SEABA agrees to pay $21K to BLM
Agency: Violations on 54 dates

By Tom Morphet

A Haines helicopter skiing company has agreed to pay more than $21,000 in fines and fees for flying on federal lands closed to the activity 54 times during 78 days of operation during the past two years.

Southeast Alaska Backcountry Adventures signed a plea agreement containing the allegations, which was filed recently in federal district court in Anchorage. The case stems from a federal investigation of the company triggered by the helicopter skiing death of Christian Cabanilla March 5.

The company also agreed to a two-year probationary period. A federal court judge must still approve the plea deal.

“This investigation revealed that despite knowing that SEABA was subject to federal restrictions on helicopter skiing on BLM-managed lands in this area, SEABA operated commercially on BLM-managed land on approximately 54 dates in 2011 and 2012. In those cases of heli-ski operations in these two seasons,” the plea agreement says.

In a recent interview with Tracey Knutson this week, SEABA described the encroachments as “very infrequent and inconsequential.”

“(A recent news article) was talking about why he resigned and that was that they felt like they didn’t get listened to as much and that was that they felt like they had to do it on their own and that was the important part – had to do with the local community. This is why we came to the conclusion of leaving through a training program, BLM closed the permit, BLM closed the area to heli-skiing pending an explanation of why he resigned a

As of Monday, winter’s accumulation totaled 118.2 inches. That’s a little shy of last year’s season total of 128.5 inches, but off the pace of the record season snowfall in 2011-12, when 360.7 inches fell, starting with 129.8 inches in November. (Another 40 inches of snow fell in December that winter.)

“We got whacked pretty good,” said Carol Waldo, whose family operates a snowplow business. “We were busy (during the holiday). So was everybody else.”

Waldo said recent snows don’t compare to one that came in the winter of 1948-49, when her family couldn’t get out the door at 90 Officer’s Row. “We woke up one morning and had to go out through the upstairs window. It was the biggest snow we had and all over the West. It was a terrible winter everywhere.”

The town’s snow-moving equipment back then was limited to a few tractors left over from the Army. “They didn’t close school. You walked” and parents escorted children to make sure they weren’t lost in snowdrifts, she said.

Ski shop owner Dan Egolf, who returned home Monday after leaving Dec. 20, said he got a kick out of the day’s weather forecast, as reported by KHNS. “The announcer said there was going to be two inches of snow.

Chief hopeful explains leaving job

By Tom Morphet

Interim Haines Borough Manager Bill Musser said this week that the town and police force are moving ahead with personnel issues, including the departure of Chief Simon Ford.

“Principal issues – if I remember correctly – had to do with… We’d had a couple (police department members) who’d done exit interviews and part of that was they felt they didn’t get the recognition and appreciation they should have and that sometimes maybe I asked other people for advice regarding it rather than make a decision myself. I tend to be a participatory-style leader,” Musser said.

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Sportsmen seeking youth for program

By Tom Morphet

A free, trap-shooting clinic for youths will be offered 10 a.m. Saturday at the Haines Sportsman’s Range Mud Bay Road near the Mount Riley trailhead. Loaner guns are available for use.

Youths from fourth-grade and up are encouraged to come to the event, said Haines Sportsman’s Association president Shane Horton. Neil Moss, who coordinates Alaska Youth Education Shooting, will speak about establishing a youth shooting program here.

Established in Alaska about 10 years ago, scholastic clay trap shooting is a varsity sport in Wasilla, Palmer, Houston, and Upper Susitna high schools and has programs in Haines, Juneau and Sitka in the coming months. The program includes competition in trap, skeet and sporting clays and culminates with a state championship competition each June in Wasilla, with top shooters advancing to national competition in the Lower 48.

The program teaches self-confidence, concentration and gun safety and has proven results. Moss said this week. “Almost any kid with any hand-eye coordination at all can shoot clay targets… Pretty phenomenal young men and women have come out of this program.”

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Sportsman’s president Horton said the group is hosting Moss as part of a group effort to expand youth offerings. “This sounded like a good way to get some new kids out there,” he said.
Letters to the Editor

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Mohanna a remarkable young leader

Congratulations to Haysham Mohanna for winning first place in the 2013 International Education week contest for his presentation on his homeland in Palestine. Haysham gave an outstanding presentation to 65 people at the library on Nov. 15, coordinated by Haines People for Peace. We are fortunate to have such a remarkable young leader in our community as an exchange student this year. Enjoy your well-earned prize trip to Honolulu, Haysham! George Figdor and Melissa Arronson
Haines People for Peace

Foundation grant boosts vet program

The Haines Animal Rescue Kennel would like to thank the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation for its $800 grant that helped fund our Emergency Veterinary Assistance Program. This program helped 18 Haines residents pay for their pet’s veterinary expenses during medical emergencies. The grant helped HARK grow its direct emergency assistance program by nearly 25 percent. Our community is fortunate to have the foundation. They make it possible for nonprofits throughout the borough to provide for fellow community members in need. Thank you Chilkat Valley Community Foundation for being part of Haines.

Steve Fick, HARK Director

Thanks for family’s lighting donations

I would like to offer a big thanks to Patty Campbell and Andy Glackin for their extra efforts decorating the town for the holidays. Patty purchased holiday lights for the borough administration Building and Main Street power poles. Andy braved frigid temperatures with his boom truck to install lights on the administration building. Please remember to say thanks when you see them.

Dursie Culbeck, Haines Borough

By Joe Parnell

A few days ago I visited an abandoned cabin. A friend built it about 15 years ago with only three walls. When I asked him why he left one side open, he said, “So you can hear the birds chirp.” I was stupefied. But when I took a nap in the cubby hole, sure enough it did sound like a bird chirping. I had to admit, it was pleasant and soothing.

I lived out the road then, but it didn’t work out. I worked and played in town and always got something in town, especially someone to socialize with. Paying for fuel was no fun. Neither was the night I slalommed through a mouse family at 50 miles per hour. One night, ice on the road was so solid you could only drive about 0 miles per hour.

So I gave up country living. My cabin sat with its fuel jugs, woodstove, ski boots and screwdrivers for a decade or more until a day or two ago, when I found myself looking up something just to see what was there. I discovered a few sketchbooks of art and two duffel bags of notebooks of my writings. Mostly had eaten pieces of some of the notebooks. Is paper like roughage for mice? Salad?

Considering the circumstances, the notebooks were in good shape. The writings weren’t so good — mostly disjointed, self-centered, short and unfinished. The only thing I could ever finish were poems for girls I had no chance with. I was pretty good at those. For example: “You’re an inch off/In the color/Of a cloud.”

I plunged into nostalgia. This stuff was me at that time. The art was of waves and sunsets from when I lived in Mexico. The writings were parts of me from then, and even though they sucked, I had a record of parts of me from then, and even though they sucked, I had a record of

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The committee suggested the agreement was costing the state between 2,200 licenses were sold to Yukoners annually. While the two figures aren’t directly comparable because multiple types of nonresident licenses are available, the number of licenses sold since 2005 does not indicate a substantive increase in Yukon fishing here, Crome said.

Crome suggested the disparity between the two estimates of the cost of the program to the state may owe to the local committee’s support of seasonal licenses, and the state’s inclusion of less expensive licenses for shorter periods of time.

Crome’s letter also mentioned the support of the reciprocal arrangement from the Alaska Chamber of Commerce and from Haines and Skagway. “Repeal of the licensing regulation may hurt, as opposed to help, tourism in the Lynn Canal,” the letter read.

Crome recommended further efforts for rescinding the support of the reciprocal arrangement by directed to the Alaska Legislature.

Local community members also have expressed support for the reciprocal arrangement by directed to the Alaska Legislature.

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State upholds fishing license deal

BRISK PLUNGE — About 30 souls turned out at 10 a.m. on New Year’s Day to participate in the 9th annual Polar Bear Dip at Port Chilkoot Dock. They sprinted through about five inches of snow on the beach and into chilly water. Participation was down from about 55 who made the dip in 2013. The air temperature was about 34 F. A beachside pallet fire kept swimmers warm. John S. Hagen photo.

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Haines High School basketball squad are gearing up their fast-break offensives in anticipation of conference play starting this weekend.

The Glacier Bears will face Metlakatla Friday and Saturday, with a Sunday game against girls away.

The girls competed at Petersburg tournament in December, and each squad hosted an alumni game over the holiday break.

Boys’ coach Steve Fossman said the Glacier Bears are aiming to “balance control with the fast break” and “to learn, if you don’t have a plan back in our team defense – and making an effort to run the ball,” he said. Justis Swinton, who swart an All-Conference honor last season, and Kai Sato-Franks are the top two returning scorers along with Haines. They’re part of a senior class that includes Chey Foveller, James Klinger, Chris Turner and Isaac Wing.

“Chris was injured pretty much all out last year,” Fossman said. “It’s good to have him back.”

He noted Wing was one of the top scorers of the Region V Tournament in 2013, and Foveller has “gotten a lot better.”

The Glacier Bears didn’t pick up anyone with some chemistry during the season, when they edged Yakutat in overtime. The team built on their momentum, and noticed its first conference victory, 48-42 against Wrangell.

“Haines came back and scored two more points to take one more victory to reach the Class 2A state tournament, but lost to Craig by a single point. The Glacier Bears in squad has three seniors - Russell Clark, Chris Olsen and Caulen Taylor, the team’s top outside shooters.

Fossman said he expects Metlakatla, last year’s state runner-up, to again be at the top of the conference. “They’re returning some of their key players,” he said.

The Glacier Bears return juniors Jordan Badger, Keanu Lyons, and sophomores Justin Swinton and Matthew Green. They’ve also added junior Kyle Klinger, exchange student Marvin Steinmeister, and freshmen Charlie and Hannah Jacobson, Dylan Palmieri and Jacob Stigen.

“I’m hoping a lot of people come out to watch those games and support the team,” Fossman said.

Residents will have to wait another week to see the new committee at home. Jan. 17-18 against defending state champ Craig. First, the Glacier Bears have the trek to Metlakatla, which “is always a tough place to play,” said coach Ben Ellison. Haines will try to outrun Metlakatla, he said.

“We can pound it inside and get easy baskets down, we can run a perimeter game and, definitely, we’retransferring fast,” Ellison said.

“With our guards pushing the tempo, we should get some easy baskets out of it.”

At the 2013 Region V Tournament, the Glacier Bears edged Yakutat, 54-47, in overtime. Haines then narrowly fell to Spot Lake. Fossman said he was in that match with Metlakatla to go to state, but the Glacier Bears couldn’t duplicate their earlier success and closed the season with a loss.

This year, Haines will be without the services of graduates Riley Erickson, Jess Giddings, Karlie Spud and Alisha Young. Erickson and Jones were All-Conference selections.

By Krista Kielmeier

The Haines High School girls’ basketball team posted two double-digit wins and fell to Class 3A Petersburg during a season-opening tournament Dec. 20-21.

Nine Glacier Bears competed in Petersburg’s Little Norway tournament and “everybody got meaningful minutes,” said coach Brian Elliott.

“Our bench did a great job of entering the game and adding some energy, making plays and just making things happen,” he said. “That’s what you need your bench to do – to come into the game and make an impact.”

Haines started play with a 37-24 win over Cordova. Sophomore Kayley Swinton led the team with 10 points, followed by junior Celia Bower, 9; senior Grace Jones, 6; senior Libby Jacobson and sophomore Destiny Cowart, 4; sophomore Autumn Gross, 3; junior Mara Gross, 2; and junior Serina Badgley, 1.

“I feel like Cordova was a team of similar skill and experience with us,” Elliott said. “We got down early; we were down 11-4 after the first quarter, but we didn’t really get down about that. We just stuck to the game plan and ratcheted up our defensive intensity a little bit.”

Next, the Glacier Bears lost to a ferocious Petersburg team, 45-20. Elliott said, “We need to be able to feel comfortable with pressure in front of our face, that’s an important part of basketball and we’re going to face that for the remainder of the year, regardless of opponents.”

He said the Vikings wore the Glacier Bears down and pulled away in the fourth quarter.

“It was pretty close in the first half,” Elliott said. “It was tough, gritty, and nothing was easy offensively. They put a press on us, and we were a little bit at that point in the season, but not a whole lot, so we struggled with it.”

Haines then routed a Thorne Bay squad that had only five players, 64-20.

Bowler poured in 17 points on her way to all-tournament recognition at the tournament for Haines included Jacobson, 13; Gross, 9; Swinton, 6; Jones, 4; Cowart and Taylor, 2; and sophomore Jenae Larson, 1. Jacobson drained a pair of three-pointers.

“The challenge of that game was coming out with the right amount of intensity, and not just showing up and playing down to the level of our opponent,” Elliott said.

By Krista Kielmeier

Haines High School alumna Christine Hansen shoots against defending Autumn Gross during the annual Alumni Game held Jan. 3. Sarah Swinton is at left. The alumni won. Marty Fowler photo.

Resident wants changing in local subsistence crabbing regulations have until April 10 to submit proposals to the state Board of Fisheries. The board will consider Southeast shellfish and finfish regulatory proposals next year.

Any individual can make a proposal to change existing regulations. Forms are at the Fish and Game office.

“arb proposal request also is on the agenda for an upcoming meeting of the advisory committee, setting 6 p.m. Jan. 22 in the assembly chambers.

Agenda items include election of officers, agency reports, and discussion of a recent FPC meeting.

Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting to learn about the regulations and ask questions.

Fish and Game commissioner’s denial of the committee’s petition to request the board reconsider the license arrangement with the Yukon Territory. There will be a report from the meeting of the joint boards, and discussion of Board of Fish and Wildlife state-wide king and tanner crab proposals and Board of Game proposals.

Meeting will be held to present the citizen committee include Jamie King, Dean Risley, Johnny Game and Luke Rauscher of Skagway.

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The Glacier Bears figure to be strong at the guard positions, with junior Jordan Badger and junior Celia Bower returning. Bower was an All-Tournament performer last season.

“We’re still working with our guards on shot selection and the ability to make the right decision in transition and running a disciplined, half-court offense,” said the head coach.

“Patience is something that is sometimes a hard thing to learn.”

Haines also welcomes back senior Grace Jones, who was with family in Washington last winter.

Sophomore Kayley Swinton showed her versatility at the guard position. Hansen also have played post for the Glacier Bear varsity. The Haines squad in Petersburg also included seniors for Serena Badgley, junior Natalia Taylor and sophomore Jenae Larson.

Christine Hansen, a Haines High alumni, is the team’s new assistant coach this season, said by coach Stuart DeWitt.

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Thomas hinting at run for legislature

By Tom Morphet

Former state Rep. Bill Thomas, a Haines Republican, has indicated he may run again for the Alaska Legislature, and this week expressed interest in the state Senate seat held by Democrat Dennis Egan of Juneau.

Thomas has filed a letter of intent to run for state office in 2014, which is required for candidates to raise funds for a campaign. To appear on the ballot, Thomas would have to formally file as a candidate by June 1.

Thomas said he’s been speaking with Capital City Republicans, some who have urged him to run for a state House seat currently held by state Rep. Beth Kerttula, D-Juneau. He’s resistant to the idea, he said.

“I’ve been gone long enough, I’d have to start at the bottom. I don’t want to do that,” Thomas said in an interview Monday. He noted that fellow Republican Cathy Munoz of Juneau already holds his former seat as co-chair of the House Finance Committee, a powerful position.

Instead, Thomas said he’ll be watching Egan, who has been ill. Thomas said if Egan doesn’t intend to fill out another term, he shouldn’t seek office. Legislators who leave office before their terms expire are replaced by appointment with another member of their party.

“I want to make sure that if he’s going to run, he runs. If a person doesn’t want to serve, he shouldn’t run. A person shouldn’t run as a placeholder,” Thomas said.

That’s only fair to voters, he said.

Egan said this week he was in good health, except for a foot infection, and that he plans to run for re-election and to serve another term. “Other than my foot, everything’s perfect. I have no intention of relinquishing my seat and giving it up to someone else. That’s not in my plans at all.”

Thomas held out the possibility he may choose not to run. “(Party officials in Juneau) might talk me out of doing anything. Who knows?”

Thomas was defeated in 2012 by Sitka Democrat Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins. He served eight years in the House.

Kerttula and Egan have been the beneficiaries of a 2014 surge in Catholic votes in Juneau. Kerttula did not specify in her filing which office she will seek.

Haines’ state House district includes downtown Juneau, Gustavus and Skagway.

Tlingit speaker Stevens dies at 84

A service was held in Klukwan Dec. 30 for Margaret Stevens, a Tlingit speaker remembered for her infectious laugh and traditional cooking. She died in Juneau on Dec. 23 at age 84.

“She had a very jolly laugh. It made you want to laugh too,” said villager Evelyn Hotch.

Stevens was born Dec. 5, 1929 to James and Mary King. She attended school in Klukwan and at the Wrangell Institute, a boarding school. As a young girl, she worked at the Haines Packing Co. cannery and moved to Juneau after marrying George P. Stevens on Sept. 26, 1949.

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A caller reported a motorist who was apparently unable to locate his wife. He was cold, his fire was out and he was unable to get a lantern. Police assisted a female who was apparently unable to get to her vehicle. The vehicle was moved.

A caller reported a suspicious vehicle parked near the Haines trailer court. The vehicle was moved.

A caller reported a traffic stop made by troopers on Soap Suds Alley. The driver to be intoxicated. The driver was charged. The vehicle was moved to a safe location and returned to its owner.

A caller reported snowmachines near the high school. Troopers took a male suspect into custody. Police were unable to locate either party. The damage was caused by a snow vehicle. No charges were filed.

A state transportation worker reported a vehicle hazardous on Beach Road. The vehicle was moved.

A caller reported snowmachines stored in the townsite. A protective order was received and served on a male responsible for the damage. The male was taken into protective custody.

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Un-Classified Ads

Helen’s having a party at Budshot and Bobby Pins and you’re invited! January hours are Monday, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (1b)

Do you know Catholics, but wonder what they really believe? Are/were you Catholic, but want to know more? If you have questions about the Catholic faith or are interested in learning more about it, informative classes will be offered Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 3rd and Dalton Street, starting January 15. All are welcome. If questions, call Janey or Vince Hansen at 766-3812. (1b)

Do you have questions about the General Use zone and to correct a typographical error to make it consistent with the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”) of Lots 7, Block B Excursion Inlet South Subdivision Plat No. 81-58 Juneau Recording District First Judicial District State of Alaska. (1b)

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Haines Borough Assembly
PUBLIC HEARING
At 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, in the Assembly Chambers at the Public Safety Building, public hearings are scheduled for the following ordinances:

Ordinance 13-11-395
A Non-Code Ordinance approving by dispensation to the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”) of Lot 7, Block B Excursion Inlet South Subdivision Plat No. 81-58 Juneau Recording District First Judicial District State of Alaska.

Ordinance 13-12-337
First Public Hearing
An Ordinance of the Haines Borough authorizing renewal of a lease of the Human Resources Building with Chilkat Valley Preschool for the purpose of providing preschool educational services.

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Skiers raise money to use course

Haines Ski Club officials this week said they hope to have a tracked, cross-country ski trail for the 2014 season. For other clubs, that usually means spending around $50 per skier on seedlings, maintenance and snow grooming.

The Haines Ski Club has been setting a track at the course for about six years at no cost, but course owner Stan Jones said he loses money on the course that incurs maintenance costs, including cutting brush and landscaping.

For instance, Jones also has allowed the club to store track-making equipment in a building that has been essentially cost-free to the club. The drivers who participate in the golf course pay their way, it would be nice if other clubs would contribute to the cost of the warm-up... We're just seeing if we can generate some kind of revenue,” he said this week.

Ski club president Bill Holton said the club is looking at using the courses and would like skiers to contribute to a lump-sum donation to Jones for using the course this winter.

“Stan Jones needs to be thanked. He’s been overseeing us like our own personal golf course. We’d like to get the golf course opened.”

Holton said Tuesday the club has been working towards a forward date of the course to date, and that more donations can be made to the Haines Ski Club account at the bank or a kit at Alaska Backcountry Outfitters. Jones also has accepted a “season pass” fee of $50 per skier in future years. That compares to $35 to $40 per skier in some other communities.

“We’ve tried to have things so people can afford to do it. At times I think we just should fence it in and lock the gate. It’s a struggle,” Jones said.

He said the course is an important skiing area. Its relatively flat condition makes it attractive for all levels of skiers and the equipment storage shed means one volunteer can quickly set a track. Therefore, fewer volunteers are needed.

Its proximity to town also makes it convenient for visitors. You can go out for an hour and get your skiing in and be right back in town.

The ski club recently set a two-mile loop at Chilkoot Lake, about 12 miles up Juneau Road. “It’s not windy, the water’s flowing and there’s ducks and eagles and water owls out there. It’s magic,” Holton said.

Holton said the club also was looking at setting a track into Chilkat State Park. A three-mile loop track was set last weekend at 25 Mile Haines Highway, starting at the old river dike there, according to club volunteer Jim Ford.

Stan Jones also has suggested a small fee for using the course.

To get on an e-mail list for updates on cross-country trail tracking and grooming, e-mail Reuben Loewen at reubenloewen@gmail.com

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to burglaries on up to homicide

As many as 30 percent of reported crimes aren’t even fully cleared, he said.

“They’re not being able to collect enough evidence to be able to prosecute these people in terms of a suspect, because without that corroboration, you’re not going to be able to prosecute. So that’s what’s required for a successful prosecution. Corroboration is being strengthened by having a place where the sites would be identified here so we can work back to a small department and I want to be part of a team that’s going to get that going forward.”

He provided his perception of the community. “It’s a tight-knit community and it is very effective in getting things done, to a certain extent. So if you’re not having a problem in one place, you’re having a problem in another. So it’s a small community that takes great pride in an area.”

Mussler said he was seeking a job outside Idaho because he can’t work there without giving up his retirement pay from the military.

Mussler and Crays are from a list of 16 applicants for the job dating back to the summer of 2011, as identified by former Haines Borough Manager Mark Easter, either because of withdrawn applications, Cozzi said last week.

Counties looked at six or seven others from the list and scheduled a round of Skype interviews. That narrowed down to two, which were interviewed a second time on Skype. Cozzi said she then narrowed the list to Mussler and Crays. That decision, she said, had the support of borough superintendents Bill Stevens and Jim Stanford, manager assistant Darsie Culbeck and consultant Rod Cooper. Cranston, who has a contract with the borough work with the department, was working with the department, Cozzi said.

Cozzi said no in-person interviews will be conducted with

Business forum Monday

A “business venture forum,” sponsored by the Haines Chamber of Commerce Monday, is aimed at assisting entrepreneurs and local businesses.

The forum will shed light on new business ventures and bring together new and existing business owners with service providers from banking, insurance, management, financial advisors and management, said Chamber president Barbara McMillan.

The Haines forum was inspired by the “Paths to Prosperity” program sponsored by the Alaska Native Entrepreneurs by a collaboration between the Haini Aani Community Development Corporation and The Nature Conservancy.

“P2P” contesting participants in the forum from Haines included Carrie Kinison, owner of Ketchin Camaro, and the Four Haines entrepreneurs who were among the 12 semi-finalists for the SE Alaska contest, including Tamsen Cassidy of Ketchin Feed and Seed; Scott Hansen, Chilkot Indian Enterprises Wood Pellet Production; Debra Schnabel, Glacial Ground Rocknobs; and Carol Tuynman of Seven Echoes Home Insulation.

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“The P2P competition is an interesting one and the idea is to create a business plan that is self-sustaining and one that will be good for the community that takes great pride in what they do,” said McMillan.

Awards will be given for best business plan and the best business plan on recycling.

The forum was especially useful for people with new ideas who have no idea how to approach a business plan, she said.

Anyone with an innovative idea who is interested in a forum with ideas will be able to attend the forum, she said.

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Ask your business advisors and management, said Chamber president Barbara McMillan.

Cozzi said no in-person interviews will be conducted with

Business forum Monday

A “business venture forum,” sponsored by the Haines Chamber of Commerce Monday, is aimed at assisting entrepreneurs and local businesses.

The forum will shed light on new business ventures and bring together new and existing business owners with service providers from banking, insurance, management, financial advisors and management, said Chamber president Barbara McMillan.

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“P2P” contesting participants in the forum from Haines included Carrie Kinison, owner of Ketchin Camaro, and the Four Haines entrepreneurs who were among the 12 semi-finalists for the SE Alaska contest, including Tamsen Cassidy of Ketchin Feed and Seed; Scott Hansen, Chilkot Indian Enterprises Wood Pellet Production; Debra Schnabel, Glacial Ground Rocknobs; and Carol Tuynman of Seven Echoes Home Insulation.

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“The P2P competition is an interesting one and the idea is to create a business plan that is self-sustaining and one that will be good for the community that takes great pride in what they do,” said McMillan.

Awards will be given for best business plan and the best business plan on recycling.

The forum was especially useful for people with new ideas who have no idea how to approach a business plan, she said.

Anyone with an innovative idea who is interested in a forum with ideas will be able to attend the forum, she said.

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