



Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

MAGNIFICENT SEVEN—On Friday night seven Nanook seniors were honored before starting their final set of home games against Unalakleet. Photographed are (l to r) Annie Blandford (standing in for the Romeneskos) with team manager Taylor Romenesko; Jay and Cindy Wieler with son Derek; Mikey and Jon Wongittilin on either side of parents Phyllis and Charles Punguk and Jones Wongittilin; Lori and David Head flanking their son, Jeremy; Scott and Sandy Babcock flanking son Jode; Mason Evans in between mom Kathleen Jaycox and dad Bobby Evans with brother Dawson Evans.

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Iron Dog crowns two new champs

By Tyler Rhodes

Facing a course that chewed up and spit out more than half of the 29 teams that entered the 2010 Iron Dog snowmachine race, the competitors who made it to the finish line in Fairbanks this year were likely just happy to have survived the trail.

On Saturday in Fairbanks, Tyler Huntington and Chris Olds were definitely happy, having not only survived, but thrived on the rollicking route that led each of them to their first Iron Dog win. Both riders raced Polaris IQ 600s this year with a total trail time of 41 hours, four minutes and nine seconds for the 2,000-mile race from Big Lake to Nome and on to Fairbanks.

If Olds and Huntington were looking back on that final run to Fairbanks, there was nothing—or, at least, no one—to see. The duo finished just shy of noon nearly an hour before second-place finishers Doug Dixon and Stephen Spence would cross the line. When all the staggered start times were accounted for, Huntington and Olds won by more than 2 1/2 hours.

While the winning duo were well ahead of this year's competition, they were more than four hours off last year's record finish by Todd Minnick and Nick Olsstad in 37:19:18.

This was Olds's ninth Iron Dog,

with his previous best finish coming in 2007 when he finished fourth with Matthew Spernak of Anchorage. Olds lives in Eagle River. Huntington, who is originally from Galena and now lives in Fairbanks, was racing his fourth Iron Dog this year. He finished third in 2008 with Koyukuk's Pete Demoski and fifth last year with Nome's Mike Morgan.

Huntington and Olds grabbed the lead on the way to Nome in Kaltag after last year's champs, Minnick and Olsstad, were forced to stop to work on their machines. Not even halfway into the race, that moment marked the last time Huntington and Olds would have another team in front of them.

Unfortunately for Minnick and Olsstad, it wasn't the last time they would be forced to stop and wrench on their Polaris Rush 600s. The race for last year's victors ended in Manley, fewer than 70 miles from the finish line, after machine troubles plagued them much of the way.

Most of the teams who toed the line at the Iron Dog start on Big Lake Feb. 21 didn't make it even that far. The first few hundred miles of trail dealt the riders a veritable grab bag of conditions—deep snow, slush,

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Photo by Tyler Rhodes

LONGTIME RACERS, FIRST-TIME WINNERS—Chris Olds leads teammate Tyler Huntington down the ramp on to the sea ice in front of Nome Feb. 25. The duo took the 2010 Iron Dog lead early and never gave it up.

Subsistence users want voice in northern Bering Sea research plan

Sit down and talk with us,
villagers tell NMFS scientists

By Laurie McNicholas

Representatives of communities in the Northern Bering Sea Research Area (which includes Norton Sound) insisted that National Marine Fisheries Service scientists need to work closely with them to develop an adequate research plan

for the area at a community and subsistence workshop held Feb. 24-25 in Anchorage.

Tribal members and other community delegates cited examples of diminishing fish and walrus resources and other changes observed in the northern Bering Sea in recent decades. They said they had attempted without success to interest state and federal fisheries researchers and managers in their concerns. They expressed fears that a northern Bering Sea bottom trawl survey scheduled for August of this year

and designed by NMFS scientists without input from the area's subsistence users could damage the ecosystem and further deplete their subsistence resources.

In June 2007 the North Pacific Management Council adopted a recommendation to create the NBSRA and close it to fishing with bottom trawl gear until the council develops a plan for managing fishing in the area that includes appropriate protection measures. Little bottom trawling has taken place in the area, and evi-

dence indicates that yellowfin sole and other flatfish targeted by bottom trawlers are moving into northern waters as a result of climate change. The council asked that a research plan be developed for its review within two years of the implementation date.

The council's action also created four habitat conservation areas, including one around St. Matthew Island and another around St.

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Council sets cost guidelines for renovating bowling alley

By Laurie McNicholas

Four members of the Nome Common Council discussed ideas for renovating the Recreation Center's bowling alley during a work session with staff at the facility, city administrators and a few interested citizens on Monday.

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The questions they considered were: (1) Should the City open and operate the bowling alley? Should the operation be outsourced to a local business? What is the best use of the remaining \$742,000 in grant funds for the Recreation Center?

Councilwoman Mary Knodel said she does not want to put money into what failed at the Recreation Center and at the Mini Convention Center. She suggested putting a little money into making the bowling alley operational. Noting that a proposal suggests a salary of \$50,000 for a bowling alley operator, she said the City pays some of its managers that amount. She said that one person could manage both the bowling alley and a restaurant with one cook.

Council members agreed not to install an automated scoring system or gutter bumpers at the facil-

ity. They estimated that the bowling alley would operate eight or nine months a year and not in summer months.

Paul Kosto said he had drafted a proposal and cost estimates to get the bowling alley project going. Noting an announcement by a group that wants to raise money for Nome-Beltz High School events, he suggested that volunteers may operate a restaurant at the bowling alley over a nine-month period to raise funds.

Councilmen Stan Andersen and Randy Pomeranz expressed doubt that volunteers would consistently and effectively operate a restaurant. Anderson said parents lose interest in such activities when their kids graduate. Pomeranz said the same dozen parents do all the fundraising work and burn out.

Recreation Center Director Chip

Leeper said he had surveyed bowling alleys in Alaska and learned their average charges range from more than \$3 to more than \$4, about half the amount the proposal uses to estimate operating revenues for the Nome facility.

City Manager Josie Bahnke noted that involvement in reviving bowling has dwindled from 25 to 30 Nomeites to few persons other than council members and city employees. She pointed out that the Recreation Center is an old facility with deferred maintenance needs for which a total of \$742,000 in remaining grant funds could be used. "The south entrance roof is an issue," she said. "It should be fixed or potentially we will not have an entrance. We could look at boiler replacement."

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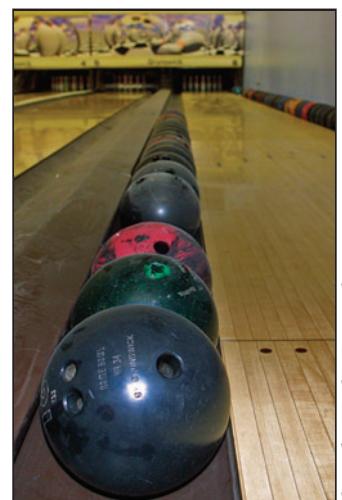


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READY TO ROLL?—Bowling balls sit at Nome's idled alley.



Letters

Dear Nancy,

I think the current state of transportation for Nome should remain as it is. That is, NO ROADS LEAD TO NOME. This is in reference to the front-page article of the February 4 *Nome Nugget* and other previous articles on the topic.

No matter who might pay, no road should be built to connect the main Alaska road infrastructure to Nome. Sure the road could possibly generate economic benefits, jobs, valuable minerals to export out of Alaska, etc. However, Bush Alaska should not suffer this "improvement." Bush Alaska is a rare resource to the world. Its relatively undeveloped state should be left without any such road. Leave this region, environment, society, and culture as it is. It has been doing well for some long time. A road to Nome would detract hugely from the psychological and real sense that Nome and its surrounding villages are out on the edge of the earth. Such a road would detract immensely from the social-psychological identity of Nome and its surrounding villages and all communities the road would connect. The Iditarod Trail, barges, and air transport are good enough.

If economic and political pressures are such that it should be built, it should not be from public revenues of the State of Alaska, federal government, or any other public funds. Private sector mining and other interests should finance it from their collective pockets.

On the other hand, the State of Alaska and Federal entities (such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) should draft plans and construct improved marine port facilities in Nome. Authorities should construct a much deeper port by extending the existing port causeway to deeper water. Also they should expand the docking facilities. This would serve the marine traffic that is already increasing at an exponential rate in recent years and is destined to increase at a high rate in coming decades. Focus public funds on the port but

not the road. This can help accommodate economic development and jobs without the deleterious effects of the road.

I urge elected officials at all levels to consider my sentiments on these two issues. These include Mayor Michels, State Representative Foster, State Senator Olson, U.S. Representative Young, U.S. Senator Murkowski, and U.S. Senator Begich.

Some may still remember that I lived in Nome from 1981 to 1988. I was a Coastal Zone Management planner for five of those years and director of the Northern Lights Recovery Center my last year. I met a young lady named Sue Smelser who was working as a missionary volunteer for KICY Radio. We got married and it's now 27 years later. Sue and I deeply cherish the treasure of experience that Nome is.

Nancy and all of the fine writers and photographers at the splendid *Nome Nugget*, please keep up all the good work. For all of us, who lived in Nome but moved on for various reasons, the *Nome Nugget* helps us keep our tie to the place where our heart lies.

Sincerely,
Tim Holder
Herndon VA 20170

Dear Editor:

A Sad Sign of the Times What is a School's Purpose?

For decades the breakdown of the American family has put increasing pressure on our nation's school districts to solve the challenges created by parents who for whatever reason have:

- Failed to instill in their children a desire to learn and excel in school.
- Failed to teach their children to follow school rules
- Failed to properly prepare their children for school; i.e., well fed, rested, and ready to learn.
- Failed to be actively involved in their child's education.

These are all required for kids to do well academically.

More American parents are taking less responsibility for raising kids to become productive members of society. The number of dysfunctional families is increasing as well as the number of broken homes. These trends have had disastrous consequences for our kids and our country's future.

Schools were never intended to handle or fix the types of problems that kids are bringing into the classrooms. Schools were never designed to deal with or fix the effects of dys-

functional families and broken homes. Expecting schools to accept this responsibility is like asking the fine folks working at Nome Liquor to rebuild an airplane motor, even though they have no training to do so.

None the less, well meaning school boards (like the Nome board) have been assigning this responsibility to school administrators. The administrators then transfer this responsibility to their already overburdened teachers and staff, requiring them to take on roles in which they have no training. When the community observes teachers attempting to fulfill this directive from school administrators, regardless of how improper or ridiculous, the public perception becomes that this task is indeed a legitimate responsibility of the school district.

The primary responsibilities of schools are to provide a safe learning environment for all who enter its doors, and to provide the skills necessary for every subject taught. Every school has created rules so these two goals are achieved.

If the kids can't follow the rules, the solution is neither to terminate the administrators who enforce the rules, nor to allow the unacceptable behavior to continue.

It is not the school district's fault that some kids come to school and refuse to follow the rules, be interested, or properly prepared to learn; it's the parents'! Unfortunately, it has become acceptable to publicly blame schools for poor student behavior. Our school board, like so many others across the country, is assigning the responsibility of parenting issues onto the school administrators. It is more comfortable for school boards to blame the school rather than holding parents accountable.

If the major problem facing our nation's schools has to do with poor parenting, what advantages does Nome have over the rest of the country?

In our region, we have many groups that can create partnerships with Nome-Beltz to identify at-risk kids, and provide early intervention so these kids can arrive at school with the right mindset.

I believe the school board's decision not to renew the administrator's employment contracts has more to do with blaming the school for parental issues, instead of the so-called "confidential personnel issues."

Ultimately, it is parents, not the school, who should be held accountable for kids who fail to do well in school, fail to follow rules, and fail

to become productive members of society.

Sincerely,
Martin Karl Ruud
Nome, AK

Dear Editor:

To: Nome School Board Members,

It has just come to my attention at your meeting last night that the current administrators at Beltz are not being considered for hire to those principal positions. This is unjust and morally outrageous. Please be sure to instruct and empower Superintendent Wehde to consider their applications fully, and if they are qualified, to interview them. Let the hiring committee do their job. There will be very few in the community who will believe that Mrs. Sullivan and Mr. Boyer are not qualified, even among those who do not support them. To deny them consideration because you have prejudged them sounds illegal and is surely patently unfair. Please put this on your March 9 agenda and take action on this if it is not possible to do it sooner.

Again, as I stated in my 2/10/10 email to those of you who declined to take action to resolve the current situation at your meeting two weeks ago, "For the good of our community, our schools, and especially our youth, please resign now. It will save both you and us much grief. It will allow us to resume our focus on our mission. It is the honorable thing to do." I respect each of you as individuals, but I no longer have confidence in you.

Thank you for your service,
Lloyd Perrigo
Nome, AK

Dear Nancy,

Thank you for printing a different opinion on the school board controversy. I think Carmelle did a good job of describing problems at NBHS.

Since the school board members are under such strict legalities on what they can and can not say, much of the public has been baffled by their decision. Carmelle gave the public an opinion that is actually very widespread among people who do not speak out much.

I have had three kids graduate from NBHS and agree 100 percent with Carmelle Goldsberry's letter.

With all due respect to differences of opinion, thank you for your service to the community.
Karen Olanna
Nome, AK

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Editorial

McGee's Closet

There used to be an old time radio show called "Fibber McGee and Molly." McGee has a closet and when he opened it there was the sound of all sorts of junk shattering, clattering and crashing out of it. It was a fantastic scene in the mind's eye. It's so similar to the events with the Nome School Board. They opened the door and all sorts of whacky, unrelated events came tumbling out. Family problems, personal agendas and vendettas that have nothing to do with the current administration and public education have spilled out in a disheveled noisy, piled-on heap.

This mess does not belong to Nome Public Schools or the administration of Nome-Beltz High School. The school board in its abuse of democracy says, "Trust us, we have compelling reasons to not re-hire the high school principals. Yet they won't tell us what these reasons are. They want total control without public accountability or due process. They have abused their power.

The damage they have done will heal eventually, but it was needless and irresponsible. It damaged the trust and confidence our educators have in this community and put the community at odds with itself. This should never have happened. Shame on our school board and shame on us for electing such nitwits.

—N.L.M.—

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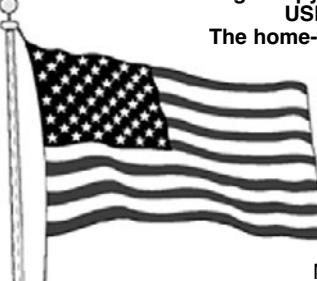
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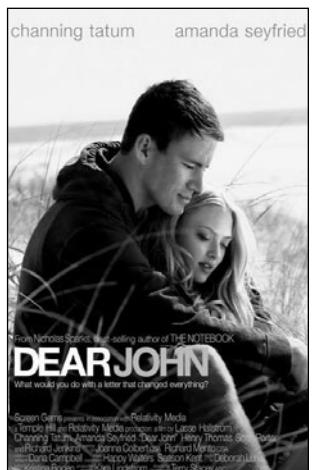
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Court denies Nomeite's request to halt Pilgrim sale

By Diana Haecker

Nomeite Louie Green last Friday requested a stay on the sale of Pilgrim Hot Springs at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Anchorage, but the judge denied the request.

Louie and Nancy Green had filed a request with the Superior Court in Nome for quiet title of Pilgrim Hot Springs. The Greens have seasonally lived at the hot springs since 1975, according to paralegal Karlin Itchoak with Green's lawyer Bryon Collins.

The sale of Pilgrim Hot Springs is part of the

Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska's bankruptcy plan. The diocese had filed for bankruptcy when hundreds of civil lawsuits were filed, claiming clergy sexual abuse. In order to come up with the cash to settle these cases, CBNA filed for bankruptcy protection. The hot springs, located about 60 miles north of Nome and hailed for its geothermal energy potential, are part of CBNA's bankruptcy plan. However, Louie and Nancy Green objected to the sale, claiming quiet title to the property.

In the hearing on Friday, Green requested a

stay of the sale of the hot springs pending the outcome of his appeal to the United States District Court. The appeal is to have his quiet title case heard in State Superior Court, and his lawyers are hoping for a trial in Nome to settle who really owns Pilgrim Hot Spring—CBNA or the Greens. Green's lawyer argues that the Greens own Pilgrim by adverse possession, and that CBNA cannot sell something it does not own. Adverse possession is a principle of real estate law where somebody who possesses the land of another for an extended period of time

may be able to claim legal title to that land.

The deadline to submit bids for the sale of Pilgrim Hot Springs as part of the Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska's bankruptcy plan was last Feb. 25. On March 5, the sealed bids will be opened and a bankruptcy judge is going to conduct the bidding. The bids open at \$1.85 million, but the diocese banked on getting bids closer to \$2 million. If no bids higher than the opening bid are received, the endowment fund of CBNA would then become the owner free and clear of any claims.

Jury convicts Elim man on felony importation charge

A jury in Nome last week found the ringleader of a bootlegging scheme gone awry guilty of felony alcohol importation.

Following a two-day trial, the jury handed down a guilty verdict for Timothy L. Moore, 40, of Elim on Feb. 24. Moore is scheduled to be sentenced sometime this month.

The trial and verdict stem from an incident in August that involved boats, four-wheelers, washed-up booze bottles, a pursuit by Alaska State Troopers and an eventual rescue at sea by a good Samaritan vessel and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Moore and his nephew, Martin Saccheus, 25, had left Elim in late August by boat to go to Nome. Loaded on the boat was a four-wheeler and trailer, which they used once they landed at the Solomon River, roughly 35 miles from Nome.

According to testimony in the case given by Saccheus and another

man who participated in the scheme, Wayne Moses, the four-wheeler and trailer were used to travel to Nome, get a large load of booze and then shuttle it back to the waiting boat. The trio purchased more than \$1,000 worth of alcohol, mostly hard liquor, at Polaris Liquor, loaded it into the trailer and motored off to the boat.

Saccheus and Moore set off for Elim in the boat in the early morning hours of Aug. 25 while Moses rode the four-wheeler back to Nome.

Sometime during the trip back, the prop spun off the boat's motor, leaving Moore and Saccheus to drift in the Bering Sea with their payload that Saccheus testified sells for \$120 a bottle in Elim.

All the while, Alaska State Trooper Jay Sears had been on the lookout for the two men after receiving an anonymous tip of their activities. Sears was seemingly always one step behind as he searched along the

Nome-Council Highway and then later on the sea after flying to Golovin. Once the duo lost their prop, others joined in the search after the duo called for help via a VHF radio.

Ultimately a Coast Guard C-130 Hercules aircraft was used to locate the stranded boat from above by use of radio signals. It was able to direct a good Samaritan vessel, the FV SKJ, to the boat, which towed it and the two men to port in Golovin in the early morning hours of Aug. 26. Saccheus testified that before receiving

the tow, however, he began throwing out the liquor in order to avoid trouble. Within a day or two, the bottles began washing up near Golovin.

Once the duo arrived in Golovin, Trooper Sears was there to meet them. Moore had contended that he was bound for his camp outside of Elim where the local ban on alcohol did not apply.

Moore's was the second conviction in the matter. Saccheus, 25, pleaded guilty Nov. 20 to one misdemeanor charge of importing alcohol in ex-

change for the dropping of two related felony charges before Magistrate Bradley Gater in Nome. As part of a plea agreement, Saccheus testified for the state in its case against Moore.

Moses's testimony also came as a result of a deal that allowed his charges to be dropped. Moses was facing potential felony charges of transporting a large amount of alcohol to a dry community.

A status hearing is slated for Moore for March 4 at 8:30 a.m. at the Nome Courthouse.

Windshield stolen after vehicle rollover

Shortly after midnight Sunday morning a Ford pick-up rolled off the Beltz Highway in the northbound lane near City Field. The driver, Chris Erickson, 16, reported the accident to Nome Police. Nome Volunteer Ambulance and Fire Department responded

in the -30°F cold. The driver and his lone passenger, Cara Bouie, 20, were transported to Norton Sound Hospital for evaluation. Nome Police report that neither had significant injuries.

The next morning it was discovered that the windshield was re-

moved from the scene by person or persons unknown. Anyone having the windshield or any information about the removal of the windshield from the scene is asked to return the windshield to the Erickson home or the Nome Police Department.

Temperatures in Nome dip to the coldest in a decade

For all those who said, "It hasn't been this cold in years," last weekend, you were right.

According to the National Weather Service Office, Saturday morning's temperature of -35°F was the lowest the mercury has dropped

in more than a decade in Nome. The last time Nome saw -35°F was Jan. 30, 2000. The last time Nome registered a colder temperature than that was Feb. 7, 1999 when the low hit -38°F.

Cold as it was Saturday, it wasn't the record

for the date. That dubious achievement dates back to Feb. 27, 1971 when it hit -40°F. The coldest high temperature for the date was set Feb. 27, 1990 when the thermometer only climbed to -17°F. Nome's recorded weather

data spans more than a century.

While Nomeites shouldn't break out their shorts just yet, forecasts from the National Weather Service as of Monday night called for above-zero temperatures by the latter end of this week.

Bowling Alley

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Relocating [the boiler] could open up room in the weight room."

Andersen suggested that the City seek proposals from private entities to run the bowling alley and restaurant. Knodel agreed but said space is available for a snack bar, not a restaurant. Leeper weighed in against serving beer or wine at the facility, because the Recreation Center emphasizes healthy activities and is used by children.

Kosto asked if the council wants to put the city-owned bowling alley in private hands. Pomeranz said it's no different than having the snack bar privately operated. Leeper said his survey had found no bowling alleys in Alaska operated by public entities other than those run by the military.

Andersen asked Leeper to find out what parts are needed to make bowling alley machines operational and to check out information that a military base has modernized its bowling alley equipment and is offering free spare parts from older equipment. Andersen said adult bowling leagues are essential to the success of a bowling alley, and he asked Leeper to determine whether groups are interested in forming them.

Andersen and Pomeranz said they support a bowling alley as a recreational alternative for the community. Pomeranz estimated renovation costs for the facility at \$100,000. Andersen read comments by Councilman Jon Larson that it would be a shame to waste an asset worth \$300,000 to \$400,000 unless the cost of operating it drained too much of the City's finances.

Council members asked Leeper to

prepare a cost estimate for the city to run the bowling alley and snack bar to compare with proposals from private sources to run either the bowling alley or snack bar or both. They also asked Bahne to prepare a list of repairs needed in areas of the Recreation Center other than the bowling alley.

Larson and Councilman Jerald Brown were absent from the session, as was Mayor Denise Michels.

Public Notice

Who? Representative Neal Foster

What? Public meeting

When? March 5, 2010 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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I KNOW I CAN—Volunteers Lew Tobin and Marsha Sloan, both of Nome, participate in the I Know I Can program in Matt Slingsby's 2nd grade class.

What do I want to be?

I Know I Can promotes thoughts of careers

By Kacey Miller

College alumni and other volunteers in Nome, Unalakleet and Shishmaref visited local second grade classrooms last week to share about dreaming big. In its fourth consecutive year, the "I Know I Can" program has been offering children in larger school sites around Alaska opportunities to start thinking about their future.

Upon hearing of the program at other locations, UAF-Northwest Campus Regional Education Coordinator Kacey Miller took interest and requested to coordinate and expand the program to schools in the Bering Strait Region. Statewide event coordinators approved Miller's request, adding Nome, Shishmaref and Unalakleet as three new "I Know I Can" sites to the program.

Denise Thoreson's second grade class in Shishmaref hosted the region's first "I Know I Can" event on February 17. Nome's Mari Lammer, Colleen Johnson and Matt Slingsby's classes had their second events on February 25 and 26. In Unalakleet second grade teacher Shelley Herzing and Northwest Campus Education Coordinator Reese Huhta have scheduled the final "I Know I Can" event for Friday, March 5. Together these events involve 81 second grade students in addition to nine local community volunteers.

The "I Know I Can" book features animal characters who prompt children to start thinking about career choices. Volunteers share their own personal experiences of college and postsecondary training. Through reading of the book and class discussions, the children are encouraged to work hard, stay in school and think about education and training after they graduate from high school.



Photo by Joy Hewitt

BOOK BATTLES—From left, Joel Jorgensen (alternate), Nick Morgan, Coach Joy Hewitt, Cecilia Wehde, Jeffrey Rose.

Nome competes in battle of books

By Joy Hewitt

Nome Public Schools fought hard and furiously this year in the state Battle of Books competition.

On Presidents' Day Feb. 15, when most of the students slept in on their day off, Joel Jorgensen, Cecilia Wehde, Nick Morgan and Jeffrey Rose were at school by 8:30 a.m., warming up for the battle. After months of reading books, attending practices, discussing plots and studying, they assembled in front of a speakerphone and went head-to-head against 28 teams from around the state. They finished the first round in second place with 200 points, advancing to the second round for another 90 minutes of intense battle. With encouragement from Dan and Janeen

Sullivan, who stayed and watched some of the action, they fought on.

In the final round, Nome dropped to eighth behind Anchorage, Mat-Su and Galena, who went on to win the championship.

Junior high students Bruce Landry, Oliver Hoogendorn, Jannelle Trowbridge and Rosa Schmidt worked hard, but were eliminated in the first round. Thirty-four teams battled in the seventh/eighth grade battle, and Nome finished 18th.

The fifth/sixth grade battle on Feb. 17 fielded 44 teams from around Alaska, and Nome again rose to the occasion. After two hours of battling in the first round, Nome qualified for the second round. William Herzner, Wil-

son Hoogendorn, Hannah Alowa and Joshua Cannon formed a strong team. They entered round two and posted a respectable 152 points. It wasn't enough to earn the top spots, but Nome tied with Juneau for 10th place overall.

On Thursday, the third/fourth grade team of Amber Gray, Sidney Kinneen and Brayden Bahnke went up against 40 teams. They worked beautifully together, answering questions with well thought-out responses. They advanced to the second round with a strong finish in round one. Despite two well-contrived challenges, they faltered and dropped down to 15th place. It was a respectable finish, considering they were the youngest battlers in this field of competitors.

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Lawrence Island in which bottom trawling is prohibited. However, the council indicated that a wedge-shaped area adjacent to the St. Matthew HCA called the Modified Trawl Gear Zone might be reopened following implementation of a gear modification requirement for flatfish. The wedge reportedly contains high concentrations of yellowfin sole and low concentrations of bycatch species—species other than the kind a fishery is targeting.

The NBSRA, which extends northward from the Kuskokwim Bay area to a boundary above Little Diomede Island, was closed to bottom trawl fishing in July 2008 under Amendment 89 to the fishery management plan (FMP) for groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area.

Meanwhile, members of the flatfish industry worked with scientists from the National Marine Fisheries Service to develop bottom trawl gear with bobbins (discs) placed at intervals to lift nets 2-1/2 inches off the ocean floor. In October 2009 the council adopted a proposal for Amendment 94 to the FMP to require that all vessels targeting flatfish in the Bering Sea use elevating devices on trawl sweeps, to adjust the boundaries of the Modified Trawl Gear Zone and to allow flatfishing in the zone. The NMFS is developing regulations for Amendment 94 for approval by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce.

Subsistence users comment

Dr. Cynthia Yeung of the NMFS Alaska Fisheries Science Center is project leader for the NBSRA research plan. She organized an agenda spanning one and a half days, about one-third of which was devoted to presentations by scientists from the AFSC and other units of the NMFS who do research on crabs, ice-associated seals, walrus and seabirds in the northern Bering Sea and who work on trawl survey design, fishing gear modifications and trawl impact studies. NMFS researcher Dr. Pat Livingston also participated in the workshop. She chairs the NPFMC's Science and Statistical Committee.

The rest of the agenda called for input by community members describing their communities, subsistence activities and ecological observations, and their concerns about bottom trawling impacts, research priorities, communication and outreach, cooperation in research and management and the schedule for the NBSRA research plan.

Heather Kinzie, consultant/facilitator for the workshop, encouraged questions and free-flowing commentary following each presentation, rather than delaying discussion until all of the scientists had described their activities, and workshop participants took full advantage of that format.

The workshop began with a review of the council's decision to open the Modified Trawl Gear Zone by Melanie Brown of NMFS. Yeung then outlined activities and timelines for the NBSRA research plan. She said a bottom trawl survey in the research area is slated for August 2010, a draft of the plan is due for council review in June 2011 and a final plan is due to the council in October 2011. Workshop participants spent hours discussing issues related to the two topics.

David O. David of Kwigillingok in Kuskokwim Bay has represented the Bering Sea Elders Advisory Group at NPFMC in the decision-making process for the NBSRA and the Modified Trawl Gear Zone. He said that during a council meeting in Sitka, someone had put him down by saying his people have no history in the northern Bering Sea. "We have the history providing for our people," he noted. "Please stay away from that—saying we have no history."

Several workshop participants from Bering Strait and Yukon Delta villages are newcomers to the NBSRA research plan discussions. Carl Ashenfelter of White Mountain asked who gave permission to open the Modified Trawl Gear Zone to fishing. Eric Olson, chairman of the

NPFMC, said the council made the recommendation to the Secretary of Commerce and it is up to him to decide. Olson is an Alaska Native from Dillingham who works as a manager for the Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association, one of six entities in the Western Alaska Community Development Program.

Noting that David has participated in discussions at council meetings, Olson said the council listened to concerns of the BSEAG in talks about the Modified Trawl Gear Zone. "We moved the line further west, so the council does hear," he said. "It helps when a community states its case."

Olson helped to form the council's new Rural Outreach Committee and serves as its chair. The committee is scheduling meetings in rural communities late this year and early next year to gather input on the chum salmon bycatch issue in the Bering Sea pollock fishery.

Eva Menadelook, who represented Little Diomede in place of a workshop delegate who was weathered in on the island, said her brother has sent samples from mammals that don't seem normal to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for analysis, but has received no response from the agency. She said she has seen walrus livers as black and white as the screen presenters used to project images. "We send them out and don't get a report whether they are safe to eat," she added. "A spot-

ted seal I cut, my fingers went right through the meat. We sent it out to ADF&G and got no report. They don't support us, no one does, and I hope this is not the same."

Menadelook urged the NMFS scientists to learn directly from subsistence users how many of their resources are diminishing before conducting bottom trawl surveys that disturb the sea floor habitat. "Mam-

mals are going down," she said. "... The Bering Sea is our primary resource, and the second is state and federal funds. We can't go without subsistence resources." She said Steller sea lions have been coming to Diomede in the last 10-15 years and never before.

"In the early 1980s people on Diomede noted less clams in the stomachs of walruses," Menadelook

continued. "They are a delicacy for us. Women divided walrus clams from the stomach. Now it is rare to bring walrus clams [to others]. Whoever gets it keeps all [of the clams in the] stomach. There is no joy in sharing." She also said walrus blubber is getting thinner and yellow. A NMFS scientist later told her that a veteri-

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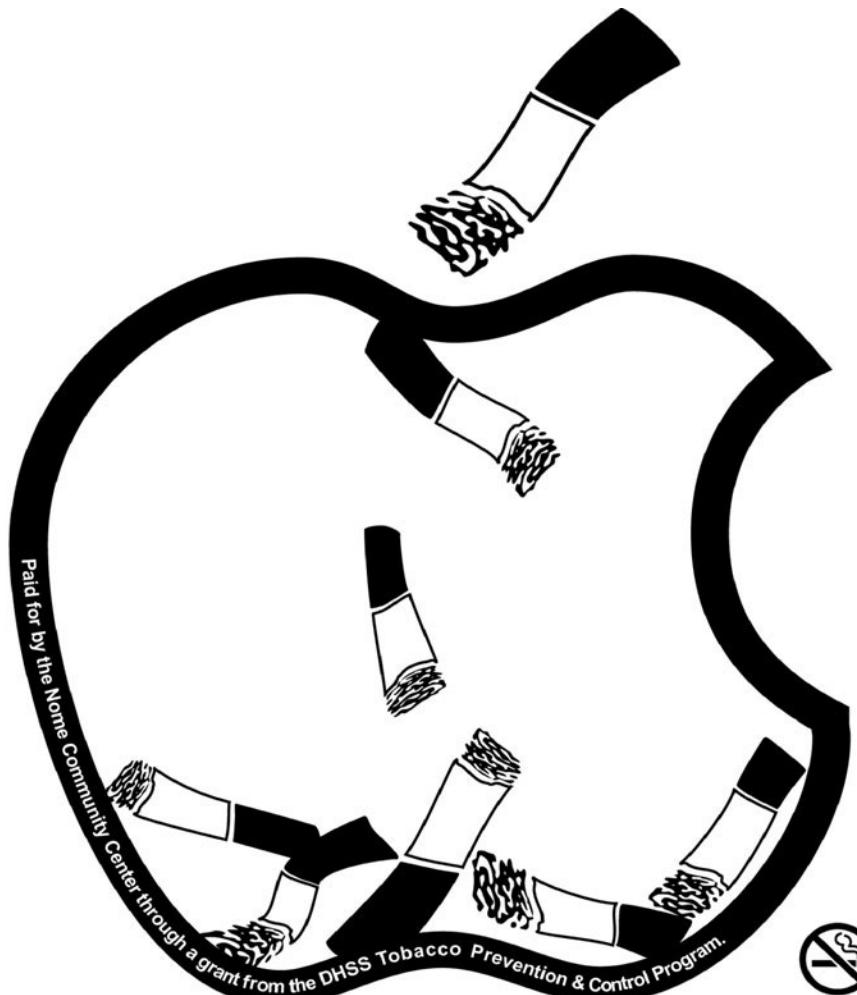


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narian who analyzed yellow blubber in a walrus reported it was caused by parasites blocking bile ducts.

Tom Okleasik, a former Nomeite who now lives in Kotzebue, is a member of the council's Rural Outreach Committee. He told Yeung he hopes protocols representing marine mammal hunters are included in the NSBRA research plan. "What is the outreach plan for the northern Bering Sea?" he asked.

"Nothing now," Yeung replied. She asked if the council has such a plan.

"I am staff to the Rural Outreach Committee," said Nicole Kimball. "This today is the first big step." Results of the workshop will be sent to all participants for review, and if a more targeted outreach plan is needed, the committee will develop one, Kimball added.

What's the rush?

The NMFS scientists repeatedly assured community representatives that flatfish harvesters are not anxious to move into the northern Bering Sea because flatfish are plentiful in their current fishing grounds and are not yet numerous in northern waters.

"If there is truly no pressing desire of industry to get up there, you should be as conservative as possible," stated Julie Raymond-Yakoubian, Kawerak Inc.'s social scientist. She said she understands the value of site-specific research, but there is a huge body of research on the impacts of bottom trawling in other areas that could be used to advantage.

"I can't see what the rush is," said Weaver Ivanoff of Unalakleet. "I just got involved." He said the bottom trawl survey could wait until information holes are filled in. "Because a lot of communities on the coast are unaware of this, there needs to be more consultation with the communities. We can provide information, but we can't collectively say, 'This is what you can do or not.' Leaders of communities have to be involved, and they have not had a chance. I really want to see this delayed."

David said this is the first time workshop participants from Norton Sound and the Yukon area have been involved in NBSRA discussions, and they do not represent all of the villages in those areas. "You've heard about Nelson Island for two and a half years. These islanders from King and Diomede islands also are going to be [hurt], and we haven't heard their story yet. You haven't looked beyond Bristol Bay. Our goals are the same—survival of the Native people, people who live off the ocean and have no income....

"We're moving too fast," David continued. "One of my elders, Philip

"All of these villages have all the environmental risk and yet zero to little economic benefit. There is an economic deficit to subsistence on top of the environment being ruined."

— Tom Okleasik

Moses, who is almost 90 now, said, "We are moving too fast, but yet we are trying to find answers to these questions just on Nelson Island and Kuskokwim Bay, never beyond.... Hear their story and work with them."

Following a presentation by NMFS scientist Craig Rose on development of modified gear for bottom trawl fishing, Kenneth Kingeekuk of Savoonga recalled that Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. had cleaned beaches a couple of years ago on St. Lawrence Island. He said tons of net that had held the bones of seals, walruses and whales for years were removed. "Even though you are doing a scientific experiment, you are hurting our people," Kingeekuk said. "Once again, all scientists here, make my people understand. Come to our villages. I have seen the affects of trawlers on our island—tons [of marine mammals] wasted in nets."

Oklesik added the following comments: "All of these villages have all the environmental risk and yet zero to little economic benefit. There is an economic deficit to subsistence on top of the environment being ruined. What is the benefit for promoting commercial fishing when the environment is just downgraded? The research presented on crabs, seabirds, trawls lacked Native community involvement....

"What are the staffing plans to include Alaska Native scientists?" asked Oklesik. "...Right now you are getting an F, so there is huge room for improvement....Trawls are geared to the corporate fishery. What research have you done to allow village boats to harvest, to use our resources? I don't know how well you understand. In Nome I scooped cigar fish (capelin) in my hands and took them home from the beach. Rivers used to bubble with salmon. The changes just from when I was a kid are real changes."

"Small-scale fishing gear is not in

my area, and I get a zero for that, and I don't know what resources are available for that," replied Rose.

Tribal consultation

"Tribal consultation is to sit at the table to participate in development [of research plans], not sit on the sidelines," said Art Ivanoff of Unalakleet. Tribal delegates from 11 villages in the Norton Sound area participated in a tribal consultation

with representatives of NMFS and the NPFMC Feb. 16 in Unalakleet. Ivanoff reported the tribes flatly declared they do not want bottom trawl fishing expanded northward into the northern Bering Sea.

As Ivanoff noted, Executive order 13175 of Nov. 6, 2000 charged executive departments and agencies with engaging in regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials in

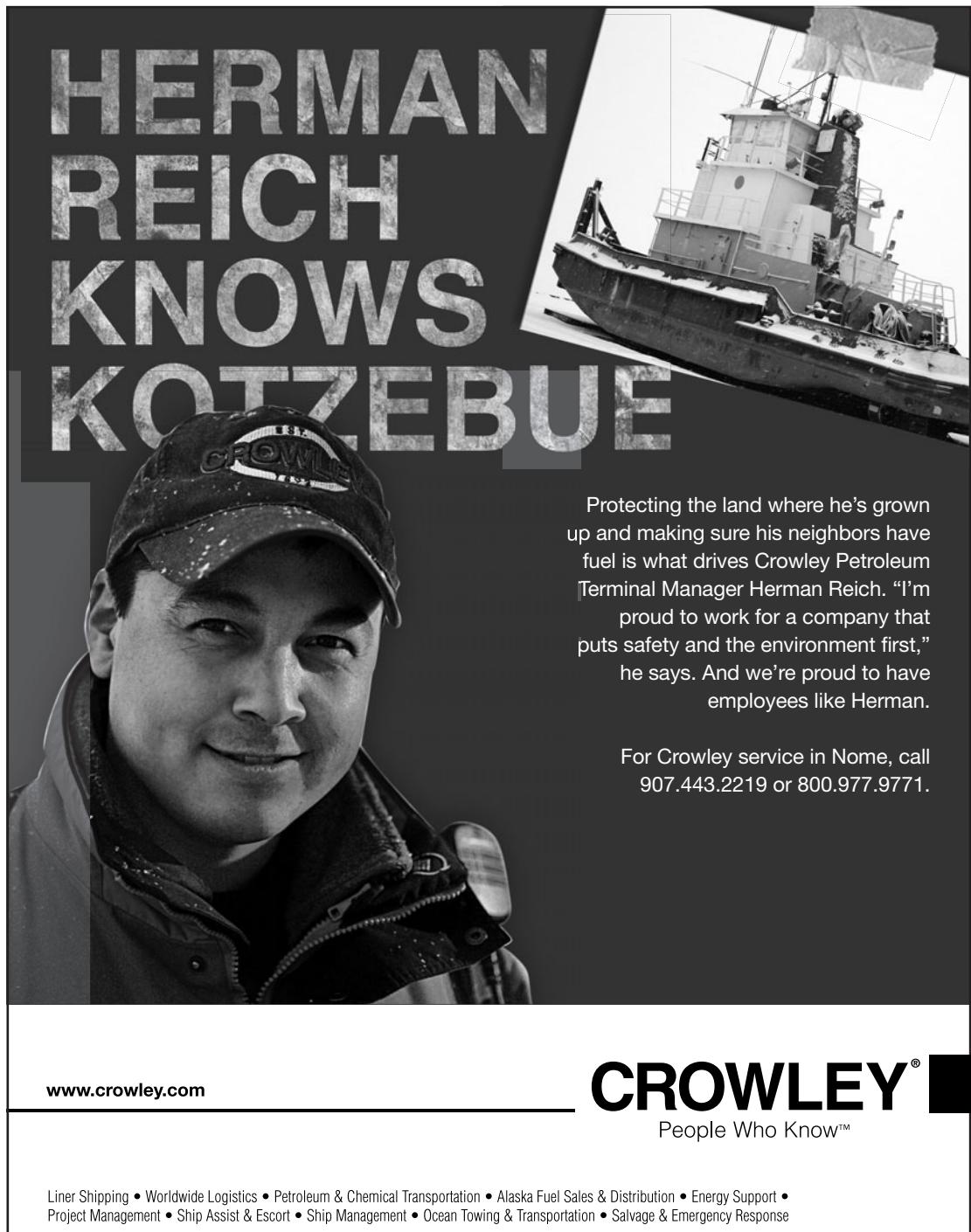
the development of federal policies that have tribal implications.

On Nov. 5, 2009 President Barack Obama directed each agency head to submit to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget within 90 days a detailed plan of actions the agency will take to implement the policies and directives of Executive Order 13175. The NMFS recently created a new web page for tribal consultation issues at www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/tc/.

Ivanoff has persuaded a number of organizations to support his efforts to create four new voting seats on the NPFMC to be filled by appointment of members of federally recognized tribes or Alaska Native organizations who are not employed by a community development quota program or the pollock industry. A proposed resolution to ask the Alaska Congressional delegation to introduce and seek passage of an amendment to the Magnuson-Stevens Act to create the four seats is under consideration in the Alaska Senate.

Yeung and her fellow scientists assured community representatives they had heard them. Scientists and subsistence users said they had learned much during the meeting.

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FUTURE NANOOK (above)—Kindergarten student Ethan Kelliher teaches Mikey Wontittilin the class handshake during a February visit by the Nome-Beltz basketball team to Mrs. Thrun's class at Nome Elementary.

GOOD CATCH (far left)—Elementary school cheerleaders execute a routine during the Lady Nanooks' last home basketball game Feb. 19 at Nome-Beltz.

READY TO DIVE IN (left)—Nome Northstar Swim Team member Shayna Warnke-Green readies for her heat during a local meet Feb. 21 to prepare for the Northern Area Championships.

Boys, girls take wins before heading to regionals

Nome's boys and girls basketball teams headed off to Unalaska for the Western Regional Basketball Tournament buoyed by back-to-back wins for each team at the expense of Unalakleet.

The boys claimed their victories during their last two home games of the season. Jeremy Head led the Nanooks in Friday's 68-33 win with 23 points. Head was backed up by Jode Babcock's 17 points. Tallman Christian Leckband was back on the court after recovering from a leg injury, adding seven points to the effort.

Nome got off to a quick lead in the first quarter, outscoring the Wolfpack 31-11. They

never looked back, leading Unalakleet the rest of the way throughout the game.

The Nanooks put the exclamation point on the end of their regular season Saturday night, putting up a triple-digit effort in another lopsided game against Unalakleet. The Wolfpack scored 35 in the effort. Individual results for the game were unavailable.

The Lady Nanooks took their first win of the weekend in a much closer match in Unalakleet Friday evening. Nome won the game 40-37.

Nome was trailing 17-24 at the half, but were able to turn it around in the third quarter

with a 14-2 effort. The Lady Nanooks were able to hold on to the lead, even as Unalakleet drained a three-pointer at the buzzer, trimming Nome's advantage to only three.

The Lady Nanooks were led by Devynn Johnson with 26 points and six rebounds. Iris Warnke-Green grabbed 11 rebounds, backed up by Richelle Horner who had eight boards of her own. Unalakleet was led by Christina Towaruk's 15 points.

Nome carried its momentum from the second half of Friday night into Saturday's game in Unalakleet. The Lady Nanooks handily won

the game 52-26. Nine Lady Nanooks got in on the scoring in the game. Johnson led with nine points, followed by eight from Warnke-Green and Hilary Stiles. Renee Lammer and Rachel Pomeranz each scored seven points.

Both the boys and girls teams are currently in Unalaska for the regional tourney. Both teams were slated to play Hooper Bay on Wednesday. Results of the game were unavailable as of press time. In addition to the Nanooks and Hooper Bay, Kotzebue, Barrow, Dillingham, Bethel and Unalaska will be vying for the two state tournament berths to be won.

Booshu crowned junior high wrestling champ

Nome takes sportsmanship award in Fairbanks

Nome junior high wrestlers went to Fairbanks for the state wrestling tournament last weekend and came home with the sportsmanship award, a state champion and a few high placers.

Emery Booshu wrestled his way to the top in the 105 lbs weight

bracket. Tyler Eide placed fourth in the 110 lbs bracket and Junyor Erikson was third in 127 lbs bracket. Approximately 30 schools from all areas of Alaska, including all the 4A schools, were represented at the tournament. All brackets were comprised of 32 wrestlers.

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BACK HAULIN'—John Pete from Stebbins shrink-wraps boxes holding electronic waste in the Bering Air hanger Feb. 17. The palette of electronics was loaded on an Everts cargo plane and shipped to Anchorage.

Taking out the trash

Recycling program marks forward progress on backhaul plans

By Tyler Rhodes

When a cargo plane touches down in a rural Alaska, it comes loaded with several tons of goods—consisting of everything from TVs and toothpaste to batteries and bacon.

Once all those pounds hit the ground in a hub like Nome and then are parceled out and shipped to the villages down the line, they are in the bush to stay. "Every time a plane takes off, it's 25,000 pounds of stuff going out to rural Alaska, and they're coming back empty," said Everts Air Cargo's Manny Masony.

While the packaging from the toothpaste and bacon can be dealt with in the village, it just got easier in the Bering Strait region to book the TVs and batteries a return trip back to Anchorage once they have outlived their usefulness.

Representatives of villages and tribes from throughout the area came together in Nome for a conference in mid-February that, among other issues, put in motion a backhaul plan for environmentally damaging waste.

With several carriers delivering cargo to Nome every day followed by smaller flight services ferrying it on to the villages, the amount of stuff piling up in rural Alaska is an ever-compounding phenomenon. Especially troublesome are items such as car batteries and electronic waste—things like televisions, computer monitors, printers and fax machines. Containing a mix of metals, acids and other ingredients you don't want to come into contact with, the batteries and "e-waste" can cause problems when just tossed into a landfill. The effect is compounded when the items are burned, which is often how trash is dealt with in rural Alaska.

The newly established backhaul program aims to take those items that have the greatest potential to harm

the environment and transport them to Anchorage where they can be properly processed. With the cooperation of several corporate entities, the program aims to make the service as economical as possible.

The backhaul effort, which received its first test run Feb. 18, requires the involvement and good will of several organizations and businesses. Just as it takes a coordinated supply chain to deliver goods to Alaska's most remote communities, the same applies to running the process in reverse.

Bering Air will participate by getting the waste out of the villages and into Nome free of charge. "We're just trying to keep the villages clean," said Bering Air's David Olson. "It's always nice to get the junk out of the villages."

Once the goods arrive at Bering Air's hanger, a team from Kawerak Inc. will come and either prepare the items to be shipped to Anchorage or will gather them until enough recyclables and waste arrive to merit preparing a palette. When a palette—or palettes—are ready to be shipped, they will be taken to Everts Air Cargo which will fly the goods to Anchorage for a reduced backhaul rate.

Once in Anchorage, the e-waste recycling firm Total Reclaim will accept the goods and process them, again at a reduced rate. "There's so many players," said Kawerak's Anahma Saito.

While the participation of the air carriers, Kawerak and Total Reclaim are key to making the project succeed, the initial effort needs to start within the individual communities of the region. "It's just my personal opinion, but I think every village needs to take care of its own waste,"

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said Eric Morris, a conference participant from White Mountain.

Judging by the showing at the recent conference, Morris is not alone in that opinion.

The participation of a couple of dozen participants for the conference would seem to indicate that many villages are ready to toe the line. Kawerak's Saito, who helped put the conference together, said 11 out of the 15 area villages and 13 of the 20 regional tribes had representation at the meeting.

Saito added that there was no budget to transport and lodge the attendees for the Nome meeting. Participants came on either their organization's or their own dime. Saito said that so many were willing to come despite the costs shows a dedication to the issue. "I see a grassroots movement as people motivated by passion," Saito said. "I think this workshop helped us take it to the next level."

Old plan gets a new direction

The idea of using all that empty space on departing cargo planes for some sort of benefit to the region is nothing new. The current recycling/disposal backhaul plan actually is working into a shell that was created a few years ago. "The Bering Strait Development Council decided that backhauling our scrap steel and iron a couple of years ago would be a great economic development project," Saito said.

The council, an advisory board that addresses economic and development issues in the region, sought to take advantage of high scrap metal prices at the time. A precipitous drop in the metal market cut the program short before it could ever get up and running; but the preliminary work was in place.

When the suggestion was made at a recent council meeting that more focus be given to addressing waste that can leach toxins into the environment, the backhaul plan was back on the table. When the plan was applied to hauling waste, however, a key difference arose—cost.

Backhauling steel and iron was supposed to make money. In contrast, there's not much of a market for the items you don't want fouling your community. But the recycling effort is not about making money, so much as taking care of the environment that supports villages in a place where a subsistence lifestyle is still predominantly practiced. "We're real excited about recycling electronics," said conference participant Richard Kuzuguk from Shishmaref. "I think it's going to make a huge impact on future generations."

Saito noted that to make the backhaul program work, communities need to accept that part of acquiring goods like computers and batteries is also having a plan for getting rid of them properly. "We would encourage villages to budget for backhaul," she said. As an example, she offered the idea of when schools order computers, they include in the expenditure funds to send old computers out.

Morris, from White Mountain, echoed that idea, offering that communities should work to minimize the waste coming in as well as ensuring a plan is in place to eventually get it out. That idea doesn't only apply to the people living in the village. "Projects coming into the com-

munity, they need to be responsible for what they bring in too," he said.

Morris also noted that a balance needs to be struck between economic development and establishing safeguards for the environment. "Nobody wants to go broke saving the environment," he said. "The object is to not put the burden on municipalities or tribes."

The commercial entities participating in the project are working to make the economic impact on the communities as light as possible. Bering Air is backhauling free from the villages to Nome. Everts is flying the material back to Anchorage for 12.5 cents a pound, half its normal backhaul rate. Masonry from Everts said the remaining fee covers its agent costs on the ground. "When Anahma called me up and shared her thought process and her vision, it pretty much coincided with our thought process as a business," Masonry said. "We see it as a community service. It was a great opportunity."

Costs are incurred again once the recyclables and junk arrive in Anchorage. Total Reclaim charges 25 cents a pound to process the items. Once again, the charge is at a discount, 10 cents off the price charged for Anchorage-area customers. Total Reclaim is also not charging a pick-up fee to come get the goods from Everts.

Global citizens at the far end of the world

In addition to some of the groundwork for a backhaul program already in place, there is also an example of a working recycling program in the region. Shishmaref's Kuzuguk has helped establish an aluminum can recycling program in his community.

Kuzuguk said the recycling effort, which got up and running under the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program, came after study and consideration. He said the global impact that recycling had in reducing energy use and pollution was a big driver in getting the Shishmaref program up and running. "We discovered the efficiency of recycling versus making new was outrageous," he said.

In addition to helping Shishmaref be a better global citizen, the recycling effort had a big impact at home. Kuzuguk estimated the landfill saw a 33 percent to 65 percent reduction in the amount of trash it was receiving. Much of that reduction was made through a campaign to increase public awareness. Now instead of heading to the landfill, the cans catch a flight to Anchorage for processing.

Like the scrap metal market, the aluminum can business doesn't yield as much return as it previously had. Kuzuguk said he has steadily seen the amount per-pound his group receives drop. But like the new backhaul program, the recycling effort was not intended as a money-maker. Kuzuguk said the money that is generated from the recycling is put back into the program to pay for bags to hold the cans and to fund the community's summer youth litter patrol program. Kuzuguk especially lauds the work the young people of Shishmaref in both recycling and the litter patrol efforts. "I'm real proud of the kids who participate back home. Their effort is astronomical," he said.

Kuzuguk believes Shishmaref will participate in the backhaul program, noting that in the last community

cleanup, electronic waste was separated out from other trash. Previously, he said most of the used electronics ended up in the landfill. "Our landfill is already limited," he said. Space is indeed limited in Shishmaref where erosion continually eats away at the barrier island on which the community sits.

While Shishmaref's recycling program has benefitted the community, it has also served as example in the region that such programs can work in rural Alaska. Saito said that's important, noting that all too often rural Alaskans will go to a conference in Anchorage or in the lower 48 and become inspired to implement something back home. When they get home, however, they often find what they learned outside the village didn't take into account many of the challenges faced in rural Alaska. "We wanted to feature people in the region who have started programs," Saito said.

In addition to highlighting Shishmaref's recycling efforts, Morris and Irving Ashenfelter from White Mountain presented their work on forming a watershed cooperative for their area. Again he said the idea was to find the balance between development and ensuring the environment can continue to support local populations. "Protecting subsistence resources is where the buck stops with me—and where the buck stops for most of the people, I think," Morris said. "I accept a certain amount of environmental degradation. But we want to make sure we'll still have water to drink, fish can survive and people can still put food on the table."

Heidi Herter, Nome's agent for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Marine Advisory Program and another organizer of the February Nome conference, said the backhaul program ties in well to addressing water quality in communities. Herter said through snowmelt and the natural drainage systems in the region, pollutants on the ground will eventually work their way to water.

Herter and Saito jointly put the conference together after realizing they both were aiming to work the same group of people, with Saito aiming to address solid waste issues and Herter wanting to focus on water quality. "I had something like this [conference] in mind for about two years. It didn't happen until I got in contact with Anahma Saito," Herter said.

A test run

With all the players in town, including representatives from Everts and electronics recycler Total Reclaim, the conference last week put the backhaul plan into action with a shipment Feb. 18. Participants gathered at the Bering Air hangar to get a short lesson on the best way to package the goods for shipment. On hand were Everts' Masonry and Riley Kosinski, outreach coordinator for Total Reclaim.

Kosinski gave a quick primer on just what is inside many of the electronics. He noted that computer monitors and television sets contain anywhere from four to eight pounds of lead. He said Total Reclaim will sort out seven different metals from the circuitry of electronics.

He suggested using other recyclable material, such as plastic water bottles, as packaging material for the electronics. Even materials that can't be recycled could be used as packaging and then eventually diverted to Anchorage's landfill, he said. "They don't have landfills out here like in Anchorage," he said.

The backhaul program will also take larger appliances out of villages, like refrigerators, washing machines, ranges and dishwashers. "If it can fit on a plane, it can fit in our shop," Kosinski said.

After the quick demonstration, the

boxes of electronics that originated from Shishmaref were shrink-wrapped tightly on a palette and taken over to Everts for loading for the return trip to Anchorage.

There were several batteries also brought in for recycling. Batteries, however, require special care for shipping. The battery recycling program is being conducted through Interstate Batteries, which facilitates the shipping since a permit is required.

Interstate provides, on loan, a special hard plastic container for the batteries. The container is lined with vermiculite, which looks a lot like kitty litter, along the bottom to absorb any acid if it leaks. Layers of plywood and cardboard are also used to isolate the batteries from each other and further ensure nothing seeps out. "We probably have a surplus of batteries to get rid of in the villages," Saito said.

Saito said the benefit of having the conference watch the first load of e-waste get processed and shipped out goes beyond a lesson in how to properly package the goods. The example showed that the multiple players in getting the program off the ground—from the air carriers to the recyclers—are willing and committed to making it happen. "Doing the backhaul together, it answered a lot of questions. It gave confidence in the system," she said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Education Special Meeting

The Bering Strait School District Board of Education Special Meeting is scheduled to meet on Thursday, March 11, 2010. The Special Session will be held in Anchorage at 8:00 a.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

The public is invited to attend. Tentative agenda items include, but are not limited to:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

ACTION ITEMS:

Superintendent
Interviews-Executive Session
Contract Offering

PUBLIC COMMENTS



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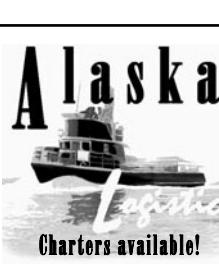
Alaska Logistics Barge Schedule

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RECESS FUN (right)—Martin Kimoktoak, 6, enjoys recess on a sunny February day.

GIVING HIM SOME STUFFING (below right)—Harmony Martinson, 3, builds a bear with the help of her mother Sandy on Feb. 27.

SNOW PROUD (below)—Cole and Taylor Gorn pose in front of their snowman built with late February's fresh snow in Icy View.



Photo courtesy of Tony and Angie Gorn



Photo by Sandi Keller



Photo by Denise Olin

Church Services Directory

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

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

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

Thrift Shop — Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Nome Covenant Church
101 Bering St. **443-2565** • **Pastor Harvey**

Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m./Ladies' Bible Study,
Mens' Fraternity & Children's Choir 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Youth Group 7 p.m. (call **443-7218** for location)
Friday Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church
5th & Bering, **443-5295**
Wednesdays in Lent 7 p.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. & Worship 11 a.m.

River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333
Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night Service 6:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527
Corner of Steadman & King Place

Mass Schedule: **Saturday** 5:30 p.m./**Sunday** 10:30 a.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist
(Icy View), **443-5137**

Saturday Sabbath School 10 a.m.

Saturday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

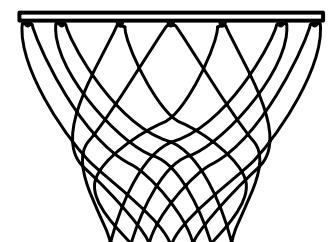
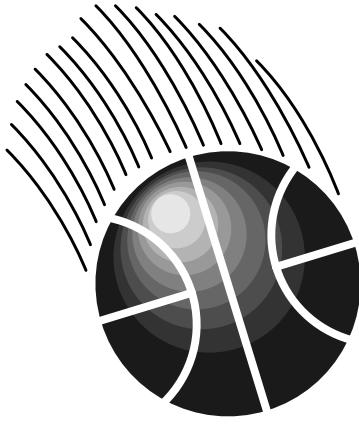
Nome Church of Nazarene

3rd & Division, **443-2805**

Sunday Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. & Worship Service 11 a.m.

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All Around the Sound

Very proud parents Elliot and Maranda Olanna of Nome announce the birth of their daughter **Vamura Irene Bay Olanna**, born February 15 at 1:37 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 5 pounds, 5 ounces and was 18" in length. Her very proud maternal grandparents are Etta and John Topkok of Teller, and great-grandparents Chester and Emma Topkok of Anchorage. Her paternal grand-



Vamura Irene Bay Olanna

parents are Gloria and Russell Wal-luk of Nome, Sebo Okie of Kotz-bue, and great-grandmother Edith Olanna of Anchorage. Vamura has

many proud aunties, uncles, and cousins. Thank you all for your gifts and prayers.



HERE COMES SANTA! Bering Air delivers a special passenger to visit Jacob Takak, 4, in Shaktoolik. Santa's visit was courtesy of the Alaska Chapter of Make a Wish Foundation, Bering Air and Kawerak.

claimed as her pet. When she was a young teenager she moved to Brevig. Living in Brevig she met and later married James Sango Picnalook on March 18, 1938. Together they raised 15 children.

She had a strong belief in God and prayed every day for all her family. She enjoyed camping, berry picking, sewing and being outdoors. She learned how to prepare and store her Native food. She was also well-known for her ability to sew beautiful parkas, mukluks, slippers and krupuks which she learned to do on her own and was also very good at it. Her pride and joy was adopting and raising Elton, which made her strong and strive to live a longer life. Daphne, Thomas and Margaret were taught by her to call her MOM...and nothing else.

Margaret worked at Maynard McDougal Memorial Hospital from the early 1950s to the early 1970s as a cook. Before working at the hospital, she was working as a skin sewer at Polet's. She was also one of the skin sewers that made the banners at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Nome. In 1973 they moved back to Brevig Mission when her husband, James became the lay pastor at the Brevig Mission Lutheran Church

and they lived there until the early 1980s. She later came back to Brevig where she resided until she went to be with the Lord. Margaret will be greatly missed and will be remembered for her wisdom, love and inspiration to all she knew and met, especially her children.

Margaret is preceded in death by her parents John and Lena Ahnangnatoguk; brothers Walter, Victor Weakuk, Andrew, Ira and George Ahnangnatoguk; sisters Dorcas Rock, Donna Kline and Agnes Ahnangnatoguk; husband James Picnalook, Sr.; daughters Bertha Dorcas, Bertha and Joanne; sons Isaac, Henry, Elton, James Jr., Albert, Raymond and Albert. Margaret is survived by her siblings Frank Ahnangnatoguk (Edna), Allen Ahnangnatoguk, Delta Walluk, Mary Sallee and Agnes Pagel.

She is also survived by her children Mina Picnalook, Arlene (Verne Day), Alberta (George Westdahl), Karen (Jeff Hadley), Doris (Gary Kinlock) and Elton Alan Picnalook. There are also many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Obituary

Margaret Kenavoak Picnalook died January 16, 2010. A memorial service was held in Brevig Mission on January 23. Margaret was born to John and Lena Ahnangnatoguk in



Margaret Kenavoak Picnalook

Shishmaref on June 8, 1920. Margaret was raised at Ikpik; her parents were reindeer herders so she grew up wherever the reindeer migrated. She always remembered riding the reindeer like a horse and playing with one specific reindeer, which she

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Bering Strait School District 2010 Activity Calendar

March 4 - 6

Bering Sea Conference
1A Boys Tournament
Brevig Mission

March 4 - 6

Bering Sea Conference
1A Girls Tournament
Teller



By Bob Lawrence, MD

Chocolate may be good for your brain and heart

Here is more good news for chocolate lovers. Eating chocolate appears to lower your risk of having a stroke, according to an analysis of research scheduled to be presented at the American Academy of Neurology's Annual Meeting next month.

Three studies met criteria for the analysis. The first study found that over 44,000 people who ate one serving of chocolate per week were 22 percent less likely to have a stroke than people who ate no chocolate. The second study found that 1,169 people who ate 50 grams of chocolate (about ½ chocolate bar) once a week were 46 percent less likely to die following a stroke than people who did not eat chocolate. A third study did not find a link between chocolate consumption and risk of stroke.

The positive news is not surprising. Over the last several years, research shows that chocolate, in moderation, improves overall cardiovascular health by lowering blood pressure, reducing inflammation, moderating platelet activity, and lowering harmful blood fats.

Chocolate even seems to help patients who have already had a heart attack. In a study published in the *Journal of Internal Medicine* in September of 2009, patients who ate chocolate two or more times a week had a 66 percent reduced risk of dying from a subsequent heart attack compared to patients who did not eat chocolate.

The health benefits of chocolate stem from naturally occurring compounds called flavonoids. In addition to chocolate, flavonoids are found in many plants and plant-derived foods such as blueberries, cranberries, apples, peanuts, onions, tea, and red wine. There are more than 4,000 different flavonoid compounds. The active compound in chocolate appears to be a powerful flavonoid called epicatechin that has insulin-mimicking effects, reduces vessel-damaging inflammation, and promotes heart health.

According to a study published in the journal *Circulation* in 2007, the heart-protective benefits of the flavonoids in dark chocolate seem to appear within two hours of consumption.

Not all chocolate has the same benefit. Cocoa is the healthy flavonoid-rich ingredient in chocolate. Therefore dark chocolate, which has a higher cocoa concentration, is considered more beneficial than milk chocolate, which has a higher proportion of sugar and saturated fats. Furthermore, dark chocolate is processed in a way that preserves up to 95% of the flavonoid content.

Despite the heart healthy effects of dark chocolate, eating chocolate should not take the place of daily exercise, a nutritious diet, and taking medication as prescribed.

However, when choosing a dessert or light snack, adding a little dark chocolate may have its place in protecting your heart and brain. If an apple a day keeps the doctor away, perhaps dipping the apple in a dark chocolate sauce will keep the cardiologist and neurologist away. Perhaps I've gone too far. Be well.

BSBD Basketball Results & Schedule:

TEAM STANDINGS (Conference Record [win-loss]/Overall Record [win-loss])

I-A BOYS

Elim	8 - 1/10 - 1	Shaktoolik	10 - 0/10 - 0
Koyuk	10 - 2/10 - 2	Golovin	5 - 3/5 - 3
Brevig Mis.	7 - 2/9 - 4	Koyuk	4 - 6/4 - 6
Golovin	6 - 4/7 - 5	Gambell	4 - 6/4 - 6
Gambell	5 - 5/5 - 5	White Mountain	2 - 4/2 - 6
St. Michael	3 - 5/3 - 9	Teller	1 - 7/1 - 11
Teller	3 - 7/3 - 7		
Shaktoolik	1 - 9/3 - 9		
White Mtn.	1 - 9/1 - 12		

II-A BOYS

Unalakleet	7 - 3/12 - 9	Shishmaref	14 - 4/12 - 6
Savoonga	2 - 2/4 - 4	Stebbins	2 - 3/7 - 7
Shishmaref	2 - 8/2 - 10	Unalakleet	3 - 7/5 - 10
Stebbins	0 - 5/4 - 10	Savoonga	0 - 4/1 - 10

SCORES

BOYS TEAM

Friday, February 26, 2010

Kotlik 78 – St. Michael 73
Golovin 106 – Teller 39
Koyuk 63 – White Mountain 43
Elim 88 – Gambell 30
Brevig Mission 79 – Shishmaref 67
Nome 68 – Unalakleet 33

Saturday, February 27, 2010

Kotlik 77 – St. Michael 70
Golovin 120 – Teller 55
Koyuk 97 – White Mountain 57
Elim 111 – Gambell 41
Brevig Mission 77 – Shishmaref 71
Nome 101 – Unalakleet 35

GIRLS TEAMS

Shaktoolik 81 – Golovin 29
Nome 40 – Unalakleet 37
Shishmaref 76 – Teller 40
Gambell 62 – White Mountain 33

SCORPIOLES

HOROSCOPES

MARCH 4 - 10, 2010

CAPRICORN December 22–January 19	ARIES March 21–April 19	CANCER June 22–July 22	LIBRA September 23–October 22
AQUARIUS January 20–February 18	TAURUS April 20–May 20	LEO July 23–August 22	SCORPIO October 23–November 21
PISCES February 19–March 20	GEMINI May 21–June 21	VIRGO August 23–September 22	SAGITTARIUS November 22–December 21

Rest has been hard to come by, but not this week, Capricorn. You finally get some time to yourself to do as you wish. Enjoy yourself!

Your knowledge is tested, and you pass with flying colors. Hooray, Aries. A scavenger hunt uncovers a treasure. Enjoy the walk down memory lane.

Raising your profile comes easily this week, Cancer. With the completion of a project, you go above and beyond and are rewarded for your efforts.

Financial troubles will cease with tightening of the purse strings. Be strong, Libra. A letter tips you off to a problem brewing at home. Nip it in the bud.

You might feel as if you are muddling through this week, but others won't. They will see what a feat you accomplish and thank you for it. Good job, Aquarius.

Play your cards right, and you will see an improvement in your bottom line, Taurus. A fledgling project receives a major boost. Thank the person responsible.

Team up with another at work, and you will come out on top, Leo. A little-known fact gets out and causes quite a stir in your inner circle. Don't be part of the action.

Sunny days are here again, Pisces. Plan some fun activities for the family. A volunteer opportunity beckons. Go for it. A memo serves as a reminder.

Romance takes center stage this week, Gemini. Accept all invitations and make the most of each one. Budget concerns ease with a small windfall.

You must come to terms with a situation, Virgo. If you are to move forward, Gemini. Accept all invitations and make the most of each one. Budget concerns ease with a small windfall.

Turnabout is fair play, Sagittarius. Be ready. Peace settles in at home, giving you a chance to get in some quality time with your family. Have fun!

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

• More Letters

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to support (Sullivan all the way).

I've also enjoyed reading all the letters to the editor and I was thrilled to see that your niece, Christina McGuire, had written in.

Anyways, I just wanted to thank you for making the news in Nome available online!

Take Care,
Lynn (Munn) Hicken

Dear Editor,

A letter to the editor in the February 25 issue of *The Nome Nugget* addressed the S.P.A.N.S. scholarship program. Specifically, it questioned Nome Eskimo Community's in-

volve in the SPANS program, and expressed concern about residency requirements for students applying for scholarships that are available within the Bering Strait region.

Nome Eskimo Community has never participated in the S.P.A.N.S. scholarship program, and administers our own program for our Tribal members. Eligibility for these scholarships is not based on residency in Nome, nor is there a requirement about students returning to Nome upon graduation. In order for a student to qualify for a Nome Eskimo Community scholarship, they only need to be tribally-enrolled, and maintain minimum GPA and credits

per semester at an accredited college or university.

Our Tribal Council and members are very proud of the NEC scholarship program. This past year, we were able to offer over \$120,000 in higher education scholarships to students living all over the United States. While some of these students have never lived in Nome, or will never return to reside here, we are proud of their achievements, and will continue to offer scholarships and support the educational endeavors of all our members.

Sincerely,
Nome Eskimo Community
Denise Bareng, Executive Director
Nome, AK

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Bering Straits Foundation Board of Directors and staff, I wish to share the following information to our shareholders regarding our Foundation's Scholarship Program. The Bering Straits Foundation was incorporated in 1991. Our mission is as follows: *"To enrich the lives of our people and strengthen self-sufficiency by supporting educational goals, cultural heritage and traditional values."*

In the 19 years of operation, the Bering Straits Foundation is pleased to have awarded hundreds of educational scholarships to our shareholders and lineal descendants of shareholders. More recently, we have enhanced our program by offering cultural heritage fellowship grant awards. Shareholders and lineal descendants are eligible regardless of their place of residence.

The Seward Peninsula Application Network Scholarship or SPANS was created at the direction of the presidents of the Bering Straits Foundation, Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, Kauerak, Norton Sound Health Corporation, and Sitnasuak Foundation. The intent was to create *one application* for students applying for scholarships from *any* of the five participating organizations. While each organization retains its own unique scholarship eligibility requirements, the purpose of having one application was designed to make the application process more efficient and user-friendly for our students. Specific eligibility requirements for each

scholarship program can be found by going to the Bering Straits Foundation website at www.beringstraits.com/foundation/scholarships.html and clicking onto the new SPANS application link. While two of the participating SPANS organizations do specify that they have residency requirements, it is clearly stated that neither Bering Straits Foundation nor Sitnasuak Foundation have this same policy. Under the SPANS umbrella, each organization is still solely responsible for their respective scholarship programs.

I hope this information is helpful to clarify the objectives of SPANS and of the Bering Straits Foundation scholarship program. Clearly, a review of the Foundation's track record of scholarship awards does not support the assertion that shareholders or lineal descendants who did not intend to return to the region are ineligible for any of the scholarships we offer.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to questions regarding the Foundation. I encourage others with questions about our programs and services to direct them to either me or Kirsten Timbers, BSF Executive Vice President at the Foundation Office, P. O. Box 1008, Nome, Alaska 99762, Ph: 907-443-4305, Fax: 907-443-2985, or foundation@beringstraits.com.
Sincerely,
Bering Straits Foundation
Carolyn Crowder
President

Legals

NOTICE OF SALE Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street on March 30, 2010, at 10:00 AM with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will apply to the Deed of Trust naming Robert S. Piscoya & Ruth A. Piscoya, Trustor, Robert S. Piscoya & Ruth A. Piscoya, Record Owner, recorded on December 17, 2001 under Reception No. 2001-001592-0, Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, Alaska, describing: Lot 19-B of the replat of Lots 16-A, 17-A, 18-A, 46-A and 47-A, Block 67, TOWNSITE OF NOME, according to the Plat filed June 7, 1982 as Plat No. 82-3, Records of the Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, a/k/a 305 E Tokuk Alley, Nome, AK 99762. \$196,236.38 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to alaskastrustee.com or usa-foreclosure.com for status. 2/11-18-25; 3/4

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME CASE NO. 2NO-09-00298CI ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING

In the Matter of

A Change of Name for:
Jason Malcom Takak,
Current Name of Adult:
Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case #2NO-09-00298CI) requesting a name change from (current name) **Jason Malcom Takak to Jason Malcom Jackson.** A hearing on this request will be held on **March 8, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.** 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.
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2/25-3/4-11-18

CITY OF NOME

PUBLIC NOTICE

O-10-02-03 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY LEASE OF SPACE AT THE GOLD HILL TUTIT INNAT CHILD CARE BUILDING TO KAWERAK, INC., FOR THE UVIIAT PLAY AND LEARN CENTER

This ordinance had first reading at a re-scheduled time, regular meeting of the Nome City Council on February 22, 2010 at 12:00 PM, Noon and was

passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for **March 8, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.** 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.
2/25; 3/4

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME

CASE NO: 2NO-10-00044CI ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING

In the Matter of a Change of Name for:

Brandon Caden Joseph Noongwook

Current Name of Minor:
Notice of Petition to Change Name

A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-10-00044CI) requesting a name change from (current name) **Brandon Caden Joseph Noongwook to Emanuel Alex Rookok.** A hearing on this request will be held on **March 26, 2010 at 1:00 pm** at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.
3/4-11-18-25

Court

Week ending 2/26

Civil

FIA Card Services, N.A. vs. Koelsch, Kristin L.; Debt - District Court
Capital One Bank (USA) N A vs. Martin, Arthur R.; Confession of Judgment - District Court

Buffas, Faye P. vs. Buffas, Sterling E.; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term

Small Claims

Savoonga Native Store vs. Kingeekuk, Jefford; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Dft. Cert Mail
Savoonga Native Store vs. Noongwook, Adora; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Dft. Cert Mail
Savoonga Native Store vs. Martin, Judy; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Dft. Cert Mail
Savoonga Native Store vs. Kingeekuk, Larry; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Dft. Cert Mail
Savoonga Native Store vs. Seppli, Levi; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Dft. Cert Mail
Savoonga Native Store vs. Miklahook, Clara; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Dft. Cert Mail
Savoonga Native Store vs. Alowa, Sharon; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Dft. Cert Mail
Savoonga Native Store vs. Rookok, Donna; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Dft. Cert Mail
Savoonga Native Store vs. Miklahook, Mark; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Dft. Cert Mail
Savoonga Native Store vs. Noongwook, Thor; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Dft. Cert Mail
Savoonga Native Store vs. Waghiyi, Fritz; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Dft. Cert Mail
Savoonga Native Store vs. Rookok, Clyde; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Dft. Cert Mail
Savoonga Native Store vs. Rookok, Preston; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Dft. Cert Mail
Savoonga Native Store vs. Miklahook Sr., Harrison; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Dft. Cert Mail
Savoonga Native Store vs. Kingeekuk, Vicki; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Dft. Cert Mail
Credit Union 1 vs. Hammond, Dennis D.; Small Claims More than \$2500
Credit Union 1 vs. Kakaruk, Irene J.; Small Claims More than \$2500
Credit Union 1 vs. Falls, Autumn L.; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Dft. Cert Mail
Bering Straits Development Co vs. Anderson, Derek; Small Claims More than \$2500

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Columbus Sobocienski (2/23/73); Notice of Dismissal—Count I; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 2/23/10.

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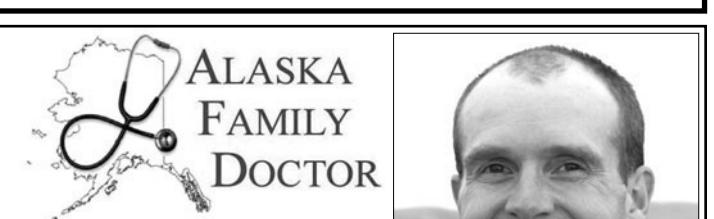
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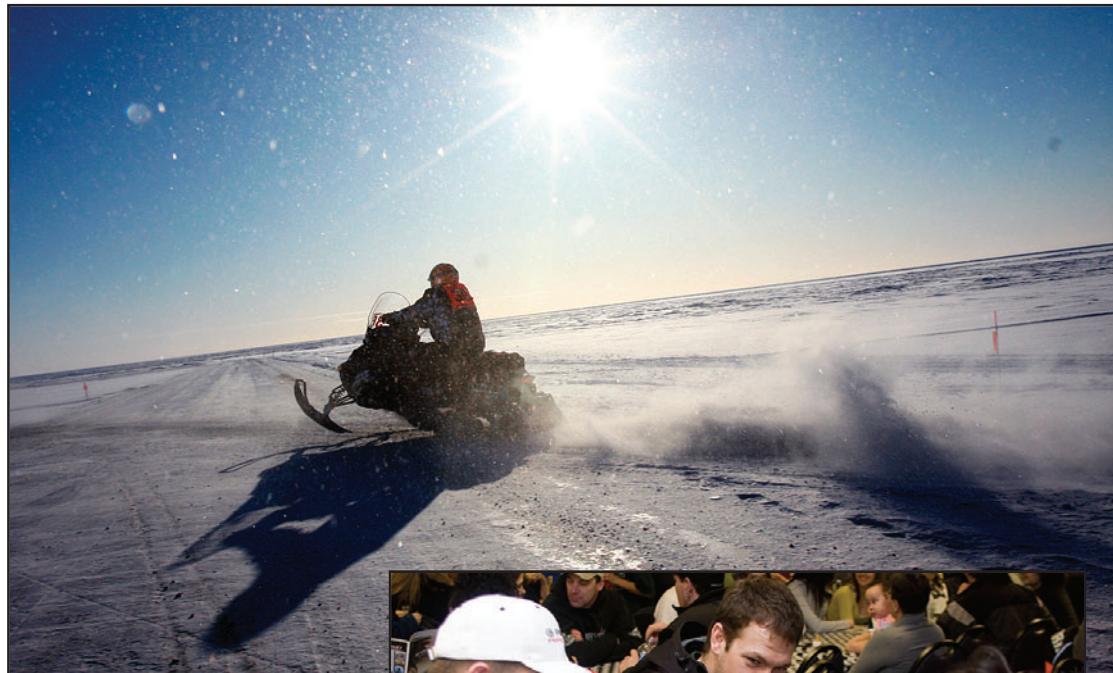




RESTART (above)—Ryan Sottosanti blasts out of Nome for the Feb. 25 restart of the 2010 Iron Dog. He and parter Jeremy Neeser finished sixth.

LOCAL BOYS (right, top)—One Nome's Farley brothers crosses the Nome-Council Highway on their way out of town last Thursday. Harvey and Howard Farley were the only Nomeites to finish this year's race.

SIGN HERE (right, bottom)—Stacie Outwater, 10 (center), and Traci Karmun, 7, get signatures from racers Todd Minnick (left) and Nick Oldstad at the halfway banquet at Nome's Mini-Convention Center Feb. 24.



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mud and bare ground, to name a few. "First there was too much snow, then there was no snow," said Nome racer Howard Farley at the race's halfway banquet held in Nome Feb. 24.

Several of those tossed out of the race early were legends and past champions. Names like Scott Davis, Todd Palin, Marc McKenna, and Dusty Van-Meter were all sidelined just hours into the race. By the time the race braked for its halfway stop in Nome, only 16 of the 29 teams remained in the race. Much of the trouble could be traced back to the Farewell Burn between Rohn and Nikolai—a treacherous stretch where conditions varied between mud and dry ground.

"You could have rode a mountain bike through there," Nomeite Howard Farley said. Nome racer Johnny Bahnke said he swatted his first mosquito of the year while dealing with the snowless 50- to 100-mile section of trail. "It went from deep snow and tough going to no snow and tough going—and it stayed the same temperature," he said. "It really looked like the end of September out there."

Bahnke and others said they were not surprised at the high attrition rate so early in the race due to the brutal conditions right out of the gate. With no snow, overheating machines were par for the rough course.

While Farley and his brother, Harvey Farley, were able to battle their way to the finish in Fairbanks in 11th place, no other Nome-connected team was even able to make it to the halfway point in their hometown. Nome's Tre West III saw his race end before he and partner Tommy Kriska even encountered the dry Farewell Burn. The duo's race came to a stop just past Shell Lake, a little more than 100 miles into the race. West said Kriska's snowmachine nose-dived into the deep snow, sending him for a tumble, which ended with the snowmachine on top of him. West said Kriska had to get surgery for a broken arm.

Nomeites Mike Morgan and Joe Fullwood made it through the Burn to McGrath before having to scratch due to mechanical issues with their Polaris Rush 600s. Bahnke and his partner from Kiana, Brad Reich, nearly made it to Nome before Bahnke's Ski-Doo MXZ 600 finally quit after

gradually losing speed along the trail. "Our motors got really hot on the first day," Bahnke said. "It was grueling. It was tough." Reich towed Bahnke's machine to Unalakleet where they officially pulled out of the race.

Despite the mechanical issues, Bahnke said he felt the race was going well for him and Reich. "We kept plugging away, slow and steady," he said. "It was working for us."

Even though the Farleys were the only Nome riders to complete the 2,000-mile race this year, their ride was not without bumps and bruises. They blew their shocks on their Ski-Doo Renegade E-Tec 600s within the first 100 miles of the race and were not able to replace them until Nome. "My back's my shock right now," Harvey Farley said at the halfway banquet. Howard Farley blew out a clutch bearing just outside of Galena requiring an hour's worth of work on the frozen Yukon River and another hour back in the shop. The Farleys were able to get replacement parts from team 33 of Aaron Bartel and Jason Wichman who had scratched in Galena.

The brothers ultimately finished the race in 64:32:36. They were not the red lantern bearers, however, with the 12th and final team of Tracy and Jeffery Dyer crossing the line with a total time of 69:02:07.

The race was not without its close calls and serious injuries. In addition to Kriska's broken arm, Shane Barber suffered a broken leg after falling off his machine and colliding with his teammate, Aaron Loyer just outside of Nome after the race's restart. An Alaska Army National Guard Blackhawk helicopter was dispatched to pick up Barber 11 miles east of town, near Cape Nome. Barber was brought back to Nome and was later medivaced to Anchorage for further treatment.

Barber's wife, Tammy Barber, was also racing this year as part of the only all-woman team in the race. Racing with Jana Pevan, the ladies were only the third all-woman team to tackle the Iron Dog. Tammy Barber and Pevan were still in Nome, ready to start the second half of the race, when Loyer returned with news of Shane Barber's injuries. Despite her wounded husband, Tammy Barber decided to continue on, only to have to scratch in White Mountain due to mechanical issues.



ON THEIR WAY OUT—Team 29 of Robbie Muir and Jeremiah Jones make their way back on the course just east of Nome Feb. 24. The duo finished ninth overall.

Scott Miller of Team 28 likely feels particularly lucky to be on terra firma after losing his Ski-Doo XP 600 to the Bering Sea sometime after leaving Unalakleet while en route to Nome. According to *Alaska Snowrider Magazine*, Miller scraped to a stop just at the edge of the ice and tried to hold onto the machine by the bumper as a ski dipped off the edge. The magazine reported that despite Miller's efforts, the machine slowly rolled off the ice and disappeared into the cold water.

Miller was able to ride back to Unalakleet with teammate George Woodbury III where the duo had to call it quits. The duo was riding for *Alaska Snowrider*.

While the Iron Dog has wrapped up for this year, snowmachine racing fans will have the opportunity to watch more action. Races are planned on the ice in front of Nome every Sunday in March at 1 p.m.,



weather permitting. Tre West said he will be back to defend his title in the Nome-Golovin race slated for March 13. The race starts and ends on the ice at the east end of town.

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1) Tyler Huntington and Chris Olds, Polaris, 41:04:09, \$50,000; 2) Doug Dixon and Stephen Spence, Arctic Cat, 43:37:40, \$20,000; 3) Bradley Helwig and Eric Quam, Arctic Cat, 44:34:46, \$15,000; 4) Curtis Cherrier and Bill

Wilkes, Arctic Cat, 47:02:23, \$12,000; 5) James Sweetser and Mark Tope, Polaris, 47:31:11, \$8,000; 6) Ryan Sottosanti and Jeremy Neeser, Polaris, 50:13:47, \$6,000; 7) Louis Miller III and Louis Miller IV, Polaris, 51:10:16, \$5,000; 8) Scott Richter and James Spikes, Arctic Cat, 59:11:56, \$4,000; 9) Robbie Muir and Jeremiah Jones, Ski-Doo, 60:49:20, \$3,000; 10) Kenny Johnson and Andy Lachinski, Polaris, 64:09:42; 11) Harvey and Howard Farley, Ski-Doo, 64:32:36; 12) Tracy and Jeffery Dyer, Ski-Doo, 69:02:07.

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