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Turkey Trot 5k, 2019

The Southeast Beasts' 8th Annual Turkey Trot is tradition in Wrangell for the past eight Thansgivings. The proceeds from this year run went to support the local food bank and the WHS Wrestling Team.

A warmer, wetter winter for Wrangell this season

By BRIAN VARELA
Sentinel writer

For the next three months, Wrangell will be experiencing above normal precipitation levels and temperatures, according to the National Weather Service in Juneau.

The Climate Prediction Center is showing a 33 to 40 percent chance of perception levels being above average both in Wrangell and throughout Southeast Alaska this winter. During the same period, Wrangell will also be seeing a 33 to 40 percent chance of warmer than normal temperatures.

"Although this time period is too far out to give any specifics, the general trend does look like it favors above normal precipitation," said a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

According to the NWS, the organization does-

n't receive regular climate data from the Wrangell Airport like it had previously up until 2012; as a result, obtaining accurate data on precipitation levels for the past several months or years can be difficult. Data from 1917 through 2012 shows the average amount of rainfall in Wrangell in December, January and February to be 7.97, 7.27 and 5.81 inches respectively. Average temperatures for December, January and February are 31.9, 30 and 32.8 degrees respectively.

Last month, forecasts for the Mitkof Island area also showed a winter with above average levels of precipitation and lower chances of snow, according to Meteorologist Wes Adkins. He credits that warmer and wetter weather for the region to a pattern of Pacific storms venturing into the Gulf of Alaska.

Petersburg man indicted on two controlled substance counts

By BRIAN VARELA
Sentinel writer

PETERSBURG - Garitt Johnston, 30, was indicted by a Grand Jury on Nov. 21 for his involvement with Eric Jennings, who had received a package with heroin, methamphetamine and gamma-hydroxybutyric acid (GHB) in it on Nov. 9. Johnston was indicted on one

count of aiding or abetting the manufacturing or delivery of a schedule IA controlled substance with intent to manufacture or deliver and one count of aiding or abetting the possession with intent to manufacture or deliver any amount of a schedule IIA or IIIA controlled substance, according to the complaint.

A United States postal inspector identified three controlled substances in a parcel addressed to Jennings on Nov. 7. The package was outfitted with a tracking device that led authorities to Jennings on Nov. 9 who had the package on his boat. Johnston was with Jennings on his boat when authorities arrived, according to Police Chief Jim Kerr.



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Cookies with Santa

Last Sunday afternoon Hannah's Place kicked off December with Santa greeting Wrangell's children at their annual Cookies with Santa event. Santa is holding Royce, Wrangell's youngest resident at just six days old. The board members and friends provided a dozen cookies for each family attending and an ornament to make.

Johnston and another individual who was on the boat were interviewed and said they knew the parcel had drugs in it and that they were expecting to receive some from Jennings, according to the complaint. Johnston was arrested on charges of miscon-

duct involving a controlled substance in the second degree and misconduct involving a controlled substance in the third degree on Nov. 21.

Kerr said he was not sure if the third individual who was on the boat would be prosecuted.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, December 5: Reid Pollow, Kimberly Powell, Ashlee Randall. **Friday, December 6:** Brandy Castle, Jason Neyman, Monica Wedam. **Saturday, December 7:** Twyla Nore, Mercedes Angerman. **Anniversary:** Bill & Marlene Messmer, Ed & Janice Kalkins, Tom & Tedi Sims, Mike & Barb Rugo. **Sunday, December 8:** Bradley Eklund, Steven Smith, Vienna Powers. **Monday, December 9:** Katherine Venables, Tammie Kirschner. **Tuesday, December 10:** Kiah Bylow, Maddison Ginter, Pam Stover, Tarren Legg-Privett. **Wednesday, December 11:** Carrie Mason, Rob Rooney, Tammi Meissner. **Anniversary:** Leonard & Kathie Angerman. **Thursday, December 12:** Maria Beers, Alicia Holder, Lana Johnson, Katie Neyman, Keith Nolan.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, December 5

Chicken Cacciatore, Peas, Salad, Butter Noodles

Friday, December 6

Taco Salad, Squash, Danish Salad, Fried Potatoes

Monday, December 9

BBQ Chicken, Mix Vegetables, Peach Salad, Biscuits

Tuesday, December 10

Salisbury Steak, Broccoli, Cabbage Slaw, Parsley Potatoes

Wednesday, December 11

Pork Chops with Apple, Peas, Salad, Rice

Thursday, December 12

Clam Chowder, Ham & Tomato Sandwich, Danish Salad

Please call Wrangell Senior Center at 874-2066 by 10 a.m. for reservations. Milk, tea and coffee will be served with meals.

FERRY

Departures

Northbound

Friday, December 6

Matanuska 3:45 p.m.

Friday, December 13

Matanuska 8:45 p.m.

Friday, December 20

Matanuska 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, December 24

Matanuska, 11:45 a.m.

Saturday, December 28

Matanuska, 12:00 a.m.

Friday, January 3

Matanuska, 5:15 p.m.

Southbound

Monday, December 9

Matanuska 03:30 a.m.

Monday, December 16

Matanuska 08:00 a.m.

Monday, December 23

Matanuska, 09:00 am

Friday, December 27

Matanuska, 08:15 a.m.

Monday, December 30

Matanuska, 05:00 a.m.

Monday, January 6

Matanuska, 08:00 a.m.

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



TIDES Dec. 05 - Dec. 12

High Tides

Low Tides

	AM		PM		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
December 5	07:56	13.3	08:04	11.7	00:50	3.3	01:52	5.2
December 6	08:46	14.1	09:08	12.2	01:52	3.4	02:58	4.0
December 7	09:30	15.0	10:01	12.9	02:50	3.4	03:50	2.5
December 8	10:09	15.8	10:49	13.6	03:40	3.3	04:33	1.1
December 9	10:46	16.5	11:32	14.2	04:25	3.1	05:11	-0.2
December 10	11:21	17.0	05:04	2.9	05:46	-1.2
December 11	00:12	14.6	11:56	17.4	05:41	2.8	06:21	-2.0
December 12	00:51	14.9	12:30	17.6	06:17	2.9	06:56	-2.4

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Saturday, December 7

Elks Hoop Shoot: 10:00 am, the Community Gym

Sunday, December 8

Annual Community Chorake Christmas Concert: 3:00 pm, Nolan Center

Tuesday, December 10

MS/HS Christmas Concert: 7:00 pm, HS Gym

Thursday, December 12

The Wrangell Fish and Game Advisory Committee: meeting at 7 pm, the Wrangell Fire Hall.

Elementary School Concert: Elementary Gym, at 7:00 pm, students arrive @ 6:45

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: Monday-Friday 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.

December 4, 1919

R.M. Allen and Associates, who recently liberated a number of foxes on Channel Island, near Wrangell, have recovered all but three of the animals. They have moved their outfit and stock to Entrance Island, Hobart Bay, where they will establish their fox ranch. It became necessary to move the animals as it was found that the waters around Channel Island freeze under certain conditions, and in that case the foxes would be lost.

December 1, 1944

Wrangell was host to a large group of army personnel this week with the arrival on Monday of a craft enroute to the south. On Monday evening a USO dance was held and the following night "Tex" McKowan and Helen Ronning arranged for another public dance at the A.N.B. hall. A large crowd turned out to help entertain the servicemen, many of whom have been stationed in remote spots for two or three years. On leaving the men expressed their gratitude for the town's hospitality with the following words: "To the people of Wrangell, thanks for the swell time, and we hope to meet you again soon. This is dedicated to the swellest town in Alaska." This is signed by "The Army Crews."

For the public dance, A.N.B. furnished their hall at a reduced rate, and the following musicians made up an orchestra: Laura Bradley, Dorianne Barnes, Freddy Grant, Jim Miller, and Jimmy Willard.

December 4, 1969

Elks Lodge 1595 held its annual Purple Bubble Ball Nov. 29 at the Elks Hall. The party included a buffet dinner. Music was provided by Sven Anderson and the Gold notes. The band played until 3 a.m. although the party was hardly over at that time, according to

club manager Vic Wyatt. An estimated 200 people attended the ball, which is held for the benefit of the Elks charity fund. Purple was used extensively in the decorations and at midnight a mass of purple balloons descended from the ceiling where they had been suspended by a net.

December 1, 1994

About 30 Wrangell citizens, including most of the City Council, met Tuesday night at Wrangell High School commons to identify a capital projects list. Moved up from the previously scheduled Dec. 6 date, Mayor Ray McGurk called for a discussion to see what the community wanted submitted to the legislature - but was trying to get a list submitted to Gov. Walter Hickel so the list could be considered by the transitional team prior to the inau-

guration of a new governor. It was presumed at the time to be Tony Knowles, unless a recount should change the Nov. 8 election results. In addition to considering a list previously made by the Council, which included a prioritized list approved by Wrangell's School Board, discussion centered around ways in which other Alaska cities were presenting their capital projects lists. In the "brainstorming" discussion, categories considered included education, economic development, health and safety, transportation, ports and harbors, historical and cultural, social services and regional needs. Many solutions to problems and sources of funds were discussed as well as identification of projects to submit to legisla-



Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Nov. 25	37	32
Nov. 26	38	32
Nov. 27	36	27
Nov. 28	30	26
Nov. 29	32	26
Nov. 30	38	27
Dec. 1	40	36
Dec. 2	44	39



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Dec. 05	7:59a	3:17p	07:18h
Dec. 06	8:01a	3:16p	07:15h
Dec. 07	8:02a	3:15p	07:13h
Dec. 08	8:03a	3:15p	07:12h
Dec. 09	8:05a	3:14p	07:09h
Dec. 10	8:06a	3:14p	07:08h
Dec. 11	8:07a	3:14p	07:07h
Dec. 12	8:09a	3:13p	07:04h



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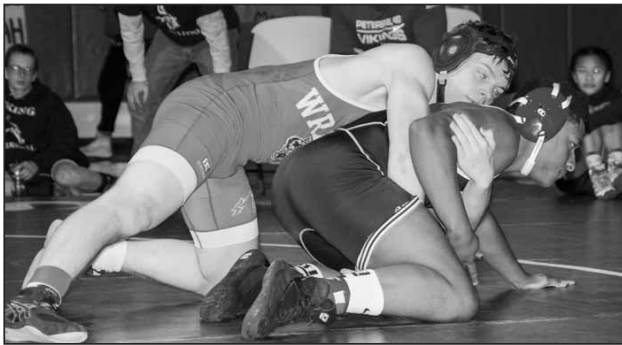


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Sophomore Rowen Wiederspohn (left) of the Wrangell Wolves about to pin Petersburg wrestler Sawyer Bryner.

Wolves fight hard at Viking Mix and Match

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Wolves wrestling team made a short trip north to Petersburg for the Viking Mix and Match this past weekend. They went up against wrestlers from Petersburg, Craig, Thorne Bay and Thunder Mountain.

In the Varsity 103 bracket, Devlyn Campbell and Jacob Hay both took third place, losing by fall to Merrick Nilsen of Petersburg. In the Varsity 140 bracket, Ethan Blatchley took fourth

place. In the Varsity 160 bracket, James Shilts and Hunter Wiederspohn both took fourth place. Shilts fell to Alex Worhatch of Petersburg, and Wiederspohn lost by decision to Luke Wegand of Craig High School. In the Varsity 171 bracket, Rowen Wiederspohn took fourth place. In the Varsity 215 bracket, Jake Eastaugh took third place. In the Varsity 285 bracket, Leroy Wynne took fourth place. In the Girls 112 bracket, CeAirra Glaser took second place. She fell to Deirdre Toyomura of Petersburg.

Police report

November 25
Welfare check.
Citizen Assist.

November 26
Citizen Assist: Vehicle un-
lock.
Agency Assist: Hoonah P.D.

Theft.
Agency Assist: Fire.
November 27
Theft.

Subpoena Service.
Traffic Stop.
False Report.
November 28
Agency Assist: Line Crew
November 29
Agency Assist: Fire Depart-
ment.
Suspicious Circumstance.
Agency Assist: Probation.

November 30
Suspicious Circumstance.
Suspicious Activity.
December 1
Subpoena Service.
Citizen Assist: Flat tire.
Traffic Complaint.
During this reporting
period there were five EMS
calls.



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Friendsgiving 2019

On Wednesday, Nov. 27 "Friendsgiving" was celebrated with the students and staff of Evergreen Elementary School at the Nolan Center. Each student was given the opportunity to decorate and prepare the facility for the elaborate affair and could invite a guest of their choosing. Friends and family were present to support each child's creativity as centerpieces and wall decorations were displayed. Organizers of the event were teachers, Mikki Angerman and Jenn Warfel Miller.



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ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - Free to a good home: One newspaper.

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Publisher Larry Persily is willing to give away The Skagway News to the right person or couple who are willing to move to Skagway, Alaska, a cruise ship town that once boasted four newspapers during the height of the Klondike Gold Rush days.

"The only way this paper has a long-term future, and anything that I've ever seen that works with small town weeklies or bi-weeklies is where the small town editor owns, lives and are in the community," he said. "And that's what this needs."

Persily has been editing the newspaper he purchased in April remotely from Anchorage, which is 500 miles west of Skagway, near the top of the Alaska Panhandle.

It's a two-person shop, with

an editor and a business person on site. The editor gave notice, prompting Persily, a Chicago transplant who has a long history in Alaska journalism, to look for another solution.

He declined to say what he paid for the newspaper, but he said it was more than a fully decked-out SUV but less than six figures.

The paper has a circulation of about 500, pretty good for a town with a population of less than 1,000 people, but the population swells with young people in the summer working tourism jobs.

The newspaper also benefits greatly from tourist trade.

With the help of a robust and advertising-filled visitors guide that is handed out to the 1 million or so cruise ship passengers that visit Skagway every summer, the newspaper can pay the owners a salary, but they probably also can't cover a mortgage.

Holiday Copy Services

December 13th is the deadline to guarantee delivery prior to Christmas for copy jobs.

Orders after December 13th will be done in the order they are submitted with no Christmas guarantee.



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Guest Commentary

I would like to update the community on my recent trip to Washington DC. It was an excellent opportunity to represent the needs and concerns of our community as well as highlight the challenges we share with all rural communities across America.

I was asked to testify in front of the Senate Resource Committee about the importance of the Secure Rural Schools Program (SRS) and the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) programs. Combined these programs bring in well over a million dollars of increased funding to our community each year. Much of these funds are used for the operations of the schools, however, they are also used for general needs such

as law enforcement and fire services, roads, and related infrastructure. I can not over-emphasize the importance of the programs to the financial stability of our community.

I spoke on behalf of the over 3000 counties in the US that belong to the National Association of Counties (NACo). This organization paid for my travel related expenses. I believe my testimony went well. The committee members were enthusiastic in their support of ensuring continued and indexed funding. All but one of the senators represented communities that receive SRS and PILT funding so it was an easy crowd to speak to.

Senator Murkowski chairs the committee and is an outstanding advocate for rural America. She spoke eloquently about the disadvantage that isolated communities have when they are surrounded by federal lands. She weaved a narrative that clearly articulated the importance of SRS funding to communities devastated by the downturn in the timber industry. Most importantly, perhaps, she stuck up for Wrangell. Calling us out by name, she stood firm in her resolve that our community deserves these funds, and that the federal government has an obligation to ensure that National Lands towns and boroughs have the same opportunities as communities surrounded by private lands. I also loved that she shared that Wrangell was the town where she spent much of her youth. We are so lucky to have her in DC.

I am hopeful that we will re-

ceive full funding for these programs moving forward.

I spent the better part of a day meeting with the congressional delegation. All representatives and their staff were warm and welcoming. The issues I brought up included:

- Alaska State Ferry terminal in Prince Rupert
- Infrastructure funding for water distribution, dams, and road improvements
- PILT and SRS programs
- Transboundary mining issues
- The West Coast Whale Entanglement issue
- Sea otter control
- Assembly support for our landless Natives claims

The representatives had many suggestions on how the community could prepare to be ready should an infrastructure bill be introduced. All voiced support for SRS and PILT. Senator Sullivan has had discussions directly with Canada's Prime Minister Trudeau regarding Alaskans' concerns on transboundary mining in British Columbia. He feels that Canada has heard Alaska's concerns but time will only tell if the issues are addressed.

I believe it makes a difference to sit down with our federal leaders and discuss our concerns and issues face to face. At the end of the day politics is about relationships and clear communication. Networking with the D.C. congressional staff paves the way to partnering to meet Wrangell's needs into the future.

I want to thank Jonathan Shuffield who was my main

contact at NACo and our DC lobbyists, Sebastian O'Kelly and Brad Gilman. They spent time preparing me for the visits and provided background details on a variety of topics. Brad and Sebastian are our eyes and ears in DC.

I was proud to represent the

community. Thank you for this opportunity.

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Obituary: Charlotte Edna Churchill, 95

Charlotte Edna Churchill went to her "reward" on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2019, wrapped in the arms of her loving husband of 37 years, Bill Churchill of Wrangell, Alaska.

Born Charlotte Edna Hubert on May 8, 1924 in Sitka, Alaska, Charlotte had many



Charlotte Edna Churchill

hobbies including beading, cooking, weaving, knitting and reading.

She was a lifetime member of the Alaska Native Sisterhood, (ANS) Camp # 1.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Arthur and Rosco Max and sisters, Jean Anderson and Edith Mork.

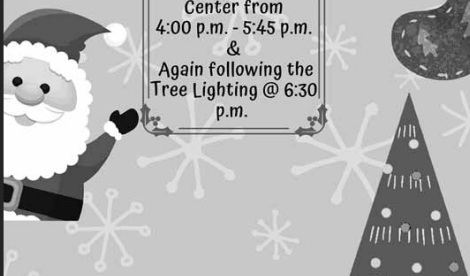
She is survived by brother Alden Max, her husband William Churchill and her children Richard, Barbara and Robert.


A memorial will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 1:30 pm at the Presbyterian Church in Wrangell.

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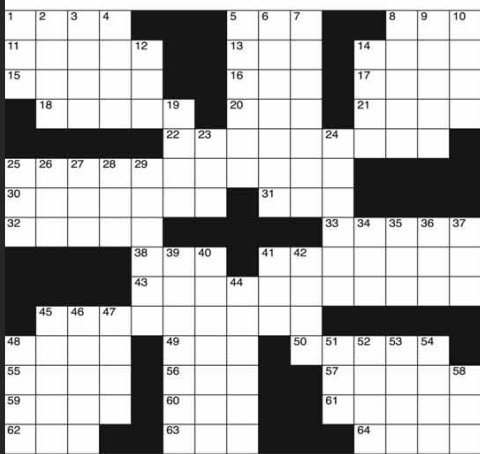
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Egyptian bull-god
- 5. America
- 8. Type of field (abbr.)
- 11. Reagan's Deputy AG
- 13. Negative
- 14. Mother of Hermes
- 15. Summer and Winter Olympics gold medal winner
- 16. In shape
- 17. Oh my goodness!
- 18. People of Guinea or Sierra Leone
- 20. A form of "to be"
- 21. Succulent plant
- 22. Estranges
- 25. Honest
- 30. Showing conviction
- 31. High schoolers' test
- 32. Implant
- 33. Acknowledgment
- 38. Cash dispenser
- 41. Transferred to another
- 43. Superhero group
- 45. Photographers
- 48. Small, rich sponge cake
- 49. Power to perceive
- 50. Heavy cavalry sword
- 55. Israel's first permanent UN delegate
- 56. Everything
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. Language spoken in Chad
- 60. Pioneering MC Kool Moe
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Keyboard key
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Type of degree
- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. Large, predatory lizard
- 4. River in Romania
- 5. Biased
- 6. Parties
- 7. TV's used to need one
- 8. Philly football player
- 9. Recognized ethnic group of China
- 10. Gradually disappear
- 12. Large, dark antelope
- 14. Vegetarians won't eat it
- 19. Takes the energy out of
- 23. Body part
- 24. Succeed in achieving
- 25. Where golfers begin
- 26. Computer memory
- 27. One who buys and sells securities
- 28. Midway between north and northeast
- 29. Quiet and rather dull
- 34. A limb on which to walk
- 35. It precedes two
- 36. Of she
- 37. Commercials
- 39. Necessary for sewing
- 40. Infectious viral disease
- 41. Expression of good wishes
- 42. Some are contact
- 44. More plentiful
- 45. Secret political clique
- 46. Behind the stern of a ship
- 47. Supernatural force
- 48. Altar in Orthodox churches
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Impartiality
- 53. "Luther" actor Idris
- 54. They resist authority (slang)
- 58. Criticize

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				8		3	9	
				6				
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17th annual Dove Tree Ceremony

Pastor Doug Schoultz speaking at the Dove tree ceremony last Sunday at the Nolan Center Lobby.

termine student academic needs

and provide intervention strategies to raise student achievement. The successful applicant will also serve as migrant liaison for students who miss school due to a qualifying migrant work activity. The applicant must also be able to plan and coordinate migrant family events. A current Alaska Teaching certificate is required. Please contact the district office at 874-2347 for more information. Position: Open Until Filled. It is Wrangell Public School District's policy to not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex or disability. 2x12-12b141

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Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association, Inc. Board of Directors is soliciting nominations for the following appointed positions:

- Chamber of Commerce
- Native Corporation
- Municipal
- Processor
- Public at Large (2 Seats)
- Sport Fish
- Subsistence

These are two year terms beginning in January 2020. Nominations must be in writing and submitted to SSRAA, 14 Borch Street, Ketchikan, AK 99901 by December 17, 2019. For further information call Liz Jones at the administration office (907) 225-9605 or email: lizj@ssraa.org.

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

Pursuant to the City & Borough of Wrangell Code, Sec. 3.04.808, notice is hereby given that the regular assembly meetings of the assembly shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The meetings shall be held at 6:00 p.m., in the Assembly Chambers, City Hall, Wrangell. If any such Tuesday shall fall on a legal holiday as defined by the laws of the State of Alaska, the meetings scheduled for that day shall be held at the same hour on the next succeeding day which is not a holiday. Separate notice for the regular council meetings shall not be required. There will be no regular meetings the second Tuesday in July and August and fourth Tuesday in December.

If a work session is scheduled preceding the regular assembly meeting, publication shall be made on the website and posted at city hall and the post office that the regular assembly meeting shall begin at 7:00 p.m.

Kim Lane, Borough Clerk
City of Wrangell, Alaska

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) will hold a Regular Board Meeting on December 12, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Cape Fox Lodge in Ketchikan, Alaska. During the meeting, the board may enter into an executive session to discuss the Agency's CEO contract. For additional information, please call 907.228.2281.
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City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Hearing (REGULAR MEETING 6:00 p.m.)

The Borough Assembly Borough Assembly will hold a **Public Hearing** during the Regular Borough Assembly meeting at **6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2019** on the following item(s):

- a. **ORDINANCE No 970 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, REPEALING AND REENACTING CHAPTER 5.20 OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO PERMANENT FUND INVESTMENT POLICY, OBJECTIVES, AND GUIDELINES (second reading).**

The Public is encouraged to attend.

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

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Surplus Property For Sale Over-the-Counter

The City and Borough of Wrangell held a bid opening for surplus property on December 2, 2019. For the items that did not sell, pursuant to WMC, the items were available for sale, Over-the-Counter beginning on December 3, 2019 on a first-come, first-serve basis for the minimum value.

The list of surplus items is available at City Hall and on the Borough Website under the Resource Center tab (Bids, RFP's & Auctions).

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Kim Lane, MMC
Borough Clerk

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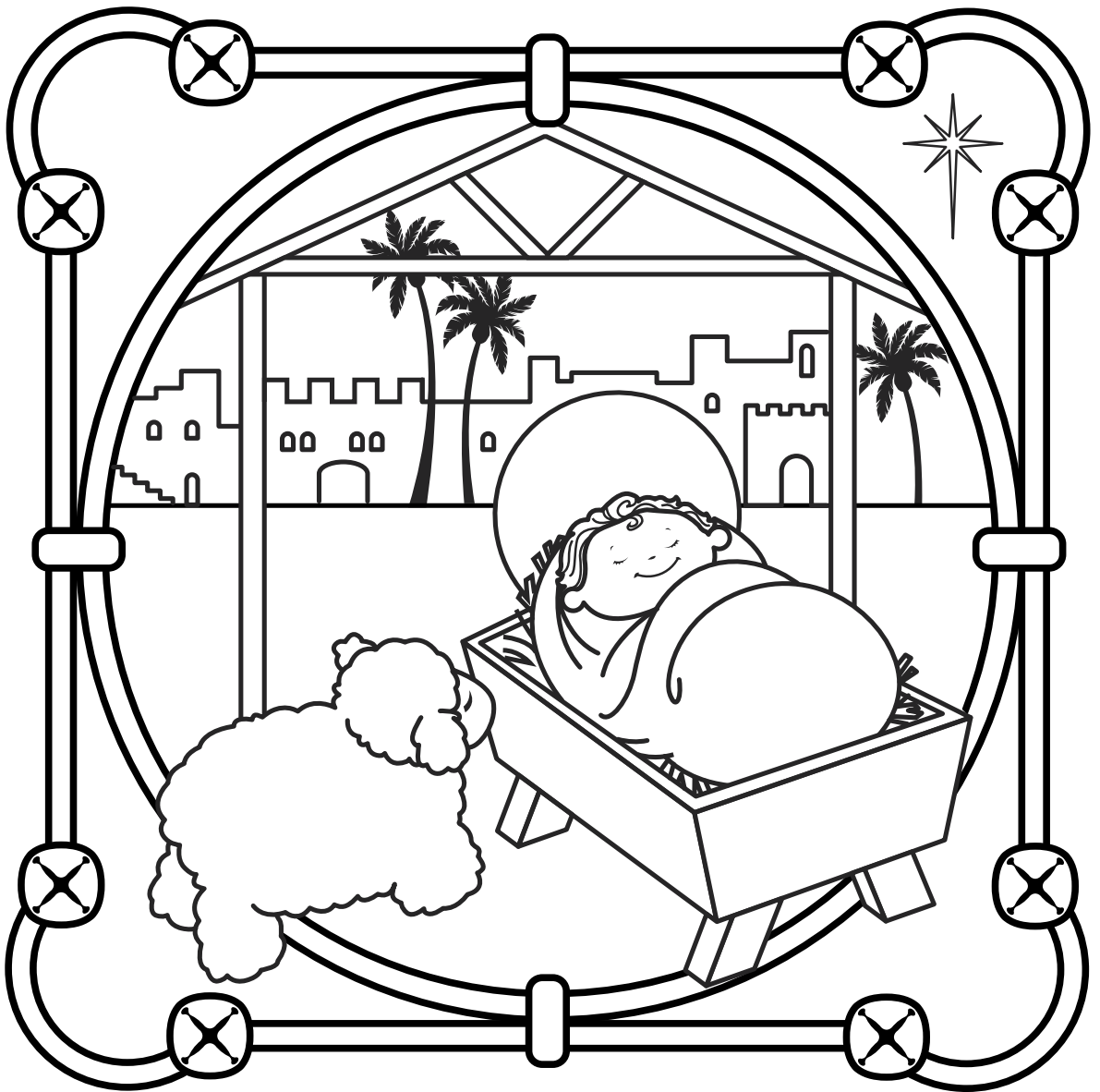
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8) Winners will be announced in the December 19th edition of the Sentinel and displayed in the store for one week.

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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH Fisheries columnist

Pacific halibut catches predicted to be lower for the foreseeable future

Lower catches for Pacific halibut are in the forecast for the foreseeable future.

That was the message from the International Pacific Halibut Commission at its meeting last week in Seattle. The IPHC oversees halibut stock research and sets catch limits for nine fishing regions ranging from Northern California and British Columbia to the Bering Sea.

There are fewer of the prized flatfish (down 4%), they weigh less (down 5%) and no big pulses appear to be coming into the stock was the grim and the results of summer long surveys at nearly 1,370 fishing stations, including 89 added to the Central Gulf of Alaska, the biggest halibut fishing hole.

The numbers of spawning halibut also appeared to continue their decline over the past year, said IPHC lead scientist Ian Stewart.

"This has been predicted for several years. This is projected to continue for all 2020 TCEYs greater than approximately 18.4 million pounds," Stewart said. "It's essentially the breakeven point over the next three years. So, we're looking at a period of relatively low productivity for the Pacific halibut stock over the next three years."

TCEY (total constant exploitation yield) is the amount of removals of halibut over 26 inches for commercial, recreational, sports charter, subsistence and bycatch in other fisheries. For 2019, the coast-wide TCEY was 38.61 million pounds.

Stewart added that more female fish are showing up in the stock and lower halibut yields will be necessary to "reduce higher fishing intensity."

"The primary driver behind that has been the addition of new information about the sex ratio of the commercial fishery catch that has indicated that we've probably been fishing this stock harder than we thought, historically," he said.

Fishing the stock harder includes the halibut taken as bycatch in other fisheries.

"The non-directed discards, meaning bycatch, was up from a little over six million pounds to a little over 6.4 million pounds," Stewart said.

In the Bering Sea, for example, there is a fixed cap totaling 7.73 million pounds of halibut allowed to be taken as bycatch for trawlers, longliners and pot boats targeting other fish, with most going to trawlers. The cap stays the same, regardless of changes in the halibut stock.

This year, after four years of analyses and deliberation, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council began moving towards a new "abundance based" management plan that would tie bycatch levels to the health of the halibut stock as determined by annual surveys. (Prior to that, the issue had not been discussed for 20 years.)

Meanwhile, bycatch allowances, combined with new rules in setting halibut catch

limits, could mean Bering Sea communities get squeezed out of the upcoming fishery.

"Last year the IPHC agreed to two allocation decisions that this year may hamstring efforts to provide enough halibut for Area 4CDE (the central Bering Sea) to even go fishing," said Peggy Parker, director of the Halibut Association of North America and contributor to SeafoodNews.com.

"The first decision was to provide a fixed minimum of 1.65 million pounds to Area 2A (Washington, Oregon, and California). The second was a formula for the Canadian allocation that was designed to mitigate their current and future losses from the trawl bycatch in the Bering Sea. That bycatch increased this year, which threw last year's projections off and will likely result in lower catches to that area next year," Parker added. "Having fixed minimum allocations to Area 2A and 2B (B.C.) will increase the difficulty in providing enough halibut to merit a fishery, in the eyes of quota holders, next year. It is a zero-sum game in the midst of a declining stock where Alaska becomes the only place with wiggle room."

It's déjà vu for Jeff Kauffman of St. Paul where emergency measures were implemented in 2015 to enable a halibut fishery to open in the region and fishermen's catch limits were slashed to half a million pounds.

"There has been a de facto reallocation from the directed fisheries to the bycatch fisheries," he said at the time. "Conservation of the stock is riding

solely on the backs of the halibut fishermen."

The NPFMC will set halibut bycatch limits for 2020 during its Dec. 2-10 meeting in Anchorage. The IPHC will reveal the catch limits for the halibut fishery during its annual meeting Feb. 3-7, also in Anchorage.

Fish watch - The Pacific halibut fishery ended on November 14 amidst little fanfare. Most dock prices ticked up during the eight month fishery, hovering in the \$5 to \$6 per pound range, likely due to bad weather hampering landings of competing halibut from Canada.

"Their hurricanes and everything may have disrupted some of the fisheries there and allowed some of the product from Alaska to make it into those higher end East Coast markets. So we got a little better price," said Doug Bowen of at Homer.

Better dock prices have not boosted the market for halibut quota shares, which are down by a third or more from sky high levels two years ago and appear to have stabilized. Shares in Southeast, for example, that topped \$70 per pound are now in the \$55 range or less. In the Central Gulf, halibut IFQs are at around \$45 a pound.

"For the last 15 years or so the resource has been in general decline. There have been some minor increases over the years, but mostly the trend has been downward," Bowen said. "I think folks are kind of tired of buying something that gets cut the next year and is worth less. They're buying an asset

that's declining in value. Many times over the last few years folks have thought that this must be the bottom and it would be a great time to buy - get in and ride it back up, and that hasn't happened."

The 2019 Bristol Bay red king crab fishery ended last week with a catch of just under 3.8 million pounds. Crabbers averaged 15.6 crabs per pot pull, the lowest since 2005, and down from 20 crab in the last two seasons. The crabs were hefty, weighing 7.14 pounds on average, the highest since 1973.

That's cause for concern, said Ethan Nichols, assistant area manager for the Bering Sea region for the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game.

"We've seen average weight increasing for several years now. We think we are fishing on the same group of adult male crab who are a year older and heavier," he told KUCB in Unalaska, adding that not many small crabs are recruiting into the fishery. "If we had a better mix of small crab, we would see a lower average weight. What is coming in is mostly large older males."

Symphony seafood winners - A fish and chips meal kit featuring Alaska cod was the fan favorite in the first round of the competition held during Pacific Marine Expo.

The snappy kit by Alaskan Leader Seafoods won the coveted Seattle People's Choice Award.

"It's really a lot of fun. You've got the French fries, the batter, the panko and the fish, which of course is Alaska cod,"

said Keith Singleton, head of the value added division.

In all, 20 new Alaska seafood products debuted at the Expo contest. The event, hosted for 27 years by the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation, showcases a diverse array of innovative items and levels the playing field between major companies and small 'mom and pops.'

Other first place winners selected by a panel of judges - in the retail category, it was Bullwhip Kelp Salsa by Juneau-based Barnacle Seafoods.

Southern Style Alaska Wild Wings made from Alaska pollock by High Liner Foods of Canada took top honors in Food Service.

In the Beyond the Plate Category, Juneau-based WILD by Nature's Alaskan Fin Fish Earrings won first place. That category was added four years ago to open doors for new things made from seafood byproducts.

"It can be anything," said Julie Decker, AFDF executive director. "Things that are edible such as fish oil capsules, or nonedible things such as salmon leather wallets."

Pet treats from , an Anchorage 'mum and pup barkery', could be among more winners to be announced on February 24 at the annual Symphony of Seafood and UFA Legislative bash in Juneau. That and other entries such as kelp pickles, smoked octopus, and blueberry cured gravlax are vying for second and third place awards. The overall grand prize winner also will be named at the Juneau event.



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