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Borough assembly certifies October 2 election

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The city and borough assembly of Wrangell held a special meeting last Thursday to certify the election that took place on Oct. 2. The election saw votes cast for a new mayor, several open positions on the assembly, school board, and other organizations. The election also saw large amounts of voter support for Proposition 1, which allows for the lease of the Wrangell Medical Center and the construction of a new hospital.

The assembly certified the results of this election, and also passed out certificates of service to outgoing elected officials. The recipients of these certificates include Mayor David L. Jack, Assembly Member Drew Larrabee, School Board Member Tamara Groshong, and Hospital Board Member Don McConachie. The certificates were meant to demonstrate the town's thanks for their hard work and service to the community.

"Mayor Jack, I think it's quite fitting that you were at the very beginning of us trying to move this hospital plan forward, and you got it done by the time you went off by two days," said Steve Prysunka when presenting Jack his certificate. "Thank you so much for your service, and it's been an honor to sit beside you."

New members of the assembly were also sworn in at Thursday's meeting. Steve Prysunka, Wrangell's new mayor, was sworn in first. Also sworn in was newly elected assembly member Mya DeLong, and



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New and old members of the Wrangell Borough Assembly at Thursday's special meeting.

incumbent assembly member David Powell.

"It really has been a pleasure working with this assembly and past assemblies," said Jack. "Everything hasn't always been agreeable, or pleasant, but we'd come to a consensus in the end, and hopefully we did the right thing for the people of the city and borough of Wrangell, Alaska."

After the oaths of office were administered, the assembly and members of the public present were invited to stay for cake, made by Brittney Roane for the occasion.

Other items taken care of in the meeting include the acceptance of Steve Prysunka's resignation from the borough assembly, so he could take on the position of mayor. Also discussed was an amendment to the professional services agreement for healthcare consultations from Dorsey & Whitney in the amount of \$183,139. An error in billing was noticed by the assembly, however. It was pointed out that Wrangell was incorrectly billed for an extra 20 hours of consultation, so the amount of money was changed to \$175,239. This amendment was then accepted by the assembly.

Over 200 shoeboxes packed for Operation Christmas Child

By CALEB VIERKANT
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Operation Christmas Child is an annual event put on by Samaritan's Purse, a Christian nonprofit that works to provide "spiritual and physical aid" to people around the world. The operation works to send needy children across the globe a shoebox filled with

toys, school supplies, and hygienic items as a Christmas gift. According to Lucas Zellers, the media relations coordinator with Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child has delivered over 157 million shoeboxes to children across 160 countries since its inception.

"In 2017, Operation Christ-



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Rebecca Smith, Helen Molinek, Juli Gillen, Kaylauna Churchill and Haley Lippy volunteered at the shoebox packing event.



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Kristen DeBord packs a shoebox with toys, school supplies, and other goods.

mas Child collected enough shoebox gifts to reach 11 million children worldwide; this year, we hope to collect enough shoebox gifts to reach 11 million more," Zellers said in an email.

The Wrangell Ministerial Association has participated in Operation Christmas Child for over 20 years, according to Susan Haggard with Harbor Light Church. On Saturday, members of several churches in Wrangell came together to put together over 200 shoeboxes.

"They'll come and get a shoebox, and they'll go down the appropriate table and they just get to fill it with whatever

they see, and they stuff it," Haggard explained how all the boxes were put together. "Then they'll take it to the tables over here ... We'll sort through them, we label them, and age appropriately stack them."

Wrangell's shoebox packing used to take place in the basement of Harbor Light, Haggard said, but in recent years it had grown so big it had to be moved to the Nolan Center which provides the space. Each box costs \$9 to ship. Haggard said they try to get sponsors for their boxes, and that it costs between \$25 and \$30 to fill each box. After Saturday's event, 232 shoeboxes had been

filled. "We had a record breaking 266 last year," Haggard said.

The nation-wide collection week for the shoebox gifts will take place from Nov. 12 to 19. According to the Samaritan's Purse website, the shoeboxes will reach their destinations by the middle of December. More about Operation Christmas Child, and Samaritan's Purse, can be found online at www.samaritanpurse.org. The Wrangell Ministerial Association can be found on Facebook under "Wrangell Ministerial Association," as well.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, October 11: Marty Kaer, Kurt Young, Donna Kuntz, Kanen Miller. *Anniversary:* Craig and Kim Strain. **Friday, October 12:** Darian Meissner, Kathie Angerman, Perry Brink. *Anniversary:* Jason and Jessica Rooney, Tony and Sue Ann Guggenbickler. **Saturday, October 13:** Karen Lockabey, Tori Gulla, Joyce Phillips, Victoria Roberts. **Sunday, October 14:** Erika Seimears, Diane Comer, Dustin Johnson, Ariana Ellsworth. **Monday, October 15:** Bonnie Stutz, Amanda Kalkins. *Anniversary:* Kenny and Mariah Speers. **Tuesday, October 16:** Kathy Jahner, Bonnie Dermerjian, Leslie Kagee, Ken Cesar, Craig Villarma. **Wednesday, October 17:** Charles Meissner Sr, Rachel Angerman, Ann Benson, Kari Mork. *Anniversary:* Casey and Heather Seimears, Fred and Sumi Angerman. **Thursday, October 18:** Mikee Lockabey, Cyni Crary, Ian Bunes, Kevin Neyman.

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 11

Roast Beef, Spinach, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit Slaw

Friday, October 12

Crispy Pork, Steamed Carrots, Scalloped Potatoes

Monday, October 15

Bowling @ the Elks, Grandma's Tacos, Spanish Rice, Beans

Tuesday, October 16

Salisbury Steak, Peas, Peach Salad, Mashed Potatoes

Wednesday, October 17

Salmon, Broccoli, Carrot/Pineapple Salad, Garlic Bread

Thursday, October 18

CLOSED FOR ALASKA DAY

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

Milk, tea and coffee will be served with meals.

FERRY

Departures

Northbound

Saturday, October 13

Malaspina 2:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 14

Kennicott 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, October 16

Malaspina 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 20

Malaspina 5:15 a.m.

Sunday, October 21

Kennicott 7:15 p.m.

Southbound

Friday, October 12

Malaspina 8:15 a.m.

Monday, October 15

Malaspina 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 17

Kennicott 9:00 a.m.

Friday, October 19

Malaspina 10:30 a.m.

Monday, October 22

Malaspina 1:30 p.m.

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



TIDES Oct. 11 - Oct. 18

	High Tides				Low Tides			
	AM Time	PM Time	Ft	Ft	AM Time	PM Time	Ft	Ft
October 11	2:53	2:58	17.1	18.1	8:38	9:08	0.3	-1.8
October 12	3:34	3:33	16.0	17.1	9:14	9:47	1.5	-0.9
October 13	4:16	4:09	14.7	15.9	9:50	10:29	2.9	0.3
October 14	5:02	4:48	13.4	14.6	10:30	11:15	4.2	1.4
October 15	5:56	5:37	12.2	13.3	11:17	5.4	...
October 16	7:07	6:46	11.5	12.3	0:10	12:19	2.5	6.3
October 17	8:30	8:15	11.5	12.0	1:18	1:43	3.2	6.6
October 18	9:39	9:32	12.3	12.5	2:37	3:15	3.3	6.0

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, October 18

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

Seniors Celebrating Alaska Day Luncheon: Island of Faith Lutheran Church, 12:00 p.m. Free soup luncheon for seniors, music entertainment by Mrs. Miller's 3rd grade class. Guest speaker is Corree Delebrue. Questions: Call 874-2743 or 874-2577.

Saturday, October 20

Community Roots Meeting: Stikine Inn, 3:00 p.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 10, 1918

Wrangell experienced a very stormy night last Thursday night. No damage was reported but the Eliju Thompson towing a barge, which carried a very valuable cargo of whale oil, came into the harbor and remained here all day Friday. The boats had reached Lincoln Rock on their southbound trip when the sea became so rough that it was found advisable to come to Wrangell until the storm abated. On Friday forenoon an attempt to resume the journey was made, but the boats returned to port again until later in the day.

October 15, 1943

Ladies Night card parties at the Elks hall, under the sponsorship of the Emblem Club, are to be discontinued until the Thursday evening in November - November 4. Reason for the postponement is due to small crowds, which have been attending in the past. Emblem Club committee thought attendance would be better after winter set in earnest. At last night's party Mr. and Mrs. Wing won the men's and women's high score prizes and Mrs. George Gundersen and Dar Smith took the lows.

October 10, 1968

Wrangell Police Chief W. R. Klink this week announced the formation of a reserve officer program. Members of the reserve organization - planned at a strength of 10 - would assist regular officers and be used in emergencies and for traffic and crowd control at special events, the chief said. Applications for the reserve program are available at City Hall or from members of the police department. Qualifications for reservists would include: Good health, a background free of serious crim-

inal or alcoholic problems and age between 21 and 45. Klink said reservists will attend two training sessions each month and ride one shift a week with a regular officer.

October 14, 1993

Wrangell Mental Health Services and the Wrangell Lions Club are co-sponsoring Wrangell's first Disabilities Awareness Day on Friday, Oct. 15. The goal is to increase community awareness of difficulties experienced by persons who are physically challenged. Four Wrangell people will awake that morning to find wheelchairs by their beds. They will rise and carry out the morning's routine as if they had no use of their legs. Friends and family members will have to assist them and their wheelchairs in and out of houses and workplaces. The four participants will become aware of the difficulties encountered in a normal day by some persons with physical disabilities. Alice Rooney of Wrangell Mental Health Services, organizer of the event, says, "Wrangell has made some progress over the past few years in terms of accessibility. We have

an increasing number of local residents who use wheelchairs and who want to be apart of things. It takes an event like this to make people aware of the physical and attitudinal barriers that exist to prevent participation in much of life of the community."

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 OCT. 14, SUN • 7PM

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 \$7 for 13 & up
 Buy movie gift certificates at the Nolan Center.
 Check out more movie info at www.imdb.com

Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Oct. 02	53	39
Oct. 03	51	35
Oct. 04	48	37
Oct. 05	48	44
Oct. 06	50	44
Oct. 07	52	46
Oct. 08	52	43

Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Oct 11	7:09 am	6:00 pm	10:51h
Oct 12	7:11 am	5:57 pm	10:46h
Oct 13	7:13 am	5:55 pm	10:42h
Oct 14	7:15 am	5:52 pm	10:37h
Oct 15	7:17 am	5:50 pm	10:33h
Oct 16	7:19 am	5:47 pm	10:28h
Oct 17	7:21 am	5:45 pm	10:24h
Oct 18	7:23 am	5:42 pm	10:19h

P&Z commission approves final plats for Wrangell Medical Center, new hospital

By CALEB VIERKANT
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The Wrangell Planning and Zoning Commission held a special meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 3. It was a short meeting, with only two final plats to be approved.

The first plat was of the Wrangell Medical Center subdivision. The commission explained that, essentially, this final plat involved consolidating seven lots into a single lot, comprising where the medical center currently sits. An alleyway was vacated from the plat, and some utility easements were added. This final plat was approved with little discussion.

The second plat was a replat of lots B-1, B-2, and B-3 for Healthcare Sub division II, and the creation of four lots in Health Care Subdivision III. This final plat is near the location of the SEARHC AICS clinic, where the new hospital is planned to be constructed. The commission said that this final plat was to prepare the area for construction, when it begins. This plat was also approved.



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Evergreen St. renovations nearly complete

Renovations to Evergreen St. are nearing completion, according to Steve Mielke with the Department of Transportation. Work on the street has been going on since June, he said. The project to improve the street involved many aspects, including paving the road, the addition of a sidewalk from the ferry terminal to Petroglyph Beach, the construction of six retaining walls for the sidewalk, and the construction of various culverts and drainage improvements.

"It's going to be a great improvement for the community," Mielke said.

He said that the final inspection will take place around Oct. 23, and the project will be officially completed by the end of the month. After Evergreen Street, there are plans to improve the road from Bennett St. to the airport. This will begin next spring or in the early summer of 2019, Mielke said.

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Police report

October 7, 2018

Three courtesy transports.

Citizen assist: Unlock residence.

Citizen assist: Vehicle unlock.

Disturbance: Officer responded.

Drug paraphernalia.

Agency assist: Search and rescue.

Traffic: Vehicle with fuel pump issue.

Citations issued: George Elmore, 52. Animal license required and dog at large.

Citation issued: Lucy Moline-Robinson, 42. Failure to provide proof of insurance.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for improper use of rear lighting.

October 6, 2018

Citizen assist: Unlock vehicle.

Citation issued: Sara Gadd, 28. Expired registration.

Citation issued: Cathy Cooper, 29. No proof of insurance.

Warrant arrest: Arrested Troy Winchester, 28, regarding two warrants.

Citation issued: Donna McKay, 65. Failure to provide proof of insurance.

Citation issued: Justin Barker, 32. Exceeding time limit parking.

October 5, 2018

Parking complaint: Vehicle parked in the fire lane.

Drug paraphernalia.

Paper service: 86'd letter served.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for speed.

Gun shot: Officers unable to locate.

October 4, 2018

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment.

Loud music complaint: Person turned down music.

October 3, 2018

Missing dog reported.

Theft: Report of dog taken.

Citation issued: George Stoican, 71. Vehicle cannot be school bus yellow.

October 2, 2018

Theft.

Traffic complaint.

Stalking order.

Citation issued: Kelsy Leffler, 28. No proof of insurance.

October 1, 2018

Report of theft.

Summons served.

Report of disturbance.

Civil matter.

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

School board holds first post-election meeting

By CALEB VIERKANT
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The Wrangell School Board held its first meeting since the local election on Oct. 2.

The election saw two people, Aaron Angerman and Anya Ritchie, become new members of the board. Board member Aleisha Mollen was also re-elected to her position.

The first order of business on the agenda was the reorganization of the school board. Mollen was unanimously selected to serve as the board president, board member Jessica Rooney was selected to be the vice president, and Angerman was selected to be the board secretary.

"I was really impressed by the turnout, the voter turnout," Angerman said about the election. "Hopefully that's something we can continue ... There's no reason we can't have numbers like that all the time."

Mollen welcomed the new school board members, and encouraged them to come to her if they ever had questions. She also recognized Georgianna Buhler, a former school board member who recently retired, for her service to the community.

The school board heard several public comments during their meeting. One came from Ryan Howe, who came to invite the school board to a Christmas "reading event" on Dec. 11. Miki Angerman also came before the board to deliver a letter, on behalf of several Evergreen Elementary School teachers. The letter was for Superintendent Debbe Lancaster, thanking her for the recent hire of the elementary school's new principal.

"We are writing you with the intent of expressing our unanimous support and appreciation for the Evergreen Elementary School principal, Virginia Tulley," she read. "She has been a great addition to the school team and we are happy with how she is leading."

Kellan Eagle, student body president at Wrangell High School gave a student representative report which



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The new Wrangell school board. From left to right: Aaron Angerman, Aleisha Mollen, Anya Ritchie, Jessica Rooney, and Dave Wilson.

listed a few concerns among the student government, as well as some suggestions on how to handle said concerns. One issue listed was parking congestion around the high school, especially on game days and other public events. The report suggested painting parking lines along the parallel parking zones on Reid Street. A second concern regarded lunchtime, which Eagle said was too short at 35 minutes long. He requested that the board look into extending lunchtime by 10 to 15 minutes.

During the meeting, Diane O'Brien was appointed to the curriculum standing committee and Kaelene Harrison

was approved to be hired as an assistant coach to the middle school girls' basketball team. Angerman, Buhler, Lancaster, and Drew Larrabee were appointed to the budget standing committee.

Other items handled in the meeting include approval of the sale of laptops to retiring staff members and a discussion of upcoming events and future agenda items.

Mollen was also recognized for receiving an AASB Excellence Boardsmanship Award, and Rooney was recognized for receiving an AASB Basic Boardsmanship Award.

Obituary: Larry "Woody" Allen Wilson, 72

Larry "Woody" Allen Wilson, 72, of Washington, Missouri, passed away September 15, 2018, at his home near Greentop, Missouri, after an 18-month battle with cancer.

He was born on March 14, 1946, to James and Maurine (Hamilton) Wilson. He went to high school in Olds, Iowa and graduated in 1964. He spent a year in college in Burlington, Iowa, before going off to serve his country in the Navy for three years.

Wilson continued his education at Kirkwood Community College, where he met his wife, Peggy. He then went to Northeast Missouri State University, where he received his Bachelors in Psychology and his Masters in Special Education. Woody started his career as a Special Education Teacher in Unionville, Missouri, and



Larry "Woody" Allen Wilson

from there furthered his education to become a Superintendent of Schools. Along the way, he worked at the Development Center in Kirksville, served as Director of Education in the Kirksville schools, and then served in education

in North Carolina for 12 years before moving to Alaska.

In 1993, the couple moved to Alaska where he served many years as Superintendent of Schools. After six months of retirement in 2012, he went back to work as a mentor to new teachers in the Alaskan bush for three years. This was followed by another year and a half working again as Superintendent.

In 2017, he retired for a second time and moved to Greentop, Missouri, to be close to family and medical care while fighting cancer.

He is preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Wayne, Wendell, and Ivan.

He is survived by his wife

of 45 years, Peggy Ann (Thomson) Wilson; his three children, Tad Wilson (Joni) of Kinross, Iowa, Gina Beckley (Terry) of Clark, Missouri, and Christine Hester (David) of Phoenix, Arizona; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and brother Wayne's widow, Judy Wilson.

A Celebration of Life will be held on October 20 at 11:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Kirksville, Missouri.

Death Notice

Tedi Sims, 63, passed away on October 2, 2018. A service will be held at the Episcopal Church at 1:00 p.m. with a Celebration of Life at the Elks at 2:00 p.m. on October 20, 2018. An obituary will follow.

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A lunch buffet will be served at 1:00 p.m.

No gifts please.

The family will be making a memory book of notes and pictures from friends and family. Please bring a photo or a note reflecting your thoughts and memories of good times you have shared with her.

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Many Wrangellites spent their Saturday at the Pumpkin Patch Festival, where they played games, ate food, and picked out pumpkins. The Blackburn and Allen families posed with some of their pumpkins.



Several kids wore their Halloween costumes to the 2018 Pumpkin Patch Festival. One of them was 10-month-old Lee Byrd, dressed as a little rhino.

Pumpkin Patch Festival

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Ella Guggenbickler plays a Peanuts-themed bean bag toss game for some candy.

Reflections


You have a beautiful place here in Wrangell, in SE Alaska, right in the midst of God's wonderful creation. I write this as a visiting pastor invited to minister to the Island of Faith Lutheran Church. The beauty of this part of God's world is truly astounding.

I am reminded again and again of Psalm 104 as I greet most mornings viewing snow-capped mountains arising out of the sea, settle in later watching the sun dance on the waters of the Stikine, or see the sun light up both the sky and ocean near the islands of Woronkofski and Zarembo. While fishing or hiking along the Tongass Forest trails, one can hardly conclude otherwise than "O Lord, how manifold are your works. In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping (and swimming) things innumerable are there, living things both great and small." (Ps. 104 24-25)

But, you know that the beauty of the earth is not all there is to this or any community. There's pain, illness, tragedy, crime, hopelessness, loneliness, death and despair as well. If we could just focus on life's beauty, it would seem more joyful; but we would be blinded to the human struggles that we bring about or endure.

I believe people are put here in places like SE Alaska to both revel in the beauty and do what we can to overcome tragedies, disappointments and sin that are also very real. I will appreciate the gifts of friendships that I have experienced while here. I will treasure this place and the people I have encountered; and I invite you to do so in whatever ways God sets before you. Rejoice and be glad. But, also work and struggle to set right what's wrong.

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Wrestling team holds fundraiser dinner

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer
The Nolan Center was packed last Saturday night as people from all across Wrangell came together to support the



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Team member Logan Larson and Assistant Coach Jack Carney.



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The high school wrestling team's fundraiser dinner drew a large crowd. Team members worked as servers during the event.

high school wrestling team. The team had put together a halibut dinner to raise funds for their season, which opened on Sept. 26. Team members took tickets at the door, and also worked as servers through the evening.

"I want to thank you all again, very much. We could not do this without your support," he said.

Besides food, there was a silent auction and a place for people to leave extra donations.

The silent auction was filled with items donated from many community members. Some of these items included a gift basket from Twisted Root Market, flowers from Groundswell, and shirts from Not So Famous Pizza. There were also native drums, a fishing rod, a gun cleaning kit, and many other items up for auction.

Assistant Coach Jack Carney said that, between the auction and the roughly 150 pounds of halibut served at the

dinner, the team did very well with their fundraising. He could not give an exact dollar amount but said the community support was overwhelming.

"It was an insane year, probably the biggest dinner we ever had," Carney said. "We just really appreciate what this community does for our kids."

The wrestling team will be travelling to Petersburg on Oct. 12 for their first competition of the season.

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

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

The unexpired term of appointment is until October 2019

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 18, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.**

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
City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

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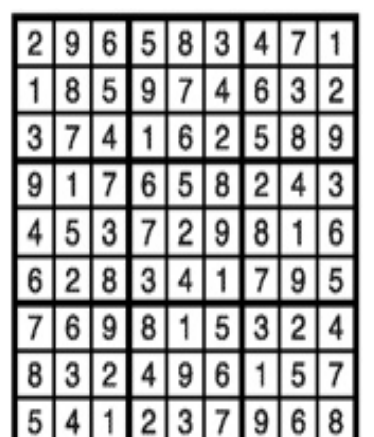
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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH Fisheries columnist

Crab catches dominate Alaska's fish news as boats gear up

Crab catches dominate Alaska's fish news in early October as boats gear up for mid-month openers in the Bering Sea.

As expected, crabbers will see increased catches for snow crab after the annual survey showed a 60 percent boost in market sized males and nearly the same for females (only male crabs can be retained for sale).

Managers announced this week a catch of 27.5 million pounds of snow crab, up 47 percent from last season. Even better, biologists documented one of the largest numbers of small snow crab poised to enter the fishery they've ever seen.

Also as expected, the news is bad for bairdi Tanners, the larger cousins of snow crab. A take of just 2.4 million pounds, down two percent, will be allowed from the western fishing district of the Bering Sea, with the eastern district closed for the season.

Crabbers breathed a sigh of relief to learn there will be a red king crab fishery at Bristol Bay with a catch of 4.3 million pounds, a 36 percent drop. Those stocks have been on a downward spiral for several years and talk on the docks was that there would likely not be a fishery this year.

"It helps sustain king crab markets that might be lost if the season were closed," reacted Jake Jacobsen, director of the Inter-Cooperative Ex-

change which represents the majority of Bering Sea crabbers.

There again will be no king crab openers at the Pribilofs and St. Matthew Island due to low stock numbers. Similarly, a king crab fishery was canceled at Southeast Alaska where a small 120,000 pound red king crab fishery occurred last fall for the first time in six years.

Looking good for Gulf crab - The official word won't be out until November, but signs are pointing to another Kodiak Tanner crab opener in January 2019. Last winter saw the first season after a four year closure, with a 400,000 pound harvest.

"It looks positive because we had a big group of crab last year that were just sub-legal, and we thought we might get two years of fishing on that group, said Nat Nichols, area shellfish manager at Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game in Kodiak.

A big pulse of crab in 2013 was the largest biologists had ever seen since trawl surveys began, Nichols said.

"At that time, we estimated 200 million crab in the water. They were one to two year olds, the size of a nickel," he said. "They don't survive well because everything likes to eat a small Tanner crab, and about 90 percent drop out of the population before they reach legal size. But even 10 percent still turns into a lot of crab."



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Last cruise ship of the season

On Wednesday, Oct. 3, the Oceania Regatta pulled into port. The Regatta is the last cruise ship scheduled to visit Wrangell in 2018.

Nichols said Tanner numbers also are looking up at Chignik and the South Peninsula, but those regions are likely to remain closed.

Biologists talk about "episodic recruitment" of Tanner crab, Nichols said, when massive spikes arrive all at once, roughly on a five to seven year time line. The largest one ever may be in the lineup.

"This year we saw the next recruitment pulse and it's possibly 50 percent bigger than

2013," he said. "But we're looking way down the road to 2023."

"We try not to get too excited because we've seen these drop off between the first year we see them and five years later when they become legal. But it's good to see we're still producing big cohorts of crab," Nichols added. We're sort of along for the ride, is how we put."

The abundance of tiny Tanners could be a benefiting from the crash of the cod stocks in the Gulf of Alaska, he said.

"If you've got 80 percent fewer mouths to feed, I don't think it can hurt."

Tanners too at PWS - Crabbers at Prince William Sound could also get to drop pots for Tanners again in March.

"We're getting all our information together so we can see where we're at," said Jan Rumble, area manager for Prince William Sound and Cook Inlet shellfish and groundfish at ADF&G in Homer.

A one month fishery in March 2018 was the first Tanner crab opener in PWS since 1988. It was allowed under a Commissioner's Permit that is issued in special circumstances and was limited to two regions.

It was a sort of fact finding mission, Rumble said, that was prompted by increasing numbers of crab coming up in subsistence pots and a lack of survey data. Fifteen permit holders participated in the fishery and pulled up 82,000 pounds of crab.

Rumble said based on last year's harvest, managers are "pretty confident" there will be another special permit fishery next March.

"Hopefully, processors will come into Cordova and set up for that fishery again. We also had buyers in Whittier and Seward and they will appreciate the opportunity to buy Tanner

crab again," Rumble said.

Expo Updates - Pacific Marine Expo is one of the industry's oldest (52 years) and most popular trade shows and organizers were scrambling a few months ago when its traditional November dates were spiked by a football game at Seattle's CenturyLink center where the event is held.

That pushed Expo into Thanksgiving week amid worries that it would cut into the show's draw. The Nov. 18-20 date change hasn't worked for some exhibitors, said Expo director Denielle Christensen, but for others, it's provided more motivation to come to the show.

"Some folks are already traveling at Thanksgiving time, so this is actually a good schedule for them. No down time - you can go right from Expo to family and your turkey dinner," Christensen said, adding that early registrations are ahead of last year.

Dominating the Expo floor again is an even bigger Alaska Hall which will house 52 Alaska companies and the show's main stage. Christensen said over one-third of the visitors at Expo in 2018 said they were "specifically looking for products from Alaska."

A new focus this year is a Young Fishermen's Track for those just starting out.

"We realized that was a group that was being overlooked. We know they need help and we hope we can be a bigger part of that for them," Christensen said.

Also in the Expo line up: a public hearing on the Pebble Mine.

"Pebble Mine comes up every year and it is such an important topic to have in our educational program," she said.

Visit www.pacificmarine-expo.com.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

JOB BULLETIN:

Finance Director

Finance Department

The City and Borough of Wrangell is recruiting for a Finance Director to lead the Borough's Finance Department.

The Finance Director is a senior management position responsible for integrating accounting operations, audits, systems, and controls governing business transactions such as purchasing, contracts, and insurance.

This position plans, organizes, directs, and coordinates centralized financial management and planning for all City functions and selected outside organizations. Manages financial services including budgeting, treasury, public financing, liability and debt management, accounting operations, utilities and customer accounting, performance reporting, financial database management, accounting controls, and audit support. Directs and coordinates centralized contract review and administration, payroll, purchasing, and information systems.

This position will appeal to a candidate who thrives in a fast-paced, collaborative, team-centered work environment and enjoys solving problems autonomously and efficiently. The Finance Director will supervise a staff of 3 full-time employees and 1 part-time employee and will report to the Borough Manager.

Preferred education and experience typically requires a bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, business administration or a closely related field and eight years of experience in accounting systems and operations, treasury, financial reporting, or audits, including three years in a leadership capacity. Experience in governmental accounting is preferred. An active CPA or CMA certificate and/or a master's degree in business administration may substitute for some experience.

This is a full-time, salaried position with full benefits, paid at Grade 30 ranging from \$6607 to \$8346 per month. The full job description and employment application can be found online at www.wrangell.com/jobs.

To be considered, submit a cover letter, résumé, and completed employment application via e-mail to amollen@wrangell.com, or in person to City Hall, 205 Brueger St., Wrangell, AK 99929. **Applications will be accepted until the end of business November 5, 2018, but may be reviewed as they are received.**

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Lisa Von Bargaen
Wrangell Borough Manager

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Family resilience fair brings together local resources for those in need

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

BRAVE is a Wrangell-based organization that works to connect people with resources to help themselves and their families. Their work was put on dis-

play last Tuesday night at the Nolan Center as a "family resilience fair" was held. The fair brought together about 20 organizations that offered one form of support for Wrangell families or another. The organizations



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McKenzie Smalley, Stella Buness, and Charlie Nelson play a game of bean bag tic-tac-toe at the WISH booth during the family resilience fair.



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Eli Michael with Community Roots, the local LGBT support group.

ranged from religious groups, medical organizations, government entities, and sports groups. Organizations that participated include SEARHC, the Irene Ingle Public Library, Wrangell's AAU basketball teams, Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, Hannah's Place, the Forest Service, Community

Roots, and many other groups.

Maleah Wenzel, one of the main organizers of the event, said that the fair was also an opportunity to introduce people to Eryn Ruppert, a women's advocate with WISH (Women In Safe Homes.) Ruppert will soon begin to visit Wrangell on a monthly basis to offer support for local

women in need.

Besides providing information to families about what their groups were and how they could help, organizations participating in the fair provided snacks and fun games to play. Many Wrangell businesses and individuals pitched in, too, by providing door prizes.

Block grant program, Howell resignation discussed in assembly meeting

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Borough Assembly met Tuesday night for its regularly scheduled meeting. A public hearing was held to discuss the city's application for funding through the Community Development Block Grant program. Economic Development Director Carol Rushmore said that the grant program was a difficult one to successfully apply for, as there is only \$2.6 million dollars to go around the entire state of Alaska each year. The purpose of the CDBG program, she said, is to give low-to-moderate income communities funds to help enhance life in their area by adding safety/health resources, increasing self sufficiency, and other potential projects. The public hearing was meant to garner public input on six proposed projects to seek grant funding for, and to propose alternative projects. The six projects proposed by the city were fire truck

replacement, improvements to the reservoir bypass and dam, the mill property acquisition to expand the marine service center, pool facility improvements, rehabilitation to the public safety and fire department building, and construction of a water treatment facility.

There were no alternative projects proposed by the public during the hearing, so the assembly deliberated amongst the six original proposed projects. After some discussion, it was decided to apply for funding to get new trucks for the fire department. The assembly decided that, while providing water to Wrangell residents was their top priority, they felt it was more feasible to get funding for new fire trucks at the current time.

Assembly Member Rolland Howell turned in his resignation during the meeting, as well. He recently was offered a job as Wrangell's public works director, which required him to resign from his seat on the assembly.

However, there was also a part of the municipal code stating that members of the assembly, upon leaving the assembly, cannot take on new jobs with the city until a period of six-months had passed. It was proposed on Tuesday's agenda to allow a waiver of this requirement for Howell.

City Manager Lisa Von Barga explained how Howell had been offered the job as public works director. Originally, she said, there had been 16 candidates for the job. This number was weeded down to six candidates who were interviewed. Four of those six were then given written and oral exercises. Von Barga said that the first person they offered the job to declined the offer. A second person turned down the job, as well, leaving Howell.

Assembly Member David Powell said that, while he was friends with Howell, he felt allowing a waiver would be unfair. He also warned about potentially negative public per-

ception from the move. Other assembly members, such as Patty Gilbert, said they were okay with allowing a waiver, but wanted to review the part of the municipal code in question at a later date. Eventually it came to a vote. With Powell being the only dissenting vote, and Howell abstaining, the waiver was granted.

Other items handled in the meeting include a discussion on whether or not to retain the city's current attorney or to shop around, approval of a resolution to apply for a grant to fund improvements to Kyle Angerman Park, and the borough manager's report.

During the persons to be heard section of the meeting, Wrangell resident Don McConachie came before the assembly to discuss the possibility of renaming Wood Street, which runs from Zimovia Highway to the SEARHC AICS clinic as well as to the water treatment plant. He suggested that the portion of

the street that went to the clinic, and the site of the future hospital, be renamed "Gilbert Street" in honor of the Gilbert family. He also suggested that after the new hospital was built, a room in the facility be named after Dr. Harriet Schirmer, a Wrangell doctor who passed away in 2017.

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