



## SE Conference sets future priorities, plans to visit Wrangell in 2021

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

Southeast Conference, a regional organization consisting of 185 member organizations and people, was founded in 1958 to help promote the creation of the Alaska Marine Highway. On top of promoting the state ferry sys-

tem, according to their website, Southeast Conference also advocates for economic development, local business, and healthy communities, among other things. The Southeast Conference held its annual meeting Sept. 18-20 in Sitka.

For Assembly Member Mya

DeLong, who attended the conference for her first time this year, it was a very good experience.

"It was very invigorating to see all of the industries that do business in Southeast come together," she said. "So it was nice relationship building, it was a great experience."

According to "Southeast Alaska By the Numbers," a document printed by Southeast Conference for 2019, the total population of Southeast Alaska has decreased to 72,872 in 2018, compared to 74,432 in 2014. The total labor force has remained relatively stable, only falling by

52 people in 2018 compared to 2014. Total job earnings have increased to \$2.28 billion in 2018 from \$2.17 in 2014. The government remains the top employer in the region at 13,148 people, with a growing visitor industry in second place at 8,004 employ-

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## Preliminary election results

A total of 365 ballots were cast on Wrangell's election day, Oct. 1, plus an additional 40 absentee ballots. There were several positions up for election on the borough assembly, school board and port commission. The public also had the opportunity to vote to make a minor amendment to Wrangell's charter, removing the Wrangell Medical Center Board as the hospital is no longer operated by the borough. The following is the preliminary election results (\* indicates preliminary winner):

<b>BOROUGH ASSEMBLY, THREE-YEAR TERM</b>	<b>SCHOOL BOARD, THREE-YEAR TERM</b>
*Julie Decker, 308	*Cyni Crary, 175
*Patricia Gilbert, 310	*Beth Heller, 182
Write-ins, 6	Jayne Howell, 140
<b>BOROUGH ASSEMBLY, UNEXPIRED ONE-YEAR TERM</b>	David Wilson, 166
Caitlin Cardinell, 117	Write-ins, 1
*Drew Larrabee, 243	<b>SCHOOL BOARD, UNEXPIRED ONE-YEAR TERM</b>
*Anne Morrison, 220	*Jeanie Arnold, 239
Jennifer Ridgeway, 64	Sheri Ridgeway, 89
Write-ins, 2	Write-ins, 1
<b>PORT COMMISSION, THREE-YEAR TERM</b>	<b>SCHOOL BOARD, UNEXPIRED TWO-YEAR TERM</b>
*John Yeager, 345	*Patricia Gilbert, 338
Write-ins, 18	Write-ins, 6
<b>PROPOSITION 1</b>	
*Yes, 307.	No, 44

## Changes made to Washington state sales tax exemptions for Alaskans

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For many years, Alaskans have enjoyed a special sales tax exemption in the state of Washington. One Petersburg resident explained that when traveling in Washington, Alaska residents could show their driver's license and be exempt from sales tax on their purchases. According to the Washington state Department of Revenue, this exemption was open to nonresidents who were purchasing "tangible personal property, digital goods, and digital codes, for use outside this state [Washington]." The exemption was open to states, U.S. possessions, or Canadian territories that do not have a sales tax of their own, such as Alaska.

Some Alaskans may not be aware of this, but Washington state has recently altered this exemption.

According to the department of revenue, as of July 1 this year, the retail sales tax exemption for certain nonresidents, Alaskans included, is no longer available at the point of sale. This means that an Alaskan visiting Seattle, for example, can no longer avoid the state sales tax by showing they live in a different state. However, traveling Alaskans need not worry too much. It is still possible to save money, but it now requires some additional paperwork.

"Instead, these consumers may request a refund from the Department of Revenue for the state portion of the sales tax they paid," the department of revenue website reads.

According to their website, nonresidents of Washington can request these refunds beginning in January of 2020, for any purchases made between July and December of this year. The refund requests must include copies of receipts and proof of nonresidency. The website also states that the request must total \$25 or more in sales taxes paid, and refund requests are limited to one per person for the calendar year.

For more information, visit [www.dor.wa.gov](http://www.dor.wa.gov) under the "Retail sales tax" tab



COURTESY OF DAN FLICKENGER

Dan Flickenger and a moose he bagged along the Stikine River.

## Moose numbers above five-year average

By BRIAN VARELA  
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This year's moose harvest looks to be above the five-year average with the moose count at 64 just 17 days into the season.

Between 2014 and 2018, the average moose count for this time of the season was 58. There was a dip in the moose harvest this time last year, with only 42 being taken. Fish and Game Area Biologist Frank Robbins said the warm weather last fall may have been a factor in the low number of moose being taken. In 2017 and 2016, the moose harvest was 64 about 17 days into the season. That same number in 2015 and 2014 was a little lower at 60 and 58 respectively.

Moose season began on Sept. 15 and will run through Oct. 15. Last year's moose season closed with a moose count of 105. In 2017, a unit record of 117 moose were harvested, beating out the 2016 total of 111.

So far, six moose have been shot on Mitkof Island, 20 on Kupreanof Island, excluding the Kake area, six in the Kake area, two on the mainland, 14 from the Stikine River area, nine on Kuiu Island, two in Thomas Bay, four on Wrangell Island, one in Farragut Bay and zero on Woewodski and Zarembo islands.

Of the 64 moose collected, four have been determined to be illegal. Two were from Kuiu Island, one from Farragut Bay and one from the Stikine River area.

In unit three, which encompasses Mitkof and Wrangell islands, residents and nonresidents alike can take one bull moose. For the moose to be deemed legal, it must have spike-fork

antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with three or more brow tines on at least one side or two brow tines on both sides, according to the 2019 - 2020 Alaska hunting regulations.



COURTESY OF KASSEE SCHLOTZHAUER

Kasee Schlotzhauer and her one moose for the season, which she said was bagged last Monday on Wrangell Island.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

**Thursday, October 3:** Jeremy Maxand, David Mork.  
**Friday, October 4:** Bill Privett, Connor Dilg, "Millee", Eva Roher, Thane Ellsworth, Finley Filer. *Anniversary:* K. Rick & Trish Kohrt. **Saturday, October 5:** Gerrit Southland, Tony Byford, Gracie Richard, Kari Massin, Tara Stutz. **Sunday, October 6:** Betty Newman, Becky Simpson, R. Lee Wiederspohn, Abigail Bylow. **Monday, October 7:** Harold Snoddy, Dani Easterly, Jim Wooden, Kirk Davidson, Ed Rilatatos, Jr., Casey Nore, Pat Mork, Jimmy Jabusch. **Tuesday, October 8:** Audrey Durnez, Sandy Churchill, Brian Rooney, Richard Taylor. **Wednesday, October 9:** Jake Jabusch, Melinda Messmer. **Thursday, October 10:** Amy Byrd, Megan Clark, David Newman, Kevin Wallace, Free Guggenbickler.

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

## Senior Center Menu

### Thursday, October 3

Chicken Enchiladas, Black Beans, Calico Corn Salad, Tortilla, Orange Slices on Romaine Garnish

### Friday, October 4

Half Tuna Sandwich, Cream of Tomato Soup, Cucumber and Onion Salad, Whole Wheat Bread

### Monday, October 7

Country Pork Stew, Carrot, Celery, Cabbage, Romaine and Radish Salad, Biscuits

### Tuesday, October 8

Roast Beef, Spinach, Fruit Slaw, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

### Wednesday, October 9

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Brussels Sprouts, Tossed Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Pasta

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, October 05**  
 Malaspina 04:30 a.m.  
**Friday, October 11**  
 Malaspina 07:15 p.m.  
**Friday, October 18**  
 Malaspina 04:45 p.m.  
**Friday, October 25**  
 Malaspina 06:15 p.m.  
**Tuesday, October 29**  
 Malaspina 09:45 p.m.

#### Southbound

**Friday, October 4**  
 Malaspina 11:45 a.m.  
**Monday, October 7**  
 Malaspina 03:45 a.m.  
**Monday, October 14**  
 Malaspina 07:30 a.m.  
**Monday, October 21**  
 Malaspina 06:30 a.m.  
**Monday, October 28**  
 Malaspina 07:00 a.m.

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



## TIDES Oct. 3 - Oct. 10

### High Tides

### Low Tides

	AM		PM		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
October 03	04:46	14.9	04:44	16.5	10:24	2.5	11:10	-0.1
October 04	05:43	13.4	05:35	15.0	11:13	4.1	....	....
October 05	06:54	12.2	06:42	13.6	00:08	1.3	12:13	5.5
October 06	08:19	11.8	08:07	12.9	01:20	2.3	01:35	6.3
October 07	09:36	12.2	09:28	13.1	02:44	2.7	03:13	6.1
October 08	10:35	13.2	10:31	13.8	04:02	2.4	04:32	5.1
October 09	11:21	14.2	11:22	14.6	04:59	1.7	05:23	3.8
October 10	11:59	15.2	....	....	05:41	1.1	06:02	2.5

## Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Monday, October 7

Rehearsals for The Christmas Concert: High School Music Room, 5:15 pm

Is the attendance at your meeting or event low? Send information for Roundup to 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.

### October 2, 1919

The launch, Sarabel, in charge of L.L. Wyatt left Point Warde Wednesday morning with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wyatt and two children for Wrangell, but before the entrance to the back channel was reached they had the misfortune to strike a rock, throwing the boat on beam ends. Fortunately the Frank H. Madden was on her way to Anan Creek with a seine boat in tow and as a haze hung over the water could not see far, but the captain, hearing several shots in succession, rushed in their direction and found the Sarabil on rocks and sinking fast. The Madden succeeded in pulling her off and took her to Anan Creek where she was beached.

### September 29, 1944

Effective immediately, there will be no rationing, at least for the present, on bicycles, according to word wired to Mrs. Frank Barnes, local representative of the OPA. Hereafter anyone can buy a bike without priority, if they can be found on the market.

### October 2, 1969

The management of Wrangell Lumber Company Wednesday announces the promotion of Chet Neill to membership on the board of directors and to the position of vice president in charge of public relations of the firm. Neill is the first American citizen to become a member of the board of directors of Alaska Pulp Co., Ltd, Tokyo, Japan. Neill will remain in Wrangell and act in an advisory capacity to mill management.

### October 6, 1994

Shortly after Wrangell received a tsunami warning Tuesday morning, The SHOPPE posted a sign offering one-day specials. Spawped by an earth-

quake off the coast of Japan, the ocean wave reportedly raised tide levels less than a foot in some areas of Alaska; with no increase evident at Wrangell. Few residents expressed concern and school, sited at a high elevation, was not interrupted. APC's mill, closer to the coast

line, shut down temporarily. The incident added realism to some city's Shaker IV disaster exercise and gave Wrangell a realistic preview of its own exercise scheduled Friday.

### Correction

In last week's edition, we reported that Wrangell's two new generators were purchased from the city of Nome. According to Assembly Member Jim DeBord, the generators were given to the borough. Wrangell only paid for shipping and handling.



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Sep. 24	56	52
Sep. 25	54	47
Sep. 26	50	39
Sep. 27	54	39
Sep. 28	54	38
Sep. 29	55	39
Sep. 30	54	42



## Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Oct. 03	6:53a	6:21p	11:28h
Oct. 04	6:55a	6:18p	11:23h
Oct. 05	6:57a	6:15p	11:18h
Oct. 06	6:59a	6:13p	11:14h
Oct. 07	7:01a	6:10p	11:09h
Oct. 08	7:03a	6:08p	11:05h
Oct. 09	7:05a	6:05p	11:00h
Oct. 10	7:07a	6:02p	10:55h



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# Deteriorating batteries at Tyee facility to be replaced

By **BRIAN VARELA**  
*Sentinel writer*

The Southeast Alaska Power Agency Board approved \$97,750 to replace the backup battery bank at the Tyee Lake hydro facility at a regular board meeting last Thursday.

Early last month, Petersburg and Wrangell were providing their own power for about a week while the Tyee Lake Hydro facility was offline for annual maintenance. During the maintenance period, SEAPA conducted a battery capacity discharge test of the hydro project's nickel-cadmium batteries. Three hours into the test, one of the batteries began to decay. Another battery also began decaying after eight hours of testing. The batteries are meant to operate the plant for 10 hours in the event of a generation outage without any issue, according to Project Manager Robert Siedman.

"We got nearly 15 years out of them, which is good for batteries," said Siedman. "It's not unreasonable to expect them to be in the condition that they are, but now is the time to do a replacement."

The Tyee Lake hydro facility supplies power to both Petersburg and Wrangell, while the Swan Lake hydro facility provides power to Ketchikan. The project is estimated to cost \$97,750 and be completed by June 2020.

Siedman recommended SEAPA replace the nickel-cadmium batteries with industry standard lead acid batteries. The lead acid batteries will be cheaper and more reliable than the current batteries. Siedman said the batteries will last for about 20 years, but have the potential to last 30 years.

The batteries typically lie in wait for an incident to happen, otherwise the only time they discharge power is during the five year capacity discharge test.

"They sit there for 15 years just waiting for the day, but we need them to be there," said Siedman. "Our DC is the backbone of our operations. When we have a trip or a relay that picks up or anything that happens on the system, the first thing that goes down is the generator and you lose AC power, so the DC is there to save the day."



PHOTO BY CALEB VIERKANT/ WRANGELL SENTINEL

## Rope Game

The Family Resilience Fair was not only just an informational event, there were also plenty of snacks, door prizes, and games. One such game was put together by the Forest Service. Participants would stand inside a rope circle on the floor, and then they would try to leave the circle by going under the rope without using their hands to pick it up. Pictured here are several Wrangell children trying to escape the rope circle.

## Police report

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**September 24**  
Abandoned vehicle.  
Welfare check  
Traffic stop  
Traffic stop  
MVA: Deer  
Traffic stop

Suspicious activity  
Traffic stop

**September 25**  
Welfare check  
Trespass  
Welfare check  
Welfare check

**September 26**  
Fire alarm  
Burglar alarm

Civil matter  
Lost property  
Citizen assist  
Assisted trooper seizing illegal moose

**September 27**  
Traffic stop  
Random breath test  
Disturbance  
Search and rescue  
Suspicious person

**September 28**  
Gun shot

Traffic stop  
Citizen assist  
Traffic stop  
Suspicious activity  
**September 29**  
Disturbance: Person given a ride home  
Disturbance  
Noise complaint: UTL

During this reporting period there were six animal complaints and four EMS calls.



## Mammograms are here.

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# PACE holds meet and greet in Wrangell last week

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

PACE, the statewide homeschool program, held a meet and greet at the Stikine Inn last Wednesday, Sept. 25. Jen Whicker, a contact teacher for PACE, said that the program has been around since 2001 and is one of 15 homeschool providers in the state. Currently, she said they serve about 310 students across Alaska. About 22 of those kids live in Wrangell. There are several reasons a family might consider homeschooling, she said.

“Sometimes the schools have overcrowding, or kids feel bullied, or their kids aren’t learning like they think they should for various reasons, so they can target their needs and help them excel at home,” she said.

Whicker was visiting Wrangell to pass out information on PACE, and to let people know that they are currently enrolling for the 2019-2020 school year. They will enroll students any time of the year, she said, but it is best to get as many enrollments as possible before the funding period closes in October. How the PACE program works is parents interested in enrolling their child will have a meeting with PACE, either in person or over the phone. The

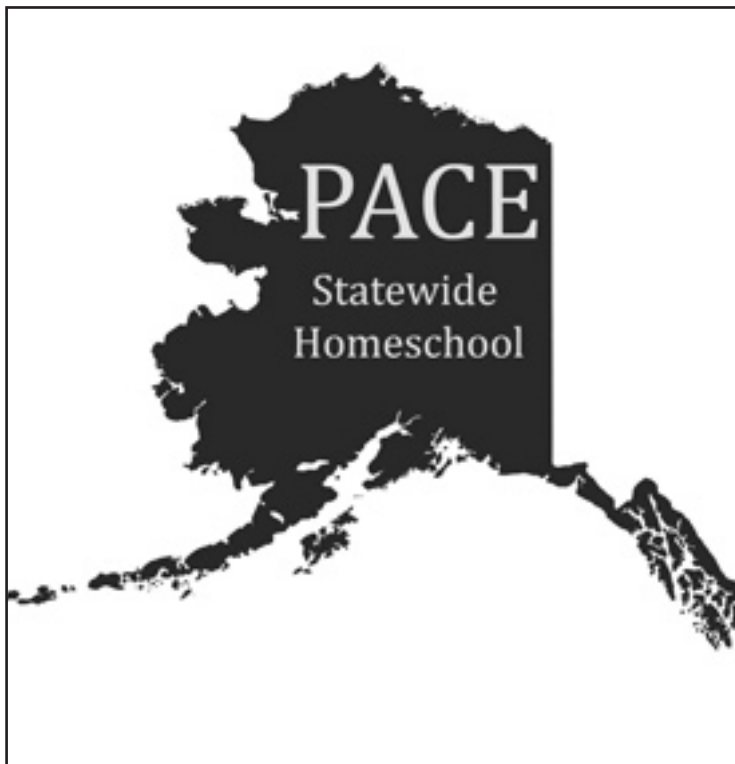
child will then be given the materials needed to complete their coursework, and parents will be supplied with the tools to accurately grade their homework. The parents then report back to PACE with a progress report.

“They take the curriculum and figure out how to teach it,” Whicker said. “Most of them have a nice teacher guide that will guide them through, if they’re not sure. Some families kind of know how to do that and some need curriculum that’s more scripted for them that helps them know how to teach it.”

As a public school based in the Craig School District, according to their website, enrollment into PACE is free and open to the public. PACE pays for core classes such as language arts, math, science, and others, and parents can also be reimbursed for their children taking electives. The allotment for students varies upon their grade level and the number of courses they are enrolled in.

“I enjoy what I’m doing and I’m happy to help families figure out what works best for their kids,” Whicker said.

Whicker can be reached at [jwhicker@craigschools.com](mailto:jwhicker@craigschools.com) or at (907) 225-3274. More about PACE can be found online at [www.paceschool.net](http://www.paceschool.net).



LOGO TAKEN FROM THE PACE FACEBOOK PAGE

The logo for PACE Statewide Homeschool.

# WCA hands out “Healthy Is Here” funding to local organizations

By CALEB VIERKANT  
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The Wrangell Cooperative Association held an award ceremony at Wrangell High School Monday evening, Sept. 30. Tribal Administrator Esther Ashton, along with several members of the WCA board, organized the ceremony to officially give several local organizations a check from the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium’s “Healthy Is Here” grant. In total, \$10,600 was given to 17 organizations.

“The reason we’re here today is that we received from SEARHC a Healthy Is Here grant,” Ashton said. “What they were doing is they were giving the different tribes in Southeast funding to help promote health in their communities.”

The Wrangell Fire Department received two \$500 checks during the ceremony. One was for training the department’s search and rescue dogs. The other was to purchase CPR training dolls.

“Every year we go to what is called CSAR, which is Canine Search and Recovery,” said Lorne Cook, who accepted one of the checks. “So what we do there is they have a lot of different training such as man-trailing, wilderness air scent, all the way up to human remains detection.”

Sports was another area that saw a lot of donations,

with six local teams receiving money. The Wrangell Lady Wolves basketball team received \$500, while the girl’s AAU basketball team also received \$500. The boys’ club basketball team also received \$500. The Wrangell Swim Club and high school swim team both received \$500, as well. The Wrangell Softball Club, recently restarted last season, was also given \$500.

The Wrangell Mariner’s Memorial was another recipient of funding. Memorial Board President Jenn Miller-Yancey was present to accept a \$1,000 check which will go toward aiding in the construction of a memorial for Wrangell mariners lost at sea. Miller-Yancey mentioned at the ceremony that this money will be doubled,

thanks to a matching grant with the Rasmuson Foundation.


“It’s important to the Tlingit culture to keep everybody in mind, regardless of where they are in the world and alive today,” said WCA Board President John Martin. “So that’s a part of what provides us with a place to visit those we’ve lost, and it’s a good program.”

Other recipients of grant money include: \$1,000 to the Wrangell Parks and Recreation Department, \$1,000 to Bearfest, \$1,000 to the Wrangell Senior Center, \$1,000 to the E.A.T.S. Garden, \$500 to Community Roots, \$500 to Irene Ingle Public Library, \$500 to radio station KSTK, and \$100 to the Wrangell High School Queer Straight Alliance.

“It’s a wonderful and rare

opportunity to hand out SEARHC to provide this money, and it’s very nice of grant,” said Martin.

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# Wrangell takes third and fifth in cross country regionals

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The Wrangell Cross Country team traveled to Ketchikan last Saturday, Sept. 28, for the Region V Championships. The regional tournament saw a total of 17 teams participate. Wrangell ran in the Division III races, and made some strong showings.

In the women's 5,000 meter run, Wrangell took third place, behind Haines in first and Petersburg in second. Of the seven Wrangell runners who participated, four achieved personal best times.

First place for Wrangell, sixth overall, was Liana Carney at 21:28.22. Second place for Wrangell, 10th overall, was Jade Balansag at 22:02.89. Third place for Wrangell, 17th overall, was Jamie Early with a personal best of 23:17.57.

Coach Drew Larrabee said that all of the girls qualified as a team to participate in the state competition.

The men's 5,000 meter run saw Wrangell take 5th place. Petersburg's cross country team took first place. Wrangell had five runners in the men's race, and three of them achieved personal bests. First place for Wrangell, 12th overall, was Ethan Blatchley who achieved a "sub-20" 5k and a personal best of 19:00.51. Second place for Wrangell, 32nd overall, was Devlin Campbell at 21:06.71. Third place for Wrangell, 36th overall, was Elias Decker with a personal



COURTESY OF DREW LARRABEE

These girls on the Wrangell cross country team will be attending the state tournament this weekend (left to right): Jade Balansag, Liana Carney, Adriana Larrabee, Jamie Early, Kiara Harrison, CeAirra Glaser, and Skylar Larrabee.

best of 21:42.52. With his time and placement, Larrabee said that Blatchley also qualified for stated and that it was impressive for a freshman runner to

qualify for state, as well as to run a sub-20 minute 5k. The state tournament will take place in Anchorage this Saturday, Oct. 5.

## Wrangell Medical Center's Cathy Gross honored with quality and safety award



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### Rummage sale raises almost \$2k for swim team

The Wrangell Swim Team held a large rummage sale in the Stikine Middle School commons last Saturday. People from all over town donated items for the rummage sale, ranging from clothes, to toys, to potted plants, and much more. Many people also turned out for the sale. Coach Jamie Roberts said that they raised \$1,875. It should be enough money to get the team to Regionals, in Sitka in November, but she said she will need to confirm the travel costs with the school district.

Pictured here is Coach Roberts at the rummage sale's check-out counter, along with her daughter and swimmer Renee Roberts.

Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) Wrangell Medical Center's (WMC) Cathy Gross, Registered Health Information Technician and WMC Performance Improvement Manager, has been named the 2019 winner of the Front-line Staff Outstanding Performance Award by the Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association (ASHNHA). Gross was honored during the September 26 ASHNHA Annual Conference for her years of dedication to patient safety improvements at WMC. She was notified of the award on the first-ever World Patient Safety Day, September 17.

A WMC employee of 31 years, Gross has played an integral role in improving the quality of care delivered to WMC Long-Term Care residents and Acute Care patients. She is credited with reducing healthcare-acquired conditions; implementing a resident-centered meeting

process and a high reliability care planning process; improving nurse-to-nurse communication for emergency department transfers; and creating a reliable process to ensure the timely documentation of critical patient information. In addition to her performance improvement duties, Gross also assists with utilization review, case management, social work, monthly hospital statistics and emergency management.

"I am deeply humbled and honored by this award recognizing my role in our performance improvement program at WMC," said Gross. "I could not do my job at this level without the teams at WMC and SEARHC, whose dedication to our patients and residents is the reason we are successful at implementing positive change at WMC."

"Patient safety is pivotal in delivering high-quality care," said SEARHC Vice President and WMC Hospital Administrator Leatha Mercurieff. "Cathy is relentless in her efforts to improve quality and safety within the walls of WMC, not only for our Long-Term Care residents and Acute Care patients, but also our staff. An organization is only as strong as its employees, and in Cathy, SEARHC has a powerful advocate for performance improvement."

The Front-Line Outstanding Performance Award is one of five awards coming SEARHC's way at the ASHNHA conference. SEARHC was also awarded the ASHNHA Staff Choice Award for the dedication of multiple teams working to enhance workplace safety, suicide prevention, and consortium-wide sterilization procedures. WMC Long-Term Care is set to receive a pair of 2019 Nursing Home Quality Awards - the Quality Excellence Award and the Most Improved Award from Mountain Pacific Quality Health - while Sitka Long-Term Care is tabbed to receive the Quality Achievement Award.



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# Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH Fisheries columnist

## Sea farmers hope for help to train future generations of fishermen

The nation's farmers of the sea are hoping for a helping hand from Uncle Sam to train future generations of fishermen. It would mirror programs in place for nearly 160 years for U.S. farmers and ranchers.

Federal backing of training

programs for entry level farmers and ranchers can be traced back to the 1862 Morrill Land-Grants Act. Beginning in 2009, Congress authorized \$75 million for the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP) to "develop and

offer education, training, outreach and mentoring programs to enhance the sustainability of the next generation of farmers." Shellfish farmers were added to the list in 2014.

The Agriculture Act of 2014 (aka the Farm Bill) provided an

additional \$20 million per year through 2018 due to "renewed interest in beginning farmer and rancher programs," which were listed as "the rising average age of U.S. farmers; the 8% projected decrease in the number of farmers and ranchers between 2008 and 2018; and the growing recognition that new programs are needed to address the needs of the next generation of beginning farmers and ranchers."

In 2018 Congress reauthorized and increased "mandate"

BFRDP funds to \$15 million per year for 2019 and 2020, \$17.5 million for 2021, \$20 million for 2022, and \$25 million for 2023.

Fishermen are hoping to get a nibble of the largess through a Young Fishermen's Development Act (YFDA) introduced earlier this year by Alaska's congressional delegation to strong bipartisan support.

It would be bankrolled by a far smaller assist - \$2 million over six years fully paid for by

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### City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

#### Revised - PUBLIC NOTICE - City Board and Committee Vacancies City and Borough of Wrangell

Persons interested in serving on the following City Boards and Committees, please submit your **Letter of Interest** to the Office of the Borough Clerk, City & Borough of Wrangell, P.O. Box 531, Wrangell, AK 99929. You can also email your *Letter of Interest* to the Borough Clerk at: clerk@wrangell.com.

Deadline for Letters of Interest is **4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 9, 2019**, for the following vacancies:

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

Appointments will be made at the October 15, 2019 Regular Assembly meeting.

A copy of the code chapter for any of the above boards and commissions can be obtained by contacting the Borough Clerk's Office or viewed at the City's website at [www.wrangell.com](http://www.wrangell.com)

The City & Borough of Wrangell is an equal opportunity employer.

Kim Lane, MMC  
Borough Clerk

**Publish: October 3, 2019**

### CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POSITION POLICE CHIEF POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Wrangell Police Department is accepting applications for the position of Police Chief beginning September 17, 2019. The position is open until filled. Review of each application for potential interview will begin immediately upon receipt.

The City & Borough of Wrangell is seeking a dynamic leader for the Police Department with a proven record of Community Policing. Wrangell is one of the safest communities in Alaska, however it still faces many challenges. The new Police Chief will play a critical role in spearheading joint agency efforts to strengthen the social fabric of Wrangell. Working with regional law enforcement to address issues common across Southeast Alaska will be a priority. Wrangell faces the statewide issue of officer turnover. Bringing fresh solutions to the dilemma of officer recruitment and retention will be key. In addition to the City of Wrangell, the Borough encompasses more remote enclaves of residents - some only accessible by boat. Broader outreach to these areas while maintaining coverage in town will also be important.

This position plans, organizes, directs, and integrates all activities of the Police Department to protect life and property through law enforcement and crime prevention work. The Police Chief is a management position, responsible for the full scope of Police Department operations including patrol, investigations, corrections, public relations and community education. They will continuously analyze and evaluate operations and trends for assuring efficiency and adequacy of service, maintain professional discipline in the Department and assure that all employees are properly trained.

The position requires extensive knowledge and experience in all phases of police work including principles and practices of modern crime prevention, investigation, criminal identification, apprehension, rules of evidence, traffic control and safety, care and custody of prisoners, record keeping, and all other aspects of law enforcement and administration. Requires advanced knowledge of management and administrative practices and procedures required. Requires well-developed human relations skills to conduct negotiations, persuade others to a course of action, and to build an effective team through leadership and training.

The candidate must meet the minimum standards for Police Chief per the Alaska Police Standards Council as well as all of the requirements of the City & Borough of Wrangell's job description. A management certification under Alaska Police Standards or equivalent is required. Applicants must successfully complete a background investigation, medical and psychological examination, and drug screening.

This is a full-time, salaried position with full benefits, paid at Grade 35 ranging from \$8038 to \$10154 per month. The full job description and employment application can be found online at [www.wrangell.com/jobs](http://www.wrangell.com/jobs).

To be considered, submit APSC form 3 (Personal History Statement), Authorization for Release of Information, resume and cover letter to Aleisha Mollen, PO Box 531, Wrangell, AK 99929 or via email to [amollen@wrangell.com](mailto:amollen@wrangell.com). **Applications will be accepted beginning September 17, 2019 until the position is filled. Review of applications will begin immediately.**

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Lisa Von Bargen  
Borough Manager

**Publish: September 26, October 3 and 10, 2019**

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

At their Regular Assembly meeting held on September 24, 2019, the Borough Assembly approved canceling the October 8th and October 22nd Regular Assembly meeting and holding one Regular Assembly meeting on October 15, 2019.

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

**Publish: October 3, 2019**

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# Fish Factor

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finer from fishermen who violated fishing rules.

Stakeholders are hoping the Act gets enough traction to pass this year.

"Young fishermen not only

have to know how to catch fish, they have to keep track of a complex fisheries regulatory world. And as small businessmen, they also have to be able to make sound decisions about how much money to borrow,

how to grow their businesses, when to invest in updates in new technology, improvements to the vessel. There are so many challenges," said Linda Behnken, director of the Sitka-based Alaska Longline Fisher-

men's Association.

ALFA is part of the Fishing Communities Coalition, a national group of over 1,000 small-boat owners and businesses that have been driving the bill.

The YFDA grants would be open to associations, tribes, universities and others to train and mentor young fishermen, Behnken said.

ALFA's crew apprenticeship program is an example of a program that puts young people on deck with seasoned fishing mentors for several weeks or an entire season.

"At the same time, we also provide onshore training such as business and marketing, and sustainable practices and good stewardship," said Tara Racine, ALFA program director. "Having a national program like this would build our capacity and allow us to sustain programs like this. It's something that's being faced by coastal communities all over the country."

Zack Brown, press secretary for Alaska Congressman Don Young said staff "are currently working with the House Natural Resources Committee to bring it to a markup and working out what - if any - language needs to be amended."

Regarding the funding discrepancy for farmers/ranchers and fishermen, Brown said "the BFRDP was an existing program that was reauthorized and plussed up in the 2018 Farm Bill. YFDA would be a new program with new money. Simply put, BFRDP has greater funding than YFDA because of its institutional history and a larger lobbying arm, giving it greater visibility."

Mike Anderson, communications director for US Senator Dan Sullivan said "the bill will next be considered on the Senate floor, which we're hoping occurs soon."

Of the funding gap, Anderson agreed that \$2 million is a "modest number" for our nation's fishermen but added "we strongly believe the program has to start somewhere."

**Waterfronts want in!** Working waterfronts would get a financial lift from the "Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act," which is on its way to the House floor.

The measure, introduced by Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME), funds a \$12 million Working Waterfront Grant Program to help preserve and expand access to coastal waters for water-dependent businesses. It also creates a five-year \$12 million pilot loan fund for waterfront preservation, and establishes a Working Waterfront Task Force to "identify and prioritize critical needs for working waterfronts, especially in the face of the climate crisis and increased trade threats."

**Relief funds for cod and Chignik** - The US Commerce Department announced last week that the 2018 Gulf of Alaska cod crash and the sockeye fishery failure at Chignik are included in \$165 million in disaster relief funds. The money also provides for fisheries impacts in six other states between

the years 2017 and 2019.

For Alaska, the 2018 salmon fishery at Chignik, once the state's most exclusive sockeye salmon fishery, produced just 128 fish.

That same year fishermen faced the lowest numbers ever for Pacific cod in the Gulf of Alaska

due to the disappearance of five and six year old pulses of fish. Biologist blamed the wipe out on warm water that moved into the Gulf starting in 2014.

"We had what the oceanographers and the news media have been calling the blob, which is this warm water that was sitting in the Gulf for three years, and it was different than other years in that it went really deep, but it also lasted throughout the winter. What can happen is you can deplete the food source pretty rapidly when the entire ecosystem is ramped up in those warm temperatures," said Steve Barbeaux with the Alaska Fisheries Science Center in Seattle.

Pacific cod typically accounts for over 20 percent of Alaska's total groundfish catch.

Congress will now determine how to divide the relief funds and eligible fishermen can then apply.

**Pink pay out pickle** - Meanwhile, Alaska permit holders applying now through for \$32 million in disaster funds for the 2016 pink salmon bust have hit a big snag.

The way in which the payouts were calculated is badly flawed and can result in "tens of thousands" of lost dollars to eligible fishermen, according to Rep. Louise Stutes (R-Kodiak) who has been watchdogging the payout process.

The distribution to permit holders in seven regions is based on average dockside values over even years starting in 2006 according to formulas calculated by the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game and approved by NOAA Fisheries. The fund distribution is administered by the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission.

As one example, Stutes pointed to flaws based on the timing of entry into a salmon fishery and participation in other, unrelated salmon fisheries.

"With gillnetting being used to establish a five year average, if I fish a gillnet permit in Prince William Sound, say, in 2012 and then later buy a seine permit in 2016, my year of gillnetting will be used to establish a five year average to base my loss on for the 2016 seine year," Stutes said. "I mean, it's just nuts."

Stutes said the distribution plan is a "done deal" and agencies are on notice to expect a lot of appeals. For pink salmon fishermen with complaints about payments, the Commission and ADF&G are developing an appeals process, said deputy commissioner Rachel Baker.

The deadline for permit holders to apply to the PSMFC is October 31. Skippers also are responsible for filling out information about their crews, who can apply at a later date.

## CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION PERIOD

On September 27, 2018, the City and Borough of Wrangell obtained a judgment of foreclosure **In Re the City and Borough of Wrangell Foreclosure of Delinquent Real Property Tax Liens and Special Assessments for Tax Years 2013-2017, Case No. 1WR-18-00046 CI**, with respect to the following real property:

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Legal Description:	Lots 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, USS 2589
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Parcel Number:	08-320-080
Legal Description:	Lot 8, Block 2, Tract UN-3, THOMS PLACE SUBD.
HAYDEN, GREGORY CLARKE, JANICE	776 OAK ST ASHLAND, OR 97520 7357 SW BEVELAND RD #10 PORTLAND, OR 97232
Parcel Number:	03-006-352
Legal Description:	Tract Z3, ROAD HOUSE SUBD.
DE SOUSA, IVAN PRIPKO	RUA: WENCESLAU BRAZ, 10 CENTRO SAO BERNARDO DO CAMP SP BRASIL CEP 09715-350
Parcel Number:	03-006-353
Legal Description:	Tract Z4, ROAD HOUSE SUBD.
DE SOUSA, IVAN PRIPKO	RUA: WENCESLAU BRAZ, 10 CENTRO SAO BERNARDO DO CAMP SP BRASIL CEP 09715-350
Parcel Number:	71-280-1028
Legal Description:	Trailer in Space 28, Evergreen Trailer Park
DEACON, VANESSA	PO BOX 396 WRANGELL, AK 99929
Parcel Number:	03-021-519
Legal Description:	Lot 1, Block 7, WRANGELL ISLAND WEST
EVANGER, DALE A & LYNNE M	PO BOX 699 WRANGELL, AK 99929
Parcel Number:	08-320-170
Legal Description:	Lot 17, Block 2, THOMS PLACE SUBD.
GIFFORD, CANDACE LAYNE	94260 6TH ST GOLD BEACH, OR 97444
Parcel Number:	73-040-3004
Legal Description:	Trailer in Space 4, Blooms Trailer Park
HAMLEY, MARK & CRYSTAL	PO BOX 2216 WRANGELL, AK 99929
Parcel Number:	02-022-339
Legal Description:	Lot 16A, Block 6, WRANGELL TOWNSITE
MARTIN, SARA BETH	PO BOX 853 WRANGELL, AK 99929
Parcel Number:	02-022-340
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MARTIN, SARA BETH	PO BOX 853 WRANGELL, AK 99929
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Parcel Number:	02-022-507
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Legal Description:	Trailer in Space 33, Evergreen Trailer Park
PADGETT, CALEB	PO BOX 1211 WRANGELL, AK 99929
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Legal Description:	Trailer in Space 34, Evergreen Trailer Park
PADGETT, CALEB	PO BOX 1211 WRANGELL, AK 99929
Parcel Number:	71-370-1037
Legal Description:	Trailer in Space 37, Evergreen Trailer Park
VANDERBUNTE, JAMES	PO BOX 45 WRANGELL, AK 99929

As of the date of judgment, September 27, 2018, the one-year redemption period began. During the redemption period, a party having an interest in the property foreclosed against may redeem it by paying the lien amount plus penalties, interest, and costs including all costs incurred under AS 29.45.440(a). These costs may include the cost of publishing this notice, the cost of sending a copy of the Notice by certified mail to each record owner, attorney's fees incurred in obtaining the judgement, and the cost of a title search to determine mortgage or other lien holders of record on the property. All redeemed property is subject to all accrued taxes, assessments, liens and claims as though it had continued in private ownership. Only the amount applicable under the judgement must be paid in order to redeem the property.

**The redemption period expired on September 27, 2019.** Unless redeemed by **November 4, 2019**, the properties ordered sold under the judgment shall be deeded to the City and Borough of Wrangell, and every right or interest of any person in the property will be forfeited forever. Payments may be made to the City and Borough of Wrangell Finance Department, by mail at P.O. Box 531, Wrangell, Alaska 99929, or in person at City Hall, located at 205 Brueger Street, Wrangell, Alaska 99929.

Dated this 27th day of September, 2019.

Kimberly Lane, Borough Clerk  
City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

**Publish: October 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2019**

# School superintendent shares lessons learned from statewide conference

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

While the role of superintendent is always busy, it has been especially so for Debbe Lancaster this past week. Lancaster, superintendent of the Wrangell Public School District, recently attended the Alaska Superintendents Association conference in Fairbanks, from Sept. 25 to 28. The Alaska Department of Education and Early Development also recently released a new website, "The Compass," that lets people more easily compare schools across the state.

The ASA Conference was an opportunity for superintendents across Alaska to come together, discuss common issues their districts are facing, and to learn about new opportunities and challenges in the world of education. There was a wide number of events Lancaster took part in, she said, such as a tour of Hutchison High School and the Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center. There were numerous presentations by a number of interesting speakers, as well. One speaker that Lancaster said she found really interesting was Dr. Bill Daggett. Daggett is the founder of the International Center for Leadership in Education, according to the conference's agenda. Lancaster said that he talked a lot about how the world is changing, and schools need to be sure they are properly preparing their students for the future. It

is a different world from the one that the previous generation grew up in, she said, and according to Daggett there are three main things students need to learn to be competitive in the future job market.

"Cognitive skills, they need to be able to think," she said. "We need to teach them soft skills, which is social emotional learning. You know, are they responsive and are they cooperative team members? You know, soft skills, because that's what employers want. Then technology, those are the three things that we really need to be making sure that our kids top out at."

Another speaker that Lancaster pointed out was Scarlett Lewis of the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement. Lewis' presentation pressed home the importance of social and emotional learning in the classroom, Lancaster said. Lewis lost her son, Jesse, in the Sandy Hook shooting in 2012. The Choose Love Enrichment Program, which she talked about at the conference, is a social and emotional learning program for schoolchildren to learn important values like courage, gratitude, forgiveness, and responsibility. According to the Choose Love Movement's website, the program is meant to instill a sense of resilience and responsibility among students.

Lancaster said that she feels her school district needs to continue to emphasize social and

emotional development, as well as encourage teamwork and support amongst the student body. She also said that the district needs to be sure that they are in a position to be able to pick up on signs of mental illness or loneliness amongst students and to be able to help them where possible.

All in all, Lancaster said that she has several takeaways from the ASA conference. Ensuring that the district is teaching students relevant information for the future is one of them, as well as continuing to push for increased social and emotional learning in the classroom.

Shortly after returning from the ASA Conference, DEED released their new website, The Compass.

"The Compass presents school-level data reported to DEED in an easily accessible and understandable online format," a press release from DEED reads. "Visitors can view a profile of their school, compare their school's data over multiple years, compare two schools, and explore educational options in their local school district and across the state."

The Compass program shows the number of students in a school, attendance rates, and math and English proficiencies. For example, Evergreen Elementary School has an attendance rate of about 93 percent, serves 167 students, and has a math proficiency of 65.28



COURTESY OF DEBBE LANCASTER

Scarlett Lewis, founder of the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement, was one of several speakers at last week's ASA Conference in Fairbanks. She was there to talk about the importance of social and emotional learning in the classroom. Lewis' son, Jesse, was one of the victims of the Sandy Hook school shooting in 2012.

percent and English Language Arts proficiency of 47.22 percent. They have a "school index value" of 61.07. According to the DEED website, this value is determined by combining scores from a number of different tables, between a value of zero to 100. Stikine Middle School has a school index value of 67.72. Wrangell High School has a value of 76.3.

"This is like our school report card," Lancaster said. "It takes into account our attendance rate, proficiencies, poverty level, safety, wellbeing, how many kids are chronically absent, how many suspensions ... student demographics, teacher quality." The Compass can be found at [www.education.alaska.gov/compass](http://www.education.alaska.gov/compass).

## SE Conference

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ees. Total employment in the commercial fishing and seafood industry sits at 3,711, a decrease from 4,372 in 2014. Other economic sectors listed include the healthcare industry, construction, mining, and the maritime industry.

Among the many aspects of the Southeast Alaskan economy that were discussed at the conference, some of the things that stood out to DeLong included the changes to the seafood industry as well as a growing emphasis on regenerative tourism. Regenerative tourism, DeLong explained, is how communities can attract tourists while also keeping their "community and cultural aspects." This was something that she found very interesting, as Wrangell is seeing more tourists.

"I think there's some untouched and untapped tourism opportunities out there that we can take a look at how they're doing in other communities and how that worked, and know what to do and not do," she said.

During the annual meeting, Southeast Conference also showed off their 2020 strategic plan, a five-year plan for economic development across the region. One of the first priorities listed was continued defense of the Alaska Marine Highway, which has been put under pressure from budget cuts and recently had hundreds of its workers go on strike. Besides transportation, other priorities in the strategic plan include promoting sustainable power sys-

tems, growing the maritime sector and seafood industries, marketing Southeast Alaska to tourists, and creating an adequate and sustainable supply of wood from the Tongass National Forest to regional timber operators.

One other exciting piece of news that DeLong learned at Southeast Conference is that Wrangell will be the host of the 2021 annual meeting. Southeast Conference meets in a different city each year, she said. Haines will host the meeting next year, but Wrangell is on the list after them.

"I'm just looking forward to working with the community over the next two years to showcase Wrangell and all of its great amenities," DeLong said.

More information about Southeast Conference and their annual meeting can be found online at [www.seconference.org](http://www.seconference.org).

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