

## Assembly approves purchases for police department

By CALEB VIERKANT  
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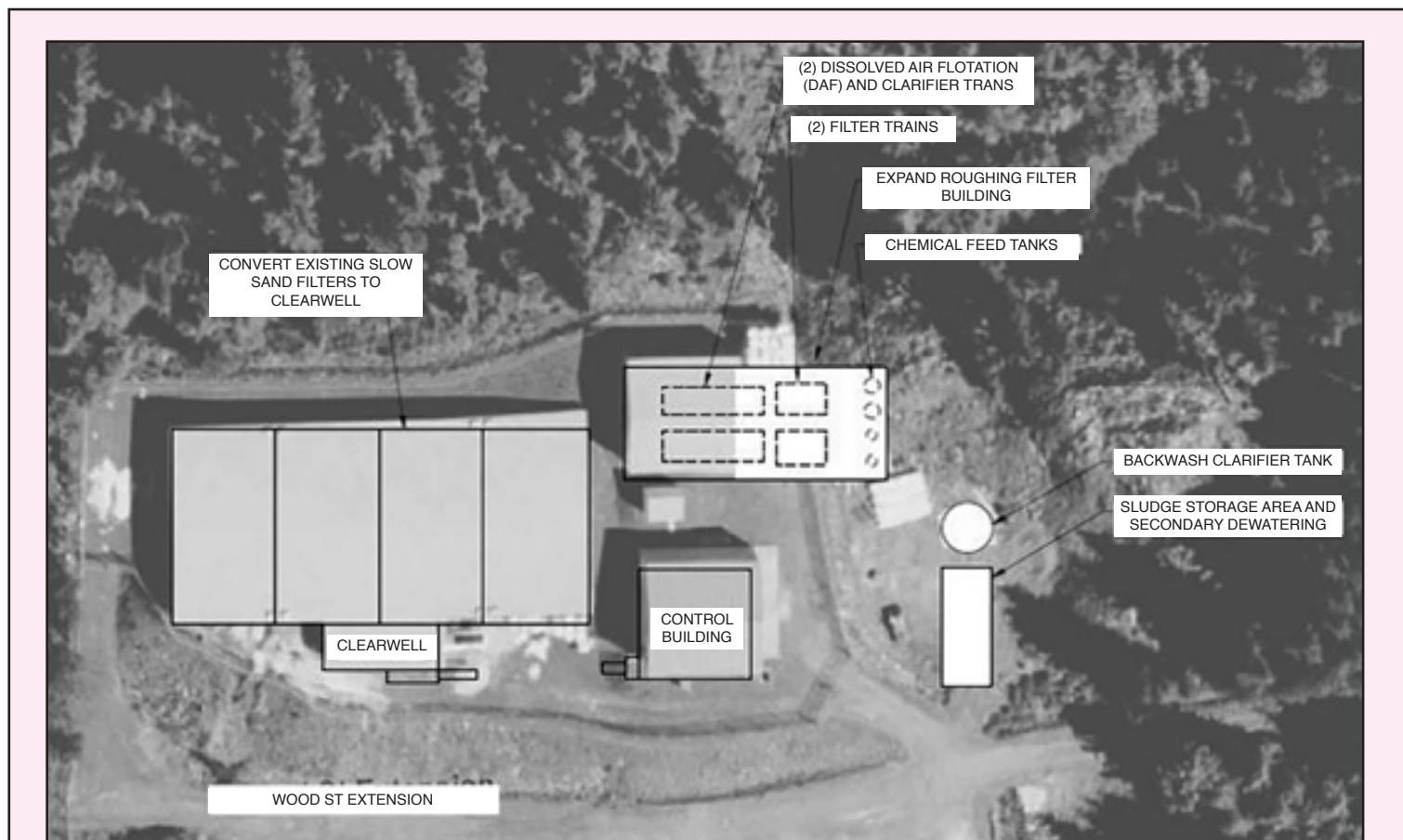
The Wrangell Borough Assembly considered several purchases for the Wrangell Police Department during their meeting last Tuesday evening, Oct. 27. Two items were approved by the assembly, a Text-to-911 router switch and body cameras.

The police department requested approval to purchase a Text-to-911 router switch in the amount of \$4,000. There are several benefits that this would provide, according to Police Chief Tom Radke. For one thing, he said that someone texting 911 would also provide them with GPS coordinates from their phone, so they will be easier to find in case of emergency. For another thing, he said that being able to text 911 instead of calling them would be helpful in domestic violence situations, or in other scenarios when someone might not be able to speak safely. The meeting's agenda packet also listed that hearing and speech-impaired individuals could find Text-to-911 beneficial. Officers and search and rescue crews can also use Text-to-911 to check into dispatch, or have dispatch track their location if they are heading into a dangerous situation. After some discussion, this was approved by the assembly.

The assembly also approved of a purchase request for Axon Body 3 cameras and storage. This purchase was estimated at \$34,401.90, which was proposed to come out of Wrangell's CARES Act funds. Radke said that his department was definitely in favor of body cameras. They would help in the areas of improving transparency between the department and the public, and would also help protect both residents and police. Several assembly members voiced support for the purchase of body cameras.

Mayor Steve Prysunka said he was concerned about whether or not the purchase could be approved under the CARES Act. Both Radke and Borough Manager Lisa Von Barga said they would make absolutely sure that the purchase would be acceptable, and assured Prysunka that if there was a problem they would come back to the assembly. This item was also unanimously approved.

During the meeting, the assembly also considered some proposed restructuring within the city's finance department. There were three jobs in which city administration was wanting to alter the titles, job descriptions, and wage grades. The first was the accounting generalist



SCREENSHOT

A site plan of proposed renovations to Wrangell's water treatment plant, attached to the agenda packet in an Oct. 20 workshop.

## Assembly holds workshop on water treatment plant

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The Wrangell Borough Assembly held a workshop last week, Oct. 20, to discuss the water treatment plant improvement project. This has been an ongoing project for some time now, and the workshop was to make sure new assembly members were up to speed on the current situation, and to share opinions on how it is going so far.

Capital Facilities Director Amber Al-Haddad led much of the initial discussion, providing a history lesson on the project. Plans to renovate and improve Wrangell's water treatment plant began back around 2015 or 2016, she said. The idea, right now, is to replace Wrangell's existing Slow Sand Filtration water treatment system with a Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) system. The existing plant has been online since 1999, she said, and a DAF system could work better. It was not the best treatment system available, she said, but it was a good option for Wrangell.

"It was identified that DAF probably wasn't going to give us the best results of water treatment systems out there, but it was one we felt like we could afford," Al-Haddad said. "There were two other alternatives that were identified to potentially give us better quality, but it came with millions of dollars more in investment."

The initial estimated cost of this replacement project was a little less than \$13 million. However, Al-Haddad said the project has been revised and costs have been shrunk to approximately \$9 million. According to the meeting's agenda packet, the roughly \$4 million difference came by reducing the footprint of the roughing filter buildings reconstruction, which would

house the new DAF and filtration system. The original idea was to construct the building large enough to house a third DAF train and filter sometime in the future, the packet reads. The current project only renovates the building to accommodate two DAF units. These two units will have a combined production of 1.8 million gallons of water a day.

"For people who want to look at this system, there's a lot of YouTube demonstrations of the DAF process," Assembly Member Patty Gilbert said.

It was explained, during the meeting, that in a DAF system a coagulant is added to the water which will attract waste to each other. Air bubbles then lift the waste to the surface of the water for removal.

According to the workshop's agenda packet, the maximum daily water demand for Wrangell was estimated at 1.5 million gallons per day. This is based on 2014 numbers, the packet reads. Projecting forward, Wrangell's maximum daily water demand is estimated at 1.8 million gallons per day. Two DAF trains, the packet reads, could meet this estimated demand with a flow capacity of 1,250 gallons per minute.

Much of the discussion at the meeting revolved around the details of how a DAF system works, the cost of the project, and the needs of the community. Assembly Member David Powell, at several points, stated his main concern was redundancy with the DAF system, and how to keep water flowing to the community if something broke down. He also said he thought it would be a good idea to go in for bigger DAF trains, which could produce 1,000 gpm, but would increase cost by about \$400,000. The agenda's packet states that it is unknown if the size of the DAF train increasing would require a larger building footprint.

position, which would be changed to "Accounting Clerk II." The Accounting Clerk would be changed to "Accounting Clerk I", and the Utility Accounts Clerk would change to "Accounting Clerk I - Utilities." The Accounting Clerk II position currently empty, though Von Barga said they had several applicants, would be lowered a pay grade. The other two

positions, which are currently filled, would be raised three pay grades.

The discussion on this item went on for some time. Both Prysunka and Assembly Member David Powell voiced concerns to these changes and why they were being brought up now. The city is in the middle of union negotiations, they said, as well as a wage study. Other as-

sembly members shared concerns, or asked if there was a way to amend the motion to only change the unfilled job.

Eventually, the assembly rejected this proposal unanimously.



# COVID-19 discussed with state officials in assembly meeting

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The Wrangell Borough Assembly met Tuesday evening, Oct. 27. The main focus of the meeting was a discussion on the COVID-19 pandemic, and the situation across the state. Multiple guest speakers from the state were invited into the discussion, to answer questions and talk about what people need to do to

stay safe. Guests included DHSS Commissioner Adam Crum, Bryan Fisher with Alaska's COVID-19 Unified Command, DHSEM Deputy Director Paul Nelson, and Eliza Muse with DHSS.

It is pretty clear that Alaska is experiencing an acceleration of new COVID-19 cases, Fisher said. For several weeks now the state has seen over 200 new cases

a day.

"Bad news is it's evident that there's pretty widespread community transmission across the state, and most regions of the state are in what we call the 'high alert' level on our COVID-19 dashboard," Fisher said. "But the good news is you're one of the few areas in the entire state that isn't in that situation."

Wrangell has seen a total of 20 cases since the start of the pandemic, at the time of writing. All of these cases have recovered, and the community is currently free of any confirmed COVID-19 cases. While Wrangell is in a better situation than other parts of the state, the guest speakers and assembly members wanted to make it clear that there is still danger. Large gatherings, it was particularly pointed out, pose a major risk. Another risk that was mentioned was spread amongst family members.

The "end" to the pandemic will come whenever there is a sufficient supply and distribution of a future vaccine, Fisher said. In the meantime, mitigation practices like wearing masks, so-

cially distancing, and avoiding large gatherings were the best means of limiting the spread of the virus. These mitigation strategies are like speed bumps or potholes, Muse said. They exist to slow down the virus, not stop it.

Dr. Lynn Prysunka, with the Wrangell Medical Center, asked the guests to outline some ways the public could try to stay safe when out in public. Crum said that people who have recently travelled, and were awaiting test results, should isolate and wait for a negative test result. Those traveling and visiting a known hot spot, as well, should be conscientious of their surroundings and those around them. He also encouraged those isolating to make use of programs for having groceries and other goods delivered, or curbside pickup. Another idea that Fisher suggested, that the city might look into, is hiring short-term "quarantine employees" who could help purchase groceries or deliver items for those who can't go out themselves.

"We call it 'strict social dis-

tancing.' It's one of the phrases we use in Health Mandate 10 about intrastate travel," Crum said.

Von Bargaen also asked what the city could do to encourage public safety in this time. She asked if local mandates would be a viable option.

"As we think about the potential for local mandates to help make sure that we don't end up with a major outbreak, whether that's limiting gathering size in our community or going to a local mask mandate ... Do you believe that putting those things in place will help prevent the spread in our community?" she asked.

What they are looking at for small towns, Crum said, is really trying to get people to be mindful when in large gatherings. Wear masks when out in groups, he gave as an example, be mindful when traveling, and don't go to big parties or gatherings after recently traveling. Fisher added that when it came to local mandates, it was really an issue of enforcement.

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

**Thursday, October 29:** Sadie O'Brien, Carolyn Ottesen, Margaret Fisher, Stan Torvend. **Friday, October 30:** Michael Christian, Eric Dilg, Dawsyn Jabusch, *Anniversary:* Mark & Nola Walker. **Saturday, October 31:** River Guggenbickler, *Anniversaries:* Steve & Karin Nesbitt, Mick & Celly Young. **Sunday, November 1:** Liam Maddox, Danica Barker, Matthew Weber, Debi Prunella, Karen Morse, Amos Comstock. **Monday, November 2:** Kyna DeBoer, Haig Demerjian, Ian Nelson, *Anniversary:* Don & Dana Van Slyke. **Tuesday, November 3:** Kitty Angerman, Arabella Nore. **Wednesday, November 4:** Shelby Smith, Edith Grover, Jessica Byrd, Claire Rooney, Ayla Harris, Anny Newport, Deano Barker, Olga Norris, *Anniversary:* Jeff & Pam Wiederspohn. **Thursday, November 5:** Jimmy Baggen, Kaylauna Warren, *Anniversary:* Adam & Dee Dee Sprehe.

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 30**

Herbed Chicken, Carrot Raisin Salad, Fried Potatoes.

**Monday, November 2**

Beef Stroganoff, Peas & Carrots, Spicy Fruit Cup.

**Tuesday, November 3**

Baked Fish, Sweet Potatoes, Spinach Salad.

**Wednesday, November 4**

Sweet & Sour Pork, Carrots, Tossed Salad.

**Thursday, November 5**

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Creamy Coleslaw.

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 29- November 5

### High Tides

### Low Tides

	AM		PM		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
Oct. 29	00:17	15.3	12:32	16.7	06:16	1.1	06:44	0.3
Oct. 30	00:55	15.5	01:03	17.0	06:47	1.2	07:14	-0.4
Oct. 31	01:31	15.6	01:31	17.0	07:15	1.5	07:43	-0.8
Nov. 1	01:05	15.3	12:58	16.8	06:42	2.0	07:11	-1.8
Nov. 2	01:38	14.9	01:24	16.5	07:09	2.6	07:40	-0.8
Nov. 3	02:11	14.3	01:50	16.0	07:37	3.2	08:11	-0.5
Nov. 4	02:45	13.6	02:18	15.4	08:08	4.1	08:47	0.0
Nov. 5	03:22	12.9	02:50	14.8	08:43	4.8	09:29	0.6

### October 28, 1920

The new Victrola which was purchased with the entertainment funds has arrived. It was ordered by Mr. Patterson who let the school have it at cost. We take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Mr. Patterson. We also wish to thank Mrs. Watson for presenting the school with four valuable Victrola records. The school has received several free industrial exhibits from prominent manufacturing companies.

### October 26, 1945

Johnnie Simpson, of Telegraph Creek, and his river boat Butterfly caused a flurry of anxiety in the U.S. Customs office this week, according to Ray Day, Customs Officer, when he was forced to beach his sinking craft on a bar in the river. Coming down river from Stikine just across the Canadian boundary, the packing came out of the stuffing box and the Butterfly began to ship water. Simpson ran aground on a bar. After a two day's wait here, Day sent Tony Schwamm, of Petersburg Air Service, to search for the craft which was located by pilot Schwamm. Al Ritchie and Lee Ellis went to the rescue and brought Simpson to town.

### October 29, 1970

Ladies of the American

Legion Auxiliary served hot lunches Wednesday to 220 elementary school pupils to raise funds for the unit's Girls state program. Mrs. Paul Fennimore, an auxiliary spokesman, said the 50-cent lunches will be served by the group once a month. Wednesday's menu included turkey and noodles, gelatin, cookies and juice. The Girls State program sends high school girls each year to Fairbanks to study state government. Serving the lunch Wednesday were auxiliary members Mmes. Dick Ballard, Harvey Gross, Chuck Meissner, Herb Ingram, N.A., Robinson

and Fennimore.

### October 26, 1995

Irene Ingle has been named this year's "Woman of the Year" by Beta Sigma Phi. Ingle, for whom Wrangell's library is named, served the community since the first library was established and worked hard to bring the new library to completion. She has also been on the newly formed museum board, and has worked for at least 25 years in various offices with the museum. Among her community services, Ingle is on the advisory board of the Salvation Army.

## Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Monday, November 2

**Wrangell Public Schools Board Work session:** 6:30 pm, join the Zoom meeting using this link: <https://j/94885369755?pwd=UCtMUKnISnNqSW1TQkhTd0NGdVZUT09>. Meeting ID: 948 8536 9755 Passcode: 710546.

**Jury duty for November.** 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.



## Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Oct. 19	40	32
Oct. 20	44	36
Oct. 21	41	34
Oct. 22	39	35
Oct. 23	41	30
Oct. 24	39	30
Oct. 25	43	34
Oct. 26	48	42



## Daylight Hours

Oct. 29	7:48a	5:14p	09:26h
Oct. 30	7:50a	5:12p	09:22h
Oct. 31	7:52a	5:09p	09:17h
Nov. 1	7:55a	5:07p	09:12h
Nov. 2	7:57a	5:05p	09:08h
Nov. 3	7:59a	5:03p	09:04h
Nov. 4	8:01a	5:01p	09:00h
Nov. 5	8:03a	4:59p	08:56h

# Evergreen Elementary returning to full-day schedule

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Starting next Monday, Nov. 2, Evergreen Elementary school will be returning to a full-day schedule. After the district closed down late last school year in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Wrangell's schools have been following modified schedules and operating plans this year. Thanks to the situation in Wrangell being comparatively safe, and a recent staffing increase, Lead Teacher/Assistant Principal Jenn Miller-Yancey said Evergreen Elementary is ready to get back to their normal schedule.

"We are very excited," she said. "This is what we've been hoping for since school has started."

The modified schedule was in response to COVID-19, she said, as well as a staffing shortage. Evergreen Elementary staff have had to take on several extra duties to keep the school running smoothly, she said. They also wanted a relatively slower start to the year, she said, to give people time to adjust to the new schedule and mitigation plan, and give everyone time to address potential issues that arose.

The elementary school's schedule, up until now, had the



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Evergreen Elementary School.

## Police report

### October 19

Found Property.  
Fire: Controlled Burn.  
Vacation Check.  
Traffic Stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.  
Agency Assist: House Fire.

Agency Assist: Hoonah P.D.

### October 24

Agency Assist: EMTs.  
Noise Complaint.  
Citizen Assist: Vehicle Unlock.  
Agency Assist: Fire, Forest Service.  
Fireworks.

### October 20

Random Breath Test.  
Burglary.  
Citizen Assist: Vehicle Issues.

### October 25

Bar Fight.  
Reddi Report.  
Agency Assist/Public Works: Water flowing across roadway by Evergreen Trailer Court.  
Informational Report: Traffic.  
Traffic Stop: James VandeBunte, 57, Citation for faulty equipment/damaged windshield.

### October 21

Two Parking Complaints.

### October 22

Fraud.  
Agency Assist: Search and Rescue.  
Agency Assist.  
Dog Complaint.  
Agency Assist.  
Found Bike.  
Agency Assist: Hoonah P.D.  
Subpoena Service.

Traffic Stop:  
James VandeBunte, 57, Citation for Failure to use Turn Signal.

### October 23

Subpoena Service.  
Information Report.  
Aggressive Dog at Large.

During this reporting period there were five reports of Suspicious Activity/Circumstances.



student body divided among a two-session day. Miller-Yancey explained that half the students would attend school for in-person learning Monday through Thursday, while the other half would learn via distance learning. Fridays would be full distance learning.

The new schedule, beginning Monday, will be much closer to how the school operated pre-COVID.

"The entire staff of Evergreen Elementary School is excited to announce that we have additional staff in place, plus details worked out for new scheduling, to be able to open up for a full-time school day starting Monday, November 2, 2020," she wrote in a Facebook post on Oct. 26. "Monday - Thursday we will

have class 8:00 am - 2:00 pm; Fridays we will hold class 8:00 am - 11:00 am."

Evergreen Elementary School recently acquired two paraprofessionals to help their staffing needs, Miller-Yancey said, and also added some new substitute teachers to their list. However, she said that they are always looking for more people who might want to step up and donate their time. Anybody interested in working in an environment like the elementary school should reach out, she said, even if it is only one day a week.

"We are crossing our fingers, crossing our toes, knocking on wood, and doing everything else possible to keep this schedule," she said.

## COVID-19 discussed

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"Things like that, how you protect the community, it's really getting everybody just to understand those things that do work," Crum said.

Another topic of concern brought up during the meeting was the CARES Act. It seemed unlikely that the CARES Act would be extended in the near future, Von Bargaen said, so she was wondering how Wrangell could keep some programs going, designed to assist in their COVID-19 response, if that funding would be going away. Nelson said that FEMA had a public assistance program. That could be a potential replacement for funding, though he said eventually it would close, as well. However, there was no end date currently set.

Other topics brought up during this discussion included coordinating the state with school districts for PPE needs, how to explain the risks of COVID-19 to the public compared to other viruses, and what the state was doing to ensure there were enough hospital beds and staffing.

Upon further discussion, it was decided to organize a special assembly meeting on Nov. 5 to open discussions on a local mask mandate. This decision was made after Captain Dorianne Sprehe, with the Emergency Operations Center, requested on behalf of the EOC that the assembly consider such a mandate. This will strictly be a discussion meeting, Mayor Steve Prysunka said, for public testimony and for the assembly to consider its next steps.

"I would recommend that we have, sort of, options available for us to look at, but that we will take action in a separate meeting," he said. "This meeting is strictly to gather input and have discussions. An opportunity for the community to come forward, and also an opportunity for the assembly to look at what's available in terms of options."

During the meeting, the assembly awarded certificates of appreciation to Sarah Whittlesey-Merritt, Elizabeth Stuart, and Deanna Reeves for their help running Wrangell's recent election.

Joan Sargent was appointed to fill an empty seat on the parks and recreation advisory committee, and Frank Roppel was appointed to fill an empty seat on the port commission.

They cancelled an assembly meeting scheduled for Nov. 24, planning to hold only one meeting next month on Nov. 10.

They also approved of a zoning amendment for Lot 1, Block 35, USS 1119.

Lastly, they gave direction to Borough Manager Lisa Von Bargaen to extend a contract renewal with their state lobbyist Ray Matiashowski.

**Early  
Trick-or-Treating**  
Saturday, October 31st from 3-5pm  
Participating Locations:

<p><b>City Market</b> <b>Sentry</b> <b>Zak's Cafe</b> <b>Magnolia Beauty Bar</b> <b>Pink &amp; White Salon</b> <b>Michelle's Taste of Asia</b> <b>Groundswell</b></p>	<p><b>Stikine Drug Store</b> <b>56 North</b> <b>J&amp;W's</b> <b>Ottesen's</b> <b>Angerman's Inc &amp;</b> <b>Stikine River Gifts</b> <b>Stikine Inn &amp; Cafe</b> <b>Wrangell IGA</b></p>
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**\*Children must be accompanied by an adult**  
**\*Stay in your close friend/family pods**  
**\*Maintain Social Distancing from other groups**  
**\*Candy will be handed out**

# Parents voice concern over mask usage during sports

By CALEB VIERKANT  
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A meeting between school officials and concerned community members was held in the WHS commons last Thursday evening, Oct. 22 about a then-recent announcement by the Alaska School Activities

Association. The announcement, shared on the Wrangell Public Schools' Facebook page on Oct. 19, made it a requirement for high school athletes to wear face masks during competition. Previously, students were not expected to wear masks during activity.

The only exception for this new announcement was for swimmers, who were not expected to wear masks while in the water. This new requirement is in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as part of ASAA's mitigation efforts. This decision was overturned later on last week, but at the time it caused some stir in the community.

"ASAA is making this a requirement for indoor sports and strongly recommended for outdoor sports until further notice is given," the statement reads. "We will be working with our officials on how to enforce this requirement during competitions and expect school districts to enforce this requirement during practices and competitions."

This announcement was not met positively by several people attending the school meeting on Oct. 22. Several parents voiced concerns that students might have a hard time competing while wearing a mask. It could impair their peripheral vision, or could make it hard for them to catch their

breath. Another concern was about possible health risks from wearing masks while breathing heavily, how it might increase the amount of carbon dioxide students breathe in. Penny Allen, at the meeting, said she was upset that there was no implementation period for this new requirement.

"I agree with everything everybody's saying," said Bob Davis, lead teacher/assistant principal. "We can't, we the school, can't do anything about it."

Davis said, several times during the meeting, that the district could not officially do anything about this ASAA requirement, besides stay in communication with ASAA and voice their concerns. He also iterated at several points that the district and the parents seemed to be on the same page regarding their concerns. Activities Director Trisa Rooney added that Wrangell could always pull out of ASAA, but that would impact all sporting activities in the district. If one sport stopped competing with

ASAA, she said, all teams would have to be pulled. It was an all-or-nothing situation.

Superintendent Debbe Lancaster said that this new requirement was a hot topic across the state. What might be most effective, she suggested, would be for parents to contact ASAA directly with their concerns. The parents agreed that this would be a good idea, and discussed getting a letter written for community members to sign onto and send to ASAA.

However, all this discussion proved to be a moot point. A revision was sent out from ASAA on Oct. 23, overturning their previous announcement.

"ASAA would like to notify Alaska school districts that the Department of Health and Social Services has clarified their recommendation regarding masks to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) language," the announcement reads. "As a result, ASAA will no longer require masks to be worn while actively participating, but rather recommends a mask be worn 'if feasible'."

## Obituary: Minnie Evangeline (Larsen) Kalkins, 88

Minnie Evangeline (Larsen) Kalkins, 88

Minnie Evangeline (Larsen) Kalkins, Yéil Tláa (raven mother), 88, a lifelong resident of Wrangell, Alaska, and member of the Tlingit Shtax'héen Kwáan (Stikine River People) walked into the forest peacefully surrounded by her children on September 7, 2020.

Minnie was born in Wrangell on November 20, 1933, to Emma (Shakes) Larsen and Svere Larsen. Following her matrilineal heritage, she represented the Kaach.ádi (Raven Frog Clan), hailed from Kaalch'al aan, and was the granddaughter of Chief George Shakes VI, Gushtlien II, and Minnie (Snook) Shakes. She was a lifelong member of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Sealaska Corporation, and Wrangell's American Legion Auxiliary, Legion Unit #6.

Minnie graduated with the class of 1952 from Sheldon Jackson School in Sitka, Alaska, and studied during the year of 1953 at Whitworth Christian University in Spokane, Washington. She married the love of her life, Edward Earl Kalkins II, on January 28, 1955, and they raised nine children in Wrangell. Minnie was a homemaker, worked housekeeping for the Stikine Inn, and worked as the Wrangell American Legion Auxiliary Bingo Manager. She also was a past member of the Alaska Native Sisterhood and a member of the Wrangell Cooperative Association.

She had a contagious laugh, sharp wit, and legendary Scrabble skills. She was an expert harvester of berries and Alaskan fisherwoman. She enjoyed swimming off the island of Wrangell, riding the Alaska Marine Highway, sight-seeing on car rides, going on long walks, playing Bingo, and spending time with all of her family.

Minnie was preceded in death by: her mother and father; brothers Marcus and George Larsen; first cousin Nellie (Gunderson) Torgramson; aunt Betty Wigg; mother-in-law Elsie (Quock Kalkins) Kilborn; father-in-law Edward Kalkins I; and husband Edward Kalkins II.

She is survived by: son Edward Kalkins III and wife Janice; daughter Rose Johnson and partner Mike, daughter Emma Stickel and husband James, daughter Elsie Lindley and husband Jody, daughter Darlene Villegas and husband Arnie, daughter Lillian Smith, daughter Trixie Bennett, daughter Minnie Bandera and husband Eric; son Randy Kalkins; grandchildren Honey Kalkins, Amanda Kalkins, Michelle Amundson and husband Lewis, Allie Stickel and partner Craig, Jessica Whitaker and husband Brandon, Shannon Lindley and partner Daniel, Britany Lindley and partner Aaron, Joshua Gordineer and partner Mandy, Veronica Smith, Bianca Smith, Briana Smith, Ali Ginter and husband Chet, Shane Bennett, Jessica Albertsen and husband Paris, Anthony Cox, Jamie Cox, Brandon Riley, Stone Riley, Erika Riley and partner Jacob; and great grandchildren Jace Amundson, Kasey Whitaker, Ethan Whitaker, Shelton Eklund, Bradley Eklund, Kennedy Eklund, Brayden Beasley, Axl Smith, Maddisen Ginter, Gibson Girt, and Elias Ginter.



Minnie Evangeline  
(Larsen) Kalkins

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The SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) is pleased to provide free asymptomatic COVID-19 testing.

**When:** Every Saturday and Sunday

**Hours:** 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** AICS Clinic Alternative Test Site  
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Self-swab test results will be available approximately 7 days after testing. Negative test results will be sent by email. If your test result is positive, you will be notified by telephone.

If you are experiencing symptoms such as a headache, cold, cough, sneezing, diarrhea, muscle pain, or loss of taste or smell, please contact your healthcare provider immediately and isolate to protect others. If your symptoms begin to worsen, please call the COVID-19 Hotline at 907-966-8799 to speak with a nurse 24/7.

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# Mask up this Halloween, says chamber of commerce

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

With the COVID-19 pandemic still ongoing, and with cases increasing across the state, there has been some discussion in Wrangell about what Halloween could look like this year. Stephanie Cook, with the chamber of commerce, wanted to let everyone know that Halloween is still on this year. People can go trick-or-treating at businesses like normal, but

some precautions should be taken.

"We're just going to encourage everyone to mask up and social distance, and stay home if you're sick during the weekend while the festivities are going on, just to make sure everyone's staying safe," she said.

Halloween is this Saturday, Oct. 31. Cook said that trick-or-treating will begin at 3 p.m. While some businesses will be

closed, as it is the weekend, she said that they have about 14 businesses participating in trick-or-treating this year. She said that there are some guidelines for people to follow while out and about. Children should be accompanied by an adult, she said, and should stay in their social bubbles, and socially distance as much as possible. She also said the chamber is encouraging businesses to pass out candy instead of letting everyone reach into the same bowl to get their own. While people should be careful this year, to protect public health, Cook said that Halloween is still going to be very fun.

"It should be a good weekend, we're excited," she said. "Something fun and safe for everybody to do."



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Hailey Gablehouse, dressed as a witch, at the recent Pumpkin Patch Festival at the downtown pavilion.



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## Positive COVID-19 case shuts down schools in Petersburg

By BRIAN VARELA  
Sentinel writer

PETERSBURG - A positive case of COVID-19 was identified this morning in Mrs. Potrzuski's fifth grade classroom at Rae C. Stedman Elementary School, resulting in a district-wide school closure, according to a statement on Petersburg School District's Facebook page.

Both the student and their parent tested positive for the virus, according to a joint-statement between the Petersburg Borough and Petersburg Medical Center. The student recently traveled to Juneau on a non-school related trip and is symptomatic, according to the joint statement; other students participated in the trip and are also being tested for COVID-19.

The student who tested positive has been

asked to stay home and self-isolate, according to the school district's statement. According to the joint statement between the borough and PMC, the student did attend class after returning from Juneau.

The entire fifth grade class and those identified as close contacts have been asked to quarantine themselves, according to the school district's statement.

All three schools in the school district will be closed for at least 24 hours, due to possible close contacts in Mitkof Middle School and Petersburg High School, according to the school district's statement. The buildings will be deep cleaned prior to the reopening of the schools.

Families have been notified of the situation, according to the school district's statement.



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## The Rocky Horror Picture Show coming to the Nolan Center

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

The Nolan Center, Wrangell's movie theater, is known for its variety of showings. The theater has brought the biggest and latest movies to the small town, but has also

shown oldies and nostalgic films for young and old audiences to enjoy. This Friday evening, Oct. 30 at 8 p.m., the theater will be showing *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

"It's just something that I've kind of always wanted to do here," said Nolan Center Director Cyni Crary. "I thought that it would be a good opportunity to dress up and be silly, and show a cult classic."

*The Rocky Horror Picture Show* is not a typical movie, Crary said. It could be better described as an "experience" than a film. Typically, filmgoers attending this movie will dress up in costume and bring along props to act along with portions of the movie. The Wrangell experience for *Rocky Horror* is going to be a little different, Crary said, but will still be unique.

"The version that we're doing here in Wrangell is going to be a little bit more mild," she said. "Typically, down south, they're a mid-night showing and it's pretty

risqué. We're going to tone it down a bit. It's really just about having fun."

Crary reiterated that *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* is more about the experience than the actual movie. She also wanted to make it clear that it was going to be an adults-only event, 18+. She did not want parents dropping their kids off at the theater, thinking it was going to be a typical scary Halloween movie, because it is not going to be that. Many people will likely not know what to expect coming in, Crary said, but anyone who has been to a *Rocky Horror* viewing before should expect a more subdued event than one might expect down south.

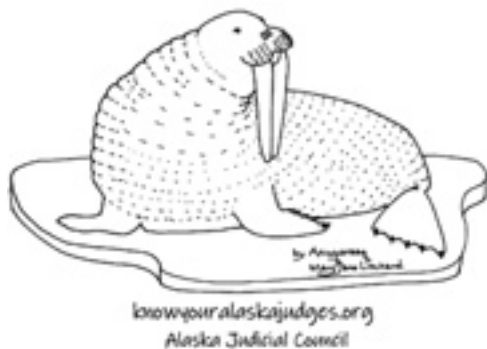
Crary encouraged the public to show up early, as there will be a costume contest. The Nolan Center will also be providing props. She added that social distancing and mask-wearing is still in effect.

"We're gonna do the best we can to bring some creativity to it," she said.

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# New personal bests in swim meet last weekend

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

The Wrangell Swim Team met last Friday and Saturday for another swim meet. According to times provided by Coach Jamie Roberts, there were several personal bests made by her swimmers this weekend. It was a unique meet, Roberts said. Not only was it virtual, as most swim meets have been this past season due to COVID-19, but she said she was not actually sure how many other schools they were competing against.

"I am unsure of how many teams, if any, participated in this weekend's virtual meet," she wrote in an email.

High School Activities Director Trisa Rooney also said, as of the morning of Oct. 27, she was also unsure of how many other swim teams were competing last week, or their placements. She only knew the Wrangell swimmers' times.

## Friday results

Nikolai Siekawitch swam a personal best of 1:52.90 in a 200-yard freestyle. Tyson Messmer swam a personal best of 2:45.25 in an individual medley, and a personal best of 1:04.93 in a 100-yard freestyle. Renee Roberts swam a personal best of 25.57 in a 50-yard freestyle, and a personal best of 56.44 in a 100-yard freestyle. Aaliyah Messmer swam a personal best of 30.33 in a 50-yard freestyle, and a personal best of 1:10.24 in a 100-yard freestyle. Jack Roberts swam a personal best of 25.18 in a 50-yard freestyle and a personal best of 1:02.89 in a 100-yard butterfly. Jacob Allen swam a personal best of 27.25 in a 50-yard freestyle. Carter Hammer swam 35.44 in a 50-yard freestyle, and 1:33.33 in a 100-yard freestyle. Jimmy Baggen swam a personal best of 25.03 in a 50-yard freestyle, and a personal best of 1:05.84 in a 100-yard butterfly. Bruce Smith swam a per-

sonal best of 34.45 in a 50-yard freestyle, and a personal best of 1:18.40 in a 100-yard freestyle.

During Friday's meet, Aaliyah Messmer, Jimmy Baggen, Jack Roberts, and Renee Roberts swam a combined 1:51.09 in a 200-yard mixed relay. This was only for fun, Coach Roberts said, not an official event.

## Saturday results

Tyson Messmer swam a personal best of 2:44.64 in a 200-yard individual medley. Renee Roberts swam a personal best of 25.53 in a 50-yard freestyle, and 56.59 in a 100-yard freestyle. Aaliyah Messmer swam 31.76 in a 50-yard freestyle and a personal best of 7:29.98 in a 500-yard freestyle. Jack Roberts swam 25.84 in a 50-yard freestyle and 1:04.11 in a 100-yard butterfly. Nikolai Siekawitch swam 23.78 in a 50-yard freestyle and 58.48 in a 100-yard butterfly. Jimmy Baggen swam 25.06 in a 50-yard

freestyle and a personal best of 58.26 in a 100-yard freestyle.

Tyson Messmer, Jimmy Baggen, Jack Roberts, and Nikolai Siekawitch swam a combined 1:44.97 in a 200-yard freestyle relay.

"I am grateful for the positive attitudes that the Wrangell swimmers have at practice every day and at the virtual meets," Coach Roberts wrote in an email. "They are making the most of this unusual season. The hard work they are doing in practice is reflected in the time drops that happened at Friday's meet. Out of the 18 individual swims, they set 15 personal bests on Friday. They know that they will not be attending the State meet being held by Central Area Swimming in November and possibly foregoing the Regional meet, but they continue to work hard on improving their technique, endurance, and speed."

# Alaska accepts bids for 2 fast ferries that faced struggles

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) —Alaska is redoubling efforts to sell two fast ferries by accepting sealed bids.

The state Department of Transportation issued a public notice of the bidding process Thursday, CoastAlaska reported Monday.

The state set a minimum reserve price for each ship but does not plan to reveal the amount until the bids are unsealed Dec. 15.

Prospective buyers are required to post a refundable \$25,000 deposit with each bid for the M/V Chenega and M/V Fairweather.

The agency told lawmakers earlier this year that the cost of mooring both fast ferries in Ketchikan's private Ward Cove facility is \$566,016 annually.

The boats were brought into service about 15 years ago with great fanfare, but a defect with their innovative, lightweight engines caused them to crack. The state sued the manufacturer in 2010, and both ferries eventually received conventional engines.

The 235-foot (72-meter) vessels could travel about twice as

fast as the rest of the fleet, going from Juneau to Sitka in about four hours. But they burned far more fuel than the conventional

fleet and struggled in rough, winter conditions.

The Chenega was taken out of service in 2015, followed by

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# Lady Wolves face Lady Vikings in second home games of the season

By **CALEB VIERKANT**  
*Sentinel writer*

The Wrangell Lady Wolves hosted their second home games of the volleyball season last Saturday, Oct. 24, against the Petersburg Lady Vikings. A previous article in the Wrangell Sentinel reported that Wrangell would be traveling to Petersburg for these last games, but this was incorrect. While Wrangell played hard, they only managed to pull off a single win.

"They played hard," said Coach Alyssa Allen. "We need to work on our serving and our passing. They hit the ball well."

The first game went heavily in Petersburg's favor. They took the lead early on and held on to it through the game. The Lady Wolves tried to catch up, but never managed to get any momentum. The final score was 12-25, a win for Petersburg.

Wrangell managed to take an early lead in the second game, but the Lady Vikings stayed close on their tail. As the game went on, Wrangell slowly pulled ahead, and soon held a commanding lead. Petersburg continued to play hard and were able to close the gap. However, they did not pull ahead in time. The final score was 25-18, a Wrangell victory.

The third game was quite close. Wrangell and Petersburg were neck-and-neck for much of the early game, tied at 9-9. The Lady Wolves pulled ahead slightly, but soon the game was tied again. It was back and forth at several points, with both teams tying each other repeatedly. It was then Petersburg's turn to pull ahead. This narrow lead helped them claim their second win of the night, at 19-25.

The last game of the night did not go very well for the Lady Wolves. The Lady

Vikings took the lead early and, much like the first game, held on tight to it. Wrangell did manage a rally near the end of the game, but it was not enough to overcome Petersburg's lead on them. The final score was 15-25, another win for Petersburg.

The next scheduled games for Wrangell, according to an email from Trisa Rooney, will be in Klawock on Oct. 31.

"The girls played hard against Petersburg and it was a tough loss," Assistant Coach Shayna Schultz wrote in a Facebook message. "They're practicing hard and looking forward to our next game against them."



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**Kendra Meissner (No. 9) during last Saturday's volleyball games.**



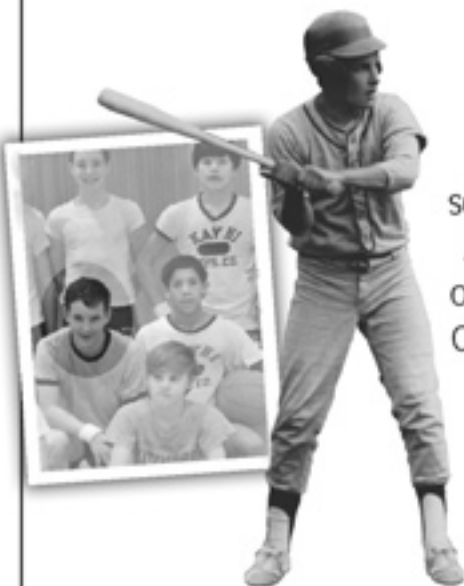
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# Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH  
Fisheries columnist

## Many Alaska fishermen likely to be involved in regulatory meetings next spring instead of being out on the water

Many Alaska fishermen are likely to be involved in regulatory meetings next spring instead of being out on the water. And Alaska legislators will be distracted by hearings for hundreds of unconfirmed appointments as they tackle contentious budgets and other pressing issues.

New dates have been set for state Board of Fisheries meetings that were bumped from later this year due to corona virus concerns. During the same time, along with four unconfirmed seats on the fish board, the Alaska legislature also will be tasked with considering nominees for 137 state boards and commissions named by Gov. Dunleavy during the 2020 session. State lawmakers were unable to do the usual in-depth vetting of appointees when the virus forced them to adjourn early.

The upcoming round of BOF meetings focuses on management of subsistence, commercial, sport and personal use fisheries at Prince William Sound, Southeast and Yakutat, as well as statewide shellfish issues and hatcheries.

The meeting dates of March 4 for the hatchery committee and March 5-10 for shellfish issues remain the same as originally scheduled. The Prince William Sound meetings, set to be held in Cordova, are now set to occur from March 30 - April 5; for Southeast and Yakutat, the dates are April 17-29 with the meetings scheduled to be in Ketchikan.

The plan is to hold in person meetings while monitoring Covid threats that could lead to extra costs and complications, said Glenn Haight, executive director for the boards of both fish and game.

The fish board will address 275 regulatory proposals in its upcoming meeting cycle.

"We're just going to see what happens with this year and hopefully things will settle

down enough so we can get these proposals done," he added.

"Probably the biggest unknown is what happens if we're in the meetings and participants get sick, certainly the ones that we are accountable for such as staff, board members and committee members," Haight said. "That could lead to higher costs if a number of people are forced to quarantine in a hotel out of their own community. And it's possible that if an outbreak occurs, the meeting is over. There are certain

people we can't conduct the meeting without and it could be that it's all lost."

While nothing can replace meeting face to face, Haight said the response to online meetings via Zoom has been positive. One plus is that it is easy to bring in experts from far away to participate.

"It was kind of nice during the recent work session to see how easy it was to bring in subject matter experts out of nowhere," he explained. "If you're meeting in Anchorage,

for instance, you're not going to be able to bring in our regional subsistence expert from Fairbanks. But all of a sudden, when we got to that point in the meeting, there she was available for questions. So it has some features that you can do a bit more with sometimes."

Meanwhile, four of the seven fish board seats are being warmed by voting members not yet approved by the Alaska legislature, along with the hundreds of others. That means the appointment procedure goes back to square one, ac-

ording to Rep. Louise Stutes (R-Kodiak).

"Confirmations have to take place before we reconvene in mid-January. And if that doesn't happen, then all these people have to be nominated again by the Dunleavy administration in the upcoming session," Stutes said.

But there appear to be some questions surrounding the process.

"Our (natural resources) attorney general, Aaron Peterson, said they don't have a

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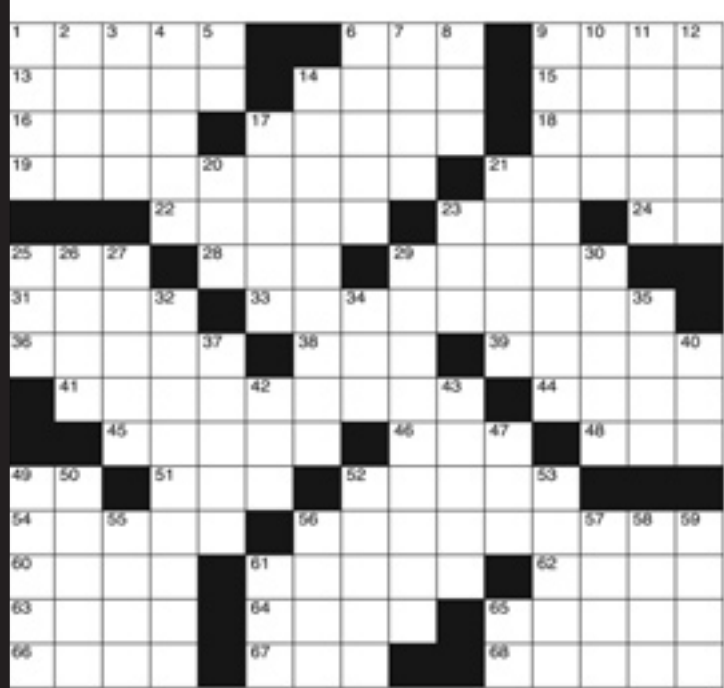
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- 6. Married woman
- 9. Some animals travel in one
- 13. Fear
- 14. Hawaiian island
- 15. Fit to work
- 16. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 17. Former Senator Specter
- 18. Cambodian currency
- 19. Dave Matthews Band hit
- 21. Lists ingredients
- 22. Endangered antelope
- 23. Jerry's TV partner
- 24. Blue grass state
- 25. Obstruct
- 28. Luke's mentor \_\_\_-Wan
- 29. Fencing swords
- 31. Oh, heavens!
- 33. Insensitive to changes in price
- 36. Hillsides
- 38. Brew
- 39. Gland secretion
- 41. A typical example
- 44. Get up
- 45. You put it on your pasta
- 46. Expresses surprise
- 48. News organization
- 49. Disorder of the lungs (abbr.)
- 51. One millionth of a gram
- 52. Some are of the "suit" variety
- 54. Group of organisms
- 56. Produces
- 60. Passage into a mine
- 61. \_\_\_ and cheeses
- 62. Semitic fertility god
- 63. Dry or withered
- 64. Religious ceremony
- 65. \_\_\_ Winger, actress
- 66. German river
- 67. Midway between northeast and east
- 68. Take something or somebody somewhere

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Lyric poems
- 2. Genus of saltwater clams
- 3. Ingroup
- 4. Type of lounge chair
- 5. Memory card
- 6. Archipelago
- 7. Common Korean surname
- 8. It's up there
- 9. Quantity that helps to define
- 10. First month of the Jewish ecclesiastical year
- 11. Metal-headed golf club
- 12. A shade of green
- 14. Begin
- 17. A good thing to have
- 20. Language spoken in Laos
- 21. Loosely compacted sediment
- 23. Naturally occurring protein
- 25. Woman
- 26. Central Indian city
- 27. Volcanic craters
- 29. Largest existing land animals
- 30. Rumanian city
- 32. Equal to 10 meters
- 34. Historic Nevada city
- 35. A point of transition
- 37. Remove
- 40. Overwatch character
- 42. Records electric currents linked to the heart
- 43. Settles in calmly
- 47. Partner to his
- 49. Banking giant
- 50. Slowly disappeared
- 52. End
- 53. Sword with a v-shaped blade
- 55. Fabric with smooth, shiny surface
- 56. Wild cherry tree
- 57. Traditional Japanese socks
- 58. Make of your hard work
- 59. Stony waste matter
- 61. Woman (French)
- 65. Unit of loudness

# Fish Factor

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solid answer and he was going to get back to the board on that," said Glenn Haight. "It's top of mind - it's not just the board of fisheries, it's all of the boards and commissions appointments that have been made. It's a lot of individuals. So it's very concerning for the state and they are looking into it."

**Going for gold!** Fishermen and state managers are testing the waters for a golden king crab fishery at Prince William Sound.

Through the end of November, fishermen will drop pots for 15,000 pounds of goldens in a fishery that has been closed since 1989. Golden king crab are some of the deepest dwellers, living at depths of 900 meters, or nearly 3,000 feet. The stock was last surveyed in 2006, but stakeholders say they are seeing signs of increased abundance.

"We believe that there is some golden king crab out there and our stakeholders proposed a few things at the last Board of Fish meeting," said Wyatt Rhea-Fournier, Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game research project leader for groundfish and shellfish at lower Cook Inlet, the North Gulf Coast district, and Prince William Sound. "And, it was agreed that for this year we would go forward with a test fishery to try to gain more information. Once that is complete, the department will analyze the data and we will be gaining a lot of information within a low risk scenario."

At a time of tight budgets, a test fishery allows the crab that's caught to be sold to a local processor to fund the research project. In this case, a harvest limited to 15,000 pounds will go to 60 Degrees North in Cordova which also is subcontracting with boats to handle the harvest.

The results of the test fishery will be presented to the Fish Board at its statewide shellfish meeting in March.

"And we just encourage everyone to be patient as we analyze this king crab data, and know that we're always looking for an opportunity to provide a sustainable fishery," Rhea-Fournier said.

Golden king crab would be the second emerging crab fishery for Prince William Sound, following Tanner crab openers in March for three years running where catches have topped 100,000 pounds.

The next test fishery for Prince William Sound could be sea cucumbers.

**Sitkan salute** - Fisherman, wife and mother, Yale graduate, national policy maker, former international commissioner and funding whiz Linda Behnken of Sitka has received a \$250,000 cash award from the Heinz Family Foundation for her work promoting sustainable fishing practices and futures for Alaska harvesters and coastal communities.

Behnken began fishing in Alaska in 1982 to earn money for college. After earning a master's degree at Yale, she returned to skipper her own boat. Not long after, she took the helm as executive director of the Alaska Longline

Fishermen's Association (ALFA) and has made favorable waves in Alaska and nationally ever since.

Under her leadership, ALFA was successful in securing a ban on trawling in waters off Southeast Alaska, in an area covering over 100,000 square miles.

ALFA's Fishery Conservation Network forged ongoing partnerships between small boat fishermen and scientists to find ways to reduce whale interactions with fishing gear, map the ocean floor, avoid bycatch, and test electronic monitoring procedures.

To build recruitment for the profession, the ALFA team created a Young Fishermen's Initiative and launched a crew apprentice training program. Behnken also co-founded the Alaska Sustainable Fisheries Trust that helps young fishermen overcome the high costs of entry through a Local Fish Fund where repayments are based on the price of their catches.

ALFA was the first in Alaska to create a community-supported fishery called Alaskans Own, a subscription-based program in which customers pre-order a suite of local catches. Most recently, in response to the Covid pandemic and low salmon returns around the state, Alaskans Own helped coordinate donations and delivery of thousands of pounds of fish to families and elders throughout Southeast and at Chignik.

At the national level, because there are no federal programs dedicated to training the next generation of fishermen (unlike farmers and ranchers), ALFA joined forces with the Fishing Communities Coalition to push for the Young Fishermen's Development Act, which (if passed) would provide funding, training and education.

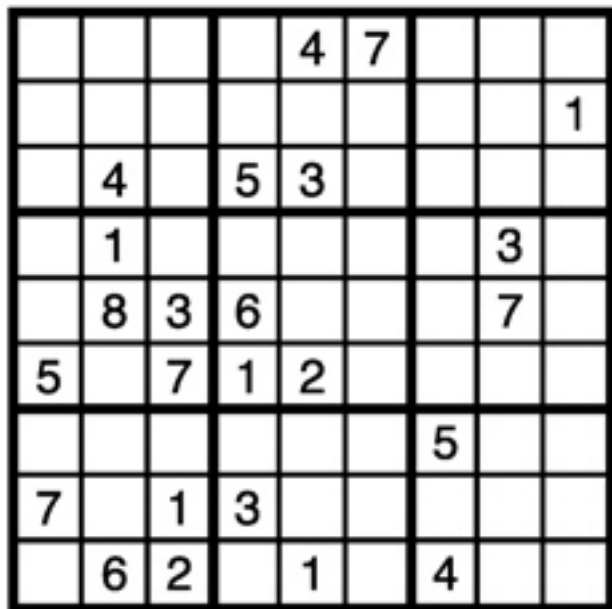
Behnken also has served on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and as a U.S. Commissioner on the International Pacific Halibut Commission.

"Linda's success in achieving collaboration between scientists, industry, and the fishermen who work the ocean for their livelihood is a model for effective environmental change," said Teresa Heinz, Chairman of the Heinz Family Foundation. "Her efforts to drive policy and practices that protect the stability of Alaska's coastal fishing communities and the ocean ecosystem on which they depend not only give us hope, they demonstrate what is possible when seemingly competing interests work together."

Linda Behnken fishes commercially, now with her husband and two sons.

**Selling survey** - More Alaska fishermen are selling their catches directly and the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute hopes to give them a hand. ASMI is encouraging direct marketers to take a short survey to get a better understanding of their needs and help guide an effective strategy. Take the survey by Nov. 1 for a chance to win a \$100 Visa gift card. Take the survey at [www.alaskaseafood.org](http://www.alaskaseafood.org)

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**CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) is seeking *Letters of Interest* to fill the upcoming vacancies to the SEAPA Board of Directors, which consist of:

**One (1) voting member and One (1) alternate member for  
Wrangell**

These vacancies are one-year terms from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

Please turn your Letter of Interest into the Borough Clerk’s Office, 205 Brueger Street, City & Borough of Wrangell, P.O. Box 531, Wrangell, AK 99929, **on or before 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 4, 2020.**

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Borough Clerk’s Office at 907-874-2381, or email: [clerk@wrangell.com](mailto:clerk@wrangell.com)

Appointments will be made at the Regular Assembly meeting on November 10, 2020.

**Publish: October 29, 2020**

## Puzzle answers from October 22 Edition



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8	4	2	1	3	5	7	9	6
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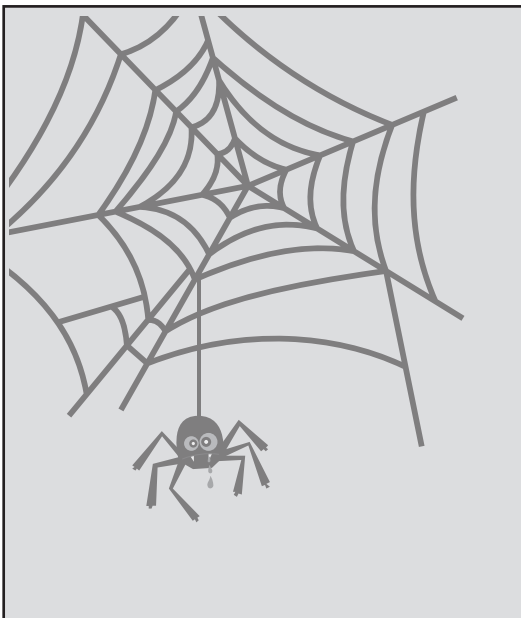
# SEAPA anticipating future rate increases

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

The Southeast Alaska Power Agency provides power to the communities of Wrangell, Petersburg, and Ketchikan. CEO Trey Acteson said they have not had a rate increase in over 23 years, holding steady at 6.8 cents per kWh. However, due to anticipated costs in the near future, he reported that they are expecting a necessary rate increase sometime next year.

"It is still a little early in the process to provide a firm number on any potential rate increases, but I can assure you the SEAPA Board prefers small incremental adjustments, with as much advanced notice as possible," Acteson wrote in an email. "The Agency is very sensitive to the ongoing fiscal challenges of our Member Communities during these challenging times."

The main reason for a rate adjustment, he said, is because SEAPA is expecting to take on somewhere between \$7.45 to \$13.37 million in long-term debt to cover their submarine cable replacement project. This project is expected around May or June of 2021, he said. A rate increase will help them address the debt service. The SEAPA board is also looking at future revenue requirements to respond to issues such as an aging infrastructure, relicensing, and new generation op-



## A pre Halloween fun

(Left to right): Cassandra Schilling, Briana Schilling, and Kasee Schlotzhauer showing off their Halloween costumes during a photo-shoot last weekend.



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portunities, among other items.

"There are a lot of unanswered questions at this point," Bob Lynn, Petersburg resident and SEAPA board chairman wrote in an email. "As Trey will tell you we have some insurance on the cable but not near enough to cover

the cost. Until the cable is pulled up to see what caused the damage the insurance company will not pay. Mean-time SEAPA will be using almost all its financial assets to pay the costs up front. Until the actual insurance reimbursement can be pinned

down a bit better Trey cannot go to the bond bank for a loan. Some of the most important answers will not happen until 4-5 months into 2021. At some point maybe mid next year the rates will need to increase."

Acteson said there was no determined amount the rate increase might be set at yet. However, he did say that SEAPA historically has

charged the same flat rate to all three communities.

"We understand that the wholesale power rate has not increased in a number of years, and the aging infrastructure that SEAPA has will need upgrades," Lisa Von Bargen, Wrangell's alternate board member, said. "To keep up with necessary maintenance, rates will have to be slightly increased."

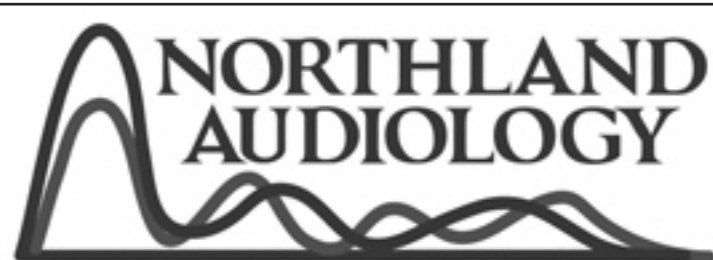
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