

## 115 moose harvested in 2020

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

Moose season came to a close on Oct. 15. Final harvest numbers came in on Oct. 20, according to Hilary Wood with the ADF&G Petersburg office. The communities of Wrangell and Petersburg are located within Hunt RM038. This is an area that stretches from Coronation Island in the west, to the mainland in the east, and from Meyers Chuck in the south up to Point Hobart in the north.

This season saw 115 moose harvested in total. There were two bagged on Wrangell Island, and nine on Mitkof Island. Only one moose on Mitkof island was an illegal kill. The most moose this season were killed on Kuiu Island. There were 29 moose harvested there.

There were 105 moose killed during the 2018 harvest. The 2019 harvest was a record year with 127 moose killed. Below is a list of the 2020 season for RM038, with the numbers and locations of all moose harvested:

### RM038 Moose Harvested: 115

#### Game Unit 1B:

Farragut Bay:	2 legal
Stikine River:	14 legal
Thomas Bay:	5 legal
Other Mainland Areas:	2 legal

#### Game Unit 3:

Mitkof Island:	8 legal, 1 illegal
Kake Area:	24 legal, 1 illegal
Kupreanof Island (excluding Kake Area):	25 legal, 2 illegal
Kuiu Island:	29 legal
Woewodski Island:	0
Wrangell Island:	2 legal
Zarembo Island:	0



COURTESY OF LYSIE MORELLI

Lynsie Morelli with a moose bagged on Kuiu Island on Oct. 8.

## Little winter ferry service currently planned for Wrangell

By CALEB VIERKANT  
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Disruptions to ferry service have become a relatively common occurrence in recent history. The Alaska Marine Highway System has faced tight budgets, a strike, and an aging fleet in need of upgrades. With winter drawing near Wrangell will not see any ferry service for about two months if the winter schedule remains the same.

According to the sailing calendar, found at [www.dot.alaska.gov](http://www.dot.alaska.gov), the last ferry Wrangell will see in 2020 will be on Nov. 2. The *M/V Kennicott* will arrive from Ketchikan in the afternoon of that day, and depart for Petersburg shortly thereafter. After that, there is no scheduled ferry for the rest of November or December, as of Oct. 20. The next ferry to stop in Wrangell will be the *Kennicott* again, on Jan. 7, 2021.

The community of Petersburg is scheduled to still receive ferries through the same time period, according to the AMHS sailing calendar.

A Sept. 1 press release from the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, announcing the winter schedule, reported that it was necessary to scale back service this upcoming season due to low revenues.

"AMHS revenues are significantly

lower than expected due to the COVID-19 pandemic," the press release reads. "As a result, it has become necessary to build the schedule with reduced service to most communities. Some service gaps will still exist from vessel overhauls and layups as a result of available funding."

The lack of winter ferry service has concerned many in the community, and in government. The Wrangell Sentinel received a copy of a letter from Rep. Dan Ortiz, to DOT Commissioner John MacKinnon. In his letter, dated Oct. 19, Ortiz asked that the Department of Transportation and the AMHS reconsider their winter schedule for Wrangell. The current plan is to provide ferry service "... intermittently based upon tides." This plan does not properly convey a complete lack of service, he wrote.

"In a recent attempt to gather information as to the economic impacts of COVID-19 combined with a poor fishing season on the community of Wrangell, Rainforest Data conducted a survey," Ortiz wrote. "42% of the respondents said that the lack of proposed ferry service in the upcoming winter months was a primary concern of the Wrangell residents. This was despite the fact no questions were asked

about the AMHS proposed winter schedule in the survey. In the face of Alaska's economic downturn, Alaska is best served by supporting the economic well-being of every community and the way to do that is to stabilize infrastructure."

Concerns about the lack of ferry service were found in city government, as well. In their last assembly meeting, Borough Manager Lisa Von Barga also pointed out the recent survey by Rain Coast Data. The survey reads that a lack of ferry service was among the top challenges local businesses are facing in Wrangell. The Business Climate and COVID-19 Impacts survey can be found at [www.wrangell.com](http://www.wrangell.com). Von Barga said that this survey had 114 respondents in total, and a lack of ferry service was in the top five concerns of those respondents. This concern sits at 41 percent, as the fifth top business concern listed.

"What that tells me is that's a much bigger deal than I think is really being talked about here in the community," Von Barga said. "That information has been relayed up the chain and we are continuing to do that."

Mayor Steve Prysunka also shared his opinions on the ferry situation. In a phone call on Oct. 20, he said that he

and Von Barga had been in contact with both Ortiz and Senator Bert Stedman regarding this issue.

"We raised our concerns with him [Stedman], he was very understanding," he said.

In Prysunka's opinion, the ferry system's concerns about tides causing scheduling problems for Wrangell do not hold water. The ferry has managed to make regular stops in Wrangell for years beforehand, so he said the excuse about the tides was ridiculous. While the city does have private alternatives for ferry service, he said that these have limitations compared to the AMHS. He also said that he did not feel it was right to ask people to take a private ferry to Banana Point, then drive all the way into Petersburg, just to catch a ferry to Juneau or Ketchikan.

"We will have one north bound vessel in November and one south bound vessel in January," Prysunka wrote in a letter to the editor, submitted to the Sentinel on Oct. 20. "How is this possible? We are literally right between Ketchikan and Petersburg ... I appreciate that it is expensive to run the Marine Highway System, but for goodness sake, you are only diverting 40 miles, round trip, to service Southeast's 5th largest community."

# Prysunkas provide COVID-19 update

By CALEB VIERKANT  
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The Prysunka family, Dr. Lynn and Mayor Steve, met with KSTK and Wrangell Sentinel reporters on the afternoon of Oct. 20 to talk about the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Wrangell has seen a total of 20 cases of the virus since the pandemic began. The most recent case was announced on Sept. 14. All of these cases have recovered, though, and Wrangell has not seen an active case in about a month. However, across the state and the coun-

try, cases continue to rise.

The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services reported a total of 11,393 Alaska resident cases as of Oct. 20, an increase of 215 just that day. While things may seem to be calming down in Wrangell, the Prysunkas talked about why the public still needs to remain vigilant.

"In Monday's meeting [with the Emergency Operations Center] a lot of red flags came up, regarding where we're heading in the state and states we sort of border with," Steve

said. "At that point we decided we wanted to reach out to the media again and have another discussion about mitigation and some of the concerns we're having."

Lynn discussed some details regarding COVID testing, and protocols in place for hospitalization. She said that deciding if a patient with COVID-19 is healthy enough to return home, or if they need hospitalization, depends on their symptoms and pre-existing conditions. Oxygen levels in the blood system are something they look at, she said, but this can be subjective.

"So if your oxygen level in your blood system, without any extra oxygen, is 95 percent or greater, you're considered okay," Lynn said. "The reason it gets kind of gray is some people normally, without COVID because they've got lung disease, have a significantly lower oxygen level. There's a certain amount of clinical judgment that has to play to whether somebody should be hospitalized."

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## Flu shot clinic

The Southeast Alaska Health Consortium hosted a flu shot clinic last Saturday afternoon outside of Evergreen Elementary school. People were invited to walk or drive up and receive a free flu shot. While the flu can be caught year-round in the United States, according to the CDC, it becomes more prevalent in the fall and winter. Flu activity generally peaks between December and February, their website reads. Pictured here are several members of SEARHC who operated the clinic (left to right): Randi Yancey, Kourtney Beale, Erica Marquis, Jim DeBord, Carly Allen, and Laura Gile.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

**Thursday, October 22:** Kelley Decker, Sandy Massin, Chris Barnett, Pam Roope, Verity Waddington, Mason Villarma, Nicole Taylor. **Friday, October 23:** Marlene Messmer, *Anniversary:* Mike & Karen Lockabey. **Saturday, October 24:** Juliette Morris, Kyler Castle, Adeline Andrews. **Sunday, October 25:** Ira Merrill, "Cappy" Bakke, Dude Torvend, Einer Haaseth. **Monday, October 26:** Autum Hammock, *Anniversary:* Rick & Maxi Wiederspohn. **Tuesday, October 27:** Nathaniel Rooney, *Anniversary:* James & Rachel Stough. **Wednesday, October 28:** Relda Streets, Frank Young, Jr. **Thursday, October 29:** Sadie O'Brien, Carolyn Ottesen, Margaret Fisher, Stan Torvend.

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

## Senior Center Meals Menu Delivery Only

**Friday, October 23**

Fiesta Pork Chops, Sweet Potato, Fruit Slaw.

**Monday, October 26**

Swedish Meatballs with Pasta, Tossed Salad, Broccoli.

**Tuesday, October 27**

Chicken California with Rice, Peas, Texas Coleslaw.

**Wednesday, October 28**

Honey Glazed Ham, Potatoes Au Gratin, Garden Salad.

**Thursday, October 29**

Baked Fish, Honey Orange Salad, Rice Vegetable Pilaf.

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

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

## FERRY

### Northbound

Monday, Nov. 2

Kennicott 01:00 p.m.

### Southbound

Thursday, Oct. 29

Kennicott 05:45 a.m.

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



## TIDES

October 22 - October 29

### High Tides

### Low Tides

	AM		PM		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
Oct. 22	05:54	13.3	05:37	15.0	11:17	4.8	....	....
Oct. 23	07:11	12.5	06:54	13.6	00:17	0.8	12:31	5.8
Oct. 24	08:36	12.5	08:25	13.1	01:34	1.8	02:06	6.1
Oct. 25	09:45	13.3	09:43	13.4	02:57	2.1	03:41	5.2
Oct. 26	10:39	14.3	10:44	14.1	04:08	1.9	04:48	3.9
Oct. 27	11:22	15.4	11:34	14.7	05:01	1.5	05:35	2.5
Oct. 28	11:59	16.2	....	....	05:42	1.2	06:12	1.2
Oct. 29	00:17	15.3	12:32	16.7	06:16	1.1	06:44	0.3

## Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

**Thursday, October 22**

**Wrangell Public Schools' Policy Committee:** 3:30 pm, Evergreen Elementary School Room 101. Collect input on Board Policy 5040, Student Nutrition and Physical Activity. Please contact Mrs. Powell at kpowell@wpsd.us or 907-874-2347 to RSVP. The meeting may be moved to a Zoom platform.

**Monday, October 26**

**School Board Work Session:** 4:00pm, re: School Board Training.

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

**Anyone doing business at the Wrangell Court** are required to wear a mask unless under 2 years of age or exempted for medical reasons. This is effective until further notice. All hearings are being conducted telephonically until further notice. Contact the court for the call-in number at (907) 874-2311.

## Continuing Events

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

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

**October 21, 1920**

Walter J. Larson of Wrangell, who two years ago obtained a patent on a fish trap, has recently invented a piston-cooling device for internal-combustion engines. Mr. Larson's invention comprises an improvement in water cooled pistons with a supply of cooling water. While the invention is described as using water for cooling purposes, any suitable fluid may be used. The invention may also be used with many types of engines and it is not the intention of the inventor to limit its application to any particular type. The object of the invention is to provide a piston-cooling device of few parts, and one which will eliminate excessive vibration and leakage.

**October 19, 1945**

Wrangell will assist in celebrating Navy Day, Oct. 27 when the Sellstrom Navy vessel will pay this port a call. The Sellstrom is commanded by Lt. Carlton Schmitz. In observation of Navy Day, all of Alaska's major port towns will be visited by vessels of the North Pacific fleet, word from Governor Gruening's office to the Sentinel said today. Eighteen vessels in all

are expected to visit respective ports, beginning to arrive about October 24 for a stay of from one week to ten days.

**October 22, 1970**

A 1971 Dodge Dart Swinger has been delivered to Wrangell by Walsh - Platt Motors in Everett, Wash., to be used in student and adult driver education classes. The classes will be taught by John Emde. The car is being provided free, said Principal Carl Peterson.

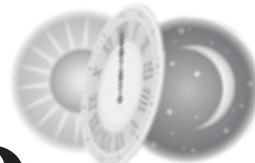
**October 19, 1995**

Three Wrangell High School students received musical honors. Josh Van Slyke was appointed to Southeast Alaska Honor Choir as bass 1 and Jeff Neyman on Trombone and Jenny Neyman for clarinet were appointed to Southeast Alaska Honor Band. Laura Demerjian and Jeff Neyman were named "Students of the Month" for September at Wrangell High School.



## Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Oct. 12	49	43
Oct. 13	45	39
Oct. 14	49	40
Oct. 15	48	42
Oct. 16	47	37
Oct. 17	44	39
Oct. 18	44	33
Oct. 19	40	32



## Daylight Hours

Oct. 22	7:33a	5:30p	09:57h
Oct. 23	7:35a	5:28p	09:53h
Oct. 24	7:38a	5:25p	09:47h
Oct. 25	7:40a	5:23p	09:43h
Oct. 26	7:42a	5:21p	09:39h
Oct. 27	7:44a	5:18p	09:34h
Oct. 28	7:46a	5:16p	09:30h
Oct. 29	7:48a	5:14p	09:26h

# Covid

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Should a patient need hospitalization, Lynn said that they are flown to Sitka, which is better equipped to handle COVID-19 cases. She also said that the airlift is covered by the patient's insurance, and if it isn't then SEARHC will foot the bill. She said that some of Wrangell's COVID patients were flown to Sitka, but she could not say how many.

Another medical topic of discussion was flu season, which is coming up. Lynn said that it is a good idea for people to get their flu vaccinations this year. COVID-19 and influenza present themselves fairly similarly, she said, so getting a flu shot could help differentiate which disease a patient is dealing with.

"We also don't know what might happen if you got COVID-19 and you got influenza at the same time, how severe that illness might be," she said.

Lynn added that there were several testing options available to the public. SEARHC of-

fers free asymptomatic testing, every weekend, at the AICS clinic. She also said that people who feel they might have symptoms should call the SEARHC COVID-19 hotline at (907) 874-2684.

Steve provided a more municipal point of view on the current situation. He said that there are several concerns, especially about state travel mandates going away while cases are continuing to rise. He said that the city and SEARHC are discussing ways to extend COVID-19 testing at the airport into next year, to help mitigate risks of the virus entering the community. Another concern, he said, is that people are getting tired of wearing masks in public, social distancing, and taking other precautions. These precautions are very important for protecting Wrangell's physical and economic health, he said, and he encouraged people to keep at it.

"The concern for me, as the mayor, is I don't want the assembly to have to put man-



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## Fall Market

The Nolan Center hosted a fall market last Saturday as part of the Tent City Days Festival. Items for sale at the market ranged from food, to jewelry, and even grant applications with the city. Pictured here are Tawney Crowley and Carter Hammer, sharing a booth and selling personally designed stickers.



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dates in place that say 'you must' or 'you will,' he said. "I don't want to do that, but we have to look at what's going on at the time, and right now we're not there. If we can prevent getting there, that's really what I'd like to do."

Another topic of discussion was the upcoming holiday season. With Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas coming

up, many people are wondering if and how friends and family can gather safely. Steve said that, unfortunately, one of the best ways to stay safe from COVID-19 is to have a very limited social circle. This means that holiday celebrations may need to be different for families than in the past.

"I know for our own family, we have asked our son and his girlfriend to stay down in Oregon this year, because the risks of them traveling, and quarantine restrictions, and so on, it's just too high," Steve said. "It's not great for our family, but it's

what we think is wise, and certainly what the health officials are recommending."

Lynn added that, if social gatherings are going to take place, it is wise to take precautions. This means wearing face masks, staying six-feet apart, maintaining small social circles, and getting tested.

"We all think we've got a bubble, but our bubbles start to overlap," she said. "So if you've got a bubble, everybody in your bubble is in your bubble, and not in three other bubbles. I think that will help remarkably."

## Police report

### October 5

Driving Complaint  
Suicide Threat  
Civil Issue  
Citizen assist: Return Property  
Disturbance

### October 6

Citizen assist: Vehicle Unlock  
Disturbance

### October 7

Courtesy Transport  
Parking Complaint. Citation Issued to Christine Abrahamson, 45, for Parking on the Sidewalk.  
Welfare Check  
Parking Complaint

### October 8

Paper Service

### October 9

Stolen Firearm: Unfounded

### October 10

Citizen Assist: Scam  
Found Property  
Agency Assist  
Citizen Assist  
Parking Complaint

### October 11

Agency Assist: EDP  
Noise Complaint: Fireworks  
Suspicious Circumstance: Vehicle Alarm

During this reporting period there were four EMS calls, two traffic stops: verbal for no headlights, five agency assist: Hoonah PD and two traffic stops.

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# Letters to the Editor

**To the Editor:**

I am extremely concerned that the State has decided to cut ferry service over the winter months to the community of Wrangell.

The Alaska Marine Highway has determined that Ketchikan and Petersburg will each have 10 stops while Wrangell will have just two. We will have one north bound vessel in November and one south bound vessel in January.

How is this possible? We are literally right between Ketchikan and Petersburg. The explanation provided by the State is that timing the tides in Wrangell Narrows is the culprit. Really? Tides? I am sure that with a little pre-planning the ferry could transit the narrows safely and not dramatically disrupt their schedule.

I appreciate that it is expensive to run the Marine Highway System, but for goodness sake, you are only diverting 40 miles, round trip, to service Southeast's 5th largest community.

Please reconsider the fall schedule.

**Mayor Stephen Prysunka  
Wrangell**

**To the Editor:**

**Dear Commissioner MacKinnon,**

The purpose of this letter is to request that the Alaska Department of Transportation and Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) management team reconsider its current proposed winter schedule as it relates to the community of Wrangell. During the comment period for the winter schedule, I was informed that Wrangell and Petersburg would be covered intermittently based upon tides. Intermittent service to Wrangell implies a baseline level of service -not the drastic reality of being completely cut out of the schedule for more than two months.

In a recent attempt to gather information as to the economic impacts of COVID-19 combined with a poor fishing season on the community of Wrangell, Rainforest Data conducted a survey. 42% of the respondents said that the lack of proposed ferry service in the upcoming winter months was a primary concern of the Wrangell residents. This was despite the fact that no questions were asked about the AMHS proposed winter schedule in the survey. In the face of Alaska's economic downturn, Alaska is best served by supporting the economic well-being of every community and the way to do that is to stabilize infrastructure.

Since its inception in the early 1960s, the Alaska Marine Highway System has been the main

public transportation infrastructure in place to serve the people and businesses in Southeast Alaska including the approximate 2,500 people living in the community of Wrangell. The service it provides is critical to the overall economic, social and cultural life that exists in the community. The state of Alaska must be accountable for its vital public infrastructure. The state still operates the Marine Highway System, and until a revised ferry system is implemented, regular reliable service to the port of Wrangell must be maintained. To do less is to ignore and cripple the livelihood and economic stability of a community with a decades long public link to Juneau, Ketchikan, Seattle, and Canada.

**Rep. Dan Ortiz**

**To the Editor:**

2020 has been a challenging year for Alaska, and nowhere is that more true than in communities reliant on fisheries and tourism.

As we continue to battle COVID-19, rebuild our economy, restore essential services, and look for a fiscal solution that makes that possible, it is imperative that we have effective leaders who cast party politics aside for the betterment of their constituents and the state; Rep. Dan Ortiz is one such leader.

As chair of both the Fisheries and Transportation Committees, as well as the representative for Kodiak, Cordova, Yakutat, and Seldovia, I have worked closely with Dan on countless coastal issues. Dan is the most effective and unwavering advocate for robust fisheries management, fisheries reform legislation, ferry service restoration, and tourism growth that we have in the legislature today.

Rep. Ortiz has accomplished this by developing great working relationships. Dan is an Independent, and I'm a life-long Republican, so we don't agree on every issue. What we always agree on, however, is the need for legislators, irrespective of party, to work together to move Alaska and our respective constituencies forward.

We all see the political divide nationally, but as Alaskans we have historically chosen our own path. The path to solutions is not one of division, but is one of compromise, independence from party politics, and that of an open mind. Rep. Ortiz has unequivocally proven that he embodies those principles, but that he will not compromise the values of his constituents in the process.

As you consider your options this November, I ask that you

stand with me in supporting Rep. Dan Ortiz, a proven and effective leader, advocate, and bridge builder for District 36.

Together, we can move coastal Alaska forward.

**Rep. Louise Stutes**

**To the Editor:**

Alaskans should not be surprised that it took Dan Sullivan a decade to say he opposes the Pebble Mine. That came only after the Pebble Tapes revealed mine backers boasting about how Sullivan was hoping to "ride out the election" and that "he's off in a corner being quiet."

Remember that it was Dan Sullivan as Commissioner of the AK Dept. of Natural Resources in 2012 who removed the words "conserve," "enhance," and "future Alaskans" from the DNR mission statement, sidestepping a state law requiring legislative approval.

Sullivan said the language was pared down "because it is already implied in the state constitution," and "it doesn't mean that every one of those concepts needs to be laid out in a mission statement."

In 2013, in the case of the Chitna Citizens Coalition vs. DNR Commissioner Dan Sullivan, the Alaska Superior Court ruled that DNR violated its own rules by denying Alaskans' their rights to keep water in streams to protect wild salmon runs from a proposed coal mine.

Since he's moved on to the U.S. Senate, Sullivan has been silent while the Trump Administration has gutted every protection for our waters, lands and air.

He has been lock step as the GOP pooh-poohs climate (and Covid) science. He has voted to overthrow a health care lifeline for thousands of Alaska fishing families (with no replacement) during a pandemic. Sullivan has voted 97% with the Trump agenda.

Dan boasts that his adopted state is the "superpower" of seafood. But his inaction on ongoing trade assaults has been a dereliction of duty.

Seafood is by far Alaska's most valuable export, and China was Alaska's biggest buyer. In the more than two years that the Trump Administration slapped an average 38% tax on seafood exports to China, Alaska's sales have dropped to the lowest level in a decade and counting.

Sullivan now brags about scoring one-time Covid trade relief money for fishermen's losses - a band-aid solution to unfair trade deals with no end in sight.

In 2014, Russia placed an

embargo on food purchases from the U.S. in retaliation for its denouncement of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Newly elected Sullivan exhorted: "If Russia won't buy seafood from us, we won't buy from them!"

Six years later, the U.S. has increased its Russian purchases by 70% to \$770 million of mostly crab, cod and salmon that competes directly with ours. More recently, millions of pounds of Russian-caught halibut that is processed in China is flooding U.S. markets. The fish comes into the U.S. via Canada to avoid paying any tariffs.

I always "vote fish" because to me that means voting for healthy oceans and thriving coastal communities. And I always vote for the person, not a party and my voting record reflects that. In more than 30 years as a radio/print reporter for Alaska's seafood industry, I have never publicly endorsed a candidate.

Dan Sullivan has shown time and time again that his own ambition and loyalty to Party and power trumps the voices of Alaskans. He also has shown that he touts the accomplishments of other congressional colleagues as his own.

I believe that Dr. Al Gross' heart is true to Alaska above all. We need that in our U.S. Senator now more than ever. I urge you to vote for Independent candidate Al Gross on November 3.

**Laine Welch  
Kodiak, AK**

**To the Editor:**

Once again, people from outside Alaska are attempting to tell those of us who call Alaska home how to manage our affairs. The difference this year is that we can control the outcome by voting No on Ballot Measure 1. Ballot Measure 1 is endorsed by the Alaska Center, an extreme environmental group bankrolled by outside political activists, primarily from California and Washington, D.C. This fact alone should be reason enough to vote No on Ballot Measure 1. But there are many more.

The supporters of this measure will tell you that raising taxes on the oil companies will put more money in your pocket and ensure that our PFDs will be safe for all time. They make this statement assuming that oil companies will continue to explore and develop fields. With this assumption they are not telling you the truth. Oil companies are reeling from a historic collapse of oil prices, and the impact of Covid-19 is huge. This Measure, if passed, will drive away the investment we need to put more oil in the pipeline. Oil companies are not going ahead with more investment in Alaska until the November election when this issue has been decided. Passing this Measure means even more job losses for Alaska and Alaska's small businesses. Simply put, if the tax rate goes up, cash flows go down and that does not make more investment in Alaskan oil realistic. Oil has

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# Kate Thomas receives recognition from ARPA

By CALEB VIERKANT  
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Kate Thomas, Wrangell's parks and recreation director, recently earned an award from the Alaska Recreation and Parks Association. ARPA held their annual conference in early October, virtually in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Among the people and organizations recognized during the ceremony was Thomas, who received the

Professional Award.

"The Professional Award is the highest recognition that ARPA can bestow upon a deserving candidate," an Oct. 16 press release read. "Kate is passionate about making small Alaska communities a better place to live, love and work, and focuses on finding ways to incorporate the best into services for all demographics in Wrangell. Kate also serves on the ARPA

Board of Directors as the organization's Secretary. Her contributions to ARPA never go unnoticed. Kate's work in the organization has allowed ARPA to succeed and build to what it is today."

Thomas said she has worked in Parks and Rec for about six years, but has been involved with tourism and recreation for around 14 years in total. She said that receiving this award was a great honor, and she was happy to receive the recognition. She explained that she was nominated for the award by somebody who has worked with her. Beyond the recognition, she said that she will receive a gold, engraved platter.

"It was awesome," Thomas said. "It definitely feels good to be recognized by my peers, but also, I think more than anything, motivates me to continue doing the work that I'm doing ... I think it just motivates me to level up and continue enhancing

**"It definitely feels good to be recognized by my peers, but also, I think more than anything, motivates me to continue doing the work that I'm doing ..."**

**-Kate Thomas,  
Wrangell's parks &  
recreation director**



my skills, so that we can refine services and policies here in Wrangell, and support other communities that are in the development process, as well."

Thomas added that the pub-

lic is welcome to come by the community recreation facility any time. They are open, she said, and they have a good COVID-19 mitigation plan in place.

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## Letters to the Editor

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been the lifeblood for Alaska's economy for over 40 years. Over the years Alaskans have come to understand that short-term gain is a risky proposition if it comes at the cost of billions of dollars over the coming years.

This measure being proposed is a complicated tax policy that should be subject to expert analysis and public input, but that never happened. A group of oil industry critics wrote it behind closed doors and then labeled it "Fair Share Act" to mislead the voting public.

Alaska's economy is resource based. Resource industries wax and wane over time in response to supply and demand, and this dictates when it is time to expand and when it is time to slow down. Since the first barrel of oil flowed down the pipeline, oil production has supported over 90% of the state's economy. The oil industry is, and it remains, our largest source of funding for our tax base and our employment base. Oil creates 77,000 direct and indirect jobs, many right here in Wrangell. Oil supports a 5 billion dollar payroll and is the state's biggest taxpayer at an average of \$3 billion per year for the past five years.

All Alaska industries oppose new taxes. With Covid-19 ravaging our economy, this is a particularly bad time to raise taxes and depress investment on any industry. It is also a fact that Alaska's oil industry has the highest operating cost of any oil province in the world.

Now is not the time to kill the Golden Goose that very well may be laying Golden Eggs again.  
**Frank Roppel**

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# Becker discusses campaign, priorities if elected

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

Having won in the primary election in September, Leslie Becker is now competing against incumbent Dan Ortiz to represent House District 36 in this November's general election. District 36 covers several Southeast Alaskan communities, including Ketchikan, Metlakatla, and Wrangell.

Becker spoke with the Wrangell Sentinel about the campaign so far, and her priorities if she is elected.

"It's a great learning experience," she said about the campaign trail. "You stretch your mind, you learn a lot ... You really dive into the core of your community."

Campaign fundraising was a topic of discussion, as well. In an interview with the Wrangell Sentinel, Rep. Ortiz said that Becker had raised more money for her campaign than he had. Becker pointed to an Oct. 17 article by the Ketchikan Daily News, breaking down fundraising between the two campaigns. A significant portion of Becker's campaign finances

come from self contributions, according to the article. Rep. Ortiz, meanwhile, has drawn most of his campaign funding from individual donations, political action committees, and previous campaign income. Becker said that it was not really her out-fundraising her opponent, but their sources of funding were coming from different places. With all sources of funding considered, the Ketchikan Daily News article said, Becker is ahead in fundraising by about \$15,000.

Becker went on to say that she has met many people and has really learned a lot about the feelings and priorities of people in District 36. A major issue across many communities, she said, is the ferry system. The Alaska Marine Highway is important for Southeast communities for many rea-



Leslie Becker

sons, she said. Beyond the ferries serving as an important mode of transportation, it is also an important aspect of the economy for the region. If elected, she said she wants to do her part to ensure the ferry system is supported and managed properly, and to get it running smoothly again.

"The ferry is a big portion of our supply chain management," Becker said.

Becker said another area of concern across the region, and specifically for Wrangell, is the fishing industry. If she is elected, Becker said she wants to protect and support the fishing fleets. One way to go about this, she said in the interview, was to do something about the Marine Mammal Protection Act. This is federal legislation that protects marine mammals,

such as sea otters. With increasing competition between fishermen and sea otters for resources such as crab, abalone, and others, she said that she wants to fight for fishing the industry.

Becker also differentiated herself from Rep. Ortiz by calling herself a fiscal conservative. One of her goals, if elected, will be to "right-size" the state budget and get spending under control. She said that she understands that new taxes might potentially be necessary, but said she would fight to keep those at bay for as long as possible until excess spending is dealt with. She also said that she will fight for a constitutional spending cap, to further "right-size" the budget. She wants to push for economic expansion and to create new opportunities within Alaska, she added.

More information about Becker and her campaign can be found at [www.lesliebeckeralaska.com](http://www.lesliebeckeralaska.com). She said that she welcomed anybody to reach out to her with comments, questions, or concerns.

## Good Luck WHS 2020 Swimming & Volleyball Teams

### WHS Swimming 2020 Schedule

- October 23-24** Virtual - Ketchikan
- November 6-7** Virtual - Sitka
- November 20-21** Regions @ Ketchikan
- December 4-5** State @ Anchorage

The Wrangell High School swim team (from farthest to closest lanes, left to right): Lane 5: Carter Hammer. Lane 4: Jack Roberts and Bruce Smith. Lane 3: Nikolai Siekawitch, Renee Roberts, and Jimmy Baggen. Lane 2: Aaliyah Messmer and Tyson Messmer. Not pictured are Keely Good, Jacob Allen, and Ashleigh Loomis.



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The Wrangell Lady Wolves (left to right, back row): Kendra Meissner, Kiara Harrison, Ashley Olsen, Jamie Early, (front row:) Grace Miller, Brodie Gardner, and Jade Balansag. Not pictured are Robyn Booker and Kayla Meissner.

### WHS Volleyball 2020 Schedule

- October 24** Petersburg @ Wrangell
- October 31** Wrangell @ Klawock
- November 7** Wrangell @ Petersburg
- November 13** Wrangell @ Petersburg for Senior Night
- November 14** Petersburg @ Wrangell for Senior Night
- November 20-21** Regions on POW

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# Ortiz visits Wrangell, discusses priorities if re-elected

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

Representative Dan Ortiz visited Wrangell last week, going door-knocking and speaking with constituents as part of his re-election campaign. He is running again for House District 36, against Leslie Becker. District 36 covers several Southeast Alaskan communities, including Ketchikan, Metlakatla, and Wrangell. This campaign has been a good competition, he said, mentioning that Becker was ahead of

him on fundraising.

An Oct. 17 article in the Ketchikan Daily News reported that Becker was ahead of Ortiz in campaign revenue by about \$15,000. A majority of Becker's campaign finances come from self-contributions, according to the article, while most of Ortiz's funding has come from previous campaign income, contributions from individuals, and political action committees.

Ortiz said that he was standing on his track record as the incumbent candidate, and he was



Representative Dan Ortiz

Wrangell, Ortiz spoke with the Wrangell Sentinel to discuss some of his priorities should he be re-elected. The first thing he brought up was the Alaska Marine Highway System, which he said was a big concern to his constituents. He pointed out that Wrangell was not anticipating any ferry service at all this winter, which was something he said he was fighting to get changed. It was his understanding, he said, that the Alaska Department of Transportation felt tides in the Wrangell Narrows would make any schedule involving Wrangell prone to delays and would throw off their whole schedule. This would then have implications on their crews and overtime pay, he was told. Recently, Ortiz sent a letter to DOT Commissioner John MacKinnon asking him to reconsider Wrangell's winter schedule, and find a way to keep providing the community with regular service through the winter.

Another concern of his is the loss of revenue across the state. Alaska has seen a significant decline in revenue, he said, and he felt it was important to remember local community governments whenever budgets are being proposed. He wants to make sure there is state support for local programs, naming school bond debt reimbursement and revenue sharing programs in particular. He was very concerned about not letting the state shift costs down to local communities. This was a concern he had heard from some of his constituents, he said, and he wanted to assure them he agreed with their concerns. They needed to solve their problems at the state level, he said, not at the cost of local government support.

"I think that it's important that the state just doesn't cost-shift its problems down to the local area and cause a greater likelihood or a greater pressure on local bodies to increase taxes, property taxes and other types of local taxes in order to make up for the lack of support that had normally been there for the state during better times," Ortiz said.

More information about Ortiz and his campaign can be found at [www.danortizalaska.com](http://www.danortizalaska.com).

"It's always good to be in Wrangell," Ortiz said. "I appreciate the opportunity. I always feel welcome here in the community."

## Zarembo dock and ramp closed

WRANGELL, Alaska - The walkway and ramp of Roosevelt Harbor Dock on Zarembo Island is closed to public use as of Oct. 16, 2020 to ensure public health and safety. The closure order is effective until necessary repairs are completed. The float remains open to use for mooring.

This closure is because of structural deficiencies found during a routine inspection by a licensed engineering firm contracted by the USDA Forest Service. The pin and hanger assemblies are severely deteriorated from normal use (wear and tear).

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# Alaska Fish Factor By LAINE WELCH Fisheries columnist

## Light-weight collapsible pots prevent whales from pirating pricey black cod from longline hooks

Light-weight collapsible pots prevent whales from pirating pricey black cod from longline hooks and give a break to small boats.

“Getting whaled” is so pervasive fishery managers allowed black cod (sablefish) fishermen to switch from baited lines to rigid pots in the Bering Sea in 2008 and in the Gulf of Alaska starting in 2017. (Interestingly, killer whales rob the hooks in the Bering Sea, while sperm whales are the culprits in the Gulf.)

“The whale predation has just been so horrible,” said Frank Miles of Kodiak, owner of 58 foot and 78 foot fishing boats. “The last couple years I tried to do it with hooks, and it just got to the point to where we left tens of thousands of pounds of black cod unharvested because we were going backwards feeding the whales. You can spread your strings 10 miles apart, and you might get one or two skates up and they find you. And then they pretty much strip you blind.”

Analyses from federal surveys in 2013 showed that when killer whales were present during annual sablefish stock surveys, the whales removed 54 to 72 percent from the hooks.

But switching from lines to pots is no easy deal.

Miles said costs can run as high as a quarter million dollars to buy rigid pots and add hydraulics and all the peripherals needed to run the heavy gear. The traditional pots also are too big and heavy for smaller boats, and they don’t have the power to pull it off the bottom.

Leave it to fishermen’s ingenuity to solve the problem in the form of collapsible mesh pots with an added whale resistant twist.

“The pots that I’m producing now are a hot dip galvanized, high carbon steel wire that is formed into a helical spring with a closed end at both ends. They also use knotless PE webbing, and the idea there is to have a small mesh size,” said Alexander Stubbs of Stubbs Marine in San Francisco. “It fishes better and it acoustically masks the fish in the pot. There’s a density difference between the PE mesh and water, and the idea is that it will obscure the acoustic echo return of fish trapped in the pot to try and prevent whales from messing with this gear.”

Stubbs also is a small boat fisherman and research biologist and said he first noticed the pot design while doing field work in Asia where small collapsible spring traps are

commonly used to catch specimens.

“And I thought if we just size this up a lot, and make it way stronger, there might be a chance to use it in a black cod fishery,” he said. The pots cost about \$150 each, roughly half the price of rigid pots.

Stubbs developed the concept and fished the gear over three years and last fall sent the first batch of pots to Alaska. Frank Miles was one of the first to try them out.

“The black cod pot limit is 300 and guys like to be able to bring their full complement and the big boats can do it. But you talk to the crew members that are working these heavy pots, or you’ve got two guys trying to stack pots 20 high in a rolling pitching sea, it can be an issue,” Miles said. “These coil pots weigh anywhere from seven to 10 pounds and they spring out 36 inches in height by five feet in length. So you’re getting a lot of cubes that are actually fishing. And in the pot world, cubes mean everything - the bigger the pot, the more fish it attracts. The results have been incredible.”

Over the past year, Stubbs has sent several thousand pots to fishing operations throughout the Gulf and Bering Sea in collaboration with Pete Sawle at Fish Tech Inc.

“I hear many positive reports from fishermen that seem to be having success using them. Even some of the schooner fleet has started fishing with them,” said Doug Bowen of Alaska Boats and Permits in Homer. “Until these pots came along, the small boats didn’t really have many options. Many fishermen that had purchased sablefish quota saw their investments lose substantial value as quota prices declined with the increased difficulty in harvesting the resource.”

We’ve been feeding the whales for a long time and these pots seem to be an effective tool against them.”

The ultimate goal of the new gear, Stubbs said, is to make fishermen’s businesses safer and more profitable.

“If somebody else comes up with a better design for a collapsible pot, and it helps the fishery, I’ll be stoked on that as well,” he said. “I really think that overall, there is clearly a need for thinking outside the box about different ways to make space saving fish traps. And my hope is that this can be the first in a series of designs from me or other people.”

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## FREE COVID-19 TESTING AVAILABLE IN WRANGELL

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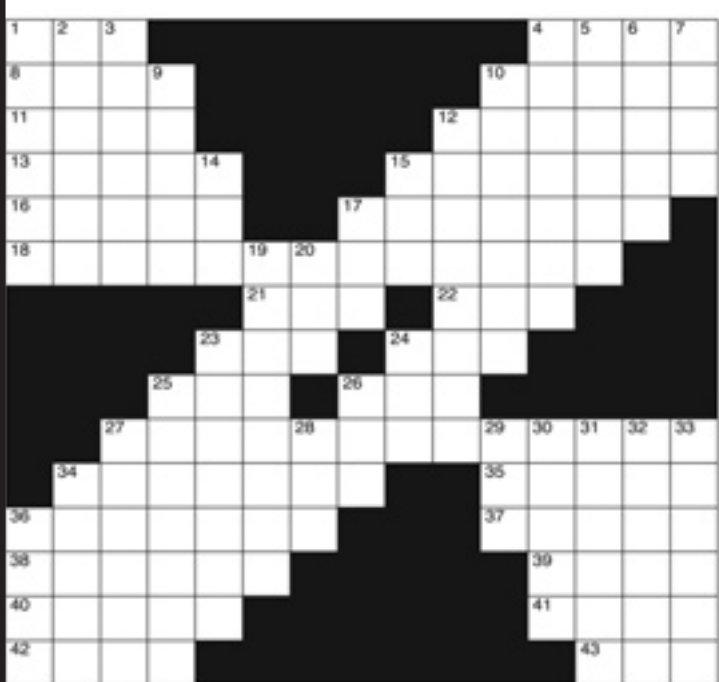
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# Comics



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- 10. Well-known island
- 11. Not saintly
- 12. Habitual
- 13. Central parts of church buildings
- 15. Trust
- 16. Intestinal
- 17. Deep-bodied fish
- 18. Live up to expectations
- 21. Snag
- 22. Partner to haw
- 23. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 24. Sheep disease
- 25. Male term of endearment
- 26. United
- 27. Popular TV host
- 34. Overnighters
- 35. Beloved British princess
- 36. Obtains from
- 37. Third Mughal Emperor
- 38. Shares the opinion of
- 39. Central European river
- 40. Feudal estates
- 41. KU hoops coach Bill
- 42. Spreads out for drying
- 43. "The Partridge Family" actress Susan

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Picturesque
- 2. South Pacific island country
- 3. Shrub of the olive family
- 4. Establish the truth of
- 5. Unfettered
- 6. Originations
- 7. Famed English park
- 9. Sheep's cry
- 10. Danced
- 12. More upstanding
- 14. Upstate NY airport (abbr.)
- 15. Type of lettuce
- 17. Place to call a pint
- 19. Backs
- 20. Partner to cheese
- 23. Makes it there
- 24. Value
- 25. One's convictions
- 26. Former CIA
- 27. Clashed
- 28. Affirmative
- 29. Journalist Tarbell
- 30. Athletic shoes
- 31. Roof style
- 32. Make possible
- 33. Make less dense
- 34. Healthy food
- 36. Silly

# Fish Factor

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**Fish craze continues** - One unexpected constant amid the Covid uncertainties is that people continue to buy and cook more seafood. Since March, when the pandemic led to lockdowns in the U.S. and elsewhere, consumer buying habits have busted several long held beliefs, including that Americans are reluctant to cook seafood at home.

A poll of major retailers by the Global Aquaculture Alliance is consistent with other surveys that show evidence of the seafood-at-home craze is "overwhelming." One U.S. supermarket chain reported a 40 percent increase in salmon and shrimp demand and a doubling in snow crab sales.

Seafood was the most sus-

ceptible protein to price collapse given its dependence on foodservice sales. Early on, prices and sales for salmon and shrimp, for example, fell to the lowest value in years. Urner Barry, the nation's oldest commodity market tracker since 1858, said the drastic price declines may have been a big reason behind the remarkable increase in retail seafood sales. Home deliveries also have surged.

A silver lining is that people have found out that seafood is one of the easiest proteins to cook, said major buyers for Publix and Giant Eagle. And given the global health crisis, consumers also have switched for health reasons, such as boosting their immune system by eating a protein that is

packed with heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids.

Polls also said that "food-at-home fatigue" is real and retailers are preparing marketing campaigns to keep the boom alive. A lot depends on the status of restaurants. As many as 100,000 outlets have closed long-term or for good, according to the National Restaurant Association, and the change of seasons will curtail less restrictive outdoor dining options.

The GAA poll said foodservice and retailers agree on one thing; the seafood marketplace has changed forever and companies that do the best will be those that embrace new consumer trends.

**Salmon sales watch** - The U.S. exported 9.2 million pounds of frozen H&G (headed and gutted) chum salmon worth \$11 million in August, down 48% and 50%, respectively, year over year. Undercurrent News reports that the average price fell by 4% to \$5.72 per pound from a year ago and by 10% from the previous month.

Based on U.S. trade data, exports of U.S. frozen H&G sockeye salmon totaled nearly 26.6 million pounds worth \$97.2 million in August, down 19% in volume and 9% in value from the same time last year. The average price hit its highest level since the beginning of the year at \$8.04 per kilogram, or \$17.68 per pound.

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

During the Regular Borough Assembly meeting on **October 27, 2020 (beginning at 6:00 p.m.)**, there will be a **PUBLIC HEARING** on the following item(s):

- a. Proposed zone change of Lot 1, Block 35, USS 1119 from Multi-Family Residential to Single Family Residential, requested by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

If you would like to call into the Public Hearing, please call Kim Lane, Borough Clerk at 907-874-2381 no later than Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. to request the call-in information and to be added to the list of Persons to be Heard.

The meeting will be broadcasted over the local radio station (Stikine Radio, KSTK)

Kim Lane, MMC  
City & Borough of Wrangell

**Publish: October 22, 2020**

## NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION Tuesday, November 3, 2020

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**Published: October 22 and 29, 2020**

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Puzzle answers will be in the October 29 edition

# Classified/Legals

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### 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 2021

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](mailto:clerk@wrangell.com) on or before **October 21st, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.**

**The Appointment will be made at the October 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.wrangell.com)

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

**Publish: October 15 and 22, 2020.**

### PUBLIC NOTICE Vacancies on City Boards/Committees City and Borough of Wrangell

The City and Borough of Wrangell is accepting letters of interest from citizens who may wish to serve on the following Board or Committee:

- Parks & Recreation Board until 10/2021
- Parks & Recreation Board until 10/2022
- Parks & Recreation Board until 10/2023
- Economic Development Committee until 10/2023

Please submit your *letter of interest* by **5:00 p.m., Tuesday, prior to the next Regular Borough Assembly meeting** to:

Mayor Steve Prysunka  
P.O. Box 531  
Wrangell, AK 99929

Or email your *letter of interest* to the Borough Clerk at: [clerk@wrangell.com](mailto:clerk@wrangell.com).

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](http://www.wrangell.com)

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### PUBLIC NOTICE Request for Qualifications

Wrangell Cooperative Association Transportation (WCAT), a federally recognized tribe, is soliciting proposals and rate information from qualified professionals to provide services for: Civil, Architectural, Mechanical, and Electrical Engineering schematic level design of a Maintenance/Warehouse Facility, and related services. The firm will also provide an associated cost to construct estimate for the design. For more information and to request a copy of the RFQ, please Call Bill Willard at (907) 874-3077, or email [wwillard@wca-t.com](mailto:wwillard@wca-t.com) and [lizcabot@wca-t.com](mailto:lizcabot@wca-t.com). Office hours: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please leave a message if calling after hours. Deadline: 4:00 p.m. (AKST), Monday, November 16, 2020.

**Publish: October 22, 29, November 5 and 12, 2020**

### LEGAL

Pursuant to the City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska, Borough Charter, Sec. 4, public notice is hereby given that the following ordinance listed by title only has been adopted by the Borough Assembly. Such ordinances are currently on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and may be inspected upon request.

**EMERGENCY ORDINANCE No 980 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA EXTENDING THE BOROUGH'S DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC AND GRANTING AUTHORIZATION TO TAKE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH DURING THE EMERGENCY THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020.**

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

**Publish: October 22, 2020**

### CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL JOB ADVERTISEMENT HARBOR MAINTENANCE / SECURITY

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# Lady Wolves fall to Craig in first home games of the season

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Lady Wolves volleyball team, held their first home games of the season last Saturday against the Craig Lady Panthers. The games were hard-fought, but ultimately Wrangell was not able to claim any victories this time around.

As part of a COVID-19 mitigation plan, the public was not invited to attend the games. Instead, they were live-streamed to the school district's YouTube channel.

The first game had the two teams neck-and-neck for a good portion of the game, with the Lady Wolves maintaining a nar-

row lead at several points. The game tied up at 17-17, where Craig managed to pull ahead. The final score was 20-25, a win for Craig.

The second game went heavily in Craig's favor. They took the lead early and held on to it right up to the end. The final score was 17-25.



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Kiara Harrison at last Saturday's volleyball games against Craig.

Wrangell got the first score of game three, but Craig was able to pull ahead 4-6. Then, it was Wrangell's turn to pull ahead. However, Craig managed to keep up and tied the game at 12-12. They then took the lead and eventually claimed victory. The final score of the game was 14-25.

WHS Activities Director Trisa Rooney said the Lady Wolves are scheduled to travel to Petersburg this weekend for their next set of games. However, as Petersburg has seen several recent cases of COVID-19, she said a final decision to go has not been made as of Oct. 20.

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