inevitably spring up during an election year will get in the way of real and comprehensive fiscal solutions next year."

Speaking for the Republican-led Alaska Senate Majority, Sen. Pete Kelly (R-Fairbanks) said, "The Senate is committed to re-

ducing state spending and passing a spending limit. Earlier this year, when the economy was losing thousands of jobs, the Senate voted to protect working families by defeating an unnecessary income tax. The economy hasn't improved, but we plan to give the governor's revenue proposals a fair hearing."

Rep. Dan Ortiz (U-District 36) was unable to comment on the announcement by Tuesday's press time. However, he will be in Wrangell to meet with the Borough Assembly Friday at 1:30 p.m., inside City Hall.

"This is an informal meeting," he explained, gathering input for the coming session. Afterward, he intends to meet with Wrangell Cooperative Association to hear its concerns on a planned monofill site near Pats Creek.

Police report

Monday, August 28

Title 47.

Civil matter: Yard equipment returned to owner.

Paper service.

Line crew called out for power outage all up and going.

Tuesday, August 29

Report dead deer.

DVO papers.

Agency assist: Harbor department boat alarm going off.

Wednesday, August 30

Citizen reported a DUI UTL.

Parking complaint: Vehicle parked in the bus zone.

Thursday, August 31

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.

Abandoned vehicle: Owner will move vehicle tomorrow.

Agency Assist: AICS

Friday, September 1

Traffic: Vehicle in ditch.

Summons service.

Summons service.

Saturday, September 2

Disturbance: Domestic.

Harassment.

Subpoena Service.

Suspicious behavior.

Noise complaint: Verbal warning given to two persons for setting off fireworks.

Sunday, September 3

Suspicious incident.

Driving complaint.

Subpoena Service.

SE Conference to focus on ferries, budget

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Later this month the region's economic development organization will be meeting in Haines to discuss new trends, problems and opportunities it will face in the coming year.

Representing many of the area's municipalities, federally-recognized tribes, businesses, government agencies and organizations, Southeast Conference holds two major forums each year, in the spring and in the fall. Its autumn meeting is its biggest, in past years drawing hundreds to hear about and discuss concerns unique to the region, from transportation and utilities to its maritime, tourism and timber industries, to environmental and regulatory issues.

With state legislators looking to close a \$2.7 billion spending deficit before next year (see Special Session article) and with government spending accounting for a significant proportion of the regional economy, an area SEC will be tackling early on in its three-day schedule will be diversifying economic development in the region.

One of the conference's key pieces is its annual By the Numbers Report, which assesses trends in jobs and wages on a sector-by-sector basis. Details on the state of the economy will be available at the time of the meeting, but an annual business survey conducted by SEC has found that while nearly all business leaders it talked to expressed economic concerns for the region, about two-thirds were optimistic about their own sectors.

The findings mirror statewide

economic confidence measures, which in July were announced by the state Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development to have increased slightly during the second quarter of 2017. From a high point in the middle of 2014, the confidence index took several tumbles as state revenue streams continued to dry up.

"The Southeast Alaska spirit is very optimistic," commented Meilani Schijvens, of analytics firm Rain Coast Data in Juneau. The consultancy puts together the conference's economic reports, and this year has also made updates to the SEC regional economic plan.

The annual meeting will feature a number of guest speakers, presenting on different aspects of the economy. An industry panel on timber, for instance, will include Viking Lumber vice president Bryce Dahlstrom and former Alaska Pulp Corporation manager Frank Roppel. On the state of the healthcare industry, PeaceHealth Ketchikan director Matt Eisenhower will deliver a presentation, and Ralph Samuels of Holland America will be among those speaking about the visitor industry.

In terms of tourism, Schijvens said the sector is expected to continue its growth, with new lines entering the market in the next few years, as well as more vessels and bigger cruise liners. And this year's SEC meeting will be a first to focus on healthcare as a sector, as well as the arts. Two years ago a special economic study highlighted the contribution art makes to the Southeast economy, and Schijvens explained its own forum

this year is a follow-up to that work.

For seafood development, Trident Seafoods legal counsel Joe Plesha will be joined with Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation director Julie Decker. Decker will be speaking on mariculture development, and progress a special task force formed last year by Gov. Bill Walker has made so far.

"We're actually seeing some progress," she explained, pointing out that permits for maricultural production in the state will have increased by half this year, up to 46. The acreage being used by permit-holders may increase by even more, nearly quadrupling to 1,300 acres.

"The real story is going to be the Alaska Marine Highway System," Schijvens said of the conference. A second phase report is anticipated from a steering committee formed last year, which was tasked with restructuring the public ferry system to make it more sustainable in the long term. For the first phase, a draft report was presented to SEC at its mid-session summit this March.

In all, Schijvens anticipated the upcoming meeting should touch most of Southeast's economic bases, based on priority objectives identified by SEC's membership.

"We've mirrored the agenda to match that," she commented. "I think it's going to be a really fantastic meeting."

With the ferry from Juneau scheduled to arrive the day before, on September 18, the meeting itself will begin the morning of September 19 at the Southeast Alaska State Fairgrounds' Harriett Hall. Several days of meetings and presentations will conclude at midday, September 21.

Copies of the draft agenda and travel details are available on SEC's website, at www.seconference.org/annual. This year's conference is expected to see more than 200 attendees, so participants are advised to make arrangements as early as possible.



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Unrelated June strike delay costs SEAPA

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Delays to line maintenance prompted by a public employee strike in Wrangell this June will cost a regional power utility an extra \$103,000.

Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) chief executive Trey Acteson presented board members with a change order for the project, which would among other maintenance tasks replace marker balls along the transmission lines connecting Tyee Lake to the grid. Work had been set to start the latter half of June, during which time Wrangell would have had to run on its diesel backups. But an unrelated strike by two dozen of its city employees began on June 22, and raised concerns Wrangell Municipal Light and Power would be unable to maintain power during the two-week interval.

Northern Powerline Constructors had already mobilized for the task, which involved helicopters and training. SEAPA made the decision to delay the project in light of the circumstances, and though the strike was resolved by June 29 demobilization had already taken place. Work would instead be held until the summer production demand had subsided.

"I think we were proactive in shutting down as fast as we could when we saw a problem there," Acteson commented.

The cost for stand-by time, mobilization and demobilization was estimated at \$103,132, the amount of the change order. Nearly all voting and alternate members of SEAPA's board were present for the decision, with Clay Hammer sitting in for Wrangell member Stephen Prysunka. The change order was approved by unanimous decision, as was an amendment to the budget reflecting that. Operations manager Steve Henson added that the ball marker replacement has been scheduled to resume this week, lasting through September 16.

At the recommendation of agency staff, board members unanimously rejected bids received for an inspection project for Tyee submarine cables, with the project to be rebid a date determined by staff.

"We had two bids," said Acteson. "And the low bid was \$295,000. The high bid was \$815,901."

A request for proposals had been put out on July 24, with

bids received by August 17. SEAPA had anticipated offers from more firms than were received, and after considering the bid packages its staff had concluded the offers were insufficient for the project.

"There are challenges, as you know. We've got 1,200 foot depth, and we've got tides," Acteson explained to the board. "I really expected to see somebody that had done multiple cable inspections, that had a nice radio setup, that identified

\$708,600 high bid.

"This one also has a large spread, but we looked at it very closely and I think the high bidder just totally missed the project. I think the low bidder is pretty much right on our budget estimate," said Acteson, who expressed confidence in their credentials. "They're familiar with the project."

The board also unanimously approved award of a bid to BAM LLC for brushing work along the Swan-Tyee intertie transmission line, in the Neets

Bay area. The company's was the low bid of two offers, for \$256,000. An additional \$10,000 contingency was also

approved for the contract.

The board's next meeting is scheduled for September 28, to be held in Ketchikan.

Death Notice

Thomas Charles Maxand, 83, of Wrangell, passed away on August 24, 2017, in Edmonds, Washington, of natural causes. Information regarding a future memorial service, and full obituary, will follow in the future.

"I think we were proactive in shutting down as fast as we could when we saw a problem there,"

- Trey Acteson,
SEAPA chief executive

problems with the cable, and made recommendations on repairs. And we did not get that."

Staff will reevaluate their project details, and may bid with some greater flexibility to encourage more applicants.

The board approved a bid received from BAM LLC of Ketchikan for a metalworks project at Swan Lake's reservoir. Their offer had been \$162,000 plus a 10-percent contingency for mobilization and other potentialities, against a

CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

Pursuant to the City & Borough of Wrangell Code, Sec. 3.04.808, notice is hereby given that the regular assembly meetings of the assembly shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The meetings shall be held at 7:00 p.m., in the Assembly Chambers, City Hall, Wrangell. If any such Tuesday shall fall on a legal holiday as defined by the laws of the State of Alaska, the meetings scheduled for that day shall be held at the same hour on the next succeeding day which is not a holiday. Separate notice for the regular council meetings shall not be required. There will be no regular meetings the second Tuesday in July and August and fourth Tuesday in December.

Kim Lane, Borough Clerk
City of Wrangell, Alaska

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In Loving Memory of Annie Armstrong

April 11th, 1921 — July 23rd, 2017

Annie Armstrong got her wish, to die at home, and was united with the Lord, July 23rd 2017. She began her life April 11th, 1921 having been born in her parents' house near Omeeme Ontario Canada. She joined a large extended family and was the 2nd of 4 children. Parents were Francis {Fanny} Fee and Charles William Fee. Her nickname was wee Annie.

She had no intention of moving as she had established a business raising Turkeys for the local Oshawa market.

Everything changed when she met her brother in law at a family dinner.

Her new life began as a Fish Buyers wife after arriving in Wrangell in March of 1951 aboard the steamship Baranof out of Seattle with her husband Harvey {Curly} Armstrong.

Rumor had it she was a "mail order Bride".

She became the book keeper of the business and vividly remembers walking over huge Halibut {her previous experience with fish was canned salmon} to get to the office.

If you ever heard her tell the story of her arrival and other life stories, you knew she had an amazing memory and was a gifted storyteller.

Visitors were always welcomed with a cup of her favorite tea and a snack. She loved sitting around her table with treasured friends, family and visitors of all ages discussing current events well into her 90's.

The Presbyterian Church was an important part of her life. She not only served as a Deacon, taught Sunday school for years but willingly volunteered at the Annual Bazaar at the dessert table into her 90's as well.

She coordinated the 1st 4-H club in Wrangell and helped her husband manage Armstrong Rents.

Her love of gardening became a business, Anns Gardens. She loved shar-



ing her gift of gardening in SE Alaska with others. Of the hanging baskets she sold, her favorites were begonias.

Raised during the Depression she was the ultimate recycler. Used broom handles became walking sticks. Egg shells, tea bags and banana peels were put around her favorite flowers, Roses. Used envelopes were saved to make notes on. Leftovers and yard clippings went to the mulch pile.

Her strong Faith was harshly tested in the

early 80s when stage 3 Ovarian cancer was diagnosed. Her prognosis was grim but God had other plans for her, Reaching out to others with cancer was very important to her.

When her husband became ill, love and perseverance sustained her for years as she cared for him at home. Although moving him to Long Term Care was extremely hard, she went every day for dinner and soon found a niche helping new and old friends.

She passed her Deep Love and Legacy of Honesty, Integrity, doing your Best and Faith in God to her 3 surviving children; Robert {Denice} Armstrong, Wrangell, William {Cindy} Armstrong Marysville, Washington, Dianne {Charlie} Christensen, Petersburg. Grandchildren are Robbie, Amber, Alicia and Harmony Armstrong. Heather Kaminsky, Mathew Armstrong, Charlie, Anders and Annie Christensen; she also had 15 Great grand children. She is also survived by her brother Charles {Annie} Fee and numerous nieces and nephews.

Annie was preceded in death by her husband Robert Harvey Armstrong and now rests beside him in Sunset Gardens in Wrangell.

Memorials may be made to the Presbyterian Church, 220 Church Street, Wrangell, AK 99929.

A Funeral was held August 2nd at the Wrangell Presbyterian Church.

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 Public notice is hereby given that the regular board meeting of the Wrangell Medical Center Board of Directors shall be held on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Nolan Center Classroom, Wrangell, Alaska. Separate notice for the regular Board of Directors meeting shall not be required.

Kris Reed
 Board Secretary
 Wrangell Medical Center
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Candidates set for October ballot

A deadline passed last week for getting placed on the October 3 municipal election ballot.

Most seats up for election have at least one candidate, with one seat still without candidates and another to be contested in a three-way race.

Contending for one unexpired seat on the Public School Board are incumbent Robert Rang, Caitlin Cardinell and David Wilson. The position would be for two years, expiring in 2019. Jessica Rooney will be running unopposed for one three-year seat on the board.

On the Borough Assembly, two three-year terms are up for contest. Incumbent Stephen Prysunka has applied to run for another term on the council, and Rolland Howell will be running unopposed for the second seat.

With his seat on the council soon to expire, Mark Mitchell instead will be running for a three-year term on the Port Commission.

Two four-year seats on the Wrangell Medical Center Board are being sought by residents Jennifer Bates and Rebecca Christensen. A third, two-year position remains uncontested.

In the coming weeks, interviews with the different municipal candidates will be included in each issue of the Sentinel. There is still opportunity to run as a write-in candidate, with information on that process available either at City Hall or on the www.wrangell.com website.

City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska
PUBLIC NOTICE
 Vacancy on the Inter-Island Ferry Authority

The City and Borough of Wrangell is accepting *letters of interest* for the following vacancy:

One (1) seat to the Inter-Island Ferry Authority (to represent Wrangell)
The term for this vacancy is until June 30, 2021

Any interested person is eligible to apply. Letters of interest should be submitted to:
 Mayor David L. Jack
 PO Box 531
 Wrangell, AK 99929
 or you can email your *letter of interest* to the Borough Clerk at: clerk@wrangell.com on or before **Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.**

Kim Lane, MMC
 Borough Clerk

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Vacancy on the Wrangell Medical Center Board

The City and Borough of Wrangell is accepting *letters of interest* from citizens who wish to serve on the Board of Directors for the Wrangell Medical Center.

The unexpired term of appointment is unexpired until October 2017.

Any interested person is eligible to apply. Letters of interest should be submitted to:
 Mayor David L. Jack
 PO Box 531
 Wrangell, AK 99929
 or you can email your *letter of interest* to the Borough Clerk at: clerk@wrangell.com on or before **Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.**

Information on the powers and duties of the Wrangell Medical Center Board are contained in the Board of Directors' Bylaws. A copy of which can be obtained by contacting the Borough Clerk at 205 Brueger Street or email to clerk@wrangell.com.

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Kim Lane, MMC
 Borough Clerk

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA
NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 3rd day of October 2017, there will be held in the City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska, a Regular Election for the purpose of voting on the following City Offices.

Assembly:	Two – (3 Year Terms)
Port Commission:	One – (3 Year Term)
School Board:	One – (3 Year Term)
School Board:	One – (2 Year <i>Unexpired</i> Term until 2019)
Hospital Board:	Two – (4 Year Terms)
Hospital Board:	One – (2 Year <i>Unexpired</i> Term until 2019)

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

Publish: August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2017

WRANGELL-PETERSBURG RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTICE AND CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS

The Wrangell-Petersburg-Kake Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will be meeting on Saturday, September 23, 2017. The purpose of the meeting is to review the progress of previously funded projects, review new project proposals, and make recommendations for funding of projects through Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act (PL 110-343).

The meeting will take place via video teleconference at the Wrangell and Petersburg Ranger District Offices. The RAC will meet from 8:00am to 5:00pm, or until business is concluded. The meeting is open to the public. A toll free teleconference number will be available for individuals who wish to attend by telephone. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, a one-hour public comment period will be open during the meeting beginning at 10:00 am. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by Monday, September 18th to be scheduled on the agenda.

Title II funds may be used for projects that benefit the National Forest and have broad-based support with objectives that may include, but are not limited to:

- Road, trail, and infrastructure maintenance or obliteration
- Soil productivity improvement
- Improvements in forest ecosystem health
- Watershed restoration and maintenance
- Restoration, maintenance and improvement of wildlife and fish habitat
- Control of noxious and exotic weeds
- Reestablishment of native species

New project proposal forms are available at the Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger District offices. To be considered at the September 23rd committee meeting, proposals should be submitted in writing no later than Monday, September 18th. Proposals will continue to be accepted after that date, but sufficient funding may not be available to consider all proposals received. For assistance with the form, or for other information pertaining to the meeting, please contact Linda Slaght, RAC Coordinator, at 772-3871 or by e-mail at lslaght@fs.fed.us. For other information, contact either of the Designated Federal Officials; David Zimmerman, Petersburg District Ranger, 772-3871 or Robert Dalrymple, Wrangell District Ranger, 874-2323.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

For the upcoming City and Borough of Wrangell Regular Election of October 3, 2017, the following ordinance applies:
2.16.030 Write-in Candidates and Write-in Votes. Individuals who fail to file a declaration of candidacy but wish to run for office as a write-in candidate, must file with the borough clerk, a letter of intent no later than five p.m. on the Friday preceding the election (September 29, 2017) 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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For those voters who cannot VOTE ABSENTEE IN PERSON, you may submit an application to have your ballot mailed or faxed to you beginning Tuesday, September 4, 2017, at 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.
 Please stop by the Borough Clerk's Office to apply.

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

The City and Borough of Wrangell will be holding a public hearing on **Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Assembly Chambers at City Hall, 205 Brueger Street, for the purpose of accepting alternative proposals for funding consideration, and seeking citizen views and community comments on proposed projects for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

ELIGIBLE TYPES OF PROJECTS

CDBG funds may be used for:

- 1) *Community Development* (including, but not limited to, construction of health clinics, water and sewer systems, solid waste disposal facilities, docks and harbors, electrical distribution lines, barge facilities, boardwalks, removal of architectural barriers, property acquisition, fire protection facilities and equipment);
- 2) *Planning* (including feasibility studies and other planning documents, but NOT engineering design costs); and
- 3) *Special Economic Development* (activities associated with commercial and industrial structures and job creation – very narrowly defined activities).

Project funding ideas may be submitted prior to the public hearing or during the public hearing. Please drop off ideas in writing at City Hall or by email to ecodev@wrangell.com. There are more detailed guidelines for each category, posted on the City's website at www.wrangell.com/economicdevelopment. For more information, please contact Carol Rushmore at 874-2381.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH

Sea Cucumbers added to list of foods claiming to kill cancer cells

Alaska sea cucumber divers could be helping to cure cancer!

Sea cucumber meat and skins have long been considered a delicacy in Asian cuisines; they also are hailed for having healing properties that soothe sore joints and arthritis. Most recently the soft, tubular bottom dwellers are being added to the list of foods acclaimed to kill cancer cells. Dried sea cucumber or extract is anti-viral; anti-bacterial, and an anti-inflammatory, said Ty Bollinger, a leading cancer expert and author of *Cancer: Step Outside the Box*. "Sea cucumbers are very high in chondroitin sulfate, commonly used to treat joint pain and arthritis. To my knowledge, they have the highest concentrations of any animal," he said in an interview, adding that scientists have been studying the echinoderms for more than 15 years. "They have properties that are cytotoxic, meaning they kill cancer cells, and that also help stimulate your immune system. The sea cucumber does both," Bollinger added.

The cuke extracts have demonstrated the ability to kill lung, breast, prostate, skin, colon, pancreatic and liver cancer cells, re-

ports Ethan Evers, author of *The Eden Prescription*. Credit for clobbering the cancer cells goes to a special molecule called Frondoside A isolated from the sea cucumber by researchers at United Arab Emirates University. In a 2013 PubMed.gov report, the researchers said Frondocide A was a "highly safe compound" that in lab tests significantly decreased the growth and migration of lung cancer cells. They said their findings identify it as "a promising novel therapeutic agent for lung cancer." While sea cucumber capsules, powders and liquids can be bought over the pharmacy counter, Bollinger said you won't see cancer credentials on the packaging because the claims have not been verified by federal health agencies.

A scan of online retail shelves shows a varied mix of products and sizes typically selling between \$20 to \$40. Alaska Wild Caught Sun Dried Red Sea Cucumbers are priced at \$75 to \$145 per pound. Cukes sold to the food market fetch \$25 to \$110 per pound.

There are nearly 1,700 species of sea cucumbers in the world's oceans. Starting October 1, up to 200 Alaska divers will be heading down for the red variety that thrives throughout Southeast waters. The animals, which can grow to 20 inches and weigh just over a pound, typically produce a harvest that tops one million pounds.

The divers usually get more than \$4 a pound for cukes, making the fishery worth nearly \$5 million at the docks. It could be worth far more but sea otters have devoured virtually every sea cucumber from the Panhandle's most abundant bays in recent years

Count belugas! Citizen scientists and whale lovers are invited to help count belugas in Upper Cook Inlet. The first annual Belugas Count! will begin at 9am on Saturday, September 9 with shoreside counts from 12 stations in Turnagain and Knik Arm using binoculars and aerial survey videos. From noon to 5pm, the Alaska Zoo will feature beluga related booths and events; the beluga tally will be announced at the end of the day.

The free, all-day event is a collaboration by federal and state agencies and organizations to bring more awareness to the endangered beluga whales. "Belugas are a big part of what makes Cook Inlet a special place, but they need our help," said Jim Balsiger, head of NOAA Fisheries in Alaska. "This event is a great way for the public



WHS runners

Wrangell High School's cross-country team gets in a group photo on August 26, after its first meet of the season in Juneau. Heading to Klawock the following weekend, senior student JD Barratt (second from left, giving bunny ears) placed second overall among the boys, and was first for Wrangell's division. The team will be hosting schools from across the region this weekend, with a five-kilometer cross-country meet scheduled for Saturday morning near the 40 mph sign on Spur Road. A community fundraising run to benefit the program will precede the meet at 8 a.m., with boys set to start at 8:45 and the girls' run beginning at 9:30.

to get involved and support beluga whale conservation." The Cook Inlet beluga population numbered around 1,300 in the 1970s but has dwindled to just over 300 animals today, said Bob Shavelson of Cook Inletkeeper, which has been tracking the belugas for federal overseers for a decade. "They are not rebounding and we need to know what is going on," Shavelson said. "We've seen virtually no change in industrial activity in Upper Cook Inlet as a result of the whales being placed on the endangered species list. The municipality of Anchorage is still dumping up to 30 million gallons a day of treated sewage into beluga habitat."

Get more information about Belugas Count! on the NOAA website and on Facebook.

Fish funds - The national Saltonstall Kennedy grant competition - ongoing since 1954 - is calling for simplified advance proposals for its annual backing of projects that focus on the US fishing industry. The money - about \$145 million most years - comes from a tax paid to the U.S. Customs Service on seafood imports. About \$12 million will fund SK grants this go around, ranging from \$25,000 to \$300,000 for two years. The popular program is always top heavy with academic and state ap-

plicants but it is trying to broaden its range, said Dan Namur, director of external funding for NOAA Fisheries.

"Over the past two years we've tried to open the door and make it more accessible to everybody," Namur said during an outreach trip to Alaska. "We're really seeking applications that demonstrate a direct benefit to the U.S. fishing industry and that have a lot of involvement from fishing communities. "Alaska received more than \$1.5 million in SK grants last year primarily for fishery data collection projects. The call now is for two-page proposals that focus on four areas, including marine aquaculture and seafood marketing. "From marketing existing fisheries to developing new markets for a fish that is underutilized, as well as branching out into areas that we're not tapping as well as we could," Namur explained.

Another funding target is environmental changes and long-term impacts on fishing communities. "That could be physical changes happening in the environment. It also could be socio-economic impacts on the working waterfront, the communities and the individuals who live there," he said. A fourth SK grant priority is territorial science. "We're looking for better information for data poor

areas," Namur said. "One of the things we found in our territories, whether in the Western Pacific or the Caribbean, we need better data to make solid management decisions."

Deadline for SK pre-proposals is October 10. www.Grants.gov

Video bling - The Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute is holding its first video contest that showcases the fishing life. "Scenery and fishing is great but we also want to see more footage from processors and other parts of the industry. Alaska's seafood industry may start in the ocean and on the boats, but it ends at the plate. It would be great to capture some of that in the videos," said Jeremy Woodward, ASMI Communications Director.

Three winning videos up to five minutes long will be selected to be included in ASMI's promotional programs around the globe. Cash prizes are \$1,500; \$1,000 and \$500. Deadline to enter is September 30. Questions? Visit here or www.alaskaseafood.org/

Salmon watch - Alaska's total salmon catch has surpassed the preseason forecast of 204 million fish, topping 206 million salmon on Friday with lots of fishing left to go.

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Moose season to start next week

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

The 2017 moose season is set to begin next week, with the monthlong harvest opening on September 15.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has already seen an increase in permits being issued as the season approaches. Last year's harvest for District 3 – encompassing Wrangell, Petersburg, and surrounding islands – had seen 110 moose taken, according to ADFG harvest records. It was the district's best on record, surpassing 109 harvested in 2009.

“Everything's pretty much the same,” Petersburg-area wildlife biologist Rich Lowell said of this year.

Putting an estimate on the moose population has been hampered, as the department was unable to conduct aerial observation this winter. A lack of snow cover and pilot unavailability were contributing factors. “Things didn't really line up,” said Lowell.

However, given the relatively mild winter this past year, he expected the population to be doing well or at least average.

One noticeable trend in the region has been a population shift from the mainland to outlying islands. Over the past several decades, moose have been spreading westward, to the point where all the major islands in District 3 have populations.

“Kupreanof has started to lead all of the District 3 islands,” Lowell explained. Fifty had been harvested on the 1,082 square-mile island in 2016, outpacing by far totals taken around the Stikine River or other islands.

Hunters obtaining permits are reminded to submit their completed moose season reports to their nearest ADFG office, either in person or by mail. Those who do not hunt or are unsuccessful can report their activity online as well, on the ADFG site at www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=moosehunting.reporting.

The deer season for most of District 3 opened on August 1, lasting through the end of November. On Mitkof, Woewodski and Butterworth islands, and a portion of Kupreanof, a two-week season begins on October 15.

“I'm hearing good things relative to deer abundance,” Lowell commented. As with moose, the comparatively mild winter weather has benefitted the deer population, as has increased predator control. “We've had our trappers really step up their efforts to harvest wolves over the years.”

Elk hunting also opened for most of District 3 on August 1, running through December 31. More recently, the 10-month season for black bear began last Friday, though local participation in that tends to be slim.

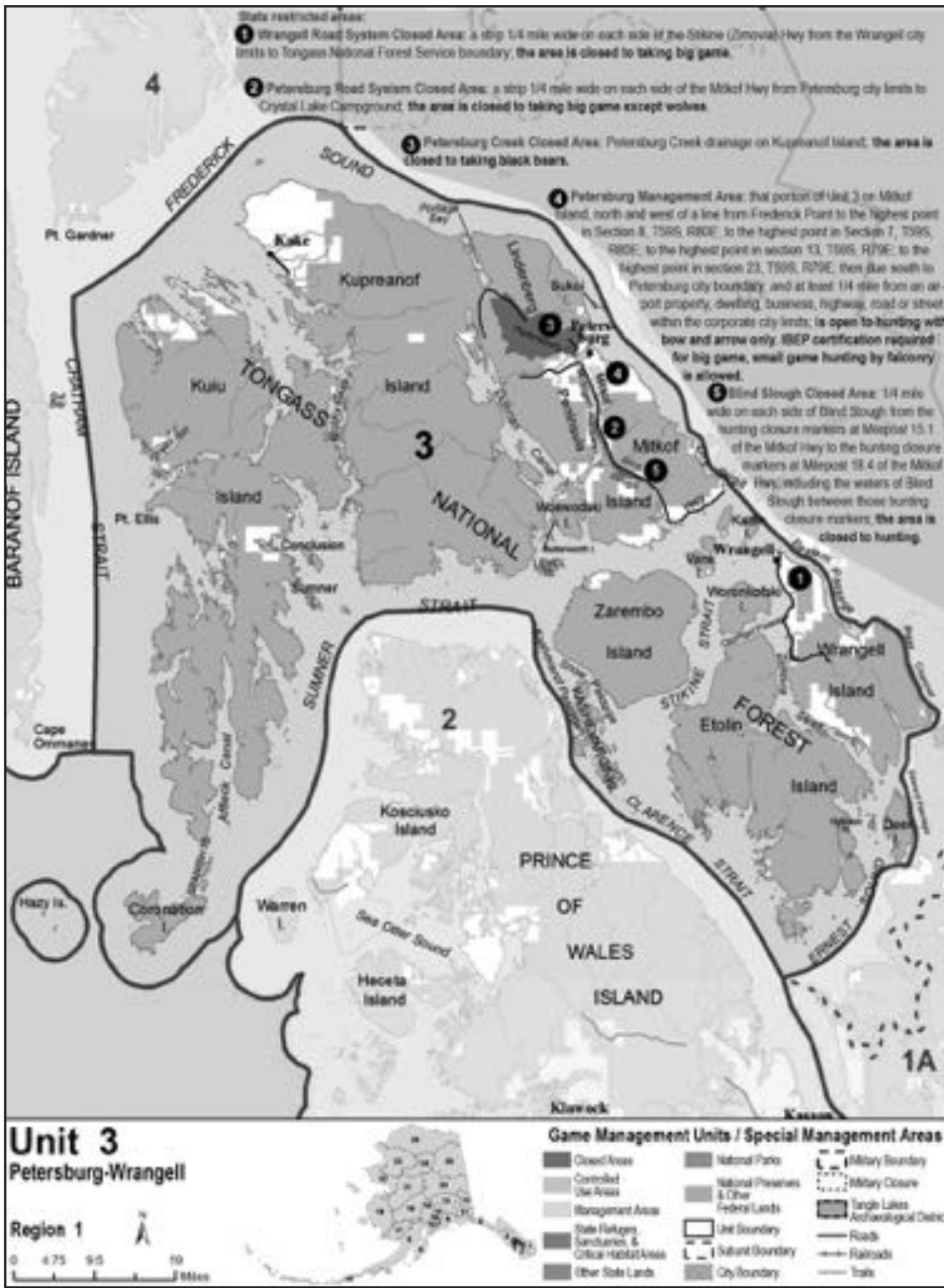


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This map of District 3 lays out the different game management areas in the Petersburg and Wrangell area. At center, Kupreanof Island has in recent years become the most productive area to hunt moose, the season for which begins next Friday.

Building

Continued from page 1

side the building and out. After a full envelope inspection of the building in 2004, the city made a number of fixes to the building's south wall that were completed in 2008.

Further remodeling planned for the courthouse and offices themselves for 2016 were cancelled, with the Alaska Court System citing as one of the reasons failure on the part of the city to properly perform regular maintenance on the leased space. The city proceeded with recarpeting of the offices' and chamber's floorspace, one of the longstanding stipulations of its lease with the state.

As for the troublesome roof itself, together with a new heating system, fire alarms and siding repair, its replacement topped Wrangell's capital projects list for the 2018 fiscal year that began in July. The budgeted amount had been \$335,000, though bids that have since been submitted for the project have come in considerably higher.

“All three bids were over-budget,” said Al-Haddad. The city has since decided to approach the project differently, and has asked Juneau architects Jensen Yorba Lott to put together a proposal for a full envelope inspection, which has not been undertaken since the last, 13 years ago.

“Given the discovery in this area of the building, we are moving forward procuring that assessment immediately so there is an understanding of the full scope of the problem before a solution is determined,” explained Lisa Von Barga, Wrangell's new city manager. “The assessment will be of the entire building envelope and will include the roof, wall/siding systems, and all perforations,” or windows and doors.

“If it is an issue stemming from a roof leak, we want to understand where the problem is,” added Al-Haddad. She said it would not make sense to fix the wall, only to have the damage happen again.

As of Tuesday, the city was still awaiting a reply. Al-Haddad has also reached out to ACS regarding the work and how that will affect its operations, as well as whether the disruption will impact the lease agreement. The city will try to accommodate court staff as best as it can during the process, though the uncertain schedule and space readjustment could prove problematic for their work.

Al-Haddad expressed hope the projects will happen soon, depending on what JYL determines. She expected fixes to happen during the current budget cycle.

“We're just working through the parts and pieces, just putting together a plan,” she said.

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