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KSTK awaits FCC approval for license transfer

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Radio station KSTK is now awaiting decision by the Federal Communications Commission on whether to approve a proposed acquisition by CoastAlaska, a regional service headquartered in Juneau.

Applications to transfer the station's four licenses were filed with the FCC in early December, with a public comment period ending last week. If approved, Wrangell Radio Group, whose board administers the local station, would transfer KSTK's physical assets along with its licensed channels to CoastAlaska as part of a sales agreement the two parties have made.

The sale came about primarily due to a change in grant funding availability through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission. Funds from both sources make up a significant portion of the Wrangell station's available funds, last year making up \$201,310 of its \$399,841 in revenue.

Due to cuts across the board to agencies statewide, APBC funds have been significantly reduced since the 2015 fiscal year. By 2016 grants to individual stations were reduced by \$24,500, then again the following year by another \$31,864, leaving \$80,907 available for 2017's grants. That amount has remained stable into the coming year, but the diminished value coincided with changes at the federal level.

"The big *why* is something called non-federal funding support," KSTK station manager Cindy Sweat explained in an interview last week. "It's not the funding directly that's been the problem, it's this new benchmark for non-federal funding support," Sweat said. "And that benchmark is one of many criteria that stations across the nation need to meet in order to qualify for their grant from the CPB."

To qualify for CPB grant funding a station needs to raise so much money from non-federal sources. This includes individual donations from listeners, business sponsorships, building rents and even state grant funds. As radio stations around the state saw a more than \$56,000 decline in APBC funds over two

years, NFFS thresholds for federal funds raised from \$275,000 to \$300,000, Sweat explained.

"Between the two, it tipped the scales," she added.

Looking ahead to FY18, the station would come up short of the benchmark by about \$68,000. It wasn't for lack of trying, as the station increased its revenue from members and underwriters by around \$7,000 between 2016 and 2017. Still, the difference remained insurmountable.

"When I look at the community, where do I get that out of this community? I can't expect anybody to donate that much, it's just not realistic," Sweat recalled feeling. "We're all kind of in the same boat here, where if the economy's struggling we're all struggling."

As a result of its reduced revenue, the station has had to shed some of its programming and staffing hours as well.

"We did drop *Prairie Home Companion*, which was really popular but it was very expensive," Sweat said. "Another program people liked — me especially, and some of my friends — is called *A Splendid Table*. ... Those are the two that made the biggest impact."

Despite this and still looking ahead at a likely shortfall, the station and its governing board began exploring other alternatives. CoastAlaska management began working with Wrangell Radio Group on an alternative well in advance, with the discussion taking off in earnest last February.

KSTK is a founding affiliate of CoastAlaska, a nonprofit corporation which provides administrative support for public broadcast stations in Juneau, Sitka, Petersburg and Ketchikan. It was created by the region's radio stations as a consolidative measure during the 1990s as a response to a period of decreasing public grant support. By pooling together resources, the idea was to allow stations to maintain a local presence and self-management, while reducing redundancies with bookkeeping, engineering support, some recruitment drives, editorial organization and news services.

"Coast is an interesting organization, there's not one like it," said Sweat.

"The conversation has been



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Radio station KSTK will be transferring ownership of its licenses and facility to CoastAlaska, a regional nonprofit corporation managing radio and television stations in Juneau, Ketchikan, Petersburg and Sitka. Faced with cuts to public grant funding the station hopes the acquisition will allow it to maintain a local presence in Wrangell.

going on for longer than a year," said Mollie Kabler, CoastAlaska's executive director. "KSTK has been a successful station, and has done a good job about having a balanced budget all along. The situation that changed is that the regulations around federal funding changed. The ratio of how much non-federal support the station raises, the requirement for that has gone up. That's a national thing, and to some extent arbitrary as far as we're concerned."

Initially the prevailing idea had been to combine Wrangell's radio service with another station, with Petersburg's KFSK the likeliest candidate. The two communities have similar economic interests and connections through school and municipal programs, as well as sharing use of the Stikine River. KFSK management was approached with the idea, leading to a visit and talks between the two stations on several occasions early last year.

"We all spent a couple days talking about what would that look like technically, what would it look like legally, what would it look like in terms of staff," Sweat said. "There were a couple of technical ways to approach that. One way would be to have a repeater," similar to the translators KSTK currently uses to extend its signal around the area. In this scenario both stations would consolidate into one, broadcasting a single signal to both communities.

Another alternative would be to make use of its pre-existing tieline service, which allows connected stations to share each other's programming. If KFSK were designated the primary sta-



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

KSTK station manager Cindy Sweat.

tion, then Wrangell's could under that arrangement occasionally pipe in its own content while mainly running Petersburg's programming. KFSK station manager Tom Abbott noted his station had on several occasions last year provided KSTK a signal to test that scenario.

"We were running it to see how it would work," he said.

There were some drawbacks to either scenario. Along with responding to local emergencies as quickly as possible, Kabler noted that a shared station between two communities could have a diluting effect on local content that could adversely affect interest. Abbott also pointed out that while Petersburg has strong membership support, taking on service for another community and its expenses could become a burden on the sta-

tion's resources.

Keeping the stations separate also would retain available resources for the regional network. As the license holder, CoastAlaska would be eligible to use its own NFFS resources to meet CPB grant requirements while continuing to receive both state and federal funds for KSTK's operations.

"Which is helpful to all of the Coast stations, because they benefit by working together," Kabler added. "In the end, what we realized is that a regional board of directors could own the station. This was overwhelmingly what made the most sense to them in terms of the long-term health of the station and retaining local service in Wrangell."

"Really the main thing was,

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, January 18: Hunter Wilson, Elizabeth Castle. *Anniversary:* Ronan and Mary Rooney. **Friday, January 19:** Megan Talburt, Tom Nore, Terri Stark, Jim Rinehart, Laura Paulsen, Ken Davidson, Sr. *Anniversary:* Chris and Dixie Booker, Steve and Helen Keller. **Saturday, January 20:** Syler Webster, Yvonne Stough, Pam Wiederspohn, Denae Reeves. **Sunday, January 21:** James Stough, Jr., Joshua Davidson, Jessica Rice. **Monday, January 22:** Riley Blatchley, Lisa Messmer, Todd Torvend. **Tuesday, January 23:** Madison Blackburn, Nicole Feuerhelm, Chris Ottesen, Jean Petticrew, Shawna Bunes. *Anniversary:* Steve and Terri Hanson. **Wednesday, January 24:** Keith Appleman, *Anniversary:* Michael and Denae Reeves. **Thursday, January 25:** Shannon Barnett, Erin Anderson, Eric James, Ruth Stough.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, Jan. 18

Porcupine meat balls, pasta, mixed veggie, cabbage, pear, raisin salad.

Friday, Jan. 19

Fried fish fillet, rice pilaf, peas, sunshine salad.

Monday, Jan. 22

Curry turkey over rice, steamed zucchini, fruit slaw.

Tuesday, Jan. 23

Tasty oatmeal chicken, steamed spinach, calico corn.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

Roast moose and gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots in orange sauce, pea and onion salad.

Thursday, Jan. 25

Beef chili with cheese, tossed salad, spicy fruit cup, corn bread.

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

Sunday, Jan. 21
Columbia 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 28
Columbia 8:15 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 4
Columbia 3:45 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 11
Columbia 6:15 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 18
Columbia 2:15 p.m.

Southbound

Wednesday, Jan. 24
Columbia 6:15 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 31
Columbia 6:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 7
Columbia 6:15 a.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 14
Columbia 5:45 a.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 21
Columbia 5:00 a.m.

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

TIDES

Jan. 18 - Jan. 25

	High Tides		Low Tides		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
Jan. 18	1:52	14.8	1:30	16.5	7:17	3.3	7:48	-1.2
Jan. 19	2:23	14.8	2:02	16.1	7:50	3.3	8:18	-0.9
Jan. 20	2:53	14.8	2:34	15.6	8:25	3.3	8:50	-0.5
Jan. 21	3:25	14.7	3:10	14.9	9:03	3.2	9:25	0.1
Jan. 22	3:58	14.7	3:51	14.1	9:47	3.2	10:04	0.9
Jan. 23	4:38	14.6	4:42	13.1	10:38	3.1	10:50	1.8
Jan. 24	5:27	14.6	5:51	12.2	11:39	3.0	11:44	2.8
Jan. 25	6:27	14.7	7:17	11.8	12:48	2.5

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, Jan. 18

SAIL Class: 10:00 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) free class is a strength, balance and fitness class for adults 65+. For more info call 874-3375.

Healthy Eating Demo on Healthy Food Preparation: 11:30 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Free class. Learn how easy it is to prepare healthy and delicious food. Samples will be available. For more info call 874-3375.

Yoga: 5:30 a.m. AICS Medical Clinic. Yoga for everybody, please come and join.

Monday, Jan. 22

Hatha Yoga: 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Hosted at the AICS Medical Clinic.

Friday, Jan. 26

Pioneers of Alaska: Mens Igloo #21 and Womens Igloo #15 Installation and Potluck dinner at the Stikine inn. 5:30 meet and greet. 6:00 dinner.

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

Continuing Events

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

OTHER MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

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

NA Meeting: Wednesday, We Do Recover, 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

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

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

The Way We Were

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

January 24, 1918: Darwell and Grant's new power seine boat, the Marguerite, arrived from Seattle last night with the following persons on board: Victor Young-marcker, master; Chas. Darewell, Charles Moore, Jimmie Green, Roy Churchill, Wm. Taylor Jr. The voyage was made from Seattle in 91 hours running time. The principal cargo was a complete webbing outfit for one trap. The boat is 65 feet long, 16 foot beam, 6 feet deep, equipped with a 50 h.p. Standard engine. It was built by Barbare Bros. of Tacoma, and is elegantly furnished and fitted up. It has electric light and every convenience that could be expected in a boat of its class. It is adapted to general fishing purposes, and will be used chiefly as a tender to the pile diver and fish traps owned by Darewell and Grant.


January 22, 1943: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Engdal, well known Wrangell couple, returned home this week from an extended vacation trip east. They left last fall after the fishing season and spent most of their time in Lansing, Michigan, Like others who return they expressed their pleasure at getting back home. But the one most glad to see Wrangell again was Blackie, the family pet, who spent his "vacation" in a boarding-place for dogs in Seattle. "Blackie didn't care much for it," the Engdals said. "He just about wagged his tail off when he saw his old pals in Wrangell."

January 25, 1968: A pay raise is due for many Alaskans in one week. According to law, the Alaskan minimum wages rate will increase to new rate of \$2.10 per hour on Feb. 1, 1968. Therefore, all Alaskans under the age of 18 who work thirty hours or more a week must be paid a minimum of \$2.10 per hour after that date. All other Alaskans over the age of 18 must be paid a minimum wage rate

regardless of number of hours worked. Thomas J. Moore, Commissioner for the Alaska Department of Labor, explained that the increase is the result of federal and Alaska law.


January 25, 1993: Wrangell is one step closer to having a new city manager after a workshop held by the City Council to meet with a recruiter from the firm of Jenson, Oldani and Cooper who has been compiling a list of prospective city

managers. In addition to presenting the council with the names and qualifications of the top 21 candidates, recruiter Jerry Oldani suggested a timeline and some criteria in selecting the city's next city manager. After the hiring of two previous city managers who resigned after a year or less on the job, the council agreed the city would be better served to employ a recruiting firm to find the best candidates for the position.



Wrangell Weather


Date	High	Low
Jan. 08	35	32
Jan. 09	32	21
Jan. 10	21	17
Jan. 11	19	14
Jan. 12	27	18
Jan. 13	42	26
Jan. 14	57	37
Jan. 15	54	41




Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Jan. 18	8:07 am	3:50 pm	7:43h
Jan. 19	8:05 am	3:52 pm	7:47h
Jan. 20	8:04 am	3:54 pm	7:50h
Jan. 21	8:03 am	3:56 pm	7:53h
Jan. 22	8:01 am	3:58 pm	7:57h
Jan. 23	8:00 am	4:00 pm	8:00h
Jan. 24	7:58 am	4:02 pm	8:04h
Jan. 25	7:57 am	4:04 pm	8:07h


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Suspect charged in boutique burglary

Charges have been filed against a suspect involved in an

evening burglary at a local shop earlier this month.

Wrangell Police Department brought two class B misdemeanor counts against David M. Johnson, 45, for his alleged involvement in the January 3 event. Security footage taken inside Silver Liningz Boutique that evening had recorded an individual entering through an unlocked storefront window. Closing the window behind them, the person appeared to take some items from the shop before exiting through the front door about six minutes later.

A summons to appear in court was delivered to Johnson last Friday, to face one count

each of second-degree criminal trespass and theft in the fourth degree. In its complaint, police state the total retail value of the items taken totaled \$131.98, and that while speaking with the

suspect he had admitted to the interviewing officer his part in that chain of events.

A court appearance has been set for January 30 inside the Wrangell courtroom at 10 a.m.

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Police report

Monday, January 8

Nothing to report.

Tuesday, January 9

Paper Service: 6

Wednesday, January 10

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for no lights.

Citation issued to Celsee Churchill, 35, for expired registration.

Citizen assist.

Thursday, January 11

Citation issued to Josh Jenkins, 25: Dog at large.

Friday, January 12

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.

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Parking complaint.

Citizen assist: Unlock vehicle.

Citizen assist.

MVA reported.

Saturday, January 13

Nothing to report.

Sunday, January 14

Noise complaint.

Disturbance: Officer notified.

Found property: Bicycle.

Citizen assist: Unlock vehicle.

Arrested on charges of Probation Violation Bail: Dirk Daugherty, 36.

Monday, January 15

Theft reported.

Found property: Phone number given to contact owner.

Inmate check in: Steven Loucks, 52, remanded to serve his sentence, 90 days.

Citation issued to Donna McKay, 64, for proof of insurance and verbal warning for faulty brake lights.

Arrested on charges of Violating Conditions of Release: Joel Franks, 52.

There were two ambulance calls and two dog complaints in this week.

PUBLIC MEETING

**SALMON
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 COMMITTEE
 MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24
5PM - STIKINE INN

TO OPENLY DISCUSS IDEAS AND
 POTENTIAL MODIFICATIONS TO
 THE 2018 SALMON DERBY.

Correction:

In last week's police report, James Holder had been erroneously been to reported to have received citations for driving without insurance or equipment on January 5. Those citations actually went to Alicia Holder, 23, who had been driving a vehicle registered to him.

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Students with Laura Davies' fifth grade class take turns interacting with another classroom miles away on Skype. As part of a learning exchange experience the class has connected with 17 other schools so far this school year.

Schools readying for special ed review, drafting budget

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Wrangell's public school system got encouraging marks for its special education provision, during a special report Monday evening.

The Public School District board met with Bob Hadaway, a consultant who has been working with the school system's administration and special education staff since September in preparation for a districtwide monitoring this fall by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development. Superintendent Patrick Mayer explained the review was routine oversight, performed every four years to ensure school districts are compliant in how they use their programming resources.

In his update, Hadaway reported Wrangell schools have 46 students who qualify for special education, about 14.5 percent of the total student body. That proportion is about average for schools in the state. In addition to these, several students are currently in the referral and evaluation process. Two teachers and 11 part-time paraprofessionals work with special needs students, supported by a secretary and five part-time con-

tracted specialists.

In terms of classroom time, Hadaway noted favorably that Wrangell has an inclusive model for students. Students with special needs are accommodated in the classroom for part or most of the day alongside their peer group, rather than being pulled from class.

"I have noticed a real acceptance," he said. This applies not just to faculty but to other students as well. "The kids are very kind to each other."

Looking ahead, Hadaway said he would continue working with Wrangell's program to create an electronic documentation system for its Section 504 plan. The regulations are a means to provide accommodation for students that might not otherwise require special education services. Wrangell's program would also be updating its testing kits this year, to ensure individualized assessments of students are accurate.

School board members also took a first look at their draft budget for the coming year. Speaking with the local districts' legislators this month, Mayer said the expectation this year would be a hold on education funding from the state. While not expecting a cut, he

explained other increases in expenditure would amount to a reduction in effect.

With that in mind the school is at the moment projecting around \$6.45 million in expenditures against a few thousand dollars more in revenues, though increased student numbers still need to be factored in. Board chair Georgianna Buhler explained Monday's meeting would be the first of many ahead of adopting a budget for the new fiscal year, which begins July 1. The district will be welcoming input from faculty, the wider public and students during that process.

The board will be bringing in a specialist later this month to help plan a new strategic planning process, one to replace the three-year model that has been guiding the school district through the end of this next semester. Buhler noted the current plan lacks easily measurable goals by which to track progress, something she would like to see addressed in a new model.

"When we go through this, it is my hope and my intent that we create goals that are realistic," she commented. "The board really wants something that is measurable."

Editorial

Important news wasn't aired

by Ron Loesch, Publisher

When ownership of a newspaper or broadcast outlet changes, it's big news. It's the lead story of the day. Everyone wants to know who the new owner is, and what changes will be made to the organization.

In the case of KSTK, Wrangell's public radio station, the proposed ownership change was advanced with barely a whisper to the public. With approximately 234 letters mailed to active supporters and bits of information shared with a few others, minimal notification was made of changes that were coming to Wrangell's station.

This newspaper stumbled onto the story after a public notice required by the FCC was published in the Christmas edition of the Wrangell Sentinel.

Given the millions of dollars in federal, state and local government contributions to establish and maintain KSTK, not to mention millions more contributed by private party donors, the management of KSTK, neighboring KFSK and Coast Alaska all had an obligation to tell the story to everyone in S.E. Alaska.

The story evolved for over a year, and at some point in time, radio listeners should have been told about the changes being considered for KSTK. Likely it would entail a series of stories, not just one.

We know what it's like to operate without a news reporter. That however is not enough of a reason to ignore the story. If there is one thing public radio does well, it's the sharing of reporters and news stories with each other.

KSTK is a public resource with more value than the \$726,000 in assets it held. This story needed to be broadcast far and wide, not announced in a public notice.

In other board business, principal Gail Taylor and secondary schools art teacher Anne Luetkemeyer. Both will serve Evergreen Elementary School

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2ND PLACE REGION VOLLEYBALL TEAM

<p>ANNA ALLEN Region V Academic Team/Sportsmanship Award, State Sportsmanship Award</p> <p>ASHLEY ALLEN State Player of the Game Award (Petersburg)</p> <p>BETHANY COMSTOCK Region V Academic Team</p> <p>HELEN DECKER Region V All Conference, State Player of the Game Award (King Cove)</p> <p>KAYLYN EASTERLY Region V All Conference, State Player of the Game Award (Su Valley & Petersburg), State All-tournament Recognition</p>	<p>ERIN GALLA Region V Academic Team, State Sportsmanship Award</p> <p>KAYLA HAY Region V Academic Team, State All-tournament Recognition</p> <p>TERRA HOYT Region V Sportsmanship Award</p> <p>KRISSY LOCKABEY Region V Academic Team, State All-tournament Recognition</p> <p>TASHA MASSIN KIARA MEISSNER Region V Academic Team</p>
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REGION V WRESTLING

<p>JD Barrett 1st Place</p> <p>Hannah Brown 1st Place</p> <p>Jonah Comstock 1st Place</p>	<p>Hunter Wiederspohn 2nd Place, Good Sport Award</p> <p>Chase Kincaid 2nd Place</p>	<p>Dillon Rooney 1st Place</p> <p>Ian Jenson 2nd Place, Good Sport Award</p>
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STATE WRESTLING

JD Barrett, 3rd Place
Ian Jenson, 5th Place
Hunter Wiederspohn, 4th Place

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The Wrangell Wolves win two in Craig weekend

By DAN RUDY
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The Wrangell Wolves had a winning weekend over the Panthers last weekend during their games at Craig High School.

"It was a long trip, but we came out with two JV wins and two varsity wins, so you can't be too disappointed about that," Wrangell coach Cody Angerman said afterward.

On January 12 Wrangell's varsity players played hard against the home team, racking up 72 points to Craig's 61 in a high-scoring game. Trevor Miller made a difference during the game's second half, dropping half a dozen three-pointers and going two for two on free throws.

"He really hit some big shots," said Angerman.

The next evening proved to be a bit tougher, with Craig stepping up its offensive game. Angerman said his team had shown some soft spots in its playing, showing there's still room for improve-

ment as the season heads toward its halfway point.

"Every weekend so far we've progressed," he commented. "Everybody's been working really hard."

During Saturday's game, he said Riley Blatchley and freshman Brett Abrahamson had been instrumental in Wrangell's close 70-68 victory, with the latter landing some big shots of his own and playing well defensively. Tymon Teat was a team leader during both the weekend's games.

"He really stepped up and carried the load offensively," said Angerman.

Junior varsity players also had a good weekend, winning Friday's afternoon match 63-42 over Craig, and again on Saturday 75-33.

Looking ahead, the team will be hosting Haines for its first home games of the season this week. The Glacier Bears will be making a

midweek appearance, however, with games already scheduled over yesterday and this morning.

"It will be nice to be home," Angerman said.

His players have been on the road for three straight weeks, putting in appearances at Ketchikan and Petersburg already before last weekend's in Craig. After hosting Haines the Wolves will head out to Metlakatla next week for its midseason games, returning home for a rematch with Craig February 7 and 8.

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- Cody Angerman,
Wrangell coach



Schools

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out their contracts through the school year's end.

Taylor only arrived in August, coming from another district in her native Oklahoma. She and her husband have decided to move back to their hometown of Broken Bow this summer. The departure is not an unhappy one, with the couple expecting not one but two new grandchildren in the near future. In order to be closer to family, Taylor explained they will be taking a new opportunity to open up a retail and souvenir shop back home.

Luetkemeyer has been a certified teacher with the district since 2006, and considers her job with WPSD to have been the best she's ever had. However, her 65th birthday is approaching next month, and the educator said her goal had been to retire at that time so she can focus on family and artwork of her own.

"I am really going to miss teaching a lot," she admitted. But Luetkemeyer is also looking forward to future projects and travel. A certified welder, she would like to work on various multimedia art projects that teaching had left little time to pursue. She and her husband plan to remain in Wrangell.

Monday's meeting was preceded by a presentation put together by Laura Davies' fifth grade class. Her students this year have been expanding their horizons with "Mystery Skype," an online exchange between schools using the popular video streaming service.

A half dozen of her students took turns explaining what it was all about. Two classrooms

from different parts of the country connect with each other, with students working together to guess where the others are from using yes or no questions, similarly to the game "20 questions."

Some places have proven easier to figure out than others, and Davies' students pore over their paper maps and atlases as the questioning goes on. But they also have access to programs like Google Earth, and keep track of their questions with organizers like Google Keep using their assigned Chromebooks. Her class explained the schools have so far come from far-flung places such as Hawaii and Iowa, or even international neighbors like Ontario, Canada.

Once guessed, the kids partake in some cultural exchange, explaining to their online counterparts what their home town is like, how people live, and other aspects of their experience. Some of what they learn can be quite surprising, such as the size of some urban schools where the student body is as populous as Wrangell itself. Other kids are likewise keen to learn about life in Alaska, like the local Tlingit culture or the autumn moose season.

In addition to brushing up on geography skills and using new technology, the class works on its communication and teamwork. So far Wrangell's class has exchanged with 17 other schools in this fashion. In her second year of doing the activity, Davies said she finds new schools to partner with online, typically through Twitter.

"That's the great thing about Twitter," she said. "If I post what we're doing someone is often reaching out."

Girls split against Lady Panthers

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

You win some and sometimes lose some, the Lady Wolves showed during the weekend's basketball matches in Craig.

The high school girls' performance was their second split so far of the regular season, following a similar showing at Pe-

tersburg the week before. At Craig the shortened weekend was only between the two schools' varsity teams, as the Lady Panthers lack a junior varsity squad.

During Friday's game Wrangell had begun the game with an early lead at the half, ahead 27-12. Kaylyn Easterly led her team for points, sinking four extra attempts and scoring five two-pointers. Craig rebounded during the next half, garnering 23 net points over the Lady Wolves to win 45-37.

"We were coming out really strong, but the second half we didn't seem to have the energy," Wrangell coach Laurie Brown commented.

The girls found their pep the next day, keeping apace with Craig through the first quarter before holding a 20-15 lead at the half. Despite losing starter Abigail Armstrong to a knee injury, Wrangell was able to stay up on its of-

fense and outpace the Lady Panthers in points. The Lady Wolves finished with a 45-30 win, and its players together finished with an 80-percent success rate in extra points. Easterly led the team again for points during the game, garnering 18 points in all.

As it hosts Haines during a midweek match-up, Brown said her team will continue to work on its gameplay. "We need to learn to bring it all together," she said.

Junior varsity will again have to sit out the next couple of games during the team's first home weekend, but the full team should be seeing some court time next week when it heads to Metlakatla January 26 and 27.

After that midpoint to the season, Wrangell will be slated to host three of its four games through February.

"We're really looking forward to some home games," Brown said.



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**City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska
Public Hearing
PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Borough Assembly will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on **Tuesday, January 23, 2018**, in the Borough Assembly Chambers on the following item:

a. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 938: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING SECTION 5.04.040 OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE, SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION QUALIFICATIONS**

The Public Hearing process has changed by Assembly Action, (Ordinance 937) so that the hearing will take place during the Assembly Meeting under "PUBLIC HEARING" (item 11), on the Assembly's Agenda.

The Public is encouraged to attend.

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

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REGULAR TRANSFER

Aaron Ellis Powell d/b/a Totem Bar and Liquor Store located at 116 Front Street, Wrangell, Alaska 99929 is applying for transfer of a Package Store AS 04.11.150 liquor license to Totem Bar and Liquor Store, LLC d/b/a Totem Bar and Liquor Store. Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 550 West 7th Ave. Suite 1600 Anchorage, AK 99501.

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REGULAR TRANSFER

Aaron Ellis Powell d/b/a Totem Bar and Liquor Store located at 116 Front Street, Wrangell, Alaska 99929 is applying for transfer of a Beverage Dispensary AS 04.11.090 liquor license to Totem Bar and Liquor Store, LLC d/b/a Totem Bar and Liquor Store. Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 550 West 7th Ave. Suite 1600 Anchorage, AK 99501.

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Contact Wrangell Public Schools for more information:

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Wrangell, AK 99929-2319
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Applications must be received by 4:00 PM, Thursday, February 15, 2018.

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**City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska
PUBLIC OUTCRY AUCTION**

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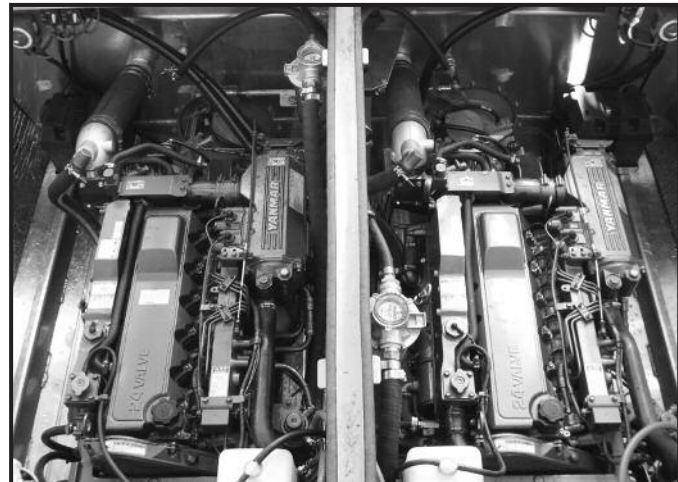
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**City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska
PUBLIC NOTICE
WORK SESSION**

The Borough Assembly will have a Presentation on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers on the following topic:

Mariculture and the Mariculture Task Force's Comprehensive Plan

Although there may be a quorum of the Borough Assembly present, there will be no action taken.

The public is welcome to attend.

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

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Crabbers seek otter relief, BoF rejects crab plan repeal

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

After deliberation on Saturday the Alaska Board of Fisheries rejected a proposal to scrap the Southeast Alaska management plan for Dungeness crab fisheries.

The BoF is currently convened in Sitka for its meeting on the region's shellfish and finfish regulation change proposals. It meets every three years, the last one being held in Wrangell in January 2015. Starting its shellfish meeting on January 11, members took testimony for 155 different proposals related to crab, shrimp and other miscellaneous shellfish.

A late comer to this year's slate of proposals, Proposal 235 had been put forward by the board itself late last fall. It proposes repealing the Southeast Alaska area Dungeness crab fishery management plan and replacing it with a model used elsewhere in the state. The proposal follows a disappointing crab fishery for 2017, which had resulted in shortened openings in the spring and fall.

In place since 2000, currently the Dungeness management plan in Southeast specifies a modified size, sex and seasonal approach for the fishery. Season length is determined by projecting total season harvest using effort and harvest from the

first two weeks of the season as the fishery's performance indices. The projected total season harvest is compared to regulatory thresholds and length is set to one of three as specified in the plan.

Opponents to the current plan note that these thresholds were adopted based on harvest levels observed during the late 1990s, and that increased predation of Dungeness crab in the years since has changed the population patterns to the point where the current thresholds may no longer be appropriate. Southeast's Dungeness fishery is the largest in the state and the only one conducted under this modified model as opposed to a simple sex, size and season approach.

Representing a group of 19 other crabbers from the Wrangell area, fisherman Mike Lockabey voiced the group's support for doing away with the current management model in favor of the 3-S approach. In a record copy submission they had submitted, they proposed an amended version of the board's own proposal.

"Very close to what you had," Lockabey testified.

In Area A, legal size male Dungeness crab could be taken or possessed during set seasons, from 8 a.m. June 15 through 11:59 p.m. August 15 for the first opening, and between 8 a.m. October 1 and 11:59 p.m. November 30. The area management plan would be directed by

3-S.

"We believe size, sex and season is the norm up and down the coast. We believe it works for us," Lockabey said. "Our problem is not our harvest methods and means. The problem is predation on all sizes and genders of crab, and the compression of the fleet from loss of area to predation."

The culprit in depleted crab numbers was sea otters, he said, which were growing in number around the region. Lockabey added that this was not the first time he had approached the BoF with a complaint about otters, and was hopeful for its support in seeking protections on the species rolled back to allow for a wider hunt.

After being hunted to extinction in Southeast Alaska and elsewhere during the 19th century, sea otters were one of the marine mammals protected from further commercial harvest under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972. Specimens from Southwest Alaska were relocated to Southeast during the 1960s, and a population of 400 has since regained a foothold. While sea otters living in Southwest are listed as threatened by the US Fish and Wildlife Service due to overall declines, the population in Southeast is under no such protection.

Lockabey's group was not the only party to speak on sea otters, accompanied in a joint letter by the Southeast Alaska Fisher-

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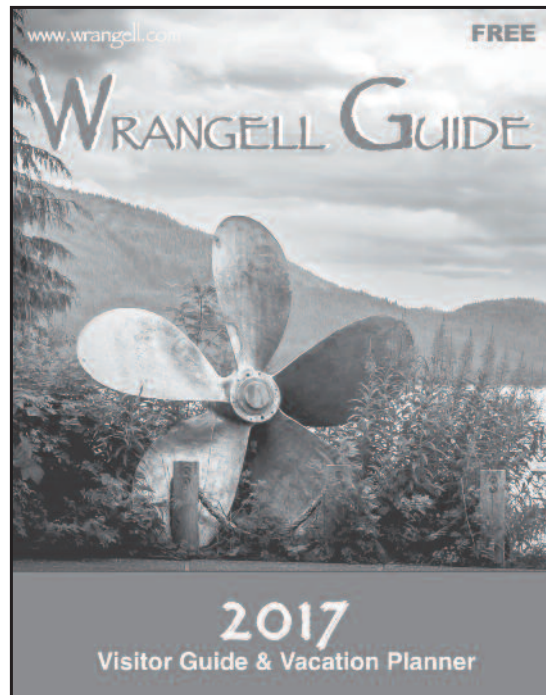


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Lisa Von Bargaen, Borough Manager
City & Borough of Wrangell

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KSTK

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if it's one station then you get only one CPB grant and one State of Alaska grant," Sweat explained. "That makes them less viable, less robust," referring to CoastAlaska.

KSTK began reaching out to its membership about the upcoming changes in September, Sweat said, dispatching letters to its 234 active supporters. On September 23 the CoastAlaska board – made up of members from each of its constituent stations – voted in favor of the acquisition. The Wrangell Radio Group board followed suit, and on November 4 a meeting of station membership voted unanimously in favor of the agreement, with about 20 voting.

Although the station had reached out to its members and to the City and Borough of Wrangell about the planned acquisition, its news arm had not run coverage on the developing story for the wider public. Sweat said this had been due to circumstance.

"It wasn't that there wasn't a story. We didn't have a reporter until October," she said. Holiday-time vacations were also cited, with key members unavailable for much of December.

"We felt that, well, let's not get the cart before the horse, let's make sure we know this is what we want to do. If we'd had a story in June, for example, maybe the board would have been talking about combining with Petersburg. And that's not really what we did in the end."

If the FCC approves the station's request, Wrangell

2017 Fiscal Year	KSTK - Wrangell	KFSK - Petersburg	KRBD - Ketchikan	KCAW - Sitka	KTOO - Juneau
Membership Revenue	\$37,587	\$105,180	\$112,017	\$181,396	\$333,668
Underwriting Revenue	\$47,774	\$85,070	\$95,731	\$137,313	\$288,205
APBC and CPB Grants	\$201,310	\$204,709	\$210,895	\$220,872	\$240,313
Total Revenue	\$399,841	\$539,959	\$579,088	\$972,345	\$1,099,897
Total Expenses	\$383,426	\$536,847	\$591,788	\$755,448	\$1,111,161
Net Before Capital	+\$16,405	+\$3,112	-\$12,700	+\$216,897	-\$11,264

A comparison of last year's expenditures and revenues between CoastAlaska member radio stations highlights the different level of support they receive from their communities, as well as their expenses. The smallest of the member communities, Wrangell's station depends more upon state and national funding sources to make ends meet.

Radio Group would be formally dissolved, with its board rearranging itself as a support base for the station. Sweat's position would then fall under the purview of Kabler's, and KSTK would be formally directed by CoastAlaska's board. The local board would continue

to spearhead fundraising and membership activities, while programming would continue as it has been.

"For the listener or the user online, nothing's going to change," said Sweat. "There won't really be a noticeable difference."

BoF

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men's Alliance, SE Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association, Petersburg Vessel Owner's Association and Shellfish Preservation Alliance being submitted advocating similar support from the board. Letters to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Alaska's congressional delegation and Gov. Bill Walker were recommended, citing threats that an expanding population of otters have posed to the sea urchin fishery in Sitka Sound and sea cucumbers on Kuiu Island, both of which have since been closed.

Lockabey added that he has already submitted letters to Zinke and President Donald Trump asking for their support in changing the Marine Mammal Protection Act to allow for a more liberalized harvest of sea otters. Currently only Alaska Native hunters are legally permitted to hunt the animals for subsistence and crafting purposes.

"The reason I wrote them is

because I've been encouraged by their actions in the North Pacific marine conservation zones," Lockabey said of the administration. "They've opened five up by executive order. I'm also encouraged by the actions they took in Utah, opening up parks and monuments to fishing and hunting and commercial hunting – guiding, if you will.

"They're acting to reduce these regulations and right wrongs," he continued. "What's happened with this is wrong. Nobody in my coalition wants to see the eradication of otters. But we want to see a balance."

Deliberating the proposal on Saturday, the board ultimately voted down Proposal 235. The Department of Fish and Game were opposed to it, even after BoF substituted in language it had recommended. ADFG director Scott Kelley had pointed out

there were reasons for the differences between the Dungeness crab fishery as it is done in Southeast Alaska and the rest of the state.

Board member Israel Payton noted the management plan had a good track record in Southeast, with only two of the past 17 years' harvests having trouble.

"It seems the department is managing that very well," he said. "If it's not broke, don't fix it."

"The sense that I get is they're pretty uncomfortable with taking this approach," board member Robert Ruffner added.

The group voted against the proposal in a 1-6 vote. The Board of Fisheries wrapped up its other shellfish proposals Sunday, and began hearing finfish proposals the following day. The meeting is scheduled to continue through next Tuesday.

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