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Legion remembers 9/11 victims with service project



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

From left to right, Dave Mork, Elmer Mork and Kipha Valvoda put together the framing for the front set of new doors at the American Legion Hall on Saturday. Two pairs of doors were installed in the front and in back as part of a 9/11 service and memorial day organized by the Legion Auxiliary.

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

The local American Legion unit held a day of service and remembrance over the weekend, dedicated to the September 11 attacks.

The American Legion Auxiliary of Alaska Unit #6 was awarded a \$1,000 grant this summer from the national organization, one of 50 such awards provided by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The funds would go toward projects across the country, held between September 8 and 13 in memory of those involved in the attacks of September 11, 2001.

Nineteen men affiliated with the al-Qaeda terrorist organization had on that day hijacked four passenger jets with the intention of crashing them into American landmarks. Two of the flights were used to attack the North and South towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third was crashed into the Pentagon in Arlington County, Virginia, and a fourth headed for Washington D.C. was crashed into a field outside of Shanksville, Pennsylvania, during an attempt to retake the plane by passengers. In all, 2,996 people were killed, another 6,000 injured, and both New York towers completely destroyed.

To remember those lost and those who had risen to the occasion during that tragedy, CNCS began its day of service and remembrance to support veterans groups, attack survivors and victims' families. As part of the 2017 program, \$50,000 was provided to the American Legion Auxiliary for distribution to its local chapters. About 100 applications were received by the group, and Wrangell's was one of 50 selected for funding.

For its project Wrangell's group wanted to replace the dou-

ble doors located at the front and the back of its hall.

"It's been on the backburner, and it's kind of been an expensive deal," Auxiliary treasurer Zona Gregg said of the door project. "Our doors are a fire exit. We felt it was related."

In addition to the CNCS grant, the Auxiliary also received a grant from First Bank for \$3,000. Additional fundraising over the course of the summer helped bring together enough funds to cover the doors' installation, at just under \$6,000. Alaska Marine Lines assisted with shipping the new doors, and City Market provided materials for a luncheon held afterward.

With some preparatory work done beforehand, on Saturday Legion members and various supporters in the community came together to take down and replace the old double-doors. Additional projects were also undertaken, such as the moving of bookshelves done by a group of high school girls.

"We had some really good help and a really good turnout," said Gregg.

Afterward, the Auxiliary chaplain, Donna McKay, led a prayer and moment of silence in memory of the 2001 attacks. After some remarks by Merlin Elmer Palmer commander Chuck Petticrew, the gathering enjoyed a burger and hot dog lunch.

"The whole community has participated in supporting us," Gregg said afterward.

For its part, the ALA has for nearly a century supported the country's military personnel, veterans and their dependents. The group is seen as being the world's largest women's patriotic service organization, and each year provides millions of volunteer hours on various programs and projects.

Borough assembly discusses grant usage, faith-based proclamations

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

At its regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday night, members of the City and Borough Assembly pondered different options for participating in the Community Development Block Grant program.

In discussion notes, city economic development director Carol Rushmore explained grants are distributed statewide through a highly competitive application basis, based on an applying community's income level. Wrangell has since 2015 been considered ineligible due to its population falling beneath the low-moderate income (LMI) threshold of 51 percent, at 46 percent. However, an income survey of

residents conducted by the city in February 2017 estimated the community is actually just above the threshold, at 52.8 percent.

After holding a public comment workshop just prior to Tuesday's meeting, a second hearing will be held before the September 26 meeting to again collect public input on which project to pursue for the funding. CDBG grants require a minimum match of 25 percent, and projects to be considered have to meet certain criteria for development.

For example, reroofing the Public Safety Building was one consideration, due to its impact on the fire department's section of the building. However, court-

rooms are not considered eligible for CDBG funding, meaning a complex bid process separating the roof project into sections would be necessary.

Consensus gravitated toward using any grant funding on at least rehabilitating the city's ailing water treatment facility, if not completely replacing it.

"I kind of lean toward focusing on the water treatment plant as the number one option for this grant," said Assembly member Julie Decker.

During her bimonthly city manager report, Lisa Von Barga added Public Works would be assessing the plant post-summer peak. Staff would include looking at the additional options to support the plant, in-

cluding efficiencies to its filtration units, the addition of new storage capacity, and the possibility of completing a bypass from the upper reservoir directly to the plant rather than having to pass through the lower reservoir first. Staff would also consider the feasibility of drilling a well for a clearer water source.

Added to the agenda at the behest of the mayor, members also discussed the propriety of issuing faith-based proclamations. Mayor David Jack recounted a recent request from one local group to sign a proclamation regarding the denomination's founder.

"It was my feeling that that was not an

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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, Sept. 14: Mikki Angerman. **Friday, Sept. 15:** Tayler D. Reeves, Janice Stamper, Heather Howe, Jake Harris, Alana Young. **Saturday, Sept. 16:** Tessa Appleman, Sarah Scrambler, *Anniversary:* Brian and Yuri McCloskey, Steve and Ginny Helgeson, Chris and Kristie Weber. **Sunday, Sept. 17:** Roxanna Coblentz, Nancy Seimears, Jayden Stutz, Jon Cornelius, *Anniversary:* Robert and Rynda Hayes. **Monday, Sept. 18:** Derek Angerman, Nicki Nikodym, Luke and Nicole Feuerhelm. **Tuesday, Sept. 19:** Alex Angerman, Mark Galla, Doug Roberts, Maelie Freeman, *Anniversary:* Tom and Linda Nore, Delton and Tamra Claggett. **Wednesday, Sept. 20:** Jing O'Brien, Amber Vergilio, Radley Powers. **Thursday, Sept. 21:** Keely Good, Terry Bunes, Ellen Massin, Jason Rak, Chris Gillen, Rhell Grossardt, David Wilson, Adam Messmer.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, Sept. 14

Chili dog, Creamy cole slaw, Corn bread.

Friday, Sept. 15

Alaskan Casserole, Rice, Brussels sprouts, Fruit slaw.

Monday, Sept. 18

Split pea soup, Half ham and cheese, Yossed green, with tomato.

Tuesday, Sept. 19

Beef stew, Hot roll, Cabbage with Fruit cocktail.

Wednesday, Sept. 20

Everyday meatloaf, Au gratin potato, Greens beans, Sunshine salad.

Thursday, Sept. 21

Pork roast rice, Havard beets, Cauli/brocc. toss.

Please call Wrangell Senior Center at 874-2066 by 10 a.m. for reservations.

Milk, tea and coffee will be served with meals.

FERRY SCHEDULE

Departures

Northbound

Saturday, Sept. 16
Matanuska 6:30 a.m.
Sunday, Sept. 17
Malaspina 6:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 19
Matanuska 1:15 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 23
Matanuska 11:15 a.m.

Southbound

Thursday, Sept. 14
Matanuska 10:00 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 18
Matanuska 3:45 a.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 20
Malaspina 7:00 a.m.
Thursday, Sept. 21
Matanuska 6:45 p.m.

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



TIDES TABLE Sept 14 - Sept 21

	High Tides		Low Tides	
	AM	PM	AM	PM
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
Sept. 14	8:29	12.5	8:30	14.9
Sept. 15	9:49	13.2	9:48	15.5
Sept. 16	10:53	14.5	10:54	16.4
Sept. 17	11:46	15.8	11:51	17.3
Sept. 18	12:32	16.9
Sept. 19	0:40	17.9	1:14	17.6
Sept. 20	1:26	18.0	1:52	17.9
Sept. 21	2:07	17.7	2:28	17.8

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, September 14

SAIL Class: 10 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) free class is a strength, balance and fitness class for adults 65+. For more info call 874-3375.

Healthy Eating Demo on Healthy Food Preparation: 11:30 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Free class. Learn how easy it is to prepare healthy and delicious food. Samples will be available. For more info call 874-3375. **Yoga:** 5:30 p.m. AICS Medical Clinic. Yoga for everybody, please come and join.

Tuesday, September 19

SAIL Class: 10 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) free class is a strength, balance and fitness class for adults.

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

Continuing Events

PARKS & REC ACTIVITIES: **Lap Swim:** M, W, F 6:00-7:30 a.m. & 5:00-6:00 p.m., M-F 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., S 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; **Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class:** at the Pool: M, W, F, 9:00-10:00 a.m.; **Water Aerobics:** M, W, F 10:00-11:00 a.m.; **Family Swim:** F 6:00-7:00 p.m.; **General Swim:** M & W 6:00-7:00 p.m., F 7:00-8:00 p.m., S 1:00-2:00 p.m.; **Weight Room:** M-TH 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-7:30 p.m., F 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-8:30 p.m., S 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. **Extra 2 Lane Lap Swim:** M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.

OTHER MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

AA Meetings: Tu. 7 p.m., Toss Off Th. 7 p.m., Smoked Fish F 8 p.m., Step Study Sat. 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall, Study Materials provided. Wed. M & M 12 p.m. at the Catholic Parish Hall, use back entrance.

NA Meeting: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, We Do Recover, 8 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

Bridge Social: F, 1 p.m. at th Island of Faith Lutheran Church 874-3440, 874-3507.

Salvation Army Food Bank: Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For information or questions please call Major Michael Bates at 874-3753.

The Way We Were

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

September 20, 1917: The "Rag Doll Party" given at the Rink last evening under the direction of Mrs. C.G. Burnet for the benefit of the Red Cross was largely attended, and was a success financially. The 22 little people taking part furnished an evening's entertainment which for real amusement discounted anything their parents and the rest of us might have attempted before the footlights. It required no little effort to train the little ones to do their parts so well. At the close of the "doll party" Mrs. Burnet gave a reading. She received a most hearty encore and responded with a second reading which was also highly appreciated. A. B. Pennycook sang a Scotch song which made a hit. The applause came from every pair of hands in the audience, and not until he had sung the third song would the audience consider the affair at an end.

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

September 15, 1967:

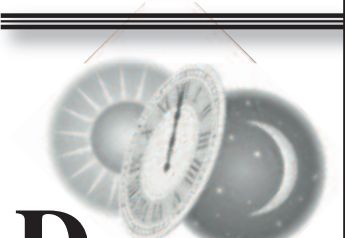
Wrangell's Museum and tourist information center is getting a \$1,728 financial boost from the state. The city is one of six communities sharing \$52,424 in state per-capita centennial grants for this fiscal year. The money, which is to be matched locally in labor or funds will be used in the remodeling of the museum-tourist center building on Church Street. The project, sponsored by the Wrangell Women's Civic Club and Library Association, is running behind schedule, club officials said.

September 17, 1992: Employees of the U.S. Census Bureau will visit a sample of area residents Sept. 13-26 to collect data on employment and tobacco use for the Current Population Survey, according to Leo Schilling, director for the bureau's Seattle regional office. The local labor force data will contribute to the national employment and unemployment picture to be released Oct. 2 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The additional data on tobacco use will be used by the Public Health Service to measure people's knowledge of opinions toward smoking and tobacco use, as well as mark changes in tobacco use over time. Information supplied by individuals to the Census Bureau is kept confidential by law.



Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Sept. 4:	69	55
Sept. 5:	75	53
Sept. 6:	60	55
Sept. 7:	62	52
Sept. 8:	62	53
Sept. 9:	55	51
Sept. 10:	55	50
Sept. 11:	57	48



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Sept 14:	6:15am	7:11pm	12:56h
Sept 15:	6:17am	7:08pm	12:51h
Sept 16:	6:19am	7:06pm	12:47h
Sept 17:	6:21am	7:03pm	12:42h
Sept 18:	6:23am	7:00pm	12:37h
Sept 19:	6:25am	6:58pm	12:33h
Sept 20:	6:27am	6:55pm	12:28h
Sept 21:	6:29am	6:52pm	12:23h



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Pull in a bargain from the classifieds

Local bar to celebrate decade of libation

By DAN RUDY
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One of Wrangell's watering holes will be celebrating its 10-year anniversary this weekend.

Rayme's Bar owner Reme Privett had purchased the establishment – then the Brig Bar – back in 2007, reopening its doors on September 14. The Brig's longtime owner, Lawrence Bahovec, had been running the bar since 1962. Though he had just turned 90, Privett recounted Bahovec still worked in the bar six days a week. He was looking to get out of the business as Privett was hoping to get into it, and he approached Bahovec with a proposal to buy the bar.

“What got me into it was I was working for my dad, and I wanted to do something different,” Privett explained. After haggling over a price they could agree on, the next step was for Privett to get his licensing with the state liquor control office.

“It took me about a year and a half to get the bar in my name,” he recalled. “It's not an easy process. Everything's got to be documented, cut and dry.”

Privett had to submit and re-submit his paperwork several times, and had to navigate the process of approval with Wrangell's then-council. When it seemed sure to pass through, Privett worked on renaming the Brig Bar. Rayme's new signage – an iconic oversized mug above the front door – was the work of his father, Bill Privett, and Frank Rice at Svendsen Marine.

“They put it together for me,” the bar owner said. Built from aluminum, it took an Alaska Marine Lines forklift and a number of bolts to get the mug into place. “At the party we're going to have some pictures.”

As soon as his license arrived by fax, Privett put together a grand opening for Rayme's Bar. “It was the day before moose hunting, and I can still remember to this day that about every guy that went moose hunting was absolutely ticked off at me.”



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Reme Privett gets ready to open up Rayme's Bar Monday morning. Just over his shoulder, a stuffed chicken is one of the bar's many trophies. The horns and heads have come from a number of people over the years, but this particular one was his own. “The chicken attacked me. So I got the last laugh on that,” he explained.

As well as changing the name, the old Brig also took on a different look inside. Along the walls the bar has accumulated a number of racks and trophy displays. Some have sentimental value, such as the moose rack Privett received from his uncle.

“The buffalo head, that came from my sister when she was bartending at Sturgis,” he said, pointing it out. “The ram, that was my grandpa, Doc Floyd's.”

Friends and well-wishers have donated a number of deer antlers, some of which were signed by the gift-givers. Over the bar, Privett does not quite remember who gave him the stuffed and mounted whitetail head and posterior. “They just kind of showed up one day.”

One of things that hasn't changed about the place is the

old bell mounted over the bar.

“It's from well before my time,” Privett noted. “When I bought the bar it was here. It's fallen down a couple of times, it's been ripped down, the cord's been cut off. But it's the same one.”

Commonly found in many bars in Southeast Alaska, ringing the bell means buying a round for everybody inside. As Privett explained in rhyme: “He who rings the bell in jest buys a round for all the rest.” Travelling abroad though, he has found the custom to be less practiced. While in a fishing community on New Zealand's North Island, he finally found a bell in a local tavern. However, it was behind the bar and was rung whenever tips were received by the bartender. The owner had never heard of the Alaskan tradition, but was intrigued by it.

“We came back in two weeks and he'd moved that bell out. And he goes, ‘I've made more money off this thing, it's crazy!’” Privett remembers.

Running his own establishment for the past decade, he is glad to have made the investment. “It's a lot of work. There's no doubt about that,” said Privett. “It's a labor of love. But I'm happy with it. I mean, with any business you've got days where this is a lot of fun, and then there are days when you're like, ‘Why

do I have to go in to clean bathrooms?’”

To celebrate 10 years, after the work week ends on Friday the bar will be serving Bill Privett's reknowned ribs and pulled pork for do-it-yourself sliders. It will be a potluck as well, so people can bring a dish or side to share.

Police report

Monday, September 4

Citizen assist: Alarm.
Agency Assist.
Subpoena Service.
Intoxicated Person.
Citizen assist: Vehicle unlocked.

Tuesday, September 5

Agency Assist: Parks & Rec.
Citizen Assist: Vehicle unlocked.
Parking Complaint.
Theft.
Traffic Hazard.
Suspicious Circumstance.

Wednesday, September 6

Report of theft.
Suspicious Activity.
Gun shots: UTL

Thursday, September 7

Paper Service.

Friday, September 8

Suspicious Person.
Agency Assist: TSA
Agency Assist: DOC
Driving Complaint: Speeding and reckless driving.
Noise Complaint.
Report of Theft.
Citizen Assist.
Subpoena Service.
Paper Service.

Saturday, September 9

Fireworks.
Subpoena Service.
Citizen Assist: Vehicle unlock.
Subpoena Service.
SAR: Overdue boater: returned short time later.
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for equipment.

Sunday, September 10

Domestic dispute.
Domestic dispute.

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Meet the Candidates - October 3 municipal elections



Caitlin Cardinell

Caitlin Cardinell

One of three candidates running for an unexpired two-year term on the Wrangell Public School Board. (Incumbent member Robert Rang and candidate David Wilson will be featured in next week's Sentinel.)

Age: 27

About the candidate:

"I'm originally from Minnesota, I've been living in Wrangell five years now, and I've

held a variety of jobs throughout the community. I originally was working with Alaska Crossings, spent some time working up on the Stikine River, and now I'm currently working with Alaska Waters as their reservation manager."

Why do you want to serve on the school board?

"I want to be on the school board because

I believe there are a lot of young parents in Wrangell who don't have anyone around their age, or from their generation, representing them on the school board. I want to give back in that way, and I also feel I can be a positive asset to promote better relations between the community and the school board. There have been some adverse relations in the past and I would like to work on those."



Jessica Rooney

Jessica Rooney

Running unopposed for a three-year term on the Wrangell Public School Board

Age: 36

About the candidate:

"I moved here in 2002 from Florida, I married Jason Rooney and we have four children together, ages 14, 11, 8 and 5. I am currently a member of Wrangell Early Prevention Coalition and

the Secondary Advisory Committee for the school. I have previously worked for the school district as an aide in the middle school office."

Why do you want to serve on the school board?

"I am running for school board because I have a passion for our youth and feel that I would be a strong asset to ensur-

ing the continued success of our school district by serving on this board. If elected, as a member of our school board I would like to see our district enhance its post-secondary courses for students, continue working on best hiring practices, focus on student achievement, and assist with the budget on our financial situation as it pertains to this district. I be-

lieve our school district can achieve greatness by working together and moving forward in the future. It would be an honor for me to give back to our community and serve on our school board and, if selected, I promise to faithfully serve our school district with the best interest of the youth of our community in mind."

10-day diesel run to wrap up this Saturday afternoon

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

A diesel run powering Wrangell is expected to wrap up on Saturday, according to its electrical superintendent.

Clay Hammer of Wrangell Municipal Light and Power explained the 11-day shutdown of the Tye Lake hydroelectric facility was planned, in order to conduct annual maintenance on the lines. The main goal has been the replacement of 105 marker balls which make transmission lines visible to passing aircraft. That work, being undertaken by Southeast Alaska Power Agency, began on September 7.

The shutdown began September 6 at 8:15 a.m., at which point Wrangell switched over to its diesel generators for power. The WMLP power plant maintains four of the machines, three of which formerly ran trains. Nicknamed Emil, Ethel and Enid, each machine weighs 66,000 pounds and puts out two megawatts of power apiece. They were built in the 1960s and acquired by Wrangell in the early 2000s. The fourth generator, "Emmy," has been a mainstay of the plant since 1982, and produces 2.5 megawatts.

"So far they've played well together," Hammer commented, referring to their current run. "It's been going really well so far."

As the generators consume pricier diesel, the planned maintenance shutdowns are generally scheduled when demand is low. This is done for several reasons, one of which is the utility's rate payers. Residents will find an additional fuel surcharge on their bills next month, which covers fuel for the duration of the run on top of base rates. This determined cost is divided between all users, so less wattage used city-wide means a lower surcharge across the board.

On average, during the run the plant has been seeing usage of around 2.5 megawatt

hours in the evenings, with about 4 MWh being used during the day. For context, during peak production in the summer, usage can reach around 7.5 MWh.

During those months substantial demand comes from local seafood processors. Trident Seafoods already wound down its operations last month, and while Sea Level Seafoods is still processing, it is not doing so at the same rate as its summer peak.

"Other than that the loads are really small right now," said Hammer.

Winter demand is even greater than the summer, with a preponderance of electric heating units drawing up to 9 MWh when it gets cold. With Tuesday's chilly morning fog, Hammer said he noticed an uptick in usage, to about 4.4 MWh. "You can really feel it in the air," he said.

Average fuel consumption during the diesel run has been 6,100 gallons each day, Hammer explained. The amount has been higher than historical, in large part because the run had been postponed to late summer this year rather than spring. Before the production season kicks into gear and with weather warming increasingly, demand in May or June tends to be at its very lowest, which makes them convenient times for the changeover.

This year's run had originally been scheduled to cover the last two months of June, but a strike called by the public employees' union prompted SEAPA to postpone its ball replacement project. The strike lasted only a week, but by that time the project workforce had already been demobilized. In all, the delay is expected to cost the

power provider an extra \$103,000.

Despite being hampered in parts by fog and by rainfall, the marker ball replacement has progressed as planned. Replacement on Wrangell Island lines wrapped up earlier this week, and the project is now focused on completing the stretch of line on the Cleveland Peninsula.

"It is really super technical work," Hammer pointed out, with helicopter crews needing pretty favorable conditions in order to successfully make the transition.

Project manager Steve Henson projected the work should conclude by Saturday afternoon, allowing the Tye facility to resume service provision. Additional maintenance and line improvements which began this week are expected to conclude tomorrow as well.

Reflections

It is September 2017 and school has once again started. From my window in the Wrangell Senior Apartments I see the youngsters coming up the street to the elementary school; a rain coated brother looking less eager than his sister; here come two boys racing each other on their bikes and jumping off to greet one another. The big yellow school bus pulls up unloading its load. A little girl hurries to meet a friend, and a boy is sharing some toy from his backpack with a friend. Here comes the proud parent holding tight to a tiny hand while also pushing a baby buggy and controlling a dog.

Inside the T.V. tells of riots in Charleston as historic statues are torn

down going right into the devastation from hurricane Harvey. Next come broadcasts of the enormous threats of Irma across the islands and into all of Florida to be followed by Jose. I turn the channel and the screen comes active with review of scenes of the horror of the attack on the world trade center. I wonder what lies ahead for these youngsters. To hold through the storms and waves in their lives ahead?

Rain now falls on my garden out the window. The children are now inside and I turn to my open bible and the verse that I spy is Hebrews 6:19. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul. Firm and secure." Isn't an anchor just what our children need to keep their lives

from drifting? The hope is God's promise to be with, keep, and protect all who put their faith in him.

In Deuteronomy 6:6 God tells us: "These be in your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road; when you lie down and when you get up..." Jesus warned us "in this world you will have money troubles but take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33.

My prayer is that the "anchor" (the Lord Jesus Christ) will hold these young ones and we adults securely in the storms and gales ahead.

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Lease extension moves forward for new concrete at boatyard

By DAN RUDY
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At a rescheduled meeting of the Port Commission last Friday, members approved a request for an extension by a lease holder at the boatyard.

Contractor Don Sorric requested the addition of three years to his current lease, which at the moment is due to expire July 31, 2019. He requires the extension for a bank loan, which would finance the addition of new concrete pads at his Superior Marine Services.

"The bank has asked for more time on his loan than he has on his lease," commission chair Clay Hammer explained to his fellow members. Three commissioners were present for the afternoon meeting, including Walter Moorhead and John Martin. The meeting originally scheduled for September 7 had been postponed due to lack of quorum.

If approved, this extension to the lease would be Sorric's third on the property. It would expire in 2022, when he could seek a fourth modification. As the contractor has no outstanding complaints or payments and is in good standing on his lease, commissioners had no qualms with agreeing to the extension, approving it unanimously in a 3-0 vote. Its ultimate approval would be in the hands of the Borough Assembly, however, which was scheduled to consider the proposal at its meeting on Tuesday (see Assembly article).

Superior Marine Services is the largest of the contractors leasing property at the Marine Service Center. Located near the boatyard's main haulout, Superior Marine Services encom-

passes two large bays, one erected seven years ago and the other in 2015. Prior to the bays' addition, the firm was limited in how many projects it could undertake, and had to construct temporary coverage for the vessels being worked on.

Construction of the first permanent bay was an improvement to efficiency and safety, and at the time it was situated on higher ground than the surrounding yard. The addition of new concrete to the yard in subsequent years reversed this situation, and the bay began having water runoff issues.

"Everything drained into here. Because the rest of the yard was raised up," Sorric explained. "The water had to be pumped out. We were working in water, it was a hazard."

He finally decided to put in new concrete to address the issue, complete with sumps built into the center of the floor and a network of drains along the sides.

"I was going to do this floor with just cash out of my pocket," he said. But since the drainage issue was similar in the second bay, Sorric reconsidered, approaching his bank for a loan that would cover both. An amount of \$140,000 was arrived at to do the work, which would involve 280 cubic yards of concrete, rebar and other materials.

The bank agreed to provide the loan, he said, but Superior Marine Services would be unable to use its equipment as collateral. Instead, the lease itself would be involved, but the two years left on his lease agreement would make repayment unfeasible. At the request of both parties, the lease extension was put forward to the city as a way of facilitating the loan.

Among its list of things to do this coming winter, the Port Commission will be looking at offering longer periods for lease lots at the yard, in part to encourage capital improvements such as this. Sorric has advocated for longer leases since at least last January, when he approached the commission with a proposal for 50-year leases instead of the current five. Commissioners would be likely looking at a duration shorter



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Don Sorric stands in Building 1 of Superior Marine Services, which had a new concrete floor poured on September 3. The contractor's two covered bays each got a new floor over the past month, which is expected to improve safety and presentability, and increase workload efficiency.

than that, in the 10- or 15-year range.

While Sorric's loan is still being processed, the concrete work has been recently finished in both bays.

"We started on the new floors August 1," he said. RJ Construction took on the job, first finishing the newer bay by the end of the month. "They just got done pouring the last floor last week," said Sorric. In addition to better drainage, the floors also have had their sides and centers reinforced for the heft travel lift treads and boats that use them.

"The floor is a foot thick, and it's got rebar reinforcement, screen reinforcement," Sorric continued. "Compared to what it was before, it's the Taj Mahal."

With the new floors, Superior Marine has over the past year made other improvements, from

the installation of brighter, more efficient LED lighting, to upgrades to its electrical hookups. A new fabrication area and paint mixing station have also been added to the buildings.

Improving safety has also been a priority, and the extension of water main access to his and adjoining lots last year have allowed the firm to increase its fire suppression capabilities.

"Since we've had our fire, now each building, this building has three fire hoses," Sorric explained, referring to a welding-related fire on a boat being worked on in March. Outlets and hoses for five stations have been installed in each of the two bays.

"We're basically surrounded by fire hoses," he said. The firm's problem during the previous fire had not been a lack of water, but an inability to pro-

duce enough water quickly enough. While the blaze was eventually contained by the fire department, the contractor's work on the vessel had been undone. "The lessons are expensive, but if you learn from them, hopefully they don't happen again."

In the nine years he has had the lease, Sorric estimated he has invested \$2.5 million, including Superior Marine LLC, an office and welding shop at the east side of the boatyard. That facility is also awaiting access to water, though extension of the main on nearby Front Street will be an expensive process for the city, around \$110,000. Sorric has since lobbied the Borough Assembly for extending the connection, testifying during budget talks in June.

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Lance Mearig named ADOT&PF Southcoast Region Director



Lance Mearig

(JUNEAU, Alaska) – Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) Commissioner Marc Luiken has named Lance Mearig as the Southcoast Region Director.

"Lance is precisely the leader we need in Southcoast Region," said Commissioner Luiken. "His professional passion is Alaska's coastal transportation infrastructure and he has long standing relationships in the communities he will be serving."

Mearig has over 35 years of experience in transportation. He has most recently served as ADOT&PF's Director for Statewide Design and Engineering Services, which includes acting as the department's Chief Engineer. He began his career working for ADOT&PF in

1982 and spent 25 years working in private industry.

A licensed Professional Engineer and Senior Professional in Human Resources, Mearig has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks and a master's degree in civil engineering with an emphasis in transportation planning and traffic engineering from Arizona State University. Mearig grew up in Sitka, Ketchikan, and Petersburg. He has lived and worked in Juneau for most of his career.

Mearig replaces Mike Coffey who retires August 31, 2017 after a 35-year career with ADOT&PF.

Mearig's official first day as Region Director will be September 1, 2017.

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Judge approves sale of Alaska's largest newspaper

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A federal bankruptcy judge on Monday approved the sale of Alaska's largest newspaper for \$1 million, saving the paper from folding.

Judge Gary Spraker made his decision after hearing hours of testimony over the financial liabilities of the Alaska Dispatch News.

In approving the sale, Spraker said it was the best option available — better than liquidation — despite his concerns over the fast pace of the process.

The new owner of the Anchorage newspaper is the Binkley Co., a family owned firm in Fairbanks. Ryan Binkley and Alaska Media's Jason Evans are currently co-publishers of the newspaper and intend to keep it going.

The judge noted he had to bite his tongue to keep from asking why the buyer believed it could be successful in what has been a money-losing venture.

Former publisher Alice Rogoff bought the Anchorage Daily News for \$34 million from The McClatchy Co. in 2014. Since then, the renamed paper has been losing about \$500,000 a month and entered bankruptcy on

Aug. 12.

A bid of \$1 million was submitted by the Binkley Co. and there also is a long list of creditors involving about \$12.5 million in debt.

During Monday's hearing, Rogoff was asked during her testimony if she thought the \$1 million sale price was fair.

"No, but it's my only offer," she said.

A handful of other prospective buyers had indicated interest, but no one else submitted a formal offer, she said.

Binkley said after the hearing that the family is happy about the outcome, but indicated to Anchorage television station KTUU that layoffs would likely occur among the staff of more than 200 people. He also said creditors would likely see little or no money on work they had performed for Rogoff.

The new owners have brought in former Anchorage Daily News publisher Jerry Grilly as a consultant as they attempt to turn around the finances. Grilly also was president of the Denver Post before he retired.

Cabot Christianson, Rogoff's attorney, was also happy about the outcome.

"We sold the paper," he said, leaving the courthouse. "That's what we wanted."

A hearing was scheduled for Sept. 22 to consider a U.S. trustee's motion involving attempts to recover more than \$2 million that creditors claim is owed to them in unsecured debt, said their attorney, Mike Mills.

In August, the judge approved a \$1 million loan from Binkley for the newspaper to keep it operating as negotiations continued. In Monday's testimony, involved parties said that money has been depleted.

The newspaper used the loan to pay insurance premiums and employees. Without the loan, Alaska Dispatch News could not afford its ongoing expenses and would have to fold, Christianson has said.

The Anchorage-based newspaper filed for bankruptcy on Aug. 12.

Last week, a judge and Northrim Bank allowed Alaska Dispatch News to move \$800,000 out of its account to pay newspaper carriers and another \$50,000 to pay workers compensation, insurance premiums and employee reimbursements while hearings for its sale were delayed.



Good Luck this season!



Wrangell High School Cross Country Team

2017 - 2018 Schedule

September 2	at Klawock
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September 16	at Sitka
September 23	Region V at Ketchikan
September 30	State at Bartlett High

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Clowning around with the cross-country girls, teacher Anne Luetkemeyer (third from left) and secondary schools principal Bill Schwan (at center, wearing a skirt) show support for the team before Saturday's invitational in Wrangell.

Cross-country run in Wrangell muddy, but otherwise dry

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Ten high school teams made it to Wrangell over the weekend, with over 200 students taking part in an invitational cross-country meet.

Hosted by Wrangell High School, participating runners gathered at the 40 mph sign on Ishiyama Road early Saturday, the starting point for the five-kilometer course. Intermittent rain paused for the two races, which were split between men and women.

Wrangell's route cycles twice along the paths of Muskeg Meadows Golf Course, a hilly, muddy trail which posed a challenge due to the recent rainfall. One student during the mens event even lost a shoe on the course, though he still finished despite being stocking-footed.

The earlier of the two events, the mens race had 118 entrants. Five of these were from Wrangell, and of them, senior JD Barratt finished earliest with a time of 18:37.35, in 18th place. Overall, the Wrangell boys finished in eighth place with 234 points.



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Exhausted, Wrangell senior JD Barratt gets helped away from the finish line after completing Saturday morning's cross-country invitational. He completed the race in 18th place among the boys, finishing with a time of 18:37.

In cross-country, scores are tallied by adding together points based on the placements of a team's first five runners. The team receiving the lowest overall score therefore wins.

In the Wrangell meet, Juneau-Douglas High School boys placed first with 33 points, followed by Sitka with 37 and Ketchikan with 84. Petersburg's team came in fifth place, with 122 points. Top finishers were Juneau junior Arne Ellefson-Carnes in 16:46.03, Sitka sophomore Dominic Baciocco in 16:52.85, and Sitka junior Joe Pate in 16:55.46.

In the womens event, seven teams participated, fielding 91 runners. Wrangell ran with eight students, who followed other teams overall in seventh with 181 points. First among them was sophomore Skylar Larrabee, with a time of 25:11.46 putting her in 44th overall. She was followed by freshman Mercy Mikkelsen in 48th place, with a time of 25:51.38, and classmates Adriana Larrabee and Jing O'Brien in 52nd and 55th place, respectively.

Juneau-Douglas' runners placed first overall for the wom-

ens race with 30 points, followed by Thunder Mountain with 53 points and Petersburg with 55. Top finishers in Saturday's meet were Juneau-Douglas sophomore Sadie Tuckwood with a time of 18:23.50, more than a minute and a half ahead of classmate Anna Iverson in second, with 19:54.15. Behind them were three freshmen, Thunder Mountain's Hannah Deer in 20:23.26, Juneau-Douglas' Jasmin Holst in 20:46.42, and Petersburg's Maia Cowan in 20:53.44.

"I'm proud of my team," Wrangell coach Jenn Davies said afterward. Cross-country next heads to Sitka this weekend, before heading down to Ketchikan for Region V the following week.

"I just want to thank everyone for all their support," Davies added. Parents and faculty volunteered their time to put the meet together, from cutting up oranges and taking times, to hosting the visiting students and cheering them on. "It was amazing," the coach concluded.

The invitational was the largest Wrangell has hosted in the past decade, just edging out the 208 participating in 2015.

Petersburg approves resolution to remove scrap metal waste

By BEN MUIR
Sentinel writer

PETERSBURG — The Borough Assembly on Tuesday unanimously approved a resolution supporting the Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority recommendation to participate in a regional scrap metal recycling system.

cling system.

The approval fast tracks a financial plan that will organize a barge to come to Petersburg and pick up any scrap metal waste the community wants to dispose of, said Karl Hagerman, the Public Works director.

A five-year "master plan"

agreement with Waste Management and SEASWA has formed in surrounding regions and Petersburg committed to it this week. The plan is a partnership with Waste Management, the largest solid waste company in the world, which will elicit vendors to transport a barge to Pe-

tersburg to accept disposable scrap metal for free.

"The resolution was to get support from the Assembly for the master agreement with Waste Management," Hagerman said. "It was to get a commitment."

Each community in the re-

gion will have a contract with Waste Management to bring a barge to the harbor so community members can dispose of their solid waste for free, which will likely happen in October or November, Hagerman said.

The timeline is unknown as the scrap metal market is always fluctuating. Hagerman said the project will start when the market is at \$200 per ton.

Waste Management will not pay the Borough the \$200 for a ton, as the expenses for the trip from Washington to Petersburg must be paid for. But if the market is at about \$200, Hagerman said the Borough could make a profit while community members can avoid paying for scrap metal to be disposed at the dump.

"It's the regional effort from SEASWA that is really driving it," Hagerman said. "Every region has similar problems and one of them happens to be scrap metal."



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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

The catch of 213 million salmon has surpassed the forecast by nine million fish

Alaska's salmon season is nearly a wrap but fall remains as one of the fishing industry's busiest times of the year.

For salmon, the catch of 213 million has surpassed the forecast by nine million fish. Highpoints for this season are a statewide sockeye catch topping 50 million for the tenth time in history (37 million from Bristol Bay), and one of the best chum harvests ever at more than 22 million fish.

The total 2017 salmon catches and values by Alaska region will be released by state fishery managers in November.

Hundreds of boats are now fishing for cod with September 1 opens at Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, Kodiak and throughout the Bering Sea.

Pollock fishing reopened to trawlers in the Gulf of Alaska on August 25. More than 3 billion pounds of pollock will be landed this year in Alaska's Gulf and Bering Sea fisheries. Fishing also is ongoing for Atka mackerel, perch, various flounders, rockfish and more.

Halibut are still crossing docks across the state, and Alaska longliners have taken 75 percent of the 18 million pound catch limit. Most of the halibut catch (over 2.5 million pounds so far) is crossing the docks at Kodiak, followed by Seward, Homer, which bills itself as "the nation's top halibut port," is a distant third for landings.

The sablefish (black cod) catch is at nearly 70 percent of its 22.5 million pound quota. Both the halibut and sablefish fisheries continue this year through No-

vember 7.

Crabbers are gearing up for the October 1 start of the fall Dungeness fishery in Southeast Alaska, and mid-October crab opens in the Bering Sea. The duny fishery should produce more than one million pounds; the catch quotas for red king crab, snow crab and (hopefully) Tanners will be released in a few weeks.

Shrimpers also will drop pots on October 1 for nearly a half million pounds of big spot prawns from Southeast waters. Dive fisheries also open that same day for sea cucumbers, where a harvest of usually around one million pounds ("poke weight," meaning drained) will be delivered over a few months. Smaller sea cucumber fisheries also occur at Kodiak, Chignik, the South Peninsula, Aleutian Islands and Bering Sea with a combined take of 185,000 pounds.

Seafood sways - Getting people to eat your products is the goal of any food provider and industry watchers closely track what people are buying, and why.

Latest reports indicate that more Americans are aware of the health benefits of seafood, and they will pay more for fish from well managed sources.

That's according to a new survey by Cargill, one of the nation's largest producers and distributors of agricultural products.

Seventy two percent of more than 1,000 shoppers said they know fish is good for you; 88 percent said they are willing to reward good stewardship with their wallets. That figure rose to a

whopping 93 percent of millennials.

In all, 70 percent said where and how their seafood is sourced affects their buying decisions; 84 percent said they trust their seafood purchases are sourced in a safe and responsible way.

Despite its popular pull, touting seafood sustainability has not transferred into U.S. restaurants. Market researcher Datassential reports that just 1.1 percent mention the word or a derivative on their menus, three times higher than in 2013. Other terms are more popular among diners - "wild" appears on 9.3 percent of seafood menus and "local" is mentioned on 4.6 percent, also up a third over four years.

The sustainability concept is getting a wider push from chefs who launched Smart Catch under the James Beard banner in Seattle two years ago and now includes nearly 300 restaurants. The program lets chefs key in information about seafood purchases and quickly receive a good or bad rating based on data from the non-profit FishChoice and Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch.

The Smart Catch program "is well-timed, with growing consumer interest in both eating seafood at restaurants and learning more about the provenance of their food," said Bloomberg News.

Sustainability is a winning marketing component for Alaska seafood, which is regarded as a model for responsible management around the globe.

"An increasing number of retailers and food service compa-

nies either have or are updating policies that include purchasing and selling sustainable seafood because consumers are increasing their demand for it," said Jeremy Woodrow, communications director for the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute.

Fish bits - Global fish trade is projected to hit an all-time high this year, boosted by an economic recovery of key European importers and high prices of popular fish such as salmon. Financial Times reports that the value of the world's fish trade is expected to rise more than \$150 billion this year as demand for salmon and shrimp increases, an increase of about 7 percent compared with 2016 and on course to eclipse the previous record of \$149 billion in 2014.

The global aquaculture market is expected to continue growing at four to five per cent a year over the next decade and should ex-

ceed the 100 million ton mark for the first time in 2025.

Salmon was second to shrimp as the most sought-after seafood product last week at Seafood Expo Asia, one of the continent's largest trade shows.

A survey of over 3,300 attendees at the Hong Kong event revealed that 41 percent wanted to purchase shrimp, followed by salmon at 40 percent.

Scallops were third in demand (36 percent), fourth was abalone (34.6 percent), lobster ranked fifth (34.5 percent), crab came in sixth at nearly 34 percent, oysters finished in seventh place (30 percent), tuna was eighth (25.5 percent) cod was ninth with 25.3 percent. Squid rounded out the top 10 with over 24 percent of participants expressing purchasing interest.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations predicts that Asia will lead world seafood consumption by 2025.



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State of Alaska weighing options for conducting elections

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — The state of Alaska is exploring options for conducting elections after 2018, as it is faced with an aging voting system and financial pressures amid an ongoing state budget deficit.

A bipartisan working group established by Lt. Gov. Byron Mallott is examining the issue.

Josie Bahnke, director of the state Division of Elections, said one option that has gotten attention is a hybrid system would include allowing for early, in-person voting and voting by mail.

But she said discussions are preliminary and more research must be done to see if this approach would work in Alaska, a vast state with far-flung communities. In certain parts of Alaska, the state must provide language assistance, including for a number of Alaska Native languages and dialects.

The discussion over the future of how the state conducts its elections comes amid what the division sees as a move toward more early and absentee voting.

It also comes as Alaska's

largest city, Anchorage, prepares to begin holding municipal elections by mail. One reason the city has cited for this approach is a desire to boost voter turnout.

Bahnke said the hope is to have draft recommendations completed by early next year. Any changes to how state elections are conducted would have to be approved by the Legislature, she said.

The Division of Elections, in a report earlier this year, said its current ballot tabulation system, purchased in 1998, still works and accurately counts ballots but has had problems.

Some equipment failed and had to be replaced during last year's elections. Ballots were put into emergency bins and voting was uninterrupted but such issues can affect voter confidence, the report states.

The system was bought with a 20-year life expectancy, and it's becoming more difficult to find parts, Bahnke said, noting that it could cost \$6.7 million for a replacement. She said it will still be used for next year's elections.

The working group is also looking at ways to save money. The division, in its report, said

it expects that conducting elections by mail would save money but acknowledged it had not done a full cost analysis.

Leaders of the state's Republican and Democratic parties have been monitoring the working group's activities and are waiting to see what recommendations might be made.

Work group members plan to visit Colorado to see how that state's system works, Bahnke said. Colorado is one of three states that hold elections entirely by mail, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Fishing guide forfeits boat after repeat violations

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The owner of a southeast Alaska fishing charter service has been ordered to stay out of boats in Alaska waters for one year after pleading guilty to repeat fishing violations.

Alaska State Troopers say 75-year-old Stuart Merchant of Klawock pleaded guilty this week to three counts of violating halibut regulations and one count of falsifying sport fish charter logbooks.

He was fined \$13,000, with \$8,000 suspended, plus \$2,000 dollars for violating probation from a similar 2015 case.

He will forfeit a 26-foot (8-meter) guide boat and trailer to the state and his fishing and guiding privileges are suspended for 22 months.

A 30-day jail sentence was suspended.

Merchant owns and operates Forget-Me-Knot Charters.

He was documented fishing with non-resident friends while his sport and guiding privileges were revoked.

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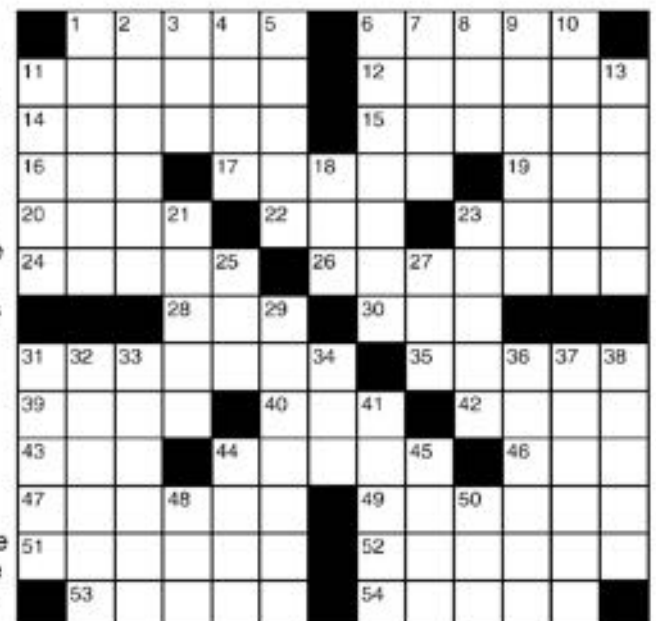
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WRANGELL-PETERSBURG RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE AND CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS

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

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

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

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- Watershed restoration and maintenance
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- Control of noxious and exotic weeds
- Reestablishment of native species

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

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Revised Notice FOR ABSENTEE VOTING THAT BEGINS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

DURING BUSINESS HOURS FROM 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM
(Except that there will be no Absentee Voting available between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm)
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AT CITY HALL
FOR THE OCTOBER 3, 2017 REGULAR ELECTION QUALIFIED VOTERS MAY VOTE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT UNTIL 5:00 P.M., Monday, OCTOBER 2, 2017

For those voters who cannot VOTE ABSENTEE IN PERSON, you may submit an application to have your ballot mailed or faxed to you beginning Tuesday, September 4, 2017, at 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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

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

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SAMPLE BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER: To vote for the issue/candidate of your choice, fill in the oval next to the issue/candidate you want to vote for. Place your ballot inside the secrecy sleeve and then take your ballot to the ballot box.

If you make a mistake while voting, return the ballot to the election official for a new one. A vote which has been erased or changed will not be counted.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL
OFFICIAL BALLOT
REGULAR ELECTION
OCTOBER 3, 2017

Completely fill in the oval opposite the name of each candidate for which you wish to vote as shown:

<p>FOR ASSEMBLY MEMBER THREE YEAR TERM</p> <p>VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN TWO</p> <p>Roland C. Howell <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Stephen Prysunka <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>FOR PORT COMMISSION THREE YEAR TERM</p> <p>VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>Mark Mitchell <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>FOR SCHOOL BOARD THREE YEAR TERM</p> <p>VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>Jessica Rooney <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>FOR SCHOOL BOARD UNEXPIRED TERM UNTIL OCTOBER 2019</p> <p>VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>Caitlin Cardinell <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Robert Rang <input type="radio"/></p> <p>David Wilson <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>FOR HOSPITAL BOARD FOUR YEAR TERM</p> <p>VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN TWO</p> <p>Jennifer Bates <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Rebecca Christensen <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>FOR HOSPITAL BOARD UNEXPIRED TERM UNTIL OCTOBER 2019</p> <p>VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN ONE</p>

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PUBLIC NOTICE

For the upcoming City and Borough of Wrangell Regular Election of October 3, 2017, the following ordinance applies:

2.16.030 Write-in Candidates and Write-in Votes. Individuals who fail to file a declaration of candidacy but wish to run for office as a write-in candidate, must file with the borough clerk, a letter of intent no later than five p.m. on the Friday preceding the election (September 29, 2017) in which the candidate plans to participate.

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

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

Stickers shall not be used.

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

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Answer

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3	4	8	5	7	9	2	6	1
6	1	7	4	2	3	8	9	5
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9	6	3	2	5	7	1	4	8
7	3	1	8	4	2	9	5	6
8	2	9	3	6	5	4	1	7
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Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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5.

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6.

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Byford soil removal postponed until April

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

The state environmental regulator last week announced it would be postponing a planned monofill project on Wrangell Island until next year.

In a press release issued September 7, the Department of Environmental Conservation announced it will hold off on construction of a monofill site on the island. The department is currently engaged in the cleanup for the former Byford site, a property south of Wrangell that had for several decades been used as a junkyard.

The first phase of this project had been an extensive cleanup of the property by contractors last year, in an effort being funded by DEC and supported by the Environmental Protection Agency. As the city had acquired the property through foreclosure in 2006, there were no responsible parties to be held liable for the yard's long-term contamination, which featured extensive lead and petroleum concentrations in the surrounding soils.

At Wrangell's request, DEC ended up taking on the cleanup project, which subsequently proved to be larger than first estimated. Up to \$3.9 million were set aside for the cleanup and disposal of impacted soils in 2015, but reclamation of the site undertaken last year has already cost around \$6.5 million. Over 60 shipping containers of debris and the most heavily-affected soils have already been sent to Oregon for reprocessing, but a further 18,350 cubic yards of treated, leaden soil awaits disposal.

"Our current estimate is that it would cost approximately \$12 million to ship and dispose of the soil at a permitted facility in the lower 48," reported John Halverson, a DEC Contaminated Sites Program manager. "We do not have funds in our response and cleanup budget for this, so we had to seek an alternative."

Because of the costs involved in transporting so much material, DEC has since proposed constructing a permanent monofill for its containment at a rock pit owned by the Department of Natural Resources. The monofill option would cost an estimated \$5.7 million to undertake, according to engineers involved in the project.

"From an engineering and regulatory standpoint, the rock pit on DNR land is the best location we could find for the monofill," Halverson explained in the release. The site is surrounded and underlain by bedrock, is sheltered from weather, can be secured and will be monitored by the state in future years.

The relocation was supposed to begin at the end of July, but local concerns about the containment site's proximity to Pats Creek — a salmon-producing stream important to subsistence

activities on the island — prompted a hold on second phase work.

During a series of meetings last month with city officials, Wrangell Cooperative Association leadership and the wider public, engineers attached to the project offered guarantees that the soil, which has been treated with a phosphate-based compound that prevents present lead from leaching, would not pose a threat to neighboring land or waters. Despite this, some residents have remained wary; WCA last month voted to maintain its opposition to the monofill.

After its meetings in Wrangell, DEC decided to postpone that part of the project until April 1, 2018. In its press release, the department explained the delay would allow more time to explore alternative plans and funding sources.

"We certainly want to continue to work with the local and



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Paul Nielsen with NRC Alaska recaps the reclamation project during a public presentation in Wrangell late last month.

tribal governments on the next phase of this project, which is to find a permanent and safe place for the treated soils," said Halverson. "This postponement

will provide them opportunity to seek project funding to have the treated soil shipped to a disposal facility in the lower 48, rather than disposing of it in an

engineered monofill on Wrangell Island, as currently planned."

If additional funds are not secured, DEC plans to start moving the treated soil to the previously identified monofill location after April 1, 2018. In that case, the department would expect to spend approximately \$5.7 million to build the site, haul the material, and properly cap the monofill.

"We plan to finish site preparation work over the coming weeks so the project is ready to move forward in spring 2018 in the event no additional funding is found for this project," said Halverson. "Our goal would then be to move it all to the monofill during the 2018 summer season."

More information and photos of the Wrangell Junkyard cleanup, visit DEC's Contaminated Sites webpage at http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/csp/sites/wrang_junkyard.htm

Assembly

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appropriate thing to do, for several reasons," he said. He cited protections to freedom of religion ensured in the First Amendment to the Constitution, and its Establishment Cause formally separating church from state.

There was also an issue of fairness. Referring to an instance that happened at the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly last August, he asked, "Would we approve a proclamation from a person we recognize Satan? I wouldn't. ... Even from my own religion, I wouldn't sign it."

Though Jack did not mention the religious group which requested his signature, Kay Larson of Wrangell's Baha'i Faith congregation revealed they had proposed the proclamation. It would have recognized the 200th anniversary next month of the birth of Bahá'u'lláh, the faith's founder

from what is today Iran.

"It's a big thing. I know worldwide it would be celebrated," she said of the event. Larson mentioned other communities abroad that have issued similar proclamations marking the day, and given the Wrangell Assembly's inclusion in recent years of an invocation before its meetings found the mayor's reticence surprising.

"I think there can be maybe some recognition considered for organizations that are promoting oneness and peace and harmony," she said.

Currently there is no mention of religious expression written into municipal code, save an exemption from requiring a business license for the vendors of religions books and leaflets. Jack stood by his decision, noting proclamations are not an Assembly matter. "It is an exclusive right, I guess, of the mayor to sign a proclama-

tion."

He did proclaim October 6 to be a day for the community to "choose respect," with a march to take place that day as part of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The broader initiative encourages Alaskans to stand with the victims and survivors of abuse, and to support preventative and protective efforts.

In other business, Assembly members approved an extension to the facility lease agreement of Don Sorric and Superior Marine Services (see Port Commission story), though members voted to postpone decision on a consent to assignment of the lease for financing purposes until more information could be gathered.

Clerk Kim Lane also reminded residents that early and absentee voting begins September 18, ahead of the October 3 municipal elections.

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