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IN THE SPOTLIGHT - With the busy Port of Nome in the backdrop, a TV crew filmed the Nome gold dredge Christine Rose in the afternoon on Saturday, July 21.

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Council, NJUS kick-start low-cost energy search

By Sandra L. Medearis

Cheap energy for Nome? Who knows how or where to get it?

The officials elected to run the City and facilitate quality of life say a solution has to be found for energy costs as high as a cat's back or Nome will end up a ghost town, bereft of year around residents.

"People are leaving. Look at Kotzebue. All those people that work at Red Dog are living in the

[Matanuska-Susitna] Valley. No one is living in Kotzebue anymore, unless they are on public assistance," Carl Emmons, utility board member, said. "If you want a job, you have to go somewhere else, so they are going to Red Dog, but they have to live elsewhere.'

"The same thing is going on here," he continued. "People can't afford to stay here anymore. We are rapidly turning into a community of little birds with our mouths open waiting for the federal government to put something in it. Everybody is going to move to Anchorage, Fairbanks or Arizona and come back here for fish camp. Rural Alaska is just going to become a fish camp basically ...a hunting and fishing camp for the Railbelt.'

This summer, numerous weekend garage sales by people preparing to move elsewhere have become the

community Craig's List for buying second-hand goods. Residents who grew up here are leaving.

The Council hired Berkowitz as a consultant to ferret out possibilities in new energy sources to ease the high cost of energy in the Nome area—natural gas, coal, wave mechanics, geothermalwhere heating fuel costs \$6 a gallon and is expected to go up again soon after the season's barge deliveries.

Berkowitz has a contract for two years at \$3,000 per month. New on the job, Berkowitz had yet to dig into his homework on real-time suggestions for energy relief at a work session with Nome Common Council members and the utility board June

"What I consider energy means for a community, what low-cost energy is all about — I look at it in broader terms than simply bringing low cost energy to the families and businesses that operate here," Berkowitz said. "Low cost energy is about economic development. It is about economic opportunity. It is about quality of life for people.

"I tend to look at what sort of policies you want to implement, what sort of programs you want to implement in that context. I've always considered when you import a dollar's worth of diesel you're exporting a dollar's and you're exporting a job. The more a community can do to produce energy locally the more control it has over its economic future and the quality of life for its people," he said.

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Q Trucking scores city contract

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome Volunteer Fire Dept. Chief Matt Johnson assured the Nome Common Council meeting in regular session Monday night that providing 10 firefighters to fight a major fire in Teller village north of Nome had not left Nome itself defenseless. Ten firefighters went to Teller with equipment by air and vehicle, but 20 members of the department remained in town.

Johnson applauded the firefighters and department for fast response and tenacity in fighting the fire that destroyed four buildings in Teller early July 12. He wanted the Council to understand how dedicated and relentless this fire department is, he said. "Having been notified by Alaska State Troopers, we were within 45 minutes in an airplane wheels up and in Teller in 30 minutes where we were faced with a massive fire," Johnson said.

"If you'd had a fire of that magnitude in the Lower 48, there would have been at least 150 firefighters. We did it with 10.'

"I think if we hadn't gotten up there, Teller would have ceased to exist" Johnson told the Council.

City Manager Josie Bahnke commended the NVFD for bravery and a job well done. Five firefighters went to Teller by chartered airplane with

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FISH CUTTING FOR ELDERS - Nick Hanson, Davida Hanson and Joanne Semaken (left to right) were part of the fish-cutting crew who processed pink salmon caught for Elders, during the Unalakleet Humpy Derby held on July 6 and 7. See story page 8.

Troopers collar kids in Teller fire investigation

By Sandra L. Medearis

Troopers have identified a pair of suspects, both minors, in a fire that leveled four buildings in Teller early July 12.

Troopers would refer charges to the state juvenile justice system this week, according to Megan Peters, AST spokeswoman

The fire burned four buildings owned by the Blodgett family— the former village store, Teller Com-

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mercial Co., closed for over a decade, and two adjoining unused buildings except for storage for family belongings. Additionally, a building occupied by the offices of Mary's Igloo Traditional Council fell to ashes for a total loss.

Troopers say the fire started on the second floor of one of the buildings. Villagers report, unconfirmed, that kids were playing in the building prior to the fire with cigarette

The fire started in the store and moved from building to building, threatening the Alaska Village Electric Coop power plant and new clinic down the way, as well as Teller Catholic Church across the street. Firefighters from Nome Volunteer Fire Dept. took equipment and personnel to the village on Grantley Harbor by chartered aircraft and ve-

With the help of local people, they contained the fire with seawater and other defensive moves. City employee Albert Oquilluk moved containers and other potential kindling with the Cat and with the front-end loader.

Firefighter Jim West Jr. helped push debris back into the fire and also took down two buildings across the street to remove tinder that could have let the fire spread into housing nearby, he said.

The loader was later lost when a wheel became stuck in a utility recess and the machine caught fire and fuel exploded.

There were no injuries.

Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. had funded purchase of the loader for the village in 2007, Joe Garnie, city official said. The loader had been insured, Garnie said, and he was working with the insurance company this week to get reimbursement before the snow flies.

Use of the loader was vital for clearing streets for sanitation control and school bus routes, Garnie said. He said there were ongoing discus-

sions with NSEDC that if no replacement were in sight by freeze-up and snow time, that Teller could use another loader that NSEDC has at the fish plant.

The burned building debris was still taped off over the past weekend, pending completion of the investigation by state fire marshal staff, according to Luann Noffsker, executrix

of the Richard Blodgett estate.

Garnie said not only did Teller not own equipment for clearing the debris, but also that health and safety issues prevented the city from just jumping in immediately. "We have only one small dump truck," Garnie said, "and we don't know what the liabilities and health hazards are.'



Photo by Diana Haecker

RUBBLE — The July 12 Teller fire burned four buildings to the ground.

Letters

This letter is to The Nome Nugget as a concern of the public regarding NPD's slow response to a theft of a "local" guy getting robbed of his money and other belongings. The first call made to NPD was around 7:05 a.m., second call was around 8:20 a.m. It's now 9:21 a.m. and NO show. 10 a.m. finally talking to the victim. Yet...Nome is not ready to handle the overflow of people either local, miners or construction crew of roads and hospital. All people deserve respect and cooperation of NPD when called.

Thanks, Rachel Menadelook Nome

To the Editor.

When Alaska's economy collapsed in 1986, there wasn't a single spec home built in Anchorage for six years. Apartments and condos didn't resume in quantity for twelve. That's typical of how long it takes for economies to turn around. When Bush took office, thanks to eight years of Clinton's policies, the nation had a balanced budget and a thriving economy. Seven years into Bush's new policies unemployment

was rising at a record rate. By the end of Bushes eighth year, according to http://zfacts.com/node/319 the nation was losing a historical never before seen 800,000 Jobs every month.

Obama's stimulus package, the package Republicans say didn't work, reversed the rising unemployment the month following its passage. Within a year, the nation's job hemorrhage had shrunk to zero. The number of American jobs has been slowly climbing ever since.

Obama's biggest mistake was underestimating how long the economy would take to fully recover.

If Romney is elected, he will reembrace Bushes policies and finish steering America's economy over the economic cliff George Bush almost sent us over.

Ray Metcalfe Anchorage 907-344-4514

Dear Editor,

After the ice breakup in the spring of 1982 the barge carrying supplies to Nome also contained the mining

equipment for the first Gold Prospectors Association of America Alaska Exposition. It all started from a bull session at Italian Bar gold mining

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

Editorial

Get Registered

We are the grass roots of our nation. We have a responsibility to do more than let the muskoxen graze over us. We need to take politics by the horns and get involved. Folks who take pride in claiming they hate government and won't vote should get a swift kick in the behind.

We don't have the luxury of standing back and doing nothing. We must vote, and before we can vote we must register. This can be done at the second floor of the state office building in Nome. It must be done this week. The privilege of casting a vote is something for which our forefathers shed their blood and put their fortunes on the line. Let's not abuse it.

We have a responsibility to encourage good candidates to put their hats in the ring. We need folks who do not think it is cool to have uncontested seats. We need candidates who have the good of the community at heart and not the fatness of their wallets. In the words that Peanuts' Lucy ought to have said, "Don't bitch if you didn't vote."— N.L.M.—

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camp in California when the conversation got around to the gold found in Alaska. I commented that I always wanted to go to Alaska and George Buzzard Massie, the president and founder of the Gold Prospectors Association of America said that we should come up with a gold mining trip. Well, that statement brought on the selection of the crew that would take the club's first gold mining trip to Nome Alaska. The gold rush of 1982, which took over 100 gold miners out on the tundra at a camp on the Casa Degage River by way of the Alaska air Lines flight from Anchorage to Nome. The feat of moving some eight tons of supplies consisting of mining gear, building material, food, fuel, clothes and bed rolls up the Salmon River then out the corduroy road to the camp site. We got lucky when Blue Berry John, the bus driver offered to haul the miners out to the Salmon River where they had to walk the rest of the way to camp.

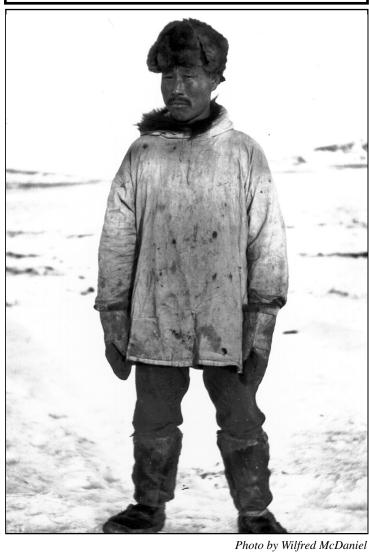
Let me tell you the city of Nome has certainly changed from those days when one walked o board walks and crossed a muddy street wile three wheelers buzzed all over town and there were always something going on day and night. Night? It ever got dark! This is when we learned about The Day of the Midnight Sun Celebration. The Massie gang was the ones who robbed the bank, ran down Main Street and got caught, was found guilty and put in jail.

We were always welcomed to the restraints, shops and bars but my fond memory of the Show House Restraint with the Front Street Follies and the girls that I preformed with. The polar cub Café', The Board of Trade Solon with Jim West and his Ivory Shop, The Safety Road House, Maruskiya's Eskimo Artifacts Shop, the Polaris club and soo many others that supplied us with their services. Bob, the chief of police, his dispatcher Ruthie, BJ from Alaska Air Lines, Mississippi the electrician, the Glue Pot, the Masonic Lodge, The rotary Club, the Booshu's, Ambros, Fat Freddy's and the waitress that showed off her panties, Aaron Burmeister who ran the 1994 Iditarod carrying my 44 magnum pistol, Clowning in the Forth of July parade, and so many others who played a part in the thirty years that the Gold Prospectors Association of America Nome Exposition has each summer been coming to Nome to mine the beaches.

WE all regret the passing of George Buzzard Massie, the founder of the G.P.A.A. and his brilliance that brought about the club's existence in Nome and we pray to have many more years here in the city of Nome Alaska. God bless you all.

Thank You. Sincerely, BooCoo David "Boo Coo" Haas P.O. Box 512 Junction Texas 76849

A Look at the Past



from the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum Archives

AT THE READY TO MEET ANY CHALLENGE - "Tooni, Penny River Eskimo." Are you related to him? Please contact the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum.

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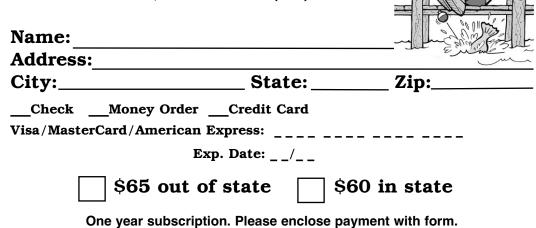
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A Look at the Past: The 1900 Nome Gold Rush

By Laura Samuelson, Director, Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

In the spirit of the 1900 Nome Gold Rush, the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum is pleased to continue "The 1900 Diary of Wilfred A. McDaniel" in the next several issues of The Nome Nugget Newspaper.

Wilfred McDaniel was 25 years old when he first landed at Nome in June 1900 in the midst of the largest gold rush in Alaska. Wilfred was a gifted photographer, writer, artist, poet and an amateur dentist. During the eight years he lived in Nome he lugged his 20 pound Kodak camera from town to beach claim through rugged creeks and mosquito infested tundra, during powerful Bering Sea storms and furious blizzards. All the while he wrote descriptive letters to his parents in California and maintained a diary covering almost every day he lived on the coast west of Nome.

The result of this determined perseverance is the documentation of the lives of successful beach miners in the Nome gold rush era as well as an insight into the Eskimo people who lived at the Penny, Cripple and Sinuk Rivers at that time. Wilfred died at the age of 80 in 1954, however his thoughts, memories and love

legacy in the "McDaniel Family Collection" now owned and on exhibit at Nome's Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum. If it ever rains, stop by Nome's Museum located to the west of the BOT.

In the last issue of the Nome Nugget Newspaper, the brothers Wilfred and Ed dealt with the tragic death of their fellow miner Ed Rouse who is still buried in Nome. It's starting to get darker at night as the Midnight Sun begins to wane. Now it's time for some weather to set in ...

July 29, 1900

Today is Sunday and we are laying off. I made some bread and a pudding today. We will set the boxes and start work in the morning. We set our boxes and are ready for work tomorrow. A man who said he was a lawyer stopped here and said that the marshall told him that the soldiers were coming up the beach and arrest everyone at work. He said he was defending a man who was arrested and he was getting all the names of the beach miners. If we are all arrested there'll be a hot time in the old town tomorrow night, my honey.

July 30, 1900

Started as usual this morning.

notice us. One returned with nine prisoners. We worked out a pit 24 x 1 ft. cleaned up the bedrock. Found a small nugget today. The only one we have seen from the beach. Al Raney came up to camp today. He bought a pumping plant for \$200 and will locate next to us.

July 31, 1900

Al staid with us all night. No hard trouble again with our pump. The sea is rough and the surf is full of sea moss. It gets into the pump runner and clogs it up. Ed went to a miner's meeting this afternoon. Lots of talk about the beach. We worked until 9:15 PM. The water jacket on the engine became clogged with sand and moss so that we had to stop.

August 1, 1900

All the pumping plants are stopped today as there is a rumor that we are all to be arrested today. We took our boxes down and cleaned up. The weather is getting very stormy and the sea is getting rough. We took supper with Al Raney.

August 2, 1900

There is a big storm on now. The sea is rolling high and coming higher up on the beach than I have ever seen

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The vessels down at Nome are getting further out from shore. We had notice served on us this morning by the N.Y. Co. They forbid us working or moving our boxes or machin-

August 3, 1900

We cleaned out the water jacket on the engine enclosed the pump belt. We are awaiting development.

The storm has gone down. Several launches and one schooner were wrecked during the gale. New arrests were made today. We are going to see the N.Y. Co. again tomorrow and try and make an arrangement so that we can work.

To be continued in the next Nome Nugget

5:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, July 26

Nome Rec Center *Open Gym Crafts & Library Activities Library

*Essentials of Discipline: The Middle Years

Prematernal Home 1:30 p.m.
*Ranger Talks, Demonstrations & Games Bering Land Bridge Visitors Center

*Child Abuse and Neglect *Strength Training *Open Gym *Nome Food Bank *Kripalu Yoga *Thrift Shop *Body Blast *hardCore!

2:00 - 2:30 p.m. Prematernal Home 2:30 p.m. 4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Nome Rec Center 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Nome Rec Center Bering & Seppala Nome Rec Center 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. 8:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Methodist Church Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center

Friday, July 27

Nome Rec Center Pickup bball 5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. *Kindergym *Open Gym *Junior Ranger Programs Nome Rec Center 10:00 a.m. - noon Nome Rec Center Bering Land Bridge noon - 8:00 p.m. isitors Center 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. *CAMP Class Prematernal Home Contraception 2:30 p.m. Prematernal Home

*Latin Dance Fitness Nome Rec Center 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Lutheran Church (rear) 8:00 p.m.
Nome Rec Center 8:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. *AA Meeting *Drop-in Soccer (15+)

Saturday, July 28

Wyatt Earp Dexter Challenge see ad on page 4 *Close To The Heart/Breastfeeding Project Diabetes
*Summerfest - see ad on page 5

Anvil City Square

Prematernal Home

1:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 29

*Audiology Class *Vaccines and Your Baby

Prematernal Home Prematernal Home

Monday, July 30

Nome Rec Center

Pickup Bball *Kindergym *Denali Kid Care/Medicaid Class *First Aid: Vol 2 Illnesses Latin Dance Fitness *Open Space Yoga

*Tae Kwon Do

*AA Meeting

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Tuesday, July 31

*Open Gym Preschool Story Hour *Denali Kid Care/ Medicaid Class *Celebrate Birth *Strength Training *Nome Food Bank *Kripalu Yoga

Nome Rec Center Library Nome Rec Center

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Wednesday, August 1

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*Latin Dance Fitness

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7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.

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JULY 29, 1900 - "If we are all arrested there'll be a hot time in the old town tomorrow night, my honey." This is River Street looking east from the present day Crowley complex toward the original mouth of the Snake River.



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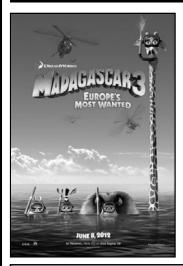
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• Energy

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Looking around Nome, Berkowitz said, he saw tremendous opportunities—Pilgrim Hot Springs, offshore gas and all sorts of potential

"There's what people like to call 'negawatts,' which is reduction in consumption, conservation efforts. All that can occur. The rule I'm going to have is to try and assist people in this room and those who aren't here to make sure those plans come to fruition because I want to see Nome be much more energy self-sufficient," Berkowitz told the assembly at Nome City Hall.

Get some concrete answers, Councilwoman Mary Knodel said.

"What I want to know is how we are going to go about this," she said. "People are leaving town left and right, because they can't afford to live here any more because of the cost of fuel and the cost of electricity. I know we have a million plans and a million things have been written. Now, how do we get down to the meat of it and get going. We all know there's gas out here and we read these things. Where do we go to get the money that's what I want to know? I want to know what the road map looks like."

There are different time horizons for different aspects of what can happen. I think the fastest recipe for saving money and reducing cost is through conservation efforts," Berkowitz said. "A lot of those efforts have gotten under way. We need to make sure we are monitoring those efforts correctly to continue to push them. Specific proposals that I'd like to see incorporated in Nome's energy are future things like smart gridding where you can have a better model of what the energy use profile is so that when John [Handeland, utility manager] is running all the power facilities, he knows when the load spikes, when they're down so he doesn't have to keep things online unnecessarily."

In the long-term future Nome had to produce its own energy, Berkowitz said. "There's no way around that. That's why Pilgrim Hot Springs [geothermal] is such an attractive possibility. That's a significant amount of energy. You can't sustain communities at 30 to 40 cents a kilowatt."

When the state budget gets tight, power cost assistance is going to be in trouble, he said.

He mentioned process ships that could take gas from Norton Sound and turn it into a diesel equivalent, a possibility that could provide relief in the long term. However, Berkowitz said, near-term solutions call for increased efficiency and conservation.

Knodel was past turning out lights and turning down the thermostat.

"I understand the smart grid and I understand the customer conserving," Knodel said. "I'm more concerned with the long-term development. I think that is what we were looking for. Correct me if I'm wrong. What we're looking for is

some direction and some assistance in getting to those long-term solutions in a hurry. That's what we talked about in November. The rest of it is all fine and good, but we need to get to a solution and in a hurry, because we can't afford to live here."

Mayor Denise Michels suggested that Nome could use some of the technology floating by on resource development ships on the way to northern seas. "There are ships that are capable of doing testing and sonar because they are going north to do the same thing for oil and gas on the North Slope, she said. "Permitting may take a couple of years, but we know for the next four years there are ships with equipment we need to do studies will pass by us, so what does it take for us to get to the point where we get the studies to get the permitting to see if [natural gas] is a viable option.'

Studies have been done in the 1970s and 1980s on offshore natural gas and how much it would cost to develop, but further studies are required for permitting.

Nome's two 900-kilowatt wind turbines that Nome Joint Utilities System plans to put up next summer are the fastest move Nome can make, Berkowitz said, to show that Nome is willing to make its own effort to solve problems, which creates a good atmosphere for seeking funding.

"It's a power source that you know about and a power source that's going to displace maybe a quarter of the fuel costs that exist."

Emmons made the point that NJUS and current kilowatt prices could not survive a loss of customers and diminished revenue.

"Along the avenue of conservation back in the 70s when we had the first oil crunch, everybody bought wood stoves and actually drove the price of fuel up, because the distributor lost all of his customers," Emmons said. "We are a very small community. We can conserve up to a point where the costs of the powerhouse are still going to be there. If we lose customers to the powerhouse, the price of electricity is going to go up."

Developing natural gas in northwest Alaska could supply Kotzebue and Unalakleet, points in between, and further. Gas takes less refining than oil, Emmons said. The gas could go to the powerhouse, because the electrical distribution is already in place, rather than run the gas to homes, making cooking and heating with electric power feasible.

"We could pay our linemen instead of the Arabs for oil," Emmons said

"If you use all these renewable resources to drive down the cost of energy, then you can present yourselves as Nome, a city that really has taken all the efforts it can to use renewable resources so that when you do mining activities which has a PR pushback you can say, 'Look we are doing the responsible thing," Berkowitz said. "The energy that is going to be coming from that is

going to be green energy. That is a very strong way of promoting economic development. The part I can play is to be eyes and ears in different places, because I am plugged into energy conversations. I can help steer things, but the impetus for doing all this comes from Nome," Berkowitz said. "You've got to take care of yourself. No one else is going to do it for you."

In other business at the work session, Council and utility board heard a presentation from Gwen Holdman, director of Alaska Center for Energy and Power, concerning exploratory work at Pilgrim Hot Springs. The City has long eyed geothermal development at the site, around 45 miles from Nome.

The work comprises using remote sensing equipment to determine how much heat is available for development and the exact source of the hot water. The team is backing up the new technology with drilling and sampling.

"We want to find out where that hot water is coming from and we want to see what is available for power generation.

The potential looks good, as Pilgrim Hot Springs is the hottest spring on mainland Alaska excluding the Aleutian Islands, and bigger than Chena Hot Springs where that heat is generating electricity," Holdman

About 20 people associated with a number of agencies—U.S. Geological Survey from Denver, Dept. of Energy, Alaska Energy Authority and others are running the project on \$3.6 million from the Dept. of Energy and \$1.7 million from the Alaska Energy Authority. Holdman anticipates a report available this winter. Then the current project will be done. Any work on future development would be a completely separate project, according to Holdman.

"Our objective with the current project is to get good information for the property owners so they can make good decisions on development and to provide information on what has been done in other places," she said. "For example, there have been some interesting options for development in such places as Iceland and Chena Hot Springs. There are a lot of models you can follow for developing a geothermal system."

While the hot water is there for use directly or for power generation, a major cost factor is the distance from Nome and the expense of running a transmission line.

"Numbers of \$20 to \$40 million have been thrown out," Holdman said, as costs of getting the energy to the Nome area.

According to state labor economist Neal Fried in Alaska Economic Trends, fresh off the press, energy prices played a starring role in 2011's rise in inflation. Even in Anchorage, the cost of energy went up almost 11 percent from 2010 to 2011 on the Anchorage Consumer Price Index. Anchorage gasoline prices, a factor in the energy cost zoomed upward by almost 16 percent in the Anchorage Consumer Price Index.

It is no secret that Nome consumers also take a beating at grocery check stands, where partly attributed to transportation energy costs, they pay 226 percent of the Anchorage grocery prices, or more than double.

Interestingly, Nome was not mentioned in an Alaska Fuel Price Report published for January 2012 by the state Dept. of Commerce, Community and Economic Development. A survey of prices in 100 selected communities did not include Nome.

Although the survey was not mentioned in the energy work session, the omission was echoed when several attending the session said that Nome would have to push its own energy cost needs.

Berkowitz served in Alaska's House of Representatives from 1997 to 2006 and was Democratic minority leader for eight years. He founded an alternative energy company.

Voter registration deadline is Sunday

Voters have until Sunday, July 29 to register to vote in the August 28 primary election. Sunday is the deadline to register to vote, to update voter registration, or to change political party affiliation for voting in the Primary election.

The Division of Elections re-

gional office in Nome will be open this weekend to assist voters. Offices will open on Saturday, July 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday, July 29 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. for voter registration. The Division of Elections also accepts voter registration applications submitted by mail, fax or email.

Voter registration applications are available at the Division of Elections regional Nome office in the state office building, at City Hall and registration applications are also available at the Division of Elections website at www.elections.alaska.gov.



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Port panel considers template for expansion

By Sandra L. Medearis

At its meeting on July 19, the Nome Port Commission received a draft Nome Port and Harbor Development Plan. Its author, port consultant Paul Fuhs, attending via telephone, took the commission through the 19-page document.

The roadmap is necessary for seeking state and federal funding for port expansion and upgrades.

The draft contains a planning sequence, short-, medium- and long-term development options and advocates strategies to attract customers to the port:

- Strategies to attract tourists to the port.
- Strategies to market Nome as a hub for fisheries and other research efforts in the Arctic.
 - Strategies for increasing vitality

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- Strategies for staging for oil exploration and drilling in the Chukchi Sea
 - Strategies for security measures.

 The Port of Nome this summer is

The Port of Nome this summer is busy with construction preparation as it does with construction activities. Construction-ready projects for summer 2012 include:

- High mast lighting and electrical line upgrade project to put two high mast lights on the causeway and a foundation for a third. Total cost: \$833.136.
- Snake River bridge replacement.
- Harbor floats and anchor system project to remove failed piling and replace it with an anchor chain system. The cost, \$177,000.

Three additional projects are bidready:

- East and south dock fender repair and replacement.
- Repair for the sagging barge ramp.
- Federal authorization to regularly dredge the small boat harbor. Four projects are at the 35 percent
- design stage:
 Extension of the Nome Port Causeway to become a deep-water port at a depth of 35 feet.
- Causeway middle dock construction—meaning 476 ft. of sheet pile between City and Westgold docks. The cost would be around \$13.5 million.
- Barge high ramp, a project that would install a 35 ft. wide sheet pile dock with a loading ramp. The cost: \$3 million.
- Snake River floats and moorage expansion project would dredge out

80,000 cubic yd. of river bank and install two 600-ft. float sections. The cost, \$13.7 million.

Fuhs emphasized that uplands development was critical, especially the Air Force tank farm area and two acres by the barge ramp.

"Stay on getting the tank farm property," Fuhs said. "That is going to be extremely valuable."

Once again, Fuhs emphasized that Port Clarence was also being considered as a deep-water port where little dredging would be needed and it was not exposed to weather, but on the other hand, had zero infrastructure compared to Port of Nome. The two locations—Port Clarence and Port of Nome could complement each other, he suggested.

Once again, Fuhs advocated connecting with Teller and Brevig Mission to see if they wanted to have a joint effort for a port authority.

"If the arctic port is moving that direction, Nome wants to be a part of that," Fuhs told the Nome port panel.

In other business, the commission looked over a letter that Mayor Denise Michels had written to U.S.

Coast Guard Rear Admiral Thomas Ostebo of USCG District 17, to pull a Coast Guard foot into the door as part of an ongoing campaign for U.S. Coast Guard to establish a presence in Port of Nome.

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Michels requested the USCG to consider staffing personnel in Nome for one week per month during summer months to provide water safety education and enforcement. Currently the USCG participates in public meetings and has scheduled one visit in Nome for education and enforcement.

The City of Nome has been collaborating with the Coast Guard to assess what the City has to offer and to identify USCG needs for support in an attempt to get a Coast Guard presence in Nome.

In her letter, the mayor woos the Coast Guard with an offer of office space in the harbormaster's office and informs Ostebo that Port of Nome has land available for Coast Guard use for equipment required to operate successfully in the Nome

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Johnson: Paul Kosto, Jason West, Kevin Knowlton, Quinton Johnson and Timmy James. Later in the morning, Jerry Steiger, assistant chief, Jim West Jr., Chugie Farley and Will Gray drove to Teller with additional equipment.

In business at home, the Council unanimously approved awarding a contract to Charles J. Reader's Q Trucking Garage for repair and service on the City's heavy and specialty vehicles in the public works department.

The garage will get \$90 an hour to work on the equipment, higher by \$20 than the hourly charge set in 2010 for the previous bid period. For wrecker service, Q Trucking will get \$25 per callout plus \$3 a mile. Q Trucking will bill for parts at cost plus 25 percent.

The contract is for one year with a one-year renewal option.

The resolution, passed unanimously by the Council, said that Q Trucking submitted the only responsive bid. If there were other bids submitted in the sealed bid transaction, they were not included in the public document packet.

Delivering a vehicle to the Q Trucking repair department will require department head approval with repairs beyond usual maintenance in excess of \$500 to be approved by the city manager or designee. The contract allows the City to order certain parts for specific vehicles for which the garage cannot charge for cost or 25 percent markup.

These vehicles include about 20 assorted vehicles dump trucks, dozers, various loaders and graders created by Caterpillar and a Volvo tracked loader skidsteer.

The Council unanimously passed another resolution that approved an increase to \$8.3 million in a credit line from Wells Fargo bank for Nome Joint Utility System to finance fuel coming in by barge over the

summer for running the utility's generators.

NJUS board of directors had to raise the line of credit from \$8.1 million to \$8.3 million to meet the rising diesel prices coming in on the season's barges, NJUS utility manager, John K. Handeland said. The \$8.3 million would not cover the costs, but the utility would use its general fund, he said.

Diesel cost \$2.80 per gallon around July 1, but by last Friday had gone up to \$3.20," he said. "It's going south, or north, depending on how you look at it.

"This is not a good thing for the community. However, the average will still be within 15 cents of the price for last year," Handeland said.

City Manager Jose Bahnke asked the Council to consider a motion to authorize her to solicit proposals for a project manager for the pre-construction phase of the Richard Foster Building that will house the Carrie M. McLain Museum, Beringia Center for Culture and the Kegoayah Kozga Library. Such a manager would make final land acquisition, coordinate design, steering committee and contractors, prepare grant applications, obtain and monitor permits, oversee procurement and contracts and maintain the project budget.

"Put it out to bid," Councilman Louis Green Sr. advised.

Councilman Stan Andersen: "We'll digest it and take it up at the next meeting."

Bahnke reported to the Council

- Brooks Chandler, city attorney, had made final some changes to the sales tax ordinance coming up for Council vote with a work session for Council to go over changes with Chandler this week.
- architects and engineers had made final the specifications for a paint job on Old St. Joseph Church so that bid documents could go out

with bid openings slated for August, after which weather would decide when the selected contractor would open the paint.

• State Dept. of Environmental Conservation and Bristol Engineering had inspected the landfill and monofill during a visit July 17-18 with a report coming to the Council in August.

Finally, the Council adjourned into executive session for "discussion of legal matters that may have an adverse impact on City finances." Joy Baker, harbormaster, remained for the executive session. The Nome Port Commission also attended the secret meeting: Randolph Romenesko, Jim West Jr., Charles Lean, Jimmy Adams, Jura Leahu.

Councilwomen Josie Stiles and Mary Knodel had excused absences from the Council meeting.



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Norton Sound salmon runs: Kings and reds weak

Chums vary from worst to above average, pinks average, silvers arriving

By Laurie McNicholas

"The third week of July shows the king run being very weak, the chum run all over the board from the worst counts at escapement projects to above average at others, pink salmon are average and silvers starting to appear in Norton Sound," reports Jim Menard, area manager for Norton Sound and Kotzebue, Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game. The Kwiniuk River tower in the Elim subdistrict recorded the worst cumulative king and chum salmon count in 30 years through July 20, his update shows.

Only 2,700 sockeye (red) salmon had escaped past the Pilgrim River weir in the Port Clarence district through July 18, so ADF&G closed the lower Kuzitrin River and Pilgrim River to all net fishing on July 20.

"The average historical midpoint at the weir is July 18, and escapement projections show that the escapement goal at Salmon Lake will not be met at current passage rates," Menard said in a press release July 19. "The escapement goal at Salmon Lake is 4,000 to 8,000 sockeye salmon observed by aerial survey. To have any chance of reaching the escapement goal, all gillnetting and seining must be closed in the Pilgrim River drainage and lower Kuzitrin River."

Menard reported a cumulative count of 3,284 sockeyes past the Pilgrim River weir through July 20, and he projected 6,000 sockeyes for a final count. He said daily sockeye counts at the weir were starting to double compared to daily counts when net fishing was allowed. "The closure to net fishing was two weeks earlier last year, and [the] escapement goal was reached in 2011," he added.

"[The] Norton Sound commercial salmon harvest to date is 185,000 pinks, 42,000 chums, 60 sockeyes, and 400 silvers," Menard said. "The pink salmon harvest is the best since 1998. In Norton Sound, commercial chum salmon fishing is occurring in Norton Bay, Shaktoolik and Unalakleet, and commercial pink salmon fishing is occurring in Golovin and Elim. Kotzebue had an average chum harvest for the second week of commercial fishing."

Menard said Norton Sound crabbers had harvested nearly 190,000 pounds of the 465,450-pound commercial red king crab quota through the morning of July 21. "The 2012 harvest to date has been tracking the same with last year's harvest," he added. "There was a slight dip in catches with the recent windy weather slowing deliveries for a couple of days."

Following are excerpts from Menard's report on salmon fisheries in Norton Sound subdistricts for the third week of July.

Unalakleet and Shaktoolik subdistricts

Sport fishing for king salmon is closed until August 15 in the Unalakleet and Shaktoolik subdistricts. This closure includes catch and release fishing for king salmon. In addition, the use of bait is banned in

the Unalakleet River and Shaktoolik River drainages.

Subsistence salmon gillnet fishing is open seven days a week in the Unalakleet and Shaktoolik subdistricts, and mesh size restrictions in marine waters and fresh waters ended on July 23. Beach seining is allowed seven days a week, but any king salmon captured must be immediately released in the water.

The commercial harvest to date in the Unalakleet subdistrict totals 17,399 chums, 53,076 pinks, 32 sockeye and 277 silvers. This season's pink harvest is the largest since 1998.

In the Shaktoolik subdistrict, the commercial harvest totals 16,186 chums, 19,345 pinks, 24 sockeyes and 119 silvers. The chum harvest ranks third best in 20 years, and the pink harvest is the best since 2000.

Norton Bay subdistrict:

The gillnet mesh size is restricted to 6 inches or less, and net length is restricted to 100 fathoms or less. The commercial harvest to date is 4,062 chums, 48,122 pinks and 19 silvers. The pink harvest is a record.

Elim subdistrict:

The commercial harvest to date is 1,762 chums, 42,619 pinks and 2 silvers. The pink harvest is the best since 2000.

Golovin subdistrict:

Gillnets are restricted 100 fathoms or less with a mesh size of 4 ½ inches or less. The commercial harvest to date is 2,372 chums and 22,776 pinks. The pink harvest is the best since 1998.

Nome subdistrict:

The subsistence set gillnet schedule is in effect. Pink salmon catch limits have been waived. The schedule is from 6 p.m. Wednesday until 6 p.m. Saturday in the marine waters. The fresh water subsistence area schedule is from 6 p.m. Monday until 6 p.m. Wednesday and from 6 p.m. Thursday until 6 p.m. Saturday

Salmon escapement proj-

Menard provided the following cumulative counts at Norton Sound and Port Clarence salmon escapement projects through July 20.

Unalakleet River test fish–26 kings, 727 chums, and 376 pinks. The king catch ranks fourth lowest. The chum catch ranks 10th highest out of 28 years. The pink catch ranks second lowest in the 2000s for an even-numbered year.

North River tower–606 kings, 2,771 chums, 101,504 pinks and 84 silvers. The king count ranks second lowest. Late run timing projections show a final count of 804 kings, which would be 33% below the goal of 1,200 kings. However, in 2010 for this date the cumulative count was 563 kings and final escapement was 1,256 kings. Chum passage ranks 13th out of 17 years. Pink passage ranks seventh out of nine even-numbered years.

Unalakleet River floating weir-

(No weir escapement goals yet established)–330 kings, 36,721 chums, 516,232 pinks, 173 sockeyes and 175 silvers. The king count is less than half the 2010 count and one-

third the 2011 count. The chum count is 20 percent below the 2010 count and one-third the 2011 count. The pink count is one-quarter below the 2010 count.

Shaktoolik sonar (no escapement goals yet established)—Cumulative passage since July 10 is estimated at

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GONE FISHING— Nome anglers enjoyed a sunny Saturday afternoon fishing for humpies at the Nome River mouth.

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Crab tagging project underway in Norton Sound

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has a new Fish and Wildlife Technician from Anchorage and she's helping to conduct a red king crab research project in eastern Norton Sound. Mary Sherbick, born and raised in Anchorage, attends the University of Alaska Anchorage and is majoring in biology. She is a member of the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program for about four years now. ANSEP encourages indigenous Alaskans to become scientists through middle and high school outreach initiatives, summer programs, college courses, and professional internships. Through ANSEP, Sherbick has interned with the U.S. Geological Survey and as a lab technician for UAA professor Frank von Hippel. "Since I have plenty of lab experience under my belt I figured it was time for a change of pace and

get my hands dirty with some field work," she said. So, off to Nome she went.

ADF&G Research Fishery Biologist Jenefer Bell hired Sherbick to work as a Fish and Wildlife technician on a research project. The project, done in cooperation with NSEDC and funded by the North Pacific Research Board, is to examine movement, size composition, and bycatch of red king crab, aka Paralithodes camtschaticus, in eastern Norton Sound. "We tagged over 4,500 crabs from Cape Nome to Elim chartering the F/V Mithril, Frank McFarland's boat," Sherbick said. "We used 90 collapsible crab pots weighing around 130 lbs each. We had two strings, 5 and 10 miles from shore with 45 pots running along each. To get a good look at the population we tagged males and fe-

males, legals, anything 4.75 inches in shell width, and sublegals." They did not tag crab smaller than 70 mm in carapace length but did record the size and gender. Now that the commercial crabbing season has started Bill Dunker with ADF&G, Mike McGowan with NSEDC and Sherbick have been observing on willing commercial crab boats to collect locations of recovered tagged crab and examine bycatch. Captains can participate in the study without an observer aboard by taking part in the crew program. In this case they fill out data sheets which will provide information similar to what an observer would record. Over the next three years ADF&G and NSEDC hope to get a better perspective on crab movement and population structure that will help in evaluating current guideline harvest levels and management of Norton Sound red king crab. Boat captains interested in participating in the study can contact Jenefer Bell or Justin Leon at 443-5167 for observer and crew program details.



Photo courtesy of ADF&G

HOLD STILL- Mary Sherbick tagging a red king crab aboard the Mithril.

USGS tags walruses in the Chukchi Sea

By Diana Haecker

Among the many barges, ships and dredges out at sea in front of Nome last weekend was the Norseman II, a research vessel that arrived in Nome from the Chukchi Sea last week. Chad Jay, a research ecologist with the Alaska Science Center at the United States Geological Survey in Anchorage, has been on board and reported that he and his research team was successful in tagging 40 adult female Pacific walruses with satellite radio transmitters.

The researchers were at the southern edge of the sea ice, northwest of Wainright. According to Jay, the purpose of the USGS's multi-year study is to identify the foraging and migration patterns and the distribution of walruses and how the patterns change as the sea ice diminishes increasingly in the fall due to climate change. When the sea ice recedes

past the continental shelf - and their food source - into very deep waters of the Arctic Basin, the walruses haul out on land, Jay said.

The ongoing study has revealed that walruses haul out increasingly on land, rest onshore and swim out to foraging grounds, which can be 30 to 40 miles offshore. "We found that some animals are swimming upwards of 60 miles on foraging trips," Jay said. He also said that some animals tagged in the eastern Chukchi Sea end up on the opposite shore, in

According to the USGS website, the Alaska Science Center Pacific Walrus Research Program has collected data on walrus foraging behavior and movements throughout areas of the Bering and Chukchi seas during periods when sea ice is present and when sea ice is absent over the continental shelf since 2004. In

2010, walruses came ashore in late August. Last year, the sea ice disappeared from the shelf earlier and walruses began to come ashore in early August.

The study will be taken into account when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service makes it decision whether or not to list the Pacific walrus species as threatened. The decision will be made in 2017. Jay said that the reduced sea ice conditions do affect walruses in their foraging and resting behavior.

Jay said the tagging teams are using crossbow to embed the radio transmitter in the animals' blubber. If at all possible, he asks subsistence hunters to spare radio-tagged animals, but if taken, to please return the radio back to the USGS office in Anchorage.

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152,000 salmon with an apportionment of 400 kings, 13,600 chums and 138,000 pinks. This is the first year the project is providing escapement estimates, and the sonar is great addition to Norton Sound escapement counting projects. Thanks to Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. for initiating this proj-

Inglutalik River tower (no escapement goals established)-1,032 kings, 23,259 chums and 51,486 pinks. This is the second year of the project. Last year's counts through this date were 1,453 kings and 42,934 chums.

Kwiniuk River tower — 21 kings, 4,942 chums and 253,438 pinks. Both the king and chum counts are the poorest in over 30 years for this date. The pink count is well below the record 2000s even-numbered vear runs when the average count by this date was over 1.4 million.

Niukluk River tower—15 kings, 14,612 chums, 188,843 pinks and 33

King counts are the same for the last three years and tied for the lowest in the 18-year project history. The chum count is a little over half the recent 5-year average for this date and tracking slightly above last year when the escapement was made. The pink count is trailing all even-numbered years for this date.

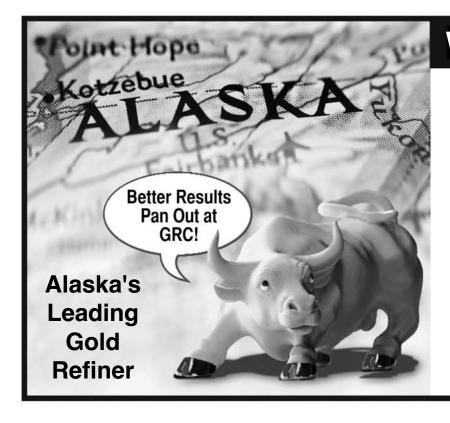
Eldorado River weir-12,208 chums and 46,763 pinks. The chum count ranks 5th highest out of 16 years. The pink count ranks 6th out of 8 even-numbered years.

Nome River weir-1 king, 877 chums, 38,058 pinks and 25 sockeyes. The chum count is about half the recent 5-year average for this date. The pink count ranks 8th out 10 even-numbered years at the weir.

Snake River weir -239 chums, 2,559 pinks, 1 sockeye and 4 silvers. The chum count is lagging and ranks 16th out of 18 years. The pink count ranks 8th out of 9 even-numbered year counts

Glacial Lake weir—1,209 sockeyes. The count ranks 10th out 12

Pilgrim River weir-7 kings, 7,429 chums, 25,014 pinks and 3,284 sockeyes. King passage is 2nd lowest out of 10 years at the weir. Chum passage is 4th highest at the weir for this date. Pink passage is in the middle for 5 evennumbered years. Sockeye passage ranks 8th lowest, and has fallen to two-thirds of last year's passage for



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Unalakleet Humpy derby draws anglers of all ages

Unalakleet fishermen and women turned out in force on July 6 and 7 to fish in the Humpy Derby organized by Francine Johnson, Kawerak

Tribal Family Coordinator, who was planning the event as part of the Family Fun Time program.

Kids as young as one year old to

Photo by Henry Johnson THE SWEETEST CATCH— Chace Doty, age 3, shows off his fish during the Unalakleet Humpy Derby.



Photo by Henry Johnson PREP WORK— Clarence Towarak Jr. gets the gear ready for his grand-daughter Sierra Musgrove during the 2012 Unalakleet Humpy Derby.

Elders showed up and fished to their heart's content. The derby started at noon on July 6th and ended not until midnight. Laughter and smiles prevailed and some kids begged to keep fishing after midnight. The first day ended with over 300 humpies caught. Three-hundred fish were donated to the Elders and stored in the cannery for the next day to cut and give to the

The next day, at 8:30 a.m. sharp kids and community members once again came down to participate in the derby and the last fish was weighed at 5 p.m. A picnic consisting of 300 hamburgers, watermelon and Capri Suns followed with generous donations from Kawerak, Norton Sound

Health Corporation, and the Native Village of Unalakleet, Unalakleet General Store, Peace on Earth, Hansen Grocery of Nome, Norton Sound Sled Dog Club. Every participant entered into a raffle for donated round-trip tickets by Bering Air and PenAir.

Johnson hopes to run this event annually. She said it's time to create activities in all communities based on families and this is just the beginning to dreams of making a change in a community.

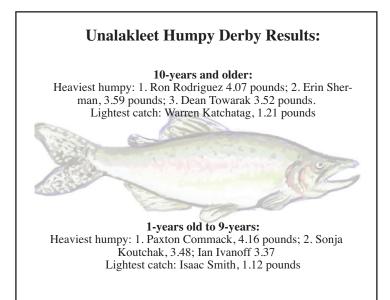
After the picnic a table was set up by Davida and Bret Hanson to help teach anyone how to cut a humpy. They cut an estimated 100 fish caught on July 7 and then more fish cutters joined in to cut over 300 fish caught on July 6. The fish were cut and donated to Elders in the community. Johnson thanks Davida and Bret Hanson, Darlene Katchatag, Jeff and Donna Erickson and Harvey Brown. Nick Hanson JoAnne Semeken and Kiki Storms were youth who came to learn and stick with fish cutting for the Elders.

Prizes for ages 1-9 were for the Heaviest Humpy to the Lightest Humpy, up to sixth place received a prize. Prizes for ages 10-Elder were from Heaviest Humpy to the Lightest Humpy with prizes for the top 13 participants.



Photo by Bret Hanson

LUNKER— Andrew Doty, age 6, weighs in his prize catch during the Unalakleet Humpy Derby.



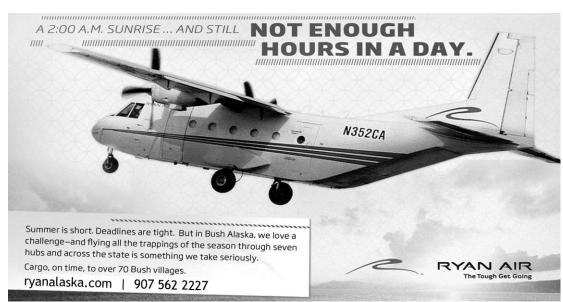




Photo by Diana Haecker COMBAT FISHING NOME STYLE— Real estate was at a prime at the mouth of the Nome River on Saturday afternoon as Nome anglers tried their luck fishing for humpies.



Photo by Diana Haecker WEARABLE ART — Alice Bioff sold her own T-shirt designs at last Saturday's Bearing Song Farmers Market.



Photo by Nadja Cavin READY, SET, GOLD!— West Beach Buddy Rehm outpanned all but

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| Name | Home | Overall time |
| 1. John Bunce | Nome | 20 Seconds |
| 2. West Beach Buddy Rehm | UK | 23.75 Seconds |
| 3. Cody Moen | Nome | 27.75 Seconds |
| 4. Shawn Harper | Nome | 28.75 Seconds |
| 5. Chris Pomereke | Nome | 33.75 Seconds |
| 6. John Beaudreau | N.York | 36.5 Seconds |
| 7. Richard Beneville | Nome | 37 Seconds |
| 8. Steve Pomerenke | Nome | 39.5 Seconds |
| 9. Zeke Tenhoff | Nome | 42.5 Seconds |
| 10. Savannah Schoffner | Nome | 47.5 Seconds |
| 11. Cynthia Karmun | Nome | 52 Seconds |
| 12. Heather Schoffner | Nome | 54 Seconds |
| 13. Kenny Hughes | Nome | 56 Seconds |
| 14. David Miller | Nome | 1 Min 03 Sec |
| 15. Emily Schoffner | Nome | 1 Min 04 Sec |
| 16. Pat Malone | Nome | 1 Min 14 Sec |
| 17. Tim Smith | Nome | 1 Min 23 Sec |
| 18. Savannah Schoffner | Nome | 1 Min 28 Sec |
| 19. Steve Riedel | Nome | 1 Min 30 Sec |
| 20. Dylan Pomerenke | Nome | 1 n 35 Sec |
| 21. Tracie Karmun | Nome | 1 Min 47.5 Sec |
| 22. Myrna Outwater | Nome | 2 Min 06 Sec |
| 23. Don Carr | Louisiana | 2 Min 19 Sec |
| 24. Ralph Rogers | UK | 2 Min 22.7 Sec |
| 25. Nick Klezewski | Nome | 2 Min 25.5 Sec |
| 26. John Elander | Calif | 2 Min 36 Sec |
| 27. Bonnie Clark | NewYork | 3 Min 56 Sec |
| 28. Leo Rasmussen | Nome | 4 Min 0 Sec |
| 29. Morgan Hands | Texas | 4 Min 28 Sec |
| 30. Owen Outwater | Nome | 4 Min 55 Sec |
| 31. Jonathan Outwater | Nome | 4 Min 59 Sec |



Photo by Diana Haecker LET'S GO TO THE MARKET— At least seven vendors pitched their canopies in front of Bearing Song to sell beadwork, paintings, qiviut knitwear and unique t-shirts at last Saturday's farmer's market.





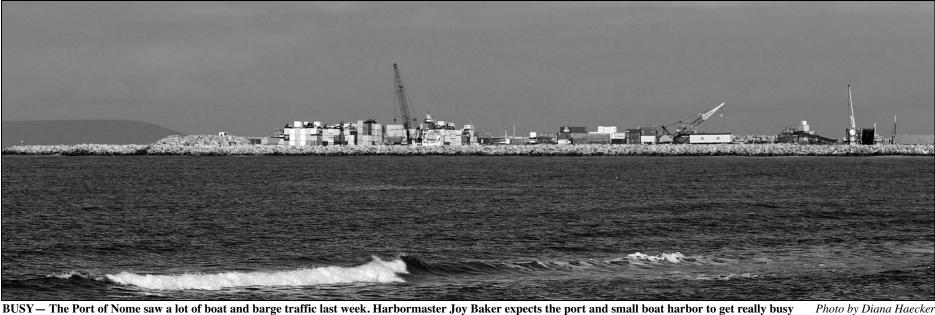
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THE DOCK WALK

By Diana Haecker

The Port and Harbor of Nome resembles a busy beehive these days with cargo barges, gold dredges, lighterage vessels, fishing boats and research vessels coming and going at a fast pace. Nome Harbormaster Joy Baker gives a weekly report on traffic in and out of the port and harbor, and this week had a heck of a time to read her own logs so tightly were words spaced on the whiteboard calendar. Baker said that Thursday and Friday were very busy days when vessels waited in line to get inside the port or harbor for discharging and loading cargo, refueling, getting water or conducting repairs.

Baker reports that the U.S. Coast Guard buoy tender *Hickory* visited Nome last week Monday and Tuesday to conduct small vessel safety checks and to give crew some wellearned R&R time on land.

An Alaska Logistics barge arrived with stacks of containers, bringing more goods into Nome. Also, a bowhead freight barge arrived in Nome to transload cargo to landing crafts for the trek to the Arctic; one gravel barge came and went; and seven landing crafts made trips in and out of the harbor to move freight to the surrounding villages. The Norseman



Photo by Diana Haecker THE GUARDIÁN- A shorteared owl perched on a utility line last Friday afternoon.

II research ship spent time anchored outside the port during heavy traffic periods, but was able to get to the dock over the weekend. The Professor Khromov research vessel also called on Nome again Friday and Saturday.

Researchers aboard the Norseman II report they completed a walrustagging mission for the U.S. Geological Survey and tagged 40 female adult walrus with satellite radio collars. (See related story on page 7).

The Seabird, a tender, delivered herring from East Norton Sound to the Norton Sound Seafood processing plant to be used as crab bait in the red king crab fishery.

Vitus Marine's tugs Naniq and Cavek await the arrival of the tanker Orestina to assist into the causeway dock and have been assisting the Moor in delivering fuel to coastal villages

Three sailboats are still anchored

and planning

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at the small boat harbor, waiting for the sea ice to clear as they attempt a voyage through the Northwest Pas-

As of Monday, Baker reports the total number of registered gold dredges up from 70 to 72 dredges, plus 24 support vessels. There are 19 fishing boats registered.

As of press time, a looming storm was forecasted to arrive Monday

High winds and surf were expected to last for a few days and Baker reminded vessel owners to properly secure their boats and to check lines and anchors.

Baker said that August looks to be an even busier month with more research boats, the Coast Guard and a cruise ship already have announced their arrival on top of the regular barge, dredge, fishing and cargo traf-

- 1. Easy open flip top (2 wds) 7. Spanish sparkling wine
- 11. Branch
- 14. "Seinfeld" gal
- 15. Eastern ties
- 16. Compete
- 17. Bring up 18. Taps (2 wds)
- 20. French vineyard
- 21. "Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice Agin)" (#1 hit of 1970)
- 22. Intuitive feeling
- 23. Tendencies
- 27. Abnormal respiratory sound
- 28. Discouraging words
- 29. Growls
- 32. Bad day for Caesar 33. Schuss, e.g.
- 34. XC
- 36. Bit of a draft 37. Ancient Grecian district NW of
- Athens
- _ we having fun yet?" 40. Mountain range section
- _ King Cole
- 43. Hip bones
- 44. African antelope
- 45. Nod, maybe
- 46. Plundered
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54. Amazon, e.g.

Previous Puzzle Answers

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computer (acronym)

- 24. Unit of angular measure
- 25. To such an extent
- 26. Catches fire
- 30. Land (2 wds) Bitter conflict
- 35. "The Second Coming" poet

55. Person to whom money is

65. Dimethyl sulfate and others

owed

Down

1. Porcino

5. Cancel

6. "Wanna

9. Strength

Debility

13. Speed

in Korea

19.

8. To the rear

57. Calmer

62. Overlay

63. "I" problem

64. Bank deposit

_ king

3. Sudden onset of sleep

4. Third canonical hour (pl.)

7. Path leading to impact (2 wds)

11. Shakespeare, the Bard of 12. Reduced instruction set

International Film Festival

60. Embrace

61. Cobblers' tools

- 37. Using both lips
- 38. Jeer
- 41. Flavorful 43. Writer who uses sarcastic
- humor 48. Bawl out
- 49. Scruffs
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January 20-

PISCES

Capricorn. This week s all about making things happen. Little goals, big goals— you will see them all ough with finess

a senior's situation.
Be careful how you approach them,
Aquarius. One wrong word could send everything into a tailenin

Pisces. Time to pull up your bootstraps and get crackin'. News from

home lightens the load

and reveals what really



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TAURUS

April 20– May 20

June 21

Heads up, Aries. Someone you least expect has big plans in the works, and you'll play a part in making them happen. The ARIES April 19



LEO

July 23-

August 22

time high with a trip someplace special. A project is given the go-ahead and the real ork begins. Gather the troops, Cancer

Playing favorites never works, Leo. You're far better off being impartial and allocating the job to

someone with the skills to complete it.



LIBRA

Career goals move front and center this week, Scorpio, and you put together a plan. Travel is on the agenda, and it starts ooner than expected

but a young friend

takes it a bit too far

lucrative

SCORPIO October 23-



Green efforts pay off nsightful chat. Who



knew, Sagittarius?





Just when you thought things couldn't get any better, they do. Small windfalls and creative bursts give you the freedom to do more. Enjoy, Taurus.

the minute, and you have no choice but to Relax, Virgo, Those will understand.





Photo by Diana Haecker

SUMMERTIME IN NOME — Musicians Sarah Hofstetter, Dave Coler, Phil Hofstetter and Kellen Baker entertained during the Farmer's Market on Saturday, July 21 in front of Bearing Song.

Plantar Fasciitis: How to Heal the Heel

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

Plantar fasciitis is a common cause of foot pain typically localized to the bottom of the foot near the heel. It is often caused by a sudden increase in activity or a change in footwear.

The pain from plantar fasciitis is typically worse in the morning or after sitting for extended periods. Many people with the condition describe a sharp pain under the heel on the first few steps of the day. The pain tends to improve with activity or stretching.

Without proper treatment, ... plantar fasciitis can become

a chronic annoying pain that prevents healthy levels of activity, or at least takes away any fun associated with being active. But if the problem is recognized early, treatment can result in rapid recovery and possibly prevent a trip to the doctor.

The plantar fascia is a thick semielastic band of tissue that extends from the bottom of the heel to the ball of the foot.

The pain of plantar fasciitis results from a sudden overstretching of the fibers of the plantar fascia. This sudden stretching causes micro tears in the fibers that attach the fascia to the base of the heel leading to inflammation and pain. If the problem is allowed to persist for a long time a

small extension of bone will develop off the tip of the heel forming a sharp spur seen on x-ray. The "heel spur" is not the cause of pain, only a sign that the problem may have been present for a long time.

Treatment for plantar fasciitis is



straightforward. Stretching the plantar fascia on both feet, even if only one side is hurting, is the most important part of therapy.

Proper stretching is performed by leaning with arms outstretched against a wall with one leg extended behind you, taking care to ensure the toes of both feet are pointed forward and both heels are lowered to the floor. If this maneuver is too difficult, one may also stretch the fascia by looping a towel or elastic band around the ball of the foot and then pulling upward toward the knee. In general, any stretch that stretches the calf or Achilles tendon will also stretch the plantar fascia.

Next, use ice over the affected

area for 15 minutes at a time. This is best performed at the end of the day to reduce any inflammation. Some people find a frozen water bottle rolled under the foot makes a handy tool for both stretching and icing the plantar fascia.

Third, consider using a night splint. Most people sleep with their toes pointed downward. This leaves the plantar fascia in a shortened position for hours, which explains why the first few steps of the day can be the most painful. Night splints designed to keep toes pointed up during sleep can be purchased online or in some cases be specially made by your provider. These splints keep the fascia stretched during the night so that waking pain is reduced.

Fourth, ensure your shoes have proper arch support or use orthotics that more evenly distribute pressure on the feet.

Fifth, consider modifying your activity to allow time for the plantar fascia to heal. This could mean switching physical activities. Runners may choose to swim or ride a bike for a few weeks.

If these measures fail to address heel pain, see your doctor to ensure the diagnosis is correct and rehabilitation maneuvers are being performed properly. An x-ray may be ordered to rule out other causes of foot pain. Your provider can also discuss further treatment options including physical therapy or corticosteroid injection.

Saying It Sincerely

By Rev. Karen Sonray. Our Savior's Lutheran Church Member, Nome Ministerial Association

"A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But Jesus was in the stern, asleep on the cushion." Mark 4: 37

This is one of my favorite bible stories—Jesus asleep in the boat as the storm rages and the disciples cry out, "Lord, don't you care that we are perishing?" I think we can all relate to this universal cry, "Don't you care,

In Seminary we talked about our experience of God as both "distant" and "close" - the transcendent and the immanent God. In this story God seems "asleep" to our storms. But then as a parent I am reminded of the many times I have "looked out the window" - at a distance — keeping an eye on my children as they were outside playing. I had my eye on them watching with concern though it seemed as if I were oblivious and removed.

God gives us a large amount of freedom and does not treat us as His puppets but His children. Thus, when we find ourselves in things beyond our control, feeling helpless we may think God is distant. But God is filled with concern and we are the object of that concern.

God sends Jesus into the midst of our storms. Jesus falls asleep on a pillow! Why? Perhaps Jesus can rest in the midst of nature's turmoils; He knows no matter what happens he is in God's hands. Not even death is to be feared. He is our example of complete faith.

Jesus' cry, "Peace be still." not only rebukes the winds and stills

the waves of the chaotic ocean, but it is meant for us and our inner emotions and spirit: "Have faith God is here."

As you are out in the land and the sea and enjoying God's creation this summer, be still and know that God is there, too, watching from a distance and yet also right there in the midst of your "boat."

Remember Jesus' words: "Why are you afraid? Have you still no (Mark 4: 40) God can transform our fears to a sense of awe and faith.

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A Fact Sheet and associated documents are available for review. For inquiries or to request

For office locations or to view electronic copies of the permit documents, please see the DEC

Mailed comments and requests must be

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Disability Reasonable Accommodation Notice The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are

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http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wwdn/

Public Notice Start Date: July 25, 2012 Public Notice Expiration Date: August 23, 2012

copies of documents, contact:

Michael.martz@alaska.gov

Michael Martz

555 Cordova Anchorage, AK 99501 (907) 269-8198

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ADEC Div. Water

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE

OF ALASKA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT and gas extraction that have an approved minimum treatment waiver, located in the area bounded by the North Slope Borough and off IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

NORA HENRIETTA DO Deceased. Case No 2NO-12-18PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given Burlene Oliver has been appointed personal representative of the above-entitled estate. All person having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Burlene Oliver c/o Lewis & Thomas, P.C., Box 61, Nome, Alaska

DATED this 10th day of July , 2012 H. Conner Thomas ABA # 8006049 Attorney for Burlene Oliver Personal Representative, Box 61, Nome, AK 99762 7/19-26;8/2

Trooper Beat

On July 13, Unalakleet AST Karl Erickson seized a suspicious envelope sent from and adult male in Koyuk to an adult female in Anchorage at a local air carrier in Unalakleet. Both the male and female were uncooperative with investigation of the freight. On July 14, Nome Police K-9 Sage had a positive indication on the freight for the odor of narcotics. Nome WAANT applied for and serve a warrant on the freight and located \$1890.00 in cash. Suspects have been identified and the in-

On July 19, at 4:20 p.m. Golovin VPSO Navarro arrested Darryl Egger, 46, of Anchorage, for Driving Under the Influence and Reckless Endangerment. Egger was remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

Seawall

NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASES 07-16-2012 thru 07-22-2012 Disclaimer: This is a record of activity. The issuance of citations or the act of arrest does not assign guilt to any identified party.

On 07-16 at 4:34 a.m. NPD responded to the

On 07-16 at 4:34 a.m. NPD responded to the report of a Burglary at a residence on 1st Avenue. After investigation Ayyusue Katchatag, age 25 of Nome was arrested and remanded to AMCC on charges of Criminal Trespass in the First Degree. Bail was set at \$500.

On 07-16 at 5:18 a.m., NVAD and NPD responded to a business on Bering Street to a report of an infant who was not breathing. Efforts to revive the child were unsuccessful. The State Medical Examiner's Office was contacted and the infant was transported to Anchorage for examinainfant was transported to Anchorage for examination and determination of the cause of death. No foul play is suspected however the investigation remains open, as cause of death has not yet been determined.

and NVAD, responded to the report of a fire at a residence on 2nd Avenue. No injuries were reported and the fire was contained. Damage to the

structure appears to be minimal.

On 07-17 at 9:40 a.m. NPD responded to the request of a welfare check on Michael Hyder, of Philadelphia. NPD was unable to locate Hyder and information indicates he left the area. Anyone

who has information leading to the location of Hyder please contact NPD at 443-5262. On 07-18 at 1:03 a.m. NPD responded to a report of an intoxicated person on Middle Beach. NPD responded and contacted two young people in the area. Investigation resulted in a juvenile. age 14 of Nome being issued a citations for re age 14 of Nombro Boring Sacket & Litabors in Peat Minor Consuming (alcohol) and Curfew vio-lation. Ashley Thomas, age 18 of Nome was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Habitua

Minor Consuming (alcohol). Bail was set at \$250. On 07-18 at 10:48 p.m. NPD responded to the report of an intoxicated person near Front Street Ellen Hunt, age 43 of Shaktoolik was arrested and remanded to AMCC for providing False Informa-

On 07-18 at 10:58 p.m. NPD conducted a wel fare check on East 1st Avenue on two juveniles who appeared to be intoxicated. Investigation re who appeared to be intoxicated. Investigation resulted in Rebecca Tokeinna, age 18 of Nome receiving a citation for Minor Consuming (alcohol) and a juvenile, age 14 of Nome being transported to the hospital by NVAD. The 14 year old was later cited for Minor Consuming (alcohol).

On 07-19 at 0:49 a.m. NPD conducted a traf-

fic stop on Seppala Drive. After investigation, Alan Balodis, age 39 of Erie, Pennsylvania was arrested and transported to AMCC for Driving Under the Influence (alcohol). Bail was set at \$1000. Passenger Daniel Milhisler, age 28 of Nome was issued a citation for possessing ar

Nome was issued a citation for possessing and Open Container.

On 07-19 at 12:24 p.m. NPD responded to the request of a welfare check at a residence on East King. Sytel Pete, age 29 of Nome will be summonsed to court for Violating Conditions of Pro-

On 07-19 at 1:37 p.m. NPD responded to the report of an assault at a residence on West 5th Avenue. The suspect has not been located, in-

vestigation continues in this case.

On 07-19 at 7:08 p.m. NPD responded to the report of an individual violating the conditions of their probation (consuming alcohol). After investigation Barton Johnson, age 21 of Nome was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of his Probation.

On 07-19 at 11:08 p.m. NPD conducted a traf-fic stop on 6th Avenue. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Glenn Jones, age 48 of Nome for Driving Under the Influence (alcohol). Jones was transported to AMCC and remanded for DUI. Bail

was set at \$1000. On 07-20 at 1:29 a.m. NPD conducted a traffic stop on an ATV driving at excess speed on Seppala Drive. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Tracey Harrington, age 38 of Pompano Beach, Florida for Driving Under the Influence (alcohol). Harrington was transported to AMCC and remanded to custody for DUI. Bail was set at \$1000. On 07-20 at 1:51 a.m. NPD responded to the

request of a welfare check on a juvenile. Contact was made at the residence and the welfare of the children were established however, Darryl Aukon, age 23 of Nome was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Condition of Probation (con-

AMCC for Violating Correlation of Probation (consuming alcohol).

On 07-20 at 3:01 a.m. NPD conducted a traffic stop on the Nome Beltz Highway. After Investigation Clyde lyatunguk Jr., age 20 of Nome was issued a citation for Minor Consuming. Harry Karston and Consuming a citation for Minor Consuming. mun, age 18 of Nome was issued a citation for Operating a Vehicle after Consuming Alcohol Operating a verificity after Consuming Alcohol.
Evonne Newhall, age 24 of Nome was arrested for Violating Conditions of Probation.
On 07-20 at 10:16 a.m. NPD responded to a

vehicle accident on 2nd Avenue where a truck ran into a building. Investigation resulted in the arrest of the 16-year-old driver after it was found he took the vehicle without permission. The youth was ar-rested and remanded to Nome Youth Facility for Vehicle Theft. Damage to the building is undetermined at this time. Damage to the truck was min-

On 07-20 at 12:35 p.m. NPD responded to the report of a theft on Seppala Drive. Investigation indicated that a red Nissan drove away without paying for the fuel they had pumped. The loss is reported at \$30.02. The license plate was reported and NPD investigation is continuing

On 07-20 at 7:25 p.m. NPD took into its pos-session a small Huffy Outlaw bicycle, red in color. If you have any information as to the owner of this

bicycle, please contact NPD at 443-5262. On 07-21 at 6:25 a.m. NPD responded to the report of a disturbance at a residence on East King. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Garrett Adsuna, age 33 of Nome for Violating Conditions of Probation (alcohol consumption) and Criminal

On 07-22 at 0:31 a.m. NPD conducted a bar ing contact with Randall Huffman, age 41 of Nome, he was arrested and transported to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation. On 07-22 at 6:44 a.m. NPD conducted a wel-

fare check near the Port on a female who was crying. The female was identified as a juvenile, age 14 of Nome who had been consuming alcohol. The juvenile was transported to her residence and then to the hospital for medical evaluation. The juvenile was cited for Minor Consuming (alcohol)

venile was cited for milnor consuming (alconol) and remained at the hospital for evaluation.

On 07-22 at 8:23 a.m. NPD responded to the report of a Motor Vehicle Collision on 3Rd and Carstens. The complainant reported that they were struck by a blue Subaru hatch-back and that the Subaru failed to stop at the scene. Investigation in this case continues. No damage estimate was available. There were no injuries

CHIEF'S NOTES:

It's hard to believe that we're halfway through the summer and looking at the approach of fall in about a month. It's been a busy season for everybody including the young people in our commu-

Looking through the media releases this last month, the number of iuveniles who have been contacted and who have been consuming alcohol is getting higher, but the ages are getting lower. Some of the youths we are contacting are 12 and many are less than 15. One of the more alarming aspects though is that these young people are drinking substantial quantities of alcohol; in many cases to levels where they require medical inter-

The hazards of youth are many without alco-hol creating an entirely new tier of potential vic-tims. Kids are the same as adults when it comes to alcohol. They have reduced judgment; impaired thought processes; impaired motor skills; and at times, become incapacitated. However, kids have increased risk because they are generally un-skilled in handling the effects of alcohol to their systems. Accidental injury is the #1 cause of death among young people with many of these

events involving alcohol. It is critical that the community look out for the welfare of young peo ple who are at risk

To parents: know where your children are and who they are with. Check up on them to insure they are safe and keep track of any alcohol you may have around your residence as this frequently is a source of the alcohol kids are drinking. To kids: be careful and don't consume alcohol. Accidents occur every day that involve alcohol and alcohol incapacitation is the number one contributing factor to sexual assault and other victimization. And to the community: help us keep our youth safe. Report intoxicated youths immediately and provide as much specific information as possible. Look for and report adults who are hosting parties or buying alcohol

With your help, we can help insure that the youth of today have a future tomorrow

Please report any suspicious situation to the Nome Police at 443-5262. Or if you have information about a crime, you can call us at 443-5262 or email us at nomepolice@hotmail.com

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **Variance Application**

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NOME PLANNING COMMISSION TO SEEK COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING:

Approval of a variance request from Dave McDowell for his property located at 104 W. 3rd Ave.

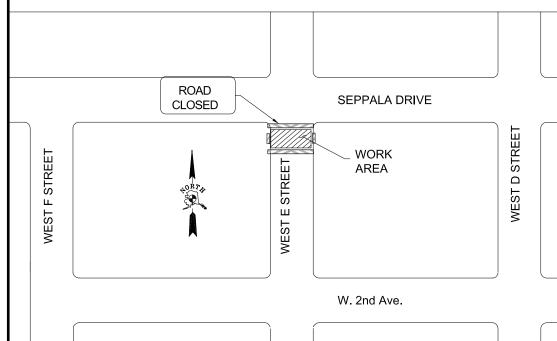


DATE: Tuesday, August 7, 2012 TIME: 7:00 P.M.

LOCATION: City Hall Chambers

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Starting Wednesday, August 1, 2012, West E Street will be closed to all traffic at Seppala Drive. This closure is to facilitate the Horizontal Directional Drilling being performed by Kinnan Engineering on behalf of Nome Joint Utility Systems. The drilling operation will be in place for approximately 6-8 weeks, and is necessary for the replacement of the aging water main into town. NJUS regrets any inconvenience this may cause and appreciates the cooperation and understanding of the local residents. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Jeff Juelson at the Project Office at 443-6326.

PUBLIC NOTICE PORT COMMISSION SEAT APPOINTMENTS



The Port Commission has one seat open for appointment. Anyone interested in serving on the Port Commission should submit an application to the City Clerk's Office by

Friday, August 10th, 2012 at 5:00 PM.

Applications are available at City Hall or at www.nomealaska.org Please call 443-6603 for more information.

PUBLIC NOTICE PLANNING COMMISSION SEAT APPOINTMENTS



The Planning Commission has one seat open for appointment. Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Commission should submit an application to the City Clerk's Office by

Friday, July 27th, 2012 at 5:00 PM.

Applications are available at City Hall or at www.nomealaska.org Please call 443-6603 for more information.

Call for Nominations: Salmon users

The Northern Bering Sea Regional Aquaculture Association (NoBSRAA) representing Norton Sound/Bering Strait salmon users is seeking nominations for the following positions on its board of directors: 1) the director and alternate for the seat representing commercial salmon permit holders; 2) the alternate for the seat representing sport fishermen; 3) the alternate for the seat representing subsistence fishermen.

Necessary qualifications: To represent any of the three categories on the RAA, a nominee must maintain a permanent domicile and mailing address in any one of the following communities: Brevig Mission, Diomede, Elim, Gambell, Golovin, Koyuk, Nome, St. Michael, Savoonga, Shaktoolik, Stebbins, Teller, Unalakleet, Wales or White Mountain; and be eligible to receive an Alaska Permanent Fund dividend at that address for the entire term of office as director.

To represent regional commercial salmon permit holders, a nominee must hold a valid Norton Sound/ Port Clarence salmon permit (SO4Z). To represent regional sport fishermen, a nominee must be eligible to sport fish for salmon and hold a license number. To represent regional subsistence fishermen, a nominee must be eligible to subsistence fish for salmon.

How to nominate: Petitions are available at www.nsedc.com, from NSEDC offices in Nome and Unalakleet, or from NSEDC community liaisons. Petitions are also available from the Kawerak office in Nome. Nomination petitions need to have 10 signatures from residents who also meet the requirements for the seat being sought by the nominee (i.e. a petitioner seeking to represent commercial permit holders needs to have signatures from 10 fellow permit holders).

Where to send petitions: Completed nomination petitions for commercial salmon permit holders must be received by 5^{pm} on Aug. 16, 2012. Completed nomination petitions for sports and subsistence fishermen must be received by 5pm on Sept. 20, 2012. Nomination petitions should be sent to the following address:

Executive Assistant, NoBSRAA Kawerak, Inc., Manager **PO Box 948** Nome, AK 99762

Fax: (907) 443-4461 Phone: (907) 443-4381

How representatives are selected: The director for commercial salmon permit holders seat will be elected by Norton Sound/Port Clarence (SO4Z) permit holders and the runner-up will be the alternate. Ballots will be mailed to permit holders on Aug. 30, 2012 and must be returned by 5pm Sept. 20, 2012 to be counted. Members of the NoBSRAA board will vote on nominations for the Sports Fishermen and Subsistence Fishermen alternates at the NoBSRAA annual meeting on Sept. 27, 2012, in Nome. The top vote-getters for the three salmon groups will be seated at the annual meeting.

About the NoBSRAA: The NoBSRAA is intended to bring salmon fishery stakeholders to a common regional forum to discuss issues regarding salmon enhancement and human needs. One of the NoBSRAA's main responsibilities is to choose representatives to the Regional Planning Team, the body that writes the Comprehensive Salmon Plans and advises the commissioner of Fish and Game on salmon hatcheries and local needs.



Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff

WEATHER MOVING IN - A fog bank hangs over Nome, on Friday, July 20. After a sunny weekend, Nome experienced an unusual summer storm, courtesy of Russia.

Court

Week ending 7/20

Riedel, Steven v. Meisterheim, Scott: Stalking: Ex Parte

Soltanian, Babak v. Manz, John; Foreign Judgment - District Court
Capital One Bank (USA) NA v Seetot, Sara J.
Ahnangnatoguk, Elsie v. Ahnangnatoguk, Gordon; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation v. Aningayou, Debbie

Small Claims No current claims on file.

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Jeffrey Kimoktoak (6/20/89); 2NO-12-451CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: DC; Filed by the DAs Office 7/13/12.

State of Alaska v. Jeffrey Kimoktoak (6/20/89); 2NO-12-456CR CTN 002: Violating Release Conditions; Date of violation: 7/5/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: ct 001; 90 days, 70 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served; initial Jail Surger of State 2000; December 2000; 20 charge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Ánchorage; Suspended Jail Sur-chargie: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation to 7/13/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; 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 Assessment by 8/31/12; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.

State of Alaska v. Mary lyakitan (4/17/90); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111030858; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows:

lows: new assessment for treatment within 30 days; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Jason Merculief (5/5/80); DUI; Date of offense: 7/15/12; 270 days, 210 days suspended; Remanded; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$4000 with \$0 suspended; \$4000 due date 8/1/13; 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; \$50 due; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$2000 (3rd offense) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Contact other: NSBHS within 90 days; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; Program may include residential treatment up to 60 days plus required aftercare in addition to any jail time ordered above; You are responsible for costs; File proof by 1/15/13 that you received an assessment, and file proof by 2/15/13 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license is revoked for 3 years; Concurrent with DMV action; Surrender license or ID card to court; 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 18 tion interiock device (IID) as directed in the IID information sheet (CH-483) for 18 months; Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; Probation for 3 years (date of judgment: 7/16/12); Obey all direct court orders by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 3 years from date of this judgment; Other: Subject to warrantless breath test at request of peace officer based upon reasonable experience were the virial test.

able suspicion; Warrantless arrest for violations.

State of Alaska v. John Penetac, Jr. (11/12/64); Dismissal; Count 001: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 7/13/12.

State of Alaska v. Anna Oxereok (11/3/61); Harassment 2°; Date of violation: 2/25/12; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge; \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is redall Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 7/18/12); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol to excess (.08 BRAC or greater).

State of Alaska v. Maxine Ungott (12/14/64); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 11/14/07823; Prependent et al. Suspended

ATN: 111497823; Defendant refused probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining days, remanded into custody, atte of Alaska v. Ashley Thomas (114/94); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; Habitual Offender; 90 days, 80 days suspended;

Unsuspended 10 days are to be served with Defendant remanded immediately to Office, Anchorage: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Surcharge 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 to be paid to clerk of court within 10 days; Driver's license or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 6 months; Defendant must immediately surrender any current driver's license to the court; Community Work Service: Within 120 days, complete 96 hours community work service and give the clerk of court proof of completion on the form provided by the clerk; Probation until age 21; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Defendant must enroll in and pay for alcohol screening and treatment; Contact NSBHS, Nome, within 20 days of release from jail; Must submit to evaluation by the program and pay for and successfully complete any education. to evaluation by the program and pay for and successfully complete any education

to evaluation by the program and pay for and successfully complete any education or treatment recommended by this program; Defendant may not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).

tate of Alaska v. Kenneth Koozaata (10/17/73); DUI; Date of offense: 7/18/12; 80 days, 60 days suspended; Remanded immediately to AMCC; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$3000 with \$0 suspended; \$3000 due date 7/18/13; 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; \$50 due; suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$1467 (2nd offense) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Contact other: NSBHS within 30 days of release from jail; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program plus stance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Contact other: NSBHS within 30 days of release from jail; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program plus
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21/1/12 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Obey Driver's License
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PINGO— Erica Pryzmont presents her new seafood restaurant and bakery Pingo. Having worked as an attorney for years, she decided it was time for a career change and went to culinary school from 2009 to 2010 with the idea to eventually open her own restaurant in Nome.

New bakery and seafood restaurant opens in Nome

By Diana Haecker

Some things need to simmer and stew for a while until they're good and ready. The same holds true for dreams and their fulfillment.

When Erica Pryzmont, 37, opened the door to her brand new bakery and seafood restaurant "Pingo" at 308 Bering Street in May, a decade-long dream had become reality for her and her husband Phil Pryzmont.

The Pryzmonts have come far to make this dream happen, including a career change for Erica and a lot of hours of building and remodeling the eating place for the husband, who also is a full-time fisherman.

Erica Pryzmont, a native of Wyoming and a lawyer, has been working as a public defender in Nome when she quit her job in 2009 to attend culinary school for two years at the University of Alaska in Anchorage.

Always having had an interest in the culinary art and having worked at restaurants while attending law school at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, she wanted to learn more and develop different skills. "People go to culinary school for all kinds of reasons," Pryzmont said. "I had one very specific reason: I knew that I wanted to open up my own restaurant and bakery. It was fun going to school knowing exactly what I wanted to do with it," Pryzmont said. She graduated with honors in 2010 with an Associate degree of Culinary

On top of the degree, Pryzmont aspires to get the professional certification from the Alaska Culinary Federation, which is the equivalent of the bar exam for the culinary trade

The Pryzmonts' bought the restaurant a few years ago and began remodeling with the help of friends in 2011. In its past, the building has

housed a lawyer and at a different time in its history, it was a Chinese restaurant and later a "Burger Barn". Now, the interior offers a three-table seating area, a brand new kitchen and a bakery rack. "The concept of the restaurant is to prepare freshly made food, simply presented and delicious," Pryzmont said. She focuses her menu on seafood items and offers seafood caught in Norton Sound, like fresh salmon, red king crab and halibut. "It's nice to be able to serve food that has been locally caught," she said. Although the menu changes, depending on what's in season, the constants are the house seafood omelet, house chocolate chip cookies or pistachio/white chocolate chip cookies and at least two types of bread as well as cinnamon rolls for breakfast. At times, she even prepares homemade ice-cream.

Pryzmont still works full time at the Nome Court, and on the weekends exchanges her business suit for the chef's apron. For now, she said, she'll be the one cooking, baking, waiting on tables and then doing the dishes as well. She gives credit to her husband Phil, "He has put in a ton of work and friends also pitched in and helped," she said. Despite applying at marketplace-type grant competitions for small businesses, the Pryzmonts weren't awarded a grant but were able to finance their restaurant and bakery dream the conventional way: with savings, loans and the help of a family member. "Lots of people gave me their time in helping to build, and I even have been given kitchen utensils," Pryzmont said. She plans to open the bakery and restaurant a few nights a week, but that is still in the future. "For now, I focus on making good food and feeding folks on the weekends," Pryzmont said. So far, business is brisk, she said. "I'm very pleased the way things are going.



Photo by Jim Menard, ADF&G CRAB LINE—Workers process a catch of red king crab at the Norton Sound Seafood Products plant in Nome on July 20.

Pingo is the geological term for a hill on the tundra created by a frost heave, explained Pryzmont. She's always liked those land features and when they bought the building, an island-shaped dormer on the front reminded her of a pingo. And, bingo, there was the name.

The Pingo Seafood House and Bakery is open on Friday 4 to 7 p.m. (bakery counter with soup and bread) and on Saturday and Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (bakery and restaurant)



WELCOME— Erica Pryzmont opened the doors to Pingo Seafood House and Bakery in May.

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