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Chief Shakes on a foggy afternoon

Oct. 1 was a foggy day for Wrangell, with the weather bad enough to cancel flights and limit visibility. Pictured here is Shakes Island seen through the fog.

Applications open for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Applications for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets are now open, according to Lt. Jon Tollerud of the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army and the Wrangell Ministerial Association are partnering to provide the baskets for Wrangell families in need of assistance during the holiday season, he said. The application process is simple. There is only one form to fill out, he said.

"If all they want is Thanksgiving, or all they want is Christmas, they just circle one," Tollerud said. "Or they circle both. It's just to make sure that we have all the information that is necessary for the situation. The only thing we're actually asking people for is an ID, and when it comes to Christmas toys for kids just proof they're your kids."

The Thanksgiving baskets will be filled with food to make a good Thanksgiving meal, Tollerud said. The Christmas baskets will have toys for children, he added, plus a month's worth of groceries. The Salvation Army's food pantry closes down around the end of the year for cleaning, so he said

they want to make sure people have plenty to get by until the food pantry reopens for 2021.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made the year challenging for many people, Tollerud said,

so the Salvation Army and WMA are expecting more applications than usual. He said that last year they put together about 200 Thanksgiving baskets and 180 Christmas baskets.

They are anticipating double those numbers this year. He added that they are hoping to raise \$10,000 for the Thanksgiving baskets, as well as \$10,000 for Christmas. Donations of

groceries, money, and other items are appreciated, he said.

"It's a significant amount," he said. "So if people want to donate, they can come down

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Preliminary election results

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Tuesday, Oct. 6, was election day for Wrangell. Polls closed at 8 p.m., with the preliminary count showing a total of 419 voters participating on election day. Wrangell voters chose the community's leadership in a variety of positions this year, as well as whether or not Wrangell should leave the Inter-Island Ferry Authority. Below are the preliminary election results. Preliminary winners are marked with an asterisk (*).

BOROUGH MAYOR,
ONE TWO-YEAR TERM
*Steve Prysunka, 304
Write-ins, 54

BOROUGH ASSEMBLY,
TWO THREE-YEAR TERMS
*Ryan Howe, 238
Jennifer Jackson, 189
*Anne Morrison, 283
Write-ins, 4

BOROUGH ASSEMBLY, ONE
ONE-YEAR UNEXPIRED TERM
*Terry Courson, 240
Bob Dalrymple, 161

SCHOOL BOARD,
ONE THREE-YEAR TERM
*Laura Ballou, 274
Constance Harris, 110
Write-ins, 6

PORT COMMISSION,
ONE THREE-YEAR TERM
*Gary Morrison, 361
Write-ins, 10

PORT COMMISSION,
ONE TWO-YEAR UNEXPIRED TERM
Write-ins, 41

PROPOSITION ONE
*Yes, 242
No, 154



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Oct. 6 was election day in Wrangell. Pictured here is Rosemary Ruoff with her "I Voted" sticker.

Applications

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and do that. We've already purchased, or have placed the order for the majority of the food ... People can still donate to offset the cost. They can also bring their canned goods down. If people want to donate to the cost of turkeys, they can contact myself or Pastor Kem Haggard."

Tollerud added that anonymity is important to the Salvation Army's giving. Nobody should feel embarrassed to reach out to them if they are

in need of assistance. The Salvation Army is just here to help, he said, no strings attached.

"We understand, especially right now, people are a little bit afraid to ask for help," he said. "It's hard, especially in a time like this, for people to admit their part of those who are hurting, those who are suffering. Especially in a small community, because they don't want their neighbors to know, or they don't want their neighbors to help. They want to do it on their own. Anonymity is an impor-

tant part of how we do business."

There is not a set date for the closure of applications at this time, Tollerud said. He said he is expecting to close applications for Thanksgiving baskets around Nov. 13, and Christmas baskets around Dec. 11. Distribution of these baskets will take place around Nov. 20 and Dec. 18. Anyone wishing to apply can contact the Salvation Army at (907) 874-3753. They will take walk-ins, Tollerud said, but they prefer that people call ahead to make an appointment. They are trying to keep appointments spread across 15-minute windows throughout the day, he explained, as part of COVID-19 mitigation efforts.



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The Salvation Army and the Wrangell Ministerial Association are partnering together for Thanksgiving and Christmas assistance baskets.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, October 8: Sandy Churchill, Brian Rooney, Richard Taylor. **Friday, October 9:** Jake Jabusch, Melinda Messmer. **Saturday, October 10:** Amy Byrd, Megan Clark, David Newman, Kevin Wallace, Free Guggenbickler. **Sunday, October 11:** Kanen Miller, Kurt Young, Marty Kaer, Donna Kuntz, *Anniversary:* Craig & Kim Strain. **Monday, October 12:** Perry Brink, Kathie Angerman, Darian Meissner, *Anniversary:* Tony & Sue Ann Guggenbickler. **Tuesday, October 13:** Karen Lockeby, Joyce Phillips, Victoria Roberts. **Wednesday, October 14:** Dustin Johnson, Ariana Ellsworth, Erika Seimears. **Thursday, October 15:** Amanda Kalkins, *Anniversary:* Kenny & Mariah Speers.

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

Senior Center Meals Menu Delivery Only

Friday, October 9

Crispy Chicken, Cauliflower Broccoli Toss, Curry Rice.

Monday, October 12

Creole Pork Steaks, Cauliflower, Sunshine Salad.

Tuesday, October 13

Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Peach Salad.

Wednesday, October 14

Baked Fish & Noodles, Broccoli, Pineapple Carrot Salad.

Thursday, October 15

Roast Beef Sandwich, Corn Chowder, Creamy Cole Slaw.

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

Senior van also available to transport seniors to medical appointments reasonable errands like collecting mail, getting prescriptions at pharmacies or other essential need items.

FERRY

Northbound

Monday, Oct. 19

Kennicott 01:45 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 2

Kennicott 01:00 p.m.

Southbound

Thursday, Oct. 15

Kennicott 04:45 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 29

Kennicott 05:45 a.m.

Call 874-2021 for information or call 874-3711 or Toll Free 800-642-0066 for recorded information.



TIDES

October 8 - October 15

High Tides

Low Tides

	AM		PM		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
Oct. 8	05:23	11.8	04:59	13.6	10:51	5.2	11:47	2.2
Oct. 9	06:32	11.0	05:59	12.8	11:48	6.1
Oct. 10	08:07	11.0	07:35	12.5	00:56	2.7	01:08	6.6
Oct. 11	09:28	11.9	09:08	13.1	02:16	2.5	02:41	6.1
Oct. 12	10:25	13.4	10:17	14.4	03:32	1.7	04:00	4.7
Oct. 13	11:11	15.0	11:13	15.8	04:34	0.6	05:01	2.7
Oct. 14	11:52	16.6	05:25	-0.5	05:50	0.6
Oct. 15	00:04	17.1	12:31	18.0	06:09	-1.2	06:35	-1.4

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Saturday, October 10

Wrangell Emblem Club #87: 1:00 pm, ppstairs at the Wrangell Elks Lodge #1595.

Monday, October 12

Wrangell Public School Board Regular Meeting: Zoom Meetin, Meeting ID: 946 1698 4525 Passcode: 631082.: <https://zoom.us/j/94616984525?pwd=bXVUVzAwYWl2Uk8rK2xlakd-VRUNEZz09>

Jury duty for October. You will be receiving notices in the mail in the next few weeks. Cour number: (907) 874-2311.

Anyone doing business at the Wrangell Court are required to wear a mask unless under 2 years of age or exempted for medical reasons. This is effective until further notice. All hearings are being conducted telephonically until further notice. Contact the court for the call-in number at (907) 874-

Continuing Events

AA Meetings: North Star Group Meeting Tuesdays and Fridays 7 - 8 p.m at St. Philips Episcopal Church.

The Way We Were In the Sentinel 100, 75, 50 and 25 years ago.

October 7, 1920

Articles of incorporation have been filed in the office of the secretary of Alaska for the Wrangell Mining, Pulp & Power company. The company is incorporated for \$1,000,000 and is divided into 10,000 shares for \$100 a share. The articles state that the company will carry on the industries of mining, pulp milling and leasing of water power for the generating and transmitting electric power, in the vicinity of the town of Wrangell. The period of duration of the corporation is 50 years. There are five directors. The incorporators are: William D. Grant, Seattle; Donald Sinclair, S. C. Shurick, B.Y. Grant, Wrangell. It is expected that operations will commence in the spring.

October 5, 1945

John Maxand, well known local man today announced purchase of the Star Taxi from Bill Erskine. The deal included three cars. Taxi stand will remain at Moore's Cocktail Bar and Maxand is planning on extending Taxi service. "It is my hope," Maxand said, "that as soon as possible I will be able to supply the people of Wrangell with 24 hour taxi service. It will be my aim to give the people prompt and speedy service with usual Star courtesy." Erskine, in retiring from the business expressed his thanks to the public for its past support and added his confidence that the same patronage would be afforded

Star Taxi's new owner.

October 8, 1970

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Holland went through Whitehorse via Skagway on the heels of the Wrangell Band, which made the trip on their annual holiday, and the Hollands reported that the band got compliments from the people in Whitehorse. When they told the people where they were from, the Hollands said, storeowners and shopkeepers volunteered that the band members were exemplary in their behavior. A bakery shop man called them "an orderly group" and a gift shop owner said the band members browsed well. The Hollands took the narrow-gauge railway from Skagway and spent four days in Whitehorse.

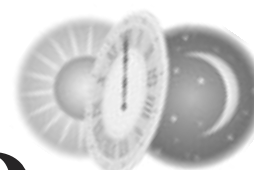
October 12, 1995

Ceremonies honoring the Rev. Dave Goodwin, pastor of the Wrangell Community Church of God, are planned for Sunday when he retires on his 70th Birthday. Goodwin, called to the ministry following retirement as a successful businessman, has been pastor in Wrangell for nearly 13 years. In addition to his pulpit duties, Goodwin, known as "Pastor Dave" across the island, has been active in the Chamber of Commerce and has served as Chaplain for the Police Department for many years. Goodwin and his wife, Betty, plan to remain in the Wrangell community. In addition to the retirement ceremony for Goodwin, installation services for the new pastor, Mark Turner, are planned. Turner has served as associate pastor



Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Sept. 28	54	46
Sept. 29	52	45
Sept. 30	61	48
Oct. 01	54	47
Oct. 02	63	51
Oct. 03	58	51
Oct. 04	54	50
Oct. 05	56	48



Daylight Hours

Date	7:05a	6:05p	11:00h
Oct. 8	7:05a	6:05p	11:00h
Oct. 9	7:07a	6:02p	10:55h
Oct. 10	7:09a	6:00p	10:51h
Oct. 11	7:11a	5:57p	10:46h
Oct. 12	7:13a	5:55p	10:42h
Oct. 13	7:15a	5:52p	10:37h
Oct. 14	7:17a	5:50p	10:33h
Oct. 15	7:19a	5:47p	10:28h

Transmitter at Cape Fanshaw operational

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

About two weeks ago, the Wrangell Sentinel received an email regarding a weather transmitter at Cape Fanshaw that was not operating. The email claimed that the transmitter has not been in operation for over a year, and is supposed to provide weather and navigation information for Frederick Sound and Stephens Passage. The email went on to say that it was the responsibility of the Coast Guard to repair the transmitter, which they have not done.

Cape Fanshaw is located north of Petersburg, along a point of mainland between Kupreanof Island and Admiralty Island. According to the National Weather Service website, as of two weeks ago, the Cape Fanshaw transmitter was out of service. However, as of Oct. 6, NOAA and Coast Guard personnel confirmed that the transmitter was now operational.

Kip Wadlow, Coast Guard spokesperson, said that the transmitter fell under the domain of NOAA. He later clarified in a brief conversation on Oct. 6 that they had a memorandum of understanding with NOAA regarding the transmitters.

Angel Corona, with NOAA, went into more detail about the transmitter. According to him, the transmitter at Cape Fanshaw is part of an inter-agency agreement between NOAA and the Coast Guard. NOAA would provide weather information to the Coast Guard, he said, which the Coast Guard would then broadcast through "high site" transmitters like the one at Cape Fanshaw.

Corona went on to say that both NOAA and the Coast Guard were aware of the problems with the Cape Fanshaw transmitter. He said that the transmitter had been unable to broadcast weather information since July of 2019. The Coast Guard made two unsuccessful attempts to repair the transmitter previously, he went on to say. Angel said that there are several challenges to getting to the site for repairs. The transmitter is in a remote location and the Coast Guard has to helicopter in to reach it. Furthermore, he added that the COVID-19 pandemic has recently added further complications to organizing a repair attempt. Corona said that it was his understanding there were several radios in the Cape Fanshaw transmitter, it was NOAA's weather radio



A Red Squirrel

A Red Squirrel poses for a photo, on the stairway between Church Street and Front Street. Red Squirrels are common across the forested areas of Alaska, according to the Department of Fish and Game. Red squirrels are active year-round but they may remain in their nests during cold spells and bad weather. With summer at an end, this squirrel will be relying on food it has spent the season gathering up to make it through the winter.

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that was having problems

Wadlow said that the transmitter became operational again on Oct. 1. Technicians with the Coast Guard were doing some remote troubleshooting on the transmitter last Thursday. Their troubleshooting appeared to be a catalyst to get the transmitter's NWS beacon

operational once again, he said.

There are two transmitters out of service in Southeast Alaska, according to the National Weather Service website last Tuesday, one near Sitka and one near Mt. McArthur. More information regarding the transmitters can be found at www.weather.gov/nwr/.

Federal Subsistence Meeting

The public is invited to attend and participate.

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For meeting materials and other information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program, visit:
www.doi.gov/subsistence or call the Office of Subsistence Management at (907) 786-3888 or (800) 478-1456.

If you need special accommodations for disabilities, please contact the Office of Subsistence Management at least seven business days prior to the meeting.

Police report

September 28

Found Property
Citizen Assist: Flat tire
Suspicious Circumstance
Agency Assist: S&R - Stranded boater on the Flats.
Traffic Complaint: Speeder

September 29

Dog Complaint
Subpoena Service
Welfare Check
Harassment
Agency Assist: AST

September 30

Parking Complaint
Parking Complaint
Agency Assist: S&R

October 1

Stolen Bike
Citizen Assist

Found Property
DUI: Unfounded
EDP

October 2

Speeding Complaint
Paper Service: 86'd Letters served
Disorderly Conduct

October 3

Civil Issue
DUI/VCOR: Arrested Marisa McComas, 28, for Driving Under the Influence and Violation Conditions of Release.

October 4

Subpoena Service
Dog Attack

During this reporting period there were two EMS calls, two Hoonah PD calls, two Criminal Mischief calls and two Parking Complaints.

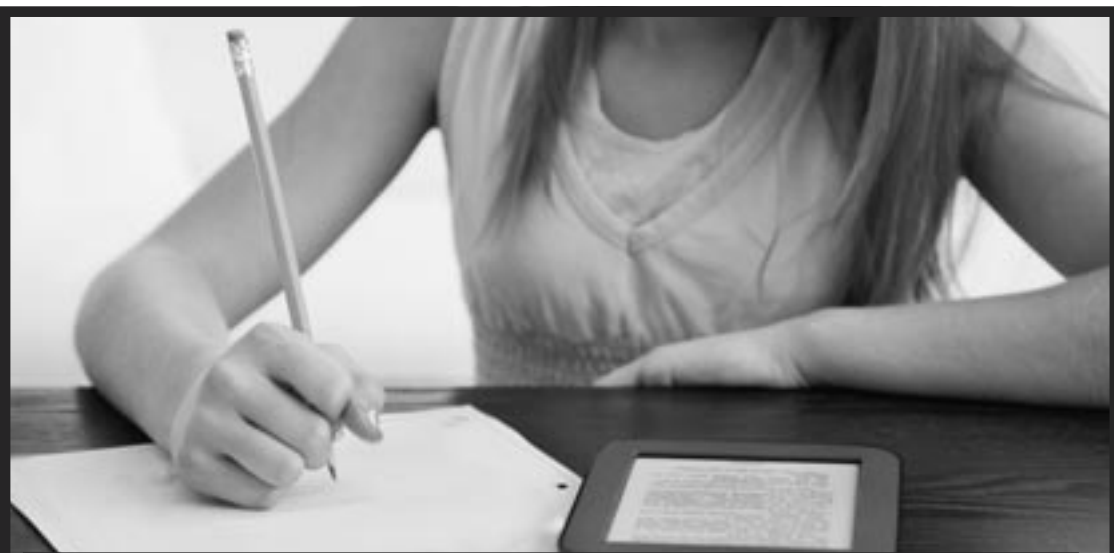
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Brodie Gardner running for Wrangell, during cross country Regionals in Petersburg (left). WHS runner Tyson Messmer in last weekend's Regional meet (right).

Wrangell runs in cross country regionals

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Last weekend was the regional meet for Region 5 cross country teams. While Wrangell High School has participated in the season virtually this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they were able to travel this weekend to Petersburg to compete in person.

Activities Director Trisa Rooney said, in an email, that while Wrangell was in Petersburg last Friday, Oct. 2, they ran separately from Petersburg's cross country team. Other participants in regionals include Haines and Metlakatla virtually, Gustavus on Oct. 3, and Hoonah on Oct. 4. They ran at Greens Camp, Rooney added. The team travelled to Petersburg via Breakaway Adventures and adhered to a mitigation plan to stay safe from COVID-19. They all wore masks while travelling, except for when they were running and socially distanced while attending the meet. Greens Camp is located 26 miles south of Pe-

tersburg on Mitkof Island.

In the boys' race, Ethan Blatchley came in first place for Wrangell, and fifth overall, with a time of 18:36.78. Devlyn Campbell came in second for Wrangell, and sixth overall, at 18:37.16. Elias Decker came in third for Wrangell, eighth overall, with a time of 18:47.91. First place overall went to Uriah Lucas of Petersburg.

In the girls' race, Liana Carney came in first for Wrangell, and fourth overall, at 21:49.27. Jade Balansag came in second, sixth overall, at 22:15.05. Brodie Gardner came in third for Wrangell, eighth overall, at 22:49.07. First place overall went to Mackenzie Dryden of Haines.

While the state championship is coming up, Rooney said that Wrangell will not be participating this year. Their cross country season has come to a close.

"The state competition will take place this coming weekend in Anchorage," she wrote in an email. "Sadly,

Wrangell will not be going. The risk is just too big right now with how Anchorage is trending with

COVID cases. Craig for sure is not going and I suspect a few other teams will not be going due to Anchorage[s] case

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Quiet evening on the water

It was a quiet evening out on the water last Tuesday, Oct. 6. Pictured here is the Bainbridge near Wrangell, as a flock of seagulls flies overhead.



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School workshop rescheduled

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell School Board was going to hold a workshop last Monday evening, Oct. 5, for budget training. However, it was rescheduled on short notice. There were three main items on the workshop's agenda: Where to find the district's Chart of Accounts, how to read the Chart of Accounts, and examples using the district's financial reports. These items were to be followed up with a Q&A session, and suggestions for future training.

The meeting was originally set to begin at 7 p.m. on Oct. 5. The Wrangell Sentinel received an email from Kim Powell, with the district, at 4 p.m. stating that the meeting was being moved to Oct. 19. According to a WHS newsletter, the school board will also be holding a regularly scheduled meeting on the evening of Oct. 12.

Correction

In last week's paper, two stories were incorrectly attributed to Caleb Vierkant. The articles regarding human error causing a brief power outage, and water overflow at Swan Lake, were written by Brian Varela.

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AMHS is down but not out, panelists say

Ferries 'found new friends' following deep cuts

By **PETER SEGALL,**
Juneau Empire

Though the financial picture of the Alaska Marine Highway System is grim, advocates say there's growing support for the system and better understanding of the role ferries play in statewide commerce.

"We have a commitment to the Alaska Marine Highway System, we are in no way looking to get rid of it," said Rob Carpenter, deputy commissioner of the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, during a virtual session of the Southeast Conference Annual Meeting.

But that came with the recognition the system is in dire financial straits, he said.

"There's a lot of pressure on the state budget, it's been going on a few years. It's been challenging, and there's no signs of letting up," Carpenter said.

The coronavirus pandemic had cost AMHS roughly \$45 million, he said, which has led

to a winter schedule "no one is happy with, including us."

Limited capacity and other health precautions had limited AMHS' revenues at a time when many of the ships were just finishing repairs, Carpenter said. But even with current travel restrictions, the system is already seeing an uptick in passengers, he said.

In a discussion following presentations by DOT and the Inter-Island Ferry Authority, attendees floated various ideas for how to reform the ferry system. Results from a reshaping work group are expected at the end of this month, but some attendees expressed skepticism the report would produce meaningful commentary.

In light of the state being an unreliable partner when it comes to funding AMHS, Petersburg business owner Dave Kensing suggested creating a regional ferry system not reliant on the state.

"I think if we don't do anything, I think I know where this is all going to go," he said. The two Southeast lawmakers in attendance, however,

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Ferry

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we're quick to respond.

"Let's not jump off the cliff just yet," said state Sen. Jesse Kiehl, D-Juneau. "We got a new governor, and he did propose shutting the marine highway down."

Through that fight, AMHS found some new friends, Khiel said. Lawmakers from other parts of the state became more aware of the economic benefits the ferries bring not just to

Southeast but to other parts of the state as well.

"They saw what happened last winter to Southeast. It was a brutal and ungodly education process, but it was an education process," he said. "We just came out of a fight for its existence."

Ketchikan's Independent Rep. Dan Ortiz also cautioned against regionalizing the ferry system, saying the alliance between all coastal lawmakers

served by the ferries was crucial to moving legislation forward.

"In the end, it's always going to be the Legislature to make the final decision," Ortiz said, and even then whatever lawmakers appropriate to the ferry has to be approved by the governor. "I would hesitate in trying to regionalize or subregionalize the effort," he said.

Educating the rest of the state on the merits of the sys-

tem was something mentioned by Alaska's congressional delegation when they spoke to the meeting Wednesday. Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, said the delegation had worked to secure federal funding for highways, but the state needs to start thinking of AMHS as part of the highway system.

If bringing financial stability to a public service which must be subsidized was what's needed, it would be a good idea for the system to set up its own endowment fund, suggested Ketchikan-based economic development strategist.

"Where you get the money for that I don't know. (Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority) seems to have a lot of money," she said. "(Certain) hostility toward the ferry system comes from deep-seated opposition to public transportation from certain sectors. If government is a fickle partner, it needs to have some sort of independent stable source."

Still, the \$45 million hole in the ferry's budget means DOT would likely have to ask the Legislature for a supplemental budget, Carpenter said.



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Halloween movie night

Getting into the spirit of the season, the Nolan Center is showing Halloween movies each weekend this month. Last Sunday afternoon was a matinee of "Beetlejuice." Other movies planned for the Halloween season include "Gremlins," "Goosebumps," and "Nightmare on Elm Street." Pictured here is the Waddington family at the movies (left to right) John, Verity, and Clara.



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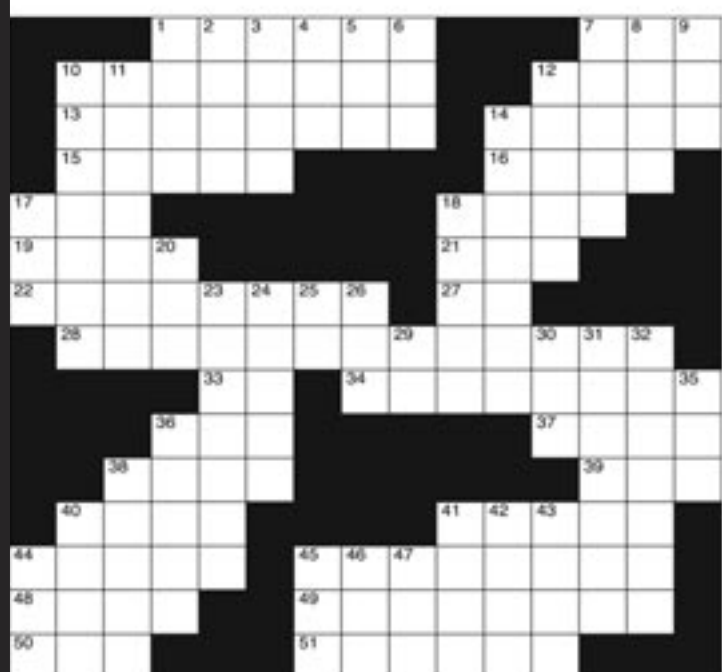
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Lunar crater
- 7. Upstate NY airport (abbr.)
- 10. Fruit
- 12. Seventh avatar of Vishnu
- 13. Organism that grows without air
- 14. Heals
- 15. A book has one
- 16. Open
- 17. Twitch
- 18. Plant of the mint family
- 19. Soon
- 21. Witch
- 22. Long, mournful complaint
- 27. Killer clown film
- 28. Keeps us occupied
- 33. Influential lawyer
- 34. Formation of concepts
- 36. Insecticide
- 37. Swiss river
- 38. Actress Lucy
- 39. Unit of g-force
- 40. Can repel attackers
- 41. Essential oil used as perfume
- 44. Cut into small pieces
- 45. Mexican agricultural worker
- 48. Best pitchers
- 49. Benign tumors
- 50. Danish krone
- 51. Looms above

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Make a map of
- 2. Cain and ___
- 3. Dried-up
- 4. Corporate exec (abbr.)
- 5. Trading floor hand gesture
- 6. Strongly alkaline solution
- 7. Yemen capital
- 8. Military leader (abbr.)
- 9. Maintains possession of
- 10. Afternoon show
- 11. Imaginary being
- 12. Rearrange
- 14. Holy person or sage
- 17. ___ Mahal
- 18. Backbone
- 20. Brooklyn hoopster
- 23. Intervened
- 24. Extremely angry
- 25. Indicates position
- 26. Chinese surname
- 29. Potato state
- 30. When you think you'll get there
- 31. ___ Falls
- 32. Bullfighters
- 35. Born of
- 36. Small fishes
- 38. "Father of chemical warfare"
- 40. Waste matter
- 41. Skin disease
- 42. Scandinavian mythological god
- 43. ___ and haws
- 44. Villain
- 45. Tell on
- 46. Difficulty
- 47. Not old

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Level: Intermediate

Puzzle answers will be in the October 15 edition

Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH Fisheries columnist

Lower supplies of wild Pacific salmon by major producers push up prices

Now that the 2020 pack of Alaska salmon has been caught and put up, stakeholders will get a better picture of how global prices may rise or fall.

Nearly 75% of the value of Alaska's salmon exports is driven by sales between July and October. And right now, lower supplies of wild Pacific salmon by the major producers are pushing up prices as the bulk of those sales are made.

For sockeye salmon, global supplier and market tracker Tradex reports that frozen fillets are in high demand and supplies are hard to source for all sizes. With a catch this year topping 45 million, Alaska is the leading producer of that popular commodity.

"Luckily, sockeye harvests were once again abundant in Bristol Bay as fishermen caught nearly 200 million pounds. Although that's a bigger than average harvest for Bristol Bay, it's still down 9% from last year. With lower sockeye harvests in Russia and closures in Canada, we estimate the global sockeye harvest declined by 26% in 2020," said Andy Wink, executive director of the Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association speaking on the Tradex Three-Minute Market Report.

Tradex reports that sockeye prices are "significantly higher than last year" and suggests that suppliers are stockpiling inventories in their freezers.

"Our recommendation for sockeye buyers is similar to a few weeks ago, which is to secure your supply now. Sockeye prices are anticipated to make a good bull-run before moving into a bear-type market," said correspondent Tasha Cadence.

Tradex predicts the same for wild chum salmon due to low catches from all producers.

"In speaking to our VP of Asia Operations, he advised they are anticipating that new season chum won't be available until the end of September and that salmon will certainly be very short this year," Cadence added. "Both from Rus-



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Retirement celebrated

Wrangell's harbor department hosted a retirement celebration for Greg Meissner on Sept. 30. Meissner has served as the city's harbor master for 19 years, he said. Steve Miller will be taking over as harbor master, as announced in a Sept. 3 port commission meeting.

sia and Alaska, and the estimated raw materials price will go up to \$4,300 per metric ton - which translates to about \$1.95 to \$2.00/lb."

And the same holds true for pink salmon, where big shortfalls from Russia are biting into the global supply.

Prices for pink salmon that are processed in China and distributed back to the U.S. and other countries have increased from \$2,600 to \$3,400 per metric ton - or from \$1.20 to \$1.55 per pound.

"Going back a few weeks it was reported that Russian boats did not even want to make commitments at the higher prices as they wanted pricing at even higher levels," Cadence said.

A weakening dollar also means foreign customers can buy more U.S. salmon for less.

How the initial uptick in salmon commodity markets might play out in fishermen's paychecks remains to be seen. Alaska processors typically post a base price as a placeholder when the salmon sea-

son gets underway. Then, bonuses for fish that is chilled, bled or delivered are often sent to fishermen in the fall, and any profit sharing checks usually arrive the following spring.

"Retro-payments more than anything are a payment to appease the fleet and keep them from jumping to another processor," said a longtime Bristol Bay fisherman. "There are many instances where a processor has paid their 'retro or adjustment in the Spring, only to have to make another payment in early June to match competitors. Price adjustments are a dark art and there is no set formula as it relates to the sale of the pack."

Fish on! Salmon numbers continue to trickle in but Alaska's total catch won't add up to much more than 114 million fish, about 85 percent of what state managers predicted for the 2020 season.

Of that, over 45 million are sockeyes and 58 million are pinks. Landings of just over two million cohos are the lowest since the mid-1970s and a chum salmon harvest of just under 8 million is the weakest since 1979. Chinook volumes also are well below historical levels.

The preliminary value of Bristol Bay's 40.7 million salmon catch, nearly all sockeyes, is \$140.7 million, ranking ninth in the last 20 years. That doesn't include any post-season price bonuses.

As always, there is a lot of fishing action going on after salmon.

At Southeast Alaska, beam trawlers are back on the water targeting 650,000 pounds of

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Fish Factor

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pink and sidestripe shrimp in a third opener.

Southeast's Dungeness season reopened on October 1 and a few million pounds are likely to come out of that fishery. There will again be no opener for red or blue king crab due to low abundances.

On October 5, a hundred or more divers also could be heading down for over 1.7 million pounds of red sea cucumbers. A catch of just under three million pounds of sea urchins also is up for grabs, but there may be a lack of buyers. Southeast divers also are targeting giant geoduck clams.

At Prince William Sound, a 15,000 pound test fishery is underway for golden king crabs through October; likewise, a nearly seven million pound golden king crab fishery is ongoing along the Aleutian Islands.

Kodiak crabbers have pulled up more than 2.3 million pounds of Dungeness crab so far with a few weeks left to

go in the season. A sea cucumber fishery opened at Kodiak on October 1 with a 130,000 pound limit.

Halibut landings were approaching 13 million pounds, or 79 percent of the 16 million pound catch limit. Homer, Kodiak and Seward are the top ports for landings.

For sablefish (black cod), the catch was nearing 17 million pounds, or 52% of the nearly 32 million pound quota. Seward, Kodiak, Sitka and Dutch Harbor were getting the most deliveries.

Both of those fisheries end in early November.

The Bering Sea pollock fishery closes on November 1. Alaska pollock is the nation's top food fishery and the Bering Sea will produce over 3 billion pounds again this year. And as always, fisheries for cod, flounders, rockfish and much more are ongoing in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska.

Finally, the state Board of Fisheries has accepted 275 proposals to address at its as yet

undetermined meetings on Prince William Sound and Southeast subsistence, commercial, sport and personal use fisheries and statewide shellfish. Meeting dates have been bumped from this winter to sometime next year due to Covid-19 constraints.

The board will consider new meeting dates at an October 15-16 virtual work session.

Halibut survey success - A "resounding success" is how scientists summed up this summer's Pacific halibut survey despite it being shortened and scaled down a bit due to Covid virus constraints.

The so-called fishery-independent setline survey (FISS) uses standardized methods to track population trends in the Pacific halibut stock, which ranges from the west coast and British Columbia to the far reaches of the Bering Sea.

For two months this summer 11 longline vessels (down from the usual 17) took halibut survey experts aboard to fish at 898

stations, down 30% from the planned 1,283. The foregone areas were waters off California, Oregon and Washington. Survey areas in the Bering Sea near the Pribilofs also were cut, along with stations at the Aleutian Islands near Unalaska and Adak.

"We also thinned out a little bit in the Western Gulf of Alaska, and we also removed the stations off Vancouver Island," said David Wilson, executive director of the International Pacific Halibut Commission which oversees the stock for the U.S. and Canada.

Still, Wilson said roughly 70% of the Pacific halibut biomass was sampled overall and 100% in the core areas of the central Gulf, Southeast Alaska and northern British Columbia.

"Normally we would have done a thinner sampling in those areas but to ensure that we had enough samples coming out we went for 100 percent in those areas," he explained, calling it the "most data-rich set-

line-survey in the IPHC's 97 year history."

The halibut that are caught during the survey are sold to cover the cost of the operation. Wilson said the poundage and prices will be revealed next month at the IPHC interim meeting.

"The key thing is that we were able to meet both our scientific requirements and also maintain our economic goal of revenue neutrality," he said.

The November 18-19 meetings, which will be held online, also will provide a first glimpse at how the halibut stocks are holding up.

"The interim meeting is usually an information sharing meeting for stakeholders where we present the preliminary stock assessments and the outcomes of other research activity. We also put out some of the regulatory proposals we will be considering at the annual meeting," Wilson said.

Halibut catch limits and other regulations will be revealed in late January.

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Alaska judge finds issue with ballot witness requirements

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) - A state court judge on Monday ruled enforcement of witness requirements for absentee ballots in Alaska during a pandemic "impermissibly burdens the right to vote" but did not immediately put into effect an order eliminating the requirement for the general election.

Superior Court Judge Dani Crosby gave the parties until late Tuesday to propose how the Division of Elections should communicate the message and said she would later issue an order "specifying how to im-

plement elimination" of the requirement for the Nov. 3 election.

She noted the state might appeal to the Alaska Supreme Court.

The case was brought by Arctic Village Council, a tribal government; the League of Women Voters of Alaska; and two individuals who have cited health concerns amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

A state attorney argued a change in requirements so close to the election could cause

voter confusion and said the Division of Elections is concerned about its credibility with voters.

Maria Bahr, a Department of Law spokesperson, said Crosby's decision "makes it clear that the injunction is not yet in effect meaning the requirement for signature witnesses is still in place." She said the department, in consultation with the division, "is evaluating the decision and considering possible options."

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