

State troopers teach difference between legal and illegal moose ahead of hunting season

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

State Wildlife Troopers Kyle Freeberg, of Wrangell, and Cody Litster, of Petersburg, set up shop in Wrangell's downtown pavilion last Sunday afternoon with several hunting regulation handbooks and racks of moose antlers. As many eager hunters across Southeast Alaska are aware, moose season opens on Sept. 15. This is a registration moose hunt, Freeberg said, so anybody wanting to hunt moose will have to be registered with the Department of Fish and Game. The bag limit is one bull moose, and many hunters are eager to get a pair of antlers in their gun-sights. Before going out into the woods, however, Freeberg and Litster wanted to be sure everybody knew how to tell the difference between a legal moose and one that is off-limits.

"We're mostly just trying to get some examples out here so people can see what we're looking for, what we're not looking for," Freeberg said, motioning to the racks of antlers.

There are many details to pay attention to and judgment calls a hunter has to make before shooting a moose, Freeberg said. While he did not provide specific numbers, he said that a lot of illegal moose were killed last year. Killing an illegal moose not only hurts the wider moose population, but it can also incur fines and potentially jail time if not reported.

"We're kind of trying to get people to have a little bit more of a mentality of 'if you don't know, don't shoot,'" he said.

According to Freeberg, and this year's hunting regulations, a moose is legal to kill if it has at least one spike or forked antler. The antler on the other side of the moose's head can be in any configuration. On the other end of the spectrum, a moose with large, 50-inch antlers are legal to hunt. For moose with large antlers, but not quite 50-inches across, another sign they are legal to hunt is by counting the brow tines. Freeberg said that it's legal if the moose has a pair of two-by-two brow tines, or has at least three brow tines on at least one side. Essentially, these regulations are meant to protect adult, breeding moose, while keeping the juvenile or older



PHOTO BY CALEB VIERKANT/ WRANGELL SENTINEL

Wrangell Wildlife Trooper Kyle Freeberg and Petersburg Wildlife Trooper Cody Litster set up shop in the downtown pavilion last Sunday afternoon, Sept. 8, to provide information on the upcoming moose season. The main goal they had, they both said, was to urge caution among any hunters. There are a lot of details to pay attention to and judgment calls to make when preparing to shoot a moose so when in doubt it is better to just let the animal go.

"We're mostly just trying to get some examples out here so people can see what we're looking for, what we're not looking for."

State Wildlife Trooper
Kyle Freeberg of Wrangell



PHOTO BY CALEB VIERKANT/ WRANGELL SENTINEL

moose available to hunt.

"You take out the real young ones, you take out the real old ones, you kind of leave the healthy ones in the middle,"

As the State Wildlife Troopers rarely get their hands on "legal" antlers, Trooper Cody Litster said, they only had two examples of moose antlers that were legal to hunt last Sunday. This set of antlers is legal because of the brow tines (the portion of the antlers that would point downwards if still attached to the moose's head.) In the Wrangell area, a moose is legal to hunt if they have a set of two-by-two brow tines, as pictured here, or with three or more brow tines on one antler.



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Several racks of "illegal" moose antlers the state troopers set up in the downtown pavilion last Sunday. There are many different rules and details that make a moose illegal to hunt based on its antlers, according to Trooper Kyle Freeberg, such as the number of points on the antlers, their size, whether or not an antler is broken, and many other details.

Freeberg said.

Both Freeberg and Litster said that there are a lot of things to remember before taking a shot at a bull moose, and sometimes it can be hard to tell whether or not it is a legal kill. For example, from a distance or through a scope it can be hard to tell if a growth on a moose's antler counts as another tine or just a bump. Broken antlers can also make the moose illegal. That is why they both urged playing it safe and not taking any shots that a hunter is uncertain of.

In the event that an illegal moose is killed, Freeberg said that as long as the hunter reports themselves, it will not be the end of the world. This will incur a fine,

typically about \$300 to \$500, he said, and the moose's meat will be processed and distributed to charity. Killing an illegal moose and not reporting it, or just abandoning it and trying to hide it, carries stricter repercussions. "Wanton waste" is \$10,000 and 10 days in jail, Freeberg said. "Don't talk yourself into shooting moose," he said. "This is not life or death, and if you don't know, don't shoot it."

To learn more about the regulations for moose hunting, check the 2019-2020 Alaska hunting regulations at www.adfg.alaska.gov, or contact the wildlife troopers at (907) 874-3215 for Wrangell and (907) 772-3983 for Petersburg.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, September 12: Katelyn Early, Bryant Benjamin, David Rak. *Anniversary:* Jason & Sabra Neyman. **Friday, September 13:** Jenny Mork, Bernie Massin, Frank Johnson, John Waddington, Kalcie Klinke, Jim Nelson, Sr., Wanda Banta. *Anniversary:* Jeff & Heidi Villarma. **Saturday, September 14:** Mikki Angerman. **Sunday, September 15:** Tayler Reeves, Heather Howe, Alana Young, Jake Harris. **Monday, September 16:** Tessa Appleman, Sarah Scambler. *Anniversary:* Brian & Yuri McCloskey, Steve & Ginny Helgeson, Chris & Kristie Weber, Lee & Jennifer Wiederspohn. **Tuesday, September 17:** Roxanna Coblentz, Nancy Seimears, Jon Cornelius, Jayden Stutz. *Anniversary:* Robert & Rynda Hayes. **Wednesday, September 18:** Derek Angerman, Nicki Kikodym.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, September 12

Roast Beef with Gravy, Spinach, Fruit Slaw,
Mashed Potatoes

Friday, September 13

Ham, Peas and Carrots, Tomato Aspic,
Combread

Monday, September 16

Hot Turkey with Cranberries, Broccoli,
Carrot- Pineapple, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

Tuesday, September 17

Everyday Meatloaf, Green Beans Sunshine,
Au Gratin Potatoes

Wednesday, September 18

Venison Stew, Cabbage with Fruit Cocktail, Bread

**Please call Wrangell Senior Center
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Milk, tea and coffee will be served with meals.

FERRY

Departures

Northbound

Saturday, September 14

Malaspina 09:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 15

Columbia 2:45 p.m.

Tuesday, September 17

Malaspina 03:15 p.m.

Saturday, September 21

Malaspina 08:45 a.m.

Sunday, September 22

Columbia 3:45 p.m.

Southbound

Friday, September 13

Malaspina 12:45 a.m.

Monday, September 16

Malaspina 5:45 a.m.

Wednesday, September 18

Columbia 4:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 19

Malaspina 8:15 p.m.

Monday, September 23

Malaspina 8:15 a.m.

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



TIDES Sept 12 - Sept 19

	High Tides		Low Tides			
	AM Time	PM Time	AM Time	PM Time	AM Time	PM Time
September 12	0:28	1:09	6:50	7:20	8:58	9:29
September 13	1:06	1:41	7:20	7:47	9:29	10:05
September 14	1:41	2:10	7:47	8:13	9:58	10:34
September 15	2:14	2:37	8:13	8:40	10:27	11:03
September 16	2:45	3:03	8:40	9:06	10:56	11:32
September 17	3:16	3:28	9:06	9:36	11:45	12:21
September 18	3:48	3:55	9:36	10:09	12:54	13:30
September 19	4:23	4:25	10:09	10:47	14:03	14:39

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Is the attendance at your meeting or event low? Send information for Roundup to wrgsent@gmail.com or call 874-2301.

Continuing Events

PARKS & REC ACTIVITIES: Mid-day closure: M-F 1:30-3:30 p.m. Closed Sunday

Pool:

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class: M-W-F 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Water Aerobics: M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Lap Swim: M-W-F 6:00-7:30 a.m. MTWThF 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
TuTh 5:15-6:15 p.m. Sa 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
2 Lane Lap Swim: M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Lap/Tot Swim: MTWThF 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. S 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Swim Club: M-F 3:15-5:15 p.m.
Open Swim: M-W 5:30-7:00 p.m. F 6:30-8:00 p.m. S 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Weight Room: M-Thu 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-7:30 p.m. F 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-8:30 p.m. S 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

MEETINGS

AA Meetings:

North Star Group Meeting. St. Philip's Church. Tuesday: 7 p.m., Thursday: 8 p.m., Friday: 8 p.m.

The Way We Were

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

September 11, 1919

One of the prettiest war souvenirs we have seen was received this week by Wrangell man, O. A. Brown, from the American Can Company. The shell is of brass, over three inches in diameter and 2 1/2 feet in length. The following note accompanied the souvenir. "When loaded for service the brass case contains the propelling charge of smokeless powder, which shoots the steel to an extreme range of four miles. The steel shell is filled with high explosive, usually T.N.T., which is caused to explode when striking the target or ground. The entire round when loaded weighs about 20 pounds. We are sending you this souvenir with our compliments as a memento of the recent world struggle, and also as an evidence of the power of American institutions to meet promptly and efficiently every emergency. The American Can Company, during the war, delivered over five million rounds of complete ammunition."

September 15, 1944

For the first time since 1926, Wrangell is to have a representative in the Territorial legislature as voters in the First division indicated their confidence in Mayor Fred G. Hanford among a field of 16 aspirants for seats in the House. In Wrangell Mr. Hanford received 130 votes out of a total of 200 ballots cast; in Petersburg he polled 130 out of 199 votes. E. L. Bartlett was elected by nearly two to one over his opponent John E. Manders of Anchorage for Delegate to Congress throughout the territory. Unopposed for a two-year term as divisional senator, Andrew Gundersen of Ketchikan, was piling up a high complimentary vote in the First Division.

September 11, 1969

The Humble Oil Co. of Houston, Tex., will begin hard metal exploration work on claims located in the Wrangell area next spring, Chamber of Commerce President Marc Langland said.

Humble representatives met with Langland to determine what services are available in Wrangell for support of a core drilling operation centered in the glacier basin, inland from Wrangell.

Wrangell will be the prime source of supply for the operation which will commence in the spring and last throughout the summer of 1971, he said.

Langland also indicated that a concentrated effort will be made this winter to increase tourism in Wrangell, this to be accomplished as a Chamber of Commerce function.

September 15, 1994

Wrangell's Irene Ingle Pub-

lic Library is one of thousands of libraries around the country associated with "JumpStart," a program that encourages parents and teacher to bring children (first through third graders) to the library to receive their library cards and explore the wonders of the library.

The Prudential, in cooperation with the American Library Association (ALA), plans to give children living in Wrangell a "JumpStart" on the wonders of reading and learning with the program this fall. Participating schools will receive JumpStart packages that will include a 10-page, four color newsletter for parents and a classroom poster and stickers for children. "JumpStart is a wonderful program for bringing together a new partnership of parents, schools, libraries and business on behalf of children," added Kay Jabusch, librarian at Irene Ingle Public Library.

Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Sep. 02	57	53
Sep. 03	57	53
Sep. 04	61	48
Sep. 05	64	48
Sep. 06	60	52
Sep. 07	66	50
Sep. 08	69	51
Sep. 09	72	53

Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Sep 12	6:12 am	7:16 pm	13:04h
Sep 13	6:13 am	7:14 pm	13:01h
Sep 14	6:15 am	7:11 pm	12:56h
Sep 15	6:17 am	7:08 pm	12:51h
Sep 16	6:19 am	7:06 pm	12:47h
Sep 17	6:21 am	7:03 pm	12:42h
Sep 18	6:23 am	7:00 pm	12:37h
Sep 19	6:25 am	6:58 pm	12:33h



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Low turnout but lots of information at Central Tongass Project meeting

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Forest Service held a public meeting regarding the Central Tongass

Project last week, Sept. 3. The purpose of the meeting was to share information on the project and its recently published draft environmental impact statement, and also to receive input from the public. The public did not show much interest that night, however, as the meeting only saw a few people stop by. Despite the low turnout, the meeting provided a lot of information on the Central Tongass Project to those who did show.

Troy Heithecker, acting forest supervisor, said that there will be many opportunities for public input down the road, as well. Public comments are still open for the project and the environmental impact statement, he said, and the comments they do receive will be used to decide what projects to pursue and how best to do them. Afterwards, he added that the implementation process of these projects will also be open to public input.

"We really value and encourage public feedback and public input," he said.

The Central Tongass Project is looking at a series of projects within the Wrangell and Petersburg ranger districts. It does not stray very far from other projects managed by the Forest Service, but it is being done in a unique way. Instead of going project by project, the Central Tongass Project is looking at a wide variety of jobs over a 15-year timeline. These projects fit into a variety of categories, Heithecker said, such as watershed restoration, recreation management, vegetation management, and access management. It is not really the projects themselves that are unique, but the way they are being planned.

"In general the process is what's unique on this one," he said. "It's clearing project work for up to 15 years. So it allows our folks to spend their time now on the implementation side, get out in the field, and get more projects

done with less time on the planning side of things. Not to say we're not doing our due diligence, we're completing all the necessary work we need to do for this."

An abstract of the draft EIS reads that the jobs within the Central Tongass Project are designed to boost the regional economy by providing jobs and encouraging tourism, supporting and improving subsistence resources, and providing safe access to the forest. The EIS also describes three alternatives for the variety of planned projects: No action, the project itself, and an alternative way to accomplish the project. The EIS is not exactly light reading, said Wrangell District Ranger Clint Kolarich, but that people reading through it should pay attention to the effects analysis. When the Forest Service does work on the ground, he said, that work will have an impact on the surrounding area. These impacts can be both positive and negative, he said. The EIS looks at some of those impacts as well as mitigations the Forest Service could put into place to offset any negative effects.

"When we go into implementation, that's the part that will be in phases over the next 10 to 15 years," Kolarich said. "There will be even more opportunity for public engagement during that process. That's when we'll get a little more site-specific about where we want to do the right work in the right place. That's why it's awesome when the public gets involved and helps us with that process. There'll be more to come when we get to implementation."

The 45-day comment period for the draft EIS closes on Sept. 16. More information can be found on the Forest Service website, and comments can also be submitted at www.fs.usda.gov. The Central Tongass Project can be found under the "Land & Resources Management" tab, followed by the "Projects" tab. Comments can also be sent via fax to (907) 772-5995. They can also be mailed to Carey Case, Project Leader, Petersburg Ranger District, PO Box 1328, Petersburg, Alaska, 99833.



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Wrangell District Ranger Clint Kolarich speaking at the Forest Service's recent meeting regarding the Central Tongass Project.

Police report

September 2 Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits. Harassment. Found property: Returned to owner.	September 3	Disturbance. Unattended vehicle at airport. Disturbance.	Speeding complaint.
		September 4 DUI: Unfounded. Subpoena service.	September 5 Domestic dispute. Harassment. Citizen assist: Vehicle unlock.
			Parking violation: Bus zone. Traffic stop: Verbal warning for failure to yield to pedestrian. Citation for failure to provide insurance.
			September 6 Traffic stop. Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.
			September 7 Agency assist: SAR Report of harassment. Inmate incident.
			September 8 Disturbance: Verbal warning given. Dog complaint: Owner advised to keep dog contained. Traffic complaint. Arrested: Cooper Seimears, 34 on charges of Assault IV/DV and VCOR.

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Salmon Beyond Borders and SEITC working to create united front against transboundary mining

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

For many people in Southeast Alaska, mining operations in nearby British Columbia is a source of concern. While these mines are across the border in Canadian jurisdiction, many of them are located in the watersheds of rivers that cross back into Alaska. Should an accident or pollution occur at these mines, whatever flows downriver could have a major impact on the lives and livelihoods of many people, Canadian and Alaskan.

Salmon Beyond Borders is one Southeast Alaskan organization campaigning to raise awareness around transboundary mining and to pursue policy changes to better protect rivers. Another organization with similar goals is the Southeast Alaska Indigenous Transboundary Commission (SEITC). Both groups came together in a Wrangell meeting last Thursday, Sept. 5, to discuss their shared goals and some steps being taken towards stronger transboundary protections.

Breanna Walker, campaign coordinator with Salmon Beyond Borders, said that there are three main river watersheds they are concerned about: The Taku, the Stikine, and the Unuk. According to a pamphlet passed around at the meeting, the Taku River is the number one salmon producer in Southeast Alaska, followed by the Stikine River at number two. The Unuk River is among the top five king salmon runs in the region, as well. Among these three watersheds, she said, British Columbia has roughly a dozen mine at various stages of construction, operation, or abandonment.

"These three rivers have been hubs of culture and commerce for thousands of years," Walker said. "Today, they are huge parts of our economy in Southeast Alaska, as well as important places for our ways of life. Taku, Stikine, and Unuk together support a \$2 billion combined industry for commercial fishing and tourism."

Salmon Beyond Borders and the SEITC have both seen positive steps towards better protections for these rivers.



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Tis Peterman, SEITC, and Breanna Walker, Salmon Beyond Borders, at last Thursday's Wrangell Community Night.

SEITC recently held a "Stikine River Rally" to raise awareness of the transboundary issues, back in August. Around that visit, CEO Tis Peterman said that they had the opportunity to meet with several members of the International Joint Commission.

"I think they were very sincere and concerned with our issue," Peterman said. "In fact, one of the commissioners stopped me after the meeting and said 'We hear you,' he said 'It's happening in our state, as well.'"

The IJC is a joint American and Canadian group that helps settle disputes over water the two countries share. Following up with this meeting, Peterman said that both the SEITC and Salmon Beyond Borders would be traveling to Washington D.C. this week to meet with the whole IJC, and other organizations, to highlight their concerns.

"We have meetings with the state department, we have meetings with the IJC, and we also have meetings with the EPA," she said.

Walker said that the United States and Canada have a

memorandum of understanding in regards to mining and transboundary rivers, but that is not enough to protect Southeast Alaskans should a mining disaster occur.

What Salmon Beyond Borders is hoping to accomplish is a binding international agreement to protect transboundary watersheds. This has seen some steps forward recently, as well, she said. This past spring, for example, Congress sent a bipartisan letter to John Horgan, premier of British Columbia, urging higher standards of oversight and accountability be put in place for transboundary mining operations. During this meeting, Walker added that they were collecting signatures for a letter to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to pursue similar goals.

"It's starting to gel," Peterman said. "People are starting to listen, but we have to keep going."

More information about Salmon Beyond Borders can be found at www.salmonbeyondborders.org, and the SEITC can be found at www.seitc.org.

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It was Grandparents' Day at the Nolan Center last Monday, Sept. 9. Second and third graders from Evergreen Elementary School took a field trip to the Nolan Center to meet their grandparents, who assisted them on a scavenger hunt through the museum. Pictured here are Dave Andreason and his granddaughter, Jenna.

Grandparents' Day at the Nolan Center



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Grandparents' Day is a years-long tradition, according to Lead Teacher Jenn Miller-Yancey. "As a teacher of Evergreen Elementary School for 27 years, it makes me very happy and excited that the current teachers that are involved, with third graders especially, really want to carry on the traditions that I've built up over all those years," she said.

Pictured here is Evergreen Elementary student Jonathan Powell and Rod Rhoades, who volunteered to be a "stand-in" grandpa for students whose grandparents could not attend the event.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I'm Hispanic and I know growing up within your means was the rule. It's discipline. We never relied on government assistance or felt like we were entitled to anything we couldn't do for ourselves. This made us hard working Americans. I wish more people would learn to live within their means. I believe the governor is trying to fix our budget issues and I respect he has taken on some hard issues. Everything takes time and we must be patient.

Lupe Rogers

Alaska Permanent Fund grew by \$1.4B in last fiscal year

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - Despite a large transfer of funds to the state treasury, the Alaska Permanent Fund has grown by \$1.4 billion, a report said.

The fund earned enough

from investments to grow by 2% in the fiscal year that ended June 30, The Anchorage Daily News reported Sunday.

The Permanent Fund Corporation's board of trustees said during a meeting that the fund stood at \$66.3 billion, up from \$64.9 billion on the same date in 2018.

The fund earned 6.32% on its investments and transferred 4.3%, leaving a small amount for growth. The figures are expected to be finalized at the corporation's annual meeting later this month, officials said.

A transfer of \$2.7 billion to the treasury was divided in two parts: \$1 billion on last year's \$1,600 dividend for residents and \$1.7 billion to pay for state services, officials said.

"I think it was a really solid year," said Bruce Tangeman, the Alaska Department of Revenue commissioner and a corporation trustee.

Under a system the Alaska Legislature approved in 2018,

the permanent fund is now more important to the budget than the oil industry and all other taxes combined, the newspaper reported.

The fund consists of the so-called corpus, which cannot be spent without a statewide vote, and the earnings reserve, which can be spent.

Until 2018, there were no limits on earnings reserve spending. The Legislature and then-Gov. Bill Walker approved a bill mandating a regular transfer of 5.25% of the fund's average value to the state treasury.

"We kept up and added to the earnings reserve account," said corporation Executive Director Angela Rodell.



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Parks and Rec Department considers fee changes for youth programs

By CALEB VIERKANT
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The Wrangell Parks and Recreation Advisory Board sat down to workshop a set of proposed increases to fees for youth sports programs last Wednesday, Sept. 4. Parks and Recreation Director Kate Thomas said that there are two main youth programs that use the P&R facilities: The Wrangell Swim Club and AAU girls basketball. The proposed fee change to \$15 per hour would see the swim club pay a total annual fee of about \$6,000, while AAU will see a bill of about \$2,000.

According to documents provided by Thomas for the meeting, the swim club originally practiced for only two days a week in 2016. The fees for the swim team required that participants buy a pool membership, as well as an additional \$15 per hour for prac-

tice time above four hours. It is estimated that the swim club has paid over \$4,500 in fees since 2017.

The AAU team began paying for facility use in 2017, according to the document. They originally agreed to pay \$80 per player for three months of gym time. Their practices range from 7 to 10 hours of gym time with additional hours for tournaments. They have paid about \$4,000 in fees since 2017.

Thomas said that the new policy being discussed would set a shared base rate between the two groups, in the name of consistency. For the swim club a fee of \$15 per hour, assuming 10 hours of pool use per week and 40.5 weeks in a season, will pay a total fee of \$6,075. The AAU team, meanwhile, only has 13.5 weeks per season and will pay \$2,025. For reference, Thomas said that the AAU team paid about \$1,300

last year. She did not have numbers for how big of an increase this new fee system would be for the swim club, but said that the cost breaks down to roughly \$200 per swimmer for the season.

Several members of the parks and recreation board voiced concerns about these fees being too high, and that it might drive people away from the clubs or using the department's facilities. Thomas said in response to these concerns that it is up to the clubs to determine how to gather the necessary funds, and that the extra costs will not necessarily trickle down to the participants. The clubs can always throw fundraising events, or look for grants. She also added that even with the increase, fees of \$15 per hour for these programs do not really cover the costs of the facilities being used, but it is a necessary step in the right direction.

"I am increasingly more nervous about the future of the City and Borough of Wrangell," Thomas said. "I am nervous about what will come down the pipes and what parks and recreation will be asked to do ... Do we really want to pay this much money? No, no one really does, but we still have to do something. We all need to come together and work on that collaboratively. I'd rather do that now here, with us, than have someone tell us we have to do it."

After further discussion on possible ways to keep fees on the lower end, or potential discounts that could be offered to the youth programs, it was agreed the board would try to meet again early in October. The final decision on the fee changes will come before the borough assembly once the parks and recreation department finalizes their recommendation.

Family Resilience Fair coming Sept. 28

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Local organization BRAVE (Building Respect and Valuing Everyone) will be hosting their annual Family Resilience Fair at the end of the month, on Sept. 28 from noon to 2 p.m. Last year's fair brought together about 20 different organizations that offered a variety of support and resources for Wrangell families, according to a 2018 article in the Wrangell Sentinel. The main goal of BRAVE, said organizer Kay Larson, is to bring people together in an effort to support one another and strengthen the community. The Family Resilience Fair is a good opportunity for people to see what resources are available.

"Strong families and being connected to adults who care helps to build resilience in kids, especially those that have had some trauma in their background," she said. "To some extent we all have trauma but there are some that are excessive. [We want] to bring awareness, also, of some of the causes of trauma for children, and how we can overcome by positive community effort."

The fair will be very educational, Larson said, but also fun. People setting up booths are encouraged to have games to play, and there will also be a variety of door prizes at the fair. On top of all that, Larson said that they will be using the fair to recognize an important community member. Lu Knapp will be given a "Brave Spirit" award at the fair for her many years as the director of the Indian Education Program for the Wrangell School District. Everybody is encouraged to come out to the fair to congratulate her, Larson said. Anybody who is interested in having a booth at the Family Resilience Fair is also encouraged to contact her at

SAMPLE BALLOT FRONT

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REGULAR ELECTION
OCTOBER 1, 2019**

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TURN BALLOT OVER - VOTE BOTH SIDES

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Cross country team continues to show positive gains

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Wrangell High School travelled to Petersburg last Saturday, Sept. 7, to face their rival school in a cross country meet. While Wrangell's runners did

not beat Petersburg or several other competing schools last weekend, Coach Drew Larrabee said that the team continues to make positive gains on their times.

In the women's 5,000 meter

varsity run, Wrangell came in sixth place out of nine teams, just behind Petersburg at fifth place. Liana Carney was Wrangell's first runner to cross the finish line, with a time of 21:50.95. It should also be noted



PHOTO BY BRIAN VARELA/ WRANGELL SENTINEL

Wrangell runner Jade Balansag competing in last Saturday's Petersburg Invitational.



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Wrangell runner Tyson Messmer.

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Shall the Home Rule Charter of the City and Borough of Wrangell be amended to repeal Section 3-9, Wrangell Medical Center, as set forth in Ordinance No. 964?

Yes
No

BACK Card 1 SEQ# 1

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that Carney was ahead of all Petersburg runners, with Melanie Chase of Petersburg coming in about two seconds behind Carney. Jade Balansag, of Wrangell, was second for her team with a time of 23:06.27. After her, for Wrangell, came Jamie Early at 24:21.74. The first place team for the women's race was Ketchikan High School.

In the men's 5,000 meter varsity, Wrangell took ninth place out of eleven competitors. Devlin Campbell was the first of his teammates to finish the race at 20:19.83. Ethan Blatchley was second amongst the Wrangell runners at 21:55.01. Tyson Messmer was third place for the Wrangell men with a time of 23:12.72. Overall, first place in the men's race went to Ketchikan High School, as well.

Larrabee said that for Campbell, his immediate goal is to reach a "sub-20," or to run a 5k in under 20 minutes. With Messmer and Blatchley close behind with their times, he said he hopes to see them hit a sub-20 time soon, too. In practices, he added that he will be having his team track their times and meets to see how they are pacing, and to figure out what goals they should set.

"They're all pushing, they're making positive gains," Larrabee said. "This is the nicest, most positive, most respectful group of kids I've ever had."

Full results from the Petersburg Invitational can be found at www.athletic.net.

Wrangell's next meet will be in Craig on Sept. 14.

Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

Federal agencies define U.S. dietary guidelines for 2020-2025

Federal agencies are meeting now through next March to define U.S. dietary guidelines for 2020-2025, and a high powered group of doctors and nutritionists are making sure the health benefits of seafood are front and center.

For the first time in the 40 year history of the program, the dietary guidelines committee has posted the questions they are going to consider. They include the role of seafood in the neurocognitive development in pregnant moms for their babies, and in the diet of kids from birth to 24 months directly, said Dr. Tom Brenna, professor of pediatrics and nutrition at Dell Medical School at the University of Texas.

"We really got jazzed when we saw that because we wanted to figure out what the committee would find when it does its literature search on what medical evidence is out there and boy, did we find a lot," Brenna said.

Brenna also chairs the advisory council of the Seafood Nutrition Partnership which on September 17 is holding its 3rd annual State of the Science Symposium in Washington, DC. The non-profit hosts the event as part of a public health campaign started in 2015 aimed at getting Americans to eat more seafood.

Over 40 studies address the two committee questions, Brenna said, and provide evidence of how nutrients in seafood, such as omega 3 fatty acids, are so especially important to brain and eye development.

"The brain and the retina in the eye are omega 3 organs. As calcium is to the bones, omega 3 is to the brain," he said. "These kinds of data are exactly the kind of human study the dietary guidelines focus on, They are not cell studies, not rat studies, they are based on real studies on humans. It's direct evidence. That's why we are so excited."

For centuries fish has been regarded as "brain food" and a plethora of studies has shown that seafood can prevent or relieve dementia and Alzheimer's disease and reduce depression, among other things.

"I don't understand why anyone wouldn't be thinking of seafood if they wanted to keep their brain in good working order," Brenna said, adding that he is baffled why such positive health messages have not "stuck" in the U.S.

Answers could be forthcoming in a discussion of Building Lifelong Seafood Consumers at the DC symposium.

Unlike the meat or dairy industries who use sustained, national campaigns such as "Where's the Beef?" or "Got Milk?" the seafood industry has never banded together on its own behalf.

"Getting the seafood industry together to promote one message

has been difficult," Brenna said, adding that the industry appears fragmented instead of coming together as a national "whole."

He is hopeful that putting the spotlight on seafood's health advantages will help move the message and that national media will show more interest.

"We're generating the ammunition for the policy guys," Brenna said. "There's only so much that the science guys can do and boy, we've spent a lot of time doing it. We can lay the evidence in front of the policy makers. They have to implement it."

The 2015-2020 dietary guidelines recommended at least two servings of seafood per week, but only one in 10 follow the recommendation. Consumption of seafood by Americans reached 16 pounds per person in 2017, in increase of 1.1 pounds over 2016, according to federal data.

The Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee will meet five times with the last meeting tentatively scheduled for March 12-13, 2020. All meetings will be open to the public and two will include opportunity for public comment. Written comments are being accepted until the committee completes its work. A final report will be submitted to the Departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services.

Crab's coming - Bering Sea crabbers got some good news in advance of the season opener in mid-October.

"We've been told that we will have a Bering Sea red king crab season. We don't know what the catch will be yet but we understand that it will be reduced from last year. We really appreciate the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game for giving us a heads up on that," said Jake Jacobsen, director of the Inter-cooperative Exchange (ICE) which represents over 75 percent of the crab fleet of about 85 boats.

The 2018 catch limit for Bristol Bay red king crab was just 4.3 million pounds. Jacobsen said the catch will go into an eager market and make for a good pay day.

"Our average price for king crab last year was \$10.53," he said. "We're expecting higher prices this year based on what we're seeing in world markets."

The record price for Alaska red king crab was \$10.84 a pound paid in 2011.

No word yet on the catch quota for snow crab (opilio) although it should increase from this year's take of 27.5 million pounds.

Surveys in 2018 showed a 60 percent boost in market sized male crabs and nearly the same for females. Bob Foy, director of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's crab plan team, said it "documented one of the largest snow crab recruitment events biologists have ever seen."

Snow crab prices for the 2019 winter fishery are still being finalized, Jacobsen said, adding "it should be somewhere around \$3.95-\$4.00 average price."

A shortage of snow crab could prompt earlier fishing than the traditional mid-January start, he added.

Crabbers also are keeping their fingers crossed for an opener for bairdi Tanners, snow crab's bigger cousin. Jacobsen said the 2019 Tanner price "should average around \$4.50 a pound."

Just 2.4 million pounds were allowed for harvest in the 2018/2019 Tanner fishery, although crabbers say they see a lot more crab than what's been showing up in annual trawl surveys.

"It's really hard to guess from one year to the next on the surveys. It might show something one year and you can't find them the next," he said.

Jacobsen added that buyers like Red Lobster are featuring the larger bairdi Tanners on their menus and a closure would crimp those markets.

"We're really hopeful we can get a bairdi season this year so we can maintain that differentiation in the marketplace. It seems like we have to rebuild it every time we miss a year or two," he said.

Managers will reveal findings of the summer survey during the week of September 16 in Seattle and finalize the catch quotas in early October. The Bering Sea crab fisheries open October 15.

Five species, five pieces - Snack sized stories can teach a lot about Alaska salmon and connect people across the state.

"I don't think it's an overstatement to say that here is no other species that is as important to Alaska as salmon," said Peter Westley, an assistant professor at the College of Fisheries and

Ocean Sciences at the University of Alaska/Fairbanks.

His students compile a Five Bites of Salmon newsletter that showcases stories and research about Alaska salmon as a way to "help increase salmon literacy and build a network of salmon connected people," he said.

A recent Five Bites highlighted lethal impacts of Alaska's heat wave on salmon, what raging wildfires might mean for salmon habitat and interactive dives into 13 salmon regions that show, for example, that the Yukon is home to a larger watershed than Texas.

The newsletter is a small offshoot of the college's Salmonid Evolutionary Ecology and Conservation lab (SEEC), which focuses on projects that help inform policy makers and sustain connections between salmon, people and place, Westley said.

"Sustainability is not just

about having a high abundance of salmon in some river," he said. "It's really about sustaining the connections to that resource on the landscape."

Research by SEEC Lab students has revealed, for example, that larger numbers of adult coho salmon at Kodiak have a much higher dependence on Buskin Lake before they head downstream to spawn. Another showed for the first time that the demise of most Yukon River Chinook seems to occur in the ocean and not in fresh water habitats. Research also is ongoing on hatchery strays and invasive Northern pike.

The SEEC Lab also is a part of the Alaska Salmon and People project - a statewide initiative to quantify the varied states of salmon through histories, case studies and in depth data.

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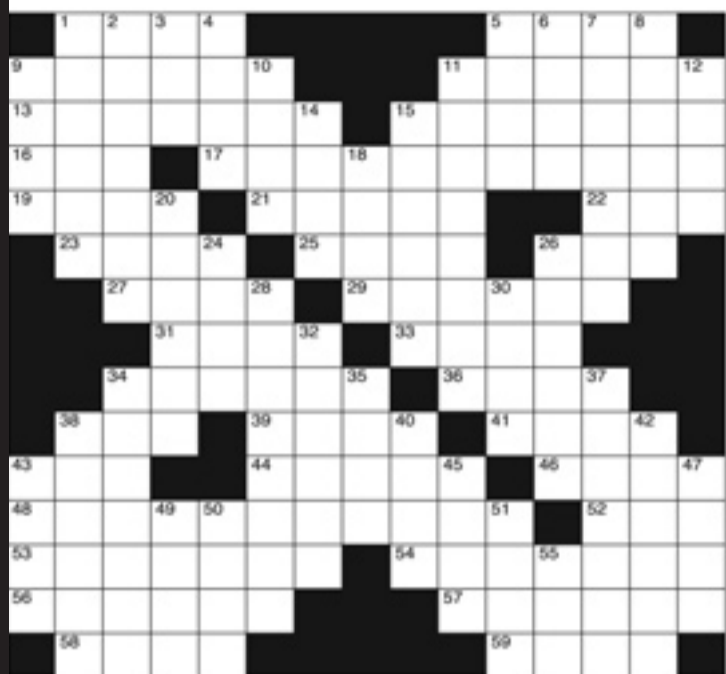
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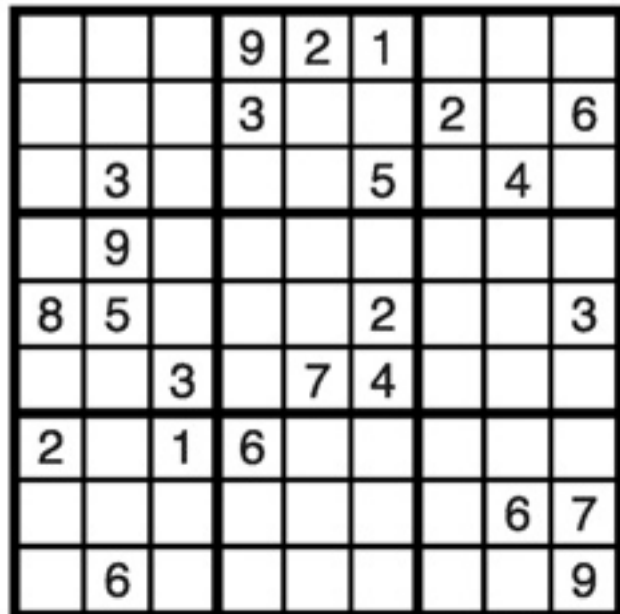
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| 5. Charge on a coat of arms | 34. Drama and horror are two |
| 9. Set of five | 36. In abundance |
| 11. California town | 38. Turf |
| 13. One who cites | 39. Inventor Musk |
| 15. Elected official | 41. Negative answers |
| 16. Japanese delicacy | 43. French river |
| 17. Couldn't be happier | 44. Saps of energy |
| 19. Enormous | 46. Type of sandwich |
| 21. Hunter's tool | 48. Sets apart again |
| 22. Georgia rockers | 52. Engage in a contest |
| 23. Cold wind | 53. Sufferings |
| 25. Beginner | 54. Freestanding sculpture |
| 26. Where you sleep | 56. Digs into |
| 27. Without | 57. Fish have them |
| 29. We all have them | 58. Speaks |
| 31. Spoiled | 59. Storage unit |

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| 1. Spread over | 28. Monies given as support |
| 2. Dyes | 30. German electric car |
| 3. British thermal unit | 32. Objects of an earlier time |
| 4. Small city in Maine | 34. Flat-bottomed boats |
| 5. Having an affection for | 35. Small waterbird |
| 6. Welsh for John | 37. Willingness to please others |
| 7. Plays that ridicule | 38. Military actions |
| 8. Not of your right mind | 40. Brooklyn hoopsters |
| 9. A way to get there | 42. Took to the seas |
| 10. Hideaways | 43. Romanian city |
| 11. Relating to neurons | 45. What the sun eventually does |
| 12. "Family City USA" | 47. Titans' DC Dean |
| 14. Proof of payment (abbr.) | 49. Resentful longing |
| 15. Flew high | 50. Ceases to live |
| 18. Wreaths | 51. Pouches |
| 20. Got rid of | 55. Humbug |
| 24. Shortly | |
| 26. Confer | |

SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

Puzzle answers will be in the September 19 edition

CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 1st day of October 2019, there will be held in the City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska, a Regular Election for the purpose of voting on the following City Offices and Proposition.

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| Assembly: | Two – (3 Year Terms) |
| Assembly: | Two – (1 Year <i>Unexpired</i> Terms until 10-2020) |
| Port Commission: | Two – (3 Year Terms) |
| School Board: | Two – (3 Year Terms) |
| School Board | One – (1 Year <i>Unexpired</i> Term until 10-2020) |
| School Board | One – (2 Year <i>Unexpired</i> Term until 10-2021) |

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Shall the Home Rule Charter of the City and Borough of Wrangell be amended to repeal Section 3-9, Wrangell Medical Center, as set forth in Ordinance No. 964?

Yes

No

The polls for said election will be open at **8:00 a.m. on the said day and will close at 8:00 p.m.** on the same day.

Each voter must have the qualifications prescribed by state law. *A qualified voter shall vote only once per election* and shall exercise that right at the polling place established in the designated Wrangell Precinct (James & Elsie Nolan Museum/Civic Center) and in which he/she resides within the borough boundaries of the City and Borough of Wrangell.

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

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 Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk
 City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska
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Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
Trust Land Office
Extended Public Notice under 11 AAC 99.050 of
Decision for the Negotiated Sale of a Trust Parcel - Wrangell
MHT #9100524

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the provisions of AS 38.05.801 and 11 AAC 99, the Executive Director of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office (TLO) has determined that it is in the best interest of the Alaska Mental Health Trust and its beneficiaries to complete a negotiated land sale of certain Trust land to Michael Allen d/b/a Michael Allen Enterprises. The basis for this determination is explained in a written best interest decision prepared by the Executive Director pursuant to 11 AAC 99.040.

The Trust land affected by the decision is adjacent or near to Wrangell, and is more particularly described as: Lot 1 in Block 3 of ASLS 83-7, Wrangell Island West Subdivision, located within Sections 17 and 20, Township 64 South, Range 84 East, Copper River Meridian, containing approximately 9.644 acres (MH Parcel C81118).

Persons who believe that the written decision should be altered because it is not in the best interests of the Trust or its beneficiaries, or because the decision is inconsistent with Trust management principles set out in 11 AAC 99.020, or any other provision of 11 AAC 99, must provide written comments on or before **4:30 PM, October 9, 2019. Comments should be submitted to the TLO at 2600 Cordova Street, Suite 100, Anchorage, AK 99503, or by fax (907) 269-8905 or email mhtlo@alaska.gov.** Following the comment deadline, the Executive Director will consider timely comments that question the decision on the basis of the best interest of the Alaska Mental Health Trust and its beneficiaries or inconsistency with 11 AAC 99, and the best interest decision may be changed in response to such written comments or other information. Commenting parties will be provided a copy of the final best interest decision after the end of the notice period.

To be eligible to file for reconsideration of the best interest decision, or to file a subsequent appeal to the Superior Court, a person must have submitted written comments during the notice period. Eligible persons will have twenty (20) calendar days after published notice of or receipt of the final written decision to request that the Executive Director reconsider the decision under 11 AAC 99.060(b).

Copies of the written decision are available at the Trust Land Office, or at <https://alaskamentalhealthtrust.org/trust-land-office/>. If you have any questions concerning this action, please contact the Trust Land Office at (907) 269-8658.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Alaska Mental Health Trust is prepared to accommodate individuals with disabilities. Please contact the Trust Land Office at (907) 269-8658 for assistance. Requests for assistance must be received at least 96 hours prior to the comment deadline in order to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

The Executive Director of the TLO reserves the right to waive technical defects in this notice or to amend, postpone, or vacate the best interest decision.

Wyn Menefee
 Executive Director
 09/09/2019

Published: September 12, 2019

PUBLIC NOTICE

For the upcoming City and Borough of Wrangell Regular Election of October 1, 2019, the following ordinance applies:

2.16.030 Write-in Candidates and Write-in Votes. Individuals who fail to file a declaration of candidacy but wish to run for office as a write-in candidate, must file with the borough clerk, a letter of intent no later than five p.m. on the Friday preceding the election (September 27, 2019) in which the candidate plans to participate.

Write-in votes cast for individuals **who do not file a letter of intent will not be counted.**

In order to vote for a write-in candidate, the voter must, in space provided, write in the candidate’s name as the candidate’s name appears on the letter of intent filed with the borough clerk. In addition, the voter must mark the oval opposite the candidate’s name.

Stickers shall not be used.

Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR
THE STATE OF ALASKA
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT KETCHIKAN

In the Matter of the Estate of:)
)
 NADINE IONE PHILLIPS)
 Deceased) CASE NO. 1KE-19-162PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Leland Ray Phillips has been appointed the Personal Representative of the above-entitled estate. Pursuant to Alaska Statute, Title 13.16.450, all creditors are hereby notified to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or be forever barred. Said claims must be submitted to Leland Ray Phillips, c/o Keene & Currall, PPC, 540 Water Street - Suite 302, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYER

For the current fiscal year the City and Borough of Wrangell has been allocated the following amount of state aid for school and municipal purposes under the applicable financial assistance Acts:

PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION PROGRAM ASSISTANCE (AS 14.17).....	\$3,443,055
STATE AID FOR RETIREMENT OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION DEBT (AS 14.11.100)	\$160,846
COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (AS 29.60.850-29.60.879).....	\$409,356
TOTAL AID	\$4,013,257

The millage equivalent of this state aid, based on the dollar value of a mill in the municipality during the current assessment year and for the preceding assessment year, is:

	MILLAGE EQUIVALENT	
	PREVIOUS YEAR	THIS YEAR
PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION PROGRAM ASSISTANCE.....	22.93 MILLS	22.49 MILLS
STATE AID FOR RETIREMENT OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION DEBT	1.13 MILLS	1.05 MILLS
COMMUNITY REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM	2.78 MILLS	2.67 MILLS
TOTAL MILLAGE EQUIVALENT	28.19 MILLS	26.22 MILLS

Joyce Mason
 Finance Director

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Mariners' Memorial seeking \$6,000 by the end of the month

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Mariners' Memorial Board brought in a little less than \$5,000 with their annual fish fry last month. Proceeds like this are going towards the mariners' memorial by Heritage Harbor, dedicated to Wrangellites who have been lost at sea. Construction has been ongoing in increments for several months, but more funds are still needed. According to Jenn Miller-Yancey, with the memo-

rial board, they are hoping to raise an additional \$6,000 by Oct. 1.

Back in July, the mariners' memorial received a challenge grant from the Rasmuson Foundation. According to the grant, the foundation will match every dollar raised from then until July 1, 2020. This grant is capped at \$25,000, Miller-Yancey said and they have managed to bring in about \$19,000 that can be matched. They have a self-imposed timeline of the end of September.

"With the challenge grant you have to actually earn the money, get the matching funds, and then spend the money within one year, so we want to make sure we allow ourselves enough time to do all of that," she said. "We're going to just hope for donors, people who're out there thinking 'I want to make a larger contribution to the project.' This is a perfect time to do that."



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The site of the Wrangell Mariners' Memorial, at Heritage Harbor, with rebar and foundation materials waiting to be used.

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Russian retraces historic route to Sitka

By GARLAND KENNEDY
Daily Sitka Sentinel

SITKA, Alaska (AP) - Russian adventurer Anatoly Kazakevich sailed into town on a double-hulled inflatable sailboat Monday morning, completing the last leg of an 8,000-mile journey to Sitka from the Siberian city of Irkutsk.

Kazakevich and his crew, which ranged between two and six members along the route, sailed the inflatable catamaran Iskatel across the North Pacific Ocean to Homer, Alaska, last year. After winter-

ing in southcentral waters, the Iskatel (which means "searcher") brought Kazakevich to Sitka this week to mark the completion of his Baikal-Alaska Expedition.

Kazakevich described his journey as a "historical geography expedition." He added that "before us, nobody did this (route) for 150 years."

Colonial era journeys of Russian explorers in the 18th and 19th centuries were the inspiration for Kazakevich's expedition. Many places in Alaska still bear the names of those Russians. Baranof Island itself keeps the name of Russian America Company agent Alexander Baranof. Gavan, as in Gavan Hill, means harbor, and Starrigavan translates as "old harbor." Medvejie, as in Medvejie Lake, is bear in Russian. Sitka was once called New Archangel when the town served as the capital of Russian America.

Unlike the lumbering tall ships of the 1800s, the Iskatel runs on a combination of two outboard engines and four lateen sails. The crew is housed in a tent that extends across the twin hulls of the inflatable, 40-foot vessel.

Also unlike historical explorers, Kazakevich was aided

by electronic charts and GPS navigation devices. He said the catamaran normally runs at about 10 knots, but reached an exceptional speed of 18 knots in intense wind near False Pass.

The crew of the Iskatel began the expedition with a traverse of Lake Baikal, one of the largest lakes on Earth, and from there followed the winding river networks of eastern Siberia to the Sea of Okhotsk. The crew even portaged the boat over mountain passes.

Despite the ongoing policy disagreements between Moscow and Washington, Kazakevich believes that the everyday citizens of Russia and the United States have a lot in common.

"I think that people in Russia, in Siberia especially, and in Alaska are very, very similar," Kazakevich said, observing that Alaskans and Siberians alike place a high value on hunting, fishing, and wild places. He told the Sentinel that the Iskatel's odyssey has no political motive, except for his belief that Americans and Russians can live side by side without issue.

Kazakevich reported that

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Nov 5-6	Oncology - Dr. Raish	907-228-8101
Nov 11-15	Urology Clinic - Dr. Schoenrock	907-225-7346



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City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

PUBLIC NOTICE REGULAR BOROUGH MEETING TIME CHANGE

With the adoption of Ordinance No. 966 on August 27, 2019, the Borough Assembly approved the Regular Borough Assembly meeting time change from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Additionally, 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 Assembly meeting shall begin at 7:00 p.m.

For a copy of Ordinance No. 966, please email the Borough Clerk at clerk@wrangell.com or obtain a copy at City Hall.

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

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Assembly discusses closure of Prince Rupert ferry stop, changes pay grade for police chief position

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Borough Assembly met Tuesday, Sept. 10, to discuss, among several topics, the recent announcement that the Alaska Marine Highway System would stop traveling to and from Prince Rupert on Oct. 1. Mayor Steve Prysunka, who called into the meeting via teleconference, said that he has been in contact with the offices of Senator Lisa Murkowski and State Representative Dan Ortiz and has tried his best to stay on top of the situation. The reason for the closure, he explained, is that American customs officials are not allowed to carry weapons in Prince Rupert, as it is Canadian territory. The officials wanted armed security of some kind, however, but Canadian authorities were unable to provide it. Negotiations over this have gone on for about a year, Prysunka said, but it was just recently announced that the ferry would stop going there at the end of the month.

News of the Prince Rupert line closing has sent shockwaves through Southeast Alaska. Prince Rupert is one of the few ferry connections to the mainland in Southeast Alaska. The closure is likely to have a negative impact on business and tourism on both sides of the border. It is also another hit to the already struggling ferry system, the mayor pointed out.

The assembly encouraged

Prysunka to continue to gather information on the topic and to see what could be done.

In more local business, the assembly also approved some changes to the borough's pay scale. Wrangell's non-union wage and grade table, previously, went from Grade 1 to Grade 30, with 13 "steps" within each grade. Grade 30, according to the meeting's agenda packet, has a pay range of \$6,607 a month at step 1 to \$8,346 a month. A pair of resolutions brought before the assembly added several new grades to this scale, 31 to 35, and also moved the position of police chief from Grade 30 to 35.

Borough Manager Lisa Von Barga explained that the city has been trying to recruit a new police chief since the recent retirement of Doug McCloskey. When looking at cities and police departments of similar size to Wrangell, she said that these changes to the pay grade would help draw more interest. At Grade 35, she said, Wrangell's police chief could expect a monthly salary between \$8,038 and \$10,154. After some discussion, the assembly agreed to both of these resolutions unanimously.

During the meeting, the assembly also approved a contract with Alaska Permanent Capital Management for investment management of the permanent fund and pool fund, approved of the FY 2018 audit, and approved of the purchase of Total Marina Package Harbor Software in



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Route to Sitka

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his reception in American towns has been positive. He said Americans from Nome to Homer to Sitka have been "very friendly."

The first Sitkan Kazakevich met upon his arrival in Sitka waters was Jeff Moebus, who lives on his sailboat in Eliason Harbor. The two met when Kazakevich docked his craft in the berth next to that of Moebus.

Moebus, who was in the Army during the Cold War, blames the tension between the U.S. and Russia on Moscow and Washington.

"It has nothing to do with Sitka or Irkutsk," he said.

Kazakevich extended a special thank you to the University of Alaska, Southeast, which has offered to store the catamaran over the winter. This kind of help will be essential to Kazakevich's plans for the return voyage that he plans for mid-May next year. That may turn out to be a group venture, or a crossing by a sailboat flotilla, he said.

Kazakevich said that "we can invite people on board, sailing together next year (to Irkutsk) from Sitka on two, three or five boats together." He hopes that Americans will accompany him on the return voyage, and offered to help arrange visas. The voyage will take all summer.

Kazakevich's contact information can be found on his website, en.baikal-alaska.ru. He said he also has plans to publish a documentary film and a book about his journey.

Kazakevich noted that, though the journey is over for the moment, "for all people (involved), this expedition has changed lives." He hopes that Americans and Russians can find common ground, and told the Sentinel that "when we have a connection, people to people, we don't need politics."

He said he planned to visit other places in Alaska by airplane before returning to Russia for the winter.

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