



# 2016 Holiday Greetings



**WRANGELL SENTINEL**

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# Mr. Nore's Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a toy boat, a bike and a white computer. Well that's it. Thoses things I wanted for years.

**Brayden Cartwright**

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. I would a Barbie Doll and a horse and a mincraft lego. I would like all this stuff please.

**Delilah Clark**

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a new remote control race car. I also want a pet bird in a cage that has holes. The last thing that I want is a new puppy that I will name Sawyer. Thank you for bringing everyone presents. You are very nice and I love you.

**Jayden Daugherty**

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like some lipstick. I want some pairs of earrings. That's all I want and marry Christmas.

**Vanessa**

Dear Santa,  
I want a RC truck for Christmas. I want a RC boat. I also want a cat.

**Kai Wigg**

Dear Santa,  
I want a cool reamote controle

truck for Christmas. I want a reamote controle boat. I also want a paint set. I also want some legos for Christmas. I've been a realy good boy this year.

**Rylan**

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like Toyring, CookBook. Stufft animal. That's what I want for Christmas.

**Mckenzie Smalley**

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a Rescue boat and cookies for Christmas.

**Houston**

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would a talking dinosaur, monster truck, and headphones. Thank you for bringing me presents.

**Zander**

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want is shopkins I would also like dollies last I want a princess and a castle. That's it and marry Christmas.

**Delilah Roane**

Dear Santa,  
Santa I have been really good this year. My hair is gold. For Christmas this year is a horse set. I am going to make different cookies for you this year. Oh



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**Johnny Allen with the Clauses during the Jolly Shopping event at the Stikine Inn on December 10.**

yay I almost forgot I would also like some new clothes for Christmas this year.

**Jenna**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a robot. I would also like a t-rex that is a robot helicopter. Last I would like a toy octopus. That's it and marry Christmas.

**Carter Cummings**

Dear Santa,  
I want a purple bike. I want 2

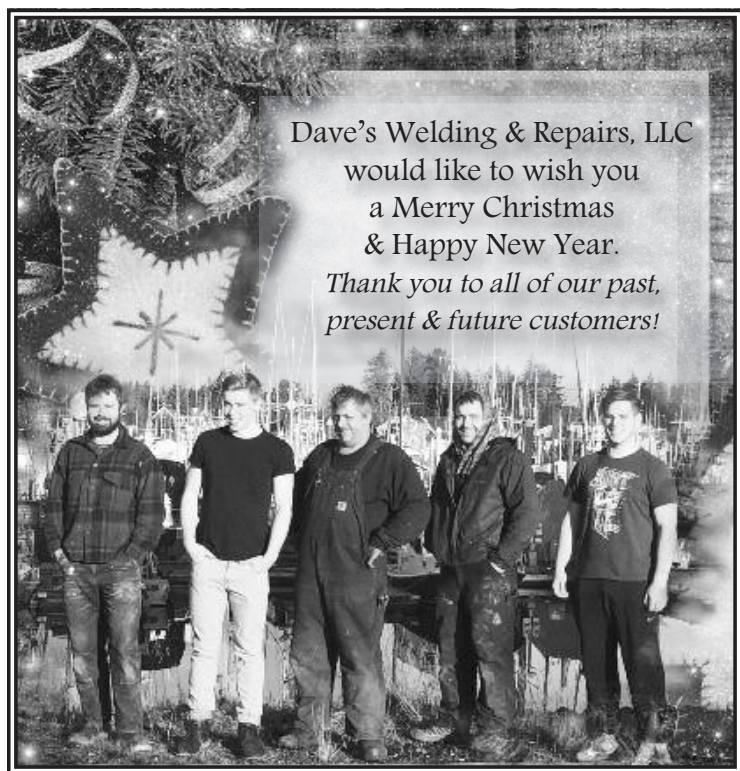
new purple glasses. I want a purple and purple pants. I want my family to have a great Christmas! You to Santa.

**Peyton Young**

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a diry and drum and a doll. I am so glad that Christmas is coming up. one of the thing I really want is a baby doll that has a bottle and a diper. I love this doll so much. I will make cook-

ies on a table. I will leav carets and milke. and a not. I love Chrismas. I love Chrismas it is one of my farfet holadays! I want to get a stufft animal for my sister I want it colorful I love my sister I love santa. Chrismas I love Chrismas I love Chrismas. It is Jeuse birthday he rose from the dead he takes the sins away! Chrismas!

**Evylin and Katelynn**



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**Wrangell Chamber of Commerce**

## ALASKA ISLAND COMMUNITY SERVICES wishes Wrangell a happy and healthy holiday season!

We would also like to thank the community and businesses of Wrangell for their continued support throughout the year. We feel privileged to operate in a community that promotes opportunities for youth, adults and seniors.

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- ★ Crossings
- ★ Pharmacy

**Thank you  
Wrangell**



# Mrs. Miller's 3rd Grade Wishes for the World and Why Wrangell is Special

What I wish for the world is that if people are rich, they give some to the poor. Trash should not be left in areas that have life. Towns like Wrangell should recycle instead. Homeless people should get material to build houses. This is what I want there to be in the world.

Wrangell is special because of wildlife, it's special song, and it's an island. There are things to do like fish, camp, and hunt. There are nice people that make it a good place to live. Merry Christmas!

by Donovan Wood

What my wish for the world is that everyone has a home and that I can help as many people as I can. I will donate and they will say thank you for all you have done. I can help my classmates be better at listening and nicer to everyone. One of my favorite things to do is help people! I love the world and every person in it. This is my wish and what I want the world to have.

Wrangell is a special place. Mrs. Miller is the third grade teacher. This teacher is my favorite teacher. I love my school, and my classroom. I love to learn a lot about learning. I am quick at my math because our teacher helps us be quick and fast. Wrangell is a safe place, like kids can even go downtown with friends! I love this place so much and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

by Katelynn Gillen

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## Shopping for the holidays




PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Caitlin Cardinell plied an assortment of her designs at Red Bird Designs' booth for Jolly Shopping at the Stikine Inn, on December 10. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the annual bazaar gives local crafters and artists a venue to sell their goods before the holiday season.

**HE KNOWS YOU'VE BEEN GOOD...  
especially to us!**



Best wishes and many thanks for your friendship and continued support.




**BRUCE AND DAR**



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Juanita Courson and Terree Pino were among the vendors selling fragrant oils, seasonal supplies, colorful prints and other wares during the season's Jolly Shopping sales event. Stores around town participated in the special event, offering a variety of discounts in an effort to keep Christmas shopping local.

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
FROM ALL  
YOUR  
FRIENDS AT**



## A time of bonding

As people here may know, I travel a lot, but usually not as a tourist. Recently I made a trip to London. This time was different - my first visit (other than stopovers at the airport) to this richly endowed city of historical and cultural renown. Just imagine devouring a fresh platter of fish and chips while standing outside on the upper deck of a tour ship and cruising down the Thames River, a light breeze stirring in the night air. Our excursion ended at the Parliament Building, where the world famous clock tower and "London Eye" Ferris wheel were floodlit. Did you know that "Big Ben" is NOT a clock? We were informed that no one ever "sees" Big Ben; we HEAR it, as it is the Bell inside the tower with a clock on the face of it. Driving through town the next day, our friends pointed out to us the halls of Harry Potter fame and a labyrinth of streets and narrow alleys with their theaters, galleries, monuments, various governmental and financial institutions, cathedrals, Queendoms and so on. The sight-seeing ended after a short few days, with photos and journal entries posted to Facebook or stored away for safe keeping.

As enjoyable as all of this was, exploring London was not the primary purpose of my trip. I went to visit the resting place of Shoghi Effendi, a central figure of the Bahá'í Faith, who is buried in an old but charming cemetery on the outskirts of town. There

we met visitors from other lands who had come to honor the passing of this person, instantly becoming friends in a way that changed us for the better. It is this kind of bonding that continues to live in my heart long after the sounds and sights of a place fade into memory. These are things of permanence that never die.

Interestingly, the grandfather of Shoghi Effendi, 'Abdu'l-Bahá, had also visited London in 1911 on a tour of Europe and the West. His purpose was to foster love and unity among all peoples. He was asked to speak at the City Temple Christian church by special invitation of the Pastor, the Reverend R. J. Campbell.

People sometimes ask what Bahá'ís believe about Jesus and the Bible perhaps more so at this time of year when the birth of Christ is celebrated. After that service, 'Abdu'l-Bahá wrote the following in their Bible in his own handwriting: "THIS book is the Holy Book of God, of celestial Inspiration. It is the Bible of Salvation, the Noble Gospel. It is the mystery of the Kingdom and its light. It is the Divine Bounty, the sign of the guidance of God." For me, this is also a thing of permanence, a timeless and changeless, never fading evidence of the Glory of God. Let the bonding continue!

**Kay Larson**  
Member of the Bahá'í Community



# Mrs. Miller's 3rd Grade

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Some people don't have homes or clothes and I'd like to help them. What can everyone do to help them? I wish for every person who does not have a home to have one. My other wish for them is to have clothes. I bet they are wishing that too! I also wish that every dog gets a nice owner to live with and that they get lots of love living happily ever after with their owner.

What makes Wrangell so special? Well, people love to go up the Stikine River a lot and discover new things. It really amazes everybody, even me! I think this is very special about Wrangell. There are lots of people that visit Shakes Island to learn about our native culture. They can listen to storytelling and watch dancing



there. Wrangell is AWESOME! Merry Christmas!

by Tyra Meissner

I wish that nobody had to suffer from loosing their home. But, the one most important wish that I have is that the terrorist attacks would stop. Just think of all the loved ones who died in the Twin Towers and The Pentagon. All I wish for is world peace.

One special place to visit near Wrangell is Anan. You can see the bears there, the Anan River, and fish...lots and lots and lots of fish! I mean a LOT of fish! This is just one reason that Wrangell is so special. What a place! The people are very nice here in Wrangell, Alaska too. I wish them all a very Happy Christmas!

by Ian Maleski

I wish that all people had homes and that all families have enough money. I hope that all kids in orphanages get homes and have families. I want all animals to have good homes so they don't have to sleep in vans or other places.

Wrangell is so special with all the porpoise, deer, bear, and moose! We have plants, trees, forests, and even a State Flower! We can camp, hunt, swim and people are kind, nice, helpful, and hard working. There are great teachers like Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Davies, and doctors too! My family, friends, and fisherman are here. It is a great place! Merry Christmas, everyone!

by Anthony Coblentz

My wishes for the world is that everyone can go to a great school like me so they can get really smart. At our school we have fun on our math, my classmates and I are really smart at math facts, and we have the best classroom because we work super hard! I also wish that the entire world was a better place. I wish we could all stay outside and learn about nature. It would be good if we all had great homes to live in. Everything should be a better price. We are losing all our money!

Wrangell is special because it's a good place you'd want to live. You can go to Rainbow Falls, the swimming pool, and the Wrangell Museum. There is a also the park, basketball court, and ice cream store! Don't you love to live in Wrangell? Merry Christmas!

by Andrew Guggenbickler

My wish is that all in the army can get out for this season because it's almost Christmas! They can see their family and spend time with them to bond and stuff. For this winter, I want everyone to have a shelter and all the kids to have a lot of food. I would like to give people warm blankets, canned foods and donated toys. For the people with night jobs, a little healthy dessert so they don't fall asleep!

Hello, I'd like to tell you about what is special in Wrangell. There are brown and black bear. There are bucks and does too. The deer are beautiful. I like how they stand there so you can take pic-

tures, but the bear hunt and take naps. There is a swimming pool we all love and a hiking place called Rainbow Falls. You can see waterfalls. If you are hungry you can go to J & W's and the

Stikine Inn. You should really go to the museum. It's fantastic! Now folks, the people! The people here are AMAZING because

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# Mrs. Miller's 3rd Grade

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they help us with a lot of stuff like nurses, doctors, and construction workers. Merry Christmas, all!

by Olivia Austin

I would really like it if your wishes could come true! I would wish that people with no food get a lot of food and people that don't have home, get a home.

Some things make Wrangell special like the wildlife. Deer, moose, bear, and birds like ravens. My school is special because that's where my friends are. My dogs are special to go home to. There are things to do like go to movies. My mom is a nurse and helps take care of people here. I like that you can hunt in Wrangell. Merry Christmas!

by Ava Mitchell

Some wishes I have for the world are that everyone has at least one house, that people have enough food, and that the prices of food decrease. Wrangell needs to have less price on their food. Some people cannot afford cars because they have to buy food. I also wish Wrangell had

more stores. People wouldn't have to order online if more stores had more things.

Things I like about Wrangell are the policemen. They make our community better and keep us safe. Policemen have to train hard like doing jumping jacks and push ups. We are lucky to have the swimming pool, Rainbow Falls, and the Stikine River. Those places are super fun! All the people in Wrangell are kind, awesome, helpful, and hard working. I hope you guys all love Wrangell and have a Merry Christmas!

by Shailyn Nelson

One wish I have about Wrangell is to have more snow and nice days, and less rain and more sunny days! I would love it if Wrangell would be as I wished. It would be amazing! Another wish would be that all the homeless people would have homes and plenty of friends. This would make the world a better place too!

The most special thing about Wrangell is all the wildlife like porpoises, whales, deer, bear, moose, birds, and sea lions. My favorite of them all are smart, intelligent, and talented porpoises! They are so cute! If you live

in Wrangell, get out and see the wildlife. Merry Christmas!

by Tank Martin

My wish for the world are that everyone in Wrangell has a roof over their heads. Everyone is special. I hope the world will be a better place.

I like Wrangell because it's quiet. There's lots of things to do like fishing, camping, swimming, hunting, basketball, baseball, volleyball, and wrestling. Wrangell is small with lots of nice people. We have hard workers like nurses and teachers and people like that. I like the special wildlife here and places like the bear observatory, garnet ledge, nemo point, leconte glacier, wrangell museum, swimming pool, shops, and chief shakes island. Wrangell is the best! Merry Christmas!

by Dayne Pritchett

My wishes for the world are for everyone to have a house or a least some type of shelter. That way everyone will be warm, dry, and safe. I would like people to also have enough food and water to survive.

What I think makes Wrangell special is that we have so

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## The seasons of island life

When I moved to Wrangell the first of July, my experience of seasons was limited: spring, summer, fall and winter. When I graduated from seminary I added the seasons of the Lutheran church, including Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and the longest season of all—Ordinary Times. Our seasons each have their own color to set them apart and remind us where we are in our journey through the church year.

A new resident of Wrangell, I soon became aware that I had joined a community awash in seasons!! Life in Wrangell moves from one season into the next: deer, elk, moose, salmon, halibut, crab, shrimp, and cranberries—high and low bush. Many festivals and special events add to rich island life.

There is a year-long season here that flows seamlessly through the year—the season of

generosity and good will. The citizens of Wrangell are willing to spend their time supporting local schools and agencies and working to make the community a good place to live. Of greater significance is this community's immediate and generous response to welcome newcomers, support neighbors who are in need or aid those who have experienced loss.

It seems appropriate to wait for the birth of the Christ child in a community that understands the ministry of the babe in the manger: to save, to serve, to love. I wish you a blessed Christmas.

Pastor Nancy Gradwohl  
Island of Faith Lutheran Church

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Chad

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HOLIDAYS!**

Thank you for being such loyal customers! You've made our season a very merry one.

## CELEBRATE THE MIRACLE!



Guided by the Star of the East, three wise men traveled far to see the newborn child, bringing their precious gifts.

To all of you who have traveled to see us, we extend our best wishes for a season blessed with faith, family and friendship. Thank you ever so much for the cherished gift of your patronage.

Thank You!

~ The Cole Family: Stephen, Donna,  
Daniel, Joel, Malachi & Nicholas

**Stikine Drug**



# Mrs. Miller's 3rd Grade



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It's a first-time visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus for Blake Allen and Kennedy Eklund, two of Wrangell's newest residents.

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many cool attractions! We have a great museum that has so much to look at. I like the bird display there, and the button you can push to listen to "The Wrangell Song". You can also pet furs there. We have Rainbow Falls if you want to go on a one or one and one half mile walk. There are stopping points. I like the stopping point where you can see the Falls. It is completely surrounded by trees and plants all the way up there. Wrangell is the best! Merry Christmas!

by Paige Hoyt

My wishes for the world are for everyone to have a home, blankets, and other things they need. Others things are that everyone needs like food, storage, and friends. I would love to have everyone happy and respectful. I wonder what your wishes are? I want to see everyone joyful!

What makes Wrangell special? The vegetation, the attractions, and ALL the other things to do! Our State Flower is the Forget-Me-Not! There is LeConte Glacier to visit. Everyone goes camping, and fishing is popular. Wrangell is in a rainforest and a lot of people live here. My teacher is Jenn Miller, and I am in class with friends like Olivia, Christina, Presley, and Ava! Merry Christmas!

by Clara Edens

I wish for everyone in the world to have a home, good water, lots of food, a nice bath, and lots of blankets and pillows! Everyone should have a nice, warm bed, a fridge for their food, and a car to drive them places.

I think Wrangell is a special place

because we have a lot of wildlife. We have porpoises, whales, and sea lions, plus birds, deer, bear, moose, and squirrels. Wrangell is special because we have a good environment with flowers, trees, daisies, and wildflowers. We have a WHOLE BUNCH of sea life to eat here. There are crab, salmon, halibut, steelhead trout, shrimp, clams, and oysters. Yay, Wrangell! Merry Christmas to everyone!

by Shelton Eklund

My wishes for the world are that everyone has a nice family to hang out with, a good home, and lots of good food. I wish everyone had good entertainment like listening to concerts.

Wrangell is a very special place. One thing that makes it special is lots of wildlife. Like frogs, bears, deer, moose, elk, and beaver. Another thing is the to-do's like fishing, biking, swimming, and logging. There is also reading, writing, looking at the North Star and the other constellations, and hiking! There are a lot of cool people and jobs that make up our community with a population of about 2,000. I love Wrangell! Merry Christmas!

by Lee Balansag

I wish for a good city to live in and to have a good break for Christmas. It would be nice to have some snow to play in and play with my toys in the snow. I would like to play with my albino rabbit in the snow.

I like Wrangell because it has a pool and it has a school! I also like Wrangell because it is big and school is really fun! School has a fun playground. I like to go camping and fishing. I like to go to the

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## City Market and Sentry Hardware & Marine wish you an Old-fashioned Christmas

*Computers, satellite dishes, leveraged buyouts, HDTV, cellular telephones, interfacing, mergers, fax machines. These modern times are just getting more complicated, technical and impersonal. While we strive to keep abreast of the latest products and services to provide our customers, we at City Market and Sentry Hardware & Marine strive even harder to continue to offer a friendly greeting and personal hometown service. After all, our business would be nothing without people like you.*

*We extend to all our valued customers our deepest thanks for your patronage and the very best wishes for the coming year.*

*May your Christmas be filled with all the wonderful homespun traditions that bring meaning and love to this joyous time of year.*

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shop at the high school. I like to go to the dock and fish. Wrangell is the best. Merry Christmas!

by Lucas Larrabee

I wish that all people have homes and food, even if they are far, far away. I also wish that people would stop littering, so the world is a cleaner place.

I think Wrangell is special because of the whales and other wildlife. I like Wrangell because of fish to eat like trout, salmon,

halibut, and rockfish. Wrangell also has squirrels, mink, marten, and ermine. Merry Christmas!

by Nathan Larsson

I wish that every person on earth has a home, and food, and blankets. I wish that there are books for everyone, and book-marks too. It would be nice if everyone had phones and head-phones too. These are my wishes for the world.

I think Wrangell is such a special place because it has so many attractions like Rainbow Falls, the Swimming Pool, Wrangell Museum, shops and lots of other stuff! Wrangell is awesome because of the wildlife like birds, deer, sea lion, bear, whale, moose, and spiders. There are many people that make Wrangell special like our dentists, doctors, teachers, and vets! Merry Christmas, Wrangell!

by Presley Petticrew

My wish is for everybody to have a good paying job. I would have a fundraiser to help people that don't have a good paying job/ or need a job. I would use money from my job to keep going all around the world helping. I would have a company called Saver Co. to help solve all the world's problems. I would be global and it would be the biggest job EVER!

What I LOVE about WRANGELL!!! It has so much stuff that I can't explain it all, but I can tell some. I love the Garnet Ledge, LeConte Glacier, and wildlife around Wrangell. Wrangell has a bright future. I bet most people know that Wrangell is AWESOME! Like I was saying, Wrangell has lots to do like hunting, going to Salamander, deer, birds, whale, people like my Dad and Mom of course, and my teacher, Mrs. Miller. Also, the Veteran's of

Wrangell. Merry Christmas to you all!

by Brody Knecht

My wish is for everyone to have food, and if they didn't, we would have food drives. I would go door to door and collect food for hungry people of the world. The donated stuff I would give to elder homes. I hope everyone has a good Christmas and isn't hungry. People need water, homes, beds, blankets, pillows, and jobs to make money.

I think Wrangell's environment is very special. The flowers, the breeze in the trees, the rocks with fossils, the water with fish and boats, the trees with squirrels, and deer, bucks, bears, salmon, birds, fishermen, hunters, and so much more! You can watch basketball, volleyball, go swimming, camping at a campsite, and pick berries. I love Wrangell! Merry Christmas!

by Boomchain Loucks

I want people to STOP throwing their trash on the ground. Be sure to do your part to take care of the earth and be prepared. How would you like it if someone was throwing garbage on you?

Ok, here's the other thing. There are a lot of fun things to do in Wrangell! There's fishing, swimming, basketball, hunting, baseball, and hiking Rainbow Falls! I do that every summer. Wrangell is special to me and all of us citizens. It is a forest of green trees. You can see the humpback and killer whale. Our class is awesome! We've been on the radio, and in the paper. We send Flat Stanley to other people, schools, and even the U.S. President! We are lucky in Wrangell! Merry Christmas!

by Elizabeth Kissinger

I have wishes for the world! I want everybody to have a home. I want to everyone to have a good time, like on Midnight Madness.

Wrangell is special because I get to fish with my Dad. I love to swim in the deep end at the Wrangell Pool. I love to hunt in Wrangell with my Dad. Wrangell is special because of its spirit.

by Caiden Gillen

My wish for the world is that everybody who is poor will find a job. Maybe someone will be a

good man and help out so they can have a job at a store to earn money. If people do not have enough money, they can't buy food.

I live in Wrangell. It is good here. I like it here when you can see killer whales, porpoise, deer or bear, and fish. You can see the wonderful plants and beautiful sea. If you are lucky enough, you get to go up the Stikine River to the hot tubs or see the garnet ledge. I love Wrangell! Merry Christmas!

by William Massin

My wish for the world is that there is a water park everywhere. I also wish for bigger parks. I want every student in every class to have a awesomest teacher as mine. We always get to do fun things like holiday projects, and coding.

Wrangell is great! I'm thankful for the loggers because that wood helps make homes. The builders help too. I am thankful for the fishermen that catch some seafood we eat. The doctors help you heal and if you have to, stay the night. I also thank the teachers because they help you learn when you don't know something. If you didn't know how to count, you wouldn't have any money! Our community is kind and safe! Merry Christmas, Wrangell!

by Ariana Ellsworth

My wish is for all schools to have money so everyone can learn in school and get smarter. I want people to have great food like stir fry and fishcakes. I would like to help people that are sick at the hospital. Sometimes I would bring pillows for them to rest on. I love helping people be safe, kind, and loving.

Wrangell is special because it's safe. It's quiet. It's peaceful. There are not many accidents here. Wrangell is calm and also looks pretty. I am thankful for fishermen like my Dad in Wrangell. He fishes for salmon, halibut, and herring. My Dad is a good fisherman. My awesome teacher is Mrs. Miller. She's funny, smart, and fun. She gives us challenging tests. Mrs. Miller likes to sing songs. She is very intelligent. I love Mrs. Miller very much. Merry Christmas, Wrangell!

by Christina Johnson

*May Relaxed and Beautiful be yours in the New Year*  
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## Island Salon





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Wyatt Thomassen wonders what he's gotten at the American Legion Auxiliary's annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday. He was one of 196 tykes receiving toys from the organization – with a bit of help from Saint Nick and Mrs. Kringle.

## “Where God is, Love is”

by *Leo Tolstoy*

There was a Cobbler named Martin who had lost his wife and son. He murmured against God. He wanted to die. A traveler told Martin he should read the Bible and live for God. Martin read the Gospel. His life changed. One night he heard a voice saying, “I will visit you tomorrow.” The next morning, he prepared for his guest. As he waited, He saw an old man and gave him some tea. He thanked Martin and left. He saw a woman with a baby and invited her in. He gave her soup, bread and a warm coat. She left thanking him. Later, he saw an old woman selling apples. A boy stole one from her but she caught him and began to beat him. Martin interceded and paid for the apple saving him from going to jail. Night fell and no one else showed up.

Martin heard a quiet voice saying, ‘Martin, Don’t you know me?’ ‘Who is it?’ asked the Cobbler. An image of the old man appeared and said, ‘It is I.’ Next the lady with the baby appeared and said, ‘It is I.’ Then the old woman and the boy appeared and said, ‘It is I.’ As they vanished, Martin read in the Gospel, “In as much as you did it unto the least of one of these, ye did it unto me.’ Martin understood his dream had come true. Merry Christmas!

Submitted by:  
**Charlie Meigs**  
Seventh Day Adventist  
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## Mrs. Wilson’s 1st Grade Class Things I love to do each year for Christmas!

**Nathan Robinson:** I make hot cocoa. I sometimes go sledding, and I open presents.

**Noah Austin:** I love to open presents. I love to bake gingerbread cookies. I also love to play in the snow.

**Haden Bunes:** What do I do on Christmas? When I wake up, the first thing I do is open presents. The second thing I do is watch my family open their presents. It’s the best!

**Silje Morse:** Every Christmas I do this. I give my dog treats. I give her 8. We decorate the tree.

We also eat family dinner. That’s all...meep!

**Lucas Stearns:** Things I love at Christmas time in Wrangell... I cut down the tree. Next I decorate it with family. I use a chainsaw to cut it down.

**Akira Lewis:** My favorite thing to do at Christmas is to make cookies. Stay the night at Grandma’s on Christmas Eve and watch Christmas movies.

**Stacey Doak:** The thing I love to do so at

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## To Our Friends Near & Dear at Christmas time...



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## Mrs. Wilson's 1st Grade Class

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Christmas is open presents. The other thing I like to do at Christmas is decorate the tree. The last think I like to do at Christmas is drink hot cocoa.

**Kailyn McCutcheon:** The things I do at Christmas. One day I had a cup of hot cocoa. I had so much fun watching a movie on Christmas Eve. I am going to wake up my mom early on Christmas day. I like to spend time with my mom.

**Tiana McColloch:** There are lots of things I do at Christmas time. My family comes over to watch us open our presents. /then they give us their presents. Christmas is fun, because we get to open presents.

**Jenna Eastaugh:** Here are some things I do at Christmas. I decorate the house. I make snowmen. My family and I go sledding together. I open presents and decorate the tree. I also drink hot cocoa with marshmallows.

**Mariah Mork:** Every Christmas I do many things. First, we put up the tree. I need help, because I'm too little to set it up by myself. After, I put my Elf on the tree. This is how I decorate. I put my favorite

ornaments up first. we put lights up. I make a gingerbread house. I put frosting on. I use the frosting for glue and put on the candy. We look at the names on each present first, then we open them. Me and my mom and my brother go to bed so Santa will come and give us presents. I give him something healthy like a banana every year. He never throws it away! I write a sign for Santa. Santa is so funny. I love Santa. Santa is the best! Ho Ho Ho! I love Santa.

**Ellee Voltz:** There are things I love to do at Christmas. I go sledding at the hill by the school. Me and my sister decorate the tree. I put the star on the tree.

**Devin Aleksiev:** I love to standby a hot fire, because it's nice and warm. Christmas day I get to open presents. When I see new toys I play with the first one. Being home with my mom and dad and sister is important to me. I really want to see my dad from Kake before Christmas Eve. I like giving toys to my sister at Christmas. It's the kind thing I do every year. I try to make a snowman, but it keeps falling apart when I put all the loops on it. I think it's fun to decorate my own little Christmas tree. I sometimes

get spoiled when I get presents for my sister, and I think it says "Devin". I like to go sledding, because it's fun. My dog Mia pulls me too fast and I get scared! I like to lay on the couch and watch Disney Junior. That's my favorite channel. Me and my sister have our own bags of popcorn. I feel happy and give a hug to my sister!

**Bradley Eklund:** I love to make cookies for Santa! I love that we have no school!!! Next, I open presents after I make the cookies for Santa. I decorate the tree with my mom, dad, sister and brother. I watch movies and have popcorn with my mom, dad, brother, sister, stuffed animals, and even sometimes hard toys! I eat candy!

**Breann Boon:** This is what I do on Christmas day. I decorate the tree with my mom and dad. This year I am decorating the tree with just my dad!

**David Christensen:** There are lots of things I love about Christmas time. I love Christmas lights in my house. I love snow. I love presents!!!

**Orin Beale:** I love opening presents. I love having hot cocoa with my family. I also love decorating the tree.

*Best wishes  
to all at this  
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*From the officers and  
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Rachel, Ola & Dan



# Ms. Brown's K/1 Class: "What does Santa want for Christmas?"

**Chrysalis Balansag** – "I am going to get Santa a gift shop and not a busy new year."



**Jadyn Weatherman** – "I am going to get Santa a new house."

**Braden Howard** – "I am going to get Santa milk and cookies for Christmas."

**Arabella Nore** – "For Christmas Santa wants to not have a busy new year."

**Stella Bunes** – "I want to get Santa more cookies."

**Marlo Bunes** – "I want to get Santa a cookie jar for Christmas."

**Susan Neff** – "I want to get Santa a workshop."

**Clara Carney** – "I want to get Santa a cookie jar."

**Sawyer Larrabee** – "I will get Santa a motorcycle so he can have a good day and a cookie jar."

**Michael Cook** – "I will get Santa a new Christmas suit."

**Ryder Ritchie** – "I want to get Santa a new hat."

**Jimmy Jabusch** – "I want to get Santa supplies to wrap gifts."

**Charlie Nelson** – "I want to get Santa more candy."

**Akenna Lewis** – "I want to get Santa a new toy."



PHOTO BY RACHEL COBLENTZ

Santa has his arms full as he visits with Blake Allen, Sean McDonald and Anthony Coblentz at the American Legion Auxiliary's annual Christmas party on Saturday.

## Ms. Jenkin's 2nd Grade Class

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a gift not for me, for Will my brother. I want you to give him a Microscope for Christmas because he likes science a lot. He likes nature so I want you to give one to him.

Love, Natalia Ashton

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring my brother a t yah fall game he really want really bad this would make my brother happy!

Love, Triston Schnider

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year I am asking for a gift for my cosin Atoum. I am asking for some spongebob dvds! She loves Spongebob a lot like me this would make her happy! Please bring her this.

Love, Alona Sanchez

Dear Santa,  
This year for Christmas can you get my brother some star wars figers. He loves Star Wars! We watched all the movies, he has 2 but wants more! He plays and plays with them. I think there his favret toys. He needs Luke, Layu and Hanslow.

Love, Madelyn Davies

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year I am asking a gift for my little brother. I am asking that you could give my little brother a new toy. He loves toys!

Love, Dante Chambers

Dear Santa,  
I want you to get my mom some earrings. Neckleces and other jewelry. I want you to get her that because she really loves jewelry and

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# Ms. Jenkin's 2nd Grade Class

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she goes to fancy places. Some of her favorite colors are purple, blue sometimes a little red and black on her jewelry. I also want you to get that for her because every Christmas we always get her jewelry. She really likes it when we get her jewelry.

**Love, Hailey Cook**

Dear Santa,  
My mother would like a neckise. She likes sparkley stuff it would make her happy, veary happy. So please get her a necklise. I like the toys you give me. you give me lots of toys and it must be a hard job.

**Love, Haidyn Gadd**

Dear Santa,  
For Chistmas this year I am ask-

ing for a gift for my mom a pot. She needs it so she can make food for me and my sister. It will make my mom very, very happy.

**Love, Elena Haines**

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas Im asking for a masusoris for my brother. My brother makes one very day out of lagos. He really likes drosik world. Please bring him this toy.

**Love, Kasey Whitaker**

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year I am asking for a glow in the dark football for Aadyn some and Aadyn can play cec when he spens the night at dark. I want to give it to him so we bolth have it to play with.

**Sincererely, Everett Meissner**

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year I am asking my sister to get earing. She will like them. She will look pretty and she'll be happy!

**Love, Sawyer Rooney**

Dear Santa,  
I want to give my sister hair supplies. Because she needs it at her salon. Then she can make really cool styles of hair. So please give my sister this? Then we will have a happy merry christmas!

**Brody Hommel**

Dear Santa,  
Can I have a neclis for my sister Amber? She will like it rile much. She rile wants it. To go with my sisers neclis collection it would make her very happy.

**Sincerely, Gregg Gifford**

Dear Santa,

For Chistmas this year I am asking for a gift for Kiara. I am asking if you would get her a fowealr so she can go hunting for deer and play on it.

**Love, Alexis Easterly**

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring Everett a semi automatic nurf gun whith a scope and a bullit holder. Why I want you to get him a semi automatic nurf gun whith a scope and a bullit holder is so we can have a nurf gun fights.

**Love, Jackson Carney**

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year I am asking for a jewelry set for my aunt Sue. I want to give it to her because she likes jewelry and so she can be happy and I love her. Pleas get her this for Christmas.

**Sincerely, Sophia Martinsen**

Dear Santa,  
I am going to give a present to my brother. Can you please give him a memory chip? I think that is he has a memory chip he could have a better and less laggy computer. And more memory for games. So please buy him a memory chip. Thanks!

**Sincerely, Andrei Siewawitch**

Dear Santa,  
This year can you get my mom a ginny pig. My mom loves ginny pigs. It would make my mom realy happy. We can play with them, she would have so much fun! She likes ones with curels in there hair and a cage please? Also make it be brown please!

**Love, Melanie Ibarra**

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year I am asking for a gift for my sister Kayla. I want you to get her a pretty pare of earrings that goes with her red dress and her santa leggings from lularow. So, maybe a grean earrings or red. She has realy been wanting some new earrings so please get Kayla theas earrings for Christmas this year Santa.

**Sincerely, Sydnie Young**

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas could you give Ms. Jenkins a wite bord for Christmas. I think she will be happy.

**Love, Jacob**

Dear Santa,  
Can you please give my step mom a cup with a picuse on it? So when we are gone at Wrangell she can look at the picuse. And in morning she can have coffee in the morning and in the afternewn she can have pop.

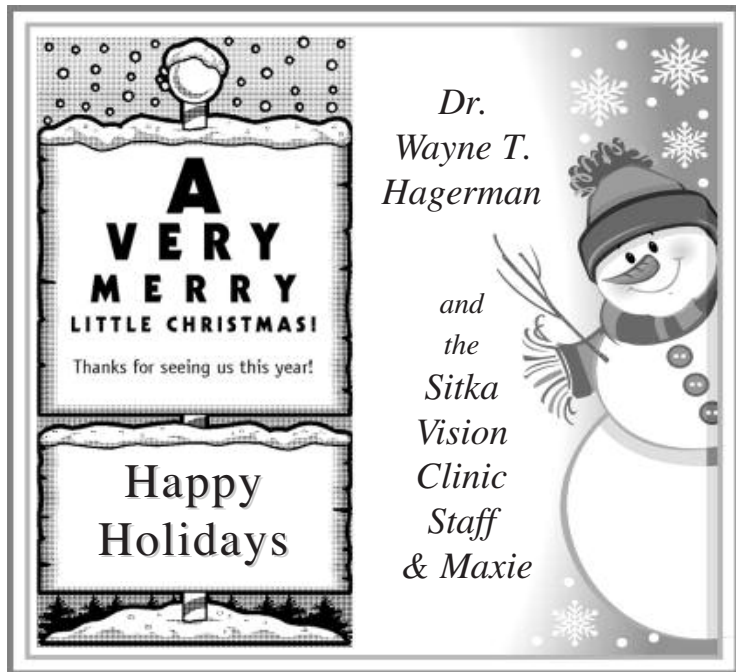
**Love, Aadyn**

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year I em asking for a gift for my mom I am asking that you give my mom some rings she really likes rings a lot so she can be happy.

**Love, Landen**

Dear Santa,  
I wish you will bring a big present for Alexis and a chlapling and a big playset to. and a pupe a toys. I thinc she will wont a big machin.

**Luve, Kiara Lyon**



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 Mike Hall  
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## Just chilling out

A pair of decorative snowmen chum around amid displays at the Nolan Center's Christmas Tree Lane. The annual fundraiser benefits Wrangell Hospice, a service which provides medical equipment and care support to community members. A total of 18 items were under the hammer during the charitable auction, including 15 trees decorated by local artists and organizations. Turnout was good, bidding was fair, and the group easily made over \$1,000 for its activities.

## Don't miss out on the real gift

WOW! What a year it was! The news was continuously full of gloom and doom with just small bits of good news to keep a body going. The government was all a mess. Hard to get good paying jobs to feed a family. Leaders from other countries got involved. While we waited to see who the new leader would be, when the leader came not all the people believed it was true. Sounds like 2016. But this is when Jesus who is the Christ would be born. The people had been waiting for countless generations, ever since the prophets started telling of the Savior that would come from God. It's hard to wait through the season of advent, can't imagine what it was like for those who waited for generations and generations. They knew the stories from the prophets. They believed God was sending them a savior. Through the years, people started to interrupt with ideas of their own of whom the Messiah would be and what he would be like. Because of this a lot of people who were waiting are still waiting. Some have missed it altogether. There were many however who didn't know and came to believe and have been saved. I believe that we all need to pay close attention to scripture, the real news station, during this advent season. That while we wait, we don't forget, we don't become blinded, we don't miss out on the greatest gift ever given to humankind. That we do find ourselves wait-

ing for the Christ Child. Not getting so overwhelmed with the entrapments of the times and man's season that we miss out on the REAL GIFT. May this season find you discovering anew the advent season and the birth of our Lord Christ Jesus. May the peace, grace and love of Father Son and Holy Spirit be yours all through the year.

**Nettie Covalt**  
Presbyterian Church



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# Wrangell residents send supplies to Seattle homeless shelters

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

With the holiday season approaching, thoughts turn not only to what people want or already have, but by extension to those things others might lack.

Wrangell resident Brittani Roane was on medical leave in Seattle for a week earlier last month. She explained she often travels to the city, but on this particular occasion was accommodated in the city's downtown area.

While there, Roane was struck by the number of homeless people in the surrounding neighborhood. In its 36th annual tally in January, the Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness reported more than 4,500 people were found to be living without shelter, with more than a third living in vehicles. A considerable number were also seen sleeping in doorways, under roadways, in parking garages and parks, or otherwise living without a discernible place to live. A further 3,200 people were living in shelters, with nearly 3,000 others considered to be transitional.

The city's problem is a rising one, with the 2016 count indicating an increase of 19 percent over the previous year. Numbers in the

annual headcount are additionally assumed to be an undercount, due to a limitation on volunteers' resources and the efforts of many homeless to remain out of view. The organization points out a number of reasons contributing to homelessness, including lack of affordable housing, poverty, unemployment, untreated mental illness or addiction, and domestic violence.

Having seen the problem firsthand, Roane found her thoughts remained in Seattle as Wrangell's autumn started turning to winter.

"It was cold and I was thinking about the homeless," she said.

Roane contacted Seattle's Union Gospel Mission in Kent, a nonprofit which provides emergency care and long-term recovery services to the homeless, the hungry, and those considered at-risk in the wider metropolitan area. Getting some ideas on how to be of help, she began reaching out to community for donations in order to put together winter assistance bags to be distributed by the mission.

"The response was beautiful and overwhelming. I cried more than once from the outpouring of love this little island had to offer to something so much bigger



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Brittani Roane, children Chandler and Delilah, and husband David, visit the KentHOPE Women and Children's Day Center in the Seattle area. The family helped organize the donation of 35 overnight bags and baby supplies for the emergency shelter.

than us," Roane exclaimed.

Wrangellites raised over \$900 in cash and tangible goods for the effort, which went to acquire 60 waterproof drawstring bags and backpacks. The first half of these were largely filled by volunteers at Island of Faith Lutheran Church, containing a variety of sanitary items and clothing. Roane and her family then transported the bags down to Seattle, where additional winter gear like hats and scarves were acquired to complete the sets.

Most of the bags went to the KentHOPE Women and Children's Day Center, which hosts on average 30 women and children each day to meet their immediate needs. This includes providing three meals a day, showers, laundry facilities, clothing, health care, skills classes and other amenities. The organization further works with community partners to find jobs and housing for its guests.

"The day-house was particu-

larly exciting," Roane said, because of its purpose and smaller scale. As well as the 35 bags donated to it, she added they donated five cases of Enfamil baby formula, four cases of diapers and 30 new bottles.

The remaining 25 bags were sent to Union Gospel Mission, along with two cases of dog treats and about \$215 in cash.

To further support the mission's work or to learn more about its programming, visit

[www.ugm.org](http://www.ugm.org). For additional information about Seattle's homeless situation, check out the Coalition's website at [www.homelessinfo.org](http://www.homelessinfo.org).

Homelessness is a problem closer to home as well, with people affected or at risk of being so in Anchorage and Juneau. The Glory Hole is an emergency shelter and soup kitchen serving Juneau. Information about helping in Juneau can be found at [www.feedjuneau.org](http://www.feedjuneau.org).

## Did you know?

Leaving cookies and milk for Santa Claus is a Christmas Eve tradition. Children regularly place a dish of cookies and a glass of milk by the tree on Christmas Eve so that Santa has enough energy to complete all of his gift-giving before kids wake up on Christmas morning. The tradition of leaving cookies out on Christmas Eve may trace its origins to Saint Nicholas. On the feast of St. Nicholas on December 6, children would leave food and drink for the saint and any attendants. The treats would be exchanged for gifts. While that's one theory behind the tradition, others think it is linked to the history of the Christmas tree and the edible decorations that adorn it. Santa would snack on the ornaments. Even after edible decorations gave way to inedible ornaments, the tradition of leaving a snack for Santa remained. Whatever the origins behind the tradition, millions of children dutifully leave milk and cookies for Santa on Christmas Eve.

## "Why Is That There?"

If you have ever boarded one of our Alaska Airline combis and sat in the first row, row 17, or made your way up to the front wall to stretch between our many stops, you might have noticed a wire cage type object. I think at my first glance, I thought it should hold the inflight magazine, safety card, and one of those small white gift bags. After many conversations, that is not why it is there. But, many times in life, I have asked "Why is that there?"

With that in mind, in reading the Christmas story from the book of Matthew, we often start at verse 18, of chapter 1... "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows..." completely skipping the first 17 verses of that same chapter! But "Why?" Why are those 17 verses there? It's just genealogy, right? People had kids.

Actually, those 17 verses have a purpose, even for you and me at Christmas. Those 17 verses are proof that God fulfills His promises! God promised that through Abraham, ALL would be blessed! Through the birth of Christ that happened, even after all those generations!! You and I, ALL, can enjoy the promise of Hope, Peace, Love, Joy, Forgiveness, Eternal Life, and much more. All we need to do is receive the gift, the promise, Christ, that was given! Receive Christ and be blessed now!! UR♥'D

Kem Haggard

Pastor at Harbor Light Assembly of God

Founders Dale and Carol Ann Lindsey, with Craig, Keith, and Kent. (not pictured: Tammi and Kurt) Fall 1961.

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# Basket program spreads cheer and goodwill for Christmas

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

Wrangell's Salvation Army reached out to one of its largest groups yet for its annual Christmas Basket drive, providing toys and holiday meals for 90 families on Monday.

About 125 people were served in all, receiving Christmas suppers of ham, two vegetables, olives, dressing, potatoes, milk, cranberry sauce, yams and Jell-O.

"That's just for two people. If it's a bigger family then we give them two boxes and two hams to have a good, comfortable dinner and maybe some leftovers for a ham sandwich or something," explained S.A. Major Jennifer Bates.

One of the hallmark features of the holiday is to wake up to presents beneath the tree Christmas morning, and families applying for the program can put down several gift ideas their children might like. Bates explained those ideas get organized into little lists written on paper angels, which are featured each year on the church group's Angel Tree placed at the Nolan Center's Christmas Tree Lane.

Patrons pick an angel and go find the desired toys – not only toys, but shoes and boots, reading materials, and craft accessories for cooking or sewing.

"I try to put things down that we can get in town, so we can support the local merchants," Bates said.

The majority of items were purchased locally, which were collected by Saturday and arranged into festive gift bags by volunteers on Sunday. For privacy's sake, children's gifts are assigned numbers so their families can make out which goes to what household.

"People donated extra stuff" as well, Bates said. A collection of extra toys filled several tables by the door, on the off chance there would be a need for them.

The long-standing holiday gift and meal program means a lot to Bates, who together with her husband, Michael, has been serving the community since their arrival



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

**Paper angels bear the Christmas hopes of around 40 children on this year's Angel Tree, kept at the Nolan Center for the beginning half of December. People wanting to purchase gifts would pick a tag, purchase the listed items, then bring them to the Salvation Army for their annual holiday basket giveaway.**

from Kodiak in March.

"It's the spirit of Christmas. It's tradition," she said. "It's not all about toys. It's about a kid waking up and being able to get a Christmas present under the tree.

"I grew up in a really poor family. And even with my mom being poor, I can still remember having 20 presents. And that was because of the Salvation Army," Bates recounted. "I wouldn't have had a Christmas without them."

Funding for the holiday gift and meal program came in part from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, in the form of a \$2,000 grant geared toward smaller communities. Another \$2,400 came from money left over from Wrangell Ministerial Association's annual Thanksgiving meal drive in November.

"We share the love and the gifts," Bates remarked.

Whatever is left over from the program then goes to the commu-

nity food bank, which the Salvation Army maintains to meet nutritional needs throughout the year. Meals from its pantry go to supplement area families' cupboards once a month, and are also made available during emergencies. The program's stores are generally replenished through food donations.

"Ninety percent of it is donated by Bobs' IGA. He supports us so much, it's incredible. The man is unbelievable," Bates commented. "The rest of this was given by the middle school," she said during a tour of the pantry. "They did a canned drive, which stocked our shelves."

Parishioners from St. Philip's Episcopal Church are also regular supporters, coming by almost every week with items. Bates attested that members from all over the community contribute to the program, which dispenses boxes of frozen goods, canned items and other nonperishables every Tuesday.

"We ask Wrangell for a lot of stuff, and they step up every time," she said. "We're such a tight-knit community I don't think anybody has to go without."

She noted the need for support has grown over the past year, following on the backs of two poor harvests for the local salmon fisheries.

"A lot of guys live off of that for their annual salaries. It takes a hit for these families," Bates explained. "We went from serving seven families when we first got here eight months ago to 22 families."

After the holiday season, the pantry's biggest demand comes in January and February, when people are also breaking out their green visors and calculators and begin accounting for the year's taxes.

The current supply in the pantry should hold up through the end of February, but Bates said the food bank could always use some extra help.

"We're always looking for more; protein things, such as tuna

and chili. Things that will stick and give them protein," she said.

Donations don't have to be large. Even a few extra dollars will help. "Give me five cans of soup and that will help me feed five extra people. That's five cans I didn't have before," said Bates.

Those interested in helping out can swing by the church to see its running food bank list, or can call the office at 874-3753.

The program also offers heating assistance, to cover the costs of oil or electric heat. Applicants need to meet particular income guidelines, earning up to 130 percent of the poverty line. Funding for that program comes through the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation.

"We're more than willing to help them pay their bill," Bates explained. She felt people shouldn't have to choose between keeping the heat on and picking up needed groceries. "Don't try to choose certain things. We have it. And if we don't have it we can try to find it."

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# He can bring us together

**December:**

The last month of our year. It is Advent in the church year. It is the first month in our Savior's year. December is different for all of us but it is the time of year we all come together. It could happen downtown at the lighting of the Christmas tree, with our children / grandchildren at the local schools, around our tables at home for a family meal, or at the church of our choosing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Yes, the reason for us to be kind to each other and to wish each other a Merry Christmas. We are all in a festive mood. We all enjoy this cold crisp month. Let's us all remember that Jesus is our Lord



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

## This shining night

Members of the Wrangell Community Chorale regale listeners with "I Saw Three Ships," a piece which included the Children's Chorus. Held December 11 at the Nolan Center, the evening featured a medley of melodies celebrating the Christmas season.



and Savior; that even after over 2000 years He can still bring us together in a way that no one else can. The

Love of Jesus toward us is unconditional. May we as children of God have the same Love for our earthly friends.

**Don McConachie**  
St. Philip's Episcopal Church

## Tlingit & Haida Head Start

**Connor:** I am thankful for my cat.  
**Logan:** I am thankful for my puppy.  
**Waylin:** I am thankful for my mom.  
**Baylee:** I am thankful for our new rescue Kitty.

**Duncan:** I am thankful for the Red Quilt somebody gave me. I am going to make a Thank You card.  
**Ethan:** I am thankful for the Mile's Ship, the spaceship.  
**Lily:** I am thankful for the 2 Deer, my dad got.  
**Jonah:** I am thankful for my mom and T-Rex Birthday Cake.  
**Jamison:** I am thankful for my Grandpa.  
**Claire:** I am thankful for Mom & Dad and me.  
**Ayla:** I am thankful for my new puppy Cody.  
**Hailey:** I am thankful for my mom and dad for helping me.  
**Emily:** I am thankful for my new shirt.

**Violet:** I am thankful for my purple bike with a princess on it.  
**Daniel:** I am thankful for my new boots.  
**Piper:** I am thankful for my Poppa.  
**Annika:** I am thankful for my Elsa Bike and Elsa Cake.  
**Madison:** I am thankful for my new dog.  
**Verity:** I am thankful for when my mom cleans my clothes.  
**Maddilyn:** I am thankful to be able to hold babies.



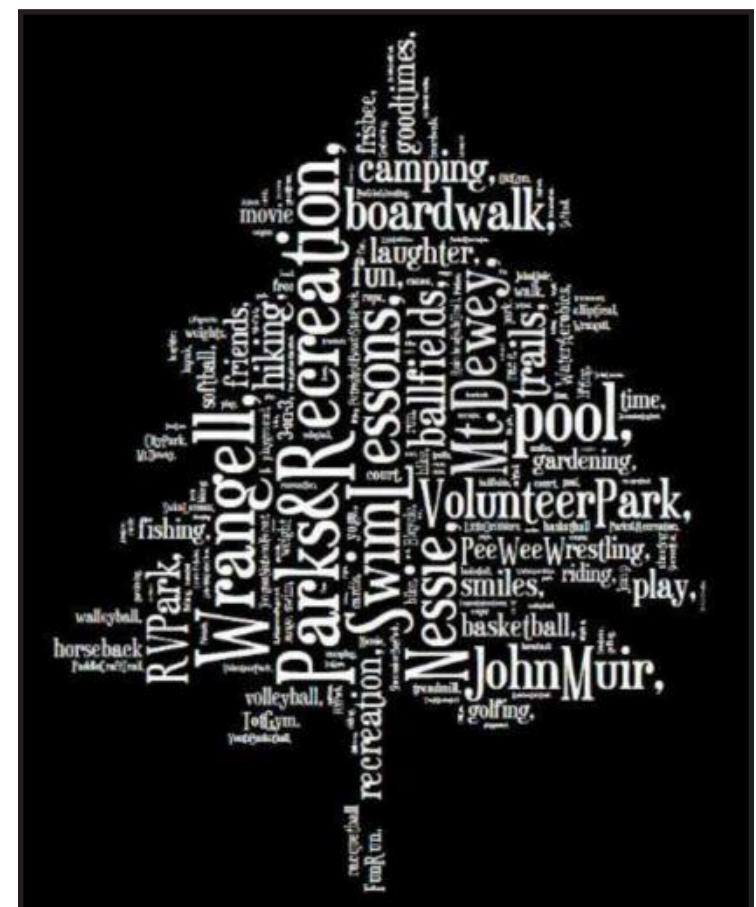
# Christmas Greetings

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# Christmas traditions around the world: Norway



By **OLA RICHARDS**  
Sentinel writer

Norway starts the Christmas season in November with a series of Christmas parties at work, clubs, schools and every other organization. Every year, at the end of November many cities have a lighting of the City Lights ceremony, complete with parade and an honorary person pulling the big switch to light up the city streets.

Advent means “coming” and is a preparation time for Christians to celebrate Christmas. The Advent season starts on Advent Sunday, which marks four Sundays before Christmas.

Early December is a time for baking Christmas cookies (seven different kinds, at minimum), buying Christmas gifts and cleaning houses.

A variety of Christmas concerts are held in churches and concert halls all over the country, while the Santa Lucia Day is celebrated on the 13th of December every year in schools around Norway. A girl is chosen to represent St. Lucia, and wears a wreath of electric candles around her head. As the children sing the St. Lucia hymn, the girl leads the procession of children through the classroom handing out treats – special “*Lussekatter*” (Lucia sweet bread).

The most important day, however, is Christmas Eve (December 24). Most have a big family dinner, which usually consists of *ribbe* (pork ribs), white Christmas sausage, lutefisk, winter vegetables, sauerkraut, rich gravy and cranberry sauce or *pinnekjøtt* (lamb ribs) or in some parts of Norway, cod. *Gløgg*, (mulled wine with spices, nuts and fruit) is a common Christmas drink.

“*Julenisse*” (Santa Claus) comes to the home and the family sings a Christmas song to him before he hands out presents and treats to the children. The family opens presents, plays games, sings carols and spends the rest of the night enjoying one another’s company.

Norwegians prefer to use a real Christmas trees and the trees don’t go to waste. At the end of Christmas they are used for firewood. The most famous custom about Christmas in Norway is the

big Christmas tree the country gives to the United Kingdom every year. The tree is given as a present to say “thank you” for the help it received during World War II. It stands in Trafalgar Square in the middle of London and hundreds of people come to watch when the lights are turned on.

Christmas Day (December 25) is a time for family and friends. Families attend services in churches, children play outside in the snow and friends and families gather together for a big Christmas feast.

The time until New Years Eve is called “*Romjul*” (Christmas Space), it is the quiet time of Christmas where the streets are bare and the shops have limited hours as people spend time with families.

“*Julebuk*” (yule goat) is a children’s activity that shares the joy of Christmas. In old Norse tradition *julebuk* is the symbol of the pagan goat and represents the ghosts of winter nights. Much of the elements of today’s *Julenisse* comes from the traditions of the *julebuk*, such as giving presents, receiving sweet treats, picking out who is naughty and nice and, of course, magic. When Christianity appeared, the pagan rituals of *julebuk* were replaced by children wearing masks to go from house to house to receive treats (similar to Halloween). Today children dress up and sing carols at doorsteps. They often give gifts



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Little Everly Cook jingles some bells while visiting with Santa Claus. The legendary holiday patriarch kept plenty busy during the run-up to Christmas, paying visits to parties and functions around Wrangell.

as well as receive them.

Family and friends celebrate the New Year with fireworks and parties and many people celebrate out in the streets. The 6th of January is Three Kings Day, the day when the three wise men vis-

ited the baby Jesus in the manger. This day is often used as putting away Christmas decorations and to taking down Christmas trees. After January 13th, Christmas is officially over for another year.

May your days be

**MERRY**

**&**

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Happy Holidays

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## School district preparing for slimmer budget

By DAN RUDY  
*Sentinel writer*

The Wrangell Public School Board will get a first look at its budget next month for the upcoming year, which begins July 1, 2017.

At its December 14 meeting, school superintendent Patrick Mayer reported the year's budget would be reflecting expected reductions to revenue sources. He explained the district will be putting together its draft budget operating under four assumptions, which may change as the new year unfolds.

One of these is a student enrollment count of 273, which takes into consideration part-time students. Health coverage premium costs are also anticipated to increase by about 10 percent over the coming year, which Mayer explained would still be significantly lower than previous increases.

Another assumption is an overall decrease in state funding for the public school system, following cuts to the university system over the past year. In that round of cuts, Mayer noted the K-12 system had gone largely unscathed, but seemed due for a decrease as state spending had decreased by 44 percent.

"It's a conservative approach," he prefaced, but Mayer anticipated a five-percent drop in state support during the next budget cycle. He estimated this could translate into about \$690,000 for Wrangell's district.

In Gov. Bill Walker's draft budget released last week, his K-12 education budget was proposed to increase by half a percent over FY17 totals, from \$1.255 billion to \$1.261 billion. However, compared to FY15 levels set prior to the budget crisis, the total would represent a 6.7-percent reduction overall.

The governor's budget is not a final figure, but rather

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PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

### Santa all over

Santa and Mrs. Claus add to the cheer during December 10's Jolly Shopping bazaar at the Stikine Inn, visiting with kids and taking pictures while their parents browsed a variety of locally-made goods.

## Garden site to provide space for cementary expansion

By DAN RUDY  
*Sentinel writer*

At its December monthly meeting, the City and Borough Assembly approved future expansion of Memorial Cemetery.

Located near Heritage Harbor and City Park, Memorial is one of two public cemeteries managed by the city, the other being Sunset Gardens just across the road. A deepening problem the city has faced in recent years has been a lack of space at the two sites.

The newer of the two, Sunset Gardens currently has only 18 unreserved plots available for purchase, with another 31 niches in its columbarium available for cremated remains. Memorial Cemetery has a number of plots which are vacant but reserved, though a number of spots have been found to already have occupants when opened. At the moment it is considered to be at capacity.

"Since I got here we've been low on space," said Kim Lane, who has been city clerk since

2012.

The city cemetery committee has forwarded recommendations, but there are several obstacles to siting a new graveyard. One of these is the expense to develop, which at past meetings borough manager Jeff Jabusch has explained the city does not have on hand. Cost to develop new gravesites varies depending on the terrain as well, with considerable fill material needed to properly prepare the predominately marshy spaces Wrangell currently has at its disposal.

Adjacent to Memorial Cemetery, the community garden and former ballfield was deemed to be suitable for a new cemetery site, and has been recommended by Public Works for repurposing. At one time the area had been beach, but was filled with stumps and other materials before being capped with dirt and gravel. The majority would need to be dug up and replaced with new material, and surveyed for future reuse.

Benefits to the site include a lack of trees, nearness to town, and probable cheapness to develop compared to other sites. Other candidates were along Spur Road, across from Shoemaker Bay, and further upland from Sunset Gardens.

"It's a pretty decent-sized area," Jabusch told the Assembly, and could yield perhaps three or more acres for graves. He said city staff had already contacted the local gardening group, which it has an informal agreement with to use the site.

Lane said the next step would be to work with Public Works to prepare a site plan, and to contract a developer to formalize a design and run a cost analysis.

"We're going to have to figure out how to pay for it," she added, suggesting grant funding for such projects may be available.

"It's something the community absolutely needs," Lane stressed.

Money is one hurdle to

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-Kim Lane  
City Clerk

cross, but time is another. Preparing a grave site can take years to undertake, with soil having to settle after development before it can be used.

"We don't have years. This is why it's important to start the process as soon as possible," Lane said.

In a worst-case scenario, the city could contact people who have currently reserved spots at either of the two cemeteries. A

number of these had been purchased years or even decades in advance for future family blocks, but in the intervening years some of the families intended for burial there have since left. Lane said she has issued letters in the past checking to see if they still intended to use the plots, with several relinquishing them.

Another option people may choose to take is cremation, with the remains buried in the plot of a loved one. This option has become more commonly used as cremation has become more normalized, and due to its lower cost and simplicity.

If eventually developed, a less-pressing problem would be what to call the new cemetery, and whether it would be included as an expansion to next-door Memorial, treated as separate from Memorial or if the two would be combined and renamed.

"You never know. They might be willing to change its name," Lane said of future assemblies.



# School

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one option ahead of negotiations between the Alaska House and Senate, each of which will be producing draft versions of their own.

Secure Rural Schools funding is also "on the ropes," Mayer cautioned. It provided \$848,000 to WPSD last fiscal year. Primarily benefiting rural schools and funded through the Department of Agriculture, the federal program was reauthorized for two

years in April 2015. "This is as late as it's gone where really there's been no discussion about it in Congress," he commented.

Looking ahead, Mayer expected a first draft could be expected by the board's mid-January meeting, and that a version would be ready for public comment by February. The next draft round would happen in March, with a finalized budget headed to the city before its May 1 deadline. Revisions

could be expected in June, adapting to state-level changes as its own budget is adopted.

In other school business, board members approved revisions to its policy on student drug testing for extracurricular programs, reflecting updates to state law. The policy will allow for up to 10 percent of students participating in a particular program to be selected for testing. A third-party program would undertake the random selection and testing, results of which would remain confidential.

"This is one of the specific reasons we went with an outside entity," Mayer explained.

The board also approved a revised policy on its presentation of sex education, similarly mirroring state guidelines by requiring all related programming be publicly presented prior to the class period.

Mayer also reported progress on the district's involvement with the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program, which has expressed interest in

developing a residential accelerated middle and high school at Wrangell's former Institute property. Currently a special committee with members representing the schools, city and Wrangell Cooperative Association has been reaching out to the Tanana Chiefs Conference for support. TCC is an influential body within the Alaska Federation of Natives, whose own endorsement of the project would be instrumental in the school's funding and development.

## The Way We Were

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## Senior Center Menu

**Friday, December 23:**

Closed for Christmas Eve Holiday Break

**Monday, December 26:**

Closed for Christmas Holiday Break

**Tuesday, December 27:**

Sloppy moose with bun, potato salad, peas and carrots

**Wednesday, December 28:**

Creole pork, pasta, carrots a'la orange, jello with fruit

**Thursday, December 29:**

Moose spaghetti, garden salad with tomato, corn, garlic bread

**Friday, December 30:**

Surprise soup, 1/2 sandwich, salad, dessert

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

## FERRY SCHEDULE

### Departures

#### Northbound

**Saturday, December 24**  
Matanuska 1:30 a.m.

**Sunday, December 25**  
Kennicott 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 27**  
Matanuska 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, December 31**  
Matanuska 2:00 a.m.

**Sunday, January 1**  
Kennicott 2:15 p.m.

**Sunday, January 8**  
Kennicott 5:30 p.m.

#### Southbound

**Friday, December 23**  
Matanuska 8:45 a.m.

**Monday, December 26**  
Matanuska 7:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, December 28**  
Kennicott 5:30 a.m.

**Friday, December 30**  
Matanuska 8:15 a.m.

**Monday, January 2**  
Matanuska 10:15 a.m.

**Wednesday, January 4**  
Kennicott 5:30 a.m.

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

## Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

**Thursday, December 22**

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

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

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

**Saturday, December 24**

**Christmas Eve Mass:** 5:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. There will be 2 different mass times on Christmas Eve.

**Sunday, December 25**

**Christmas Day Mass:** 11 a.m. St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church.

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

## Continuing Events

**PARKS & REC ACTIVITIES: Lap Swim:** M, W, F 6:00-7:30 a.m. & 5:00-6:00 p.m., M-F 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., S 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; **Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class:** at the Pool: M, W, F, 9:00-10:00 a.m.; **Water Aerobics:** M, W, F 10:00-11:00 a.m.; **Family Swim:** F 6:00-7:00 p.m.; **General Swim:** M & W 6:00-7:00 p.m., F 7:00-8:00 p.m., S 1:00-2:00 p.m.; **Weight Room:** M-TH 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-7:30 p.m., F 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-8:30 p.m., S 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. **Extra 2 Lane Lap Swim:** M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.

**OTHER MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:**

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

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

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

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

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

**Thursday, December 22:** Alicia Stearns, Sean Gillen, Robert Hayes, Rob Hayes, Carmen Chaney, **Friday, December 23:** Don McConachie, Nicholas Howell, **Saturday, December 24:** Holly Hammer, Karen Danison, Kenneth Wilson, Ella Chrisman, *Anniversary:* Steve and Laura Gile, Don and Marit Stevens, **Sunday, December 25:** Holly Nore, Dean Massin, Kade Davidson, Jude Johnson, Aminda Skan, **Monday, December 26:** Aidrick Glass, Vern Cummings, Dee Gross, Ted Cabot, Lucia Graves, David Churchill, Charles Christian, **Tuesday, December 27:** Taylor Beck, Brooke Stearn, Jenia Shashkov, **Wednesday, December 28:** Nate Stearns, Per Nolan, Jerry Knapp, **Thursday, December 29:** Emily Sterner, John Feller, Jr., D.J. McConachie, Kim Wickman, Al Brock, Kenny Golding, Jennifer Davies, Gordon McCloskey, Christie Jamieson, Frank Roppel, Elodie Freeman, Michelle Gross  
*If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary at no charge please call the Sentinel at 874-2301.*



## Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
December 11	28	19
December 12	26	15
December 13	19	12
December 14	17	12
December 15	33	17
December 16	21	12
December 17	37	23
December 18	41	35



## Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Dec. 22	8:18a	3:15p	6:57h
Dec. 23	8:18a	3:16p	6:58h
Dec. 24	8:19a	3:17p	6:58h
Dec. 25	8:19a	3:17p	6:58h
Dec. 26	8:19a	3:18p	6:59h
Dec. 27	8:19a	3:19p	7:00h
Dec. 28	8:19a	3:20p	7:01h
Dec. 29	8:19a	3:21p	7:02h



## December 22 - December 29

T I D E S	High Tides				Low Tides			
	AM		PM		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
December 22	7:42	14.3	8:14	11.8	0:45	3.2	1:59	3.8
December 23	8:38	14.7	9:19	12.1	1:49	3.9	3:07	2.9
December 24	9:27	15.3	10:15	12.7	2:52	4.1	4:03	1.9
December 25	10:12	15.8	11:03	13.4	3:48	4.1	4:47	0.8
December 26	10:54	16.3	11:47	14.0	4:36	3.8	5:25	-0.1
December 27	11:32	16.6	-----	-----	5:17	3.6	5:59	-0.9
December 28	0:26	14.4	12:08	16.8	5:54	3.4	6:32	-1.3
December 29	1:03	14.7	12:42	16.8	6:29	3.3	7:03	-1.5



# Another apartment goes smoke-free in Wrangell

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

Another housing unit has officially gone smoke-free, according to Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium's local health promotion department.

This fall the new owners of the Stikine Native Organization building on Front Street – colloquially known as the SNO Building to locals – formally made the building's apartments smoke free. SEARHC health educator Tammi Meissner pointed out the move makes it the first private residential complex in

town to register its policy with the state.

In September, the Wrangell Senior Apartments formally went smoke-free as well, instituting an outdoor buffer around its residences. Filing through SEARHC, Meissner said the management of both properties benefit from state-provided signage and inclusion on the housing listing at [www.smokefree-housingak.org](http://www.smokefree-housingak.org).

She explained the move was beneficial, in that it helps protect the lungs and property of others.

"Especially in multi-unit housing, ventilation is not conducive to reducing smoke," Meissner explained. This can lead to neighbors' unwanted exposure to second-hand smoke, which can be particularly problematic for children and people with health issues.

"It's the idea that those people who don't smoke don't have to breathe in the chemicals of second-hand smoke," she stated.

The announcement follows momentous changes made at the federal level which would limit tobacco use in and around public housing.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development on November 30 adopted the stance that public housing developments across the country would need to provide residents with a smoke-free environment. This followed input from the public, including housing and public health organizations, tenants and public housing agencies (PHAs).

In its announcement, HUD explained the final rule will require 3,100 PHAs to implement smoke-free policies within 18 months of its adoption, prohibiting the use of smoke-producing tobacco products in all living units, indoor common areas and offices. The ban would extend outdoors, to within 25 feet from buildings, as well as playgrounds and other common areas.

Rationales given for the change are to improve the health of more than 2,000,000 public housing residents, including



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

## And the winner is....

Kim Lane reaches into the turn-barrel for a winning ticket December 12, following the preceding weekend's Jolly Shopping event. Shoppers at participating businesses could stamp cards for the purchases they'd made, which were filled after \$50 spent. Filled cards could then be entered for a \$500 drawing. The lucky ticket belonged to Vicki Bunes-Taylor, who can pick up her prize at the Chamber of Commerce office.

760,000 children; save an estimated \$153 million in costs linked to smoking through healthcare, building maintenance and fire damage; and to benefit elderly tenants, who inhabit 500,000 of the 940,000 units likely to be affected.

Not covered under the new policy would be e-cigarettes. Following that announcement, on December 8 the U.S. Surgeon General reported e-cigarette usage could be a concern among the nation's youth and young adult population. It was the first comprehensive federal review of the devices' impact, many of which deliver nicotine to users. The effects of nicotine exposure to body development and cognitive function are well documented, in addition to concerns

raised that the addictive substance "can prime young brains for addiction to other drugs, such as cocaine and methamphetamine." The report also cited statistics that in 2015, one in six high school students were reported to have used the devices during the preceding month.

"That's important because there's never really been a report out," Meissner said of the report. "Now it reinforces that. It reinforces the idea that our kids aren't smoking cigarettes, but they're still smoking e-cigarettes."

Due to the holiday season, SNO Building owners Randy and Carol Churchill were unavailable for comment on the new policy.

## Correction

In last week's front page picture caption, organizers for the Standing Rock support gathering had been the Alaska Native Sisterhood Association (ANSA), a similarly-named but separate organization from the Alaska Native Sisterhood.

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR WEEK'S SCHEDULES

- Friday, Dec. 23, open 9 am - 2 pm
- Monday, Dec. 26, open noon - 5 pm
- Friday, Dec. 30, open 11 am - 4 pm
- Monday, Jan. 2, open noon - 5 pm

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### Harborlight Assembly of God

Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.,  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. 874-2244

### St. Rose of Lima, Catholic Church

Sunday Masses 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
Enrichment in Faith- All are welcome, 10:00 a.m.  
874-3771 or 305-0654

### St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m., Church School 10:00 a.m.  
874-3047 or 874-4480

### First Presbyterian

Worship Service 11 a.m., 874-3534

### The Salvation Army

Sunday Worship, 11 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m.,  
874-3753

### Island of Faith Lutheran Church-ELCA

Worship Service 9:30 a.m. followed by fellowship,  
Faith Walking Saturday 10 a.m., 874-2743

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Priesthood Relief Society & Primary at noon.;  
Sunday School 11 a.m.; Sacrament 10 a.m.,  
874-3976 or 3778

### Wrangell Community Church of God

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; 874-3964

### Bible Baptist Church

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.;

Sunday Worship, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m., 874-2069

### Wrangell Seventh-day Adventist Church

Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.;

Young People & Adult Study, 9:30 a.m., 874-3039

### Baha'i Faith

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## Police report

### Monday, December 12

Agency Assist.

Domestic/Title 47: 12 hour hold on Jyzyka Gage, 21.

### Tuesday, December 13

Report of Suspicious Circumstance.

### Wednesday, December 14

Citations issued to Kenneth Pete, 28, for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked and Driving in Violation of Limitations.

Report of Harassment.

Assault DV.

Report of Suspicious Circumstance.

Agency Assist/Chimney Fire.

### Thursday, December 15

Agency Assist – FD.

Gun Shot – Unfounded.

Parking Complaint – Vehicle parking in bus zone.

### Friday, December 16

Unsecured Premise: All was fine.

Criminal Mischief: Broken window in an establishment under investigation.

Citizen Assist: Unlock Vehicle.

### Saturday, December 17

ATV Complaint.

Agency Assist – PW: Person had water flooding into home and needed water shut off.

Injured Eagle.

Traffic – Snowmobile Complaint.

Hazardous Play: Kids sledding in roadway.

### Sunday, December 18

MVA: Vehicle in ditch. Driver requested an ambulance.

There were three ambulance calls during this week.





PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

## Something for under the tree

Inside the WCA Cultural Center, Carol Snoddy, Becky Simpson, Tis Peterman and Lovey Brock put together Christmas care packages for elders at the hospital's long-term care center and Senior Housing. Filled with sweets and scarves, the packages were delivered Tuesday on behalf of the Alaska Native Sisterhood Association. The American Legion Auxiliary would put together similar packages for local veterans on Wednesday.

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## Assembly roundup

In its meeting December 13, the City and Borough Assembly approved issuance of a new sewer revenue bond.

Amounting to \$91,000, the 40-year bond will finance a portion of the cost to acquire, construct and install additions to two of the borough's main sewer pump stations. The work includes new piping and control systems for the stations, which together service about 80 percent of the city's waste.

As of this month, Public Works estimated the city's sewer system has treated 112,994,910 gallons of wastewater, while maintaining 1.5 employees at the treatment plant. The system maintains 16 main line stations and 24 grinder stations, with a total of 40 different maintenance sites.

Replacement of the two aging stations appeared two years ago as an item of some urgency, as their failure would have been disastrous for the city. The project to replace them was estimated at around \$970,000, including parts and engineering. Most of the funding has come from Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) block grant funding, routed through the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development.

For its match, Wrangell will pay out \$78,000. To make up the difference, the city is receiving a \$68,000 grant from the United States Department of Agriculture - Rural Development, contingent on its taking out the \$91,000 bond.

The city previously approved the bond on September 27, but the language was insufficient for the transaction. The new ordinance repeals this and issues one meeting USDA's specifications. Approval of the loan amount had previously been passed by the Assembly last year.

The Assembly also approved the sale of its belt freezer and adjacent lot to Trident Seafoods at the appraised value of \$950,000. Before making the decision, member Julie Decker brought up a potential conflict of interest, as she is involved in the seafood industry. As the decision had no direct financial effect on her, Mayor David Jack dismissed the concern.

The freezer building was built a decade ago using some city funds and a state grant. The idea was to enhance local seafood industry with a value-added service. Trident predecessor Wrangell Fisheries first made use of it by lease, which was continued under the current business.

Currently Trident leases the facility for \$15,000 a year and the city noted property taxes paid on the lot following the sale would effectively bring in more than that. With other efficiencies in its processes, Trident has made less use of the belt freezer in recent years, and would find a more useful purpose for the lot and building after sale. It presented an offer to the borough to purchase these back in June.

Sale to Trident is allowed by municipal code without a public bid process, as the amount comes to less than \$1,000,000,000. Given the opportunity to examine the proposal, the Port Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, and Economic Development Committee had no objections to the sale.

City staff determined the continued purpose of the grant-funded facility would be continued after the sale, and the granting agency had no objections. Proceeds from the sale would be used for other economic development projects, as directed by the Assembly.

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# Weather outside frightful over weekend

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

An alternating drop of snow and freezing rain over the weekend put a damper on holiday festivities in Wrangell, and caused problems for drivers and pedestrians both as late as Monday morning.

The area received over an inch and a half of precipitation Saturday and Sunday, starting with ample helpings of snow.

Rough sea conditions early Saturday hampered efforts on the part of Wrangell's annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count to tally area avians. Five of the volunteers' nine survey groups were planning to scout for shore birds by boat, but were unable to do so. As a result outlying islands and the Back Channel were unable to be included in this year's survey.

Warming conditions through the afternoon and a light rain turned snow to slush, which then hardened to ice overnight. Ordinarily unperturbed by



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Access to Front Street via St. Michaels was blocked off early Monday, after a broken water main was reported. City workers brought out the backhoe to dig out the ruptured section, work on which continued late into Tuesday.



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Alaska weather, running group Southeast Beasts had to forgo its weekly Sunday morning jog due to safety concerns. A Christmas play scheduled by Bible Baptist Church later that afternoon was likewise rescheduled, set instead for Tuesday evening.

Ice persisted into Monday morning, with a pair of vehicular accidents, including a truck stuck in a ditch due to ice. A number of residents living on upland lots along Zimovia Highway and around town found themselves trapped for the morning.

Due to privacy concerns and the relatively small number of people treated, Wrangell Medical Center was unable to comment on the number of residents admitted for ice-related injuries. But a number of spills were shared on social media, and the cancellation or dialing back of several events indicates residents were on their guard.

The downhill section of St. Michaels Street between Church and Front streets was closed to traffic early Monday, remaining so as of press time Tuesday night. A water main had ruptured beneath the road,

but whether it was related to cold conditions or was coincidental has not been determined. Public Works director Amber Al-Haddad pointed out the section has had problems in the past, and iron ductile piping around the city's water delivery network have been apt to fail unexpectedly.

Further rain and snow mixtures are expected through the week, with snow showers predicted Thursday afternoon. Low temperatures will likewise persist, so residents are advised to drive slowly and exercise caution on hills in the meantime.

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# Wrestlers take 3rd for State 2A, 8th overall

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

Wrangell's high school wrestlers took eighth overall out of 52 teams competing in the ASAA/First National Bank 123A State Championships in Anchorage over the weekend.

Among 2A division schools, the Wolves placed third with 64 team points.

Caleb Groshong brought home a medal for the 220 weight bracket, winning his first round by forfeiture and the next over Houston's Malaki Barrett by pin in 3:34. Relegated to the secondary by Barrow sophomore Benjamin Heather by 5-2 decision, Groshong went on to win the semifinal round over Bethel's Drew Pekar by 4-0 decision. He rematched Barrett in the final and won by fall in 2:12, securing third place. He finished his junior-year season with a 20-7 record.

In the 98 weight class, freshman Jonah Comstock took sixth overall. Napaskiak freshman Stephen Maxie bested him by 13-3 majority decision in the opening round. In the consolation bracket, Comstock went on to pin Nikiski freshman Joey Yourkoski in 1:42, followed by a pin on Homer's Cameron Blaine in 1:26. Anchorage Christian School's Matthew Bohlman won the semifinal round by fall in 4:34, and Comstock faced and was narrowly beaten by Maxie in a rematch for fifth place spot. Comstock finished the season with a 10-6 record.

For the 132 bracket, junior Ian Jenson won his first match over Houston's Damien Jessup by technical foul. Senior JohnRick Nobleza from Barrow relegated him to the secondary after a 4-2 decision in the next round. Jenson went on to best Dillingham sophomore Chris Williams in a 7-2 decision, before finishing out his run against Cooper Stec from Susitna Valley in a 4-7 ruling. Jenson finished the year with a strong 22-5 record.

For the 145, senior Sig Decker finished fourth in the bracket. He pinned Voznesenka freshman Anthony Kalugin in the opener, then won by technical foul over Petersburg senior Ethan File. Kotzebue's Ezekiel Easkin won the semifinal round

by fall in 2:42, and Decker took the next round in the consolation bracket against Glennallen senior Tony Delaquito, with a pin 4:06. In the finals, Bethel junior Mian Alexie-Leonard won by 5-2 decision for third place. Decker finished his last high school season with a 25-11 record.

Senior Sam Armstrong and freshman Hunter Wiederspohn both competed in the 152 weight bracket. Armstrong was knocked out early by Barrow freshman Kagan Stockton, and after a 0:49 pin over Emmonak's Joel Mike was bested by eventual fifth-placer Nathaniel Lenhard from Petersburg. Wiederspohn was pinned by Grace Christian junior Evan Bockman in 3:01 during the opening round, and after winning by fall over Dillingham's Triston Chaney in 4:04 the next round, was beaten by 11-2 majority decision by GCHS' Gabe Martin. Armstrong finished with a 23-11 record and Wiederspohn with a 22-13.

Dawson Miller finished sixth in the 160 weight bracket, headed to the secondary early on after a loss by fall to Barrow's Isiah Passi in 5:23. Miller went on to win his next two rounds, against Mt. Edgecumbe senior Shawn Williams by 5-4 decision, and by 15-6 majority decision over Cordova senior Zachary Hamberger. After a close 7-5 decision in favor of Homer senior Jaime Rios, Miller went up against Bethel's Sven Williams for the fifth place spot; Williams won by 2-1 decision. A senior, Miller finished his final season with the Wolves with a 21-9 record.

"It went well," commented coach Jeffery Rooney. "Of course we always want more but I'm happy with how the boys did, we did quite well."

With the end of the season, the team will celebrate with one final dinner. At its home tournament earlier in the month, Wrangell High School noted the accomplishments of the program's outgoing three seniors. Rooney said he appreciated the effort his students put into this season, and was optimistic about the program ahead.

"It's a great group of kids. I enjoy working with them and I look forward to next year," he said.



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## Making the A-team

At center, Wrangell basketball player Sam Prysunka made the tournament's MVP squad in Sitka on Saturday. The Wrangell Wolves played twice during its season-opening weekend, losing to West Anchorage 49-72 on Thursday, and losing to the hosts 46-54 on Friday.



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# Shoemaker money in governor's budget draft

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

Things are looking up for possible project financing needed to replace float facilities at Shoemaker Bay Harbor.

In a budget draft released by Gov. Bill Walker last week, the Department of Transportation and Public Facility's harbor maintenance program would have \$5,000,000 in its coffers for next year, precisely the amount Wrangell would need in order to proceed with its renovation at Shoemaker. The Wrangell project has been given precedence this year over other applications from around the state, after being passed over last year due to lack of funding.

"That's the first step we'd hoped that would make it," harbormaster Greg Meissner said of the funding's inclusion in the governor's budget. The decision is far from set in concrete however, as the budget will go through both the Alaska House and Senate, which will each produce versions of their own that will have to be reconciled.

The Legislature will be tackling an enormous spending deficit when it meets next month, estimated at around \$3.5 billion for the coming year. With few changes to state revenues the multi-year issue has seen cuts to departments across the board, with capital projects such as that at Shoemaker making comparatively uncontroversial targets for cuts.

With Senate Republicans and a bipartisan majority in the House heading up the two chambers, differing views on how to approach reducing the deficit



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## Lady Wolves nab first at Klawock tourney

Wrangell's Lady Wolves finished in first in last weekend's tournament in Klawock. The team beat Ketchikan's JV 41-38 on Thursday, beat Craig in double-overtime play 51-46 on Friday, and narrowly lost to the hosts by two points Saturday. Holding up their trophy, from left to right, assistant coach Katelyn Reeves, Abby Armstrong, Anna Allen, Abby Gerald, Grace Cano, Charley Seddon, Skylar Larrabee, Kaylyn Easterly, Maddy Harding and coach Laurie Brown. Easterly and Allen were both named to the All-Tournament Team. "They just had a really good tournament, all-around play and points," Brown commented. "It was a really great tournament for us. The girls worked really hard and played really well together." The team next plays its alumni game this evening at the high school, with a public dinner set for 6 p.m. and the game to follow at 7:30.

are likely. As a result, the harbor facility funding will need to weather discussions between the two as they reconcile a complete budget.

"The hope is, for us to get any funding, that funding needs to stay in there in its entirety,"

said Meissner.

Within the program, applied-for projects have to be fully funded to receive any funding at all. If the amount in next year's budget drops below \$5,000,000, Wrangell's project would be passed over for whichever application is next in line, and so would have to wait another year for another shot.

"It'll be a compromise situation between how much more we need to trim from the budget, and how much to bring in with new revenues," explained Rep. Dan Ortiz (I-District 36), who will be sitting on the House Finance Committee with the majority.

With some consensus reached on restructuring the permanent fund, he expected the session ahead would be domi-

nated by expenditure details, particularly in the areas of public health and education. "That's where our negotiations and compromise are going to have to come in," Ortiz explained.

"I'm very excited and gratified that that money's there," said Ortiz. "It'll be a lot easier for us to protect that money than to add that money to the budget."

"A lot can happen, but we're hoping it stands," Meissner commented.

If approved, the state's money would be more than matched by the city for the \$10.7 million project, which would replace the aging, in some places unusable, wooden floats at the harbor. The new layout would better suit modern vessel designs in a more

efficient fashion, and would use more resilient synthetic materials.

Wrangell's share for a match would come from two sources, with \$3.2 million coming from available harbor replacement and commercial fishing reserve funds. The other \$2.5 million would be raised through the issue of revenue bonds, which the Assembly approved in 2015.

If the state grant is approved for the renovation project, after applying for the bonds Meissner expected they could have the project bid advertised by late next year. The job will be more complex than the construction of Heritage Harbor had been, as pre-existing infrastructure and moored vessels would need to be taken into consideration throughout the process.

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# Fish Factor

by Laine Welch

Giving to the less fortunate is the true meaning of the Christmas season, and giving Alaska seafood has never been easier.

A single dollar donated to Sea Share translates to eight seafood dinners for hungry Americans from the nation's food bank network.

For 22 years, fish taken as bycatch in Alaska fisheries has been donated to hunger relief programs via Sea Share instead of being thrown overboard as required by law. During that time, the Seattle-based nonprofit has built a growing nationwide network of fishermen, processors, freight, storage, packaging companies and financial donors to get the fish to the needy. More than 120 Alaska boats are part of the program - including every boat in the Bering Sea pollock fishery and more than half of the Gulf trawl fleet.

"People can participate in many ways—by supplying seafood or services, or by helping to fund those programs. Our partnerships are pretty unique. We take raw fish and turn it into finished meals. There is no other entity doing that in the U.S.," said, Jim Harmon, director of what is now one of the largest protein donors in the nation - 220 million seafood servings and counting.

Today, bycatch makes up only about 20 percent of the seafood donations; the rest is donated by seafood companies which so far this year totals nearly two million pounds of halibut, salmon, pollock, canned fish and more. Over 1.7 million pounds have gone to 28 states in the Lower 48 and nearly 200,000 pounds have gone to hungry Alaskans.

"With the help of the Coast Guard and some other imaginative measures we've reached 36 different communities in Alaska," Harmon said. "That's expensive, so we're having an end of year fund raiser to try to generate more income. A lot of nonprofits, including ours, historically get about 40 percent of their income in the last six weeks of the year."

Sea Share also is expanding its outreach to the wider public with a video about the importance of eating seafood.

"The Share Your Plate promotion is a program we started this year with a group of seafood companies who wanted to help us make a video about Sea Share that focuses on the importance of seafood nutrition and the lack of access many hungry Americans have to it," said Kate Tomkins, Sea Share director of development.

"Seafood makes up only two percent of protein sources at food banks across the country."

"Protein is the hardest for food banks to get," echoed Harmon. "They get a lot produce now and a lot of beverages. But they don't get the

center of the plate protein."

"Food bank recipients aren't the chronically homeless or unemployed," Harmon said. "It's the under employed or those between jobs who might access the bank for a few weeks."

Harmon added that it's not just about feeding people, it's about feeding them well. Visit [www.seashare.org](http://www.seashare.org) and on Facebook to share your plate this holiday season.

**Fishing fees** - Alaska fishermen who hold catch shares of halibut, sablefish and Bering Sea crab pay an annual fee to the federal government to cover management and enforcement costs for those fisheries. The fee, which is capped at 3 percent, is based on dock prices through September and averaged across the state.

This month bills went out to 1,968 holders of halibut and sablefish shares, 15 fewer than last year. At a three percent fee, those fisheries yielded slightly more for coverage costs at \$5.9 million due to an increase in overall fish values at the docks.

"The 2016 halibut landings had an increase in value from 2015 - it went up from \$107 million to \$112 million. Sablefish also had an increase going from \$76.6 million to \$77.7 million" said Carl Greene, Cost Recovery Coordinator for NOAA Fisheries in Juneau.

Halibut prices to fishermen increased to \$6.67 per pound during the eight-month fishery, a boost of 25 cents a pound from last year. Sablefish dock prices increased to \$4.34 a pound, up 56 cents.

The fees are due to NOAA at the end of January and Greene said nearly 100 percent of the share holders pay their bills on time. He added that improvements have been made to the eFish payment site to make it more user friendly.

Fishery overseers don't track the dock prices for Bering Sea king, snow or Tanner crab, only the value of the combined catches. The fee for management and enforcement increased slightly from 1.48 percent to 1.6 percent and yielded \$3.7 million in coverage costs. The total value of the crab fisheries, however, decreased slightly.

"The total value was \$228 million for the 2015/2016 season, which was a decrease of about one million dollars," Greene said.

For Bering Sea crab, the processors are responsible for paying the fishery coverage costs in July.

**Seafood traditions** - For centuries seafood has taken a special spot on holiday tables and is served up with meaning all over the world.

One of the oldest traditions stemming back to Roman times is the Feast of Seven Fishes, a

## Citing finances, Walker halts work on Juneau road extension

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - A project to improve access to Alaska's capital has come to a stop.

Citing the state's multi-billion dollar fiscal crisis, Gov. Bill Walker announced Thursday he has decided not to build a 50-mile road extension north from Juneau.

Juneau is accessible only by water or air. The Juneau Access Project would have lowered costs and sharply reduced time spent on ferries for drivers trying to reach Skagway or Haines and a connection to the North American road system.

Walker in a prepared statement acknowledged many would be disappointed with the decision.

"I am a builder by background and understand the importance of construction projects, but I am very concerned with our current multi-billion dollar fiscal crisis and must prioritize the need for fiscal resolution," Walker said.

Environmental groups oppose the extension and say a road would disrupt areas that are environmentally sensitive. Emily Ferry, deputy director of the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, called Walker's action a "smart decision for the state."

"This is not the right project to invest in when you're cutting state troopers and state highway maintenance," she said.

The road would have dissected remote lands with important Alaska Native culture and environmental values, including Berners Bay, she said.

"It's Juneau's backyard wilderness and a tremendous area for fish, crab, deer, moose, you name it," she said.

Estimates in 2014 put the price tag at \$574 million, with most of the money supplied by the

federal government.

Craig Dahl, executive director of the Juneau Chamber of Commerce, called the decision extremely disappointing. His group has testified for years in favor of what it regards as a resource development project.

Besides providing jobs, a road extension would have improved access to the Kensington Mine, opened up other areas for mining, and with enhanced ferries elsewhere, improved access throughout southeast Alaska.

State Sen. Dennis Egan, D-Juneau, said he has supported the road since his father, Bill Egan, was governor after statehood. Alaska had money in hand for a road on the west side of Lynn Canal in 1972 but it was vetoed by Gov. Jay Hammond, he said.

He also called Walker's decision disappointing.

"I can understand the governor's reasoning but I don't like it," he said.

He has always considered the project a way into Juneau, not a way for residents to leave. Many people, he said, don't understand that Juneau is a major trading area for almost 70,000 people in the region.

"The capital needs access, and we can do it," Egan said. "We're not building a bridge to Honolulu."

Walker in his announcement said the state is working closely with federal highway officials. He does not anticipate having to repay any federal funds spent because studies done to date will be available in the future.

Egan said Walker's decision is not the end of the decades-long dream of better access to Juneau.

"It's not the end at all," Egan said. "It's just a setback."

Christmas Eve celebration by Italian Catholics to honor the birthday of baby Jesus. (The number seven is considered the perfect number and is repeated 700 times in the Bible.) Families dine on seven different seafood dishes as a way to refrain from eating meat or milk on holy days. Some of the most popular dishes are baccalào (salted codfish), smelt and calamari.

Eating lutefisk is a Christmas tradition in Norway and Sweden that goes back to the time of the Vikings. It is made from dried white fish, usually cod, that is prepared with lye in a long series of water treatments until the fish becomes jelly like.

In Japan, prawns (large shrimp) are eaten on New Year's Eve to ensure long life, along with herring roe for fer-

tility.

Feasting on pickled herring at midnight is enjoyed in Germany, Poland and parts of Scandinavia in hopes of bringing in a bountiful catch.

In Chinese New Year celebrations, a fish is served whole symbolizing a good end and a new beginning in the coming year. One seafood that is not popular on Chinese holiday tables is lobster because it swims backwards.

No matter what your seafood favorites are, include them in your holiday meals to start your own holiday tradition and to give back to the fishermen around the world.

**Fish correction** - By far, most of the sockeye salmon from Bristol Bay goes to market frozen in headed and gutted

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# Walker budget plan pitches job cuts, using nest-egg earnings

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Gov. Bill Walker has proposed cutting hundreds more state jobs as part of a budget plan that includes the use of earnings from Alaska's oil-wealth nest egg and ultimately tripling state motor fuels taxes.

Walker's budget office said the governor's overall budget plan, if implemented, still would leave a budget deficit of nearly \$900 million that would need to be closed with lawmakers' help.

In a statement Thursday, Walker said the state has

already slashed its budget and will look for more ways to reduce costs. But he said Alaska can't cut its way to prosperity and a critical discussion is needed on raising new revenue.

Alaska, which has long heavily relied on oil revenues to help pay for state government, is grappling with a multibillion-dollar budget deficit amid chronically low oil prices.

Revenue Commissioner Randall Hoffbeck said issues that need to be dealt with include some kind of broad-

based tax and further changes to Alaska's oil and gas tax credit system. But rather than release a suite of proposals as Walker had previously done with little success Hoffbeck said the governor wants to work with legislators to devise a package "that everybody can agree to move."

"It didn't work the other way, so we're hoping it's going to work this way," Hoffbeck said by phone Thursday.

Heading into this year's regular session, Walker proposed various industry tax increases,

oil and gas tax credit changes and use of Alaska Permanent Fund earnings to help pay for state government. Lawmakers, whose work extended into two special sessions, agreed to credit changes focused largely on Cook Inlet, but other major pieces pushed by Walker faltered.

On Thursday, Walker proposed permanent fund legislation similar to what passed the Senate earlier this year but died in the House. It calls for draws from fund earnings based on a percentage of the fund's value to help pay for state government. It also would change how annual dividends to residents are calculated. Dividends would be \$1,000 for each of the next two years.

Under Walker's fuel tax proposal, motor fuel taxes would double starting July 1, and increase again, to triple the current rates, on July 1, 2018. The funds could be used for highway maintenance, harbor infrastructure and other transportation needs, according to the Department of Revenue.

Rates for highway fuel, for example, would go from the current 8 cents per gallon to 24 cents per gallon by 2018, which Walker said is in line with the national average.

Walker's budget for the spending year starting July 1 would cut 795 positions. As

part of the cuts, the state expects to have 400 fewer employees by this time next year, said Pat Pitney, Walker's budget director.

The budget office said already there are 2,500 fewer state employees than two years ago. As of October, there were 24,300 state employees, she said.

Reaction to Walker's plan was muted.

Sen. Anna MacKinnon, R-Eagle River, and co-chair of the Senate Finance Committee, expressed disappointment with the level of proposed cuts. But she pledged her committee would find places to make government "run more efficiently and effectively."

Minority Senate Democrats, meanwhile, wanted to see legislation dealing with credits.

Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux, R-Anchorage, said while Walker has gotten things started, House and Senate need to work on responsible ways to fill the deficit. In a release, LeDoux, one of three Republicans who joined with Democrats and independents to form a new House majority for the coming Legislature, said she hopes fixing the state's "flawed system of subsidizing the oil and gas industry with large tax credits will be part of the fiscal solution."

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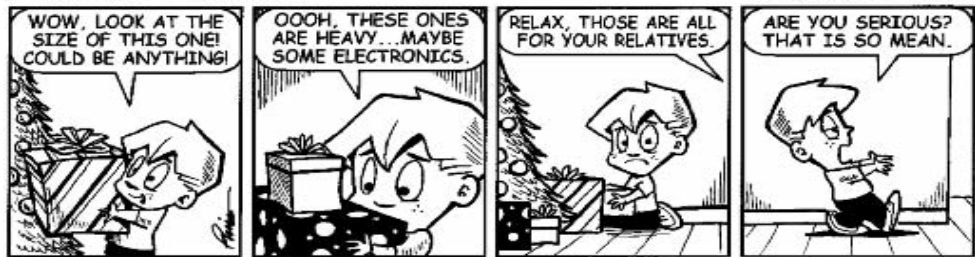


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## Comics

### Amber Waves



### R.F.D.



### Just Like Cats & Dogs



### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Final
- 5 Recipe meas.
- 8 Foolproof
- 12 Eastern potentate (Var.)
- 13 Carnival city
- 14 Slaughter of baseball
- 15 Parks at a bus stop?
- 16 Japanese sash
- 17 Gallon fraction
- 18 Hands-on-hips
- 20 Small combo
- 22 Women's wear
- 26 Wander off
- 29 Height of fashion?
- 30 Bother
- 31 Addict
- 32 Supporting
- 33 Cruising
- 34 Aries
- 35 Despondent
- 36 Square dance
- 37 "It's a Wonderful Life" director
- 40 Hearts, for one
- 41 Phone function
- 45 "Simpsons" creator
- 47 Yoko of music
- 49 Nervous
- 55 Verve

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- 8 Brown tone
- 9 Norma Rae, for one
- 10 Paul of politics
- 11 Superlative ending
- 19 Chesapeake, e.g.
- 21 Spinning stat
- 23 "Mary Tyler Moore Show" spinoff
- 24 Genealogy chart
- 25 Old card game
- 26 Look for a website
- 27 Despot
- 28 Digitize an old LP, e.g.
- 32 Bit of trivia
- 33 College life
- 35 Tackle moguls
- 36 4-Down contents
- 38 Eccentric
- 39 Pleased with oneself
- 42 "American —"
- 43 City in India
- 44 Loretta of country music
- 45 Periodical, for short
- 46 Lawyers' org.
- 48 Thanksgiving mo.

Puzzle answers on page 10



**CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL  
Fire System Tax Exemption**

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

Lee Burgess, Finance Director  
City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

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**City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska  
PUBLIC NOTICE - City Board and Committee Vacancies**

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

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

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- Economic Development Committee **two** - (three year terms)

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

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

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**LEGAL**

Pursuant to the City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska, Borough Charter, Sec. 4, public notice is hereby given that the following ordinance listed by title only has been adopted by the Borough Assembly. Such ordinances are currently on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and may be inspected upon request.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING CHAPTER 11.76, JUNK VEHICLES, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO THE PROCEDURES FOR THE DISPOSITION AND DISPOSAL OF JUNK VEHICLES

**ORDINANCE NO. 929**

AN ORDINANCE of the City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska, authorizing the issuance of a sewer revenue bond in the principal amount of \$91,000 to finance a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing and installing certain additions and betterments to and extensions of the Borough's sewer system; fixing the date, form, terms, maturities and covenants of the bond; reserving the right of the Borough to issue future revenue bonds with a lien on revenues on a parity with the bond upon compliance with certain conditions; and providing for the sale of the bond to the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

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)  
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) Case No. 1WR-16-7 PR

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

Dated: Dec. 13th, 2016 Christine Manning  
P.O. Box 501, Wrangell, AK, 99929  
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— **King Crossword** — — **Weekly SUDOKU** —

Answers Answer

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

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# Juneau homeless shelter seeks \$59,000 to keep doors open

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – The Glory Hole, Juneau’s homeless shelter and soup kitchen, is facing closure as it remains short of its \$180,000 fundraising goal this year.

Alaska Native organizations are holding the 2nd Annual Glory Hole Fundraiser on Tuesday to help bring in the needed funds. Last year’s event raised more than \$30,000, The Juneau Empire reported.

Executive Director Mariya Lovishchuk said the 40-bed facility needs \$59,000 to keep the doors open. The shelter relies on the community to contribute a large chunk of its operating budget each year

to fund salaries, food and repairs.

“We have a lot of people coming through the facility every single day and we just have wear and tear, things that we need to deal with on a weekly basis showers break, door handles break, we need to replace faucets so we can wash dishes things like that,” Lovishchuk said.

If the shelter doesn’t raise the money this year, Lovishchuk said it will have to take from a reserve account that holds only about eight months of operational savings. She added that the shelter would “be hesitant to do

that because I don’t think next year or the year after that we are going to be any better than this year. I think it’s going to be a lot worse.”

Lovishchuk said the holiday season is particularly a tough time for the shelter, which is currently operating above capacity, housing 47 people.

“The outreach coordinator is a lot busier finding people stable housing and ensuring that we have as much room as possible in the shelter. Also, outreaching to people who are on the street definitely spikes up because the stakes are so

much higher in this weather,” she said.

Tuesday’s event will feature dance performances and attendees will be able to purchase fry bread.

“People are putting signs up all over and making phone calls,” said Nancy Barnes of the Yeas.ku.oo dance group. “We have someone going door-to-door to vendors to get auction items and door prizes.”

Lovishchuk said she was appreciative that members of the community had joined the fundraising effort.

“It takes the whole town of Juneau to make the Glory Hole operate. I’m just so grateful for that,” she said.

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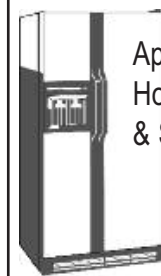
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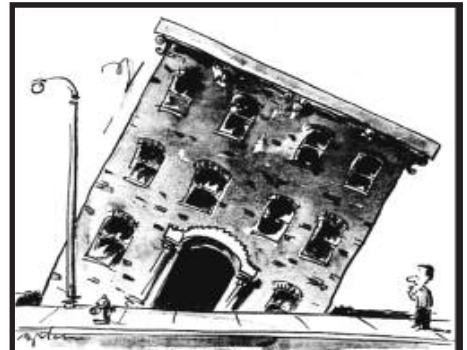
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# Settlement conference set in city-union dispute

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

Representatives between the city and its public employees union met in court in Ketchikan Tuesday for a scheduled settlement conference, as part of an ongoing arbitration dispute between Wrangell and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547. The conference was set to continue into Wednesday.

On December 6 Judge William Carey of the Ketchikan Superior Court was appointed as the settlement judge by Judge Trevor Stephens, who is assigned to the civil case. Parties were given until Monday to submit confidential briefs ahead of the conference, outlining the facts of the matter and each side's settlement position.

The issue has been ongoing, since the expiration of the current collective bargaining agreement between the city and its workers represented by the Local 1547 in June 2014. Since then both sides have been unable to come to terms on a new agreement.

Mediation undertaken through the spring of 2015 did not resolve the dispute, with last best offers rejected by both parties that summer. Lawyers were formally involved, and discussions over use of a third-party arbitrator to settle the disagreement continued into this year. Robert Landau of Anchorage was selected to fill that role, but the city formally withdrew from the process over this summer, citing disagreements over the terms and scheduling of arbitration.

The city filed to enjoin the arbitration hearing that had been set for early October, which Stevens accepted on September 28. A subsequent motion to

postpone civil proceedings for six months was only approved by half, with Stephens allowing CBW an extension for discovery until February 17, 2017. By then it must file its opposition to IBEW's motion for summary judgment.

If the union does not win on summary judgment, the matter will proceed to trial, with a six-day trial set to commence on August 7, 2017, with a calendar call to occur on July 14. Parties may be added and pleadings amended without motion until January 9.

This week's settlement conference gives both parties the opportunity to meet with a judge before trial to explore ways to settle their issues. The meeting includes legal representation, and while the judge has no official authority to compel a settlement, Carey's role would be to encourage an agreement by critiquing each party's trial positions. Ostensibly he would also indicate how a judge might rule on the disputed issues during the trial.

In the Report of Planning Meeting filed with the court, the settlement conference was one of the possibilities discussed between the parties for resolving the dispute ahead of the scheduled trial. The other option listed was mediation.

Employees under contract with the city continue to be compensated under the previous collective bargaining agreement. However, from the union's perspective the delay in reaching an updated agreement amounts to a freeze on wages and benefits during the ongoing dispute. In its filings, IBEW further asserts that CBW has not given its employees a base wage increase since 2011. It has filed an unfair labor practice charge with the state Labor Relations Agency as a result.



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## A lot of stockings to fill

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