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TO THE STARTING LINE— Nome-Golovin racers with engines whining and a long trail ahead drive their sleds east on Front Street Saturday. See story and photos inside.

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Dallas Seavey cinches Iditarod XL

By Diana Haecker
A third generation Seavey made the clan proud as 25-year-old Dallas Seavey of Willow arrived on Tuesday evening at 7:29 p.m. as the first musher of the 2012 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race under the burled arch in Nome. Seavey's team traveled up the Iditarod Trail in 9 days, 4 hours, 29 minutes and 26 seconds. Under

blue skies, with a light breeze blowing and illuminated by the soft light of the setting sun, Dallas Seavey drove up Front Street, greeting the crowd of a few hundred people closing in to high five the new champion on his way to the finish ramp.
Looking over his shoulder all the way from White Mountain to Nome, Seavey said at the finish line that he

wasn't sure of his victory until sitting on the champion throne with his lead dogs wearing the roses. Pretty much all the way up the coast, Seavey was chased by Aliy Zirkle, at times only five miles apart from Seavey, followed by Ramey Smyth and Aaron Burmeister – all within striking distance. After receiving the \$50,400 winner's check and the key to a

brand new Dodge truck, Seavey acknowledged the top caliber of his competitors. "When you've got Aliy Zirkle and Ramey Smith behind you, even if they're a day behind, you always look over your shoulder," Seavey said. He said that it crossed his mind that a win might be within reach going into Takotna. "Going into Ruby, I thought, gee, we have a real chance," Seavey said. He talked about emotional swings that went up and down with each hill his team climbed. Seavey said he bought his entire team from other mushers. "Meaning that they were not the best, they were either too big, or too small, or too shy," he said.

Dallas Seavey hails from a long line of mushers, including his grandfather Dan Seavey who raced in the first Iditarod in 1973 and is this year on the trail again, and his father Mitch, who won the 2004 Iditarod and was on his way to Nome from White Mountain as Dallas pulled under the burled arch.
Exactly one hour later, the siren sounded again and a thin but very vocal crowd greeted runner-up Aliy Zirkle. She arrived under the burled arch with 10 dogs at 8:29 p.m. Ramey Smyth followed and arrived at 9:04 p.m. with 9 dogs in harness.



Photos by Diana Haecker

CHAMPION— (top) Dallas Seavey and his lead dog Guinness are welcomed at the winner's podium by wife Jen and daughter Annie. (below) Dallas Seavey claims the 2012 Iditarod win. (left) Second place finisher Aliy Zirkle arrives in Nome one hour after winner Dallas Seavey.

Dogs march up the coast

By Diana Haecker
It was a long, cold night for Aliy Zirkle, probably the hardest of the entire race so far, said Zirkle's husband Allen Moore, standing in Unalakleet, watching his wife get ready to leave the checkpoint on Sunday mid-morning. The temperature was close to -40°F and the run over 85 miles of trail through the Nulato Hills between Kaltag and the coast can stretch into a very uncomfortable eternity. But Zirkle of Two Rivers didn't look like she had a rough night, when she walked out of the Unalakleet checkpoint building.

Walking out of the checkpoint definitely requires a whole lot of will power as the community had prepared cozy beds for tired mushers to sleep in, plus five-star rated meals of sourdough hotcakes, freshly made fry bread, huge jars filled with home-made blueberry jam, pasta salads, baked chum salmon and other salmon delicacies.
But the Iditarod is not a vacation trip and the front-runners didn't look like they had lazed around much. On Sunday morning, at 7:28 a.m. Zirkle reached the coast first, which earned her the Wells Fargo Gold Coast award in form of a gold cup filled with \$2,500 in gold nuggets acquired from Nome gold

miner Jim Hansen. Scotty Watkins, branch manager for the Nome Wells Fargo along with Loren Prosser, bank president for Northwest Alaska were on hand to present the award.
Next to arrive was Dallas Seavey with 11 dogs, almost an hour after Zirkle came in. Then Nome's Aaron Burmeister arrived at 8:30 a.m. followed by Kotzebue's John Baker at 9:08 a.m. It was clear that a race was on and competitors watched closely what the other guy was doing. Inside the checkpoint building, Burmeister and Baker were having breakfast, talking with each other and willingly offering their thoughts to three reporters—a thin media crowd compared to years past.
Burmeister, sitting in third place, continued on page 26

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Letters

Dear Editor:

Thank you for publishing the article, “Polar Code talks stalled in IMO Subcommittee meeting” in last week’s edition. The suspended discussion on the environmental portion of the Polar Code has great implications for people living in coastal Alaska. As sea ice continues to recede in the Arctic, there is an increased number of vessels that travel the ocean—a number which is expected to continue to rise. This will directly impact whaling, seal and walrus hunting, and communities that depend on marine mammals for a cultural and subsistence way of life. These ships can harm the marine environment with increased noise and pollution that can have negative impacts on marine mammals. Currently, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) is developing the mandatory set of regulations (the Polar Code) without input from the people who will be most impacted by increased shipping – those who live in Arctic coastal areas and are dependent on the marine environment for subsistence and a traditional way of life.

Pacific Environment is a non-profit organization that works to ensure that the voices of people who will be most affected by the decisions being made at an international level are heard. Over the past several years Pacific Environment has been working at the United Nations IMO to monitor and advocate for strong protections of communities, tribes, animals and the environment. We work to include indigenous voices in IMO meetings by offering travel assistance and credentials to these ongoing meetings. We understand that the outcome directly impacts Indigenous culture, way of life, and future generations.

Tribes in particular have important indigenous, human and environmental rights that can be asserted in these United Nations meetings.

There are currently a numbers of ways for communities to be involved and Pacific Environment would like to have Tribal and community input on our work as we move forward.

We are happy to present more information to Tribal Councils and communities - in person or over the phone -and are available to answer any questions you may have. I can be reached at slarson@pacificenvironment.org.

Tsin’aen,
Shawna Larson
Alaska Program Director
Pacific Environment

So once in a while I pretend to drink so that maybe I could understand what people see in it and no matter how old I get and how much I try, I cannot understand. I understand the hurt it’s caused and the people it’s broken and all I can do is try to help put back the pieces.

I tried to break the cycle but where has it gotten me? I realize my kids haven’t seen it the way I did, but I can’t seem to get them to understand. I don’t know how to explain.

I think it’s time for all of us to get together and end the cycle of abuse. Show the people that you care. Talk to them about it. Don’t be scared to do so, it will show the people that you care. Talk them sober like I do

at times then maybe they’d say what’s the use of trying it. Talk to each other about how it’s disrupting your life.

Remember that’s not why you were put here on this earth. Stop to smell the beautiful flowers or look at the beautiful scenery, it really is worth looking at. No matter how much I hurt at times, I look out my window and thank God for everything He has given me.

Take care everyone and remember you’re not super human, so dress accordingly.

As always,
Karen Nanouk
Unalakleet, AK 99684

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Editorial

What’s the Plan?

Alaska is at an important threshold in charting the path for our future. The Arctic is changing and from the looks of things our protective sheets of polar ice will no longer lock us in. Our pristine oceans will be traversed by tankers, container ships, drilling rigs, battle ships, submarines, barges and cruise ships. We will have shipping traffic in the high seas from all over the planet. We will have oil spills, toxic dumps, sewage leaks, stinking smokestacks, rusty buckets of grease and accidents waiting to happen.

It is up to Alaskans to set the policy that will protect our waters and coastline. Our fish and marine mammals are at risk, our life styles are in jeopardy. We need a concise, clear arctic policy that protects Alaska and its living creatures— all of us. We need good people to step forward and demand that our Arctic policy not be one of entrenched political greed, but one that promotes the interests of the citizens of Alaska.

Alaskans can’t afford to let the tail wag the dog. We have vested interest in the happenings in the Arctic. We need to take a proactive role in policy making and we need to do it now. — N.L.M.—

“These unhappy times call for the building of plans... that build from the bottom up and not from the top down, that put their faith once more in the forgotten man at the bottom of the economic pyramid.” — Franklin Delano Roosevelt Radio address April 7, 1932

Hello out there,

This morning I was sitting here talking with my older kids and they started talking about alcohol and how they plan to party once they move away and it broke my heart so much I decided to write about it.

I have seen so many nice people die because of it. I have seen perfectly nice people turn ugly because of it. I have seen kids be hungry because of it. I have seen people beaten up because of it. I have seen people die because of it and all the heartache it causes.

Wearin' of the Green

Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day!

Wear something green and join the parade Saturday, March 17! It starts at 1 p.m. west of the state office building.

A Look at the Past



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

WINNING MACHINE NOME-GOLOVIN 2013? — Nome motor-head creativity rules when winter is eight months long. This 1935 conveyance mixed a sled, a tracked vehicle and a horse drawn buggy.

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Governor Parnell checks in with constituents in Nome

By Diana Haecker

As Legislators were on a break from the regular legislative session to attend Energy Council meetings in Washington, D.C., Governor Sean Parnell said he used the time to visit rural communities in northwest Alaska, including Nome. Parnell and his wife Sandi flew from Barrow to Nome in the State's King Air last Thursday, stayed overnight and left Friday morning to Kotzebue. "It's a great time to come into Alaska communities to get a good check with Alaskan constituents as we finish out the last weeks of the legislative session," Parnell told The Nome Nugget.

Roughly 30 Nomeites and community leaders attended a community reception for Parnell and his staff on Thursday night at Old St. Joe's Hall. Bob Hafner did the honors of greeting Parnell on behalf of the Nome Chamber of Commerce and John Handeland gave the official welcome as Mayor Denise Michels had traveled to Washington, D.C. to deliver Northern Waters Task Force recommendations.

Handeland said in his welcome address that Nomeites hope that the Parnell administration and legislators will get over their differences of opinion when it comes to the mechanism to provide additional school funding. "We trust there will be a compromise that will insure sufficient funding is available to meet the increasing costs, many directly related to energy costs," Handeland said.

Handeland said the city appreciates Parnell's support for Nome's

priorities including funding for the new Richard Foster building which will house the Carrie M. McLain Memorial museum and the city's library. Handeland then presented Parnell with a historic photo taken in 1905 of a Nome Public Schools classroom and he pointed out Jimmy Doolittle sitting as a seven-year-old in the photo.

Nome priorities for 2012 funding requests include education, port development, the completion of the Norton Sound Health Corporation's Quynana Care facility and a new state office building on Front Street.

Parnell told the thin crowd that Nome shares problems with all of rural Alaska, namely meeting the energy challenge. He said that he conferred with Fairbanks and rural legislators lately on how to tackle the statewide energy problem, and said that rather than going to look at each community separately, a region-wide approach should be sought.

"One of the things that came out of it was that we need to stop looking at individual community solutions," Parnell said. "We decided to discuss how to work regionally to address larger infrastructure projects that can address the entire region." How this is to work in widespread communities off the road system has not been fleshed out.

Parnell suggested that the state could look into programs to "incentivize" small-scale natural gas exploration in the Norton Sound/Bering Strait region. "Larger companies want larger prospects, but there are smaller companies with expertise in drilling smaller wells, and

just like we have incentivized gas drilling in Cook Inlet, we could offer similar incentives here. The North Slope Borough along with NANA have expressed interest in that," Parnell said.

Parnell took questions from the audience. So, what about preparing for a new Arctic reality and convincing the federal government to invest in new icebreakers? "The Coast Guard has asked if the state can participate in improving the communication infrastructure and I have indicated that I'm willing to do that," Parnell said. The need for icebreakers or an icebreaker fleet is a common refrain and something that we are aggressively pursuing with the Alaska delegation," Parnell said.

When asked during a subsequent interview held on Friday morning at the Nome Nugget's office, Parnell expanded briefly on the thought of an Arctic policy and said that the state last year included money in the Department of Transportation's budget for a study on deep port possibilities. "We need to know what the options are and which location would make most sense for Alaska," Parnell said.

Parnell, often at odds with federal agencies over alleged overreaching into state's business, said that he is willing to cooperate with the Coast Guard on communications improvements. "I have communicated [to the Coast Guard commandant] that I'm willing to partner with the federal government on broadband infrastructure and better communications structure in the north," Parnell said.

He added that Alaska would benefit from the improvements for search and rescue operations, oil spill prevention and response and also for economic growth.

While in Nome, Parnell toured the old state office building and different potential locations. "I heard concerns to keep the state office building on Front Street," said Parnell.

"Right now, we are looking at where is should be, whether or not the existing structure should be renovated and to weigh all the different alternatives," he said. "The City and Sitnasuak have done work to evaluate that but the state should do its due diligence and we should be complete with that soon."

While in Nome, Parnell also

asked for an update on what the \$14 million for the new Richard Foster building has bought so far. "I was told that they are making good progress on the design phase of the project," Parnell said.

The Governor and his wife also received ivory carvings as a thank you for providing funds for the Quynana Care facility from NSHC chairwoman Emily Hughes and board member Berda Willson.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 15 - March 21, 2012

See Iditarod Events on page 6 & 7

Thursday, March 15

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| *LOIBC | Nome Rec Center | |
| *Lunch Laps | Pool | 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. |
| *Things My Mother Did Not Tell Me | Prematernal Home | 1:30 p.m. |
| *7 Steps to Reduce the Risks of SIDS | Prematernal Home | 2:30 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. |
| *Port Commission Meeting | Public Safety Building | 5:30 p.m. |
| *Nome Food Bank | Bering & Seppala | 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. |
| *Body Blast | 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. |
| *Kripalu Yoga | Nome Rec Center | 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. |
| *Thrft Shop | Methodist Church | 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. |

Friday, March 16

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| *LOIBC | Nome Rec Center | |
| *Lap Swim | Pool | 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. |
| *CAMP Class | Prematernal Home | 1:30 p.m. |
| *Infertility: The New Solution | Prematernal Home | 2:00 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. |
| *Open Bowl | Nome Rec Center | 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. |
| *AA Meeting | Lutheran Church (rear) | 8:00 p.m. |

Saturday, March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

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| *St. Patrick's Day Parade | *Starts at State Bldg. | 1:00 p.m. |
| *LOIBC | Nome Rec Center | |
| *Relax, Renew & Restore Yoga | Nome Rec Center | 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. |
| *Labor & Delivery For Teens Video | Prematernal Home | 1:30 p.m. |
| *Menopause: Guide to Healthy Living | Prematernal Home | 2:30 p.m. |
| *Open Bowl | Nome Rec Center | 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. |

Sunday, March 18

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| *Iditarod Banquet | Nome Rec Center | |
| *Age Appropriate Play Video | Prematernal Home | 1:30 p.m. |
| *Knowing the Unborn Video | Prematernal Home | 2:30 p.m. |

Monday, March 19

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| *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 |
| Open Gym | Nome Rec Center | noon - 6:15 p.m. |
| *Stages of Labor Video | Prematernal Home | 1:30 p.m. |
| *Smoking A Time To Quit Video | Prematernal Home | 2:20 p.m. |
| *Dance: Grades K-2 | Nome Rec Center | 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. |
| *Zumba | Nome Rec Center | 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. |
| *Open Spc 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. |
| *H2O Aerobics | Pool | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. |
| City League Vball | Nome Rec Center | 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. |

Tuesday, March 20

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| *Open Gym | Nome Rec Center | 5:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. |
| *Preschool Story Hour | Library | 10:30 a.m. |
| *Lunch Laps | Pool | 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. |
| *Pregnancy and Smoking Video | Prematernal Home | 1:30 p.m. |
| *Worth The Trip Video | Prematernal Home | 2:30 p.m. |
| *Floor Hockey: Grades 3-6 | Nome Rec Center | 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. |
| *Strength Training | Nome Rec Center | 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. |
| *Open Gym | Nome Rec Center | 4:45 p.m. - 6:15 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. |
| *City League Vball | Nome Rec Center | 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. |
| *Open Swim | Pool | 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. |
| *Cardio-Kickbox | Nome Rec Center | 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. |
| *Thrft Shop | Methodist Church | 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. |
| *NJUS Reg. Meeting | Council Chambers | 7:30 p.m. |

Wednesday, March 21

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| *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 |
| *Breastfeeding Video | Prematernal Home | 1:30 p.m. |
| *Breastfeeding Your Baby Video | Prematernal Home | 2:30 p.m. |
| *Team Handball: Grades 3-6 | Nome Rec Center | 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. |
| *Open Gym | Nome Rec Center | 4:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. |
| *Zumba | Nome Rec Center | 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. |
| *Open Spc Yoga | Nome Rec Center | 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. |
| *Family Swim | Pool | 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 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. |

Community points of interest:

*Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum:
Iditarod Hours: Saturday, March 10 through Tuesday, March 20: 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
March 18: Closed for Banquet.
*Kegoayah Kozga Library: 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (M-Th)
12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (F-Sa)
*Nome Visitor Center: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (M-F)
*XYZ Center - Center Street: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (M-F)



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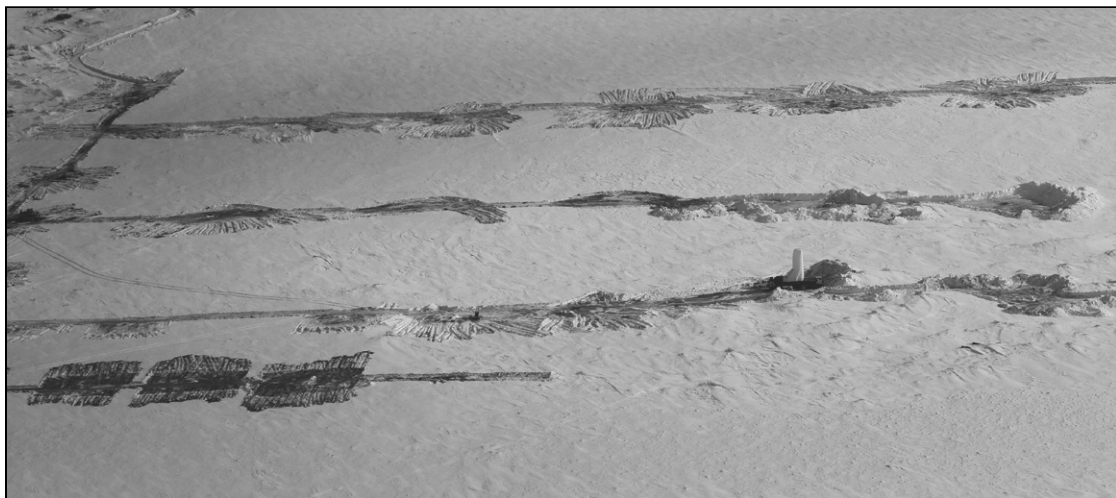
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DATA GATHERING—Nome Gold Alaska Corp. punches holes in the tundra between the Teller Highway and CenTER Creek Road. They are drilling core samples to verify the presence of gold.

Nome Gold Alaska firms plans to mine this summer

By Diana Haecker

Nome Gold Alaska Corp., the newly formed corporation that bought 11,500 acres of Alaska Gold patented mining claims last year, is firming up plans to commence mining operations this summer. The parent company is registered in Canada, and has hired a chief executive officer with John Sellar, a mining engineer originally from Australia, to head the operations in Nome.

Sellar's background is in open pit mining of gold, precious metals, uranium and coal. "My task here is to re-commence placer mining operations in a modest way to start with this year," Sellar said in a recent interview with *The Nome Nugget*. He said that Nome Gold is in the process of confirming old drilling data gathered from drill samples of 7,500 drill holes in the area. Where holes were too far apart, drilling is being done to put additional holes in the ground to shorten up the distances between exploration holes and to confirm old drilling data, Sellar said.

The corporation has been busy all winter exploring at Monroeville, south of the Bessie Pit and northwest of Icy View. A white sock is placed over the exploration drill rig, which can be seen at times from the Nome-Beltz Hwy —and workers plowed snow mixed with soil off the tundra to drive trucks to and from the drill rig. Sellar explained that the drill rig itself is mobile and on tracks, but he also said that trucks are needed to get people and the heavy core samples from the drill rig to the gold shed where the core samples are analyzed. The customary winter trail west of the pole line is no longer accessible due to snow berms and the exploration activity. Exploration will continue in areas that will be mined in the future, Sellar said.

Nome Gold has hired an exploration company called Metallageny Inc. out of Fairbanks, which in turn subcontracted with a drilling contractor. They currently employ 10 people during the exploration phase, with four workers being from Nome. In addition, they have four maintenance

personnel, none from Nome, but plan to hire a Nomeite in the near future.

As for office personnel, there are two managers, including John Sellar, and two Nome employees, business manager Mitch Erickson and Rusty James. Sellar said that he hopes to expand the office staff to include an administrative assistant and a planning engineer geologist. "The preference is to employ local folks, but we will bring in people if that's not possible," Sellar said.

Sellar expects a work crew of 30 employees for this summer's mining operations. Sellar said that summer mining plans only very recently firmed up. The company applied for an Army Corps of Engineers permit to discharge dredged material and fill material into 20 acres of wetlands. The public comment period on the permit application closed on February 23 and the Army Corps is currently evaluating the comments received. **(Editor's note: This comment period was not advertised in the *Nugget*)** Victor Ross with the Army Corps said that it takes about 120 days for the Corps to make its decision. The State Dept. of Environmental Conservation also has to certify the discharge application.

Sellar described the initial operations as being modest in scope. "We are going to be fairly small, operating in three small areas, 24/7, using mostly mechanical equipment," Sellar said. "Then we evaluate how we go and that will allow us to forecast what we do in the succeeding years."

He said that mining operations would start in March by trying to excavate frozen ground in the areas first targeted. The three areas of operation will be the Jail House block, west of the prison. They plan to continue mining in northern Monroeville, south of Camp 5 and below the T Hangar. The third spot to be mined would be the area across from the National Guard Hangar, east of Center Creek Road and south of the City's monofill dump. "All of this would be with mechanical, diesel driven, traditional mining equip-

ment, trucks, front end loaders, dozers, excavators," explained Sellar. Eventually, Sellar said, they would employ the oldest mining method of all and that's hydrolic mining. Mitch Erickson said the company plans to use water from ponds and recycle the water back to the ponds to create a zero discharge operation. "The material will be pumped to some form of screening operation to take out oversize material and the smaller material and the gravels holding the gold will be processed over sluices and maybe a fine gold recovery circuit," explained Sellar. "Tailings will be pumped into tailings area and the water re-circulated to the water ponds." The company plans to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week during the summer season. Sellar said that the company has acquired a lot of new equipment that is due to arrive with the first barge in Nome.

Sellar said that the company has no plans to hold public meetings in the immediate future. "We don't have any immediate plans [for a public meeting], no," Sellar said. "One of the reasons is that we have only very recently started to firm up plans anyway. When we have something to talk about, we'll have public meetings for discussion." Asked what the Nome Gold Alaska's policies are in regards to the public using the land, Sellar said that they do not have a policy yet. "We are aware that the public has used the lands before and we are aware that we have some liability, [...] but we will try to accommodate public use of our lands where appropriate," Sellar said. "We're not going to allow people to build a house and live in it, but crossing the land for access and other activities, provided it's reasonable, we give it some consideration."

How about trail use? "I don't have a problem provided people are behaving in a reasonable manner. If people behave in such a way that would cause injury or damage, we have to consider our own liability,"

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Nome Gold to open tent city for gold seekers

By Sandra L. Medearis

Miners lured by drama and riches portrayed on television have sent the City administration into a spin with visions of services overwhelmed by those loading e-mail inboxes for information on housing, staging areas and equipment. A multimillion dollar state lease sale of offshore mining areas has added to the worry of gold dredges clogging the harbor, fighting, claim jumping, and pressure on City services. Today, there has not BEEN a lot of help from outside sources that have directly or indirectly contributed to the 2012 gold rush. City fathers and mothers have not yet found a way to tax gold to help defray costs.

But for those who are prepared to rough it like the good ol' days, there will be some relief of housing demand in do-it-yourself accommodations. Last week, Mitch Erickson of Nome Gold Alaska delighted the Nome Planning Commission with news that his company had a place on the tundra near West Beach where the miners could set up camp and work on equipment.

"This is another gold rush. We're trying to make it easy," Erickson said. "We're trying to get them out of town and out there amongst themselves."

The only other public campground is at Salmon Lake north of Nome. NGA, and Sitnasuak, King Island and Bering Straits Native corporations own land surrounding Nome.

Commissioners applauded the campground proposal, commenting that they had hoped people from private business would pick up the ball for helping to provide services for

the afflicted—those arriving with advanced cases of gold fever.

Planners said they saw no problem with recreational use of the land, but that campers would have to check with the Nome Planning Commission for conditional uses before building dwellings or setting up Connex shipping containers.

"We are proposing an industrial campsite west of the Dredge 6 area on 150 acres of mined property," Erickson told the NPC at a meeting March 6. The camp would open in May or June and close in mid-October. "The lot size will be based on the demand, anywhere FROM 100 feet by 100 feet for tent space. We will run it ourselves or lease it out."

Erickson came to the planning meeting to seek guidance and to run the camp idea by commissioners. The Dredge 6 camping area on offer could look like the gold rush tent city postcards from 1900.

Tents—wall tents, spike tents, pup tents will be OK, as will shipping containers converted to dwellings. People will be welcome to bring their dredges up to work on them and putter around when bad weather empties the seascape of mining rigs.

"I had one guy contact me about putting in three 5th wheel trailers and a work shed," Erickson told commissioners.

However, Erickson put his boot down hard on one type of dwelling.

"We are not going to have anything built of blue tarp and pallets—no shacks like the ones currently at West Beach," he declared. Erickson said the days of the shack city along

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the beach west of Port of Nome are numbered.

"Ultimately I want to clean up the beach and haul off all the old cars during cleanup week this spring," Erickson said.

There will not be electric power available at the camp, but vendors have approached him to offer showers, food and other services. NGA plans to provide portable restrooms and garbage cans. Monitors will be on duty.

Access from town would be via Lindbloom Avenue past the state trailers south of the Nome Airport. From the camp, a private road owned by the company would take dredgers to the water at the West Beach public recreational mining area offshore.

Along with the camping permit would come a beach mining permit for land owned by Nome Gold Alaska on West Beach. Another recreational offshore mining area lies off East Beach, looking off East Front Street and extending to Beam Road. The West Offshore and East Offshore recreational mining areas are the only areas where one is able to do recreational mining with a suction dredge. No commercial mining is allowed. Commercial miners are diving over privately owned claims and leases.

Sitnasuak Native Corp. owns the beach, including the ruby and black sands sought by beach miners on East Beach, followed by a strip farther east owned by the Leo B. Rasmussen family. East Beach is currently posted with No Trespassing notices forbidding mining activities. Several concerns own West Beach above the mean high water line, including NGA and Gold Prospectors Association of America, a paid gold camping operation.

Nome Gold Alaska has an answer also for prospectors frustrated by the closure of the popular East Beach mining area. NGA has a deal for local and out-of-town small-scale miners who want to shovel into a

high-banker or look for color in the pan on the sand above the MHW line without looking over their shoulder for property owners coming to kick them off. NGA will issue season permits for \$25 per individual or family to mine on West Beach. Folks who want to mine at area private beaches have been confined theoretically to standing in water below the mean high water line.

Nome Gold Alaska will have monitors also on West Beach. The company is issuing beach permits on a trial basis this season.

"We can respect each other and respect the land," Erickson said Friday. "We can patrol it better with permits." Disorder and trashing the beach this season would close the permit program for next year or raise the price of permits, he added.

Another outfit, Akau Resort, hosted by Betty Krutzsch-Johnson offers rooms at the mining camp near Anvil Creek.

The City is working with the state Dept. of Natural Resources to plan for the increase in mining permits in process and to answer the waves of inquiries from the would-be rich attracted to offshore mining by the Didoes on the Discovery Channel's "Bering Sea Gold."

Kerwin Krause of state DNR has been enclosing a letter with mining applications addressed to "Dear Gold Seeker." In the letter, the state permitting agency warns those heading north that no roads lead to Nome, so they need to find the cost of shipping and transportation. They need to prepare themselves for the cost of living and be prepared "to find very little gold compared to what you'll spend to find it."

Training to properly and safely run a suction dredge would be wise, the letter notes, "as two untrained miners have died offshore while mining" in past years.

At a recent special meeting of the Nome Common Council, Josie Bahnke, city manager, noted that she has been in contact with some of the offshore miners interested in working with the City Administration and

local businesses to form an independent group to puzzle out how the City can deal with increased visitors and mining permits this summer.

Erickson does not expect the Nome Gold Alaska camp to compete with those getting ready to fix up

rentals for the onslaught of summer visitors. Most will want more amenable digs, with electricity and other basic amenities, he thinks.

Indeed, local entrepreneurs and businesses have the latchstring out to "mine the miners."

"When you get down to it, everyone has to eat, sleep and sh_t," said one hard-working merchant. "There is going to be opportunity for whomever wants it."



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Sellar said.

Sellar expressed that Nome Gold Alaska wants to be part of the community. "The community is part of us and we want to be a good corporate citizen," Sellar said. "We will need the assistance of various sec-

tions of the public at various times. So our operations are attempting to be compatible with the residents of Nome."

The purchase agreement with Alaska Gold Co. becomes final in early May, when the last installment of the total purchase price of \$21 million is due.

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GETTING DRESSED— Nome's Aaron Burmeister booties up one of his dogs, prior to departing from Unalakleet, on Sunday, March 11. Burmeister arrived in third place after Dallas Seavey and Aliy Zirkle at the Norton Sound community.



ROOM SERVICE (top) — Unalakleet volunteer Wesley Ivanoff carries a drop back to the dog yard as Ray Redington Jr. arrived on Sunday, March 11.

ALL BUSINESS (bottom) — When Willow musher DeeDee Jonrowe arrived in Unalakleet, she didn't waste any time chatting but got right down to bed down the dogs with a bale of straw after the long run from Kaltag.

Iditarod 2012 Events Calendar March 15 - March 16, 2012

Thursday, March 15

7a-6p Jeff Schultz Iditarod Photographer ~ Arctic Trading Post
8a & 2p Idita-Ride ~ Starts at Aurora Inn
8:30a-5p Blood Sugar & Cholesterol Screenings ~ Rec Center
8:30a-5p Let's Move Healthy Challenge ~ Rec Center
8:30a-5p Nat. Nutrition Month Health Education ~ Rec Center
8:30a-11:30p LOIBC ~ Call Rec Center 443-2867
9a-5p Idita-Elders Native Craft Fair ~ Sitnasuak Building
9a-6p Helicopter Tours ~ Call 304-1266, 443-2427, 443-5464
9:30a NPS Movie ~ Sitnasuak Building
10a-4p Solomon B&B Open House ~ Phone: 443-2403
10a-6p Arts & Crafts Fair ~ Old St. Joe's, Anvil City Square
10a-6p Fine Arts Show ~ Old St. Joe's, Anvil City Square
11a-1:30p Reindeer; Taste of the Tundra ~ Register 443-8403
11a & 3p NPS Ranger Talks ~ Sitnasuak Building
12-6p Idit-A-Shoot ~ Call 443-6162
12-2p Nome Rotary Reindeer Dog Grill Out & Reindeer Toss ~ Front Street next to the Visitors Center
1p Junior Ranger Programs ~ Sitnasuak Building
2p Meet & Greet Howard Farley ~ Museum, Front Street

4:30-5:30p Robert Service Reading ~ Mini Conv. Center
5-7p Bearing Song Open House ~ 116 Front Street
7p NPS Workshop ~ Sitnasuak Building
7p Texas Hold'em Poker ~ Arctic Native Brotherhood Club
7:30p Open Mike Night ~ XYZ Senior Center
8p Idita-Mardi Gras Party ~ Anchor Tavern
8p Make Your Own Bikini ~ Polar Bar
9p Polaris Karaoke Contest ~ Polaris Bar
10p Hula Girls ~ Breakers Bar

Friday, March 16

7a-6p Jeff Schultz Iditarod Photographer ~ Arctic Trading Post
8a & 2p Idita-Ride ~ Starts at Aurora Inn
8:30a-5p Blood Sugar & Cholesterol Screenings ~ Rec Center
8:30a-5p Let's Move Healthy Challenge ~ Rec Center
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9:30a, 1p & 7p NPS Movies ~ Sitnasuak Building

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10a-6p Arts & Crafts Fair ~ Old St. Joe's, Anvil City Square
10a-6p Fine Arts Show ~ Old St. Joe's, Anvil City Square
11a & 3p NPS Ranger Talks ~ Sitnasuak Building
1p Meet & Greet Martin Buser ~ Library
2p Meet & Greet Howard Farley ~ Museum, Front Street
2p Nome Open Ski Race ~ Nome Bypass / K Street
2-4p Jeff Schultz Iditarod Photographer Reception ~ Arctic Trading Post
2-6p TLC Bible, Book & Gift Store Open House ~ 606 E 1st Ave
3:30p Be a Musher ~ Sign up a Visitors Center
5-7p Bearing Song Open House ~ 116 Front Street
5-7p Fine Arts Show Reception ~ Old St. Joe's, Anvil City Square
5-7p Reindeer Potluck ~ Nome Elementary School
7p Chili Cook-off & Games ~ VFW
7p Community Sing-a-long ~ Nome Covenant Church
8p Safe Sex Party ~ Anchor Tavern
10p Husky Hoedown ~ Breakers Bar
10p-3a The Eternal Cowboys ~ Polaris Bar



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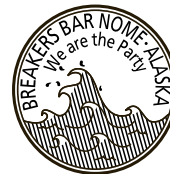
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CHASING THE SON — 2004 Iditarod champion Mitch Seavey arrives in Unalakleet three hours and 40 minutes after his son Dallas did. The Seavey clan was well represented in this year's race with grandfather Dan Seavey driving a team to Nome, albeit a bit further behind in the pack.

Iditarod 2012 Events Calendar March 17 - March 20, 2012

Saturday, March 17

7a-6p Jeff Schultz Iditarod Photographer ~ Arctic Trading Post
 8-11a Girl Scouts Sourdough Pancake Breakfast ~ XYZ
 10a-7:30p LOIBC ~ Call Rec Center 443-2867
 9a-6p Helicopter Tours ~ Call 304-1266, 443-2427, 443-5464
 9:30a & 11a NPS Movies ~ Sitnasuak Building
 10a Bering Sea Ice Golf Classic ~ Sign up at Breakers Bar
 10a-4p Solomon B&B Open House ~ Phone: 443-2403
 10a-6p Arts & Crafts Fair ~ Old St. Joe's, Anvil City Square
 10a-6p Fine Arts Show ~ Old St. Joe's, Anvil City Square
 1p NPS Community Craft Day ~ Sitnasuak Building
 1p St. Patrick's Day Parade ~ Starts at State Bldg. on Front St.
 2p Meet & Greet Howard Farley ~ Museum, Front Street
 2-5p Meet the Mushers ~ Mini Convention Center
 2-6p TLC Bible, Book & Gift Store Open House ~ 606 E 1st St.

4-7p Mulligan Stew Fundraiser ~ XYZ Senior Center
 5-7p Bearing Song Open House ~ 116 Front Street
 8p Idita-Mardi Gras Party ~ Anchor Tavern
 10p-3a The Eternal Cowboys ~ Polaris Bar

Sunday, March 18

7a-6p Jeff Schultz Iditarod Photographer ~ Arctic Trading Post
 10a-4p Solomon B&B Open House ~ Phone: 443-2403
 11a Musher Sunday ~ Nome Covenant Church
 3p Iditarod Awards Banquet ~ Nome Rec Center
 5-7p Bearing Song Open House ~ 116 Front Street

Monday, March 19

7a-6p Jeff Schultz Iditarod Photographer ~ Arctic Trading Post
 10a-4p Solomon B&B Open House ~ Phone: 443-2403

Tuesday, March 20

10a-4p Solomon B&B Open House ~ Phone: 443-2403
 Red Lantern Banquet ~ Mini Convention Center

Ongoing Events:

- **March 12-17:** Nome Discovery Tours ~ Call 304-1453
- **March 10 till the last musher passes through:**
 The Last Checkpoint ~ Safety Roadhouse ~ 443-5676
- Bowling at the Nome Rec Center ~ Every Wed-Sat 6-10p
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Bahnke III wins Nome-Golovin race

By Diana Haecker
“It was a gnarly ride,” succinctly summarized Evan Booth his and probably every other racer’s 2012 Nome-Golovin Snowmachine Race experience. Rough trail pretty much

ish. “He got me on Golovin Bay, I tried to catch him on the flats [behind Topkok] but I fell off, checking out the tundra and the scenery there,” Bahnke jokingly reported. Hitting a rock hard windrow at high speed, he

the victory and it’s pretty sweet for him. “It’s been a few years since I finished it, so I feel real good,” Bahnke said smiling. The two congratulated each other with big smiles on their faces as race fans surrounded

Edge 800 is a nine-year old machine and didn’t handle the bumps as well as Bahnke’s newer Ski Doo. Also, Booth was worried about his gas consumption and rode conservatively. “My gas consumption was

Amaktoolik who zoomed across the finish after 2 hours 40 minutes and 46 seconds on the trail. Kotzebue’s Peter Reich took home victory for the 0-600 cc class, clocking a time of 2 hours, 32 and 34 seconds. Chris



Photo by Diana Haecker
FIRST AND SECOND PLACE—Overall runner-up and former Iron-dog champion Evan Booth (on right) of Nome congratulates fellow Nomeite, Irondog racer and overall winner in the Nome-Golovin Race 2012 Johnny Bahnke III.

all the 200-some miles from Nome to Golovin and back was the challenge for 38 snowmachine racers, who set out to compete for money and glory under sunny skies and a bit of ice fog along the coast, last Saturday. Johnny Bahnke III won the open class and overall in a time of 2 hours 27 minutes and 33 seconds, just 61 seconds ahead of Evan Booth. “We went back and forth a few times,” said Bahnke surrounded by family and supporters at the finish line. Planes and helicopters buzzed overhead the sea ice spectacle, adding to the sound of snowmachines racing across the fin-

got bucked off the machine and fell off. However, Bahnke jumped back in the saddle and gave Booth a good chase. “I was trying to catch him on the road coming back,” Bahnke said. He topped out between 110 or 115 mph and said that he felt comfortable doing a “steady 100 mph.” He added that his Ski-Doo MXZ 800 handled the bumps pretty well. “The machine didn’t miss a beat. The only mistakes were on my part,” Bahnke analyzed. “Mistakes like going too fast over bumps, overshooting corners and falling off.”
Bumps or not, Bahnke takes home



Photo by Diana Haecker
SPEEDSTER—Johnny Bahnke III of Nome approaches the finish line in the 2012 running of the Nome-Golovin Snowmachine Race. Bahnke was the overall winner, finishing the 200 mile race in 2 hours 27 minutes and 33 seconds - just 61 seconds ahead of Nome racer Evan Booth.

the two first finishers. Booth said he had envisioned Bahnke catching him coming in, but Booth ended up crossing the finish line first. Bahnke started as the 11th and last rider in the open class and as times were adjusted, Bahnke ended up with the faster time. Booth said his Polaris

something I was looking at and I definitely backed off to conserve as much gas as possible,” Booth said. He added that he arrived with a near empty tank and wouldn’t even make it to the port’s breakwall, about a mile away from the race finish. Third place in the open class went to Art

Collins came in second in 2 hours 33 minutes and 41 seconds. Nome’s Tre West came in third in a time of 2 hours 35 minutes and 51 seconds. This time included a five-minute penalty he received after showing up late to the tech inspection prior to the

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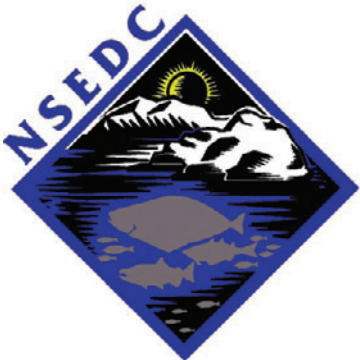
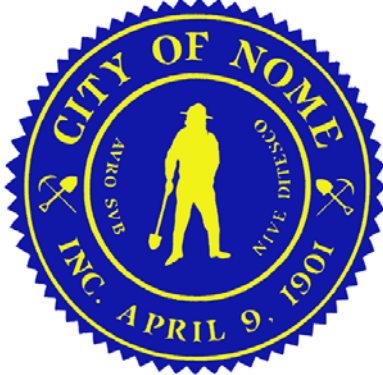


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Scary Landing!

By Denise Fernandez
8th grade, Shishmaref

Saturday January 28th, our high school girls basketball team was flying home from Savoonga. We had landed and were almost halfway down the runway, when all of a sudden the left landing gear wheel came off and the plane started to skid on the gear strut. The nose got off the runway and the plane stopped. Everyone was in silence and shock and sat in the plane very still. Doug Hemnes, the district pilot, called flight service to notify them of the incident and Tim Daniels the BSSD airplane mechanic. Dennis Sinnok opened the door and made sure we were okay.



The BSSD plane parked on the Shishmaref runway.

Ken Stenek our AD in Shishmaref and Dennis helped get us off the plane and unloaded our luggage and we went to the school to warm up (it was -30 out). When we got to the school we called our parents to let them know what was going on, then Dennis took us home.

Later that day Tim Daniels flew in by charter to supervise moving the plane off the runway. With the help of school maintenance men, a couple teachers, and airport supervisor Curtis Nayokpuk and his loader, they put a sled under the left gear and pulled the plane to the tarmac.

Tim Daniels came back a few days later with a couple BSSD maintenance men and replaced the landing gear and tested it for a few cycles to make sure it was working properly. They got a special ferry permit to fly the plane to Anchorage to remove the left engine to be inspected because the props struck the runway. They will also have to repair the left wing flap because it was damaged when the wheel hit it when it came off.

Since the plane is out of commission, BSSD travel costs have risen considerably because the travel office has to rely on charters with ERA and Bering Air. Because of this, the Bering Sea Conference tournament was moved from Gambell to Shishmaref (which Shishmaref was next in the tournament rotation) and pulled the plane to the tarmac. ■

Reviving Poetry in the Bering Strait

By Theresa Davis

On Friday, February 3, was the Bering Strait School District's first Poetry Out Loud Competition. Frank A. Degnan High School and Tukurngailnguq School were the two schools that participated in the contest.



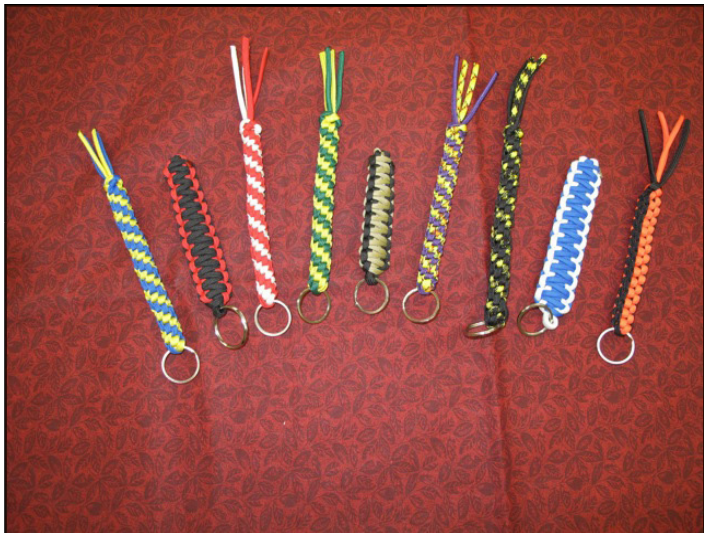
Darien Southall stands with her vocal coach Adrianna Taylor-Brown.

Congratulations to Darien Southall from Unalakleet, placing first and Lovina Steve from Stebbins, placing second. Honorable mention was given to Gloria Pete from Stebbins. Darien will be representing the district in the Regional Poetry Out Loud Competition. ■

Unalakleet Middle School Fundraiser

By Denise Thomas

The Unalakleet Middle School students are raising funds for a Unalakleet senior that has cancer. This student is currently receiving on-going treatment at Providence Hospital in Anchorage. The middle school students are being sold for \$5.00 each. The sixth through eighth grade students were taught in class how to braid the key chains and coat fobs and are now braiding them on their own time. The students have currently earned close to \$1,000.00 and hope to raise more.

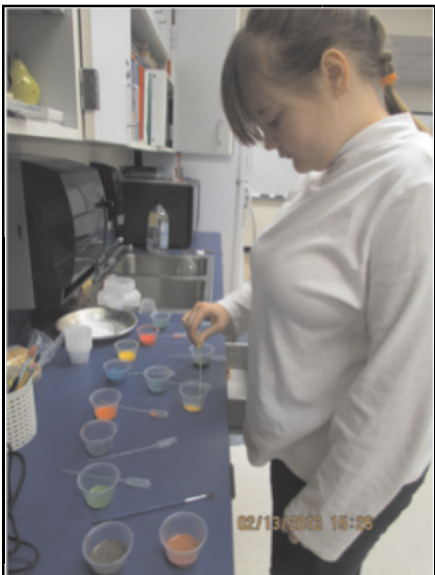


the product to aide in the fundraising project. Also, the key chains and coat fobs are on sale at the Unalakleet School office. If you have problems keeping track of your four-wheeler solve that problem. ■

Science of the Color Wheel

By Judy Standafer

In Wales, Ms Standafer's middle school science class has been studying the color wheel. They mixed the primary colors of yellow, blue, and red to make secondary colors of orange, purple, and green. The first trial was putting food color in milk. Mouse paint gel was poured into snack baggies to have fun with and taken home.



Evelyn Oxereok mixes primary and secondary colors to see what she comes up with.

They found that when they mixed different amounts of the primary colors they all ended up with different colors ranging from a very ugly green to purple to brown. When all colors are mixed you get black. Black water-soluble pens (and other colors) were used on filter paper and on coffee filters and either left to soak up water through a pipe cleaner or water was dripped on to show the colors used to make black. As you can see some very interesting things happened. Next, the primary colors were used to make abstract art. What is next???? Wait and see.



Soluble in and water results and abstract art using primary and secondary colors.



Sherrie Crisci, Shawna Keyes, Archie Olanna Jr, Rebecca Tokeinna, and Evelyn Oxereok use soluble pens on filters.



Rebecca Tokeinna shows her art work before the water to her brother Archie Olanna Jr. ■

PaperBackSwap.com Gives Books to Koyuk Elementary School

By Erika Schneider

I recently signed our school up to get new books from a book website- PaperBackSwap.com. They sent 500 new books to Koyuk for the students to take home.



The largest Book Club in America, PaperBackSwap.com, recently donated books to Koyuk Elementary School in Koyuk, Alaska. The gift included 500 brand new books which will be placed into the teachers' classroom libraries so that students will have direct access to them or given to the students so that they have books to call their own.



Overall, PaperBackSwap.com's November 2011 Books for Schools program will provide 25,000 books to 27 deserving schools all over the United States from Alaska to Florida. The books will be delivered to the schools just in time to start the New Year off right in January, 2012. ■

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Community Meeting in Shaktoolik

By Larry Cobb
Principal, Shaktoolik

Shaktoolik School had their first meeting with the community on February 14th, 2012 to discuss the approval of the Shaktoolik School construction project. Bering Strait School District will begin construction on Shaktoolik School this summer giving the school a new look, feel, and design. Many questions were answered and more were asked.



Inside Shaktoolik's new Vo-Tech Building, which has exposed students to small engine repair, wood working, construction and welding.



Outside Shaktoolik's Vo-Tech Building that was inspected by Bob Dickens

Bob Dickens was helpful in explaining the process and the possible time table of events. Shaktoolik School staff and students are excited and looking forward to having the facelift on the school. ■

Student Attendance

By Carl White

The latest research is out! Attendance in school significantly impacts student achievement, graduation rates and state test results. Data indicate that missing more than five days of school each year, regardless of the cause, begins to impact student academic performance and starts shaping attitudes about school.

Excused and unexcused absences have similar impact on student academic performance. We now have the data that show that higher absenteeism, no matter the cause, negatively impacts student achievement and academic performance. It is important for students to be at school every day... ready to learn! ■

White Mountain Excels in Battle of the Books

By Clint Schultz

The White Mountain Wolves have another great reason to be excited about their students' performance this year. This last week the White Mountain Wolves and their coaches came in first place for the local BSSD Battle of the Books competition. Grades 3-12th competed against other schools in the district, answering questions from their list of Battle of the Book readings. This year's school wide win is a great accomplishment for the White Mountain School.



White Mountain Wolves BSSD Battle of the Books scores:

- 3-4th grade: 72 pts
- 5-6th grade: 96 pts
- 7-8th grade: 96 pts
- 9-12th grade: 96 pts



White Mountain students proudly display their books as they have had recent success in the Battle of the Books.

It has been many years since White Mountain has been able to pull away with a school wide victory. I would like to congratulate all of the students who put hours and hours of time reading their books and preparing for the Battle of the Books competition.

White Mountain students are currently preparing for their next competition representing BSSD at the statewide Battle, starting February 27th and running to March 1st. Good luck Wolves! ■

Elim's Family Fun Night

By Justin Waterworth

It was a two-hour event where the community is invited to partake in their favorite boardgames and family activities. Students and adults of all ages played games like Clue, checkers, chess, Uno, and various computer games. The party also featured a cookie decoration station for families to create sugary sweets.



A group of Elim students having a competitive game of Chess.



The community of Elim gathers in the gym for a fun night of games!

Helping 1st Graders Make Christmas Cards

By Amanda Bailey

In Koyuk, the FEA helped 1st graders make Christmas cards a week right before Christmas. The kids ended up making some amazing cards!



Students listen to a Christmas story before the card making begins.



Students work hard, putting together Christmas cards. ■

Boxing in Gambell

By Kathie Klunder

Recently in Gambell, AK on St. Lawrence Island, 35 miles off the coast of Russia, I (Robert McCoy) started a boxing team. I have been boxing since 2001 and it has always been a dream of mine to start my own boxing team and eventually open up my own gym.

I came to Gambell in May 2011 and spent 2 months here. One of the problems I noticed was overexposure of negative influences to the youth, due to lack of entertainment or activities. Because my family, the Apangalooks from my mom’s side, originates from here, I was pressed to try and make a change and provide a positive influence for our youth and our future.



Gambell students practice boxing moves.

I returned to Gambell in November 2011 with plans of making an impact. My first week back I began working as a substitute teacher at the Hugo T. Apatiki Elementary/John Apangalook Memorial High School. After about a month of subbing, I landed a full time position at the Kawerak Head Start. In December, I began wondering if this place where my ancestors come from could be where I can pursue my dream.

So I started asking and conversing with the people in the village whom are highly respected and great leaders about my plans and my dreams. All were supportive of my plans to make an impact with our youth through boxing as long as it was done so with the right guidance and encouragement.



Robert is doing some one-on-one coaching.

I began my process of starting the first Alaskan rural boxing team by collecting letters of recommendation from three highly respected members of the community. I then wrote a letter myself, explaining my plans and goals.

After all letters were in order, I started collecting signatures from the community who supported my proposal and I gathered six pages full! I brought all of my paperwork to the school and requested permission to use the school facilities for our practices.



Student boxers work out to physically prepare themselves.

Since most of the school staff, including both the principal and the assistant principal, also supported my proposal, I had no problem getting approved. With help from DebForkner[theschool principal] and Kathy Klunder[the schools SFA facilitator] I was able to acquire a grant through a program called 21st Century.

21st Century is an amazing program which supports after school programs. With the grant comes responsibilities of a required 20 min of reading and response which we do together at the end of practice. I then made plans for our first meeting and our first practice.

Every week I do lesson plans for upcoming practices to be prepared. During and after practices I track every students progress and try to get some one-on-one time with each student. I explained to my students that we were not only going to be learning boxing, but along with it we would also be learning self control, self discipline, history, nutritional information, and most of all, to have fun together.

I explained that I started this program to redirect them from getting into trouble and to build confidence in themselves to be great leaders in the community which they all have potential to be.

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With reality setting in after our first official meeting, I realized all the responsibilities I brought on. I have many plans for our unique boxing team and I am determined not to let them down. I also told them we would have to work for everything that we receive and nothing would go unearned. All of my students so far, into our third week, have shown a great deal of interest with over 15 members.

With all the support from the community and my students, it has brought a great deal of optimism to our boxing team's future and we cannot help but to be filled with excitement and happiness. I, without a doubt, believe that with some hard work, dedication, teamwork and persistence, the sky is the limit for our "Sivuaq Sweet Science" boxers.

The only thing our team lacks so far is funding which we are seeking through donations and fundraising. We are having our first fundraising event on Sunday February 19 through a spaghetti feed. I made the first donation by supplying all the food necessary to have our spaghetti feed. I informed my students that we were gonna have to work to earn our equipment and gear as it was not already all available for us.

All my students are more than willing to help with fundraising because they understand that we are gonna have to earn all our equipment required for experience and growth in boxing. I would love to thank the great community of Gambell (my new home) for helping me make my dreams come true and I encourage all not to give up on their dreams.

"The boxing program has inspired me to try harder in life and has given me something to look forward to here in Gambell."

- Anthony Siwooko - age 15



The students are stretching before they begin practice.



Members of the Sivuaq Sweet Science Boxing Team put on striking poses.



Students are completing their homework and having it signed off.



"Boxing is fun and healthy, Robert is a good coach and he influences me to be good in school."

-Shannon Apassingok - age 11

"Coach Robert has inspired me to do better at school and at home."

- Ben Apangalook - age 13

"This boxing program has improved myself and helped me with my self control."

- Danny Aningayou - age 18

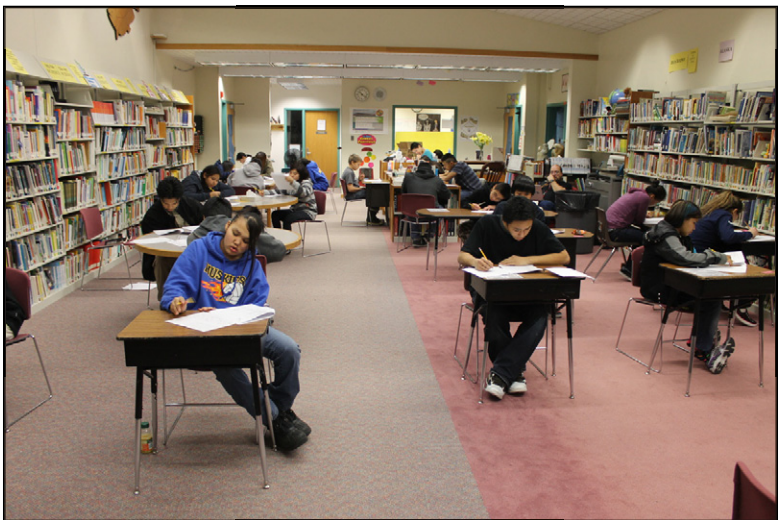


Robert is demonstrating punching techniques.



By Karen Beranek

"The horror! The horror!" Kurtz's dying words in *The Heart of Darkness* may have been echoing in students' minds last week as they completed a battery of 7 tests, 1 timed essay and 2 interview and speech events at this year's Academic Decathlon tournament in Stebbins.



Students plow through another 50 question test.

On January 30 and 31, 28 Bering Strait students met in Stebbins to compete in ten academic categories, all having to do with the Age of Empire. The Academic Decathlon is an annual high school academic competition organized by the non-profit United States Academic Decathlon Association.



The fearsome superquiz relay!

Even though students realize they are competitors, there is a high level of camaraderie in the Decathlon. "I'm so nervous!" one student confessed to a competitor as she paced outside the room where she would give her speech.

"Make sure you speak up," she was advised. "You'll be fine!" they assure each other as they wait for their scheduled time

shake the interviewer's hand!"

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The competition consists of seven multiple-choice tests, two performance events, and an essay. The ten events require knowledge in many academic disciplines, as well as reading a complex novel—this year's choice was *The Heart of Darkness*. It sounds very dry, but decathletes describe the two day event as "intense", "fun," and "surprisingly exciting."



BSSD State Team

Students complete 50 question tests in 30 minutes. The seven tests are in art, economics, language and literature, math, music, science and social science.

The relay event—known as the "Super Quiz"—is a multiple choice final event. These topics, with the exception of math, are thematically linked each year. Previous topics have included The Great Depression, The French Revolution, Latin America, and the Civil War.

Students spent months studying the art, music, social science, math, economics, literature and science of Imperialism in order to compete for gold, silver and bronze medals in each competitive category.

The top three decathletes in each category – Honors, Scholastic, and Varsity—will travel to Anchorage in February to compete in State Academic Decathlon:

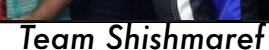
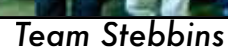
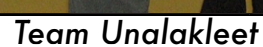
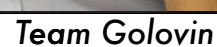
Shishmaref: Nellie Okpowruk, Alan Kuzuguk

Unalakleet: Svea Southall,, Talon Erickson, Laurel Katchatag

Golovin: Charlie Ningeulook

Stebbins: Corrina Odinzoff, Mariah Washington, and Camille Katcheak

Now the students have one question themselves: what's next year's topic? ■



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Character Based Literacy

(aka: C.B.L.)



Megan Gibb conducts a CBL lesson with students in Savoonga.

Awakening authentic interest, creating deeper understanding, sparking passionate opinions:

The Unification of Social Studies with Language Arts

C.B.L. THEMES POSITIVE CHARACTER TRAITS

1) RESPONSIBILITY REQUIRES ACTION

Responsibility: the active side of morality--doing what I should, doing what I say, doing what is best for all, doing the one thing I should be doing, right now.

2) CHANGE REQUIRES EFFORT

Change requires: a vision, a plan, and effort. Changing bad habits to good, effort when I don't feel like it, taking one step at a time.

3) JUSTICE REQUIRES RESTRAINT

There are things I can not say or do to myself, others, or the planet--my decisions and actions must respect the rights of all. Help, not hurt.

4) COURAGE REQUIRES MODERATION

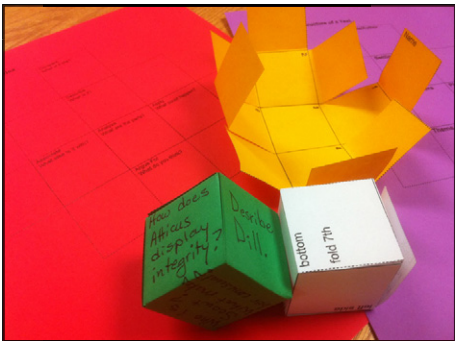
Courage : risk for a reason, not a thrill. I moderate impulses and emotions. I consider the heroic journey in which people live for purposes bigger than themselves, their wants, and needs.

5) INTEGRITY REQUIRES WHOLENESS

Integrity requires I live my life whole, entire, sound, coherent, and principled. Integrity moves me to do difficult and new things, not just easy and accustomed things.

Character Based Literacy was originally developed for alternative schools throughout California where underprivileged students are impacted by many of the same social stresses faced by those in our region. BSSD superintendent Rob Picou had familiarity with this program from his days as an educator in New Orleans, where Character Based Literacy was also finding success. He perceived a program like this might cause our young people to better understand the role Character plays in the lives of successful members of society (see inset at left). Happily, Picou's vision dovetailed with those of BSSD Curriculum-and-Instruction Director, Ben Howard. Howard was convinced the key to deeper and more authentic understanding of historic events was to create a "parallel curriculum" between social studies and literature. He wanted to build a dual curriculum in which students would get the basic facts about a particular point in history from their social studies teacher and then live vicariously in that time and place and experience the conflicts (and the resolution of those conflicts) that mattered then through the stories told in their literacy class. The results now emerge as BSSD teachers and students endeavor to better understand the world we live in, coupling raw information with human experience, all the while examining each situation for

evidence of exemplary human character.



A "cubing activity" to help cause students to look deeper into the literature they are reading.

It is working

Report from the Classroom

Veteran BSSD high school humanities teacher, Karen Beranek, (Stebbins) recently observed:

"I'm not sure why the kids are willing to discuss more with C.B.L., but they are. They take me to task on certain points. They were writing their Leadership Requires Engagement papers today (*in one class period, no less!*) and many were pondering how to write their conclusions--one student said, 'You know, when I started this paper, I thought Sara was a leader engaged in her community. Now that I've written it out, I don't think she is.' (*And she went back and changed her introduction to reflect that!*). Perhaps it's because they feel more empowered with the History background they receive in Social Studies,. Whatever the reason--they are discussing [and writing] more." ■

Bering strait School District By Jim Nelson, Teacher Trainer, Curriculum and Instruction

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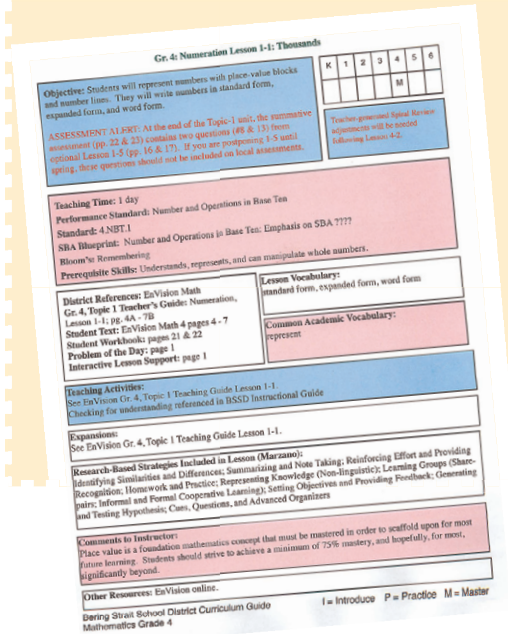
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✧ Deep Alignment ✧

WHAT IS DEEP CURRICULUM ALIGNMENT ?

Curriculum Resource Guides
Each BSSD curriculum resource will have an alignment guide to help teachers identify key instructional strategies, SBA assessment focus, state standards, level of mastery, and extension activities.



The deep-alignment process is designed to examine instructional materials and unit/lesson planning to ensure that what is being taught is aligned directly and appropriately with what students will be assessed for on state standardized testing prior to the testing event. This process is not intended to encourage “teaching to the test” or “watering down” the curriculum.

It is intended to ensure that the time teachers spend on instruction is most efficiently organized in such a way that materials directly related to the grade level expectation (GLEs) tested for are delivered prior to testing. [As of the fall 2012, GLEs will be revised to new State Standards]. Students can then be familiar with what they will be asked to demonstrate an understanding of. Materials that do not directly relate to the GLEs, but are nonetheless important information for extension or to introduce upcoming concepts in the next grade level, are easily switched within the resulting pacing guide such that they are taught after the testing event. ■



✧ Phi Delta Kappa ✧

The effort to align BSSD curriculum resources is a result of a leading Phi Delta Kappa curriculum management audit finding. BSSD continues to review key findings to improve educational services for students.

By Ben Howard & Jim Nelson, BSSD



Problem Solving and

Response To Instruction/Intervention

Information for Parents From Superintendent Rob Picou

Coming Together Around the Needs of Children

What is Response to Intervention?

Parents want to see their child excel, and it can be very frustrating if a child falls behind in reading, math, writing, or other subjects, or if the child has difficulty getting along with others or making appropriate choices.

Response to Intervention (RtI) is a process that provides intervention and educational support to all students at increasing levels of intensity based on their individual needs. The goal is to prevent problems and intervene early so that students can be successful.

If your child struggles with learning, what can you expect with RtI?

- You will be informed and involved in planning and providing interventions for your child.
- You will see levels of support (academic and behavioral) that increase or decrease depending on your child's needs.
- You will receive frequent progress monitoring about how your child responds to the intervention provided.

What Does RtI Look Like?

The RtI process has three tiers that build upon each other. Each tier provides more intensive levels of support:

- **Tier I includes high quality instruction.** The school provides all students with access to high quality curriculum, instruction, and behavior supports in the general education classroom.
- **Tier II includes additional targeted instruction/interventions.** The school provides interventions to small groups of students who need more support than they are receiving through Tier I.
- **Tier III includes intensive interventions.** The school develops and implements interventions to meet the individual needs of students.

Your child's progress is monitored and results are used to make decisions about additional instruction and intervention.

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RtI Includes:

1. High Quality, research-based instructional and behavior supports in general education.
2. School-wide screening to determine which students need closer monitoring or additional interventions.
3. Multiple tiers of increasingly intense, research-based interventions matched to the needs of student(s).
4. Use of collaborative problem solving to develop, implement, and monitor interventions.
5. Continuous monitoring of student progress to determine if instruction/interventions are effective in meeting the needs of students(s).
6. Follow-up to ensure that the instruction/interventions were implemented as planned.
7. Active parent involvement throughout the process of pursuing solutions that lead to increased success.
8. Evaluation timeline requirements are followed unless both parents and the school team agree to a time extension to learn more about what works for the student.

• Nome-Golovin



Photo by Nadja Cavin

GET READY—#57 Harold Lie of Kotzebue and #56 Nicholas Reader of Nome await their turn in the B-Class 0-600 cc. Lie finished in 4th place in his class. Nicholas Reader didn't finish due to a wipeout after hitting a rock on a rough trail.

race. West just came off a second-place Iron Dog finish with his partner Tyler Huntington. He said that he blew a shock on his Polaris Switchback 600 near Timber and had a pretty rough ride back to Nome. Last year's open class winner Jarvis Miller started in the B class and said the trail was riddled with holes and bumps. From Nome to Safety, he said, he could run his Polaris Switchback 600 wide open. "At one time I was going 100 mph, then I quit looking," he said.

Even before the race started, riders knew it wouldn't be a smooth magic carpet ride. Race committee president Andrew Peterson appealed to the racers prior to starting that they should exercise caution and to strive for good sportsmanship and help fellow riders if misfortune befalls them. Luckily, no major collisions were reported and only minor injuries happened as riders crashed into boulders that wreaked havoc with machines, but left bones un-broken. Mike Morgan and Nicholas Reader were among the 13 drivers who scratched.

Morgan bumped into a boulder, rendering his Polaris 600 cc sled useless and he couldn't ride his machine back. Nicholas Reader was present at the finish line, disappointed and sore from a wipeout caused by his machine also hitting a rock, but otherwise unharmed.

Dickie Moto Jr. won the fan cooled class in 2 hours 54 minutes and 47 seconds. Kotzebue's Quinn Schaeffer took second place in 3 hours, 5 minutes and 50 seconds. Joseph Fagundes won third place in 3 hours, 9 minutes and 25 seconds. Five ladies started in the D class, racing a course from Nome to Solomon and back. Dora Hughes won the race, in 1 hour, 2 minutes and four seconds. Marlene Saccheus came in second in 1 hour 5 minutes and 41 seconds. Sidney Mitchell rounded out the top three in 1 hour, 8 minutes and 41 seconds. Samantha Harris-Richards scratched from the race. The race attracted snowmachine riders from Kotzebue, St. Lawrence Island, Anchorage, Selawik and Elim.

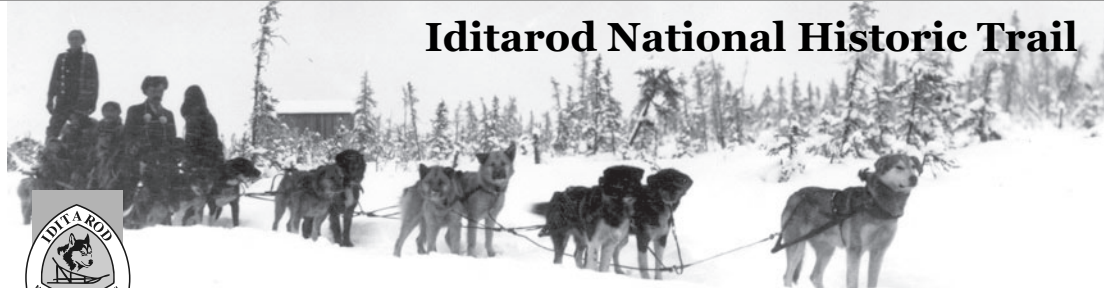


Photo by Diana Haecker

BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN—Mike Morgan of Nome had to scratch in the Nome-Golovin race due to hitting a boulder. Morgan finished this years 2000 mile long Irondog snowmachine race in 4th place.

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On behalf of the residents of our community, we gratefully acknowledge and thank you for recently making much-needed assistance available through the implementation of the NSEDC 2012 Energy Assistance Subsidy Program. As you have recognized, basic energy costs, both heating fuel and electricity, are taking a bigger piece out of the disposable income of each household in our region. This is especially true this winter, where we have experienced severe record-breaking temperatures and an increase in the cost of fuel, further adding to basic living costs.

We appreciate your proactive approach in making an immediate difference through the assistance directed to each of our households. And, we also recognize your contributions toward energy efficiency projects which can assist communities by reducing their energy consumption. We will continue to advocate for affordable energy for our region, and thank you for your support in these endeavors.

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Haiti's New Threat: Diabetes

**By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor**

Emmanuel Josephine (not her real name), a middle-aged Haitian woman with the distinctive leathered skin, rough hands, and dark eyes of someone who grew up in a harsh coastal environment, sat on a splintered bench before me in an upper room* of a concrete walled church building in the sweltering dust-filled city of Gonaives, Haiti. The fact that she was my first patient of the day is somewhat puzzling. Medical relief clinics in the developing world are often a lesson in chaos. People deprived of medical or dental care are often forced to fight with neighbors over the one opportunity to see a provider for perhaps months or years. The first people in line are usually those with the strength and health to push their way to the front. But Josephine was not strong. She could barely see. She was obese by Haitian standards. She had a constant burning sensation in her feet, and she suffered from constant headaches.

Audrey, my daughter, on her first mission trip to Haiti, looked up from the cuff she was using to check Josephine's blood pressure. "It's really high, Dad." I rechecked to verify the presence of stage II hypertension.

Josephine then said something eerily out of place, "I make sugar." Translated from Haitian Creole this means, "I have diabetes."

Stephen Wagner, a medical student from Arkansas, checked her blood sugar. The reading was over 350. She had seen the Haitian doctors and surprisingly knew a lot about her disease. But she had little money for medication or a glucose meter. Furthermore, insulin, which Josephine needs badly, requires refrigeration. Refrigeration is dependent on electricity or at least a supply of ice, neither of which is reliably available to the poor in Haiti. So Josephine, like a child looking through the glass front window of a toy store, spent her life peering through a barrier to medical care that she could not afford to access.

I was in Haiti the first week of March as part of an effort to provide medical and dental relief, distribute eye glasses, and support ongoing development work sponsored by the Haiti Christian Development Project, a non-profit program for the development of self-sustaining community development in Haiti.

Our medical team was comprised of 43 people from across the country, many of whom make this annual trip to Haiti. This year six people journeyed from Nome to join the team. Dr. Mark Kelso took his first trip to Haiti with his children, Ethan (age

14) and Katie (age 12). My son Degnan (age 14) went on his third trip to Haiti, and my daughter Audrey (age 11) went for the first time.

During the week we learned that Josephine's predicament is not unique. Diabetes and, more frequently, its precursors hypertension and obesity, are increasingly seen in clinics held in both urban and rural relief clinics in Haiti. In fact, throughout the world the number of people with diabetes is increasing exponentially, rapidly overtaking AIDS and Cancer as a worldwide killer. The poor in underdeveloped nations bear the greatest weight of

this new burden. Life is already hard in Haiti. Disease, malnutrition, overcrowding, and a lack of clean water or medical care form a backdrop to the daily lives of people caught in the fallout of a tragic story that started over two centuries ago. Despite a successful slave-led revolution for independence against the French (1791-1804), a feat for which Haiti still holds the title of "first," the Haitian people remain largely trapped by political oppression, social upheaval, and rampant disease. Massive earthquakes, as in 2010, and the annual threat of flooding from hurricanes and tropical storms serve merely as punctuation marks in a long list of tragic events that make up the history of this once-lush tropical island nation. Now there are signs that the devastating effects of diabetes will

become one of the next catastrophic challenges for Haiti. Diabetes, unlike infectious diseases that can be treated with a course of antibiotics, requires life-long education, monitoring, and medication. In the U.S., a person with type II diabetes typically spends an average of \$13,500 per year to manage the disease. That is more than many Haitians would make in over 30 years of work. Some patients acquire donated supplies, though only intermittently. But using donated meters and medication is not always the right solution. Relief doctors occasionally provide long-term medications to people with hypertension or diabetes in Haiti, but they are always reluctant to do so unless they know there will be good follow up and monitoring to ensure that the attempts to help do not result in harm. In some parts of the world, people do not know about diabetes or how to prevent it. Death from this lack of knowledge is unfortunate, though understandable. On the other hand, people in wealthy nations may have the means and education to treat diabetes but too often ignore what they know about the disease and its prevention or, worse, take for granted the fact that therapy is readily available and put off treatment until it is

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Nome: Eagle Quality Ctr. (Hansons)
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Prudhoe Bay: Brooks Range Supply
Seward: Safeway, Gateway Texaco
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**CAPRICORN**
December 22–January 19
The numbers do not lie. You have surpassed your goals, Capricorn. A relative also receives some good news. Invite them over to celebrate.


**ARIES**
March 21–April 19
Want to quadruple your happiness? Stay as you are, Aries. Now is not the time for big changes. A bank mistake is rectified quickly. Good work!


**CANCER**
June 22–July 22
Seven times over, you asked, and seven times over you were rejected, but not this time. Cancer. Things have changed and the pickin's are ripe, so go for it.


**LIBRA**
September 23–October 22
Decades of work pay off this week big time, Libra. Throw a little party to celebrate. Ten envelopes present 10 different solutions—only one is right.


**AQUARIUS**
January 20–February 18
Back off, Aquarius, and let your no. 2 take over. It's their turn to shine. A home improvement project ends with a flourish. Thank those involved.


**TAURUS**
April 20–May 20
The number five appears in various forms, prompting you to question if there is more behind it. Only a superior has the answer to that question, Taurus.


**LEO**
July 23–August 22
Eight is enough. In fact, Leo, it might be a little too much and you might want to pare down in light of what lies ahead. Life is about to get hectic.

**SCORPIO**
October 23–November 21
Eleven is your lucky number, Scorpio. Use it wisely for 11 times the fun at an upcoming function. A secret is revealed with awesome results.

**PISCES**
February 19–March 20
Two heads are usually better than one, but not in this case, Pisces. You may have the brains, your friend may have the brawn, but you need an acquaintance's money.

**GEMINI**
May 21–June 21
Your sixth sense tells you all is not right at home. Do a little snooping, Gemini, and find out why things are not adding up. It is not as you suspect.

**VIRGO**
August 23–September 22
Cats may be rumored to have nine lives, but you don't, Virgo. Better attend to those nagging health concerns before they turn ugly. Finances improve.

**SAGITTARIUS**
November 22–December 21
Offers arrive by the dozen. Don't say yes unless you're certain you can commit to them, Sagittarius. A gesture of kindness leads to a lifelong friendship.

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INTO UNALAKLEET — Jake Berkowitz arrives into Unalakleet where he was withdrawn from the race due to a badly injured hand. The insert to the left shows the knife he was using to cut frozen fish for his dogs when he accidentally cut his hand.

Saying it Sincerely

By Pastor Julie Yoder Elmore
A Member of the Nome Ministerial Association

Lent is time of year when we take time to look inside ourselves at what might be standing in our way from a deeper relationship with God. Through this process, we have the opportunity to see God in new and fresh ways and repent of those things that distract us from living our lives for God. This journey may not be easy, but it is necessary. Jesus' journey to the cross was not easy, but was necessary. He made this journey because he loves us so much and had a strong desire to reconcile God and humanity once and for all. Jesus' motivation to do what he did was love. What is our motivation to do what we do? Is it for ourselves or for God?

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 focuses on three spiritual disciplines – giving alms, prayer, and fasting – as well as Jesus instructing that we are to build up our treasures in heaven, instead of being concerned about building up treasures in this world. In other words, we are to focus on those things that last beyond this world, those things that are important to God. Spiritual disciplines are meant to bring us closer to God, as we make ourselves available to experience God in new and fresh ways.

The giving of alms is not just about giving money to the poor, but is also about what Jesus talks about in Matthew 25 when he tells us to feed the hungry, bring drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, and visit the sick and those in prison. When we do for the least of these, we are doing for Jesus. Additionally, prayer is not about us, but about a conversation with God. We deepen our relationship with God as we share an intimate time with God as we bring our concerns, joys, praises, and thanksgiving to God. Fasting is where we give something up such as watching TV that distracts us from spending time with God. When fasting, we totally rely on God to sustain us through this time.

As we examine our motivations for our spiritual disciplines and discover that we have been doing them to impress others, we are in need of forgiveness. God is always ready with open arms, ready to forgive. As we repent of our sin of selfishness, we turn away from focusing on ourselves and turn toward focusing on God, who loves us so much that God gave us God's only Son who journeyed to the cross so that we would be made right with God once and for all. Jesus focused on his love for us. As we keep our focus on God throughout this journey, we will deepen our relationship with God and be more like Christ in our thoughts, words, and actions.

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 6:30 p.m. (443-8063 for more info)

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.

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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.

Nome Church of Nazarene
3rd Avenue & Division Street • 443-2805

Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.

• Diabetes

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too late. Death from such apathy is hard to excuse.

Still many people in developing parts of the world know about diabetes and are willing to treat it, but they do not have the means to do so. Having so little to offer a patient who truly cares about his or her problem breaks this doctor's heart. It is hard to look into the dark eyes of a patient who knows his or her disease and has an eager desire to keep it under tight control, but has no means to pay for monitoring or even afford the least expensive of medications. Though

type II diabetes is preventable with a change in diet, daily activity, and moderate weight-reduction, too often we arrive on the scene too late, even for this most basic education.

Josephine received medication for her pain. But we were unable to provide her with medication for the true underlying causes of her pain. We just had no way to ensure she could take the regimen safely.

Unfortunately, this type of scenario was seen repeatedly by our medical team and I am sure is seen by providers in thousands of encounters throughout modern Haiti. I personally saw dozens of patients with

diabetes or pre-diabetes in one short week in Haiti. Twenty years ago, on my first trip to Haiti, I only remember seeing one person with diabetes.

But hope is not lost. On the bus ride back to the airport on our last day in Haiti, one of our group's translators, a slightly overweight college student from Port-au-Prince, leaned over and said to me, "I heard you tell how to lose weight to protect a person from diabetes. Can you tell me how to do this?"

Perhaps, for her and her generation, it is not too late.

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How to Apply / For More Information: Qualified applicants must submit an Applicant Profile and Job Qualification Summary Form through the State of Alaska's job posting system, Workplace Alaska at <http://workplace.alaska.gov>. For more information, contact the Alaska Court System Human Resources Department at recruitment@courts.state.ak.us or 907-264-8242.

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KAWERAK POSITION DESCRIPTION

DIVISION: Natural Resources
JOB TITLE: Special Projects Assistant
POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full Time
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt
PAY SCALE GRADE: 10-11-12
REPORTS TO: Subsistence Resource Director
BRIEF SUMMARY OF JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:
• Assist the Subsistence Resource Director with the implementation of short term/survey and other Subsistence Resource projects, goals and objectives.
• Assist the Subsistence Resource Director in monitoring the expenditures of the project(s). Produce budget projections as requested.
• Assist with preparations of meetings and compilation of committee packets.

- Assist with preparation of reports and dissemination of informational materials to regional communities.
- Oversee the collection of subsistence harvest survey information from regional communities.
- Recruit for available surveyor positions and complete all necessary employment hire documents for submission.
- Recommend hire of project surveyors.
- Provide over-all supervision, direction, orientation and training to project surveyors.
- Work with tribal governing bodies in the implementation of the projects including obtaining informed consent from tribal governing bodies.
- Ensure survey forms are returned on time, complete and accurate.
- Close out each community survey file and make duplicates of each survey form and file.
- Enter survey data utilizing computer software.
- Generate reports of harvest data utilizing computer software
- Other duties as assigned by the Subsistence Resource Director.

QUALIFICATION:

- High School Diploma or G.E.D., plus 2 years working experience coordinating programs or services.
- One year supervisory experience preferred.
- Must possess effective writing and oral communication skills.
- Effective organizational and records management skills required.
- Ability to work and interact positively with tribes, state, and federal agencies.
- Computer keyboarding and office skills required. Knowledge of Microsoft Word, Windows, Excel and internet skills required. Knowledge of Access preferred.

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KNOM—Development Data Manager

KNOM AM & FM in Nome, Alaska, is seeking a creative team-oriented management professional to join award-winning KNOM as a Development Data Manager. This position is responsible for day-to-day operation of KNOM's fundraising response and manages KNOM's fundraising database. Interested candidates are encouraged to visit the knom.org website to download the job description and employment application, and gain insight into KNOM's mission and programming. The close date for this KNOM position is March 15, 2012. KNOM is an equal opportunity employer.
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Seawall

3/05
Kevin Kava age, 46, was Arrested and booked into AMCC for Criminal Trespass and Drunk on License Premises
Edward Muktoyuk, 45, was Arrested and booked into AMCC for Criminal Trespass and Drunk on License Premises
A Nome juvenile received a citation for Minor in Possession of Tobacco.

03/07
Billy Joe, 46, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation and Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the 6th Degree.
Justina Pete, 44, was Arrested and booked into AMCC for Criminal Trespass in the 2nd Degree.

03/08
Luis Brizuela, 21, received a citation for Driving While License is Expired.
03/09
A Nome juvenile received a citation for Minor in Possession of Tobacco.

Anthony Tobuk, 18, received a citation for Taillight Requirement.
Michael Wongtittlin, 38, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premises.

03/10
Rex Iyatunguk, 30, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.
03/11
Leo Ferreira Jr., 67, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence.

Verne Iyatunguk, 24, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th degree, Domestic Violence.
Ernest Butler, 29, was arrested and remanded to AMCC on an Arrest Warrant.

Trooper Beat

On March 2, approximately 9:00 a.m., the Unalakleet Troopers received a report of a male that was found to be intoxicated when he was watching his minor children. On March 6, investigation was completed and the following was revealed. Clayton Matthias, 29, of Kotlik was intoxicated when he was supposed to be watching his minor children while staying in Stebbins. Matthias is also on probation with a condition not to consume any alcoholic beverages. Matthias is being charged with two counts of endangering welfare of a minor and one count of probation violation. Charges are being referred to the Nome District Attorneys Office.

On March 6, approximately 9:00 a.m., the Unalakleet Troopers received a report of a male that had been stabbed during a physical altercation with another male. Both males were seen at the Stebbins Health Clinic for injuries sustained during the altercation. Injuries are not serious or life threatening. AST response was delayed due to

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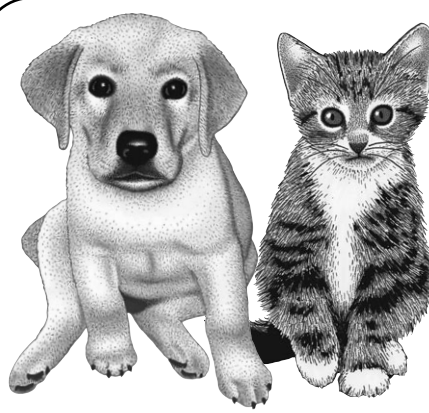
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Visit www.nomealaska.org for a detailed job description or call 443-6600 for more information. Send completed cover letter with resume to Josie Bahnke, City Manager, at P.O. Box 281, Nome, AK 99762. The City of Nome is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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NORTHWEST CAMPUS DIRECTOR

The University of Alaska Fairbanks Northwest Campus is located in Nome, Alaska, and is part of the UAF College of Rural and Community Development.

UAF Northwest Campus is recruiting for the position of Campus Director. The director serves as the chief academic and administrative officer of the Northwest Campus and is responsible for the academic integrity and management of all programs and day-to-day operations on the campus. Northwest Campus serves students living in the Bering Strait region and statewide through cross-regional course offerings. Major responsibilities of the Director will be to maintain and implement high quality, innovative occupational and higher education programs; address the changing role of career and technical education, the needs of the returning adult student and the concerns of a non-traditional population; address emerging technologies in distance delivery; assure a high level of flexibility and responsiveness to the local community's education and job training needs; and develop business relationships. Periodic travel will be required to represent NWC with the legislature, the university and the business community.

For a complete job description and to apply go to: www.uakjobs.com and reference posting #0063585.

Recruitment closing date: March 14, 2012

Contact information:

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weather. No further information is being released at this time due to investigation is ongoing.

On March 6, approximately 1:30 p.m., the Unalakleet Troopers received a report of a domestic disturbance that occurred over the weekend in Stebbins. Investigation revealed, a juvenile male, 17 years of age, struck his adult sister in the face causing her injury when he became angry during a conversation the two were having. The male then went outside and broke three windows to the house with an axe. The male is being charge with one count of domestic assault in the fourth degree (DV) and one count of criminal mischief in the third degree (DV). Charges will be referred to the Nome Juvenile Probation Office. Alcohol was not a factor. Name of the defendant is being withheld because he is a minor.

On March 6, Nome WAANT contacted an adult male at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, 4-12oz cans of Budweiser beer was removed

form his luggage. He was traveling to Shaktoolik, which is a local option community that voted to ban the sale and importation of alcohol. He was allowed to travel and the charges will be referred to OSPA.

On March 7, Nome WAANT received an anonymous tip that a specific adult male traveling to Shaktoolik was probably importing alcohol. The male traveler was contacted at a local air carrier in Nome. Incident to contact, 1-375ml bottle of alcohol was seized from his luggage. He was allowed to travel. Shaktoolik is a local option community that voted to ban the sale and importation of alcohol.

On March 7, the Alaska State Troopers arrested Miriam Oseuk, 42, of Gambell, with an arrest warrant. Miriam was transported and remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On March 7, AST arrested Ernest Apangalook, 28, of Gambell, with an arrest warrant. Apangalook was remanded to AMCC.

On March 7, AST arrested Brian Oseuk, 21, of Gambell, with a bench warrant for selling alcohol and importation of alcohol in a dry village. Oseuk was remanded to AMCC.

On March 7, AST arrested Tadd Vandyke, 27, of Gambell, with an arrest warrant. Vandyke was remanded to AMCC.

On March 9, approximately 5:30 p.m., the Unalakleet Troopers received a request for a subject removal at an elder's house in Unalakleet. Investigation revealed, Bruce Johnson, 48, of Unalakleet was at his mother-in-laws house while intoxicated. The elder wanted him removed and not to return while he is intoxicated. Johnson was issued a criminal trespass warning not to return back to the residence unless he is sober. Around 6:00 p.m., Unalakleet Troopers received another report from the elder's house that Johnson had returned. Upon the Troopers arrival Johnson was arrested for one count of criminal trespass in the first degree (DV).

On March 9, approximately 8:30 p.m., the Unalakleet Troopers received a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence in Unalakleet. Investigation revealed, Kurt Auliye, 45, of Unalakleet while intoxicated threaten to beat his mom up. This action placed his mom in fear that Auliye was going to physically assault her. Auliye was arrested for one count of domestic assault in the fourth degree and was transported to the Unalakleet Police Department Holding Facility pending arraignment with no bail due to the crime involving DV.

On March 10, at about 2:00 a.m., Saint Michael VPOs received a complaint from a Saint Michael resident that there was an intoxicated person in her home and she wanted him removed. When the VPOs arrived at the residence, the complainant reported Tommie Otten and Roger Otten JR were drinking homebrew and Roger Otten JR made the homebrew. The VPOs contacted Tommie Otten, 38, of Saint Michael and Roger Otten JR, 33, of Saint Michael, and subsequently arrested them both for drinking alcohol in violation of their probation. Roger Otten JR was additionally charged with Resisting Arrest and charges are pending for Manufacturing Alcohol.

On March 10, approximately 9:30 a.m., the

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All Around the Sound

New Arrivals

Alice D. Ione and Morgan M. Jack, Sr., of White Mountain an-



NEW ARRIVAL — Big sister Jadelyn proudly welcomes Sonya Martha, born February 2, at 10:57 a.m. weighing 8 lbs 10 ozs, 20.75 inches at Elmendorf Hospital. Parents Glenn and Mitchelle Ivanoff welcomed the birth of their daughter Sonya, the newest addition to the family. Maternal grandparents are Harry Jr. and Joan Johnson. Paternal grandparents are Larry and Maggie Ivanoff both of Unalakleet.

nounce the birth of their son **Justin Steve Phillip Al Jack**, born February 20 at 11:23 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 21” in length. Proudest big brothers are Stanley Ignatious Jack, 5, Morgan Michael Jack, Jr., 2 , and Guy Miron James Ione, 1. Maternal grandparents are Penny L. “Gal Gal” Ione of White Mountain; and late grandfather and great-grandfather Phillip D. Titus and Guy Ione, Sr. and paternal grandparents great-grandma Gertrude Martin of Stebbins, and the late grandparents Justina Steve Hale and Stanley I. Jack, Jr.

Honors

The University of Idaho announces that Nome’s **Nicholai Olson** of the College of Engineering Nome is one of 1,333 students who made the Dean’s List for fall semester 2011, an increase in outstanding students over the spring 2011 semester. To achieve this honor, undergraduate students achieved a grade point average of 3.5 GPA on a minimum of 10 graded credits.

High school students in Alaska compete in national poetry recitation contest in Juneau, March 27, 2012.

The Alaska State Council on the Arts and the Juneau Arts and Hu-

manities Council announce the state finals for Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest. The competition, presented in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, is part of a national program that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, recitation, and competition. On March 27, at 5 p.m. 10 high school students from different high schools around the state, will participate in the Poetry Out Loud state finals at the Juneau Arts and Culture Center.

The Alaskan Finalists are: Jessica Andersen from Unalaska City School, Unalaska; Reilly Clarke from Lathrop High School, Fairbanks; Katie Jones from Thunder Mountain High School, Juneau; Jesse Klejka from Bethel Regional High School, Bethel; Aryeh Lax from Steller Secondary School, Anchorage; Chaya Pike from Sitka High School, Sitka; Darien Southall from Frank A. Degan High School, Unalakleet; Brittini Tully-Dapcevich from Revilla Alternative High School, Ketchikan; Ruby Walden from Tok School, Tok; and Whitney Winders from Colony High School, Wasilla.

NOTICE OF DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

Seven (7) seats are open on the Teller Native Corporation Board of Directors. Candidate qualifications:

- 1.) Eighteen (18) years of age or older
- 2.) Enrolled to the Teller Native Corporation
- 3.) Reside in Teller

Letters of Declaration of Candidacy must be sent or hand delivered to the office manager at the above mailing address and must be postmarked by **5:00 P.M. March 13, 2012.** Annual meeting date is tentatively set for April 21, 2012. If you have any questions, please call the office at (907) 642-6132.

TELLER NATIVE CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

P.O. BOX 649, TELLER, AK 99778

PH. 907-642-6132, FAX 907-642-6133

2/16-23; 3-1-8-15-29;4/5-12

King Island Native Corporation



The King Island Native Corporation will hold their Annual Meeting of Shareholders on **Saturday, April 28, 2012** at Old Saint Joe’s on Anvil City Square in Nome, Alaska at 1 p.m. for the following purpose: Election of two (2) directors and other matters listed on the agenda.

3/1-8-15-22-29; 4/5-12-19-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Personnel & Facility Committee Meetings

The Bering Strait School District Board of Education is scheduled to meet on **Monday, March 19th for a Personnel and Facility Committee Meetings.** The Personnel Committee Meeting will be held in Unalakleet at 9:00 a.m. and the Facility Committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the School District Board Room.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

FY 13 Classified Staffing Proposals
FY 13 Certified Staffing Proposals
FY 13 6-Year CIP Priority List

Housing leases

FY 12-13 Maintenance Service Plan

FY 13 Fuel Bids

REPORT ITEMS:

Capital Projects Update

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rob Picou
Superintendent

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Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ALASKA – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
CITY OF TELLER, CLASS III MUNICIPAL
SOLID WASTE PERMIT

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) proposes to issue Solid Waste Disposal Permit No. SW3A090-17, to the City of Teller, to operate a Class III Community Municipal Solid Waste Landfill.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:
Location: Teller is located at the end of the Teller-Nome highway on a spit between Port Clarence and Grantley Harbor, 72 miles northwest of Nome, on the Seward Peninsula. The legal description of the landfill is: Section 20, Township 3 South, Range 37 West, Kateel River Meridian.

Landowner: City of Teller
Landfill Operator: City of Teller

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This public notice is for an existing landfill that has operated as an unpermitted facility since its permit expired in 1999. The landfill was constructed in 1994 and currently serves the 285 residents of Teller. It is estimated that the community produces 510 tons of solid waste per year. The 5.7 acre site includes a solid waste disposal cell, a stockpile of cover materials, and drainage controls, within a fenced area.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
For information regarding this Solid Waste Disposal Permit, please contact Trisha Bower at (907) 451-2174 or by e-mail at trisha.bower@alaska.gov.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
ADEC is seeking comment regarding the proposed Permit only. Notice is given that any person interested may present written comments relevant to the proposed Permit to ADEC. Written

comments will be included in the record if received before 5:00 p.m. on April 10, 2012. Submit written comments regarding the project to Trisha Bower, ADEC Division of Environmental Health, Solid Waste Program, 610 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709, Fax: (907) 451-2188, email: trisha.bower@alaska.gov.

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 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.

3/1/2012, dated at Fairbanks, Alaska.
Douglas Buteyn
Solid Waste Program Coordinator
s/b
3/8-15

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME

CASE NO: 2NO-12-00071C1
ORDER FOR HEARING,
PUBLICATION AND POSTING
In the Matter of a Change of Name for:
Tyler Henry Saccheus Levine,
Current name of Minor.
Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior court, Case # 2NO-12-00071C1, requesting a name change from Tyler Henry Saccheus Levine to Andrew Dean Kaluchook Barr. A hearing on this request will be held on 4-5-12 at 11:30 AM at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street, Nome, AK. 3/8-15-22-29

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

CASE NO: 2NO-12-00072C1
ORDER FOR HEARING,
PUBLICATION AND POSTING
In the Matter of a Change of Name for:
Katie Shea Marie Koutchak,
Current name of Minor.
Notice of Petition to Change Name
A petition has been filed in the Superior court, Case # 2NO-12-00072C1, requesting a name change from Katie Shea Marie Koutchak to Katie Shea Minix. A hearing on this request will be held on 4-15-12 at 11:45 am at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street, Nome, AK. 3/8-15-22-29

INVITATION TO BID
FOR BULK FUEL DELIVERY

Bering Strait School District is accepting sealed bids for delivery of bulk fuel oil, and motor oil for its various school facilities. All sites are located in remote rural Alaska. None of the sites are accessible by road. The scope of work will include the purchase, transport, delivery, pumping and transfer of bulk fuel to the District’s bulk tanks and motor oil in drums.

Sealed bids will be accepted at the office of the School District:

Bering Strait School District
Attn: **Ric Ried**
P. O. Box 225
Unalakleet, Alaska 99684

until 2:00 p.m. local prevailing time on March 21, 2012. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on that date. Bid review and notice of award should occur within 7 days of the bid opening date. Bid documents are available from the School District without charge. Bid documents may be requested via FAX at 907-624-3524. 3/15

PUBLIC NOTICE

BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education

Facility and Policy Committee Meeting Dates

The Facility Committee Meeting is scheduled to meet on **Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.** And the Policy Committee Meeting both of the Bering Strait School District Board of Education is scheduled to meet on **Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.** in **Unalakleet, Alaska** at the District Office in the Boardroom.

The public is invited to attend.

Tentative agenda items include, but are not limited to:

- FY’ 12 Revised Budget-Executive Session
- FY’ 13 Proposed Budget-Executive Session
- FY’ 12 Revised Budget
- FY’ 13 Proposed Budget
- Review and Revise Old & New Policies

Rob Picou, Superintendent

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• More Trooper Beat

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Unalakleet State Troopers received a report of a vehicle that was on fire on the Old Dump Road in Unalakleet. Investigation revealed, someone(s) stole a Unalakleet Police Department Police Vehicle and drove it to the Old Dump Road where they intentionally set it on fire. One of the persons in-

volved walked away from the scene onto the icy of the Norton Sound and walked for approximately three miles until he passed out due to alcohol consumption. He was discovered to be suffering the effects of hyperthermia. He was immediately transported to the Unalakleet Health Clinic where he received medical treatment. He was later released from the clinic with no other reported injuries. AST does have suspects for this case and

upon completion of investigation they will be charged with vehicle theft in the first degree, Arson in the first degree and Criminal Mischief in the first degree. Suspect’s names and further information pertaining to this case is being withheld due to ongoing investigation. Anyone with information pertaining to this case is asked to contact the Unalakleet State Trooper Post at (907)624-3073.

• Dogs march up the coast

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said that he is in a good position to strike at the number one spot, but he also knows that anything can change at the drop of a hat. “I arrived in Unalakleet in second place during the 2009 race,” Burmeister said. “But then a storm hit and changed the set up of the race entirely. Anything can happen. I just try to keep my dogs strong and do the best we can do,” Burmeister said. He arrived with 15 dogs and dropped one dog at the checkpoint.

Baker, surrounded by family members and supporters, said that the run from Kaltag to Unalakleet had been real slow, and really, really cold. Regardless of the fact that Baker was still up there running in the top four and having a dog team that moved at a steady clip, reporters badgered Baker about the hold-up.

“They are not the team that we had here last year,” Baker said. “But they’re doing fine.” The team consists mostly of the same dogs that won Baker the championship last year. So what’s the difference? “They just don’t seem to have the speed of the team last year,” Baker answered. “But they’ll be fine.”

Baker said he’d been reacting and that he didn’t stick to his plan so well, but he didn’t seem to be bothered too much by it. He rested for five and a half hours before feeding them. Baker has a unique Kotzebue way of putting booties on the dogs, by kneeling down, turning the dogs on the back and slipping the booties over the paws and they almost look like they continue to sleep while getting dressed for the next leg of their journey.

Iditarod race marshal Mark Nordman had characterized the race as a “working-dog’s race.” Baker said

that he thought it had been the best trail the Iditarod ever had. “It was all smoothed out, a soft trail, good for our dogs,” Baker said. Mark Nordman reported that between Cripple and Ruby there was lots of snow and the trail down the Steps descending to the Happy River had been the best ever due to the huge amount of snow.

What morphed into a contentious issue before the race started had been sorted out by nature. Nordman said that early on, the Iditarod eyed an alternative route to circumvent the perennial challenge of the “Steps.” A new winter access road had been established to reach a mining prospect and prior to a huge snowfall in February, Nordman said it looked like a good alternative to the Steps. Race officials planned to use the mining road instead of the Steps, until Nordman got word from the trailblazers on the day of the ceremonial race start that the Steps looked perfect and that the new mining road didn’t look so appealing anymore as snowdrifts turned the route into a 1,000-yard side-hilling nightmare. So, down the Steps the race went, and nobody seemed to have a problem. “The section between Rainy Pass and Finger Lake was a cake walk this year,” said Nordman.

As the first four mushers tried to keep a poker face, they did watch closely as a second wave of mushers came into Unalakleet. Everybody was expecting Jeff King, but a race official informed the crowd inside the checkpoint that he had been stopped for over an hour 11 miles out of Unalakleet. Asked about King, Ray Redington who just pulled off the trail, said, “He’s done.” Mitch Seavey arrived in Unalakleet, sitting on his sled, looking cold and tired. Ray Redington followed, then a very spunky looking team driven by Jake

Berkowitz loped in. Hot on Berkowitz’ heels came Pete Kaiser with a nice moving team. Berkowitz immediately asked for Nordman, indicating that something was wrong. The musher tended to his dogs, bedded them on straw and took booties off, and said that he cut himself with a knife as he had separated some fish snacks for the dogs during rest on the trail. The wound required medical attention and race marshal Mark Nordman later issued a press release that Berkowitz was withdrawn and flown to Anchorage.

By noon Unalakleet checkpoint was hopping as more teams rolled in. Ramey Smyth, a top contender who always seems to fly under the radar, parked his dogs and went about his checkpoint routine, politely asking people to tread lightly around his dogs. Smyth finished last year in second place, also breaking Martin Buser’s speed record. Next came Deedee Jonrowe with a good-looking team.

Aliy Zirkle had cheerfully entertained the crowd that had gathered around her while she was getting ready to leave Unalakleet. “How is everybody?” she asked the media people and fans around her. She was taking her time to feed the dogs, removing the ice build-up between the sled runners and the cushion a musher stands on and packing up to leave. Her husband Allen Moore said that she has 10 dogs in her team that he raced in the recent Yukon Quest, which he finished 27 seconds behind race winner Hugh Neff. Moore said that the most of the dogs in this team come from a breeding with Lance Mackey’s famous dog Zorro, prior to Zorro’s rise to stardom.

The dogs were parked between rows of pushed up snow berms on the slough, all resting and sleeping

deep sun touched the frosted hairs of the canine athletes. A humongous water cooker let off steam that could be seen for miles, as the belly of the stove was fed with pallet wood and drift wood chunks to heat water for the incoming dog teams.

It was hard to leave the hospitality and coziness of the checkpoint. Aaron Burmeister pulled the hook first and the team only reluctantly left the checkpoint. The same held true for Dallas Seavey’s and Aliy Zirkle’s departure, which all required that the mushers run up front and straighten out the team as the leaders looked for any excuse to hang a left off the trail.

Fast forward to Koyuk on Monday morning. Dallas Seavey had taken the lead and was already out of Koyuk enroute to Elim, followed by Aliy Zirkle. Seavey ski-poled and kicked while his team ascended a hill and was moving at least a mile ahead of Zirkle.

In Koyuk was John Baker, not sleeping but drinking coffee, giving autographs and talking with teenagers who volunteered as checkpoint helpers. He said he’d give his dogs a couple more hours rest. Ramey Smyth had his dogs bedded down, leaders covered with his parka, the rest of the team tucked in with a variety of blankets to keep them warm and safe from distractions. Smyth again, asked bystanders to speak quietly to allow his dogs to rest. When he pulled out of the checkpoint, they walked out willingly, took a few minutes to answer the call of nature and then trotted out on the sea ice toward Elim. The wind kicked up as the day progressed, visible as charter bush planes from all across Alaska carrying media and race followers literally bounced onto Koyuk’s runway.

As of press time on Tuesday morning, the race seemed to be between Aliy Zirkle, following Dallas Seavey. At noon, seven miles were between them. Although the sun smiled down on Nome, a stiff north breeze kicked up and blew loose snow around. In channeled areas, this can make for unpleasant traveling on the last stretch. Will the winner be the first woman in more than 20 years to win the race? Or the third generation musher Dallas Seavey, who at age 25, would be the youngest winner of all?

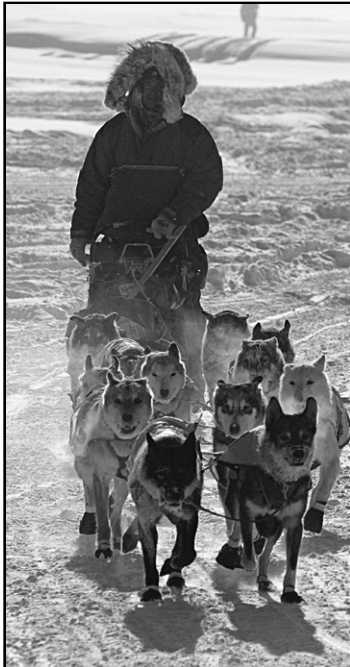


Photo by Diana Haecker

HITS THE COAST— Ray Redington arrives in Unalakleet.

Court

Week ending 3/9 Civil
Wards Cove Packing Company, LLC dba Nome Trading C vs. Ivanoff, Katherine; Debt - District Court
Wards Cove Packing Company, LLC dba Nome Trading C vs. McCann, Andrew; Debt - District Court

Small Claims
No current claims on file.

Criminal
State of Alaska v. Cosmas Pete (4/18/81); 2NO-11-630CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111030399; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-12-80CR.
State of Alaska v. Cosmas Pete (4/18/81); 2NO-12-80CR Count 001: DUI; Date of offense: 2/12/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: counts 2, 4; Go to jail for 45 days with 42 days suspended; Remanded immediately to AMCC; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; \$1500 due date: 11/15/12; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case with \$0 suspended; Amount due: \$50; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st Off.) with \$0 suspended; Amount due: Full amount ordered; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Contact: other: NSBHS within 30 days of release; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program plus required aftercare in addition to any jail time ordered above; You are responsible for costs; File proof that you received and assessment by 8/31/13 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license is revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months; AS 28.35.030(b) and AS 28.35.032(g); Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; Probation for 2 years; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 2 years from date of this judgment (3/5/12).
State of Alaska v. Cosmas Pete (4/18/81); 2NO-12-80CR Count 003: Assault 4°; Peace Officer; Date of violation: 2/12/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: counts 002, 004; 330 days, 210 days suspended; Unsuspended 120 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to count 001 and 2NO-11-630CR; 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 2 years until 3/5/14; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.
State of Alaska v. Alexie Morris (9/18/74); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110009079; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days; Subject to immediate remand for any violation of probation; Report to Nome Court at 1:30 p.m., May 1, 2012; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Dana James (12/20/83); 2NO-09-597CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110128761; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all time; Consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-10-549CR; Remanded into custody.
State of Alaska v. Dana L. James (12/20/83); 2NO-10-549CR Order to Modify or Re-

voke Probation; ATN: 110131425; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 150 days; Consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-597CR; Remanded into custody.
State of Alaska v. Victor E. Oozevaseuk (2/2/82); 2NO-11-642CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111030264; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 80 days; Consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-11-178CR; Remanded into custody; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Billy F. Joe (1/17/66); 2NO-12-52CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 11698306; Defendant refusing probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All Remaining Time.
State of Alaska v. Billy Joe (1/17/66); 2NO-12-119CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: MICS6; Filed by the DAs Office 3/9/12.
State of Alaska v. Kevin Kava (12/21/65); Count 002 Criminal Trespass 2°; Date of violation: 3/5/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 001; 3 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Edward Muktoyuk (11/7/66); Count 002 Criminal Trespass 2°; Date of violation: 3/5/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 001; 3 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due not to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Michael Saclamana (8/15/62); Count 002 Criminal Trespass 2°; Date of violation: 2/17/12; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Amanda Noyakuk (4/4/92); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; Repeat Offense; Date of Offense: 2/12/12; Fine: \$1000 with \$500 suspended; Unsuspended \$500 is to be paid to the court by 9/1/12; License: Defendant's driver's license or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 90 days; Community Work Service: Within 120 days, complete 48 hours community work service and give the clerk of court proof of completion on the form provided by the clerk; Probation until 3/8/13; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages.
State of Alaska v. Kirstie lone (2/27/88); DUI; Date of offense: 12/29/11; Go to jail for 30 days with 27 days suspended; Remanded immediately to AMCC; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; \$1500 due date: 4/2/12; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case with \$0 suspended; Amount due: \$50; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st Off.) with \$0 suspended; Amount due: Full amount ordered; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Contact: other: NSBHS within 14 days; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; Program may include required aftercare in addition to any jail time ordered above; You are responsible for costs; File proof by 5/15/12 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license is revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months; AS 28.35.030(b) and AS 28.35.032(g); Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; Probation for 1 year (to 3/9/13); Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses.
State of Alaska v. George Penetac (2/12/61); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Assault 3- Commit Assault 4, 2+ Convictions; Date of offense: 12/31/11; 24

months, 6 months suspended; Any unsuspended time shall be served with the Defendant remanded immediately; Defendant is to be credited for time already served in this case; Police Training Surcharge: IT IS ORDERED that defendant pay to the court the following surcharge pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: \$100; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served AS 12.55.041(c); DNA Identification: Defendant shall provide samples for the DNA registration system when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state and provide oral samples for the DNA registration system when requested by a correctional, probation, parole or peace officer; Probation: After serving the term of incarceration, defendant is placed on probation for 2 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.
State of Alaska v. Joy H. Silook (2/5/83); 2NO-10-487CR Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 003: Promote Contraband 1- Contrid Substance; Date of offense: 8/14/10; The following charges were dismissed pursuant to Criminal rule 43(a): Count 001: Send/Bring Alcohol To Dry Area - Small Am; Count 002: MICS 4-Deliver/Poss w/Intent IVA, VA; Date of offenses: 8/14/10; Count 003: 18 months, 6 months suspended; Any unsuspended time shall be served with the Defendant remanded immediately; Defendant is to be credited for time already served in this case; IT IS ORDERED that the defendant is fined: Count 003: Defendant is fined \$1,000 with \$0 suspended; The fine due date is: March 1, 2014; Police Training Surcharge: IT IS ORDERED that defendant pay to the court the following surcharge pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: Count 003: \$100; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served AS 12.55.041(c); DNA Identification: Defendant shall provide samples for the DNA registration system when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state and provide oral samples for the DNA registration system when requested by a correctional, probation, parole or peace officer; IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any alcohol seized as forfeited to the State; Probation: After serving the term of incarceration, defendant is placed on probation for 4 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: the \$2,500 cash performance bond (non corporate) posted 8-10-10 is ordered exonerated, as no Notice of Bond Forfeiture Proceeding has been filed by the State; The \$5,000 corporate bond is ordered forfeited per the 11/3/11 Judgment of Forfeiture and Notice, as no party requested a Hearing within the time given in the Notice.
State of Alaska v. Joy Harriet Silook (2/5/83); 2NO-10-487CR Dismissal; Count I: Liquor Importation Into Local Option Area; AS 04.11.499(FEL); Count II: 4° Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance; Filed by the DAs Office 3/1/12.

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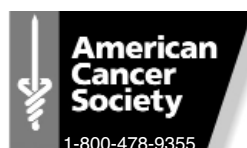
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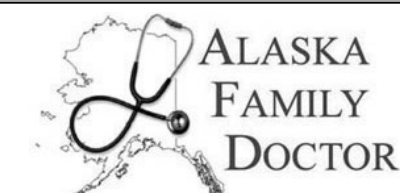
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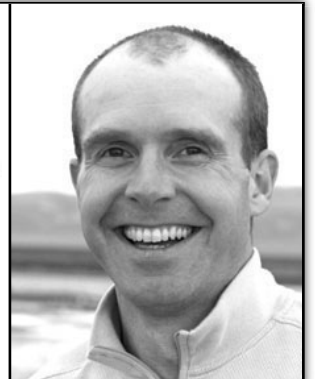




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LEAVING UNALAKLEET— Aliy Zirkle left the Unalakleet checkpoint on Sunday, March 11, behind Dallas Seavey and Aaron Burmeister. Zirkle was the first musher to arrive at the Norton Sound coast and received the Gold Coast award consisting of a gold cup and \$2,500 worth of Nome gold nuggets.



Photo by Diana Haecker

OFF TO THE CHECKPOINT— John Baker is done with his chores and heads into the Unalakleet checkpoint, on Sunday, March 11.



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HELLO THERE— John Baker’s dog Summit makes friends with Iditarod volunteers Michelle Douglas and Gabe Douglas in Koyuk.



Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

HEADING OUT— Volunteers in Koyuk help Aaron Burmeister maneuver his dog team out of Koyuk on Monday, March 12.



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NOME BOUND— Bethel’s Pete Kaiser eases his team out of Koyuk on Monday, March 12.



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