



ROUGH TRAILS— A Nome musher travels on rough trails across the tundra barely covered with snow outside of Nome on Sunday, January 27.

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Tugboat *Rustler*. Not over till it's over

By Sandra L. Medearis

While the wind whistled outside Nome City Hall Monday, it was cozy within the Council Chambers. Just the same, a majority of members of Nome Common Council said they had cold feet.

They had cold feet, four members said, when it came to barring miner Mike Benchoff from the Port of Nome forever for piling up infractions of the port tariff.

They thought the Council should take another look at banishing Benchoff. They thought the beef should be settled "in the family," not court, and that another alternative could be considered.

In December the Council voted 4 to 2 under the tariff to sue Benchoff for unpaid port bills, to confiscate his vessel *Rustler*, and to bar Benchoff from the port for all time.

The City had seized ownership of

the tugboat Monday, currently frozen into the harbor, and papered Benchoff with a warning not to trespass, according to City Manager Josie Bahnke.

"The *Rustler* now belongs to the City of Nome," Bahnke told the Council.

Salvage companies had been contacted. The City would find out if the boat could be taken out of the ice right away or would have to remain

until spring breakup, she said.

Councilman Stan Andersen had a question.

"Can we just take someone's property without going before a judge?" he asked.

Sure can, under terms of the port tariff, said the City's attorney, Patrick Munson, present at the meeting.

"The City has a right to take ownership under the tariff," he said.

Munson noted that threats and conditions laid down in April concerning Benchoff's infractions had not been followed up at a deadline because the City had no desire to take the vessel out of the harbor before freeze-up.

Munson conceded that there would be a lawsuit detailing how the *Rustler* case has been handled.

Munson said the Benchoff matter would move into court now that the USCG has pumped out petroleum products from the vessel.

Citizen's comment period followed the city manager's report.

Mitch Erickson rose for the occasion.

Erickson thought the City was embarking on a "slippery slope" by banning Benchoff from using the port for life.

"I think it is a bad thing to start with. I'd like the City to reconsider that," Erickson told the Council.

Nikolai Ivanoff followed at the podium.

"Regarding Mr. Benchoff, it is a problem that can be solved inside the town," Ivanoff said, adding that

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Photo by Diana Haecker

SWIMMING LESSONS— Third grade student Jenae Matson relaxes for a minute at the Nome Swimming Pool. A community share grant helped pay for swim lessons for all Nome Public School students. See story on page 8.

R. Foster Building to find a home at last

By Sandra L. Medearis

The construction site for the Richard Foster Building, hashed out over and over again for the past two years, may be settled.

The Nome Museum and Library Commission voted 6-2 mid-day Monday to focus their efforts on a 13-acre plot at the north end of Steadman Street.

The price is right, at \$300,000.

The potential for onsite expansion within the large acreage plus worlds of parking space added strong "yes" factors in the 90-minute debate at Nome City Hall.

Panel members also cited a need to move forward to the construction phase with a grant good for five years.

Commissioners Richard Beneville and Howard Farley voted their opposition to the site, making strong cases for the museum to remain on Front Street, with accessibility by foot for tourists, and to maintain Front Street as the historical identity of Nome.

Previously, the group looked at another site to house the new museum and library.

A favored site on Front Street that underlay the Music Mart and an unfinished building owned by Thu Lan Munn went before the Council for consideration some months ago.

However, the price tag and expense of the development of the land would have brought the price to \$1.5

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Evan Booth to run his 15th Iron Dog snowmachine race

By Diana Haecker

Nomeites will be able to root for one of their own in the 2013 Iron Dog snowmachine race.

Although the October deadline to sign up for the grueling, 2,000-mile snowmachine race came and went without a Nome entry, Evan Booth and Galena racer Tyler Huntington were able to squeeze in a late entry after Team 9, Micah Huss of Willow

and Dan Lowrie of Phoenix, AZ withdrew from the roster of 40 teams in the pro division.

Mike Morgan of Nome also signed up but listed his hometown as Anchorage. Morgan teamed up with Eagle River's Chris Olds. They start the race as Team 10.

Booth didn't plan on racing the 2013 Iron Dog, but fellow racer and former two-time champion Tyler Huntington had been persistent for years trying to convince Booth to partner up.

Huntington had to do a little bit of arm-twisting but when he showed perseverance, an impressive list of sponsors and unbridled enthusiasm, Booth gave in.

"When you enjoy doing something and you miss it so much and then somebody comes along and talks you into it" Booth didn't finish the sentence but was clearly excited about the decision to race his 15th Iron Dog with a partner he affectionately calls "the world's fastest Indian."

Huntington said that he has been trying to team up with Booth for five years and that he was happy he finally gave in.

"Evan is real precise," praised Huntington. "He knows so much about the race and Polaris machines. He is also a very good communicator. And he's still fast."

Booth said that Huntington showed the necessary enthusiasm when he learned that Huntington had lined up major sponsors. Huntington even offered to do all the work on their sleds. Booth, not one to let somebody else have all the fun with the tinkering, said that was good to hear but he will work on his own sleds to get them ready. Booth said they both work on their Polaris Indy 600 sleds to set them up identically.

Ever since that phone call last

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Photo by Diana Haecker

IRON DOG RACERS— Evan Booth, left, and partner Tyler Huntington teamed up to race in the upcoming Iron Dog snowmachine race.

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Letters

Hello Nome,
Do the right thing and show your support for a local person on the seat for Nome Superior Court Judge. Show your support for John Earthman, a person who is fir, just, and also one who isn't about locking people up and throwing the key away.
We need him on bench, for one he knows everyone in town and the surrounding villages and he's familiar with our surroundings and the local environment.
I'm sure if he takes the bench he'll be just as fair as Judge Esch was. Which Judge Esch was a good judge and tried to keep our communities close together. Good luck with your retirement plans Ben Esch, and enjoy your golden years to come!
Remember that Mr. Earthman has lived in Nome for many years, so we know he's here to stay, not just an exploratory visit. He's got a child in our local school district. He is and has been one of our community.
Show your support, and give Earthman a good word.
Happy New Year Nome,
Roger Gomez
2000 Lemon Creek Road
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Editor:
I wanted to write a letter to follow up on Erna Rasmussen's letter to the editor in the January 17 paper. I would like to thank Erna for vocalizing her concerns about the personnel matter that's happening with Nome Public Schools, not only in this paper, but also in public at the November 13 school board meeting. It takes courage to make your concerns about NPS known, especially

when it comes to personnel matters.
I've heard grumblings from several community members about this issue Erna brings up. Seven NPS employees have filed complaints against one NPS employee. I find the allegations to be very serious, as a matter of fact, not opinion. I first heard of complaints being made last semester and thought they were so serious that there was no way that the board would just sit on them. I suspected they would handle the matter internally, a suspension or termination would ensue and NPS would start the new semester on the right foot. Well, that didn't quite happen. The accused employee is still on campus, and apparently school board meeting minutes are being altered to keep community member's concerns off the public record. It's appalling to know that a community member's concerns given at a public meeting were not included in the meeting minutes. That's a pretty bold move.
Could it be the motivation is to protect the accused employee?

Based on the school board's lack of action in this matter, I can only believe that one of three things are happening on the board level, either 1) The school board does not believe the complaints and knows without a doubt they are untrue and are completely comfortable with keeping the accused employee on campus or 2) The school board is really fond of the accused employee and are looking out for their friend and/or 3) The school board is afraid to make a difficult decision.

It's too bad that this employee has been kept on campus despite over a handful of complaints about them. Not removing said employee shows a lack of support for the rest of NPS staff. Suspending or firing an employee is not fun, I'm sure. It's a difficult decision to make and to carry out. You know what's not a difficult decision to make? Whether you want to be employed in a school district where your school board chooses to not protect you and your interests or whether you prefer to be employed in a school district where you can feel safe, in the fact that your school board will look out for you, but also that you can make a complaint, if need be, about a fellow co-worker and know that your complaint will be taken seriously.

If I were in such a position, I would choose the latter. I would leave Nome for a healthier work environment. These allegations are serious and deserve to be taken seriously and dealt with immediately. They're not

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A Look at the Past



History and photo courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
NOME'S PREMIER HISTORIAN WOULD TURN 118 – 118 years ago on January 26, 1895, Caroline “Carrie” Mary Stipek McLain was born in New York City. Her father, Vaslov “ William” Stipek moved his family to Nome in 1905 where he had been one of the first gold miners in 1899. Carrie spent the rest of her 78 years living in Nome. She was a teacher at Haycock and Teller and later served as Nome City Clerk and Magistrate. It was Carrie who had the foresight to begin collecting Nome’s history in the early 1940s. Seventy-three years later, the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum is still going strong. After her passing in 1973, the Nome Common Council named the City Museum in her honor. This is Carrie’s Class of 1913 Nome High School graduation photo.

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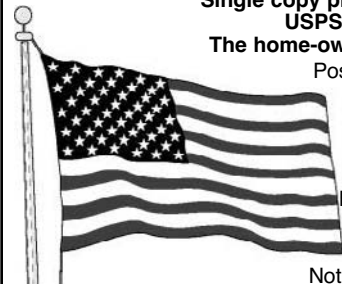
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Strait Action

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Norway says “yes” to China in Arctic Council

The Barents Observer reports that during the signing of the Arctic Council host country agreement in Tromsø last week, Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs Espen Barth Eide said that he will work towards admitting China observer status or the Arctic Council. Carl Bildt, chair of the Arctic Council and Swedish Foreign Minister supported the statement. It has been argued that the Norwegian governments would use China’s application for observer status or the Arctic Council for leverage in the on-going conflict after Liu Xiaobo was awarded the Nobel Peace prize in 2010. These allegation was brushed aside as Minister Eide put it in layman’s terms; “We want people to join our club. That means they will not start another club.” The Arctic Council reported that Zhao Jun, the ambassador to Norway for the Peoples’ Republic of China, and Byong Hyun Lee, ambassador to Norway from the Republic of Korea, both advocated for the inclusion of stakeholders from outside the Arctic to be admitted observer status in the Arctic Council. They both stressed the importance of Arctic regarding to both energy and new shipping lanes, and how these changes affect who the stakeholders are.

The Arctic Council consists of the eight Arctic countries. Six non-Arctic countries have so far been admitted as observers. Twelve countries and organizations are currently ap-

plying for observer status. These include China, Italy, Japan, Korea, Singapore, India and the EU.

Russia to build platform for Arctic research

The Russian government has allocated about 1.7 billion rubles to build platforms for Arctic research stations. Climate change and rapid

Begich asks for investment in Arctic infrastructure

The federal government needs to invest more managing development and transportation in a warming Arctic and in better understanding changes underway there, U.S. Sen. Mark Begich told President Obama in a letter last week. He encouraged more resources and support for increased activity in the Arctic in the 2014 federal budget.

As chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries, Begich cited the need for increased funding for U.S. Coast Guard operations and icebreaking capability, coordinating the permitting process for oil

and gas development, and expanded Arctic research for habitat mapping, weather monitoring and fish surveying.

“Our nation has both an historic opportunity and challenge as we face an Arctic Ocean, which is increasingly ice-free,” Begich said in the letter. “As the Arctic opens, we will have to carefully balance protection of the natural environment and those who rely on it with the economic needs of our nation for efficient oil and gas development, marine shipping, fisheries and tourism.”



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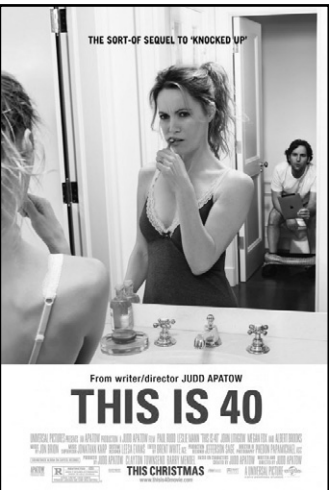
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Begich asked the administration to make investments in Coast Guard icebreakers and other Arctic-capable vessels; to ensure the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Department of Interior have sufficient operational and capital funds to expand activity into the region; to expand Arctic science research and protect the principal of the Environmental Improvement and Restoration Fund; to support research for climate change, including increased coastal erosion and changing distributions of plants and ani-

mals needed to support a subsistence lifestyle; and to protect the gains made in the permitting process and work to streamline further improvements by ensuring the offices in NOAA, DOI, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers are fully funded to carry out their permitting responsibilities. Begich chaired a field hearing in Anchorage last October to discuss lessons learned and ways to improve Shell’s first offshore development season. He plans to hold a similar review in March.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, January 31

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Crafts & Library Activities	Library	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Reduce the Risk of SIDS	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Baby's Hearing Test	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Vinyasa Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, February 1

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*FAS: Life Sentence	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*The First Year	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Tea Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*League/Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Men's Hockey	Ice rink on West 3rd	7:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 2

*Infertility- New Solutions	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Welcome to the world	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Women's Hockey	Ice rink on West 3rd	7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 3

*Sounds & Silence	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*First Aid: Illness	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Adult Pool Time	Pool	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Vigorous Yoga:	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Monday, February 4

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Safety starts at Home	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*About RSV - Play it Safe	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Fitness Fusion	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*NCC Reg Mtg	City Hall	7:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 5

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Bering Strait Maritime Symposium-Mini Convention	Center	8:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*Two to Get Ready	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Why Breastfeed	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym:	Nome Rec Center	4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Strength Train	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Vinyasa Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*NPC Reg Mtg	City Hall	7:00 p.m.
*Men's Hockey	Ice rink on West 3rd	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 6

*Pickup bball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Bering Strait Maritime Symposium-Mini Convention	Center	8:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Dental Class	Prematernal Home	10:00 p.m.
*Audiology Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Vinyasa Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Red Pin Bowling:	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Women's Hockey	Ice rink on West 3rd	7:00 p.m.

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taking Benchoff to court did not make a good reputation for the City. Council comment period followed citizen's comment on the agenda.

Councilman Louis Green Sr., who voted against the banning in December, started off.

"I agree with Mitch on banning someone for life from anything. It's just not done," he said. "I'd like to see us take another look at Mr. Benchoff's banning for life. We are a small community."

He felt uncomfortable when he voted for the action, Councilman Tom Sparks said, in turn.

He suggested that in the case of

port users who have problems, perhaps the City could require a performance bond beforehand, "so that there will be money at hand to take care of his vessel."

Councilman Randy Pomeranz echoed the desire to reconsider put forth by Sparks and Green. Pomeranz had also voted against the tariff enforcement package including a lawsuit, confiscating the *Rustler* and permanently banning Benchoff from using the port.

Councilwoman Josie Stiles said she would favor reconsidering the ban from the port, but favored repercussions for disobeying the law.

"He totally violated the rules of our port. It dragged on too long," she

"There need to be consequences."

Benchoff owes in excess of \$70,000 in fines toted up from \$950 per day for each day the vessel has remained in the harbor after Oct. 31.

After the court case against Benchoff, the Council would have a chance to do lots of things, Councilman Stan Andersen said. The City did not need any more nonfunctioning tugboats in the port, he added.

Benchoff's infractions, according to Port of Nome staff and administrators, are many, including failure to prove his vessel seaworthy, failure to remove his vessel by Oct. 31, numerous accusations of pollution and lack of insurance on the vessel.

This month the U.S. Coast Guard sent a team to remove approximately 600 gallons of petroleum products aboard the vessel as it sits frozen into the winter ice a few yards from a barge ramp.

Benchoff has denied charges while attending City meetings. He did not attend the Council meeting Jan. 28.

Bahnke voiced a desire to get the vessel out of the ice and out of the way before the busy port season.

The Council did not set any formal reconsideration of the actions against Benchoff.

In other port business, the Council gave its final approval to the purchase of land from Nome Gold Alaska to expand the port facility northward. The City will pay about \$1.5 million for the 21.43 acres north of the tank-farm industrial pad.

Residents in the "state trailers" behind the post office annex are living on land involved in the sale. Terms of the sale give these residents about three years to claim or move their belongings.

Not enough time for some who have lived there for decades, said some Council members. They would like more information on the issue.

"I hope we can address the trailers and look at that again," Sparks said.

"With the leases up there, we need to find out what people want to do," Andersen agreed.

The approval cleared the way for the Council to introduce into first reading a disposal of three to four acres of the land to Bonanza Fuel Inc. to expand of BFI's tank farm at

a price of \$256,132.

Finally, the Council asked the City administration to draw up an agreement for Nome Covenant Church to use the Mini Convention Center for about three hours—10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sundays during the months May through December. The Congregation needs the alternate meeting place during construction of a new church at the site of its current building at Front and Bering streets. Pastor Harvey Fiskeaux said his church would yield the Mini Convention Center when others want to rent it for Sundays or the weekends.

The Covenant Church group would also clean the facility, he said.

The Council tabled action concerning a citizen's concern about many loose dogs in town, because Police Chief John Papasodora was not present.

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million.

The architect on the project, Terry Hyer, suggested that Munn's building be leveled along with the Music Mart.

Too much money and a waste of a good building, the Council said.

They sent the Museum and Library Commission to look more closely at other sites.

Land further eastward on Front Street, owned by the Louis Green Sr. family, struck out when the State of Alaska announced the current State Building across the street would not be torn down.

The commission had hoped if the land were selected, the vacant State Building site would serve as parking.

Another possible site, owned by King Island Native Corp. on the south side of River Street, would have allowed the Mini Convention Center to be included in the design.

However, a storm that circled the Mini with water crossed out that possibility, according to John K. Handeland, a member of the museum group.

Panel members Richard Beneville and Howard Farley cast the "no" votes, each expressing strongly a belief that the facility should go up on Front Street for tourists' foot traffic and to preserve Front Street as intrinsic to the character of Nome.

When Bering Straits Native Corp., purchased land from Alaska Gold Co., the gold company had a hold-out in the deal providing that 50,000 square feet be donated for the Richard Foster Building.

The donated land brought the purchase price down to \$300,000 for the whole 13 acres.

Commissioner Josie Stiles said in the beginning, she favored the Front Street location, but the Steadman site had benefits, including a considerably lower price tag. That convinced her to support the alternative site.

"That much money can go into the actual building and what we need," she said.

Position in the building on the land is still open, pending soil studies and

said of Benchoff's tariff violations, consultations with Hyer, architect, according to Handeland.

For now, the target space would have the facility doors open on the west side of Steadman Street and also on 7th Avenue.

The selection has still to be run by the Nome Planning Commission and then the Nome Common Council for approval.

City Manager Josie Bahnke was to start meeting with BSNC Tuesday to discuss the deal's arrangements.

Previously, the site provided the in-town center for Alaska Gold Co. operations.

The land to be developed for the Richard Faster Building lies at the top and does not go over the brow of the hill into mercury contamination or the Dry Creek valley.

"There will be no need for reclamation," John K. Handeland, commission member and a former Alaska Gold manager, told the panel. There were several spots on the museum land where tanks had leaked and stained the ground, he said, but Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation had drilled and inspected the issue. According to what Handeland learned, abatement measures would not be necessary, he said.

The library and museum panel considered several sites with the goal being a building on Front Street.

In other business, the Museum and Library Commission elected Cussy Kauer as its new chair. The panel selected Josie Stiles to serve with Kauer as vice chair. John Handeland will serve as second vice chair.

The Museum and Library Commission has been expanded to nine members. At the meeting, the first order of business was to have everybody at the table stand and recite the swearing-in ceremony. The commission currently comprises Ann Whipple, Josie Stiles, Charlene Saclamana, Charlie5 Lean, Cussy Kauer, John Handeland, Howard Farley, Ron Engstrom (excused from Monday's meeting) and Richard Beneville.

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NEW SNAKE RIVER BRIDGE— The piers for the new Snake River Bridge are in place and construction is scheduled to be completed next summer. The new access to the port and industrial area will connect from Seppala Drive via Jafet Drive to Port Road.

State looks at re-routing Port Road

By Sandra L. Medearis

A design team from the Alaska Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities met with the Nome Common Council and overseers of the Port of Nome Jan. 22 to discuss plans for modifications to a planned Port Road reconstruction. The new road would be safer but not have increased capacity.

The road is a key and vital transportation link to the Port of Nome and industrial area. It sustains heavy traffic throughout the shipping season.

When combined with private vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles, the road poses a significant safety hazard and is in need of improvements, according to a DOT project information sheet.

A port area expansion plan under consideration calls for the current road to the causeway to move to the west side of the port area to take it out of a busy industrial area on port planning charts. That area, after final approval and funding, will hold boat storage, a travel-lift and container lay-down area.

The current road goes off the Snake River Bridge and through the middle of Nome Joint Utility System operations. The new road would come off the new Snake River Bridge, take a route west of the port activity and possibly end with a traffic roundabout at the top of the causeway where there is a five-way intersection. Port planners expect the intersection where traffic goes north onto the port industrial pad to become more congested with opening of new activity on land currently under acquisition north of the tank farms.

Final approval of the new road route hangs on whether a deal for the City to get port area land currently held by the U.S. Air Force becomes final. Should the Air Force land not come to pass, the port design could have the road go a different route, as further west.

He didn't expect that process to obtain the Air Force land to take more than a year at most, John K. Handeland, utility manager, said.

The DOT would like to hold off on design plans until the Air Force land acquisition reached its conclusion, according to Colleen M Ackiss, a DOT Northern Region engineering manager. She has dealt with land acquisitions from government agencies in the past and said the length of time for the process is unpredictable.

"We are reluctant to hire a consultant while you don't have the Air Force property," she said.

"It is difficult to deal with the military on such projects. A reconnaissance study can look at alternatives without the land. We don't want to start the design without the land and hit a snag."

However, Ackiss said, the DOT could do a reconnaissance study to delve into issues, help scoping the project and gain information that could later be folded into the design phase to speed it along.

The need for a traffic light at the rise in the road and blind curve at Belmont Point also came under discussion. It will be near the new Snake River Bridge crossing. Several suggestions came forth including a plan to have large trucks turn west from Beltz Highway at Alaska Commercial Co. and come onto Seppala Drive from Center Creek Road.

When the DOT rehabilitates Seppala Drive as planned for summer 2015, the rebuild would follow standards including sight distance, Ackiss said. A study to see if a traffic light were warranted would be very costly, she said.

"We would have to do 16-hour traffic counts" and other qualifications to see if a traffic light was warranted, including volumes of traffic and a crash analysis, Ackiss said.

But even then, she did not think the need for a traffic light would prove out.

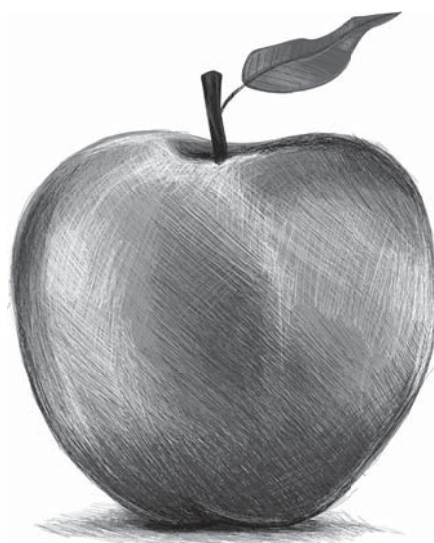
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New ecosystem research spotlights northern Bering Sea, Chukchi Sea

Arctic cod considered most important indicator of climate change

By Laurie McNicholas

Franz Mueter, lead scientist for the Arctic Ecosystem Integrated Survey, a two-year fishing and oceanographic research project in the northeastern Bering Sea and Chukchi Sea, provided a glimpse of preliminary findings from the 2012 field season in a 15-minute presentation at the Alaska Marine Science Symposium last week in Anchorage. Mueter is assistant professor of Fisheries at the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, University of Alaska Fairbanks.

The goals of the Arctic EIS are to (1) collect baseline fisheries and oceanographic data to enable resource managers to better predict the effects of climate and human impacts (such as oil and gas development or industrial fisheries development) on ocean productivity and on the ecology of marine and anadromous fish species; (2) assess the distribution, relative abundance, diet, energy density, size, and potential predators of juvenile salmon, other commercial fish, and forage fish; and (3) evaluate the effect of climate change on the health and status of pelagic fishes within the study area.

The UAF, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and Coastal Impact Assistance Program are participants in the comprehensive study.

In August and September of last year, project scientists collected sam-

ples in a near surface trawl survey, mid-water trawl/acoustic survey and bottom-trawl survey in the northern Bering Sea and Chukchi Sea. Standard grid surveys were used with sampling stations every 30 nautical miles.

Mueter said the surface trawl survey was designed to capture salmon. He said Pacific herring, chum salmon and capelin dominated the catch, which included a fair number of Arctic cod.

Fish species captured in the bottom-trawl survey included Arctic cod in the highest numbers, saffron cod, Pacific herring, yellowfin sole and starry flounder, Mueter noted. He said Arctic cod are the most important fish in the study area. They are found on the bottom and all through the water column, some in very large schools, and can spawn nearshore in winter, he added.

The Arctic cod is considered essential to the marine food web in arctic waters, in part because it is a widely distributed, abundant and easy to catch food source for seabirds and mammals. However, little is known about its population size, stock structure, population movements and genetic diversity. Findings from the Arctic EIS will provide baseline data about the Arctic cod to help assess the effects of climate change.

Mueter said most Arctic cod taken in the mid-water survey were 0 age, while the bottom trawl survey captured Arctic cod of age 1 and up. He said Arctic cod were found in the

highest density in a 2010 bottom-trawl survey conducted in the Northern Bering Sea by the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service. "2010 was a cold year, so Arctic cod extended further south than normal," he explained.

He said the fish usually is less than 25 centimeters (about 10 inches) long but can grow to a length of 40 centimeters (nearly 16 inches), matures at 2 to 6 years and lives 6 to 7 years.

Mueter said findings from the Arctic EIS will provide a more comprehensive view of Chukchi Sea fauna from plankton to seabirds. The study complements existing, more focused research and provides opportunities for collaborative research, he added.

Arctic EIS workshop held

Mueter convened a four-hour workshop with the Arctic EIS principal investigators on Jan. 25 at the Alaska Marine Science Symposium. The workshop was open to anyone interested in the project. Researchers who collected samples and data in various components of the study in 2012 provided the following status reports.

Oceanographic data results will be worked up by April of this year, and physical and chemical oceanographic maps and data analysis will be completed in June.

Work on phytoplankton samples (microscopic plant-like organisms) will be completed in March; and

findings from zooplankton samples (tiny invertebrates that float freely) will be ready in June. Ichthyoplankton samples (fish larvae) were sent to Poland for analysis, and results are expected in June.

The project proposal called for completion of fish distribution maps in March 2013 for surface and mid-water surveys conducted last year, but they may not be finalized by then. The study will include genetic and otolith analyses on juvenile salmon collected during the survey to determine where they originated. Six species of marine mammals and 40 bird species were identified during the surface trawl survey.

The mid-water/acoustic survey used hydro-acoustics and a mid-water trawl net to locate concentrations of fishes in the water column and determine their abundance and species composition.

Acoustic measurements have proved difficult because nearly all of the catch by weight consisted of jellyfish. Arctic cod produces the same backscatter as jellyfish.

However, a report is expected before the 2013 field season begins.

The surface trawl survey and mid-water acoustic survey were carried out aboard the F/V Bristol Explorer.

The bottom-trawl survey collected 351 species of invertebrates and dozens of fish species. The invertebrates included green sea urchins, sea stars, snow crab and hermit crab. Bob Lauth of the Alaska Fisheries Science Center said he expects to finalize data from the bot-

tom-trawl survey by the end of the month. The bottom-trawl survey was conducted on the F/V Alaska Knight.

2013 survey cruise plans
Ed Farley, co-principal investigator for the Arctic EIS, presented draft plans for a 60-day research cruise in the northern Bering Sea and Chukchi Sea this year. Farley said fuel costs for the 2012 surveys were \$280,000 to \$300,000 higher than projected three years ago when the Arctic EIS funding proposal was written.

Noting that a 50-day survey takes 60 days of ship time, Farley reported an estimated budget shortfall of \$120,000 just for ship days this year. He said he is working with the National Marine Fisheries Service for funds to offset the shortfall. Farley is program manager for Ecosystem Monitoring and Assessment at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center.

Farley said plans for the 2012 cruise are similar to last year: leave from Dutch Harbor, conduct a survey in the Chukchi Sea and then collect samples in the northern Bering Sea. He is planning a three-leg trip with crew changes in Nome.

Mueter said he would like to convene an Arctic EIS workshop to share results of research funded by the project and to synthesize papers produced from the research next January during the 2014 Alaska Marine Science Symposium.

DEC to set up mercury monitoring station in Nome

By Diana Haecker

The State Dept. of Environmental Conservation plans to set up a mercury monitoring station in Nome to collect data on airborne mercury transport to the Arctic.

The DEC has already been operating two mercury monitoring stations in Unalaska and in Kodiak for two years and wants to enhance the network with a testing site in Nome.

The Nome station would be part of a nationwide Mercury Deposition Network that compiles data to evaluate the presence of mercury and its effect on animals and humans.

The National Park Service operates two ambient air monitoring sites in Bettles and Glacier Bay.

The DEC plans to operate the Nome mercury monitoring program two-years.

DEC Air Quality and Assurance Program director Barbara Trost explained that the station will collect

rainwater and snow samples every week. The samples will be sent to a laboratory in Seattle for analysis. In addition to mercury, testing for heavy metals such as lead, cadmium, copper, nickel, zinc, chromium, beryllium, arsenic and selenium will be done.

The DEC has not yet determined where to place the monitoring site in Nome, but wants to select a site in May or June. Trost said the DEC aims to have the monitoring equipment up and running this summer.

Trost added the site should be away from potential pollution sources inside the city. But it also needs to be near a power source and not too hard to reach for weekly visits and maintenance.

The goal is to monitor the levels of mercury in precipitation and, in the event of elevated mercury levels, to track the source by looking at weather patterns that prevailed.

The culprit for elevated mercury levels in the air, Trost said, is predominantly industrial exhaust from coal-fired power plants.

Those plants are springing up by the hundreds in developing countries such as China and India.

Trost said they believe the mercury is mainly transported by air to the Arctic, deposited on land or water by the way of precipitation and absorbed by fish. In order to determine mercury levels in fish, another section of the DEC, the State Veterinarian Office, has been conducting a fish tissue monitoring program since 2001.

The program monitors fish samples from across the state for trace metals, including mercury. State veterinarian Dr. Bob Gerlach said the collection efforts rely on volunteers to send in fish heads for analysis and that there were only a few samples from the Nome and Norton Sound

area. "We work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to collect samples from the Yukon and Kuskokwim, but we don't have many samples from the Seward Peninsula," Gerlach said.

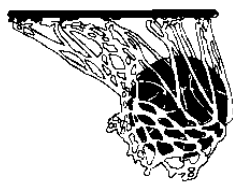
In conjunction with the DEC air mercury monitoring program extended to Nome, Gerlach hopes to correlate data from the fish tissue program with the air mercury monitoring program to track mercury sources. "Once they generate data, we'll see how it correlates to our

data," Gerlach said.

Mercury and other persistent organic pollutants are deposited in coastal ecosystems that support marine food chains. Small amounts of these pollutants deposited in Alaskan waters can biomagnify and bioaccumulate. Predators at the top of the food chain, after having consumed fish and other mammals that dined on fish, can be exposed to large concentrations of these chemicals. The

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School board rolls up sleeves, gets down to business

By Kristine McRae

The Nome School Board tackled four main topics in their meeting last Tuesday evening. First on the agenda was the review of the Nome Public Schools Technology Plan. Technology director Robin Johnson was on hand to present the comprehensive plan. Johnson explained that the report acts as a guide to the district; she and her staff refer to the plan throughout the year for direction, priorities, and for keeping track of training and professional development. "It also lets the state know what we're doing," Johnson said, "and is in line with the state standards."

The narrative portion of the tech plan includes the strategies for technology in the schools and how the district will implement them. Board president Betsy Brennan asked about the necessity for the plan in terms of the E-rate benefit. Johnson explained that in order to qualify for the E-rate fund, which subsidizes 80 percent of the district's telecommunications costs, the plan must meet state standards and be certified by the Alaska Department of Education.

As part of the plan, an inventory graph shows where machines are distributed throughout the district and how they are being used. The district currently has many outdated laptops that don't connect to the server. Johnson hopes to replace those with newer computers, but the district currently doesn't have a replacement cycle. To do so would require specific money in the yearly budget. Superintendent Mike Brawner added that before the money can be added to the budget, there has to be a level the district is trying to maintain, and they are still determining that figure through yearly usages.

Johnson reported that over the last three years, there have been big, positive changes as a result of technology expansion. High school students use the server for file sharing with each other and sending assignments directly to their teachers. Also, all but one of the classrooms have Promethean (Smart) Boards. Teachers using iPads in their curriculum can request certain applications which Johnson is able to download.

Statewide, districts will be looking to develop assessments so that kids can be tested on the technology standards. Johnson hopes to incorporate these assessments into classroom work. For example, the technology standard could be embedded into a classroom project, such as a comprehensive report. Students could then utilize the skills as an effective way to assess their progress.

The district tech standards are reviewed and developed every three years. The board plans to approve the technology plan at the next regular meeting. Second on the agenda was discussion of teacher contracts. Each year in late winter, the district offers contracts to its tenured and non-tenured teachers for the following school year. The timing of the distribution is sometimes tricky, given that much of the hiring for the following year is conducted in early April.

Betsy Brennan asked superintendent Brawner to discuss the pros and cons of contract offerings in two different waves. Brawner indicated that waiting until late March to find out if some teachers (non-tenured positions) will be returning in the fall puts the district in the position of not knowing which jobs it will need to fill, even as they are headed to the job fair. Per Brawner's request, Janeen Sullivan gathered some statistics that cover the last several years concern-

ing the distribution of these contracts. Since 2000, Sullivan reported, the district has seen five different superintendents. In that time, eight out of the 13 years have seen contracts offered to both tenured and non-tenured teachers in February; the remaining years saw non-tenured teachers receiving their contracts in March. Teachers then have one month to sign the contracts.

The board is scheduled to follow the February/March pattern again this year. Board member Barb Amarok, who attended the meeting remotely via telephone, said that she thinks the timeline should remain as scheduled. She strongly feels that there is a "conflict of interest here in that process this year and I don't think, considering that, that changing timelines is proper at all."

Barb Nickels, while she didn't see a conflict of interest, as all the contracts are board approved, said that it would be better to wait to make a policy change. Board member Jennifer Reader also agreed that, while it might be worth looking into, the district should maintain the stated calendar dates. The decision comes down to wanting enough time to make important staff decisions while also allowing teachers, and potential teachers to the district, a reasonable timeline in which to make their decisions.

The topic of unpaid lunch dues sparked lively conversation at Tuesday's meeting as board members looked at the problem from several angles. Superintendent Brawner reported that a committee made up of himself, business manager Paula Coffman, and board members Jennifer Reader and Betsy Brennan had met to discuss the \$10,000 bill. The majority of the money was incurred for elementary school lunches, but much of it "carried through" with

students into high school.

Solutions for slowing the mounting debt include providing a "modified lunch" to those students whose families cannot pay for the school lunches. This alternative might come in the form of a brown paper bag and contain a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and a piece of fruit. This option, if adopted, might kick in after 20 unpaid lunches have accrued. Some members thought this method would single those kids out; others felt that it was a reasonable option.

However, and everyone agreed on this point, the school board is steadfast in their desire not to see any child stigmatized for their lunch situation. The district will look into the possibility for parents to pay online by credit card, as well as to encourage eligible families to apply for the migrant education program, which subsidizes lunches for low-income families.

The board is also exploring several solutions to recoup the \$10,000, including selling the debts to a collector and what is known as "attaching the PFD," whereby an institution who is owed money can collect the funds from an individual's Permanent Fund Dividend. Barb Nickels is in favor of this option and thinks that the process could be simple and cost effective. The district did send out certified letters to families with debt, but those were not effective. In the past, the district had tried to use the court system, but the cost and paperwork involved proved it to be of little benefit. Brennan and others said that they would like to hear from teachers and from the community for input on a solution.

Finally, the board learned of a return visit to Nome from Claire Richardson, a Community Engagement Educator with the Association of Alaska School Boards. Nome

Public School's Community Engagement Program is designed to reach out to the community for feedback and direction in strategic planning. Richardson will arrive in Nome on February 6. Her visit will coincide with parent teacher conferences on February 7 and 8, a community meeting Thursday evening, and culminate in "Literacy Day" on Saturday, February 9.

While in Nome, Richardson will be collecting surveys from parents and community members and will report on that data. Parents who attend their child's conference and complete a survey will be entered in a raffle to win a prize. "The whole idea of the process," Brawner said, "is to bring the community and the schools together."

Board member Nickels stressed the importance of advertising and making a concerted effort to get the community involved. Barb Amarok said she would like to see the district contact parents through other channels, "We can't always rely on parent/teacher conferences to bring parents in. Maybe go to King Island Association or Solomon council meetings to contact parents. Community engagement should be trying to get people involved who haven't traditionally been involved, so we need to change the way we do it." Brennan responded that Richardson had met with community entities in December. Nickels pointed out that the meetings were sparsely attended. "The school does need to be the focal point," Nickels added. She also suggested food and door prizes as a way to encourage parents to come to the community engagement night at the elementary school on Thursday evening.

Swim lessons underway for Nome students

By Diana Haecker

Nome students have the chance to get lessons that have nothing to do with academics but all with survival

and safety in the water. Swim lessons, courtesy of a community share program doled out via the City of Nome from NSEDC, are in full



Photo by Diana Haecker

SWIM TEST— Swim instructor Sharon Keeney sends off a group of third-graders to take the swim test.

swing and are being taught during regular school hours.

According to Nome Public Schools Superintendent Mike Brawner, swim lessons began with the Jr. High school students who were getting not only swimming lessons but also were allowed practice time. Just before Christmas break, the sixth graders from the Nome Elementary School began their swim

lessons.

Currently, third graders are being taught how to swim. The program will also teach second and first graders and kindergarten students. Each class receives five swim lessons taught by Nome Pool swim instructor Sharon Keeney. Early Friday morning, a bunch of third graders entered the pool, doing the jellyfish, and other exercises to become confi-

dent to move in water. Keeney said that she teaches according to ability. "Depending on what the kids know, we build on that," said Keeney. The pool's 30th anniversary is coming up in February.

Brawner said that the hardest part was scheduling the swimming lessons and trading in instructional time

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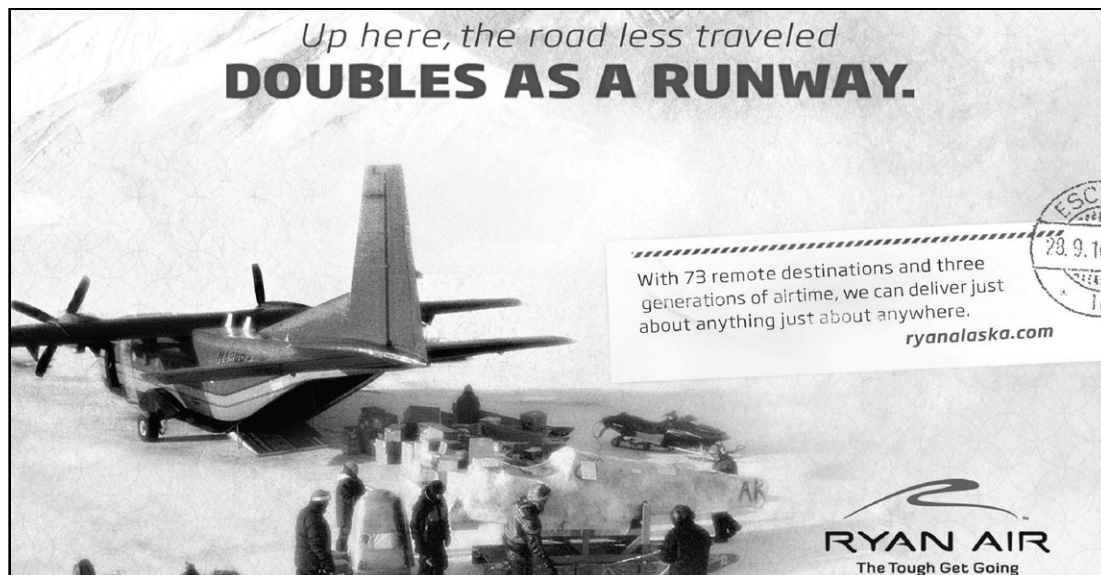
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Lady Nanooks dominate with sweep in Bethel

By Stephen Palmatier

The Nome Lady Nanooks came into Bethel last weekend and left exactly the way they wanted — with three wins. The Nome ladies swept all three of their games over Seward, Unalaska, and Bethel at the Donlin Gold Challenge.

The Nome ladies started with a 50-35 win over the Seward Lady

Seahawks. Nome had three players in double figures: junior Shayla Johnson with 14 points, and seniors Dylan and Devynn Johnson each with 10.

From there, it all got easier for the ladies as they dominated the Unalaska Lady Raiders, 61-20. Again, the ladies had three in double figures, this time with senior Taylor Pomer-

anz being one of the players with 10 points. Shayla Johnson led the team once again with 14 points.

The final game was against the host team, Bethel. With the loud crowd cheering on their own squad, the question was going to be: will the Lady Nanooks play up to their ability? It turned out to be the case, as they kept the crowd silent for most of

the game with an easy 58-24 win. The crowd did what they could to keep their Lady Warriors in the game, but the Lady Nanooks were simply overwhelming in talent against Bethel.

In this game, the Lady Nanooks had four different players in double figures, showing that their team is not made up of just a few good play-

ers, but rather an entire combined team.

The ladies received two all-tournament members in Dylan Johnson and Shayla Johnson. Devynn Johnson was voted the Most Valuable Player.

The ladies now look to continue their great early season start with games at Kotzebue this weekend.



Photos by Greg Lincoln/ The Delta Discovery
NO ROOM— Lady Nanook #3, Addie Ahmasuk, tries to secure the ball from Lady Warrior Emma Reichard, playing for Bethel.



LOOSE BALL— Devynn Johnson goes after the ball in the game against the Lady Warriors from Bethel. On the ground with #22 is Lady Warrior Rebecca Brink.

• Swim lessons

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for time in the water. “But we’re talking about students’ safety and swim lessons are part of important safety lessons for our students,” Brawner rationalized. The plan is, Brawner said, that high school students will get their chance for swimming lessons during the summer break.

The swim lessons were part of a \$55,000 share of a \$200,000 NSEDC community share benefit

the City of Nome received last year. Brawner said that, in addition to swim lessons, the money was used to pay for other afterschool projects such as Robotics, driver’s education, culinary arts, kuspuk sewing and Eskimo dancing programs. In the planning are programs such as martial arts sports for high school students and a spring intramural basketball program for kids, open to all students, not just those who meet grade and attendance qualifications.



Photo by Diana Haecker
DIVING FOR RINGS— Third graders Alyssa Kristiansen, left, and Keri-Ann Russell, right, enjoyed their swim lessons at the pool on Friday, January 4.



DEFENSE— Lady Nanook Devynn Johnson guards the basket with Addie Ahmasuk, #3, coming in to assist. Playing for the Bethel Lady Warriors with bib #10 is Angela Thomas.

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Nome Nanooks capture two wins, fall to Bethel

By Stephen Palmatier

The Nome Nanooks were able to come away this last weekend in Bethel with two wins out of three games in the Donlin Gold Challenge. Their one loss came to the host team

Bethel in the third and final game of the weekend tournament.

In the first game, Nome defeated Seward 71-44 behind a game high 25 points by junior point guard Tyler Eide and 18 points by Cass Mattheis.

Nome took control from the beginning and slowly built their lead throughout the game.

In the next game, it was more of the same as the Nanooks took care of business against Unalaska, 66-51. Mattheis again had a good game, leading the team with 18 points along with 14 points from Eide and 12 points from senior Dominique Hall.

The last game with Bethel, though, was what the tournament really was about for the Nanooks. With Nome having defeated the Bethel Warriors two weeks ago in the Sub-way Showdown, the question would

be if they could win again, this time in hostile territory. The answer was no. Nome fell to Bethel in front of the Warriors fans, 43-35. Eide led the way for the Nanooks with 11 points, but he was the only player in double figures. The Nanooks, going against a loud, energetic crowd in Bethel could not get their offense going throughout the entire game. The offense, which had been a problem for much of this season thus far, came into effect against Bethel again.

Even with the loss, the Nanooks did not seem too disappointed with the weekend.

“We know that Bethel is a tough place to play,” said Pat Callahan, head coach of the Nanooks. We beat them, and now they beat us, so we will see them in Regionals later this year.

The Regionals, which will take place in Anchorage, will be a great contest because it will be the first time the two teams will meet at a neutral site.

The Nanooks now move on with their season, looking to continue to improve their offense.



Photos by Greg Lincoln/ The Delta Discovery

ON GUARD— Nome Nanook #24 Cass Mattheis plays defense against Austin Miller, playing for the Bethel Warriors. Bethel defeated Nome 43-35. Miller scored 6 points in the game.



HARD LANDING— Nome Nanook #15 Cameron Smith braces himself for a hard landing in the game against the Bethel Warriors. Theodore Naneng, #3 for the Warriors, goes up for two. Waiting for the rebound is Nome Nanook Klay Baker. Naneng scored 6 points in the game.



DUKING IT OUT— Dominique Hall goes up against Warrior #44 Brett Smith. The Nanooks lost the game against the Bethel Warriors 43-35. Also playing for the Nanooks is #14 Klay Baker, #24 Cass Mattheis and #15 Cameron Smith.

SCOREBOARD

Lady Nanooks 50 Seward 35

NBHS 10-13-13-14=50
SHS 9-9-11-6=35
Dy. Johnson 10, De. Johnson 10, Pomeranz 4, A. Ahmasuk 4, Horner 4, S. Johnson 14, S. Ahmasuk 1, Thomas 3

Nome Boys 71 Seward 44

NBHS 19-15-20-17=71
SHS 9-12-12-11=44
Baker 7, C. Smith 4, Hall 13, Eide 25, Mattheis 18, Head 4

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Nome Lady Nanooks 61 Unalaska 20

NBHS 18-18-17-8=61
Unalaska 4-4-5-7=20
NBHS - De. Johnson 9, Dy. Johnson 12, Pomeranz 10, A. Ahmasuk 6, S. Johnson 14, Horner 2, S. Ahmasuk 6, Thomas 2

Nome Boys 66 Unalaska 51

NBHS 16-19-13-18=66
UHS 9-10-16-16=51
NBHS - Sullivan 3, Baker 9, C. Smith 4, Hall 12, Eide 14, Mattheis 18, Head 6

NOME LADY NANOOKS 58 BETHEL 24

NBHS - 9-13-18-18 = 58
BRHS - 11-5-5-3
NBHS - De. Johnson 13, Dy. Johnson 10, Pomeranz 8, Ahmasuk 11, S. Johnson 12, Horner 2, Ahmasuk 2
BRHS - Joseph 4, Thomas 3, Brink 4, Reichard 5, Kinegak 2, Oscar 6
The Nome Lady Nanooks won the Bethel tournament by going 3-0 in round-robin play. Nome defeated Seward, Unalaska, and Bethel in the tournament. The Lady Nanooks will next face Kotzebue on Friday at Kotzebue.

BETHEL BOYS 43 NOME BOYS 35

BRHS - 14-10-11-8=43
NBHS - 12-7-9-7 = 35
BRHS - Miller 6, Naneng 6, Romer 15, Strickland 6, Hoffman 3, Hoffman 3, Smith 4
NBHS - Baker 5, C. Smith 3, Hall 9, Eide 11, Mattheis 7
The Nome Boys lost to Bethel in the championship game of the Bethel Tournament. Nome went 2-1 in the tournament with wins over Seward and Unalaska. Nome will next face Kotzebue on Friday night at home.

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How to prevent and treat a Norovirus infection

By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

A new strain of the Norovirus, the leading cause of the “stomach flu,” has emerged in the United States.

According to epidemiologists at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention the appearance of this new strain may mean more people will suffer from a bout with the vomiting and diarrhea-causing disease this winter.

But the Norovirus, even the new strain, is not hard to beat by practicing a few basic principles. It is true that the virus is always adapting and improving. Every

two to three years the virus develops into a new strain and rapidly spreads from one infected person to other susceptible individuals. This ability of the virus to adapt makes it difficult, if not impossible, to design a vaccine or antibiotic to prevent the disease. But there are a few fundamental actions people can take to avoid the virus, regardless of how much it adapts and changes.

The Norovirus is a simple strand of RNA contained in a microscopic hexagon-shaped capsule. Under a powerful microscope the virus looks very much like a tiny bead or cluster of beads.

If ingested, the viruses take over cells in the small intestine turning them into virus production factories. This disrupts the normal ability of the small intestine to absorb fat, sugar, and protein from the diet. This malabsorption in turn leads to a severe watery diarrhea.

Whenever an infected person vomits or has severe diarrhea, sometimes described as explosive, billions of the virons are spewed into the surrounding environment. It only takes 10 of these virons to make another person sick.

The virus moves rapidly through families, schools, prisons, restaurants, and hospitals causing an epidemic gastroenteritis, sometimes called the “stomach flu” because it spreads like the flu. In reality it only affects the gastrointestinal system and is not related to influenza.

In most people, the illness lasts for one to three days. Even after feeling better, however, an infected person may shed remnant viruses for up to three weeks after an infection.

The Norovirus, and similar causes of gastroenteritis, can be beat by following these simple principles:

First, wash your hands. According to the CDC, handwashing is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of infectious disease.

Interesting, if not disturbing, is the fact that the Norovirus is not killed by typical disinfectants, many antiseptic hand solutions, rubbing alcohol, or vinegar. Physically scrubbing the hands with soap and rinsing under running water is the

best way to get the virus off the hands.

Second, scrubbing potentially contaminated surfaces like the toilet, sink, faucets, cups, and utensils is the primary way to reduce the number of potentially infectious viruses that can be transferred to another person.

Third, relative isolation of an in-

fectected person is important. Infected individuals should stay at home and avoid sharing dishes or utensils with others in the home.

Fourth, if prevention fails, rehydration is the most important part of treatment for acute gastroenteritis. Serious illness, and even death, is usually related to losing too much fluid due to vomiting and diarrhea.

Homelvig to be honored at State Wrestling Tourney

By Rena Booshu

Do you know who Mr. Homelvig is, as his wrestlers call him? He is a gentle giant who has coached for the Nome Nanook Wrestling team, while teaching at the Nome Beltz High School. He is retired today from teaching. He has been inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame along with other coaches from Alaska. Mr. Homelvig was hired by Superintendent Larry LaBolle, who e was aware Dickinson State made good coaches when Homelvig was looking for jobs in Alaska. In addition to coaching wrestling since 1984, he has coached football and track in North Dakota. He also

coached Kenai High from 1996-1999. Mr. Homelvig wrestled in high school at Bowman, a Junior College at Wahpeton, and Dickinson State University, all North Dakota. It's the kids that keep him motivated to continue coaching, along with some other wrestling coaches in Alaska, such as Pat Costello from Kodiak, Steve Gillespie of Barrow, and Darren Lieb from Bethel to name a few. He has many great memories, which are as follows:

- 1992 Coach of the Year Award for Small Schools: team 4th which had 12 out of 13 qualified in the region finals. State Placers: Troy Walker 1- 103, Scott Walker 2-

There is no antibiotic or vaccine known to shorten the course of illness. But replacing fluids can be life saving.

When oral rehydration is needed a clear low-fat broth, a dilute non-caf-feinated sports drink, or an over-the-counter electrolyte solution like Pedialyte may be given in small sips. Even if everything “seems to be coming back up” or “squirting out

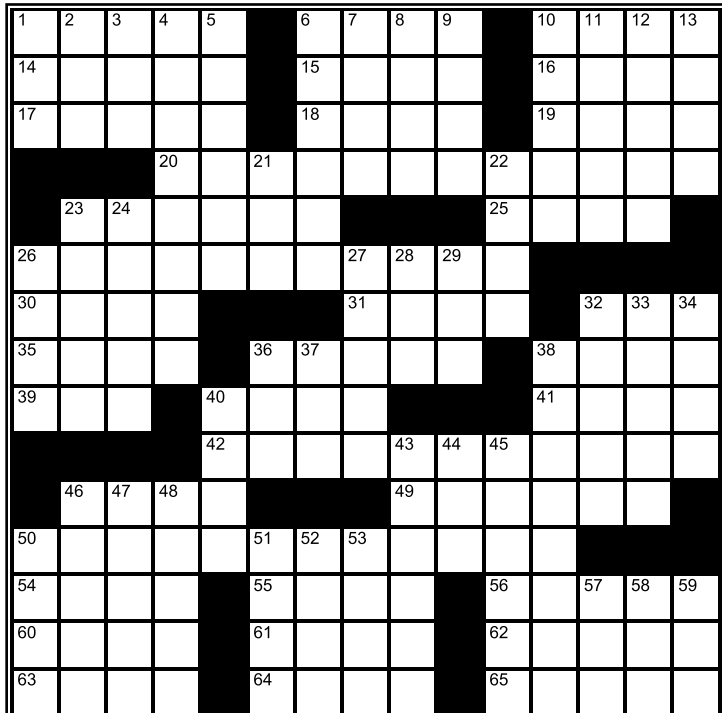
the other end,” some of the fluid will be absorbed and can help prevent serious complications.

Finally, seek medical help if vomiting and diarrhea are associated with signs of severe dehydration like lightheadedness or mental status changes. In rare cases, fluids must be given intravenously in a hospital setting until the illness passes.

112, Eli Mendenhall 3-138, and Shawn Hartsock 3-171.
• 2006 All five seniors placed 4th

or higher at State: Clinton West 3-

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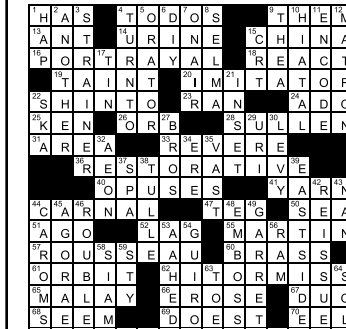
- 1. Beg
- 6. Wallop
- 10. Lowlife
- 14. Cliffside dwelling
- 15. Corn ____
- 16. Decline
- 17. Long
- 18. Beef buy
- 19. Final notice
- 20. Break into fragments
- 23. Filter
- 25. One way to stand by
- 26. Speculative
- 30. Enlarge, as a hole
- 31. Corrode
- 32. Big ____ Conference
- 35. "____ on Down the Road"
- 36. Lawn mower's path
- 38. "Buona ____" (Italian greeting)
- 39. "... ____ he drove out of sight"
- 40. Water-filled ditch surrounding a castle
- 41. Shed tears of grief
- 42. Committed to live and work in a specific place (2 wds)
- 46. Strong woody fiber
- 49. Druid, e.g.
- 50. Clergyman who also has a secular job (hyphenated)
- 54. "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
- 55. Long, long time
- 56. In pieces
- 60. At sea

- 61. "Cast Away" setting
- 62. Come again
- 63. "Trick" joint
- 64. Airhead
- 65. Pirate's pal

Down

- 1. Be worthwhile
- 2. "Malcolm X" director
- 3. Victorian, for one
- 4. Military air base
- 5. Unit of fineness of silk fibers
- 6. Rigid support for a broken bone
- 7. "Crazy" bird
- 8. Condo, e.g.
- 9. Characteristic carrier
- 10. Weapon with a long, pointed blade
- 11. Conspiratorial group of plotters
- 12. Accord
- 13. Allocate, with "out"
- 21. "Comprende?"
- 22. Covered with gold
- 23. Clip sheep's fleece
- 24. "Cut it out!"
- 26. Diagram showing family lineage
- 27. About to explode
- 28. Director's cry
- 29. ____ Wednesday
- 32. Parenting challenges
- 33. At attention
- 34. Back of the neck
- 36. "My boy"
- 37. "This means ____!"
- 38. Flowering vine
- 40. Bit
- 43. Small harpsichord
- 44. Anger
- 45. Render harmless
- 46. Element B
- 47. Come to mind
- 48. Glide along on ice
- 50. Move by taking steps
- 51. Bust, so to speak
- 52. 100 centavos
- 53. "Let's ____"
- 57. Appear
- 58. Morgue, for one
- 59. "Don't give up!"

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Rats, Aries. A completion date moves further away, and you must rally the troops with a fun activity. An indoor adventure may be in order.




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Pay naysayers no heed, Libra. Your idea is solid. You just need to fine-tune it before the presentation. A meeting of the minds sets things straight.




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Settle down, Aquarius. You're chomping at the bit to help out an acquaintance, but this is one battle you're not prepared to fight. Back off.




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Promises, promises, Leo. You've made many, and now it's time to act on them. Start with one you made to an old friend. They could use your support.




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A financial endeavor begins to pay off for a friend. A celebratory dinner is in order, and you're just the one to host it, Scorpio. An email brings home a point.




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Don't underestimate a competitor, Gemini. They have more up their sleeve than you realize. A game of wits finally ends at home, and you come out the winner.



VIRGO
August 23–September 22

Priorities, Virgo. There is much to be done, but you won't get far if you don't sit down and determine the tasks requiring attention first. An offer is extended.



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NSEDC Notes

State review shows NSEDC is performing strongly
By Tyler Rhodes, NSEDC Communications Director

The State of Alaska has found that Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC) is performing strongly when it comes to meeting the goals and objectives of the Community Development Quota (CDQ) program and serving the residents of the Norton Sound region.

The state's findings came after conducting a federally mandated review of NSEDC's performance over a five-year period between 2006 and 2010. This review was the first of the CDQ program evaluation process that will now take place every 10 years and is appropriately called the Decennial Review.

The Decennial Review process is dictated by federal law through the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and individually evaluates the six CDQ groups over four broad criteria: socioeconomic conditions; financial performance; employment, training and scholarships; and achieving the goals of the Community Development Plans.

State regulations require that the CDQ groups evaluate their performance in regard to the four main criteria sets, backing up their findings with observable data. The State of Alaska was charged with reviewing the groups' evaluations and determining whether or not they had maintained or improved their performance over the review period. "NSEDC's improved performance, across all four criteria, is well documented, discussed, and supported by specific and observable data," the state summarized in its final determination.

"We at NSEDC welcomed the opportunity to highlight the results of our programs and hard work over the review period of 2006-2010," said NSEDC Board Chairman Dan Harrelson of White Mountain. "The Decennial Review has shown that NSEDC has been successful in developing more jobs and opportunity for our member communities while also building a stronger, more stable organization."

NSEDC put significant effort into examining its programs and records over the review period, assembling a wealth of data that supported its findings of improved performance across the board. The State of Alaska's review team, in particular, recognized the abundance and quality of NSEDC's supporting data, stating:

"NSEDC's 2006 - 2010 Decennial Review Report included comprehensive data, articulated performance standards, and provided relevant analysis and discussion regarding performance standards. Most important, the report effectively summarized and supported NSEDC's performance findings across all required criteria. Due to the high-quality and comprehensive nature of the report, the State of Alaska's evaluation team was able to assess overall performance for the 2006 to 2010 review period and reach a final determination. Furthermore, the evaluation team has no further recommendations regarding data, methods, or presentation of analysis for the next review period, 2010 to 2020."

The following are a few performance highlights noted in NSEDC's report:

- Between 2006-2010, NSEDC nearly doubled the number of individuals it directly employs and increased wages by more than 81 percent.

- Between 2006-2010, more than \$33.5 million in wages were earned by those working in jobs either directly supported by or related to NSEDC.

- Payments made to fishermen delivering to NSEDC's subsidiary Norton Sound Seafood Products climbed by 98 percent over the review period, growing from \$1.67 million in 2006 to \$3.3 million in 2010. Total payments to fishermen over the review period were \$12.6 million.

- NSEDC doubled its investment in scholarships for regional residents during the review period, expanding its contributions from \$341,000 in 2006 to \$681,000 in 2010. In total, NSEDC invested more than \$2.55 million in scholarships over the five-year period.

- Over the review period NSEDC grew its net assets by 34 percent, climbing from nearly \$108 million in 2006 to more than \$144 million in 2010.

NSEDC's full report to the state, as well as the state's evaluation, can be found online through NSEDC's website. Click on the publications link at www.nsedc.com <<http://www.nsedc.com>>.

• Homelvig

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103, Ramon Ponce 4-125, Sean Octuck 4-215, Jeremy Luce 1-135, who also received Outstanding Wrestler, and Kohren Green 1-285.

- 1986 team placed 3rd at State with Shannon Thrun 3-98, Paul Hukill 3-112, Mike Alexander 3-138, Clinton Johnson 4-155 and Steve Scott 2-177.

- 2011 Three wrestlers in finals, two at same weight class Gabe Cabrera 2 and Emery Booshu 1st at 120, and Dion Williams 2 -125, which brought both joy and sadness.

- 2009 Three in finals who all placed 2nd at State: Gabe Cabrera 103, Lonny Booshu 125, and Alberto Cabrera 152. Coach Lieudell Goldsberry and Assistant Coach Duke McGuffey received Coaches of the Year, while he was the Junior High Coach.

- Chris Rice and Evan Perkins from Kenai, 1996-1999

- Dave Garcia Nome/West Valley never lost Overtime. 9th Region finals for Nome; 10th State Semifinals for West valley, 11th & 12th State Finals for West Valley

- The Palmer/Hawkeye Wrestling Camps. The basketball games verses the Hawkeyes.

- Coaching Team Alaska and seeing Alaska kids do well at the national tournament.

- All the firsts: first finalists, first champ, first for Nome in 1987 Clinton Johnson at 155, first for two/three finalists, first 4 time placer, first Nanook female to qualify for State twice, Kaly Booshu at 103, who also became All Girls' State Champion in 2011.

Mr Homelvig has also produced two State Champions, Troy Walker and Emery Booshu; another State Champion not mentioned above was Michael Olson. For 2nd were 18 placers, 3rd-12, 4th-15, 5th-5, 6th-7.

He is also particularly proud of three State Sportsmanship Awards he's received while coaching wrestling, between Nome (2x) and Kenai (1x) and three Academic Awards. He has also received other awards: Region Coach 3x, 1992 Coach of the Year and 2003 Alaska Wrestling Hall of Fame.

If you haven't seen him coach, he

is patient, humble and happy for his kids, whether they win or lose. Nome is proud to have a fine individual like Mr. Homelvig coaching their children. Folks can watch him next wrestling season when Nome has their only meet in early October. If asked what record any wrestler had in any year, he will answer with great detail as if it was just yesterday. JHe knows the history of Alaska wrestling like the back of his hand.

His advice to kids: keep their priorities straight: 1. Family 2. School 3. Sports 4. Social life Practice and wrestle hard and have fun. Mr.

Homelvig says he sees himself coaching as long as he thinks he's useful.

He will be honored along with other wrestling coaches from Alaska during the 4A State Wrestling Tournament, February 2, 2013, at the Bartlett High School. Donations can be made to the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in his honor made payable to: National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Alaska Chapter. This helps to support Alaska's Chapter. Rena Booshu will be accepting donations and can be reached at 304-5038. Mr. Homelvig is married to Karla. They have two grown children.

Saying it Sincerely

By Lucas M. Keppel, M.Div.
Nome Ministerial Society

Last week was the week of prayer for Christian Unity, a time for different denominations to worship together and invest in rebuilding their strained relationships. And, though I love ecumenical services, the concept of "unity" gives me chills. Too often, people use the idea of unity as code for establishing dominance of one particular view or practice. In this model, those who have different ideas should submit to their version of things to preserve "unity."

If unity isn't meant to be used this way, what does true unity look like? One way of expressing it came from the apostle Paul, who described the church as "the Body of Christ." Here, we have a functional metaphor — that some people function as hands, some as eyes, some as hearts and so on — and that their roles are not meant to cross over:

"The eye can never say to the hand, 'I don't need you.' The head can't say to the feet, 'I don't need you'. In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with greatest care... This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other" (1 Cor 12: 21 - 25).

The idea of unity of purpose through differing roles is beautiful. Unity becomes not just what the hands want, but what the body does together. Might it be that we are to create harmony of purpose by working together wherever we can?

Our differences are more than our faith, of course — we differ in experiences, and in our relationships, and in our paths through life. But those differences allow us to harmonize — to riff on the same theme in different ways. Our paths may differ, but for the most part, our goals are the same. To that end, when we speak up from our perspective, we help the whole body understand itself.

When the body takes a step forwards, one foot goes forward, but one foot stays still. One hand might go forward, while the other goes backwards. From any one perspective, things might seem to be dangerously out of whack — but one who watches can see the interconnectedness and harmony of the system. Let us create a picture of the whole body by speaking our perspectives! Let us strive then for a unity of harmony, and not conformity!

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recruiter@nshcorp.org.**

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



Nome Eskimo Community
P.O. Box 1090
Nome, Alaska 99762
Phone: 907.443.2246
Fax: 907.443.3539
www.necalaska.org



RECRUITMENT NOTICE

Nome Eskimo Community is recruiting for four (4) positions located in **Nome, AK:**

- Juvenile Justice Coordinator** position which is **non-exempt, regular, full-time**, the work schedule is Monday through Friday with 1 hour lunch, the pay range of **\$21.48/hour - \$25.63/hour (DOE)**. The recruitment period is **"Open Until Filled."**
- Youth Education Coordinator** position which is **non-exempt, regular, full-time**, the work schedule is Monday through Friday with 1 hour lunch, the pay range of **\$21.48/hour - \$25.63/hour (DOE)**. The recruitment period is **"Open Until Filled."**
- Tutor** position which is **non-exempt, seasonal from August – May**, the work schedule is **part-time** Monday through Thursday 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm for Elementary students. The pay rate is **\$21.48/hour**. The position is **open until filled**.
- Tutor** position which is **non-exempt, seasonal from August-May**, the work schedule is **part-time** Monday through Thursday 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm for Jr. High students. The pay rate is **\$21.48/hour**. The position is **open until filled**.

To ensure the safety of children who receive services, Nome Eskimo Community will complete a Criminal History Background Check on all applicants considered for the positions listed.

To be considered for employment, the report must be free of crimes involving sexual assault or sexual abuse of a minor, unlawful exploitation of a minor indecent exposure, crimes of violence against persons, and must show that the applicant has not been convicted of a felony within the past ten years.

Native preference per Public Law 93-638

A full copy of the job descriptions and an employment application can be obtained from the Nome Eskimo Community Website www.necalaska.org or from the Nome Eskimo Community Office at 200 West 5th Avenue.

For any questions, please contact the Human Resources Manager, Emma Pate, at 907-443-9125 or by email to emmapate@gci.net

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Seawall

On 01-21 at 7:22 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a call on Front Street on the report a male was passed out. Investigation led to a male being held on Title 47 Hold and treated for exposure at the Norton Sound Regional Hospital.

On 01-21 at 7:41 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to the report of a fight on Front Street in Nome. Investigation revealed two males engaged in mutual combat. Both males were warned for Disorderly Conduct.

On 01-21 at approximately 7:53 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to the report of a possible gun shot on the west side of Nome, Alaska. Investigation revealed it was a possible back fire of exhaust and no verification of any shot being fired was obtained.

On 01-21 at 11:11 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on East Kings Place on the report of a disturbance. Investigation led to the arrest of Miranda Kakaruk ,20, of Nome for Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol, Violation of Probation and Violation of Conditions of Release. Kakaruk was held at the Anvil Mountain

Correctional Center with no bail.

On 01-22 at approximately 12:29 a.m., Nome Police Officers were dispatched to a Front Street location on the report of a stabbing. A 34-year-old male was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital with a stab wound to his left shoulder. There are no suspects at this time. The Nome Police Department is requesting the assistance from the citizens of Nome. If you have any information or witnessed this assault please call the Nome Police Department at 443-5262.

On 01-22 Nome Police Officers made contact with Kristine Carlisle, 27, who was intoxicated. K. Carlisle was found to be violating conditions of her probation by consuming alcohol. K. Carlisle was remanded to AMCC without bail.

On 01-23 at approximately 2 a.m. the Nome Police Department was dispatched to 1st Ave for the report of a male passed out on the ground. Further investigation revealed the male, John Saclamana, 31, was highly intoxicated and in violation of current Order and Conditions of Release.

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Trooper Beat

Trooper Beat
C Detachment...No news reported.

Legals

THE CITY OF NOME

CITY OF NOME

PUBLIC NOTICE

O-13-01-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Property (Lot 1A, Block 3, Record of Survey 2007-14, Plus an Approximately 3.36 Acre Portion of USMS 1339 and Adjacent Property and Adjacent Rights-of-Way) by Sale to Bonanza Fuel, Inc.

This ordinance is scheduled for first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on **January 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.** and is scheduled for second reading, public hearing and final passage at the regular meeting of the Council on **February 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.** in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinance are available in the office of the City Clerk. The interest being disposed of is a fee simple interest. The current assessed value of the property is \$1.75 per square foot for the USMS 1339 portion and \$2.50 per square foot for Lot 1A, Block 3. The disposal will occur by deed at the offices of Yukon Title Company in Fairbanks, Alaska within 30 days of the ordinance's adoption.

1/10-17-24-31-2/7

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

**In the Matter of
EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED and
SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$8,975.00) in
UNITED STATES CURRENCY.**

Case No. 2NO-12-325 CI.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE ACTION

Notice is hereby given that the State of Alaska seeks forfeiture pursuant to AS 17.30.110 of the sum of \$8,975 seized by the Nome Police Department from Roger C. Stalker: \$475 from his person on August 15, 2009, and \$8,500 from his residence on August 18, 2009. Grounds for the forfeiture are that the money was used in financial transactions derived from activity prohibited by the drug laws of the State of Alaska. Any person claiming an interest in said funds shall file a notice of the claim with the Superior Court in Nome, Alaska, stating the nature of the claim and an answer to the State's allegations. Any such claim must be made within 30 days of the last date of the publication of this notice.

Dated December 26, 2012, at Nome, Alaska.

MICHAEL C. GERAGHTY

ATTORNEY GENERAL

John A. Earthman

District Attorney

9911061

1/17-24-31-2/7

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

**In the Matter of
ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED and
NINETY DOLLARS (\$1,390.00) in
UNITED STATES CURRENCY.**

Case No. 2NO-12-326 CI.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE ACTION

Notice is hereby given that the State of Alaska seeks forfeiture pursuant to AS 17.30.110 of the sum of \$1,390 seized by the Alaska State Troopers on August 24, 2003, from a package shipped from Shishmaref by Frances Okpowruk. Grounds for the forfeiture are that the money was used in financial transactions derived from activity prohibited by the drug laws of the State of Alaska. Any person claiming an interest in said funds shall file a notice of the claim with the Superior Court in Nome, Alaska, stating the nature of the claim and an answer to the State's allegations. Any such claim must be made within 30 days of the last date of the publication of this notice.

Dated December 28, 2012, at Nome, Alaska.

MICHAEL C. GERAGHTY

ATTORNEY GENERAL

John A. Earthman

District Attorney

9911061

1/17-24-31-2/7

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

**In the Matter of
THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED and
FORTY SIX DOLLARS (\$3,246.00) in
UNITED STATES CURRENCY.**

Case No. 2NO-12-328 CI.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE ACTION

Notice is hereby given that the State of Alaska seeks forfeiture pursuant to AS 17.30.110 of the sum of \$3,246 seized by the Alaska State Troopers on June 14, 2002, from Agustin Vraggs Mora at the Nome Airport. Grounds for the forfeiture are that the money was used in financial transactions derived from activity prohibited by the drug laws of the State of Alaska. Any person claiming an interest in said funds shall file a notice of the claim with the Superior Court in Nome, Alaska, stating the nature of the claim and an answer to the State's allegations. Any such claim must be made within 30 days of the last date of the publication of this notice.

Dated December 28, 2012, at Nome, Alaska.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION**

The public is invited to participate in the development of State of Alaska's SFY2014 Consolidated Housing and Community

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Real Estate

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**Nome Representative: Nils Hahn
443-6500 • nilsh@arctic.net
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1-800-478-9355

**Arctic ICANS —
A nonprofit cancer
survivor support group.**

Arctic ICANS next meeting

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

Thursday, Feb. 8 • 7:30 p.m.

Presentation:

"What Can We Do for You?"

For more information call 443-5726.

Looking for a new buddy?

Your new best friend may be waiting for you at the Nome Animal Shelter!

Shelter Dogs & Cats January 2013



**mild mannered, house broken,
very social, used to dogs.**



**well trained, active,
house broken, very social.**

Dog food, cat food, cat litter and other donations are always welcome at the Nome Animal Shelter!

Adoptions are free if you live 20 miles outside of Nome. 50% off on "bath & brush" at the Animal House.

Nome Animal Control • 443.5262 or 443.5212

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going to go away. Some of our staff might choose to go away, to work in a less hostile environment, but this issue, these allegations, will not just go away.

I ask the school board to take immediate action to remove the accused employee from campus immediately.

To all Nome Public Schools faculty, I would like to let you know that you are cherished by our community and very much appreciated. We may have elected our school board, but we elected them to look out for the best interests' of our students, NPS staff and community as a whole. They have let everyone down

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Development Annual Action Plan.

The Annual Action Plan is part of the five-year strategy (SFY2011-2015) that was adopted in 2010 and is a prerequisite to receive federal funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). The geographic areas covered by Alaska's Annual Action Plan are all areas of the State outside of Anchorage. The SFY2014 Annual Action Plan is the fourth annual implementation plan of the five-year strategy. This public hearing will be held:

Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

• More Seawall

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lease and current Probation, which both prohibit alcohol. John was remanded at AMCC where he was held without bail.

On 01-23 the Nome Police Department responded to a residence in "Martinsonville" for the report of someone entering a residence illegally and then fleeing on a black, white and yellow Ski-Doo Snowmachine. Further investigation revealed that Chad Jacobson, 27, had been driving a snowmachine matching the description given while under the influence of alcohol and subsequently refused to submit to a chemical test. Chad was arrested and remanded at Anvil Mountain Correctional Center for DUI and Refusal and was held on \$2,000 bail. Investigation is still ongoing regarding the unlawful entry into the residence.

On 01-24 the Nome Police Department responded to the Old A/C Apartments for a reported domestic disturbance in progress. Investigation revealed that Rhonda Weyiouanna, 42, assaulted her significant other causing injury. Rhonda was highly intoxicated at the time she was contacted by police. Rhonda was transported to AMCC where she was served a DV Protective Order and remanded for DV Assault IV. She was held without bail as this was a domestic violence offense.

On 01-24 the Nome Police Department responded to a reported domestic disturbance in

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC)
4300 Boniface Parkway, Anchorage, Alaska
Persons unable to attend may teleconference by calling 1-877-873-8018 and using the access code for the hearing **#5288816**. AHFC complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids or special modifications to participate in the public hearing should call Oscar Cedano at 907-330-8417 no later than January 30, 2013. 1/31

progress on E 5th Ave. Investigation led to arrest of a 14 year old male for assaulting his father and causing injury. The 14-year-old was remanded to the Nome Juvenile Detention Facility and held without bail as this was a domestic violence offense.

On 01-25 12:06 a.m. NPD responded to E 5th Avenue for a report of a disturbance. Investigation revealed Gloria Wilson was found intoxicated and arguing with a relative. Gloria was found to be on conditions of release and ordered not to consume alcohol. Gloria took a PBT test and had a BrAC of .420. Gloria Wilson was arrested and is being charged with violating her conditions of release. There was no bail set.

On 01-26 at approximately 4 p.m., NPD was dispatched to a residence on W 3rd AVE, for an assault. Investigation revealed that Raymond Larsen Sr., 49, had assaulted a female that resides in the same residence. Larsen was arrested and booked into AMCC for Assault IV- Domestic Violence. No bail was set.

Further investigation lead to the arrest of Anita Soolook, 42, who was intoxicated at the residence and was in violation of her Protective Order. Soolook submitted to a PBT, which results revealed a .253 BrAC. Soolook was transported to AMCC and remanded, No bail was set.

On 01-26 a juvenile was contacted on Division Street and investigation revealed that the juvenile

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on this one. Big time. Their lack of action is clearly not in anyone's best interest, save for maybe one person. Please do not think that they are acting on our behalf. You are so much more important to the community and deserve to be given much more respect than the school board has shown you. Moriah Sallaffie Nome, AK 99762

was intoxicated. The juvenile was cited for MCA. On 01-26 at approximately 2 a.m. NPD was dispatched to a residence on 3rd Ave for the report of an underage female had returned home intoxicated. Upon contact, Autumn Elianna, 19, was found intoxicated and on current probation that prohibited the consumption of alcohol. Autumn was remanded to AMCC for Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol and held on \$250 bail.

On 01-26 at 10:42 p.m. NPD received a report of an assault behind the Board of Trade. Lane Okpealuk reported that he was assaulted by another male. After Lane was assaulted the male took money from Lane and left. This incident is still being investigated.

On 01-26 at 11:51 p.m., NPD received a report of a trespass call at a residence on West 4th Ave. Officers arrived and made contact with Meranda Okomealingok, 21, who was intoxicated and unwanted in the home. The home owner did not wish to press charges. Okomealingok was transported to her residence.

On 01-27 at approximately 3:02 a.m., NPD was notified of a male passed out in a Bering Street business. Officers arrived and made contact with an intoxicated Casey Tingook, 23. Tingook was transported to his residence without incident.

Commercial Crab Permit for Sale

Crab LLP for 50' vessel for the Norton Sound red and blue king crab fisheries. Asking \$14,000. Contact Virginia Nashalook at Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation* at (907) 274-2248 if interested.

**NSEDG is not the owner/seller of the permit, but offers assistance in the sale and purchase of Norton Sound commercial fisheries permits.*

Chairman Dan Harrelson has set the dates for NSEDG's 4th Quarter meetings.

Please see the schedule below for locations and times.



Meeting	Location	Time
February 6, 2013		
Executive Committee Meeting	BSNC Boardroom	9:00 a.m.
Rules & Bylaws Committee Mtg.	BSNC Boardroom	9:45 a.m.
Fisheries Development Comm. Mtg.	BSNC Boardroom	10:15 a.m.
Scholarship Committee Meeting	BSNC Boardroom	12:30 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting	BSNC Boardroom	1:00 p.m.
Compensation Committee Mtg.	BSNC Boardroom	3:30 p.m.

February 7, 2013		
Board of Directors Meeting	BSNC Boardroom	9:00 a.m.

February 8, 2013		
Board of Directors Meeting	BSNC Boardroom	9:00 a.m.

Portions of these meetings may be held in Executive session to conduct confidential business of the organization.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE

SENIOR CITIZEN/DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION

2013 Senior Citizen and Disabled Veteran Applications for property tax exemption **MUST** be filed annually with the City Clerk and are due by February 1, 2013. All homeowners 65 or older by 12/31/12 and widows or widowers over 60 of previously qualified applicants are eligible to apply.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.nomealaska.org OR BY REQUEST FROM THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE AND MUST BE RETURNED BY FEBRUARY 1, 2013

12/13-20, 1/10-24-31

Notice of

Declaration of Candidacy

Shishmaref Native Corporation

PO Box 72151
Shishmaref, AK 99772
Telephone 907/649-3751
Fax 907/649-3731

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

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

Letter of Declaration of Candidacy must be sent or hand delivered to the General Manager at the above mailing address and must be post marked or hand delivered by **5:00 p.m. February 8, 2013**. Annual Meeting date is tentatively set for March 30, 2013. If you have any questions, please call the office at 907-649-3751 or 2030.

1/17-24-31

PUBLIC NOTICE

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District invites you to attend a public meeting for Davidson's Landing Proposed Cleanup Plan



PUBLIC MEETING
Teller Community Hall
Wednesday
February 13, 2013
7 - 8 pm

CONTACT INFORMATION
Mr. Richard Jackson, Project Manager
PO Box 6898 (CEPOA-PM-ESP)
JBER, Alaska 99506-0898
(907) 753-5646
POA-FUDS@usace.army.mil

PROPOSED CLEANUP PLAN

The proposed plan for Davidson's Landing describes the environmental conditions and the proposed cleanup action for the site. The removal, transport, and disposal of remaining drums and drum carcasses are recommended as the preferred alternative. The plan is available at the City of Teller or upon request.

COMMENT DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 28, 2013
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invites your participation and encourages you to provide comments at the public meeting. A comment form is included in the plan and may be submitted to the project manager.

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Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

MEMBERS WANTED!

Help advise the Federal Subsistence Board on the management of subsistence fish and wildlife resources on Federal public lands in your region.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
February 18, 2013

FOR AN APPLICATION, CALL
(800) 478-1456 OR (907) 786-3676

OR VISIT:
<http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/rac.cfml>

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PUBLIC NOTICE
BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting

The Bering Strait School District Board of Education is scheduled to meet on **Tuesday, February 5, 2013 for the 195th Regular Session**. The 195th Regular Session will be held in Unalakleet, Alaska at the Frank A. Degnan Gymnasium at 2:00 p.m. And in Koyuk, Alaska at the Malimit Gymnasium at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Tentative agenda items include, but are not limited to:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

ACTION ITEMS:

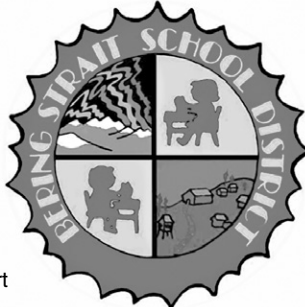
Shishmaref A&E Design-6-Year CIP
Next Phase of VocEd Classroom Construction
Stebbins Tank Farm Resolution
Approve Duplex Contractor
Personnel
FY'14 School Calendar
Resolution 02-05-2013

REPORTS ITEMS:

Fall 2012 HSGQE Results
Testing Calendar
Curriculum Management Guide
Student Activity Report
Early Childhood Education Report
Board Policy Update
Rtl/ Core Replacement
Teacher Evaluation
Second Quarter Financial Report
Superintendent's Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rob Picou
Superintendent



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LONE TRAVELER— Snowmachiner navigates the ridges of the icy roadstead on the Bering Sea in front of Nome this week. Photo by Nils Hahn

Court

Prior to 1/25 Civil

Seetot, III , Elmer K. v. Jones, Rebecca C.; Petition for Disestablishment of Paternity Bernhardt, Jerry D. v. West, Evie R.; Div or Cust w/Children Ford, Melissa K. v. Erickson, James W.; Div or Cust w/Children Takak, Patrick v. State of Alaska; Post-Conviction Relief-Sup Ct (2NO) O'Connor, Connie v. Latham, Jack; Petition for Protective Order: Ex Parte

Small Claims

Rural Credit Services v. Brown, Harvey, Brown, Catherine; Small Claims Less Than \$2500 Savoonga Native Store v. Miklahook, Wilfred; Small Claims Less Than \$2500 Savoonga Native Store v. Pungowiyi, Martha; Small Claims Greater Than \$2500

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Perry Steven Burress (3/24/67); Amended Judgment; False, Permit Information On application For Tier II permit; Violation; Date of Offense: 5/7/12; Plea: Guilty; Rule 11 Plea*; Police Training Surcharge due in 10 days: \$10 (violation); Fined \$500 with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$500 is to be paid 3/1/13; *Amended to reflect Rule 11 Agreement per record; Redistributed 1/24/13. State of Alaska v. Paul DeSantis (10/13/62); 2NO-11-00626CR Request and Order For Credit Ignition Interlock Costs; Request granted; Fine reduced by \$2723.45, Total due now \$276.55; amended judgment will be distributed (attached). State of Alaska v. Paul DeSantis (10/13/62); 2NO-11-00626CR Judgment Amended 1/23/13*; DUI; Date of offense: 9/29/11; 100 days, 80 days suspended; Report to Cordova Center 7:45 a.m., 2/24/12; Pay to Clerk of Court: *Fine reduced to \$276.55 with \$0 suspended; \$1500 due 2/1/13; 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, \$0 suspended; \$50 due; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$1467 (2nd off.) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Contact other: Matsu ASAP within 60 days; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; You are responsible for costs; File proof within 90 days that you received an assessment, and file proof by 7/1 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Driver's license revoked for 1 year; Concurrent with DMV action; Defendant provided proof of payments made for IID (amount of \$2723.45; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain 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 12 months; Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; Probation for 2 years, until 1/18/14; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 2 years from date of this judgment; Amended 1/23/13 (as, to amount of fine due); 1/24/13 Redistributed as amended per order dated 1/23/13. State of Alaska v. Jocelyn Walker; Dismissal; Assault 4; Filed by the DAs Office 1/17/13. State of Alaska v. Jeffery Ellanna (9/30/93); Count 001: Harassment 2*; Date of Violation: 12/23/12; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 2, 3, 4; 90 days, 55 days suspended; Unsuspended 35 days shall be served; Time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 1/18/13); Shall commit no jailable offenses. State of Alaska v. Aggie Attungana (3/16/89); Disorderly Conduct; Date of Violation: 1/18/13; 1 day, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 day shall be served, not to exceed time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. John Saclamana (12/19/81); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110129499; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 150 days; Defendant is ordered to enter and participate in residential treatment for up 150 days if it is recommended, and Defendant is eligible for Nygren credit if Defendant completes residential treatment; Report to the Nome Court on 3/1/13 at 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect. State of Alaska v. Darin Slwooko (8/15/79); Order of Dismissal; CTN 001: Burglary 2; CTN 002: Criminal Mischief 3 – Damage \$500+; CTN 003: Cntrid Subs 4-poss 25+ Tablets IIIA, IVA; Rule 43(b) – Dismissal by Court for the following reasons: No evidence presented at preliminary hearing date; CT 4, Theft 3, remains; March 6 at 9am pretrial conference. State of Alaska v. Benjamin Booshu (12/16/78); Electronic Judgment Record; When Attendance Compulsory; Date of offense: 11/11/11; Plea: No Contest; Plea Date: 1/22/13; Charge Disposition: Conviction After No Contest Plea; Charge Disposition Date: 1/22/13; Fine Amount: \$1,600.00; \$400.00 Suspended Fine; \$400.00 Suspended Fine; Fine Amt Adjusted: \$400.00 Suspended Fine; \$400.00 Suspended Fine; Surcharge Amount: \$40.00 Due 2/1/13. State of Alaska v. Jill B. Booshu (1/3/83); Electronic Judgment Record; When Attendance Compulsory; Date of offense: 11/11/11; Plea: No Contest; Plea Date: 1/22/13; Charge Disposition: Conviction After No Contest Plea; Charge Disposition Date: 1/22/13; Fine Amount: \$1,600.00; \$400.00 Suspended Fine; \$400.00 Suspended Fine; Fine Amt Adjusted: \$400.00 Suspended Fine; \$400.00 Suspended Fine; Surcharge Amount: \$40.00 Due 2/1/13. State of Alaska v. Brenda C. Slwooko (5/4/75); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001 – 003: School Attendance; Filed by the DAs Office 1/22/13. State of Alaska v. Edwin Campbell (10/23/74); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001 – 003: Failure Comply Compulsory School Attendance; Filed by the DAs Office 1/22/13. State of Alaska v. Brian A. Aningayou (6/7/75); Electronic Judgment Record; When Attendance Compulsory; Date of offense: 9/3/11; Plea: Guilty; Plea Date: 1/22/13; Charge Disposition: Conviction After Guilty Plea; Charge Disposition Date: 1/22/13; Fine Amount: \$900.00 with \$600.00 total suspended; \$200.00 Suspended Fine; Fine Amt Adjusted: \$200.00 Suspended Fine; \$200.00 Suspended Fine; Surcharge Amount: \$30.00; Total Due \$330.00. State of Alaska v. Shena Aningayou (1/22/76); Electronic Judgment Record; When Attendance Compulsory; Date of offense: 9/3/11; Plea: Guilty; Plea Date: 1/22/13; Charge Disposition: Conviction After Guilty Plea; Charge Disposition Date: 1/22/13; Fine Amount: \$900.00 with \$600.00 total suspended; \$200.00 Suspended Fine; Fine Amt Adjusted: \$200.00 Suspended Fine; \$200.00 Suspended Fine; Surcharge Amount: \$30.00; Total Due \$330.00. State of Alaska; Nome Police Department Citation; Minor Offense; Foster Olanna (10/1/65); Open Container; Date: 12/22/12; Mandatory Court Appearance 1/22/13 at 3:00 p.m., Nome Court; Sentence: Date of Judgment: 1/22/13; Fine: \$50, Due Date: 5/1/13; Statutory Surcharge: \$10; Due: 10 days after judgment date. State of Alaska v. Thomas Koyuk (9/6/52); 2NO-12-845CR Furnishing Alcohol to Person Under 21 Years of Age; Date of violation: 11/10/12; 35 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 35 days shall be served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days. State of Alaska v. Thomas Koyuk (9/6/52); 2NO-13-13CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Drunk on Licensed Premise; Charge 002: Introduce Alcoholic Beverage; Filed by the DAs Office 1/25/13. State of Alaska v. Timothy Lockwood (3/21/80); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113290029; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect. State of Alaska v. LeRoy Martin (8/19/90); 2NO-12-419CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113288796; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, consecutive to the term in

Case No. 2NO-12-481CR. State of Alaska v. LeRoy Martin (8/19/90); 2NO-12-481CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113289336; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 7 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-12-419CR; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect. State of Alaska v. Leroy Martin (8/19/90); 2NO-12-959CR Harassment 2*; Date of Violation: 12/31/12; 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 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: 1/24/13); Shall commit no jailable offenses. State of Alaska v. Marcia Soolook (10/3/95); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; Date of Offense: 10/15/12; Fine: \$1000 with \$500 suspended; Unsuspended \$500 is to be paid to the court 6/30/13; License: Driver's license or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 9 months with 6 months suspended; Community Work Service: Within 120 days, complete 48 hours community work service and give the clerk of court proof of completion on the form provided by the clerk by 5/24/13; Probation for 6 months (date of judgment: 1/24/13); Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Must enroll in and pay for the following juvenile alcohol safety action program: JASAP if available in Diomed within 120 days; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b). State of Alaska v. Dorcas M. Okpealuk (12/23/95); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; Repeat Offense; Date of Offense: 12/29/12; Fine: \$1000 with \$500 suspended; Unsuspended \$500 is to be paid to the court 6/30/13; License: Driver's license or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 9 months with 6 months suspended; Community Work Service: Within 120 days, complete 48 hours community work service and give the clerk of court proof of completion on the form provided by the clerk by 5/24/13; Probation until 7/24/13; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Must enroll in and pay for the following juvenile alcohol safety action program: if program is available in Teller within 120 days; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b). State of Alaska; Nome Police Department Citation; Minor Offense; Autumn Ellanna (1/1/94); Minor in Possession of Tobacco; Date: 12/30/12; Mandatory Court Appearance 1/24/13 at 3:00 p.m., Nome Court; Sentence: Date of Judgment: 1/24/13; Fine: \$15, Due Date: 4/24/13; Statutory Surcharge: \$10; Due: 10 days after judgment date. State of Alaska; Nome Police Department Citation P0101865; Minor Offense; Donna Joe (1/18/98); Curfew; Date: 6/22/12; Mandatory Court Appearance 7/5/12 at 3:00 p.m., Nome Court; Sentence: Date of Judgment: 1/24/13; Fine: \$20 suspended; Statutory Surcharge: \$10; Due: 10 days after judgment date, 2/3/13. State of Alaska; Nome Police Department Citation; Minor Offense; Donna Joe (1/18/98); Curfew Violation (2nd Offense); Date: 7/8/12; Mandatory Court Appearance 7/26/12 at 3:00 p.m., Nome Court; Sentence: Date of Judgment: 1/24/13; Fine: \$20/\$20 suspended; Statutory Surcharge: \$10; Due: 10 days after judgment date, 2/3/13. State of Alaska; Nome Police Department Citation P102090; Donna D. Joe (1/18/98); Curfew; Date: 7/14/12; Mandatory Court Appearance 8/8/12 at 3:00 p.m., Nome Court; Sentence: Date of Judgment: 1/24/13; No Contest Plea; Fine: \$20/\$20 suspended; Statutory Surcharge: \$10; Due: 10 days after judgment date, 2/3/13. State of Alaska; Nome Police Department Citation; Donna Joe (1/18/98); Curfew Violation by Minor (Third or Subsequent Offense); Date: 7/18/12; Mandatory Court Appearance 8/9/12 at 3:00 p.m., Nome Court; Sentence: Date of Judgment: 1/24/13; No Contest Plea; Fine: \$20/\$20 suspended; Statutory Surcharge: \$10; Due: 10 days after judgment date, 2/3/13.

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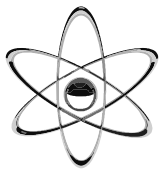
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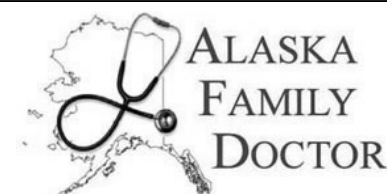
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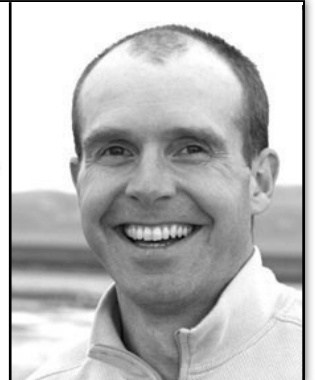
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• Iron Dog

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week, their smartphones are buzzing with text messages and photos being transmitted back and forth as Huntington works on his sled in Fairbanks and Booth on his in Nome. “If everything is the same, we encounter the same problems or none at all,” Booth explained.

Booth said, at this point, getting into tiptop shape health wise and working on the machines are the top priorities. Then comes riding time. Booth and Huntington both said that they have zero miles of riding done this season. But Booth is confident that, once the wrench time is done, the “seat time” won’t be hard to get in.

Huntington traveled to Nome last weekend. The two set out on their first training run from Nome to Galena on Monday, returning on

Tuesday. Booth said on Monday morning that they had to ride their Indy machines to the aid of Mike Morgan and Chris Olds, who were stuck in Ruby during one of their training runs and found themselves in need of parts that Booth and Huntington were about to deliver.

Race time

Confident in their sleds and knowledgeable about the trail, there still are things that are out of their control. Both Huntington and Booth said that they are concerned about losing time at the Happy River Steps because they will be in the back of the pack from the start. Their late entry put them in the second group drawing for the start positions. “We may lose two or three hours at the Happy River Steps waiting for the teams in front of us to shovel them-

selves out,” said Huntington. Other than that, they have the trail wired. Although coming from the windy Norton Sound coast, Booth said he really enjoys riding in the trees.

Booth won the Iron Dog in 1992 and 1994 with his teammate Dan Zipay.

Tyler Huntington, 27, teamed up last year with Nome’s Tre West. They came in second place.

Huntington won the race in 2010 and 2011 with partner Chris Olds of Eagle River.

The 2013 Iron Dog field is stacked with Iron Dog champions and top riders but nonetheless, Booth and Huntington are shooting for victory. “One third of the field is capable of winning this race,” said Booth.

Booth participated as part of the Polaris ambassador team in the 2012

Iron Dog race. The last time he raced competitively in the Iron Dog was in 2008 with Shane Barber, but the team did not finish. Just 20 miles out of Unalakleet, Booth’s snowmachine suffered a catastrophic breakdown and the team had to scratch. “It was full out depressing,” said Booth. For this race, they keep their fingers crossed and will do their share to prepare.

Booth said he is lining up air support to accompany them for sections of the trail.

“The goal is to win the race, but a top five finish would be alright,” said Tyler Huntington, 27.

Booth, 44, is the Superintendent for the Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities in Nome and has years and years of snowmachine racing under his belt. He said he started

snowmachine racing when he was 17, scrounging for parts everywhere when tinkering with his sled. He said Jim Blanning, Barrow and Dave Morgan and others helped him get started and were always giving pointers on the trail.

This year is the 30th running of the Iron Dog snowmachine race. The start takes place on February 17 at Big Lake and follows the Iditarod Trail to Skwentna, Puntilla Lake, Rohn, Nikolai, McGrath, Ophir, Ruby, Galena, Kaltag, Unalakleet and up the coast to Nome. In Nome, there is a mandatory layover and halfway banquet. A restart takes place on Thursday. The route then takes riders from Nome back to Unalakleet, back on the Yukon to Tanana, Manley and to the finish line in Fairbanks.



Photos by Diana Haecker

SUMO— Jeremy Masters, middle, turns loose sumo wrestlers Glen Waghiyi and Cody Murphy during last Saturday’s Winterfest.



TWIN POWER— Heidi and Gracie Okleasik embellished the Winterfest art mural with drawings of snowflakes.

Winterfest entertains kids

By Diana Haecker

On Saturday evening, the Nome Rec Center was venue to the third Winterfest organized by the Youth Education Services, offering kids a fun evening out of the cold. The Youth Education Services, YES for short, is a coalition of Bruce Klein, the National Park Service, the Nome Rec Center, Nome CHARR, the Nome Community Center and David Immingan. The stated goal is to empower kids to feel good about themselves.

“This is our third Winterfest and we’ve put on five Summerfests so far,” explained Bruce Klein. Klein said the events started with a Summerfest in 2008 and were mostly about music and talent shows. “These fests were meant to build self-esteem and to show that the kids all have a talent,” said Klein.

At last Saturday’s Winterfest, the main talent needed was the talent to

bounce. The younger children got their pent-up cabin fever energy out by jumping in the bounce house. For older teens or adults young at heart, the fun was to squeeze themselves into the inflatable sumo wrestler suits, have Jeremy Masters pump air into the suit and turn themselves into bona fide *sumotomi* with the objective to bounce or push the opponent out of the ring.

But there were also other stations that required other talents. Nome Community Center’s tobacco prevention program offered a bowling game and set up a dart-throwing booth. The National Park Service booth had a Winterfest drawing mural and offered face painting.

No currency was involved in the transactions of games for fun.

The only price to pay was a can of food per person. The food was donated to the Nome Food Bank.

• Mercury

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assumption is that the majority of these pollutants are coming from somewhere other than Alaska. “So far, in the fish that have been analyzed, we have not found levels of concern,” Gerlach said.

Gerlach added that people could

send in fish heads – it doesn’t have to be a whole fish – to have them analyzed for mercury and trace metal content. He said that they prefer “resident” fish such as Dolly Varden or trout, or sheefish to make a good assessment of the extent of mercury pollution in a given area.

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2012-13 Snow Removal Policy & Procedures

Listed below are the prioritized actions that the City of Nome will undertake during the 2012-2013 snow season. These actions are meant as a guide and DO NOT commit the City to any course of action other than that which is deemed to be in the best interests of safety and City resources.

During major blizzards and ground storms, City crews will stand by and only attempt to open streets as required in emergency situations.

Once the storm has abated, every effort will be made to open fire lanes (one lane) on every street in town.

Once fire lanes have been established, crews will begin to open major (school bus) routes to two lanes of traffic.

Streets identified as priority are * East and West 5th Ave. * East 1st Ave. * West 2nd Ave. * West E Street * East K Street * Icy View Loop * East N Street * Steadman Street

Once major routes have been opened to two lanes of traffic, crews will begin opening the remaining streets to two lanes of traffic.

Once the streets have been opened to two lanes of traffic, crews will systematically begin to widen, clean and haul snow to designated snow storage sites. Service areas will be rotated in order that all areas of town receive equal treatment during this clean up.

Sanding of **select streets** will be performed by ADOT. Other streets will be sanded when conditions warrant and resources allow.

The major snow storage for the City of Nome will be: the snow storage site located off Greg Kruschek Avenue.

Once again these plans are meant as a guide. We will take actions contrary to this plan as necessary. We urge citizens of Nome to help us keep the streets safe and usable.

Some things that will help our efforts are:

Cars should be parked off the rights-of-way as much as possible during the clearing and removal of snow; Obstructions (buildings, dog houses, snow machines, 4-wheelers, trash boxes, etc.) that prevent removal of snow should be moved farther on to private property if at all possible;

Be alert to the area of town in which we are working and, if at all possible, keep parked cars and traffic to a minimum in these areas.

Pushing of snow into the public right-of-way after a street has been cleared is discouraged.

After hours, on the weekends and holidays, City crews will be on-call as needed. Due to the limited resources within the City, local contractors will be utilized to provide additional manpower and equipment as necessary. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Public Works Dept. at 443-5653. Thank you!

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