

## City withdraws suit in union negotiation

By DAN RUDY  
*Sentinel writer*

Pending a judge's sign-off, the Wrangell Borough and its public employees union are abandoning the courtroom for the negotiating table, after a productive settlement conference held last week in Ketchikan.

The city and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547 have been at odds over renewing a collective bargaining agreement, which for 24 public

employees expired the end of June 2014. Mediation undertaken through the spring of 2015 did not resolve the dispute, and by that summer legal representation became involved. Efforts to arbitrate led to a disagreement over its terms and scheduling, leading the city to file to enjoin the arbitration hearing on September 28.

Superior Court Judge Trevor Stephens was assigned to hear the ensuing litigation process. IBEW followed the city's suit with a motion to compel arbitration, which was

denied. The union also filed an unfair labor practice charge with the state Labor Relations Agency over the stalled negotiations. A trial date was eventually set for July 2017 following a successful appeal on the part of CBW to postpone by three months, in order to prepare its case.

Ahead of that course, last week's settlement conference gave both sides the opportunity to meet with a judge before trial to try settling out of court. Judge William Carey of the Ketchikan Superior Court was appointed to head the conference on December 6, and met with representatives from IBEW and CBW for a lengthy discussion on December 20.

"Judge Carey was able to kind of work with both sides there, and come to an agreement," explained Jeff Jabusch, CBW manager. "We're moving on from that and we'll start back at the negotiating table."

An order granting dismissal of the case was signed by representatives of both parties the next day and filed December 22. It awaits the signature of Stephens before it takes effect, which is expected by next week at the latest.

Per the order, all claims and counterclaims that could have been brought by the union, the city and proposed arbitrator would be dismissed permanently. As part of the agreement, all parties would bear their own costs and legal fees.

"We both wanted to move on from where we were at. Certainly that saves the tax- and rate-payer money," Jabusch noted.

In courtroom comments, Stephens had noted "CBW and IBEW (were) poised to proceed with potentially lengthy and expensive litigation."

Negotiations are set to resume in Wrangell during the second week of January, which will involve city staff, union administrators and employee representatives.

"We're basically resetting the clock," said Jay Rhodes, the IBEW local's assistant business manager. "We're looking forward to getting back to the table to negotiate a settlement that's acceptable to our members."

Any agreement they may arrive at will need to be approved both by employees represented by the Local 1547 and the Borough Assembly to take effect. If either body votes against it, both parties would need to return to the table to iron out the terms.



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

### Duck, duck, goose

Birders Joe Delabruue and Aaron Bolton tally over 700 seabirds hanging out just by the Marine Service Center dock for the Audubon Society's annual Christmas count on December 17. Though final numbers won't be tallied until next week, the Wrangell count will likely be lower than in previous years. Rough weather deterred five of nine groups of volunteers from taking to sea for the shore counts.

## Klein named as SSE Senate delegation representative

By DAN RUDY  
*Sentinel writer*

Alaska's two senators jointly welcomed a new addition to their Southeast team.

Sens. Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan issued statements December 22 congratulating Chere Klein to serve at the South Southeast delegation representative office in her home town of Ketchikan.

"The district office is kind of the eyes and ears of the senators when they're back in D.C.," Klein explained of the post. "Our main business is doing case-work, and that's helping constituents around the district with any kind of federal agency that they're having any issues with, or if they don't think things are getting done in the manner they hope."

Her office connects constituents with their senatorial delegation, but also can help expedite federal applications or procure more detailed responses to policy inquiries. This covers everything from Social Security questions to land policy comments, to helping replace lost passports.



Klein's office will serve the communities of Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg, Angoon, Kake, Prince of Wales and Metlakatla. A separate district office in Juneau handles communities in the region further north than that.

"I think the majority of the communities we're in and out of quite a bit, just through our family business," Klein said. Still, she would like to get better

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-Chere Klein  
SSE Senate delegation  
representative

acquainted with her area, particularly Kake and Angoon. "Once the weather calms down a bit, I'll introduce myself around and meet people."

Previously Klein had served in a similar capacity for former state-level Rep. Peggy Wilson (R-Wrangell), and has private sector experience as an office manager, licensed insurance agent, and design principal. Klein has also served as

a board member for the Ketchikan Community Foundation, the city's Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee, its charter school and hospice support group.

"I'm happy to have Chere join our team. Her strong leadership skills and involvement in the community will be valuable assets to connect with constituents," Murkowski commented in a release.

"Chere has demonstrated a history of community involvement and leadership, serving on many boards and with local organizations for decades," Sullivan likewise commented. "I am confident that her experience and strong relationships in the community will be a major asset to Senator Murkowski and I in best serving Alaskans living in Southern Southeast."

For those living outside the Ketchikan area, Klein can be reached by phone at 225-6880, or can be reached by email at [chere\\_klein@murkowski.senate.gov](mailto:chere_klein@murkowski.senate.gov) or [chere\\_klein@sullivan.senate.gov](mailto:chere_klein@sullivan.senate.gov).

# Bilateral work group to improve AK-BC mining oversight

By DAN RUDY  
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The governments of Alaska and neighboring province British Columbia initiated their first bilateral working group on trans-boundary mining and water quality concerns earlier this month.

In a statement from his office released last week, Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott expressed his appreciation for the meeting, which was one of the measures outlined in a statement of cooperation the two governments signed in October. The agreement was a next step in the process of addressing concerns among Southeast Alaskan communities about the ecological impacts of sizable Canadian mining developments upstream of shared river systems, an initiative Mallott is heading up for the state.

“We have come a long way with the help of many citizens in Alaska and British Columbia who care deeply about the quality of our water, our fisheries, and way of life, and I thank them,” he was quoted as saying. “However, we know success will only be measured by how well we do going forward. I was pleased with the commitment I saw in Friday’s meeting to protecting Southeast waters.”

Under the statement the two parties agree to coordinate more closely on water quality monitoring, improve information exchange on Canadian mines’ environmental performance, and to better make that information available for Alaskans and give them opportunity to comment on new mining projects.

The working group formed as a

part of this agreement includes members of the Alaska departments of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), Fish and Game (ADFG), and Natural Resources (DNR) and British Columbian counterparts in the ministries of Environment, and Energy and Mines.

ADEC is Alaska’s lead for implementing a water quality monitoring program, using federal Environmental Protection Agency funding and collaborating with regional monitors like that maintained by the Tlingit-Haida Central Council (CCTHITA). The state agency intends to incorporate data CCTHITA’s Native

Lands and Resources Department has been collecting from the Stikine, Taku and Unuk rivers.

DNR reported it is developing an online, interactive map that will make it easier for the public to obtain information about mining projects across the border, and intends to have it ready for demonstration in January.

The cooperation statement calls for draft plans for the monitoring program and improved communication channels to be taken up by the bilateral working group no later than April 2017. In the media release, DNR confirmed it has been working with B.C. counterparts on a set of protocols and pro-

cedures to be proposed to the work group at its meeting next month.

Despite the step forward, concerns over the well-being of trans-boundary rivers continue by residents and user groups on both sides of the border. One large-scale open-pit site, the Red Chris copper and gold mine, began operation last year some 11 miles from the Stikine River’s headwaters. Another even larger project in the Stikine watershed still under consideration is Galore Creek, which is believed to hold one of the world’s largest untapped gold deposits.

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## The Way We Were

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## Senior Center Menu

Friday, December 30:

Surprise soup, 1/2 sandwich, salad, dessert

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

## FERRY SCHEDULE

### Departures

#### Northbound

**Saturday, December 31**  
Matanuska 2:00 a.m.  
**Sunday, January 1**  
Kennicott 2:15 p.m.  
**Sunday, January 8**  
Kennicott 5:30 p.m.  
**Sunday, January 15**  
Malaspina 3:15 p.m.

#### Southbound

**Friday, December 30**  
Matanuska 8:15 a.m.  
**Monday, January 2**  
Matanuska 10:15 a.m.  
**Wednesday, January 4**  
Kennicott 5:30 a.m.  
**Wednesday, January 11**  
Kennicott 4:45 a.m.

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

## Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, December 29

**SAIL Class:** 10 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) free class is a strength, balance and fitness class for adults 65+. For more info call 874-3375.

**Healthy Eating Demo on Healthy Food Preparation:** 11:30 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Free class. Learn how easy it is to prepare healthy and delicious food. Samples will be available. For more info call 874-3375.

**Yoga:** 5:30 p.m. AICS Medical Clinic. Yoga for everybody, please come and join.

Monday, January 2

**Yoga:** 5:30 p.m. AICS Medical Clinic. Yoga for everybody, please come and join.

Tuesday, January 3

**SAIL Class:** 10 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) free class is a strength, balance and fitness class for adults.

Is the attendance at your meeting or event low? Call Rachel at the Sentinel to have it placed here.

## Continuing Events

**PARKS & REC ACTIVITIES:** **Lap Swim:** M, W, F 6:00-7:30 a.m. & 5:00-6:00 p.m., M-F 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., S 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; **Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class:** at the Pool: M, W, F, 9:00-10:00 a.m.; **Water Aerobics:** M, W, F 10:00-11:00 a.m.; **Family Swim:** F 6:00-7:00 p.m.; **General Swim:** M & W 6:00-7:00 p.m., F 7:00-8:00 p.m., S 1:00-2:00 p.m.; **Weight Room:** M-TH 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. **Extra 2 Lane Lap Swim:** M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.

**OTHER MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:**

**AA Meetings:** Tu. 7 p.m., Toss Off Th. 7 p.m., Smoked Fish F 8 p.m., Step Study Sat. 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall, Study Materials provided. Wed. M & M 12 p.m. at the Catholic Parish Hall, use back entrance.

**NA Meeting:** Wednesday, We Do Recover, 8 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

**Bridge Social:** F, 1 p.m. at th Island of Faith Lutheran Church 874-3440, 874-3507.

**Salvation Army Food Bank:** Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For information or questions please call Major Michael Bates at 874-3753.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

**Thursday, December 29:** Emily Sterner, John Feller, Jr., D.J. McConachie, Kim Wickman, Al Brock, Kenny Golding, Jennifer Davies, Gordon McCloskey, Christie Jamieson, Frank Roppel, Elodie Freeman, Michelle Gross, **Friday, December 30:** Rhonda Robinson, Nichole Kagee, Duncan Scambler, Sophia Ely, **Anniversary:** Todd and Elaine Torvend, Doug and Gail Thomas, Kelly and Dawn Davis, **Saturday, December 31:** Willie Bakeberg, Brad Angerman, Randy Easterly, Korben Young, **Anniversary:** Jerry and Judy Bakeberg, Mark and Dee Galla, **Sunday, January 1:** Craig Johnson, Staci Dilg, Ed Kuntz, Curtiz Kautz, Maka Harrison, Rich Petticrew, Carol Brady, **Monday, January 2:** Tucker Gillen, John Maxand, Jim Bailey, Justin Barker, Joan Benjamin, Kameron Stough, Earnest Harvey, Ryan Robinson, **Anniversary:** Dan and Twyla Nore, **Tuesday, January 3:** Devan Nore, Kyler Nore, Evelyn Hammock, Jacquie Dozier, Eliza Reudner, Wes Ingram, MaKenna Harding, Archie Young, **Anniversary:** Tyman and Beth Comstock, **Wednesday, January 4:** Justin Rusaw, Travis Williams, **Anniversary:** Butch and Jackie Wenderoth, **Thursday, January 5:** Logan Ritchie, Carolyn Taylor, **Anniversary:** Howard and Tonnie Fennimore, Jordan and Shawna Bunes

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



Date	High	Low	Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
December 18	41	35	Dec. 29	8:19a	3:21p	7:02h
December 19	41	35	Dec. 30	8:19a	3:22p	7:03h
December 20	41	35	Dec. 31	8:19a	3:23p	7:04h
December 21	39	32	Jan. 1	8:19a	3:23p	7:04h
December 22	35	32	Jan. 2	8:19a	3:25p	7:06h
December 23	32	24	Jan. 3	8:19a	3:26p	7:07h
December 24	26	21	Jan. 4	8:18a	3:27p	7:09h
December 25	37	21	Jan. 5	8:18a	3:29p	7:11h

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		Time	Ft	Time	Ft			
		AM	PM	AM	PM			
December 29	1:03	14.7	12:42	16.8	6:29	3.3	7:03	-1.5
December 30	1:38	14.9	1:15	16.7	7:02	3.2	7:35	-1.6
December 31	2:11	14.9	12:48	16.4	7:37	3.2	8:08	1.4
January 1	2:46	14.7	2:22	16.1	8:13	3.4	8:44	-1.2
January 2	3:21	14.7	3:01	15.5	8:54	3.5	9:23	-0.6
January 3	4:00	14.7	3:46	14.7	9:42	3.6	10:07	0.1
January 4	4:45	14.7	4:41	13.7	10:38	3.4	10:56	1.0
January 5	5:39	14.8	5:53	12.8	11:42	3.2	11:54	1.9

# Legislature expected to revisit alcohol reforms

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Alaska lawmakers could take another run at revising statutes governing alcohol when the legislature convenes next month.

A Soldotna state senator, Republican Peter Micciche, is expected to again push for reforms that were partially addressed in his bill in 2015, the Juneau Empire reported.

The Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and interested parties since 2012 have

worked on new drafts of Title 4, the chapter of state statutes that regulates the manufacture, possession and sale of alcoholic beverages.

“I don’t want to say revising so much as bringing Title 4 into the new millennium,” said Bob Klein, chairman of the ABC board.

Alcohol statutes have not seen a major revision in 36 years even though the industry has undergone significant changes. Juneau-based Alaskan Brewing opened

Dec. 26, 1986, and became the first successful craft brewery in modern Alaska. There are now more than 35 across the state.

Craft distilleries also have opened and the state has seen growth in restaurants and seasonal businesses seeking alcohol licenses. Liquor-license applicants rose 20 percent in the past year, said Cynthia Franklin, director of the Alaska Alcohol and Marijuana Control office.

Part of the surge is from businesses seeking to get “public convenience” licenses before they’re eliminated, she said.

Micciche in 2014 introduced a bill to overhaul alcohol statutes but it never left its first committee. Micciche a year later stripped out elements that passed in a separate bill. The changes included a reduction in underage drinking penalties.

Other, more contentious changes recommended by a Title 4 review committee remain to be addressed.

Alcohol license fees, which have not changed since 1980, could be increased.

The legislature could consolidate types of licenses, allow breweries and distilleries to hold restaurant licenses, and allow liquor stores that fill “growler” jugs to give out samples.

Increased penalties for liquor license-holders who violate the

## Police report

### Monday, December 19

Disorderly Conduct.  
Parking Complaint: Owner was notified.  
Unsecured Premise: All was fine.

### Tuesday, December 20

Report of Disturbance.  
Report of Assault 4.  
Agency Assist: Power Outage.

### Wednesday, December 21

Citizen Assist: Water running.  
Traffic Complaint.

### Thursday, December 22

Report of Hit and Run. (2)

### Friday, December 23

Unsecured Premise.  
Report of Theft.  
Mason Wyatt Dingwall, 20, arrested on charges of Assault IV/DV; interfere with report of DV.

### Saturday, December 24

Citizen Assist: Unlock Vehicle.  
Report of Intoxicated Person.  
Report of Threat: Unfounded.  
Noise Complaint reported: Officer responded.

### Sunday, December 25

Nothing to Report.

There were three dog complaints and one ambulance call during this week.

law, efforts to stop bootlegging and changes to the makeup of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board also could be addressed.

“Sen. Micciche’s pretty deter-

mined to get as much of that through as possible,” said Cynthia Franklin, director of the Alaska Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office.

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## Mining

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“It’ll be one of the largest open pit mines in the world, if it was developed. And that’s concerning,” explained Guy Archibald, mining and clean water coordinator for Inside Passage Waterkeepers, an affiliated program of Southeast Alaska Conservation Council.

Currently progress on developing Galore Creek is at a standstill, but the proposal for a hydropower facility 25 miles away at More Creek — which feeds into the Iskut River, a major tributary to the Stikine — is under review by the Canadian Environmental

Assessment Agency. Slated to produce 348 gigawatt hours of power each year, Archibald noted its installation could help recharge efforts to build the nearby mine.

“Anything that makes those mines more economically feasible to me is kind of dangerous,” he commented.

While the bilateral working group had discussed the More Creek project’s environmental impact, Archibald pointed out its potential connection to future mining development was not addressed.

Fears about the impact of Canadian open-pit mining projects

on shared river salmon were stoked in August 2014 after the rupture of the tailings dam at Mount Polley, a B.C. mine operated by Red Chris owner Imperial Metals. The breach was an ecological disaster, releasing around 4.5 million cubic meters of slurry and twice that of contaminated water into the nearby Fraser River. Rehabilitation and monitoring of affected portions of the river system are ongoing, though onsite monitoring reports “the environment is recovering rapidly.” After a scaling back of production at the mine site through 2015, Imperial Metals’ production targets indicate the mine is back on track to produce 27-29 million pounds of copper for 2016.

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# State to unveil renovated Capitol

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – More than three years of renovations at the Alaska State Capitol have wrapped up and the building's expected to be fully open for business in January.

About \$36 million has been spent to reinforce the structure against earthquakes, improve its heating system and freshen up the look of the 85-year-old building. Six new rooms have also been added to the Capitol, The Juneau Empire reported.

With all the work that's been put in, project manager Jeff Goodell said it's still hard for some people to notice the changes. He said the exterior renovations are more noticeable than the work completed on the inside.

"Just recently, I had the House Rules chair (Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux, R-Anchorage), and I had taken her into one of the suites, and she said, 'Well, what was it you did in here? It all looks the same,'" Goodell said.

He had to explain that the entire floor had been gutted and there were no rooms, fittings or walls just a few months before LeDoux's visit.

On the building's outside, the old red and yellow brick has been replaced with darker masonry that is more resistant to rain and moisture. There's also fresh copper cladding and clean stonework throughout its facade.

"If you look at the building from the outside, you should notice

quite a bit of difference," Goodell said.

The Legislature began setting aside money for the work in 2006 after the Capitol began showing signs of aging. The state of Alaska funded most of the project, while the Juneau Community Foundation contributed \$1 million.

Goodell said he thinks the \$36 million put in to the project was worth it for the state.

"I think so, yes, and I hope the residents of the state feel the same way," he said. "This building was in disrepair, things were falling off, and now it's a thing of real beauty."

There is still some minor work that is left to be done on the building, but the project's architect, Wayne Jensen, said those tasks should be complete by next summer.

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## Murkowski, Sullivan support Russian meddling probe

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) – Alaska's Republican U.S. senators support investigating whether Russia meddled in the presidential election, a newspaper said.

Sen. Lisa Murkowski cited the need for a thorough, transparent review by the Senate, the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner reported Wednesday.

Sen. Dan Sullivan supports an inquiry done through the existing committee structure, his office said.

His position aligns with that of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who has rejected bipartisan calls for a special committee to investigate the issue.

CIA Director John Brennan has said the intelligence community is in agreement that Russia tried to interfere in the election, although there's no evidence Moscow succeeded in helping President-elect Donald Trump win.

Sullivan said he wants the Senate to review U.S. cyber defenses as part of a broader discussion that looks at cyber threats.

He told the newspaper he doesn't want an investigation used as a tool to delegitimize the outcome of the election.

"I think it's very clear Hillary Clinton lost the election fair and square," Sullivan said. "Donald Trump won and we need to make sure we're moving forward together."

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# New overtime fees considered for rural Alaska airlines

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — State officials are looking to start charging airlines for landing their planes at rural Alaska airports outside regular operating hours.

The Department of Transportation is working with airlines to create an overtime fee that could be implemented next year. Fairbanks International Airport and Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport would not be affected by the change, The Fairbanks Daily News-Miner reported.

DOT Deputy Commissioner John Binder said Thursday state budget cuts have brought on the need to charge airlines that land outside of an airport's normal operating hours. The department's general fund budget has been reduced by more than 20 percent during the past two years, and overtime at rural airports has been "essentially zeroed out," he said.

Transportation officials are working with airline companies

to adjust each airport's operating hours and change flight schedules to avoid overtime, Binder said. The fees that would be charged in the case of an airline that can't work out a schedule within an airport's budgeted hours are still being worked out.

"The first part of this is working with the different air carriers to verify and confirm what their daily flight schedules are so we can make sure our normal operating hours that we are covered for match up with their schedule as much as possible," Binder said. "We've been able to do that with almost all of our airports. But there are a few where the airlines have flights outside of those scheduled hours."

Binder said the fee structure will depend on the locations, schedules and types of planes used by the airline. Larger aircraft typically require greater safety measures and more runway maintenance than smaller planes.

Matt Atkinson, co-owner of

Warbelow's Air Ventures, said companies operating flights to rural Interior Alaska are unlikely to be affected by the overtime fee because most flights take place during daytime hours. Atkinson also expressed concern with how the new fees will

be determined.

"I certainly understand the need to generate revenue and I think it's appropriate to have the users of those services pay for those services, but the actual billing and execution of that would be pretty difficult,"

said Atkinson, who is also the president of the Alaska Air Carriers Association.

Binder said the proposed fees are expected to be up for public comment in the first half of 2017 and could be implemented by July.

# Juneau mayor seeks to ban homeless from business entryways

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Juneau Mayor Ken Koelsch is pushing to get an ordinance approved that would allow authorities to remove homeless people camping in the entryways of downtown businesses without permission.

The ordinance will go before the Juneau Assembly on Jan. 9 and get a public hearing two weeks later. Koelsch had the measure drafted earlier this month after establishing an "ad hoc committee on homelessness" comprised of several business

owners, city officials and a police officer, The Juneau Empire reported.

Phil Wheeler, owner of the Alaskan Fudge Company, said homeless people camping in entryways has hurt business. He said he hasn't actually seen people camping in front of his shop, but that he sees campers outside of other downtown businesses and that they leave behind garbage, blankets "and everything else."

"I can't see how any business downtown hasn't been negatively impacted by camping," Wheeler said. "People don't want to come downtown because of it."

While some see the ordinance as a solution, others say the city should instead focus its efforts on providing more housing options for homeless people.

One of those options, Juneau's Housing First Project, isn't set to open until this summer. Brian Wilson, executive director of the Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness,


said the city approving the ordinance before the project gets up and running would force people to move on without a place to go.

While there is a homeless shelter in the downtown area, residents are required to be sober if they want to stay there.

"I would really hope to see that if the Assembly does move forward with this ordinance, it's contingent upon the opening of additional shelters with low barriers to entry," Wilson said. "Otherwise, where do these people go? That's the big question, and I think it's a logical question to ask."

But for Koelsch, who called the matter a crisis, the time to act is now.

"We've been dealing with the homeless and the vandalism and the aggressiveness that's being displayed, and we can wait until Juneau when Housing First opens up and hope that solves our problem or we can deal with it now," he said. "Right now, as far as I'm concerned, it's full steam ahead."



## Visiting Physician Schedule

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## Comics

**Amber Waves** by Dave T. Phipps

THAT TIME OF YEAR FOR NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS IS HERE...

I WILL GET DEBT FREE!

I WILL LOSE SOME WEIGHT!

I WILL BEAT LEVEL SIX!

**R.F.D.** by Mike Marland

I'VE BEEN WORKIN' ON A SMART SNOWBLOWER. TINKER--DRIVES ITSELF!

BRRR! TOO COLD!! FORGET IT, FELLA! I'M STAYIN' RIGHT HERE IN THE GARAGE!

**Weekly SUDOKU** by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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**Just Like Cats & Dogs** by Dave T. Phipps

DON'T GIVE ME THAT LOOK. YOUR RESOLUTION IS TO LOSE WEIGHT, MINE IS LOWERING MY STRESS.

## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 "— -la-la!"
- 4 Blue hue
- 8 Docket entry
- 12 Part of TGIF
- 13 Sitarist's rendition
- 14 Fairy tale preposition
- 15 What old soldiers do
- 17 Actress Gilpin
- 18 Sea flock
- 19 Packaged
- 20 Missouri river
- 22 One-on-one fight
- 24 Moistens in the morn
- 25 Clingy crustacean
- 29 Narc's org.
- 30 Sightless
- 31 Melody
- 32 Small telescope
- 34 On the briny
- 35 July birthstone
- 36 Ballet wear
- 37 Hiawatha's carrier
- 40 Antitoxins
- 41 Sandwich cookie
- 42 Shakespeare in-law
- 46 Historic name in TV talk
- 47 Reed instru-

**DOWN**

- 1 Vacationing
- 2 Man-mouse link
- 3 Retreat
- 4 Stretch, as the neck
- 5 Deviates off course
- 6 Khan title
- 7 Yea canceler
- 8 Dome
- 9 Pinnacle
- 10 Aching
- 11 Oklahoma city
- 16 Work units
- 19 Flex
- 20 Probability
- 21 Leak slowly
- 22 "Loves me (not)" flower
- 23 Grecian vessels
- 25 Spill the beans
- 26 Gilligan, notably
- 27 Stead
- 28 Historic periods
- 30 Sad
- 33 Rut
- 34 Emanation
- 36 Giggly sound
- 37 Barbershop need
- 38 Geometry calculation
- 39 Jock's antithesis
- 40 Halt
- 42 Swine
- 43 "The — Daba Honeymoon"
- 44 Past
- 45 Longing

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Puzzle answers on page 6

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hours. We are a lucky community to have such a wonderful party for each and every young guest, complete with a handsome and cheerful Santa. Thank you Auxiliary for all your personal touches in this undertaking.....1x12-29p55

## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA AT WRANGELL

In the Matter of the Estate of: )  
 )  
 PETER C. WOLTEN )  
 Date of Birth: 12/21/1941 )  
 ) Case No. 1WR-16-7 PR

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

You are notified that the court appointed Christine Manning as personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the person who died are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated: Dec. 13th, 2016 Christine Manning  
 P.O. Box 501, Wrangell, AK, 99929  
 Published: December 15, 22 and 29, 2016

## CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL Fire System Tax Exemption

Alaska statutes require a partial property tax exemption for structures with fire systems approved under Alaska Statutes 18.70.081. A complete list of the systems approved for the 2017 assessment year and applications are available at the City Hall. Applications must be filed each year for the exemption on or before January 16, 2017.

Lee Burgess, Finance Director  
 City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska  
 Publish: Dec. 15, 22 and 29, 2016 and Jan. 5 and 12, 2017

## CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL JOB ADVERTISEMENT Temporary Administrative Assistant Public Works Department

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### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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### King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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### City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

#### PUBLIC NOTICE - City Board and Committee Vacancies

Persons interested in serving on the following City Boards and Committees, please submit your **Letter of Interest** to the Office of the Borough Clerk, City & Borough of Wrangell, P.O. Box 531, Wrangell, AK 99929.

Deadline for Letters of Interest is **5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 10, 2017**, for the following vacancies:

- Planning & Zoning Commission **one** - (three year term)
- Economic Development Committee **two** - (three year terms)

If you have any questions on the duties and responsibilities for each board and committee, please contact the Borough Clerk's Office at either calling 874-2381 or emailing [clerk@wrangell.com](mailto:clerk@wrangell.com) or stop by City Hall at 205 Brueger Street.

Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk  
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Wrangell varsity player Anna Allen passes a ball around alumnus player MiKayla Stokes over to teammate Kaylyn Easterly (not pictured) during last week's fundraiser game. The Lady Wolves beat their elders in a close game, and collected over \$4,000 for their travel fund.

# Alumni fundraisers earn extra cash for trips

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

With the holiday break freeing up the season schedules, Wrangell High School's basketball and volleyball teams continued a long-standing tradition by hosting home alumni matches.

The series started last week on December 21, with the volleyball girls taking on a team of former players.

"The game went pretty well," said coach Jessica Whitaker. "We had a solid group of alumni girls show up."

The alums ended up taking the tourney, winning best of five after four matches. The games were all for fun, capping off the end of the team's season. The Lady Wolves ended up finishing in third place at Region V earlier in the month, to which they had been seeded fourth.

The evening also was a time to hand out awards to players. Quite a few categories were covered, and players Makena Hammer and Kayla Hay both were named "most valuable player" for their season's performance.

The next evening, the Lady Wolves varsity basketball team took on a squad of alumni in its first combination fundraiser-holiday game. The team raised \$4,123 for itself through a spaghetti dinner, 50/50 raffle, auction and sweatshirt

sales.

"We are going to use the money to go to non-conference tournaments," explained head coach Laurie Brown. For example, the travel fund would cover matches like the team's tournament in Klawock, which it ended up taking first in just before the winter break began. Brown said the team would also like to attend a training camp in Anchorage this June.

During the alumni game, the graduate players led throughout, but the varsity girls were able to turn it around in the fourth period for a 40-37 win.

"It was a great game and we were really thankful to everyone who came out," said Brown. "We are so indebted to this community," she continued, listing the parents, fans and volunteers who made the program possible.

The boys basketball team was set to finish off the holiday series with its own alumni game and fundraiser Tuesday evening. Coach Ray Stokes explained the program has been doing the combination event for years, and the money raised ends up supporting the team's extra trips and travel expenses.

Once the basketball season resumes, Wrangell's boys will be headed to Metlakatla on December 6 and 7, while the girls will be hosting their counterparts the same weekend.

# Children's books for a Native worldview

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – Not so long ago, children's books with an authentic focus on Alaska Native stories and culture were harder to find.

That's changing with Baby Raven Reads, a Sealaska Heritage Institute program focusing on children up to age 5.

Dec. 10, SHI released five new children's books "that reflect the Native worldview;" it aims, said SHI Chief of Operations Lee Kadinger, to publish 18, and to distribute the books to libraries around Southeast Alaska. Through social media, they've even had a request from Europe that the

books be translated into French, reported Capital City Weekly.

"When we looked at it eight years ago, there were no books like this out on the market," he said. "That was really our goal in the grant to make high-quality, culturally-based, place-based books."

Three of the books have to do with Raven creation stories: "Raven and the Box of Daylight," "Raven Brings us Fire," and "Origins of Rivers and Streams." They're written in rhyme by retired Sitka first grade teacher Pauline Duncan and illustrated by Lindsay Carron. At the book release, Carron brought

the originals of each of her illustrations, originally done with colored pencil, and completed in colored pencil, watercolor and ink.

Also released was "Tlingit Alphabet," illustrated by Crystal Worl, edited by Katrina Hotch, Linda Belarde and Keri Eggleston, and reviewed by Dr. Walter Soboleff. That book's words will be added to one of SHI's language apps, Kadinger said.

Earlier in December, the institute released "Colors," illustrated by David Lang.

Lang and Duncan worked together on "Ten Sitka Herring,"

one of the first three books released under the grant. Worl drew the formline in two of the other first three books, "Baby Eagle" and "Baby Raven," which teach Tlingit words for clan crests. Nobu Koch did the illustrations of the environment in the books.

"The release of the books is groundbreaking because so few culturally-relevant children's books from Southeast Alaska exist that are not tailored for the commercial market. And, research has shown that Native students do better academically when their cultures are incorporated into learning materials and

classes," said a press release from SHI.

Incorporating traditional stories is something Duncan did for years, as a first-grade teacher in Sitka. "I had it (two of the stories) up in my classroom," she said. She also created felt panels that told the stories visually, which she brought with her to a Baby Raven Reads event prior to the release.

Jeff Ketah said he and his wife Crystal were there with their kids, 2-year-old Selena and 5-year-old Dexter, because "It's important to read to the kids, and also for them to learn a little bit about their heritage."



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# Pink salmon forecast anticipates middling run

Next year's pink salmon harvest forecast for Southeast Alaska is anticipating a run statistically on the stronger side, though the numbers may not be particularly optimistic for fishermen still reeling from a disappointing 2016 run. The 2017 report predicts the coming run will fall within in

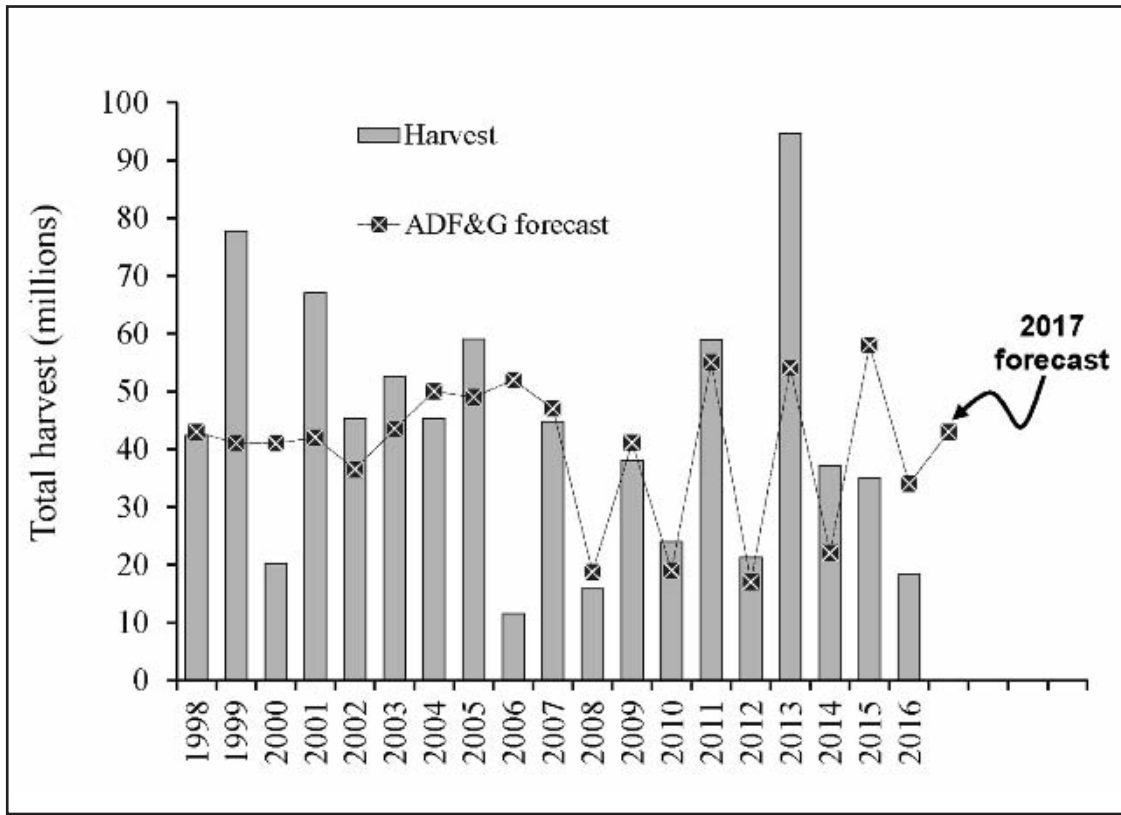
the "strong" range, with a point estimate of 43 million fish and an 80-percent confidence interval. To produce the forecast, researchers adjusted past harvest trends using peak June-July juvenile pink salmon abundance data from 2016. Using exponential

smoothing, all harvests since 1960 were factored into the forecast estimate with greater weight put on the most recent observations. The state forecast was adjusted using catch-per-distance-trawled statistics collected by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's

Auke Bay Laboratories in Juneau. The site conducts systematic surveys each year in the upper Chatham and Icy straits, in conjunction with NOAA's Southeast Coastal Monitoring Project. Auke Bay Laboratories has been using juvenile pink salmon catch and associated biophysical data for the pink salmon forecast since 2004, and ADFG has been adjusting its forecasts using the data since 2007. The Auke Bay 2016 peak June-July juvenile pink count was the sixth highest of the past two decades.

temperatures in the Gulf of Alaska, which have persisted since the fall of 2013. Pink salmon headed to sea in 2014 and 2015 have returned in numbers well below expectation, and the report concedes the same may be the case for those which left in 2016, due back this summer.

The full report is available online at [http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/fishing/PDFs/commercial/southeast/2017\\_se\\_pink\\_salmon\\_harvest\\_forecast.pdf](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/fishing/PDFs/commercial/southeast/2017_se_pink_salmon_harvest_forecast.pdf).



SUBMITTED DIAGRAM

From ADFG's 2017 pink salmon forecast report for Southeast Alaska, annual forecasts are compared to actual harvest figures from 1998 on. The department notes pink salmon returns can be particularly difficult to forecast because the species' two-year life history cycle only involves one ocean winter and precludes the use of younger returning age classes to predict cohort abundance.

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