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ON ICE—Mollie Erickson (center) goes for the puck while women and girls of all ages enjoy the afternoon playing ice hockey in Nome Jan 31.

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SLIPSLIDING—(left to right) Zach, 11, Justin, 4, and Athena Tuell, 6, enjoy a warmer winter day at the Anvil City Square playground in Nome on Jan 31.

## Road to Nome would cost billions

*Study favors Yukon route, but don't pack the car just yet*

By Diana Haecker

A state-funded transportation study to evaluate the location and benefit of various possible routes to connect western Alaska to the interior road system came out with the recommendation to build a road along the Yukon River to Norton Sound.

It's destination: Nome.

The recommended road route would be 500 miles in length, beginning outside Manley Hot Springs on

the Elliot Highway, paralleling the Yukon River, going west from Koyukuk and heading for Koyuk before meeting up with the Nome-Council Highway. The project cost estimates range between \$2.3 billion and \$2.7 billion.

Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities spokesman Roger Wetherell said that the study weighs both sides of the findings and that the positive far outweigh the negative. "It is to the benefit of

Alaskans to facilitate travel from east to west and the most crucial would be the ability to explore for mining resources of gold, copper and coal," Wetherell said.

He added that the road would create jobs during construction, and offer the promise of jobs at resource development projects as well as road crews to maintain the road once built. The authors of the study list as

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## Federal mediator will add voice to teacher salary talks

By Tyler Rhodes

After two rounds of talks, salary negotiations between Nome Public Schools and its teachers are headed for mediation.

"We are at impasse," said Superintendent Jon Wehde. "We were anticipating a move that wasn't forthcoming."

The move Wehde was hoping for

would have come from the Nome Education Association, which stood its ground Jan. 28 in asking for a 7 percent raise for teachers over the next two years. It was the same request the team made at the initial bargaining session Jan. 19.

For its part, the district put on the table an offer that slightly eclipsed that tendered on Jan. 19. The latest

offer, which Wehde said was the district's best and final, essentially offered a 1.2 percent raise each year over the next two years. The first offer was essentially for a 1 percent raise each year over the two years.

Despite the increase, the teachers' union said the district's offer showed

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## Court approves diocese's bankruptcy plan

By Diana Haecker

Almost two years to the date since proceedings started, the federal bankruptcy court in Anchorage has approved the Fairbanks diocese's third amended reorganization plan, in effect putting an end to the bankruptcy proceedings. The Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska, the business side of the Fairbanks diocese, filed for Chapter 11 protection when more than 200 cases of sexual abuse claims were brought against former

priests and lay workers of the diocese's rural outposts including Nome and northwestern Alaska.

Last week, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Donald McDonald in Anchor-

age approved the final details of the consensually formulated plan agreed on by CBNA attorneys and lawyers for the 289 victims of clergy sex abuse. A court-appointed arbitrator

will now review case by case to divvy up the \$9.8 million that now is in a settlement fund.

Robert Hannon, CBNA's chancellor and special assistant to Bishop

Donald Kettler, said that the diocese's 46 parishes chipped in and contributed \$650,000 toward the set-

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## KNOM radio plans to go independent of bishop

By Diana Haecker

Nome's radio station KNOM plans to separate from its current owner, the Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska.

Station manager Ric Schmidt said that a temporary founding board consisting of him, his wife, Lynette, and Kelly Brabec are in the process of establishing a nonprofit organization named KNOM Radio Mission Inc. Once the paperwork is finished to have the new entity listed as a 501c(3) nonprofit—and once other details are cleared—Schmidt plans to negotiate with CBNA to take over the radio station. "We're looking at purchasing the property and buildings, and we need to get permission

from the [Federal Communications Commission] to take over the Bishop's license," Schmidt said.

The \$150,000 that was given in KNOM's name toward the diocese's settlement fund has not actually been paid out from the radio station to the fund. "We don't have that kind of money," Schmidt said. Rather, it will be part of the negotiations to buy the radio station and its assets from the

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**ON THE AIR—Ric and Lynette Schmidt pose next to the sign at the KNOM studio. A plan is in the works to transfer the ownership of the station to a new nonprofit.**



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Letters

Dear Editor,

“I am a new resident to Nome and I have no children enrolled in our schools. Like many people, I am concerned by the recent decision of the school board regarding contract renewals — but for different reasons than most.

I am concerned that this decision was made behind closed doors, without public discussion, and that the reasoning behind it is being kept from the public. I am reminded of a petulant child, caught misbehaving.

Upon questioning, the child merely mumbles, “I dunno...” and waits for the person demanding explanations to tire of the one-way conversation and quit asking. The possible explanations that occur to me for this decision are probably much worse than the reality of it, and I can think of numerous outrageous imaginary explanations that place unspeakable blame on everyone involved. When elected representatives begin to believe that it is necessary to obscure their activities from their constituents, it’s a

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

Editorial

Keep Up The Pressure

Go to the school board meeting next Tuesday. Have three recall petitions at the ready. Will the Nome School Board listen to the recommendations of our superintendent, rescind its action and grant contracts to our high school principal and assistant principal? It is probably true that a stubborn bitter old man and two sweet vindictive baby girls won’t change their mind. Want to bet? Anyone who would take such Draconian measures and risk litigation against the school district, the entire board and themselves as individuals isn’t likely to think about the consequences.

A reasonable public official would not knowingly take illegal action when being pointedly told at a public forum that they have violated board policy and state law. They have been publically apprised of the consequences of their action. They have given no reasons for their decision but they have stated that they have mysterious secret “compelling” reasons and have not considered job performances. They have by-passed the recommendations of the superintendent and they have not had the courage to tell they public why they made such a hare-brained decision. The consensus of public opinion at the last school board work session was overwhelmingly in support of the high school administration. Folks are not happy. If the city council pulled the plug on the Nome schools it would only hurt the students. If the entire faculty walked away in disgust it would only hurt the students. Can the school board be held responsible for malfeasance in office?

Hopefully the school administration and staff do not throw up their hands in disgust. Who could blame them? But they won’t. They are professionals. They have brought much needed discipline and an atmosphere of learning to our schools. They have tackled the bullying problem and restored civility. If the public brings forth a problem to the administration they will try to solve it. If problems are brought to the board they should direct the superintendent to deal with it. This apparently never happened. If no one brings forth a problem, what’s the problem? It seems the board has no explanation for the problem. One can only guess. Nomeites will stand up for justice and will not let our schools be held hostage to spite. The board has unleashed a powerful undercurrent of mistrust and hate. Its result is hurtful, irresponsible and ignorant. So, Nomeites, go to the next board meeting Tuesday and be ready to sign the recall petitions. —N.L.M.—

good bet that they have stopped representing their constituency. The apparent transparency of the behavior of the principals whose contracts are not being renewed, compared to the relative obscurity of the school board in this matter, make it look very much as though the school board is the misbehaving party.

I don’t have any kids to be affected by this decision, and frankly, I probably would not be interested in the issue, except for the lack of transparency involved. There are, however, other elected officials that work on issues that affect me more directly —and if this behavior is allowed to pass unchallenged, it sends the message to those other officials that they can act similarly, without penalty. I want the school board to understand that if it continues to take the position that it is not accountable to the voting community, then it risks alienating more of that community than just the parents of children within it. Carlton Brown  
Nome, AK

law regarding Executive Session.

The School Board is responsible for supervising ONLY the Superintendent! Period. NSB policy and state SB policy — they violated both by reaching down to the level beyond their area of responsibility. Then they violated state law by discussing contract issues (over which they had NO authority) AND did not give the objects of their attention an opportunity to discuss the issues or to defend themselves.

Process. Process. Process! If the NSB had/has issues with the principal and vice principal of Nome-Beltz, they must, according to their own policy, take it up with the Superintendent. Did they do that? NO!

In addition, the three SB members who voted to not continue the contracts in question are LEAVING Nome! What’s that about? Is it the old Slash & Burn/ Cut and Run? Thereby leaving this city with the ugly consequences of actions that they will not justify.

I say “Phooey!” Follow the Rules! Justify your votes! If there are “exigent circumstances”, always a handy call, which required you to make your decision, tell US what they are and deal with them following your own rules.

I’m pleased that Ms. Timbers voted to revisit the issue at the next Board meeting on Feb. 9. Without her vote, The Three would have been subject to serious civil and legal consequences and a mighty, success-

ful Recall effort.

Process. Process. Process! It applies to everyone, especially to those in elected office.

Jana Varrati  
Nome, AK 99762

Dear Editor,

I hope this finds most all of you doing well. My family and I are OK. My two younger daughters decided that it’s their turn to travel, so they joined sports. I’m glad for them. Way to go!

Although our areas probably appreciate GCI for expanding themselves, it isn’t much fun having our calls be dropped. Doesn’t it take extra minutes too? And, since they bought some of the other phone companies, shouldn’t people be able to use those cell phones in these areas?

Worst yet are the calling cards we buy now a days. Oh, its perfectly fine if we want to call out of state, but a lot of our families live here. If we all in-state it takes mega-minutes away. We should get the minutes we paid for, not waste our money buying more. That is such a disappointment.

Anyway, I had better quit for now. Take care, you all and I hope you have a great year.

As always,  
Karen Nanouk  
P.O. Box 282  
Unalakleet, AK 99684

A Look at the Past



From the Carrie M. McLain Collection courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum. IN HONOR OF CARRIE M. McLAIN’S 115TH BIRTHDAY — The children of Little Diomedé atop their stone houses in the 1920s. Big Diomedé is visible in the background. This is one of the many fascinating photos collected by Carrie M. McLain, the founder of Nome’s Museum.

Weather Statistics

Sunrise	02/04/10	10:35 p.m.	High Temp	26° 1/29/09	National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391
	02/10/10	10:15 a.m.		-2° 2/1/10	
Sunset	02/04/10	05:58 p.m.	Low Temp	-2° 2/1/10	
	02/10/10	06:18 p.m.	Precip. to Date	.16"	
			Normal	.95"	

Seasonal snow fall total (data collected since 7/1/09): 33.3" Current Snow Cover: 15.0" varies with sublimation/melting/blowing of snow.

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# Alaska News Briefs

Compiled by Diana Haecker

## Barrow man gets 100 years in jail

Last weekend, Forrest Ahvakana of Barrow was sentenced to serve 100 years in prison under the “three strikes” law for certain felonies. Ahvakana, 44, was convicted on Nov. 24 of assault in the first and fourth degrees, and burglary in the first degree.

Kotzebue Superior Court Judge Richard Erlich sentenced him to 99 years on the first-degree assault conviction based on serious physical injury to a victim – and to an additional year for domestic violence. On Dec. 8, 2008, Ahvakana repeatedly struck Billy Kaleak with a large, empty whiskey bottle. Kaleak, who was assaulted in his own home, suffered serious blows especially to his head. Ahvakana got the 99-year sentence as he was a repeat offender. In 1987, he was convicted for robbery in the first degree, and in 1990, for sexual assault in the first degree. He received sentences in those cases of five years and 15 years.

## State joins legal fight in Chukchi Sea off-shore drilling case

After having successfully gained intervention status in a case brought on by local Native organizations and environmental groups challenging the US Interior Department’s decision to allow oil exploration drilling in the Beaufort Sea, the state last Sunday asked the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals for permission to intervene in a similar lawsuit concerning drilling in the Chukchi Sea.

In both cases, the state has sought intervention citing the economic importance of offshore oil and gas production. Although the exploration plans by Shell concern federal lands, the state’s new motion for intervention argues that approval or denial of exploration can have an impact on the state treasury and economy. Alaska’s attorney general Dan Sullivan said that intervention by the state is important when no

other party to the lawsuits can represent all of the state’s interests.

## Alaska Pipeline files for open season

Last week, the Alaska Pipeline Project filed a plan with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to gain approval to conduct an open season to develop Alaska’s natural gas resources. The Alaska Pipeline project is partnership between TransCanada Corporation and ExxonMobil to develop gas reserves on the Alaska North Slope.



In 2007, the Alaska Legislature passed the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act to help developers move an Alaska natural gas pipeline project forward to the point of project sanction. In August 2008, the Alaska Legislature approved TransCanada Alaska as the AGIA licensee. Ten months later a second project surfaced when TransCanada and ExxonMobil announced their agreement to work together on an Alaska gas pipeline. The information is posted on the Alaska Pipeline Project website and at the FERC website at www.ferc.gov/ and the public can comment until March 1.

The Alaska Pipeline Project cost estimates are that the North Slope to Alberta option will cost between \$32 billion and \$41 billion. The cost of the Valdez option is expected to be between \$20 billion and \$26 billion. During the open season, the project developers will reveal the conditions the shippers want in order to ship their gas, where the markets are for

the gas and what the cost and size of the pipeline will be.

## Legislator pushes to make Juneau governor’s duty station

Senator Bert Stedman, R-Sitka, last week introduced a bill that aims to clarify state law regarding the governor’s duty station and travel allowance. Currently in statute, there are no provisions that require the governor to reside in the capital city and occupy the governor’s mansion during his or her term of office. The bill specifies that the governor’s duty station is considered to be Juneau.

Senator Stedman’s proposed law does not prohibit the governor from maintaining a personal residence in another part of the state, but if he chooses to reside there and not in the governor’s mansion, he will no longer be entitled to a travel allowance when away from the capital. The bill comes after ethics complaints had been lodged against former Governor Sarah Palin, who collected state per diem when living in her house in Wasilla instead of the governor’s mansion in Juneau. The bill is now on its way to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees.

## Estimates of Pebble Mine deposits grow

AP—The potential riches at Pebble Mine — a huge minerals deposit in southwest Alaska near Bristol Bay and the world’s most productive wild salmon streams — keep growing. A new estimate of the gold, copper and molybdenum at Pebble is larger than the 2008 estimate, growing 12 percent for copper, 14 percent for gold and 16 percent for molybdenum, used to strengthen steel.

Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd., which is developing the prospect with Anglo American PLC, says Pebble contains an estimated 80 billion pounds of copper, over 100 million ounces of gold and 5.6 billion pounds of molybdenum. The mining companies hope to have a preliminary development plan done by the end of the year with permitting to begin in 2011.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 4 - 10, 2010

EVENT PLACE TIME

### Thursday, February 4

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegayyah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*Early Infant Care video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Wiffleball (3rd - 6th grades)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Contraceptions: Know Your Options video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Swing Dancing	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Arctic ICANS w/Maria Dexter	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
	XYZ Center	7:30 p.m.

### Friday, February 5

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Nutrition class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Grades 1-2	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*When to Call the Doctor if Your Child is Sick video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Grades 3-5	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master 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, February 6

*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Weight Room Circuit Training	Nome Rec Center	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Saving Indian Infants From Dying vid	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Circumcision video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

### Sunday, February 7

*Playing it Safe: RSV video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Celebrate Birth video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Vigorous Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

### Monday, February 8

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6 p.m.
*Bathing & Diapering Your Baby video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Sacred Trust - Protect Your Baby - FAS video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Circuit Training with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*10+ Climbing Instruction	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Nome Common Council reg mtg	Council Chambers	7:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

### Tuesday, February 9

*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*High School Practice	Pool	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegayyah Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Lap/Open Swim	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*Great Expectations: Pregnancy Programs video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Football 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.
*Labor & Delivery for Teens video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Relay For Life - Kick-off Party	Old St. Joe's	6 p.m.
Nome Planning Com work session	Council Chambers	6 p.m.
Re: Land Aquisition		
Nome Public School Board meeting	Nome Elementary	5:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 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
Nome Planning Commission reg mtg	Council Chambers	7 p.m.

### Wednesday, February 10

Lonnie O'Connor Iditarod Basketball Deadline - loibc@nome.net or 907-443-2867		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*The Baby System: The 1st Yr video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Gymnastics Grades 3+	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*After Childbirth-Postpartum video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Step Box with Kelly S.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Master Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*Night Owl Yoga	Nome Rec Center	9 p.m. - 10 p.m.

#### Community points of interest hours of operation:

XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Tu - F)
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M - F)
Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	noon - 5:30 p.m. (M - F)
>>>>>	additional hours by appointment	
Library Hours	Kegayyah Library	noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)
>>>>>		noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	2 p.m. - 9 p.m. (M - Th)
>>>>>		1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sa)

## Protect your eyes!

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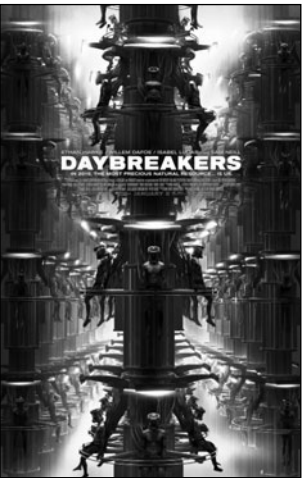
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# Loves to talk about Nome

By Sandra L. Medearis

A woman walks into the Nome Convention and Visitors' Center in downtown Nome.

"Ma'am, you'll have to take a number," Mike Cavin laughs. "See all these people waiting over there?" He waves a plaid shirt clad arm at an empty round table standing in front of a preserved and much admired musk ox.

Ha, ha! The joke is on Cavin, and he knows it. There may have been no visitors at the center Monday morning, but there soon will be as many people parading in for info as Cavin, director, and his staff can handle. He is merrily bracing himself for Iditarod's onslaught of sled dog rosters and tooters next month.

He leans back at his desk and shoots both arms into the air and grins.

"I just found more housing for more visitors," he said. "I am so happy! If there is anything disappointing, it's having people call up and say they aren't coming because they have no place to stay."

Cavin, on the job since mid-November, works for the Nome Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has a five-year contract with City of Nome to operate the facility and promote tourism. The agreement ends in June 2013.

Cavin said he loves his job. He is paid to talk about Nome and help people from all over who are interested in his favorite topic—Nome.

"I like being interactive with other people," said Cavin, who has many years' experience in hospitality and business services. "I need that diversity and what better place to work than where people want to come in and talk?"

"It's a very friendly town. Let's show it off. Let's show 'em what we have," Cavin said. "We are going to continue to live up to the title 'convention center,' but we want to expand the experience beyond convention hours.

We want to send them home telling their friends, 'I spent a day in Nome. We saw muskox. We panned for gold. I met this guy who ...'"

He recently had researchers visiting from Norway and people from eastern Russia researching their family tree history on this side of the Bering Strait.

"I'm learning a lot," Cavin said. That's probably the best part of this job. I can travel the world without leaving this office. Someone comes in here, they're not getting out of here without a conversation. I meet so many people from so many places."

Providing for overflow housing during Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, which takes off on the first Saturday in March is just one task on a long list of visitor accommodations. Cavin has other ideas up his sleeve. He wants to set up a center for research to complement the resources at Nome's Carrie M. McLain Museum.

Cavin recognizes the need for Nome to become "bird central" for birdwatchers because the Seward Peninsula is a crossroads in spring for many, many species migrating from Asia, Beringia, Hawaii, lower United States and other sources when nesting time comes around. Cavin wants to set up a way to post dates and locations of local sightings of birds on a NCVC Facebook along with other events to encourage visitors to come to the Nome area to fill out their life list for birds seen.

"A Nome Convention and Visitors Facebook will make it easy for people to see what's here and say to themselves, 'Why don't we book a trip and head up there,'" he said. "The public will drive the Web site. It is a work in progress, dynamic, changing all the time.

Cavin wants to show the town's respect for sailors who have started navigating the Northwest Passage with Nome as a start or finish in 2007.

"I want to give them a nice certificate and have them sign a logbook for their start or finish. That book would be a good thing to keep in the museum as a record of dates, boat information, route, a crew list and the like. I'm always thinking," he said. "I'm a dreamer, but I am also a doer."

Cavin and his staff, Sherri Nayokpuk and Sharon Verdin will keep the Center open every day of the week during the summer tourist traffic.

"This is a multi-tasking job," Cavin said, grinning like he was enjoying the challenge. And indeed, the City of Nome contract frames the Chamber's own goals list:

- Maintain operations of Front Street office across the street from Nome City Hall.
- Support and assist local attractions—Folk Fest, Midnight Sun Festival, Iditarod and historical enactments.
- Present feedback and information to the City Council on a quarterly basis.
- Re-activate the Nome Visitors Association with local hotel owners, B & B operators, and tourism related businesses and tour providers.
- Recreate, expand and update web-site.
- Pursue, promote and facilitate tours of Nome for travel writers and journalists.
- Attend tourism-related conventions and meetings.
- Establish a "Nome Score Card" to encourage written comments by visitors.
- Expand working relationships with cruise ship operators.
- Support the Chamber's alternative energy projects.
- Develop a turnkey convention packet.
- Partner with agencies for central tourist bookings.



Photo by Sandra Medearis

**THEY'RE BUDS**—Nome Convention and Visitors' Center Director Mike Cavin cozies up to Mr. Bilikin, a traditional figure who once stood outside a shop in historic Gold Rush Nome. The NCVC also has a beautiful musk ox in a glass case, other antiques and a staff offering worlds of information about the Nome area.



Photo by Nadja Roessek

**A SWEET HOME IN NOME**—Melissa K. Ford displays her independent licensed real estate logo—not just a logo anymore—as she became an independent Realtor® after three years under New Frontier Realty.

## Not just a logo anymore

Nome Sweet Homes was once just the clever name of a website listing homes for sale. Now it has become an independent real estate office, according to Broker Owner Melissa K. Ford.

"I had a great response from the public with the name of the website," said Ford. "I decided to use that as the office name when I opened my own office because so many people already associated it with home sales."

Ford sold over \$2.6 million worth of real estate in 2009. "Most of the property sold later in the year as a result of the First Time Homebuyer Tax Credit original November deadline," said Ford "Now that they've extended it through April of 2010 and expanded that program to include existing home buyers, I anticipate the first half of 2010 to be the most active sales time."

In February 2007 Ford began selling real estate with New Frontier Realty, locally owned and operated by real estate broker-guru Jim Stimpfle. She will continue with the same type of customer outreach, including her website [www.nomesweethomes.com](http://www.nomesweethomes.com). The website has a wealth of knowledge about the real estate market and de-

tailed information about homes for sale in Nome and the surrounding area.

One of the reasons she decided to branch out on her own was the increasing rate of foreclosures in the area. "REO companies can be very difficult to work with and they require more insurance and education" said Ford. "While a short sale or foreclosure is certainly more challenging, it's very rewarding to find a win-win situation where a buyer gets a great deal and a homeowner is able to walk away without destroying their credit."

The additional education and technology requirements extend to traditional sales as well. One of the goals of Nome Sweet Homes is to bring to the Nome market the benefits of the increasingly advanced technologies that are available for buyers and sellers. From online loan applications to document storage that each client can access regarding their sale or purchase, transactions that utilize technology seem to close quicker. Nome Sweet Homes will provide all the benefits of those resources in addition to the traditional methods.

Prior to becoming a Realtor®, Ford worked as a property manager for

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation for 8 years. "The best thing about that was having such a wealth of experience to draw on from the maintenance dept, specifically David McDowell," said Ford. "He really helped to educate me on construction, basic maintenance, boilers and ways to improve energy efficiency."

Ford first came to Nome in 1995 to work at Breaker's, where she still helps out. Coming from a fairly large city in West Virginia, she was at first appalled by the size of the little town, but by the end of one summer she had determined that Nome was to be her next home. "Gotta love this town" Ford grins. "And Breaker's will always have a spot in my heart for bringing me here!"

When she's not selling houses, she likes to snowmobile, fish, camp and enjoy her time at Nome Swimming Pool. She likes talking with homeowners about their renovations and the projects they are working on in their homes. "Sometimes Joe Nome Homeowner has unique solutions to the challenges we face in the arctic" says Ford.

And of course, she would love to discuss buying or selling a Nome Sweet Home!



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# Up to \$124 million at stake in CDQs' bid for tax protection

*Congressional committee estimates revenue cost of proposed legislation to shelter business activities*

By Laurie McNicholas

Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. and the five other companies in the Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program are seeking an amendment to the federal tax code to make income from all of their business activities tax exempt.

If their legislative proposals become law, the government will forego from \$92 million to \$124 million in tax receipts in the next 10 years, according to a report issued last October by Thomas Barthold, chief of staff for the Joint Committee on Taxation. (See the letter from Barthold to Sens. Lisa Murkowski and Mark Begich on the next page.) The Joint Committee on Taxation prepares official revenue estimates of all tax legislation considered by the Congress.

All six CDQ companies are organized as non-profit Alaska corporations and have tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service. However, an ongoing debate among executives of the companies and their financial and legal advisors centers on whether some business activities of the companies are beyond the scope of their tax-exempt status. Under federal law, trade or business activities not substantially related to the purposes for which an entity is granted tax-exempt status are subject to taxation.

To resolve the issue, last year the CDQ groups asked the Alaska Congressional delegation to sponsor legislation to specify the scope of their tax-exempt activities in an amendment to the Internal Revenue Code. On April 28 Sens. Murkowski and Begich submitted the initial tax code amendment proposal to the Joint Committee on Taxation on behalf of all six CDQs. The proposed legislation provides that business activities conducted by CDQ entities, including harvesting, processing, transportation, sales and marketing of fish or fish products are substantially related to the purposes on which their tax-exempt status is based.

NSEDC supports the initial proposal but did not participate with the other CDQ companies in its development. The proposal submitted to the Joint Committee on Taxation April 28 does not refer to wholly owned subsidiaries or to refunds of taxes paid on unrelated business income by subsidiaries of CDQ entities (issues important to NSEDC), so the company developed supplemental language to include such provisions. Sens. Murkowski and Begich submitted the supplemental language to the Joint Committee on Taxation on Oct. 15.

## How tax issues evolved

The CDQ program was started in 1992 by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to build sustainable fisheries-based economies in 65 communities within a 50-mile radius of the Bering Sea. The program later was included in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

The council allocated 7.5 percent of the annual Bering Sea pollock harvest quota to the program for harvest by the CDQ groups or fishing partners authorized by the companies in exchange for royalties. CDQ harvest royalties are not taxable. Later the annual CDQ pollock harvest quota was increased to 10 percent and the program received annual harvest quota allocations in other Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands fisheries.

Pollock royalties initially generated the majority of CDQ program revenues. Eventually the CDQ entities made substantial equity investments in fishing and processing operations in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands area. For example, in 1998 NSEDC bought a 50 percent ownership interest in Glacier Fish Co., which owned two factory trawlers and had harvested NSEDC's CDQ pollock since the program began.

In the early years of the program, only one of the six companies envisioned that some of its investment would be taxable. In 1992 the Aleutian Pribilof Island Community De-

velopment Association (APICDA) was granted tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code covering organizations operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, among others. APICDA formed two wholly owned for-profit subsidiaries in 1994.

"We structured ourselves in anticipation that income from our [for-profit] investments would be subject to unrelated business income tax," APICDA's Chief Executive Officer Larry Cotter said in a recent phone interview with *The Nome Nugget*. Currently the company has a dozen subsidiaries, all of which conduct activities that are subject to taxation, according to APICDA's 2008 annual report.

NSEDC, which represents 15 Bering Strait communities in the CDQ program, is among five CDQ companies that were granted tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(4) of the code as social welfare organizations in 1992. The other four are the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corp., the Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association, the Coastal Villages Region Fund and the Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association.

These five companies did not pay unrelated business income tax on

revenue from their Bering Sea equity investments that were directly owned by the parent nonprofit entity until 2007, according to a memorandum submitted with the proposed tax code amendment to the Joint Committee on Taxation by Sens. Murkowski and Begich on April 28.

"The consistent position taken by these groups until this time was that their income from the Bering Sea investments was substantially related to their exempt purpose and, therefore non-taxable," states the memorandum, which is addressed to legislative staff and dated March 31, 2009. The source of the memorandum is not identified.

In 2007 NSEDC consulted with legal advisors in Washington, D.C., and determined that income from some of its investments is taxable as unrelated business income. The company reportedly has paid \$8.1 million in back taxes, interest and penalties for the years 2005 through 2007, and about \$3 million for 2008 to the IRS. NSEDC also has paid state taxes for those periods. The company's tax liability for 2009 has not yet been made public. In 2008 NSEDC established a wholly owned for-profit subsidiary, Siu Alaska Corp., to hold taxable assets such as its investment

in Glacier Fish Co.

APICDA's Cotter praised NSEDC for its action. "I, frankly, was proud of them," he said.

## Committee reports findings

On Oct. 21 Sens. Murkowski and Begich received a letter from Barthold describing the effects of the proposed legislation. He said it would exclude the revenues derived by CDQ companies from activities such as harvesting, processing, transportation, sales and marketing of fish or fish products from taxation as unrelated business income. His letter includes a table showing revenue estimates the government would forego in a 10-year period for the proposal with supple-

mental language (\$124 million) and for the proposal without supplemental language (\$92 million).

"We believe that some of the activities covered by your proposal could be found to be taxable under present law," Barthold wrote. "Therefore, your proposal results in less tax revenue in subsequent years. Furthermore, it is possible that the entities might expand their newly tax-exempt activities beyond current levels. To the extent that these entities compete with taxable entities, reducing taxable entities' profits, your proposal would indirectly reduce

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• CDQ taxes

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revenue from these taxable entities. "Including the supplemental language, taxable subsidiaries wholly owned by CDQ entities could seek refunds and would pay less tax in subsequent years, until their assets are transferred back to the CDQ entities," Barthold continued. "Moreover, the supplemental language regarding the effective date results in a combination of refunds for previously paid tax and less collection of unpaid tax from previous years. "For the purpose of this estimate, we assume that your proposal and supplemental language are effective on the date of enactment, except that with the supplemental language your proposal would apply retroactively as described above," Barthold noted. "We assume the date of enactment to be December 1, 2009." (The proposed legislation has not yet been introduced in Congress, according to CDQ entities and Congressional sources.)

CDQ executives comment

The Nome Nugget recently asked executives of three CDQ companies for their reactions to Barthold's letter. "I think we are going to continue to push for federal legislation to rectify the situation we are in right now," said Robin Samuelson, chief executive officer of the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corp. "Because we give scholarships and training, we should not be taxed," he added. "I think we fit the bill for a non-taxable group...." Samuelson said all six CDQ entities have met with members of the Alaska Congressional delegation and are working with them.

"I think it's a very heavy lift for our delegation to get this legislation through," commented APICDA's Cotter. Asked if he supports the proposals, he replied: "At this point in time, sure. At some point this issue needs to be resolved. We're gonna be a team player."

Cotter does not expect his company to benefit significantly from the supplemental language in the proposal, however. "We've only had to pay a minimal amount [of taxes] over the years," he said, explaining that APICDA has used net operating losses from some investments to defray profits from other investments. "None of our community investments ever make much money," he added. "Their losses are offset by revenues generated in non-community investments. Out-of-community investments generate large returns."

Cotter said if the supplemental language in the proposal is enacted, APICDA might get a tax refund of

less than six figures, NSEDC would be reimbursed for tax payments and the other four CDQ companies would not have to pay back taxes.

Dan Harrelson, NSEDC's president and board chairman, explained his company's reasons for submitting supplemental language for the proposed tax code amendment in an e-mail to the Nugget. "NSEDC has sought additional clarification in the legislative proposal that would bring certainty to the tax treatment of the CDQ groups for all periods, including past years, and that would put all the groups on an equal footing with respect to taxes if the principal CDQ tax amendment (developed by other groups) is enacted," Harrelson wrote. "We feel that this additional clarification would benefit all of the groups."

Harrelson also wrote: "...NSEDC supports the amendment and agrees that an amendment would be helpful to the CDQ sector as a whole, and Senators Murkowski and Begich and Congressman [Don] Young have told the CDQ groups that they believe the CDQ tax amendment is meritorious; however, it is our understanding that, due in part to the Congressional focus on the health care reform, no action is expected in the near future.

"If during the second session of the 111th Congress, the Alaska Delegation requests any additional support for the legislation we will certainly do our best to help move the tax package forward; there is no doubt that this additional income would be of great importance to the corporation and the projects and programs we're able

to administer. However, we would hope that your readers would be assured that NSEDC has taken a very proactive approach to protecting the corporation and its assets with respect to taxation and understand that we are completely confident that no matter the outcome of legislation that we're well-positioned for continued success in carrying out the important mission of the organization...."

CDQ program benefits

Samuelson chairs a six-member administrative panel composed of one representative from each CDQ entity—the Western Alaska Community Development Association. WACDA's 2008 CDQ program report provides the following summary of program benefits.

"At the program's inception in 1992, the 65 eligible villages faced discouraging circumstances, limited economic opportunities, underemployment, heavy reliance on subsistence activities, poverty rates far above state and national averages, and a daunting cost of living. Over the course of the past 16 years, the program has generated more than \$240 million in wages, payments to fishers, scholarships and training benefits. Additional benefits from the program accrue to local borough and state governments. In 2008, payments to individuals and communities totaled more than \$51 million." In 2008 the six CDQ companies generated nearly \$190 million in revenue and had combined assets of \$427.6 million, according to the WACDA report.

Report sees some CDQ companies' activities as taxable

Editor's note: Following is the content of a letter from Thomas A. Barthold, chief of staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation, to Sens. Lisa Murkowski and Mark Begich in response to their request for a revenue cost estimate of proposed legislation to exempt certain business activities of the six Alaska Community Development Quota Program entities from federal taxation. The Nome Nugget obtained a copy of the letter, dated Oct. 15, 2009, from Sen. Murkowski's office.

The Joint Committee on Taxation is a nonpartisan Congressional committee originally established under the Revenue Act of 1926. It is composed of five members of the Senate Committee on Finance and five members from the House Committee on Ways and Means. The committee staff is closely involved in the tax legislative process, including preparing official revenue estimates of all tax legislation considered by the Congress.

The supplemental language Barthold describes below was added to the proposed legislation by Norton Sound Economic Development Corp., which represents 15 Bering Strait communities in the CDQ program.

"Dear Senator Murkowski and Senator Begich:

"This letter is in response to your request of April 28, 2009, for a revenue estimate of a proposal to specify the scope of tax-exempt activities of six Alaska Community Development Quota ('CDQ') program entities identified in section 305(j)(1)(D) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as in effect on the date of enactment

of your proposal. Your proposal provides that certain business activities of the six entities undertaken in connection with their fisheries activities in Alaska are substantially related to the exercise or performance of the purposes constituting the basis of each entity's exemption from U.S tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the 'Code').

"On October 15, you provided us with supplemental language specifying that these activities are also exempt from taxation when conducted by a taxable subsidiary that is wholly owned by a CDQ entity, provided that the activities would have been treated as related to the parent CDQ entity if conducted directly by the CDQ entity. The supplemental language also provides that, within 18 months after enactment, assets producing tax-exempt income may be transferred from such a subsidiary to the parent CDQ entity without taxable gain or income to either party. Furthermore, with the supplemental language, your proposal would apply with respect to a taxpayer for any taxable years for which a claim for credit or refund is not barred under section 6511 of the Code. You requested that we provide estimates both with and without this new language.

"We believe that some of the activities covered by your proposal could be found to be taxable under present law. Therefore, your proposal results in less tax revenue in subsequent years. Furthermore, it is possible that the entities might expand their newly tax-exempt activities beyond current levels. To the extent that these entities compete with taxable entities, reducing taxable entities' profits, your proposal would indirectly reduce revenue from these

Effect of proposals on federal fiscal year budgets

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A: Proposal with supplemental language  
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taxable entities.

"Including the supplemental language, taxable subsidiaries wholly owned by CDQ entities could seek refunds and would pay less tax in subsequent years, until their assets are transferred back to the CDQ entities. Moreover, the supplemental language regarding the effective date results in a combination of refunds for previous paid tax and less collection of unpaid tax from previous years.

"For the purpose of this estimate, we assume that your proposal and supplemental language are effective

on the date of enactment, except that with the supplemental language your proposal would apply retroactively as described above. We assume the date of enactment to be December 1, 2009. The following table shows the effect of your proposals on Federal fiscal year budget receipts:

[See table above.]

"I hope this information is helpful to you. If we can be of further assistance in this matter, please let me know.

"Sincerely,  
"Thomas A. Barthold"

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Savoonga @ Alakanuk  
Unalakleet @ Chevak  
Stebbins @ St. Mary's  
Wales @ Golovin  
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Elim @ Teller  
Shaktolik @ Gambell  
White Mt. @ Brevig Mission

Girls

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Photo by Joy Hewitt

**BATTLE OF BOOKS**—Pictured from left to right are Sidney Kineen, Amber Gray, Kastyn Lie, Amy Bioff and Jillian Iyatunguk. The students are participants in the district-wide Battle of Books competition at Nome Public Schools.

# The Power of Reading

By Joy Hewitt

Books are not weapons. Usually. That said, the third through sixth grades district-level Battle of Books took place last Tuesday in the Nome Elementary Commons. Over 80 students participated, including 13 kids from Anvil City Science Academy.

In the first battle, nine teams went head to head with each other, answering 16 questions from a list of 14 titles. In what culminated from several months of reading and practice, students sat in teams on the stage, and earned 5 points for every correct title, 3 points for the correct author, for a potential 128 points during the district-level battle. Four teams tied with 104 points, necessitating a tiebreaker. In the end, third graders: Brayden Bahnke, Devan Otton, Dawson Evans, Sam Bourdon

and Skylar Buffas took the title, just 8 points ahead of Jillian Iyatunguk, Amber Gray, Amy Bioff, Sidney Kineen and Kastyn Lie. Such a strong finish reflects a great effort from students, parents and teachers.

In the second battle, three Anvil City Science Academy teams battled against four teams from Nome Elementary School (NES) at the fifth and sixth grade level. Finishing in first place were Nome Elementary's Connor Merrill, Zach Tuell, Joshua Cannon and Hannah Alowa. Second place finishers from Anvil City Science Academy were Cjache Kang, Kevynn Cox, Sarah Mostoller and Tori Thomas.

Using an all-star team from the district battles, Nome Public Schools is competing in the state-level Battle of Books competition during the third week in February. Represent-

ing NES from the third/fourth grade are Amber Gray, Brayden Bahnke, Sidney Kineen, Judith Jessup and Annalise Contreras. Fifth/sixth grade representatives are Hannah Alowa, Wilson Hoogendorn, William Herzner and Joshua Cannon. From Nome-Beltz High School, seventh/eighth graders Oliver Hoogendorn, Rosa Schmidt, Jennelle Trowbridge and Bruce Landry will represent the junior high, and Cecilia Wehde, Nick Morgan, Joel Jorgensen and Jeffrey Rose will represent the senior high.

The Battle of Books for first grade will take place on Monday, February 8 at 1:00 in the Nome Elementary School Library. Kindergarten and second grade battles will take place on Tuesday, February 9 at 12:30 and 1:15 respectively.

## Golovin Gals cast their spell Molly Moses heads to state bee

By Jeff Erickson

The creator of the Winnie the Pooh books, A.A. Milne once said, "My spelling is wobbly. It's good spelling, but it wobbles and the letters get in the wrong places."

None of the 40 third- to eighth-grade students from the Bering Strait School District were afforded the luxury this famed author had. No "wobbles" were allowed as each stepped to the podium to grasp the microphone at the 15th annual Bering Strait School District Spelling Bee in Brevig Mission Jan. 26. Each had spent many, many hours studying the pages of potential words over the past months and had earned their place in the spotlight by finishing in the top three at their respective schools. All were prepared to give their best.

As each took their turn in spelling the given word it soon became ap-

parent that this year's field was one of the best prepared veteran coaches and observers could remember. The attrition rate was low and, although a few fell by the wayside with each successive round, the field remained substantially longer than any in recent memory. The word list gets increasingly difficult. Finally the field was trimmed to five, then four before only three spellers remained. Remarkably the final three were the entire Golovin team, something that had never been done. All three girls were very well prepared, and the final order of finish wasn't determined until several extra rounds. When the smoke cleared Molly Moses was crowned "BSSD Spelling Bee Champion" followed by Chelsea Fagerstrom and Tatiana Chanar. Molly will represent the district at the state bee Feb. 26 in Anchorage.



Photo by Tracy Ahnangnatoguk

**BEE A SPELLER**—Molly Moses, BSSD spelling champion from Golovin, competes in the BSSD spelling bee Jan. 26 at Brevig Mission.

## Nome-Beltz Junior/Senior High School honor roll

Nome-Beltz Junior/Senior High School has released its list of students named to the honor roll for the first semester. To be named to the roll, a student must have at least a cumulative 3.0 (B), no grade lower than a C, and be enrolled in at least four classes. Names in all capitals signify a 4.0 average.

**Seventh grade**  
Beckner-Tice, Aurora  
Bellamy, Hunter  
Booshu, Emery  
Bourdon, Keegan  
CROSS III, JOSEPH

ESSIM, KENDRA  
Gilder, Jason  
Gray, Alexander  
Habros, John  
HOOGENDORN, OLIVER  
Immingan-Carpenter, Bailey  
Iyatunguk, Merwina  
Jessup, Justinian  
Jorgensen, James  
Lyon, Cyril  
MASON, ZOE  
Mork, Cody  
Mueller, Lori  
Pikonganna, Rebecca  
Smith, Gabriel  
TROWBRIDGE, JANNELLE  
Winkelmann, Wink

**Eighth grade**  
Clark, Sara

Ellanna, Renee  
Hall, Mackenzie  
Horner, Ariana  
Irrigoo, Andrea  
Johnson, Elijah  
Johnson, Shayla  
Mattheis, Cass  
Ozenna, Sharon  
Pate, Austin  
Schield, Justin  
Sherman-Luce, Nicole  
Tobuk, Ashley  
Tocktoo, John  
Tocktoo, Tamaira  
Tunley, Matthew  
Warnke, Denae  
Wehde, Dawn

**Ninth grade**  
Bourdon, Kayla

Contreras, Kenna-Sue  
Evans, Kaylene  
Hall, Dominique  
Handeland, Diana  
Harvey, Christopher  
JOHNSON, DEVYNN  
Johnson, Dylan  
MORGAN, NICHOLAS  
Murphy, Miranda  
Pomeranz, Taylor  
Sherman-Luce, Rebecca  
Smith, Cameron  
Smith, Russell  
Sullivan, Zachary  
Tocktoo, Pamela  
Wehde, Cecilia

**Tenth grade**  
ANDERSON, DANIEL  
BLANDFORD, NATHAN

Cabrera, Gabriel  
Gartung, Kaitlyn  
Herzner, Elizabeth  
Irelan, Jens  
Martin, Jacob  
Richards, Tara  
Ruud, Mary  
Stiles, Raechel  
WEHDE, BRENDAN

**Eleventh grade**  
Brandt, Niviaaluk  
EVAK, BRENDA  
JOHNSON, JEREMIAH  
Lammer, Renee  
Leckband, Christian  
MORGAN, ALEXANDER  
Sherman-Luce, Elizabeth  
Stickel, David  
Sullivan, Timothy

TWEET, NORMAN

**Twelfth grade**  
Babcock, Curtis  
Evans, Mason  
Gartung, William  
HEAD, JEREMY  
Horner, Richelle  
McGuffey, Nikole  
Olson, AnnieKate  
Otton, Lauren  
Perkins, Jeremy  
Ritter, Lucas  
ROMENESKO, TAYLOR  
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Shield, Addison  
Stiles, Hilary  
Tungwenuk, Louise  
Wieler, Derek

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**WARMING UP THE CROWD (above)**—Jaylen Gologergen drums and sings for the crowd before the Jan. 30 junior high girls game at Nome-Beltz.

**CHEER (right)**—Rena Sparks tops the junior high cheerleaders' pyramid, supported by Katrina Jepsonon (left) and Kendra Essim (right). Kneeling are Bailey Immigan-Carpenter (left) and Renee Ellanna.



# • Negotiations

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no real movement. "The Nome Education Association views the 0.2 percent increase offered by the school board as essentially no movement and an indication that they were unwilling to make any real effort to keep Nome competitive with the rest of the state," the association's bargaining team said in a written statement.

Despite currently working in the first year of a three-year contract, the teachers and district were only able to settle on pay for the contract's first year. That agreement gave teachers a 1.5 percent raise for the current school year only after months of negotiations that ultimately required a federal mediator. That agreement left salaries for the next two years still to be settled.

To help break the stalemate, a federal mediator will now assist in the process as the two sides work to come to some sort of consensus. "Mediation at its finest is an opportunity to continue the process using the same process we started with," Wehde said.

Mediation, however, is not guaranteed to produce a resolution. If the two sides remain at an impasse, Wehde said the process would move to nonbinding arbitration.

The financial gulf between what each side is seeking is pretty wide. Depending on how the 7 percent would be spread out over the two years—the teachers' association did not specify a preference—the district calculates it would cost anywhere between \$292,000 to \$558,000 to satisfy the education association's two-year request. The district figured it would cost approximately \$160,000 to implement its last, best offer.

Wehde said the district cannot afford to honor the association's request without making it felt somewhere else in its operations. "Nome Public Schools cannot meet a 7 percent raise request by our teacher group without a drastic reduction of personnel, programs and services," Wehde wrote. "This would not be in the best interests of our employees, students and the community."

The education association argues that an uncompetitive salary scale in

comparison with the rest of the state will also hurt the district. "Competitive wage structure gives more flexibility to the school boards in that they can establish higher standards when deciding to retain a teacher. Non-competitive wages force the school board's hands to keep and retain teachers who may not otherwise make the grade, simply because finding a replacement would be very difficult," the education association negotiating team wrote. "In turn, not being competitive hurts the education of our students due to the smaller pool of applicants for future hiring committees when they are presented the task of finding high-quality teachers when openings arise."

In addition to the percentage of increase, the competitive nature of the salaries is a point of difference between the two bargaining teams. While the teachers association points to discrepancies in the percentage of increase and starting salaries in comparison to other districts, Nome Public Schools' team argues that its teachers' salaries are more competitive than they may appear.

"Compared to the other school districts in Alaska, the Nome teacher pay schedule is robust and actively competitive. We are in the top 1/3 of reported school district teacher pay in Alaska," Wehde wrote in a press release voicing the district's position. "Good pay attracts good teachers, and I only need to point with pride to the low turnover last year and the excellent teachers in our district."

The numbers do support Wehde's assertion on low turnover. When it comes to base, or starting pay, Nome lags a little behind the top third of 44 school districts reported on by the Alaska Association of School Boards, ranking 18th at \$41,621. But it does crack the top third in terms of average pay at \$60,258, indicating teachers remain with the district longer and earn higher salaries. Districts with higher turnover will have a lower average salary with teachers cycling through and leaving before they reach the higher pay grades.

As an example, the Bering Strait School District, which encompasses 16 sites in the region, outpaces Nome

in pay for both entry-level and more experienced teachers. But when compared by what an average teacher makes in each district, Nome ranks 16th in the list of 44 districts while BSSD ranks 35th.

Nome also ranks high when it comes to top teacher salary at \$77,708. On the list of 44 districts it ranks 12th for the salary ceiling, just two spots behind the Bering Strait schools which offer \$77,837 at the top.

To set the salaries offered by Nome Public Schools side by side with neighboring districts is not exactly an apples-to-apples comparison. Serving just one community, Nome schools are supported by the municipal tax base in addition to its state funding. Neighboring districts, which cover

anywhere from 11 to 16 villages, are supported by a more widespread tax base through what are known as Regional Educational Attendance Areas.

The districts also differ in how much money they receive from the state. A funding formula based on a region's cost of living allocates different dollar amounts per student to different districts. For fiscal year 2011, Nome will receive \$9,672 per student while the Northwest Arctic Borough School District will receive \$11,955 and the Bering Strait School District will get \$12,814 per student.

The education association's arguments, however, reflect more on how the district handles raises. Saying the district's offer keeps salaries near stagnant, while other districts across

the state are seeing average increases well above what Nome teachers have been offered. "According a to document supplied by the Association of Alaska School Boards, the Nome Education Association's offer was still below reported districts' settlements," the education association's statement reads. "This idea that the offer made by the Nome School Board was well below the average settlements around the state was echoed by Mark Jones, a representative of National Education Association Alaska, who has stated to the Nome Educational Association that the general trend around the state of Alaska for three-year contracts the last several years has been 3 percent [per year for the three years covered by contracts]."

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# Lady Nanooks win Bethel tournament

Although they may have been on the road, the Lady Nanooks pretty much owned the gym in Bethel last weekend.

Scoring three strong victories, the girls were named champions of the 2009 Bethel Basketball Classic. Like their male counterparts, the girls defeated Seward, Unalaska and tournament hosts Bethel en route to the title. It is the first time the Lady Nanooks have taken the tournament.

Hilary Stiles, who also won the hotshot competition, and Richelle Horner were both named to the all-tournament team for their play.

Nome came out of the gate swinging Jan. 28 against Seward and took a 35-20 lead into the second half of play. The Seahawks came back in the third, scoring 17 to Nome's 5 in the third to tighten things up. Stiles, who led the game with 16, put up 7 points in the fourth quarter, including a late three-pointer that sealed the deal for Nome. The Lady Nanooks won the game 51-43. In addition to Stiles, Liz Sherman-Luce also showed a double-digit effort, adding 10 points.

After Thursday's win, Nome never looked back as they took down

Unalaska 44-27 and Bethel 43-21 to win the tourney. In Friday's win against Unalaska, Horner poured in 20 points, backed up by Luce's 9. In Saturday's win, Stiles led Nome with 13, followed by Devynn Johnson who scored 10. Horner scored 9.

The three wins last weekend improved the girls' season record to 9-6. The girls and boys will travel together again this weekend, this time heading North for the Barrow tournament Feb. 4-6. In Barrow, Nome will again face Unalaska, Skyview and tourney hosts Barrow.



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**THE DISH (right)**—Nome's Liz Sherman-Luce executes a pass during the Jan. 30 game against Bethel in Bethel. The Lady Nanooks went three-for-three in the tournament to take the title for the first time in the school's history.

**ABOVE THE REST (left)**—Nome's Jeremy Head rises to the occasion during the Jan. 28 game against Seward in Bethel while teammate Derek Wieler looks on. Head set the record for scoring at the tournament with 35 points in the game.



## Nome boys: Another tourney, another trophy

The steamroller that is the Nome boys basketball team shows no sign of stopping this season.

A weekend trip to Bethel netted the boys yet another trophy for their collection this year as they went three-for-three against Seward, Unalaska and tournament hosts Bethel. On their way to the title, Nome's Jeremy Head was named tournament MVP while Tim Sullivan and Mason Evans were named to the all-tourney team. Sullivan also won the hotshot competition.

In Thursday's win against Seward, Head set a new high mark for the most points scored in a game during the tournament. Putting up 35 points on the board, Head led Nome

to the 77-52 win against the Seahawks. Those 35 points beat the former record by 1, which was held by Head's former teammate, Jesse Blandford, and Teddy Street.

Nome was able to break a 31-31 stalemate at halftime with a 46-point second half. In addition to Head's 35 points, Sullivan put up 17 and Jon Wongitilin scored 15.

The Nanooks came out hot again on Friday with a 82-53 win over Unalaska. Head again led the way for Nome with 28 points. Sullivan lit up the floor in the first half, draining five 3-pointers on the way to 23 points for the game. Mason Evans scored 11.

The Nanooks sputtered a bit at the

start of Saturday's game against Bethel. Scoring just 13 points in the first half, Nome picked it up in the second to outscore Bethel 37-27 in the second. Head again led the team with 20 points, followed by David Stickel and Sullivan, who each had 9.

Nome improved to 13-2 with the wins for the season. The boys will head to Barrow this weekend for a tournament at which they will play Unalaska, Skyview and Barrow. The Nanooks will be looking for a little revenge against the tournament hosts as Barrow was one of the two teams this year to deal Nome a loss. In that meeting at the season's start, the Whalers beat Nome 66-57.



Photo by Janeen Sullivan

**SWOOPING IN (right)**—Emery Booshu works to steal the ball from Alex Gray during a junior high scrimmage at Nome-Beltz over the weekend.

**SPLITTING THE DEFENDERS (left)**—Lady Nanook junior varsity player Taylor Pomeranz works her way against Bethel players at a home game last weekend.



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## Iron Dog:

## Nome racers ready for a slightly different race

By Tyler Rhodes

The view of this year's Iron Dog snowmachine race from Nome come mid-February should look no different than it has in the recent past.

Pairs of racers will still come blazing into town off the sea ice. The Public Works Building will again be filled wall-to-wall with machines ready for a wrenching. And the ramp behind Subway will again serve as

the launching point for the racers to head out for Fairbanks.

It's how the racers get to Nome that will be different.

This year's Iron Dog will operate more as a staged race than in previous years. In previous years there were six points at which racers could take their three required layover stops before arriving in Nome. This year those stops will be cut to three,

essentially turning each day of the event into a race of its own.

The yearly Iron Dog is billed as the world's longest snowmachine race, taking competitors from Big Lake to Nome before retracing their route and turning to Fairbanks for the finish. The route covers nearly 2,000 miles of open country, forests, mountain passes, frozen rivers and the Bering Sea coast. This year's pro class race starts Feb. 21.

Racers will now be required to take a 12-hour layover in McGrath, an eight-hour layover in Galena and an eight-hour layover in Unalakleet before heading to the race's midway point in Nome. Racers will again have to stop in Unalakleet and Galena before the final hold in Tanana to ensure a mid-day finish in Fairbanks.

Iron Dog Development Director Heidi Griffin said the organization introduced the new rules as the race

grows and brings in new racers and sponsors. "It makes the race easier to follow," she said. "It's not a total staged race; it's just on its way to being so. So we'll just test out some new rules and see how it goes."

Griffin said the new rules have produced a variety of reactions from participants. "It's a mixed bag. Some [racers] like it because it really changes strategies. It forces them to get from one place to the next," she said. Griffin added that other long-time racers have voiced their disapproval for the same reason—it changes, or even eliminates, strategy, some say.

Iron Dog veteran and Nome resident John Bahnke III said he wasn't upset over the new rules, but he did note that it will change the nature of the race. "Making it a stage race makes it a day race everyday for a week," he said. "It took a lot of the strategy out of it."

Bahnke said the change will likely push racers to ride harder, dealing more punishment to their machines. "It's going to make it a sprint race every day," he said, noting those with planes and parts following them on the trail will have an advantage.

Bahnke likened the previous rule set to those of the Iditarod which gives teams more autonomy on where they can declare layovers. "You could do your layovers more or less where you felt comfortable doing them. Basically you were running your own race. That's what I liked about it before," he said.

Despite preferring the old rules, Bahnke said he didn't see the new structure as a game-changer for himself or others who have a few races under their belt. "I don't know if there's an advantage or disadvantage for the guys who raced it for a few years," he said. Bahnke is teaming

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## Saying it Sincerely

By Pastor Julie Yoder Elmore  
Community United Methodist Church  
on behalf of the Nome Ministerial Association  
Scripture Reference Genesis 37-50

Joseph is one of the most righteous characters in the Old Testament. From the time he was young he found favor with his father and always honored his father's wishes. Jacob made it clear that Joseph was his favorite son when he made him a coat of many colors and did not do the same for his other sons. Joseph's older brothers already did not like him because he tattled on them. The coat of many colors certainly did not help Joseph win any popularity contests with his brothers.













One day, Jacob asked Joseph to go and check on his brothers who were tending their sheep in the countryside. Being an obedient son, he went and found them. As they saw him approaching they decided to get rid of him. They ended up selling him into slavery and told Jacob that a wild animal had killed Joseph. Eventually Joseph became the slave of Potiphar, one of the Pharaoh's top officials. Potiphar found Joseph to be very competent and trustworthy. Over time, Potiphar's wife became infatuated with Joseph and wanted to sleep with him. Joseph, being trustworthy, kept refusing her advances. One day she made sure that Joseph and she were alone in the house and grabbed him by the garment and demanded that he sleep with her. He wiggled out of his garment and ran from the house. With his garment in her hand, she told Potiphar that Joseph tried to attack her and Potiphar believed her. Joseph was then thrown in jail.

While in jail Joseph found favor with the head prison guard and also interpreted dreams with the help of God. He even had an opportunity to interpret Pharaoh's dream that predicted seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine in the land of Egypt. Eventually, Joseph became the governor and in charge of food distribution during the years of famine. Among the food seekers were Joseph's brothers. While he does not reveal himself at first and gives them a hard time, eventually the family is reunited and is spared from dying of starvation.

Even though bad things kept happening to Joseph, God was present with Joseph helping him make the best out of these gloomy situations. Things happen to us that at first seem hopeless. Though there was much destruction in Haiti several weeks ago, God is present with the people there as they recover, grieve, and relearn their life after this traumatic event. Though we strive to do what is right, things will not always go our way. With God on our side, we can take the most hopeless of situations and make the best of them. Ultimately God is in control and will take care of us. We just need to put our faith in God and know that in the words of Julian of Norwich, "All will be well and all will be well in all manner of things will be well."

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 <p><b>CAPRICORN</b> December 22–January 19</p> <p>A new day is dawning, Capricorn, and it's time for you to shine. Go ahead. Let others see how talented you are. A chance meeting brings big dividends.</p>	 <p><b>ARIES</b> March 21–April 19</p> <p>Enough of the pity party, Aries. Time to pick yourself up, dust yourself off and get going. You have more important fish to fry. An e-mail points you in the right direction.</p>	 <p><b>CANCER</b> June 22–July 22</p> <p>Drumming up support for a concept proves difficult, but you manage it somehow, Cancer. A retail mix-up tests patience at home; thankfully, everyone survives.</p>	 <p><b>LIBRA</b> September 23–October 22</p> <p>Your idea tanks at work, and it's back to the drawing board. A better concept will come, Libra. A mentor makes a promise they can't keep. Don't hold them responsible.</p>
 <p><b>AQUARIUS</b> January 20–February 18</p> <p>You have what it takes, Aquarius, so don't be shy. Reach for the stars and you will manage the impossible. An invitation deserves special consideration.</p>	 <p><b>TAURUS</b> April 20–May 20</p> <p>Mission accomplished is your motto this week, Taurus. You will complete everything on your list and then some. A travel date is set.</p>	 <p><b>LEO</b> July 23–August 22</p> <p>Promises are fulfilled, and golden opportunities emerge. Be thankful and seize it, Leo. You deserve it. Please for help at home do not fall on deaf ears.</p>	 <p><b>SCORPIO</b> October 23–November 21</p> <p>You've traipsed this path before, Scorpio. Time to get back to the basics and focus on the matter at hand. A family affair becomes one to remember.</p>
 <p><b>PISCES</b> February 19–March 20</p> <p>The atmosphere at home has been glum, but that is all about to change with the arrival of a guest. Be gracious, Pisces. A financial glitch turns out in your favor.</p>	 <p><b>GEMINI</b> May 21–June 21</p> <p>A colleague makes a proposal. Listen carefully, Gemini. All is not as it seems. A new do calls for a new wardrobe. Shop for deals and save big.</p>	 <p><b>VIRGO</b> August 23–September 22</p> <p>Please, Virgo. You have done enough. Step aside and let someone take a stab at it. Financial freedom could be yours with some diligence and determination.</p>	 <p><b>SAGITTARIUS</b> November 22–December 21</p> <p>A token of appreciation comes your way, Sagittarius, and you discover just how valuable you are. A family heirloom returns where it belongs.</p>

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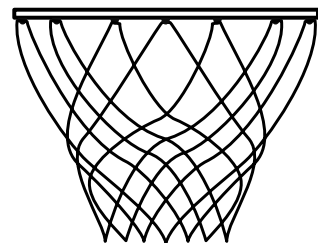
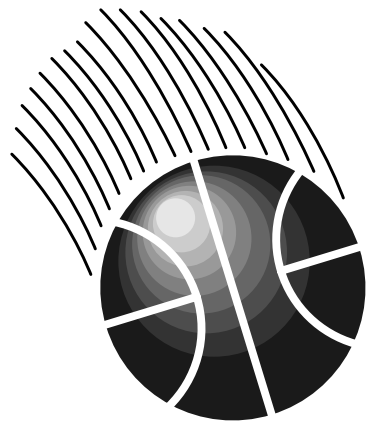
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**READY TO ROLL**—Nome's Tre West III and Peter Reigh get a thumbs up before leaving Nome for the second half of the 2009 Iron Dog.

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## • Iron Dog

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up again with Brad Reich from Kiana for this year's race.

Other racers with Nome roots more or less shrugged off the changes. "I'm pretty sure since everyone's in the same boat, it shouldn't affect our strategy too much," said Tre West III, who is racing with Wasilla's Andy George this year.

Mike Morgan, who is teamed with fellow Nome-grown racer Joe Fullwood this year, said the rule change will reflect what the top racers have already been doing. "I think it's going to be a good race regardless of what the layovers are. All the fast teams are still going to be here, here, and here," Morgan said, referring to the stops in McGrath, Galena and Unalakleet. "It's not going to change a whole lot as far as we're concerned; if you're on top of it you're going to be flying, regardless."

Morgan made no bones about his desire to be among those first teams to be flying into the checkpoints. While only racing in his second Iron Dog, Morgan is coming off an impressive rookie finish in fifth place last year. "We definitely want to win it. We're shooting for the top three," Morgan said. Teamed up with Tyler Huntington last year, Morgan said they ran out of gas toward the end of the race, which caused them to lose valuable time and fourth place.

Fullwood will be jumping into his first Iron Dog, but has extensive race experience. Morgan said he and Full-

wood have been riding a fair amount outside of Anchorage to train and work the kinks out of their new Polaris Rush machines.

Bahnke's training routine has been a little more low-key in Nome where snow does not abound this season. "Snow conditions are terrible. It's gotten to the point where it's hard to justify going on a ride when it's just going to tear up your machine," he said.

While Bahnke jokes about preparing by watching race movies like "Talladega Nights," when the flag drops Feb. 21 he and Reich will be in the hunt for a top finish. The duo last raced together in 2008 when they took sixth. Bahnke said the finish came after some initial troubles that cost them approximately six hours.

Like everyone else, Bahnke is angling to win. However, he said he would be pleased with a top-five finish. "Even the top three is pretty cool," he said. To get there, Bahnke again fell back on the idea of focusing on his strategy. "We've got the same game plan—run our own race, try not to get caught up with what everybody else is doing. If we're not feeling comfortable, we're not going to push it," he said.

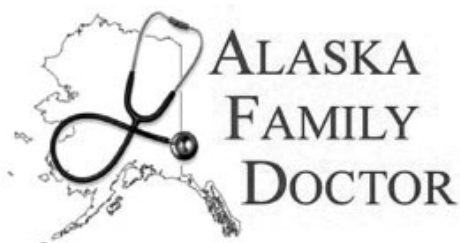
Past racers who have found themselves in the lead but rode their machines or bodies too hard have quickly found themselves out of the running due to busted equipment or bones.

Also from Nome and back for another round in the Iron Dog are Har-

vey and Howard Farley. The 39-year-olds will be pointing their Ski-Doo Renegade E-Tec 600s toward home from Big Lake and then on to Fairbanks for another attempt at Iron Dog glory.

Nome's West isn't parsing his words when it comes to his hopes. "The goal is first place," he said. It's a place George, his partner, has been before, winning the race in 2006. West said the reports of bare trail on either side of the Alaska range doesn't have him too stressed. "It's good for us. The rougher the better," he said.

Rough it could be. There are reports of meager snow packs all along the coast, along the Yukon and in Fairbanks. "I have heard talk about the Yukon being anything from a mixture of glare ice to sand," Bahnke said. "But we have a couple weeks left. It might snow."



### SHINGLES: Can a Vaccine Help?

By Bob Lawrence, MD

Shingles is a painful rash primarily striking adults. It is caused by the same virus that causes chicken pox in children. A few years ago, the FDA approved a vaccine for the prevention of shingles in older adults. Many people have asked if this "shingles" vaccine is right for them, and if so, at what age they should receive the immunization. Only you and your medical provider can answer these questions, but a little background information may help guide the discussion.

Shingles is caused by the varicella zoster virus (VZV). Prior to 1995, when a vaccine against VZV became available in the United States, most people were exposed to the chicken pox virus in childhood, thereby developing a life-long immunity. Now, most children receive the chicken pox vaccine series starting at age one. After a childhood chicken pox infection or immunization series, most people never suffer from the virus again. However, in some people, for unknown reasons, the varicella virus can remain dormant within the long nerves of the body until some trigger allows for a localized outbreak of the virus, called shingles.

These outbreaks are usually isolated to the skin served by the nerve in which the virus has remained dormant. The outbreak starts as a focal area of severe pain or burning followed by a characteristic blistering rash over the affected strip of skin. In most cases the pain subsides in 2-10 days, but in a small percentage of patients, the outbreak can lead to a long-term pain syndrome called post-herpetic neuralgia.

Outbreaks usually occur in persons over age 60 with at least fifty percent of people who reach age 85 experiencing at least one attack. Younger people with a weakened immune system caused by illness or immunosuppressive medical therapy may also experience attacks of shingles.

Shingles is treated with antiviral medication and pain medication to reduce the duration and severity of the outbreak.

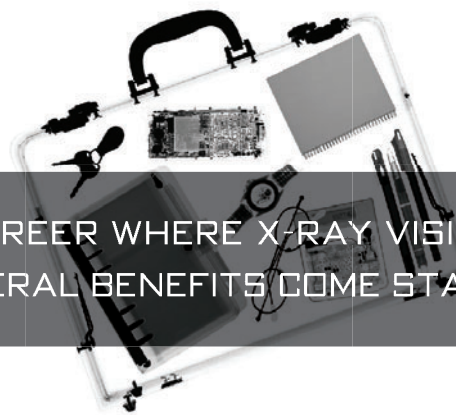
A person with an active shingles rash is contagious and must avoid contact with others who could be harmed by a VZV infection particularly infants, pregnant women, and anyone with a compromised immune system.

In theory, the shingles vaccine helps boost the immunity of a person who has had prior VZV exposure. It is approved by the FDA for administration to adults age 60 and over. Early studies on the vaccine show that it reduces the incidence of shingles by 51.3 percent and the feared complication of post-herpetic neuralgia by 66.5 percent. Like many other vaccines, large numbers of people must be vaccinated to realize a benefit in the whole population. According to research, 58 people have to receive the shingles vaccine to prevent one outbreak of shingles, and 364 people have to receive the vaccine to prevent one case of post-herpetic neuralgia.

Given that the risks associated with receiving the vaccine are minimal, there is likely little harm in giving the vaccine to large numbers of people; however, because so many have to be immunized to prevent one outbreak, experts debate on whether the vaccine is cost effective.

The effectiveness of the vaccine on persons under age 60 is unknown and is therefore not recommended by the FDA. Whether or not the shingles vaccine prevents future outbreaks in a person who has already suffered an attack of shingles is also unknown; however, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends vaccination even if a prior attack has occurred.

The varicella zoster vaccine is available to patients in the Norton Sound region only by prescription. If you are over age 60, you may consider speaking with your provider at your next visit about the risks and potential benefits of receiving the shingles vaccine.



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## Employment

**Kawerak—Recruitment Notice** – 02/01/2010 to close of business on 02/15/2010. DIVISION: Community Services  
JOB TITLE: **Business Planning Specialist**  
POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full-Time  
LOCATION: Nome, Alaska  
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt  
PAY SCALE RANGE: 12, 13, 14 (\$22.67 – 29.58)  
DOE  
REPORTS TO: CPD Program Director  
QUALIFICATIONS

1. Bachelors Degree in Economics, Business Administration, Marketing, Rural Development or related field from an accredited institution of learning; or an Associate Degree in a relevant field plus two years experience in business development and/or management, or community development. Work experience in business administration, business finance, community and economic development, or related field may substitute for the degree requirement on a year for year basis.
  2. Must have experience in business or community planning, financial management, and conducting or organizing training programs.
  3. Must possess strong research, writing and verbal communication skills. Strong organizational skills required.
  4. Must possess proficient computer knowledge and skills in Microsoft Word, Excel and Access. Microsoft Publishing proficiency preferred.
  5. Must be dependable, self-motivated, and able to work with minimum supervision.
  6. Must be able to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds.
  7. Must be able to travel extensively in rural Alaska.
- Native Preference per Public Law 93-638  
Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231.  
Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at [www.kawerak.org](http://www.kawerak.org) or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to [personnel@kawerak.org](mailto:personnel@kawerak.org). 2/4-11

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PAY SCALE RANGE: 12-13-14 (\$22.67 – 29.58)  
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REPORTS TO: Program Director, Kawerak Transportation Program (KTP)  
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1) Bachelors Degree in Planning, Public Administration, Rural Development, Engineering, or related field or 4 years comparable work experience.  
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## Trooper Beat

On January 22, Nome Police Officer Ian Koenig and Nome Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement contacted Tanya Hicks, 38, of Nome. Incident to contact, Hicks was administered a PBT and registered .298. She was arrested and transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On January 22, the Nome Grand Jury indicted Kym S. Stevenson, 37, of Anchorage, for 2 counts of Felony Importation of Alcohol, 1 felony count of License or Permit Required and 1 felony count of Witness Tampering.

On January 22, the Alaska State Troopers in Nome investigated a plane crash that took place in Koyuk. Investigation revealed that Joel Oyomick, 30, of Unalakleet (pilot and sole occupant) was attempting to take off when the right rear wheel of the aircraft blew out. This caused J. Oyomick to lose control of the aircraft, which veered off to the right of the runway crashing into a snow berm. Damage was sustained to the front and right wheel. No injuries reported. The aircraft was a red and black Arctic Transportation Services Inc. Cessna 207A bearing tail# N7605U. The aircraft was towed back to the Koyuk airport. Flight services as well as NTSB was notified. Case closed.

On January 22, AST in Nome executed an arrest warrant for Frank Kavairlook Jr., 28, of Koyuk, for violating his conditions of release imposed by the court. F. Kavairlook Jr. was arrested and remanded to AMCC in Nome. Case closed.

On January 24, Gambell VPOs reported that Brianna Campbell, 22, of Gambell, was observed to be highly intoxicated from consuming "homebrew" alcohol. Investigation revealed that Brianna is on Probation and is not to consume or possess alcohol. Brianna was arrested for violating her probation and detained at the Gambell Public Safety Building pending arraignment.

On January 24, AST in Nome received a report from Gambell VPOs that Stephan Apangalook, 20, of Gambell, was highly intoxicated after consuming "homebrew" alcohol, which is a violation of his probation and conditions of release. S. Apangalook was not to possess or consume alcohol and is required to be under 24/7 sight and sound of his 3rd party custodian which he also violated. S. Apangalook was arrested and detained at the Gambell Public Safety building before being transported to AMCC in Nome.

On January 25, St. Michael VPOs responded to a disturbance at a residence. Jackie Niksik, 19, of St. Michael was found to be intoxicated. Niksik spit on a VPO and was arrested for Harassment and also charged with MCA. She was telephonically arraigned and released.

On January 25, Unalakleet AST received a report that the City of St. Michael offices had been burglarized. AST responded and investigation resulted in multiple juveniles being identified as being involved in the incident. Charges will be forwarded to the Juvenile Probation Office for Burglary in the Second Degree and Criminal Mischief in the Third Degree.

On January 25, Unalakleet AST received a report that Lawrence Pete, 33, of St. Michael, had assaulted his wife, on January 24. Investigation revealed that the couple had gotten into an altercation. Pete's wife was treated at the St. Michael Clinic for minor injuries; Pete did not sustain any injuries. Pete was arrested by Stebbins VPOs in Stebbins and later transported to Nome for arraignment on a charge of Assault in the Third Degree and Probation Violation. Alcohol was not involved.

On January 27, at about 8:55 a.m., the Brevig Mission VPO received a complaint from an elderly resident of Brevig Mission that her grandson, Harry Olanna, was fighting with his father. The VPO and VPSO responded to the residence and contacted Harry Olanna, 20, of Brevig Mission. Investigation revealed Harry had been drinking and he was subsequently arrested for probation violation and taken to the VPSO Office until the next available flight. Harry was additionally charged with Escape I when he ran off as he was escorted to the City Office to use the bathroom. Harry was transported to Nome where he was lodged at AMCC with no bail.

On January 28, at 3:30 p.m., Nome ABADE and Nome AST contacted Robin C. Thomas, 52, of Nome, and Audrey E. Aningayou, 51, of Nome, at their residence. Incident to contact, an 11 plant marijuana grow was discovered and seized as evidence. Charges will be referred to the Nome DAO.

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## Legals

**NOTICE OF SALE** Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street on March 8, 2010, at 10:00 AM with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will apply to the Deed of Trust naming Karl Ahgeak & Kathi Teixeira, Trustor, Karl Ahgeak & Kathi Teixeira, Record Owner, recorded on February 24, 2003 under Reception No. 2003-000256-0, Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial District, Alaska, describing: Lot 4, Block 4, TOWNSITE OF BARROW, ALASKA, according to the official plat thereof, filed under Plat Number 80-25, Records of the Barrow Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, a/k/a 2414 D Street, Barrow, AK 99723. \$157,769.79 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to [alaskatrustee.com](http://alaskatrustee.com) or [usa-foreclosure.com](http://usa-foreclosure.com) for status. 1/14-21-28; 2/4

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME**  
**CASE NO: 2NO-09-00326CI**  
**ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING**

In the Matter of a Change of Name for:  
**Donald Stanley Oliver Jr.**  
Current name of Minor.  
Notice of Petition to Change Name  
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # **2NO-09-00326CI**) requesting a name change from (current name) **Donald Stanley Oliver Jr. to Zachariah Donald Oliver Austin**. A hearing on this request will be held on **February 19, 2010 at 4:00 pm at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.** 1/21-28-2/4-11

**NOTICE OF SALE** Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street on March 11, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will apply to the Deed of Trust naming Roberta L. Rodin and Gaylon J. Rodin, Trustor, Roberta L.

Rodin and Gaylon J. Rodin, Record Owner, recorded on March 22, 2005 under Reception No. 2005-000443-0, Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, Alaska, describing: The South 77' of Lot 6, Block 53, according to the official April 13, 1905 Map of the TOWNSITE OF NOME; Records of the Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, a/k/a 308 and 310 Bering Street, Nome, AK 99762. \$194,032.31 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to [alaskatrustee.com](http://alaskatrustee.com) or [usa-foreclosure.com](http://usa-foreclosure.com) for status. 1/21-28-2/4-11

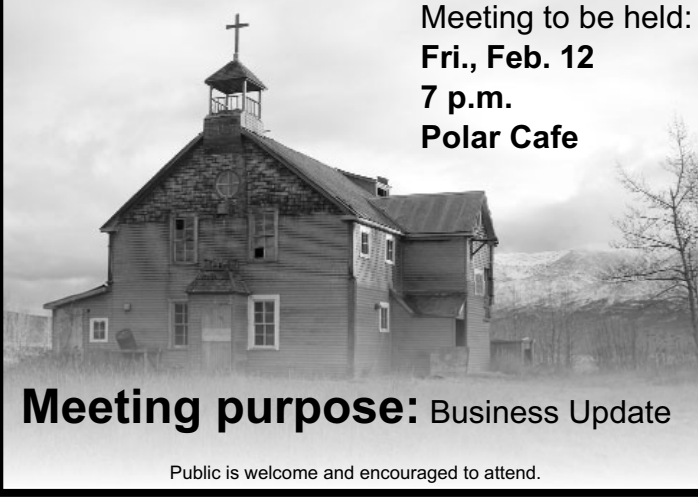
#### CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE

**O-10-01-01 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2010 General Fund Municipal Budget**  
**O-10-01-02 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2010 Capital Projects Fund Budget**  
**O-10-01-03 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2010 Special Revenue Fund Budget**  
**O-10-01-04 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2010 Port of Nome Fund Budget**  
**O-10-01-05 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2010 Construction Capital Projects Fund Budget**  
These ordinances had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on January 25, 2010 at 7:30 PM and were passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for **February 8th, 2010 at 7:30 PM** in City Council Chambers of City Hall located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the office of the City Clerk. 1/28-2/4

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME**  
**Case No. 2NO-10-02 PR**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF**  
**NEAL RICHARD FOSTER**  
Deceased

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## Friends of Pilgrim Hot Springs



Meeting to be held:  
**Fri., Feb. 12**  
**7 p.m.**  
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*Speaker: Maria Dexter, Tribal Healer for Norton Sound Health Corp.*

For more information call 443-5726.



## • More Legals

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS (AS 13.16.450)

Notice is hereby given that Cathryn Janelle Foster has been appointed personal representative of the above-named estate. **All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred.** Claims may be presented to the personal representative, Cathryn Janelle Foster, c/o Kenneth P. Jacobus, P.C., 310 K Street, Suite 200, Anchorage AK 99501-2064, phone 907-277-3333, or filed with the Probate Clerk, Superior court for the Second Judicial District, P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762-1110, Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2010. KENNETH P. JACOBUS, P.C. Attorney for Personal Representative By Kenneth P. Jacobus Alaska Bar No. 6911036 2/4-11-18

### BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT KOYUK TEACHER HOUSING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Bering Strait School District (BSSD) is requesting Proposals from interested General Contractors for the construction of one (1) duplex, to be used for teacher housing, in Koyuk, Alaska. Proposals may be submitted to: Bering Strait School District, Facilities Department, P.O. Box 225, Unalakleet, AK, 99684 until 2:00 PM, February 16, 2010. Proposals will be reviewed and scored by a selection committee and will not be publicly opened or read aloud.

**The project consists of construction services for one duplex. The duplex will have one, 3-bedroom unit and one, 2-bedroom unit of approximately 980 square feet each. Project is estimated at a total of 1960 square feet of living area. A guaranteed maximum price (GMP) based on completed construction is required. Construction is anticipated to begin in July 2010, with completion of the entire project planned by December 1, 2010. Contractor will provide all building materials to Koyuk, by the barge scheduled to arrive during the third week of July 2010.**

Bid Proposal Guidelines may be obtained by contacting L.A. Commack at (907) 624-4235, or email lacommack@bssd.org. 2/4-11

### BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT TELLER TEACHER HOUSING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Bering Strait School District (BSSD) is requesting Proposals from interested General Contractors for the construction of two (2) duplexes, to be used for teacher housing, in Teller, Alaska. Proposals may be submitted to: Bering Strait School District, Facilities Department, P.O. Box 225, Unalakleet, AK, 99684 until 2:00 PM, February 16, 2010. Proposals will be reviewed and scored by a selection committee and will not be publicly opened or read aloud.

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**Contractor will provide all building materials to Teller, by the barge scheduled to arrive during the third week of July 2010.**

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### NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with waters important for the spawning, rearing, or migration of anadromous fish, including the following: 5 AAC 95.011 is proposed to be changed as follows:

*The Atlas to the Catalog of Waters Important for the Spawning, Rearing, or Migration of Anadromous Fishes and Catalog of Waters Important for the Spawning, Rearing, or Migration of Anadromous Fishes* (Atlas and Catalog), which are adopted by reference in 5 AAC 95.011, will be revised and updated.

Alaska Statute 16.05.871 requires, among other actions, that the Commissioner of the ADF&G "specify" the rivers, lakes and streams or portions of them that are important for the spawning, rearing or migration of anadromous fish. The Commissioner must review plans and specifications of any proposed work or use occurring within a specified anadromous river, lake, or stream. If the Commissioner determines that the plans and specifications provide for the proper protection of fish and game the project will be approved and a Fish Habitat Permit will be issued by the ADF&G, Division of Habitat. The Catalog and Atlas identify and list these anadromous waters and are used by the Commissioner to determine whether such a permit is required for any particular project.

Several revisions are proposed to be made to the Atlas and Catalog. The list of rivers, lakes, and streams will be updated, including additions, deletions, and changes to the legal descriptions of many of these waters. Minor revisions will be made to the introduction of the Catalog and Atlas, including updates to ADF&G regional contact information. Species-specific information will be used in place of undifferentiated species information wherever possible.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Paul Blanche, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, 333 Raspberry Rd. Suite 2068, Anchorage, Alaska 99518 or by e-mail to paul.blanche@alaska.gov. The comments must be received no later than March 13, 2010.

The proposed changes for all six regions of Alaska (Southeastern, Southcentral, Southwestern, Western, Arctic, and Interior) are available for inspection and copying at: the ADF&G offices in Anchorage at 333 Raspberry Rd., in Fairbanks at 1800 College Rd., and in Douglas at 802 3<sup>rd</sup> St.; the Alaska Resources Library in Anchorage; and the State Library in Juneau. The ADF&G offices in Craig, Palmer, Bethel, Cordova, Delta Junction, Dillingham, Dutch Harbor, Glennallen, Haines, Homer, Ketchikan, King Salmon, Kodiak, Sand Point, Nome, Sitka, Soldotna, Tok, Wrangell, and Yakutat have copies of the proposed changes for their local region. If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact

Paul Blanche at 267-2812 no later than February 22, 2010 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided. Electronic equivalents of the review documents and the atlas maps are also available through the ADF&G website at <http://www.habitat.adfg.alaska.gov/awc/awc.php>.

After the public comment period has ended, the ADF&G will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may vary from that of the proposed regulations. **YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF**

YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.  
**Statutory Authority:** AS 16.05.020 and 16.05.871  
**Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific:** AS 16.05.871  
**Fiscal Information:** The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.  
Date: February 5, 2010

Denby S. Lloyd  
Commissioner  
Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
2/4

## MEMBERS WANTED

### For Federal Subsistence Advisory Councils

Help advise the Federal Subsistence Board on the management of subsistence resources for your region.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 16, 2010

For an application, call  
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## NOTICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER

Stanley Sobocienski, d/b/a Wallace Liquor Store located at 311 Front Street, Nome, Alaska 99762 is applying for transfer of a Package Store (AS 04.11.150) to Nome Commercial Company d/b/a Nome Liquor Store.

Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 5848 E. Tudor Rd. Anchorage AK 99507.

2/4-11-18

## Sitnasuak Native Corporation Shareholder Notice

**37th Annual Shareholders Meeting Saturday May 8, 2010, • 10:00 a.m. Mini-Convention Center • Nome, AK**

### BUSINESS CONDUCTED WILL INCLUDE:

- Election of three (3) Directors for three year term
- Approval of the Independent Auditor
- Other shareholder business

### SOLICITATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BOARD POSITIONS

- Written Letter of Candidacy and Nominee Information Questionnaire
- Candidates must be 19 years old or older by filing date.

MUST BE RECEIVED BY **February 8, 2010 by 5:00 p.m.**

### SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL

A proposal form (fee & signature requirements) will be provided, please contact the Sitnasuak Native Corporation Office **907-387-1200** or **877-443-2632 (toll free)**

MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CORPORATION OFFICE ON OR BEFORE **February 8, 2010 by 5:00 p.m.**

For more information write or call:

**Sitnasuak Native Corporation**  
P.O. Box 905  
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1/7-21-28; 2/4

## FISHERIES SAFETY ORIENTATION CLASS February 28 - March 20, 2010

On behalf of the **Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSED)** Board of Directors, the NSED Employment, Education & Training (EET) Department is happy to announce a fisheries safety orientation class at the Alaska Vocational Technical Center in Seward, Alaska on February 28 - March 20, 2010. The class is limited to fifteen participants with a deadline of **February 17, 2010**, when the selection will happen in the evening. In compliance with the U.S. Coast Guard Zero Tolerance Law, each trainee must pass a drug screen urinalysis and stay off the alcohol during training and employment working on our trawlers, crabbers, and long-liner vessels in the Bering Sea. Required to work sixteen hours a day seven days a week upon successful completion of the training, each trainee must pass a physical examination and document a hearing test at the Norton Sound Regional Hospital. Applications can be received from your local NSED Community Liaison or by calling Jerry at **1-800-385-3190**.

1/14-21-28; 2/4-11

## Public Notice

The Nome Planning Commission has ONE vacancy AND TWO Seats up for re-appointment.

ALSO, the Museum and Library Commission has one seat available for appointment.

If you are interested in serving on the Nome Planning Commission OR The Museum and Library Commission, please submit an application form.

Application forms are available at City Hall or on the City of Nome website at:

**WWW.NOMEALASKA.ORG**

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25TH, 2010 AT 5:00 P.M.** TO CITY HALL, AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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P.O. BOX 281  
102 DIVISION STREET  
NOME, ALASKA 99762

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1/28; 2/4-11-18



## Nome Eskimo Community

### FY 2009 Annual Performance Report

Nome Eskimo Community's FY 2009 Annual Performance Report is available for Public Review and Comment.

The APR may be reviewed during business hours at the NEC offices located on 5th Avenue between **January 25, 2010 and February 8, 2010**. For comments or questions please call the Housing Office at **443-9102**.

1/28-2/4



## Nome Eskimo Community Vacant Tribal Council Seat

Nome Eskimo Community currently has one (1) vacant Tribal Council seat. The seat will expire at the Annual Meeting 2010. Interested candidates must be a Tribal member of NEC, 21 years or older and reside in Nome for at least one (1) year.

Applications will be accepted until Friday, February 19, 2010 @ 5 p.m.

Applications are available at the NEC office at 200 W 5th Avenue.

Questions, contact Linda at **443-2246** or e-mail at **nomeeskimo@gci.net**.

1/28-2/4-11-18



Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom  
**FOR THE DOGS**—Walking their friends’ dogs on a warm Sunday afternoon are Daphany Iya with Cookie Crumb (left), Skylr O’Connor and Sarah Mostoller holding Kobe. The girls got more exercise than the dogs.



Photo by Nadja Roessek  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – Caroline Reader is celebrating her mother’s (Carrie M McLain) 115th birthday.

Court

**Civil**  
Joe, Victor vs. Aketchunk, Elizabeth; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term  
In the Matter of: Anderson, Richard A. and Anderson, Jane L.; Dissolution with Children - Superior Court  
Settlement Funding, LLC d/b/a Peachtree Settlement vs. Joe, Bernadette M.; Structured Settlement - Superior Court  
Kugzruk, Joylynn vs. Komok, Kyle; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term  
Crowley Petroleum Distribution, Inc. vs. Board Of Trade, Inc.; Debt - General - Superior Court  
State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD vs. Ahkpuk, Walter H.; Petition for Order re PFD or Native Dividend  
**Small Claims**  
Credit Union 1 vs. Redfox, Jennifer L.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Credit Union 1 vs. Knodel, Chris; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC vs. Ashenfelter, Laverne; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

**Week ending 1/29**  
State of Alaska v. David Moore (6/4/83); 2NO-09-89CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110700801; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-788CR and 2NO-10-25CR; Remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. David Moore (6/4/83); 2NO-09-788CR DUI; Date of offense: 12/21/09; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Remanded; Recommend Seaside Center; Fine: \$1500, \$0 suspended; \$1500 due 7/1/10; Pay to Clerk of court; Police Training Surcharge: \$75, \$0 suspended; \$75 due 10 days from date of this judgment (1/22/10); Payable to Clerk of Court; Jail Surcharge: \$150 (if probation), \$100 suspended (if probation), \$50 due payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1<sup>st</sup> offense), \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Contact local ASAP, other: or NSBHS by 2/15/10; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; File proof by 3/1/10 that you received an assessment, and file proof by 6/30/10 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: Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; 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 12 months during probation period; Probation until 4/27/11; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Surrender license immediately; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period of 1 year from date of this judgment; No alcohol in residence; Other: Subject to warrantless breath test on request peace officer and warrantless arrest for any violation.  
State of Alaska v. David Moore (6/4/83); 2NO-10-25CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 1/19/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served consecutive to 2NO-09-89CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days.  
State of Alaska v. Ronald Engstrom (11/22/37); DUI; Date of offense: 11/6/09; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report on 1/22/10 to AMCC by 2pm; Fine: \$1500, \$0 suspended; \$1500 due 2/1/10; Pay to Clerk of court, Bail to fine \$1000.00; Police Training Surcharge: \$75, \$0 suspended; \$75 due 10 days from date of this judgment (1/22/10); Payable to Clerk of Court; Jail Surcharge: \$150 (if probation), \$100 suspended (if probation), \$50 due payable to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1<sup>st</sup> offense), \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Contact local ASAP, other: or NSBHS by 3/1/10; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; File proof by 4/1/10 that you received an assessment, and file proof by 6/30/10 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: Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; 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 12 months during probation period; Probation for 1 year from date of this judgment; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period of 1 year from date of this judgment; Other: Not consume alcohol—subject to warrantless test at request of peace officer; Warrantless arrest for any violation.  
State of Alaska v. Anthony Sebwenna (4/15/70); Assault 4<sup>th</sup>; DV; Date of offense: 12/30/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 270 days, 180 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/25/13; 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 contact directly, or indirectly R. Burton without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol; May possess alcohol for employment purposes.

State of Alaska v. Dawn Oozevaseuk (8/30/83); 2NO-09-715CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4<sup>th</sup>; Filed by the DAs Office 1/25/10.  
State of Alaska v. Dawn Oozevaseuk (8/30/83); 2NO-10-44CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 1/24/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days.  
State of Alaska v. Michelle Tunguyan (4/23/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110064672; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 months, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Christine Dalilak (8/2/53); 2NO-09-813CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4<sup>th</sup>; Filed by the DAs Office 1/22/10.  
State of Alaska v. Christine Dalilak (8/2/53); 2NO-10-23CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 1/16/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 37 days, 30 days suspended; Unsuspended 7 days have been served (not exceed time served); Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/22/11; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law.  
State of Alaska v. Shelby Cordeiro (8/23/92); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Driving Violation of Instruction Permit; Filed by the DAs Office 1/25/10.  
State of Alaska v. Kenneth Dale Shoogukwruk (8/30/58); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 003: Attempted Sex Abuse Minor 2<sup>nd</sup>; Date of offense: 5/22/09; The following charges were dismissed pursuant to Criminal rule 43(a): Count 001: Sex Assault 2<sup>nd</sup>; Date of offense: 5/22/09; Count 002: Sex Assault 2<sup>nd</sup>; Date of offense: 12/25/08; Count 004: Sex Abuse Minor 2<sup>nd</sup>; Date of offense: 12/25/08; Count 005: Harassment 2<sup>nd</sup>; Date of offense: 12/25/08; DV offense per AS 18.66.990(3) and (5); Yes; Count 003: 17 years, 2 years suspended; Any unsuspended time is to be served with defendant remanded to custody; Defendant is to be credited for time already served in this case; Police Training Surcharge: Must pay following surcharge within 10 days; Count 003: \$100; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore: IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; DNA IDENTIFICATION: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; IT IS RECOMMENDED that defendant participate in sex offender treatment during his period of incarceration; IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 5 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in Order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.  
State of Alaska v. Calvin Gooden (10/3/67); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 001: Attempted Sex Assault 2<sup>nd</sup>; Date of offense: 3/2/09; The following charges were dismissed pursuant to Criminal rule 43(a): Count 002: Sex Abuse of a Minor 2<sup>nd</sup>; Date of offense: 3/2/09; Count 001: 5 years, 2 1/2 years suspended; Any unsuspended time is to be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 10am on 1/22/10; Defendant is to be credited for time already served in this case; Police Training Surcharge: Must pay following surcharge within 10 days; Count 001: \$100; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore: IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; DNA IDENTIFICATION: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 5 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in Order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.  
State of Alaska v. Kellen Okpealuk (10/11/88); 2NO-09-243CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110828547; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 45 days, remanded into custody; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Kellen Okpealuk (10/11/88); 2NO-S09-308CR Order Vacating Judgment Count 2—Resisting Arrest; Based on the stipulation of the parties and good cause being found therein IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the judgment of conviction and sentence imposed on 1/11/10, on Resisting Arrest, Count 2, are vacated.  
State of Alaska v. Ladd Soonagrook (11/24/59); Assault 4<sup>th</sup>; Date of offense: 1/15/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 180 days, 173 days suspended; Unsuspended 7 days have been served; (Not to exceed time served); Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/22/12; 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 contact directly, or indirectly, or return to the residence of Mary Noyakuk; Other: Not enter knowingly or remain knowingly in Mary Noyakuk's place of employment.  
State of Alaska v. Darlene M. Olanina (2/28/91); Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 12/29/09; Fined \$300 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court, or show proof of completing 66 hours of community work service, by 5/1/10; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 1/21/10); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay fine as ordered.  
State of Alaska v. Katherine Iyapana (3/10/74); Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of offense: 10/9/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 6pm, 1/25/10; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days.  
State of Alaska v. Nicole R. Topkok (5/2/91); 2NO-10-34CR Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 1/15/10; Fined \$600 with \$400 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court, or show proof of completing 66 hours of community work service, by 6/1/10; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 1/21/10); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered; Shall show proof of completing Alcohol Information School if ordered; Shall contact NSBHS by 2/15/10, and shall be evaluated, pay for, and successfully complete any recommended alcohol education or treatment program(s); Inpatient treatment of up to 30 days can be required.  
State of Alaska v. Nicole R. Topkok (5/2/91); 2NO-10-36CR Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 12/29/09; Fined \$600 with \$400 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court, or show proof of completing 66 hours of community work service, by 6/1/10; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 1/21/10); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered; Shall show proof of completing Alcohol Information School if ordered; Shall contact NSBHS by 2/15/10, and shall be evaluated, pay for, and successfully complete any recommended alcohol education or treatment program(s); Inpatient treatment of up to 30 days can be required.  
State of Alaska v. Trina M. Larsen (9/27/90); Habitual Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 12/20/09; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due within 10 days; Pay total of \$50 to Nome Clerk of Court by 2/1/10; Community Work: Complete 96 hours of community work service, concurrent with any DMV administrative action; Shall immediately surrender license/permit to court; Probation until her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday; Shall not consume inhalants, or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall surrender any license/permit, pay surcharge, show proof of community work service; Shall submit to warrantless breath test at request of peace officer and may be arrested without a warrant for probation violation; Failure to comply with community work, evaluation, education or treatment requirements will result in an extra 6 months revocation of driver's license.  
State of Alaska v. Michelle Kulukhon (10/12/83); Assault 4; DV; Date of offense: 11/8/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 45 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/11/10; 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, nor have alcohol in her 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, and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.  
State of Alaska v. Leon W. Boardway (3/13/51); Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of offense: 10/11/09; Binding Plea Agreement; 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: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/29/11; Shall commit no violations of law.  
State of Alaska v. Leslie Amy D. Brown (1/8/90); Assault 4; Date of offense: 6/8/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 due shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/29/12; 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; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Ruth Prentice.

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## • Bankruptcy

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tlement. Nome's diocese-owned radio station KNOM took out a loan with CBNA to the tune of \$150,000 to contribute to the fund (see story in this edition). The same amount came from the Catholic Schools of Fairbanks. The insurance carrier Alaska National Insurance Co. paid \$1.4 million. Hannon said that the insurer first only offered \$1 million, but then chipped in \$400,000 more.

The diocese also put their Pilgrim Hot Springs property up for sale and started a sealed bidding process. Hannon estimated that the 320-acre property could fetch \$1.8 million on the low end. The deadline to submit a bid is Feb. 24, 2010 at 5 p.m. The sealed bids will then be opened in the bankruptcy court in Anchorage. The buyer then has to transfer the complete amount to the settlement fund. Whatever amount the sale of Pilgrim Hot Springs is going to be, it is already included in the \$9.8 million to be paid out to the victims. However, depending on a separate lawsuit, additional payments could reach the claimants.

Two other insurance carriers—Catholic Mutual and Traveler's Insurance—are balking at paying out insurance claims. Litigation against these two insurers is still ongoing and the questions that need to be cleared are which years the insurers have to cover and how much they have to pay. The diocese's human resource director, Ronnie Rosenberg, said that the diocese

had begun the litigation, but now the creditors—or the committee of sexual abuse victims and their legal representation—have taken over the case. "We signed our rights [to the money] over to the claimants. Now it's the case of the sexual abuse survivors versus the insurance companies," Rosenberg explained.

Ken Roosa, attorney for the majority of the claimants, is now among those who take over the Bishop's claims and pursue them against the insurance companies in court. In reacting to the judge's signing off on the diocese's third amended reorganization plan, he was not jubilant. "While it was not entirely satisfactory, the claimants did not object to the consensual plan," Roosa said.

A court-appointed arbitrator is charged with the difficult task to decide how much every victim gets paid out. Rosenberg said that the arbitrator is familiar with the cases as he was also the person to decide the same when the Jesuits declared their \$50 million settlement two years ago. Generally, the amount is decided as victims' cases are evaluated and categorized in three or four tiers, depending on the severity of the abuse, the age of the victim at the time and the time span over which the abuse happened.

Hannon expects the money to be paid out to the claimants by the end of this month or the beginning of March.

But writing checks is not all the diocese has to do. Non-monetary obligations of the diocese include posting a letter of apology on the CBNA

website, they have to list all perpetrators by name and the Bishop is to embark on a journey to the villages to extend apologies and to conduct listening sessions. "We're going to be running very lean for a number of years, but in general, everybody is relieved to have the [bankruptcy proceedings] behind us," Hannon said. "Now we're re-focusing on the main issue before us and that is to look to the future, re-establish trust and to continue with our abuse prevention programs."

But in the light of very limited finances, this proves to be difficult. Rosenberg said that they are looking into grants to continue sexual abuse prevention programs in the rural areas. Due to budget constraints, a position at the diocese's

Children and Family Rights Center had to be cut, and there is nobody in Nome or the region to work these programs.

While CBNA completed the bankruptcy proceedings, the Society of Jesus, Oregon Province, which includes the states of Alaska, Idaho, Washington and Oregon, are at the beginning of their reorganization journey as they filed for Chapter 11 for the same reasons as the CBNA. At the end of the creditors' filing period, the Jesuits have tallied nearly 600 claims of sexual abuse.

Roosa also has clients involved in this case, and he said that the parties are just getting started on the post claim evaluation and there is no telling when their bankruptcy gets resolved.

## • KNOM

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Bishop.

Schmidt said the main idea behind the establishment of KNOM Radio Mission Inc., is to assure listeners and the region that there will be a local radio station in the future. "What we're doing here is to make sure that we are here for years and years to come," Schmidt said. He said he had the idea a few years ago, wrote a business plan, but then the CBNA filing for bankruptcy froze the proceedings. "The idea is that we establish a new identity, but do

the same thing and guarantee that it will be here no matter what."

The plan is to get the paperwork with the IRS, FCC and negotiations with the CBNA squared away. Schmidt said buying the radio station would be an expense in the ballpark of \$580,000 and that plans are to hold a one-time local fundraiser to come up with the money for the capital purchase. After that, a local board would be elected and be in charge to run the organization. Beyond that, Schmidt plans to come up with operating funds through fundraising efforts and donors in the Lower 48.

## • Road to Nome

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benefits of the road the improvement of passenger transportation, fuel delivery, freight and mail delivery, mining support and improved energy and power infrastructure.

The so-called Western Alaska Access Planning study was funded by the DOT with \$1 million last year and was done by DOWL HKM and various other sub-contractors for the Department of Transportation. The study first identified four routes, but went for the Yukon River corridor route "because it most directly meets the project purpose, has significant

potential benefits and minimizes environmental and land management impacts," the document says. Planners say that it provides the most direct access between Fairbanks and Nome, and would connect numerous communities and resources along the way. The study also said that the route is well suited for phased construction and has potential to link barge traffic on the Yukon River and connections to the Donlin Creek and the Ambler mining district.

The firm Northern Economics studied the economic benefits, and while Nome would have zero savings for fuel delivery—the fuel

would still arrive via barge—the study forecasts that the community could save almost \$8 million annually in cargo expenses and \$7 million in bypass mail, meaning savings of almost \$15 million.

The study paid close attention to benefits to the Donlin Creek mining district. It suggests that a road corridor would reduce the costs of building a pipeline by \$1 billion and cut the cost to build power transmissions from Manley Hot Springs to Donlin in half to \$100 million. According to the study's map, the road would pass through seven significant mineral occurrences and a road

would open up new possibilities to mining companies. However, the study didn't explore the possibility to involve the private sector to chip in when mineral companies are clear to benefit from a road to Nome. *The Anchorage Daily News* reported that Senator Johnny Ellis (D-Anchorage) found the price tag shocking and mentioned that he'd like to see the private sector kick in some money, as mining does not contribute significant amounts to the state treasury.

The study dismissed the possibility of a rail connection. The document says that a road would be more practical and cost effective because a railroad would need a different route at higher construction costs per mile. But the planners did not rule out a future rail line along the road.

As a down side, planners mention negative socioeconomic effects. The study says that there would be some negative effects to subsistence and "social disruption effects." But the planners opine that these are balanced by the positive effects of large-scale mining and resource development, that the road would increase access to public services and that it would reduce costs of other community capital improvements.

Also, in theory, the road is proposed to be open year round. Under

the maintenance and operations considerations, the planners based their estimates on maintenance and operation costs along the Dalton Highway. They propose a maintenance facility to be built every 60 miles along the way, at a price tag of \$15.5 million each, plus heavy equipment worth between \$1.5 million and \$2 million. The study does not propose how the DOT is supposed to keep the road to Nome open in harsh winter conditions with blowing snow along the coast or what the cost would be to keep the road open in all conditions.

The planners have outlined that more work is needed in terms of cost projections as construction would cut through 135 miles of rolling terrain, 65 miles of mountainous terrain and 185 miles of wetlands.

The authors of the study recommend to build on their report and that next steps should involve route mapping, engineering and environmental field studies, engineering analysis and public involvement. Former Gov. Sarah Palin had been pushing for the project last year and her successor Gov. Sean Parnell also supports the road west. Parnell included \$1 million in his proposed budget to further study the possibility to get a road to Nome.

## OPINION

### Nome road proposal deserves scrutiny

By Sen. Donald Olson

A proposal for a road to Nome from the Interior road system has resurfaced recently. This proposal has come up several times over the years, but this year, it comes with an elevated profile based on a push from Gov. Sean Parnell.

Like any big ticket project, this proposal merits considerable scrutiny.

There may be some genuine cost benefits for residents of the region—reduced food, fuel, and materials costs. There may also be benefits to regional tourism. And, certainly, there would likely be in-

creased resource extraction, meaning training and jobs for area workers. As a public official, I am obliged to consider many aspects of proposals such as this one, and I take that responsibility seriously.

The governor recommends another \$1 million detailed study on top of the \$1 million spent already for the initial study. One would presume the additional study would concern itself with vital issues such as social impacts on communities along the route, impacts on fish and game stocks, and the effects of such a road on traditional lifestyle activ-

ities, including subsistence harvesting. How would the diversion of state funding to a project of this magnitude affect other transportation needs in the region? What level of public input and public meetings will be adequate for review of a project of this size and scope?

As public discussion and legislative scrutiny of this issue evolves, I will be actively seeking your continued input and participation.

Donald Olson is the state senator for Senate District T. He can be reached in his Juneau office at (800) 597-3707.



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**FROSTY NOME (above)**—Trees, powerlines and pretty much everything else in Nome became a canvas for artfully grown hoar frost crystals Jan. 26.

**FROZEN (right)**—One of the Three Lucky Swedes immortalized in statue in Anvil City Square appears even more frozen in place after the frosting.



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