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## Alaska Republicans to lose House majority to coalition

By DAN RUDY  
*Sentinel writer*

With 99.55 percent of precincts reporting in the state, it appears the Alaska House Majority will be in new hands at the start of the January session.

Numerically speaking, a majority of House seats were retained by Republicans, the inclusion of three of these in a bipartisan caucus was announced the day after the election. For the first time in decades this will shift the chamber over to a Democrat-led majority. Seventeen Democrats and two independent representatives bring their total number to 22.

Among those joining this new majority will be District 36 Rep. Dan Ortiz (I-Ketchikan), who won reelection to his second term November 8 with a 52 percent of the vote. Republican challenger Bob Sivertsen had accumulated 42 percent of the vote.

One of the primary distinctions between the two candidates during the campaign had been how they would caucus, and whether that would present voters in southern Southeast with greater influence on legislative decision making. Sivertsen had promised to join the Republicans' existing majority, while Ortiz had presented the possibility of a bipartisan caucus forming.

Ortiz noted the new majority would largely be made up of representatives from rural and coastal communities.

While Rep. Chris Tuck (D-Anchorage) has been named the majority's leader, its speaker will be Rep. Bryce Edgmon (D-

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## Sightseers to be barred from boatyard

By DAN RUDY  
*Sentinel writer*

At its regular meeting last week, members of the Wrangell Port Commission decided against allowing casual traffic through the Marine Service Center yard.

Effective immediately, access to the boatyard has been restricted with entry limited to one gate. The action follows several months of discussions, with the issue first coming to the attention of commissioners in June.

"There's a really big safety issue with people being able to come and go as they please," explained commission chair Clay Hammer.

Since its start a decade ago, Wrangell's yard has been a curiosity not just to residents but visitors, with its lifts, propped up vessels and industrial activity drawing spectators. The boatyard reached nationwide attention with National Geographic's show "The Yard," which featured the site alongside other shipyards around the country.

Earlier attempts to film activity for a show at Wrangell's MSC in 2014 were not picked up, but the managing

Harbor Department has expressed a desire not to allow television crews on site again in future. Speaking in June, harbor master Greg Meissner complained they had been disruptive to activity, stopping traffic or at times imposing on other ongoing work projects.

Documentarians are not the only unwanted visitors to the yard. Vehicular traffic using it as a shortcut between the gates near City Market and Rayme's Bar have been disruptive to freight and lift traffic, and an assortment of pedestrians and bicyclists have made their way through. Not all use the yard as a throughway, but some venture further into the yard either to pass time or watch vendors at work.

"There's been a number of times when pedestrians have been in the middle of the yard," Hammer said, referring to conversations had with contractors and employees at the site.

One forklift operator recounted shifting a load of crates for a local freight line. Fortunately when going into reverse, Hammer said the operator had been aware of his surroundings and so noticed a woman with a stroller and her



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Susan Kerry Nordstrom and Kim Powell show off their artwork during Sunday's Resurrection Art Works course.

## Art class splashing color onto winter blues

By DAN RUDY  
*Sentinel writer*

Wrangellites looking for ways to brighten up the fall and winter offseason have another option this winter.

Resident Jennifer Bates last month began holding art classes, focused on bringing out locals' inner artist.

"I started Resurrection Artworks in October, because winter was basically coming," she explained. "There was nothing like it in town that I know of."

Several classes have already been held, with between six and a dozen participants per session. Aimed at beginners of all ages, they focus primarily on painting with acrylics. Bates imparts to her students the different techniques of brushstrokes, as well as how to make use of highlighting and shadowing.

"If you're not a painter you don't think of those things," she pointed out.

So far the themes have kept pretty seasonal, with the latest batches of work depicting cheery snowmen. At the moment, Bates offers traced patterns for participants to follow, but intends to move more toward freehand designs in future.

"I've given people options," she said. "People have more talent than they give themselves credit for. It's mainly getting out of your comfort zone and having fun. And that's the main thing, having fun."

Bates hopes to continue holding courses twice monthly on Sunday evenings, inside the Salvation Army building at 611 Zimovia Highway. With the upcoming holidays filling up people's schedules, Bates will try to hold one course in December, either on the 11th or 18th. She provides all the necessary supplies – for up to 20 people – and beyond the costs the fee covers, the rest goes to support missionary work abroad. Bates said this past weekend's funds have gone toward a mission in Mexico.

children watching from just behind.

"It really freaked the operator out," Hammer said.

Similar experiences have been had by harbor staff running the boat lifts, with vehicles sometimes trying to outmaneuver the heavily-laden equipment during operations, at times interrupting movement and creating the potential for serious accidents.

Tour operators have added to the mix, with two outfits running buses through the yard during the summer. At Harbor's request, this spring the city issued letters to two of them, Gold Rush Tours and Alaska Waters, requesting they cease

such tours.

There have been no accidents from the traffic as of yet, and commissioners wanted to be receptive to the interests of the tour groups, who have at past meetings made the case that Wrangell's yard is a unique attraction. But Hammer pointed out the yard is primarily meant for marine industrial projects, and after discussions the Port Commission has agreed it ought to remain the focus.

With the closure of excess gates and the addition of signage, the commission hopes to dissuade people from paying the yard unnecessary visits.

"Hopefully they would respect the fact that it is a

restricted area," said Hammer. "If we could cut down on about 90 percent of that, that would go a long ways towards making it a lot safer."

Particulars of the new limitations are being worked out, and an arrangement permitting tour groups restricted access within certain time frames is still an option. As far as further restricting access to the yard, at the moment the installation of automatic or electronic security gates is thought to be both potentially too expensive and hassling for boatyard contractors and their clients.

"We're trying to make it work without making it overly cumbersome," Hammer said.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

**Thursday, November 17:** Talon Churchill, Laura Siggins, Jim Thompson, Cody Angerman, Kelsey McGee, Carol Snoddy, **Friday, November 18:** Ann Phillips, Jackie Dailey, Suzy Hay, *Anniversary:* Dave and Valery McCandless, **Saturday, November 19:** Debra Larabee, David Joseph, Madison Robinson, Kimberly Cooper, Andrew Versteeg, **Sunday, November 20:** Kayla Gillen, Rodney Taylor, Clayton Smalley, Sue Ann Guggenbickler, Minnie Kalkins, *Anniversary:* Tom and Glenda Gillen, Dick and Barbara Angerman, **Monday, November 21:** Trevor Miller, Al Jahner, Sone Lewis, Kevin Stutz, Mike Whelan, Michelle Villarma, James Shilts, Jr., Kyler Angerman, **Tuesday, November 22:** Wyatt Thomassen, Asia Thomassen, Lynda Nore, Jamie Early, *Anniversary:* Dave and Colleen Hought, **Wednesday, November 23:** Ron Schmohl, Linda Borge, Michael Morgan, Earl Benitz, Caitlin Olson, Doug Thomas, Laura Davies, Arlene Wilson, Sherina Meltzer, **Thursday, November 24:** Kyle Penney, Tilly Feudner, Dustin Phillips, Derek Fitzgerald, Maggie Fennimore

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

## Senior Center Menu

### Friday, November 18:

BBQ Fish, rice, mixed veggies, jello sunshine salad

### Monday, November 21:

1/2 Egg sandwich, split pea soup, waldorf salad

### Tuesday, November 22:

Pineapple chicken, confetti rice, oriental vegetables, fruit slaw

### Wednesday, November 23:

Pot roast with carrots and potatoes, fresh fruit, hot biscuit

### Thursday, November 24:

Closed for Turkey Day. Happy Thanksgiving

### Friday, November 25:

Taco salad, chips and salsa

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, November 19

Matanuska 1:30 a.m.

#### Sunday, November 20

Malaspina 4:45 p.m.

#### Tuesday, November 22

Matanuska 9:00 p.m.

#### Saturday, November 26

Matanuska 3:30 a.m.

#### Sunday, November 27

Malaspina 6:45 p.m.

#### Tuesday, November 29

Matanuska 8:30 p.m.

#### Southbound

#### Friday, November 18

Matanuska 9:45 a.m.

#### Monday, November 21

Matanuska 8:00 a.m.

#### Wednesday, November 23

Malaspina 7:30 a.m.

#### Friday, November 25

Matanuska 10:30 a.m.

#### Monday, November 28

Matanuska 7:15 a.m.

#### Wednesday, November 30

Malaspina 6:30 a.m.

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



## TIDES TABLE

November 17 - November 24

	High Tides		Low Tides		High Tides		Low Tides	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
Nov. 17	2:29	16.7	2:20	18.7	8:03	1.5	8:44	-3.2
Nov. 18	3:20	15.9	3:08	17.3	8:53	2.5	9:35	-1.8
Nov. 19	4:14	15.0	4:03	15.7	9:49	3.6	10:30	-0.4
Nov. 20	5:15	14.2	5:07	14.1	10:54	4.4	11:30	1.0
Nov. 21	6:24	13.9	6:25	13.0	-----	-----	12:11	4.8
Nov. 22	7:33	14.1	7:46	12.7	0:37	2.1	1:35	4.5
Nov. 23	8:33	14.7	8:55	12.9	1:46	2.6	2:51	3.5
Nov. 24	9:23	15.4	9:53	13.5	2:50	2.8	3:50	2.3

## Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

### Thursday, November 17

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

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

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

### Monday, November 21

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### Tuesday, November 22

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### Wednesday, November 23

**Community Thanksgiving Service:** 6:30 p.m. Island of Faith Lutheran Church. Everyone is invited to attend this special time of Thanksgiving sponsored by the Ministerial Association. Refreshments available after the service and everyone is welcome.

### Sunday, November 27

**Sinspiration:** 6:30 p.m. Presbyterian Church. Enjoy your favorite hymns, fellowship and refreshments. All are welcome.

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

## Continuing Events

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

### OTHER MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

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

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

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

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

## The Way We Were

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

**November 30, 1916:** The Fourth Annual convention of the Alaska Native Brotherhood convened at Wrangell on Tuesday in St. Philip's gymnasium. Owing to the stormy weather the attendance is not as large as was expected. The Alaska Native Brotherhood is becoming an important organization, and its influence on Native life is manifest. Wrangell is therefore proud to be host to its Fourth Annual convention.

**November 28, 1941:** Shakes Island is now officially in the domain of the Interior Department in charge of the Office in Indian Affairs. Transfer of custody of the Island which was restored by the Forest Service with Community House and Totems was made this week to the Indian Office with George T. Barrett, Principal of Assistant Regional Forester Charles Burdick. He said the Forest Service would continue to cooperate with totem work and other CCC activities to keep the show place up. To conduct visitors, supply information, etc., the Indian Office probably will have some boys from the Institute on the job during tourist season as guides.

**November 25, 1966:** The Wrangell High School Wolves opened their season last Friday

night with a win over the teachers who were supported in part by the town team. The Wolves trampled their elders by a score of 72-37. Halftime score was 29 to 17. Both groups for the most part used zoned defense. For the teachers, Whitney led the scoring with 8 points followed by Castle with 7. The high school boys scoring was divided among seven of the players used.

**November 28, 1991:** One thing that's often discussed in Wrangell is the lack of activities for young people. Don House has done something to remedy that situation. Whenever they can get a band,

a group of kids and their adult chaperones organize a dance. House allows the group to use part of his facilities at the Stikine Bar at no charge. The dances are becoming pretty popular with the kids. At a recent dance, about 150 kids showed up. Some people have said a bar isn't a suitable place to hold a dance for youths, but the bar itself is completely shut off from the dance activities. Ideally, organizers like to arrange the dances on the nights when the bar is closed. When this can't be arranged chaperones are placed at the doors to ensure there is no interaction between the kids and Stikine Bar patrons.



## Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
November 6	48	42
November 7	51	46
November 8	51	46
November 9	57	46
November 10	57	46
November 11	51	44
November 12	46	42
November 13	50	42



## Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Nov. 17	8:28a	4:37p	8:09h
Nov. 18	8:30a	4:35p	8:05h
Nov. 19	8:32a	4:34p	8:02h
Nov. 20	8:34a	4:32p	7:58h
Nov. 21	8:36a	4:31p	7:55h
Nov. 22	8:38a	4:29p	7:51h
Nov. 23	8:40a	4:28p	7:48h
Nov. 24	8:42a	4:27p	7:45h

# Swan Lake dam project holding water

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

Primary construction work at Swan Lake wrapped up last week, leaving full capacity for its hydroelectric dam 15 feet higher than it was at the year's start.

The \$10,000,000 project was undertaken by Southeast Alaska Power Agency, a utility covering the communities of Ketchikan, Wrangell and Petersburg. Starting about two weeks behind schedule earlier in the summer, workers finished with time to spare with the barge platform used for the project's crane departing last week with general contractors moving off site this week.

"We still have some electrical items that we're working

through," SEAPA power systems specialist Ed Schofield explained, which should be completed before the month's end.

An end date of October 28 was projected, with actual work concluding two days early. Due to the probability of rain, forecasting at the start of October had even projected a November 11 finish. Instead, it was one of the driest months on record, perfect for what workers were trying to accomplish.

"You can't get luckier than that," said Schofield. But on the main, he felt the weather had been fortuitous throughout the project's duration. "The whole summer was rather exceptional."

A large part of the work



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A worker prepares to lay concrete for the intake building watertight parapet and bulkhead, during modernizations made at SEAPA's Swan Lake facility over the summer.

## SALVATION ARMY Christmas Food and Toy sign-up for families in need



Sign ups  
November 8, 9 & 10  
November 15, 16, 17, 22  
11 am to 2 am  
Location: 611 Zimovia Highway  
Phone: 874-3753

**What to Bring:** • ID for everyone in the house that has lived there for the past 12 months  
• Proof of address- Electricity bill

**TOYS FOR AGES 1-13 GIFT IDEAS FOR AGES 14-17.**

If anyone would like to adopt a family, please call the church office and we will be happy to pair you with a family! Angel Trees will be out at Wells Fargo, Sentry & Ottesen's. Our annual Kettle Kick off is November 25, 2016 at Bobs' IGA at 11:00 am.

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involved laying concrete, about 200 cubic yards' worth. This had to be laid in one-yard batches, which Schofield explained could on average be set at a pace of 12 segments per day. With the weather's help, crews at times were able to lay 20 yards at a time, speeding progress.

Additionally, due to the use of barges in the construction, water levels had to be maintained while work went on to prevent unwanted spillover. Additional water could be drawn out through the turbines instead of the spillway, which would have required a load bank to use that additional power as needed.

Concerns arose when in June the rented device experienced a problem with its cooling circuit, which ended up tripping the system's failsafe and causing a power outage to the grid.

The project also saw the addition of 78 feet of flashboards and a vertical gate. The spillway is in all 105 feet across at the crest and 14 feet deep, while the new water path will be 23 feet across for the vertical gate. The flashboards are designed to collapse to protect the dam's integrity during



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A crew at the Swan Lake hydroelectric facility prepare to slot the upper half of the dam's new vertical gate into place earlier in the fall. Work to raise the structure just wrapped up last week, and should boost the reservoir's capacity by about 25 percent.

## Police report

### Monday, November 7

Citation issued to Krysta Gillen for animal at large.

### Tuesday, November 8

Nothing to Report.

### Wednesday, November 9

Nothing to Report.

### Thursday, November 10

Driving Complaint.

### Friday, November 11

Nothing to Report.

### Saturday, November 12

Suspicious Circumstance.

Deer Complaint.

Report of Assault.

Citizen Assist: Individual asking for extra patrol.

### Sunday, November 13

Traffic Stop: Verbal warning for no tail lights and driving habits.

There was one dog complaint and two ambulance calls during this week.

extremely large flood events.

As of Monday, Schofield reported five feet of flow through the dam's fixed wheel gate already. The emergency flash gates are also appearing to be doing their job, holding up under pressure.

"The flash gates are holding beautifully, not a drop of water through them," he said.

With main components of the addition wrapped up, all that will remain to be installed is the dam's debris boom, which prevents logs and other materials from impeding operations. For instance, on Tuesday a portion of the reservoir had to be dewatered to remove debris from the spillway.

"I think that they have that pretty much wrapped up now," reported Clay Hammer, Wrangell's electrical superin-

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# Letters to the Editor

**To the Editor:**

This fall Governor Walker has been weighing the pros and cons of proceeding with the Juneau road extension. The project entails fifty miles of new pavement, which would dead end at a ferry terminal on the uninhabited Katzehin River delta across the Lynn Canal from Haines.

As residents of Petersburg and Wrangell know, long roads with short shuttle ferries have not worked out as hoped for in Southeast Alaska. The South Mitkof and Coffman Cove terminals, while beautiful facilities, have been largely shuttered since they were built. Southeast Alaska's population is too low and the distances are too far for this type of system to work economically. In fact, the state's extensive study on the Juneau road extension echoes this real-life example; if built the Katzehin road and shuttle ferry would cost the state \$5 million more each year than the current community-to-community Marine Highway System.

Unfortunately, if the Governor proceeds with the \$574 million Juneau road extension, Southeast may not have the funds needed to invest in the ferry system or keep our existing roads smooth and safe. While proponents of the Juneau road would

have you believe that just a little more money is needed to make the project a go, the truth is only about one percent of the cost is included in the Department of Transportation's budget, known as the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Meanwhile DOT is planning to take three aging mainline vessels off-line by 2024. A new replacement vessel is estimated to cost \$240 million, but this also is not in the budget. According to DOT's Draft Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan, the state will only construct new vessels "if the funds are available". You can bet those funds will not be available if the Governor proceeds with a half-billion dollar dead-end road.

With Haines and Skagway consistently and firmly opposed to the Juneau road extension and Juneau lukewarm on the idea at best, Governor Walker should do right by all Southeast communities, choose the no action alternative, and instead invest in the Marine Highway System. After all, for the cost of half a road Southeast Alaska could have two new mainline vessels.

**Emily Ferry**  
Deputy Director, SE AK Conservation Council

## Swan Lake

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tendent and alternate member on the SEAPA board.

The boom will be built from a high-density polyethylene, which Schofield estimated should hold up for half a century with regular maintenance. Work on that part of the project should wrap up either in December or early January depending on the weather.

The dam is already taking on extra water, and should now add 25-percent boost to capacity, yielding between 6,000 and 12,000 Megawatt hours annually. According to SEAPA's calculations, power generated by the added capacity will help offset up to 12,000 megawatt-hours of diesel generation annually, or about 800,000 gallons of fuel. This in turn is estimated to save nearly 18,000,000 pounds of

carbon dioxide emissions from using diesel.

While the hydro facility at Tye Lake is the main source of power for Wrangell, Hammer explained reserve gains at Ketchikan's Swan Lake dam would be a gain for all communities within the SEAPA network.

"In the long term we have more energy to be distributed between all the communities," he commented. In the past, shortcomings for the grid have not been a lack of generation, but rather having enough water in reserve to keep up with demand.

"This takes care of that," Hammer said of the raising.

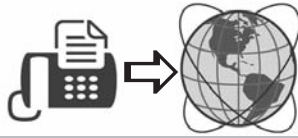
End costs have not been tallied up yet, but the project is anticipated to hit at around its budget target of \$10 million. At first the project was looking at costs of over \$13 million but were reduced with design simplifications using a new flash-board and gate design. \$3.9 million in direct legislative appropriations have gone toward the project, with the SEAPA board last year approving the sale of bonds to cover the difference.

A documentary covering the project's progress is expected to be edited and ready for viewing by mid-December, available on the SEAPA webpage at [www.seapahydro.org](http://www.seapahydro.org).

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### Wrangell High School Honor Roll

*Due to a computer glitch at the high school, the honor roll printed last week was incorrect. This is the correct Honor Roll.*

**Principals Honor Roll:** Anna Allen, Alexandra Angerman, Abigail Armstrong, Samuel Armstrong, Karri Bunes, Helen Decker, Siguard Decker, Kellan Eagle, Kaylyn Easterly, Abigail Gerald, Makena Hammer, Kayla Hay, Laura Helgeson, Reyn Hutten, Luke Kowalske, Josephine Lewis, Tasha Massin, Kiara Meissner, Dawson Miller, Garrett Miller, Jing O'Brien, Samuel Prysunka, Dora Voltz.

**Honor Roll:** Madison Blackburn, Ian Jenson, McKinley Bosdell, Elizabeth Johnson, Hannah Brown, Adriana Larrabee, Kaylauna Churchill, Skylar Larrabee, Joseph Hommel, Antonio Lopez, Scythia McQueen, Hannah Miethe, Trevor Miller, Dillon Rooney, Charley Seddon, Zachary Seddon, Darren Shilts, Trent Stokes, Tymon Teat, Devin Till, Hank Voltz, Hunter Wiederspohn.

**Honorable Mention:** Ashley Allen, JD Barratt, Riley Blatchley, John Bunes, Grace Cano, Talon Churchill, Bethany Comstock, Jonah Comstock, Caitlin Cooper, Hailie Davis, Danika Doak-Smith, Cary Emens, Erin Galla, Rebecca Gillen, Draven Golding, River Guggenbickler, Jacob Hammer, Madison Harding, Emelyn Ibarra, Zachary Lane, Tarren Legg-Privett, Skyler Lofftus, Tate Miller, Blake Scott, Karl Torgramsen, Morgan Torvend.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m. 874-2244
- St. Rose of Lima, Catholic Church**  
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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.;  
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# Extension granted in borough-union legal suit

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

A time extension sought by the borough for an ongoing legal suit it is facing with its public employees union has been granted, the Alaska Superior Court decided.

Judge Trevor Stephens on November 10 granted the extension, which the City and Borough of Wrangell (CBW) requested in response to a motion for summary judgment filed by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547. The reason given for the extension was to allow the city to conduct discovery – a pretrial procedure which allows participating parties to obtain evidence from each other – and to file a formal opposition to the union’s motion.

In his decision, Stephens found that a need to conduct discovery was appropriate given the nature of the ongoing case, and while the two parties have been engaged in negotiations for some time the legal proceedings were in their “infancy.”

The issue has been ongoing since the expiration of the current collective bargaining agreement between the city and 24 workers represented by the IBEW local back 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 2016. One was identified as an agreeable selection, but disagreements over the terms and scheduling of arbitration have since led to the city’s withdrawal from that process in September.

CBW on September 8 filed a complaint for declaratory judgment and injunctive relief with the state Superior Court, and a motion to enjoin and stay arbitra-

tion. Reviewing the case, Stephens granted expedited consideration at the city’s request the next day, with a briefing schedule and oral arguments set for Sept. 20. In addition to two unfair labor practice charges filed with the Alaska Labor Relations Agency, IBEW followed up the city’s action with a motion to compel arbitration.

The judge ruled in favor of CBW’s request to stay arbitration on September 28, finding that union-represented employees of the city were in this case not statutorily entitled to binding

interest arbitration. In that order, Stephens noted the city and union are heading for potentially lengthy and expensive litigation, and that while some progress had been made between the two parties the court’s decision to stay did not preclude reaching a settlement.

On October 11, IBEW submitted a letter to the city offering to resolve the lawsuit. In the letter, union counsel Justin Roberts expressed their willingness to agree to the non-binding, “baseball interest” arbitration as requested by the city. In that sce-

nario, the arbitrator would be limited in the offer options available to choose between, a decision which would not be binding for either party. The arrangement was not pursued, and the two parties are continuing on their current course, with the union pressing for summary judgment.

On October 14 the city filed its extension request, seeking a stay for discovery of six months from November 17, until May 17, 2017. In accepting the request, Stephens noted “CBW’s motion is denied to the extent that it seeks an extension of 180 days. It has

not been shown that CBW could not conduct the necessary discovery and file an opposition within approximately 90 days, presuming IBEW cooperates by providing timely and complete discovery responses and in scheduling depositions.”

The city has until February 17 of next year to file its opposition to the union’s motion for summary judgment. Wrangell’s union-represented workers will continue to be compensated under the terms of the expired collective bargaining agreement, until a new one is agreed to.



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Led by instructor Tasha Morse, members of the high school choir sing “America the Beautiful” during an assembly to mark Veterans Day on Friday.

## Veterans Day remembered in Wrangell events

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

Marking this year’s remembrance of the country’s veterans, several dinners and ceremonies paid tribute to local servicemen and women on Friday.

To start with, a number of businesses closed their doors for the

day, giving veterans time to spend with friends and family. A charity run was held by Southeast Beasts first thing at 8 a.m., raising \$135 dollars for local veteran services.

At the Wrangell High School gym at 10:30 a.m., several dozen veterans were given front-row seating for a commemorative presentation. It featured music, art, and poetry, put together by the school’s students. Thematically it paid tribute to the sacrifices military personnel undergo during service, and with that price in mind reminded young people not to take their freedoms for granted.

The choir sang a rendition of “America the Beautiful,” while a medley of themes gave current and former members of each branch of the military a chance to stand up, sing along and represent their chosen service.

“As a veteran sitting down there I was very impressed with what the school did,” commented Bill Bailey, formerly of the Air Force. “I hope more veterans come out for it next year.”

The local Elks Lodge’s Emblem Club No. 87 hosted its traditional Veterans Day dinner, opening the club’s doors to non-member veterans and their families. The American Legion Post 6 and Auxiliary held is dinner as well, serving up prime rib and ham over an array of sides for former service personnel.

At 98, the post’s eldest Legionnaire, Ted Haux, gave the blessing and a story before dinner was served. “You are some of the finest people I’ve ever met in all my missionary work,” he told the group.

Volunteers then served up 137 meals, a dozen of which were also delivered to those unable to make it out in person. Cards put together by the third grade class at Evergreen Elementary decorated tables, thanking veterans for their service. Everyone mingled over supper, laughing over remembered stories and spending a good couple of hours in each other’s company.

A pair of raffles were held to benefit the post: the 50/50 earned \$293 apiece for its winner and for the building’s December heating bill, while a quilt made by Carol Haaseth brought in \$225 for the Auxiliary.

“It was a wonderful turnout,” post commander Chuck Petticrew remarked afterward.

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Fourteen members of the Wrangell Swim Club stand with coaches Bruce McQueen (at left) and Jamie Roberts (at right), ready to compete at Petersburg's "November Rain" meet over the weekend. The team collected 60 ribbons for their efforts, including 17 first placements. The meet was the first time since 2002 that Wrangell has fielded a competitive youth swim team.

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## Wrangell fields first competitive swimmers in 14 years

By DAN RUDY  
 Sentinel writer

Young swimmers traveled to Petersburg over the weekend to compete in Wrangell's first competitive meet in over a decade.

Fourteen members of the Wrangell Swim Club participated, out of 28 total, and joined swimmers from six other communities in the three-day November Rain Swim Meet. Aged 8 to 13, Wrangell's competitors participated in more than 90 individual events, which were organized by stroke, distance, age and gender. For their efforts, the team turned in personal best times in every event swam and returned with 60 ribbons.

In the USA Swimming-sanctioned event, 12 of Wrangell's 14 swimmers qualified in at least one event to compete at the Southeast Champs meet that Juneau will host in early December, and six also qualified for the State Championships in Fairbanks next February. Additionally, four posted times which would qualify them for Anchorage's Junior Olympics in April.

Swim coach Bruce McQueen explained the meet was a "very satisfying waypoint in a four-year journey," which began with school senior MiKayla Stokes' capstone project. The community's previous competitive club had been the Stikine Sea Runners, which last met in 2002.

"At November Rain, Wrangell demonstrated we have some very talented swimmers, even though we were unable to enter medley events because we have not satisfied the requirements to be recognized as a team by USA Swimming," McQueen commented in a statement.

"They were fantastic," remarked Petersburg resident Susan Erickson in a letter to the Sentinel. "Visiting coaches and swimmers from the established swim clubs in Southeast were extremely surprised at their abilities/times. Their swimmers were

heat winners and top finishers."

On Tuesday evening, Wrangell's club presented individual awards to its swimmers at the community center. There were plenty of ribbons to hand out – so much so that the audience took to adding an individual clap between each one given.

The Petersburg meet "was a great first step into the world of competitive swimming," McQueen added. "Both the Viking Swim Club and Petersburg in general were very supportive hosts, and there seemed to be no end to the compliments from other coaches and officials."

At the award ceremony, he thanked fellow coach Jamie Roberts and the parents and relatives who had made the club possible by supporting the team. Still relatively new, McQueen noted the club still had logistical challenges to overcome but that it should be able to attend at least a few upcoming meets.

The aforementioned Juneau meet occurs in only three weeks, and after that invitations have been received for the Ketchikan

Killer Whales' "Spring Splash" on March 31 and a possible meet with Petersburg in the spring.

"We're going to be aiming for that," he said. The team may also try to send swimmers to meets planned for Craig and Haines, but behind the scenes McQueen and Roberts will try to lay the groundwork for becoming an officially recognized club.



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# Girls seed fourth for region in V-ball tourney

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

Wrangell's high school volleyball team positioned itself for

Region V at the month's end, finishing up in fourth place at the 2A North Seeding Tournament in Skagway over the weekend.

"We were excited with the way the girls were able to play this weekend," coach Jessica Whitaker commented.

Playing on Veterans Day, the Lady Wolves picked up two wins against Haines, winning the first match 25-19 and the second 25-16. Wrangell continued its win streak with matches won against Skagway 25-8 and 25-10 later that evening.

The team won again in a pair of close matches against Klawock at midday Saturday. The girls were able to pull a 25-21 win in the first, and after spilling into additional points in a tightly contested second prevailed with a 27-25 win. Wrangell suffered its first loss of the weekend playing Craig, with the Lady Panthers

winning both matches 25-20 and 25-11.

After a dinner break, Wrangell faced Metlakatla. Winning the first match in a 25-10 blowout, the Lady Chiefs turned things around in the second with a 25-23 win of their own. In a third match to 15, Wrangell was able to finish off the series with a win to Metlakatla's six points.

The final day saw Wrangell face off against Petersburg, which during the tournament saw only one loss, to Craig. Petersburg won the first match handily with a 25-7 win, but Wrangell returned to form in the second to keep it closely contested. Petersburg won with 27 points to WHS' 25, setting the tone for the coming rematches this weekend. Wrangell heads to Petersburg for play tomorrow, but will be hosting three games at home on Saturday.

Highlights for the weekend saw senior Alex Angerman record 24 ace serves, serving in all at 91 percent. At middle hitter, Helen Decker led for kills over the weekend with 26, closely followed by Makena Hammer. Teammates Kayla Hay and Charley Seddon were also able to pick up some difficult hits, and Whitaker felt they did well on their passing and serve reception.

On a bye the preceding two weeks, Whitaker said the team used the time off to continue working on different parts of its gameplay.

"We worked on a lot of hit defense, and not being set. They were working on adjusting that, and I think they were able to make those adjustments," she explained.

After Petersburg, the team will next head to Craig on November 30 for Region V.

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## More Creek Hydroelectric Project Public Comments Invited

**November 10, 2016** — The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency has commenced a federal environmental assessment for the proposed More Creek Hydroelectric Project, located in British Columbia.

The Agency invites the public to comment on which aspects of the environment may be affected by this project and what should be examined during the environmental assessment, as detailed in the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines. All comments received will be considered public.

Written comments must be submitted **by December 11, 2016** to:

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Telephone: 604-666-2431  
Email: CEAA.MoreCreek.ACEE@ceaa-acee.gc.ca

To view the draft EIS Guidelines or for more information, visit the Agency's website at [ceaa-acee.gc.ca](http://ceaa-acee.gc.ca) (Registry reference number 80131). Copies are also available at the following locations:

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### The proposed project

Alaska Hydro Corporation, a British Columbia based company, is proposing to construct and operate a 75-megawatt hydroelectric facility with reservoir storage, approximately 130 kilometres north of Stewart, in British Columbia, and 95 kilometres east of the Alaskan border. The project would be located on More Creek, which drains into the Iskut River and then the transboundary Stikine River. As proposed, the More Creek Hydroelectric Project would generate approximately 348 gigawatt hours of electricity per year, and its reservoir storage area would cover approximately 2,680 hectares of the More Creek drainage area basin. The proposed project would include the construction and operation of a powerhouse and energy generation facilities, a transmission line, a water intake, dam and reservoir, concrete works, as well as an access road and other construction related components.

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## New museum to hold old Sitka stories

SITKA, Alaska (AP) — Life-size models of Prince and Princess Maksoutoff, a changing digital display of Sitka's landscape, and an interactive exhibit on how Sitka's past influences its future will be part of the new Sitka History Museum in Harrigan Centennial Hall.

There also will be space for temporary exhibits highlighting other periods of Sitka's past, such as World War II, when Sitka was part of the Pacific theater of the war, said Kristy Griffin, museum curator of collections and exhibits, reported the Daily Sitka Sentinel.

And that's just in the gallery, she told Chamber of Commerce members at a luncheon at Westmark Sitka Hotel.

The new Sitka History Museum will have storage for objects, office space and a research room as well.

"It's going to be absolutely

beautiful," Sitka Historical Society Executive Director Hal Spackman said. "The important thing about this museum is it tells all of Sitka's stories."

The museum is slated to open next summer, just in time for the 150th anniversary of the transfer of Alaska claims from Russia to the United States, he said.

But the organization still needs to raise money to finish funding the new space. The museum has \$340,000 to go to reach its goal of \$680,000.

"We're really hopeful we can get that," Spackman said. "We're close because we have a couple funding requests in right now."

The museum contracted with HealyKohler Designs of Washington, D.C., to lay out the gallery. The firm's credits include work on the Library of Congress and the Washington Monument, Griffin said.

Representatives of the design firm visited Sitka last year and also took suggestions from the community in designing the museum space. There will be partitions that rise and fall to mimic the mountains around Sitka, Griffin said.

The front of the museum will have a space for greeters before visitors are ushered into the first permanent exhibit, which is on Tlingit history, the Great Northern Expedition and the Russian-American Company, Griffin said.

The second exhibit will cover Russia's presence in Alaska and the economy, culture and daily life in Sitka in the 1800s. The next section will be about the transfer and why Russia decided to sell. The fourth gallery will cover Sitka after the transition and through the granting of civil rights to Alaska Natives. The fifth and final permanent exhibit will focus on the future, Griffin said.

The exhibits will really showcase the interconnections of all peoples here, she said. In order to populate the new

exhibits, museum staff members have been refining the collection of artifacts, photos and other objects. The old museum was closed in July 2015 for the Centennial Hall renovation and since then the staff has spent thousands of hours combing through its holdings, which have been in storage.

"We ask ourselves, does this object actually belong in our collection?" Griffin said. "Does it tell Sitka's story?"

Staff has been entering objects into a digital database to make them instantly searchable. It may take a museum staffer 15 to 20 minutes to catalog "an easy object," recording its description, condition, donor information and other relevant information, she said. More difficult ones take hours.

The process of removing an item from the museum collection is called "de-accessioning." An item may be de-accessioned if it is a duplicate of one already in the museum, or is judged as not contributing to the museum's mission, Griffin said. Often these surplus items are donated to other organizations.

"It makes me happy to get objects to a better area where they can tell great stories," Griffin said.

She said there is no apparent reason for some items to be in the museum, such as a mechanical pencil.

"It might have fallen into a box of donations and we accidentally accessioned it," Griffin said.

Over the past year, the museum has added 6,360 new objects to the database and removed 250, Griffin said. And they still have other off-site storage areas full of items to go through.

The museum has launched a new website, and secured several grants to purchase local artwork, manage its collection and incorporate multimedia in its exhibits during the temporary closure.

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# Fish Factor

by Laine Welch

It was fast and furious for Alaska's premiere crab fishery with the fleet catching the nearly eight-million pound red king crab quota at Bristol Bay in less than three weeks.

The overall take was down 15 percent from the 2015 fishery and will likely fetch record prices when all sales are made.

"The only price we have is an advance price so fishermen can pay fuel, bait and other trip expenses. The final price will be determined from now to January," said Jake Jacobsen, executive director of the Inter-Cooperative Exchange, which represents 70 percent of the Bering Sea crab harvesters.

Crabbers fetched an average price of \$8.18 per pound for their king crab last year and the fishery was valued at over \$81 million at the docks.

The hauls since the fishery got underway on October 15 averaged 37.4 red kings per pot, compared to 32 crabs last year, Jacobsen said, adding that some boats were catching 60 to 70 crab per pot, even as the fishery was coming to a close.

That's where the furious comes in – the crabbers believe there are lots more crab on the grounds than were revealed in the standardized summer survey upon which the catch quotas are based.

"It's not one of those things where we don't think the crab is there, it's a result of the survey not being able to find them," said Ruth Christiansen, science adviser and policy analyst for the trade group, Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers.

Jacobsen agreed, saying "Fishermen were very pleased with the good fishing and at the same time furious that the catch could be so low when the resource is more abundant than they've seen in

many a year."

He added that they also saw high numbers of female and undersized crab, which bodes well for next year. Only legal-sized males are allowed to be retained for sale.

The Bering Sea crab fisheries are co-managed by the state and the federal government. Federal biologists conduct the annual summer surveys and calculate the catch quotas; the state Dept. of Fish and Game manages the crab fisheries in-season.

**Trump take downs** - What might the election of Donald Trump mean for the seafood industry? Economic reports already are pointing to his platform of opposing trade and pulling out of the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), a stance that goes against more than 30 years of American policy under presidents of both parties.

NAFTA connects trade between Canada, the U.S. and Mexico, and Trump has pledged to impose trade barriers that could reduce markets for seafood and other U.S. exports and drive up the cost of imports, causing banks to restrict lending, according to the New York Times.

It also is a foregone conclusion that he will tank the controversial Trans-Pacific Partnership. If Trump does implement trade protectionist policies, it could tip the economy into a recession, cautioned global economists.

Trump also has vowed to place a 45 percent tariff on Chinese imports and declare China a currency manipulator on his first day in office. How this will affect the millions of pounds of Alaska seafood that

are sent to China for reprocessing and then shipped back for sales in the U.S. is anyone's guess.

The Wall Street Journal said Trump's victory could begin "an era of U.S. combativeness" with two of our biggest trade partners - China and Mexico – and prompt trade wars and stall international growth.

Tom Sunderland, vice president of marketing and communications Ocean Beauty Seafood agrees. "But it's far too early to speculate on what any of this might mean. We will just have to wait and see, and deal with any changes as they come, he said."

While Trump's positions might not pose any direct changes for U.S. fisheries, his vision to "explode fossil fuel development across the nation, including coal" will have a long-term impact on our oceans. Trump has widely claimed that the concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive.

He has called for gutting the Environmental Protection Agency and is likely to name a top climate skeptic, Myron Ebell, to lead the charge. Like Trump, Ebell calls climate change "bullshit," and both have vowed to 'cancel' the Paris global warming accord signed by nearly 200 nations that sets targets to reverse the worst effects of global warming.

Scientific American reports that Ebell has called President Obama's Clean Power Plan for greenhouse gasses "illegal" and boasts that he has been dubbed a 'climate criminal' by Greenpeace.

The topic is likely to dominate discussions during a special Friday afternoon seminar at Fish Expo. Terry Johnson, a

Fisheries Professor and Sea Grant Marine Advisor in Anchorage, will present the most current science on a warming world and off kilter ocean chemistry. A main focus is to hear ideas from fishermen and coastal community reps on how they plan to adapt to the inevitable.

Changes could include things like moving towards bigger, multi-fisheries vessels that allow for more flexibility, and modifying regulatory regimes that lift some of the restrictions on moving from one fishing area to another. "We have seen a number of climate related changes but they are more results of temporary climate variations, such as El Niño's and regime shifts on the order of a year or a decade or more. But in the long term, things have not yet been sufficiently dramatic so industry has had to make big changes yet," he said. Meanwhile, Johnson said he is very concerned that a Trump administration will slash climate change science.

"Federal scientists and others are doing very important work that will eventually help inform us about how to adapt to climate changes – if that funding is cut off, we're going to be working in the dark."

Expo runs from Nov. 17-19 in Seattle. See the full line up at [www.pacificmarineexpo.com](http://www.pacificmarineexpo.com)

**Sea a Cure** – A campaign to raise money for cancer research has been relaunched by Orca Bay Seafoods and members of the fishing industry. The effort began in 2006 when Orca Bay vice president Trish Haaker was diagnosed with breast cancer, and since then more than \$40,000 has been raised for research. The company now has enlarged its mission.

"We are adding the nutrition messages of seafood and its health benefits, and how it can help during cancer treatments and lead to an overall healthier lifestyle," said Lilani Estacio, Orca Bay's Marketing and Communications Manager. All proceeds go to City of Hope, a global leader in cancer research, along with diabetes, heart disease and HIV.

"We are a united industry, and we have a product that benefits not just the livelihood of many, but everyone," Estacio said. "If we could all gather around and help educate Americans about the benefits of eating seafood – that is our ultimate goal."

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# Anchorage pot shop gets first warning for alleged violation

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – The state is advising marijuana shops to be cautious in how they conduct business after issuing a warning to an Anchorage business that allegedly violated pot regulations.

The Alaska Marijuana Control Board decided Thursday not to prosecute Arctic Herbery for the first alleged violation of Alaska's commercial marijuana rules. The shop's owner, Bryant Thorpe, said he was "delighted with the board's decision." But he declined to discuss the matter further, citing ongoing discussions with the Municipality of Anchorage.

The decision comes after KTUU-TV reported in October that Arctic Herbery gave away free samples of its product before starting operations under an official license.

Thorpe had believed his actions were protected under Alaska's personal-use pot laws because the business wasn't yet active, The Juneau Empire reported.

"From our perspective, he became a licensee when the board authorized his license,"

said board Director Cindy Franklin. "I'm fairly confident Mr. Thorpe understands the rules he broke and would not break them again."

Based on the confusion, the board declined to send the case through a formal violation process, which could have

resulted in a harsher penalty for Arctic Herbery.

"The notice of violation here is a cautionary tale for everybody, so pay attention to what you're doing. Let's not see many more of these," said board member Mark Springer.

Board member Brandon Emmett also warned other pot businesses to follow the rules.

"Many people are still wary of our industry," Emmett said. "Our industry (members) are all going to have to do their best to change public perception."

## Sitka makes symbolic opposition vote to Navy exercises

SITKA, Alaska (AP) – Officials in the city of Sitka have approved a non-binding resolution asking the U.S. Navy move its offshore training exercises in the Gulf of Alaska in an attempt to protect marine life.

The Sitka Assembly voted 6-1 Tuesday in favor of the resolution requesting the move farther offshore for the training location and for the Navy activities to be rescheduled for fall or winter, The Sitka Sentinel reported.

"Hazardous materials and underwater noise from military exercises could harm marine life and habitat, and the training will take place when many fish populations are migrating and spawning," the resolution said.

"The training area and vicinity is a highly productive region for many marine fish and shellfish populations and supports some of the most productive fisheries in the United States, and an important spawning area for many fishes," the resolution added.

The exercises called "Northern Edge" are scheduled for

May. Past exercises have been conducted in the winter.

"This is pretty critical, since a third of our economy is based on 'blue' jobs," assembly member Bob Potrzuski said, referring to maritime-based industries. "I think we should do everything we can to support that."

Steven Eisenbeisz voted against the resolution, saying there was not enough information available to conclude whether the training activities actually harm marine life.

"We're being asked to vote on the speculation it could harm (them) in the future," he said.

The resolution draft was given to the assembly by the Eyak Preservation Council of Cordova.

The council's program director, Emily Stolarczyk, said similar measures have been approved in Cordova, Kodiak, Valdez, Homer and by tribal organizations in several communities.

She encouraged those who attended Tuesday's meeting to read the Navy's environmental impact statement.

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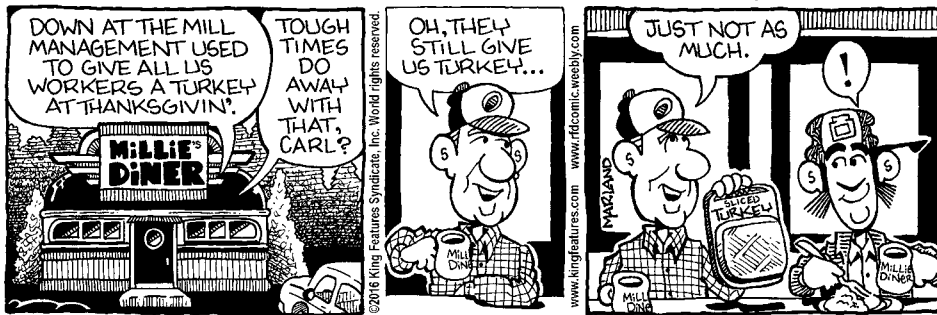
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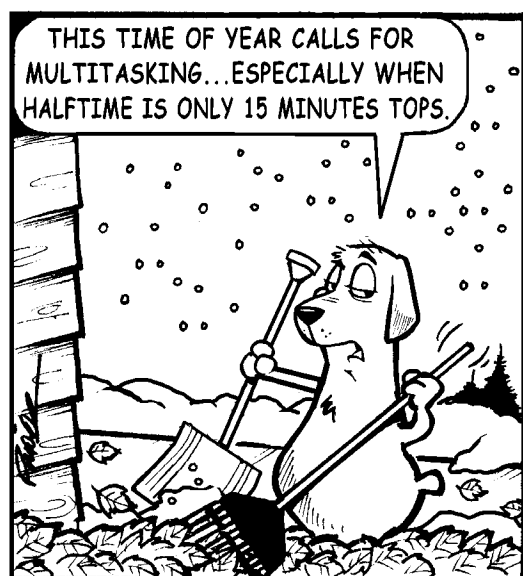
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- 16 Shade provider
- 20 2016 Olympics city
- 22 Jockey's handful
- 23 Help a hood
- 24 Hee follower
- 25 Time of your life?
- 26 Lacking balance
- 27 Criticism
- 29 Midafternoon, in a way
- 30 Fool
- 35 Pitch
- 37 Construction site machinery
- 39 Hidden complication
- 40 Eggs
- 41 Callaloo ingredient
- 42 Hammerhead part
- 43 Sleeping
- 44 Forbidden (Var.)
- 45 Soon, to a bard
- 46 — and file
- 49 Raw rock
- 50 Apiece

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- 1 Long-running Broadway musical
- 2 Greatly
- 3 Lariat
- 4 Magnetic flux measures
- 5 Village People hit
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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

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**THANK YOU TO MY WRANGELL FRIENDS:** Thank you for all the cards, visits, gifts and encouraging words while I was in the hospital in Anchorage. You all brightened my days. I appreciate your friendship so much. Janet Teague.....1x11-17p21

**A BIG THANK YOU to Wrangell's Nurses, Dr. Frazier, and our wonderful EMTs who all helped me deal with my medical crisis in early November.** I salute your services and I really appreciate you being there. Ira Merrill.....1x11-17b23

**THANK YOU:** I was at the Elk's Bowling, when I experienced a severe medical emergency. Thankfully the crew at the Elk's, the ambulance EMTs, and the emergency medical staff at the hospital took care of me. I just want them to know how thankful I am to them for saving my life. Jerry Bakeberg.....1x11-17b39

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 )  
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 Person Who Died (Decedent) )  
 Date of Birth: 08/16/1977 ) Case No. 1WR-16-20 PR

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

You are notified that the court appointed Judith Peterson 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: Nov. 8, 2016 Judith Peterson  
P.O. Box 124, Channing, MI, 49815  
**Published: November 17, 24 and December 1, 2016**

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

At their Regular Borough Assembly meeting held on October 8, 2016, the Assembly voted to reschedule the upcoming Regular Assembly meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, November 22, 2016 to Tuesday, November 29, 2016. The rescheduling of this meeting is due to a lack of a quorum.

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

**Published: November 17 and 24, 2016**

**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.

**ORDINANCE NO. 927**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE MINOR OFFENSE FINE SCHEDULE IN CHAPTER 1.20, GENERAL PENALTY, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE**

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

**Published: November 17, 2016**

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

**Vacancy on the Borough Assembly**

The City and Borough of Wrangell is accepting *letters of interest* from citizens who wish to serve on the Borough Assembly.

The unexpired term of appointment is until October 2017

Any interested person is eligible to apply. Letters of interest should be submitted to:

Mayor David L. Jack  
PO Box 531  
Wrangell, AK 99929

or you can email your *letter of interest* to the Borough Clerk at: clerk@wrangell.com on or before **November 29, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.**

Information on the powers and duties of the Borough Assembly are contained in Wrangell Municipal Code, Chapter 3.04. A copy of the code chapter can be obtained at the Borough Clerk's Office or viewed at the City's website at www.wrangell.com

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

**Published: November 17 and 24, 2016**

**City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska NOTICE INVITING BIDS - WRANGELL DOCK LIGHTING**

Notice is hereby given that the City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska will receive sealed bids for the construction of the **WRANGELL DOCK LIGHTING** project.

The WORK consists of all activities necessary to construct the Wrangell Dock Lighting, as shown in the contract documents. The Work is comprised of a Base Bid and an Additive Alternate A. The Engineer's estimate for the Base Bid is \$250,000 - \$260,000 and the estimate for the Additive Alternate A is \$30,000 - \$40,000.

The Contract Documents are available in electronic format only and are available for downloading from the City and Borough of Wrangell website ([www.wrangell.com](http://www.wrangell.com)) under the Bids and RFP's section. The full solicitation is listed on the website. To be registered on the Plan Holder's List, contact the Borough Clerk at 907-874-2381 or at clerk@wrangell.com

Sealed bids will be received by the City and Borough of Wrangell, Post Office Box 531, Wrangell, Alaska 99929, or located at the Borough Clerk's Office, 205 Brueger Street, Wrangell, Alaska 99929, until 10:00 AM prevailing time on November 28, 2016 and publicly opened and read at that time.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any informality in a Bid, or to make award as it best serves the interests of the OWNER.

OWNER: The City and Borough of Wrangell  
Jeff Jabusch, Borough Manager

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**City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Vacancy on the Wrangell Medical Center Board**

The City and Borough of Wrangell is accepting *letters of interest* from citizens who wish to serve on the Board of Directors for the Wrangell Medical Center.

The unexpired term of appointment is unexpired until October 2019.

Any interested person is eligible to apply. Letters of interest should be submitted to:

Mayor David L. Jack  
PO Box 531  
Wrangell, AK 99929

or you can email your *letter of interest* to the Borough Clerk at: clerk@wrangell.com on or before **Tuesday, November 29, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.**

Information on the powers and duties of the Wrangell Medical Center Board are contained in the Board of Directors' Bylaws. A copy of which can be obtained by contacting the Borough Clerk at 205 Brueger Street or email to clerk@wrangell.com.

The City & Borough of Wrangell is an equal opportunity employer.

Kim Lane, MMC  
Borough Clerk

**Published: November 17 and 24, 2016**

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

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

Deadline for Letters of Interest is **5:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 29, 2016**, for the following vacancies:

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

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

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

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**King Crossword**  
Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
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# Murkowski, Young to pursue Arctic refuge drilling

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) – U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski hopes to advance a proposal to allow for oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, seeing an opportunity with Republicans controlling Congress and Republican Donald Trump set to become president.

Murkowski told reporters at her campaign party late Tuesday that she will continue chairing the Senate energy committee and will work early on to push for allowing drilling in the refuge, sometimes referred to as ANWR.

U.S. Rep. Don Young said he also plans to pursue legislation to open the refuge to drilling when the new Congress convenes in January.

Murkowski and Young each won reelection Tuesday.

Murkowski said she sees opportunities to advance energy policy in Alaska. While Trump doesn't have a legislative record,

comments he has made about using resources to create jobs and increase national security have been encouraging, she said.

She said Republicans will need to work with Democrats on issues like ANWR to gain agreement. But having a Republican-controlled Congress and Republican in the White House "does clear a path for us, which I think is exciting."

Young, the longest-serving Republican in the U.S. House, has said he has gotten an ANWR drilling bill passed out of the House 12 times. The Senate has failed to pass the bill 11 of those times. The one time it did, in 1995, President Bill Clinton vetoed the bill.

Opening ANWR's coastal plain for drilling has long been a popular issue with Alaska political leaders in both parties.

Elisabeth Balster Dabney, executive director of the Northern Alaska Environmental Center, predicted any

efforts to allow for drilling on ANWR's coastal plain would be a major fight.

The refuge is an intact ecosystem and "unlike any other place on earth," she said. There is speculation over how much available oil and gas there is on the coastal plain, she said.

The state, in 2013, proposed a seismic program to get a better sense for the area's true oil and gas potential. The federal government rejected the proposal, and Dabney said her group opposed it because it would have disrupted the landscape and wildlife.

Dabney said President Barack Obama could, by executive order, establish the area as a national monument. But she said a new administration could undo that.

Sarah Erkmann, with the Alaska Oil and Gas Association, said Democrat Hillary Clinton made comments during her campaign that she considered exploring oil and gas in the Arctic too risky. But

Erkmann said Trump was not clear on his energy policy as it related to Alaska.

"The opportunities are certainly better today than they were yesterday, but there's still a lot of questions that will have to be answered before anybody feels like they have confidence in exactly what the situation might be," she said.

Before the end of the year, President Barack Obama's administration is expected to announce the next federal five-year offshore oil leasing plan covering 2017-2022. The preliminary plan proposes a Beaufort Sea lease sale in 2020 and a Chukchi Sea lease sale. Pro- and anti-drilling groups have been lobbying to retain or delete the sales in Arctic Ocean waters.

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell in October 2015 cancelled Beaufort and Chukchi lease sales in the current five-year plan, citing market conditions and low industry interest.

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# Republicans

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Dillingham). Co-chairs of the House Finance Committee will be Reps. Paul Seaton (R-Homer) and Neal Foster (D-Nome), and Ortiz confirmed on Friday he will also have a seat on the committee.

“There alone, with the leadership of this bipartisan coalition, we will be much more centered toward rural interests than the previous leadership was,” he noted.

“This bipartisan majority should be much more friendly towards coastal and Southeast interests. But it’s going to be tough, because there’s not money. It’s not like we’re going to be able to throw a lot of capital project money to Southeast or any other part of the state. But with that said, I think we’re committed to maintaining what most people feel are essential services in the state: public safety, education, funding for seniors.”

He explained the unifying idea behind the coalition will be a willingness to finally tackle the state’s deficit spending, which this present year will top \$3,100,000,000 and if left unchecked would drain the Constitutional Budget Reserve. Over the campaign, Ortiz had been critical of the previous session’s majority, which he contended had not done enough with increasing revenue sources to reduce deficit spending.

“The main thing is, to be a part of this majority you have to be committed to a fiscal plan, and putting the state on a fiscal path to sustainability. So we’re excited about that common bond, that desire to do that,” Ortiz said.

Looking ahead, he was hopeful there would be enough common ground for legislators to find a solution to the present budget crisis. The coalition caucus will have to. While it holds a slight majority it will need the support of Republican minority members to adopt a budget, and will have to work with the Alaska Senate, whose majority has been retained by Republican lawmakers.

“Most everybody serving in public office starts with the fundamental goal of doing what’s in the best interest of the state and doing what’s in the best interest for all Alaskans. I think that’s an automatic common ground that’s there, and hopefully we’ll be able to find a lot of places where we can work with the minority and work in the best interests in the state of Alaska.”

In past general election years, certifiable results have not been available until the end of November or beginning of December. A total of 255,699 votes were cast in 2016, representing just over 48 percent of those registered. This is a drop over previous presidential elections, when nearly 60 percent voted in 2012 and over 66 percent did so in 2008.

## Voting results, side by side

Wrangell High School student Draven Golding and two other classmates last week polled classmates on Election Day, setting up booths and counting out ballots the next day.

Beyond a higher turnout rate at 63 percent, what they found was that high school and middle school students vote remarkably similar to their parents, though one major difference was students’ choice of Alaska House representative. Here is a side-by-side comparison of the their mock vote, compared with the most up-to-date results at the local, regional and state-wide levels, according to Division of Elections tallies.

Office or Issue	WHS	Wrangell	Alaska
<b>United States President</b>			
Donald Trump/Mike Pence – R.	52	512	130,415
Hillary Clinton/Tim Kaine – D.	24	177	93,007
Jill Stein/Ajamu Baraka – Green	7	13	4,445
Gary Johnson/Bill Weld – Lib.	2	35	14,593
Other	2	10	4,128
<b>US Senator</b>			
Lisa Murkowski – R.	57	457	111,382
Margaret Stock – I.	7	52	34,579
Joe Miller – Lib.	7	184	74,245
Ray Metcalfe – D.	3	52	28,026
Other	5	8	3,412
<b>US Representative</b>			
Don Young – R.	50	491	125,729
Jim McDermott – Lib.	9	68	25,104
Steve Lindbeck – D.	2	170	90,784
Bernie Souphanavong – I.	3	17	7,158
<b>State Senate – District R</b>			(district totals)
Bert K. Stedman – R.	54	641	9,423
write-in votes	0	27	402
<b>State Representative – Dist. 36</b>			(district totals)
Dan Ortiz – I	48	295	3,171
Bob Sivertsen – R	28	423	2,564
Kenneth Shaw – Constitution	2	26	314
<b>Ballot Measure 1</b>			
Yes	36	502	158,392
No	33	243	90,284
<b>Ballot Measure 2</b>			
Yes	30	335	106,238
No	32	384	134,772

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