

Assembly swears in new officials

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

With the final votes tallied by the canvass board earlier that morning, the Wrangell Borough Assembly met last Thursday, Oct. 3, to confirm this year's local election. There were several positions open for election on the assembly,

school board, and an open seat on the port commission in the election on Oct. 1. The public also voted on a proposition to remove the Wrangell Medical Center Board from the city's charter. In total, there were 365 votes cast on election day, plus an additional 41 absentee ballots.



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Assembly Member Jim DeBord received a certificate of service for his time spent on the assembly. DeBord did not seek reelection this year.



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Borough Clerk Kim Lane (left) swearing in three of the newly elected members of city government: Assembly Member Anne Morrison, Port Commissioner John Yeager, and Assembly Member Patricia Gilbert.

The final election results followed the preliminary results in all races except one, for two open seats on the school board for three-year terms. The preliminary results said that the winners of this race were Beth Heller at 182 votes, and Cyni Crary at 175 votes. After the canvass board reviewed the absentee ballots, however, it was found that incumbent candidate David Wilson had won with 192 votes, bumping out Crary who had a total of 185.

The assembly voted unanimously and quickly, the entire

meeting taking six minutes, to approve the election results. The following are the results of the October election:

Borough Assembly, three-year terms until 2022

Julie Decker, 343
Patricia Gilbert, 342

Borough Assembly, one-year terms until 2020

Drew Larrabee, 269
Anne Morrison, 245

School Board, three-year terms until 2022

Beth Heller, 197
David Wilson, 192

School Board, one-year

term until 2020

Jeanie Arnold, 264

School Board, two-year term until 2021

Patricia Gilbert, 374

Port Commission, three-year term until 2022

John Yeager, 383

"It [the election] went really well," said Borough Clerk Kim Lane. "I wish we would've had a bigger outcome but, you know, I'm happy that everyone who came out and voted did. All of the candidates that ran, huge thank you to them."

80,000 minute goal for Evergreen Elementary Read-A-Thon

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Kicking off last Monday, Oct. 7, Evergreen Elementary School has begun a Read-A-Thon to see if their student body can spend a total of 80,000 minutes reading. This would be roughly 55 and a half days doing nothing but reading.

With 158 "readers" listed on the school's webpage for the competition, that is only roughly 506 minutes per student. Librarian Jen Gerald said that if the students can hit the 80,000 minute goal, they will have a "pirate day" at the school. If they go above and beyond that and reach 100,000 minutes spent reading, there is going to be a full pirate-themed party at the school.

Jennifer Miller-Yancey, lead teacher for Evergreen Elementary, said that the Read-A-Thon is not only a way to encourage students to read, but is being used as a fundraiser. They discovered the Read-A-Thon program online, she said, and decided to have a trial run this year to see how it goes. Money raised by the competition will go to support teachers and the school library.

"It's a one-time donation, and they donate online," Miller-Yancey said. "It's just to support that particular reader in their efforts. The reading will be accounted for by minute and it will also be reading at home and in school."

Gerald also mentioned that there are several individual awards students can aim for during the Read-A-Thon, as well. Two students, one that raises the most money and one that spends the most time reading, will each get to be the school librarian for a day. Each individual donation a student receives will also earn them a coupon for ice cream.

The Read-A-Thon will come to a close on Oct. 18. Miller added that Evergreen Elementary's annual book fair will also be taking place on Oct. 17 and 18. As of Tuesday morning, Oct. 8, \$4,641 has been raised and students have spent 4,054 minutes reading.

To donate visit the Wrangell Public Schools Facebook page for a link, or call Evergreen Elementary at (907) 874-2321. Donations can be made to an individual student or directly to the school online.



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The Evergreen Elementary School library.

"There are constant requests by students to get the newest book in a series or maybe their favorite author just came out with a brand new book," Evergreen's Read-A-Thon webpage reads. "We love the excitement that our students have about new books and we can't always keep up the demands."

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, October 10: Amy Byrd, Megan Clark, David Newman, Kevin Wallace, Free Guggenbickler. **Friday, October 11:** Kanen Miller, Kurt Young, Marty Kaer, Donna Kuntz. *Anniversary:* Craig & Kim Strain. **Saturday, October 12:** Perry Brink, Kathie Angerman, Darian Meissner. *Anniversary:* Jason & Jessica Rooney, Tony & Sue Guggenbickler. **Sunday, October 13:** Karen Lockabey, Tori Gulla, Joyce Phillips, Victoria Roberts. **Monday, October 14:** Diane Comer, Dustin Johnson, Ariana Ellsworth, Erika Seimears. *Anniversary:* Kenny and Mariah Speers. **Tuesday, October 15:** Bonnie Stutz, Amanda Kalkins. **Wednesday, October 16:** Ken Cesar, Bonnie Demerjian, Leslie Kagee, Craig Villarma. **Thursday, October 17:** Ann Kramer Benson, Rachel Angerman, Charles Meissner, Sr., Jonathan Bates, Kari Mork. *Anniversary:* Fred & Sumi Angerman, Casey & Heather Seimears.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, October 10

Baked Salmon, Peas and Carrots, Pickled beets, Scalloped Potatoes

Friday, October 11

Crispy Chicken, Steamed Carrots, Cauliflower, Broccoli Toss, Curry Rice Pilaf

Monday, October 14

Creole Pork, Cauliflower, Sunshine Salad, Pasta

Tuesday, October 15

Salisbury Steak, Peas, Peach Salad, Masked Potatoes with Gravy

Wednesday, October 16

Up North Salmon Supper, Peas and Broccoli, Carrot Pineapple Salad, Rice

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

Milk, tea and coffee will be served with meals.

FERRY

Departures

Northbound

Friday, October 11
Malaspina 07:15 p.m.
Friday, October 18
Malaspina 04:45 p.m.
Friday, October 25
Malaspina 06:15 p.m.
Tuesday, October 29
Malaspina 09:45 p.m.
Saturday, November 2
Malaspina 12:15 a.m.

Southbound

Monday, October 14
Malaspina 07:30 a.m.
Monday, October 21
Malaspina 06:30 a.m.
Monday, October 28
Malaspina 07:00 a.m.
Friday, November 1
Malaspina 07:45 a.m.
Monday, November 4
Malaspina 06:30 a.m.

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



TIDES Oct. 10 - Oct. 17

	High Tides		Low Tides	
	AM	PM	AM	PM
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
October 10	11:59	15.2
October 11	00:05	15.3	12:33	15.9
October 12	00:44	15.8	01:04	16.5
October 13	01:19	16.0	01:33	16.8
October 14	01:53	15.9	02:00	16.8
October 15	02:25	15.6	02:26	16.7
October 16	02:57	15.2	02:52	16.4
October 17	03:31	14.5	03:19	16.0

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Friday, October 18

Alaska Day Senior Luncheon: Lutheran Church, 12 p.m.

Saturday, October 19

Baby Raven Reads: Wrangell Head Start, 10 a.m.

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

Continuing Events

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

Pool:

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

MEETINGS

AA Meetings:

North Star Group Meeting, St. Philip's Church. Tuesday: 7 p.m., Thursday: 8 p.m., Friday: 8 p.m.

The Way We Were

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

October 9, 1919

The Town of Wrangell now owns the float at the rear of the Wrangell hotel. A year ago the council took an option for one year on the float, paying Mr. Grant \$50, which amount was to apply on the purchase price of \$500 in case the float was taken over by the town within one year. At the regular meeting of the council last Thursday evening it was decided that the council would exercise its option. Accordingly a warrant was ordered drawn in favor of Mr. Grant for \$450.

October 6, 1944

Last Friday Governor Ernest Gruening and Secretary Lew Williams came to Juneau with Tony Schwann and the governor and Mayor Fred Hanford made a reconnaissance flight over the site of the Stikine hot springs, which it is hoped will prove to be a tourist attraction after the war. The governor returned to Juneau the same day. He and Mrs. Gruening expect to leave soon for Washington and Secretary and Mrs. Williams will fulfill the executive and social duties of the governor and his wife during their absence.

October 9, 1969

A slip of paper drawn from a hat decided the tie race for City council this week. Ronald Castle, a Wrangell Public School guidance counselor, and Edward Pat Churchill St., a fisherman, tied for one of two council seats, each polling 153 votes. Castle won the draw.

October 13, 1994

In an unexpected reversal of its earlier stance, Alaska Pulp Corporation recently informed Wrangell City Manager Duane Gasaway it is ready to sell the downtown mill site, located near the south end of Front

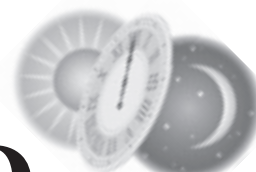
Street. Information provided by Gasaway at Tuesday night's regular City Council meeting prompted a discussion that eventually resulted in a resolution directing a letter be sent to APC to seek additional information concerning possible

terms, conditions of sale, time frame for such a sale and what price APC might be considering for the 14.02 acres of fee owned land. Gasaway's information to date indicated the property had been appraised at \$2.5 million.



Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Sep. 30	54	42
Oct. 01	57	49
Oct. 02	50	46
Oct. 03	52	46
Oct. 04	52	46
Oct. 05	52	47
Oct. 06	54	43
Oct. 07	46	41



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Oct. 10	7:07a	6:02p	10:55h
Oct. 11	7:09a	6:00p	10:51h
Oct. 12	7:11a	5:57p	10:46h
Oct. 13	7:13a	5:55p	10:42h
Oct. 14	7:15a	5:52p	10:37h
Oct. 15	7:17a	5:50p	10:33h
Oct. 16	7:19a	5:47p	10:28h
Oct. 17	7:21a	5:45p	10:24h

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Please come join us in celebrating the retirement of Rynda Hayes after 35 years of customer service



GCI will be hosting a BBQ
Thursday, October 10th
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We appreciate everything you have done for GCI and the community of Wrangell.



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Another cruise season closes

The Seabourn Sojourn lit up as the sun sets Oct. 3. The Sojourn was the last cruise ship to visit Wrangell for the 2019 season. According to a draft cruise ship schedule for the city, the Sojourn carries 450 passengers and 330 crew. The cruise ship industry has been growing in Wrangell, and across the whole state. Carol Rushmore, economic development director, said that there were about 16,000 visitors to Wrangell from cruises in 2018. Meilani Schijvens, with Rain Coast Data, said that Wrangell can expect to see 22,000 cruise ship tourists next year.

Police report

September 30
 Welfare check: All was good
 Citizen assist: Unlocked vehicle
October 1
 Trespass
October 2
 Identity theft
 Traffic complaint
October 3
 MVA: Pedestrian
 MVA
October 4
 Noise complaint
 Theft: Fraudulent use of credit card
October 5
 Citizen assist
 Welfare assist: Person was okay and well

Traffic stop citation was issued to Alan Reeves, 60, for failure to provide proof of insurance. Verbal warning for speed.
October 6
 Domestic dispute
 Agency assist: Harbor Department
 Agency assist: DOT
 Citizen assist
 Agency assist: Line crew
 Alarms
 Found property
 Noise complaint
 Traffic stop
 During this reporting period there were four animal complaints and three EMS calls.

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New monitors aim to help detect landslides in Alaska town

SITKA, Alaska (AP) – New technology distributed in an Alaska community is expected to help detect and study conditions that lead to landslides, a researcher said.

The landslide detection system in Sitka will monitor soil moisture levels and help residents and scientists understand landslide patterns, the Sitka Sentinel reported Thursday.

University of Oregon post-doctoral researcher Annette

Patton introduced the system at a Sitka Chamber of Commerce event Wednesday.

Patton helped install the system funded through a \$2.1 million grant from the National Science Foundation. The project was initiated after heavy rainfall in 2015 triggered a landslide that struck a Sitka subdivision and killed three men, she said.

The monitoring stations at three locations in Sitka will transmit data every five minutes and produce a body of information over time.

A goal is to study the relation of landslides to different types of storms, including “a really long, low intensity storm” or a small storm that precedes a large storm, Patton said.

She said she hopes the detectors will provide a better understanding of “when landslides will happen and how much rain is too much.”

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Dan's Dispatch

By Representative
Dan Ortiz

As many of you know, the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) service to the port of Prince Rupert, British Columbia (B.C.) ended on October 1st. Although that ferry route is no longer running, there are ongoing developments in hopes of restoring service.

When the Alaska Department of Transportation (AK DoT) announced early last month that it would end service to Prince Rupert, their reasoning was that AMHS was unable to enlist the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) to provide armed protection for the U.S. Customs & Border Protection agents (CBP), which is a recent federal requirement.

I proceeded to contact



Dan Ortiz

various officials from Prince Rupert, the British Columbia provincial government, and the national Canadian government, both in person and over the phone, to see if I could help facilitate finding a solution. After meeting in person with Blake Ward, the Head Officer of Prince Rupert RCMP, and with

Lee Brain, the Mayor of Prince Rupert, I was able to establish that if the AK DoT could come to an agreement with the City of Prince Rupert to contract with the RCMP, protective services for the U.S. CBP could be provided. Problem solved! (Or so I thought at the time).

The following week, Mayor Brain traveled to Juneau to meet with John MacKinnon, the AK DoT Commissioner, and Ben Stevens, Governor Dunleavy's Chief of Staff. Mayor Brain presented both a short-term plan that could restore service to Prince Rupert in the very near future and a longer-term plan that could solve some of the other issues that made continuing AMHS service to Prince Rupert problematic (such as the deteriorating ferry ramp at the Prince Ru-

pert terminal, and the long-time issue of whether to use U.S. steel or Canadian steel in repairs).

Like I stated earlier, the current primary hold-up is the newly adopted agreement on Land, Rail, Marine, and Air Transport Preclearance between the federal governments of U.S. and Canada to have armed protection for CBP agents. This agreement potentially includes a long-term solution for the U.S. CBP to be able to arm and protect themselves on Canadian soil. The U.S. CBP requires that all three interested parties - the AK DoT, Prince Rupert Port Authority, and the City of Prince Rupert - must commit to making the port facilities able to adhere to the requirements.

All the parties involved are

working to fully understand what those requirements exactly are - the details of which are complicated and difficult to summarize in a letter like this. I can say that the AK DoT commissioner, MacKinnon, has committed to meeting in person with the other two parties, Prince Rupert Port Authority and the City of Prince Rupert.

As your State Representative, I've been working daily on this issue and am dedicated to working on it until AMHS service to Prince Rupert is restored. I hope to have town hall meetings in multiple District 36 communities in the near future to provide updated information, as well as to hear from you about other concerns you may have.

Obituary: Stephani Ann Ruks, 77

Stephani Ann Ruks, 77, died on August 16, 2019, in Wrangell, Alaska.

Ann was born in Louisville, Kentucky and moved with her family to Wrangell when she was young. She graduated from Wrangell High School in 1961 and worked in Nome and Anchorage and the Alaska Pipeline in Valdez. She lived 18 years in Arizona before returning home to Wrangell where she worked at Wrangell Medical Center until her retirement. Ann was a member of the hospital auxiliary and served in hospice for many years. She was also a member of the Elks and the Pioneers of Alaska, Women's Igloo No. 15.

She was preceded in death by her parents Francis and Ellen Ruks.

She is survived by her brother Stephen Ruks, sister Irish Ruby, stepchildren Karen, Richard and Robert Campbell, goddaughters Linda Shields and Sherri Tyler, and her nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at the Elks Lodge Saturday, October 12, 2019, at 1:00 pm.



Stephani Ann Ruks



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- Power Troll - 2 Seats

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COURTESY OF CINDA STOUGH

Five generations of Wrangell

Five generations of Wrangellites pose for a photograph. Left to right, starting at the top row, is Cinda Stough, Tammi Meissner, Kiara Meissner, Joyce Phillips, and Emma Ann Marshall.

Operation Christmas Child this Saturday

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

This Saturday, Oct. 12, the Wrangell Ministerial Association will be holding an Operation Christmas Child event. The annual program, operated by the Christian organization Samaritan's Purse, sends shoeboxes full of Christmas gifts, school supplies, toiletries, and other items to children in need around the world. The Wrangell Ministerial Association has played a role in Operation Christmas Child for many years. According to the event's Facebook Page, Wrangell started packing and collecting shoeboxes in 2014, with 97 shoeboxes collected. Last year saw 236 shoeboxes packed and prepared for collection. The high-water mark, to date, was in 2017 with 261 shoeboxes.

"On October 12th, we will again be assembling the shoeboxes with a packing party," the event page reads. "We need lots of help, so please bring your kids and fill a shoebox. We have ordered toys and hygiene items to pack shoeboxes."

The packing party will take place at Harbor Light Assembly of God from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. If anyone would like to contribute supplies or a monetary donation, they can contact Harbor Light or any other church within the ministerial association. Those planning to help pack shoeboxes can bring homemade items, photographs of themselves or their family, or letters to the shoebox recipients.

Pastor Kem Haggard, of Harbor Light, said that Operation Christmas Child is a good opportunity to help those in need by gifting them items that others may take for granted.

"I think, really, the whole idea is reaching out to kids in poverty-stricken, or war-torn areas, things like that," he said.

Haggard added that monetary donations for Operation Christmas Child are not required at the Saturday packing party, but they are welcome. More information on Operation Christmas Child can be found online at www.samaritanspurse.org. The Facebook page for the Wrangell event can be found under "Operation Christmas Child."

Parks and Rec discusses commercial trail use, begin brainstorming HOP event

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The Wrangell Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met last Wednesday, Oct. 2, to discuss the increasing use of trails and parks by tour groups, as well as beginning to lay the groundwork for the next Helping Our Parks project. Tourism has been steadily increasing in Wrangell, with approximately 22,000 tourists expected to visit town via cruise ships next year. As locals may have noticed this spring and summer, tour groups could be seen being led

around Wrangell's popular sites, including the parks and nature trails.

"We don't have a permitting process because we don't require that, so I can't tell you exactly who's using our parks for what; for when; for where, but I know that Alaska Waters does some interpretive tours over at Volunteer Park," Parks and Rec Director Kate Thomas said. "Alaska Vistas does walks on the trail up Mt. Dewey, and we've been approached about using City Park as a venue, and Shoemaker Park as a venue."

Growth is a demanding process, Thomas said, so she was bringing the situation to the board's attention so they could consider implementing some kind of permit process for commercial park and trail use. This could look like a simple permit application and a fee for tour companies, she said. There was some discussion about what potential fees could look like. One suggestion was to set a fee per person in the tour group, but board member Keeleigh Solverson said that could be tricky. Getting an accurate headcount

could be a challenge for tour guides, and then there was a question of when the companies would have to pay said fees. Another idea was to just set a base fee that companies could pay ahead of time, which would cover their groups for the tourist season.

Another important topic in the meeting was the upcoming HOP Project. This spring will see the third annual Helping Our Parks project, Thomas said. The project brings together community volunteers to fix up one of Wrangell's parks. Volunteer Park saw 61

volunteers donate a total of 211 hours of work to clean and restore the area.

Even though the HOP Project is still months away, Thomas said that it was time to start thinking about it. What did the board want to do this year, she asked. A few suggestions thrown out were to return to Volunteer Park for more work, or to go out to Shoemaker Park this year. Another idea that Thomas suggested was to do the HOP Project differently next year. Instead of having a lot of volunteers come out for one day in one place, why not have volunteers work throughout several days across multiple locations? Work could get done on the Mt. Dewey trail one day, she said as an example, then other volunteers could work in one of the parks the next day.

The board agreed to start thinking about the HOP Project and to begin laying out the details in future meetings.

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Abominable is not playing on:

Saturday, Oct. 12th

Friday, Oct. 18th



Bryce Yancey, dressed as Batman, patrols the annual pumpkin patch festival at the downtown pavilion.

Pumkin Patch Festival

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Wilder Harding, dressed as Harry Potter, enjoying Wrangell's annual Pumpkin Patch Festival last Saturday, Oct. 5.

Zeppelin Stutz, dressed as a prisoner, picks out a pumpkin to take home during the Oct. 5 Pumpkin Patch Festival. Besides giving people a chance to get a pumpkin, the festival was an opportunity to dress up, eat good food, and play Halloween-themed games.

Wrangell girls take fourth at cross country state championship

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

After a season that has seen constant improvement, as Coach Drew Larrabee said in several interviews, Wrangell's cross country season has come to a close. Last Saturday, Oct. 5, the ASAA State Championships took place in Anchorage. The girls cross country team qualified for state after taking third place in Regionals. Ethan Blatchley was the only boy on the boys team to qualify for state when he ran a sub-20 5k.

Wrangell's girls took fourth place in the Division 3 portion of the competition. Liana Carney was first place for Wrangell, fifth place overall, with a time of 21:39.7. About 10 seconds behind Carney was Jade Balansag, sixth overall,

with a personal best of 21:49. Skylar Larrabee was the third place runner for Wrangell, 30th overall, at 24:17.3. The other Wrangell runners were Jamie Early, 24:50.1, Kiara Harrison, 25:26.2, and Adriana Larrabee, 28:00.7.

In the boys 5,000 meter Division 3 run, Ethan Blatchley was the only one to represent Wrangell. He came in 56th place overall, out of 81 runners, with a time of 21:01.7. The Haines cross country team took first place in both men's and women's Division 3 runs.

Coach Larrabee added that, as a team, Wrangell was only 0.03 GPA points away from earning the all academic award.

"The team did amazing," he said.



COURTESY OF JACK CARNEY

The girls cross country team taking off at last Saturday's state championship. Pictured left to right are Liana Carney, Jade Balansag, Jamie Early, Adriana Larrabee, Skylar Larrabee, and Kiara Harrison.



COURTESY OF JACK CARNEY

Jade Balansag and Liana Carney took sixth and fifth place, respectively, at the cross country state championship in Anchorage last Saturday. Balansag also set a personal best time during her run.

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Swim team makes 27 new personal best times

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell High School swim team competed in the Ketchikan Invitational Swim Meet this past weekend, Oct. 4 and 5. In a newsletter to the high school, Coach Jamie Roberts pointed out that this was the first meet for team members Sophie O'Brien and Jacob Allen. She also pointed out that of the 49 individual events her swimmers competed in, there were 27 personal best times.

"This was the first meet, and probably the only meet, that the entire team travelled to," said Roberts. "We had all 13 swimmers represented in Ketchikan."

The following are the results from the meet:

Friday, Oct. 4:

Paige Baggen took 13th in the 50-yard freestyle with a personal best of 34.92, and 5th in the 500-yard freestyle with a personal best of 7:20.98.

Laura Helgeson took 11th in the 50-yard freestyle at 33.82, and 16th in the 100-yard freestyle with a personal best of 1:24.13.

Ashleigh Loomis took 8th in the 50-yard freestyle with a personal best of 31.75, and 10th in the 100-yard freestyle with a personal best of 1:09.21.

Tasha Massin took 22nd in the 50-yard freestyle at 38.37, and 12th in the 100-yard freestyle



COURTESY OF JAMIE ROBERTS

The Wrangell Swim Team travelled south for the Ketchikan Invitational last weekend.

with a personal best of 1:26.85.

Aaliyah Messmer took 7th in the 50-yard freestyle at 30.89, and 19th in the 100-yard backstroke with a personal best of 1:31.68.

Sophie O'Brien took 9th in the 50-yard freestyle at 32.41, and 9th in the 100-yard butterfly at 1:23.57.

Renee Roberts took 1st in the 50-yard freestyle with a personal best of 25.60, and 3rd in the 100-yard backstroke at 1:07.50.

Jacob Allen took 16th in the 50-yard freestyle with a personal best of 28.86, and 13th in the 100-yard freestyle with a personal best of 1:05.68.

Jimmy Baggen took 7th in the

100-yard butterfly with a personal best of 1:08.84, and 7th in the 200-yard individual medley with a personal best of 2:28.07.

Carter Hammer took 23rd in the 50-yard freestyle at 41.33, and 18th in the 200-yard freestyle with a personal best of 3:11.02.

Coby Holder took 21st in the 50-yard freestyle at 41.33, and 21st in the 100-yard freestyle with a personal best of 1:15.95.

Wade Jack took 8th in the 50-yard freestyle at 25.92, and 7th in the 100-yard freestyle at 1:00.09.

Sean Rooney took 18th in the 50-yard freestyle with a personal best of 30.24, and 16th in the 100-yard freestyle at 1:09.17.

The girls' 200-yard freestyle relay team placed 7th at 2:21.06. The boys' 200-yard medley relay team placed 8th at 2:12.95.

Saturday, Oct. 5:

Paige Baggen took 5th in the 200-yard freestyle with a personal best of 2:53.50, and 14th in the 100-yard breaststroke at 1:44.09.

Laura Helgeson took 17th in the 50-yard freestyle at 32.91, and 9th in the 100-yard breaststroke at 1:32.28.

Ashleigh Loomis took 12th in the 100-yard freestyle at 1:12.09.

Aaliyah Messmer took 13th in the 50-yard freestyle with a personal best of 30.87, and 11th in the 100-yard freestyle with a personal best of 1:11.64.

Sophie O'Brien took 9th in the 100-yard freestyle with a personal best of 1:10.14, and 13th in the 100-yard breaststroke at 1:40.89.

Renee Roberts took 2nd in the 200-yard freestyle with a personal best of 2:09.19, and 6th in the 100-yard breaststroke with a personal best of 1:05.21.

Jacob Allen took 18th in the 50-yard freestyle with a personal best of 30.20, and 15th in the 100-yard freestyle with a personal best of 1:05.21.

Jimmy Baggen took 8th in the 50-yard freestyle with a personal

best of 25.34, and 3rd in the 100-yard breaststroke at 1:15.96.

Carter Hammer took 24th in the 50-yard freestyle at 40.18, and 21st in the 100-yard freestyle at 1:31.92.

Coby Holder took 20th in the 50-yard freestyle at 31.27, and 20th in the 100-yard breaststroke at 1:18.50.

Wade Jack took 10th in the 50-yard freestyle at 26.22, and 5th in the 100-yard breaststroke at 1:18.50.

Sean Rooney took 17th in the 100-yard freestyle with a personal best of 1:06.15, and 8th in the 200-yard freestyle with a personal best of 2:34.12

The girls' medley relay team took 6th at 2:34.77. The girls' 200-yard freestyle relay team took 5th at 2:04.51. The boys' 200-yard medley relay team took 6th at 2:20.85. The boys' 200-yard freestyle relay team took 6th at 1:52.59.

"The team looked great," Roberts said. "So now we're in the phase where they're just going through the very last push as we head into the Petersburg meet, then after that will be regions."

The swim team will travel to Petersburg on Oct. 18 and 19. Regionals will take place in Sitka on Nov. 1 and 2.

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Yellow cedar trees denied for US threatened species listing

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - A federal agency has rejected an iconic Alaska tree for listing as a threatened species due to climate warming.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced Friday that yellow cedars do not warrant additional protections because trees affected by warming grow in areas representing less than 6 percent of the overall area where they can be found.

A spokeswoman for the Center for Biological Diversity calls the yellow cedar decision reckless.

Shaye Wolf says yellow cedars face harm from climate change and logging.

Yellow cedar trees can live more than 1,000 years.

Alaska Native people have used wood and bark for canoe paddles, totem poles, baskets and backing in blankets.

Yellow cedar's shallow roots rely on snow for protection and warming has made them vulnerable to freezing.

Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

Stakeholders are calling for changes to Bering Sea bycatch management

Halibut catches fluctuate based on the ups and downs of the stock from California to the farthest reaches of the Bering Sea. If the numbers decline, so do the catches of commercial and sport fishermen.

But similar reductions don't apply to the boats taking millions of pounds of halibut as bycatch in other fisheries.

In the Bering Sea, for example, there is a fixed cap totaling 7.73 million pounds of halibut allowed to be taken as by catch for trawlers, longliners and pot boats targeting groundfish, with most going to trawlers. The cap stays the same, regardless of changes in the halibut stock. Nearly all of the bycatch gets tossed over the side, dead or alive, as required by federal law.

Stakeholders are saying it is time for that to change.

This month, after four years of analyses and deliberation, managers are moving towards a new "abundance based" management plan that would tie bycatch levels to the health of the halibut stock as determined by annual surveys.

Levels of bycatch (also called "prohibited species catch or PSC") are set by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council in waters from three to 200 miles out, where the bulk of Alaska's harvests come from. In several regions, the bycatch allowed each year exceeds the catches that can be taken by fishermen who count on halibut to keep their small, seagoing businesses afloat.

In a letter to the NPFMC, fisherman Josh Wisniewski of Homer cited a 2013 scenario.

"The total amount of halibut that could be removed... was less than the prospective amount of halibut bycatch allowed. In other words, we didn't have enough fish in the water to cover allowable bycatch and there would have been no directed fishery. Only emergency negotiations preserved opportunity for directed fishermen," he wrote, adding "when halibut abundance declines, the proportion to the bycatch users increases and the amount to the directed halibut users decreases."

"I believe it is imperative, as a matter of conservation and equity, that the Council continue to move forward and develop an abundance-based management approach that provides the ability for the bycatch cap to go up and down based on stock abundance. The fixed cap, under today's halibut stock status, is both outdated and inequitable," Wisniewski added.

Along with halibut, the NPFMC is getting an angry earful for the amount of sablefish (black cod) that's also going over the side by the big, mostly Seattle-based boats

fishing for deep water flatfish in the Bering Sea.

Scientists with the NPFMC revealed last week that sablefish bycatch of nearly five million pounds has been taken by Bering Sea trawlers this year, more than triple their allowance of 1.4 million pounds. They said that "given current information, there is a good chance that the Bering Sea overfishing limit for sablefish in 2019 will be exceeded." That would close all directed sablefish fisheries in federal waters for the rest of the year.

In a letter to the Council, Linda Behnken of the Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association, called "the amount of trawl inflicted mortality unacceptable."

The Seattle-based Fishing Vessel Owner's Association and Deep Sea Fishermen's Union agreed.

"Our first concern is that, by allowing the bycatch to reach these levels, any assumption that we were saving fish to help rebuild this resource cannot be sustained," both wrote in a letter to the NPFMC, adding, "Having nearly 5 million pounds of bycatch of juvenile sablefish is not acceptable, ever, and particularly if this is becoming an annual event."

The numbers of fish coming and going over the side as bycatch in the Bering Sea are straightforward because nearly all of the boats are required to have 100% observer coverage. That's not the case in the Gulf of Alaska where in 2018 observer coverage included just one out of every six fishing trips.

Based on those observations, groundfish trawlers in the Central Gulf caught nearly 4.7 million pounds of sablefish as bycatch, more than double their 2.3 million pound allotment.

Halibut bycatch in the Central and Western Gulf in 2018 totaled 2.1 million pounds, nearly all by trawlers with longliners a distant second.

They also took 16,802 Chinook salmon, according to state and federal data compiled by Oceana.

"For comparison, the total Chinook allocation for all sport fishing in all of Southeast Alaska is only 23,900 fish," Jamie Karnik, Oceana's Juneau-based Pacific Communications Manager said in a statement.

IPHC researchers have cautioned that Gulf bycatch numbers could be much higher due to the data gaps.

"This is important not only for overall observer coverage, but for the 'observer effect,' where it has been shown that on average over the last three years bottom trawl vessels caught 30% less fish overall

when they had an observer on board, yet those trips are used as the baseline for data on unobserved trips," Karvik said.

There's not a fisherman alive who likes throwing fish over the side. Many Gulf trawl fishermen and trade groups for years have urged the NPFMC to craft a new management plan to "slow the race for fish" and allow them to fish cooperatively or under a catch share program. In June 2012, the Council initiated the process but in 2016, citing too much division among stakeholders, all work on a Gulf trawl bycatch management plan was postponed "indefinitely."

Cod in the USA - Many Americans are skeptical about buying fish and the mislabeling of seafood is rampant. One fishing company is removing all the guess work from con-

sumers.

"America's Cod Company" is the new red, white and blue brand that Alaskan Leader Seafoods is splashing all over its packaging. The company's four longliners fish for cod in the Bering Sea.

"We're sitting here with this amazing Alaska fishery, which we've all been born into, and we just want to represent it. Across America there's so many foreign products that I think the domestic consumer is interested in something that's Made in the USA," said Keith Singleton, head of Alaskan Leader's value added division.

The company was selected last week as a leading innovator by Seafood Source in its 20th annual list of the top 25 U.S. seafood suppliers, citing its consumer friendly, pop in the oven cod with flavored sauces and the latest - a Fish and Chips kit which will debut

at next month's Alaska Symphony of Seafood.

Big wins at the Symphony's new products competition two years ago has led to shelf space at Costco and a pet food deal with Purina. The pet food market, Singleton said, fits the company's goal to use every part of the fish.

"The cod liver oil is spoken for and we have a great stomach program and we've got a roe program," he said. "On the pet food side, we have the head program. It's a growing portion of our business and we're all about one hundred percent utilization. We're not there yet, but we're darn close. And we're very proud of that."

October is National Seafood Month - Be sure to celebrate Alaska seafood, fishermen, processors and all the related industries that keep fishing communities afloat!

City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska Revised - PUBLIC NOTICE - City Board and Committee Vacancies City and Borough of Wrangell

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

Deadline for Letters of Interest is **4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 16, 2019**, for the following vacancies:

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

Appointments will be made at the October 22, 2019 Regular Assembly meeting.

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

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Kim Lane, MMC
Borough Clerk

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL JOB ANNOUNCEMENT WRANGELL MUNICIPAL LIGHT & POWER DIESEL ELECTRIC MECHANIC

The Wrangell Municipal Light and Power Department will accept applications for the position of **Diesel Electric Mechanic** through October 21, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. This is a permanent position with all City & Borough benefits and is part of the collective bargaining agreement.

The Diesel Electric Mechanic is a versatile position within the Wrangell Municipal Light & Power Department. This position is responsible for maintaining and operating the standby electrical generation facility, performing scheduled or routine maintenance on diesel engines, generators, electrical switchboards, compressors, control systems, pumps and other related equipment. This person will operate the generators during scheduled and emergency outages. This position will also inspect diesel preheat systems, cooling systems, air systems and lubricating systems and install new power plant electrical and mechanical systems and equipment as needed.

The position requires extensive knowledge of diesel mechanics and operations, generator operation, voltage regulators and AC generation control and protection systems, safety standards and the expertise needed to conform to them.

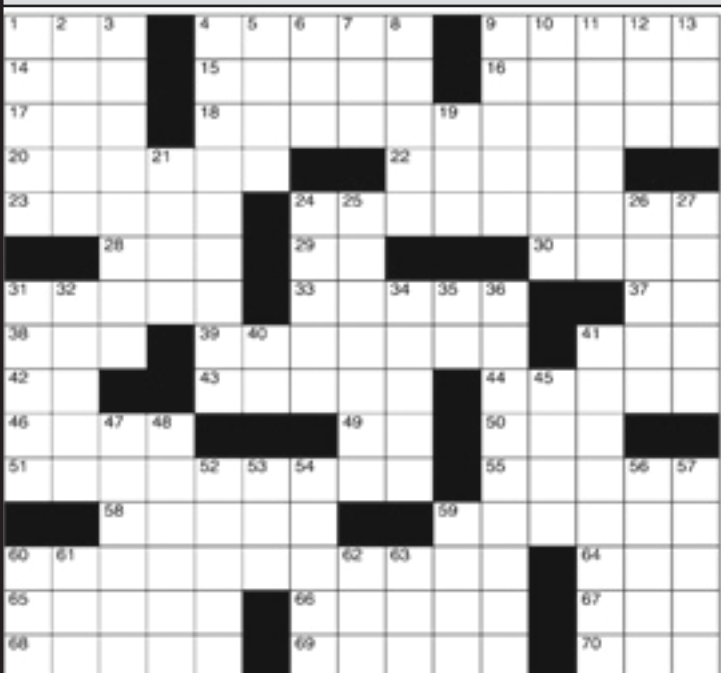
This is a full-time, hourly position with full benefits, paid at Grade 20 with a starting wage at \$25.44 per hour.

Applications and job descriptions may be obtained and returned to Aleisha Mollen at City Hall, 205 Brueger Street (P.O. Box 531), Wrangell, AK 99929 or via email at amollen@wrangell.com.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Google certification
- 4. Cloths spread over coffins
- 9. Disorderly
- 14. "Star Wars" hero Solo
- 15. Toward the rear
- 16. The order of frogs
- 17. Alternative pain treatment (abbr.)
- 18. "Wolf of Wall Street" star
- 20. Evoke
- 22. Units of metrical time
- 23. Helps to predict eclipses
- 24. Some say they attract
- 28. Pitching statistic
- 29. Baseball box score (abbr.)
- 30. Force unit
- 31. Repaired shoe
- 33. English theologian
- 37. Commercial
- 38. Exchange money for goods or services
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- 41. One from Utah
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- 43. Begets
- 44. English navigator
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- 49. Of 1
- 50. Pouch
- 51. Add notes to
- 55. A way to fall into ruin
- 58. Cunning intelligence
- 59. Blood disorder
- 60. Disgraced CBS newsman
- 64. Tax collector
- 65. Type of grass common to the Orient
- 66. Cosmic intelligence
- 67. No (Scottish)
- 68. People who rely on things
- 69. Stairs have them
- 70. Mathematical term (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Clarified butters
- 2. Primitive Himalayan people
- 3. Completely
- 4. Steep cliffs along the Hudson River
- 5. Assist
- 6. Language spoken in Laos
- 7. Type of screen
- 8. An attempt to economize
- 9. Volcanic craters
- 10. Still outstanding
- 11. Takes responsibility for another
- 12. California think tank
- 13. Former Rocket Ming
- 19. A pigeon noise
- 21. Central part of
- 24. Academy Award statue
- 25. Distinct unit of sound
- 26. Relative on the female side of the family
- 27. Passover feast and ceremony
- 31. The brightest star in Virgo
- 32. Made with oats
- 34. Subjects to laser light
- 35. Beloved Hollywood alien
- 36. Neatly brief
- 40. The Great Lakes State (abbr.)
- 41. Soon to be released
- 45. Swiss river
- 47. Become involved in
- 48. More dour
- 52. They're on floors
- 53. Boxing's GOAT
- 54. Swarms with
- 56. Quantum mechanics pioneer
- 57. Facilitated
- 59. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
- 60. Regional French wine Grand
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- 62. Tell on
- 63. Precedes two

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Puzzle answers will be in the October 17 edition

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Lisa Von Bargaen
Borough Manager

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION PERIOD

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

Parcel Number:	03-009-404
Legal Description:	Lots 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, USS 2589
CASEY, JESS C, ESTATE	1821 MARK ALAN ST JUNEAU, AK 99801 JUNEAU, AK 99801
Parcel Number:	08-320-080
Legal Description:	Lot 8, Block 2, Tract UN-3, THOMS PLACE SUBD.
HAYDEN, GREGORY CLARKE, JANICE	776 OAK ST ASHLAND, OR 97520 7357 SW BEVELAND RD #10 PORTLAND, OR 97232
Parcel Number:	03-006-352
Legal Description:	Tract Z3, ROAD HOUSE SUBD.
DE SOUSA, IVAN PRIPKO	RUA: WENCESLAU BRAZ, 10 CENTRO SAO BERNARDO DO CAMP SP BRASIL CEP 09715-350
Parcel Number:	03-006-353
Legal Description:	Tract Z4, ROAD HOUSE SUBD.
DE SOUSA, IVAN PRIPKO	RUA: WENCESLAU BRAZ, 10 CENTRO SAO BERNARDO DO CAMP SP BRASIL CEP 09715-350
Parcel Number:	71-280-1028
Legal Description:	Trailer in Space 28, Evergreen Trailer Park
DEACON, VANESSA	PO BOX 396 WRANGELL, AK 99929
Parcel Number:	03-021-519
Legal Description:	Lot 1, Block 7, WRANGELL ISLAND WEST
EVANGER, DALE A & LYNNE M	PO BOX 699 WRANGELL, AK 99929
Parcel Number:	08-320-170
Legal Description:	Lot 17, Block 2, THOMS PLACE SUBD.
GIFFORD, CANDACE LAYNE	94260 6TH ST GOLD BEACH, OR 97444
Parcel Number:	73-040-3004
Legal Description:	Trailer in Space 4, Blooms Trailer Park
HAMLEY, MARK & CRYSTAL	PO BOX 2216 WRANGELL, AK 99929
Parcel Number:	02-022-339
Legal Description:	Lot 16A, Block 6, WRANGELL TOWNSITE
MARTIN, SARA BETH	PO BOX 853 WRANGELL, AK 99929
Parcel Number:	02-022-340
Legal Description:	Lot 17, Block 6, WRANGELL TOWNSITE
MARTIN, SARA BETH	PO BOX 853 WRANGELL, AK 99929
Parcel Number:	02-022-505
Legal Description:	Lot 3, Block 19, WRANGELL TOWNSITE
MARTIN, SARA BETH	PO BOX 853 WRANGELL, AK 99929
Parcel Number:	02-022-507
Legal Description:	Lot 4, Block 19, WRANGELL TOWNSITE
MARTIN, SARA BETH	PO BOX 853 WRANGELL, AK 99929
Parcel Number:	71-330-1000
Legal Description:	Trailer in Space 33, Evergreen Trailer Park
PADGETT, CALEB	PO BOX 1211 WRANGELL, AK 99929
Parcel Number:	71-340-1034
Legal Description:	Trailer in Space 34, Evergreen Trailer Park
PADGETT, CALEB	PO BOX 1211 WRANGELL, AK 99929
Parcel Number:	71-370-1037
Legal Description:	Trailer in Space 37, Evergreen Trailer Park
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As of the date of judgment, September 27, 2018, the one-year redemption period began. During the redemption period, a party having an interest in the property foreclosed against may redeem it by paying the lien amount plus penalties, interest, and costs including all costs incurred under AS 29.45.440(a). These costs may include the cost of publishing this notice, the cost of sending a copy of the Notice by certified mail to each record owner, attorney's fees incurred in obtaining the judgement, and the cost of a title search to determine mortgage or other lien holders of record on the property. All redeemed property is subject to all accrued taxes, assessments, liens and claims as though it had continued in private ownership. Only the amount applicable under the judgement must be paid in order to redeem the property.

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

Dated this 27th day of September, 2019.

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

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

City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska Revised - PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough Assembly approved canceling the October 8th and October 22nd Regular Assembly meeting and holding one Regular Assembly meeting on October 15, 2019.

However, due to a lack of a quorum to hold a meeting on the 15th, the Regular Assembly meeting for October has been moved back to October 22nd. This will be the only Assembly Meeting held in October unless a Special meeting is called.

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

Publish: October 10 and 17, 2019

City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska PUBLIC NOTICE Vacancy on the Port Commission

The City and Borough of Wrangell is accepting *letters of interest* from citizens who wish to serve on the Port Commission.

There is ONE (1) Port Commissioner Seat available with the term expiring October 2020

Any interested person is eligible to apply. Letters of interest should be submitted to:

Mayor Stephen Prysunka
 PO Box 531
 Wrangell, AK 99929

or you can email your *letter of interest* to the Borough Clerk at: clerk@wrangell.com on or before **October 9th, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.**

The Appointment will be made at the October 15th Regular Borough Assembly meeting.

Information on the powers and duties of the Borough Assembly are contained in Wrangell Municipal Code, Chapter 3.04. A copy of the code chapter can be obtained at the Borough Clerk's Office or viewed at the City's website at www.wrangell.com

Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk
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Capital Facilities negotiating ICAP fees for Shoemaker renovations

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Renovations to Shoemaker Harbor, which began last summer, are all but complete according to Capital Facilities Director Amber Al-Haddad. The harbor is back in use by Wrangell's mariners, and contractors are just finishing up a few minor pieces of the project. While the renovations did meet with a few delays with float installation, everything has largely stayed on schedule

and within budget. There has been one point of consternation for the city, but that has also been recently resolved: the ICAP fee.

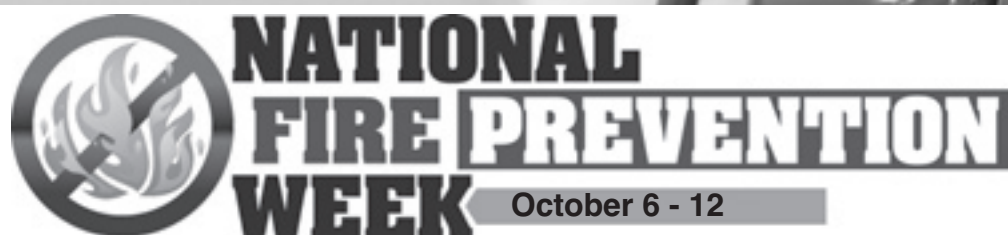
The Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (ICAP) is a fee that the state Department of Transportation collects on grants they give out to projects like the Shoemaker renovations. When the renovations first began, Al-Haddad said that the ICAP fee was only 1 percent. However, in March 2019

this was increased to 2.48 percent, or roughly \$107,000. Then in mid-July, Al-Haddad said the city heard that the state government had asked the Department of Transportation to consider raising the fee to 10 percent. Al-Haddad did not know the state's reasoning behind wanting such a big increase, she said, but they were understandably worried about such a high fee. As the DOT had given Wrangell approximately \$4 million in grant

funds for the renovations, the 10 percent increase would mean an additional \$400,000 added to the cost of the project.

Al-Haddad said that she was not sure if Wrangell was going to have to pay the full 10 percent fee on the project. They have made a request, she said, to only have to pay the 10 percent fee on the remaining two reimbursement payments of their grant. However, she has not heard back from the state on this proposal yet.

Despite the potential fee hike, Al-Haddad said that they are still considering a few change orders to have contractors do a few additional jobs around Shoemaker. They would like to see some minor repairs to the parking lot be done, she said, as well as some renovations to the boarding float. No change orders have been made as of this time, however, and they are still discussing the possibility with the contractors.



Follow these fire safety tips, and review them with other members of your household, to protect yourself, your property, your community and your loved ones.

PREPARE

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, as well as inside and outside every sleeping area.

Test smoke alarms monthly, and replace the batteries if needed.

Purchase and learn how to safely use a fire extinguisher.

Create a fire escape plan with your family, reviewing and practicing it twice a year.

Your fire escape plan should include two exit points from every room, as well as a designated outdoor meeting spot.

Make sure everyone in your family knows when and how to call 911 or the fire department.

PREVENT

Turn off portable heaters whenever you leave a room or go to sleep.

Never leave a candle burning unattended, and consider replacing traditional candles with battery-operated flameless versions.

Keep matches and lighters out of reach from children, and make sure they know never to play with these items.

Replace or repair loose plugs, exposed wiring or frayed extension cords, and avoid overloading outlets and extension cords.

Keep any items that can catch fire at least three feet away from cooking and heating devices.

Remain in the kitchen when frying, grilling or broiling food. Always turn off the stove if you leave the kitchen even for a brief period of time.

STAY ALIVE

In the event of a fire, yell "Fire" repeatedly and evacuate immediately. Once outside, call 911 or the fire department, and never reenter a burning building for any reason.

If a door or door handle feels warm to the touch, do not open it. Use an alternate escape route.

If you must walk through smoke, get as close to the ground as possible to escape under the smoke, closing doors behind you.

If your clothing catches fire, always remember to stop, drop and roll, covering your face with your hands.

If you can't escape a room, close the door and cover vents and door cracks with a towel or cloth to keep out smoke. Call 911 or the fire department, and signal for help at the window with a piece of cloth or a flashlight.

If you are unable to reach pets or someone in the home needing assistance, evacuate, call 911 and tell the emergency operator and firefighters where the person or pet is located.

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Bones of beached whale collected

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Monday, Oct. 7, members of the Forest Service and high school oceanography students, boated over to the east side of Wrangell, near Channel Island, to retrieve the remains of a gray whale that washed up back in June.

The whale, a 30-foot male, was one of the victims in a UME, or "unusual mortality event" that has seen numerous gray whales die. According to NOAA, as of Sept. 30, there have been 47 gray whale strandings in Alaska, or 212 across the whole American, Canadian, and Mexican west coastline. The causes of death



COURTESY OF THE FOREST SERVICE

The bones of a beached gray whale, which washed up near Channel Island back in June.



COURTESY OF THE FOREST SERVICE

Members of the Forest Service, as well as some high school oceanography students, went to gather the bones of a dead gray whale that beached near Wrangell.

among the whales has not been consistent, according to NOAA, so research into the UME is still ongoing.

After a necropsy was conducted on the whale by NOAA and members of the Forest Service, the body was tied to the beach and left to be observed by cameras. By this month, there was not much left of the whale except for bones. These remains were gathered

to serve several different purposes.

"The skull goes to the Nolan Center for cleaning and display, the rest minus one or two things goes to the school," said Martin Hutten, with the Forest Service, in an email. "Not sure what they want to do with it. USFS may keep something small for its display area."

Tyee Lake 60' above year-ago water levels

By BRIAN VARELA
Sentinel writer

The water level at Tyee Lake was at 1,344.9 feet on Sept. 30, which is roughly 60 feet higher than it was this time last year.

As part of the Southeast Alaska Power Agency, Tyee Lake dedicates its power to Petersburg and Wrangell, while Swan Lake produces power for Ketchikan. While the 1,345 foot water level is lower than the norm for Tyee Lake, it is still higher than the 1,285 foot water level in September 2018, said Petersburg Borough Utility Director Karl Hagerman.

If water were to stop flowing into Tyee Lake and the hydro plant had to produce power with the 1,345 feet of water it has now, then the Tyee Lake hydro facility could continue to produce power for Petersburg and Wrangell for about 214 days, according to Hagerman.

"That provides some comfort for sure," said Hagerman.

The water levels at Tyee Lake also reached a point where the hydro facility can begin selling power to Ketchikan. By spring, Hagerman anticipates that Tyee Lake will have about 30 to 40 feet more water in the lake than last year, which he said means no diesel run.

The Crystal Lake hydro facility also produces power for Petersburg, but last week, a bear chewed on a fiber optic wire that carries data from the plant to a control room; as a result, Hagerman can't see what the water level is at Crystal Lake, but he said the lake did rise a few feet during the wet weather last month.

"This is the fourth time that a bear has chomped on that since it's been installed," said Hagerman.

Alaska alcohol control board takes step to oust director

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) - Alaska's alcohol regulatory board has voted to oust its director, though the law also gives the state's marijuana regulatory board a say.

The boards share Erika McConnell as director.

The Marijuana Control Board this summer held a vote of confidence in McConnell, a motion board chairman Mark Springer says he stands by.

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board on Thursday voted to boot McConnell. Chairman Bob

Klein praised her work ethic and administrative skills but said he sees a disconnect between the board's wishes and how McConnell approaches her position.

McConnell in a memo said the board met privately in April for her evaluation but that the evaluation had never been provided to her verbally or in writing.

The law also provides limited circumstances under which the governor could remove McConnell.

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