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## Blowin' sand

20-Knot winds kicked-up sand and waves along the Stikine River this weekend. Dry sunny weather prevailed, making for enjoyable days on the river for both hunters and boaters. View is from the entrance to Shakes Slough.

# Von Bargen named to Southeast Conference Board

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

Lisa Von Bargen, Wrangell's city manager, has recently been elected to sit on the board of directors of Southeast Conference. Southeast Conference was originally founded in 1958 as a network of organizations to advocate for the Alaska Marine Highway System. Today, though, it is a collection of municipalities, nonprofits, businesses, and other groups working together for economic development in Southeast Alaska. As the newest member of the board, Von Bargen said that she wants to help continue the conference's goals of economic development.

"There are a number of committees that the organization has that deals with different sectors of the economy, and energy, so my guess is I'll end up serving on a committee or two, assisting in those areas," she said. "There are eight committees, including transportation, energy, marine industry/seafood, visitor industry, timber, mining, general economic development, and solid waste."

Solid waste is a big issue in Southeast Alaska, Von Bargen said, as so many towns in the region ship their waste away. Another issue, one that she said is especially apparent in Wrangell, is medical care. Getting more



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Wrangell City Manager Lisa Von Bargen (front row, third from left) and other members of the Southeast Conference Board of Directors.

hospitals and doctors into Southeast Alaska is important for the area's development.

Von Bargen said that she will be meeting with Southeast Conference in November to get a better idea of the organization's big-picture goals. The board of directors for the conference consists of 13 members. Five are reserved for people representing

Southeast Alaskan business interests, and another three are "at large" seats. The other remaining five are reserved for people representing municipalities. Von Bargen said she is replacing Cindi Lagoudakis of Petersburg. Most of her work with Southeast Conference will occur over the phone, she added, though there will be in-

person meetings she plans to attend. Dividing her time between Wrangell and Southeast Conference could be challenging, she said, but will be doable.

"I'm just hoping to be a force for positive movement forward with the regional economy," she said. "And that maximizes benefits for Wrangell, of course."

## Preliminary election results

### Two candidates for mayor:

- Stephen Prysunka 465
- Carl Carlisle 124

### One candidate for the borough assembly:

- David Powell 457

### Two write-in candidates for the assembly:

- Mya DeLong 174
- Dale Parkinson 133

### School board three-year term on the seat:

- Aaron Angerman 428
- Aleisha Mollen 322
- Brian Ashton 173
- Jennifer Bates 119
- Karey Losinski 60

### School board for the second seat, unexpired term until Oct. 2019:

- Annya Ritchie 235
- Leean Martin 192
- David Powell 178

### Hospital Board:

- Olinda Chaffee-White 517

### Port commission:

- Brian Merritt 550
- John Martin 482

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

**Thursday, October 4:** Eva Roher, Finley Filer, Thane Ellsworth, Tawney Flores, Bill Privett, Connor Dilg. **Anniversary:** Rick and Trish Kohrt. **Friday, October 5:** Tara Stutz, Gracie Richard, Gerrit Southland, Kari Massin, Tony Byford, Autumn Bakeberg. **Saturday, October 6:** Lee Wieder-spohn, Becky Simpson, Betty Newman, Abigail Bylow. **Sunday, October 7:** Casey Nore, Jim Wooden, Dani Easterly, Harold Snoddy, Pat Mork, Kirk Davidson, Ed Rilatos Jr, Jimmy Jabusch. **Monday, October 8:** Richard Taylor, Brian Rooney, Audrey Durnez, Sandy Churchill. **Tuesday, October 9:** Jake Jabusch, Melinda Messmer. **Wednesday, October 10:** Amy Byrd, Kevin Wallace, Megan Clark, Free Guggenbickler, David Newman. **Thursday, October 11:** Marty Kaer, Kurt Young, Donna Kuntz, Kanen Miller. **Anniversary:** Craig and Kim Strain.

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 4

Chicken Enchiladas, Beans, Calico Corn Salad

### Friday, October 5

Tomato Soup, Smoked Salmon Sandwich, Cucumber & Onion

### Monday, October 8

Country Pork Stew, Radish Salad, Biscuits

### Tuesday, October 9

Spaghetti, Brussels Sprouts, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread

### Wednesday, October 10

Baked Fish, Peas & Carrots, Beets, Rice

### Thursday, October 11

Roast Beef, Spinach, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit Slaw

### Friday, October 12

Crispy Pork, Steamed Carrots, Scalloped Potatoes

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 6**

Malaspina 6:15 a.m.

**Sunday, October 7**

Kennicott 8:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 9**

Malaspina 11:45 p.m.

**Saturday, October 13**

Malaspina 2:30 a.m.

**Sunday, October 14**

Kennicott 3:45 p.m.

#### Southbound

**Friday, October 5**

Malaspina 11:00 a.m.

**Monday, October 8**

Malaspina 5:45 a.m.

**Wednesday, October 10**

Kennicott 7:45 a.m.

**Friday, October 12**

Malaspina 8:15 a.m.

**Monday, October 15**

Malaspina 7:00 a.m.

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



## TIDES Oct. 4 - Oct. 11

	High Tides		Low Tides		High Tides		Low Tides	
	AM Time	PM Time	Ft	Ft	AM Time	PM Time	Ft	Ft
October 4	9:48	9:46	13.5	15.0	2:55	3:22	1.1	4.4
October 5	10:48	10:52	15.0	16.2	4:10	4:37	0.3	2.9
October 6	11:38	11:49	16.5	17.3	5:11	5:37	-0.7	1.0
October 7	....	12:23	...	17.7	6:01	6:26	-1.4	-0.6
October 8	0:39	1:05	18.0	18.6	6:45	7:10	-1.7	-1.7
October 9	1:26	1:44	18.2	18.9	7:25	7:51	-1.5	-2.3
October 10	2:10	2:21	17.9	18.7	8:02	8:30	-0.8	-2.3
October 11	2:53	2:58	17.1	18.1	8:38	9:08	0.3	-1.8

## Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

### Monday, October 8

Wrangell Community Chorale: High School Music room, 5:15 p.m. Rehearsals for Christmas Concert. All singers welcome. For more information contact Bonnie at [bonniede@aptalaska.net](mailto:bonniede@aptalaska.net)

School Board Meeting: Scheduled for October 15, has been moved to Monday, October 8, 2018 in order to meet the requirements of Board Policy 7100, Organization of the Board. Evergreen Elementary School Gym, 6:30 PM. Agenda available online four days prior to the meeting at <https://www.boarddocs.com/ak/wrangell/Board.nsf>.

### Thursday, October 18

Riverflats Open Mic Night: Nolan Center Foyer, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Sign up starts at 6:00 p.m. Theme: Alaska. \$5 suggested donation or bring a dessert to share. Desserts will be entered in contest for prizes.

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

## Continuing Events

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

### Pool:

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

### MEETINGS

**AA Meetings:** Smoked Fish Fri 8 p.m.; at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall, Study Materials provided.

## The Way We Were

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

### October 7, 1918

Fred Watson, a recent arrival from the West Coast but well known in Wrangell, had a very narrow escape from a watery grave last Saturday. Mr. Watson has recently purchased a boat from G. H. Tozier and while walking along its side holding onto a slender handrail, the latter broke and Mr. Watson found himself in the briny deep. A pair of high top boots made swimming difficult and he went down the proverbial three times. Instead of staying down as he expected to do according to precedent, he rose again to the surface and this time he managed to draw himself up to safety. Mr. Watson lost no time in fitting his boat out with a more substantial handrail.

### October 3, 1943

Tomorrow night is the BIG NIGHT, winding up Hospital Week and putting the drive for funds over the top. The occasion will be the Hospital Masquerade Dance, proceeds from which will be turned into the hospital fund being raised this week by Mayor Hanford's committee of ten. Maestros Bill Eastaugh and Russ Warfel have lined up a large musical organization for tomorrow night's affair and the program will be interspersed by novelty numbers and guaranteed fun for everyone, according to report emanating from the ANB hall where the Maestros and their helpers from the Chamber of Commerce and Women's Civic Club are busy with preparations.

### October 1, 1968

The rain in Wrangell falls, mainly. That's what it did in September. And did, and did

and did... Until there was a total of 16.08 inches of precipitation recorded. Surface weather observer Edith Prescott reports that the total was 2.73 inches more than the total for last September when 13.35 inches fell. There were only four days during the month when there was no measurable precipitation, she reports. Highest temperature for the month was 64 and lowest was 36. This compares with an all time high of 82 in 1938 and record low of 11 in 1956. Winter is fast approaching the weather lady warns. The first snow of the season appeared on Woronkofski Island on Sunday.

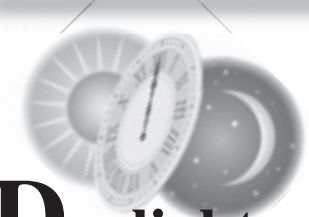
### October 3, 1993

A group of Wrangell Natives watched as a crew unloaded totem poles from a truck and stored them in the old Salvation Army building on Front Street on Thursday. The poles had been stored in the basement of the Wrangell Institute on Zimovia Highway for years. Some were crumbling and severely decayed and several were riddled with bullet holes. As traffic was blocked off by police on two blocks of Front Street, Marge Byrd watched with emotion as the totem pole of her clan, the Kiks Adi, was lifted with a boom and then lowered from a flatbed truck and pushed into the building where it and the other poles would be stored. Byrd wore a floor-length blue robe with a scarlet lining and a frog design in pearl buttons on the back and an eagle feather in a band around her head. She was beating a small drum and singing quietly while small children from the Wrangell Head start program watched.



## Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Sept. 24	57	51
Sept. 25	55	51
Sept. 26	54	50
Sept. 27	57	48
Sept. 28	55	46
Sept. 29	62	42
Sept. 30	61	41
Oct. 01	60	39



## Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Oct. 04	6:55am	6:18pm	11:23h
Oct. 05	6:57am	6:15pm	11:18h
Oct. 06	6:59am	6:13pm	11:14h
Oct. 07	7:01am	6:10pm	11:09h
Oct. 08	7:03am	6:08pm	11:05h
Oct. 09	7:05am	6:05pm	11:00h
Oct. 10	7:07am	6:02pm	10:55h
Oct. 11	7:09am	6:00pm	10:51h



Now through October 8.

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# Preliminary election results

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

With polls closing at 8 p.m. Tuesday night, preliminary results for Wrangell's city election have come in. The election saw seats open for the positions of mayor, the borough assembly, school board, port commission, and hospital board. Also on the ballot was Proposition 1, which would allow for the lease of the Wrangell Medical Center and construction of a new hospital. There were 649 ballots cast on election day, with an additional 117 absentee ballots. The preliminary results of the election are as follows:

There were two candidates for mayor, Stephen Prysunka and Carl Carlisle. Prysunka received 465 votes and Carlisle received 124.

David Powell was the sole candidate listed on the ballot for a position on the borough assembly. He received 457 votes. There were, however, two write-in candidates for the assembly as well. Mya DeLong received 174 votes. Dale Parkinson, the other write-in candidate, received 133 votes.

There were two seats on the school board this election, both of which were hotly contested. There were five candidates for

the three-year term on the seat. Aaron Angerman took the lead in the preliminary election with 428 votes. Incumbent Aleisha Mollen was close behind at 322 votes. The other candidates include Brian Ashton at 173 votes, Jennifer Bates at 119 votes, and Karey Losinski at 60 votes. There were three candidates for the second seat, an unexpired term until October of 2019. Annya Ritchie received 235 votes, Leean Martin received 192 votes, and David Powell received 172 votes.

There were two open positions on the hospital board which was also on the ballot, with only one candidate listed. Olinda Chaffee-White, an incumbent, received 517 votes, and another 30 votes were cast for write-in candidates. For the second seat, an unexpired term until October of 2019, there were no candidates on the ballot, but 49 write-in votes were cast.

There was also a seat on the port commission available. Brian Merritt received 550 votes and John Martin received 482. There were also three write-in votes.

Proposition 1 also received majority support, according to preliminary results. City laws require that the sale or lease of



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## End of the season

The Stik Restaurant announced on Facebook this week that they will be closing for the season this Friday, Oct. 5. They will reopen next April. The Stik Cafe, however, will remain open through the winter from 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

any borough property over \$1 million must be ratified by a majority vote. A vote in favor of this proposition would allow for the lease of the Wrangell Medical Center to SEARHC, as well as for construction of a new hospital next to the AICS clinic. The

value of the transaction was put at approximately \$1.62 million. Preliminary results show 583 votes in favor of the proposition and 32 against.

Absentee ballots will be counted, and the election results will be finalized, in a special borough assembly meeting on Oct. 4.

# Court report

**September 20** - Scott M. Hall was accused of reckless driving and vehicle theft. However, the case has been dismissed by prosecution.

**September 25** - Justin Barker pleaded guilty to theft between the values of \$1,000 and \$24,999. He

has been sentenced to 12 months imprisonment, with 12 months suspended. He has been ordered to pay restitution and will also be on probation for three years. He was also found guilty of violating his probation from a previous case, for which he will serve one day of imprisonment.

# Police report

### September 24, 2018

Illegal parking: Officer made contact with person.  
Agency assist: AST.  
Domestic-verbal: Unfounded.  
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for failure to maintain lane of traffic.  
Citation issued: Jim Fenton, 16. Failure to stop.

### September 25, 2018

Two - Citizen assist: Vehicle unlock.  
Illegal parking: Officer notified.  
Citation issued: Dylan Franks, 28. Dog at large, 4<sup>th</sup> offense-mandatory court appearance.

### September 26, 2018

Two-86'd letter served.  
Harassment.  
Vacation patrol.  
Suspicious incident.  
Report of theft.  
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment.  
Subpoena served.

### September 27, 2018

Illegal parking: GOA.  
Missing cell phone.  
Agency assist: AST- Dead moose found.  
Citation issued: Barbara Gallant, 64. Speeding.  
Traffic: DUI unfounded.  
Found property: ID cards.  
Intoxicated person: Ride given.  
Citation issued: Max Voltz, 18. Failure to provide proof of insurance.

### September 28, 2018

Disorderly conduct: Officer responded.  
Welfare check.  
Citizen assist.  
Noise complaint: Roosters in city limits.  
Civil issue.

### September 29, 2018

Courtesy transport.  
Citation issued: Randy Churchill, 34. Operating with expired registration.

### September 29, 2018

Driving complaint: Unfounded.  
Agency assist.  
Civil assist.

### September 30, 2018

Courtesy ride.  
Trespass: Property owner will type up notice to be served.  
Citations issued: Shaleen Kuntz, 24. Failure to provide proof of insurance and expired registration.  
Civil matter.  
Criminal mischief: Caller reported mirror on vehicle is broken.  
Agency assist: Alarm at Bobs' IGA.  
Citation issued: Kasee Schlotzhauer, 24. Failure to provide proof of insurance and verbal for speeding.  
Dog at large - Citation issued: Dawn Welch, 31.  
Lost backpack.

There were nine ambulance calls this week.

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## Guest Editorial

### Why the Tongass National Forest should be totally exempt from the Roadless Rule

by Governor Frank H. Murkowski

The 2001 Roadless Rule, covering 58 million acres of National Forest Land, including the Tongass and Chugach National Forests, was pushed through the entire national rulemaking and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) processes in 15 months. The 2001 Roadless Rule was promulgated by the outgoing Clinton Administration just eight days before President George W. Bush was inaugurated.

The Roadless Rule was justified by the Clinton Administration's claim that a national level "whole picture" review of National Forest roadless areas was needed because: "Local management planning efforts may not always recognize the significance of inventoried roadless areas."

But the Roadless Rule did not justify the need for making multiple "national level, whole picture" reviews of the same National Forest. One national whole picture review was apparently sufficient to protect all the other national forests from local forest managers failure to "recognize the significance of inventoried roadless areas" and to prevent "their ecological character and social values" from being "incrementally reduced."

The 2001 Roadless Rule was the fourth time areas of the Tongass were set aside by the national government. Prior to promulgation of the Roadless Rule the Tongass had undergone two Congressional reviews (ANILCA and TTRA) and a 1999 USDA Secretarial review that had set aside over 6.6 million acres of the Tongass in Wilderness and other restrictive land use categories. The USDA rulemaking included a separate Tongass decision, but the Roadless Rule's general statement of Purpose and Need did not explain the need for a fourth "national level, whole picture" review of the Tongass.

My Administration stressed this point in settling the lawsuit with USDA that Governor Knowles had filed in 2001. We also pointed to the facts that denying road access to 9.4 million acres violated the "No More" clause of ANILCA and deprived the Forest Service of its ability to seek to meet the market demand for timber as required by the TTRA. Finally, we emphasized the adverse socioeconomic impacts caused by the Rule.

The USDA agreed to temporarily exempt the Tongass from the Roadless Rule because "the roadless values on the Tongass are sufficiently protected under the Tongass Forest Plan and the additional restrictions associated with the roadless rule are not required." The 2003 Regulation also stated:

The Department has concluded that the social and economic hardships to Southeast Alaska outweigh the potential long-term ecological benefits because the Tongass Forest plan adequately provides for the ecological sustainability of the Tongass. Every facet of Southeast Alaska's economy is important and the potential adverse impacts from application of the roadless rule are not warranted, given the abundance of roadless areas and protections already afforded in the Tongass Forest Plan.

The subsequent Roadless Rule litigation has been over USDA's process in promulgating the 2003 Exemption. USDA's substantive, policy determination has never been challenged and is as true today as it was then. Given that 6.6 million acres of the Tongass are in Wilderness and other Congressionally designated restricted land categories, USDA should once again exempt the entire Tongass from the Roadless Rule. Denying access to an additional 9.6 million acres of the Tongass by Roadless Area designation creates a gross imbalance. We don't need 16.2 million acres of the 16.9 million acre Tongass National Forest to be "protected" from the Alaskans who live in Southeast Alaska.

Nevertheless, some Southeast Alaska based environmental groups contend that denying road access to almost the

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## Obituary: Darlene Berkeley, 69

Darlene A. Berkeley, 69, of Unga, Alaska, passed away Aug. 4, 2018, at SEARHC Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital in Sitka, Alaska.

She was born on March 1, 1949, to Martin and Clara Gilbert. She attended school at Sheldon Jackson High School in Sitka and graduated in 1967. While attending high school she met and married Dennis Berkeley on May 31, 1967 in Kake, Alaska. She worked as a cook, daycare caregiver, seamstress, volunteer, and her favorite, volunteer fundraiser and ticket seller for the Wrangell High School Sports program. For the years she lived in Sitka, she worked for the Junk Trunk and



Darlene A. Berkeley

Gilbert and her sister Trona Gilbert.

Darlene is survived by her husband, Dennis Berkeley, daughter, Denise Berkeley-Salter, her son Jon Berkeley, daughter-in-law Karen Mehl, son-in-law Dave Salter, her sister Dorothy McCullum, and grandchildren Shelby White, Rachel and Zachary Berkeley, goddaughter Carmen Jimenez-Barrett and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at B.P.O.E Wrangell Elks Lodge #1595 on Sat., Oct. 13, 2018 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Memorials or donations may be given/donated to the Wrangell High School.

the White Elephant that raised monies for charities.

Darlene is preceded in death by her parents, Martin and Clara Gilbert, her brother Charlie

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# A Piece of Kake: Southeast Alaska town named 2018 community of the year

By CALEB VIERKANT  
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Southeast Conference held its 60th annual meeting last month in Ketchikan. The conference is a gathering of municipalities, busi-

## Guest Editorial

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entire Tongass is the only way to "protect" it. In fact, the Tongass Land and Resource Management Plans will continue to protect the Tongass through multiple use management. As Congress reaffirmed in the National Forest Management Act of 1976, multiple use management is the organizing principle on National Forests. Preservation is the organizing principle of National Parks.

USDA is using a State Roadless Rule process in re-examining the application of the Roadless Rule to the Tongass. The alternatives considered will range from leaving the Roadless Rule in place to total exemption. Total Exemption is what the Walker Administration requested in its Petition for rulemaking and it is the alternative that I favor.

I oppose leaving some areas in Roadless and exempting other areas. USDA should not pick winners and losers by setting aside road access to one resource in order to provide access to another resource.

I urge USDA to consider the following policies in its rule-making:

1. While "reasonable" access is allowed for mining in IRAs, mining companies often need road access to get heavy equipment from tidewater to a Project site or to otherwise proceed with economically exploring and developing a mine or a hydro facility. Road access for mining exploration and development and for renewable energy projects should be presumptively authorized throughout the Forest.

2. Road access to renewable energy projects (including geothermal to which road access is currently prohibited) should be authorized. For example, renewable energy could replace diesel power in rural Southeast communities or be available to power mining exploration and/or mine development.

3. Sufficient land, suitable for the economic harvest of timber, should be made available to provide for an integrated timber industry that uses saw logs and pulp logs.

4. The IRAs which prohibit the Juneau Access Road should be removed.

5. The Transportation and Utility System Land Use Designation that was eliminated in the 2016 Tongass Transition Plan should be restored to allow implementation of the State's Southeast Transportation Plan.



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**Kake Vice Mayor Paulette Jackson (right) accepts a plaque from Southeast Conference declaring Kake the 2018 community of the year.**

nesses, nonprofits, and other interests across Southeast Alaska for the purpose of economic development in the area. During their annual conference, the organization named the city of Kake as the community of the year. Kake City Administrator Rudy Bean said that the recognition comes as a result of community-wide efforts to improve the city from several organizations.

"It feels great. All of the hard work and extra hours paid off, it was a group effort," Bean said. "Everyone put in hard work, and it's nice to be noticed."

There were several community improvement projects that took place to give Kake this honor. Some of these projects include turning their historic cannery into a tourist site, the

construction of a new ferry terminal, boat harbor and launch, and the planned construction of a hydroelectric plant to provide power to the city. Other projects in Kake include a new diesel power plant and tank farm, a planned picnic area at Seal Point, and various road and sewer renovations.

"It's simply amazing the number of projects that went under the radar in Kake," said Robert Venables, the Southeast Conference executive director.

"Kake is a first class city. We work hard to make sure we can provide first class accommodations," Bean said.

Kake's vice mayor, Paulette Jackson, attended the conference to receive the award. Henrich Kadake, member of the Kake

City Council and the Southeast Conference Board of Directors, was also recognized. The Organized Village of Kake, the community's tribal organization, also received a plaque. Venables said that Kake was chosen as community of the year for the sheer number of projects going on to improve the town, as well as for the incredible amount of cooperation between the community's different organizations.

"When extraordinary efforts lead to extraordinary results, those tend to rise to the top," he said.

Bean said that there are several future projects in the works to make the community even better.

"This is just the start for Kake," he said.

## Petersburg post office reopens following week long shut down

By BRIAN BRIAN VARELA  
*Sentinel writer*

PETERSBURG – After mercury leaked out of a package at the Petersburg Post Office and closed the facility for just over a week, the post office reopened September 28.

"[Post office staff] handled it great and they adapted to the changes as necessary to make sure that we could keep serving our customers," said Postmaster Mark Eppihimer.

Environmental contractors and regulators were flown into Petersburg to clean the facility of the mercury, though the amount that was exposed wasn't harmful, according to a release from postal service officials. The post office was first expected to reopen the weekend after the mercury was discovered, but was later pushed back to the following Friday because the effort required to clean the facility of the mercury was underestimated.

The droplets of mercury were first seen on the package it came in and nearby parcels around 10am on Sept.13. The contaminated mail was separated, and the fire department was contacted, said a source with the post office. Once it was determined that the droplets were mercury, the postal service chain of command decided to shut down the facility to protect the safety of post office staff and customers, said the source.

When the contractors arrived that afternoon, they immediately began working 12 hour shifts to remove the mercury from the mail. A special sulfur powder was used to absorb the visible droplets, said the post office source. Tents made of plastic wrap were then placed over the contaminated mail. Space heaters were placed in the tents to heat the mail above 66 degrees so the mercury would begin to vaporize, said the post office source. The sulfur powder was again used to absorb the mercury vapor.

Over a seven hour period, air samples were taken in the facility to test the quality of air, said

the post office source. The samples were taken to California to be analyzed on Thursday morning and by Thursday evening, the results had determined that the air quality was safe, said the post office source.

After the facility was cleaned and deemed safe to reenter, the post office resumed operations at their facility, according to the release. While the facility was closed, the post office was operating out of Petersburg Indian Association, which is Petersburg's Continuity of Operations, said Eppihimer. Should federal organizations in Petersburg be displaced, they will relocate to the PIA building.

Eppihimer said that the mail remained safe and private while being distributed at PIA. Customers were discouraged from leaning over the counter and glancing at the mail. Statements released by postal service officials stated that photo identification was required to pick up mail and packages; however, not everyone was asked to present photo identification.

"If we didn't recognize the person or we didn't know them, we always checked their ID," said Eppihimer.

According to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, mercury is a naturally occurring metal that is a shiny, silver liquid. When heated, it becomes colorless. Both forms are odorless. People can be exposed to mercury by breathing in vapors. Exposure to high levels of mercury can permanently damage the brain, kidneys and a developing fetus, according to the ATSDR. Short term exposure can cause lung damage, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, increases in blood pressure and heart rate, skin rashes and eye irritation. There is no substantial data indicating that mercury can cause cancer, according to the ATSDR.

If Petersburg residents have any questions about the closure of the post office or the mercury leak, Eppihimer encourages anyone to contact him at the post office with their questions.

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# Nolan Center takes on new facility manager

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

Jennie Ridgeway said she fell in love with Wrangell when she came to town while visiting her daughter, who moved to the area. She came up here from Knoxville, Tennessee, where she had lived since 1992. Now, as one of Wrangell's newest residents, she has found work at the Nolan Center as its new facility manager.



Jennie Ridgeway

The facility manager is a new position for the Nolan Center, Ridgeway said. She was hired on Aug. 30 and had her first day of work Sept. 15. As facility manager, she will work closely with Director Cyni Cray with the daily operations of the Nolan Center, and serve as her backup to keep everything running smoothly.

"[The job] is to help the director oversee the overall facility, which includes the gift shop, the museum, the civic center, and the welcome center," Ridgeway said. "And to learn all facets of those within the building, to be able to continue functioning for all events."

Besides assisting with day-to-day op-



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## Wrangell Community Orchestra preps for October concert

The music room at Evergreen Elementary school was filled with music last Saturday morning as the Wrangell Community Orchestra met for their weekly practice. The orchestra, which conductor Mary Kurth said numbers about 24 people, is open to all members of the community. The orchestra is a relatively new group, she said, being first organized last year. On Oct. 10 the orchestra will be part of a concert to benefit St. Francis Animal Rescue. The concert will take place at 7 p.m. at the elementary school gym.

erations of the Nolan Center, Ridgeway said she will also be helping with future projects to improve the facility. One upcoming project she mentioned was the creation of a "business center" for professional events or for tourists or Wrangell residents to have a place to get work done.

"There is a lot that goes on here on a

day-to-day basis, and it is really too much for one person to do," she said.

Ridgeway said that she is excited to be in Wrangell and that her love for the area has only grown. Coming from Tennessee, she said that the time zone change was tricky to get used to, but otherwise she was settling in well. She added that she is looking forward to getting to know more

people around town

"The people here have been really open and welcoming, and that's huge. The community, overall, is just an awesome community. I feel honored to become a part of it," Ridgeway said. "I just want to become a member of the community and look towards having an open door policy."

# Wrestling team hits the mat for a new season

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell High School wrestling team has begun training for another season. The team's first tournament will be in Petersburg on Oct. 12 and 13. According to Assistant Coach Jack Carney, this year's team is younger but very experienced.

"After losing three seniors last year, we have a fairly young team," he said in an email. "We have two seniors, three juniors, one sophomore, and six freshmen. Even though the team is young, most are experienced wrestlers that have placed at state-level tournaments and what we're seeing in practices is very encouraging."

The team is focusing on the

fundamentals of wrestling in practice, Carney said, but they will be going over more advanced techniques as the season progresses. He said that there are some very strong pinners, and as a whole the team is in good shape. Pins and take-downs are the main area of focus, he said. Carney also added that the students making up the wrestling team are very competitive and active in other sports. He predicted that Wrangell will have a lot of top finishers in the Petersburg tournament.

Besides winning tournaments and maintaining good grades, Carney said he wants the team to focus on things like mental toughness, physical

strength, speed, and flexibility. He also wants them to leave the wrestling mat with skills that can help their everyday life, like improved confidence, a stronger work ethic, being good teammates and classmates, and all-around being a better person.

"The main goal is that each student finishes the season proud of what they accomplished in the classroom and on the mat, knowing that they gave 100 percent in both areas," said Carney.

The team's annual halibut dinner and silent auction will take place this Saturday, Oct. 6

at 6 p.m. at the Nolan Center. Meals will be prepared by Jake Harris, of the Stikine Inn, and proceeds will go to benefit the wrestling team.

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# Petersburg hospital board votes to invest up to \$1.5 million

By BRIAN VARELA  
Sentinel writer

PETERSBURG - The Petersburg Medical Center board of directors passed a motion on Sept. 19 to invest up to \$1.5 million at the CFO and CEO's discretion in bonds and treasuries.

The decision came at the suggestion of hospital CFO Doran Hammett. He said that PMC's operating cash in an account at First Bank was increasing at a rate of .5 percent in interest per month, but the bank was only crediting the hospital a sufficient amount to offset bank charges.

"Over the last 13 months, we earned almost \$11,000 in excess of our bank charges, and that's money that we did not get," said Hammett at the board meeting on Sept. 19 through teleconference. "They only credited us enough to cover our charges."

He suggested that the he take about \$1 million to \$1.5 million out of the account and use it to purchase treasury certificates earning about 2.5 percent in interest. Hammett said the money could earn about \$30,000 to \$50,000 a year.

"I just feel like it's important to keep the money working as much as we can," said Hammett.

There would still be enough money in the bank to cover daily operations and to accrue enough interest to pay banking charges, said Hammett. Plus, there are deposits being made into the account every day, he said.

## Juneau airport awarded \$10M federal grant for improvements

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)- The Juneau International Airport will receive nearly \$10 million in federal transportation grant money that it will use to address "serious life safety hazards."

KTOO-FM reports the Juneau airport was one of the 37 small airports around the

country that will receive a part of the \$205 million in supplemental airport infrastructure grants.

Federal Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao said on Thursday that the improvements will not only expand airport capacity, but improve safety as well.



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### See You At The Pole

Students met early on Sept. 26 for a short worship service and to pray for Wrangell High School. See You At The Pole is an annual event where Christian students gather together on the fourth Wednesday of September to pray for each other and their schools.

The Juneau airport's grant application says the money will be used to replace a sand

and chemical storage building. The money will also replace an obsolete fueling facility.

The Juneau airport was built in 1966 as a hanger and later repurposed.

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# Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH  
Fisheries columnist

## October proclaimed Alaska Seafood Month

Salmon that begin their lives in Alaska hatcheries often save the day for thousands of fishermen when returns of wild stocks are a bust. This year was a prime example, when pinks and chums that originated in hatcheries made up for record shortfalls for fishing towns in the Gulf of Alaska.

"This year Kodiak hatchery fish added up to more than \$6 million for fishermen, and also for sport fish, subsistence and personal use fisheries," Tina Fairbanks, director of the Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association, said in testimony to the Kodiak Island Borough after one of the Island's poorest salmon seasons.

But Alaska's hatchery program, which has operated since the early 1970s, is under assault by critics who claim the fish are jeopardizing survival of wild stocks.

A Kenai sportfishing group said in statements to the state Board of Fisheries that "massive releases of pinks from Prince William Sound hatcheries threaten wild sockeye and Chinook salmon" bound for their region. An individual from Fairbanks is calling for a decreased cap on how many pink salmon some hatcheries are allowed to release to the ocean each year.

Currently, 29 salmon hatcheries operate in Alaska, producing primarily pinks, chums and sockeyes. Twenty five are operated by private non-profit corporations funded by the sale of a portion of the salmon returns. Two sport fish hatcheries are operated by the state at Fairbanks and Anchorage, one research hatchery is run by NOAA Fisheries, and one is operated by the Metlakatla Indian Community.

Alaska hatcheries don't grow fish to adulthood, like fish farms. They can be likened more to salmon maternity wards, where fertilized eggs from local stocks are incubated until they become big enough to be let out into the world.

Pink and chum salmon can be released from fresh to salt water soon after hatching. Chinook, sockeye and coho salmon fry usually spend a year or more in fresh water before they can tolerate a transition to the sea. The fish imprint on their release sites and return as adults.

Prince William Sound produces most of the state's hatchery fish, followed by Southeast, Kodiak and Cook Inlet. Combined, they released a total of roughly 1.6 billion ju-

venile salmon in 2017.

In terms of catch, a hatchery harvest last year of 47 million fish accounted for 21 percent of the statewide salmon harvest, the lowest percentage since 1995, and due largely to the third largest wild salmon catch in Alaska history.

The state Board of Fisheries will consider proposals by hatchery critics at a meeting on October 15-16 in Anchorage. An open public meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of Oct. 16.

United Fishermen of Alaska is offering an easy hatchery comment form that can be submitted to the Board of Fisheries by the October 3 deadline.

**Outwitting whales** - Alaska longliners are testing underwater microphones to prevent sperm whales from stripping pricey sablefish (black cod) from their hooks. It's rampant piracy that fishermen call "getting whaled," and especially painful when the fish fetches up to \$9 a pound at the docks. "When the whales are depredating on a set they take between 25 and 30 percent of the fish that come up. That's an average. If there's multiple whales, they can take a lot more than that," said Dan Falvey, a longtime fisherman and spokesman for the Sitka-based Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association.

Whale depredation increased after the quota share program began in 1995 when more boats began fishing during an extended eight month fishery. Fishery managers estimate the sperm whales now take between five and ten percent of sablefish from hook and line gear in the Gulf of Alaska. (Fishermen claim it's much more.)

In 2003, ALFA partnered with researchers who formed the Southeast Alaska Sperm Whale Avoidance Network (SEASWAP) to find a whale deterrent. Falvey said since then they've learned some key things.

"Whales are out there naturally foraging and if a boat stays far enough away, most of them will continue feeding and not come over to the boat. Secondly, if boats shift in and out of gear, it's the cavitation of the propeller that calls the whales over," Falvey said.

The team concluded that a way to minimize fish losses is to avoid areas where there are whales.

"If you can find a spot on the grounds that's 8-10 miles away from whales, you have a good chance of setting your gear and knowing that you might not have depredation problems," Falvey said.

In 2016 the avoidance team tested an array of two \$300 hydrophones that can be towed at 50 fathoms and display stereoscopic underwater acoustic data on a boat's computer screen.

"The trick was to take these towed hydrophones that work great on research vessels and make them adaptable so the information can be shared among fishing boats, and to make the computer display fishermen-friendly enough so they can interpret what it's saying. Another challenge was how to share the information to a satellite modem in real time to a wide group of fishermen who are reporting where there are and aren't whales," Falvey explained.

In September ALFA received a \$200,000 federal grant to finetune the array to fishing boats and customize software that can broadcast whale alerts to the fleet.

"Once we get the system dialed in and plugging away on different boats we can share it more broadly," Falvey said.

To prevent getting whaled, some fishermen have switched from hook and line gear to pots, but Falvey said that's not practical for many vessels.

"That gear is too big and heavy for many of the smaller longline boats to switch over to and they don't have the hydraulic power needed to pull it off the bottom," Falvey explained. "A second issue is that it can cost between \$50,000 to \$100,000 to retool a vessel to put out pots along with the hydraulics. So that's quite a barrier."

**Got fish questions?** Seafood industry related questions are being solicited for the October 22 governor candidates' debate in Kodiak. Questions can cover a wide range of topics beyond fishing: trade, transportation, infrastructure, marketing, management, climate change, etc.

The 7-9pm debate will be moderated by KTVA's Rhonda McBride and broadcast statewide via the Alaska Public Radio Network.

"We really want to hear their visions for this economic engine that is the life blood of our coastal communities. Fishing is Alaska's oldest and most culturally important industry and listeners across the state are excited to hear the candidates' ideas," said Frank Schiro, director of the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce, host of the event.

Since 1991, every major candidate for Alaska governor and U.S. Congress has come to

Kodiak to "talk fish." Send questions to frank.schiro@kodiak.org or call 907-486-5557.

**Seafood month!** Governor Walker has proclaimed October as Alaska Seafood Month to "honor the state's fisheries, as well as the hardworking men and women who help bring Alaska's seafood to market." The recognition mirrors the national honor, which was decreed by Congress 30 years ago. Alaska deserves special merit during Seafood Month, as it produces 60% of our nation's wild caught seafood - more than all the other states combined.

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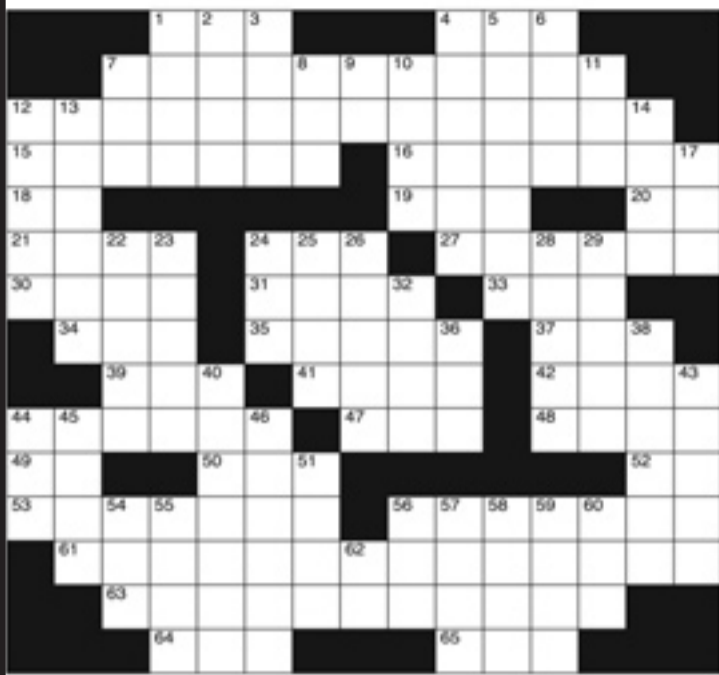
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- 7. Unity
- 12. Not useful
- 15. One who mocks
- 16. Teachers
- 18. "Pollock" actor Harris
- 19. Fifth note of a major scale
- 20. A type of coalition
- 21. Aircraft transmitters
- 24. Where golfers begin
- 27. We all have them
- 30. Monetary unit
- 31. Calendar month
- 33. Pouch-like structure
- 34. Winter sport tool
- 35. Minneapolis suburb
- 37. \_\_\_ student, learns healing
- 39. Keyboard key
- 41. Brief proposal
- 42. Gasteyer and Ivanovic are two
- 44. Lunatic
- 47. Cool!
- 48. Japanese musician
- 49. Successor to League of Nations
- 50. Actor Diesel
- 52. The Constitution State
- 53. Go back over
- 56. One long or stressed syllable followed by unstressed syllable
- 61. All of it
- 63. Seriousness
- 64. Adds color
- 65. \_\_\_kosh, near Lake Winnebago

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Turfs
- 2. Handle
- 3. Floating ice
- 4. Railways
- 5. Breathe in
- 6. Neutralizes alkalis
- 7. Coenzyme A
- 8. Make a mistake
- 9. Tin
- 10. Parts of a machine
- 11. Midway between northeast and east
- 12. Prizes for victory
- 13. Great amount
- 14. Goodwill (archaic)
- 17. Suspicion of having committed a crime
- 22. Signed one's name
- 23. Quake
- 24. Exercise system \_\_\_-bo
- 25. Round Dutch cheese
- 26. Ready to go
- 28. Khoikhoi peoples
- 29. Opera scene
- 32. Husband of Sita (Hindu)
- 36. A sign of assent
- 38. Cut a rug
- 40. An army unit mounted on horseback
- 43. Satisfies
- 44. Austrian river
- 45. In a more positive way
- 46. Religious creed
- 51. Brazilian NBA star
- 54. One and only
- 55. Street
- 56. Explosive
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- 59. Hard money
- 60. Time units (abbr.)
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Puzzle answers will be in the October 11 edition

# Cross country season comes to close, Wrangell student competes in state

By **CALEB VIERKANT**  
*Sentinel writer*  
Liana Carney, Wrangell High School freshman and

member of the cross country team, went to run in the state competition at Bartlett High School this past Saturday. Car-

ney qualified for state in the regional competition at Juneau on Sept. 22. She came in fourth place at Regionals with a time of 25 minutes and 51 seconds in the race.

"I am proud of the team and so excited for Liana," Coach Jen Davies wrote in an email. "These athletes work hard and are dedicated. Hopefully we come back next season stronger and ready to compete."

The state competition was between the top 15 male and top 15 female runners across Alaska. Carney said that this was her first year on the cross country team, but she has practiced with the team in the past. She's loved her time on the team and working with Davies, she added. She also said that she was excited to run in the state competition.

"It feels good, but I'm kind of bummed the other girls aren't going," Carney said before the competition.

Carney placed 26<sup>th</sup> in last weekend's run with a time of 22 minutes and 9 seconds. Carney's father, Jack Carney, said that she came in third place out of the female runners from Southeast Alaska. Davies said that she ran hard and was mentally focused the entire time, and that she was very proud of her performance. With the state competition over with, the cross country season has come to a close for another year.

"Overall we had another successful season," Davies said. "We had many personal records, overcame personal challenges, and simply had a fun time together. I already miss seeing the kids daily."



COURTESY PHOTO

Liana Carney, with the Wrangell High School cross country team, running at the regional competition in Juneau on Sept. 22.

# Swim team passes milestones in Juneau event, looks towards regionals

By **CALEB VIERKANT**  
*Sentinel writer*

The Wrangell High School swim team was in Juneau this past weekend for an invitational tournament. Wrangell was one of seven schools represented at Juneau. According to the team's coach, Jamie Roberts, it was an eventful meet.

Team member Renee Roberts took first place in two events, the 50 and 100-yard freestyles. Jimmy Baggen became the first member of the swim team to compete in all eight events offered in high school swimming. These events are the 50, 100, 200, and 500-yard freestyle, the 100-yard butterfly, the 100-yard breaststroke, the 100-yard backstroke, and the 200-yard individual medley.

Another milestone of note came from Wade Jack, who swam the 50-yard freestyle in 25.45 seconds. Roberts said that this was the fastest time ever recorded in Wrangell High School's records, and also ties with the fastest time reported in the Wrangell Swim Club.

"So far the season is going really great," she said. "All the

swimmers are improving in their times. They're entering longer distance events, which can be expected as they get more time and more practice in. This weekend, when we travelled to Juneau, we had 13 new personal best times."

The results from the Juneau meet are as follows: Xoe Affholter took 25th place in the 50-yard freestyle, 26th in another 50-yard freestyle, and 17th in the 100-yard freestyle; Jimmy Baggen took 8th in the 50-yard freestyle, 6th in the 200-yard freestyle, 9th in the 100-yard freestyle, and 3rd in the 100-yard breaststroke; Laura Helgeson took 21st in two 50-yard freestyle events; Wade Jack took 5th in the 50-yard freestyle, 5th in the 100-yard freestyle, 5th in the 100-yard breaststroke, 6th in the 100-yard freestyle, and 6th in the 200-yard freestyle; Aaliyah Messmer took 20th in the 50-yard freestyle, 17th in the 100-yard backstroke, 19th in the 50-yard freestyle, and 23rd in another 100-yard backstroke; Sophie O'Brien took 14th in the 50-yard freestyle, 17th in another 50-yard freestyle, 17th in the 100-yard freestyle, and 13th in the 100-yard breaststroke; and Renee

Roberts took 1st in the 50-yard freestyle, 1st in the 100-yard freestyle, 9th in the 100-yard breaststroke, and 6th in the 200-yard freestyle.

"The kids have been working hard and swimming hard when they go to swim meets. It's a bit tiring for them," Roberts said. "Our Friday night meets, for whatever reason, have been going until 9:30 or 10 o'clock at night. Typically, most athletes aren't at their prime at 9:30 at night, so it's incredible when they come out and stick it out to the end on a Friday night and still swim fast."

Up next for the swim team is a meet in Ketchikan on Oct. 12 and 13. Looking ahead, after this meet will be the regional tournament at Petersburg scheduled for Oct. 26 and 27. Roberts said the team is focused on Regionals, as well as the possibility of getting to State beyond that.

"Right now we're working with the swimmers on narrowing in on what they want to swim at the regional event," she said. "It's going to be run as preliminaries and finals, so they can only choose two events."

# Volleyball team takes third in season opening tournament

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell High School volleyball team travelled to Tok this weekend for their first tournament of the season. Coach Jessica Whitaker said that she decided to take her team beyond Southeast Alaska this year to play against teams they otherwise wouldn't have as much contact with.

At the 2A tournament, the team played against Tok's volleyball team, but also against schools from Nenana, Kenny Lake, Cordova, and Glennallen. The team came home to Wrangell in third place, behind Glennallen in first and Cordova in second. Whitaker said she was proud of her team and is looking forward to improving upon their performance.

"We sat down and went over our statistics, and talked about what we want to work on over the next ten days," she said. "We need to work on our passing game."

Whitaker gave a shout out to one of her players in particular, senior Hellen Decker. Whitaker said that Decker took on a leadership role in the last tournament and really helped the team, and that her performance was impressive.

The volleyball team will be leaving town again soon for the Juneau invitational tournament. They also have two home games coming up, on Oct. 26 and 27. Whitaker said the team has a fundraiser dinner coming up on Oct. 28 with tickets going on sale this Saturday.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association, Inc., (SSRAA), is soliciting bids from interested parties to conduct rearing operations for the spring of 2019 season at its Port Asumcion rearing site located in southern Southeast Alaska. For more information go to [www.ssraa.org](http://www.ssraa.org) or call 225-9605.

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## CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL Surplus Property FOR SALE

The City and Borough of Wrangell, is soliciting bids for the sale of surplus property.

All surplus property is to be sold As-Is, Where-Is, and will be available for public review and inspection at the location specified on the surplus bid form. beginning Wednesday, September 26, 2018.

**The "list of items and bid forms" are available at City Hall, 205 Brueger Street, Wrangell, Alaska or online at [www.wrangell.com](http://www.wrangell.com)**

Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "Surplus Property Sale". The City and Borough of Wrangell does not offer any warranty or guarantee on the condition of any equipment.

All bids must be received on or before **2:00 p.m., October 12, 2018**, at the Office of the Borough Clerk. Payment must be received from bidder within 48 hours of bid opening.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

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 City and Borough Assembly Chambers, Wrangell, Alaska. Separate notice for the regular Board of Directors meeting shall not be required.

Aaron Angerman  
Board Secretary

Wrangell Medical Center  
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### 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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### CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL JOB BULLETIN Facilities Maintenance Specialist Lead Capital Facilities Department

The City and Borough of Wrangell is recruiting for a Facilities Maintenance Specialist Lead. This is a full-time, benefited position, paid at Grade 23 ranging from \$28.55 - \$36.00 per hour. This position is part of the IBEW collective bargaining agreement.

The Facilities Maintenance Specialist Lead is a supervisory position responsible for the day-to-day maintenance of all Borough-owned facilities. Applicants must meet the qualifications of the position listed in the job description. The full job description and employment application can be found online at [www.wrangell.com/jobs](http://www.wrangell.com/jobs).

To be considered, a cover letter, resume, and a completed employment application must be submitted to Aleisha Mollen either by e-mail to [amollen@wrangell.com](mailto:amollen@wrangell.com), in person to City Hall, 205 Brueger St., Wrangell, or by postal mail to PO Box 531, Wrangell, Alaska 99929. Applications will be accepted until end of business October 12, 2018.

The City and Borough of Wrangell is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Lisa Von Bargen  
Wrangell Borough Manager

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### PUBLIC NOTICE – City Board and Committee Vacancies

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.

Deadline for Letters of Interest is 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 5, 2018, for the following vacancies:

Planning & Zoning Commission	two – (three year terms)
Parks & Recreation	two – (three year terms)
Economic Development Committee	one – (three year term)
Wrangell Convention & Visitors Bureau	one – (three year term)

Appointments will be made at the October 9, 2018 Regular Assembly meeting.

If you have any questions on the duties and responsibilities for each board and committee, please contact the Borough Clerk's Office at either calling 874-2381 or emailing [clerk@wrangell.com](mailto:clerk@wrangell.com) or stop by City Hall at 205 Brueger Street.

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

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# Introducing WHS 2018-2019 Wrestling and Volleyball Teams



## WHS Wrestling Team 2018 - 2019 Schedule

Oct. 12-13	@ Petersburg
Oct. 19-20	@ Juneau
Oct. 26-27	@ Ketchikan
Nov. 2-3	@ Metlakatla
Nov. 9-10	@ ACS @ Anchorage
Nov. 30-Dec.1	@ Sitka
Dec. 7-8	Regions @ Juneau
Dec. 14-15	State @ Anchorage

**Bottom to Top, left to right:** Jake Eastaugh, Rowen Wiedersphon, Dillon Rooney, Hunter Wiederspohn, James Shilts, Fenton Jim, Elizabeth Johnson, Chase Kincaid, Jonah Comstock, Ryan Rooney.



## WHS Volleyball Team 2018 - 2019 Schedule

Oct. 5-6	@ Ketchikan
Oct. 12-13	@ JIVE @ Juneau
Oct. 19-20	@ Craig
Oct. 26-27	Craig
Nov. 2-3	@Petersburg
Nov. 9-10	Petersburg
Nov. 15-17	Regions @ Metlakatla
Nov. 29-Dec. 1	State @ Anchorage

**Left to Right:** Coach: Jessica Whitaker, Grace Miller, Kaylyn Easterly, Ashlee Olson, Kendra Meissner, Tasha Massin, Assistant Coach: Alyssa Allen, Robyn Booker, Kira Torvend, Emma Martinsen, Terra Hoyt, Jade Balansag, Helen Decker & Ashley Allen

**Best of luck to the Wrestling and Volleyball teams  
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# Bear, cubs kill an Alaska worker at remote silver mine

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) - A female bear and her two cubs mauled and killed a young man working at a remote mine site on a southeast Alaska island with one of the highest bear densities in the state, authorities said Monday.

Anthony David Montoya, 18, a contract worker from Hollis, Oklahoma, died at a remote drill site accessible only by helicopter, according to Hecla Greens Creek Mine and authorities. Mine officials said workers receive training on how to deal with bears because of the large number in the area.

Alaska State Troopers said Montoya was mauled by the three bears, all of which were killed before they arrived. It was not immediately clear who killed them.

Montoya worked for Idaho-based Timberline Drilling, which provides core drilling services at Greens Creek, the mine said in a release. His body was being taken to the state medical examiner's office for an autopsy.

The silver mine is on Admiralty Island, which is about 18 miles (29 kilometers) southwest of Juneau and where an estimated 1,500 brown bears roam, said Stephen Bethune, a biologist with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Tours to the island that's largely uninhabited by people tout bear-viewing possibilities.

The island also has the world's highest density of nesting bald eagles, according to the department. Its only permanent community is Angoon, which is accessible by plane or ferry.

However, run-ins with bears on Admiralty Island are fairly unusual, Bethune said, noting there was a nonfatal attack within the past three years.

Mike Satre, manager of government and community relations with the mine, said employees and contractors receive training on bears.



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**Black femal bear with her cub at Anan Bear Observatory near Wrangell.**

Workers are taught, for example, ways to prevent bear encounters, including proper disposal of food. Bear spray is available to carry between buildings and trained personnel use bean bags to scare away bears from established areas.

The mine also has videos on bear behavior. In re-

mote locations, bear spray is among the tools employees generally bring with them in the case of bear encounters, Satre said.

Mine general manager Keith Malone expressed condolences to Montoya's family, colleagues and friends.

# State wants lawsuit challenging bonding proposal dismissed

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) - A judge said Monday he wants both sides to submit additional briefs before deciding whether to dismiss a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Gov. Bill Walker's plan to pay Alaska's oil and gas tax credit obligations.

The state wants the case brought by Juneau resident Eric Forrer to be dismissed.

Superior Court Judge Jude Pate said a decision probably would not be made until early November.

The Legislature earlier this year passed a bill, proposed by Walker, to establish a new state corporation that would be empowered to sell up to \$1 billion in bonds to pay off the state's remaining tax credit obligations. Lawmakers had previously voted to end the tax credit program, which had been geared toward

small producers and developers, because they said it had become unaffordable.

How much to put toward paying down the obligation had, in recent years, become a political fight.

The state constitution limits the power to incur state debt. But Attorney General Jahn Lindemuth has said that her office is confident the proposed bonds would be lawful.

She said the proposed bonds would not be considered state debt subject to the constitutional restraints. The proposed bonds would be "subject-to-appropriation" bonds, she wrote, meaning that payment of the bonds would be contingent upon whether the legislature sets aside money for them each year.

The state has pointed to an

Alaska Supreme Court ruling involving a lease-purchase agreement. In that decision, the state says the court concluded the agreement did not constitute impermissible constitutional debt because the state's obligation was subject to appropriation.

Arguments before Pate on Monday focused in part on

procedural matters. But Pate also questioned Forrer's attorney, Joe Geldhof, over legal arguments, particularly surrounding that court decision.

Geldhof said the two cases this one and the one involving the lease-purchase agreement are different. The constitutional provisions on debt are

narrow in scope, he said.

"If this court wants to sanction that kind of creative financing, to transfer public wealth to private hands, then we'll all get out the black magic markers and start redacting big hunks of our constitution," he said. "Because that's where we're headed."



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