

## School service gets new bus, new board president

By DAN RUDY  
*Sentinel writer*

A new bus has been added to

the fleet serving Wrangell, the Public School Board learned Monday.

Etolin Bus Company has acquired a new Thomas Saf-T-Liner C2 model bus, which will

be used for transporting middle and high school students on daily routes.

Etolin operator Greg McCormack brought it and the previous Blue Bird model down to Evergreen Elementary to demonstrate the differences.

"The new bus we have is what I consider the world's most modern school bus," he commented.

Compared to the older vehicles, the Thomas sports a number of added safety features. It has longer crossing arms, larger windows, compartmentalized seating with extra padding, and inside LED lighting.

The bus also features four onboard cameras, which captures activity inside the bus and out. McCormack explained having the cameras allowed for greater accountability, being able to account for mishaps, misbehavior, even traffic violations via the dash-mounted camera. Already McCormack noted two vehicles have ignored the stop sign and safety flashers deployed when students are offloading.

"It's really been a blessing," he commented.

In other board business, being its first meeting since the October 4 election, its members welcomed a former colleague back to its ranks.

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### Wishing all a happy Alaska Day

Third graders from Evergreen Elementary School treat diners at Island of Faith Lutheran Church's 15th annual Alaska Day Luncheon, which recognizes local seniors. This year the state holiday marks the 149th anniversary of Alaska's purchase from Russia, when it formally became an American territory.

## Wrangell CoC named best in Alaska for 2016

By DAN RUDY  
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Wrangell's Chamber of Commerce has been recognized as the best in the state this year.

The Chamber of Commerce received the recognition last week during the annual Alaska State Chamber Conference in Kenai. The 2016 Local Chamber of Commerce of the Year Award recognizes Wrangell's CoC for its "consistent community involvement and excellent business reputation."

"This is just fantastic that we received that," Chamber board president Christie Jamieson commented after the announcement. She felt the award recognized efforts on the organization's part to take an active role in supporting the community's economy. "That was the highlight of the award, was in leadership."

Activities of note include the annual July 4 celebrations, which the Chamber organizes. The last several years have boasted record ticket sales with its annual Royalty Competition, in addition to of other events. The Wrangell King Salmon Derby is likewise helmed by Wrangell's Chamber, and the construction last year of a pavilion in the heart of the business district has been a boon to outdoor events held beyond the summer.

Chamber executive director Cyni Waddington also pointed out the group's role in representing and supporting local business. Located near the city dock, the Chamber office serves as a welcome post to visiting cruise ship passengers and guests. This year it began hosting weekly open houses to acquaint community members with highlighted businesses, while its annual fundraising dinner celebrates outstanding citizens, businesses and young leaders

in the community.

Jamieson pointed to a new board as a factor in the Chamber's involvement, elected last fall. Sitting members have been bringing new ideas to the floor, and that additional activity has been reflected in its sponsored events.

"Everybody helps out, and I think that's what makes it so successful," she said. "We expect something from everybody, and I'm so pleased."

Jamieson also applauded the work of Waddington, who with Shawna Bunn runs the office and coordinates activities.

"We really have to thank her more than anyone else," Jamieson said.

This is the first year the executive director has been sent to conferences such as the ACOC, or Southeast Conference in Petersburg this September. Jamieson pointed out the statewide and regional meetings are a good place to network with other communities' counterparts, and to learn new skills and ideas.

"She will bring home the tools and implement them," she said.

"I was completely surprised and honored not only with the award but by hearing what the rest of state has recognized about our organization and community," Waddington commented afterward. "Over the last five years I've been able to make some radical changes with the support of the board. They believed in my vision and allowed me to take risks that were trend-setting. However the biggest thing that sets us apart is the heart of our entire community. I'm thrilled with what I've learned and the new opportunities ahead. Wrangell is making waves and I'm so proud."



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Wrangell's Cyni Waddington accepted the 2016 Local Chamber of Commerce Award in Anchorage last week, pictured here with Caroline Higgins of the Alaska Chamber of Commerce.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

**Thursday, October 20:** Patrick Howell, Stephen Peabody, Tony Guggenbickler, *Anniversary:* Evan and Rebecca Fortunato, **Friday, October 21:** Apryl Hutchinson, Alexis Rifenburg, Darlene Berglof, *Anniversary:* Pete and Teri Moody, **Saturday, October 22:** Nicole Taylor, Verity Waddington, Kelley Decker, Mason Villarma, Sandy Massin, **Sunday, October 23:** Marlene Messmer, *Anniversary:* Mike and Karen Lockabey, **Monday, October 24:** Juliette Morris, Kyler Castle, Adeline Andrews, **Tuesday, October 25:** Gauge Powers, Brandon Whitaker, Cappy Bakke, Dude Torvend, Travis Bangs, Einar Haaseth, Ira Merrill, **Wednesday, October 26:** *Anniversary:* Rick and Maxi Wiederspohn, **Thursday, October 27:** Nathaniel Rooney, Sam Fennimore, *Anniversary:* James and Rachel Stough  
If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary at no charge please call the Sentinel at 874-2301.

### Senior Center Menu

**Friday, October 21:**

Creole pork, pasta, cauliflower, sunshine salad

**Monday, October 24:**

Moose stew with vegetables, spicy, fresh fruit cup, hot rolls

**Tuesday, October 25:**

Chicken rice casserole, mixed veggies, cauliflower and broccoli toss

**Wednesday, October 26:**

Chinese fruited pork with rice, green beans, waldorf salad

**Thursday, October 27:**

Macaroni and cheese with ham, steamed zucchini and carrots, perfection salad

**Friday, October 28:**

Baked fish, brussels sprouts, carrot raisin salad, pilot bread

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, October 22**

Matanuska 2:30 a.m.

**Sunday, October 23**

Kennicott 3:45 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 25**

Matanuska 11:30 p.m.

**Saturday, October 29**

Matanuska 6:30 a.m.

**Sunday, October 30**

Kennicott 9:15 p.m.

#### Southbound

**Friday, October 21**

Matanuska 10:45 a.m.

**Monday, October 24**

Matanuska 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, October 26**

Kennicott 4:00 a.m.

**Friday, October 28**

Matanuska 12:45 p.m.

**Monday, October 31**

Matanuska 3:15 p.m.

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



## TIDES TABLE October 20 - October 27

	High Tides				Low Tides			
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
Oct. 20	4:30	15.7	4:25	17.3	10:07	2.1	10:52	-1.4
Oct. 21	5:28	14.5	5:22	15.8	11:03	3.5	11:52	0.0
Oct. 22	6:37	13.6	6:32	14.4	-----	-----	12:10	4.5
Oct. 23	7:57	13.3	7:58	13.6	1:03	1.2	1:34	5.0
Oct. 24	9:11	13.8	9:19	13.7	2:21	1.8	3:05	4.6
Oct. 25	10:11	14.7	10:25	14.2	3:36	1.9	4:22	3.4
Oct. 26	11:01	15.6	11:19	14.9	4:38	1.6	5:17	2.1
Oct. 27	11:43	16.4	-----	-----	5:26	1.3	6:00	0.9

## Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

### Thursday, October 20

**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.

### Saturday, October 22

**Operation Christmas Child Packing Party:** 10 a.m. Nolan Center. Operation Christmas Child is a terrific way to get involved in the evangelism and discipleship of children around the world. Come help pack shoeboxes for children in need.

**American Legion Membership Potluck Dinner:** 6 p.m. Legion Hall. American Legion 4th annual Post & Auxiliary Early Bird Membership Potluck Dinner, Auxiliary Dept. President and Dept. Post Vice Commander will be attending, a program is planned.

### Tuesday, October 25

**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:** Step Study, Mon 8 p.m., Tu. 7 p.m., Toss Off Th. 7 p.m., Smoked Fish F 8 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.

## The Way We Were

In the Sentinel 75, 50 and 25 years ago.

**November 2, 1916:** L.C. Berg was a passenger to Seattle on the Princess Sophia Friday night. Mr. Berg is one of the owners of the Silver King mine, which is located on the mainland 20 miles from Wrangell. From Mr. Berg it was learned that a tunnel has been driven in 300 feet, and that the owners are well pleased with the showing thus far. He stated that he did not know just how long he would be away, but that operations on the property would be resumed early in the spring.

**October 31, 1941:** A second call for Selectees to fill the ranks of the Alaska Defense Command will be issued shortly, according to a wire to the local draft board today from Selective Service Director John McCormick in Juneau. "Keep classifying, examining and inducting," McCormick said in his wire, if the first call was not filled. "In the meantime," the wire stated, "prepare for second call. If unable to get men to induction station, induct men available and accessible in sequence of order number as defense command must be brought to its full strength by inductees immediately. Any difference in quota by inducting more than called can be adjusted in future calls. Encourage volunteers."

**October 28, 1966:** After lengthy discussion which brought out a clash of interests, the Chamber of Commerce adopted a resolution introduced by C. Girard Davidson, President of Alaska Pacific

Lumber Company and Pacific Northern Timber Company, asking the U.S. Forest Service not to cancel a portion of the PNT timber allotment in the area at its noon luncheon meeting yesterday at Winnie's Café. The resolution asked the Forest Service to confirm the block of timber back to PNT on grounds that if such action was taken, a veneer plant would be established at the Shoemaker Bay site of APL, estimated to cost a million and a half dollars with 150 employees.

**October 31, 1991:** Fewer moose were taken in the Stikine River hunt this year than in any year since 1977. Whether the moose were available or not is a matter of some debate. Some hunters reported they "haven't seen moose in the same numbers like in previous years," accord-

ing to Fish and Game biologist Charlie Land. Land said it was tough to draw any conclusions from this year's hunt because of conflicting information. "Some said they saw cows with no calves. Others saw cows and calves," Land said. Twenty-four legal kills were recorded in the Stikine area hunt this year, which indicates a steady drop over the past six years. With the exception of 1988, in which 57 moose were taken, numbers have dropped each consecutive year. In 1986, the moose total was 51 taken; in 1987, 48; in 1989, 38; in 1990, 34. Only two moose have been accounted for in the Wrangell Island hunt. Land said there have been rumors of a third, but there is no firm evidence to back this up. He also pointed out all figures are preliminary for at least one year.



## Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
October 9	51	33
October 10	48	33
October 11	48	33
October 12	50	39
October 13	50	42
October 14	48	42
October 15	46	39
October 16	48	37



## Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Oct. 20	7:29a	5:35p	10:06h
Oct. 21	7:31a	5:33p	10:02h
Oct. 22	7:33a	5:30p	9:57h
Oct. 23	7:35a	5:28p	9:53h
Oct. 24	7:38a	5:25p	9:47h
Oct. 25	7:40a	5:23p	9:43h
Oct. 26	7:42a	5:21p	9:39h
Oct. 27	7:44a	5:18p	9:34h

# Despite Stikine slowdown, moose total highest on record

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

Area hunters brought in a bumper harvest this fall, with 113 moose reported for the 2016 season by its end on Saturday.

The total ended up being the largest on record, besting the 109 harvested in 2009. That year, antler restrictions were loosened to allow the harvest of bulls with two brow tines on both antlers, allowing for better yields.

Alaska Department of Fish and Game biologist Rich Lowell noted returns on the Stikine River were well below the long-term yearly average of 26 moose, with only 16 reported this year.

"Low water levels during much of the season may have limited hunter access to some extent, while the high harvest of 35 moose last year probably reduced the availability of legal bulls this season," he reported.

The lion's share of the hunt was on Kupreanof Island, the largest of the islands in Unit 3. Fifty moose were harvested there over the month-long season, a 25-percent increase over last year. Wrangell Island also saw a larger

than average return, with hunters reporting seven moose this year.

Of those, one was confiscated for failing to meet regulations. Lowell noted 12 of the 113 moose were deemed illegal by state agents, 10 of which failed to comply with antler restrictions.

While no hunter is likely to be pleased to have a moose confiscated, illegally harvested carcasses get put to good use. One beneficiary is the Wrangell Senior Center, which received about 300 pounds of moose meat this year for its nutrition program.

"We're on the top of the list," said Georgia Joseph, who has managed the facility for 11 years. The center serves about 40 elders a day, five days each week. Diners can stop in to meet with friends and neighbors over a hot supper, and the center also delivers to those unable to make it down themselves.

City Market's meat department prepares the moose into roasts and burger, much of which gets used in place of beef in stews, loaves and casseroles.

"We will be using it at least three days a week til its gone,"

## 2016 Moose Harvest for RM038

Kupreanof Island	50
Stikine River	16
Mitkof Island	15
Thomas Bay	10
Wrangell Island	7
Kuiu Island	6
Farragut Bay	5
Virginia Lake	1
Le Conte Bay	1
Woewodski Island	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>112</b>

Joseph estimated. The extra moose will help the program make up for a lack of fish this summer, a result of the mixed harvest.

Lowell reminded hunters they have until today to check in a harvested moose, which may alter the reported totals slightly. Every person obtaining a moose registration permit this year is required to submit a hunt report, even if they did not hunt.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

One of the last of the season, this moose was felled by Wrangell hunter Jordan Bunes upriver on Friday. The moose yielded about 600 pounds of meat, and was one of the 16 shot on the Stikine this season.

## Police report

### Monday, October 10

Citation issued to Shannon Lindley, 29, for Dog at Large.

### Tuesday, October 11

Concerned Citizen: Caller reported porcupine running around on city hall lawn. Office responded, UTL.

Agency Assist - FD: Caller reported seeing smoke coming from somewhere near ASHA - clearing lots near AICS Clinic.

### Wednesday, October 12

Traffic/Parking Complaint.

Disturbance. Officer responded.

Deer Complaint.

### Thursday, October 13

Arrested on charges of Driving Under the Influence, Casey Seimears, 34.

### Friday, October 14

Landlord/Tenant Civil Issue.

Intoxicated Person reported heading out the road walking.

One individual given Disorderly Conduct warning and the other one given Illegal Parking warning.

### Saturday, October 15

Nothing to Report.

### Sunday, October 16

Agency Assist - Power Outage.

Report of Theft - Property was returned.

Report of Disturbance.

There were three ambulance calls and two dog complaints during this week.

## AICS announces SEARHC merger

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

Last week a Wrangell-based clinical services provider announced its formal merger with another regional health service.

Alaska Island Community Services (AICS) and SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) will formally affiliate; a process which is expected to be finalized by the beginning of February 2017.

Since 1989 AICS has provided clinical and mental health services to the community, expanding its service range to Petersburg, Gustavus, Point Baker, Port Protection, Coffman Cove, Whale Pass, Naukati and Edna Bay. Last month it announced it would be taking over administration of the Juneau Front Street Community Health Center as well.

Established in 1975, SEARHC is a non-profit tribal health consortium representing 18 Native communities in Southeast Alaska. Among its

other programs, it operates Mt. Edgumbe Hospital and the Ethel Lund Medical Center in Juneau.

Under the impending arrangement, SEARHC will provide AICS with support in administrative, quality improvement, compliance, information technology and finance management services, and will provide procurement and biomedical equipment support. It will also be responsible for practice management, regulatory compliance, performance improvement, human resources and facility maintenance services.

"Because of our size, we are probably able to provide more administrative support," explained SEARHC chief operating officer Dan Neumeister. "A lot of the things that you really don't see as a patient, but you need to be successful as a clinic."

Once the transition is made, SEARHC will assume operational and management support roles while AICS continues operating out of all existing facilities and locations. As part of the new affiliation, AICS will retain its name, and Neumeister explained its board is currently planned to be reintegrated into an advisory

council, which will continue to monitor quality of care and patient satisfaction, and will provide direct feedback to SEARHC.

This council will also oversee a community foundation, created with a portion of AICS' financial reserves, to help support programs and services dedicated to improving the health of Wrangell's residents.

In transit, AICS director Mark Walker was unavailable to comment directly on the transition by Tuesday's press time. In a prepared media release, he explained: "Changes in the healthcare environment are creating tremendous fiscal pressures resulting in declining revenues and increasing expenses. By affiliating with SEARHC, we can continue providing quality services we can be proud of and that benefit our patients, residents and communities."

As for jobs, Neumeister explained that while efficiencies would be sought in future, current employment would not be affected by the transition.

"We've committed to the employees and to the board that no one will lose their jobs," he said.

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# Letter to the Editor

**To the Editor:**

I would like to correct some recent negative comments about being a member of a Republican majority in Juneau.

First, the positives. The house majority writes the budgets through a committee process. Republican principals of spend carefully so you can tax Alaskans less are built into the budget in a committee

process.

When the budget comes to the floor, any legislator can offer and vote on any amendments they want. Majority members can also take their issues up in caucus. Majority members vote together for the final passage of the Budget. The other required vote is related to rule of order or parliamentary procedures on the floor and the ruling of the

chair. You are required to vote with the chairs or speaker to resolve the issue.

As a candidate running for office one should not apologize for voting with legislators or caucus that have similar beliefs or positions. That is what our current district's seated legislators are doing and defines who they are.

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# Dan's Dispatch

By Representative Dan Ortiz

It has come to my attention in recent days that groups from outside our district and outside Alaska have started to send out negative ads against me. Judging from where this effort is coming from, I take it in stride.

As your state representative, my only goal is to be your voice in the legislature. Residents of District 36 know that I actively request input from every side of every issue, and I listen to everyone. My goal has never been to appease big oil or the Railbelt, especially when their desires are in conflict with the needs of Southern Southeast. That being said, I am curious as to how these outside groups could possibly know what's in the best interest for Southern Southeast Alaska.

This smear campaign is bankrolled by the Accountability Project, an Anchorage PAC funded by the oil industry and Washington, D.C. This is not the first time they have spent money in Southeast: in 2012, they went

after our Republican Senator Bert Stedman. Scott Hawkins, Treasurer of 'Southeast Voters' for Sivertsen and chair of the Accountability Project, went as far as to characterize Senator Stedman as part of the "far left crowd"

(Mauer, <http://www.adn.com/alaska-news/article/dc-super-pac-delivers-big-anchorage-business-group/2012/11/02/>). It's no wonder then that he also claims I lean left, despite the fact that I refuse to vote for unbalanced budgets or blank checks for oil companies: in my time as your legislator my voting record is very similar to Senator Stedman's. In fact, the American Conservative Union rates me higher than any other Representative from southeast, including Cathy Munoz, a Republican.

There is no baiting, and no switching, despite what my opponent has stated and these negative mailers have reiterated. I have been and will continue to be honest and transparent with you, because this job is not meant to be done behind closed doors. I represent District 36 and all of its resi-

dents. I will always take your call, and my office has always kept an open-door policy for the residents of District 36.

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# Legislative hearing highlights transboundary mining concerns

By DAN RUDY  
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Wrangell Cooperative Association added its voice to the chorus of people concerned about Canadian mining concerns developing upstream of shared rivers.

The forum was a hearing held by the Alaska House Fisheries Special Committee in Juneau on October 12. Testimony was collected from around the state, with speakers calling in even from as far away as Arizona.

The issue at hand is a collection of large scale mines either operating or in development, located in the watersheds of the Stikine, Unuk and Taku rivers. For Wrangell, the Red Chris mine is the latest large-scale operation to begin production. Located 11 miles from the headwaters of the Stikine River, the open-pit copper and gold mine began full-scale operations late last year.

Concerns about the mine's environmental impact on the river were heightened by an incident in Canada in August 2014, when a tailings dam servicing the Mount Polley mine ruptured. Billions of gallons of metals-tainted effluent were released into waters that fed into the salmon-rich Fraser River system, disrupting subsistence activities for the area's inhabitants.

The special committee meeting follows continued developments at the state and national levels. Earlier this month, Alaska Lt. Gov. Byron Mallott signed a

statement of cooperation with British Columbia provincial counterparts, outlining a commitment to greater communication between the two governments and setting in motion creation of a bilateral working group focused on transboundary river issues. The group will include as members state commissioners and provincial deputy ministers, and will facilitate existing cooperative efforts, exchange information on existing and planned mining concerns, and aim to improve reporting of imminent or actual release of pollutants which could affect shared waters.

Speaking during last week's committee hearing, President Richard Peterson of Tlingit Haida Central Council noted the SOC was nonbinding.

"I think that's a great first step, but I think it needs improvement," he said.

What Peterson and other advocates of maintaining river quality have recommended is involvement of the International Joint Commission, a body established by the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 which oversees areas where shared resources between the U.S. and Canada are a concern. The IJC would provide a more formal framework for avoiding and resolving transboundary disputes in a bilateral fashion.

The state's Congressional delegation since last year has been pushing the State Department to, among other measures, look into engaging the IJC mechanism.

Sen. Lisa Murkowski's office reported it received a formal response on October 6. The letter was affirmative, if inconclusive.

"It is promising to see the State Department show an elevated interest in this topic, as demonstrated by recent trips to the state to meet with concerned Alaskans," Murkowski commented in a release. "That being said, I remain disappointed that the State Department refuses to address our questions and suggestions, such as to consider appointing a special representative for U.S.-Canada transboundary issues. And it is unacceptable that Secretary Kerry has yet to meet directly with Alaskans on such a hugely important issue. The State Department's response is a step in the right direction, but we still have a long way to go until Alaskans' concerns are adequately addressed."

A pair of revealing reports looking into the current state and potential risks of the mines were highlighted during the hearing. The Center for Science in Public Participation published a report cataloguing tailings dam failures globally from 1915 to the present. The full report is available to read at [www.csp2.org/technical-reports](http://www.csp2.org/technical-reports), but a synopsis given during last week's hearing conveyed some of the main points.

What the group concluded was that there has been an overall dropoff in the number of tailings dam failures since 1995, but that the number of serious breaches have continued on a linear trend. Troublingly, it further found that this look at the issue was unique, and that there were limitations in oversight of the structures beyond the regional level.

"Nobody, unfortunately, is looking at this," testified Dr. Dave Chambers, founder and president of CSP2.

Chambers reported tailings dams also have a tendency to fail more frequently than those built to retain water, up to 10 times as often.

"From a technical standpoint, there's no reason for this," he told the House committee. Chambers pointed to economic considerations which contribute to substandard design, often built and operated by companies under financial stress, whose interest is in raising production to offset low commodities prices.

"Today, clearly economics drive design rather than safety," he concluded.

Kirsten Shelton of the McDowell Group shared find-



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## Clean bill of health

Wrangell Medical Center's chief nursing officer Sherri Austin and infection control nurse Jennifer Wiederspohn accept the 2016 Chasing Zero award in Anchorage on October 4, on behalf of the hospital. Presented by Mountain-Pacific Quality Health, the award recognizes care providers reduction of healthcare-associated infections to zero over a given period, at least four months in Wrangell's case.

ings from an economic impact report she had helped prepare on Southeast Alaska Transboundary Watersheds. Available to review at [www.mcdowellgroup.net/publications/](http://www.mcdowellgroup.net/publications/), the report found the three major rivers account for \$48 million in economic activity each year, and that their combined value nears \$950,000,000 over 30 years. However, Shelton reminded committee members to think of these river systems as part of a whole, not easily accountable by their material value.

"We did not measure intrinsic value," she noted.

That maintaining the waters is not merely a matter of economics or resources was made clear by other speakers at the hearing.

"No amount of money brings back the dead," testified Fred Olson Jr., chair of United Tribal Transboundary Mining Work Group. "It's not about fish, or eating calories. It's about this fish, from this place, prepared in a certain manner," he explained. "This is our way of life."

"I've been on this earth 60 years. From the time I was a little child, we worked on salmon. Salmon sustained us," said Joel Jackson, vice president of the Organized Village of Kake. "We

depend on that clean water to live."

Speaking for Wrangell Cooperative Association, Aaron Angerman pointed out the community was never contacted or consulted by Imperial Metals when it began construction of the Red Chris Mine upriver of the Stikine. Wrangell, he said, was "assuming all the risk without seeing any of the benefits."

"Our community can't afford a mistake," Angerman continued. "A complete tailings failure would be a disaster."

Other speakers represented commercial fishing interests, rural subsistence users, environmental perspectives, and individual residents concerned about quality of life.

One testifier put on their eight year old son Elias with a simple message to the House committee: "When I grow up, I want to be able to fish."

"We need this issue to be taken up by the International Joint Commission. You've got to get a binding agreement in writing," admonished Bev Sellars, chair of First Nations Women Advocating Responsible Mining. Sellars testified she had not been eating salmon from the Fraser River even before the Mt. Polley breach. For 15 years she had abstained from it due to pollution, and the loss of the fish was more deeply troubling.

"That's also a loss of our culture, my grandchildren aren't going to know," she said.

At the meeting's end, committee members expressed confidence the hearing was a step in the right direction.

"It's been brought to light and I'm confident this will not be the first hearing this committee will hear on this issue," said committee chair Rep. Louise Stutes (R-Kodiak).

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# Wrestling team opens season at Petersburg Invitational

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

The high school's wrestling team was off to a good start to the season this week, with several of its athletes taking top spots for their weight classes at Petersburg's Invitational.

"The kids did awesome for the first tournament," said Wolves assistant coach Jack Carney.

Three Wrangell wrestlers finished in first place for their brackets. Junior Ian Jenson topped the 138 bracket with three wins on Friday, two by decision and one by fall. In the round-robin next day, he added two more victories with pins made in 2:31 and 2:38.

Weighing in at 152 pounds, senior Sig Decker began the season with three wins. He pinned Ketchikan's Nate Eisenhower in 3:37, and finished the other two with pins in 1:55 and 2:08. Decker ended the next day's round-robin in an even split. He pinned Eisenhower again in a quick 1:19 in the first round, before being bested by Klawock's James Heppe in a 10-4 decision.

In the 152 class, freshman Hunter Wiederspohn also finished with three wins, ending by fall. Against Izayah Liu of Metlakatla and Liam Scales of Thunder Mountain, he pinned both in 46 seconds. Wiederspohn collected two more wins the next day, with a 2:02 pin and a round ended by tie-breaker.

On Friday, senior Dawson Miller placed second for the 170 bracket, losing to Titus Tripple of Thunder Mountain in an 8-4 decision but besting Klawock's Mason Hoppe in a 6-5 call.

Senior Darren Shilts came in second for the 182 bracket, on Friday pinning two competitors and being pinned himself by Petersburg junior Brandon Ware. Shilts won two more matches next day, ending a round against Petersburg wrestler Brandon Ware by fall in 4:26, and another against Ketchikan's Gerik Sherrill in 2:20.

In the 220 bracket, Caleb Groshong came in second place with a win by majority decision and a loss by fall. He finished the invitational with two more wins the next day.

Elizabeth Johnson started off her season with a second-place finish, splitting matches on Friday. She finished off the tournament with a one-one split the next day, besting Klawock's Yajaira Ponce by an 11-2 major decision and pinned by Metlakatla wrestler Andrea Prince in 3:15.

Senior Sam Armstrong started the season with two wins and a pin in the 145 group. Armstrong would go on to win both rounds Saturday, with pins in 3:00 and 4:21. In the girls 145 category, freshman Hannah Brown finished with three pins against her over



PHOTO BY JESS FIELD

Darren Shilts goes at it against Brandon Ware of Petersburg Saturday evening. Shilts finished the match with a win by fall in 4:26.

the weekend.

In the 113 weight class, junior JD Barratt began the tournament with two losses by majority decision. In his second set of matches on Saturday, Barratt won against competitors John Yalung from Thunder Mountain and Mathew Colbert of Craig.

Sophomore Dillon Rooney

took third for his class, beating Hydaburg wrestler Robert Tolson in a 5-2 decision and losing the following two matches by decision. The next day, Rooney won against Dawson Entwit of Ketchikan by 4-3 decision, and was pinned by Metlakatla's Shawn Williams in 4:02.

"Our kids definitely showed up and were working hard," commented Carney.

After a successful halibut fundraiser dinner the previous weekend, he said the team was ready to make some tough matches ahead.

"We're looking forward to Juneau this next weekend. I'm looking for some top finishers," he said. After that, the team heads

to Ketchikan for its invitational, followed by a trip to Anchorage at the month's end for the big ACS Invitational.

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In the 145-pound bracket, Sam Armstrong waits for the referee to call his pin against Jonas Heppe of Klawock. Armstrong went on to take second in the bracket for Friday's round-robin in Petersburg.

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Nov. 11-12	@ Metlakatla
Nov. 18-19	Lancer Smith Tournament
Dec. 2-3	@ Home
Dec. 9-10	Region V @ Sitka
Dec. 16-17	State @ Anchorage

From left to right (back row):  
Assistant Coach Jack Carney, Ian Jenson, Sam Armstrong, Caleb Groshong, Sig Decker, Dawson Miller, Darren Shilts, Coach Jeff Rooney  
From left to right (front row):  
Hunter Wiederspohn, Hannah Brown, Jonah Comstock, Elizabeth Johnson, JD Barratt, Dillon Rooney, not pictured Anthony Messenger



## WHS Volleyball Team 2016 - 2017 Schedule

Sept. 30-Oct. 1	@ Petersburg
Oct. 7	Petersburg
Oct. 8	@ Petersburg
Oct. 14-15	JIVE (Juneau)
Oct. 21-22	@ Klawock
Nov. 10-12	@ Skagway
Nov. 18	@ Petersburg
Nov. 19	Petersburg
Dec. 2-3	Region V @ Craig
Dec. 8-10	State @ Anchorage

From left to right (back row):  
Bethany Comstock, Anna Allen, Kayla Hay, Helen Decker, Kaylyn Easterly, Erin Galla  
From left to right (middle row):  
Tasha Massin, Kiara Meissner, Ashley Allen, Charley Seddon, Hannah Brown, Madison Blackburn  
From left to right (front row):  
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# Fish Factor

by Laine Welch

It was a rough salmon season at most Alaska regions this summer, with Bristol Bay being the big exception. While sockeye catches exceeded expectations, all other species came up short. But salmon stakeholders can take heart that the fish is moving swimmingly to market.

"The demand is there. The world still recognizes that this is the best place to go for the highest quality salmon, including pinks," said Tyson Fick, Communications Director for the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute.

"Sales have been brisk this fall," added Tom Sunderland, Vice President of Marketing and Communications for Ocean Beauty Seafoods. "We expect inventories to be low as we head into next season, and that should create some good market opportunities going forward."

For pink salmon, Alaska's shortfall would seem to be made up for by Russia's huge 200 million humpy haul this summer. But rather than competing with Russian product, most of that pink pack will stay at home.

"The good news is there's been a push for many years to keep Russian seafood in Russia. So there will be a large portion of that catch taken up in their domestic market," explained Fick. "We will still see pink salmon going through China and into other markets that are competitive with Alaska fish, but it has potential to hold our space and not get traded out for other species like farmed salmon."

Alaska pinks and other seafood products are still being hammered by Russia's ongoing embargo of all products from the US, as well as other nations that two years ago objected to its strong arm actions in the Ukraine.

Russia typically bought over \$100 million of Alaska seafood each year, mostly pink salmon roe and pollock.

"It also displaced a large amount of Norwegian farmed salmon at the same time because they were caught up in the embargo, so we had to meet them in other markets to move our product. It's been a sort of musical chairs effect," Fick added.

In short, overall and early on markets for Alaska wild salmon are looking good.

"More and more people are turned on to wild salmon because they've had the opportunity to try it, especially with the huge sockeye harvests, and then two out of four years being record harvests just a few years back," Fick said. "We now have a larger target market to shoot for to introduce them to the good stuff."

The public is invited to learn more about markets for Alaska salmon and all other species at ASMI's "All Hands on Deck" meeting. October 25-27 at the Captain Cook Hotel in Anchorage.

**Crabbers hope for more** - Bering Sea crabbers headed out on October 15 for a bleak season, with catch quotas slashed and no opener at all for bairdi Tanners. But they could catch a break this week from fishery managers who might allow pots to drop in one of two Tanner fishing districts.

"It's going to be a tough year. We'll likely see record prices for our crab but the quotas are so low it won't make up for it," said Jake Jacobsen, director of the Intercooperative Exchange, which represents 75 percent of the 90 boat crab fleet.

For Bristol Bay red king crab, the quota of eight million pounds is down 15 percent, snow crab

was slashed by nearly half to 21 million pounds. And the bairdi Tanner crab fishery, which for several years has been on an upward tick and produced 20 million pounds last year, was closed due to low showings of female crabs during the summer surveys. That's a huge disappointment, Jacobsen said, because the Tanners were really taking off at national restaurant and grocery chains.

"Our main effort was to differentiate bairdi and to educate the market that it wasn't just a big snow crab. It is a distinct crab with a very unique flavor profile. The taste is preferable among Bering Sea fishermen over any other crab they catch," Jacobsen explained.

When Tanner crab came back on the market four years ago after being closed for rebuilding, it quickly gained popularity and last year fetched a better poundage price than snow crab at \$2.97 and \$2.73, respectively.

"We saw the price differential increase and bairdi becoming a premium product in the marketplace and our efforts were really paying off. So it's a huge set back not to have some bairdi available," he added.

Customers will still clamor for Alaska crab, said ASMI's Fick.

"It's one of the most highly sought after seafood products in the world," Fick said. "Anytime you see big reductions in the quota and conservative management to shut down the fisheries, it hurts but at the same time, it reflects the sustainable management that our whole program is built on."

Meanwhile, the crabbers believe the Tanners are still out there but have moved from the standardized summer survey

areas. They are pushing for a Tanner opener in one fishing area where numbers of female crabs were above a minimum threshold for a fishery.

"Biologically, there should've been a season in the western district and there is a slim possibility that we will see a fishery at some point in time this year," said Jacobsen.

At a work session this week in Soldotna, the state Board of Fisheries may discuss a petition to do just that, said Mark Stichert, regional supervisor at the Department of Fish and Game office in Kodiak.

"They can deny the request and support the season closure; call for an analysis and make a determination on their own timeline; or transition the petition into a board generated proposal and take it up at one of their meetings already scheduled for this cycle," Stichert explained. "Options 2 and 3 could still result in a fishery this year if that is the desire of the board."

The combined Bering Sea crab fisheries last season were valued at nearly \$245 million at the Alaska docks.

**Cukes vs. otters** - Sea cucumbers are the most valuable of Alaska's dive fisheries, especially in Southeast. Annual October harvests there hover around one million pounds and attract nearly 200 divers, who will fetch between \$4 to \$5 a pound for their pickings.

The harvest used to approach two million pounds but sea otters have cleaned out cukes in many areas over the past decade.

"None of the areas have recovered. It's not like the otters come in and move on and the population rebounds. The otters stay. We've lost on an annual basis between 500,000 to

600,000 pounds of product and the trend is downward," said Phil Doherty, director of the Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association (SARDFA) in Ketchikan.

Sea otters were wiped out by the fur trade at the turn of the 20th century and the state reintroduced about 400 animals to Southeast waters in the 1960s. Doherty pegs the otter population today at well over 30,000, based on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service data, and added that they multiply at a rate of about 12 percent each year.

Kodiak is also seeing a big increase in sea otters but it's not clear if they're biting into the much smaller sea cucumber fishery. The harvest there is 140,000 pounds with 24 divers.

"We have a lot of talk by the fleet about the numbers of otters, even right here in the harbor, that no one remembers seeing years ago," said Nat Nichols, area manager at the Dept. of Fish and Game in Kodiak. He added that there are reports of otters eating sea cucumbers, Dungeness and Tanner crabs, but nothing yet shows the animals are a cause of any stock declines.

The state's otter management hands are tied as the animals are protected under the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act. Otters can be hunted by Alaska natives and Doherty said about 1,500 were taken last year.

"Provisions within the Act allow Alaska natives to harvest sea otters, but they can't just sell the pelts on the fur market. They have to turn it into a native handicraft. So it's one otter at a time," he said.

Economists estimate otters have eaten more than \$30 million of Southeast crab, cukes, urchins and clams since 1995.

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# House challenger Sivertsen talks budget, caucusing

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

Ahead of next month's general election, candidates for Wrangell's State House district have been stopping in to meet with constituents and secure their votes on November 8.

Running for District 36 as a Republican, Ketchikan Councilman Bob Sivertsen spoke about his candidacy. He had previously visited the community on the campaign trail over July 4 and in September.

"I think the campaign's been going great," Sivertsen said. "I spent a fair amount of time in Wrangell, visiting with residents. And I've spent a lot of time on the dock talking with fishermen, visiting the processors."

Speaking with residents, Sivertsen found the largest issue on their minds has been the state's ongoing deficit, a gap which stands at better than \$3 billion this year.

"Due to the looming budget deficit that we have, they're concerned about what's going to happen in regards to taxes, the Permanent Fund Dividend, and government spending," he said. "I think that there's a deeper interest in regards to all that, as the legislature closed us out last year without really coming up with a sustainable budget plan. We're really in need of that in the next coming years to get us on path, getting rid of the deficit and moving our economy forward."

"I think the first thing you're going to have to do is understand the whole situation that we're in,"

he explained. "We've had good runs with oil, but when oil money drops as quick as it did it put us in a severe crunch, and we've been burning savings to balance the budget. We're rapidly approaching that time when we won't have those savings."

On ways to close the budget gap, he explained: "We're going to have to look at new revenues, and we're going to have to be careful at how we structure those. It's a large geographical state, so what works in Anchorage doesn't necessarily work in Southeast Alaska. I'm referring to maybe the sales tax issue. We already, in our small communities on these islands, Wrangell's at seven percent and (Ketchikan is) at six and a half. If they add a sales tax of three percent we're all of a sudden at ten and nine and a half. That's going to be tough for our local business, it's going to be tough for our communities."

"To the credit of the legislature in the last two years, they've reduced the budget a little over 28 percent," he pointed out. "Which is a task in itself. There were a lot of those cuts that were easier than the next round of cuts."

Among these, Sivertsen listed the cutting of already-vacated state positions and the paring down of capital projects as examples. Additional items were vetoed by Gov. Bill Walker in June to the tune of \$1.29 billion, including a cap on individual Permanent Fund Dividend payments to \$1,022.

"I was a little disappointed in how we got to this point, and the

process wasn't as clean as I'd hoped it would be. There were a number of special sessions trying to find consensus. But in the House there were three separate groups: There was the smaller House Majority at that time because they had the 'Musk Ox' Caucus – that was a group of its own – and then the Minority. And neither one of them had the votes to move forward or override the veto.

"When we go back to Juneau this time there's going to be a larger list to get the budget reduced. I think that there's not one silver bullet. I think it's going to take, first of all, looking at those different agencies."

Sivertsen acknowledged there would need to be a balanced approach to further cuts, particularly with regulatory agencies like the state's Fish and Game, Forestry, and Environmental Conservation departments.

"You've got to have foresters and you've got to have fish management people in order to allow for the use of our natural resources. If we don't have fisheries management, we don't open fisheries, and our fishermen don't have access to our resources. The same way, if we don't have foresters, then we're not going to get a timber sale on Alaska land through the door. So it would be important that we go and look at that, and not shoot yourself in the foot because you think you need to cut money there."

"The problem is, when we run out of cash – that's what they call



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Getting out the vote in Wrangell last month, Republican candidate Bob Sivertsen stands flanked by former Rep. Peggy Wilson and current Sen. Bert Stedman.

falling off the cliff – we no longer have any capital to fund our budget, so government just starts to shut down," he continued. "You can't get a permit, you can't build. It really just hampers the economy."

To that end, Sivertsen put it to voters that it would be beneficial to have a representative in the Republican-led House Majority, which he would intend to join if elected. Current Rep. Dan Ortiz caucuses with the House Minority.

"The majority writes the budget. I'd rather be in the room writing the budget than have somebody write it for me," Sivertsen explained. This includes making appointments to committee and subcommittee chairs and putting forward bills.

"The majority has more appetite for listening to majority bills than it does minority bills. That's just the way the legislature works. ... So I'd rather be in the room for the discussion to protect or bolster the perspective of our district with regards to what's happening in our state. Like the sales tax issue."

The Sentinel's interview with Independent candidate for District 36 Rep. Dan Ortiz appeared in last week's issue. Candidates for the Alaska House race will be attending a debate in Wrangell on October 26, set for 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. The event is being organized by radio station KSTK and the public is invited to attend.

## Comics

### Amber Waves



### R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



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by Linda Thistle

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### Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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**City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska  
NOTICE OF JOB OPENING  
BOROUGH MANAGER**

The City & Borough of Wrangell is accepting employment applications for the position of Borough Manager until November 11, 2016, 5:00 p.m.

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The Borough is looking for a top executive and operations officer, accountable for accomplishing short and long-range business and program objectives. This is an appointed position.

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For a complete job description, please contact the Borough Clerk's Office at 907-874-2381 or email: [clerk@wrangell.com](mailto:clerk@wrangell.com) or visit Borough website: <http://www.wrangell.com/jobs>

Please send a cover letter, detailed resume and references to: City & Borough of Wrangell, P.O. Box 531, Wrangell, AK 99929, or fax: (907) 874-2304 or email: [clerk@wrangell.com](mailto:clerk@wrangell.com).

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**City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska  
REVISED - 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., Wednesday, November 8, 2016**, for the following vacancies:

Planning & Zoning Commission	one - (three year term)
Planning & Zoning Commission	one - (unexpired term until October 2017)
Parks & Recreation	one - (three year term)
Wrangell Convention & Visitors Bureau	two - (three year terms)
Economic Development Committee	two - (three year terms)
Economic Development Committee	one - (unexpired term until October 2017)

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  
City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

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**City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

At their Regular Borough Assembly meeting held on October 11, 2016, the Assembly canceled their upcoming Regular Assembly meeting that was scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 2016. The cancelation is due to a lack of a quorum.

The next Regular Borough Assembly meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

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

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**Notice to Creditors**

Lee Byrd, of P.O. Box 46, Wrangell, AK 99929, has been appointed the personal representative of the estate of Margaret Byrd, formerly of P.O. Box 46, Wrangell, AK 99929. Creditors are hereby notified that they must submit a claim against this estate within four months of the first publication of this notice, or the claim will be forever barred. Claims must be submitted in writing to Lee Byrd, or the Court of 415 Main Street Suite 400, Ketchikan, AK 99901 referencing case number 1KE-16-133PR.

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

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

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

These vacancies are one-year terms from January 1 - December 31, 2017.

Please turn your Letter of Interest into the Borough Clerk's Office, 205 Brueger Street, City & Borough of Wrangell, P.O. Box 531, Wrangell, AK 99929, **on or before 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 8, 2016.**

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

Appointments will be made at the regular Assembly meeting on November 8, 2016.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Preliminary Best Interest Finding and Decision for the Edna Bay Parlay Timber Sale (SSE-1342-K)**

State of Alaska  
Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Forestry  
Southern Southeast Area Office

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, gives formal notice under AS 38.05.945 that the Department has issued a revised preliminary decision under AS 38.05.035(e) regarding the proposed sale of the following commercial timber: Edna Bay Parlay Timber Sale (SSE-1342-K). An earlier Final decision for this sale was withdrawn on June 22, 2016.

The Division of Forestry (DOF) is proposing to offer for sale approximately 700 acres of mixed mature second growth and old growth forest composed of western hemlock, Sitka spruce, western red cedar and yellow cedar from state lands near Edna Bay on Kosciusko Island. Of these 700 acres, all but 34 acres are on lands within the Southeast State Forest. The legal description of the sale area is Sections 1 and 2 of Township 69 South, Range 76 East and Sections 31, 32, 33, and 34 of Township 68 South, Range 76 East, Copper River Meridian (CRM). Access to the sale area is by a Log Transfer facility in Section 34 and from existing road systems. The volume to be offered totals approximately 14,000 thousand board feet (MBF). The DOF plans to sell the timber as one large sale under AS 38.05.120 or as a series of smaller sales under AS 38.05.115, AS 38.05.118 and AS 38.05.120 for commercial use.

Before these sales may be held, the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources will issue a written final decision that the sales are in the best interest of the State. This decision will set out the facts and applicable policies upon which the Commissioner bases his determination. The final decision is expected to be available for public review after **November 21, 2016.**

The public is invited to review and comment on the preliminary decision. Copies of the preliminary decision are available for review at the state's public notice web site at <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=183238> along with the DOF's office in Ketchikan, the Ketchikan, Craig, Petersburg and Wrangell public libraries and the Edna Bay Post Office. Comments should be mailed to the Division of Forestry, 2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901 or emailed to [greg.staunton@alaska.gov](mailto:greg.staunton@alaska.gov). Comments must be received by the Division of Forestry no later than 4:00 PM on **November 18, 2016**, in order to be considered in the final best interest finding and decision. To be eligible to appeal the final decision a person must have provided written comment on this revised preliminary finding by the 4 PM deadline on **November 18, 2016.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS CONTACT:

Alaska Division of Forestry 2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213 Ketchikan, AK 99901	Contact: Greg Staunton Phone: (907) 225-3070 Fax: (907) 247-3070 Email: <a href="mailto:greg.staunton@alaska.gov">greg.staunton@alaska.gov</a>
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**King Crossword**  
Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) will hold a Regular Board Meeting on November 1, 2016 from 1:00 pm to 5 pm and on November 2, 2016 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm AKDT at the Nolan Center in Wrangell, Alaska. During the meeting, the Board may enter into an executive session to discuss an evaluation of the Agency's Chief Executive Officer. For additional information, please call (907) 228-2281.

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# Murkowski leads Miller, Stock in campaign funds

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – Libertarian U.S. Senate candidate Joe Miller reported raising nearly \$200,000 for his campaign during the latest fundraising period while independent Margaret Stock brought in about \$150,000.

While the reporting period

spans from July through September, Miller's campaign said his haul dates to early last month, when he entered the race as a last-minute replacement on the Libertarian ticket.

Miller spokesman Randy DeSoto said the Federal Election Commission filing will be

amended to account for at least \$7,000 in in-kind contributions. He said examples of such contributions include airline miles and tickets.

A summary of Miller's filing showed the candidate also chipped in about \$4,000.

Stock, meanwhile, reported raising about \$150,000 between July 28 and Sept. 30. That includes about \$27,000 listed as coming from Stock, according to

a summary of her filing. As of Sept. 30, she had close to \$110,000 available.

The totals reported by Miller and Stock lag behind incumbent Republican Lisa Murkowski, who reported raising about \$415,000 between July 28 and Sept. 30, and ending the period with about \$1.6 million.

Democrat Ray Metcalfe hadn't released his latest fundraising numbers yet.

## NOTICE

Attention Fishermen using gear floats at Shoemaker Bay and In-town Harbor. **ALL** Gear, Pots, Nets etc need to be removed from gear floats prior to November 15th, 2016.

This includes all gillnets on the storage float off the south end of Reliance Float.

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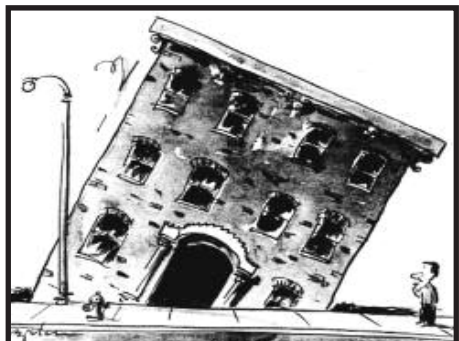
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# New bus

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Georgianna Buhler was elected to the board with 248 votes, and joined reelected member Rinda Howell at the table Monday evening. In the board's first piece of business, officers were selected, with members nominating Buhler to serve as president. Buhler had previously served on the board from 2002 to 2010, chairing it for five years. She was elected to do so again unanimously after Susan Eagle declined a nomination to continue as president.

Eagle was nominated and elected to the post of vice president. Tammy Groshong was named board secretary.

Buhler explained part of her reason for wanting to serve again on the board was personal.

"I have a grandson now who lives with me," she said. "I need to start pouring back in and giving to the community."

The other motivation Buhler had was to assuage any perceptions that the board was "closed off." She wanted to ensure the its processes were open to input and responsive to concerns. To that end, she asked that school superintendent Patrick Mayer begin including a full list of requests he receives from parents in his monthly reports, so

that board members can be better aware of issues as they come up.

Also at Buhler's request, an item which would have approved a memorandum of understanding between the Wrangell Public School District, City and Borough of Wrangell, Wrangell Cooperative Association and Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program was deferred to next month's meeting.

As presented, the MOU would establish an exclusive commitment between these parties to develop a residential, accelerated high school for ANSEP. Beyond opening communication about the idea, it calls for development of strategies to fund designs and operations for the facility, its administration, and the roles of each signatory party in the project.

The idea was first publicly pitched during development planning sessions for the former Institute property in the spring. ANSEP initiated its first full-time accelerated school in the Matanuska-Susitna area this fall, but expressed interest in developing a residential school in Wrangell capable of teaching students from around the state. The Borough Assembly already issued a resolution in favor of

the proposal and has organized a special committee to track its progress.

In requesting the deferment, Buhler pointed out she would need more time to examine the proposal before making an informed decision.

Board members approved the hiring of Mary Fredrichs, Patrick Longmire and Brenda Rang as paraprofessionals; offered an extracurricular contract to Penny Allen for middle school basketball coach; and offered a part-time teaching contract to Matthew Gore. Gore is currently the school district's technology director.

At Eagle's recommendation, the board policy covering

nondiscrimination was submitted to the school's attorney for review. The policy was last revised in 2004, and reviewed in 2011. Other policies pertaining to the board's mission, district's legal status and goals, and the review and evaluation process were reviewed and approved.

The board also requested from the superintendent more

information on the high school's senior capstone course, a mandatory class for outgoing seniors. Speaking before the meeting, student Joe Hommel suggested splitting the course into two sections, focusing on post-preparatory studies and senior projects. This year the two courses were combined, and together made mandatory for graduation.

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