Nome man pleads guilty in strangulation death

By Sandra L. Medearis

Shawn Oquilluk will likely serve more than 30 years in prison after a night of domestic violence that left his girlfriend dead in the couple’s home.

Last Oct. 7, police found the body of Marie Pushruk, 21, on the floor of the house with Oquilluk, also 21, lying beside it. A bloody steak knife was stabbed into the floor nearby. The woman appeared to have been strangled.

The state charged Oquilluk on Murder One—with intent to cause death, according to court documents. Oquilluk pleaded innocent. In a plea deal, Oquilluk pleaded guilty Monday afternoon to an amended charge of second-degree murder—with intent to do injury, with the court agreeing to cap the sentence at 30 years plus probation and additional conditions to be set by sentence. Judge Ben Esch set the sentencing for Nov. 1.

Oquilluk, dressed in a gold prison uniform, buried his head in his hands and appeared overcome with emotion as he squeezed out the word “guilty” after a long hesitation. “I think this is very hard for him,” Oquilluk’s attorney, Angela Green told the court.

After the proceedings, Brenda Pushruk, Marie Pushruk’s mom, and other family members, including continued on page 4

Failed septic causes water restrictions at AMCC

By Diana Haecker

Prisoners at the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center had to contend with rationed water use for three days last week as AMCC officials scrambled to get the septic pump and treatment plant fixed and up and running again.

AMCC superintendent Michael Dunham said that the problem was related to water being pushed back to the leech field during a time when Nome experienced no rain. The problem was traced back to the septic tank and at first, Nome Joint Utilities and the local septic pump contractor “Shawn Johnson did a great job.” but eventually it was determined that the facility fixed and up and running again.

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FCC to help expand broadband services in rural Alaska

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SB 130 Passage Celebration
On June 14, 2012, the Alaska Native Heritage Center hosted a celebration for the passage of SB 130—an Act Establishing an Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council. Special guests of this celebration included Alaska’s Lieutenant Governor Mead Treadwell, the primary sponsors of the bill State Senator Donold Olson and State Representative Alan Dick, former State Senator Georgianna Lincoln, and many other individuals and organizations who worked hard to support the successful passage of this landmark Alaska Native Legislation.

Ballot Measure 2 – Vote August 28, 2012
Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell held 10 hearings across the state on Ballot Measure 2, the initiative that would recreate the ACMIP. I was grateful that two of those hearings were held in our district – Kotzebue and Barrow. Our request for a hearing in Nome was denied. The initiative would reestablish a coastal management program in Alaska. Please familiarize yourself with this issue and talk to your families, friends, neighbors and local elected officials. More information can be found at the Division of Elections’ website: http://www.elections.alaska.gov/ei primaries bm.php

Disappearing King Salmon
As you know, the governor requested the federal government declare this summer’s king salmon run a disaster. If Washington, D.C. does issue a disaster declaration this would provide much needed financial aid to our struggling villages. I am hopeful that this will happen. My office is monitoring this, and if you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Also, the governor has appointed a team to take a comprehensive look at why the king salmon runs have been so dismal. This team is directed to report and make recommendations this fall. I look forward to reviewing this report and making it available to my constituents. It is my hope that the legislature can enter the next legislative session with a solid plan to address this resource that is so important and closely tied to the families and communities that I represent in the Senate.

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

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.C. again tomorrow and try and make an arrangement so that we can work.

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August 3, 1900

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By Diana Haecker

Guity plea

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small children, comforted each other and left the courthouse in tears. They had no immediate comment.

In their investigation, police found a camera that had recorded two videos the night of the murder. One showed Pushruk relaxing with a beer and texting on her phone, with nothing visibly amiss. The other video showed Oquilluk in the home with blood on his face as he played his guitar.

Tom Gray, speaking of his experience as a hunting guide, told the commissioners that it takes 30 minutes to download the Anchorage Daily News, and when he tried to skype with a client, it took his conversation partner half an hour to hear Gray’s voice.

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Jerry Steiger with the Nome Volunteer Fire Department said that the fire was called in at 6:05 a.m. on Saturday, July 28. When NVDF fire engines arrived, they found the entrance burning and a man on the roof.

“One person had escaped through an upstairs window to the roof, and we rescued that person from the roof,” Steiger said. According to a police report, the person was Walter Rose, 50. As the firefighters prepared for the roof rescue, they worked on extinguishing the fire in the arctic entrance. Once the flames were extinguished, they made entry and found a second victim, Conrad Klemzak, 54, on the floor, overcome by heat and the smoke.

Nome Ambulance Department volunteers took Klemzak and Rose to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for treatment of burns and smoke inhalation.

NPD reports that Klemzak was medevaced to Seattle for treatment of significant and critical injuries. His last condition report was critical. Steiger said that it was a relatively small, contained fire, but it produced a fair amount of heat and smoke. By 7:30 a.m., the fire was extinguished.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, said Steiger. “We ruled out electrical causes,” Steiger said.

The state fire marshal came to Nome and is investigating the fire. “He took some evidence with him for further investigation and testing,” Steiger said.

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and Norton Sound Health Corporation have fast speeds, but the villages stay in poverty if they don’t get faster services. Can’t we let the public use their infrastructure?” asked Stimpfel. Well, they can’t share the services with the public, Robin Johnson of Nome Public Schools said, but it would be possible to open an access point. Stimpfel brought up the importance new social media plays in village life. “I have seen how Facebook can make a difference and save a suicidal kid’s life. What a difference Internet service could make!” Johnson said. But there are only so many jobs in Teller and many cannot afford to pay for Internet access.” Tom Gray chimed in, saying that his wife counsels kids on Facebook. “I know for a fact that Facebook has stopped people from killing themselves,” Gray said.

Ken Hughes with Hughes.net brought a different perspective to the table and said that the FCC should do away with many regulations that restrict private enterprise. The problems of slow speed and expensive service are compounded by limited choice in providers.

In the Norton Sound and Bering Strait regions, only GCI, Tel-Alaska, Starband and Hughes.net provide Internet service. The FCC says Alaska Communications accepted nearly $4.2 million to increase broadband access in Alaska. Alaska Communications must complete two-thirds of its new broadband commitments within two years, and the remainder by the third year.

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Rain hampers fish counting efforts

The Fish Report by Jim Menard, ADF&G Nome

The rains this past week knocked out the Eldorado, Nome and Snake River weirs early Thursday morning, July 26 and the Nuchak River tower crew has been unable to count since Thursday afternoon because of high and murky water. The newer model floating weirs at Pilgrim and Unalakleet Rivers are able to handle greater water flows and are still operational as is the weir at the outlet of Glacial Lake.

Nome Sound commercial salmon harvest to date is 203,000 pinks, 10,000 chums, 79 sockeys and 2,200 silvers. The pink salmon harvest is the best since 1999. Pink directed fishing periods have ended, but fishing for chums continues and silver catch numbers are increasing with each fishing period.

A mid-season assessment shows the king run was weak, the chum run was below average to average and the pink run was below average for an even-numbered year. A real outlier seen this year was Kwnunik River where the chum escapement was the worst in the 48 years of tower counts. Weather has kept most crab fishermen in the harbor since early this week and harvest levels are naturally falling off from the 2011 pace because there has been little harvest this week due to weather.

Crab: This year’s quota is 465,450 pounds and through the morning of July 29, commercial crab permit holders are halfway to the quota with 235,000 pounds harvested. There are 28 permit holders registered with 26 making deliveries so far this season.

Salmon: Unalakleet and Shaktoldi Subdistricts.

In Unalakleet, the commercial harvest to date is 23,345 chums, 15,268 pinks, 47 sockeys and 1,711 silvers. The chum harvest ranks 5th highest in 20 years and the pink harvest is the best since 1998.

In Shaktoldi, the commercial harvest to date is 18,260 chums, 19,400 pinks, 25 sockeys and 330 silvers. The chum harvest ranks 4th highest in 20 years and the pink harvest is the best since 2000.

Nome Subdistrict:

Commercial harvest to date is 4,830 chums, 46,760 pinks and 70 silvers. The pink harvest is the best since 1998.

Golovin Subdistrict:

No commercial fishing periods are scheduled at this time.

Commercial harvest to date is 3,668 chums, 31,225 pinks and 47 silvers. The pink harvest is the best since 1998.

Nome Subdistrict:

The department has switched to silvers salmon management. High water knocked out all counting weirs in the subdistrict, except for Glacial weir. Following Wednesday’s rainfall the weir started to fall-like dominoes with Eldorado, Nome and Snake opened up by rising water in the early morning hours of Thursday.

Nome Subdistrict aerial surveys were completed just in time and combined with weir counts the estimated escapement of 50,000 chum salmon ranks it 5th highest in the last 10 years and exceeds the escapement goal range of 23,000 to 35,000 chum salmon.

Pinks:

Nome Subdistrict:

Commercial harvest to date is 46,760 pinks, 25 sockeys and 330 silvers. The pink harvest is the best since 1998.

Elim Subdistrict:

No commercial fishing periods are scheduled at this time.

Commercial harvest to date is 1,240 chums, 52,725 pinks and 10 silvers. The pink harvest is the best since 1998.

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Summercise brings out kids in record numbers

By Diana Haecker

It’s not summer in Nome until Summercise starts in mid-June, and it’s a sad affair when session two wraps up by the end of July. Tears are flowing as kids bid their summercise instructors farewell and go home with the message of healthy living, daily exercise and staying tobacco-free.

Summercise, in its 13th year, is a program implemented by the CAMP department of Norton Sound Health Corporation. “Our focus is to prevent diabetes through introducing healthy eating habits and exercise,” said Kendra Baggett, Summercise director with CAMP. Children get to choose from several classes ranging from cooking, traditional living and Native Youth Olympic disciplines to hiphop dancing, cheerleading, hiking, biking, flag football and even yoga.

This summer, 198 children from five to 13 years old participated – that is up from 163 kids last summer. Over the years, the program has been growing and gained wide support among community members. The City of Nome grants the use of the Rec Center and staff time to the two summer sessions. The CAMP department hired eight interns from nutrition schools nationwide and brought them to Nome to teach Summercise as well as help Norton Sound with its diabetes prevention programs such as Step-by-step. Community volunteers also chip in and this year, three National Park Service employees took kids out on hikes and taught them about archeological digs in the area. Nome Eskimo Community volunteers also helped out and taught NYO classes along with Katrina Toster and traditional living cooking classes. Also, 10 assistants from Nome were hired to tame the hordes and assist the instructors. The fun everybody had was apparent in last Wednesday’s final Summercise performance. The five- and six-year olds, marching in behind an instructor carrying the Olympic torch, performed a hiphop inspired dance, rapping about healthy foods and delivering smashing air-guitar performances. Next came a cheerleading performance, a yoga performance and a hiphop dance show.

Baggett said that the Summercise program is giving the children something to do when school is not in session and they are learning new things. “It gets them out there to play instead of sitting around and watching TV,” Baggett said. In addition, the cooking classes introduce some children to new and healthy foods. “My favorite comment was from a kid who said: ‘I don’t like this kind of salad,’” said Baggett. They were preparing fresh vegetable salad. When asked what other kind of salad the child likes, the response was, “Pasta salad.” With this anecdotal example, Baggett brings home the point that eating fresh is sometimes an acquired taste and that Summercise is a powerful weapon in the arsenal to fight childhood obesity.

By Diana Haecker

Photography by Nils Hahn

THE TUNNEL — Brenna Scholten gets a warm-hearted cheer from the 2012 CAMP summercise staff during the final performances at the Nome Rec Center on July 25.

DIG IN — Trey Lawton of Nome enjoys an enchilada during the “Cooking up Culture” class. Kids learned about different countries and cultures by cooking traditional meals from around the world.

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Photos and story by Diana Haecker

Wind-driven rain and chilly temperatures couldn’t keep hardy Nome runners and bikers from participating in the Wyatt Earp Dexter Challenge, held last Saturday. The race took the 18 runners, eight men and 10 women, eight miles from Anvil City Square over the Dexter Pass to Dexter. The bikers, eight men and three women, also started from the heart of Nome, but took a different course, racing down Front Street, taking a left at the Beam Road and going to Dexter the long way, or 12 miles.

The fireweed in bloom alongside the roads and the bright gear worn by competitors were the only dots of color on this otherwise bleak and gray Saturday. But the weather didn’t dampen the racer’s and supporter’s spirits.

First to cross the finish line was Benjamin Head on the bike, in a time of 41 minutes and 16 seconds. He went on to run uphill towards the Dexter pass to meet wife Amanda who competed in the runner’s division. The first runner to finish was Levi Daugherty in a time of 51 minutes and 14 seconds. The first female runner was Crystal Tobuk, finishing the race in 56 minutes and 28 seconds. The first female biker was Jane Lando. A few bikers opted to use their snowbikes, wheeling their fat tires over the soft gravel roads in respectable times.

The CAMP Department of Norton Sound Health Corporation sponsored the race.

Results:

**Bikers (Male):**
1. Benjamin Head 41:16
2. Jim Cardwell 41:50
3. Keith Conger 44:20
4. Mark Cardinal 47:15
5. Jack Gadamus 48:35
6. Harvey Farley 50:46
7. Hank Hagemeyer 53:25
8. Aaron Rose 1:09:17

**Bikers (Female):**
1. Jane Lando 50:03
2. Jamie Burford 53:55
3. Nora Nagaruk 58:07

**Runners (Male):**
1. Levi Daugherty 51:14
2. Phil Hofstetter 55:22
3. Josh Head 1:00:19
4. Kevin Keith 1:04:08
5. Jacob Carl 1:08:50
6. Bob Lawrence 1:09:21
7. Nick Mikos 1:24:23
8. John Bioff 1:38:58

**Runners (Female):**
1. Crystal Tobuk 56:28
2. Alyssa Daugherty 1:05:40
3. Anna Moore 1:10:18
4. Senora Ahmasuk 1:12:05
5. Kia Massie 1:17:38
6. Lily Ray 1:19:49
7. Amanda Head 1:22:30
8. Christine Shultz 1:23:19
9. Daisy Chiskok 1:31:48
10. Elise Davis 1:40:41

Twenty-nine runners and bikers compete in rainy Dexter Challenge

**Biking to Dexter** — Aaron Rose reaches the finish line after biking 12 miles along the Beam Road from Nome to Dexter. Also approaching the finish line is Anna Moore as the third place finishing female runner.

**Top Three Male Runners** — Levi Daugherty (left) was the fastest runner, followed by Phil Hofstetter (middle) and Josh Head (right).

**Roadside Attraction** — Josh Head has time to enjoy the beautiful fireweed alongside Dexter Pass Road as he approaches the finish line during the Wyatt Earp Dexter Challenge.

**Bravo** — Lily Ray gets heartfelt applause as she approaches the finish line after running eight miles from Nome over Dexter Pass to the finish line at the community of Dexter.

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Tobuk brings marathon running to Nome

By Bob Lawrence, MD

Runners in the Norton Sound region will have the opportunity to participate in a full or half marathon this weekend, thanks to the efforts of one local running enthusiast.

Crystal Tobuk, the sponsor and organizer of the Cape Nome Half and Full Marathon, states this will be her first marathon. Tobuk says she decided to host a marathon because it is something she has always wanted to do, but as a mom and small business owner, she found it hard to travel out of Nome to run a marathon.

Tobuk believes hosting the marathon will be a good way to get people who do not run to run farther and those who do not yet start running.

Many people have taken up the challenge to prepare for this event, and in doing so will join the hundreds of thousands of people who will run a marathon this year. Over the last decade the number of Americans who run a marathon or half-marathon has risen from 299,000 a year to nearly 500,000 people per year nationwide.

According to Tobuk, many people have expressed an interest in participating, and even more have volunteered to provide race support with water, Gatorade drinks, and gel packs.

The marathon route stretches from East End Park in Nome to Cape Nome back and forth, a total of 20.2 miles. Half-marathoners will run from Cape Nome back to East End Park, a total of 13.1 miles.

Tobuk is a personal trainer. Though some trainers encourage running for a full year without injury before training for a marathon, Tobuk is less restrictive. “Once you can run three mile runs three times per week for three to four months, you are ready to train for a marathon.”

Runners may register for the Cape Nome Marathon at www.aktrain.com. The race is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 4th. Even if it is too late to compete in the marathon, runners have other opportunities to participate in races. Many communities in the Norton Sound region host races throughout the year appropriate for runners and athletes of all ages and experience levels. It is never too late to pick a race and begin training, even if the goal is simply finishing.

Some people are fearful that endurance sports will cause an injury. Knee pain, hip pain, and plantar fasciitis are the most common injuries for distance runners. The key to injury-free training is a gradual increase in distance over several months while paying attention to nutrition, footwear, and proper stretching. According to Tobuk, “It is impossible to stretch after running.”

Sports injuries are rarely debilitating. Most sports medicine doctors recognize that the health benefits of running far outweigh the risk of a joint or muscle injury. Most doctors would much prefer to have a patient call because she is having knee pain with running, than to get the call that a patient is having a pain in the chest resulting from an inactive lifestyle.

Endurance activity is known to improve brain function and may provide protection against Alzheimer’s disease. Science has proven several chemicals released during exercise have an effect on the brain similar to pain killers and anti-anxiety medications.

The feeling experienced when these chemicals are released is called “the runner’s high.” It explains why some people become dependent on running. But unlike harmful addictions that cause life to fall apart, endurance training supports good health and in many ways helps life come together.

Running may not be the ideal sport for everyone. But the body was meant to move. Activity of some form is an important part of being healthy. As Tobuk says, “Life. Run. Play. Make the gym your playground.”

Obituaries

Denise Audrey Amarok
Oliver Okleasik

Denise was born in Nome, Alaska on May 10, 1973. Denise, precious daughter of Curt and Carol Oliver, sister to Heidi and Jimmy, Donald and Burfene, Matthew and Jesse, wife of Buddy Okleasik and mother to Jordan, Ivory, Zoe, Giaoteca and Heidi, left us unexpectedly on May 18, 2012 in Golovin.

Denise loved her family with all her heart. She always greeted with a hug and her beautiful smile and leaving with the words, “I Love You.” Her children were her pride and joy, speaking of each one’s character and talents with a smile and a mother’s pride beaming on her face.

Denise had so many talents. She loved to bake and was known for her pies. Like her mom, she was an avid reader. She took great pride in her home and put her special touch in every room of the house and at camp, her favorite place to be. Denise loved and lived a subsistence lifestyle, loving to pick berries and put away fish, among other activities.

Denise’s heart was filled with happiness, love and compassion. She worked with and became friends with a loved one and their stuff with respect. Denise was always kind and loving and always had a smile on her face. Denise worked with and became friends with a loved one and their stuff with respect. Denise was always kind and loving and always had a smile on her face.

Denise was buried on May 20, 2012, her 39th birthday. Services will be held at Riverbend Cemetery, Cap de Ledouche, at 1 p.m. on May 20, 2012.

Denise will always remain in our hearts and will never be forgotten.

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Jerry didn’t give up but lost the battle with cancer on June 29, 2012 in Providence Hospital, Anchorage, Alaska.

Born March 1941 to Ruth (Brecht) and Arnold Landgrebe, he was the “first” son of four children. A free spirit and independent thinker, Jerry loved his 71 years to the fullest, a free spirit and independent thinker, Jerry loved his 71 years to the fullest, a free spirit and independent thinker, Jerry loved his 71 years to the fullest, a free spirit and independent thinker, Jerry loved his 71 years to the fullest. His golden fur was a challenge, but Jerry was up to the challenge and so began the chapter of his life, one that resulted in the establishment of Alaska’s first Alaskan Kodiak cub to the zoo, which just may have planted the seed for life and new adventure.

A young man, Jerry worked for the Dakota Zoo in Biomack, North Dakota where he helped to bring an Alaskan Kodiak cub to the zoo, which just may have planted the seed for life and new adventure. Pioneering in the ‘60s, Jerry worked in the area of homesteading and while building a log cabin in the Brooks Range where he came to know and respect the Native people. Flying his cub over the beautiful landscape of Alaska only reinforced his admiration and commitment to the land. Whether “Red” or one of the “Three Hairy Brothers,” Jerry’s integrity, work ethic and sense of humor gained him many loyal and trusted friends both in Nome and Fairbanks where he lived. Mining gold from the bottom of the sea is a challenge, but Jerry was up to the challenge and so began the chapter of his life, one that resulted in the establishment of Alaska’s first Alaskan Kodiak cub to the zoo, which just may have planted the seed for life and new adventure.

“Three Hairy Brothers,” Jerry’s integrity, work ethic and sense of humor gained him many loyal and trusted friends both in Nome and Fairbanks where he lived. Jerry subscribed to the writing and teaching of Thomas Jefferson and admired the scientific minds, research and thinking of Jane Goodall. Carl Sagan and those writers found in the pages of Smithsonian and National Geographic. While in North Dakota earlier this year, Jerry developed a keen interest in the exploits of Lewis and Clark and spent time visiting points of interest and learning all he could about these early explorers. Albert Einstein said, “If something is in me which can be called religious, then it is the unbounded admiration for the structure of the world as our science can reveal it. That sums Jerry’s belief. He asked that a friend scatter his ashes over the land. So when the aurora borealis dances on the horizon or wolves run wild with the caribou, let it be known that this special mountain is a better place because it cradles the remains of a true Alaskan pioneer who loved the land, its animals and her people. Jerry is survived by two brothers, Lowell and Fred, a sister, Linda, and brother-in-law, Lannon, two nieces and nephews: Madeline, Mara, Mug., Cordelia, Rocco and Deuce, whom he entrusted his cub to the care of the “6 Pack Trust” in hopes of furthering their educations. This is Jerry’s legacy to the future. He is also survived by true and good friends, cousins, aunts, uncles and an aunt, Esther, who had always held a special spot in Jerry’s heart.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to our grandparents Stanley and Agnes Amakor, and grandfather Donald H. Oliver, aunt Eire Lincone, uncle Daniel Amakor, nephew Joshua Oliver and cousin David Panipichuk. We will miss you, but our memories will be cherished always.

Jerry Landgrebe

“The strength and courage aren’t always measured in medals and victories. They are measured in the strength and courage of ordinary people. The strongest people aren’t always the people who win, but the people who don’t give up.”

Jerry Landgrebe

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Rain drives Summerfest inside

By Diana Haecker

Torrential rain poured down for the entire week, and the organizers of the Summerfest and talent competition had to resort to plan B, bringing the fest inside the Rec Center. The Summerfest is an annual affair to showcase Nome’s talented teens and give them the opportunity to show their talents in front of a larger crowd.

The sponsors, 907 Network Services and Bush907.com, CHARR, the Nome Community Center, the City of Nome Parks and Recreation Department and the Youth Education Services Agency set up two bounce houses, had a dunk tank courtesy of Arctic Chiropractic, booths with Summerfest-themed Tundra T-shirts, CAMP’s message of eating healthy fruit and vegetables, the Nome Rotarians selling bath towels and hamburgers, as well as National Park Service employees doing face paintings. After a performance by the Usual Suspects, Nome rapper Half-smoked aka Loren Sands and his wife, Lucille, with son Kasen Evans took to the stage.

Then it was time to put the Youth in the Spotlight, as the motto of this year’s Summerfest was called, and the talent competition started. The contest was open for ages 12 through 24, and only three “groups” decided to perform. The winner was Tammy Treend, 23, accompanied on the guitar; second was a group of Summercise interns Molly Benrud, Olivia Myers, Hannah Cory, Kim Ayek and Callie Kettner, and third place went to Miranda Murphy.

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