



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

UP AT DAWN—A group of sled dogs are up and at it before the sunrise Jan. 20. They still had plenty of time to sleep in before the sun crested the horizon, which occurred at 11:20 a.m.

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BOT to stay put

Auction of properties forestalled

By Tyler Rhodes

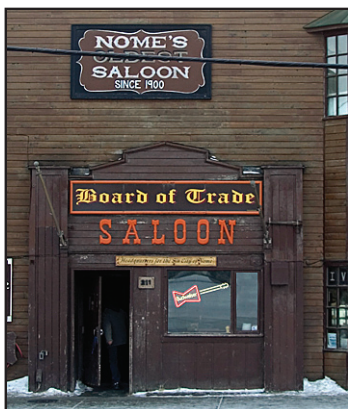
The handful of Nomeites hanging out in the foyer of the federal building in Nome Tuesday morning expecting a show saw nothing more than a trickle of postal customers coming and going.

The 10 a.m. auction scheduled for the building that houses Nome's famous Board of Trade Saloon never materialized. "The stage at the BOT is still rocking," said Jim West, Jr. at 10:30 a.m. that morning. West is the son of the late Jim West who owned and operated the Front Street bar for years.

Wells Fargo was set to auction the iconic building on Front Street's south side as well as residential properties on Lomen Avenue as part of foreclosure proceedings. According to legal notices printed in *The Nome Nugget*, nearly \$278,000 was owed on a \$690,000 loan. Wells Fargo spokesman David Kennedy was able to confirm the cancellation of the foreclosure auction, noting that he was unable to say more due to customer confidentiality.

Other than saying he was able to prevail in this round of difficulties with the bank, Jim West, Jr. also preferred not to comment on the matter.

While it was the building and not the BOT name or liquor license that



The Board of Trade Saloon.

was threatened by the foreclosure, the bar still had an "End of an Era Party?" Saturday night just in case. Advertised as a chance to "rock the stage-coach off its wheels and ship/send the pony home," the party definitely struck a defiant tone against the bank whose logo just happens to be a stage-coach. Whether the party attracted a deep-pocketed benefactor, or just raised the level of karma in the BOT's favor, the "Headquarters for the Sin City of Nome" will remain open in its current location.



Photo by Greg Lincoln/Delta Discovery

BY A MINUTE—Paul Gebhardt embraces his lead dogs at the finish line in Bethel after winning the Kuskokwim 300 by the narrowest of margins Jan. 23. For more on the race, see page 8.

Board sets parameters for superintendent search

By Tyler Rhodes

The Nome Board of Education cleared the way for the Alaska Association of School Boards to start searching for Nome's new superintendent at a special meeting Jan. 18.

The move comes following Superintendent Jon Wehde's refusal to accept a one-year extension of his current contract as opposed to a new

two-year deal at the Jan. 11 board meeting.

For a fee of \$7,000 the AASB will facilitate the process of advertising the job opening and act as the point of contact for interested applicants. The organization will also collect resumes and applications, and perform credential and background checks on job candidates. While AASB conducts much of the legwork in

the search, the five members of the board of education will be the ones vetting and selecting the finalists and new superintendent. Nome's school board has used AASB for previous superintendent searches.

Following the unanimous approval by the board to utilize AASB's services, the board members and AASB representatives wasted no

time in outlining a plan for the search. Heeding the suggestions of Joseph Reeves, associate executive director of the AASB, the board set March 7 as the cut-off date for applications and March 23-24 as the dates for interviewing finalists for the job. The board plans to have a

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City council to discuss concerns with school board

By Laurie McNicholas

During a meeting of the Nome Common Council Monday, Councilwoman Josie Stiles expressed concern about Nome Public Schools, noting that NPS Superintendent Jon Wehde has decided to vacate his position in June. She suggested that the council facilitate a meeting with the Nome Board of Education to determine whether the board needs help

or direction from the council.

Councilman Stan Andersen asked Stiles whether she wants the council to hold a special meeting or a work session. Stiles said a work session or any other appropriate meeting would do, so Andersen suggested that City Manager Josie Bahnke schedule a work session with the school board on Feb. 14 at 6 p.m., just prior to the next regular council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Nome's new police officer, Andrew W. Schwartz took the oath of office at the meeting.

Funding issues

Andersen, who chaired the meeting in the absence of Mayor Denise Michels, asked for comments from council members on correspondence recently received by the city. Councilman Jim West Jr. cited a letter dated

Jan. 20 from Kevin Kastner, executive director of Iron Dog Inc. asking the city to offer a \$5,000 contingency prize for this year's Iron Dog snowmobile race, as it did for the 2010 race. The Iron Dog trail class participants will leave Big Lake Feb. 18 for their trip to Nome. The pro class race is scheduled Feb. 20-26 from Big

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Photo by Nadja Roessek
FACE ON FRONT STREET — The Wein Building as viewed from Front Street.

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

Editorial

Revitalize

Nome's Front Street needs a boost. We have too many empty lots and blank faces. The most egregious example of benign neglect is the old Wein Building that sits across the street from City Hall and has been vacant since the 1980s.

Nome needs to get a real plan into effect to bring life back into Front Street. We have big enough lots for the proposed new state office building and a new museum. There are many potential sites for new construction but we have to do a lot of housecleaning. Our public face is a sad, old, empty, gray, dilapidated, flap-shingled, broken windowed hulk. It's an incredible shame that it has been allowed to sit right smack dab under the noses of our city fathers who turn a blind eye on its unsightliness.

If the Wein Building is such a sacred cow, would someone please put it out to pasture or slap a few coats of paint on it? The owner of the Wein Building should be ashamed of the black eye it gives our community. But, it's hard to shame a person who no longer lives in town.

—N.L.M.—

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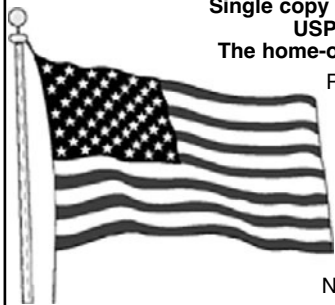
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Letters

Dear Editor:

Thank you for publishing the letter from Edward Tocktoo on January 13, 2011. There have been many insinuations locally, that while I was the mayor (2007-2010) I was "stealing" money from the City of Brevig Mission. The local leaders from the City, Tribal Government, Elders Committee and even the local Native Corporation board all thought so, because no one defended me at the time.

As I told the local leaders at a "Joint Council" meeting, "Go to the City office and look through all the bank statements. Banks can't lie!" Not one of them went to the City offices to see if their insinuations were true. Real leaders get the facts first before making decisions. I did not get one apology from any of them, for making false statements about me publicly. I did get an apology, however, from a young person not involved in local politics. The apology was unrelated to the insinuations, but still an apology.

Money had always been missing. There are now security cameras installed where there were always issues of missing money. The City had

been operating for a few years prior to my leadership, in the "red" so to speak. It had been using funds from the Water & Sewer account. Those funds were to be put into an R&R account which was never set up by the past administration. Now the City's water plant is starting to show wear and tear, with no funds for major repairs. The last City Council had no concerns of it or none was shown. A lot of concern was put on public opinion. What will the people think, do?

The recent firing of an employee was because that employee had not followed City Ordinances and more severely State Gaming Regulations. (The City's Ordinances state that the mayor does hiring and firing with Council approval.) Should what was done, gone through and with the entire City Council being involved, (I wasn't), they would have to be recalled. Where would that leave the City organization? Probably in better shape to operate normally.

No one, at least here in Brevig Mission, pays for services like street cleaning. The City's residential rental rates are not high enough to

cover up-keep of the buildings and insurance costs. These are just two issues on the surface. I was so surprised, more shocked, when I first became the Mayor to learn that most of the people thought that government is supposed to take care of you, especially when I heard it from an elder.

Spreading misleading information about someone just so he/she won't get re-elected or hired is old. "Depending on the past, especially past certainties, things that work for you in the past, means not progressing beyond the past." — Mark Hamilton Founder of the Neothink® Society. Money is not the issue, it never was for me; they say it has no home so it must not be a real value. *Real* values have homes, so they are *values*! That is where my honesty and love for my community is!

Warren S. Rock
Brevig Mission, AK 99785

P.S. I would like to thank the residents of Brevig Mission who voted for me in the last municipal election.

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A Look at the Past



Comments and photo courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

YOU GO, GIRLS — The young ladies basketball team of Nome in 1907. No fouling!

Weather Statistics

Sunrise	01/27/11	11:00 a.m.
	02/02/11	10:42 a.m.
Sunset	01/27/11	05:29 p.m.
	02/02/11	05:50 p.m.

High Temp	14° 1/19/11
Low Temp	-27° 1/22/11
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Council to revise ordinance for taxis, buses, vehicles for hire

By Laurie McNicholas

Nome Police Chief John Papasodora submitted proposed revisions to Chapter 3.10 of the Nome Code of Ordinances titled, "Taxicabs, Buses and Vehicles for Hire" to the Nome Common Council at a work session on Jan. 19. His revisions focus on sections of the ordinance that apply to a chauffeur's license.

Papasodora told the council he drafted the revisions after learning from Acting City Clerk Camille Ten Eyck that the council planned to review Chapter 3.10. "The ones who need to understand it are potential taxi drivers," he said.

Noting that sections of the current ordinance are confusing, Papasodora said he reorganized them to guide the license applicant through the process and to clearly define the action the city may or will take on an application.

The following statements in Papasodora's memo of Jan. 17 to City Manager Josie Bahnke summarize his revisions and his reasons for proposing them. In the memo he refers to Alaska Statutes Title 11, "Criminal Law;" Title 12, "Code of Criminal Procedure;" and Title 28, "Motor Vehicles." Papasodora wrote:

"I have removed most of the language that assigns this process to the police department and to the police chief. Though I am unclear as to the origin of the language, it did propose an adversarial relationship between the business community and the chief's office. As action taken is at the behest of the City, it would seem reasonable to use this constructive context, however with the full understanding that the police will complete and coordinate the investigatory aspects of the licensing process.

"I have also retracted the listing of criminal offenses under Title 11 as it was confusing and inaccurate. Rather than listing by offense title, it is listed by heading. Since I (or some police agent) will be reviewing these anyway, then it should be fairly straightforward. I have also added language to consider Title 28 violations, as these are the main traffic/vehicle related statutes that may apply to this field.

"I have included filing a release form so we can actually do background work without assuming liability. A copy [is] attached. This will also help with actually processing fingerprint cards, though I'm communicating with [the Department of Public Safety] on how to use this information to the best purpose.

"I am also proposing a NON REFUNDABLE processing/licensing fee of \$50. The personnel costs

we are investing in this process far exceed any revenue the City is realizing. It is NON REFUNDABLE as we have to go through all of the review process regardless of how the application turns out.

"I also streamlined the appeal process to go by written notice to the council for consideration. This is just a suggestion.

"The renewal section has also been revised to eliminate the redundancy. The fee has been set as the same for acquiring a license as we still go through all the same administrative steps.

"Finally, I didn't see the penalty provision under the code I pulled off the web. It is at the end of the section."

Ten Eyck told the council she will send the text of Papasodora's proposed changes in Chapter 3.10 of the Nome Code of Ordinances to the city's attorney for review.

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Lake to Fairbanks via Nome.

West made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Mary Knodel for the city to offer a \$5,000 prize to split between the second and third place finishers into Nome. The council approved the motion by a 5-1 vote with Andersen voting no.

Kerry Webster, administrative assistant for the Bering Sea Women's Group asked the council to approve a donation from the city of \$15,000 in the current fiscal year, as in past years. Webster requested the funds in a letter dated Jan. 10, noting that she had failed to submit a request for the funds last April. Andersen asked Bahnke to send a letter to the BSWG with a request for the organization's budget. He said he had made the request in a public forum and had asked two BSWG representatives for the budget, but had received no response.

The *Reader's Digest* informed the city of its campaign called "We Hear You America," which awards more than \$5 million in funds and promotional support to 100 towns and cities across the nation to promote tourism, civic works, job growth and economic development. Councilwoman Mary Knodel suggested that the city and the Nome Chamber of Commerce participate in the campaign.

Proposed ordinances

Andersen asked Acting City Clerk Camille Ten Eyck for first readings of proposed ordinances to amend each of five FY2011 city budgets. He also asked her for first readings of a proposed ordinance to change the order of the business agenda for the council's regular meetings, and a proposed ordinance to slightly amend the exceptions to the hours of sale of alcoholic beverages within the city.

The proposed ordinances to amend FY2011 city budgets are accompanied by documents showing adjustments to the General Fund Municipal Budget, Capital Projects Fund Budget, Special Revenue Fund Budget, Port of Nome Fund Budget and Capital Projects Fund Budget.

The proposed ordinance to amend

the order of business for regular meetings of the council—Section 2.15.070(a)(4)(B) in the Nome Code of Ordinances—would add an "Approval of agenda" to each meeting agenda; reword the agenda item, "Citizen's grievances and requests" to read "Citizen's comments"; and provide two opportunities for citizen's comments instead of one.

The proposed ordinance to amend an ordinance that specifies exceptions to the hours of sale of alcoholic beverages within the city—NCO Section 3.05.040(c)—would delete the words "in January" from the following sentence, "On the Sunday of the Bering Sea Open Golf tournament and on the Sunday in January known as 'Super Bowl Sunday,' liquor establishments described in subsection (b) of this section are authorized to open at 10 a.m."

Council members voted unanimously and without discussion to pass all seven proposed ordinances to second reading, a public hearing and final action at the regular council meeting on Feb. 14.

Facility fee waivers

The council also unanimously approved requests from the American Cancer Society for use of Old St. Joe's Hall for Relay for Life events from 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Feb. 9 and from noon May 14 to 6 a.m. May 15. The fee waivers are valued at \$75 for use of the facility on Feb. 9, and \$250 for its use May 14-15.

City manager report

The following information is derived from Bahnke's written report to the council.

• The Nome Recreation Center ceiling project was put out to bid Jan. 13, a pre-bid conference was held Jan. 19, and bids are due Feb. 1.

• Bahnke executed a contract with PND Engineers Inc. for a Nome ramp dock design study on Jan. 11. The Nome Port Commission prioritized the study in the FY2011 budget with council approval. The study will provide 15 percent concept drawings for three options and rough cost estimates for each of them. The Port Commission will gather public comment be-

fore moving to the next design phase.

• Bahnke met with Department of Transportation and Public Facilities officials Howard Thies, northern region director, and Evan Booth, maintenance supervisor on Jan. 18 to formalize agreements on road ownership and maintenance within municipal boundaries. DOT/PF plans to transfer rights of way for the Nome Bypass Road to the city when the project is complete. It was confirmed that the state owns the sidewalks on Front Street and will request equipment for snow removal and maintenance in the next budget cycle.

• The city's lobbyist has arranged for Michels, Stiles and Utility Manager John Handeland to meet with Sen. Donny Olson, Rep. Neal Foster and other legislators in Juneau on Jan. 27-28. Tentative meetings have been arranged with the commissioner of the Department of Administration and the deputy commissioner of DOT/PF to discuss a proposed state office building in Nome.

• Activities related to a review of the city's sales tax ordinance include (1) a review of merchant files with an emphasis on out-of-town exemptions; (2) preparation of a compliance circular to all merchants to identify areas of concern resulting from audits; (3) preparation of a memo to the council with suggested revisions to sections of the ordinance; and (4) communication with merchants regarding gaming activities. Plans call for revision of the ordinance by the council followed by preparation of a sales tax administration desk manual and revision of the sales tax form.

Knodel requested that the council discuss the sales tax ordinance review prior to the regular council meeting scheduled Feb. 14. Council members were unable to select a date when all of them can attend, so they asked Bahnke to schedule a work session on Tuesday or Thursday of next week.

Library report

Marguerite La Riviere, director of the Kegoayah Kozga Library, noted in a report to Bahnke that the University of Alaska library sent one of its employees, Billijo Link, to Nome

last fall to catalog the remainder of the library's rare books and pamphlets. Link provided the assistance through a grant UAA received to locate and catalog Alaskana in libraries statewide, she added.

La Riviere said the Alaska State Library applied for an Alaska Online with Libraries (OWL) Broadband grant to help all Alaska public libraries enhance the quality of broadband on public access computer terminals. As part of the grant, the Alaska State Library received a travel grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Rasmuson Foundation to send every director of an Alaska public library to an OWL launch meeting in December in Anchorage, she added.

The Alaska State Library proposes to provide the Nome Library with two computers, library furniture, video conference equipment and bandwidth support valued at \$33,108, La Riviere reported.

In the last six months of 2010, the Kegoayah Kozga Library logged 4,799 computer sessions and circulated 7,651 library materials, according to La Riviere. Knodel complimented La Riviere for services the library provides and noted that circulation numbers for library materials are way up.

Visitor Center report

Mike Cavin, director of the Convention and Visitor's Bureau, said the council soon will receive a summary of the bureau's activities and achievements for 2010 in a quarterly report. Noting that

he recently completed his first year with the bureau, he thanked all of those who provided input and help to him. He said his staff has recorded a large volume of data about Nome's visitors that show most of them are Alaskans. Australia, Canada, England and Germany are the top four countries in numbers of Nome visitors from outside the United States, he added.

Cavin said he and his staff have lined up 30 hosts to accommodate more than half of about 100 people who plan to attend the 2011 Iditarod Sled Dog Race and are seeking housing. He said the bureau found 43 hosts for Iditarod visitors in 2010, and there is time to find more hosts for this year's race. The bureau staff is developing an Iditarod events calendar, he added.

Citizen's comments

Mitch Erickson said he recently asked Nome Police Chief John Papasodora what the city can do to help retain police officers. Erickson said housing is tight in Nome. He suggested that the city build a two-plex or four-plex to house police officers, adding that a grant program is available for that purpose.

Erickson offered to gather information on construction costs and identify funding sources for a building to house police officers. Andersen and Knodel expressed approval of his offer.

Councilmen Jerald Brown and Randy Pomeranz attended the meeting in addition to Andersen, Knodel, Stiles and West.

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Nome Rotary Club offers to adopt East End Park

By Sandra L. Medearis

Drive by East End Park and it looks forlorn with its lone outhouse and empty picnic shelter. Or pass by and it looks like a small wilderness and wetland. From either perspective, browsing musk oxen appear to use the park more often than humans.

This could change if Nome Rotary Club and the City of Nome sign a land use agreement now in the works. Nome Rotary, a volunteer service organization, has been crafting a vision for some months to make the park more inviting to year-around-recreation, including walking, bird-watching, skiing, ice-skating and winter race sports. The Rotarians' proposal, to be funded and maintained wholly by the club, will go before the Nome Common Council next month for public comment and approval by the panel.

East End Park lies at the intersection of East Front Street and Bypass Road, and covers four city blocks surrounding a pond.

Still in the planning stage, stemming from discussions among the Nome Rotary park committee, the city manager and Chip Leeper, head of the city's Department of Parks and Recreation, future development plans under consideration include:

- A scenic gravel surface walking path around the pond constructed to avoid disturbance of the wetland could join other paths using easements to connect the Swanberg's Dredge, new hospital and other points of interest with remembrances of the mining and King Island Native Community histories of the area.

- Another path could lead from the picnic pavilion to a viewing platform at the southwest edge of the pond for observing the rich and varied population of waterfowl.

- Several organizations are focusing on the need for a playground at the far eastern end of town. A portion of this park area away from the roads could be considered, say Nome Rotarians.

- Maintain outhouses for year around use. Install signs with historical information and erect a park sign to make the area tourist-friendly.

- Maintain a parking lot to facilitate using the park as a staging area for winter activities—snow machine race start, sled dog race start, ice-skating on the pond, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing trail heads.

- Plant several hardy trees or establish a plaque as a memorial to the late Tom Busch, a long-serving member of Nome Rotary for 27 years and community humanitarian who established Radio KNOM.

- The Nome Rotary Club is prepared to be friends of the park, to hold twice yearly cleanup chores and general care of the site as well as add gravel for better drainage, paint the outhouse and volleyball poles and repair existing picnic facilities, according to a memo the city received from the club. The park received use by the King Island community in earlier times. For a period, local volunteers from Little Sisters of Jesus took care of the park.

The city has published legal notice that it is considering the disposal of the public land via a 10-year land use permit to the Nome Rotary Club for provision of recreational services to the whole community. The club would need to coordinate activities with the Department of Parks and Recreation subject to approval of the city manager. Because this would be a non-exclusive revocable land use permit, the value would be less than \$25,000. The required ordinance is slated to come before the council for first reading at its regular meeting Feb. 14 at which time, by law, no public comment will be accepted. If the Council passes the measure into second reading, public comment will be taken at the Feb. 28 council meeting. Information on the issue is available at the city clerk's office. After approval, the permit could be cancelled by the city with a 30-day notice.

(Editor's note: Reporter Sandra Medearis is a member of the Nome Rotary Club.)



File photo by Sandra L. Medearis

ANYBODY BRING A CAN OPENER?—Musk oxen who use the East End Park picnic area may have to share the facility if the City of Nome approves Nome Rotary Club's plan for upgrades to promote recreation uses.

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public open house with the finalists. In addition to setting a timeline, the board decided on a number of parameters for the search. Candidates will be accepted from both within and outside of Alaska. Reeves pointed out that Alaska is currently faring better economically than most of the other states in the nation, making the district potentially attractive to out-of-state candidates. “We have seen in last two years many qualified mid-career professionals look for work in Alaska,” he said. “I know from other current searches that we will continue to see that.” The board decided that those applying from within the district would follow the same process as those from outside.

The board also asked to put an emphasis on candidates who have experience in school district finance and curriculum development. Members said they wanted community relations and communication to be stressed as important traits. The board also wanted to ensure that candidates would know the importance they are placing on carrying out the district’s strategic plan adopted last year as well as the implementation of a new reading initiative for the elementary school.

The board settled on setting a salary range of \$95,000 to \$105,000 for the position and listing an offer of up to \$5,000 in moving expenses for the successful candidate. The district currently offers \$3,000 to new teachers moving to Nome from outside of Alaska and \$1,500 to new teachers from within the state. Wehde’s one-year offer came with a salary of \$95,000 plus housing.

Participating in the conversation by telephone, the AASB’s Reeves said other school districts comparable in size to Nome, such as Valdez and Cordova, are paying their superintendents in the range of \$106,000 to \$110,000 a year. “I would urge you to consider a range that went over the \$100,000 mark,” he told the board. Nome is not the only district conducting a search for a new superintendent. Reeves said the AASB plans to finish a search for the Hydaburg School District in late February. He said the organization will also start a search soon for the Yukon Flats School District.

Tensions evident

In addition to discussion how they will go about selecting a new superintendent, the board also verbally sparred a bit over the events that led to the search. Board member Barb Nickels, who has been vocal in her dismay at the board’s one-year offer to Wehde, asked if the board could have a public discussion over the rationale for the offer. “I think we

should have a discussion as to why he was offered a one-year contract,” she said.

Nickels’ suggestion did not gain much traction with the majority of the board. “I don’t think any discussion that was taken in executive session should be taken out of executive session,” said fellow board member Barb Amarok. Board president Gloria Karmun also expressed no desire to make public any of the discussion held in private a week before the Jan. 18 meeting. Board member Marie Tozier did not signal any sign of wanting to revisit the issue.

Board member Betsy Brennan said she would be open to discussing the reasons the board offered Wehde a one-year extension without necessarily revealing what went on in the closed-door meeting. Brennan also reminded the board that if all agreed, including Wehde, they could make public the proceedings that occurred in the executive session. It was clear that any such accord would not be forthcoming. Wehde was not present at the Jan. 18 meeting.

Nickels also made the suggestion that executive sessions be recorded. “There are many school boards and organizations that record executive sessions even though it is not for the public,” she said. Tozier disagreed, saying she believed the majority of school boards did not do so. Brennan noted that the Anchorage School Board records their executive sessions. The discussion over recording the sessions ended there.

Brennan also read a typed statement she wrote regarding the superintendent evaluation process. Brennan said board members needed to have better communication with the superintendent and not bring up concerns or criticisms solely at board meetings. “I’m wondering how many times us as board members have asked to meet with Jon Wehde or to bring up complaints or concerns in person,” she asked. “It’s a two-way street. It’s our job to lead this district. If we have concerns, we need to bring those to administrators right away.”

Brennan also expressed frustration at how the events unfolded at the previous meeting. “I feel really strongly that we took an enormous step backward last week,” she said. Nickels agreed. “I would totally like to agree that evaluations for any position should not come as a surprise. I fell we as a whole board totally blindsided our superintendent,” Nickels said.

Later in the meeting, Tozier addressed Brennan’s statement. “I stand by the process we went through earlier in that executive session, and I’m not understanding your question,” she said.

The discord between board members continued to be displayed as

Karmun turned the discussion to Nickels and her public statements that she was planning to resign from the board. “I would like to know of your intent to resign from the board,” Karmun asked Nickels.

“I’ve submitted nothing to you,” Nickels responded.

“I’m just wondering because you made a grandstand on the radio,” Karmun said.

“I didn’t make a grandstand. You didn’t hear my voice on the radio,” Nickels responded.

Nickels had sent an e-mail to the Nome Nugget and KNOM radio in the hours following the Jan. 11 meeting stating that she intended to offer her resignation from the board the next day. The radio station included Nickels’ announcement in its Jan. 12 news coverage. In the days that followed, Nickels backtracked from the statement, saying she had not offered any official notice to Karmun and was reconsidering her announcement. Judging by her statements at the Jan. 18 meeting, it appeared Nickels had decided to remain on the board.

The less-than-cordial back-and-forth continued between the board members as Nickels questioned whether Amarok had a conflict of interest in teaching a class at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Northwest Campus geared to new teachers in the district. To be certified as a teacher in Alaska, educators must have taken three credits of what state statute refers to as “Alaska Studies.” Amarok’s class, “Alaska Native Education,” is geared to allow area teachers to meet that requirement in Nome without having to take a correspondence class. Teachers can work under a provisional contract for up to two years while obtaining the credits.

Nickels questioned the appropriateness of Amarok evaluating the teachers in a classroom setting since she also votes on their contracts as a member of the school board. “I feel what a board member teaching, whatever is said in the classroom could be taken as a di-

rective,” Nickels said.

Amarok said she had brought up the issue before and believed any questions over conflict of interest were settled. “It was determined at a board meeting here that it was fine,” she said. Amarok did broach the subject at the July 13, 2010 meeting, asking if it could potentially create a conflict of interest. Wehde at the time said he did not believe it would pose a problem. Karmun suggested notifying the City of Nome and the lieutenant governor’s office of her intent to teach the class while remaining on the school board.

At the Jan. 18 meeting, Karmun said she felt no conflict existed. “I like to think she could differentiate between her duties as a school board member and an instructor,” Karmun said, noting she did not want to pursue the issue.

Brennan said she did not know if

teaching the class did or did not pose a conflict. She questioned Nickels on what she proposed as a resolution. “Are you saying you feel it would be appropriate for Barb [Amarok] to abstain [from voting on contracts] for just those students in her class?” Brennan asked. Nickels had mentioned such a situation as a possible remedy.

Tozier suggested asking outside sources for an opinion. “I don’t know if it’s a conflict, but I guess it wouldn’t hurt to get an opinion from our attorney,” she said.

Amarok noted that the class was set to begin in a couple of days after the meeting. Supposing the class was found to pose a conflict, Brennan said the impending start date should not pose a problem if the remedy was having Amarok abstain from voting on contracts of those enrolled in the class.



Photo by Debbie Flint Daniel

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS— The winning team from the third and fourth grade Battle of the Books on Jan. 18 are third graders (L to R) Maggie Miller, Mya Robinson, Bethany Daniel, Nathaniel O’Quinn, and Isaac Jessup.

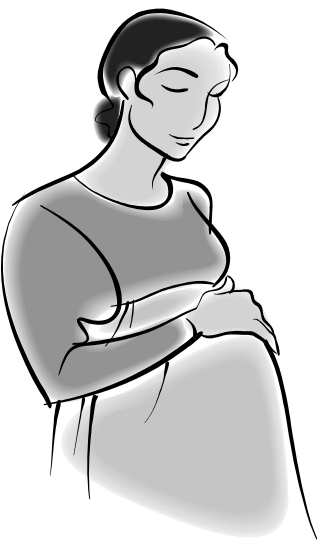


Breast Milk Pilot Study

ALASKA COMMUNITY ACTION ON TOXICS (ACAT) is recruiting Pregnant Women for a Breast Milk Pilot Study

ACAT is a non-profit organization based in Anchorage, AK. In this study, ACAT research team members will work together with residents of Alaska villages to measure levels of chemicals that may be harmful to their health. We are inviting villages to take part in a study to help us improve the health of babies by encouraging women to breastfeed, and by learning about the possible harmful chemicals that may be impacting the health of Native women and children. We are recruiting first-time mothers with babies between 2-8 weeks of age to take part in the study.

Many people in the villages and also scientists worry about the effects of chemicals on health. Some chemicals are found on old military bases. Some chemicals come to this area by wind or ocean currents from other parts of the world. The purpose of this research study is to learn more about how much of these chemicals are in the bodies of women and infants in rural Alaska. We also want to show the benefits of breastfeeding.



Participants will be given \$40 for donating breast milk samples, and a \$20 calling card for their time. Participants will be encouraged to breastfeed their babies and ACAT researchers will provide women with instructions for donating breast milk samples and educational materials that describe the benefits of breast milk. When we report back the results to your communities, participants names will be kept confidential.

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BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT BASKETBALL RECORDS 2010-2011 Season Standings ending January 22, 2011

TEAM STANDINGS					
I-A BOYS	Conference Record Win-Loss	Overall Record Win-Loss	I-A GIRLS	Conference Record Win-Loss	Overall Record Win-Loss
Elim	4-0	4-0	Shaktolik	4-0	6-0
Shishmaref	2-0	4-0	Teller	2-0	4-2
Koyuk	3-1	3-1	Golovin	2-0	2-2
St. Michael	2-2	2-4	Koyuk	0-4	0-4
Golovin	1-1	3-1	Brevig Mission	0-2	0-2
Shaktolik	2-2	2-4			
Brevig Mis.	0-2	1-3			
Teller	0-2	3-5			
White Mtn.	0-4	0-4			
II-A BOYS	Win-Loss	Win-Loss	II-A GIRLS	Win-Loss	Win-Loss
Savoonga		0-4	Savoonga		0-4
Stebbins		4-2	Stebbins		3-1
Unalakleet	0-1	3-4	Unalakleet	2-0	4-2

BOYS TEAMS GIRLS TEAMS

December 16 – 18, 2010 Sivu Basketball Invitational @ Noatak

Noatak 68 – Teller 34
Buckland 66 – Teller 60
Kivalina 53 – Teller 36
Teller 55 – Selawik 47

December 30 – January 1 Husky Shoot Out Invitational @ Kotzebue

Noorvik 71 – Unalakleet 58	12/30	Unalakleet 48 – Noorvik 38
Unalakleet 63 – Hooper Bay 46	12/31	Kotzebue 43 – Unalakleet 20
Noatak 62 – Unalakleet 43	1/1	Unalakleet 43 – Selawik 28

All Tournament team: Kira Eckenweiler and Stuart Towarak, Unalakleet.

Friday, January 7, 2011

Koyuk 104 – Shaktolik 29	Shaktolik 37 – Koyuk 28
Brevig Mission 36 – Chevak 58	
Stebbins 62 – St. Michael 59	

Saturday, January 8, 2011

Koyuk 52 – Shaktolik 44	Shaktolik 43 – Koyuk 33
Chevak 64 – Brevig Mission 54	
Stebbins 51 – St. Michael 42	

Friday, January 14, 2011

Stebbins 61 – Shaktolik 25	Unalakleet 44 – Buckland 16
Shishmaref 58 – Teller 54	Stebbins 38 – Golovin 30
Unalakleet 64 – Buckland 60	Shaktolik 43 – Savoonga 12
Elim 95 – Brevig Mission 73	Teller 2 – Koyuk 0
Golovin 105 – Savoonga 48	Forfeit
St. Michael 65 – White Mountain 45	

Fire destroys Galena school shop building

GALENA, (AP)— The entire village of Galena pitched in to help fight a fire that destroyed a school shop, even as temperatures plunged to 50 degrees below zero.

The unattached two-story shop building at the Sidney C. Huntington School caught fire last Saturday evening, *The Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* reported. City Manager Tom Corrigan said nearly all the village's 600 residents helped firefighters, mostly by helping them keep warm.

"There was an immediate, amazing response to the fire," Corrigan said.

"It was a full village turnout, and not people just looking. They were all helping, bringing coffee from their homes, extra gloves for the firefighters and making soup for the firefighters."

Villagers also brought their vehicles to give fire crews a place to warm up.

No one was hurt in the fire. Its cause is under investigation.

Corrigan said the frigid temperatures made fighting the fire extremely difficult.

The village's tanker truck had to be heated and resupplied by another truck that shuttled water from a source several thousand feet away, he said.

School officials transferred classes usually held in the shop to the main school building about 50 feet away. The shop building had classes in automotive repair, carpentry, electrical and metalworking.

The 5,000-square-foot shop was built in the late 1990s and did not have a sprinkler system.

Huntington School teaches kindergarten through grade 12. It's one of two schools in the Yukon River community about 270 air miles west of Fairbanks.

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the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Parnell argued that the AAC is no longer focused on commercial business development, but rather on the development of a niche market driven by government and military customers. The Alaska Aerospace Corporation works with federal military programs and commercial aerospace companies to launch test rockets and satellites into space.

Bethel gets new District Attorney

June Stein is the new district attorney for the Bethel region along with Evan Arendell as a new assistant district attorney. There are five assistant DA's in Bethel already. Stein is a former district attorney for the Kenai Peninsula, and has been a prosecutor for more than 20 years. Recently she had been an assistant attorney general with the Alaska Department of Law's Rural Prosecution Unit and had served periodically as an acting district attorney for the Bethel office. She teaches classes on such subjects as search and seizure, Miranda rights and sexual assault investigations for both the state troopers and village public safety officers at the Public Safety Academies in Sitka. Evan Arendell is a former prosecutor from rural New Mexico and is relocating to Bethel from Texas. He has two years experience in prosecuting both misdemeanors and felonies, and conducted regular seminars for law enforcement personnel.

Alaska Redistricting board launches website

As the 2010 U.S. Census is completed, the Alaska Redistricting Board is now in its first stages of redrawing the state's legislative election district based on Census numbers. In order to inform Alaskans about the redistricting process, the board launched a website <http://www.akredistricting.org>. The site at this point is very technical and features very little content. The board announced that over the next few months, it would add new content, features and improved navigation on the site.

Alaska's unemployment rate hits 8.1 percent

AP— Alaska's unemployment rate rose to 8.1 percent last month, up slightly from November. The state labor department says the state's seasonally adjusted rate remains lower than the national average, which hit 9.4 percent in December. Alaska's rate was up from 8 percent in November. In December 2009, the rate stood at 8.6 percent.

Two Fairbanksans appointed to University Regents

Mike Powers and Jyotsna "Jo" Heckman, both of Fairbanks are the newest members to the University of Alaska Board of Regents. The regents govern the University of Alaska system and are charged with appointing the president. Outgoing regents are Cynthia Henry and Erik Drygas.

Heckman is the president of Denali State Bank. She graduated from the University of Alaska Fairbanks and has served on the UAF Chancellor's Advisory Board and the UAF Vision Taskforce. Powers is the chief executive officer of Fairbanks Memorial Hospital and Denali Center.

Three charged with wildlife crimes

A federal grand jury in Anchorage indicted three men from Tennessee, Alaska and Florida for illegally selling wildlife parts. George Jia, 43, a resident of Tennessee, is charged with illegally selling a raw walrus tusk, purchasing and selling a polar bear hide, and selling the foot of a black rhinoceros in 2009. The black rhinoceros is one of the most endangered animals in Africa and protected by the Endangered Species Act. The polar bear was listed as an endangered species in 2008; the black rhino has been listed as an endangered species since 1980. Michael Smith, 36, of Sitka is accused of illegally selling two tanned sea otter pelts. Jack Dickerson, 35, of Florida, is charged in a third indictment with two counts of violating the Lacey Act and two counts of Identity Theft in connection with two Alaska brown bear hunts. Dickerson legally took a brown bear in Alaska Game Management Unit 9. But after that hunt, Dickerson couldn't legally hunt again in Game Management Unit 9 for the next four regulatory years. In 2008 and 2009, Dickerson returned to Alaska and hunted brown bears in Game Management Unit 9 using the identity, name and birth date of another person.

Alaska's first First Lady died

Neva Egan, the wife of Alaska's first Governor William Egan, died last week at the Juneau Pioneer Home. She was 96 years old. Neva McKittrick was born in Wilson, Kan., on Oct. 3, 1914, in a family of five children. She moved to Alaska in the 1930s and taught school in Valdez where she met Bill Egan. In 1969 she underwent surgery for uterine cancer. Neva Egan was preceded in death by her infant daughter and her husband William in 1984. She leaves behind her son, state Sen. Dennis Egan and his family.



Photo by Nadja Roessek

HAVING FUN – Mary Ruud enjoys a sunny afternoon skating at the Nome ice rink, on Jan. 16.

State opens disaster assistance center in Savoonga

By Diana Haecker

The State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management has opened a disaster assistance center in Savoonga to help residents with filing for damages after the New Year's week-long power outage. The outage resulted in burst water pipes in many homes and prompted first the city of Savoonga and then the State to issue a disaster

declaration. The disaster assistance center is set up at the Savoonga City Hall. State workers are there to help people with eligible damages to their homes to use the state's individual and family grant program. The state has a Siberian-Yupik translator on board. Applicants should bring a description of damages, ownership documents for damaged property and insurance information. The disaster assistance

center is open until Jan. 29.

A rare combination of open ocean water and heavy winds caused salt spray to deposit on power lines. The salt caused arcing and interrupted the power supply to the majority of the village. As a result of freezing temperatures, water and sewer lines froze, ruptured, and flooded the interior of privately owned homes, public buildings, and regional housing authority properties.



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CLOSE SECOND (left)—Mike Williams Jr. comes into the finish chute to take runner-up honors Sunday evening just a minute behind the winner.

READY TO ROLL (above)—Musher Martin Buser prepares to start the race Jan. 21.

Kasilof's Paul Gebhardt wins Kusko 300 by a minute

Hometown musher Mike Williams Jr. of Akiak comes in second, hot on Gebhardt's heels

By Diana Haecker

Kasilof musher Paul Gebhardt, 54, had a literal run for his money when he won the Kuskokwim 300 just one minute ahead of Akiak's Mike Williams Jr.

The two teams raced in -70°F windchill conditions. Despite the biting cold, a big crowd welcomed them to the finish line in Bethel on Sunday morning. Third place finisher was Pete Kaiser of Bethel. Race headquarters director Sarah Angstrom said the locals were excited to see two Bethel-area teams finish in the top three. This, she said, hasn't happened in the race's history.

Gebhardt has run the Kuskokwim 300 eight times, but never won the race. This year, he said, he put his team on cruise control and "away they went." In what race organizers described as a fast, icy trail up to Kalskag and back to Bethel, Gebhardt finished the race in an elapsed time of 39 hours, 17 minutes and 20 seconds and won \$20,000. Exactly one minute later, 25-year-old Mike Williams Jr., son of Iditarod veteran Mike Williams Sr., crossed the finish line and took home \$15,000. Kaiser finished an hour and 36 minutes after Williams for a purse of \$10,000.

Martin Buser, Ramey Smyth, Mitch Seavey, John Baker, Hugh Neff, Matthew Failor and Jake Berkowitz rounded out the top 10. Twenty mushers ran the race, with only one musher, Louie Ambrose scratching. Mike Williams Sr. came in after 54 hours and seven minutes on the trail. This year's red lantern musher is Bruce Linton, who finished on Monday afternoon.

Race officials say the race has been windy and cold from the beginning. Teams coming in late Sunday night had to also contend with a ground blizzard.

Kuskokwim 300 Finishers

1) Paul Gebhardt, 39:17:20; 2) Mike Williams Jr., 39:18:20; 3) Pete Kaiser, 40:44:54; 4) Martin Buser, 41:04:52; 5) Ramey Smyth, 41:06:50; 6) Mitch Seavey, 41:18:16; 7) John Baker, 41:27; 8) Hugh Neff, 41:42:16; 9) Matthew Failor, 43:40:22; 10) Jake Berkowitz, 43:46:12; 11) Ray Redington Jr., 46:20:30; 12) Sebastian Schnuelle, 46:25:35; 13) Joshua Cadzow, 46:29:20; 14) Richie Diehl, 47:11:38; 15) Chuck Schaeffer, 48:51:35; 16) Jackie Larson, 48:57:21.

Elementary JNYO athletes perform well at state

By Joni Earp

The Nome Elementary School Wolverines were on fire last Friday evening.

The Nome Junior Native Youth Olympics program was able to send a team to state for the first time in the history of Nome NYO. Six Nome students competed in three events, the One-Foot High Kick, the Alaskan High Kick, and the Scissor Broad Jump. Ivory Okleasik, Josh Bourdon, Michael Scott, Josh Cannon, Wilson Bourdon and Kimberly Clark competed against more than 200 students from around the state. The Nome team got many comments on how the team all worked together and were supportive of each other during the meet.

Okleasik and Bourdon walked away from the competition with three top-three finishes. Okleasik kicked her way to the top in One-Foot High

Kick placing second in state at the height of 74 inches. Ivory was the only girl in the event to have a perfect jumping record, making all of her kicks without any misses. She learned her lesson earlier, placing third in the Alaskan High Kick due to three missed kicks at lower heights. Ashley Mute from Bethel matched Okleasik in height; however, she kicked with greater accuracy, recording no misses in the event.

Josh Bourdon placed second in the Alaskan High Kick and was in the top 10 for the One-Foot High Kick. Josh kicked to a height of 64 inches in the One-Foot and tested his limits as he bettered his height from our Nome competition by 12 inches. Bourdon did not waiver in his focus during his events, and was a fierce competitor.

Wilson Hoogendorn, Michael Scott and Josh Cannon were all in the final rounds of competition. It was

evident that the team was prepared both mentally and physically for their events. The Nome team had a good following with a large hometown crowd of displaced Nomeites

coming to watch. JNYO official Nicole Johnson of Nome was proud to see a group from her hometown.

The team would like to thank Sitanasuk Native Corp. for their contin-

ued support of Nome Native Youth Olympics. Thank you also to families that were able to make the trip to watch students compete to the best of their abilities.

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Boys go back and forth at Alaska Prep Shootout

For the second straight week, the Nome boys basketball team bumped up against squads from much bigger schools, as they played to a mixed record in a large Anchorage tournament.

Playing last weekend at the Alaska Prep Shootout, the Nanooks again gained the upper hand over Class 4A school Ketchikan, beating them 68-49 on Jan. 21. Nome, however, was unable to outpace two other Class 4A schools, Bartlett and tourney host Dimond, who handed the Nanooks their second and third losses of the season.

In their first match of the tournament, the Nanooks received an 81-64 bruising from Bartlett on Thursday night. Nome got a sluggish start out of the gate, falling behind 19-9 in the first quarter. Bartlett is ranked No. 2 among the state's large schools' teams. The Nanooks were able to pull within four points by half time but lost that momentum by the third quarter when Bartlett went on a 31-10 run. Christian Leckband led the way for Nome with 34 points, followed by Tim Sullivan with 13 and Nathan Blandford with 11.

The Nanooks bounced back the next night against Ketchikan with a

win. Nome outscored Ketchikan in every quarter of the game and played an especially strong third quarter. Leckband, who led all scorers with 24 points, put up 18 points in the second half. Sullivan was good for 14 points and David Stickel scored 13, eight of which came in the third. Nome had defeated Ketchikan the previous week at the Alaska Airlines Winter Classic tournament.

As Nome entered the fourth quarter of its final game of the Alaska Prep Shootout, it looked like they may have been on their way to toppling their second Class 4A team in a row. A late-game rally by Dimond put any such dreams to rest. The Nanooks held a 50-44 lead at the end of the third before Dimond went on a 24-13 run in the fourth to put the game on ice with a final of 68-61. There were bright spots in the loss as Sullivan connected an unprecedented eight times from beyond the three-point line, setting a school record for Nome. Sullivan scored a total of 26 for the game, as did Leckband.

For a change, Nome will play at home this Thursday, facing Shishmaref in a game that kicks off the Norton Sound Shootout that takes place Jan. 27-29 at Nome-Beltz.

Nome's varsity squad will play Shishmaref as a sort of exhibition game at 6:30 p.m. before the tourney starts in earnest with Nome's junior varsity boys playing Scammon Bay at 8 p.m. In addition to Shishmaref Scammon Bay and Nome's JV team, St. Michael, Brevig Mission and a team made up of players from Shugnak, Kobuk and Ambler will also participate in the tourney. (A full tournament schedule can be found in this week's coverage of Nome girls basketball.)

After Thursday's game, the Nome varsity team will only play two more home games this season.

Game summaries

Thursday, Jan. 20

Bartlett 81 def. Nome 64

Nome: 9-17-10-28 = 64

Bartlett: 19-11-31-20 = 81

Nome: Blandford 11, Leckband 34, Stickel 2, Sullivan 13, Irelan 2, Wehde 2

Bartlett: Unavailable

Friday, Jan. 21

Nome Boys 68 def. Ketchikan 49

Nome: 22-10-22-14 = 68

Ketchikan: 17-7-13-12 = 49

Nome: Blandford 9, Johnson 4, Leckband 24, Stickel 13, Sullivan 14, Wehde 2, Bloodgood 2

Ketchikan: Unavailable

Saturday, Jan. 22

Dimond 68 def. Nome 61

Scoring details unavailable.



Photo by Janeen Sullivan

Lady Nanooks take two at home

The Nome Lady Nanooks went two for two in another successful home stand last weekend against Hooper Bay.

The lopsided match was apparent in the first quarter of Friday night's game as Nome took off with a 21-2 run against the visiting Warriors in the first quarter. The Nanooks would continue to pour it on in the game that ended with a final score of 58-10. Hooper Bay was unable to get their offense to click in the game, barely putting up numbers in each quarter.

Freshman Shayla Johnson led the way for Nome with a 16-point game, followed by Dylan Johnson who added a baker's dozen with 13. Renee Lammer and Devynn Johnson each added eight points in the win.

While the Warriors were able to boost their scoring effort in Saturday night's game, Nome was able to respond in kind making for another wide gap on the scoreboard. The Nanooks took the game 67-29. The game got off to nearly the same start as the previous night's match-up with Nome putting up 20 points in the first quarter to Hooper Bay's two. The Warriors' offense woke up a bit in the second, scoring 10 to Nome's 12 points for the quarter. The damage was already done, however, and Nome continued to outpace Hooper Bay for the remainder of the game.

Every player from Nome got in on the scoring action in Saturday's rematch. Lammer and Johnson led the way for the Lady Nanooks, each scoring 10 points. Kaitlynn Gartung, Liz Luce and Devynn Johnson all had strong performances, each putting up eight points. Chloe Mattheis added seven and Dylan Johnson and Taylor Pomeranz each put up six points.

The pair of wins over the weekend put the Lady Nanooks season record at 7-5. The girls will again play at home this Thursday, taking on Scammon Bay at 5 p.m. to kick off the 2011 Norton Sound Showdown. The varsity girls' game against the visiting Blackbirds will be an expedition game and not count toward the tournament rankings. Scammon Bay's first official game of the tournament will come Friday at noon when they face a cooperative team from the villages of Shugnak, Kobuk and Ambler. The cooperative team is known by the name Up River. Nome will have junior varsity teams competing in the tournament in both the boys' and girls' brackets. In addition to the Up River squad and Scammon Bay, Teller will also

field a team for the girls' side of the tournament. Games run from Thursday through Saturday.

Game summaries

Friday, Jan. 21

Lady Nanooks 58 def Hooper Bay 10

Nome: 21-11-15-11 = 58

Hooper Bay: 2-5-2-1 = 10

Nome: Lammer 8, Luce 4, Stiles 3, Gartung 2, Dy. Johnson 13, Pomeranz 2, De. Johnson 8, Horner 2, S. Johnson 16

Hooper Bay: Unavailable

Saturday, Jan. 22

Lady Nanooks 67 def Hooper Bay 29

Nome: 20-12-22-13 = 67

Hooper Bay: 2-10-6-11 = 29

Nome: Lammer 10, Luce 8, Stiles 2, Gartung 8, Mattheis 7, Dy. Johnson 6, Pomeranz 6, De. Johnson 8, Horner 2, S. Johnson 10

Hooper Bay: Unavailable

2011 Norton Sound Shootout Schedule

(All games played at Nome-Beltz)

Thursday, Jan. 27

5 p.m. — Nome varsity vs. Scammon Bay GIRLS

6:30 p.m. — Nome varsity vs. Shishmaref BOYS

8 p.m. — Nome JV vs. Scammon Bay BOYS

Friday, Jan. 28

Session I

12:30 p.m. — Scammon Bay vs. Up River GIRLS

2 p.m. — Brevig Mission vs. Up River BOYS

3:30 p.m. — Teller vs. Scammon Bay GIRLS

Session II

5 p.m. — Shishmaref vs. Brevig Mission BOYS

6:30 p.m. — Nome JV vs. Up River GIRLS

8 p.m. — Nome JV vs. St. Michael BOYS

Saturday, Jan. 29

Session I

8:30 a.m. — Teller vs. Up River GIRLS

10 a.m. — Scammon Bay vs. St. Michael BOYS

11:30 a.m. — Shishmaref vs. Up River BOYS

1 p.m. — Nome JV vs. Teller GIRLS

Session II

3:30 p.m. — Boys fifth/sixth place game BOYS (Pool A third vs. Pool B third)

5 p.m. — Boys third/fourth place game BOYS (Pool A second vs. Pool A second)

6:30 p.m. — Boys championship game BOYS (Pool A first vs. Pool B first)

8 p.m. — Nome JV vs. Scammon Bay GIRLS

GOING STRONG—Nome's Christian Leckband works his way through Dimond defenders for a shot during the Jan. 22 game against Dimond in the Alaska Prep Shootout in Anchorage.



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WEDDING BELLS—Jeremy and Sherri Anderson were married on October 10, 2010 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Nome. Sherri is the daughter of Elmer and Sharon L. Nayokpuk, granddaughter of Ida Ruth Nayokpuk of Shishmaref. Jeremy is the son of the late Joy “Bonnie” Anderson. Jeremy and Sherri, along with their children, make Nome their home sweet home. Quyannaqpuk to our family and friends who shared our special day with us! 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, 13

All Around the Sound



Eleanor Louise Wolsko Marino

New Arrivals

Chris Wolsko and Beth Marino, formerly from Nome and the *Nome Nugget*, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, **Eleanor Louise Wolsko Marino**, “Louise.” Louise was born on September 9, 2010 in Bend, OR.

Jessica R.C. Brown and Jared B. Buffas, from White Mountain announce the birth of their daughter **Natasha Alethea Harmony Buffas**, born October 3, 2010 at 3:32 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 20” in length. Her brother is Trent S. Buffas, 2. Maternal grandparents are Nora Brown-Douglas and Raymond Douglas, Jr. and Amos Brown, Sr. and Martha Nelson of White Mountain. Her paternal grandparents are Wanda Jackson of Anchorage and the late Steve Buffas of White Mountain.

Stephanie Anasogak and Andrew Kunayak, Jr. of Nome announce the birth of their son **Andrew James “Goldsberry” Kunayak**, born December 17, 2010 at 1:30 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 8 pounds, 5.4 ounces, and was 21” in length. Siblings or other family members are Nadia, Victor “Kavi,” Luvly Ku-

nyak. His grandparents are Andrew and Justina Kunayak, Sr., and Oscar Sr. and Georgianna Anasogak.

Anthony and Debra Russ of Nome announce the birth of their daughter **Kelsey LeAnne Russ**. She was born November 29, 2010 at 3:39 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19.5 inches at the Norton Sound Hospital. Maternal grandparent is the late Angeline Moto of Deering. Her biological grandparents are Beverly and Brian Weinard of Candle. Her

paternal grandparents are the late Wesley Williams and Joanne Russ of Vancouver, B.C.

Caroline A. and Jay Asicksik of Shaktoolik announce the birth of their son **Gavin Thomas Asicksik**, born December 18, 2010 at 6:41 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 19.5” in length. Siblings are Jaylene C., Charlie Jamin, and Louis Dirk Katchatag.



Photo courtesy of David Dodman

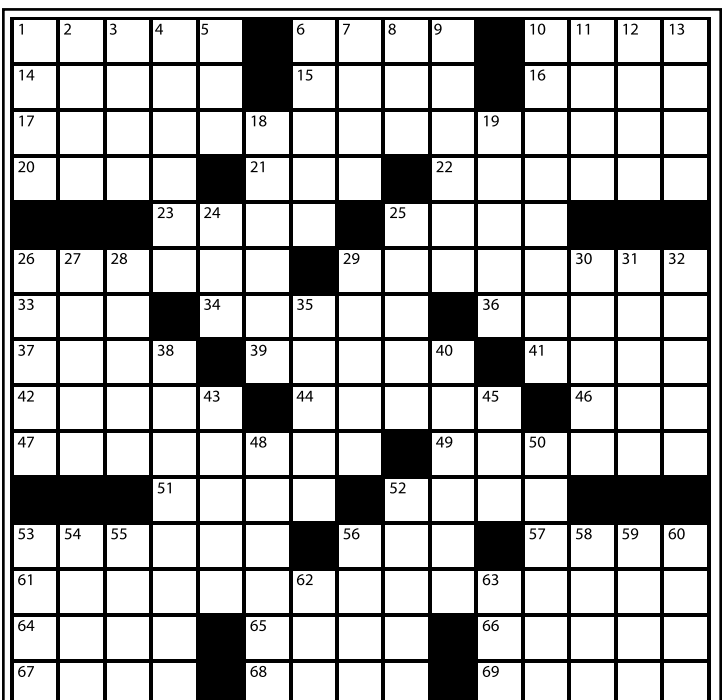
SILVER ANNIVERSARY—Lynette and Ric Schmidt celebrated 25 years of marriage on the 8th of January with a simple ceremony and a small dinner with friends and family.



Bering Strait School District 2011 Activity Calendar

January 25 - 27
Unalakleet
Basketball
Invitational
Unalakleet

February 3 - 5
Norton Sound
Shootout Basketball
Invitational
Nome



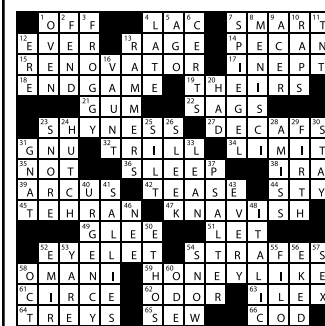
Across

1. ___ bear
6. Change states, in a way
10. Brother
14. Like some walls
15. Product of protein metabolism
16. "I had no ___!"
17. Not given to a common fund
20. The America's Cup trophy, e.g.
21. "Absolutely!"
22. Cook too long
23. "Desire Under the ___"
25. Part of BYO
26. Proper maintenance or repair
29. Luminescence from Victorian lamppost
33. "My man!"
34. "Yeah"
36. Bother
37. "One of ___" (Willa Cather novel)
39. Parlor
41. Have a sudden inspiration?
42. Monroe's successor
44. Fore-and-aft-rigged vessel
46. ___ bit
47. Stick-to-it-iveness
49. One's regular course or circuit
51. When repeated, like some shows
52. Intensifies, with "up"
53. Stables
56. "Dilbert" cartoonist Scott Adams has one: Abbr.
57. Early pulpit
61. Oversized publication for display
64. Biology lab supply
65. Flimsy, as an excuse
66. ___ Bowl
67. Bloody
68. Donnybrook
69. Have another go at

Down

1. Durable wood
2. Acknowledge
3. Opening time, maybe
4. Dictate
5. "Much ___ About Nothing"
6. Muffles
7. Blows it
8. "Fantasy Island" prop
9. No-nos
10. Beveling the ends to form a joint
11. Aroma
12. Doofus
13. Send to the canvas
18. The young of an insect (pl.)
19. Throat dangler
24. Romanian coin
25. "Hurray!"
26. Depth charge target
27. Victorian, maybe
28. Holy text
29. Small ravine
30. Worn away
31. Bamboozled
32. Varieties
35. Dispatch
38. Children
40. Everyday
43. Bathroom item
45. Appear, with "up"
48. Reflexive third person singular
50. Functional
52. Monastery or convent
53. Heroin, slangily
54. Like some orders
55. Way, way off
56. "Oh, ___!"
58. Debatable
59. 1922 Physics Nobel
60. "Comme ci, comme ca"
62. Toni Morrison's "___ Baby"
63. Ring bearer, maybe

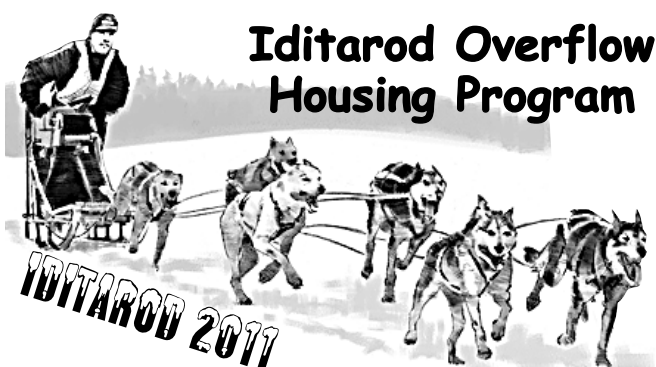
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January 27 - February 2, 2011




CAPRICORN
December 22 - January 19

You've been working way too hard, Capricorn, and it's starting to show. Take a break from the action, and you'll return with a clearer head.




ARIES
March 21 - April 19

Turnabout is fair play. Remember that, Aries, as you move through the week. Cuts here and there in your budget make a dream come true.




CANCER
June 22 - July 22

A long forgotten wish is finally granted. Don't bother trying to find out who is behind it, Cancer. That information is not for you to know.




LIBRA
September 23 - October 22

Nice Libras do not always finish last. Kindness will go a long way in sealing the deal. Travel plans finally get underway, thanks to a special friend.




AQUARIUS
January 20 - February 18

This is not the time to be wishy-washy, Aquarius. Say what you think, and work out a compromise. A home improvement project turns out better than expected.




TAURUS
April 20 - May 20

The need to declutter becomes clear when something precious is lost. Don't despair, Taurus. A clean sweep will uncover it and many other lost treasures.




LEO
July 23 - August 22

Loosen up! All work and no play makes for a dull Leo. Take some time out this weekend to do something fun. A young relative makes a stumble.




SCORPIO
October 23 - November 21

A big event is coming up, and the preparations must start now. A skip in procedure at work wreaks havoc. Be calm, Scorpio, and work to resolve the problem quickly.




PISCES
February 19 - March 20

Diligence is key to the completion of a cumbersome project. Pay attention to the details, and success will be yours, Pisces. A relationship deepens.




GEMINI
May 21 - June 21

Look before you leap, Gemini. A proposal is not on the up and up. Panic is not the answer to a crisis at home. Keep your cool, act quickly but rationally, and all will be fine.



VIRGO
August 23 - September 22

Victorious Virgo. You play the game, and you win. An acquaintance drops in with startling news. Bewilderment will get you nowhere.



SAGITTARIUS
November 22 - December 21

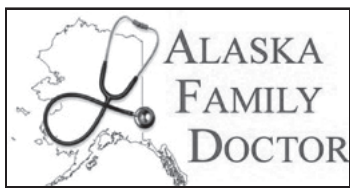
Plans unravel quickly at home. Take it in stride, Sagittarius, and try winging it for a while. You will be surprised at what happens next.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

How to treat dehydration caused by vomiting or diarrhea

Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

Viruses that cause vomiting and diarrhea are more prevalent this time of year. Doctors call this problem



gastroenteritis or the stomach flu. While a brief bout of diarrhea or vomiting may be inconvenient or a little embarrassing, the dehydration that occurs from a severe case of the stomach flu can be life-threatening, especially in children.

One of the most significant causes of preventable death and illness

worldwide is dehydration. The most common cause of dehydration is a gastrointestinal illness that results in a life-threatening loss of water from the body. The current cholera outbreak in Haiti, which has killed over a thousand people, is a good example. Cholera is rare in the far north, but many similar causes of diarrhea and vomiting are very common. These bacteria, viruses, and parasites are just as serious in causing dehydration in rural Alaska.

The World Health Organization estimates that 1.7 million children under age five die every year from dehydration worldwide. Even in the United States diarrheal disease leads to 220,000 hospitalizations (10 percent of all pediatric hospitalizations) and 400 pediatric deaths annually.

Fortunately, life-threatening dehy-

dration can be easily prevented if the problem is identified early and treated using a safe, inexpensive, easy-to-prepare oral rehydration solution (special drink given by mouth). In fact, 93-96 percent of children who receive oral rehydration early in the course of an illness never require hospitalization or I.V. fluid replacement.

Commercially available oral rehydration solutions, like Pedialyte, are available at most grocery stores.

A standard rehydrating sports drink, like Gatorade, can be turned into a rehydration solution by mixing 8 ounces of the sports drink with 8 ounces of water and adding a ¼ teaspoon of salt. This gives the solution roughly the same electrolyte concentration as Pedialyte.

In remote regions like rural Alaska, the need for rehydration often occurs at times when pre-made solutions are not available. In these

cases, a simple recipe may be used to make an oral rehydration solution (ORS) out of ingredients commonly found at home. Here is the recipe:

- Start with a 16-ounce cup of clean drinking water.

- Add ½ teaspoon of salt (mix and taste the solution to ensure it is no saltier than tears).

- Add one tablespoon of sugar and mix. Squeeze in and mix the juice and pulp from a citrus fruit like an orange, lemon, or lime. Banana puree, mango juice, or even blueberry juice may be used in a pinch.

Rehydration should begin at the first sign of increased fluid loss from diarrhea, vomiting, or sweating with fever.

In general, the best dose of any one of the oral rehydration solutions is ½ cup for children under 20 pounds and one cup for children over 20 pounds given after each loose stool or episode of vomiting. Adults

may tolerate higher doses.

The trick is to give the solution slowly. One to two teaspoons given every five minutes is a tolerable rate for most ill children because it allows for rehydration without causing vomiting from expansion of the stomach. Even when a child vomits during oral fluid replacement, if given in small sips, much of the oral rehydration solution makes it past the stomach.

Children under age 6 months or any child with diarrhea or vomiting associated with fever over 102° F should seek medical help. Other signs of more serious illness associated with dehydration include: blood in the stool, frequent diarrhea or vomiting, mental status changes, severe lethargy, or failure to tolerate oral rehydration. A child having these symptoms should see a medical provider as soon as possible.

Saying it Sincerely

Healing And Forgiving Go Hand In Hand
By Rev. Ross Tozzi

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
For the Nome Ministerial Association

The Gospels are full of stories of Jesus offering healing to those in need. While I doubt that any of us is a miracle worker, we all have the capacity to offer help to those in need. A silent prayer, a helping hand, a willingness to listen, a compassionate response, a random act of generosity can all play a part in helping a person in need of healing.

Time and time again in our lives, there will be situations that are more than we can handle alone. There is a natural impulse to keep problems to ourselves and try to work things out on our own. In some cases this may work but in others, trying to handle difficulties all alone can be overwhelming. In times of great strain and tragedy, we need to let go of our pride and ask God and our neighbors for help.

I recall the story of a woman who was very ill and sought the best medical help available to her. Technically the surgery (performed at a large hospital in a big city) was successful. Nevertheless, the woman still felt ill and weak after receiving the best medical care possible. It had been years since she practiced her faith . . . but in desperation she reached out to God and received a miraculous healing. Actually it was a threefold miracle. First there was a physical healing. The second miracle was a spiritual healing. Her faith was reinvigorated by the support and help she received from total strangers. She felt alive because of the way others cared for her. The third miracle was her desire to help others in kind. Now she wanted to look beyond her own narrow focus and reach out to help others.

We can learn a thing or two about healing from Jesus. He strived to make a person whole by healing both the body and the soul. Recall the man who was lowered through the roof by friends so that his infirmity could be brought to the attention of Jesus. Jesus first offered to forgive the man's sins before taking care of his paralysis (Mark 2:1-12). Our willingness to forgive others is a powerful way to offer healing to others.

And yet, there is that natural impulse not to forgive. We may want an eye for an eye, or a tooth for a tooth. Time and time again in our lives, there will be situations where we feel too hurt to forgive. Here again, the weight and strain of holding on to our pain can overwhelm us. At times like these, we need to let go and forgive others as we have been forgiven. Letting go, rather than holding on to hurt, is beneficial for ourselves as well as the person we forgive.

Obituary

Stanley L. Sobocienski
1935 – 2011

Longtime Nome resident Stanley Louis Sobocienski died January 22, 2011 at the St. Elias Specialty Hospital in Anchorage, with his wife Balla at his side.

Stanley was born to immigrant parents Stanley and Leda Sobocienski on February 1, 1935, in Lorain, Ohio. Stanley's father died when he was very young, and he often told



Stanley L. Sobocienski

stories of working odd jobs as a young child for family members to make ends meet following the Great Depression.

As a young adult, Stan was a member of the Merchant Marines and sailed the Great Lakes. He was very proud of this accomplishment and always made sure that he had his Merchant Marine card with him.

Upon joining the Air Force in the mid-1950s, Stanley was shipped to Nome to work at the White Alice site on Anvil Mountain. When he was discharged from the Air Force he became a permanent Nome resident.

Stan was an entrepreneur, and ran many businesses within the community. In the 1960s, he was part owner in Green's, a local fuel delivery business. In the 1970s he was owner of Alaska Cab, from which he proudly operated a limousine to pick up passengers from the Alaska Airlines and Wien Air Alaska terminals. His prized accomplishment was being the proprietor of the Bering Sea Saloon, which he purchased in 1970 and continued to operate until his health deteriorated in 2009.

Stan was a long time member of the Nome Joint Utility Board and was a member of community and statewide organizations such the

Bering Sea Lions Club, the Nome Bar Owners Association, CHARR, the Alaska Democratic Party, and as an Alaska Airlines Board Member.

Stan took great pride in his Polish and Italian heritage, always attending family reunions to share his many stories about family near and far.

Stan requested that his family not hold a memorial service in his honor, as he had a strong dislike of attending such events. Instead, he asked that he be cremated, with his ashes spread in three specific places – the Bering Sea; Kailua-Kona, HI; and on the graves of his father and mother.

In addition, he asked that his friends have a shot of "good Irish whiskey" in his memory.

Stanley was preceded in death by his parents Stanley Sobocienski and Leda Denka; his former wife Valerie Sobocienski; and his son Tony Keller.

He is survived by his loving wife, Balla; his daughters Chugie and Becka; his sons Jay and Colo; Balla's children Doania, Jerry, Sheila, Benjamin and Robert; his sister and brother-in-law Cheryl and Edward Sanders, and their children Ed, Pat and Tammy; and his grandchildren in whom he took great pride.

Church Services Directory

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

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

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

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

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

Nome Presbyterian Church
405 E. 5th Ave, **443-5450**
Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.
Wednesday Praising & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church
5th & Bering, **443-5295**
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service 7 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**
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m. & Worship Service 11 a.m.

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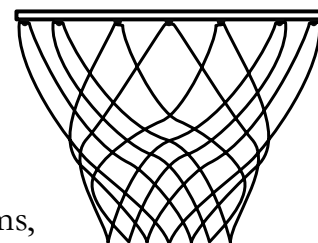
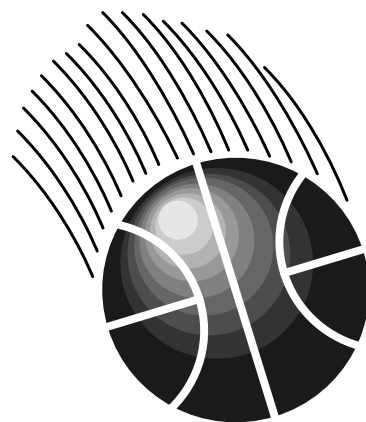
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Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDCC) is currently recruiting for the following positions:

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cluding but not limited to: marketing, inventory, reporting, production, tender operations, packaging & shipping; quality control, plant upkeep and maintenance; supervision of crew and continued improvement of Northern NSSP operations.

Winter Season Vessel Engineer (Norton Sound region) oversees the winter storage, maintenance, repair and general servicing of the F/T Inaliq, F/T Egavik, F/T Norton Sound, F/T Golovin Bay and the Besboro Barge, which will be stored for the winter in multiple locations within Alaska.

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Accountant II

Nome Public Schools is seeking to hire an experienced accountant to fulfill the following duties in the School District Office:

Bi-Monthly payroll for a staff of 100 employees. Process journal entries and budget transfers. Reconcile general fund bank statements on a monthly basis.

The other duties for this position can be found on the job description.

Qualifications:
Accounting degree preferred
Three years general ledger accounting experience required.

Payroll and Benefits administration experience strongly preferred.

The other qualifications can be found on the job description.

Salary:
\$23.38 - \$27.62 DOE plus a full benefit package

1/27-2/3-10-17

SALE— Case Wheel Loader; in Nome 1983 W24C, \$21,000 Call 907-771-2305 5/6-tfn

FOR SALE -- Brand new Yamaha Big Bear 400 4-Wheeler \$6500, (480) 652-1832 1/27- 2/3

Seawall

1/18
Cecelia Iyapana, 18, was arrested and remanded to the Nome Youth Facility on an arrest warrant.

1/20
Jobeth Aduna, 27, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for driving under the influence and theft in the 2nd degree.

1/21
Charles Covington, 50, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for assault in the 4th degree on a peace officer.

1/22
John Saclamana, 29, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for violating conditions of probation.

1/23/11
Charlene Heavener, 23, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for two counts of disorderly conduct.

1/24
Irene Kakaruk, 45, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for assault in the 4th degree, domestic violence.

During this period there were five persons taken to the hospital/AMCC for Title 47 Hold.

Trooper Beat

On January 15, at approximately 10:00 a.m., the Alaska State Troopers in Nome received a report from Gambell VPO's that Amos Siwooko, 26, had violated his probation. Investigation showed that A. Siwooko had consumed home brew alcohol in violation of conditions of probation. A. Siwooko was arrested, transported and remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center in Nome.

On January 16, AST were notified by VPSO Joseph Katchatag in Saint Michael that he had contacted and arrested Michael Soosuk, 32, of Anchorage, for violating his parole. M. Soosuk had conditions not to travel outside of the Anchorage area. M. Soosuk was contacted by VPSO Katchatag at the local AC store in Saint Michael. M. Soosuk was transported and remanded to AMCC in Nome.

On January 18, Unalakleet AST received a report that Richard Guidry, 34, of Unalakleet, had been assaulted and sustained severe injuries to his face. Guidry was sent to Anchorage for further medical treatment, with serious but not life threatening injuries. During the investigation Matthew Towarak and Dennis Ivanoff, both age 20, from Unalakleet were arrested for habitual MCA offenders and Probation Violations. On January 19, Towarak was arraigned at the Unalakleet Court and released on his own recognizance; Ivanoff was transported to Nome for arraignment. Investigation into the assault is continuing.

On January 19, the St. Michael VPSO received a report of an assault. Investigation resulted in Roger Otten Jr., 31 of St. Michael, being arrested for assaulting his mother. She was treated and released from the St. Michael Clinic. Otten was also charged with attempting to assault the VPSO. Otten was transported to Nome for arraignment on two counts of Assault in the Fourth Degree.

On January 21, at 1:40 p.m., AST arrested Danielle Johnson II, 21, of Juneau, with an arrest warrant for failure to appear for a hearing. Johnson's original charge was Minor Consuming Alcohol. Johnson was remanded to AMCC. Bail was set at \$50.00.

Real Estate

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Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) is committed to providing quality health services and promoting wellness within our people and environment.

NSHC is currently recruiting for the following positions:

- Village Based Mid Level – GAM
- Clinic Travel Clerk – GAM
- Health Aide – GAM
- Health Aide – TLA
- Health Aide Itinerant – Nome
- SPD Technician (Warehouse Clerk)
- Director, Information Systems
- Clinician I & II
- Clinical Associate
- CAMP Secretary
- Certified Nursing Assistant, QCC

For a complete list of our vacancies and more information, please go to www.nortonsoundhealth.org or visit the NSHC Human Resources Department.

Norton Sound Health Corporation
 NSHC Human Resources Department
 306 W 5th Ave
 Nome, AK 99762
 907-443-4530

NSHC offers competitive wages and benefits. NSHC will apply Alaska Native/American Indian (under PL 93-638), EEO, Veteran Preferences. To ensure consumers are protected to the degree prescribed under federal and state laws, all applicants are subject to a pre-employment background check and drug screen.

Legals

OWNER FINANCE AVAILABLE — Land for sale by sealed bid: Marilyn Oyounick, owner, Native Allotment F17506, 119.20 acres on the Unalakleet River, Alaska, USS 5306, Lot4. Accessible by boat and snow machine. Opening bid of \$120,000.00, cash or terms. Deferred payment plan is available; please ask Kawarak LMS for details. **TITLE TO LAND SOLD AS A RESULT OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT WILL BE CONVEYED IN A FEE SIMPLE STATUS BY APPROVED DEED. TERMS AVAILABLE ARE CASH OR DEFERRRED PAYMENT AS SPECIFIED.**

Sealed bid opening on March 17, 2011 at 3:00PM. Contact Kawarak, Inc., Land Management Services, P.O. Box 948, Nome, AK 99762. **AWARD WILL BE MADE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER WHO MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE OWNER.** Instructions and further info are available at the above office or by phone, toll free within Alaska 1-800-443-4316, direct (907) 443-4326. Terms of sale specified thereon.

1/13-20-27; 2/3-10-17-24; 3/3-10-17

NOTICE OF SALE

Yukon Title Company, Inc., the present trustee under a deed of trust, gives notice that the property described below will be sold for cash at public auction at the Superior Court, 113 Front Street, Room 230, Nome, Alaska 99762 on March 15, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. The property to be sold is described as follows: Lots 10, 24 and 25, Block 12 and the unnamed alley measuring 9.5 ft. which is located between Lots 10, 24 and 25 in Block 12 and North of the North line of front street, TOWN-SITE OF NOME; according to the official plat thereof, Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska. Property address: 908 East Front Street, Nome, Alaska 99762. The property is being foreclosed pursuant to a deed of trust the trustor of which is Brian and Marlene Cannon, and the beneficiary of which is United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing

Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture. Said deed of trust was recorded March 16, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007-000873-0 of the Records of the Nome Recording District. The amount owing to the beneficiary and secured by the deed of trust is three hundred forty-seven thousand three hundred ninety and 37/100ths dollars (\$347,390.37) as of November 17, 2010 plus interest of \$37.99 daily from and after November 17, 2010, plus expenses incurred in foreclosure and in protecting the property. In this notice cash means currency of the United States, United States Post Office Money Orders, or a certified or cashiers check from a bank having a branch in the Nome Recording District. Contact the beneficiary Rural Development at 800 Evergreen Avenue, Ste. 201, Palmer, AK 99645 attn: Nancy Hayes for information regarding status of this foreclosure.

1/13-20-27; 2/3

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND ELECTION TO SELL UNDER DEED OF TRUST Trustee's Sale No: 04-OC-102721

This NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND ELECTION TO SELL is given by REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION, as Successor Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by Daniel Kooper Piscoya and Annette J Piscoya, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, as Trustor, to Stewart Title of Alaska, as Trustee, in favor of New Century Mortgage Corporation, as Beneficiary, dated 12/2/2005 12:00:00 AM, recorded 12/12/2005 under Instrument No. 2005-001598-0, in the Cape Nome Recording District, SECOND Judicial District, State of ALASKA. The beneficial interest in the Deed ofTrust has been assigned to DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee for the POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT Dated as of April 1, 2006 MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2006-NC3 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES. SERIES 2006-NC3 and the record owner of the property is purported to be Daniel Kooper Piscoya and Annette J Piscoya, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, Said Deed ofTrust covers real property situated in

said Recording District, described as follows: ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT 'A' AND INCORPORATED HEREIN AS THOUGH FULLY SET FORTH. Exhibit For Legal Description Trustee's Sale No. 04-OC-102721 Exhibit 'A' Lot 40A, Block 57, Belmont Point Replat, according to the official plat thereof, filed under Plat No. 84-22, records of the Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska. Excepting any portion of said premises conveyed to the City of Nome by Quit Claim Deed recorded April 26, 1983 in Book 304 at Page 618. Commonly referred to as 301 McInain Lane, , Nome, AK 99762.. A breach of the obligation which said Deed of Trust secures has occurred in that FAILURE TO MAKE PAYMENT OF \$852.35 WHICH BECAME DUE ON "8/1/2010", AND ALL SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS THEREAFTER. TOGETHER WITH LATE CHARGES AND ADVANCES, IF ANY; ANY ADVANCES WHICH MAY HEREAFTER BE MADE; AND ALL OBLIGATIONS AND INDEBTEDNESSES AS THEY BECOME DUE.. By reason thereof, and under the terms of the Npte and Deed of Trust, the Beneficiary has declared an sums so secured to be immediately due and payable, together with any trustee fees, attorney fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. There is presently due and owing the principal balance of \$92,169.51, plus Interest, late charges, costs and any future advances. If the default has arisen by failure to make payments required by the trust deed, the default may be cured and the sale may be terminated if: 1. payment of the sum in default, other than the principal that would not be due if default had not occurred, and attorney and other foreclosure fees and costs actually incurred by the beneficiary and trustee due to the default is made at any time before the sale date stated in this notice or to which the sale is postponed; and 1. if Notice of Default has been recorded two or more times previously under the same trust deed and the default has been cured, the trustee does not elect to refuse payment and continue the sale. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to demand of the Beneficiary, the Trustee will sell the above described real property to satisfy the obligation, to-

gether with all accrued interest and all costs and expenses, at public auction, for cash, to the highest and best bidder, Inside the front steps of the Federal Building, 113 Front Street, Nome, AK, on 3/24/2011 at 10:00 AM. Beneficiary will have the right to make an offset bid at sale without cash. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. DATED: 12/17/2010 REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION Trustee By: Karen James, Authorized Agent When Recorded Return to: REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION, 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104 P787711 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 02/03/2011

STATE OF WISCONSIN /CIRCUIT COURT / ST. CROIX COUNTY

U.S. Bank N.A.
Plaintiff

SUMMONS
 Real Estate Mortgage Foreclosure
 Case No. 10 CV 1537
 Honorable Eric J. Lundell
Vs

Case Code: 30404
 Bruce A. Sherwood
 Jennifer L. Sherwood
Defendants

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
 To the following party named as a defendant herein: Bruce A. Sherwood / Jennifer L. Sherwood You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and the basis of the legal action. Within 40 days after **February 3, 2011** you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or de-

livered to the court, whose address is:

St. Croix County Clerk of Circuit Court
 1101 Carmichael Road
 Hudson, WI 54016-7710
 and to **Marie M. Flannery** / Blommer Peterman, S.C., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is: Blommer Peterman, S.C. 165 Bishops Way Brookfield, WI 53005

You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 days from the date stated above, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 13th day of January, 2011 Marie M. Flannery / Blommer Peterman, S.C. State Bar No. 1045309 165 Bishops Way Brookfield, WI 53005 262-790-5719 Blommer Peterman, S.C. is the creditor's attorney and is attempting to collect a debt on its behalf. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (204612) 1/20-27; 2/3

CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY LAND USE PERMIT TO NOME ROTARY CLUB

The City of Nome is considering disposal of municipal property in the form of a Land Use Permit to Nome Rotary Club for the purpose of providing recreational services for the Community of Nome. The property is a portion of City property located at

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PUBLIC NOTICE BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Bering Strait School District Board of Education is scheduled to meet on **Tuesday, February 1, 2011 for the 187th Regular Session.** The 187th Regular Session will be held in Unalakleet at 1:00 p.m. at the Unalakleet Multi-Purpose Room in Unalakleet and at 7p.m. at the Shaktoolik Gymnasium. The public is invited to attend. Tentative agenda items include, but are not limited to:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

ACTION ITEMS:

Phi Delta Kappa Ratification
Personnel
BSSD Rifle Team
Voc-Ed Classrooms
FY'11 School Calendar
Shaktoolik Construction Design

REPORTS ITEMS:

Fall 2010 HSGQE Results
WorkKeys Fall Results
Student Activities
Second Quarter Financial Report
Construction Update/Shops
Graduate Follow-Up Study
NACTEC Update
Strategic Planning/Curriculum Update
Superintendent's Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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the East End of Town Blocks 38,39,40,41 and Block 11 Lots 14-26. The term of the permit is 10 years. Because this is a non-exclusive revocable land use permit the estimated value is less than \$25,000. The disposal of said property will be by ordinance enacted by the Nome Common Council duly noticed by agenda and public notice. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office of the City Clerk.
1/20-27; 2/3-10

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

In the Matter of the Estate of
FRANCES JOHNSON,
Deceased.

Case No. 2NO-10-41 PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (A.S. 13.16.450-.480)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the captioned estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims shall be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Law Office of Ella Anagick, 310 K Street, Suite 200, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, or filed with the Court.

Dated this January 11, 2011.

Edward Schubert
Personal Representative

1/20-27-2/3

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

In the Matter of the Estate of
JOHN C. JOHNSON,
Deceased.

Case No. 2NO-10-42 PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (A.S. 13.16.450-.480)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the captioned estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims shall be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Law Office of Ella Anagick, 310 K Street, Suite 200, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, or filed with the Court.

Dated this January 11, 2011.
Edward Schubert
Personal Representative
1/20-27-2/3

CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE

O-11-01-01 An Ordinance Amending Section 2.15.070(a)(4)(B) of the Nome Code of Ordinances to Change the Order of Business Agenda for the Nome Common Council Regular Meetings
O-11-01-02 An Ordinance Amending the City of

Nome FY 2011 General Fund Municipal Budget

O-11-01-03 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2011 Capital Projects Fund Budget

O-11-01-04 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2011 Special Revenue Fund Budget

O-11-01-05 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2011 Port of Nome Fund Budget
O-11-01-06 An Ordinance Amending the City of

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Shismaref Native Corporation

PO Box 72151

Shishmaref, AK 99772

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Notice of Declaration of Candidacy

Three (3) seats are open on the Shishmaref Native Corporation Board of Directors. Candidate qualifications:

- 1.) Eighteen (18) years of age or older and
- 2.) Enrolled to the Shishmaref Native Corporation

Submission deadline and details for a Letter of Intent:

Must be sent to the Executive Director at the above mailing address and post marked by **February 18, 2011**. For questions, please call **907-649-3751 or 2030**.

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Sitnasuak Native Corporation Shareholder Notice

**38th Annual Shareholders Meeting
Saturday June 4, 2011, • 10:00 a.m.
Mini-Convention Center • Nome, AK**

BUSINESS CONDUCTED WILL INCLUDE:

- Election of four (4) Directors for three year terms
- Approval of the Independent Auditor
- Other shareholder business

SOLICITATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BOARD POSITIONS

- Candidate Questionnaire
(Candidates must be 19 years old or older by filing date.)

MUST BE RECEIVED BY **February 14, 2011 by 5:00 p.m.**

SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL

A proposal form (fee & signature requirements) will be provided, please contact the Sitnasuak Native Corporation Office **907-387-1223** or **877-443-2632 (toll free)**

MUST BE RECEIVED BY **February 14, 2011 by 5:00 p.m.**

For more information write or call:



Sitnasuak Native Corporation
P.O. Box 905
Nome, Alaska 99762
907-387-1223 or
877-443-2632 (toll free)

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PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE

SENIOR CITIZEN/DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION



2011 Senior Citizen and Disabled Veteran Applications for property tax exemption **MUST** be filed annually with the City Clerk and are due by **February 1, 2011**. All homeowners 65 or older by **12/31/10** and widows or widowers over 60 of previously qualified applicants are eligible to apply.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.nomealaska.org OR BY REQUEST FROM THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE AND MUST BE RETURNED BY **FEBRUARY 1, 2011**.

CITY OF NOME

Celebrating 100 Years of Gold Rush History
Incorporated April 9, 1901

12/9-16; 1/13; 1/27

Unalakleet Schools Art Proposals

There are three areas in our school that are targeted for art projects. Please consider all/any of these projects and include in your proposal(s):

- A detailed description of the intended end result
- Drawings of your ideas
- Dimensions
- Price: to design, create and install (include shipping).
- A timeline for putting your project into the school

Art proposals are encouraged to have a theme representative of Unalakleet Schools and/or the culture, archipelago, and people of Unalakleet. The school mascot is The Wolf Pack and the school colors are Black and Gold.

Proposals are due by **January 31, 2011**. Please deliver in person, email to cwoodhead@bssd.org, or mail your proposal to:

Unalakleet Schools
C/O Conrad Woodhead/Art Committee
P.O. Box 130
Unalakleet, AK 99684

Please call (907-624-4253) or email for a list of specific art proposals.

Thank you,

Conrad Woodhead
Assistant Principal/Activities Director/Art Selection Head

Selections will be made early February, 2011.

12/23; 1/6-13-20-27

GEORGE KORGIE 1885 – 1973

Purported to have been born on King Island and other names may have been Kungeveak, Kungevoolik, Kengiviuluk, Kungy, and Kungevooluk. "Silent George" was supposed to have been adopted by three different sets of Parents from: King Island, Sledge Island, and Nome. Each after the previous ones died. George worked at the Polar Bar in Nome for the Hedreens and Gustafsons. He ate his meals at the North Star Hotel Restaurant. He never married and didn't have children. If anyone has any information about George or who his Parents may have been, please contact Sitnasuak Native Corporation at this phone number: **907-929-7024** or email lkeller@snc-anc.org.

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• More Letters

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Especially the two who called to tell me that they voted for me, because one of you had signed the “un-famous” recall petition on me, I thank you the most. Your mind had cracked open to see what is real. Perhaps it was the honest struggle to make ends meet that allowed your mind to crack open, even just a hair. Whatever it was, do things to keep it open and to make that crack wider.

Dear Editor,

Respectfully to all, I write some information for the residents/citizens of Golovin and maybe others in the villages in similar situations.

Before Christmas I was pushing the city clerk and council to get our shop fixed and heated for use/rental. I was told by the mayor “\$10/day for lights and use.” No heat! I asked that the heater be fixed, “need parts,” waiting for parts. I needed to work indoors and not outdoors at 20° below! That’s what the shop is for, isn’t it? Anyway on about December 28, a new laser heater arrived and my son Walter was hired to install it. I knew he would have problems—no training or experience. I told the City Clerk this and said if he did not get the heater going, I would. Two days later still no heat so I went to work with my own tools and torch. I thawed the fuel line, was solid ice, and fixed kinks in the copper tubing installed by a previous worker. I got heater working fine. It took four days to warm the building, concrete foundation and floor. About the third day I put my snowmachine in the building to thaw and warm before I could install new parts which I had ordered.

• More Legals

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Nome FY 2011 Construction Capital Projects Fund Budget
O-11-01-07 An Ordinance Amending Section 3.05.040(c) of the Nome Code of Ordinances Relating to Exceptions to the Hours of Sale of Alcoholic Beverages Within the City of Nome.

These ordinances had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on January 24, 2011 at 7:30 PM and were passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for **February 14, 2011 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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ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE STATE OF ALASKA FY 2012
CONSOLIDATED HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (HCD).

The public is invited to participate in the development of the State of Alaska FY 2012 Consolidated Housing & Community Development Annual Ac-

I also submitted a written report to City office and copies for all council. I asked every council member that I be permitted to use the shop instead of cash payment. I also submitted a time sheet and asked that my pay be rated at \$20/hour. The next day I was informed that another employee had been paid \$30/hour for some installation work on another building. That’s what he gets paid—no mater what work he does. I tried to discuss this use of the shop and the only thing I got was “You pay up front” “at \$40/day and \$10/day after that.” I asked if this was the new policy? “It always was that way.” Not so—when we built the shop in 1986, city council only asked for a flat use fee of \$10/day and the shop was well used then. I asked the city clerk about the difference in pay and I should have been paid an equal amount. Only answer was —unauthorized work.

On January 12, 2011, I was cheerily told by an office worker—“your check is ready.” I asked for what? I didn’t expect a paycheck. I signed the check and my spouse brought it to get cashed at the store and was told by the mayor, “Tommy better sign it and turn it in the city office to pay shop rental.” The worker didn’t know what was going on. I turned the check in—don’t want to get arrested.

Then on 13 January I received a bill from city to pay \$110 rental fee for use of the shop!

Anyway, my wife Kathy who was the city clerk for many years off and on had already submitted her resignation/retirement form to the city and was awaiting council to declare a new city clerk. At the last meting of the city on January 11, the Mayor retired the meeting to executive session to settle the problem of Walter, Thomas, and Kathy Punguk—what an honor(?).

After the meeting Kathy submitted her resignation again effective—now—tired of the gossip going on by (?) and (?). So!

tion Plan (HCD). The Annual Action Plan is part of the five-year strategy (SFY 2011-2015) that was adopted in 2010 and is a prerequisite to receive federal funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program and the Investment Partnership Program (HOME). The geographic areas covered by Alaska’s Annual Action Plan are all areas of the State outside of Anchorage. The SFY 2012 Annual Action Plan is the second annual implementation plan of the five-year strategy.

This public hearing will be held:

Wednesday, February 2, 2011
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC)
4300 Boniface Parkway, Anchorage

Persons unable to attend in person may teleconference by calling 1-877-873-8018 and using access code **#4823559**.

AHFC complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids or special modifications to participate in the public meeting should call Oscar Cedano at phone 907-330-8417. Requests for the February 2 hearing should be made no later than January 28, 2011.
1/27

My message for the residents of Golovin about your leaders: City government affairs are run by one person—I think without the input or even awareness of other council members. Minutes of meetings may not tell the whole truth. No council member opposes a mayor that permits any opposition or even discussion. Rental rates and pay rates are set without council approval or even following ordinances.

Shop/garage/equipment rates have been raised to be out of reach for those of us who would like to rent them. Rates are raised to cover expenses—and inflated salary for a person who was appointed by sister-in-law and mother-in-law—city clerk who was appointed by daughter—mayor.

This is the ultimate irony of nepotism. Yet it goes on and on and on, same Golovin employees. Thomas E. Punguk and Katherine Punguk Golovin, AK 99762

Dear Editor,

I would like to inform your readers of an incident that took place in St. Michael on Christmas Eve night, during the IRA Christmas program. My family and I were attending the program, enjoying the play. When my wife got up to take a turn to tell the kids to be quiet and behave so the rest of us and the elders can hear the program, one kid talked back to her and yelled out, “Make me, Shorty!” I asked my wife who that kid was. She told me to forget about it. The kid’s grandparents, who raised him, were sitting in front of us and did nothing. So I told my son who is less than a year older than this kid (15), to go have a talk with him about his manners.

Later on my son confronted this kid and told him not to talk to his mother like that. This kid got mouthy with my son, so my son grabbed him to make a point. This kid started calling him names and saying, “Your mom started it first!” So my son threw him down and told him not to talk back to his mom.

Ten to 15 minutes later this kid’s grandma came in with this kid behind her. She was pointing in my boy’s face, verbally cussing him out, calling him names while her grandson was calling my boy white trash and other racial names. Then this lady punched my kid in the side of the head. I told my son not to touch or hit her, that we would press charges. She than picked up a metal folding chair and hit my son with it. At this point my wife and stepdaughter stepped in. This lady tried to push past them to hit my son and ended up hitting my wife. Then my wife and stepdaughter held their ground and pushed her back. At this point a member of this lady’s family stepped in and said “No pushing!”

It’s all right with this family when she was assaulting my son. But, when this woman was confronted by another adult the family member tried to stop it. This lady then proceeded to pick up another metal chair and threw it at my son. He jumped out of the way so it missed him. She still kept after in this behavior until it was finally broken up. Then she walked up to my wife and said, “You are a big fat lying mouth!” My wife never said any-

thing. It was her mouthy grandson that started all this.

We immediately called the VPSO, it took him 30 to 40 minutes to show up due to a personal injury, which we understood. We told him exactly how it happened the same way we’ve explained it to you readers. He then asked my son where he was hit and if he was afraid. My son said he wasn’t afraid of this lady. Then a little later he asked if he was hurt, and my son said no. This was about 45 minutes after the fact! He did not ask if it hurt when she punched you. Just asked if he was hurt 45 minutes later. He then said he would be in contact.

Two nights later the VPSO came over to our house and recorded this report. He said a trooper from Unalakleet was going to be in Stebbins the next day and would contact us. He also stated that the woman was looking at two assault charges possibly three for throwing the chair. I never heard anything back. So more then a week later, on January 4, 2011 I contacted the troopers office in Unalakleet. I asked him what was going on with this incident. And his first reply was he had no knowledge of it. I stated that we recorded the report with the VPSO and he said someone would contact us.

The trooper then said he recalled talking to the VPSO about it and said the kid was like 17 years old. I said no, he is only 15 years old. He then stated that an assault charge couldn’t be made because the law requires two things before it can be an assault. He said first the victim has to be afraid. And my son stated he was not afraid of this lady. That is my fault, I teach my kids to be tough and not to cower behind an old lady like this other boy did. And two, he has to be hurt. I said of course it hurt him; he was punched in the head and hit with a metal chair.

The trooper said my son stated he was not hurt. I said that was not the way he was questioned. I asked him if he had listened to the recorded interview because I wanted to know if those questions were on there. He had not received it yet. I said it’s been over a week. The trooper said the VPSO was in Nome and wouldn’t get it until he got back to St. Michael, but that he would look into it.

He still said there couldn’t be an assault charge, I was pretty mad and could not believe this woman could do this to a kid and get away with it.

I then asked what about the racial slurs coming from this kid and this woman’s behavior. This isn’t the first time this woman has acted in this manner. She has done nothing to discourage her grandson’s remarks. And I’ve been told she’s stormed into the school cussing out teachers, calling them white trash. So clearly there’s some racism in this family.

The trooper said we might get her for misconduct. But we can only do that if it happened in public. Then he asked me “Did this happen at your residence?” At this point I was pissed. It was clear the VPSO never did his job. Maybe that’s because he is going out with this woman’s daughter. I don’t know, I’ll let you readers decide. I did make a point to tell this trooper that my anger was not directed toward him. It was directed at a law that would let this lady get away with

this. I even apologized to my son for letting this happen to him. It is my job to protect my kids. I figure in this case involving a woman we would let the law handle it. That was clearly a mistake.

My first instinct was to not press charges. I do not care one bit about this woman, but there are some good people in that family. And I didn’t want to be known as the guy who threw their mother or grandmother in jail. But, I did want the troopers involved and to do something about it. But, then we received so many calls from people in town concerned about our son and pretty much demanding we press charges.

I thought how sad it must be to live in a town so small and be disliked by so many. Maybe that’s punishment enough.

Once again I’ll let you readers decide, and to refer to my son as white trash. There has never been any white trash in my family. My parents worked hard and passed the traits onto me. I’ve been working for wages since I was 13 years old. I’ve been in the army, spent 17 years working in shipyards, freight yards, and tank farms; and I’m still employed. My boys have been hunting, trapping, and fishing since they were 4 years old. All my kids work hard. They are at the top of their class in school. They are well liked and respected by many. So to refer to someone in family as “white trash” is a remark I will not tolerate ever again.

The same time I sent this letter into the newspaper, I faxed a report into the Nome troopers office to see if anything can be done through them, because I’m clearly not getting anywhere on this end. I don’t expect much but I will say this: I apologize to my son for standing by and letting this happen to him. If anyone ever lays a hand on my children in anger, or refers to anyone in my family as white trash again, you will be hearing from me again. Except next time my name will be in the back of this paper not on the front. For those of you who supported our family in this matter, we thank you.

I’ve lived in and around Alaska villages for a better part of my life and one thing I’ve learned: Those who are disliked the most always end up with the shallowest graves.

J.D. Richardson
St. Michael, AK 99659

Dear Nancy,

I helped my daughter with announcing the birth of Kenai Ryder Hughes several issues ago and inadvertently left out other welcoming family members. They include aunts Dora Hughes and Hazel Kakaruk, uncles Jonathan Kakaruk and Frosty Hughes, great uncles Norbert Kakaruk and Kevin Isabell, great aunt Sarah Kakaruk and most of all, real proud great-grandfathers Alfred Sahlin and Kenneth Hughes, Jr. If I were to include any other members besides grandparents it should have been proud cousins in Teller — Angela, Kimberly and Naomi Kakaruk. Thanks for including this letter in this issue and have a great week!
Sandi Keller
Nome, AK

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State of Alaska v. William P. Tom (5/3/55); Criminal Trespass 1°; Date of offense:

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State of Alaska v. Samuel Goldsberry (10/14/85); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 003: Assault 3- Cause Fear Of Injury with Weapon; Date of offense: 7/17/10; The following were dismissed pursuant to Criminal rule 43(a): Count 001: Assault 2- Injury with Weapon, Intent; Count 002: Assault 1- Serious Injury, Weapon; Date of offenses: 7/17/10; Count 003: 4 years, 3 years suspended; Report to AMCC by 1/10/11 by 4:00PM; Defendant is to be credited for time already serve in this case; Police Training Surcharge: pay to the court the following surcharge pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: Count 003: \$100; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; this surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant’s probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; DNA Identification; If this conviction is for a “crime against a person” as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 3 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation, as stated in the judgment; Any appearance or performance bond is this case: is exonerated.
State of Alaska v. Elvin W. Topkok (1/9/85); Criminal Trespass 2°; Date of offense: 6/15/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 60 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs. Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, year until restitution is paid in full; Probation until 1/12/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer for alcohol; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.
State of Alaska v. Paul Harvey Weyanna (9/5/90); 2NO-10-422CR Count 1: Criminal Mischief 4°; Date of offense: 6/15/10; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: cont 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, year until restitution is paid in full; Probation until 1/11/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol.
State of Alaska v. Paul H. Weyanna (9/5/90); 2NO-10-624CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 1/11/11.
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State of Alaska v. Raymond Nagalana Seetook Jr. (11/28/90); Possession, Control or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21, First Offense; Date of offense: 10/9/10; Fine: \$300 with \$100 suspended; Unsuspended \$200 is to be paid to the court by 3/1/11; Probation until 11/28/11; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).
State of Alaska v. Amy Paniptchuk (12/27/80); 2NO-10-745CR Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 12/4/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 8 months, 6 months suspended; Unsuspended 2 months shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs. Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/13/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol except possession directly related to employment.
State of Alaska v. Amy Paniptchuk (12/27/80); 2NO-10-783CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; Charge 002: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 1/13/11.
State of Alaska v. Donald Johnson (4/28/59); Count 2: Harassment 1°; Date of offense: 10/9/10; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to AGs. Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/12/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence or camp, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.
State of Alaska v. Bryce Warnke-Green (3/2/89); Driving Without Valid License; Date of offense: 4/27/10; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Fine: \$300 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$300 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 8/1/11; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated.
State of Alaska v. Jim Immingan (3/8/57); Amended Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4°; DV; Filed by the DAs Office 1/10/11.
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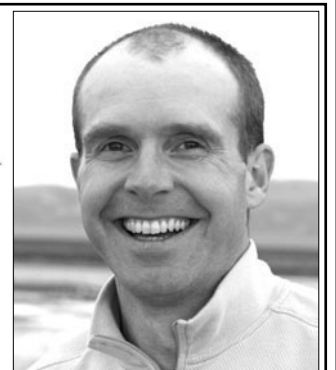




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LUNCH WITH A VIEW—A group of musk oxen congregate on a hilltop near Cape Nome in mid-January. A proposal may allow subsistence hunters to keep the horns of harvested bulls.

Board may do away with cutting of musk ox horns

By Tyler Rhodes

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game's practice of cutting horns from bull musk oxen taken in subsistence hunts may be facing a chopping block of its own.

The Alaska Board of Game plans to debate whether or not a hunter should be required to have the trophy value of their quarry destroyed in subsistence hunts at its spring meeting March 4-10 in Wasilla. The proposal, brought forward by the Board of Game, could bring an end to the practice that aims to keep hunters who primarily want a trophy from participating in a subsistence hunt.

Hunters who harvest a bull musk ox under the subsistence hunt on the Seward Peninsula currently face the prospect of having the animal's horns cut at or just above the eye level. Those who harvest animals in the areas near Nome's road system are required to have the horns cut from bulls within 72 hours of the kill. Animals harvested in the more remote areas of the region must have the horns cut if they are to be removed from the unit.

According to Fish and Game wildlife biologist Tony Gorn, the Department of Fish and Game will have no official recommendation supporting or opposing the proposal. "At this point, it's being brought to the board as more of a value-based, philosophical issue," Gorn said. "There's some people out there who believe you don't deface a trophy, it's disrespectful."

One person holding such a belief is Board of Game Chairman Cliff Judkins. "Requiring antlers, horns or any other part of a harvested animal to be destroyed or left in the field is contrary to Alaskans' customary and traditional practices," Judkins said. "It's just a custom I don't like to see taken away."

The terms "customary" and "traditional" are loaded words in the debate whether horns should be cut or not. According to Gorn, the Board of Game in 1997 set the stage for the musk ox subsistence hunt by issuing what is known as a positive customary and traditional use finding. Those findings, among other issues, decided that musk ox horns were not traditionally used as trophies.

Judkins, who brought the proposal to the board for consideration, believes bringing home and displaying horns or antlers from hunts is a long-standing practice for hunters from all over the state. "If you walk around Nome, Kotzebue, Shungnak, Aniak, Shishmaref, Fairbanks, Anchorage or any other town or village in Alaska, you will see antlers stacked on roofs, in front yards or mounted on walls," Judkins said. "Why do hunters bring these items home? Maybe to brag a little bit. Maybe to show that they are a good hunter and provide for their families. In a few cases to decorate their wall and remind them of the hunt. This is the individual's right."

Judkins' opposition to the current practice stems not only from a philosophical stance, but from experience as well. "Personally I have taken caribou in Unit 13 where antlers had to be left in the field and musk ox in unit 22 where the horns had to cut off at the eye or left in the unit. In both cases I was hunting for meat; but, still, I would like to have brought the antlers and horns home," he said. Judkins said he has long opposed the practice of trophy destruction and his experience with the musk ox finally pushed him to bring the proposal to the board. "It was just the final blow," he said. The proposal would affect more than just musk ox hunts, including some moose hunts in Units 12, 21 and 24 where antler destruction is required.

The proposal does not sit well with Roy Ashenfelter, the chairman of the Northern Norton Sound Resource Advisory Committee. The advisory committees are local groups that provide input and recommendations to the Board of Game on wildlife and fishing resources. "We have real concerns about the timing of this meeting," he said, noting his disappointment that the proposal was to come up at a meeting held out of the region and not within the normal cycle in which Seward Peninsula issues are handled.

The advisory committee is scheduled to meet Feb. 8 in Nome, at which time Ashenfelter said the trophy destruction proposal will be discussed. While he could not predict for certain whether the board would support or object to the proposal, he said he believes the current system has worked well in terms of reaching harvest goals. "Why would you want to change something that is working even with the trophy destruction?" he asked.

The advisory committee meeting is open to the public and will be held at 9 a.m. on Feb. 8 in the Talialak Board Room in the Kawerak Building.

There are currently hunts where trophy destruction is not required. Drawing hunts for musk ox occur along the western edge and northwestern portion of the Seward Peninsula as well as on Nunivak Island. The competition to get the limited drawing tags is pretty thick and those drawn must pay \$500 if they are an Alaska resident. The cost jumps to \$1,100 for nonresidents and \$1,500 for nonresidents who are not United States citizens.

According to Gorn, the Department of Fish and Game receives nearly 1,700 applications a year for the drawing hunts while 200 will reg-

ister for the subsistence hunts. There is no cost for the subsistence hunt tags which are only available to Alaska residents. It's unclear what would stop a trophy hunter from participating in the subsistence hunt if the trophy destruction requirement were removed. "This trophy destruction, it removes a pool of people. It's a driving factor for them to hunt this animal because they want a trophy," Gorn said. "We certainly don't get 1,700 people a year getting registration permits."

Gorn is uncertain how regulations could be altered to safeguard the subsistence nature of the hunt if the option of trophy destruction is taken away. "If we don't find a clear alternative, there could be biological consequences," Gorn said.

That's not to say the issue has not been considered. "The reality here is, to some degree, we've all been thinking about this for 10 years," Gorn said. The biologist noted that a musk ox cooperators group that represents different entities and communities in the region has mulled the issue for years. "The cooperators have been terribly successful on reaching consensus on lots of different issues, but never with trophy destruction," he said.

While the musk ox population on the peninsula has grown from 36 in 1970 to a current estimate of 3,120, Gorn said there have been a few troubling trends within the population. He said the mature bull-to-cow ratio in the unit closest to Nome has dropped in recent years. He also noted fewer yearlings in several units in what biologists describe as lower recruitment. "If we were talking about a moose population now, the definite action would be to reduce harvest rates, maybe reduce seasons," he said.

How to comment

Comments on the trophy destruction proposal or any of the other proposals before the board can be mailed to Board of Game's support staff in Juneau or delivered in person at the Wasilla meeting. Mailed comments must be received two weeks in advance of the meeting to be included in the board's workbook. Written comments received after the two-week cutoff will be given to the board at the beginning of the meeting.

Comments should include the proposal number which is being addressed. Trophy destruction is being considered in Proposal 223. Other proposals affecting the region include Proposal 208 calling for the reauthorization of antlerless moose hunts in Unit 22C, the area surrounding Nome, and Unit 22D Remainder. Proposal 206 would reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear hunts in Unit 22 as well as Units 18, 23 and 26A.

A digital copy of all the proposals to be considered at the March 4-10 meeting in Wasilla as well as a March 26-30 meeting in Anchorage can be downloaded from the website www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us and following the links to the Board of Game page where you will be able to find links to the proposal book for the Central/Southwest and South-central regions. The first pages of the proposal book give detailed information on how to comment.

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6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Old St. Joe's

EVERYBODY WELCOME!

Bring your friends and start a team! Help us
CELEBRATE Cancer Survivors, REMEMBER loved ones
lost to the disease, and FIGHT BACK against cancer.

For more information or to volunteer,
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