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FULL MOON IN THE CLEAR—The nearly full moon rises over Anvil Mountain Nov. 22 after days of fog and rain in Nome.

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Body recovered from Grantley Harbor ice

By Tyler Rhodes

Rescue teams Monday were able to find and recover the body of a 44-year-old Teller woman who died after falling through the ice while riding on a snowmachine between Teller and Brevig Mission Nov. 24.

According to Shishmaref rescue coordinator Glenn Nayokpuk, Barbara Scholten was found after search teams were able to fan out in pairs as ice conditions on Grantley Harbor solidified five days after the acci-

dent. Scholten had originally fallen through the ice a little more than a mile offshore while riding on a snowmachine with Marvin Okleasik on the way to Brevig Mission to play bingo. Okleasik was able to get on top of the ice and walk back to Teller to report the incident.

As temperatures dropped over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend and Monday, Nayokpuk said crews were

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Council stalls on medical rules for commercial drivers

By Laurie McNicholas

The Nome Common Council tabled a proposed ordinance that would replace state medical standards for school bus drivers with federal medical requirements for drivers of any commercial motor vehicle at a meeting on Nov. 22. The proposed ordinance also would amend ordinances covering the issuance and renewal of taxicab licenses, and the denial or revocation of taxicab or

motor bus licenses.

During a public hearing on the proposed ordinance, John Handeland criticized a provision that would replace the Alaska Administrative Code medical standards for school bus drivers with the Code of Federal Regulations medical requirements for persons seeking permits to drive commercial motor vehicles.

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Photo by Nadja Roessek

NEVER TOO YOUNG TO HELP—Volunteer Christopher Morgan, 6, adds some cream to a slice of pie held by volunteer Elise Rasmussen at Nome's Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the XYZ Center Nov. 25.

Plan aims to have more students graduate on time

By Tyler Rhodes

As of Thanksgiving, nearly four dozen high school students at Nome-Beltz—almost 31 percent of the high school student population—were not on track to graduate with the rest of their class.

Nome-Beltz Principal Steve Gast presented a plan to the Nome Board of Education Nov. 23 that aims to whittle those numbers down as close to zero as possible. Using online courses through a company called Apex Learning, Gast said the school will eventually offer students who are lagging behind the chance to catch up during the school day. "They could kick out a class in a number of weeks," he told the board during its work session at the Nome Elementary School library.

The initiative aims to cut the high school's dropout rate by catching students at the moment they start falling behind and working to put them back on track as quickly as possible. Gast stressed that early intervention is key in giving students who fail classes a chance to graduate on time, citing a national study that showed most students

who drop out are already lagging behind their classmates by the 10th grade.

Of the 44 who are currently behind, eight are lagging by a half credit, while 21 need to make up between one and two credits. A semester-long course generally is worth a half credit. Fifteen students need to make up between 2 1/2 and five credits. Five credits nearly represent a full year of classes.

Gast said the credit recovery program will work to address students falling behind as quickly as possible so that they do not accumulate so many missed credits. "When I've got a kid who's got an F after the first quarter, we better have something ready for the second quarter to address that," he said.

For students who are already having difficulties passing courses, the added burden of taking extra classes

can be overwhelming and spur a sense of hopelessness. The district's current credit recovery program requires that the students pay for and take courses on their own time, outside of the school day and largely without help from teaching staff, unless they seek it out on their own. "You're asking a kid who has been failing to go out on his own and do a correspondence course," Gast told the board.

Starting next school year, Gast wants to expand the school day to seven periods (there are currently six) so that classes using the Apex system can be scheduled throughout the school day for students who need to make up credits. The extra period would allow students to take the credit recovery classes while still being enrolled in the rest of the courses they need to take to graduate on time. Under the school's current policies,

students are required to re-take classes they fail, a process that often results in yet another failing grade and students' schedules being squeezed so that they are unable to take other classes required for graduation. "This cycle of taking a class, failing, and then taking it again puts the student farther and farther behind, because by taking the course over and over again they are losing future credit time slots needed to repeated courses," Gast wrote in an e-mail to the *Nugget*.

The extra period would also allow teachers from various subjects to be available in the credit recovery classes to aid students as they completed the online class work. "We want to start matching these kids and their needs...with the person who can help them with them," Gast said.

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Letters

Dear Nancy,

I am writing on behalf of our son David Kelly Tocktoo who passed away on October 16, 2010 from an accidental gunshot wound. He was only 13 years 1month and 16 days old. We would like to express that gun safety is no joke; it is not "just words said."

It is an action that every gun owner must practice. It only takes a minute to make sure all firearms are totally empty and shells are put away properly.

Who knows, it might save your innocent young loved one or a young one you know. For those few out there who have experienced a loss similar to this, understand how important these words are— please promote gun safety!

Thank you,
Stewart and Daphne Tocktoo
Brevig Mission, AK

Hello Nancy, and hello to people,

I just thought I'd say a few things on behalf of this fine young man who has vanished to into thin air again like my son Eric Mason Apatiki.

My heart is with the Annogiyuk family because I know exactly what they are going through right now.

When I read the first newspaper article about Jaconiah I got so very upset the way it used the words "drunk" and "staggering." This is as if to prove it might have been his fault or making us look bad.

I don't get it; it seems like most of my fellow islanders disappear only in October.

I smell something behind this because I know in my heart my own son's disappearance is either those last two boys who chased after him, or the cops that were on duty that time are responsible. When I called Nome Police Department I asked have you heard from my son? (when he was just missing 2—2.5 hours) the dispatcher replied to me, "yeah—they got your son Eric, too Laura." Damn, that hurt me. He was in no condition, or drinking, and he and I just ate before the four guys took him out.

But guess what? I called back NPD to check on my son. They told me that they made a mistake to have

custody for my son.

I know something is real fishy, Eric, Lance, Jaconiah, and Archie were not found— starting all the way from years ago.

Where? Where did they disappear? They were in Nome for a purpose and all of them are blamed on alcohol. I don't think so. I hate to say this: Can there be a polygraph done on whomever was on duty, please? I know this sounds ridiculous.

Of course they make stories like my son went to Nome to spend his PFD. No way he didn't. That makes me real upset. He went to Nome on October 4, 2004, October 9 was direct deposit and October 12, the rest of PFDs were mailed, and he didn't get PFDs.

He was not fighting either; he was beaten by those four drunk guys, I know now.

I saw him get up dragging his jacket; start running to the alley, and two of the four guys ran after him. That was the last time I've seen my beloved son, Eric. I was at a distance— four houses down, when they beat him up. I will never forget that; he was curled up on the ground.

Whoever may be responsible for these missing people—justice will come to you.

I still want to reach out for my son and hug him, but I can't.

Laura M. Apatiki
Anchorage, AK 99518

Hi everyone,
It's a laugh. So President Obama

says that the job situation is better, that the numbers have gone up. That may be because some people's unemployment benefits ran out.

From our point of view—the jobs are disappearing. I called someone today who used to work for Northwest Campus to ask why he couldn't administer the SAT test to my son— being that he worked for a college— which is a school, right? He told me he was laid off—along with all the other people that work for NWC in the other outlying villages— due to cuts.

And so the Legislators say they should cut this much off of that, and cut something else out. Well—I dare every last one of those Legisla

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Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank yous and political endorsements are considered ads.

Editorial

Be Smart

Winter in the arctic is spectacular. Outdoor sports, skiing, snowmachining, snowboarding, ice fishing, hunting and just plain enjoying the scenery are what we do for livelihood, sanity and enjoyment. We also know that the elements can be very unforgiving. We have to know what we are doing and be prepared for emergencies.

When we venture onto the tundra, the frozen ocean, the ice covered rivers we need to let discretion be the better form of valor. We need to plan our trips, tell folks where we are going, when we expect to return and when to call for help. Trip plans can be left with the VPSOs, troopers or with the Nome police department. We also need to know how to dress properly, operate our equipment and practice safety when hunting. We need to insist that a hunter knows how to properly handle, transport, clean and secure guns.

When we are trying out our new snowmachines, new skis, new sleds, new guns we need to be smart about how we conduct ourselves. We also need to take time to teach our children and friends who are new to the area how to respect nature and stay alive in the face of the challenges nature can throw our way. —N.L.M.—

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A Look at the Past



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Thanksgiving Dinner of the Nome News Boys at the Board of Trade Restaurant
Nome, Alaska, Nov. 30th, 1905.

An F. H. Nowell photo courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

EXTRA, EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT! — Thanksgiving Dinner of the Nome News Boys at the Board of Trade restaurant, Nome, Alaska, November 30, 1905.

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — December 2 - 8, 2010

Day	Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Th	12/02	02:25 a.m. LST	1.4H	10:15 a.m. LST	0L	05:24 p.m. LST	1.2H	09:56 p.m. LST	0.9L
F	12/03	03:07 a.m. LST	1.4H	11:04 a.m. LST	-0.1L	06:15 p.m. LST	1.3H	10:49 p.m. LST	0.9L
Sa	12/04	04:02 a.m. LST	1.4H	11:57 a.m. LST	-0.2L	07:07 p.m. LST	1.3H	11:45 p.m. LST	0.9L
Su	12/05	05:07 a.m. LST	1.5H	12:54 p.m. LST	-0.3L	08:02 p.m. LST	1.3H		
M	12/06	12:45 a.m. LST	0.9L	06:17 a.m. LST	1.5H	01:51 p.m. LST	-0.3L	08:57 p.m. LST	1.3H
Tu	12/07	01:49 a.m. LST	0.9L	07:30 a.m. LST	1.5H	02:47 p.m. LST	-0.3L	09:50 p.m. LST	1.4H
W	12/08	02:58 a.m. LST	0.8L	08:44 a.m. LST	1.4H	03:42 p.m. LST	-0.2L	10:40 p.m. LST	1.4H

All times are listed in Local Standard Time(LST) or, Local Daylight Time (LDT) (when applicable). All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

Weather Statistics

Sunrise	12/02/10	11:29 a.m.	High Temp	33° 11/22/10	National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391
	12/08/10	11:44 a.m.	Low Temp	0° 11/28/10	
			Peak Wind	36 mph, E, 11/30/10	
Sunset	12/02/10	04:13 p.m.	Precip. to Date	12.65"	
	12/08/10	04:03 p.m.	Normal	15.51"	

Seasonal snow fall total (data collected since 7/1/10): 7.3" Current Snow Cover: 1.0" varies with sublimation/melting/blowing of snow.

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News from around the state

Compiled by Diana Haecker
Court rules to take Miller lawsuit to Juneau

Fairbanks Superior Court Judge Douglas Blankenship moved Senatorial GOP candidate Joe Miller’s lawsuit from Fairbanks to Juneau. Monday’s ruling comes in response to a motion by the State of Alaska to move the case to Juneau. Miller filed the suit against State of Alaska’s Division of Elections and Lt. Governor Craig Campbell, contesting the way the state interpreted the state’s write-in laws. Write-in candidate and incumbent Senator Lisa Murkowski declared victory after ballot counts showed she was more than 10,000 ballots ahead of Miller. Miller ballot count observers contested more than 7,000 ballots, and he alleges voter fraud. Election officials said that voter intent trumped the interpretation of the law that write-in names have to exactly appear as written in filing papers. Murkowski filed to intervene in the lawsuit, but Judge Blankenship left the decision to a judge who is going to be assigned to the case in Juneau.

Murkowski urged for a quick resolution because if she’s not sworn in on January 3, one of the two Alaska Senate seats will be left empty. According to AP reports, the Alaska Republican Party last week called on Miller to concede, and former U.S. senator from Minnesota Norm Coleman said it was time for Miller to move on.

Freezing November rain wreaks havoc in Interior, Southcentral

Students in Anchorage, Fairbanks and the Mat-Su Borough were allowed to stay home in the days leading up to the Thanksgiving holidays as freezing rain turned roads into ice rinks and made travel unsafe. The unusually warm weather system spread over most of Alaska and turned snow to freezing slush and left plowed roads coated with glare ice.

In Skwentna, two snowmachiners went through the ice of the Yentna River. All their survival gear went into the water, but they were able to hike roughly 7.5 miles to a cabin,



where Search and Rescue troopers found them. Both were transported out and one was flown to Providence Hospital for treatment from exposure to the weather. Troopers noted a few minor single car accidents as motorists lost control of their vehicles on icy roads.

Alaska to accept \$23.5M in federal education funds

Although Alaskan teachers are not threatened by layoffs, the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development is about to receive a federal grant to prevent teacher layoffs. The \$23.5 million are part of a \$10 billion federal program aimed at helping hard-pressed school districts around the nation. While the money was billed for layoff prevention, the U.S. Department of Education allows it to be spent on teacher salaries, performance bonuses, retirement costs and other related expenditures. The money will be divided among Alaska school districts based on the formula used to distribute federal Title I funds for disadvantaged students.

Parnell names more commissioners

In building his new administration, Governor-elect Sean Parnell last week named Bryan Butcher to head the Department of Revenue and named Bill Streur as acting Health and Social Services Commissioner. Butcher works at the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation as the director of governmental relations and public affairs and advises Parnell on economic

development issues. Butcher also is the vice president of the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation and coordinates the governor’s transition advisory teams. Streur currently serves as deputy commissioner for Medicaid and health care policy for DHSS. Streur has a bachelor’s degree in pre-medicine.

AEA recommends to dam Susitna for hydro power

The Alaska Energy Authority endorsed a large hydroelectric project that met bitter opposition when it was first studied in the 1980s. AEA was tasked to study the feasibility of major Alaska hydroelectric projects including Susitna, Chakachamna and Glacier Fork. The AEA report concluded that the Susitna project at Lower Watana would produce two to three times more energy and at a lower per unit cost than the others. The construction bill is still pegged at more than \$5 billion to create a 39-mile long water reservoir and a dam site to hold back the massive glacial-fed river.

Governor Parnell threw his support behind the dam, saying that this large-scale hydro project is necessary if Alaska is to meet its goal to generate half of its electricity by renewable resources by 2025. Plans to dam the Susitna have been mulled on and off for more than 50 years. Earlier efforts were abandoned in the past because of concern for salmon, costs involved and the lack of economies of scale, as there were not enough customers for electricity to warrant such a huge project.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 2 - December 8, 2010

EVENT PLACE TIME

Thursday, December 2

*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Nanook Swimming	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*NACTEC	Pool	7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Infertility video	Prematernal Home	Holiday
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*PHN with Linda	Prematernal Home	Holiday
*Wiffleball (grades 3 - 6)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m./6:45 p.m./8 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*World Dance with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY

Friday, December 3

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*NACTEC	Pool	7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Quiet Time	Kegoyah Library	10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Infant and Toddler Emergency First Aid video 9f5	Prematernal Home	11 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*Soccer (grades 1 - 2)	Nome Rec Center	2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Soccer (Grades 3 - 5)	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Circumcision video 14	Prematernal Home	4 p.m.
*Zumba with Elizabeth M.	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Youth Climbing (8 & younger)	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Youth Climbing (9 & older)	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Advanced Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturday, December 4

FIREMAN’S CARNIVAL!

*Comforting Your Fussy Baby video	Prematernal Home	11 a.m.
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Vaccines and Your Baby video 2	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.

Sunday, December 5

*Having Your Baby video 109	Prematernal Home	11 a.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Journey Through Healing Circle 106	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Kickbox/Tone with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Monday, December 6

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*NACTEC	Pool	7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*The Innocent Victims video 58	Prematernal Home	11 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5 p.m.
*Grandparents video 67	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 - 5:15
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m./6:45 p.m./8 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Advanced Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Tuesday, December 7

*Nanook Swimming	Pool	6 a.m. -7:30 a.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*NACTEC	Pool	7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*New Baby Care and You video 117	Prematernal Home	11 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Brendia with PT Benefit	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Team Handball Grades 3 - 6	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m./6:45 p.m./8 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Adult Drop-In Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*NACTEC	Pool	7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Nome Beltz Jr. High Classes	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Plaza	noon
*Gymnastics Grades 3+ with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Beginning Baton	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 5:30
City of Nome Christmas Extravanga	Old St. Joe’s Hall	5:30 p.m.
*Intermediate Baton	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Advanced Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.

Community points of interest hours of operation:

Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Tu - F)
Library Hours	Kegoyah Library	Additional hours by appointment
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)
Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
XYZ Center	Center Street	9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M - F)
		2 p.m. - 9 p.m. (M - Th)
		1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sa)
		8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (M - F)

Protect your eyes!

Cataracts are inevitable with age, but UV rays make this condition appear sooner. Wear tinted or clear lenses with built-in UV protection. Find out more at NSHC eye care, (907) 443-3235.



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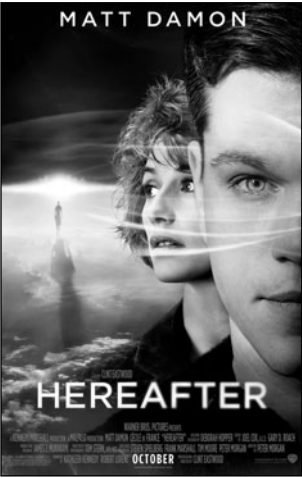
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Museum again tops city's wish list for Legislature

By Laurie McNicholas

The 2011 Alaska Legislature will focus on two large energy projects—the bullet line option for a natural gas pipeline and a Susitna River hydroelectric project—Wendy Chamberlain told the Nome Common Council Nov. 22 at a work session held to discuss the city's legislative priorities. Chamberlain has served for a number of years as state lobbyist for the City of Nome.

The bullet line is a proposed 24-inch, high-pressure natural gas pipeline that would run parallel to the existing Trans Alaska oil pipeline from Prudhoe Bay to Interior Alaska. From there the line would extend to the Cook Inlet area to connect with the existing distribution system. The project would include construction of a gas treatment plant at Prudhoe Bay to condition raw natural gas for shipment. Cost estimates for the project range from \$5.7 billion to \$11.8 billion.

The Alaska Gasline Development Corp., a subsidiary of the Alaska Housing Finance Corp., is developing an in-state natural gas pipeline plan under terms of HB 369, signed by Gov. Sean Parnell April 26. The AGDC is to deliver a plan to the Legislature by July 1, 2011 that provides for an operational natural gas pipeline by Dec. 31, 2015.

Chamberlain said development of a Susitna Hydroelectric project is a critical issue because southcentral Alaska has gas in Cook Inlet, but not enough for a sequence of days with temperatures below zero. She and Larry Markley, the city's federal lobbyist, said the project would cost \$50 billion.

However, on Nov. 24 Gov. Parnell and the Alaska Energy Authority endorsed a proposed Susitna River hydroelectric project that would cost \$4.5 million in 2008 dollars. The project would give the state the best chance to meet a state goal to produce 50 percent of Alaska's electrical energy from renewable resources by 2025, according to a 51-page report released by AEA on Nov. 24. Parnell said he will propose legislation to allow AEA to pursue funding for and ownership of the project.

Chamberlain said Anchorage alone is expected to seek \$300 million for its port expansion project, so it is likely the Legislature will put together a significant bonding package.

Noting that the Alaska Senate is split evenly between Republicans and Democrats (10-10), Chamberlain said the Senate majority caucus includes all 10 Democrats and six Republicans. She said Sen. Donny Olson, a Democrat who represents District T, will continue to serve on the finance committee. Sen. Lyman Hoffman of Bethel and Sen. Bert Stedman of Sitka co-chair the finance committee.

Republicans picked up four seats in the Alaska House of Representatives in the November election, noted Chamberlain. House Republicans now outnumber Democrats by 23 to 17. Chamberlain said Rep. Neal Foster of Nome, a Democrat who represents District 39, has joined the House majority caucus. "Representative Foster is popular with all of his col-

leagues," she said, but added: "He is a freshman; he'll have to get in line."

"I wanted to be in the majority," Foster told the council. "Jumping over I think is working out for us." He said he was warmly welcomed to the caucus, noting that his late father, Rep. Richard Foster, had been a member of the majority caucus for years. He said all members of the Bush caucus are in the majority except Beth Kerttula, a Juneau Democrat. Foster said he votes as a block with the Bush caucus, so it would not have made sense for him not to be in the majority. "After redistricting, the House will be more Republican because of Mat-Su, so it makes sense to be with them," he added.

Councilman Stan Andersen asked what Gov. Parnell has in mind for next year's state budget. Chamberlain said Parnell probably will prepare a barebones capital budget of \$300 million. Foster predicted that Parnell will hold the line on the operating budget, cutting in some areas and increasing funding in others, such as the Village Public Safety Officer Program.

Foster said he has a good relationship with Parnell and talked with him recently. He said in addition to energy projects, safety, health and education issues are important to the governor.

Markley told the council that large appropriation bills are stalled in Congress. "We're in four bills," he said. Noting that the federal fiscal year began Oct. 1, he said Congress may pass appropriations bills retroactively early in 2011 or just punt and let the government run at last year's level. He said Congress will not pass any appropriations bills except for the military during the current lame duck session.

Everyone is talking about the Congressional push to eliminate earmarks, Markley noted. He said all three members of the Alaska delegation continue to support earmarks. "I have a feeling the spigot is not closed on earmarks, but they will be more difficult to get," he added.

Andersen asked Markley what his main job is in Washington, D.C.

"I stay close to the delegation for Nome and some others," Markley replied. He said he also contacts agencies, most recently the U.S. Coast Guard. Markley noted that he resides in Juneau.

Mayor Denise Michels said council

members have copies of a resolution the council approved last year listing the City of Nome's state and federal legislative priorities for 2010. She said Nome Public Schools did a great job preparing its state funding proposals for next year. The council will need to approve a resolution listing the city's legislative priorities for 2011 to present to legislators in January, she added.

State legislative priorities

Funding for a new building to exhibit, house and protect the photographs, artifacts and archives of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum heads the list of state legislative priorities prepared for discussion by the council. Last year the city gave the museum project top priority and named the proposed structure the Richard Foster Building in honor of the late legislator. However, the Legislature allocated only \$2 million for construction of the building.

"Do we know what we want next?" asked Andersen in regard to funding for the museum building.

"We're working on it," replied Councilwoman Mary Knodel, who is a member of the Museum Commission.

"I thought we would get more money because of Richard Foster," Chamberlain commented. She said it was difficult for the Legislature to allocate more funds to the project last year because Neal Foster, who was appointed to fill his late father's House seat, was in the minority.

"Right up front we went to [House Speaker Mike] Chenault," Chamberlain recalled. She said the situation is difficult for Neal Foster because the proposed building is named for his father.

Chamberlain suggested that she and city officials arrange to have dinner with Chenault, Rep. Bill Stoltz and other legislators during the second week of the 2011 legislative session and ask, "Did we mishear?"

"I need to look out for the entire district," Foster noted. "...I'm glad Wendy is the go-between."

Other City of Nome projects proposed for legislative funding include:

- Two upgrades for the Nome Recreation Center: (1) A covered multi-use structure for ice skating, skateboarding and other outdoor sports; and (2) an emergency evacuation facility that also could be used

for conference rooms for civic events.

- An Arctic access/port causeway expansion project to add a 3,025-foot breakwater east of the existing causeway and a 270-foot spur at the end of the causeway.

- The extension of Steadman Street to the Nome Bypass Road;

- A consortium library for the City of Nome and the University of Alaska Northwest Campus;

- Portable fire gear for the Nome Volunteer Fire Department to deploy to villages in the region.

Andersen suggested that a request from the Public Works Department for a sander, loader and skid steer be deleted from the list of legislative funding requests and placed in the city's budget. Knodel agreed with him.

Utility manager John Handeland said Nome Joint Utility System needs state funds to develop alternative energy production sources such as geothermal, wind and natural gas; and to implement energy storage technology. He also said NJUS will ask the state to expand eligibility and maximum loan limits for participation in the state's Revolving Bulk Fuel Loan Fund.

Nome Public Schools' priorities for legislative funding are:

- A sprinkler/fire alarm upgrade for Building D (estimated cost \$90,000);
- Replacement of the Nome Elementary School gym floor (estimated cost \$100,000 to \$160,000);
- A lighting upgrade for all district facilities (\$100,000);
- Completion of Phase II of the HVAC Direct Digital Control project at Nome-Beltz High School (estimated cost \$90,000).

Federal legislative issues

The following list of federal legislative issues was provided to council members at the work session, but no descriptions of the issues were included and the council did not discuss them. The issues are navigation improvement project cap; small boat harbor turning basin dredging depth authorization; Arctic access port/causeway extension; public safety/fire station; U.S. Coast Guard seasonal forward operating location; Alaska Army National Guard Readiness Center; community power generation issues, and extension of the Steadman Street utility corridor.

Deaths mar Thanksgiving

By Tyler Rhodes

With all its celebration and feasting, the Thanksgiving day also brought tragedy to two villages in the region.

The Alaska State Troopers also reported the deaths of two other individuals on Thanksgiving Day. Just before noon Nov. 25, Troopers were notified of the death of a 43-year-old man in St. Michael. Less than a half hour later, Troopers received report of a 23-year-old woman found dead out-

doors in Gambell. Alaska Department of Public Safety spokesperson Megan Peters said foul play was not suspected in either case, but alcohol was a factor in both deaths. She said Monday that the investigation continues in both cases. Peters did not provide the names of either individual.

Troopers in the Nome office were unavailable Monday and Tuesday to comment on any of the deaths that occurred over the weekend.

Brevig Mission man dies after stabbing

By Tyler Rhodes

According to Alaska State Troopers, a 35-year-old man in Brevig Mission is dead after a stabbing.

Troopers reported the deceased as Andrew Tocktoo. Troopers say

they received the report of the stabbing Nov. 30 at 4:30 a.m. As of the late afternoon Tuesday, Troopers released no further information, saying only that the investigation is ongoing.

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New computer, help recommended for school district office

By Tyler Rhodes

A business consultant hired by Nome Public Schools warned the school board Nov. 23 that the district is running on borrowed time with its computer system that handles financial matters ranging from payroll to budget transactions.

"This machine is 10 years old, way past its useful life. It keeps on cranking...but it's old enough that you could have a computer failure," Melody Douglas told the board during a work session at the elementary school library. Douglas, a consultant who spent 32 years as the business manager for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, recommended the district replace the aging system right away.

"In my opinion, this is the most critical matter facing the district at this time," she wrote in a report to the district. "A computer failure while processing payroll would be more than challenging." At the Nov. 23 meeting, Douglas described the potential of not being able to pay the district's employees in more frank terms. "You can hold off vendors for a while, but you just don't miss payroll," she said.

In her report, Douglas wrote that the district's computer is reaching the age where its creator is planning to no longer offer support for the unit. She estimated a purchase price for a new unit at roughly \$25,000, noting that costs could be higher when factors such as a printer

and training are figured into a purchase.

Douglas' report to the district covers more than just the aging computer unit. Ranging from how often district office personnel should meet to the extent of duties in the business manager's job description, the report covers a number of areas where efficiencies could be found. Douglas made a September and November visit to the district to formulate her report.

Douglas' visits coincide with Nome Public Schools hiring of a new business manager to replace Jenny Martens who moved on to another district. While the district hired a new manager with business experience, Kathy Wojtanek came to Nome with no prior job in the educational arena. The district also didn't get her on board until the school year was already underway.

Douglas recommended the district lighten the load placed on its business manager, both in consideration of a new manager who is new to the arena and the fact that the previous managers were overworked. One method to accomplish that has been to bring on an additional accounting specialist to take over some duties that were previously the charge of the business manager.

The new hire prompted board member Barb Nickels to question if the district was becoming administratively top-heavy when she wanted to see any extra dollars funneled toward classroom instruction. She also asked if the new accounting

specialist would have been needed if a more seasoned school business manager had been hired. "Would we actually be filling this extra position if we had hired someone who had 10 years experience in school business?" Nickels asked.

Douglas said she felt the additional hire was necessary no matter who was brought in to fill Martens' shoes. "The addition of the person was based on the fact that you had business managers who were working 60 hours a week, and that's not in the best interest of the district," Douglas said. "If you don't pay attention to infrastructure, it will eventually end up in the classroom."

Nickels said if the district were to add a new administrative position, she would prefer a full-time grant-writer, noting that positions have been added to the district office in the past few years even as the student population—and thus the amount of state funding—has dropped. "If all those dollars could fall down from the sky, we could implement everything. We shrunk by 70 [students a few years ago] and we've added to the district office, and we want to add to the district office again," she said.

Douglas addressed the tracking of grants in her report, noting that a collaborative effort is needed to ensure timelines and reporting requirements are followed.

The district's new manager, Wojtanek, also spoke to the high likelihood of burnout if the job description would not have been slimmed.

"Jenny [Martens] is no longer here because of her work schedule," she said. Wojtanek also noted that no experienced business managers responded to the district's advertisement seeking a new manager. Superintendent Jon Wehde confirmed that no working school business managers were included in the field of approximately 20 applicants for the job.

Wehde said replacing a seasoned business manager and other crucial administrative positions can be much more difficult than replacing senior teaching staff members. "When a senior payroll clerk, business manager, director of facilities walks off, you cannot begin to approach that unless you have a lot of money, or you find someone willing to take the learning curve right on the face," he said.

In the case of the business manager's position, the learning curve is steep and lasts about two years, Douglas said. She also noted that the job has become more difficult and tasked over the years, as school districts have to deal with ever-increasing loads of paperwork and compliance issues. "The compliance component of our jobs is just horrendous," she said.

Board President Gloria Karmun lauded Wojtanek for taking on the job and accepting the challenge. "I'm impressed with Kathy, her willingness and desire to learn the business management of school," Karmun said.

• Credit recovery

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Through tweaking things like lunch schedules and passing periods, Gast said the additional period could be fit into the same amount of hours that the current school day encompasses.

More immediately, Gast said he and counselor Vern Rickett would meet by Christmas with each of the 44 students currently behind in credits to form a plan that could get them back up to speed with their classmates. By next year, Gast said he would like to see these individual learning plans for all students, starting at seventh grade. Gast said targeting junior high students with programs like individual learning plans and transition classes to prepare them for the rigors of high school should also reduce the number of students who fall behind in the credit count.

Gast also said he would like to see credit recovery classes offered between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m., an hour when high school teachers are still working, but students are excused. Junior High students are released at 4 p.m., meaning bussing would still be available for high school students staying later to participate in credit recovery courses. For the second semester of this school year, Gast said credit recovery classes could be offered at the later time slot on a voluntary basis. For the next school year, he proposed making the 3 p.m. classes mandatory for those who are behind or are failing a class they are taking at the time—a move that would require a policy change enacted by the board. "Also realize that the plan puts an Apex class in the schedule during every period of the day so students will have the opportunity to make up credit during the school day and still earn the max amount of regular credits," Gast wrote in an e-mail.

School Board President Gloria Karmun asked how the program would be funded. Gast said the costs

would be borne by a grant. He said funding for the second semester implementation of credit recovery would be funded under a grant covering migrant education. "Because of the wide range of services offered by Apex it can fall under many different grant sources each year for funding," Gast said in an e-mail. "We are targeting credit recovery, drop out rate and graduation rate—all areas with solid funding sources outside the school for years to come. The goal would be to fund the program each year with sources outside the [Nome Public Schools] budget."

Gast said in addition to introducing students to the Apex program next semester, he wants to start training teachers on the program.

Why students get behind

Gast said knowing why students fail classes is critical in both getting them back on track and preventing them from falling in a deficit in the first place. The principal brought some numbers to the meeting that shed light on students' difficulties.

Attendance factors large in how well students perform, Gast said. Students who are behind in credits have an average attendance rate of 88 percent. Some of the students had attendance rates as low as 51 percent last year while some had 100 percent attendance.

Students are also falling behind because they are not prepared for the level of class they are entering. Gast said 65 percent of students who are behind are reading below their grade level, 43 percent are at math levels below their peers. He offered the example of a 10th grader trying to pass a history course when they can only read at a sixth grade level.

Board is receptive to plan

Gast's presentation drew questions and praise from the school board, all of whom were present at the meeting. "I'm so impressed, I'm so excited," said board member Barb

Amarok. Amarok has made dropout prevention one of her main goals as a board member. "Credit recovery and dropout prevention has greatly been on my mind," she said.

Board President Gloria Karmun said she particularly appreciated the idea of forming individualized learning plans for the students, noting that it was personal contact with a school counselor that kept her on track to graduate during her own high school career. "I appreciate you embracing the student one-on-one. That way you catch a student early enough to graduate," she said.

Board member Barb Nickels had a few questions on the implementation of the program, specifically how it was received and how it will im-

pact staff. Gast said he had presented the program in a staff meeting earlier that day. "It was extremely well received by the group," he said.

Nickels also expressed concern that the involvement of the school counselor in the program may be adding more to the job duty than is currently spelled out. The majority of the board replied that they felt such a program was exactly in line with what a counselor should be doing.

Amarok asked if the program could also serve students who had dropped out or left school to get a GED and wanted to come back for a diploma. Gast said each case would vary with how many credits are needed to graduate and the age of the student. State statute only allows stu-

dents to stay in the public school system until they are 20 years old.

More uses

Beyond being a program offered to students who need to catch up, Gast said the Apex online courses could also serve students looking to go beyond what is currently offered in Nome-Belt's classrooms. The company also offers advanced placement and college test preparation courses. Gast said the online resource could be used concurrently with regular classroom instruction for advanced students, those at grade-level and those who need to catch up. "This whole program is not in place of a course...it's to augment instruction in the classroom in real time while instruction is going on," Gast said.

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Agencies take unified approach to improve ports

By Diana Haecker

A potential growth in shipping traffic paired with ever-bigger ships calling on ports in Alaska places new demands on regional ports and hubs. The Alaska Corps of Engineers, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities as well as the Denali Commission and a host of Alaska port authorities came together a few weeks ago to address the future of Alaska regional ports. And in the process, a list was produced with funding requests from harbors all across Alaska. Nome city manager Josie Bahnke participated in the conference.

The reality of more shipping lines eyeing the shorter Northwest Passage route to deliver goods and tourists from the Atlantic to the Pacific – and vice versa – is prompting increased research. The Alaska Corps of Engineers and the Alaska DOT hired the consulting firm Northern Economics to study global trends in port and harbor development and how it affects Alaska. They also did a regional analysis of community infrastructure and needs.

Assuming that the global warming trend continues, Northern Economics wrote in a white paper that Alaska could become a “transshipment point for vessels transiting the North Pacific great circle route with cargo destined to potential new Arctic Ocean routes.” The Northern Sea Route and the Northwest Passage could become useable navigation routes in the next 40 to 50 years due to Arctic sea ice melt. However, they

also warn that there are impediments to the use of Arctic sea routes, including seasonality and year-to-year variability, ice-class vessel requirements, vessel support and safety considerations as well as geopolitical issues. The researchers looked at trends and found that shipping lines consolidate and that those global shipping conglomerates are likely to use so called “mega-ships” to haul large amounts of freight around. This, in turn, means that Alaskan destination harbors need to have sufficient depth, storage facilities and infrastructure to accommodate these mega vessels.

The fuel crunch is another trend to be watched as shipping lines deal with increased fuel costs by seeking shorter shipping routes – which would make shipping through the Northwest Passage look attractive – and they try to limit the number of tug and barge trips to remote villages to one or two a year. This would require that smaller communities need additional fuel storage.

All the trends taken into account, the demand for improvements in port facilities includes increasing the depth of water in entrance channels and alongside berths, extending and supporting existing harbors, and providing breakwaters, better cargo handling equipment and storage facilities. Also the need for dredging the ports will grow, as bigger ships are likely to be used in the future.

Northern Economics caution that transportation companies and port operators, whether they be private or

owned by municipalities like Nome, should not be the sole beneficiaries of public investments in regional and sub-regional hubs in Alaska, but that regional residents also get their share. Better facilities along the Alaska coastline could result in lower costs for shipping companies and this could bring improved service and lower costs for residents of the hub communities as well as the outlying villages that they support.

If commercially exploitable oil and gas are found in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas, Northern Economics researchers predict a sharp increase in vessel traffic. And this brings a new demand on harbors. Ports and harbors play an important role in maritime safety and prevention of pollution, says Northern Economic’s briefing book.

“The lack of places of refuge and emergency response resources on Alaska’s North Slope and northwest regions may become a particular area of concern if the anticipated increase in the number of freighters, cruise ships, oil and gas tankers, dry bulk cargo vessels, and resupply barges passing through the Bering Strait and plying the waters of the Arctic Ocean comes about. In coming years, the provision of Arctic port facilities or harbors suitable for refuge for medium to deep draft vessels may become both a national and international imperative,” reads the Northern Economics briefing document.

The Corps is the entity that funds ports and harbors with state and local matching funds. Currently, the Corps

is conducting feasibility studies at Elim, Little Diomedea and Savoonga to evaluate if there is room for increased moorage capacity.

Mike Fisher, project manager with Northern Economics, said that the list that came out of the conference is in the process of being fine-tuned and soon to be made public by the Corps of Engineers. Fisher said he and his team compiled the list from eight sources including the state Department of Transportation, the Corps and funding requests coming out of the communities. He said that

funding requests for the Nome small boat harbor included increased docking space, electrical hookups and harbor lighting as well as general repairs, installation of fenders and navigational aides for the port entrance. The requests also mentioned facilities at Port Clarence. Fisher said that a summary of the conference and their research will be compiled by January and the information then is slated to be used by the DOT in the 2030 long-range transportation plan.

Vitamin D: Are you getting enough of this nutrient?

Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

The National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine released a report earlier this week slightly raising the Dietary Reference Intake levels for vitamin D considered adequate for most Americans. The report states that most people are currently getting the required amount



of vitamin D. However, questions remain for special populations, including those living in the far north, regarding how much vitamin D is needed to protect against chronic disease.

Long known to be an important nutrient in bone health and calcium metabolism, vitamin D, also known as 25-hydroxy vitamin D, has become a focus of research in recent years. This research has shown that a deficiency in vitamin D is associated with over 50 diseases affecting every system in the human body.

In 2007, Michael Holick, M.D., Ph.D. published an article in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in which he described how a deficiency in vitamin D is associated with a growing list of medical problems including bone disease, certain cancers, diabetes, and heart disease.

Since then, other researchers have shown that a healthy vitamin D level may prevent or reduce the risk for influenza, autoimmune arthritis, obesity, multiple sclerosis, and asthma.

There is even evidence that vitamin D supplementation may help ward off the common cold. In 2004, researchers demonstrated that vitamin D given daily as cod liver oil reduced the average number of wintertime pediatric visits for respiratory infections in a group of New York City children.

Vitamin D is naturally produced in the skin after sun exposure. It is not actually a vitamin but a pro-hormone, a molecule that the body converts to a hormone in order to regulate important functions at the cellular level. Receptors for vitamin D are found in every organ of the body.

Sunlight is the primary catalyst for the body to produce vitamin D. People who live in the far north are at risk of vitamin D deficiency because dark winters and poor UVB radiation penetration of sunlight at northern latitudes inhibits the synthesis of vitamin D in the skin.

Unless supplemented in the diet, vitamin D levels in the blood drop significantly in the winter months due to reduced exposure to solar radiation. This effect is seen year-round in those who remain exclusively indoors, like some nursing home patients, or in those who persistently use sunscreen.

When sunlight exposure is limited, vitamin D must be acquired through diet or supplementation. Regular consumption of salmon, seal oil, or marine foods can prevent vitamin D deficiency. One 3.5 oz serv-

ing of salmon contains between 600-1000 units of vitamin D3. Supplementation with vitamin D3 can also prevent vitamin D deficiency. The IOM committee recommends 600 units of vitamin D3 daily for anyone over age 1, and 800 units of vitamin D3 daily from all sources for adults over age 71.

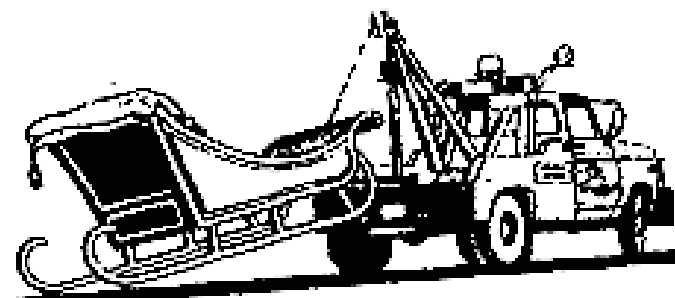
A number of physicians now believe these recommendations are overly conservative and recommend at least 2000 units daily from all sources for otherwise healthy adults. Patients with chronic diseases are often prescribed even higher doses.

For comparison, a short time in direct summer sunlight can cause the body to produce around 10,000 units of vitamin D. Toxicity does not occur because the body quickly degrades any unneeded vitamin in the skin.

Vitamin D has become one of the most common screening labs drawn at health fairs or during primary care preventive health visits. The results are used to define a person’s risk of deficiency. Vitamin D deficiency is defined as a level less than 20 ng per milliliter. Between 20 and 29 ng milliliter, a person is said to have vitamin D insufficiency. Results of 30 ng per milliliter or higher are considered normal; although it should be noted that people who live in

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TURKEY (above)—Volunteer Rick Moore Sr. is cutting up turkey at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the XYZ Senior Center Nov 25.

A LITTLE BIT MORE (above, right)—Volunteer Bob Hafner puts some cream on top of Pamela Arnold's cake, while volunteer Elise Rasmussen (center) looks on.

SWEET TREAT (right)—Margaret Olanna (left) and her daughter Jeanne Waltz get some pie at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the XYZ Senior Center Nov 25.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (below)—left to right: Tim Sullivan, David Stickel, Renee Lammer, Jeremiah Johnson, Elizabeth Herzner.

FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND FAMILY (bottom)—A group from Diomedes at the table in the foreground enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner together as the XYZ Center bustles on the holiday occasion that brings together people of all stripes in Nome.



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4. Widescreen Flat-Panel TV & PS3
5. One Ounce of Gold - Donated by Anderson & Sons Mining
6. Freight Sled
7. Generator - Donated by Morgan's Sales and Service
8. DeWalt 4-Tool Combo Kit - Donated by Outsiders Hardware
9. One Round-Trip Bering Air Ticket - Donated by Bering Air
10. 100 Gallons Heating Fuel - Donated by Alaska Cab Garage
11. Freezer - Donated by Nome Trading Company

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HAVING FUN (above)—Penny Jack (right) adjusts Mori Jack-Busk's hat.

DRESSED FOR THE OCCASION (above, right)—Wearing their Christmas sweaters, Honie Culley (left) and Sarah Schwartz sell a variety of goodies during the Nome Preschool Holiday Bazaar Nov. 27 at Nome's Mini-Convention Center.

TASTY TREAT (below)—Gwen Trigg-Komakhuk is all smiles in front of her cookie table.

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All Around the Sound

New Arrivals

Bethany D. Soonagrook and Steven R. James of Gambell announce the birth of their son **Wylder Brett Aasaq Soonagrook** born November 3 at 3:20 p.m. He weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 19" in length. Maternal grandparents are Sally Campbell of Gambell and William Soonagrook, Jr. of Nome. Paternal grandparents are Joel and

Mabeline James of Gambell. Janet H. Amuktoolik and Thomas M. Barr of Nome announce the birth of their daughter **Denah Lily Katherine Barr**, born November 11] at 7:13 a.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and was 21" in length. Siblings are Tatiana, 12, Jady, 4, and Keanan, 2. Maternal grandparents are Harry Boone and Laura Esparza of Golovin and the

late David and Lily Amuktoolik. Paternal grandparents are Minnie and Delano Barr of Shishmaref.

Sharona S. Annogiyuk and Benjamin R. Apassingok of Gambell announce the birth of their daughter **Ahrianna Rae Chloe' Apassingok**, born November 13 at 1:35 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 9.4 ounces, and was 19" in length. Siblings are

Shaina Annogiyuk, 10, and Kera Apassingok, 5. Maternal grandparents are Robert and Sandra Annogiyuk of Savoonga and Edmond and Delma Apassingok of Gambell.

Allen Akeya and Judy Martin. Great-grandparents are Alexander and Lydia Akeya, all of Savoonga.

To be Wed

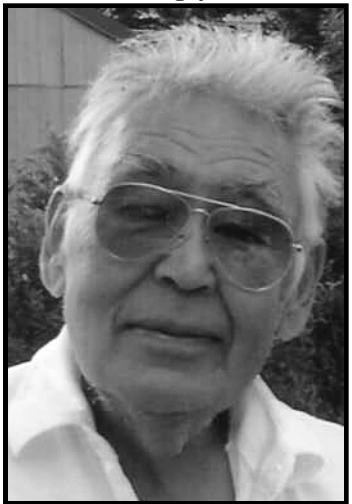
Thresia Elizabeth Mocan and **Landon Quin Mouritsen** will celebrate their marriage at a Reception and Ring Ceremony in their honor on December 31, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. with a reception from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the LDS Downtown Church Building in Emmett, Idaho. The parents of the bride are Robert and Virginia Mocan and the parents of the groom are Ralph and Laurel Mouritsen.

Obituaries

John Carl Agayuk (Ah-Ga-yuk) Johnson

Surrounded by his closest and dearest family members, John Carl Agayuk (Ah-Ga-yuk) Johnson died peacefully at 4:38 p.m. on November 24 in Nome. He was the third surviving son of the late Albert A. and Frances Johnson of White Mountain and Nome.

John Carl Agayuk Johnson



At an early age, Johnny was afflicted with tuberculosis and spent a number of years at the sanatorium in Seward before returning to his family who had moved to Nome following the closure of the boarding high school at White Mountain.

Johnny completed high school in Nome, spent several years working at the Lomen Company in Nome, then applied for and was hired on by the National Weather Service. He received his training from the National

Weather Service in Kansas, and after 30 plus years, achieved a retirement. His continued interest in the current weather patterns did not end upon retirement. Weather service staff patiently accommodated Johnny's continued interest. He could be found bugging them for copies of their most current data on the weather.

Following his retirement, he worked periodically for Chukotka Alaska in Nome—a job he really enjoyed because he could share with customers his knowledge of the people and customs of the region, weather information and explain the significance of the merchandise customers contemplated buying.

Ever wonder who started the practice of posting on the air the time of sunrise and sunset hours? It was Johnny. Although the practice of doing that was met with resistance by the National Weather Service at the time, it is now in practice—as you will notice in the *Anchorage Daily News*. Johnny felt it was important to post the times because our hunters and fishermen needed that critical information. He never received credit for his then radical idea; but the concept eventually made sense and is now common practice.

Johnny truly was an outdoorsman. On weekends and at every chance he could, he would head for Council and White Mountain for fishing and boating. He, like a lot of us, was a collector of "stuff." He was selective about the stuff he collected, though—like stainless steel pots and pans, or odd-ball unique items like small white rocks that when struck together created light. He enjoyed compact disc music—especially music he had heard on the radio as a

young man, country gospel music, as well as instrumental and classical music. He once gave out a copy of a real oldie he had found, "Gramma's Lye Soap."

Although he never married or had children of his own, he opened his heart and his life to his sister Carolyn's children and grandchildren, as well as his older brother's children following the passing of their parents. He considered his grand-nephew, Walter Schubert, his grandchild. Walter lovingly called him Papa. Following Walter's birth, Johnny gave him the Inupiaq name for our late Uncle Job, NuG-Gachaq. He was in his element when one of the kids sought him out to make a sling shot. He was fondly called Uncle Johnny, not only by his nieces and nephews, but acquaintances as well. His vast knowledge of outboard motors, auto mechanics and guns was constantly shared with anyone needing help. He had a keen sense of humor, too. On a berry-picking trip at Bear Creek, as the group returned to the boat, he spotted fresh bear tracks. Without hesitation, he stepped into the tracks and declared "size 9" and kept on walking.

He was a huge basketball fan, but a fan who consistently supported and encouraged the players, and even the coaches. More than that, he was a constant source of encouragement wherever he went and to whomever he met. He enjoyed spider solitaire, cribbage and socializing with his many friends at the XYZ center.

Johnny is survived by his older brother and friend, Clarence Waghiyi of Savoonga; younger sisters, Frances Miller and Carolyn

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Vitamin D

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more equatorial regions with plenty of direct sunlight maintain a level between 50 and 60 ng per milliliter.

Patients should discuss proper dosing of vitamin D with their provider. There are wide variations in the amount of vitamin D people need to supplement to attain healthy blood levels. People who consume salmon or who travel to lower latitudes during the winter will not require the same dose as someone who eats little marine food and spends most of the year indoors. Blood tests may need to be repeated every

6-8 weeks until an optimum dose is determined.

Supplementing vitamin D can cause problems for the relatively few number of patients with diseases that affect calcium in the body. Patients with hyperparathyroidism, sarcoidosis, and certain cancers must cautiously monitor their Vitamin D and calcium levels during supplementation.

Vitamin D deficiency causes damage slowly. Levels may remain low for years before any symptoms develop, and even when present, symptoms are vague and non-specific.

Some patients with vitamin D deficiency describe a diffuse bone or muscle pain, general fatigue, or feelings of depression. Often patients do not recognize any symptoms until the low levels have caused irreversible damage as in osteoporosis, diabetes mellitus type I, or multiple sclerosis.

As a part of good preventive health care, patients should consider having their vitamin D levels checked at least annually followed by a discussion with a medical provider regarding the need for supplementation.

Horoscopes section for December 2-8, 2010. Includes zodiac signs (Capricorn, Aries, Cancer, Libra, Aquarius, Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Pisces, Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius) with corresponding astrological advice and dates.

Thank you! The City of Elim, Elim IRA Council, IGAP and the community of Elim thanks Kawerak Backhaul Project and Bering Air for taking care of our old used batteries to help clean up our community.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 66.

Across and Down crossword clues. Across clues include: 1. Easter treat: Abbr., 5. Cooking meas., 8. Unite, 14. Robots, 16. Tropical American crocodilian, 17. Four-limbed vertebrate, 18. Syrian city, 19. Ponzi scheme, e.g., 20. Interjection of thoughtfulness, 21. "Arabian Nights" menace, 22. Daisylike bloom, 25. Chick's sound, 27. Barbarian, 28. Sensitive to light, 31. Bug, 32. Mythical monster, 33. "___ we having fun yet?", 34. Genetic disorder, 40. ___-tzu, 41. Caribbean, e.g., 42. In-flight info, for short, 44. Inherent in character, 49. Advocate, 50. Emcee, 51. Deed, 52. "Fantasy Island" prop, 53. Big ___, 54. "Get ___!" 56. Spherical bacterium, 58. Capital of Malta, 62. Go by, as time, 63. Of Illyria, 64. Track events, 65. Balaam's mount, 66. E-mail, e.g. Down clues include: 4. Constrict, 5. Spanish appetizer, 6. Feet ___, 7. Crash site?, 8. Seafood dish, 9. Oil source, 10. Deception, 11. Change for the better, 12. 2005 Best Picture nominee, 13. Methuselah's father, 15. Computer shortcut, 20. "For ___ a jolly ..." 22. Appropriate, 23. Certain herring, 24. Characterized by connectedness, 26. Encloses in a cyst, 27. Copter's forerunner, 29. "Help!", 30. Toni Morrison's "___ Baby", 35. Decline, 36. Discouraging words, 37. Browns, whites, grays, etc., 38. "Can't Help Lovin' ___ Man", 39. And others, for short, 43. A pint, maybe, 44. Cuisine style, 45. Requirements for some degrees, 46. Carbonium, e.g., 47. "Enchanted April" setting, 48. Edmonton ___, 49. Gastric woe, 53. In use, 55. Building additions, 57. Bean counter, for short, 58. ___ Appia, 59. 20-20, e.g., 60. "The Joy Luck Club" author, 61. "Go on ..."

Last week's answers

Grid showing last week's crossword answers.

Polaris Hotel advertisement. Single room \$59 + tax, 443-2000. Merry Christmas! www.polarishotelnome.com

• Obituaries

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Schubert of Anchorage, and Pearl Johnson of Nome and their children, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family members all over Alaska and the lower 48 states, as well as Chuck W. and Peggy Fagerstrom and Colby Carter. His parents, his brothers Wallace and Allan Johnson, and his sister, Loretta Willoya, numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins, as well as his closest friend and buddy, Chuck P. “Little Chuck” Fagerstrom, preceded him in death.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you consider making a donation to the Bering Straits Foundation, P.O. Box 1008, Nome, Alaska in memory of John Johnson for the benefit of students pursuing higher education in the field of weather-related studies.

Rev. Reeves C. Havens

Rev. Reeves C. Havens Jr., 94, of Fairview, TN, retired minister of the United Methodist Church, died November 9 in Franklin, TN. His career as a clergyman and chaplain spanned seven decades. He received a Bachelor of Divinity in 1942 and his national Chaplaincy accreditation in 1959.

He and wife Geraldine served churches in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York from 1942-1952, as missionaries in Nome and Ketchikan from 1952-1958, then chaplain of a Methodist Hospital, and a Methodist retirement community in Pennsylvania before retiring in 1978.

He continued to work in retirement, returning to Alaska with his family where he served churches in the Anchorage area and Juneau before retiring a second time in 1992, then moved to Tennessee and filled in as visiting pastor at several churches until 2007.

He was the first of three children, born in Binghamton, NY. His father was a Methodist minister, as are his two brothers.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Geraldine Bowen Havens; son Alan (Mary Ellen) Havens; daughters Lynne (Don) Lovett, Rana (Barry) Wise, and Maia (Amy) Havens; brothers Bradley and Robert Havens; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted November 12, 2010 at Westview United Methodist Church in Fairview, TN.

Frank Barrus

Frank Leland Barrus, 53, died November 19 from complications of pneumonia at Providence Hospital in Anchorage.

Frank was born October 31, 1957 in Cody, Wyoming. He earned Eagle Scout Honors and graduated from Cody H.S. in 1976. He served in the Tahiti, Papeete Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Frank received his Bachelor Degree from Brigham Young University, and completed his MBA at Oregon State University.

He met Barbara Emmett and married her in the LDS Idaho Falls Temple in 1980. He was a dedicated husband and father of six. He loved sharing his wealth of experience and knowledge of life with his children and grandchildren, which included hunting, fishing, baseball, football, business and service.

He fell in love with Alaska after just one fishing trip and moved with his family to Nome, in December



Frank Leland Barrus

2001. He settled in Anchorage a few years later. In 2008 his “Alaskan Adventure” took him to Dillingham but was cut short through this loss.

He was always the voice heard over the crowd, whether at sporting events or just out with friends. He was always the “push” that made us strive to be better. He will be missed—father, husband, friend, coach, teacher, leader and his children’s biggest fan. We were all blessed and became better individuals by having known him and have been given another exceptional example to live our lives by.

Frank was preceded in death by his father Charles “Tunney” and brothers John and Chip.

He is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Barbara, of Anchorage; his children, Lindsay (Jeff) Ekins of Mona, UT; Tiffany (Ryan) Metcalf of Wasilla; Clayton (Makenna) Barus of Cheney, WA; Chase of Payson UT; and Natalie and KaiLee of Anchorage, and his grandchildren, Alyssa, Carson, Mason, Maylee, Isabelle, Athena, Baelyn, and Tyson.

A public viewing was held at Anchorage Funeral Home November 26. A funeral service was held Saturday, November 27, at the LDS Brayton Chapel, 13111 Brayton Drive, Anchorage.

Saying it Sincerely

By Pastor David Elmore
Community United Methodist Church
for the Nome Ministerial Association

Text: Matthew 24: 36-44

OK, I know this sounds odd coming from a pastor, but before coming to Nome I had gotten to the point where I just really hated the Christmas Season. And this was in spite of the fact that the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is my absolute favorite service of the year – both as a layperson and now as a pastor. But Christmas season had gotten so hectic. Going to the mall or other stores to buy presents had become a chore. Parking spaces seemed non-existent. People just seemed rudier — at least when they were driving. And there were all these gifts to buy; and I didn’t want to buy anyone a gift unless I could find that gift that would be perfect for the person I was buying for. Most often I would end up settling and just buying them something I knew they would like but wasn’t all that special – perfume for mom, pajamas for dad, stuff like that — nothing really personal or special. And I’d always be disappointed with myself for not trying harder, or starting to shop earlier, or keeping up relationships better so that I would know just what that special gift should be. I had begun to dread Christmas, or at least what Christmas had become.

It was with this realization that the Christmas season had not always been like this that I began to recover in my heart the spirit of the season of Advent. You see, Advent is a countercultural time of year. When one turns on the radio, watches TV, goes to the store, just about all one hears are Christmas carols. But it seems that the world jumps right into Christmas and forgets about the season of Advent. For Advent is not a time of celebration, but one of preparation. During this time, we as Christians should be preparing ourselves, not just for the remembrance of the coming of Christ some 2,000 years ago but expecting that Christ will come again just as he promised – though as Jesus told us even God does not know when. So this is a time of year where we can truly prepare to celebrate the coming of the risen savior. We do this by dedicating ourselves during this time to growing closer to God. We focus on becoming more aware of the many gifts that God has given us. It is in this time of reflection and time of thanksgiving, that we realize our utter dependence on God. And we don’t just turn inward, but we begin looking at the world around us through Jesus’ eyes and asking how can we share God’s love in this world to those hurting people around us.

How can we prepare ourselves for the coming of Christmas this year? Perhaps we can stop spending money on those frivolous gifts for people we hardly know and give that money instead to help those who are hurting – people whom God created and whom God cares deeply about. And then perhaps we may find the peace for which Christ is called the Prince of Peace.

We Thank You

Thank you to the Community of Nome for your kindness and comforting words to our family members in the passing of our beloved Dana Booth. In particular to the Class of 2007, Nome Eskimo Community and their wonderful staff, Bering Straits Native Corporation, Melissa Ford and everyone who contributed to Dana's Memorial Fund, Lisa Coyle, Adam and Susan Reddaway, the many Friends of Dana in all walks of life, Joseph Schuerch, Irene Anderson and Family, the Samuels Family, Ron and Lorena Engstrom, and gratitude to all those involved with the Nome Service Memorial; Crystal Anderson-Booth, Taylor Booth, Karen McLane and Katy Booth. Thank you so much, John Handeland.

Sincerely Cheryl Cavota, Devola and Mat Michels, David Booth and extended family.

Church Services Directory

Bible Baptist Church Service Schedule, 443-2144
Sunday School 10 a.m./Worship Hour 11 a.m.

Community Baptist Church-SBC
108 West Third, **443-5448 • Pastor Bruce Landry**
Small Group Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Community United Methodist
2nd Ave. West, **443-2865**
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Thrift Shop — Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Nome Covenant Church
101 Bering St. **443-2565 • Pastor Harvey**
Sunday School 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Youth Group 7 p.m. (call **443-7218** for location)
Friday Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church
5th & Bering, **443-5295**
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Sunday Quiet Communion 2:30 p.m.

River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night Service 6:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527
Corner of Steadman & King Place
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 p.m./**Sunday** 10:30 a.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist
(Icy View), **443-5137**
Saturday Sabbath School 10 a.m.
Saturday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Nome Church of Nazarene
3rd & Division, **443-2805**
Sunday Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. & Worship Service 11 a.m.

PIGSKIN PICKS 2010

Week Fourteen

Thursday, Dec. 9
() Indianapolis () at Tennessee
Sunday, Dec. 12
() Tampa Bay () at Washington
() Cleveland () at Buffalo
() N.Y. Giants () at Minnesota
() Green Bay () at Detroit
() Oakland () at Jacksonville
() Cincinnati () at Pittsburgh
() Atlanta () at Carolina
() New England () at Chicago
() Seattle () at San Francisco
() Saint Louis () at New Orleans
() Denver () at Arizona
() Miami () at N.Y. Jets
() Kansas City () at San Diego
() Philadelphia () at Dallas
Monday, Dec. 13
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Employment

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[two positions, same job details]

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Trooper Beat

On November 22, at approximately 5:21 p.m., Soldotna Alaska State Troopers received a 911 call from an unknown female stating that she was tired of being beaten. AST responded to the residence on Helgeson Avenue where they contacted the female who had sustained facial injuries. The female stated that her boyfriend, Eli Mendenhall 34, of Nome, had assaulted her while they had been consuming alcohol with friends. A check through APSIN also confirmed that Mendenhall was currently on conditions of release from a Nome case. Those conditions stated that he was not to consume alcohol or not violate any local,

state or federal laws. Mendenhall was arrested and transported to Wildwood Pre-Trial Facility where he was remanded on one count of Assault IV Domestic Violence and two counts of Violating Conditions of Release. Mendenhall was held without bail pending his arraignment the following day.

On November 24, at 8:25 p.m. AST were notified of an overdue snowmobile with two occupants traveling from Teller to Brevig Mission. A short time later, Marvin Okleasik, 53, of Teller, returned to Teller on foot and reported that his snowmobile had broken through the ice en route to Brevig Mis-

sion. Okleasik reported that his passenger, Barbara Scholten, 44, of Teller, had fallen through the ice. Search and rescue efforts were hampered by poor sea-ice conditions. The search for Scholten continues.

On November 25, at 11:55 a.m., AST received a report of a death in Saint Michael. A 43 year-old male was found deceased. Alcohol is a factor.

Next of kin has been notified. Investigation continues.

On November 25, at 12:23 p.m. AST received a report of a death in Gambell. A 23 year-old female was found deceased outdoors. Next of kin have been notified. Alcohol is a factor in this case. Investigation continues.

On November 27, at 1:15 p.m., Savoonga VPSO Jack Linn arrested Scott Slwooko, 21, of Savoonga, with a warrant for failure to appear for a change of plea hearing. Slwooko was remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center with \$500.00 bail.

Seawall

11/24
A Nome minor received a Citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

11/25
George Tate, 37, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4º, DV and Assault 4º on a Peace Officer.

Harry Goldsberry, 31, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4º, DV.

11/26
Kristine Carlisle, 25, was arrested and booked into AMCC on a Bench Warrant.

A Nome juvenile, 17, was arrested and remanded to the Nome Youth Facility for Assault 4º, DV.

11/27
April James, 47, was arrested and remanded

to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation and Reckless Endangerment.

Dawn Oozevaseuk, 27, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4º, DV.

Rodney Nagaruk, 47, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass 1º.

11/28
Fred Ozenna, 33, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4º, DV.

Norma Ozenna, 40, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4º, DV.

Rhonda Komok, 44, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Reckless Endangerment, DV.

During this reporting period seven (7) persons were transported to the hospital for a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

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Preferable Education and training: Have a bachelor's or graduate degree in Business Administration, Liberal Arts, or a more specialized discipline. Needs a strong background in securities and finance.

Salaries: \$18.00/hr. min. D.O.E.

Deadline to Apply: Open until filled

Applications are available at the Shishmaref Native Corporation Office, between the hours of 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. and 1:00—5:00 p.m., Monday—Friday.

11/25-12/2-9-16

The Nome Public Schools District Office is recruiting for an Accounting Specialist I.

This is a temporary position which will last until June 30, 2011.

If you are interested and would like an application, please stop by the Job Center or go to nomeschools.com and access the personnel/employment website for an application and job description or write Nome Public Schools. P.O box 131 Nome, AK 99762

Nome Schools also has openings for Special Education Paraprofessionals.

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Neal Foster
Representative, House District 39

Happy holidays, everyone!

Now that the election is done and House leadership has been set for the next legislative session, it's time for me to catch up with you.

What a dramatic few weeks it has been, capped off with Senator Lisa Murkowski's successful and historic write-in campaign and, for me, a chance to serve you better by being given an opportunity to join the House majority.

As I write, the dust has not settled in the election for the U.S. Senate, but Lisa enjoys a lead of 10,328 votes over challenger Joe Miller. Taking away votes his campaign challenged but were counted in her favor during the recent write-in-ballot tally in Juneau, she still is ahead of him by 2,169 votes – a large enough lead to win, according to the Alaska Republican Party, which backed Miller in the general elec-

tion.

Rural Alaska deserves a lot of credit for Lisa's victory.

In House District 39 alone, she won 69 percent of 4,446 votes – compared with 17 percent for Scott McAdams and 12 percent for Miller. Thanks to strong support here and throughout the state, she will be the first woman in history to be elected to the U.S. Senate as a write-in candidate.


Meanwhile, Miller and his lawyers have succeeded in delaying state certification of the U.S. Senate race by filing a lawsuit that challenges the election and how the state counted write-in ballots, such as allowing minor misspellings of Lisa's name to be considered as votes for

her. When a federal judge ruled November 19 that the matter should be handled in state court, Miller took his case to a Fairbanks Superior Court whose judge ruled November 29 that the issue should be heard in Juneau, where the Alaska Division of Elections has its headquarters and stores ballots in a secured area. Time is of the essence because Lisa's new term starts on January 3, 2011.

After the election, the Alaska House organized into majority and minority caucuses. I joined with other rural legislators to be part of a majority coalition that supports having Mike Chenault of Nikiski serve another term as House speaker, Bill

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Public Notice Reminder



CITY OF NOME

Celebrating 100 Years of Gold Rush History

Incorporated April 9, 1901

PO Box 281 • Nome, AK 99762 • Phone: 907-443-NOME
• Fax: 907-443-5345

City of Nome issued Licenses and Permits for 2010 expire on 12/31/10

The following Licenses and Permits should now be renewed for 2011:

Sales Tax License
Health Permit
Hotel/Motel License
Pulltab License
Resale Certificate
Animal License
Chauffeur's License
Taxi Cab License
Motor Bus License


It is also time to apply for exemptions for:

Municipal Tax Exemption - DUE by February 1, 2011.

Senior Citizen/Disabled Veteran's Property Tax Exemption - DUE February 1, 2011.

Contact the City Clerk's office if you have questions **443-6663.**

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NOME JOINT UTILITY SYSTEM

NJUS is accepting applications for the following current position vacancies:

A WATER & SEWER OPERATOR

A water-sewer operator should hold valid certifications issued by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation to operate the Nome systems of at least the levels indicated:
* Water Treatment Operator – Level I
* Water Distribution Operator– Level III
* Wastewater Treatment Operator– Level I
* Wastewater Collection Operator– Level II

In addition to passing written tests, certification can only be achieved through experience in operating a certified system of comparable size and complexity. While a certified operator is desired, NJUS is willing to consider training a candidate as an Operator-in-training (O.I.T.) who intends to reside in Nome long-term and can gain the requisite certifications by passing DEC's written examination and working under the supervision of a certified operator.

A JOURNEYMAN-LINEMAN &/or A LINEMAN APPRENTICE

In addition to other requirements, linemen should be in good physical condition, not suffer from Acrophobia (the fear of heights), and be proficient in Algebra. A journeyman will possess a certificate of fitness issued by the Alaska Dept. of Labor. NJUS is willing to consider training a lineman apprentice who will work (or may have previously worked) under a journeyman toward the required 8,000 hours to obtain a state journeyman fitness card. An apprentice will be required to attend and pass several apprentice class sessions, each lasting 8 weeks at the IBEW training school in Fairbanks or Anchorage, and then pass the state test to obtain a journeyman fitness card.

ONGOING APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE

NJUS anticipates the need for additional labor in connection with construction activities for the planned summer system replacements/upgrades. Periodically NJUS operations departments also require casual or temporary labor. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and are kept on file for 90 days. (It is necessary to contact the Utility Office every 90 days to confirm continued interest and to keep your application active.)

Listed below are some of the positions that are anticipated to be hired during 2011:

Laborer	Crew Foreman	Carpenter
Pipelayer	Welder	Pipe fitter
Equipment Operator (loader, backhoe, compactor, etc.)		
Clerk or other secretarial/accounting assistance		

NJUS employees are represented by various unions, and successful applicants will be required to attain union membership and maintain membership in good standing. Wage rates are dependent upon certification and experience. Fringe benefits include health insurance and paid leave and holidays.

Applications are available from NJUS, City Hall and Nome Job Service and should be submitted to the NJUS Administrative Office located at the old Snake River Power Plant, or be mailed to: P.O. Box 70, Nome, AK 99762. For additional information, please contact the Utility Office – 443-NJUS [6587].

NJUS is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Reasonable accommodation will be made available to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Applicants are subject to pre-employment drug screening.

Providing reliable utility services to system rate payers efficiently and economically by prudently operating and maintaining system assets in a fiscally responsible manner

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tors to come live in the bush and see if they could last more than a month or two on what they expect us to live on. Also, let's see them live with the kind of health care they say is good enough for us.

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and that your holidays will be enjoyable. Remember they are only as enjoyable as you make them.

One of the things that disappoint me the most is: I keep stressing about kids driving at too young of an age. Those kids are not supposed to be driving until they are at least 16, especially driving other little kids around. Shame on the parents—my kids would get grounded and extra chores if they did that. Then who are you going to blame when something happens? At least around here they kind of enforce the helmet law. Seems to be (according to some people) that some people seem to get picked on, while others do not. All children under 16 are supposed to get ticketed if they don't use a helmet.

Anyway, take care, you all. Have safe holidays by being careful of the ice so that everyone can be happy over the holidays. Yea, good to know you all. Behave.

As always,
Karen Nanouk
Unalakleet, AK 99684


NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The City of Nome/Nome Joint Utility System intends to file (has filed) an application with USDA, Rural Development for financial assistance for the following purpose:

2010 Water and Wastewater System Expansion and Upgrades

- 15,000 lineal feet of water main will be replaced or installed with upgrades to the Water Treatment Plant. The work will be performed by Nome Joint Utility System using force account methods.
- 13,000 lineal feet of water main, 13,000 lineal feet of sewer main, 18 water/sewer service connections will be replaced. 1,200 lineal feet of storm drain will be added, including 5 storm manholes and 4 storm catch basins.
- The Utility will request assistance to procure construction and maintenance equipment, including a hydraulic excavator, dozer, loader and vacuum evacuator and jet rodder truck.
- Engineering plans and outline specification will be prepared for the construction project scheduled for completion in 2011.

If any additional information is needed, please contact: John K. Handeland, General Manager



NOME JOINT UTILITY SYSTEM

NOME JOINT UTILITY SYSTEM

P.O. Box 70
Nome, AK 99762-0070
(907) 443-NJUS (6587)

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Thomas of Haines and Bill Stoltze of Chugiak as House Finance co-chairs, Alan Austerman of Kodiak as majority leader, and Craig Johnson as House Rules chair.

I feel honored to have been given the co-chairmanship of the House Special Committee on Energy with

Lance Pruitt of Anchorage and membership of the House Resources, the House Community and Regional Affairs, and the House Economic, Trade, and Tourism committees. Through work on House Energy and House Resources, it is my hope that we can make great strides in making energy – including renewable and alternative kinds – more affordable for

rural Alaska. As a member of House Economic, Trade, and Tourism, I look forward to working with the panel’s chairman, Bob Herron of Bethel, to promote responsible development throughout the state.

As a member of House Community and Regional Affairs, I expect to work on a host of rural issues such as ways to reduce high suicide rates that

plague the Bush and to address the problems of alcohol abuse. We had a painful reminder over the Thanksgiving holiday of how dangerous the latter can be. There were two deaths where alcohol played a factor, according to Alaska State Troopers. One was in Gambell. The other was in Saint Michael. My heart goes out to the families who lost loved ones. I

am resolved to work with others throughout the Bering Strait region and beyond to find ways to restore community wellness. The legislative session begins January 18, 2011.

Have a good, safe and warm holiday.

Court

Week ending 11/26 Civil

In the Matter of: Knodel, Patrick and Knodel, Julie; Dissolution with Children - Superior Court

In the Matter of: Williams, Elizabeth and Williams, Leon Caryl; Dissolution Without Children - Superior Court

Small Claims

No current claims on file

Criminal Cases

State of Alaska v. Neil R. Hoogendorn (7/10/89); Dismissal; Failing to Provide Immediate Notice of Accident; Filed by the DAs Office 11/22/10.

State of Alaska v. George Lewis (3/24/89); Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 12/17/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 42 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 7pm 11/22/10; Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 10/1/11; Forfeit alcohol to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/17/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Person and baggage subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to local option community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.

State of Alaska v. Cyrus Savetilik (6/14/87); 2NO-10-419CR Vehicle Theft 2°; Date of offense: 3/25/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 33 days, 30 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served consecutive to 2NO-10-420CR, by 11/27/10; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/17/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Cyrus Savetilik (6/14/87); 2NO-10-420CR Count 1: Criminal Mischief 4°; Date of offense: 6/15/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 80 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served consecutive to 2NO-10-419CR, by 11/27/10; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Divided, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Pay by 11/1/11; Probation until 11/17/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Barton Rookok (3/27/92); Count 1: Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 8/21/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/17/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Darin Slwooko (8/15/79); 2NO-10-526CR Count 1: Criminal Trespass 1°; Date of offense: 6/18/10; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: counts 2, 3 (002, 003); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-10-622CR; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as sated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Divided, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount to be determined within 30 days; Probation until 11/15/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Darin Slwooko (8/15/79); 2NO-10-622CR DUI; Date of offense: 10/13/10; 90 days, 70 days suspended; Report immediately to AMCC; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; \$1500 due 11/1/11; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case with \$0 suspended; \$50 due; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprison-

ment: \$330 (1st offense) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSBHS or VBC within 15 days of release; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; You are responsible for costs; File proof by 1/1/11 that you received an assessment, and file proof by 2/15/11 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Obey Driver’s License Directives: Driver’s license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months; Probation until 11/15/11; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not consume alcohol for a period ending 1 year from date of this judgment (11/15/10); Other: Subject to warrantless breath test and arrest for violations.

State of Alaska v. Lorraine Saccheus (11/8/85); Count 001: DUI; Date of offense: 10/11/10; 225 days, 180 days suspended; Time has been served; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; \$1500 due 10/1/11; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case with \$0 suspended; \$50 due; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st offense) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: other: NSBHS or VBC within 30 days of release; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program, plus required aftercare in addition to any jail time ordered above; You are responsible for costs; File proof by 12/31/10 that you received an assessment, and file proof by 2/1/11 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Obey Driver’s License Directives: Driver’s license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months; Probation for 1 year; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not consume alcohol for a period ending 1 year from date of this judgment (11/17/10); Other: Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of peace officer and warrantless arrest for violations.

State of Alaska v. Frank Anderson (1/23/59); Count 1: Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 5°; Date of offense: 5/25/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 002; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 60 days suspended; Forfeit marijuana and growing equipment to State; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/17/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law.

State of Alaska v. Aloysius Muktoyuk (5/19/71) Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of offense: 11/17/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 1 day, 0 day suspended; Unsuspended 1 day shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Barton T. Johnson (4/23/91); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; Repeat Offense; Date of offense: 7/15/10; Fine: \$1000 with \$500 suspended; Unsuspended \$500 to be paid to the court by 11/1/11; License: Driver’s license or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 90 days; Community Work Service: Within 120 days, complete 48 hours community work service and give the clerk of court proof of completion on the form provided by the clerk; Probation until 11/17/11; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).

State of Alaska v. Ida Brown (9/28/80); 2NO-10-113CR Count 2: Driving While License Cancelled, Suspended or Revoked, or in Violation of Limitation; Date of offense: 10/2/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 1/6/11 consecutive to 2NO-10-575CR by 1/13/11; Fine: \$500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended fine through Nome Trial Courts by 11/1/11; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Driver’s License: Driver’s license, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 90 days concurrent with DMV action; Probation until 11/17/12; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation of probation; No violations of law, including DUI, refusal to submit to breathalyzer, operating motor vehicle while license is cancelled, suspended or revoked or in violation of limitation, reckless driving, driving commercial vehicle after disqualification, and driving without required ignition interlock device; Shall not operate motor vehicle without license or permit; Other: Perform 80 hours of community work service.

State of Alaska v. Ida Brown (9/28/80); 2NO-10-575CR Count 2: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 9/15/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 1/13/11 consecutive to 2NO-10-113CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Sharon Ellanna (12/14/94); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; Repeat Offense; Date of offense: 8/2/10; Fine: \$1000 with \$500 suspended; Unsuspended \$500 to be paid to the court by 7/31/11; License: Driver’s license or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 90 days; Community Work Service: Within 120 days, complete 48 hours community work service and give the clerk of court proof of completion on the form provided by the clerk; Probation until 11/17/11; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).

State of Alaska v. Kourak Nakak (1/10/71); Harassment 2°; Date of offense: 5/29/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated upon reporting to serve as ordered; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 1/22/11; Immediate remand for any violation; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Brendon Oseuk (7/28/74); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110129571; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 3 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Edward Muktoyuk (11/7/66); 2NO-10-692CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Drunk On Licensed Premises; Filed by the DAs Office 11/19/10.

State of Alaska v. Edward Muktoyuk (11/7/66); 2NO-10-692CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 11/10/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 15 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 15 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. George Minix (3/12/60); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 6°; Filed by the DAs Office 11/19/10.

State of Alaska v. Warren Donald Lake, III (1/1/76); Dismissal; Count 001: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 11/24/10.

State of Alaska v. Ann Soolook (6/29/70); Dismissal by Court; Count 1: Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 11/21/10; Minute Order; On this date (11/22/10) in open court this case was dismissed without prejudice by the Court for failure of the complaint to show probable cause that the defendant committed the crime referenced above; Accordingly, it is ordered that as to said charge(s) defendant be release from custody, any bond executed on behalf of the defendant be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositor.

State of Alaska v. Yvonne Pete (9/17/90); 2NO-10-573CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110005497; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Contact NSHC BHS and complete assessment not later than 12/1/10, show proof of receiving assessment not later than 12/13/10; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Yvonne Pete (9/17/90); 2NO-10-675CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol; Filed by the DAs Office 11/23/10.

State of Alaska v. Noel Aningayou (12/19/48); Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 9/24/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 120 days suspended; Forfeit alcohol, marijuana and cash to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/22/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Vincent Eakon (12/30/75); Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 10/8/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Brent Lockwood (10/3/78); Count 1: Assault 4°; Assault on Peace Officer; Date of offense: 11/2/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY OF NOME



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BSWG provides services to survivors of violent crime and promotes violence-free lifestyles in the Bering Strait region.

24-Hours Crisis Line
1-800-570-5444 or
1-907-443-5444 • fax: 907-443-3748
EMAIL execdir@nome.net
P.O. Box 1596 Nome, AK 99762



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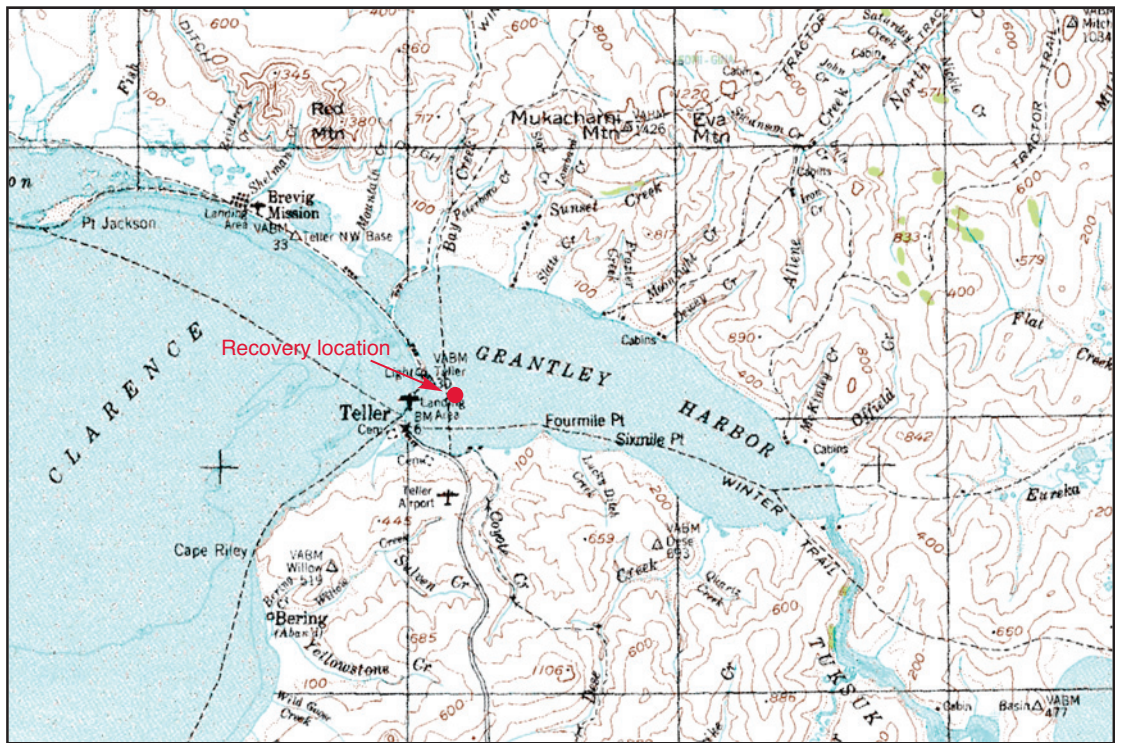
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DANGEROUS ROUTE—The map on the right shows the location where the snowmachine carrying Marvin Okleasik and Barbara Scholten went through the ice Nov. 24. Okleasik was able to get atop the ice and walk back to Teller. Scholten was unable to get out of the water and was found five days later by search and rescue crews. The route between Brevig Mission and Teller is well-traveled once ice conditions solidify.



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able to press on farther out onto the ice. Using the buddy system, the team worked in pairs to try and locate a sweater Okleasik had left on the ice to mark the spot where the snowmachine had gone in. It was that sweater that led searchers to Scholten's body. "She was on top of the ice," Nayokpuk said.

Ice conditions on Grantley Harbor had deteriorated after a warm weather system moved through the region the weekend of Nov. 20 bringing temperatures in the upper 30s and abundant rain. While the route between the two villages is a well-traveled path once the ice conditions allow, Teller resident and search volunteer Diane Miller said she believed the ill-fated trip was the first attempt to make the crossing after the warm weather. "We know there was people going before the rain, and then it softened up," she said.

Diane's husband and Teller search and res-

cue coordinator Frank Miller said the ice on the harbor at the time appeared to be freshwater ice that was only an inch to an inch and a half thick in some places. "There was no ice underneath, just freshwater [ice] on top," he said Tuesday. Frank Miller said the direct route between Teller and Brevig Mission is approximately seven miles, while he estimated the more circuitous, predominately inland path around the harbor at approximately 10 miles long.

Nayokpuk said the initial search effort started with marking a "safety trail" where snowmachines could safely travel on the ice. He said crews were not able to venture far in the first day or two of the search. "We tried going to where the [accident] scene was, but it was pretty soft," he said. "We were thinking the ice would go out."

As the conditions improved, Nayokpuk said crews were able to walk father out with a long boat for safety. He said holes were

drilled in the ice to allow the use of sonar, underwater cameras, hook lines and nets to search for Scholten. He said teams from Shishmaref, where Scholten is originally from, Teller, Brevig Mission and Wales all participated in the search. He estimated having approximately 16 searchers who were split into two teams. No searchers were injured in the recovery effort.

Nayokpuk said it was a relief to find Scholten. "Everybody was happy. We found her, that was the main thing. We got lucky because we found her in five days," he said.

While the crews worked out on the ice, there were more people like Diane Miller behind the scenes dealing with paperwork, ensuring food was ready for crews, and keeping track of donations coming in. She said the Teller Lutheran Church and the Teller School alternated as coordination sites. "We've had so much support from everybody in the Bering Straits," she said. "The school here,

the church, the businesses, everyone. We're really grateful for everybody's help."

Diane Miller said the accident has stunned the community. "It was very shocking, when something like this happens real suddenly," she said.

Nayokpuk was still in Teller on Tuesday, waiting for a plane to be able to take back rescue equipment to Shishmaref. He said teams went through a number of supplies during the search effort and noted that donations are always welcome. He said rubber gloves, liners, warm gloves, hand warmers and other such items are always useful. He also noted having an underwater camera of their own could speed up search efforts if they did not have to wait to obtain one from other sources. Nayokpuk said anyone interested in giving donations of any kind can talk to Shishmaref Emergency Services Coordinators Herbert Brad Nayokpuk or Roy Sockpick at (907) 649-2160.

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Handeland said the proposed CFR regulations are about 50 pages long, compared to a half-page of AAC requirements in the city's current ordinance. The whole block of CFR regulations on medical requirements is confusing and tedious, he added. Handeland said if he wants a chauffeur's license, it seems the CFR regulations would require that he obtains one from Washington, D.C.

City Manager Josie Bahnke said the city's attorney just said to replace outdated AAC references with the CFRs.

The council approved a motion by Councilman Jerald Brown to amend the proposed ordinance to require that each taxi undergo inspection to meet vehicle safety standards and ensure that a backup alarm or backup camera is installed prior to receiving a license from the city.

The council also approved a motion by Councilwoman Mary Knodel to delete the following language in the proposed ordinance: "If the city clerk denies the application for a license and the applicant appeals the determination, the city clerk shall issue a temporary license to be in effect until the city clerk's decision is reviewed by the city manager."

Councilman Stan Andersen suggested tabling the proposed ordinance until the council receives a written description of the CFR regulations that would replace the outdated AAC standards. Bahnke said she would look for current AAC regulations to replace the outdated ones. The council voted unanimously to table the proposed ordinance.

Resolutions adopted

The council unanimously approved resolutions to lease space at the Gold Hill Tutit Ininat Child Care Building to Kawerak Inc. for one year for the Head Start Program and for the Uivilat Play and Learn Center.

Council members also unanimously approved an amendment to

Article VII, Section 2 of the bylaws of the Nome Volunteer Fire Department specifying the following requirements for applicants: (1) 18 years or older at the time of application; (2) no longer enrolled in high school; (3) one-year resident of Nome; and (4) submit report of current physical exam (given within one year of application for membership).

Managers' comments

Bahnke reported that she, Andersen and Utility Manager John Handeland had interviewed representatives of three engineering firms that submitted proposals to provide engineering services to the city. She said she hopes to have recommendations for the council to consider at their meeting on Dec. 13.

Handeland said he has begun due diligence work to develop a fuel distribution program as directed by the council, and the city attorney is drafting ordinance amendments to establish a fuel utility. Brown said he personally does not think the city has any business competing with private enterprise. Handeland said he had raised that question with the city attorney, who said municipalities compete with private enterprise all the time.

Community Benefit Share

Mayor Denise Michels announced that Nome will receive \$100,000 as a 2010 Community Benefit Share from Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. Janice Ivanoff, NSEDC's chief executive officer, outlined decision-making criteria for use of the funds in a letter to Michels dated Nov. 15.

Ivanoff said a public process must be conducted at the municipal level to decide how to use the funds; the Community Benefit Share should go to what the community believes is the highest priority and best use; and the community must report to NSEDC how the funds will be used.

Discussion of Nome's Community Benefit Share was not on the

council's meeting agenda, but Scott Henderson asked to comment on use of the funds. Noting that the Community Benefit Share has at times

been allocated to swimming pool improvements, he said the funds should be used to benefit the entire community. He mentioned that one year

NSEDC had funded a separate program to pay part of the home heating costs for residents of its member communities.

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