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GOOD MORNING



The weather.

Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid 30s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper teens to lower 20s. East winds to 10 mph.

High today 32
Low tonight 18

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Aurora forecast.

Auroral activity will be low. Weather permitting, low-level displays will be visible overhead from Utqiagvik to Fairbanks and visible low on the northern horizon from as far south as Anchorage and Juneau.

This information is provided by aurora forecasters at the Geophysical Institute at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. For more information about the aurora, visit <http://www.gialaska.edu/AuroraForecast>

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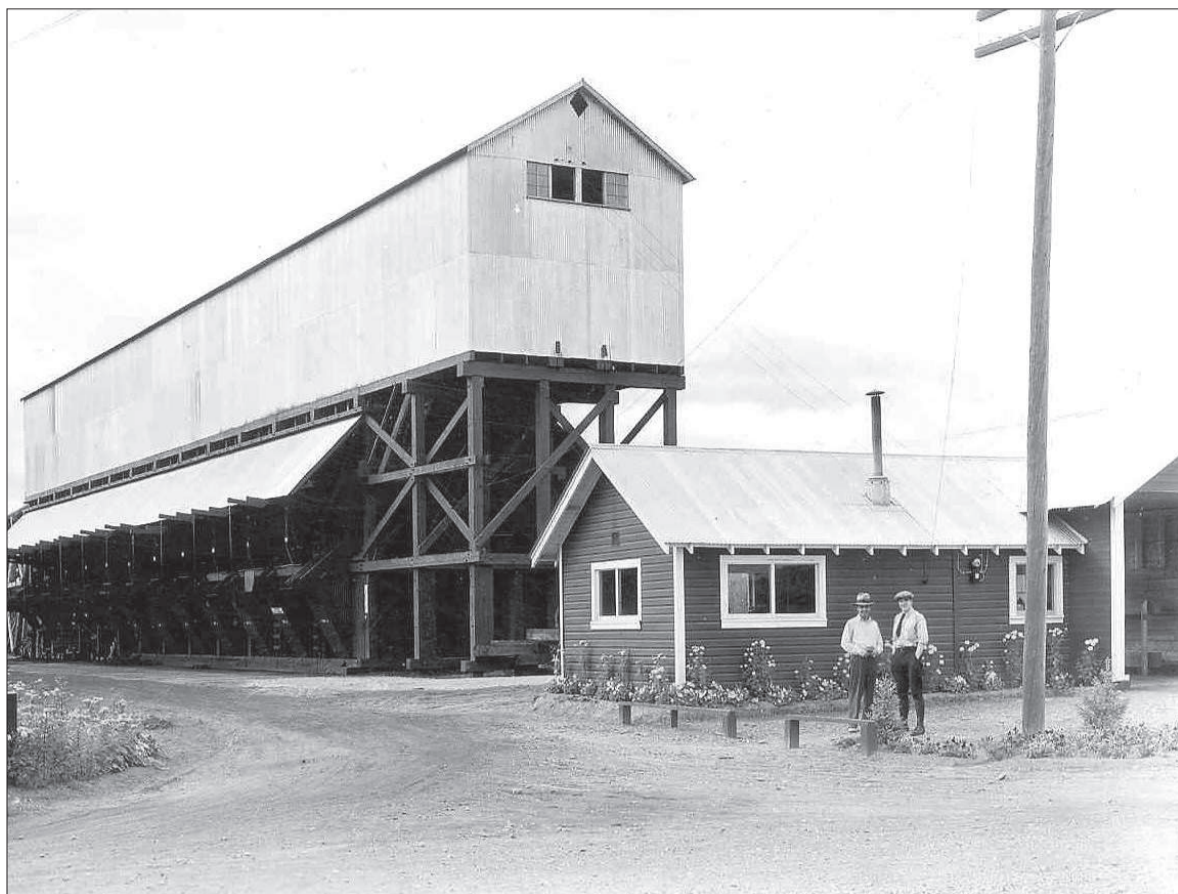
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SOURDOUGH JACK: "Knock on wood that lumber don't remember everything about me!"



Pieces of the Coal Bunkers, once slated for historical preservation, are now ending up in the homes of those who appreciate the historical value of the lumber. PHOTO COURTESY CANDY WAUGAMAN

Historic lumber finds way into area homes

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A part of Fairbanks history is quietly being incorporated into some local homes.

Timber from the Fairbanks Coal Bunkers, a place for fetching coal for home heating from the 1930s until some time before the structures were disassembled in 1997, is being used for mantles, porches and structural beams in area homes, according to a local builder and a lumber yard selling off the old-growth Douglas fir.

Old-time residents remember the coal bunkers as a local gathering place in Fairbanks. It was located in the railroad industrial area at the corner of Phillips Field Road and Illinois Street. Coal was delivered to the site by rail car.

"That definitely was quite a landmark," said Jim Ringstad, whose father owned the building in the 1970s.

Attempts in the 1990s to preserve the building failed, and

Coal Bunkers subject of print sale

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Forty prints of the Fairbanks Coal Bunkers by artist Randall Compton are for sale on Friday at The Diner restaurant on Illinois Street near the coal bunkers original site.

The prints are \$350 each, and all of the proceeds will go to the Arctic Resource Center for Suicide Prevention.

The agency is hosting the sale from noon to 4 p.m., according to Jim Wisland, who heads up the nonprofit. "The prints are all signed,"

Wisland said.

The Arctic Resource Center for Suicide Prevention provides services to suicide survivors, including a support group, a resource library, outreach and training.

The prints are based on a painting that was commissioned by an area resident, Wisland said. They were donated to the resource center to raise money for the agency, a nonprofit that opened in 2014 to help people touched by suicide.

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now pieces of it are scattered here and there.

A website, coalbunkers.com, by Randy Griffin is dedicated to the coal bunkers and the efforts to preserve the building.

The Fairbanks Coal Bunkers

was built in 1932 by the Healy River Coal Corp., which was headed by Austin E. Lathrop, an aviator and Alaska pioneer, according to the website.

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Shelby bucks Alabama GOP leaders in voting against Roy Moore

By Kim Chandler
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MONTGOMERY — In his sternest rebuke yet, Alabama Sen. Richard Shelby said repeatedly Sunday his state can "do better" than electing fellow Republican Roy Moore to the U.S. Senate, making clear that a write-in candidate was far preferable to a man accused of sexual misconduct.

Days before the pivotal race, Shelby, who is Alabama's senior senator, said he had already cast an absentee ballot for another, unspecified Republican, even as other



Moore

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Bitcoin futures rise as virtual currency hits major exchange

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CHICAGO — The first-ever bitcoin future began trading Sunday as the increasingly popular virtual currency made its debut on a major U.S. exchange.

The futures contract that expires in January rose \$340 to \$15,800 in the first hour and 15 minutes of trading on the Chicago Board Options Exchange. The contract opened at \$15,460, according to data from the CBOE.

The CBOE futures don't

involve actual bitcoin. They're securities that will track the price of bitcoin on Gemini, one of the larger bitcoin exchanges.

The start of trading at 5 p.m. CST overwhelmed the CBOE website. "Due to heavy traffic on our website, visitors to cboe.com may find that it is performing slower than usual and may at times be temporarily unavailable," the exchange said in a statement. But it said the trading in the futures had not been disrupted.

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