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## Courthouse remains closed, Assembly discusses upcoming legislation

By DAN RUDY  
*Sentinel writer*

The city will be trying to return court services to the Public Safety Building as quickly as possible.

The Alaska Court System curtailed its courtroom and legal services in Wrangell just before Thanksgiving, citing air quality concerns with the space it rents from the borough. The building, which is home to the majority of the city's emergency services, has experienced long-term leakage issues with its roof and siding. The problem at the court offices came to a head in September after the discovery of carpenter ants in an exterior wall, and initial containment left one clerical office temporarily unusable. Plans to replace the building's roof and siding have since become a top capital project priority for the city, which is currently applying for Housing and Urban Development block grant funding to defray some of the costs.

Due to the possible continued presence of mold at the site, ACS temporarily closed its offices in November, pending an inspection by a certified industrial hygienist last month. The city joined in on the contract for additional inspections elsewhere in the building, and a report was submitted to both parties on January 3.

City manager Lisa Von Barga reported to the Wrangell Assembly at its Tuesday meeting that one section of the building is outside of compliance with air quality thresholds, and that the inspector has recommended keeping the court area closed until an environmental remediation firm can be brought in to contain the situation. She said staff is reviewing its options and will have a recommendation within the next two weeks.

"I have requested a meeting by phone with the members of the court to discuss alternatives about getting them back in," Von Barga added.

Prior to Tuesday's meeting, Assembly members held a leg-



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

At its present location since last June, Silver Liningz Boutique was the scene of an evening break-in on January 3. An unlocked window had been used for entry by a single intruder, according to surveillance footage taken from inside the store.

## Evening lingerie larceny alleged in break-in

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A Wrangell store owner was surprised to discover her shop had been entered during the night last week, with some items stolen.

Located on the back side of the Churchill Building, Silver Liningz Boutique had apparently been broken into sometime during the evening of January 3. One of the town's newer businesses, the shop deals mainly in women's apparel, decorative coffee mugs and exotic scents.

Store owner Terie Loomis had recently been working through her year-end inventory, so had a fresh idea of what her store had in stock. The evening prior to the break-in, she recalled putting out some new items on the sales floor before heading home. The task was half-completed, so when she returned to it the following morning Loomis was surprised to find only two boxes instead of three.

"I thought 'That's weird,'" she said.

Next she noticed some of the lingerie on display had been rearranged, with some empty hangers left on the racks.

"I could tell exactly what was missing," said Loomis. She estimated eight articles of women's underwear were missing, along with a pair of fleece face shields. Additionally, a "pop socket" attachment for smartphones her store sells at the front counter was also missing.

The store happened to have a Nest Cam brand digital security camera inside, so while her husband reviewed the previous evening's footage Loomis contacted Wrangell Police Department about a possible break-in. Examining the video, a six-minute segment yielded some answers as to what had happened.

A large male figure could be seen approaching the store's northwestern window, which looks out onto the parking lot. The suspect slid open the window, climbed inside the store, then closed it behind him. Walking to the back of the shop where the lingerie is kept, the figure disappeared from the camera's view for a few minutes before reappearing on the other side of the room. On his way out, the intruder stopped by the front counter to grab a pop socket before leaving through the front door.

"It was really shocking," Loomis exclaimed.

She was initially surprised that the intruder appeared to be a man,



SURVEILLANCE STILL-SHOT

A frame taken from the surveillance camera footage inside Silver Liningz Boutique during last week's burglary shows a single figure making their way through the store. Some items for sale worth around \$150 were taken according to the owner, and police confirmed they already have identified a suspect.

given the items that had been taken. Loomis also recalled locking that particular window once the weather had gotten colder, suggesting someone had unlocked it in the time since. Mostly she was surprised by the intruder's brazenness, and the specificity of the items taken.

"He didn't hesitate, he went right in," she said.

Police Lt. Merlin Ehlers said the matter is still being investigated. The department has a suspect in mind, and he expected charges to be filed sometime this week, by Thursday or Friday.

Loomis said the experience had rattled her at first. "It changes the feel of your space for that day," she said. Things improved after she had made a post on Silver Liningz' Facebook page about the intrusion and the missing items, receiving a warm response from the community. Feedback, suggestions and words of consolation had been sent her way, and Loomis said it "restored my feeling of sanctity."

islative priorities work session with Rep. Dan Ortiz (I-District 36). During their hour together, the Ketchikan legislator explained what was on the agenda in Juneau starting next week, while the Assembly was able to share its priorities for the coming year.

Included in the discussions by phone was the city's lobbyist on retainer in Juneau, Ray Matiashowski. In a separate item of business, his annual contract with the city was renewed in the amount of \$36,000.

Near the top of its priorities for Juneau, the Assembly ex-

pressed its support for maintaining the state's revenue sharing commitments with municipalities, and encouraged lawmakers to support fully funding the Alaska Marine Highway System. Assembly members also weighed in on a payroll tax proposal put forward by Gov. Bill

Walker. An upward income cap on the 1.5-percent struck them as a regressive direction to take. "You're singling out the middle class here," commented Assembly member David Powell. He suggested removing the cap altogether.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



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

**Thursday, January 11:** Davis Dow, Diana Nore, Steve Helgeson, Steve Henson. **Friday, January 12:** Seanne Wickman, Wayne McGee. **Saturday, January 13:** Kelly Bushnell, Lucas Altepeter, Sonny Guggenbickler, Jessica Rusaw, Nolan Johnson. **Sunday, January 14:** Ashley Powers, Victoria Southland, Kimberly Coblentz, Antoinette Hastings, Mercedes Angerman, Barbara Luna, Emma Stickel. *Anniversary:* Einar and Carol Haaseth. **Monday, January 15:** Russ McGee, Ava Hay. **Tuesday, January 16:** Ethan Whitaker, Josh Toombs, Dane Alepeter, Austin O'Brien. **Wednesday, January 17:** Kyle Davidson, Tracy Allen, Iver Nore, Tammy Hay, Marina Wooden, Ryan Hayes. **Thursday, January 18:** Hunter Wilson, Elizabeth Castle. *Anniversary:* Ronan and Mary Rooney.

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

## Senior Center Menu

### Thursday, Jan. 11

Baked chicken mexicalli, rice, green beans, spicy fruit cup.

### Friday, Jan. 12

Beef veggie stew, cauli/broc toss, herb biscuit.

### Monday, Jan. 15

CLOSED FOR MLK DAY

### Tuesday, Jan. 16

Six layered dinner, green beans, peach salad.

### Wednesday, Jan. 17

Chef salad w/ham, egg, cheese, potato soup, corn bread.

### Thursday, Jan. 18

Porcupine meat balls, pasta, mixed veggie, cabbage, pear, raisin salad, hot roll.

Please call Wrangell Senior Center at 874-2066 by 10 a.m. for reservations.

Milk, tea and coffee will be served with meals.

## FERRY

### Departures

#### Northbound

#### Sunday, Jan. 14

Columbia 7:15 p.m.

#### Sunday, Jan. 21

Columbia 3:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, Jan. 28

Columbia 6:15 p.m.

#### Sunday, Feb. 4

Columbia 3:45 p.m.

#### Southbound

#### Wednesday, Jan. 10

Columbia 12:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 17

Columbia 6:45 a.m.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 24

Columbia 6:15 a.m.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 31

Columbia 6:00 a.m.

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



## TIDES Jan. 11 - Jan. 18

	High Tides		Low Tides					
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM		
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
Jan. 11	8:43	15.2	9:36	12.2	1:59	4.2	3:22	2.2
Jan. 12	9:36	15.6	10:33	12.8	3:06	4.5	4:19	1.2
Jan. 13	10:24	16.0	11:22	13.5	4:05	4.4	5:04	0.3
Jan. 14	11:07	16.4	.....	.....	4:54	4.1	5:42	-0.5
Jan. 15	0:05	14.0	11:47	16.6	5:35	3.8	6:16	-0.1
Jan. 16	0:43	14.5	12:23	16.7	6:11	3.6	6:48	-1.3
Jan. 17	1:19	14.7	12:57	16.7	6:44	3.4	7:18	-1.3
Jan. 18	1:52	14.8	1:30	16.5	7:17	3.3	7:48	-1.2

## Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

### Thursday, Jan. 11

**SAIL Class:** 10:00 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 a.m. AICS Medical Clinic. Yoga for everybody, please come and join.

### Wednesday, January 17

**Wrangell Chess Club:** Library conference room 7-9:00 p.m.

Is the attendance at your meeting or event low? Call Adrienne 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., Smoked Fish F 8 p.m., Step Study Sat. 7 p.m. at the Episcopal gChurch 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, 7 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 100, 75, 50 and 25 years ago.

### January 17, 1918:

Wrangell chapter, American Red Cross Wrangell, Alaska. Dear Ladies: I received your package yesterday and wish to extend to you my heartiest thanks for same. I was rather surprised at first but I'm real happy now to think that, even though homeless, there is someone in the great world to remember me, I expect to leave for France in a day or two and wherever I may be I shall at all times deeply remember the Ladies of the Wrangell Chapter of the American Red Cross. Military life at this time of the year is rather tough as it is very cold and quarters are in poor conditions, but we are all in for on cause and able to stand almost anything. I had the honor of attending a show with President and Mrs. Wilson on Christmas day, the entire battalion was present.

### January 15, 1943:

As President Roosevelt has stated on many occasions, one of the tasks of the war is to keep basic civilian activities an as near normal a keel as possible during the emergency that the nation might be prepared to continue its commercial pursuits in stride when the actual fighting is over. One of the methods of doing that is to keep alive and active the community groups which direct their efforts to that end in keeping with the war tempo. In Wrangell, one of those groups is the commercial club, of formally known as the Chamber of Commerce but which could just as well be named the Wrangell Community Club. For its objectives are those of the entire community, unlike Chambers of Commerce as they are known in large cities. The Wrangell Chamber is a cross section of

the business community.

### January 18, 1968:

All the 4-H project clubs are beginning a busy year. The Child Care clubs are being led by Mrs. Elsie Hansen and Mrs. Ruth Mason. Mrs. Hansen's club meets on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. at her home.

### January 14, 1993:

A special Port Commission meeting has been called for January 15, to discuss the hiring of Greg Scheff and associates for the purpose of getting permits to expand the port fill area. If hired, Scheff would do the preliminary work to obtain permits from the Army Corps of Engineers necessary before any port expansion could begin. Eventually, the Port Commission intends to have the fill area stretch from its present area near the City Dock to connect with the fill area behind City Market. Harbormaster Dave Mork told the Sentinel that the job will probably be too large to complete in one effort, so the city may want to look at constructing the fill area in stages. Mork said the commission may look at it as a ten year

plan.

One reason the commission wants to get the Corps permits as soon as possible is so that it can utilize any rock made available by the city and state to be used as fill. Whether that fill material will be usable or not is dependent on the results of tests run by the corps on samples taken from the harbor.

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## Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Jan. 01	42	24
Jan. 02	44	35
Jan. 03	42	37
Jan. 04	44	37
Jan. 05	45	37
Jan. 06	39	37
Jan. 07	39	32
Jan. 08	35	32



## Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Jan. 11	8:14 am	3:38 pm	7:24h
Jan. 12	8:13 am	3:39 pm	7:26h
Jan. 13	8:12 am	3:41 pm	7:29h
Jan. 14	8:11 am	3:43 pm	7:32h
Jan. 15	8:10 am	3:45 pm	7:35h
Jan. 16	8:09 am	3:47 pm	7:38h
Jan. 17	8:08 am	3:48 pm	7:40h
Jan. 18	8:07 am	3:50 pm	7:43h

# Columbia on brief reschedule following unexpected repair

The ferry servicing Southeast Alaska on the reduced winter schedule fell slightly behind schedule after having mechanical difficulties over the weekend.

While on its way to Ketchikan from Bellingham, Washington, the M/V Columbia encountered a problem with its steering system. Alaska Marine Highway System public information officer Aurah Landau explained the issue had to do with a failing indicator rod. This particular component tracks the movement of the vessel's port-side rudder for its electronic steering system.

The problem was discovered at around 1 a.m. on January 7. The Columbia continued on its way until reaching port six hours later, remaining there until a technician could be flown up

from Seattle. Arriving at 5 p.m., Landau said the repair was relatively simple. The technician was finished with work by 8:30 p.m., and the vessel continued on its way by 10 p.m.

As the only vessel connecting Southeast communities until the Kennicott returns to service in late February, the Columbia resumed its northward run without skipping any ports of call. Catching up from Sunday's delay, the vessel has been operating on a modified schedule through today, and will resume its regular schedule on its northbound route from Bellingham Friday morning. It is next due into Wrangell at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday.

The largest of AMHS' vessels, Columbia has been in service since its return from layup last October. The vessel had pre-



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

## Cause for alarm

**An emergency crew responds to the scene of a collision at the corner of Zimovia Highway and Church Street on Tuesday afternoon. A red sports utility vehicle ended up crashing into the front of a corner house across the street from Taylor's Music, coming to rest at a sharp angle. Traffic was diverted during the proceedings, and the driver was delivered to the hospital nearby. The fire chief was not able to comment on the driver's condition or the cause of the accident by Tuesday's press time**

viously been out of service for more than a year, having to undergo replacement of a damaged propeller.

While under repair the ship also had a new addition

made to its equipment, with a seawater monitoring unit installed that will relay data for an 11-month ocean acidification study being undertaken by American and Canadian researchers.

During Columbia's weekly runs between Skagway to Bellingham the device will measure seawater for temperature, dissolved oxygen content, salinity and carbon dioxide levels.

## Trooper report

### December 31

Alaska Wildlife Troopers' Wrangell Post concluded an investigation of an abandoned vehicle near Pats Lake Road. Investigation determined Kory "Jeska" Meissner, age 24 from Wrangell, had driven her vehicle through an anadromous stream and had abandoned the vehicle in the stream. Meissner was issued summons to appear in the District Court at Wrangell for Operating a Vehicle in an Anadromous Stream, Abandoned Vehicle, and Failure to Transfer a Vehicle Title after purchase.

Alaska Wildlife Troopers' Wrangell Post completed a residency investigation on Gregg Fischer, age 39 from Sitka. Investigation determined Fischer was obtaining benefits from Washington and claiming Alaska residency. Fischer was issued a summons in the District Court at Sitka for the following charges: 7 counts of False Statement on a License Application; 2 counts of Taking Black Bear during a Closed Season; 2 counts of Illegal Possession or Transportation; 4 counts of Hunting without Nonresident Locking Tag; 1 count of Hunting without a License.

## Police report

### Monday, January 1

Citizen Assist: Smell of gas in the house.

Illegal fireworks: UTL.

Traffic Stop: Verbal warning for defective equipment.

Citation issued to Heather Seimears, 33, for failure to provide insurance.

Suspicious incident: Smoke coming out of dumpster.

Agency Assist: Public Works.

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Report of Harassment.

Road Conditions: Slippery roads reported.

### Tuesday, January 2

Agency Assist: Alarm.

Road Conditions: PW notified, they have been sanding most of the day.

Citizen Assist: Vehicle unlocked.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty headlight.

### Wednesday, January 3

Agency Assist: Power: Tent blew over and is touching power lines.

MVA: Report of fender bender. On private property so civil issue. Accident report forms given to both parties.

Agency Assist: 911 report of boat sinking: FD dispatched.

Citizen Assist: Unlock vehicle.

Disturbance: Person told to turn their music down.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for defective equipment.

DV/Assault: Report of couple fighting. Officers responded.

### Thursday, January 4

Suspicious Activity.

Burglary: Person reported break in.

Warrant: Arrested on charges of Assault 4th degree: Thomas Evenson III.

Citation issued to David McQueen: Failure to stop at stop sign.

### Friday, January 5

Summons served.

Report of a theft.

Arrested on charges of Violating Condition of Release: Mark Seimears, 61.

DUI reported UTL.

Caller reported a suspicious vehicle UTL.

Citation issued to James Holder, 44, for no insurance and equipment.

### Saturday, January 6

Nothing to Report.

### Sunday, January 7

Parking complaint: Warning given.

There were four ambulance calls and one dog complaint in this week.



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# Stedman makes Wrangell stop, proposing constitutional PFD amendment

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

Before the 30th Alaska Legislature meets for its second regular session next Tuesday, Sen. Bert Stedman (R-Sitka) stopped in Wrangell last week to meet with constituents.

Visiting with the city manager and staff on January 4, Stedman's visit came on the heels of meetings with officials in Petersburg and was to be followed by a trip to Ketchikan.

"Before every session I try to come down and run through the district, talking to city hall, finding out what's going on with the city councils and assemblies and the mayors," he explained.

The purpose of the senator's visits is to receive input, prioritize issues and share his assessment



Sen. Bert Stedman

of the upcoming session. When legislators get together in Juneau next week, the primary focus of the session will be addressing the state's finances. Looking ahead, they will consider operating and capital budget drafts put forward

by Gov. Bill Walker's office last month, which the Legislative Finance Division is currently reviewing for analysis. Once it completes its report, Stedman said legislators will have a better idea of what affects the budget will have.

"That process is underway," he said.

Released on December 15, the FY 2019 budget proposes \$4.7 billion in spending, or a total of \$10.65 billion when taking the Permanent Fund dividend, federal grants and unrestricted funds into account. Capital spending this year has been suggested at \$150 million in unrestricted general funds.

"The capital budget is pretty much a federal match budget to get federal highway money and

airport money. It's a pretty lean budget," Stedman commented. He expected both budgets to pass

the Senate without much change. "The real point of discussion

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## Correction

In the December 28 issue of the Sentinel, in the hospital story it was erroneously suggested that a non-binding agreement between the Borough Assembly and SEARHC had been previously approved regarding the direction of hospital management. The Assembly had at its December 5 meeting instead directed the city manager to issue a request for quotes from potential contractors, which when selected would help review and advise on a potential agreement.

## Reflections - Troubleshooting

It's so frustrating to go through life and not know how to fix things. One of the greatest skills we can have is the ability to troubleshoot; to look at a problem, to discover why something isn't working, and make the necessary repairs and adjustments to fix a problem at hand. For example, I wish I had a greater ability to troubleshoot problems with vehicles or boats. Growing up, my dad could seemingly "fix anything." You'd think I would have paid more attention when he was fixing things. In my defense, when my dad fixed things he would often get frustrated, so it wasn't exactly a healthy learning environment if you know what I mean. Nonetheless, I wish I had those skills now.

The reality is, life brings us trouble. Just ask anyone. Jesus Himself said in John 16:33 "In this world you will have trouble." But He goes on to

say "take heart, I've overcome the world." Matt's translation: "It's ok, I've already troubleshooted your problems and I have all the solutions." God gives a life-guide to troubleshoot anything we could face in this life. His Word is the greatest source for understanding, correcting, and solving the problems life throws at us. Perhaps you've never made it a priority to read. It can be difficult to understand at times and confusing as to where to start. But I encourage you to make it a priority to read the Bible in 2018. I'm confident you'll find that it truly can troubleshoot any problem we face, provide us with solutions, remove frustrations, and give us a sense of peace when those troubles come.

Matt Gerald

Youth/Associate Pastor-Harbor Light

## Lawmaker seeks to up Alaska's legal age of marriage to 18

KETCHIKAN, Alaska (AP) – An Alaska lawmaker is seeking to change the state law that allows a person as young as 14 to marry.

State Sen. Berta Gardner is planning to introduce legislation to increase the legal age of marriage to 18 in Alaska, the Ketchikan Daily News reported.

The Democratic senator's legislation would also allow emancipated minors above the age of 16 to marry.

Under current state law, a person between the age of 14 and 18 can marry with permission from a superior court judge. After a hearing with the parents and the minor, the judge may grant permission if the "marriage is in the best interest of the minor," according to the state law.

"I was shocked that girls under 18 and even under 16 can get married in Alaska because

they really are just girls," Gardner said. "They can't rent an apartment, they can't make a doctor's appointment, they can't open up a bank account, but they can get married? And even though the numbers of it actually happening here are really small, it's still wrong in my view."

From 2006 to 2015, four marriage licenses were issued to 14-year-old children, according to an Alaska Vital Statistics report. The

teenagers in three of those cases married a person older than 25.

Gardner said she expects some bipartisan support for her legislation, but she noted that state legislators can be surprising.

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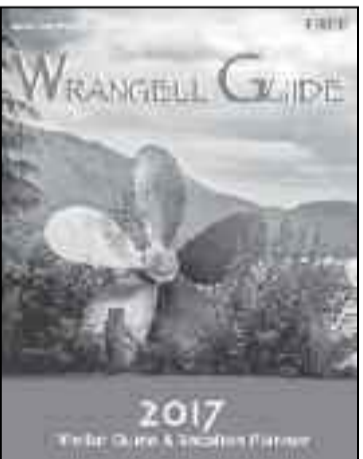
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this winter will not be the operating budget. We'll be dispatching with that as soon as possible. It will be the restructuring of the

Permanent Fund, and how we're dealing with the \$2.5-2.8 billion deficit," he said.

Since a sharp drop in oil prices in 2015 the state has been running

multibillion-dollar deficits each year, with decreased revenues outpacing cuts to the budget. The balance has been withdrawn from savings, leaving the Constitutional Budget Reserve with just under \$3.1 billion at the start of the new year, according to the Treasury.

Without sales or income taxes in place, Alaska's government is uniquely dependent upon oil production royalties for its income. While unable to agree so far on the imposition of new taxes, the legislature and governor's office have increasingly found common ground instead on restructuring the state's Permanent Fund to allow diversion of a percentage of its value toward government operations.

Including a separate Earnings Reserve Account, the Fund's unaudited value as of November 30 was \$63.3 billion. Competing versions of the percent-of-market-value (POMV) approach put forward last year by both chambers agreed on setting the percentage at 5.25 of the Fund's average value over a five-year period. A portion of that would continue to be used for PFD payments, with the rest covering operating expenses.

Although other tax items are due for discussion this session, a restructuring of the Permanent Fund would generate the greatest amount of revenue, which is why Stedman advocates taking that route first before considering

other, smaller-yield taxes or fee increases.

"In order to fill that gap the money needs to come from somewhere, and there isn't enough in the saving accounts outside of the Permanent Fund to come anywhere close," he commented. "We need to deal with the Permanent Fund up front."

Among filings released this week ahead of the coming session, Stedman will introduce a joint resolution which would put a constitutional amendment forward for consideration. If passed by the House and Senate, SJR 9 would have a proposal on November's ballot allowing voters to weigh in on a Permanent Fund restructure.

Under Stedman's proposal, a POMV draw from the Fund would be capped at 4.5 percent, a percentage more in line with recommendations from the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation and consultancies than the 5.25-percent figure. Withdrawals at that rate would be more manageable in the long-term, he argued, and inclusion into the constitution would better protect the Fund's assets from additional appropriations.

"The 4.5 percent cap would block the legislature from ad hoc extracting billions out of the Permanent Fund," he said.

Two of the 4.5 percent allowably drawn each year would specifically go toward individual dividend payments, with the rest

either going back to the fund principal or toward essential government services, depending on the state's financial circumstances.

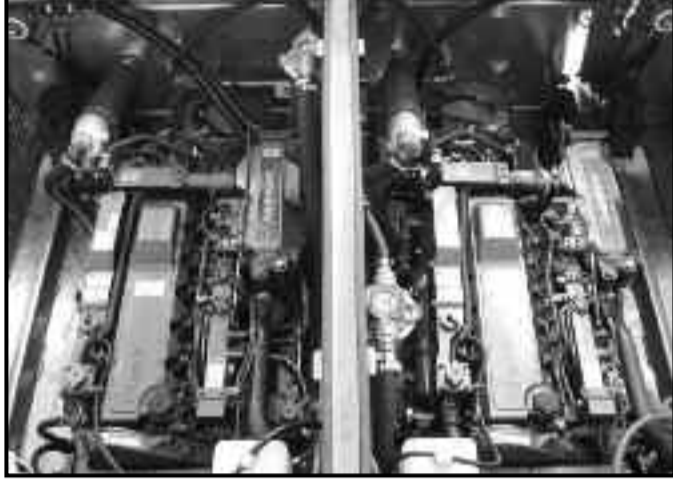
Under Article XIII of the Alaska Constitution, Stedman's resolution would need to be approved by two-thirds of each legislative chamber. The lieutenant governor would then prepare a ballot title and proposition summarizing the amendment, which would be placed on the next general ballot. This year's election is set for November 6, so the resolution effectively has until September 5 to make the ballot, the date by which the Division of Elections director is scheduled to certify it for printing.

The budget and state's future fiscal stability will be the session's primary concerns, and though Stedman expects little else will be taken up by lawmakers during the 120 days he was hopeful for progress on other issues. Speaking recently with constituents in Sitka, Petersburg and Wrangell, preserving municipal revenue sharing arrangements with the state was a common concern. He has been advising local municipalities to keep that high on their lists of priorities for legislators this year.

"We want to protect our revenue stream we have today, and our programs," he said. "It's an issue that is more sensitive to rural Alaska than it is to the Rail Belt."

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## Comics

**Amber Waves** by Dave T. Phipps



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



**Weekly SUDOKU** by Linda Thistle

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



## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

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- 7 Pops
- 12 Brewery output
- 13 Sleep phenomenon
- 14 Unmoving
- 15 Rotating part
- 16 Reason to call 911
- 18 Pump up the volume
- 19 Heathen
- 20 Lumber
- 22 Run-down horse
- 23 Blue hue
- 27 Loss in
- 29 Political refugee
- 31 Groan-inducing, maybe
- 34 Take as one's own
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- 53 Automaton
- 54 A Kennedy
- 55 Sinbad's bird
- 56 Lessen
- 57 One or more
- 58 Pismire
- Line's song
- 9 Lair
- 10 Joan of —
- 11 Pigs' digs
- 17 Anger
- 21 "Inferno" writer
- 23 Type of wave
- 24 Swelled head
- 25 Dada artist
- 26 Say it's OK
- 28 Easter buy
- 30 Scratch
- 31 Shell game item
- 32 Diamond srb-ter
- 33 Phone bk. info
- 38 Facts
- 37 Whalebone
- 40 Must. jocular-ly
- 42 Met performance
- 43 Silk alternative
- 41 Vote for
- 45 Locale
- 48 Vortex
- 48 Mound stat
- 49 Unruly bunch
- 50 Lawyers' org.
- 51 Barracks bad

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# Classified/Legals

## REGULAR TRANSFER

Aaron Ellis Powell d/b/a Totem Bar and Liquor Store located at 116 Front Street, Wrangell, Alaska 99929 is applying for transfer of a Beverage Dispensary AS 04.11.090 liquor license to Totem Bar and Liquor Store, LLC d/b/a Totem Bar and Liquor Store. Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 550 West 7th Ave. Suite 1600 Anchorage, AK 99501.

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The Tongass National Forest, Wrangell Ranger District, has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA), Draft Decision Notice (DN), and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) that would allow the Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) to use off-highway vehicles to transport personnel and equipment to conduct maintenance along segments of the Tyee electrical transmission line. The Responsible Official for this project is: Earl Stewart, Forest Supervisor, Tongass National Forest, Federal Building, Ketchikan, AK, 99901, 907-228-6281 or estewart@fs.fed.us.

The EA, Draft DN, and FONSI are available online at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=42841>. The EA, Draft DN, and FONSI are also available for review at the Wrangell Ranger District, 525 Bennett Street, Wrangell, AK 99929 and the Petersburg Ranger District, 12 North Nordic Drive, Petersburg, AK 99833. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: David Rak, 525 Bennett Street, Wrangell, AK 99929, 907-874-7566 or drak@fs.fed.us.

This project is subject to the pre-decisional administrative review process (objection process) pursuant to 36 CFR 218, subparts A and B. Please review the information concerning implementation of this draft decision and objection rights and procedures carefully. Detailed information on objection rights and procedures are included in the Draft Decision Notice, beginning on page 7.

The objection must be in writing and meet the content requirements at 36 CFR 218.8(d). Written objections, including any attachments, must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, or express delivery) with the Reviewing Officer within 45 days of the publication date of the legal notice in the Ketchikan Daily News. Objections must be sent to:

Beth Pendleton, Reviewing Officer  
 USDA Forest Service, Alaska Region  
 709 W. 9th Street,  
 Juneau, AK 998021-1628  
 Fax: (907) 586-7840  
 Email: objections-alaska-regional-office@fs.fed.us

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Wrangell Museum has been in the process of cleaning up its paperwork and ownership on items held in the collection: Please be advised that the Museum will acquire ownership of the following items if a valid claim is not received by the museum within 45 days of the last publication of this notice. All items are "Found in collection" All items have been in the museum's documented possession since prior to 1993. A list of the items is as follows: FIC #'s .112 wood mop bucket, .113 tiny glass bottle, .114 & .115 Wee Shrimp Alaskan can, .116 & .117 wood floats, .118 net shuttle, .119 Geode Quartz, .120 Boy scout, garnet ledge sign, .121 Yakutat Toy paddle, .122 Alaska Beaded coin purse, .123 Legging, beaded, .124 ski poles, .125 beaded book mark, .126 Beaded pouch, Rock Samples.127 & .128 molybdenite, .129 Staurolite, .130 calcite, .131 to .135 Pyrite, .136 Cinnabar, .137 & .138 Calcite, .139 lead sulfide, .140 Beryl Crystal, .141 Zinc sulfide, .142 malachite, .143 Asbestos, .144 Staurolite, .145 fossil coral, .146 copper, .147 wood snow ski's, .148 wood duck, .149 halibut hook, .150 Electric griddle, .151 metal wire rack, .152 cast iron pan, .153 boat paddle with red paint, .154 canoe paddle plain, .155 canoe paddle tapered, .156 & .171 US flags condition poor, .157 Gray rock, .158 painting (snow scene by Barrister), .159 painting mountain/lake, .160 & .161 Burroughs manual calculating machines (Fair), .162 wood dining chair, .163 Cummins paper perforating machine, .164 & .165 Mimeograph machines, .166 cast iron lamp part, .167 Flag of Russia, .168 wood float, .169 Flag Alaska Centennial, .170 derby hat, .171 fishing float, .172 Stone tool, .173 harpoon point, .174 cedar hat, .175, .176 & .177 gun flints, .178 Smith manual typewriter, .179 Underwood manual typewriter, .180 Allen manual adding machine, .181 Metal bucket with holes from bear, .182, .183 & .184 sash weights, .185 1950 basketball schedule, .168 & .201 nylon basketball nets, .187 1970 basketball, .188 Linen dresser scarf, .189 painting of Ferry dock, .190 metal loop handle, .191 barrel cart dolly with BABL on side, .192 Barrel dolly, .193 Charcoal portrait, .194 X-ray viewer, .195 Senungatul water color, .196 metal Alaska communication sign, .197 sketch of Harry Ukas, .198 folding wood box (poor), .199 & .200 boat Navigation lights, .202 child's native kuspuk (new), painting (man in boat), .204 Charcoal portrait of man, .206 model fish smoking scene, .210 wood roller, .211 print (copy) drawing of chief shakes V, .212 shady lady dress, .213 Anvil model, .214 US flag (fair), .215 totem model, .216 Saucer, .217 Cup, .220 paddle Tlingit design, .221 Kuspuk, .222 Totem model, .223 iron tongs, .224 boat sign (Hazel B), .225 1980 trophy (man with torch), .226 wall hanging (lime green with totemic image), .227 linen arm chair cover, .228 small Cig dispenser, .230 wooden coffee table, .231 Burrough's cash register, .232 Replica of small Copper shield, wooden plaque with killer whale from Met. .234 Pen & Ink of Ft. Wrangel brewing co. Contact: Terri Henson, Museum Director, PO Box 1050, Wrangell AK 99929. 907-874-3770 for more information or to make claim of ownership. Claims must be supported by documentation or proof of ownership.  
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## City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska NOTICE INVITING LOCAL CONTRACTORS AND UPDATED LICENSES

If you are a local Contractor and would like to be added to the Local Contractor's List to perform City projects, each *local* contractor must file with the Borough Clerk, 205 Brueger Street, Wrangell.

Annual updated documents such as the Contractor's License, Business License, and/or insurance must be turned into the Borough Clerk.

Each *local* Contractor that files will be required to adhere to the adopted policy and sign an agreement to perform services for the City. The Local Contractors list is now in place however, Local Contractors can still add their name to the list any time during the year. Contractors will not be considered for any City job until they are on the list with their approved paperwork. If you have already signed an agreement, you will not need to sign a new one.

The Contractor's Policy and requirements can be found on the Borough's Website at [www.wrangell.com](http://www.wrangell.com) under Resource Center/Bids, RFPs & Auctions, or by contacting the Borough Clerk, 205 Brueger Street or [clerk@wrangell.com](mailto:clerk@wrangell.com).

Kim Lane, MMC  
 Borough Clerk

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## CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POSITION Administrative Assistant PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Lisa Von Bargaen, Borough Manager  
 City & Borough of Wrangell

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## King Crossword

Answers

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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# Wolves 1-1 after weekend away games

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

The Wolves split a two-game tournament in Petersburg over the weekend during its regular season opener.

They weren't the team's first games of the year, however, with the Wolves taking part in the Clarke Cochrane Christmas Classic the week prior in Ketchikan. A

bit closer to home last weekend, the players were not alone in making the jaunt over to Mitkof Island as dozens of local fans and supporters joined them in the stands when play began January 5.

"We had a lot of support," Wrangell coach Cody Angerman recalled. "Wrangell and Petersburg has always been a big rivalry," which tends to turn out bigger crowds.

Friday's varsity game began with the two teams evenly matched. Wrangell was able to take the lead offensively by the second half, and by the end maintained its lead over the Vikings with a 50-44 win.

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Wrangell student Riley Blatchley and Vikings player Stone Morgan go head to head during Friday evening's boys varsity game in Petersburg. The Wolves started the weekend with a win, but finished it with an even split against their neighboring rivals.

Angerman thought his team's biggest asset was its teamwork, with players supporting each other's efforts on and off the court.

Petersburg rebounded the next day, playing a more physical game than it had the previous evening. Wrangell kept close in terms of score, but the Vikings finished with a double-digit lead at 46-37.

"They played hard," said Angerman. "We got our first win out of the way, so that was nice. I think anytime we go to Petersburg, we'll take a split."

He continued: "I'm pretty happy with things so far. There's certainly a lot we need to work on and a long way to go."

The weekend's performance put

the Wolves in a fair position within the division at the season's start, currently led by Metlakatla.

The team heads next to Craig for games tomorrow and Saturday, and will finally end its three-week travel streak the following weekend when Wrangell hosts Haines.

"I think the kids are looking forward to it," Angerman said.

## Girls split in Petersburg homecoming weekend

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

The Lady Wolves finished the weekend with a win and a loss, starting its regular season on an even footing.

Playing in Petersburg during that high school's homecoming weekend, the Wrangell girls started things out with a close loss Friday evening.

Coach Laurie Brown said players showed difficulty making shots, and that free throws through the game had been inconsistent. Still, the two teams kept close together throughout the game.

"It was back and forth," she said.

Heading into the fourth quarter Wrangell held a slight lead, but a late-game foul turned things around for Petersburg, which won on free throws. The final score ended up being 36-37 for Wrangell.

The girls bounced back Saturday though, taking the lead early and dominating the court. Brown commented that she was impressed with the players' performance, and felt they had shown patience and good discipline. The team improved on some of its problem areas from the previous evening, and it showed

during the second game.

"We worked really hard on defense and worked on our scoring," she said.

Wrangell ended up winning 43-20. The offsetting win puts the team at an even 1-1 in its division, and 1-2 overall after its showing in Ketchikan the previous weekend.

"It was a really good weekend," Brown said of the Petersburg matches.

Junior varsity had a good weekend as well, coming up just short of a win both days. The margins were slight, with the JV girls within one point of Petersburg Friday, and three points behind Saturday. "Both nights they played really hard," said Brown.

The girls next go up against Craig in an away game this weekend. The Lady Panthers had graduated out many of its starting lineup last year, so identifying the team's playing style this season will be a learning experience for Wrangell.

"I'm not entirely sure what to expect," Brown said.

After Craig, the Lady Wolves will have its first home game hosting Haines January 19 and 20.

# Assembly

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In other borough business, Von Barga let Assembly members see a form letter which was to be sent out on Wednesday, informing private property owners about an impending crackdown on stored junk. She and economic development director Carol Rushmore had taken a tour of the town in December, scouting properties for noncompliance. Around 15 problem properties had been identified, with the letters going out to the owners letting them know what their options are. It was the Assembly's intention that police and city staff begin enforcing the rules on its books more strictly in May.

Assembly members also took a first crack at changing the city's filing requirements for senior property tax exemptions. As required by state law, the borough exempts the first \$150,000 of assessed value on the residential properties of seniors aged 65 and older, the widows or widowers of an exempted person, and disabled veterans.

Due to demographic trends Wrangell has the highest proportion of exempted property owners in the state, with 230 successful applicants last year. Their exempted properties together total \$25,525,213 in assessed value, which represents \$316,341 in lost tax revenue.

Not required by state law though is annual refiling for these exemptions, a process which has increasingly taxed city staff as the number of exempted residents grows. Staff notes point out Petersburg does not require such refiling, and recommended allowing existing filings to carry over each year. The finance director would ultimately be responsible for ensuring eligibility is up to date.

The ordinance was approved on first reading and will return for a second at the Assembly's January 23 meeting. Also to be

held that meeting will be a discussion item Von Barga is preparing laying out priorities for next year's city budget, as well as a draft schedule for its compilation. A final budget will need to be adopted by the Assembly prior to the current fiscal years end on June 30.

In other upcoming business, Von Barga presented members with a report on the summer water situation on behalf of Public Works. In 2016 conditions at the aging water treatment plant had reached a point where it was unable to meet demand, prompting a declaration of emergency and causing some disruption to local seafood production. To prevent a repeat performance the following year, temporary staff had been hired on to assist the three-technician crew normally tasked with managing water and sewage treatment, allowing more thorough maintenance on the facility's filtration units. The additional crew cost just over \$31,000, but had been effective enough that a similar arrangement is planned for the 2018 season.

Assembly members approved a pair of tidelands sale requests at properties neighboring the state ferry terminal. One request was presented by contractor Brett Woodbury, who had made similar requests for purchase in 2015 and 2016 which was complicated by water access issues for the adjacent lot. That lot was purchased last year by Tidewater Investments, which had no interest in maintaining water access for the property. Tidewater has applied for purchase of the tidelands next to those being requested by Woodbury. Both run against the right-of-way of the state ferry terminal, and Planning and Zoning gave its blessing to the proposed sales so long as the boundaries remained clear of that line.

Woodbury's request was approved, which means he will

need to order a survey of the property. Afterward, an appraisal will need to be ordered by the city, a plat approved by Zoning and the Assembly, and then final approval again by the Assembly before a quitclaim deed can be issued. The same process applies for the tidelands requested by Tidewater Investments.

Mayor David Jack appointed Chris Hatton to fill the vacancy on the Convention and Visitors Bureau, after she submitted a letter of interest. There are still two vacancies on the Planning and Zoning Commission remaining. Assembly members had floated the idea at a previous meeting that they take turns serving as placeholder members in order to allow commission business to continue uninterrupted. Jack reported that the city attorney had felt this would be a bad idea, because of the potential conflicts it would create. Anyone willing to sit on either, one expiring in 2019 and the other in 2020, is encouraged to contact the city clerk for details.

Time was taken for cake and certificates at the meeting as well, with official recognition given to the WHS volleyball team for its second-place finish at State last month, and certi-

icates of appreciation for retiring lead mechanic Jim Lebo and retiring harbor employee Jerry Knapp, who have respectively been working for the city for 34 and 10 years.

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