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HOLIDAY CHEERS— Nome Elementary School first graders performed an enthusiastic “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” during last week’s Holiday music program, directed by Ron Horner.

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Unqualified bidders hold up DNR offshore lease sale

By Diana Haecker

Two months after the Department of Natural Resources offered tracts for lease in a rare offshore lease sale in Nome, DNR officials are still finalizing the list of successful bidders. To be more concrete, 12 out of the 53 near shore tracts that were sold via outcry auction are at the center of dispute.

The highest bidders for those tracts, Mike Benchoff and Scott Meisterheim, did not complete their qualification statements prior to the

lease sale when it was held in Nome’s Old St. Joe’s Hall on September 28. Benchoff was the highest bidder on 10 near shore tracts, Meisterheim on two tracts.

After DNR’s Kerwin Krause worked through the massive amounts of paperwork generated by the auction, he discovered that the qualifying statements for several bidders were missing. What to do?

Given that the auction was an extraordinary event that came with its own complications, the case was pre-

sented to Brent Goodrum, the director of the DNR Division of Mining, Land and Water, who determined that Meisterheim and Benchoff were to be rejected from the lease sale.

However, there they got a second chance.

Krause said that he notified the bidders with missing or incomplete qualification statements and gave them 10 days to file the correct paperwork. “And they did,” said Krause.

However, the decision was com-

municated to all the bidders and Norm Stiles appealed. “Norm Stiles thought there was sufficient notice and information provided prior to the lease sale,” Krause said. “He was of the opinion that anybody should’ve known that they had to submit a qualification statement,” said Krause.

Stiles’ appeal is going to be considered by the Commissioner of DNR, Dan Sullivan, and if he agrees with appeal it would disqualify Meisterheim and Benchoff from the lease sale. Krause said that there

were other miners who didn’t submit complete qualification statements, but those are inconsequential because they didn’t end up being among the top three bidders for any tracts.

Krause said he expects the appeal to be handled no later than February 2012. “There really is no time line, but it has been prioritized so that the issue can get resolved,” Krause said.

Other tracts that were not hampered by sloppy paperwork submit-

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SWEET TUNES— Fourth grade student Shaylee Kacena and her classmates performed “Jingle Bells” on the flute in front of a large audience at the Nome Elementary holiday music program, held on Wednesday Dec. 14.

Listen for crumbling ice around New Year’s Day

Russian fuel tanker on the horizon for end of month

By Sandra L. Medearis

All systems remained go Monday for using a 371-foot Russian tanker for getting part of Nome’s winter fuel supply through the ice clad Port of Nome and into the Bonanza Fuel storage tank farm. Monday the ice-class tanker was taking on a million gallons of #1 diesel heating fuel at a fuel dock in Yosu, South Korea and expected to finish that job Tuesday. From Korea the schedule called for the tanker vessel *Renda* to travel north to pick up gasoline off Japan along the way to Alaska waters. The load of fuel was to total 1.5 million gallons.

Logistics and coordination of inspecting agencies has pushed back the tanker’s arrival for a week. Preliminary plans called for the tanker to arrive at the edge of the ice pack off Nome on Christmas Day, pause for a U.S. Coast Guard port state inspection go-over and then break through 300 miles of ice with assistance from the USCG icebreaker *Healy* to as close to Port of Nome as

her draught would allow.

Without major storm interference, arrival at the ice’s edge would be at month’s end, Mark Smith of Vitus Marine said.

Sitnasuak Native Corp., parent company of Bonanza Fuel, has contracted the Alaska company Vitus Marine to deliver fuel from Asia to Nome using an ice-class double-hulled tanker cruising under a Russian flag and based in Vladivostok. Delivery of 1.6 gallons of assorted fuels by another barge company under contract did not arrive in time to beat the winter ice into port.

The T/V *Renda* is carrying a mile of hose with which to connect to port headers for the fuel flow. Hose for marine transfers of fuel is typically light enough to be managed with manpower alone, according to Smith. The date of arrival for inspections has been pushed back to allow juggling of many variables and clearances necessary from mul-

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Health Aide strike averted

By Diana Haecker

A Community Health Aide strike beginning Monday, Dec. 19 was averted when Norton Sound Health Corporation’s leadership met with health aides on Friday afternoon and

reached compromises on some demands. While the details of the worked-out deal are not made public, the situation has been diffused and will be taken up again in January 2012. Community health aides have reported to work on Monday and are seeing patients in the communities.

In a proclamation sent to NSHC chairperson Emily Hughes and the entire board of directors as well as to CEO Deven Parlikar, the Community Health Aide Association threatened to strike because NSHC’s Community Services “has made employment conditions intolerable.” The proclamation said that health aides were forced to resign or have been terminated and that 48 health aides – constituting 70 percent of the

health aide work force in the region – have been fired or quit in the 18 months that Barbara Collins has been the director of Village Health Services.

The health aides laid the blame squarely on Collins and demanded that she be immediately removed from any supervisory position within Community Health Services. The Health Aide Association also demanded to remove Collins’ supervisor, the corporate officer of Community Health Services. Further, the health aides’ proclamation demands to either remove the director of Human Resources or do away with the policy of making health aides take flex leave to recuperate

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Photo by Diana Haecker

GINGERBREAD HOUSE ART— Norton Sound Health Corporation Human Resources employee Yorise Olson, right, peaks at an elaborately built gingerbread house that she helped create. Benny Piscoya uses a light to look at the tiny furniture and miniature people inside. NSHC invited every department to make a gingerbread house and put it on display during NSHC’s Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

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Letters

Editor:
I read with interest your story on the storms. How about giving some kudos to the linemen of Nome Joint Utilities Electric who worked round the clock with only a few hours sleep to keep your lights on during the recent storms.
Valerie McMillan
Houston, AK

Editor's note: Their work is appreciated and was mentioned in last week's editorial.

The Nugget will not publish Dec. 29. The next issue will be Jan. 5, 2012.

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

Editorial

Bah Humbug Congress

In Washington, DC the cast of characters includes Frosty the Snowman, the Grinch and Ebenezer Scrooge. It's hard to decide whether to laugh or cry. Republican Candidates debates are like eggnog gone bad. Will the Iowa Caucus ever get here? And who really cares? One candidate is dumber than the next. Can't the Republicans find anyone who is a statesman with some common sense or at least half a brain? Can't the Christian right wing find a candidate without a sordid personal history? What goes around comes around. It's cheap entertainment and the stupidity and animosity are worse than the dumbest TV reality show.

The Congress of the United States is an embarrassment. Their actions are almost tantamount to treason. Why did the newly elected Tea Party Republicans take an oath or pledge administered by a bunch of private, well-funded ultra rich ultra conservatives? The oath was to not raise taxes on the rich. The reward was money for their campaign funds. This type of behavior is not acceptable. It is just not right. This type of special influence peddling needs to be stopped and the perpetrators put in jail. Does anyone have enough guts to put an end to the obstructionist process? Does Ebenezer Scrooge walk the halls of Congress? Is the Ghost of Christmas Past rattling his chains on Capitol Hill? Attempts to help the poor, the sick and the less fortunate don't amount to a lump of coal. Sneaky little Grinch tricks tear the heart out of progressive legislation. Pipeline skunk works are stuck in the chimney of payroll tax legislation. Collaboration and co-operation are scoffed and the narrow-minded unable-to-think-for-themselves obstructionists continue to not tax the poor ol' millionaires and wealthy corporations who don't reinvest in America. They take their profits overseas and create jobs in China. What's wrong with this picture? Doesn't that just frost the mistletoe?

It's hard to imagine how the US Congress got to be so unprofessional. It seems they just want to do everything possible to destroy and negate legislation that protects the health and well being of our people. They do their best to shield the moneymen and to heck with the citizens who may have been gullible enough to elect them. Now it's the voters' turn to say, "Dash away, dash away, dash away all." — N.L.M. —

Ulu News

**By Senator Donald Olson,
27th Alaska Legislature, District T**

My family and I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As we reflect on 2011, I hope you will join us in being thankful for all of our many blessings. May the beginning of this New Year fill our lives with new hopes, new opportunities, and new promises as we continue to work together for a better future. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season with families and loved ones. May you all have a blessed year in 2012.

Alaska Native Language and Advisory Council

My staff has been working diligently on SB 130, which I introduced near the end this last legislative session. It's saddening to learn of recent statistics in Native languages. According to the Alaska Native Language Center's Population and Speaker Statistics published in 2007, only 22 percent Alaska Natives statewide can speak their native language. More specifically, only 29 percent of the Eskimo Aleut population, less than 2 percent of the Tsimshian and Haida, and less than 5 percent of the Athabaskan and Tlingit communities combined are fluent speakers. The Eyak language recently lost its last native fluent speaker.

We recently met with Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell at the Alaska Historical Commission meeting in November regarding language preservation and revitalization. Since

its introduction, we've further crafted the bill with the assistance of the Bush Caucus and language experts from across the state. My sincere gratitude goes to those who have assisted in this endeavor.

While the University of Alaska and Department of Education have made great strides in language preservation, the Department of Community and Regional Affairs may be the appropriate department to house the advisory council in revitalization efforts and job creation for elders and fluent speakers in communities. I was glad to learn that the Lt. Governor is a strong supporter of this bill. His staff has been very helpful researching possible obstacles it may face, particularly employment of the elderly. We hope to make language preservation as smooth as possible. Our state's tribal languages add a rich dimension to the state's culture. We want to preserve them for the benefit of the entire state.

In hopes that this bill becomes law, I hope the established council will look into revitalization programs and find the most cost effective approach. I would like to see professional experts representing diverse tribes statewide organize and prioritize recommendations of potential solutions to the legislature.

So far, we have strong support from the Bush Caucus and from Senator Albert Kookesh as a Co-Prime Sponsor as well as Representative Alan Dick sponsoring a com-

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Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!

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Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) - December 22 - December 28, 2011

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12/22	Th	12:57 a.m.	LST 1.5 H	08:11 a.m.	LST 0.0 L	03:02 p.m.	LST 1.2 H	07:52 p.m.	LST 0.7 L
12/23	F	01:47 a.m.	LST 1.5 H	09:10 a.m.	LST -0.1 L	04:11 p.m.	LST 1.2 H	08:51 p.m.	LST 0.8 L
12/24	Sa	02:44 a.m.	LST 1.5 H	10:08 a.m.	LST -0.2 L	05:14 p.m.	LST 1.3 H	09:52 p.m.	LST 0.8 L
12/25	Su	03:45 a.m.	LST 1.5 H	11:05 a.m.	LST -0.2 L	06:11 p.m.	LST 1.3 H	10:52 p.m.	LST 0.8 L
12/26	M	04:48 a.m.	LST 1.5 H	12:00 p.m.	LST -0.2 L	07:03 p.m.	LST 1.3 H	11:51 p.m.	LST 0.8 L
12/27	Tu	05:50 a.m.	LST 1.4 H	12:51 p.m.	LST -0.2 L	07:50 p.m.	LST 1.3 H		
12/28	W	12:50 a.m.	LST 0.8 L	06:49 a.m.	LST 1.4 H	01:39 p.m.	LST -0.1 L	08:33 p.m.	LST 1.3 H

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

Weather Statistics

Sunrise	12/22/11	12:04 a.m.	High Temp Low Temp Peak Wind Precip. to Date Normal Snowfall to Date Snow on Ground	33° 12/18/11 5° 12/15/11 43 mph, N, 12/15/11 18.44" 16.39" 43.9" 26"	National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391
	12/29/11	12:03 a.m.		Normal Snowfall to Date: 26"	
Sunset	12/22/11	03:57 p.m.			
	12/29/11	04:05 p.m.			

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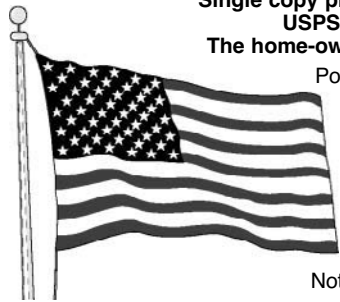
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Adrift tug pushing oil barge secured by commercial tug

A tug pushing a 287-foot barge loaded with 2.2 million gallons of diesel and 1,000 gallons of jet fuel from Valdez to Skagway, was set adrift when its starboard engine failed. The Coast Guard was notified on Sunday that the 95-foot commercial tug had suffered an engine failure leaving the vessel with reduced power and drifting to the northwest. A commercial tug caught up with the disabled tug on Monday and managed to tow it with the barge to Skagway. The Coast Guard Cutter Maple, a 225-foot buoy tender, provided a safety escort for the tow.

Army Corps issues final permit to ConocoPhillips

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a Clean Water Act permit to ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. for the CD-5 Alpine Satellite Development Project. The permit allows ConocoPhillips to build bridges and an above ground pipeline across the Colville River in the National Petroleum Reserve area A. The CD-5 permit authorizes construction of a drill pad, a six-mile long access road, four bridge crossings, two valve pads with access roads and new pipeline support structures. It also includes 22 special conditions intended to minimize the impact to the environment within the Arctic Coastal Plain. ConocoPhillips agreed to pay mitigation fees to the Conservation Fund to compensate for unavoidable losses to aquatic resources.

BOEM issues approval for Shell 2012 Chukchi Sea exploration

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management issued conditional approval of Shell Gulf of Mexico, Inc.'s revised exploration plan in the Chukchi Sea Planning Area. Shell proposes to drill up to six exploration wells in the Chukchi Sea beginning in the 2012 drilling season. BOEM conducted a site-specific environmental assessment that examined the potential environmental effects of the plan. Shell needs to obtain approvals

from the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement regarding its Oil Spill Response Plan and well-specific applications for permit to drill.

Among the conditions of approval is a measure designed to mitigate the risk of an end-of-season oil spill by requiring Shell to leave sufficient time to implement cap and containment operations as well as significant clean-up before the onset of sea ice, in the event of a loss of well control. Based on a five-year analysis of his-



toric weather patterns, BOEM anticipates November 1 as the earliest anticipated date of ice encroachment. The 38-day period would also provide a window for the drilling of a relief well, should one be required. Approval is also conditioned on a series of other measures to increase safety and confirm the availability of response equipment, including a well capping and containment system, and to ensure that Shell takes important steps to avoid conflicts with subsistence activities. In addition to BSEE approvals, Shell must also obtain necessary permits from other agencies — the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The Alaska Congressional Delegation expressed dismay that BOEM only issued a conditional approval that put the 38-day buffer in place. U.S. Sen. Mark Begich claims that Alaska has done offshore exploration before and “we’ve done it safely, and the technology is better now than it has ever been.” Senator Lisa Murkowski said, “Some of the conditions attached to this decision seem to be a response to newspaper ads, rather than founded in science.” “This arbitrarily curtails an already very short drilling season, unneces-

sarily putting the project at risk,” Murkowski said.

Christen confirmed to serve at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Alaskan Supreme Court Justice Morgan Christen was last week confirmed to serve as the first Alaskan woman on the Ninth Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals, in an overwhelming 95-3 vote. Justice Christen was recommended to the White House after Judge Andrew Kleinfeld of Fairbanks retired. Christen earned her law degree from Golden Gate University School of Law in 1986 and was admitted to the Alaska Bar where she worked on complex civil litigation at Preston, Gates & Ellis. In 2001, then Gov. Tony Knowles named her to the Alaska Superior Court and she became presiding judge in 2005. In March 2009, she was named to the Supreme Court by then Gov. Sarah Palin. Christen has been recognized for her extensive public service by the Chamber of Commerce’s Athena Society and she was named Alaska Philanthropist of the Year in 2004 with her husband Jim Torgerson.

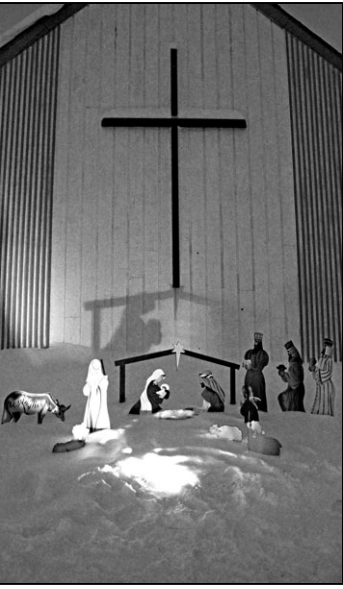


Photo by Nadja Cavin
PEACEFUL – Nativity Scene in front the of Nome Covenant Church on Bering Street in Nome.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 22 - December 28, 2011

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, December 22		
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7:00 a.m. - noon
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2:00 p.m.
*Lunch Laps	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Ping Pong	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, December 23		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kinder Gym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Quiet Time	Kegoayah Library	10:00 a.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.
Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24		
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5:00 p.m.
*Nome Rec Center	Closing at 5:00 p.m.	
*Children's Pageant & Vigil Mass	St. Joseph Church	5:30 p.m.
*Caroling with Mass	St. Joseph Church	12 Midnight
*Candlelight Service	Community United	
	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m.
	Our Savior's Lutheran Church	7:00 p.m.
*Candlelight Service		
<i>Half of offering will go toward the Bering Sea Shelter</i>		



Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

*Nome Rec Center & Pool	CLOSED ALL DAY	
*Christmas Mass	St. Joseph Church	10:30 a.m.
*Christmas Morning Service	Community United	
	Methodist Church	11:00 a.m.
	Our Savior's Lutheran Church	11:00 a.m.

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Monday, December 26		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Kinder Gym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10:00 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Open Spe Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Pool	CLOSED	
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 27		
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7:00 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*Lunch Laps	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	Noon - 2:00 p.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 28		
*Pickup Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m.-7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*To be determined	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10:00 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Open Spe Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Night Owl Yoga	Nome Rec Center	9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Community points of interest:		
*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum:	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Tu-Sa)	
*Kegoayah Kozga Library:	12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (M-Th),	
	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (F-Sa)	
*Nome Visitor Center:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (M-F)	
*Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus: Closed for renovation	
*XYZ Center - Center Street:	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (M-F)	

The NRC will be closed Saturday, December 31 at 5pm through Monday, January 2.
The Swimming Pool will be closed Sunday, January 1 and Monday, January 2.
City Hall will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2.



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Nomeites cite alcohol abuse and treatment as priority for solution

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome's planning panel has cleared its comprehensive plan public review draft available for public comment.

That was the consensus at a recent Nome Planning Commission meeting Dec. 6 when commissioners tweaked the draft document once more. Public notice was issued that the 30-day review had begun, following which the document would go back to the NPC or final changes and then to the Nome Common Council to vote on a resolution of ap-

proval.

NPC members went around the table with their dream list for progress. Commissioner Randy Romanesko wanted a jumpstart to the housing shortage issue as regards quantity and quality of housing available. He advocated incentives like tax breaks.

Commissioner Larry Petersen thought a pressing issue was promoting development in the region, especially in oil, gas and minerals.

Jimmy Adams was for improvement of transportation logistics.

Commissioner Jeff Darling wanted emphasis on building infrastructure necessary for building the economy in Nome. Later in the meeting, Darling voiced a need for developing a source of fuel other than barges.

"We need to work with government official to have other than windmills spinning on a hill somewhere," Darling said. "About a Russian tanker bringing fuel to Nome from Korea chaps my ass. It's a tough one for me to swallow." Commissioner Tom Sparks wanted to see incentives for complying with building codes.

"We have code updates that are being violated," he said. "We don't have good procedures on how to deal with this."

Over months of work by Nome Planning Commission with their consultant, Eileen Bechtol of Bechtol Associates of Homer, the commission has already built the Nome Comprehensive Plan 2020 on public input and surveys, hashing out many details more than once.

The commission held a town meeting on June 6, 2010, and conducted an online survey regarding plan issues during October, November and December last year. The plan addresses four goals: quality of life,

economic development, public improvements and services, and land use goals. Copies of the plan are available at City Hall. Comment period extends into January. The final copy will go to the Nome Common Council for approval.

According to public input, without editing by the NPC, the strengths internal to Nome are sense of community—strong community pride, pride in Nome's history, strong arts presence, neighborliness, access to fabulous country, diversity of cultures, easy access to wilderness and viewing of wildlife; advantages—private land ownership, amazing support for students through fundraising and scholarships, already planned tourist events of Iditarod; services—winter road clearing, extensive road system, port; City of Nome services—water and sewer, library, police, museum, city streets; and "Nome gets lots of government funding."

Alcohol abuse tops the list of community concerns. According to public input, the weaknesses within Nome are substance abuse and lack of rehabilitation facilities; economic concerns—overspending, high cost of goods and services and isolation with outside dependence on sup-

plies; governmental issues—tightening land use policies, lack of internal processes to maintain roads, structures and parks in town; education—shortage of college graduates, no trade school, no infant swings for babies at any park, shortage of bike paths for all ages, lack of parenting classes; junk vehicles and derelict structures—not enough motivation to clean up, "abandon" lots started at random and allowed to grow, com-

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Photo by Diana Haecker
SHOVEL READY— Wayne Alvis probably takes the prize for being snowed in as he was faced with the gargantuan task of removing a giant snowdrift from his truck.

• Russian fuel tanker

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tiple agencies responsible for safety and security.

"It is a plan with a thousand moving parts that get tweaked day by day," Jason Evans, board chairman for Sitnasuak said. Staff from Sitnasuak and Vitus Marine and other stakeholders in safe and efficient delivery are participating each morning in USCG coordinated conference calls that include SUCG in Juneau, Sitka, Kodiak, state DEC, NOAA weather service, Port of Nome, City of Nome, federal Fish and Wildlife.

"Anytime you do something that hasn't been done before, it takes a tremendous amount of time and coordination," Evans said. "If it has to be done again, it will seem a thousand times simpler."

"The supplier, fuel terminals, ship agents, and vessel captain are working together with Vitus to proceed on schedule," Smith said.

The *Renda* is not taking on gasoline from Korea because that supply is configured for the Southern California market and does not comply with Nome's winter temperature requirements, Evans said last week. It was foreseen that the gasoline transfer would likely be a barge-to-tanker transfer mid-ocean to save time and simplify logistics. In Asia, Japan had the only source of gasoline correct for Nome, according to Evans.

Last week Lt. Veronica Colbath, USCG public affairs officer in Juneau, said the USCG the ice cutter *S/V Healy* would assist the *Renda's* break through the ice if the *Healy's* schedule permitted. The *Healy* has since left the Nome area and returned to Dutch Harbor for National Science Foundation staff to disembark following a seven-month science project. Colbath confirmed Monday that the *Healy* would assist in the *Renda's* fuel delivery, barring inordinate delays, weather interference preventing safe passage or the

Renda's failure to pass inspection required to enter U.S. waters. The cut-off date for the *Healy's* availability is Jan. 21 when the icebreaker is scheduled for a yard period in Seattle.

"We have approval to extend the *Healy* another month so she can assist. It has already been underway already for seven months. Hopefully in this time all the logistics will fall into place, the port state control inspection of the *Renda* passes, there are no more delays in loading fuel or any other kind of delays; the *Renda's* there, the *Healy's* there at the ice edge, the *Healy* breaks the *Renda* through about 300 miles of ice. From there everyone involved will do everything they can to ensure the safe delivery of the fuel," Colbath explained. "The financial cost to the Coast Guard and the hardship on the *Healy's* crew caused by the delay in returning to home port is worth ensuring that the fuel aboard the *Renda* is transported in a safe manner."

"The *Renda* is capable, but I know the capabilities of the United States Coast Guard are tremendous, and if the *Healy* is there, it gives us another whole level of confidence," Evans said.

In Nome, consumers are waiting to see what effect the dramatic delivery will have on fuel increases. Evans has declined to say until legal and logistical questions have been answered. Nomeites currently pay \$6 a gallon for fuel. Based on information from Evans, added delivery costs could push up prices by a couple of dollars a gallon to start. Before the *Renda* arrives, there is ample supply of heating fuel in storage. Without the delivery, there could be a shortage in vehicle fuel.

Bonanza Fuel, Inc., is one of two fuel suppliers serving the Nome market. The other distributor is a subsidiary of Crowley Maritime that barges in its own fuel.

• Lease sale

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tals are already bringing in money to the state's coffers. Letters with notifications to the highest bidders went out last month and bidders have 30 days to pay the difference between the minimum payment of 88 cents per acre and the final bid.

Anglo Gold Ashanti Exploration

Inc. emerged as the highest bidder on 24 large tracts and, according to Krause, already forked over \$5.5 million to pay their lease dues to the state. Solomon Gold Inc., also a big player in the sealed bid portion of the auction, submitted their payments of over \$500,000 for three tracts.

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Governor's budget includes Nome projects

By Diana Haecker

Alaska Governor Sean Parnell presented his proposal for the fiscal year 2013 budget last week at an Anchorage Chamber of Commerce meeting. Parnell proposed a total budget of \$12.1 billion, which includes Permanent Fund and federal dollars. The state portion of the budget totals \$6.4 billion. Parnell's budget proposes to put \$3.7 billion in the state's savings account.

Parnell sounded the drum roll for his budget proposal with three announcements a week before he finally released it on December 15. If it's any indication, Parnell's first announcement was about resource development and the state's willingness to finance roads to resources to the tune of \$28.5 million, streamline permitting services for \$3.3 million and assessing rare earth mineral exploitation and shale oil assessments for \$3.8 million. "Better transportation corridors will open up petroleum and mining opportunities," Governor Parnell said. "Mineral exploration expenditures are up, and with our efforts to streamline the permitting process, we are working to secure Alaska's resources for Alaskans' benefit."

The second announcement was about education funding and Parnell's pet project, the Alaska Performance Scholarship. The third press release touched on emergency preparedness, a subject on everybody's mind after a super storm wreaked havoc in coastal Northwestern Alaska. The governor's budget proposal includes \$4.9 million for emergency food supplies to be distributed and securely stored in several locations throughout the state. This appropriation, in conjunction with funding provided in last year's capital budget for emergency power and water purification, will help communities prepare and provide critical emergency services. The budget also includes \$3 million for a helicopter for the Alaska State Troopers.

Roads to Resources

Parnell budgeted \$10 million for a road to Tanana, which would support a route for access to western Alaska. He penciled in \$4 million for a road to the Ambler Mining District — NovaCopper, a daughter company to NovaGold Resources, has announced plans to explore on their Upper Kobuk mineral property and

began a partnership with Kotzebue regional Native corporation NANA. The governor said that road funding would provide for all-season access for exploration and development of mineral resources within the Ambler Mining District. The \$4 million would be spent on defining an optimal corridor, proceed with permitting and environmental work, and establish a right-of-way. "A public-private partnership will be explored to proceed with financing and construction," the budget release reads. NovaGold was the first beneficiary under the Roads to Resources program under then-Governor Frank Murkowski. The state built the new spur of the Glacier Creek Road from the Nome-Teller Highway to the Rock Creek mine.

Besides resource development, Parnell's priorities include education, public safety and transportation and infrastructure.

The Governor's budget proposal includes forward funding of K-12 education with \$1.1 billion and fund the Alaska Performance Scholarship program for 2011 and 2012 high school classes.

Reasoning that it is cheaper to borrow than to spend the state's cash

reserves, Parnell proposed a \$350 million general obligation bond for several port projects in the state.

Nome budget line items

Nome fared well as Parnell included \$10 million for the planning of the new state office building. Nome City Manager Josie Bahnke was elated to hear the news. "We weren't expecting to see anything for the state office building, but it shows that the Governor is committed to the project. That's great," Bahnke said.

Another pleasant surprise was to see \$1.5 million penciled in for Nome harbor repair of the south and east dock fenders. The city applied for a municipal harbor grant through the DOT, and when all statewide harbor projects were ranked and scored, the Nome project ended up number 10 on the list. "In this context, we were surprised, but very happy to see the \$1.5 million for the harbor improvements in the Governor's budget," Bahnke said.

Also in the budget are \$3 million for the replacement of so called Sclaircore pipes. Nome Joint Utilities System manager John Handeland explained that he applied to DEC's Municipal Matching Grant

Program for funding assistance. "Our application was for East End Sclaircore replacement. The area to be targeted with this grant is N Street and some work west of it on 3rd, 4th and 5th Avenue," Handeland explained. He said that now that funding seems certain, NJUS would prioritize and plan the two- or three-year project. The \$3 million would go toward the 2012 construction season.

Other line items for Nome include \$1.7 million for deferred maintenance at the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center; and almost \$47 million in federal funds for the Nome Airport safety area improvements.

Regional budget items include \$500,000 for an airport master plan in Barrow; a snow removal equipment storage building for Little Diomed — \$110,000; Northwest Alaska: digital mapping initiative — \$16 million; Prudhoe Bay: Geologic Assessment of North Slope shale oil potential — \$100,000; \$1 million for shale oil environmental data gathering; Shaktoolik: K-12 school renovation just over \$9 million; Shishmaref: airport resurfacing for \$6.3 million.

NSEDC provides utility subsidy

By Tyler Rhodes,
NSEDC communications director

Recognizing that high energy costs impact nearly every aspect of life in the Norton Sound region, the Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors voted December 7 to provide a \$500 utility subsidy for the region's residents.

The program will mirror NSEDC's 2008 initiative that paid \$500 toward the residential electricity accounts for each household in NSEDC's 15 member communities. That effort led to NSEDC applying \$1.18 million to accounts representing 2,368 households.

Both this year and in 2008, the idea for the subsidy was proposed to the full board by Koyuk representative Elvina Naranjo. The motion enjoyed unanimous support from the NSEDC Board of Directors.

As in 2008, the 2012 subsidy is an isolated contribution to residents of NSEDC's member communities and not constructed to be an ongoing or yearly program. The subsidy complements NSEDC's long-term efforts to bring down energy costs in the region which include NSEDC's Community Energy Fund, its bulk

fuel purchasing program and region-wide energy planning efforts in coordination with other entities.

"NSEDC's Board of Directors realize that high energy costs eat up a disproportionate and excessive amount of our residents' income compared to other regions of our state and nation," said NSEDC Board Chairman Dan Harrelson. "As NSEDC's energy programs take hold and start to make a difference—like the Community Energy Fund which allots \$1 million for renewable and efficiency projects in each member community—we hope this assistance helps families address other immediate priorities."

As with the 2008 subsidy, households will be required to sign up directly with NSEDC rather than their utility provider. NSEDC plans to launch its effort to sign up households in January and will soon be distributing information to each member community on the details of the subsidy. Please direct any questions regarding the subsidy to the NSEDC Community Benefits Department and not your local utility company. For more information, contact Paul Ivanoff III in Unalakleet at 1-800-358-3190 or pivanoff@nsedc.com.



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CONTINUED CONSTRUCTION— The Governor's budget has allocated \$3 million for Sclaircore pipes replacements in East Nome. Here, NJUS employees work on pipe issues at Steadman and 5th Avenue.

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Not pictured: Scott Johnson

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Short Stories:

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Written in Nome City, Alaska by Chas.L.Guimond

From the Jim Walsh Family Collection in the Archives of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum, Nome, Alaska Museum Editor's Note: The darn grammar and spelling errors are all his!

Once again, the *Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum* is pleased to present an unpublished manuscript from our archives. We know little

about Chas. L. Guimond, the author of these short stories. He was born Leo Charles Guimond in Holyoke, Massachusetts on November 21,

1879. He was 21 years old when he landed on our beaches to seek his fortune in gold. Guimond wrote several entertaining stories in his

journal throughout the long, cold Nome winter of 1900-1901. The Museum will publish more of Chas's musings in upcoming issues of *The*

Nome Nugget.
For now let's go back in time 110 years ago to a small cabin occupied by seven grown men ...

Christmas thoughts in
a Nome cabin

By Chas.L.Guimond
Nome City, Alaska
Dec. 25, 1900

The bells are tolling the joyous tidings announcing to the world the anniversary of the Birth of our Savior. Joyous tidings to some, but sad and lonely recollection it will bring to others in this land of darkness. Thoughts of the past will come to them, not to gladden, but to sadden their lonely hearts. Sitting in my lonely Cabin as I write, I am one of several thousands more. Shall I tell you what they think about? I will endeavor to do so with one sweet word – Home – Oh!

Blessed is he who on this blessed Christmas can enjoy the comforts and happiness of home, surrounded by the love and loving ones who make the happiness of a home. Think my dear Readers, who happen to read these lines, of the poor lonely one who is spending his Christmas day in a lonely Cabin upon the bleak and dreary shores of Cape Nome. Think of him, who through force of circumstances, is away from the ones he loves and who love him. Will he ever see them again? Will he again receive the sweet kiss of a lov-

ing wife? Will he ever again behold the sweet faces of little Angels in the form of his children? Will he again listen to their childish prattle, or is he doomed to die upon these dreary shores a lonely man in a Cape Nome Cabin. (Time will tell) Pray for his return to his beloved ones, that he may enjoy some future Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in the family circle, in his comfortable home. From which, like thousands more, Dame Fortune, with her alluring golden visions, tempted him to leave to seek fortune in Alaska.

He left his home, friends and family intending to return in time to spend Christmas with the ones he loves so well. But instead of fortune, he, like thousands more met disappointment. Oh: how true the old saying "Man proposes, but God disposes." As he sits in the stillness of his Cape Nome Cabin, he breathes a prayer to the Angels in Heaven, that they may spread their protecting wings over his loved ones, and that they may be spared to enjoy many a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



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CHRISTMAS DINNER BILL OF FARE – "Entrees Icicles Pot Pie, Snow Balls Dumplings, Behring Sea Breeze" Chas. Guimond *Short Stories* 1900.

Christmas Dinner Bill of Fare in a Nome Cabin

Soups

Nugget and Gold Dust

Roast

Hind Quarter of Arctic Fox, Nome Black Sand Dressing

Entrees

Icicles Pot Pie, Snow Balls Dumplings, Behring Sea Breeze.

Vegetables

Frozen Potatoes a la Nome beach

Dessert

Pumpkin Pie Behring Sea Style
Ice without Cream,
Cheese with Whiskers On

No Tea nor Coffee
Pure Alaska Water.



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"CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS IN A NOME CABIN" — "Think my dear Readers, who happen to read these lines, of the poor lonely one who is spending his Christmas day in a lonely cabin upon the bleak and dreary shores of Cape Nome." Chas. Guimond *Short Stories* 1900.

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BRINGING IN THE NEW CENTURY – “Let us hope that the twentieth century may not have to record as many bloody wars and strifes as the nineteenth Century has had. That man may use his ingenuity to a grander and nobler purpose than to devising some new and more effectively murderous Apparatus with which to brutally slaughter his fellow man.” Chas. Guimond *Short Stories* 1900



The old and The New (19th and 20th Century)

By Chas.L. Guimond
Nome City, Alaska
January 1, 1901

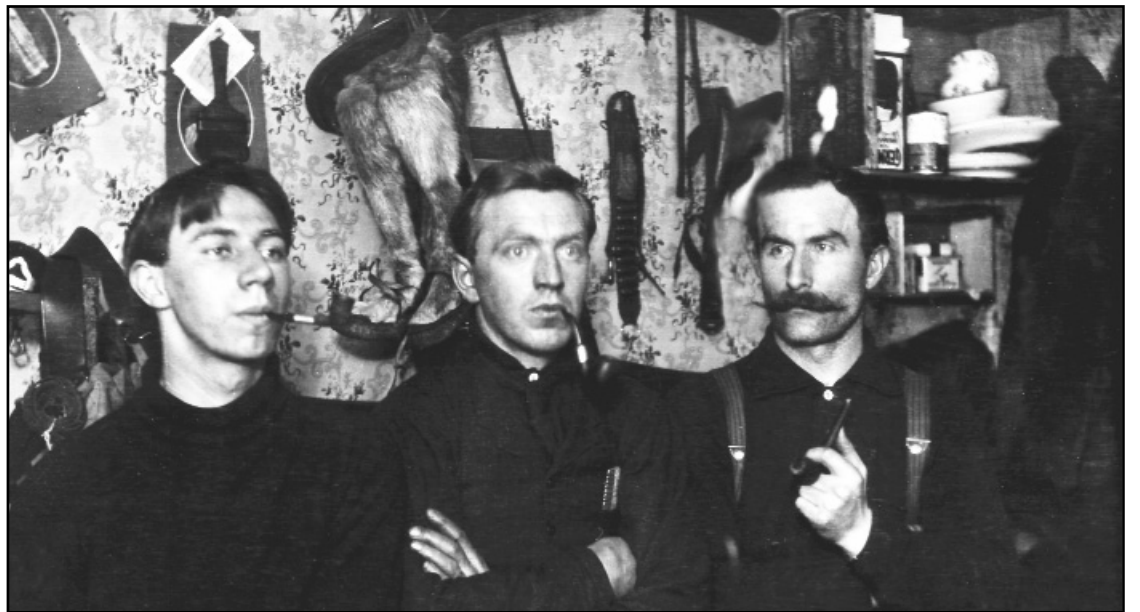
The clock has struck twelve (Midnight). With the last stroke of the clock, the Old Year vanishes and the New Year takes its place. So it is with the nineteenth Century. It has vanished and the new replaced the old, as it is in all things.

The nineteenth century, like its predecessors, has witnessed the great shifts which have taken place during the one hundred years of its existence. Great wars have taken place almost in all parts of the world. Wars which have brought sorrow, pain and devastations upon some country or another. Some of the wars which the nineteenth Century has witnessed have been brought on by the selfishness and greed of men. Some have been brought about between nations through differences of opinions, but more blood has been shed through oppressions and tyranny than from any other Cause.

Nations unable to carry the yoke

of tyranny any longer have resorted to arms in order to gain their liberty and freedoms. Armies of brave men have been annihilated. Women have shed bitter tears at the loss of husbands and sons. Innocent children have been left orphans. All through cruel wars, which might have been avoided if men had used a little sober judgment and had granted to his fellowman freedom and liberty as God has decreed he should enjoy.

Let us hope that the twentieth century may not have to record as many bloody wars and strife's as the nineteenth Century has had. That man may use his ingenuity to a grander and nobler purpose than to devising some new and more effectively murderous Apparatus with which to brutally slaughter his fellow man. That the day is not far distant when nations will settle their difficulties without having recourse to the so called civilized warfare, which means the unnecessary taking of life and shedding of blood.



Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

EVERYONE IS ENJOYING A GOOD SMOKE OUT OF HIS OLD CORN COB PIPE — “The tin plates and cups have all been washed and put away carefully in their usual places by old Charlie the cook, an old timer of by gone days.” Chas. Guimond *Short Stories* 1900.

“Among the Boys in a Nome Cabin” One of the many long winter evenings

By Chas.L. Guimond
Nome City, Alaska
Fby.1, 1901

Supper is over, the flapjacks and bacon and beans has been disposed of by this jolly and amiable crowd of “Boys” as men of all ages are always called in a Mining Camp. The tin plates and cups have all been washed and put away carefully in their usual places by old Charlie the cook, an old timer of bygone days. Everyone is enjoying a good smoke out of his old corn cob pipe.

Kyokuk Joe, who derives his nickname on account of having made a trip two years ago upon the Kyokuk River looking for gold. Having found nothing but granite, he came a poorer but not much wiser man than he was when he went in.

Joe is a good harmless sort of a man. Only he is very fond of recounting his adventures and hair breadth escapes on the Kyokuk when he gets started. He has recounted them so often that he got to believing them himself. Besides he

is very fond of impressing upon the minds of his hearers that his memorable trips upon the Kyokuk entitles him to have a better knowledge of

Alaska than the one who has not been up that great and wonderful

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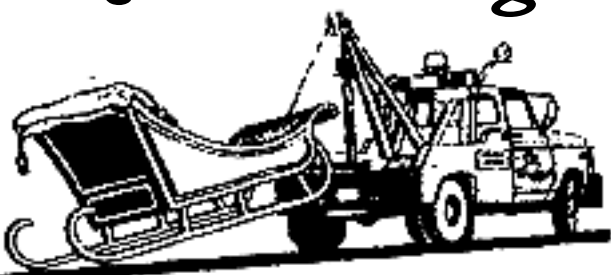
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• *Among the Boys in a Nome Cabin*

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river.

This genial party who is batching it together this winter in a Nome Cabin consists of six good Jolly fellows, namely Kyokuk Joe, Arizona Pete, Chicago Gus, California Dick, Kotzebue Sound Frenchy and old Pan Cake Charlie, the cook that comes from nobody knows where.

So, upon this particular cold January evening upon which I write, Kyokuk Joe is busy with needle and thread and a piece of dog skin, that he picked up on the beach, in making himself a nose protector. He intends to go in the morning after a load of willows three miles up Dry Creek and he does not wish to take any chances of getting this very nec-

essary appendage to the human face frost bitten.

Kotzebue Sound Frenchy is sitting on the other side of the table engaged in cutting off the sleeves of his fur Parkie to make himself a Cap with. Chicago Gus and California Dick are discussing the possibilities of getting on the Police Force if Nome City gets incorporated.

Old Pan Cake Charlie the cook, is in his bunk and swearing in three languages at Arizona Pete, who is sitting on a box with his old cracked fiddle. It sounds like the croaking of the musical frog or the distant Melody of the Rocky Mountain burro. To his own accompaniment upon that ancient fiddle, he sings a few lines of the refrain of that once popular but

now very much out of date song: Annie Roone. When he gets to the refrain on his old fiddle, he then in a voice more accustomed to singing out: "I'll take mine straight" than to sing the refrain of a beautiful song, he bellows out

*She is my sweetheart.
I am her Beau.
She is my Annie.
I am her Joe.*

As it is all he knows, he commences over and over again at these same lines. That is what makes old Pan Cake Charlie angry and swears that he wishes Pete and Annie Rooney in a warmer clime than Nome, where the weather don't register 40 below zero. He calls down

all sorts of maledictions on poor Pete and his old fiddle, but Pete keeps on scratching on the old fiddle and never misses to sing the lines when he gets to them.

— *She is my sweetheart* —

"What are you making, Joe ?" asks Chicago Gus.

"A nose protector."

"What in the name of goodness do you want of a nose protector and the Thermometer today 16 above?"

"Well, I am going after willows tomorrow up Dry Creek"

— *She is my sweetheart* —

"O for goodness sake Pete, Lite up on Annie Rooney ,"says California Dick and " let us hear what Joe has to say."

"So you are going after willows tomorrow?"

"Yes I am, and I don't want to take any chances of freezing my nose as I did up on the Kyokuk ."

"O Lord, The Kyokuk again!" says old Pan Cake Charlie.

"Well, didn't I tell you about it?"

"Don't remember."

"No, I told old Charlie about it. Do you remember Charlie, when I told you about freezing my nose on the Kyokuk?"

"Oh yes, I remember all about it Joe, and have pity on me and let me sleep."

— *She is my sweetheart.* —

"O D—n you and your sweet heart!"

come from the balance of the company in chorus.

"Let up, Pete, for heaven's sake! Break it off short."

"Well, it was like this," continued Joe, "I went hunting one day on the Kyokuk."

"O Lord: O Lord: have mercy on me." mutters Old Pan Cake Charlie.

"It was the time that I killed that Polar bear that weighed three thousand one hundred and nine pounds and three quarters. You heard me speak about it Charlie."

"Oh, yes I did."

"You killed what?" simultaneously exclaimed Chicago Gus and California Dick. "What are you talking about Joe? Polar bears ain't found on the Kyokuk. They are only found

— *She is my sweetheart.* —

in the Northern seas near the North Pole."

Here old Pan Cake Charlie was heard to say under his breath: "Of course I wish Pete had been there with his d—ed old fiddle and that the bear would have chewed up fiddle and all, and I wouldn't have to endure all this misery."

"Why, You fellows ain't seen anything. Go up on the Kyokuk and then you'll see something."


"That's all right," puts in Chicago Gus, "But when it comes to killing Polar bears on the Koykuk, that's too rich for my blood. I can't swallow that. You don't believe it, do you?"

"No I don't!" Simultaneously

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"SHE IS MY SWEETHEART!!!" – "Old Pan Cake Charlie the cook, is in his bunk and swearing in three languages at Arizona Pete, who is sitting on a box with his old cracked fiddle. It sounds like the croaking of the musical frog". Chas. Guimond *Short Stories* 1900.



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• Among the Boys in a Nome Cabin

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comes from Gus and Dick.

“Well,” said Joe in support of his story, “if ever you come across Captain Crowell, he was our Captain up there. I mean Captain Crowell that piled up the *Harriet* on Nome beach.”

—She is my sweetheart—

“Oh! Oh!” and another grunt from old Pan Cake Charlie.

“Captain Crowell will tell you the woods were full of them, and Frenchy, he’ll tell you he saw lots of them on Kotzebue Sound.”

“O yes: I zee lots of Polar bairs. I kill zix of them animals. Some ones go much bigger as diz cabine. I kill em vun ven I discover vun big quartz mines. It waz all rich with vit differents metalles. Very, very rich.”

“Well, what did you do with the mine?”

“Oh: eet iz thair yet ,”

“What was in it? asked Dick. “Gold or silver?”

“O all kinds of such dings.”

“Didn’t you get it assayed?”

“Yes,”

“Well, you ought to know what there is in it.”

“I cain not read the paper ze man give to me.”

“Have you got the assay certificate?”

“Yes, et es in mine valisse.”

“Get it and let us look at it,”

Frenchy goes and gets the certificate and hands it to Dick to read, and this is a true copy of it:

This is to certify that I have this day examined a piece of rock which is said to have been found upon Crazy Mountain by a crazy man in crazy mining district on Kotzebue Sound Alaska and find it to contain the following!

*Strong expectations of hard work.
Good indications of poverty.
Sulphurets of despair. Manganese of damnation.*

Oxides of bankruptcy. Silica of insanity.

Many signs of starvation, and traces of suicide for the man who discovered it.

John Shuhymagal
Assayer

The party broke into a laugh at the conclusion of the reading of this curious paper. Frenchy looked at me and then the other, unable to account for their merriment.

“Oh! Yes,very well,” says Dick. “Are you going to work it?”

“Vell, I dink I see enough soon.”

“I think you’d better go back and dig a hole in it and bury yourself,” chips in Old Pan Cake Charlie.

“Vat you know about mines, you old fool! You ask Joe. He know some dings about it.

He prospect on the Koykuk and he know all about der mines.”

“O shut up, you frog eating fool and you fellows go to bed!”

By this time, Pete had changed off from Annie Rooney to the Arkansas Travelers.

“For Heaven’s sake Pete, let up for tonight,” says Chicago Gus. “Let us hear something about the country, while we have a chance. Dick and I are New Comers in the Country and may not have another chance to meet with two old timers like Joe and Frenchy to get some informations.

“Oh! Yes!” says Frenchy. “I will tell you all I know about de country.

“Yes and a h-ll of a lot more,” mutters old Charlie.

“Now Joe, you commence to tell us about that mine that you discovered on the Kyokuk.

“O! Lord have mercy, have mercy, they are going to get him started again!” exclaims old Pan Cake.

“Yes, Yes, I tell you all about eet,” puts in Frenchy.

“Not you! you d—d fool,” says Dick. “What the h-ll do you know about the Kyokuk? You never was there.”

“Well, it was just like this,” commenced Joe. “I was Polar bear hunting, see, when I stumbled against a piece of rock and of course I could tell by the weight of it that it contained gold, see. So I take it aboard of our steamer the *Joy Weekly*. (steamer took its name from the fact that it went into the river one week and tried to get down the next), I showed it to my partner, Captain Crowell, an expert miner from nowhere. He pronounced it good, so, as I had no way to assay it, I put it in to the fine box of the *Troy Weekly* to melt, see. Next morning, with the help of my fine man, I took it out. The gold, copper and silver, not the rock of course.”

“Of course not, of course not,” answered both Gus and Dick, who had become very much interested.

“Ho ho ho, he he he, ha ha ha,” came from Old Charlie the cook, as he could no longer restrain his mer-

riment at the wonderful tale of this novel way of assaying.

“Well, of course we could not weigh

the different chunks of metals on a gold scale so we put them on a Fairbanks scale with the following result: Gold, forty three thousand dollars to

the ton; silver, twelve thousand dollars and copper six thousand dollars

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Nome's annual vaccination clinic serves 300 pets

By Diana Haecker

The annual pet vaccination clinic held in Nome brought a total of 300 Nome pets to be vaccinated by Nome veterinarian Dr. Derrick Leedy. As soon as most of the four-legged clients came through the door of the new location, the Nome Ambulance Garage, they knew what's a coming: Shots to ward off canine parvo, distemper, the adeno virus, para influenza and to top it off, a stinging dose of mercury-free rabies vaccination. After the bad part of being poked, the animals received the tasty dewormer paste.

Dr. Leedy said that out of the 300 pets, about 40 were cats, the rest being dogs. Leedy said that he also offered bordetella vaccine and canine influenza vaccine. He said that canine influenza is a serious disease that has not reached Alaska yet – it is mostly occurring in California and is a disease that jumped to dogs from horses. Although Leedy offered *bordetella* vaccines, nobody accepted those. *Bordetella bronchiseptica* causes kennel cough in dogs. The cats received a special feline rabies vaccination and a combo that included a vaccination against feline

leukemia.

Feline leukemia has occurred in Nome and in cats it's brought on by a virus. "It's like the human HIV virus in as much as it suppresses the function of the immune system," explained Dr. Leedy. He said there is no treatment for feline leukemia. "That's why vaccination is so crucial," he said. While the animals were there, Dr. Leedy gave them a mini-checkup, observed how they walked and checked for heart functions.

"The value of these vaccination

clinics is that I see the animals and check for their medical conditions," Leedy said. He was able to detect three systolic heart murmurs in older pets that, if left untreated, would progress quickly into congestive heart failure. Dr. Leedy also noticed six pets who needed to get their teeth cleaned.

"The clinic is not just a vaccination clinic but also a medical clinic," Leedy said. "After 40 years in practice I can almost just look at a pet and say 'Yes, I need to check his heart because I suspect a problem.' It

works! This is why it is so important to have your pet seen each year."

The vaccination clinic started on Wednesday and ended on Saturday. Volunteers helped with the paperwork and handling the animals. Leedy said that he worked with two physicians assistants from Norton Sound Regional Hospital and had help from Sharon Keeney, Loretta Bullard, Chrystie Salesky and Bruce Tungwenuk.

At end of the clinic, 293 animals were licensed in the City of Nome and 300 animals were vaccinated.



YUMMM— Dennis Weidler's dog Tater finds the de-wormer paste an acquired taste as Dr. Derrick Leedy administers the medicine during the annual pet vaccination clinic, held this year at the Nome Ambulance Garage.



• Among the Boys in a Nome Cabin

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to the ton, see.

"Wonderful!" exclaimed Gus and Dick.

"Yess, vary much!" says Frenchy. "And vat for you vaz not gone back and work dat mine Joe?"

"Well, copper and silver are so low that we thought we'd wait until it comes up, as all the other suckers in our Company don't know anything about it. My partner Captain Crowell is somewhere east now forming a Company, see."

At this moment a noise is heard as of a telegraphic wire snapping in two and Pete's old fiddle suddenly stops. All hands turn in the direction of Pete who is still sitting on his box, his arms hanging to his sides. In one hand he holds Old Charlie's enemy the fiddle, in the other the bow. In an instant Joe, Gus, Dick and Frenchy are at his side.

Dick is the first one to speak: "What's the matter Pete? Did the gee strings on the bobstays of your back snapp in two?"

"Tell us whats the matter," says Gus. "Maybe we can do something for you."

Even Joe, who has had so many hair breadth escapes while prospecting and hunting the Polar bears on the Kyokuk, turns pale at the blanched face of Pete and mutters: "I think apoplexy brought on by eating too many flap jacks."

Frenchy steps up and endeavors to reach for his pulse when all of a sudden Pete raises his right hand and hits him a crack across the jaw with the bow. "Take that you frog eating Kotzebue Sound liar!" Then he points to the fiddle.

"A broken string." simultaneously answers Joe, Gus, and Dick.

At the word "broken string", Old Pan Cake Charlie, who every one thinks asleep, jumps out of bed and lets a whoop that would have done credit to a Comanche Warrior, and shouts: "hurrah, hurrah. Ha ha ha he he he ho ho ho. Good-by Annie Rooney. Good-bye Arkansas traveler! We are rid of you both for this Winter at least, as cat gut is as scarce in Nome as Cats are themselves." There is no fear of a saw string, and in his glee, dances the highland fling on one leg and catches hold of Frenchy and swings him around the Cabin in a manner which is more forcible than decorum in a well regulated ball room.

Pete, after casting a loving glance on the old fiddle, hangs it on its customary peg. Until the broken cat gut can be replaced, the light is put out and pretty soon each of these Jolly companions is playing a tune with his own nose that make the sides of the Cabin shake.

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Nome Boy's Basketball team dominates Delta Huskies

By Stephen Palmatier

Basketball is officially upon us! This past weekend, the Nome-Beltz High School Nanook boy's basketball team got their season off to a fast start by winning both games played against Delta Junction. In the first game they were able to hold a 4th quarter lead and hang on 59-51. However, in the second game, they faced a 4th quarter deficit to which the Nanooks were able to overcome in a 61-58 thriller.

In the first game of the weekend, the Nanooks got out to an early lead in the first quarter with a 16-11 first lead. By halftime, the lead for the Nanooks was only three points at 27-24. However, the big difference in the game was the way the Nanooks came out in the second half. In the

third quarter, the Nanooks scored 20 points and in the fourth quarter another 12. The second half was simply too much offense for Delta Junction to be able to keep pace with.

The big story of the first game though was the play of senior forward Nathan Blandford. Blandford scored a game high 29 points for the Nanooks dominating both inside the paint and from the outside shooting the ball. Tyler Eide and Jens Irelan each contributed eight points each alongside to help Blandford's performance.

In the second game the next night, the game started off even better for the Nanooks by getting out to a quick 16-8 lead in the first quarter. The Nanooks then had trouble on defense in the second quarter forcing a 25-25

tie at halftime. In the third quarter, the defense did not seem to improve at all as the Nanooks gave up 16 points in that quarter and faced a 41-35 deficit after three quarters. And then in the fourth quarter, the game completely changed momentum to the Nanooks as they finished the fourth quarter with 26 points capping a comeback three point victory.

After the first game, the big question for the Nanooks was going to be the production coming from other

players besides Blandford. They were able to answer that question in the second game as Tyler Eide exploded for 24 points and freshman Daniel Head added 12 points. Blandford, who was struggling for much of the game, finished with a respectable 14 of his own.

"In this game, Delta Junction boxed in Nathan Blandford, and it required our other players to step up which they did," said Pat Callahan, head coach of the Nanook boys.

The Nanook boys with the two wins now hold a 42 game winning streak at home and head to the ACS Tournament in Anchorage in two weeks looking to continue their good start to the season.

"We have to get our big men and our players to cover shots better, but I think we're going to get a lot better as the season progresses," said Callahan.



Photos by Peggy Fagerstrom

THE FLYING NOMEITE—Nome Nanook Nathan Blandford flies in for a basket during a game against the Delta Junction Huskies. Teammate Cass Mattheis comes in to assist.



UNDER PRESSURE—Nome Nanook Jens Irelan goes in for the basket while being guarded by Delta's Caleb McLaren and Charles Tappen. Nanook teammates Tyler Eide and Zach Sullivan rush in to assist.

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Nome Lady Nanooks win against Kotzebue Huskies

By Stephen Palmatier

The Nome-Beltz High School Lady Nanooks basketball squad kicked off their season in the right way by sweeping both games against the Kotzebue Huskies. In the first game, the Lady Nanooks won with efficiency and solid defense winning 58-51 and in the second game won a

defensive thriller 43-41.

In the first game against Kotzebue, the Lady Nanooks got out to an 18-12 lead at the end of the first quarter. By halftime, the two teams remained pretty even with Nome holding a 28-22 lead. However, it was the third quarter that made the difference as the Lady Nanooks

stormed out of halftime by scoring 20 points in the third quarter and taking a 48-35 lead at the end of three. By the end of the game, that deficit was too much to overcome for Kotzebue as Nome took a seven-point victory home with them.

The Lady Nanooks played the game strong as a team getting contribution from lots of different players. Dylan Johnson led the Nanooks with 15 points while Chloe Mattheis and Devynn Johnson each contributed 12 more each.

In the second game, it was totally different, as Kotzebue seemed to be able to realize what worked and did not work the night before. The Lady Nanooks started out strong once again opening with a 25-10 halftime lead and seemed to be in full control. However, in the second half, the defense and offense let them down, as Kotzebue was able to storm all the way back from the halftime deficit. However, in the end, the lead was just too much for the Huskies to overcome and the Lady Nanooks held on for a two-point victory.

In the second game, the same contribution was true once again from different people. Mattheis and Taylor

Pomeranz led the Nanooks with 10 points and Devynn Johnson added 8 of her own.

In both of the games, the Lady Nanooks played overall great defense using their height advantage that they had over Kotzebue. It was also evident that with the first games of the season came a lot of mental and communication problems with the Lady Nanooks forcing plenty of turnovers.

"I really liked their intensity that they came out with in both games,"

said Don Stiles, head coach of the Lady Nanooks. "There's a lot of things we still need to work on, but overall I'm happy with their performance."

The Lady Nanooks, now at 2-0 to start the season head to the ACS Tournament in Anchorage in two weeks looking to continue their good play to start the year.

"We need to work on our press break and defense in particular these next few weeks," said Stiles.



Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

GO DYLAN!—Lady Nanook Dylan Johnson jumps up for a basket under pressure from Kotzebue Lady Huskies Carly Sheldon and Mary Sue Hyatt, as Alysha Nanouk and Colleen Snyder come in to help.

Nome Kennel Club plans modest sled dog race schedule

By Diana Haecker

In last week's general meeting of the Nome Kennel Club, only a handful of mushers showed up to discuss the state of the club and talk about future endeavors.

After the 2008 All Alaska Sweepstakes race, the club fell in disarray to the point that at last week's meeting the seated board didn't know who occupies which seat, when their terms are up and who occupies a two-year or three-year seat. Currently serving on the five-member board are Kirsten Bey, Sandra Medearis, Janet Balice, Pat Owens and Chrystie Salesky. Mike Owens made the motion to keep the board as is, straighten out the basic information on who is up for elections and hold annual elections in the next general meeting in December 2012.

Outside forces are at work that impact the club's finances. Kirsten Bey reported that the club still has money, but proceeds from gaming permits are dwindling as Solid Green Bingo is not doing much in terms of pull tabs anymore and the bingo parlor is about to be turned into a coffee shop. The gaming money was traditionally used for the club's sled dog races and paid out as prize money.

Also, NKC rents an office space in the basement of the Federal Building, which recently has been sold. It is unclear if the new owners (their name has not yet been publically revealed) will stick to the current lease agreement of \$200 per month.

An item of discussion was the Nome Kennel Club's web server which hosts the Nome-Announce list serve. The list serve, administered by Jim Dory, has outgrown NKC's web server's capabilities and it would take an upgrade to keep up with all the activity on Nome-Announce. The NKC members made no deci-

sion on whether or not to take on additional costs for the Nome Kennel Club to run this community service. Bey said that members of Nome-Announce have offered to chip in to defray the costs so that NKC does not bear the financial burden of the service.

There haven't been any competitive sled dog races held in three years and in order to resurrect the tradition to run dogs and hold sled dog races, Mike Owens said, the basics have to be addressed. "We need to go back to the fundamentals and put trails in place," Owens said. The club has trail stakes that need to be taped with reflector tape. Bey said she invited snow bikers and other trail users to pick up stakes in order to re-stake the trail to maintain a trail system that could benefit the community as well. Maintaining trails has always been a challenge due to the area's notorious blowing snow that obliterates trails within hours of being put in.

The club's present members discussed ways to become involved in the community again and how to re-engage mushers in a racing schedule. Out of the eight active mushers present, most said they don't have enough dogs fit enough to field a 12-dog race team. In the light that NKC basically has to go back to reinstate sled dog racing in Nome, consensus was to start a modest race schedule with the first race being an 8-dog, 10-mile event. The course would take the teams around the existing trail loop starting at the snow dump near Gold Hill, going by Icy View, toward Newton Peak, parallel to the Beam Road and back. Mushers who showed interest in racing do so for the experience and to get their dogs used to a racing situation.

The date for the race is set for January 15, weather permitting.

Basketball Scoreboard

The **Nome girls** defeated Kotzebue 58-51 on Friday night at the Nome Rec Center. Nome was led by Dylan Johnson's 15 points and Chloe Mattheis scored all 12 of her points in the second half to help secure the victory. The same two teams met again on Saturday, where the Nome girls scored a 43-41 win over the Kotzebue Lady Huskies.

The **Nome boys** defeated the Delta Huskies 59-51 on Friday night. Nathan Blandford led Nome with 29 points. Jens Irelan and Tyler

Eide each added 8 points. The Nome Nanook boy's team won the rematch on Saturday, defeating the Delta Huskies 61-58.

The Nome boys extended their current home court winning streak to 42 games. In Saturdays game Nome overcame an eight point 4th quarter deficit by outscoring Delta 26-17 in the 4th quarter. Tyler Eide led the way with 24 points and Nathan Blandford added 14 points and 14 rebounds. Freshman Daniel Head chipped in 12 points and 7 rebounds. Nome's season record improved to 2-0 on the season



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Storm Hits Diomedé

By Sandra Quinn

The recent storm that hit the west coast of Alaska washed out the road below the south side of the village of Diomedé.



South side Diomedé road before storm.



South side Diomedé road after storm.

Veteran's Day Celebration Unalakleet Middle School Project

By Denise Thomas

The Unalakleet Middle School students participated in a project honoring the fifty-two military Veterans in Unalakleet. The Veterans were invited to the school Friday, November 11, for a turkey lunch.

The middle school students dipped pretzel sticks in chocolate and made individual packages to give to each Veteran. Also, the students helped collect pictures and make a slideshow with pictures of the Veterans, their name and branch of service that each person served in.

The students served lunch to the Veterans and handed out the dipped pretzels. The students had the opportunity to interact with their Elders/veterans in a different capacity.



Middle school students serving Unalakleet veterans dipped pretzels.

Students in other grades made desserts and posters for the special occasion. Mr. Wolcott, the music teacher, played the National Anthem on his trumpet. Many of the elementary classes came to the multi-purpose room for the playing of the National Anthem and to handout cards they had made to the Veterans.



Veterans gather in Unalakleet for Veteran's Day Celebration.

The Unalakleet School students and staff are very proud of the service and sacrifice made by our veterans and their families over the years. Please join with us in thanking the men and women who have and who are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. ■

NSEDC partners with BSSD to provide College & Career Exploration

By Perry Corsetti

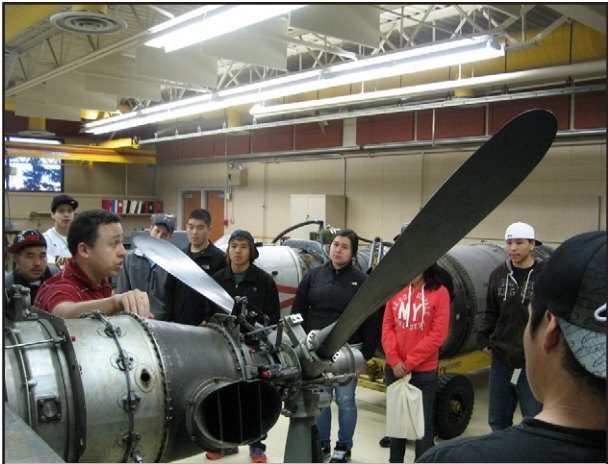
In October 52 BSSD students and 13 teachers traveled to the Anchorage area to explore college and career training options. Funds were provided for college and career exploration by Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation. For some, this was their first experience at a large-scale college fair. Over 120 colleges were present for the University of Alaska sponsored college fair at the Den'iana Center. BSSD students had the opportunity to visit and interview the college and training centers of their choice. Students from 10 BSSD schools participated: Brevig Mission, Gambell, Golovin, Savoonga, Shishmaref, Stebbins, Wales, White Mountain, Elim, and Unalakleet.



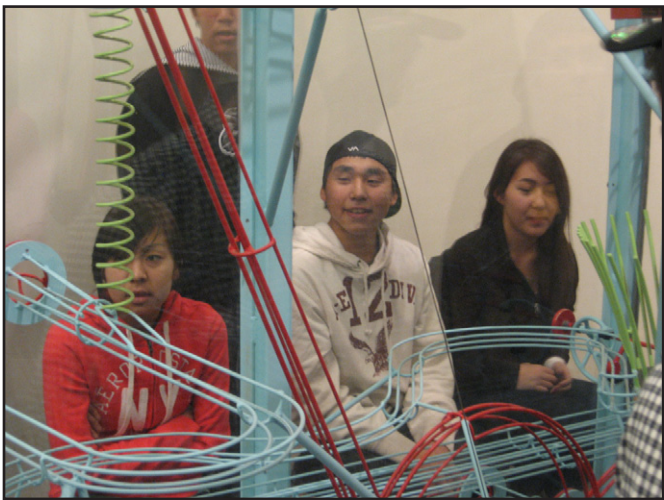
After the college fair, students spent three full days visiting and touring college and career training centers including: University of Alaska, UAA Community and Technical College – Aviation program, Career Academy, Alaska Job Corps, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, British Petroleum, and Ryan Air. During these tours students were exposed to programs in aviation, construction, process technology, business, and health. Additionally, students saw some familiar faces at both Career Academy and UAA where we have former BSSD students enrolled in programs.



The trip is designed to show students the variety of opportunities they have for post-secondary training here in Alaska. Many BSSD graduates continue to live in the region or their home village. An emphasis was placed on regional workforce needs and career opportunities.



Additionally, training for careers with flexible or alternative work schedules (like working in the oil and gas industry with a 2-week on, 2-week off schedule) were investigated.



These types of careers may be options for some of our students that can provide them a good economic living and still allow them to live in the region on their time off.

The students and staff of BSSD would like to thank NSEDC for the opportunity to explore these college and career options.

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Storm Inspires Poetry in Brevig

By Jennifer Diana

When the storm struck Brevig Mission, it didn't stop us. Instead, we came together and united. Within a period of a few hours, the junior high and high school students grabbed clipboards, paper, pencils and cameras and set about to make observations of what they were hearing, seeing, smelling and tasting. These observations were recorded on paper and in pictures. Then, all the students were brought back together to make a finished product out of their findings.



They would share their pictures and words and creatively make poems. This was all done in one afternoon. Students typed up their findings, compiled it and viola...a packet of words and phrases were given to the students to craft clever poems from. The students then cut the words and phrases to create their own stanzas. The following poems have been selected anonymously by the students from Brevig Mission. We hope you enjoy them as much as we enjoyed making them.

The Storm

By Lillian Olanna

People are gasping about the cloudy storm,
The lagoon is flooded and water is coming out of the ground,
people are coldly repairing roofs on their houses,
People are very miserable and excited about this scary experience,

Some broken roofs, destroyed by the wind,
Big splashing waves (bigger than me) crashing onto the shore
making part of the beach erode,
amazed by the big waves & worried about abandoned beach houses,

The roaring strong wind, wild and crazy, almost blew me down,

Wires are wildly blowing away.
The insane wind was blowing my hair and whistling in my ears,
Thank god we're making it through this crazy storm.

Let's Never Forget This One

By Helen Bruns

Destroyed by the waves and the wind...
There are so much things washed up on the beach
Dead seals, wood, ice chunks, boats pulled up high

Humongous waves, wrecking Brevig's beautiful beach
So big and deadly
Rising higher.. And higher.. And higher
Be prepared for anything that could happen..

Waves splashing, making a pretty picture but it's not a good place to be
Water flowing, on the beach and back into the ocean
Water gushing out of the tunnel, quickly filling up both lagoons

Insanely windy, wires going nutty
Wind whistling, loud and clear
Wind blowing my hair all over the place, as it's blowing the water onto the shore
Making me lose my balance

So wild and crazy, makes me wonder what could happen next..
Chaos just about every where you go, people talking about it every where you go
Such a scary, horrifying, frightening, spooky, nerve-racking experience
I'll never forget about this alarming storm
I didn't think it was gonna be this bad, expect the unexpected.

Flood After the Big Storm

By Kelsi

Waves roaring.
Waves crashing.
Dirty and salty water.
Big waves crashed all along the ocean.
Tasted the nasty salt water from the ocean.
Waves Crashing on the shore.
Felt like the storm was going to last forever.

Whistling away.
Wind blew very coldly in our faces.
Whistling of the wind.
Waves, whistling from strong wind.
Water pouring.
Slushy snow all over.

Moving back and forth from beach to town.
Men gathering.
Teachers skipping classes.
Abandoned beach houses.
A lot of people are concerned about the weather.
Water at least ten feet higher in the ocean.
Insane winds going fifty to hundred Miles Per Hour.
Amazed by big waves and worried for people living down beach.
Scary experience. ■

Diomedes Halloween

By Sandra Quinn

To celebrate Halloween, the students in grades 1-5 finger painted with chocolate pudding.



Catherine Thomascheske's first and second grade classes performed some "shake the wiggles" songs including "Looking for Dracula".



Our cheerleaders showed us their cheers. They are hopeful that there will be good travel so that they can go to Unalakleet for the Wrestling/Cheerleading competitions November 8th-10th.



Building in St. Michael

By Carolyn Heflin

St. Michael students are keeping their promise of rebuilding their shop that burned down last May. With the direction of career and technical education teacher Mark Thompson and the partnership of Kawerak Child Care Services, St. Michael students are building a better future for themselves by learning important vocational skills that they can carry with them into adulthood and into the workforce. These vocational skills will ensure that our students are not only invaluable to the community of St. Michael, but to the region as well.



Middle school students show what they can do.



High school students won't let daylight savings time stop their progress.

Wales Morning Meeting

By Ms. Standafer

Every morning Wales School has a morning meeting in the lobby of the school to sing and dance to different music each week, make announcements, recognize birthdays and say the pledge. The morning music/dance helps students, staff and any visitors wake up and get energized for the day. We have had music ranging from Cotton-eyed Joe and Eye of the Tiger to Chicken Dance and Head Shoulders Knees and Toes. Each of the certified teachers have a week to pick a song using either DVD player, our new NEC flat screen or Ms. Standafer's Wii. Here the students are dancing to Who Let the Dogs Out?



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IT'S STARTING TO LOOK LIKE CHRISTMAS— Nome homes, like this on Front Street, are decorated in the Christmas spirit. Photo by Nadja Cavin

National Guard brings Operation Santa Claus to Wales

Santa, Mrs. Claus and 35 helpers brought Operation Santa Claus and holiday cheer on an Alaska National Guard C-130 to the village of Wales on Dec. 9.

The Alaska Air National Guard C-130 landed on the village's airstrip and was warmly greeted by community members on snowmachines. The temperature, in the teens, was chilly but not cold by Wales' standards.

Operation Santa Claus volunteers and community members quickly off-loaded boxes from the aircraft and onto sleds tied to snowmachines for the mile ride to the Wales school.

"It's a great time of year and a unique way for us to get out and support Alaska citizens," said Col. Mike Bridges, director of logistics for the Alaska Army National Guard. "I've probably been on at least 20 Operation Santa Claus trips and each one is a special experience."

While boxes were unpacked in the school's gym, members of Alaska Brass, a brass and percussion ensemble from the U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific, began to play festive holiday tunes while the gym filled with nearly everyone from the village.

Following the festive music, a prayer of thanks was given by Alaska Air National Guard Chaplain Brian Musselman before a warm meal, made and donated by Pentagon North, Inc. of Anchorage, was served.

To the delight of everyone, ice cream sundaes were also provided by Tastee Freez, while village youth performed a dance for the audience and their guests.

And then the moment everyone was waiting for, Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived.

"I enjoy visiting with the elders and veterans of the community, while

they see their kids interact with Santa Claus," Bridges said. "It's a great time for everyone involved."

One by one, each child had a chance to visit Santa and receive a

gift. They were also given a new backpack filled with a couple of pieces of fresh fruit, books, a toothbrush and other incidentals.

"This event was incredible," said

Roxie Quick, the Wales School principal. "It was a great way to show the children a lesson in sharing and about the volunteer spirit."



Photos by National Guard/Master Sgt. Shannon Oleson

I'VE BEEN GOOD— David Anungazuk, 7, visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus on Dec. 9. The Clauses along with about 35 volunteers from Anchorage were in Wales during the National Guard Operation Santa mission.

FUN (left)—Lucien Ongtowsruk and Kayden Komonaseak, both 5-years old, perform the igloo dance during the Alaska National Guard Operation Santa Claus visit in Wales.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
God bless you and your family.

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Nome Christmas celebrations



Photo by Diana Haecker
HOLIDAY CONCERT— Nome Elementary School sixth grade students entertained a large crowd during the NES Holiday Concert.



Photos by Diana Haecker



Photo by Betsy Brennan
SANTA'S HELPERS— John Wade, Katie Kelso and Audrey Lawrence were three of Santa's elves at the "Breakfast with Santa" fundraiser Saturday, Dec. 10.

BORN PERFORMERS(top)— Music teacher Ron Horner holds the microphone for the special performance by second graders Sonya Ivanoff, Heidi Okleasik, Trinity Bates, Brandon Smith and Cucuaq Katcheak, during last week's Nome Elementary School Holiday Music program.

CHECK THIS OUT(right)— Glenn Iyahuk looks at the gingerbread house creations that were built by Norton Sound Health Corporation employees. The houses were displayed during the NSHC Christmas party last week.



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Nome Christmas celebrations



Photo by Nadja Cavin
NATIVE ART— Faye Lynn Sherman kept busy during last Saturday's Christmas bazaar at Old St. Joe's Hall.



Photo by Nadja Cavin
CHIMING IN— Shoni Evans' chime band delighted the Christmas Extravaganza audience with a charming chime performance. Left to right are Alyssa Wolf, Anna Marie Motis, Taylor Woehler, Heather Evans and Larissa Johnson.



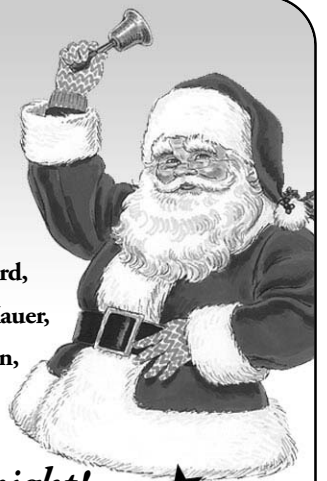
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SIXTH GRADE BAND— Stacie Outwater, Madison Johnson, Emily Pomrenke, Annalise Contreras, Sierra Tucker, Yamie Lie, Taylor Adsuna and Shaina Annogiyuk played "Silent Night" during the NES concert.

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There's Mud n' RJ, where's Miss Melissa, you should be here, don't you think?

If you're itchin' for good times, you know I got a stool to my right,
Come and have some Christmas Cheer, I'll bet a darlin's buyin' tonight!

Here comes Jader, and Miss Jackie, serving spirits with a smile,
Nina, Devola, Sara and Phone bring your beverage down the aisle.

Fill that tip can, jingle jangle, what a beautiful sight!

Bless our patrons one and all, Neeser's gettin' Purple Hooters tonight!

Here comes Ramon, Susan, Deb and Kelly, only in our dreams

Wish you were with us, been too long, or maybe so it seems

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, I hear Velvet's in flight,

Grab your stocking and your mate; we're meetin' Santa at the Breakers tonight!

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Second graders tell their favorite Christmas memories

By Mr. Slingsby's
Nome Elementary School
Second Graders

My favorite Christmas was when I was 7 years old. I was at my family's house on Christmas morning opening presents with my mom, my dad, grampa, grandma, and my other papa. I got presents from all of them, even Santa! When I was opening presents it was the best time ever! I got a pillow pet and tons more clothes to wear to school! In my stocking I got school pencils and candy rockets. I was so excited I almost screamed! I also got lots of candy canes. I gave my mom a big gift. It was me. This was the best Christmas ever because I was with my family. — Sadie Ellison

My favorite Christmas was when I was 7 years old visiting my grandmas and grandpas in Birtled, Colorado. We had to make Christmas cookies for Santa! My brother Hayden and my mom helped me make chocolate chip cookies for Santa. Christmas in Colorado was crazy because Santa had to land on the grass because there was no snow. I could not believe that Santa had to land on the grass! But he had no choice because we were in a warm place that doesn't usually get a lot of snow. Santa brought me a hex bug nano. It came with 2 hex bugs and 3 nano hives, 6 connecting pieces. The hex bugs were red and blue and small. In my stocking I got a Star Wars Clone Wars Season 1 Travel pack. I also got a \$2 bill sealed in plastic so I wouldn't spend it. My little brother Hayden got a lava traz Lego set and Clone Wars Season 2 travel pack. He also got a \$2 bill in plastic to save. He loved it! We all had a great Christmas! —Bode Leeper

One Christmas in the middle of the night, my dad woke me up! He heard a loud crash in the kitchen. Santa had broke the light! I looked at the tree and was surprised to see presents! I looked at the cookie plate and all the cookies were gone! I thought that Santa was too fat and broke the light or he must have been afraid of dogs. I felt sad and mad that Santa broke my light. I wish that Santa was skinnier. But I was very happy that he came to my house, even if he broke my light. Santa brought me a pillow pet, and a cash register! I also got a school set to play teacher with. Those were the

main presents. I use the cash register to count money. P.S. Never bring a dog inside at Christmas time! The End.
—Raina McRae

My favorite Christmas was when I was 6 years old. I lived in my yurt with my mom and dad in Talkeetna. In Talkeetna there are lots of trees. My mom, dad and me went to go get our Christmas tree with the dogs and our sleds. I got to go double dog sledding with my dad! He pulled me and my mom on a sled behind his. It was so fun! We got a beautiful tree and brought it back to our yurt. I will never ever forget how much fun we had. I remember what Santa brought me. He brought me a DVD player! I loved it! I also got a doll that I named Bittie. My mom and I got my dad a dog collar that was bright pink with diamonds for my favorite little baby girl dog Ariel. It was the best Christmas ever.
—Lizzy Hahn

My favorite Christmas was when I was 6 years old at our house in Nome. I was at my house with my mom, dad, and brother Phillip. We all had the Christmas spirit! I remember Santa bringing me my favorite toy. It was a Liv Doll. They are dolls that have wigs on that you can take off and trade. They are a lot of fun! It came with a comb. I also got a Rain doll. A Rain doll is a doll dressed up for the rain. It came with an umbrella, a plastic bag, and a comb. It was the best Christmas ever! —Maggie Taylor

My favorite Christmas was when I was 6 years old at our house and our neighbor's house in Dexter. My dad, mom, brother, and pet cat Daphne, along with my neighbors David, Sharon, AnnieKate, Zachariah, Nicholai, Nathaniel and their dog were there. My favorite memory of that Christmas was making gingerbread houses on Christmas Eve with our neighbors. I felt just so ecstatic! I didn't give any presents...I think, but I got a nutcracker, coloring book, paper dolls, a Nintendo DS, and a mini garden and shirt from my auntie Audrey's store in Minnesota. We went to David and Sharon's house for Christmas dinner. There were pies, ham, and turkey! For dessert there was ice cream. Christmas is the best holiday ever! —Jenae Matson

My favorite Christmas was at my house on Tobuk Alley when I was 6 years old. My mom, dad, and sister were there. My favorite memory of that Christmas was when I opened my present and saw a Wii that came with Sports Resorts! I became ecstatic and took a pinecone from the tree and crushed it to pieces. I was 6 years old, what do you expect? When it was all over and I calmed down we went back to sleep. I only wish my sister was awake. She slept through Christmas! I almost forgot, I got a duck thing-a-ma-bobber. It can fly and comes with a gun that make the duck fall out of the sky. I also got magnetic blocks that came with cards that show you how to make cubes, rectangles, stars, and boats. My mom got a gray and black fuzzy hat with strings. The best part of this Christmas was that we went to Hawaii 3 days later. We had a great vacation as a family. Merry Christmas! The End.
—Colin McFarland

My best Christmas memories were last year when I was six years old. It was super fun. I was lucky because my sister got me a Tron Cycle and an Atlantis Lego set. I was lucky again because my Dad gave me a very fast sled, a ninja turtle action figure, and a duck tape wallet! The sled was a lot of fun because it almost beat everybody at Cemetery Hill. I still have the sled and I used it at Bode's house on Newton Hill for his birthday. It is still very fast! The wallet was really cool because it was made out of duck tape. I lost it though. Even though I lost it I still liked it a lot. And that was my best Christmas ever!
—Paris Hebel

The best Christmas in my life was when I was 4 years old. My family, even my grandma and grandpa, went to Hawaii! It was hot! I couldn't believe it because it was winter! I went to the swimming pool two times a

day. One time in the morning and then one time at night when it was dark outside. I would go visit my grandma and grandpa at their hotel room everyday. I can't remember what Santa brought me because I was only 4. But I do know that Santa visited us. We took lots of rides and went to a museum. Everybody in my family had lots of fun. It was a great Christmas and I wish that I could go to Hawaii again someday.
—Katie Smith

My favorite Christmas was when I was six years old. I woke up at like 4 o'clock in the morning and was excited and happy! I wasn't even tired when I woke up. I woke my mom and dad and my sister. I ran down the stairs and me and my sister opened our presents. Santa brought me a pillow pet and a Nintendo DSI that was hot pink. My favorite color! I also got a really cool shirt. My sis-

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SECOND GRADE AUTHORS— Mr. Matt Slingsby's second grade class took on an extra-curricular writing assignment by telling the stories of their favorite Christmas memories. They are (back row left to right): Andrew Nashalook, Paris Hebel, Della Medlin, Sadie Ellison, Maggie Taylor, Jenae Matson, Bode Leeper and David Miller. Seated in the front row are Gracie Okleasik, Katie Smith, Lizzy Hahn, Riley Larsen, Michael Lookwood and Daniel Buffas.

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#10

Don't go "through the river and over the woods".
(Be careful of ice and overflow when traveling by snowmachine and four-wheeler.)

#9

Don't "roast chestnuts on an open fire".
(Be careful not to overload electrical outlets or leave wood stoves unattended.)

#8

Be careful "rocking around the Christmas tree".
(Celebrate sanely and wisely.)

#7

Respect the "silent night".
(Drive cautiously in the dark.)

#6

Beware of "the newly fallen snow".
(Shovel snow slowly, stop periodically to rest.)

#5

Use caution "up on the house top".
(Be careful hanging lights outside the house.)

#4

Watch for "Frosty the Snowman".
(Dress appropriately for the weather.)

#3

Yield to sleighs. (Obey the rules of the road when walking or driving.)

#2

Don't partake in "sugar plums". (No Street drugs.)

#1 The Christmas spirit is NOT what you drink; it is how you think!

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School board passes tobacco-free school policies

By Lori Head

Tobacco policies and school closure make-up dates were the main topics of last week's school board regular meeting.

Danielle Sylvester, K-12 grade tobacco coordinator, along with NBHS student members of the TATU group (Teens Against Tobacco Use) encouraged the board to pass two new policies regarding students, staff and visitors using tobacco on school district property (owned or leased). Board Member Jennifer Reader had questions regarding enforcement of the policy and board discussion also involved how the policy would affect those who rent or lease space from the school district. Michael Brawner, superintendent, wanted to gather more information before answering too quickly. Board President Betsy Brennan felt that those issues would be addressed in

the AR's (administrative regulations) rather than the policy itself. Both policies passed with applause and a standing ovation from the TATU members.

School closure make-up day

A calendar revision was another action item on the agenda, which generated some interesting discussion. As Nome's students and staff stayed home during a recent blizzard, administrators had the daunting task of choosing a suitable make-up day. Their first attempt, the Saturday in the same week of the closure, was not received well by some community members due to the time of year and the short notice given, and was canceled. However, it was explained that in the future, this may need to be the solution to school closures as finding a make-up day is a challenging, fiscal decision. Fiscal, due to the fact that any make up day assigned

to a week that school is already in session for five days, Monday through Friday, would be a sixth day if held on Saturday and staff would be paid overtime for that day. What about the first week in January where there are only four school days? No, that Monday is a paid holiday and counts as a day so a Saturday school day would still be overtime. What about using one of those in-service days in April instead? Brawner explained that there will be district wide training during that in-service with presenters flying into Nome. So, the choices were narrowed considerably with that in mind and ultimately, the next best choice for a make-up day became Thursday, May 24, 2012. Yes, this extends the school year by one day — no, it shouldn't affect the graduation date for the Senior Class of 2012.

November Students of the Month

Carmen Russo, vice-principal of Nome Beltz Jr./Sr. High School, presented the November students of the month. Pauline Ahkvaluk was selected as the Jr. High's awardee and Kenna-Sue Contreras was selected as the Sr. High student of the month. Congratulations to both students and their parents!

Partner in Education

Lisa Leeper was recognized as a valued Partner in Education due to her continued work as the creator and leader of Lisa's Leepers, a jump rope class/club, at Nome Elementary School.

Danielle Sylvester was recognized as a valued Partner in Education due to her "diligent efforts on behalf of anti-tobacco education and mentoring for the 2011-2012 school year."

Smart wrestlers

Nome Nanook wrestlers garnered the highest team GPA award at the recent Northern Conference wrestling meet.

Let there be LED light

Nome Common Council granted the NSEDC's Community Benefit Share Program of \$100,000 to fund new, efficient LED lighting at the gym. Lights have been ordered and will be installed as quickly as possible. A public "thank you" to the Nome Common Council and NSEDC was extended by board members and Brawner.

Next meeting

The December 27 work session has been cancelled. The Nome Board of Education will meet again on Tuesday, January 10 and will include a superintendent evaluation in executive session.

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ter and I played with our new toys all day long. We didn't even get tired because we were hyper. We had hot coco. Maybe that was what made us hyper. My mom got new clothes and my dad got Panthers stuff because he is a huge fan! We had a fun time together with our family. Merry Christmas! The End.

—Della Medlin

My best Christmas was when I went to Hawaii with my mom and dad. My mom is from Hawaii so we have lots of families there. My favorite memory from that Christmas was when my whole family and everyone was watching me open my presents. It made me feel so happy to be there with them. I remember getting a big blanket and pillow from my grandma. I remember that Santa brought me a Musketeer Girl with a fake sword and a mask and a cape. The cape makes it look like a dress. Under the cape is a skirt and she even had high heel boots. When you pull the mask off she looks like a princess. We even went to the beach. It is really really hot in Hawaii even at Christmas. It never snows except a little bit in the mountains. It was a great Christmas because I was with my family. I love my family all very much.

—Riley Larsen

My favorite Christmas was when I was 5 years old. My mom, my dad, Devon, Dalton, Michael and I were there at our house. I was home opening presents with my family and I said I love you mom. My mom said I love you too. I said to my dad I love you dad. He said I love you too, Wotten! That's my nickname. I got the best present ever. It was a warm blanket from my grandma Edna. I had a great Christmas. I like that Christmas when I was 5. I will never forget it. It was the best

Christmas ever.

—Daniel Buffas

My favorite Christmas memories were when I was 6 years old. I was at my house because that's where I have all my Christmases. My mom and my dad were there and so were my dogs Patches and Patch. And plus Patch is Patches' baby. It was the best Christmas ever because I got a Toy Story 3 and Star Wars game for my DS IXL. I also got a Mario Vs. Donkey Kong for the DS. I also got a toy gun that was as long as my whole arm. I played those DS games for a long time. I still play those DS games because I need to get money to get more characters. I already got General Grevis but I want to get Darth Vader because he is cool. Bad but cool. I guess I already got Darth Maul but I really want Vader. That was the best Christmas ever. Merry Christmas!

—Andrew Nashalook

My favorite Christmas was when I was 6 years old. I was at my grandma's house. My whole family was there! We played all kinds of Christmas games at the school across the street. That was so fun! My friends and family were all there with me. We had all kinds of yummy snacks. My mom, dad, and two of my sisters Zoe and Ivory came at nighttime. They almost missed all of our fun Christmas games but they made it just in time. The presents I got that Christmas were those pillow pets, a nice lamp, money, a DVD, a doll Build-a-Bear and sunglasses. It was magical and I was so happy that Christmas day. We had a great dinner. We had peas, chicken and soup for dinner. It was delicious. That was the best Christmas ever.

—Grace Okleasik

My favorite Christmas was when I was 5 years old. I had Christmas at my auntie's. We had a whole lot of

Christmas presents under our tree. I heard a stomping on the ground and all of the sudden I heard my mom tell us to get up because it was Christmas. I heard my brother Daniel screaming in the hallway because he was so excited. He screamed there are lots of Christmas presents under our tree! My sister Courtney asked him why he was screaming. He said that there were lots of presents for us to open. I got a puppy and a kitten for Christmas. Courtney picked up the puppy and I picked up the kitten. Daniel said he wanted to hold one. He held the kitten and it climbed all over him and crawled up on his head. He screamed to Courtney to get the kitten off of him. Daniel also got a huge toy gun that he couldn't even hold because it was so big! It was a good Christmas because I was with my family. Merry Christmas!

—Keri-Ann Russell

My favorite Christmas memories were when I got a Batmobile and Batman action figure from Santa. I also got a computer that had lots and lots of games. I could type letters and numbers on it too if I wanted. My mom and dad were there with me and so were Mycka, Sweetie, and

Sugar. I played with my Batmobile and Batman all day long. I put Batman into the Batmobile and twisted the key to make it go real fast. It went by itself. I like Christmas time every year. Merry Christmas everyone!

—Michael Lockwood

My best Christmas memories were from last year. I woke up really early. So early. And I woke up my four cousins. We were all real happy. We were real hyper and excited. Santa brought me a spy camera and a big toy dump truck. I was so happy I got to have two root beer floats. Man that made me real happy and hyper. That was the best Christmas ever.



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How to keep the doctor away in 2012

By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

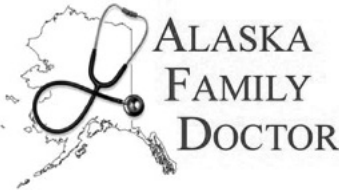
You have heard it said, “An apple a day keeps the doctor away.” The original 19th century version was somewhat more antagonistic to the medical profession: “Eat an apple before going to bed, and you’ll make the doctor beg his bread.”

While this statement may not be literally true, the principle it teaches is very important. The regular practice of healthy behaviors can protect a person from many preventable diseases.

In fact there are several things you can do that will likely keep the doctor away. Here a few examples:

- Wash your hands. Infectious dis-

ease experts tell us that washing hands is the single best way to prevent the transmission of bacteria and viruses to others. Washing hands is especially important after preparing food, using the



Saying it Sincerely

The 11th Commandment!
Pastor Mike Christian, River of Life Assembly of God
(A member of the Nome Ministerial Association)

“A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.” John 13:34

Have you ever wondered why Jesus gave us this 11th commandment? Why didn’t God include it in the original 10 that he gave to Moses?

The reason he didn’t include it is very practical. He knew it would take an extra measure of the Holy Spirit to enable us to keep such a commandment. He waited until Jesus, (the greatest and most perfect expression of himself) came before he shared these words found in John’s Gospel.

So, how does Jesus make it easier for us to love one another? Here’s how:

- Jesus reveals how much God loves us. Would you be willing to purposely send your only son to a place where you knew he would be tortured and killed?

Through Jesus we can see God’s overwhelming love for us.

- Jesus lifts the condemnation of guilt and judgment. The Bible says, “He who believes in him is not condemned” (John 3:17). Isn’t it exciting to know that when you and I ask Jesus to forgive our sins, that he does just that and we are cleansed by his precious saving blood? Jesus sets us “free” from sin! And in doing so, he removes the condemnation that accompanied it. When we realize the beauty of this freedom, we should also understand that it is not our place to condemn those around us, but to love them.

- Jesus fills us with the Holy Spirit! Jesus was God, but he was also filled with God. The Holy Spirit manifested the loving nature of God through Jesus. Jesus said, “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of Truth” (John 14:16-17a). When the Holy Spirit abides in your heart you will love others as God loves them.

It is our God-given responsibility to love people as God loves them. Regardless of how critical or difficult a person may be, as children of God, we are to love them as our Lord loves them. As we obey this word from our Lord, we will bring glory and honor to his name and show others that the love of God dwells within us. So, go out and spread the love of God today and everyday. There are many who just need someone to show them his love today!

restroom, playing with animals, or wiping your nose.

- Increase physical activity. Studies show that a third of adults do not perform regular physical exercise or manual work. This is why some people seem to age faster than others. Exercise slows the aging process, because the human body is designed to repair and build up parts that are being used. On the other hand, the body is like a machine that gets rusty, starts making funny noises, and begins to leak strange fluids if left sedentary for too long. The American Heart Association and other medical organizations recommend 30 minutes of some form of physical activity daily.

- Monitor your calorie intake. The best way to maintain a healthy weight or body mass index (BMI) is to control the number of calories you consume. Recent data shows that, on average, women consume 22 percent more calories, and men consume 10 percent more calories than either did back in 1971. This is why the nation has become increasingly obese and therefore less healthy. Excess fat leads to heart disease, cancer, diabetes,

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after having spent hours during the night and weekend caring for patients.

Part of Friday’s short-term resolution included that supervision of the Community Health Aides has been shifted from Barbara Collins to Louis Murphy, the director of Emergency Services. It is not clear if Collins was reassigned to other duties. “This is an internal personnel issue,” said CEO Deven Parlikar, in an interview with *The Nome Nugget*.

Without going into the details, Parlikar said this is a systemic issue that needs a long-term solution. He said that he has met with the health aides on Friday afternoon and that a dialogue has begun. “I want to get to the root of the issue and we are working with them [health aides] to bring this to a resolution,” Parlikar said. “For now, we reassigned them to work with Louis Murphy until we figure out the long-term leadership,” Parlikar said. Parlikar is at his home in San Diego until after the Christmas Holidays and said the health aide situation is at the top of this priority list to tackle in the New Year.

The proclamation by the Commu-

nity Health Aide Association was made public on Thursday, Dec. 15. It lists grievances that have fallen on deaf ears at the corporate level, the health aides say. The proclamation makes severe allegations that NSHC’s division of Community Health Services failed “to recognize and provide needed care for critical incident care and post traumatic stress syndrome resulting in more resignations, self-medication and suicide.”

Besides demands to remove the supervisors in Nome from their positions, the health aides ask to reinstate the health aides that were forced to resign because of unfair labor practices, to rehire health aides who committed minor infractions in the past and to hire two relief health aides for each clinic when the regular health aides are on leave or in training. The proclamation finally demands to cease the “policy of retaliation against our members for voicing our grievances.”

Community Health Aide Association president Sharon Johnson was not available for comment and vice-president Thomas Nayoukpuk also declined to comment on the matter.



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PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

An application for an oil discharge prevention and contingency plan (plan), under Alaska Statute 46.04.03 and in accordance with 18 AAC 75, has been received by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (department).

Applicant: Delta Western, Inc.

Plan Title: Delta Western, Inc. Alaska Vessel Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan for Tankers

Proposed Activity: The applicant will transport petroleum products in tankers to deliver fuel to vessels and shore facilities.

Maximum Cargo Capacity: 365,000 barrels

Supporting Documents: Alaska Chadux Corporation Technical Manual; Southeast Alaska Petroleum Response Organization Technical Manual; and Cook Inlet Spill Prevention and Response, Inc. Technical Manual.

Potential Results: A potential risk exists of oil spills from tankers entering the waters of the State as a result of this operation.

Location of Activity: North Slope, Northwest Arctic, Western Alaska, Bristol Bay, Aleutians, Kodiak, Cook Inlet, Prince William Sound and Southeast Alaska regions of operation.

Any person wishing to submit a request for additional information or provide comments regarding the application may do so in writing to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501, by facsimile to 907-269-7687 or by e-mail to Samantha.smith@alaska.gov.

Requests for additional information must be submitted by close of business **January 23, 2012. Comments will be accepted until close of business January 30, 2012.** It is the responsibility of the commenter to verify e-mail submissions are received by the applicable deadline. The public comment period will be extended if necessary in accordance with 18 AAC 75.455(d) & (e).

Copies of the application and plan are available for review at the department’s Anchorage office at 555 Cordova Street. Please call (907) 269-7566 to schedule an appointment.

If determined necessary by public comments received, the department will announce and hold public hearing(s) on the above referenced plan. Residents in the affected areas or the governing body of an affected municipality may request a public hearing by writing to the Department of Environmental Conservation, at the above address, within 30 days of publication of this notice.

The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in this public process, please contact Deborah Pock at (907) 269-0291 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 within 30 days of publication of this notice to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

* This is the initial review comment deadline. As described in 18 AAC 75.455(d) & (e), if the Department requests additional information from the applicant regarding this amendment application, the public comment deadline will be extended.

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Marty, Patti, Ernie, Andrew, Jimmie, Shirley & Don

HOROSCOPES


December 22 - December 28, 2011

 <p>CAPRICORN December 22–January 19</p> <p>The countdown begins. Make sure you cross all your Ts and dot all your Is, Capricorn. An organization makes a plea. Heed the call only if you can.</p>	 <p>ARIES March 21–April 19</p> <p>Uh-uh-uh, Aries. The report is not finished yet. Give it one more review. Something is amiss. Music lightens the mood at home and gets everyone into the spirit.</p>	 <p>CANCER June 22–July 22</p> <p>Keep your eye on the ball, Cancer. Distractions beckon at every turn. The whirlwind of activity at home comes to an abrupt end, thanks to some savvy thinking.</p>	 <p>LIBRA September 23–October 22</p> <p>Health crises cease, giving a relative a new lease on life. Invite them over to celebrate, Libra, and let this be a lesson to you that changes in lifestyle do matter.</p>
 <p>AQUARIUS January 20–February 18</p> <p>Passion ignites, and you wish that special someone off on an adventure. Pick your battles at work carefully, Aquarius. Not everything is worth fighting for.</p>	 <p>TAURUS April 20–May 20</p> <p>Plans must be altered quickly in order to attend a last-minute holiday function. All will not be for naught, as you will have more fun than you expected, Taurus.</p>	 <p>LEO July 23–August 22</p> <p>The key to good times lies in friends and family. Make sure you're surrounded by many, Leo. A gift from the heart warms a friend's heart.</p>	 <p>SCORPIO October 23–November 21</p> <p>Rest finally comes after a whirlwind of activity. Savor the moment, Scorpio. It may be a while before you have time to yourself again.</p>
 <p>PISCES February 19–March 20</p> <p>You're playing your cards too tight. Open up, Pisces, and let others in. You won't believe the difference it makes. A plan comes full circle.</p>	 <p>GEMINI May 21–June 21</p> <p>Volunteerism is a gift in and of itself. Don't be afraid to partake of it and bestow it on another, Gemini. Something thought long gone reappears.</p>	 <p>VIRGO August 23–September 22</p> <p>Lines grow longer every day, but you manage the hassle with ease with a young friend by your side, Virgo. A short road trip does you a world of good.</p>	 <p>SAGITTARIUS November 22–December 21</p> <p>Your finances take a beating, but you manage to bounce back quickly. Childcare issues are not as complicated as they seem. Think, Sagittarius, think.</p>

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

Merry Christmas!
Mike, Diane, Helen, Prescott, Little P., Branyon and Winnie

Happy Birthday Grandma



Obituary

**Katherine Margret
Humphrey
October 17, 1969 –
December 15, 2011**

Katherine died peacefully at her home on December 15 after a rela-



Katherine Margret Humphrey

tively short but difficult battle with pancreatic cancer. During her battle, she was under the loving and wonderful care of Providence Hospice and her husband Jack Omelak, mother Vera Anne and father Roland Humphrey. Katherine was born in Waco, Texas, and being the daughter of a United Methodist Minister and a career US Army Chaplain, she lived many places including Ft. Worth and Taylor, TX, San Francisco, Ft. Monmouth, NJ, Ft. Sill, OK, and Frankfurt, Germany. A proud member of the Kituwa Band of Cherokee Indians, she attended Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas where she first met her husband in 1992. After earning her Associate's Degree at Haskell, she enrolled at the University of Kansas where she earned a B.A. in Environmental Policy and then a Master's Degree in Indigenous People's Studies. Soon after, she became the first Linguistics Doctoral Candidate at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK. She

admired her mentors, Dr. Chuck Haines and Dr. Dan Wildcat of Haskell Indian Nations University, and Doctors Raymond and Cynthia Periotti at the University of Kansas. Her passion and dedication for the Tsalagi Language and the cultural traditions of the Cherokees, especially the Stomp Dance traditions, were the activities she loved dearly. She enjoyed learning and teaching others, especially children, to weave baskets, make Cherokee stickball, and other arts and crafts. She also learned to make ironwood bows. One of her greatest achievements was receiving her traditional stomp dance turtle shakers and she would dance proudly at the Stokes Stomp ground in honor of her elder Crosslin Smith. While at the University of Oklahoma she worked with Euchee elders to document the Euchee language. She also worked for the Cherokee

Nation in Tahlequah Oklahoma as a distance Cherokee Language Instructor. Although she loved the traditions and ceremonies of the lower 48 tribes such as pow-wow, sweat lodge, and other native religious services like the annual Sun Dance Ceremony, she moved to Alaska in 2006 and immediately involved herself in Alaska Native customs. She loved the outdoors. She enjoyed fishing, ice fishing, hunting, and crabbing during her vacations to Nome. She loved to cook, and loved preparing for the holidays. She loved her snowmachine, and could hardly wait to camp out with her friends and her beloved dog, Girl. She also loved hockey and was a faithful Aces fan, but one of her greatest joys was volunteering her time in the Iditarod at both Anchorage and Nome. She became friends with many of the racers and often volunteered for the difficult and less

glamorous jobs most others would not. She adored spending time walking her dog at University Lake. Until her death she had been working for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium in Anchorage as a Clinical Project Manager. Some of her closest friends were people she met in the Al-anon and OA chapters in Anchorage. Her deep gratitude for these relations cannot be expressed enough. One of the last things she was fortunate to experience was when her house was full of nearly 30 people watching two of Alaska's up and coming Native Youth Olympic competitors demonstrate the techniques of many of Alaska's Native Games. She watched in awe from her bed for nearly four hours surrounded by close family and friends. Katherine taught folks to enjoy

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St. Joseph Catholic Church

Christmas Mass
Schedule

Dec. 24, Christmas Eve:
5:30 PM Children's
Pageant & Vigil Mass

11:30 PM Caroling with
Mass at 12 Midnight

Dec. 25, Christmas Day:
Mass at 10:30 AM



All Masses are at St Joseph Church at the corner
of Steadman and W King Place

Church Services
Directory

**Bible Baptist Church
443-2144**

Sunday School: 10 a.m./Worship: 11 a.m.

**Community Baptist Church-SBC
108 West 3rd Avenue • 443-5448 • Pastor Bruce Landry**
Sunday Small Group Bible Study: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

**Community United Methodist
West 2nd Ave • 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 Street • 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey
Sunday: School 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday: Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)
Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church
5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295**

Sunday: School 9:45 am/Worship 11 a.m.
Handicapped accessible ramp: North side

**River of Life Assembly of God
443-5333**

Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m./Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Sunday Youth Meeting: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Corner of Steadman & King Place • 443-5527
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 10:30 a.m.
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**Seventh-Day Adventist
Icy View • 443-5137**

Saturday Sabbath School: 10 a.m.
Saturday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

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3rd Avenue & Division Street • 443-2805**

Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.

Worship at the Church of
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Community United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 7 p.m.
Christmas Morn Services 11 a.m.
443-2865, Corner of W. C and 2nd St.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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Christmas Morn Carol Services 11 a.m.
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
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Stebbins Native Corporation is an ANCSA village corporation located in the Bering Straits Region. SNC has 276 shareholders and owns 115,000 acres of land including sub-surface rights to three townships. SNC operates the Stebbins Native Store and two subsidiaries, Stebbins Rock Products, Inc. and Tapraq Fuel, Inc. SNC has a total of 18 employees.
Applications are available at the Stebbins Native Corporation office. Call (907) 934-3074.
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Nome Eskimo Community is recruiting for the following positions:
Tribal Services Director-Nome
Department: Tribal Services
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Department: Tribal Services
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For a job description or more information please contact:
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Seawall

12/13
Helen Homekingeo, 41, was issued a Citation for Endangering the Welfare of a Child, 2nd Degree.

12/14
Katherine Iyapana, 37, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct and Resisting or Interfering with An Arrest.

12/15
Landis Bjorgen, 19, received a citation for Motor Vehicle Insurance Required.
Marissa Acoman, 22, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence; Criminal Mischief in the 4th Degree; and Violating Conditions of Probation.
Christopher Ahkinga, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence and Resisting or Interfering with An Arrest.
Dennis Hammond, 72, was issued a citation for Failure To Stop At A Stop Sign.
William Howell, 64, was issued a citation for No Motor Vehicle Insurance.
Melissa Kazingnuk, 24, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

12/16/11
Evelyn West, 28, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Mischief in the 4th Degree and Misconduct Involving Controlled Substances in the 6th Degree.
Allyn Woodard, 29, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

12/17/11
Landis Bjorgen, 19, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Motor Vehicle Insurance Required.
Michael Aukon, 21, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premises.
Matthew Foy, 27, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Release.

12/18/11
Megan Fowler, 33, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Drunk On License Premises.
Jacob Soolook, 34, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.
Edward Muktoyuk, 45, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Drunk On License Premises.
Brian Thomas, 22, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

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PURPOSE OF POSITION: The Staffing Assistant will handle all of the on-boarding of new staff, follow up with new hires during their initial period of employment and coordinate all of the activities necessary for the successful transition of new hires.

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For an application, detailed job description or more information, please contact:

NSHC Human Resources Department:
Gerri Ongtawasruk, Recruitment Assistant
gongtawasruk@nshcorp.org
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907-443-2085 fax
www.nortonsoundhealth.org

NSHC will apply Alaska Native/American Indian (under PL 93-638), EEO, and Veteran Preferences. To ensure consumers are protected to the degree prescribed under federal and state laws, NSHC will initiate a criminal history and background check. NSHC is a drug free workplace and performs pre-employment drug screening. Candidates failing to pass a pre-employment drug screen will not be considered for employment.

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Legals

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME

CASE NO: 2NO-11-00303CI

ORDER FOR HEARING,

PUBLICATION AND POSTING

In the Matter of a Change of Name for:

Frederick Harold Moody,

Current name of Adult.

Notice of Petition to Change Name

A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO-11-00303CI) requesting a name change from (current name) Frederick Harold Moody to Fred Harold Moody. A hearing on this request will be held on January 27, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street, Nome, AK.
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State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
Division of Mining, Land and Water
Realty Services Section
550 West 7th Avenue Suite 1050 A
Anchorage, AK 99501-3759

Proposed Reconveyance
Northern end of Granite Mountain Airstrip
ADL 419288

The Division of Mining Land and Water has made a preliminary decision under AS 38.05.035(e) and (b)(9) to reconvey to the United States of America approximately 40 acres of erroneously conveyed State land, located within Section 11, Township 1 South, Range 13 West, Kateel River Meridian, Alaska. The parcel consists of the northern end of the Granite Mountain Airstrip and is approximately 100 miles northwest of Unalakleet on the Seward Peninsula.

The public is invited to comment on this preliminary decision. A copy of the Preliminary Decision is available from the address above or by contacting Diane Sam at (907)334-2550 or by email at diane.sam@alaska.gov. Comments must be in writing and received at the above physical address, email address or fax number (907-269-8509) before 4:30 p.m., on January 23, 2012, in order to be considered. Be sure to reference ADL 419288 in your comments.

Following the comment deadline, all written responses will be considered and this decision may be modified to incorporate public comments. Only persons who comment during the public comment period will be eligible to file an administrative appeal of the Final Finding and Decision. A copy of the Final Finding and Decision will be sent to any person who comments on the Preliminary Decision. The final decision will include appeal instructions.

The Department of Natural Resources, complies with Title II of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services or special modifications to participate should contact the TTY number 907-269-8411 or the address above.

The Division reserves the right to waive technical defects in this notice.

/s/ Jerri Sansone, Chief, Realty Services Section

Published: December 22, 2011
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NOTICE TO TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BARGAINING UNITS

A trustee seat on the Alaska Retirement Management Board (ARMB) representing the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) members will become open March 1, 2012. The representatives of the collective bargaining units whose members are employees covered by the TRS are invited to collectively submit a single list of four nominees who are qualified to serve as trustees on ARMB. **This list should be submitted to the Department of Revenue as soon as possible but no later than January 25, 2012.** Within 30 days of receipt, the department will forward this list to the Office of the Governor.

The duties and terms of office of ARMB trustees, qualifications of nominees, and directions for submission are as follows:

(1) The ARMB. The trustees are the fiduciaries of the pension funds of the State of Alaska and its political subdivisions.

(2) Duties and terms. The duties of an ARMB trustee are specified by statute (AS 37.10.210). One trustee will be selected by the governor from the list of four nominees sought in this notice. The term of office is for four (4) years.

(3) Qualifications. By statute a trustee nominated and selected by the governor pursuant to this invitation must be professionally credentialed or have at least ten (10) years experience in one or more of the following categories: investment management, finance, banking, economics, accounting, pension administration, or actuarial analysis.

(4) Form of submission. A nomination to be accepted must contain at least the following information:

- the name, mailing address, and phone number of each nominee;
- with respect to each nominee, identification of the qualifications applicable to that nominee and a resume or other representation which supports the nominee's eligibility
- reasonable proof that representatives of each relevant bargaining unit have had the opportunity to participate in a process to select a nominee whether or not that representative or bargaining unit agrees with the nominations submitted; for the purpose of this paragraph, "reasonable proof" includes:
 - a signed declaration by or on behalf of the certified representatives of all affected bargaining units;
 - an affidavit attesting to discussions or opportunities for discussion; or
 - any other information upon which a reasonable person could rely.

(5) Place of submission. The list of nominees must be submitted by mail or in person to Judy Hall, Liaison Officer, Department of Revenue, PO Box 110405, Juneau, Alaska 99811 or delivered to 333 Willoughby Avenue, 11th Floor, State Office Building, Juneau, Alaska 99801. The Department of Revenue will submit to the governor a list complying with the requirements described in this notice.

DATED this 15th day of December, 2011.
By: Judy Hall, ARMB Liaison Officer
Department of Revenue

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Trooper Beat

On December 5, at approximately 1:30 a.m., the Alaska State Troopers received a report that Roger Seetot, 19, of Brevig Mission, had died of a gunshot wound. The investigation revealed that Roger Seetot had died as a result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Next of kin was present. The remains were sent to the state medical examiner, for an autopsy.

On December 5, at approximately 1:30 a.m. AST received a report of an assault in Savoonga. Investigation is ongoing.

On December 5, at approximately 3:00 a.m., Brent Lockwood, 33, of St. Michael, was arrested for violation of conditions of release, after the investigation revealed Lockwood was intoxicated in violation of his conditions of release. Lockwood was also remanded on an outstanding arrest warrant for failing to remand himself to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On December 5, at approximately 7 p.m. AST received a report of an assault in Stebbins. The investigation is ongoing.

On December 6, AST received a report from the owner of Johnnie's Corner Store in Elim, John Jemewouk, that his store was burglarized sometime earlier that morning. John Jemewouk stated that approximately \$2,090.00 in cigarettes were stolen. Approximately \$500 in damages were sustained when the person(s) broke a window to gain access to the store. If anyone has information about this burglary, please call the Nome AST at 1-800-443-2835.

On December 6, at approximately 3:30 p.m. AST received a report of an Assault in Savoonga. Investigation is on going.

On December 7, at approximately 4:45 a.m., Edwin Campbell, 22, of Gambell, was arrested for a probation violation after the investigation revealed that he had been drinking alcohol in violation of his probation. Campbell was telephonically arraigned and released.

On December 7, at approximately 7:45 a.m. Edwin Campbell was arrested for violating conditions of release after the investigation revealed that he had consumed alcohol in violation of his conditions. Edwin Campbell was telephonically arraigned and released.

On December 7, at approximately 9:00 a.m., the Elim Postmaster reported to AST that the Post Office had been burglarized sometime that morning or prior evening. A full inventory had not been completed but it appeared that the person(s) went through parcels at the Post Office. The Postal Inspectors have been advised as well. If anyone has information about this case, please call AST in Nome at 1-800-443-2835.

On December 7, at approximately 9:00 a.m., it was reported to AST that the Elim IRA Office was burglarized. It appeared that the person(s) went through items inside the building. It did not appear that anything was stolen. There was no damage to the building, windows or doors. It also appeared that the person(s) also gained access to the Elim Post Office.

On December 7, at approximately 10:30 a.m., AST received a report that the Savoonga City Office had been broken into, sometime during the night of December 6. The investigation is ongoing.

On December 8, at approximately 3:10 a.m., David Otten, 46, of Stebbins, was arrested for violating his probation by consuming alcohol. David Otten was too intoxicated to be transported into Nome on December 8.

On December 8, at approximately 5:20 a.m., Louis Pete, 27, of Stebbins, was arrested for a probation violation after the investigation revealed he had consumed alcohol in violation of his probation.

On December 13, Zonna Kunnuk, 33, of Nome, pleaded guilty in Nome Superior Court to one consolidated count of Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance 4th Degree. Kunnuk was involved in the distribution of Oxycodone in Nome with 9 other suspects from 2009 to 2010. Her sentencing is scheduled for March 15, 2012.

On December 13, at approximately 8:25 a.m., Nome AST received a report that Danny Custer, 43, of Shishmaref, left Nome on December 12, at approximately 1:00 p.m., on his snowmachine and had not arrived in Shishmaref. Custer was driving a new snow machine he had just purchased. He was going back to Shishmaref. Shishmaref Search and Rescue sent a search group to check cabins along the trail to Nome. On December 13, at approximately 1:26 p.m., Danny Custer was located. Custer ran out of fuel and did not report any injuries.

On December 13, at about 3:30 p.m., the Unalakleet VPSO received a report of an intoxicated female violating her conditions of probation. The Unalakleet VPSO contacted Edith Katongan, 34, of Unalakleet, and placed her under arrest for probation violation after an investigation revealed Katongan was drinking alcohol in violation of her probation in a Unalakleet court case. Subsequent to her arrest, Katongan was additionally charged with Assault IV and Violation of Conditions of Release in a Nome court case. While being detained at Unalakleet Police Department, Katongan escaped custody during a bathroom break. Katongan was located at a local residence and lodged at UPD until transport to Nome on December 14. Katongan was additionally charged with Escape IV. Katongan was transported to Nome where she was lodged at AMCC.

On December 14, Nome WAANT completed an investigation in reference to an importation complaint from a local air carrier in Nome. Investigation revealed that an adult female shipped five 750ml bottles of alcohol in freight to

an adult female in Stebbins. Charges will be forwarded on both to OSPA. Stebbins is a local option community that voted to ban the sale and importation of alcohol.

On December 15, at 12:55 a.m. AST received a report of a disturbance in Saint Michael. June Joseph, 19 of Fairbanks, was subsequently arrested with a warrant for failure to appear in court. Joseph's original charges were: fail to stop at the direction of a police officer 2, driving without a valid operator license, and failure to stop for stop sign. Joseph was remanded to AMCC with \$750 bail.

On December 15, at 8:34 a.m. AST received a report that Wayne Foxie, 24, of Stebbins, violated his conditions of release as imposed by the court. Foxie consumed alcohol and left his custodian and was subsequently arrested for Violation of Conditions of Release. Foxie was remanded to AMCC.

On December 16, at 9:40 a.m. AST arrested a 15-year-old with a warrant for probation violation. The juvenile was remanded to the Nome Youth Facility.

On December 16, at 9:48 a.m. AST received a report of a disturbance in Gambell. Amos Siwooko, 27, of Gambell, was subsequently arrested for Probation Violation and Harassment 1.

On December 17, at approximately 7:45 p.m., Delbert Acoman, 37, of Stebbins was arrested after investigation revealed that he violated his probation by consuming alcohol.

On December 17, at approximately 8:30 p.m., Pamela Pete, 33, of Stebbins, was arrested after investigation revealed that she violated her probation by consuming alcohol.

On December 18, at 1:12 a.m. AST received a report of a domestic disturbance in Savoonga. Michael Toolie, 25, of Savoonga, was subsequently arrested for Assault 4.



1-800-478-9355

Arctic ICANS —
A nonprofit cancer
survivor support group.

Arctic ICANS next meeting

The Nome Cancer support group will meet at the XYZ Center on

Thursday, January 5 • 7:30 p.m.

General Meeting

For more information call 443-5726.

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panion bill in the House of Representatives.

I hope to see a continuous effort by the state to assist in revitalization and preservation of indigenous first languages, hence the proposed establishment of the Alaska Native Language and Advisory Council.

Northwest Arctic Leadership Team

The Northwest Arctic Leadership Team held their annual summit in Anchorage on December 14 and 15 at the Dena’ina Center. NWALT is a partnership among Maniilaq Association, NANA Regional Corporation, the Northwest Arctic Borough, and the Northwest Arctic Borough School District that collaborates to maximize their resources and reduce duplication of efforts to address issues affecting the people of northwest Alaska while honoring and perpetuating their Inupiat cultural heritage. NWALT was created to have the above entities come together and work in unity, respect, honesty, cooperation, and productive cooperation. The Summit is a time for each of the NWALT organizations to hear from and express their priorities for northwest Alaska to the Governor, the Alaska State Legislature, State Agencies, the Congressional Delegation, federal agencies and other organizations about their focus for the next year.

Some of the concerns outlined in the summit include reducing rural energy costs through alternative and renewable energy and energy efficiency, development of a

needed deep-water port, support for the Northwest Arctic Borough Public Safety Plan, legislation on naturally occurring asbestos, and their need for a Kotzebue clinic to improve outpatient care in the service area.

I’d like to commend the staff of this unique organization for their hard work and effective strategy to address their priorities for the next year and build partnership in these efforts. I think NWALT is a great example of what boroughs can achieve when they come together and address issues affecting their region. This organization has been successful with their cooperative and professional relationships with state agencies. Our boroughs and regional organizations can achieve more when they come together and voice their concerns as a whole.

Northern Waters Task Force Submits Recommendations

The Northern Waters Task Force recently met last week to submit recommendations and findings to the Alaska Legislature next month. In 2010, NWTF was created to facilitate regional coordination and State of Alaska leadership in the ongoing development of the United States’ policies related to the opening of Arctic marine transportation routes, national security, and resource development.

Since implementation, the task force has held hearings in the communities of Barrow, Nome, Bethel, Unalaska, Kotzebue, and Anchorage. By meeting in these regions,

the task force members were able to seek guidance and feedback from the residents of these regions, which are most likely affected by impacts from increased activity in the Arctic.

With the continued loss of sea ice in the Arctic and the increase for worldwide search for natural resources, Alaska’s Arctic’s future is a prime location for both opportunities and challenges related to marine shipping, mineral extraction, oil and gas development, fisheries, tourism, cultural preservation, and other activities.

The NWTF broke down the recommendation in the following categories:

- Arctic Governance
- Arctic Planning and Infrastructure Investment
- Oil and Gas Development
- Arctic Fisheries
- Marine Transportation
- Arctic Research

During the recent meetings, I was glad to learn the task force will be recommending the need for more icebreakers to assist our coastal communities when situations arise, such as the recent fuel shortage Nome may face this winter. Also, with the teamwork of this task force, I understand many of the recommendations involve responsible development and stewardship of our resources with much respect to our local communities that will be affected by advancement of natural and modern development. A noteworthy recommendation that will be submitted is to have Alaska be a valuable partner with the federal government on Arctic issues. The NWTF recommends the U.S. and Alaska, working both together and independently to seek more cooperation with other Arctic governments. Local residents should have full participation in deciding these Arctic issues.

All in all, I think the NWTF members worked very hard and I’d like to acknowledge Representative Joule and his staff for their hard work coordinating much of the travel and hearings. Their work is very much appreciated.

Along with the NWTF members, I would like to thank the many communities and people throughout the state who welcomed task force members and took the time to help us better understand their communities and the Arctic issues being faced. Additionally, we’d like to express our gratitude to the many accomplished specialist2s who addr2essed the task force on their areas

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and many problems with muscle or joint pain.

Some people find it helpful to view calories as fuel. It takes about a mile of brisk walking to burn 100 calories. Therefore drinking a pop with 140 calories requires a mile and a half of walking to burn off whereas a glass of water, at zero calories, is just as refreshing and requires no extra work. Research shows that people make healthier choices when they think about how much exercise is required to work off a given food item.

• Get your Vitamin D. Vitamin D supplementation has been shown to reduce common colds and flu-like illnesses, as well as prevent falls in elderly persons. Vitamin D is sometimes called the “sunshine vitamin” because our skin

makes vitamin D from sunlight exposure. But during the dark days of winter when sunlight is scarce, it is important to get vitamin D from alternate sources like salmon, seal oil, or Vitamin D3 supplements. In general, 4 to 8 oz serving of salmon has 1,000 units of vitamin D. Adults in the far north can safely consume 2,000 units of vitamin D3 daily.

• Stop smoking. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), tobacco use is the number one cause of preventable diseases including heart disease, stroke, and cancer. There is no medication that is as powerful at promoting a long healthy life as the decision to quit smoking. Many people in the Norton Sound region have given up smoking in the last year. Why not make a decision in the coming year to join this group and go smoke free?

• Feed the soul. In ancient Greece, the birthplace of western medicine, the word “psyche” was used to describe the human soul or inmost being. This is where we get the words for psychology and psychosis. Ancient physicians, as well as modern doctors, recognize that good health involves more than mere attention to the physical body. A healthy soul is important as well. Research shows that people who give attention to spiritual matters like prayer, meaningful relationships, and sharing with others tend to live longer healthier lives.

The beginning of a new year is a great time to invest in new healthy behaviors. Consider making a resolution to incorporate a healthy behavior into each day, and see if in fact it keeps the doctor away. After all, your doctor wants you to be well.

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM BARGAINING UNITS

A trustee seat on the Alaska Retirement Management Board (ARMB) representing the Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS) members will become open March 1, 2012. The representatives of the collective bargaining units whose members are employees covered by the PERS are invited to collectively submit a single list of four nominees who are qualified to serve as trustees on the ARMB. **This list should be submitted to the Department of Revenue as soon as possible but no later than January 25, 2012.** Within 30 days of receipt, the department will forward this list to the Office of the Governor.

The duties and terms of office of ARMB trustees, qualifications of nominees, and directions for submission are as follows:

(1) The ARMB. The trustees are the fiduciaries of the pension funds of the State of Alaska and its political subdivisions.

(2) Duties and terms. The duties of an ARMB trustee are specified by statute (AS 37.10.210). One trustee will be selected by the governor from the list of four nominees sought in this notice. The term of office is for four (4) years.

(3) Qualifications. By statute a trustee nominated and selected by the governor pursuant to this invitation must be professionally credentialed or have at least ten (10) years experience in one or more of the following categories: investment management, finance, banking, economics, accounting, pension administration, or actuarial analysis. (4) Form of submission. A nomination to be accepted must contain at least the following information:

- (a) the name, mailing address, and phone number of each nominee;
- (b) with respect to each nominee, iden-

tification of the qualifications applicable to that nominee and a resume or other representation which supports the nominee’s eligibility

(c) reasonable proof that representatives of each relevant bargaining unit have had the opportunity to participate in a process to select a nominee whether or not that representative or bargaining unit agrees with the nominations submitted; for the purpose of this paragraph, “reasonable proof” includes

- i. a signed declaration by or on behalf of the certified representatives of all affected bargaining units;
- ii. an affidavit attesting to discussions or opportunities for discussion; or
- iii. any other information upon which a reasonable person could rely.

(5) Place of submission. The list of nominees must be submitted by mail or in person to Judy Hall, Liaison Officer, Department of Revenue, PO Box 110405, Juneau, Alaska 99811 or delivered to 333 Willoughby Avenue, 11th Floor, State Office Building, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

The Department of Revenue will submit to the governor a list complying with the requirements described in this notice.

DATED this 15th day of December, 2011.

By: Judy Hall, ARMB Liaison Officer
Department of Revenue

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CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE

O-11-12-01 An Ordinance Amending Section 2.15.070(a)(1)(A) of the Nome Code of Ordinances to Change the Regular Meeting of the City Council to 7:00 P.M. on the Second and Fourth Mondays of Each Month.

O-11-12-02 An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Property by Lease of Space at

the Gold Hill Tutit Ininat Child Care Building to Kawerak, Inc. for the Head Start Program.

O-11-12-03 An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Property by Lease of Space at the Gold Hill Tutit Ininat Child Care Building to Kawerak, Inc. for the Uliviliat Play and Learn Center.

O-11-12-04 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.30 to Enact Section 2.30.030 Museum and Library Commission.

These ordinances had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on December 12, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. and were passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for December 29, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in 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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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA AT KOTZEBUE

ORDER FOR HEARING, PUBLICATION AND POSTING

CASE NO. 2KB-11-203CI

In the Matter of a Change of Name for:

Leonard James Wood

Current Name of Adult

Notice of Petition to Change Name

A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case No. 2KB-11-203CI) requesting a name change from Leonard James Wood to Leonard James Lisbourne. A hearing on this request will be held on January 24, 2012 at 4:15 p.m. at The Kotzebue Courthouse at 605 Third Avenue, Kotzebue, Alaska.
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King Island Native Community Annual Meeting and Election December 31, 2011



ELECTION:

Voting will take place at the Old St. Joseph Church from 10am- 6pm.

The **POTLUCK** will begin at 12pm with the **ANNUAL MEETING** following at 1pm. Please bring a dish or dessert to share.

PLEASE VOTE AND ATTEND OUR ANNUAL MEETING!

We need your participation to make this election and annual meeting a success!

Please call Janice @ 443-2209 if you have any questions about the meeting, potluck, election, or rides for Elders.

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RurAL CAP, Inc

WEATHERIZATION Assistance Available

Providing Warmer, Safer Homes for Low Income Families

Materials installed to increase the energy efficiency of your home. Income guidelines determine eligibility. Families with elderly, disabled and young children (under 6 years old) will receive priority preference.

You will need to provide copies of:

- 2010 W-2s and 1099s for all family wage earners
- 2010 Income Tax (pages 1 & 2)
- 2011 Year-To-Date check stubs
- Energy Assistance Letter of Eligibility
- Social Security, SSI, etc (or bank statement with direct deposit)

Contact Nome Eskimo Community Housing (907)443-9105 for an application / information

DEADLINE FOR 2012 PROJECTS IS FEBRUARY 10, 2012



Our goal is to help you achieve Safe, Energy Efficient and Affordable Housing

Funding provided by Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, US Department of Energy, US Department of Health and Human Services.

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Katherine taught folks to enjoy our surroundings and actions no matter how simple they may be, to work constantly toward the good things in life, to show respect and love for others, and most important, her persistence towards identifying and practicing the principles of living a good life. Folks learned much from Katherine’s patience towards others and her ability to act with critical and practical rationale. She never settled for less than her best attempt in all that she did.

She is survived by her husband Jack Omelak whom she met at Haskell, her parents, Roland and Vera Anne Humphrey of Lenexa,

KS, her brother Colin Humphrey and wife Sarah and their two sons Nikolai and Julian of Overland Park, KS, her aunt and uncle Margaret and Jack Wade of Paris, AR, her two cousins, Bill Covington, of Frankfurt, Germany, and Jay Covington, also of Paris, AR, and her uncle and aunt Roger and Camille Humphrey of Dallas, TX. She is also survived by her mother-in-law Phoebe Ann Omelak, her nephews and nieces Richard and Vivian Pomeroy, Kalani Pakileata, her sister-in-law Christine Omelak, brother-in-law Michael Jerue, all of Anchorage, and her nieces Robin, Rebecca, and Rachel Taylor of British Columbia, Canada. She also adored Charlene and Greg Drowningbear and their children Jahonhi, Goga, and Suyeta of Tahlequah, OK, who treated her as their

sister. She loved all of her nieces and nephews very much and continually sacrificed in order to ensure they enjoyed themselves.

Funeral services were at the First United Methodist Church in Anchorage, Alaska on Saturday the 17th of December. Her ashes will be scattered at Army Peak in Nome so she can overlook her favorite place to fish and pick berries. She will also be placed in Muskogee, Oklahoma, where she will be brought back to her family allotment to be with her many relatives. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made to Providence Hospice 3435 E. Tudor Rd. Anchorage, Alaska 99508.

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munity is rundown looking, lack of availability of advanced health care—surgeons and an obstetrician.

The goals and objectives in the plan address community needs identified by participants in the survey and public comment period with strategies for solutions and lists lead departments or agencies. The strategy for solution to alcohol abuse and treatment include partnering with NSHC Sobering and Wellness Center, supporting NEST shelter, continued funding of a community service officer, exploring local options regarding public drunkenness and facilitating an open house with law enforcement on how to address alcohol abuse in Nome. Want to know of other strategies to improve quality of life in Nome? One can pick up a copy of the plan at City Hall.

When the commission asked the community to list the highest priority issues to be addressed in the next 10 years, this dozen of items topped—in order—a list of 25 priorities:

- Addressing public intoxication.
- Improve educational system.
- Alternative energy development.
- Economic development efforts.

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of expertise. Without hesitation, presenters sacrificed considerable time and traveled great distances to share their knowledge with us. Their guidance was invaluable in development of final recommendations.

- Junk vehicles and abandoned structures.
- Dust control.
- Housing.
- Improve road system and maintenance.
- Balance natural resources with subsistence use.
- Community health care issues.
- More activities and facilities for youth.
- Road or rail link to Fairbanks.

A full report of the community survey appears at www.dot-nomealaskadotorg under **Planning**.

The planning commission will not be involved in selecting a site and planning for the new \$16 million Richard Foster Building. Sparks had spoken to the city manager Josie Bahnke, about involvement, but was told by Bahnke that the City was in purchase negotiations with property owners that were too delicate for commission involvement, Sparks said. On the table are one property near Pioneer Hall offered for sale by Councilman Louis Green Sr. and his family, another piece on Seppala Drive owned by Kawerak Inc, a piece owned by the West family and another piece on River Street owned by King Island Native Corp.

Adversity draws men together and produces beauty and harmony in life's relationships, just as the cold of winter produces ice-flowers on the window-panes, which vanish with the warmth.

Soren Kierkegaard (1813-1855) Danish philosopher and writer.

This Holiday Season we would like to give thanks:

To the City and people of Nome and Northwestern Alaska, Dr. Head, Dr. Ledford and the staff at Norton Sound Health Corporation, emergency medivac staff, Chief Vickie Erickson and the members of the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department, Chiefs Matt Johnson, Jerry Stieger and all of the members of the Nome Volunteer Fire Department, Bering Air and pilot Ben Rowe, Run For Wes organizer Katie O'Connor and her crew, the MatSu Softball Association lead by Chad Bostick and his team, Dave and Debbie Karp, Anchorage auction event, Joe and Allie Martinson and Tiny Immingan, Tammy Ramsey, her family and the ladies from her church, Alaska Airlines and their employees, Tel-Alaska and their employees, NJUS and their employees, Pioneers of Alaska and their members, Arctic Trading Post, Kawerak and their employees, NSEDC and their employees, the Seattle and Anchorage Fire Departments, Nome Public Assistance employees and the State of Alaska;

To our wonderful friends and neighbors: Dan, Edward and Daniel Stang, Al Honeywell, Cheri Kruschek, Mari and Fred Lammer, Dana, Arne and Erik Handeland, Jane and Dave Olson, Council 4th of July Friends, Annie Harkelroad, Russ and Sandy Rowe, Marilee Murdock, Kathy and Randy Pomeranz, Joanne, Gail and Roger Augdahl, Mike and Gina Thomas, Paula and Patrick Johanson, Jimmie Shelton, Joyce Roy, Sue Romalia, John Gillis and family, to our "Paying it Forward from Canada" friends Grant and Tamara MacKinnon, Sheri Gordon, Gayle and Daryl Cartier, Janice and Roger Boucher;

To all the surgeons, nurses and support staff at Harborview Medical Center and the Harborview Eye Institute; to our kind and friendly roommates and neighbors at Harborview East 7th, 8th, and 9th floors; To our wonderful supportive families: Uncle Bob Scott, Grandma Jane, Grandma Lou, Grandpa Bud, Janna and Marlin Fowler, Kylee Gordon, Kendra Gordon, Pat and Dreux Aughdahl-Bohmer and family, Darrell and Julie Vincek and family, Nate, Jasen, and Jeremy Perkins, Bri Phillips, John, Jeannie and Hannah Krielkamp and family, Steve and Kathy and family, Tim and Lynn and family, Becky and Dana and family, Dave and Jackie and family, and lastly, to our amazing wonderful son Casey and daughter Darcee, thank you for all that you have done, we love you dearly;

We want to express our heartfelt thanks for the thoughts, prayers, cards, emails and financial support shown to our family over the past several months. We could not have faced this journey without your kindness. We realize that so many people have supported our family and if we did not recognize you please know that we do appreciate your support and apologize for not being able to acknowledge you here individually. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Wes and Terrie

Court

Week ending 12/16
Civil Tom, Henrietta vs. Nashoanek, Jonathan; Stalking: Ex Parte Johnson, Albert J. vs. Johnson, Duane A.; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children Johnson, Albert J. vs. Okpealuk, Madeline Blair; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children
Small Claims No current claims on file
Criminal State of Alaska v. Joricha Kowchee (7/16/88); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violate Conditions of Release; Charge 002: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 12/12/11. State of Alaska v. Gerald Clinton Strachan (6/10/73); Dismissal; Count 1: Driving While License Canceled, Suspended, or Revoked; Filed by the DAs Office 12/12/11. State of Alaska v. Tiffany Slwooko (7/9/81); 2NO-11-371 Count 001: Importation of Alcohol; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: count 2; 45 days, 42 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days have been served; Consecutive to 2NO-11-667CR; Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 11/1/12; Forfeit alcohol, yeast to State; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (12/9/12); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol upon reasonable suspicion; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search en route to local option community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation. State of Alaska v. Tiffany Slwooko (7/9/81); 2NO-11-667CR Count 001: Harassment 2°; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: count 2; 60 days, 50 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days have been served; Consecutive to 2NO-11-371CR; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (12/9/12); 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 or have alcohol in her residence. State of Alaska v. Adam Saccheus (7/3/85); Importation of Alcohol; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 15 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 15 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 11/1/12;

Forfeit alcohol to State; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Joann Aketachunak (2/29/84); 2NO-11-511CR Count 001: Importation of Alcohol; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); 90 days, 87 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Consecutive to 2NO-11-754CR; Fine: \$3000 with \$1500 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 11/1/12; Forfeit alcohol to State; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation to 12/5/14; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer in such community; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search en route to local option community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Alcohol/substance abuse assessment by 11/1/12; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare, including up to 30 days residential treatment.
State of Alaska v. Joann Aketachunak (2/29/84); 2NO-11-754CR Violating Release Conditions; 90 days, 70 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Consecutive to 2NO-11-511CR; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation to 12/5/14.
State of Alaska v. Edwin Punguk (12/28/76); 2NO-10-784CR Count 001: Violating Release Conditions; Any appearance of performance bond is exonerated upon reporting to serve as ordered; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC, consecutive to count 2; Report to Nome court at 1:30 p.m., 1/3/12 for a remand hearing; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; Forfeit marijuana to State; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Edwin Punguk (12/28/76); 2NO-10-784CR Count 002: Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Report to Nome court on 1/3/12 at 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; Forfeit marijuana to State; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Peter Irrigoo (3/23/76) Disorderly Conduct; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Fine: \$250 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$250 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 7/1/12;

Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 12/14/13; 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 consume alcohol.
State of Alaska v. Devon Ross Olanna (2/20/91); Assault 4°; DV; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation to 12/14/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact P. Goodhope; Shall not consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer upon reasonable suspicion.
State of Alaska v. Eric Nassuk (7/11/88); Harassment 2°; Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation to 12/14/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, D. Flynn; Shall not consume alcohol to excess (.08 BRAC or greater) in any dry or damp community; and warrantless breath testing upon reasonable suspicion.
State of Alaska v. Charles Taxac (6/22/71); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110673558; After a hearing, the court finds that the defendant refuses probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time.
State of Alaska v. Bertha Iya (7/25/75); Criminal Trespass 2°; 90 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Raleigh Iyapana (7/28/90); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112699701; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-11-593 and 593 and 769CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

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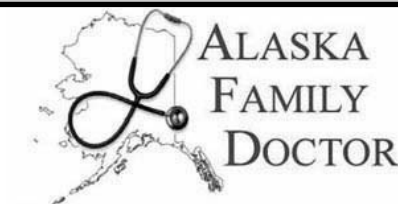
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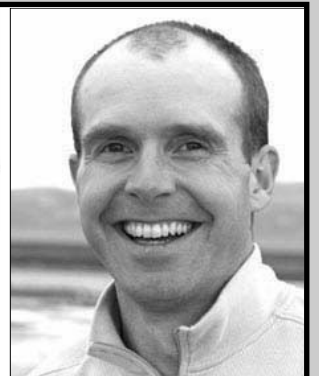
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NOAA declares unusual mortality event for ringed seals

By Diana Haecker

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration declared an unusual mortality event in response to a mystery disease that affects ringed and bearded seals and possibly walrus.

The disease that caused skin lesions, hair loss and lethargic behavior in seals this summer and fall is still a mystery to scientists. NOAA officials say that the declaration of an "unusual mortality event" triggers a new level of expert investigation into the cause of the disease. A decision by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service on walrus is pending.

A Working Group on Marine Mammal Unusual Mortality Events determined that the situation warrants the declaration of an unusual mortality event, UME for short, and recommended that NOAA issue the declaration. The North Slope Borough's wildlife management department took the lead in preparing the evidence paperwork for a UME declaration. Collaborators included the federal U.S. Fish & Wildlife agency, NOAA and the stranded marine

mammals network program with the National Marine Fisheries Service, Gay Sheffield with the UAF Marine Advisory Program in Nome, pathologist Kathy Burek and Steven Raverty with the Canadian Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans.

So far, 60 dead and 75 diseased seals have been reported in Alaska, but reports of diseased seals and walrus are also coming in from Russia and Canada. USFWS biologist Joel Garlich-Miller confirmed that skin lesions and open sores were also seen on walrus. A large group of about 20,000 walrus hauled out this fall on a barrier island near Point Lay and Garlich-Miller conducted a carcass survey on 28 animals that were found dead. Most of them, he said, were calves and yearlings that showed signs of being trampled to death, but some also had skin lesions. "The cause and significance of this disease for walrus is still unclear," Garlich-Miller said. He added that the disease doesn't seem to be widespread in walrus, but seeing the same symptoms in ice seals, USFWS wants to say actively involved and

engaged with the working group

Dr. Teri Rowles, NOAA's national marine mammal health and stranding response program coordinator, said in a press conference on

nary Diagnostic Lab in British Columbia and said that the patchy hair loss in ice seals has been investigated for nearly ten years, but the symptoms with this disease include open

hunters and researchers trying to find out what is happening.

Given that seals and walrus are an important subsistence food source in northwest Alaska, subsistence users



Photo by North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management

SORE EYES— In this photo taken on August 29, 2011 near Barrow, a seal pup shows sores around the eyes.



Photo by North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management
LESIONS— With the UME declaration, more resources are going to be devoted to study the causes of the mysterious disease in seals and walrus that causes skin lesions on the animals' flippers. The photo was taken on August 11, 2011 near Barrow.

Tuesday morning that the UME declaration means that they will develop an investigative team, and continue to ramp up the level of cooperation between Native organizations, local governments and state, federal and international agencies. "The UME declaration will provide us with additional expertise and we will be able to use a fund to do more in-depth diagnostics," Rowles said. "The working group will take the information and begin to target where we go with the diagnostics and the data collection. The UME allows us to target resources as needed."

Dr. Stephen Raverty, veterinary pathologist and working group member, works at the Provincial Veteri-

lesions around the eyes and between the hind flippers. Raverty said that samples were tested for 18 known viral pathogens, but all test results were negative. According to NOAA scientists, necropsies and laboratory tests also found fluid in the lungs, white spots on the liver and abnormal growths in the brain. Some seals showed undersized lymph nodes, which could indicate compromised immune systems.

Dr. Raphaela Stimmelmayer, wildlife veterinarian and research biologist with the North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management stressed that the investigation so far has been a highly collaborative effort between local

are very concerned. Until more is known, the scientists recommend using good hygiene practices when butchering animals and not to take sick animals. They still encourage the public to report sightings of dead or diseased marine mammals. In the North Slope Borough call the North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management, (907) 852-0350; in the Bering Strait region and Nome call the Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program, at 1-800-478-2202 or in Nome 443-2397; elsewhere in Alaska call NOAA Fisheries Alaska marine mammal stranding hotline: 1-877-925-7773

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