



MORNING FOG — Banks of fog veil the southside of Newton Peak on Wednesday morning.

Photo by Diana Haecker

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Town hall meeting with Sen. Mark Begich draws crowd

By Diana Haecker

A one-hour town hall meeting on Saturday, Sept. 14, at Old St. Joe's Hall gave residents of the area an opportunity to bring their issues to the ears of Senator Mark Begich.

Begich said he'd been in Alaska for less than 30 hours and after the Nome visit had to head back to Washington, D.C. the next day.

Briefly, Sen. Begich updated the crowd at Old St. Joe's on the ongoing debates whether to engage in war with Syria. He said he was not in support of the President's solution to employ strategic strikes and go to war. "We've gone through 15 years of wars now, thousands of Ameri-

cans have lost their lives in these wars, I don't think we're ready for another one," Begich said. He added that without question, that the Syrian government used chemical weapons against their own people. "But I can point to five other dictators in this world that we are not engaged in wars with at this time," Begich said.

He also touched on the topic of the budget and sequestration that hampers functionality of federal offices across the nation— Begich serves on the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

He also reported back that in Washington, D.C. awareness of Arctic issues is yet to be improved. "Five

years ago, when I came to Washington D.C., it was almost like they discovered a whole new ocean," he said. "But it's not a question *if* but *how* the Arctic will be developed." Oil and gas development, fisheries development, the increase in cruise ships and other vessel traffic, all that needs to be addressed.

Comments

With that he opened the floor to comments from the public.

Jana Varrati informed Begich that Nome is underserved when it comes to the Postal Service because Nome Post office staff has been cut. Also,

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Photo by Diana Haecker

TOWNHALL MEET — Senator Mark Begich addressed the public in a meeting on Saturday, Sept. 14, at Old St. Joe's Hall in Nome.

Surfcrawler tips over

By Diana Haecker

A surfcrawler operating in the surf zone on West Beach, six miles west of the Port of Nome causeway, tipped over into a depression on the ocean floor last week.

According to Byron Redburn, offshore mining administrator for the Dept. of Natural Resources, the surfcrawler is not leaking any fluids or oil.

As of press time on Tuesday, the machine is still in the water as efforts are made to bring it ashore.

The surfcrawler belongs to Ken Kerr.

Redburn said he was conducting a water turbidity survey with Nick Dallman, an environmental program specialist with the Dept. of Environmental Conservation. They were in a skiff out on the water, guided by Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game area biologist Jim Menard in a helicopter to spot the plumes emanating from surfcrawlers, mechanical dredges and suction dredges. Dallman told *The Nome Nugget* that as of Friday, there were no major concerns, as the

pumps and engines were still out of the water.

Redburn said they came upon Kerr's tipped-over surfcrawler on Tuesday, Sept. 10 around 6 o'clock in the evening. The crawler had been stuck since Monday, approximately 100 feet from shore. According to Redburn, the surfcrawler was operating on Norm Stiles and Dave McCully's claim near Jess Creek. The machine had crawled into a hole in the ocean floor and couldn't manage to get out of it on its own. Several suction dredges also operating for Kerr came to help the crawler, but efforts to back out of the hole and the predicament were unsuccessful.

The surfcrawler deployed boom around the machinery. The operator's cab was partially underwater, but the machine was still running. No injuries were reported.

The authorities did not issue any citations.

Last year, the first of the so-called surfcrawler machines was walked

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Photo courtesy ADF&G/Jim Menard

IN THE HOLE — Last week, a surfcrawler, center, tipped into a hole during mining operations, in the surf zone six miles west of Nome on West Beach. Other gold dredges tried unsuccessfully to get the crawler unstuck and back to shore.

Osborn slated for psychological evaluation

By Sandra L. Medearis

The court has approved a plan for Wilma Osborn, 43, to post reduced bail and to fly to Anchorage with a third-party custodian to receive psychological evaluation sought by her family.

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That plan was unfolding last week after the court released her to the third-party custody of her husband and uncle when it hit a snag.

However, Osborn was back in custody and appeared in court Monday for another bail review hearing.

Osborn violated conditions of her release when she ran from the Nome Airport, out of the "sight and sound" supervision of the third-party custodian going with her to catch the flight.

Osborn faces misdemeanor charges of Fourth Degree Assault stemming from an incident Aug. 27 when, according to court documents, she entered a classroom at the Nome-Beltz school complex and assaulted teacher Todd Hindman.

She faces an additional charge on

criminal trespass stemming from her return to the school grounds Aug. 28 against court orders after posting bail the first go-around following the charges on assault.

Osborn has been held in isolation without seeing her children since Aug. 28.

She waived her right to appear in court Sept. 16.

Osborn was able to post bail of \$5,000, lowered from \$30,000, to go to Anchorage.

As a result of Osborn's violation of conditions, Magistrate Judge Brooke A. Alowa tacked \$10,000 onto the bail amount bringing it to \$15,000 pending a revised plan to get Osborn to Anchorage for evaluation and treatment if deemed necessary.

"Everyone seems to agree that

getting her mental health addressed is imperative," Alowa said Sept. 10 in approving Osborn's release to undergo evaluation.

Eric Osborn, husband and third-party custodian, said in court Sept. 16 that continued incarceration was not helping his wife.

"I don't know if treating her like a criminal is helping," Eric Osborn said. He said that she was innocent until proven guilty.

Osborn added that the court needed to shield his wife from the "propaganda in the newspaper."

"When the court sets bail, the issue is addressed in Nome bail settings, the perceived danger of the defendant to the community," Alowa said.

The plan to release Wilma Osborn

to go to Anchorage was "thought out to address my perception of erratic behavior attributed to your wife and fear within the community, and fear that it would escalate."

Alowa said she was open to considering another such plan the concerned parties might conceive to "see a secure way to get Ms. Osborn where she needs to go. It is in everyone's best interest for Ms. Osborn to get the help she needs."

If another plan for Wilma Osborn to leave Nome were hatched, she would have to return to court to hear renewed conditions for her release.

The Second District Court had set Osborn's second bail amount at \$30,000 at her arraignment hearing

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Letters

Dear Nancy:
My name is Barbara Oleson. I'm a lifelong Alaskan who has lived in Nome since 1965. I am writing to you because I need your help, the help of Nome's citizens and the help of the people of the Bering Strait Region. The City of Nome/Nome Joint Utilities is planning on adding fluoride to Nome's water supply on October 1. So, what is fluoride? The two most common types of fluoride in drinking water are sodium silicofluoride and hydrofluorosilicic acid which are waste products from wet scrubbing systems of the fertilizer industry and are classified as hazardous. So if fluoride is put into Nome's water system people from the Bering Strait Region visiting Nome will also be getting fluoride into their bodies. It has been proven that toxicity to fluoride is exacerbated for people with compromised immune systems, such as those who have nutrient deficiencies, kidney disease, diabetes, and cancer. There have been more than 23 human studies and 100 animal studies that link fluoride to brain damage. Fifty percent of the ingested fluoride is deposited into the bones of babies, where only ten percent for adults. Forty one percent of American children have dental fluorosis, which is caused by excess fluoride according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Babies in Nome will be most at risk. Babies given formula reconstituted with water that has fluoride in it at a time when the child's blood-brain barrier has not fully formed causes the direct depositing of fluoride into teeth, brain, other body tissues and organs causing fluorosis and other brain,

nervous system, kidney and bone disorders. The American Dental Association has confirmed dangers of fluoridated waters, especially for babies. Normal water filters, such as the Brita filter, do not remove fluoride and boiling the water concentrates the chemical making it a higher concentration.
I am aware that some communities add fluoride to promote dental health. Most developed countries do not fluoridate their water (97 percent). I believe these developed countries do not add fluoride to their

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

Editorial

Snake Oil Time

We have all seen the TV ads that shout in a loud bully voice, "Tell Senator ... to vote for/against blah, blah, blah!" Watch carefully to see who paid for these ads. Don't blink. It's easy to miss, but it's generally some patriotic-sounding phony front for some deep-pocket Tea Party billionaire. (Recently there was one that had white print on a light gray background — not exactly easy to read.) These groups are footloose and fancy free with the truth. If they repeat their message with frequency and force they think we will believe it. Perhaps some folks will, but most Alaskans recognize a pile of moose nuggets when they see it and try not to step in it. The problem is some folks are not smart enough to recognize it for what it is.
The snake oil salesmen bank on ignorance. So, the next time you hear "Tell Senator... (depends on the state) to vote for/against ... " Just laugh and say "Liar, liar, pants on fire." As if the screaming blah, blah ads aren't bad enough, there's the robo callers. They usually hit at suppertime, starting with a short period of silence and then a fast talking, high pressure political message where most of us hang up after the first three words. Some of us follow with a few good Anglo-Saxon expletives in the process.
As responsible voters, we need to do everything within our power to fully inform ourselves about political issues. We are not benighted. We need to be on top of our game. This means we need to be socially, economically, and scientifically aware of factors influencing and impacting the Arctic and the Bering Strait region we call our home. So we can hang up on the robo callers and tell the screamers, in the words of my grandmother, to "Tell it to Sweeney." — N.L.M.—

Sound off Benefit of Testing Seafood for Radioactive Isotopes

By Daniel N. Russell, physicist
[Formerly, Term-professor, Physics Dept., UAA
Do you know where your fish have been feeding? Nuclear power reactor cooling water full of radioactive isotopes has been leaking into groundwater at millions of times the legal limit under Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power station, and http://www.ens-newswire.com/ reported on February 23, 2013, "Six single-shell containment tanks are leaking highly radioactive waste at the Hanford Nuclear Site in Washington state. Radioactive isotopes are forms of elements made unstable inside nuclear reactors that radiate alpha, beta, gamma rays, etc. TEPCO (the company that operates Fukushima) has admitted that highly contaminated groundwater has been flowing into our Pacific Ocean, and they said earlier this year that a fish was found with radiation more than 2,500 times the legal limit had been caught (Japan Times, 7/22/2013). "Across the vast Pacific, the mighty bluefin tuna carried radioactive contamination that leaked from Japan's crippled nuclear plant to the shores of the United States 6,000 miles away" (9/3/2013 www.nydailynews.com/). Reuters (9/12/13) reports, "TEPCO said tritium levels in water taken from a well close to a number of storage tanks... rose to 97,000 becquerels per liter... from 64,000 becquerels/liter measured at the same location a day earlier." Finally, http://www.nydailynews.com/ (9/12/2013) reports, "Satellite imagery suggests North Korea has restarted a research reactor capable of producing plutonium for weapons". Russia has described this old, out-dated reactor to be in "Hellish condition." An unfortunate event there is likely and could unleash weapons-grade contaminants into our Pacific Ocean.

If you use a radiation survey meter to measure radiation in seawater near Alaska, you will find, as I have, that there is no increase above background radiation levels prior to the 2011 meltdown at Fukushima. This is because the Pacific Ocean has a vast volume of circulating water, and it dilutes any radioactivity that flows into it. That is why our FDA says in an article published in Anchorage Daily News (8/10/2013) by Nathaniel Herz, "Alaska fishermen and fish consumers shouldn't be concerned about new disclosures of radioactive water leaking into the Pacific Ocean," according to an ocean chemist and a spokeswoman for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Theresa Eisenman. She said, "FDA hasn't identified any concerns about Alaskan fisheries." When I worked for US Navy Radiological Control Office, I was taught, "Dilution is the solution to pollution"! Most governments have this policy, which is

used to justify dumping wastes into our oceans.
The truth is, plankton absorb radioactive isotopes, and fish eat plankton and store and concentrate these isotopes over a long time. Then, larger fish and whales eat and further concentrate these isotopes to a level much higher than that in ocean water. ENENews.com reported (NHK 7/13/2013) that Ibaraki Prefecture officials found 1,037 becquerels cesium per Kg of sea bass, which is over 10 times their safety limit. And, fish and whales can swim thousands of miles all the way to US waters! Since humans are at the top of the food chain, we get to eat food with the most concentrated contaminants and store these in our bodies and further concentrate them in our milk.
Two radioactive isotopes, which are being released into our ocean, are strontium 90, and cesium 137. With half-lives of around 30 years it takes about 200 years to get rid of 99 percent (assuming no re-contamination). Strontium 90 has an outer electron orbital pattern just like calcium. So, if eaten, our bodies deposit it into our bones just like calcium, where it emits high-energy beta radiation for the rest of our lives, which damages our genes and proteins and triggers bone cancer. Cesium 137 looks like potassium to our cells. So, once eaten, it goes into our muscle and other soft tissues, where it emits both beta and gamma radiation for the rest of our lives, which produces various types of cancer.
Tritium (Hydrogen 3) is another isotope being released into our ocean. It can exchange places with hydrogen and become organically bound in soft tissues and emit beta radiation from within us, which causes cancer. Ingestion of even a trace of these isotopes is dangerous, because even a single beta particle or gamma ray can cause cancer, if a cell absorbs it in the right spot. Of course, most will not strike correctly. But, because these isotopes would be continuously radiating, chances are good that eventually a deadly accurate hit will happen. So, there is no safe amount of these isotopes in our food.
Radiation from tissues may not be easily detectable since beta particles cannot go through more than a few centimeters of tissue. This is why we need to measure the amount of radioactive isotopes in seafood and whales directly, rather than by detecting their radiation indirectly. It is important, especially for coastal communities, that we establish radioactive isotope testing facilities to enable us to eliminate any seafood, which tests positive for radioactive isotopes, so that we can assure consumers that Alaskan seafood has been tested and continues to be the healthiest and safest in the World.

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters)

Date	Day	Time	High Tide	Time	High Tide	Time	Low Tide	Time	Low Tide
09/12	Th	9:39 a.m.	+1.4	11:34 p.m.	+1.2	3:45 a.m.	+0.6	4:55 p.m.	+0.1
09/13	Fr	10:29 a.m.	+1.4			4:34 a.m.	+0.7	5:57 p.m.	-0.0
09/14	Sa	12:43 a.m.	+1.1	11:32 a.m.	+1.4	5:30 a.m.	+0.7	7:03 p.m.	-0.0
09/15	Su	1:56 a.m.	+1.1	12:45 p.m.	+1.4	6:35 a.m.	+0.8	8:09 p.m.	-0.0
09/16	Mo	3:06 a.m.	+1.1	2:02 p.m.	+1.4	7:47 a.m.	+0.8	9:11 p.m.	-0.1
09/17	Tu	4:07 a.m.	+1.2	3:15 p.m.	+1.4	9:01 a.m.	+0.8	10:08 p.m.	-0.0
09/18	We	4:57 a.m.	+1.2	4:23 p.m.	+1.4	10:10 a.m.	+0.7	10:59 p.m.	-0.0

Daily variations in sea level due to local meteorological conditions cannot be predicted and may significantly effect the observed tides in this area. All times are listed in Local Standard Time. All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

Weather Statistics

Sunrise	09/19/13	08:37 a.m.	High Temp	+53°	09/13/13	National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391
	09/26/13	08:58 a.m.	Low Temp	+33°	09/17/13	
Sunset	09/19/13	09:11 p.m.	Peak Wind	28mph, S,	09/12/13	
	09/26/13	08:46 p.m.	Precip. to Date	14.88"		
			Normal	11.87"		

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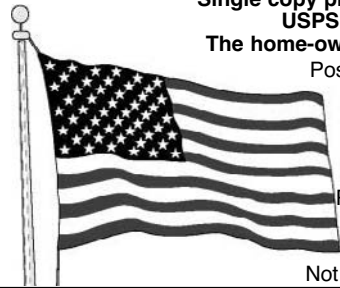
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Strait Action

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Anglo withdraws from controversial Pebble partnership

On Monday, Anglo American Pebble LLC gave notice under the Pebble Limited Partnership agreement with Northern Dynasty. In a press release, Anglo American said that following the withdrawal, Pebble will proceed under the sole ownership of Northern Dynasty.

“Despite our belief that Pebble is a deposit of rare magnitude and quality, we have taken the decision to withdraw following a thorough assessment of Anglo American’s extensive pipeline of long-dated project options. Our focus has been to prioritize capital to projects with the highest value and lowest risks within our portfolio, and reduce the capital required to sustain such projects during the pre-approval phases of development as part of a more effective, value-driven capital allocation model,” said Mark Cutifani, Chief Executive of Anglo American in a statement.

In response, the United Tribes of Bristol Bay called again on the Environmental Protection Agency to use its authority under the Clean Water Act to prevent foreign mining companies from digging North America’s largest open-pit mine in the heart of Bristol Bay’s salmon habitat. In a statement UTBB said that 98 percent of the public comments received from Bristol Bay residents were in opposition to the Pebble Mine during EPA’s public comment period on its assessment of the mine’s impact on the Bristol Bay watershed. “We are glad Anglo American has finally recognized developing Pebble is just too risky in Bristol Bay and pulled out of the Pebble Partnership,” said Robert Heyano President of UTBB.

DNR, DPS commissioners resign

Within one week, Governor Sean

Parnell accepted the resignations of Department of Public Safety Commissioner Joe Masters and the Dept. of Natural Resources Commissioner Dan Sullivan.

Commissioner Masters handed in his resignation letter on Sept. 16. His resignation is effective Oct. 15. In a letter to the Governor he stated that he intends to return to his career in the private sector. Masters has accepted a job in the private sector and will remain in Alaska.

He started his law enforcement career in 1982 as a public safety officer in the village of Unalakleet. He rose through the department becoming deputy director of the Alaska State Troopers until 2005. He was named commissioner of DPS in 2008.

DNR Commissioner Dan Sullivan handed in his resignation on September 12. Sullivan served as Alaska’s attorney general from June 2009 until December 2010 when he was named DNR commissioner. Commissioner Sullivan’s resignation is effective September 24. In his resignation letter, Sullivan did not state the reason for quitting the job. The letter says “As I explore new opportunities and challenges in the next phase of my life, I intend to seek ways to continue to serve my fellow Alaskans.” This left statewide media to speculate that Sullivan is possible joining the election race for U.S. Senator Mark Begich’s seat, in the 2014 elections.

Coast Guard busts illegal fishing operations

The crew of Coast Guard Cutter *Munro* returned to their homeport in Kodiak last week after completing a lengthy North Pacific Ocean patrol to interdict vessels that were illegally fishing.

Munro crewmembers were on an 80-day patrol with partners from the Chinese Fisheries Law Enforcement Command, the Japanese coast guard and the Russian Federal Security Service.

While underway the crew gathered information on more than 600 sighted vessels and conducting fisheries enforcement boardings to ensure the vessels and crews were in compliance with international regulations. High seas drift netting practices employ the use of large mono-filament line nets that indiscriminately catch all sea life in their path including whales, dolphins, sea turtles and seabirds. This type of fishing is so destructive to fish stocks it has been condemned by many nations worldwide. In response to these concerns, the UN General Assembly created an international moratorium on high seas drift net fishing.

As a result of these annual joint patrols several vessels have been interdicted and turned over to fisheries agencies in China and the U.S. for prosecution. These vessels include the 140-foot *Bangun Perkasa* operating off the coast of Japan in 2011 and the 177-foot fishing vessel *Da Cheng* 850 miles east of Tokyo in 2012.

The *Munro* is a 378-foot high endurance cutter from Kodiak. They are the only high endurance cutter stationed in Alaska. The ship’s crew of more than 150 people, is responsible for search and rescue, law enforcement, living marine resource and security missions throughout the North Pacific Ocean.

Ocean acidification occurs faster than expected

Acidification of the Arctic Ocean is occurring faster than projected according to new findings published in the journal *PLOS ONE*. The increase in rate is being blamed on rapidly melting sea ice.

A team of federal and university researchers found that the decline of sea ice in the Arctic summer has important consequences for the surface layer of the Arctic Ocean. As sea ice cover recedes to record lows, as it did late in the summer of 2012, the seawater beneath is exposed to carbon dioxide, which is the main driver

of ocean acidification.

Ocean acidification is the process by which pH levels of seawater decrease due to greater amounts of carbon dioxide being absorbed by the oceans from the atmosphere. Lower pH levels make water more acidic and lab studies have shown that more acidic water decrease calcification rates in many organisms, reducing their ability to build shells or skeletons. These changes, in species ranging from corals to shrimp, have the potential to impact species up and down the food web.

“A remarkable 20 percent of the Canadian Basin has become more corrosive to carbonate minerals in an unprecedented short period of time. Nowhere on Earth have we documented such large scale, rapid ocean acidification,” said lead researcher and ocean acidification project chief, U.S. Geological Survey oceanographer Lisa Robbins.

Coast Guard wraps up spill response exercise

Members of the Coast Guard Research and Development Center

completed a simulated spilled oil response and recovery exercise aboard the Coast Guard Cutter *Healy* on the Arctic ice field last week.

The exercise involved air, surface and underwater assets to simulate the detection and recovery of oil from ice-strewn water.

They used small unmanned aircraft systems from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the University of Alaska – Fairbanks, a Coast Guard Pacific Strike Team oil skimmer, a Research and Development Center remote-operated underwater vehicle, a Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute unmanned underwater vehicle and drifting buoy funded by the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement.

The test flights of the two SUAS systems were the first ever in the Arctic Ocean.

The crew of the *Healy* was deployed to the Beaufort Sea as part of the Coast Guard’s Arctic Shield 2013 mission. (See photo page 17)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, September 19

*Infertility	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*For The Babies Sake	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Port Commission Reg. Mtg.	Council Chambers	5:30 p.m.
*Vinyasa Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, September 20

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Stages of Labor	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Baby Safety	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Tae 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.
*Drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 21

*Helping Hand	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Staying Sane	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 22

*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
*Cambridge Educational	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Laura’s Story Part 123	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.

Monday, September 23

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Kindergym	Prematernal Home	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Pregnancy and Smoking	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Pregnancy and Work Out	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Fitness Fusion	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*NCC WA RE: Fee Waivers	Council Chambers	6:00 p.m.
*NCC Reg. Mtg.	Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 24

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Mom and Unborn Baby	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Still Shiny	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Summercise Program	Nome Rec Center	3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Open Gym:	Nome Rec Center	4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Strength Training	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.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 25

*Pickup bball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Pathways to Healthy Baby	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Winning Against FAS	Prematernal Home	2:30 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.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Tue-Sat)

Additional hours available by appointment. Call 907-443-6630

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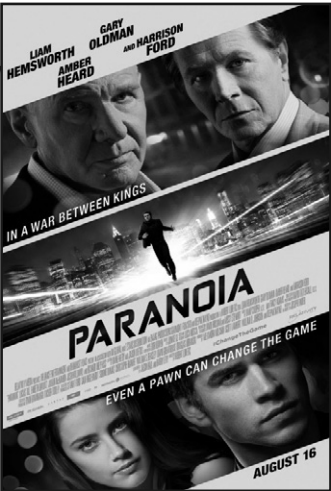
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ADDRESSING NOMEITES— Sen. Mark Begich held a townhall meeting at Old St. Joe's on Sept. 14.

• Townhall

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Alaska Airlines has cut one daily flight out of their schedule and reduced the number of flights to Nome to only two. "This is raising havoc with local businesses, the newspaper and medevac out of Nome," Varrati said.

As for the Post office, Begich said that the Bush Administration demanded from the U.S. Postal Service that they prefund retirement accounts for ten years in advance. Even so this defies logic, the demand was placed to the detriment of the Postal Service. In addition the digital age arrived with communications taking place via email or internet and the Post Office is also restricted in what kind of business they can engage in, Begich said.

As for Alaska Airlines, he addressed Nome Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Barb Nickels, saying that once a business wide survey of the impact will be done, he will address Alaska Airlines and push for a better solution.

Nome elder Dan Karmun stood up and asked the Senator for help with an environmental problem specific to Nome. "We see abuse of the ocean by gold miners," Karmun said. "I moved to Nome in 1955 with my 12 children and I have never seen anything like it in the ocean." Karmun said he hardly can put his fish net out at Fort Davis because of all the oceangoing gold dredges piled up in front of the shoreline. "We hear a lot of cries from the villages, they're losing their animals, too, because there is disrespect and abuse of the ocean."

Begich responded that he has been out to the Port and was taken down to West Beach to see the shacks and camps set up as living quarters by the miners. "It was interesting," Begich said. "I learned a lot about how things are regulated, or the lack of it."

Clif Vial wanted to know about

the carbon tax? No, he didn't vote for that one, said Begich. And by the way, with elections coming up next year, he said, the Republican party will not shy away from spreading false statements about him and what he voted for or not. The current misleading carbon tax ad campaign is a mere taste of what is yet to come, Begich said.

Sue Steinacher brought to the Senator's attention the lack of an alcohol treatment center in Nome. Alcohol abuse has community-wide effects through domestic violence, suffering children, a revolving door at the local jail and other social ailments. "I ask to make it a priority to bring an alcohol treatment center to Nome," Steinacher said. Begich said he was aware that the system of incarceration without treatment doesn't work. He points to the State of Alaska. "The state has a big role but they don't exercise it as they should," Begich said.

Jenny Lee from Teller told the Senator that her village is still on the list to receive water and sewer service. Also, Teller has the shortest runway in the region and has no crosswind runway. "When we have cross winds and a medical emergency, they bring us to Brevig and fly us out from there," Lee said. "We've been on the list for years." Begich said that the problem lies with the prioritized list for infrastructure improvements from the State, the STIP. "Big projects are always going to jump ahead of your project and you'll never get off the list," Begich said. However, he said he's working with Rep. Neal Foster's office. And in terms of the runway, it constitutes a critical emergency that could be addressed via the Federal Aviation Administration.

Blanch Okbaok-Garnie of Teller also commented on the living conditions in Teller. "We live in third-world country living conditions," she

said. "We all have a five-gallon bucket in our homes and when it's full or every morning, we tie the plastic liner and set it outside for trash pickup. Our landfill was built uphill from our only clean water source. It overflows and brings water into our clean water sources. We have water shortages every year because the filtration system cannot keep up." She continued that whenever projects are dished out to other communities, Teller seems to slip through the cracks.

Begich informed her that a Farm Bill that would address water and sewer projects is stuck in the House.

The Denali Commission, which also in the past spearheaded water and sewer projects in rural Alaska, is not adequately funded and has never fully been authorized by Congress. Again, Begich points to the shortcomings of the State of Alaska. "We don't mind screaming at the state," he said. While Governor Parnell and his administration are waging a war against the so-called "federal overreach," Begich said, he needs to be reminded that 50 percent of the state's general budget are federal dollars. "I am happy to work with Teller to beat on the state. I will work with you," Begich said. Other questions included how to improve services for people with disabilities and the elders. Tim Smith asked for more federal oversight of the CDQ groups under the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

Megs Testermata wanted to know how to stem the privatization by the industry of a public resource such as a clean environment? Begich pointed to convincing the auto industry to improve the gas mileage; to develop renewable fuels and to push renewables by simple regulation.

Shortly after 7 p.m., the time was up and Begich's staff rushed the Senator off to the airport to fly back to Anchorage with the evening flight.

• Osborn

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Aug. 29. Osborn waived her right to appear at that hearing. At that session, Osborn's attorney, Myron Angstman of Bethel, pressed the court to order his client a psychiatric evaluation. Judge Timothy Dooley declined, saying the family and attorney could proceed with an evaluation.

At a subsequent bail review hearing Sept. 10, Alowa reduced the bail to \$5,000 and appointed Eric Osborn, Wilma Osborn's husband of 15 years, and her uncle, Phillip Brown of White Mountain, to share the duties of third party custodian. Alowa based Osborn's release on a plan for her to undergo psychiatric evaluation.

Osborn's attorney for the hearing agreed with District Attorney John Earthman's plan that Osborn go directly from AMCC to catch a flight to Anchorage and then directly to a hospital. Attorney Chester Gilmore stood in for Angstman by telephone for the hearing. Osborn should not be in town for any period of time, Earthman said. He insisted on proof of a ticket before her release.

Eric Osborn said he would make reservations immediately and purchase a ticket for his wife. Brown said he also could also supervise his niece to see that she be within "sight and sound," the main job for a third party custodian.

Alowa set conditions for Osborn's release Sept. 10—that she

stay within 24-hour sight and sound custody of Brown or Eric Osborn except when undergoing mental health treatment or counseling. She must engage in treatment, stay in treatment and obey all conditions of treatment; she must obey all laws, must not go within 500 feet of a school campus, must report to court when ordered, must stay in touch with her attorney and not contact Hindman or witnesses in the case.

Wilma Osborn would be released within two hours of her flight, Alowa said.

When Wilma Osborn's opportunity to speak came during the Sept. 10 proceeding, she did not address her charges or the plan to go to Anchorage.

"I just want to visit my kids," she said. "I haven't seen them since I have been in isolation."

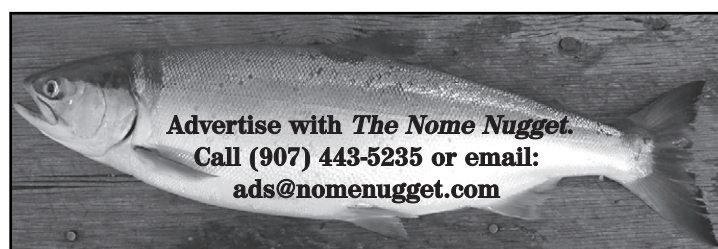
Wilma Osborn has not been able to see her children since Aug. 29.

Eric Osborn told the court again Sept. 16 that his wife needed to see her children, that she had been in isolation and unable to see them.

"She really, really needed to see her kids," he said.

He had gone to get the children to the airport to see their mother during the brief window before the flight, Eric Osborn said, leaving Wilma Osborn with Phillip Brown, the other third-party custodian.

Witnesses said Wilma Osborn appeared to become alarmed and fled.



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LISTENING— Sen. Mark Begich (D-Alaska) listens to Perry Mendenhall's comments during Saturday's Sept. 14 listening session on the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act at the Kawerak boardroom.



PROTECTING SUBSISTENCE— Sen. Mark Begich, right, addressed Nomeites interested in commenting on the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act on Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Kawerak Inc. boardroom. Comments included the call for a tribal seat on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and the wish to incorporate subsistence needs into the law that governs federal marine fisheries.

U.S. Senator Begich holds Magnuson-Stevens Act listening session in Nome

Story and photos
by Diana Haecker

During his whirlwind tour of Nome on Saturday, September 14, U.S. Senator Mark Begich held a listening session on the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act at the Kawerak boardroom.

Begich visited Nome for one day and held the first of three public meetings on the fishery topic.

A dozen people were present, among them Rep. Neal Foster, a staffer from Senator Donnie Olson's office, representatives from Kawerak, NSEDC, Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, the Nome Fishermen's Association, Bering Sea Alliance LLC and a few subsistence users.

The Magnuson-Stevens Act is the law that governs federal marine fisheries with the purpose of optimally exploiting coastal fisheries. This was to be achieved by consolidating control over territorial waters and establishing eight regional councils to manage fish stocks. The council managing Alaska and the Northwest is the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, NPFMC for short. The NPFMC has primary responsibility for ground fish management in the Gulf of Alaska, Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands. It manages cod, pollock, flatfish, mackerel, sablefish, and rockfish species. Those are harvested mainly by trawlers, hook and line longliners and pot fishermen. The act has been amended several times in response to continued overfishing of major stocks.

At the Kawerak board room, the Senator began the dialogue with comments on the MSA reauthorization. He said many issues have grown in severity and are not addressed in the MSA since its last reauthorization in 2008. These issues include climate change, increased ocean acidification, catch shares, subsistence and the use of traditional knowledge in research projects.

Begich is chairman of the 13-member Senate Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard. He said that even in this day and age, there are climate change deniers sitting on the committee, which doesn't make the task of introducing meaningful amendments that address climate change any easier.

With the reauthorization of the MSA coming up, the Senator had held similar listening sessions in Kodiak, Kenai, Palmer and Fairbanks. The Nome session came on short notice. "All these listening sessions are to build a list of issues and then we need to figure out what we can agree on as Alaskans to take it nationwide," Begich said. He stressed that Alaska needs to present its case as a unified front. The strategy is to extend the MSA, while working on

new amendments for the reauthorization.

Begich also said that the approach should be to take the generational effect of decisions in account, rather than going by time spans of fiscal years or election cycles that don't mean anything when it comes to recovery times of declining fish species. In this context, Begich addressed an issue at the forefront in the Nome and Bering Strait region: How to protect subsistence needs and the subsistence way of life from the ever-growing pressure of other interests.

Nancy Mendenhall commented that there is a problem with commercial fishing fleets that work sometimes to the detriment of the smaller fishermen.

Her husband Perry Mendenhall added that he is concerned with the continuation of subsistence fishing as there seems to be a correlation be-

tween increased commercial trawling in the deep sea and less fish returning to the rivers. He also addressed the need to mesh state and federal data to improve the effort to stem declining fish stocks.

Rose Fosdick, vice president at Kawerak's Natural Resources Division, commented on the frustration of traveling far to comment at NPFMC meetings and being in the end allotted only three-minutes to provide input. She voiced concern about declining Chinook returns and about bycatch of salmon at the hand of large factory trawlers plowing the Bering Sea. Fosdick said she encourages the reauthorization of the MSA and asked Begich to push for an amendment that would add tribal representation to the NPFMC.

Begich responded that he was surprised to hear from other groups, for example the sports fishermen, during his listening sessions, whose concern

was that there was not enough input or acknowledgement of subsistence in the MSA.

Kawerak CEO Melanie Bahnke, also pushed for tribal representation at the NPFMC. She suggested that

the common goal for all Alaskans and user groups is fish abundance. "We have a goal of abundance for our

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE— Rep. Neal Foster (D-Nome) added his comments in support of subsistence to the MSA reauthorization, during the MSA listening session with Sen. Mark Begich.

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Nome School District examines results from state's climate and connectedness survey

By Kristine McRae

Jenni Lefing, the Community Engagement Educator for the Alaska Association of School Boards (AASB), visited Nome last week to brief the community on the results of last spring's survey.

Lefing manages the survey program around the state, and Nome is one of 266 schools in 24 participating districts across the state.

The purpose of the program is to measure aspects of school and community environments that contribute to student achievement. The survey is designed to evaluate student and staff perceptions of school climate and connectedness.

Lefing described "climate" as outside factors which contribute to the tone in schools, and attitudes of staff and students toward their schools.

"Connectedness," Lefing explained, "are internal factors; their [the students'] perceptions and feelings about people at school."

Students fielded statements that measured their opinions about their school experience, their involvement and inclusion, and the relationships

they have with other students and staff.

Responses were measured on a scale between 1 and 5, where 1 indicated a negative response and 5 was positive, or "strongly agree."

Students in grades five through 12 completed the survey, and 257 out of 333 surveys were valid for review. Although some perceptions differed between students and staff, the overall positive ratings showed a significant increase from 2012 to 2013 across all scales: High Expectations, School Safety, School Leadership and Student Involvement, Respectful Climate, Peer Climate, Caring Adults, and Parent and Community Involvement.

The results summary also reveals that in a year there was a significant decrease in student reports of delinquent behavior and drug and alcohol use among peers at school and school events, but points to an ongoing disconnect between the school and the community as a whole.

During a discussion following her presentation, Lefing helped to clarify result discrepancies. "There is a re-

lationship between the climate and connectedness score and the SBA [Standard Based Assessments] score," she said.

Board member Barb Amarok said she would like to "look into ways to improve relationships between students and faculty and families and staff. Maybe we could look into staff development in that area."

Amarok added, "The school should reach out respectfully to families in a positive and respectful manner; let them know we just want to help the students achieve."

At an open community meeting last Wednesday, Lefing presented the survey results to the public, and copies of the survey results are available at the district office.

Nome Special Education director Sandy Harvey received an informal visit last week from the nation's leader in Special Education.

Melody Musgrove has been the Director of the Office of Special Education Programs for the U.S. Department of Education since 2007. Accompanying her husband on a trip to Alaska, Musgrove decided to visit

Nome to get an idea of the challenges of delivering special education services in rural Alaska. Hailing from rural Mississippi herself, Musgrove is familiar with remote communities, but not with having to fly to get to them.

While here she visited Nome's schools and the Head Start program, along with Sam Jordon, an education specialist with the State of Alaska. Harvey said it was a good opportunity to showcase the differences in providing services in a place like Nome compared to urban areas. "We have challenges," Harvey said, "which are nice for them to consider. Our cost of living, the turnover of staff in professional areas like speech, counseling, and medical services, the difficulty to attract and train qualified people who are good with kids."

In addition to touring the school sites, Musgrove and Jordon also visited with children in a class at the elementary school.

Nome parent Laura Lawrence addressed the board to advocate for a formal arts curriculum. Lawrence,

who has four children in district schools, has written three consecutive grants on behalf of the charter school for the "Artists in the Schools," program. The program brings visiting artists into the school for focused projects, but Nome doesn't have a set curriculum which teachers follow to integrate art into students' schedules.

Lawrence asked the board to consider making art a standard in the district, adding that students exposed to art are more likely to be higher achievers. "We need to advocate for the arts," Lawrence said, "we live in a land rich in arts and culture."

The board talked about the ways in which students are exposed to art, but recognized that the program isn't standardized.

Board president Betsy Brennan said she would like to see the board consider a formal curriculum. "With everything changing, like to the state standards from No Child Left Behind," Brennan said, "we have overlooked other things, like art, and it does make for a more rounded student."

• MSA listening session

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fisheries, that's what we all can agree on," Bahnke said. But she added the continued frustration from her perspective is: "We don't have a seat at the table. We are in competition with much better funded interest groups..."

"You are outgunned," interjected Begich.

"We managed our fish and game for thousands of years. Now the federal government took over and all we have is three minutes for public comment," Bahnke said. "We want to be part of the solution. There is a frustration coming out of not being included in the solution."

Bahnke also brought up the rift between the tribes and the State. While there is a federal recognition of tribes, the state of Alaska doesn't see it the same way and consultations are handled poorly. As an example, she said, the Governor informed rather than consulted with Kawerak when two public seats at the NPFMC came open. They were eventually filled with Duncan Fields and David Long of Wasilla, but Governor Parnell nominated two alternate members of his cabinet for the public seats, namely his advisors Stefanie Moreland and John Moller.

Art Ivanoff, CEO of the newly formed Bering Sea Alliance LLC, also stressed the fact to be included and reiterated the idea of forming a statewide MSA taskforce to bring forth a unified Alaskan voice. Ivanoff added that he has been in

touch with the sports fishermen and that the common goal has been recognized to include subsistence needs in the MSA equation.

Louie Green Jr., arriving in the boardroom at the tail end of the meeting commented that the meeting had been not well advertised. "I missed this because I didn't know the schedule," Green said. Indeed, the meetings were not advertised in the newspaper. Only a few days prior to Begich's visit to Nome, there were flyers posted at City Hall that announced the meetings. A spokeswoman for Begich said they rely on email lists and Facebook to get the message of the Senator's public meetings out.

Louie Green, Jr. voiced his concern about the Community Development Quota groups that are established under the MSA. He said, as is, there is too little oversight over the CDQ groups and how they operate. "I want to see some serious

oversight," Green Jr. said. He pointed to an election debacle a few years ago. He also mentioned bullying tactics that suppress individuals who want answers from the local CDQ group. "People don't want to talk because they get shoved into a corner just because they want to do the right thing for the right reasons," Green, Jr. said. He also said, "Don't get me wrong, they do a lot of good here in the region, but we need salmon enhancement here. The CDQ has money. The problem is, we don't work together."

Begich answered that indeed, there are a lot of questions around the accountability of CDQ groups. "The oversight issue comes up quite a lot," Begich said. "Your not the lone ranger on that topic, I heard it also in other areas."

With the hour up, Begich was whisked away to meet with the City's Common Council and for a tour of the Port of Nome.

Raven causes power outage

A black bird, presumably a raven, caused a city-wide power outage on Tuesday, Sept. 10, around 2 p.m. Nome Joint Utilities Manager John Handeland wrote in an email correspondence that a black bird landed on the top of the main transformer behind the power plant in such a way that it caused a short circuit between the phases. Sadly, the poor choice of a perch resulted in the de-

mise of the bird. "We have never had this occur right out the back door," wrote Handeland. "On very few occasions, perhaps once every two to three years it has happened out on feeder lines. Wet weather and soggy wings probably were contributing factors making it easier for the electricity to arch over."

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New Arrivals

Alvina L. Amaktoolik and Cory N. Wells of Nome announce the birth of their daughter **Lela Alvina Wells**, born August 24, at 11:32

p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 21” in length. Her siblings are: Cory N. Wells, Jr., 4.5 ; Dorian Wells, 2; and Lavinna Wells, 1.5.



NEW BABY SISTER—Big Sister Cora Ann Sagoonick and Big Brother Jaxon David Sagoonick welcome their baby sister Kyree Glen Sagoonick born August 10. She weighed 9 lbs 6.6oz and was 21.5 inches long. Proud parents are Jeremy and Beatrice Sagoonick of Soldotna. Her grandparents are Palmer and Fena Sagoonick of Shaktoolik , Lillian Katongan of Unalakleet and the late Glenn “Beah” Katongan of Unalakleet.

Gov’t Regs Not the Place to Make Women’s Health Decisions

Democratic legislators stand up against bureaucratic intrusion into women’s health decisions

ANCHORAGE – Sept. 13, House Democratic legislators Beth Kerttula, Harriet Drummond and Geran Tarr spoke out against the governor’s bureaucratic intrusion into Alaska women’s personal health decisions. The Parnell administration recently announced it was bypassing the legislative process and applying language designed to restrict access to abortions through regulations. “Government should not be involved in these decisions, period,”

said Kerttula (D-Juneau), the House democratic leader. “We in Alaska have a strong belief in, and a constitutional right to, privacy, and we don’t want government’s hands involved in personal decisions about our bodies.” “These decisions should be made by a woman in consultation with her doctor, her family, and her faith,” said Drummond (D-Anchorage). “No government bureaucrat in a cubicle should be able to take that

New lawyer joins the firm
The law office of Lewis & Thomas, P.C. in Nome announced that **Erin M. Lillie** joined the firm as an associate attorney in August. His practice includes a variety of matters, including criminal cases, family law, wills, and litigation. Before joining Lewis & Thomas, Lillie was an Assistant Public Defender in Nome for two years. He also served as a law clerk for the Hon. Ben Esch in Nome after graduating from Michigan State University College of Law in 2010. Prior to law school, Lillie was a business banker at Wells Fargo in Nome, a Youth Employment and Education Specialist at Kawerak, Inc., and the manager of the Boys & Girls Club of Nome. He was even a reporter for the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* and *The Nome Nugget*. Lillie currently serves on the board of directors of the Nome Community Center and the Rotary Club of Nome. He is married to Patricia Oksoktaruk Lillie.

choice away from poor women or any other woman.” “In my 15 years of experience working with Alaska women on reproductive health issues, I know these situations are often complicated and the decisions are always best made between a health provider and the patient,” said Tarr (D-Anchorage). “My concern is that with these regulatory changes, Alaska women may not have another safe alternative.”

The law office of Lewis & Thomas (formally Larson, Timbers and VanWinkle) has served Northwest Alaska since 1974.



Erin Lillie

New map data finds Denali is shorter

For Third Time in History, Elevation Revised
Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell told a group of map collectors gathered in Fairbanks this week that Mt. McKinley may again be shorter than cartographers thought, according to new digital elevation map data collected by the State of Alaska and multiple federal agencies working in collaboration. During a symposium of the International Map Collectors’ Society, Treadwell referenced orthometric survey data that recorded Mt. McKinley to stand 6,168 meters, as opposed to 6,194 – or 20,237 feet rather than 20,320. “That’s 83 feet shorter than we thought,” Treadwell said. “The good news is: Denali is still the tallest peak in North America.” Denali’s elevation was originally measured to stand 20,320 feet in 1952, based on photogrammetry. A 1989 field survey recorded an elevation of 20,306 feet – 14 feet shorter than the 1952 recording. The 2012 revision of 20,327 feet

was recorded with radar technology deployed as a result of Alaska’s Statewide Digital Mapping Initiative (SDMI), which also revealed that an entire ridgeline of Mt. Dickey in Denali National Park was missing from previous maps – one of many discrepancies corrected by recent map updates. The State of Alaska invested \$9.59 million in SDMI since 2010, and the federal government has invested \$14 million toward the over-

all cost of creating a digital elevation model for Alaska. The initiative, nearly 50% complete, is on schedule for statewide completion by 2016. U.S. Secretary of Interior Sally Jewell announced last week that the USGS has produced 400 new Alaska topographical maps, which are now available for public download. Altogether, the USGS project will produce more than 11,000 new maps covering the entire state.

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Nome-Beltz Cross Country tested against Southeast runners

Story and photos
by Jeff Collins

Nome-Beltz has a cross country team. The few who are willing to take on this sport in all of its hardship share a past with every culture on the planet since the dawn of civilization. Running is innate and as we get older we seem to forget how exhilarating it was to take our first steps, to be released from school and run down the street toward home, or how simple of a task it is to place one foot in front of the other in rapid succession. There are a few at Nome-Beltz who have done this for years, decades even, without the fan fare of other

sports, pulled by their intrinsic desire to excel, and have made this rote action an art.

Runners on this team cannot only perform at the highest level in the state, each of them is able to identify the flaws within their performance and correct it. They know how to solve the problems within their gait to maximize efficiency within their stride. Running, they have found, isn't only for the swift or most athletic, but for the patient, persistent and the best prepared.

Through enduring the hardships that the 5,000-meter off-road course presents, runners from Nome Public

Schools have learned to push themselves to the brink of mental and physical limitations. By doing this they have entered a realm that few people even dare to get close to. They know just how far they can push themselves and the absolute limits of their bodies. They leave the program with the knowledge, good or bad, of exactly what they are capable.

This past weekend, 12 runners from Nome-Beltz High School tested themselves against the runners of Southeast Alaska. This is not a common match up between regions, Western Alaska versus Southeast

Alaska, due to obvious geographic barriers, cost and the ease for all teams to generally meet in Anchorage. Over the past five years, Nome-Beltz has increasingly become the dominant force in the region for cross country. In the past eight years, the Nanook harriers have collected a total of eight consecutive region titles on the boys side and a collection of four titles on the girls. The Nanooks have also had more top ten finishers at the State meet than any other team in Region 1 within those eight years.

Cross country is scored using the places of the top five runners from each team. An example would be: the first place runner gets one point, second gets two points and so on. The team with the lowest score wins the meet. Nome-Beltz has placed a team in the top three at the state two times, one on the boys and one on the girls, since 2009 in a sport that is generally dominated by road system schools who not only have larger running communities as a whole but also the advantage of having not only a cross country season but also a dedicated track season.

The Nanooks have kept in the front of the pack through determination and use of the terrain and weather of Western Alaska. They run in every form of weather, the only break from practice being travel. This has tempered them, allowing them to excel wherever they go; including the rain soaked hills and trails of the Kenai.

This past weekend they competed in Seward, against 14 other small and large schools from central Alaska. On the girls side, Western Alaska was led by Rosa Schmidt's 11th

place finish in 20:10 among 4A (Alaska's largest classification of schools based on student population) and 3A schools (Nome's classification based on student population.) She was followed by Hannah Tozier, another Nome Senior, in a season best of 21:37. Bianca Trowbridge and Alexis Hutson both rounded out the race for the Nanooks in their first large varsity race of the season.

Pavel Hernandez of Barrow was Western Alaska's top boy in a time of 18:32. For Nome, the season duo of sophomore Leif Erikson and freshman Wilson Hoogendorn led the Nanooks with also season best times of 19:21 and 19:24. They were followed by the tight knit group of James Jorgensen, who had a truly breakthrough race which has become the norm for him, in a time of 20:05, Junyor Erikson in a time of 20:20, and Degnan Lawrence in 20:34. Sophomore Bobby Pate rounded out the six for Nome in 21:38.

Nome Nanook Girls times:

Rosa Schmidt: 20:10
Hannah Tozier: 21:37
Bianca Trowbridge: 25:34
Alexis Hutson: 27:43

Nome Nanook Boys times:

Leif Erikson: 19:21
Wilson Hoogendorn: 19:24
James Jorgensen: 20:05
Junyor Erikson: 20:20
Degnan Lawrence: 20:34
Bobby Pate: 21:38

Complete results can be found at:
<http://www.athletic.net/Cross-Country/Results/Meet.aspx?Meet=81037#13813>



ROAD CROSSING— Shadow Gregory of Barrow, left, and Bobby Pate of Nome, right, cover some ground during the 5,000 meter varsity men's race. Pate finished the race in 21:38 minutes, Gregory had a time of 21:32 minutes.



TIGHT GROUP— Nome Nanooks James Jorgensen, right front, Junyor Erikson, middle and Oliver Hoogendorn, back, run through the trees at the Seward Invitational Cross Country Race.



HOME STRETCH— Nome Nanook Rosa Schmidt heads towards the finish line and a 11th place finish at the Frank Dieckgraff Invitational in Seward on September 13. Allie Ostrander of Kenai won the women's race in a time of 17:44 minutes.



WOODED TRAIL— Nome Nanook Alexis Hutson runs through the trees on the way to the finish line of the 5,000 meter women's varsity race.



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A New Year and A New Start

By Brett Agenbroad



BSSD Superintendent Brett Agenbroad

Regional friends and associates of the Bering Strait School District (BSSD), the 2014 school year has officially started. District wide, our leadership and instructional teams are focused on delivering rigorous, age-appropriate, research-based literacy instruction across the curriculum to each and every one of our students.

The fundamental focus of the BSSD faculty this year, and every year, will be literacy. Research is clear; reading is the key to academic success and unlocking the wonders of all things academic.

To a greater extent than any other discipline, literacy determines a student’s future opportunities.

We have recently completed our faculty-wide in-service training, where we focused on reacquainting ourselves with the district’s core, research-based, reading curriculum, Success For All (SFA).

BSSD has an excellent faculty and we offer them ongoing instructional and pedagogical program support throughout the year through on-site coaching, modeling, virtual meetings, and classroom observations.

We have a number of specialists with whom we partner providing additional, continuous faculty training and professional development opportunities.

On a separate note, I am pleased to acknowledge our partnership with Nome Public schools in the Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center (NACTEC) program. Like our school district, NACTEC is open for business and has a sizable student cohort attending the current Aviation, Career Exploration, and Driver’s Ed programs. I appreciate the support of the BSSD principal leadership and faculty who encourage our students to take advantage of NACTEC.

By way of introduction, my name is Brett Agenbroad and I am the new Superintendent of the Bering Strait School District.



Enjoying some of the amazing salmon in the Unalakleet area.

My wife Maria and I are very happy to be a part of BSSD and the Norton Sound community. I am excited about this year; I believe BSSD is poised for academic greatness. We have the personnel, tools, and training to be one of the most academically successful districts in the state. Through the precise and masterful instruction of our reading curriculum, we have the ability to impact and change the lives of students in a positive and productive way.

In addition, I would like to thank the leadership of NSEDC who once again intervened on our behalf and assisted BSSD in transporting our Diomedes faculty to their duty station for the start of the 2013 school year.

I wish all of our students, faculty, and staff a safe and productive 2014 school year.

Respectfully,
Mr. Agenbroad
Superintendent BSSD



Wales Celebrates Graduate

By Stacey Mueller



2013 graduate Molly Ann Mazonne displays the beautiful Wales graduate cake.

Molly Ann Mazonna graduated from Wales-Kingikmiut School on May 10th, 2013. Her family, friends, community, and school staff, all of whom were there to celebrate this milestone in her life, surrounded her at this special event. Molly finished her high school years out on a strong note with excellent grades and a positive, helpful attitude. Molly was involved in Youth Leaders, Future Educators of Alaska, and was an invaluable member of both clubs.



Molly Ann Mazonne speaks at the 2013 Wales graduation ceremony.



Molly Ann Mazonne (middle) is congratulated by her father Albert Mazonna (right) and her mother Metrona Mazonna.

During this new school year she is continuing to put the leadership and educational skills she learned through these worthy programs by working as an Educational Aide in the Elementary wing of the school. The teachers who work with her are impressed by her strong work ethic and her skill with the young students. We are so proud of the professional young adult this amazing graduate has become!

Students Graduate from Elim

By Rachel Eklund

This past school year, in May, Carissa Nagaruk, Cheryl Nagaruk, Joshua Jemewouk, Thomas Ashenfelter, and Thomas Amaktoolik graduated from Elim.



L-R as follows: Carissa Nagaruk, Cheryl Nagaruk, Joshua Jemewouk, and Thomas Ashenfelter. Not pictured is Thomas Amaktoolik.

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What Do School Counselors Do?

By Cheri Yocum



Students recording the natural resources available in their new land.

In the Bering Strait School District we are very fortunate to have six school counselors. Each one brings a dynamic set of skills to our 15 educational sites. School counselors have many roles, and wear many colored hats. However, their primary role is to help students be successful in school. Counselors do this through classroom presentations, individual and group counseling, responding to immediate student needs, and collaborating with school staff to develop academic supports.

- Counselors facilitate guidance classes that teach students the skills to make healthy choices and have good relationships.
- Counselors help students with test-taking and academic skills
- Counselors help students with career goals and college preparation
- Counselors advocate for students and families
- Counselors work closely with families to provide referrals to appropriate professionals within the school district, as well as, community and outreach resources.



Laura Leadingham’s first week of guidance lessons included what school counselors do and an age appropriate get-to-know-you activity.

Counselors are a part of the whole school team that = ACADEMIC SUCCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS.

“My life is an influence on every life mine touches. Whether I realize it or not, I am responsible and accountable for that influence.

- Ron Barton

Meet Your School Counselor

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| Shaktoolik – Paul Taylor | Stebbins – Dale Etzel |
| Diomedé – Alan Kane | Teller – Paul Taylor |
| Elim – Laura Leadingham | Unalakleet – Cheri Yocum |
| Gamble – Melissa Galan | Wales – Paul Taylor |
| Golovin – Laura Leadingham | White Mountain - L Leadingham |
| Kyouk – Dale Etzel | |
| St. Michael – Dale Etzel | |
| Savoonga – Melissa Galan | |

Welcome Wagon 2013

By Darla Grediagin



Teachers enjoying their time in Anchorage.

Forty-five new teachers took part in Welcome Wagon this school year. We have a great new slate of teachers who seem to be on their way to bring a great education to our students.

One new site this year for two BSSD teachers was a bear that was seen late at night at the UAA dorms. One morning on our way to breakfast, everyone was able to see a mama and baby moose right outside the dorms. We were all happy with our sighting. As we talked about it at breakfast Marcus Yonce[DIO] and Kathy Klunder[GAM] trumped us with a bear that they had seen on the way home from the airport the night before.



Christopher Paskvan, Kathy McClone, and Ariel Austin having fun.



Rayna Halverson, Emily Bena, Dave Padvorac, and Kelly Martin enjoying Welcome Wagon.

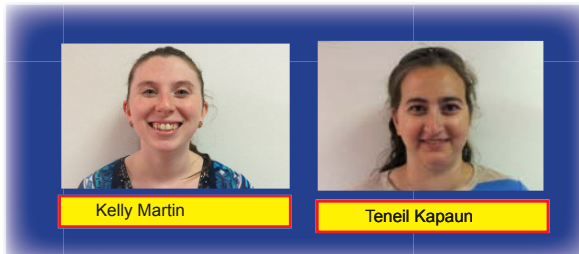
Two teachers who were finished with grocery and supply shopping made a trip to the museum where they were impressed with the Alaska Studies Center.

The Center is a partnership between the Smithsonian Museum and Anchorage Museum that showcases the history of indigenous heritage of Alaska and other northern regions.

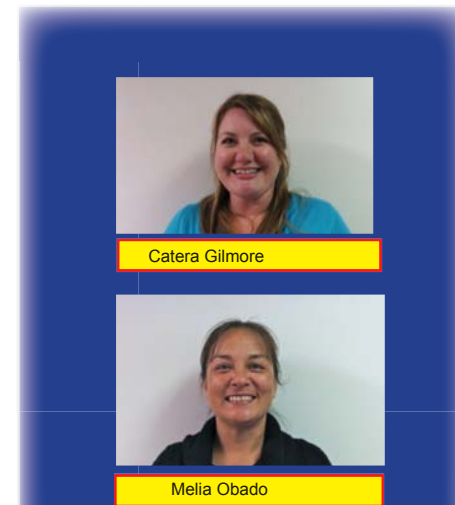
Welcome to all our new teachers and thank you to our great guides. Have a great school year.



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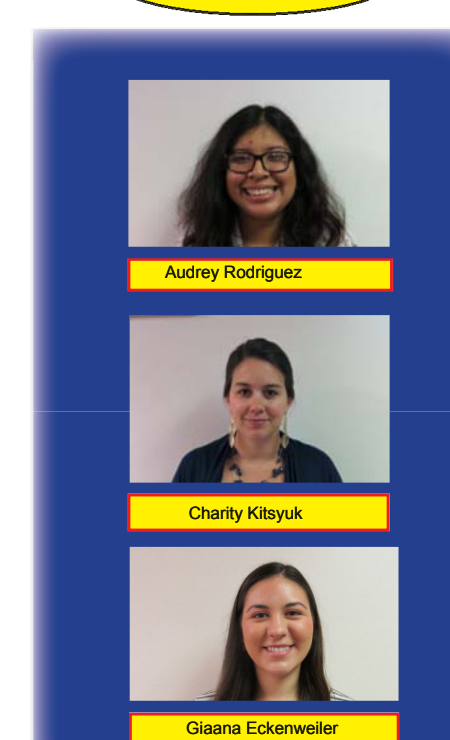
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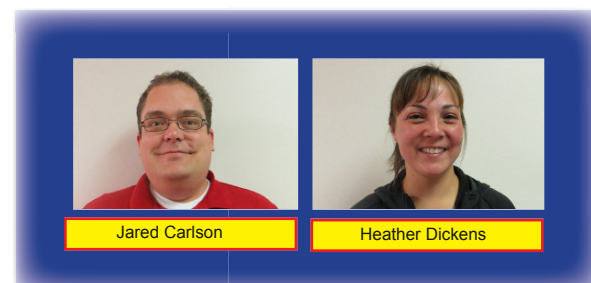
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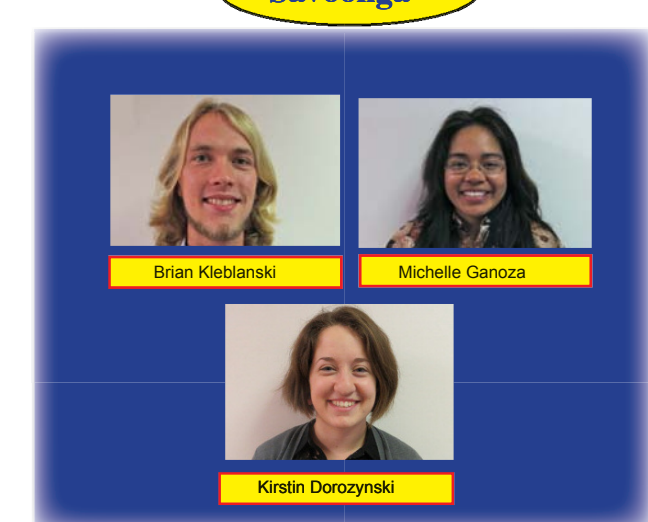
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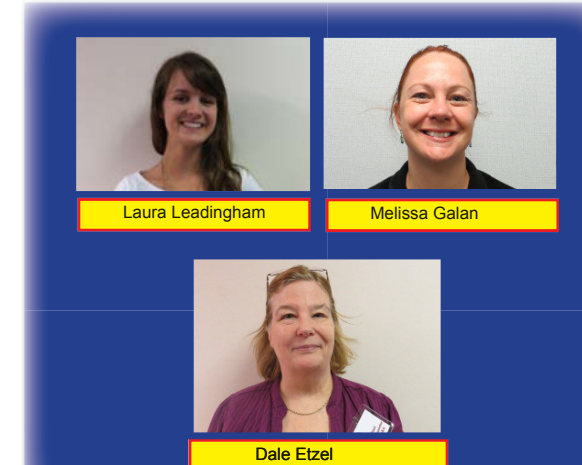
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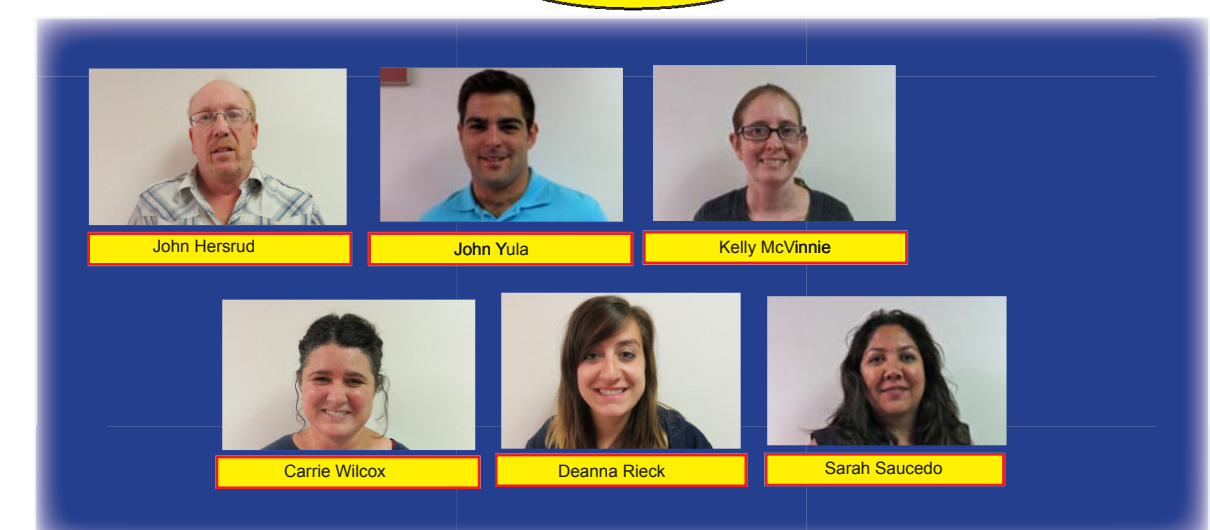
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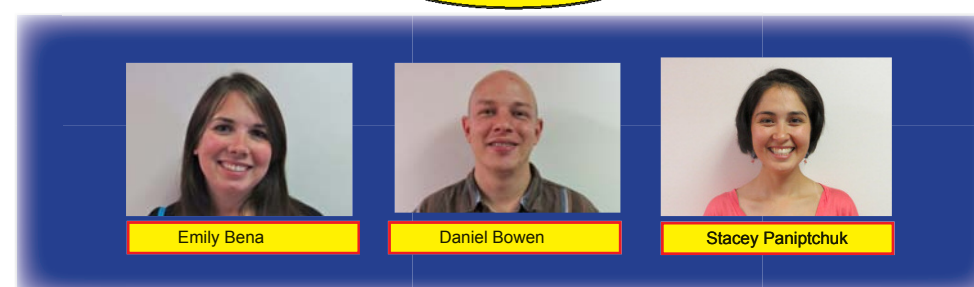
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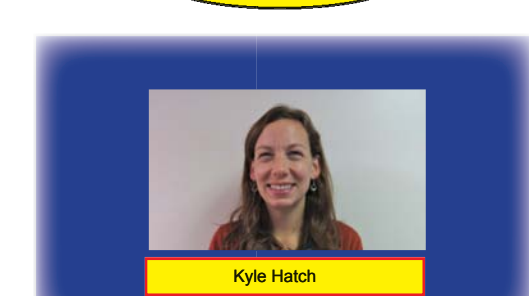
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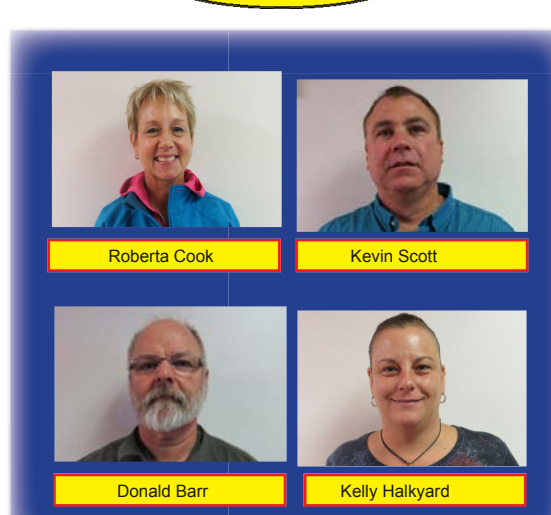
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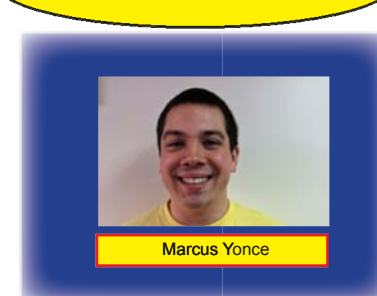
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Setting up for Success - Opportunities for Dual Credit

By Kacey Miller
Northwest Campus

An impressive partnership takes place every fall and spring semester in the Bering Strait region. This partnership between Northwest Campus and the Bering Strait School District has created valuable opportunities for our region's high school youth. The goal: to provide juniors and seniors with tangible postsecondary experiences that prepare them for their next steps after high school.

Since 2008, many BSSD high school juniors and seniors have taken advantage of this dual-credit opportunity. Courses in developmental math, human relations, preparatory English, Alaska Native studies, science, college success skills and more provide college credit as well as qualifying high school graduation credits. At BSSD's request, NWC schedules the dual-credit courses during the school day (2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.) so that high school students can participate while they're at school.



Shishmaref students working hard at NWC.

Many students have taken these experiences and used them as stepping stones toward degrees at universities across the nation. This past spring semester, 22 BSSD students from eight sites enrolled in three different NWC dual-credit classes. Here are some stellar examples of how dual-credit opportunities have assisted the Class of 2013:

- Two seniors from Shishmaref enrolled into a developmental English course at the beginning of their junior year at Shishmaref High School. Continuing on in the spring semester to complete ENGL IIIIX (freshman college English), these students were able to enroll into a 200-level English course as freshman this fall semester at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.
- A Gambell senior completed the UAF developmental math sequence through NWC, which prepared her to transfer to Pennsylvania to play collegiate basketball at the University of Pittsburgh Titusville.
- A St. Michael student completed a three-credit ENGL 111X course as a junior. As a senior, he completed nine credits in the fall semester and seven credits in the spring. These courses prepared him to attend the University of Alaska Anchorage this fall without having to take developmental coursework.
- An Elim student completed a three-credit aviation technology course as a sophomore. As a junior, he completed six developmental math credits and as a senior completed a three-credit preparatory English course. He is currently enrolled at UAA in the professional pilot program.
- Two Unalakleet students completed a one credit college preparatory course together. They both went on to participate in UAA's Della Keats Summer Program this past summer. As seniors, they plan to take a three-credit human relations studies class this fall.
- This Elim student is a great example of a student utilizing dual-credit opportunities throughout her high school career. As a sophomore, she completed a two-credit health course. As a junior she completed a three-credit developmental math course and a two-credit health course. As a senior, she completed a three-credit preparatory English course as well as a three-credit Alaska Native studies course. She is currently enrolled at UAA in the elementary education program with a substantial amount of credits in her academic history already.

With the support of local teachers, principals and parents, these students are given an opportunity few others experience. NWC academic advisors Annie Weyiouanna in Shishmaref and Kathy Commack in Unalakleet (both BSSD alumni and postsecondary graduates) expose students to the process of getting enrolled into college. They walk students through the required placement testing and registration processes, similar to what they'd experience as a freshman at a large university campus. Providing support throughout the semester, advisors offer assistance and contact students during the year through various admissions, financial aid and postsecondary preparation transitions.

Since it's never too early to plan for college, NWC advisors and BSSD also collaborate on a program called "I Know I Can." This annual, community-based reading activity is offered in second-grade classrooms throughout BSSD, usually around the month of November. Alumni and community volunteers visit classrooms with a book entitled "I Know I Can," read it to the students, discuss their own college and work experiences, and give each student a copy of the book at the end of the activity. The book tells the story of a group of animal characters trying to determine what they want to be when they grow up and how college fits into those plans. The plans the students share are drawn on a postcard and sent to the student three years later to remind them of their goals. If you'd like to learn more about this activity and other efforts please contact a Northwest Campus advisor or your local principal.

Beautiful Scenery in St. Michael

By Mark Thompson



The sun setting in St. Michael.

The lush green of our short summers is accented by a purplish haze as millions of fireweed blossoms reach skyward, often in patches where the ground has been disturbed by natural or human processes. Their appearance is a sign of changes and comes as the long light of summer recedes into the lingering twilights of autumn.



St. Michael Fireweed blossoming.

But, while they signal an ending, they are also a sign of renewal and promise as they pioneer the way for a succession of hardy life in the days of years to come. In that way they might remind us that change, while often difficult, is not without hope. As we begin a new season of learning, there will be changes and challenges. And there will be pioneers both young and old among us who, in their growing, reveal beauty, promise, and hope.

The Antidotes and Adventures of Diomedede

By Jori Grant



Day 1: [8/14/13] Yesterday our adventure began with the separating of the forces in Unalakleet. It was a rough moment, saying goodbye to half of our dauntless team, but the lowly feelings were curbed by the knowledge that soon we would be reunited on our beloved rock. Sadly, a series of unfortunate events was to keep us separated from our home far longer than wanted.

Day 2: [8/15/13] Today Catherine and I arrived in Wales, home of the legendary teacher, Stacey Mueller, chit-chatter, busy bee, and all around motivational speaker. It was only her calming words and the promise of an all girls teacher sleepover that kept the tears from flowing at the news that the helicopter emergency beacon was out and the flight cancelled. In anticipation of the effort it will take to return home, I have begun this daily log so as not to forget any details of our voyage back.

Day 3: [8/16/13] It is midday on day three of our trip and we grow restless at the ever-increasing unpredictability of the helicopter repairs. In the meantime, a ray of hope has appeared in the form of the VTC that allowed all the Diomedede staff to be reunited, visually if not physically. Later today, Catherine and I shall begin assisting Stacey in her efforts to prepare for school. I will be correcting practice SBA tests in an attempt to categorize and pinpoint the writing and grammatical weakness of various students. This will be my first attempt at tedious work this semester. I only hope the lads waylaid at NACTEC are coping with our separation as well as we.



Day 4: [8/17/13] I survived the monotony that is SBA practice tests and am looking forward to more active stretching of my teaching muscles today. My goal, since I am forced into this nomadic lifestyle with neither home nor classroom, is to partake in the intensive study of the CHAMPS approach. It is a worthy beast to spar and I only hope, with the assistance of my teaching cohort, Stacey, that we prove the more worthy CHAMPions! In this trying hour there is also hope, for we hear rumors that our remaining comrades will be joining us tomorrow before we all journey to our dear home on that rock in the sea.

Day 5: [8/18/13] Alack! Alack the day! Such tragedy has befallen the Diomedede team; I shutter to speak the words. Our loyal and courageous steed has fallen, victim to the cruel fate of an old and spent engine. The ray of hope in this dark hour is the reuniting of the staff, the royal flush of teaching teams, the Dynamic Diomeders, back together... in Wales. The returning soldiers, Willis, Marcus, and David carry optimism for travel occurring next Monday the 26th of August. They also have shared harrowing tales of hovering in the helicopter as the sputtering of the second engine began. Oh what brave lads, to endure such a fright!



Day 6: [8/19/13] Today, the Diomedede Dateliners, with the assistance and generosity of the Wales staff, put on a stiff upper lip and continued lesson planning to the best of our abilities. It really is a testament to humanity how, in the worst of situations the best of humanity shines forth. We have received nothing but kind words, encouragement, and last year's chicken nuggets and broccoli from the scrappy Wales staff. God bless them for providing sustenance and lodging for so long a time. Another spot of good news arrived late yesterday in the form of an email from Sir Jay Thomas. In our hour of need NSEDC has rallied and is feverishly working to reach us by use of a crab boat, which would then take the dream team home. It is our fervent prayer that this mode of transportation will be operational by Thursday the 22nd.



Day 7: [8/20/13] Oh glorious day! After our arduous journey we have finally reached Nome in an attempt to board the crab boat. Now it will only be a short night's lodging, provided by a glorious benefactor, and then we will be off for a day of high seas adventuring on a crab boat to Diomedede. Willis, the only traveler who has journeyed this way before, has begun regaling us with tales of nineteen to twenty-four hours of tossing seas and mermaids flying amongst the seaweed. There are even whispers of hours spent observing the loading and unloading of crab boats. Our spirits are much renewed at this good news.

Day 8: [8/21/13] As the sun rose over the hills of Nome this morning, we awoke from our sleeping bag slumber to the sad knowledge that we were not beginning a new year along with our fellow comrades. From the shores of Wales to the new school in Shaktoolik and the islands in-between, we wish you well. Today our adventure will be skirting around the storms at sea and within our stomachs as we charge forth, as gallant as the light brigade. Seas to the right, seas to the left, seas before us and closing in behind us, but still we press on toward Diomedede and everlasting glory.

Day 9: [8/22/13] Finally, the day we have been dreaming of has arrived. It began with a surprise awakening by an eager foot while I slumbered on the floor of a rocking crab boat. After a moment of confusion and bafflement I realized the importance of the words, 'Land ho!' that accompanied the nudging of the foot. Diomedede was in sight! Our weary and cramped bodies nearly leapt into the ocean with the exhilaration that was felt at the sight of Paradise Island. Surely no one group of people has ever had such a magnificent journey to the start of a school year. This is truly the best of all possible teaching spots.

Teller Girl on Ice

By Susette Carroll
Principal, Teller, AK

Grace Ongtowsruk, of James C. Isabell School in Teller, was selected for the Girls on Ice glacier study program this past summer. She represented northwestern Alaska in this challenging, rigorous endeavor. Grace spent eleven days on the Gulkana Glacier with a team of nine students and three instructors. Her focus of study was glacier ice melt. Teamwork was stressed and mountaineering skills used as they hiked and camped on the glacier.



Grace Ongtowsruk studying glacier ice melt.

Grace gives the following advice to others who might want to apply for future summers:

“You have to be fit and ready for this once in a lifetime adventure. Don’t back out just because you are “homesick”. Just think, you are the one of those few people who can do this for free.”

St. Michael Back to School

By Jessica Petersen



St. Michael staff photo.

Saint Michael teachers rang in the new school year with a back-to-school cook-out of moose burgers and reindeer on North Beach in St. Michael. The staff spent a week in nearby Unalakleet receiving training in various curricula. The staff headed back home to celebrate their excitement for a brand new year.



Having fun at the BBQ and catching fish!

A community potluck was held in which students brought their parents, guardians, and other relatives for salmon. Students were sent home with books as a door prize. We wish all in our community a wonderful year!

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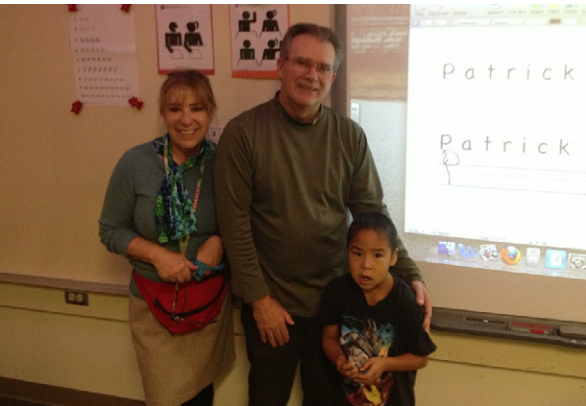
I am originally from Chicago, graduated from Elmhurst College in Elmhurst Illinois. I went to visit my grandparents in February, in Florida. I could wear shorts and I decided I was tired of the cold and wanted to live at the beach. I have spent my time in Florida doing a variety of jobs, from working at Disney and Universal to free lance photography, finally settling down to teach. I specialize in children with Special needs, particularly student with Autism. I am certified to teach Special Education, Elementary K-6, and I have an Autism Endorsement from the State of Florida. I was given a link to the job in BSSD and filled out the application, interviewed and decided this was the right time to pick up and start my life in Alaska. I am certainly glad I did! Amazing scenery, wonderful people and it sure beats the 100 degree summers in Florida. I’m ready to experience the cold and frigid winters of Alaska. It’s all part of the adventure.



Roberta (Bert) Cook

Two awesome children: Dana 25, Raymond 22
15 years of teaching experience: Idaho and Alaska (Adak, Juneau and BSSD)
Working on Masters in Administration
Recently married to Bud (Burt) Cook in Pattaya Thailand, June 2012
Owns and operates a Tour/Excursion Business in Juneau:

reconfigured tugboat! 5 bedroom, 3 bath...come visit or book a 3-5 day excursion next summer!
Excited to be back in BSSD under the direction of amazing leadership.
Presently: ECE/SFA Facilitator Koyuk



My name is Michael Potter, and I am the new kindergarten teacher. I taught one year in St. Michael and have been part of Bering Strait School District for five years. I am here with my wife, Pam Potter, who is Principal at Koyuk this year. We are very excited to be part of the community and to help our students to achieve. Thank you for the kindness that the community has shown to us since we have been here.

My name is Pamala Potter, the new principal at Koyuk. I am thrilled to be part of the community and particularly with our students. I am always interested in hearing what our parents have to say.

our many family events we have planned for the year. We are beginning our Principal’s Malemute Club, so daily ten students will be recognized for effort and kindness to each other...and you will

are to have your child at our school. Thank you for sharing your precious children.

The Dock Walk

By Diana Haecker

Lousy weather kept boaters in the harbor for the latter part of last week. Rain and windy seas sent gold dredgers hiding in the harbor and filling up dock space. Still business went on as usual for other operations at the Port of Nome and the small boat harbor. Here is the weekly report by Harbormaster Lucas Stotts:

On Tuesday, September 10, Vitus Marine's tug and barge *Cavek/208* arrived to conduct fuel transfers and take care of some repairs. The gold

dredge *Argo* which had burned down last week, was removed from the water. The tug and barge *Devon/BC 151* arrived to discharge freight. The research vessel *Aquila* arrived and departed after a crew change and taking on fuel. Northland Services' tug and barge *Polar Storm/Bering Trader* arrived to offload their freight. They are still hanging off-shore for about 10 days, awaiting further orders.

On Sept. 11, the Persian sailboat *Perd Pas Le Nord* arrived after hav-

ing sailed through the Northwest Passage. Crowley's tug, the *Pt. Thompson* arrived for a boat switch with the *Nachik*. Orion Marine's *Millie Cruz* arrived and departed after taking on new crew and fuel. The tug and barge *Devon/BC 151* departed after unloading "dirty" dirt from St. Lawrence Island and loading cargo. The sailing vessel *Libullule* arrived after navigating the Northwest Passage. Northland Service's tug and barge *Polar Storm/Bering Trader* departed. Vitus Marine's tanker *Cape*

Dawson arrived to offload fuel. The research vessel *Bristol Explorer* arrived for a crew change and to take on fuel. The vessel has come from the Chukchi Sea, where researchers have conducted the second year of an Arctic Integrated Survey of fish and other species. They continue their third leg of the study in the Northern Bering Sea. The *Devon* arrived and departed after taking fuel.

On Sept. 12, Crowley's tug *Nachik* departed. Vitus Marine's tanker *Cape Dawson* and the tug and barge *Cavek/208* departed. The *S/V Libullule* departed, headed for southern climes. The research vessel *Bristol Explorer* departed. Brice's tug and barge *Sam B./L.A.B* arrived to load gravel.

On Sept. 13, Crowley's tug and

barge *Nokea/Nakao* arrived to discharge fuel.

On Sept. 14, Crowley's tug and barge *Pt. Thompson/ 165-2* departed after conducting fuel operations.

On Sept. 15, the *S/V Traversay III* arrived in Nome after sailing the Northwest Passage.

On Sept. 16, the *S/V Isatis* and *S/V La Belle Epoque* arrived after sailing the Northwest Passage. Harbormaster Lucas Stotts expects these to be the last two sailboats for this year arriving in Nome from the Northwest Passage. In all, Stotts said eight sailing vessels docked in Nome this summer after sailing the Northwest Passage. Orion Marine's *Millie Cruz* arrived to take on fuel and then departed.



Photo by Diana Haecker

BELMONT POINT — Belmont Point residents staked out a small portion of the beach for children to play.



Photo by Diana Haecker

NEW BARGE RAMP — Construction of a new barge ramp is underway.



Photo by Keith Albrecht

SURF CRAWLER — The golden beaches of Nome have seen all sorts of home-made gold dredging devices. This is one of six surf crawlers working the surf zone at West Beach.



Photo by U.S. Coast Guard by Petty Officer 3rd Class Grant DeVuyst
SPILL TEST — Coast Guard Cutter *Healy* crew members retrieve a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration small unmanned aircraft system after it landed in icy water during a simulated spilled oil response exercise in the Beaufort Sea Sept. 10, 2013. The drone was used to identify simulated spilled oil so that deployable recovery systems could be utilized. See *Strait Action* on page 3.



Photo by Neayuk Ahvakana

BELLY LANDING — On Sunday, Sept. 15, a Bering Air plane experienced a rough landing at the Teller runway when the landing gear collapsed. According to Bering Air, the three passengers and the pilot were fine and not injured. The FAA is investigating the incident.

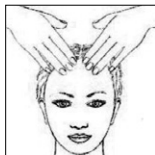
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Health insurance is required by law, but your health is still a personal choice

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

By 2014 every US citizen will be required to have some form of health insurance. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA or Obamacare) is now federal law.

We may choose to debate the wisdom of this law and the economic impact this legislation will have on future generations, but I think most people would agree that having health insurance, specifically for catastrophic disease or injury, is good.

Good laws protect people. And I suspect there will be a many people under the new legislation who benefit from having health insurance. Imagine the relief of a newly insured person who would otherwise be bankrupted knowing he or she has coverage for an unexpected hospitalization or new diagnosis of an expensive lifelong illness, like diabetes.

But insurance, by definition, is not intended to benefit every person who has insurance. Health insurance is merely one way a group of people can share the cost of unexpected events so that when a serious injury or illness occurs, no single person suffers financial ruin.

Only a small portion of the population in the U.S. experiences this level of a health crisis annually. In fact, around half of all healthcare dollars in the U.S are spent on only 5 percent of the population.

In reality, we need health insurance, not for day-to-day medical expenses, but to cover us during the periods of life when we find ourselves in that top five percent, those times when medical bills rise into the thousands of dollars.

You may be surprised to find that the most expensive health conditions in the U.S., the ones that cost

us the most, are not unexpected or random diseases.

According to the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the 10 most expensive conditions are: heart disease; cancer; trauma; mental disorders; asthma; osteoarthritis; back pain; hypertension; high cholesterol; and diabetes.

Chances are that you or someone close to you has been to the doctor recently, and paid good money, to control one of these conditions. Some may argue, and rightfully so, that this is why we need insurance.

But I see another important point, an often-overlooked limitation on the value of insurance. Note that almost all of our most expensive medical conditions are to some extent preventable. Health insurance may provide financial relief in cases of severe illness, but insurance does not prevent disease.

A list compiled by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the most common preventable causes of disease in the U.S. looks suspiciously like the list of our most costly conditions: hypertension; diabetes; heart disease; cancer; arthritis; trauma; and lung disease.

Herein lies an important lesson. Maintaining a health insurance policy may be the law of the land, but your health comes from something much more profound, something that cannot be legislated. Health is

not something you can purchase in a health exchange or receive as a fringe benefit of employment. Health is fundamentally a choice.

Your health, whether good or bad, results from a series of personal decisions, small investments made every day by what you eat, how much of it you consume, and your level of physical activity. In a broader sense, much of our health also results from the decisions of others such as what foods are served in schools, whether or not parents smoke, the quality of water and sewage maintenance in our communities, and whether or not salmon runs are properly managed.

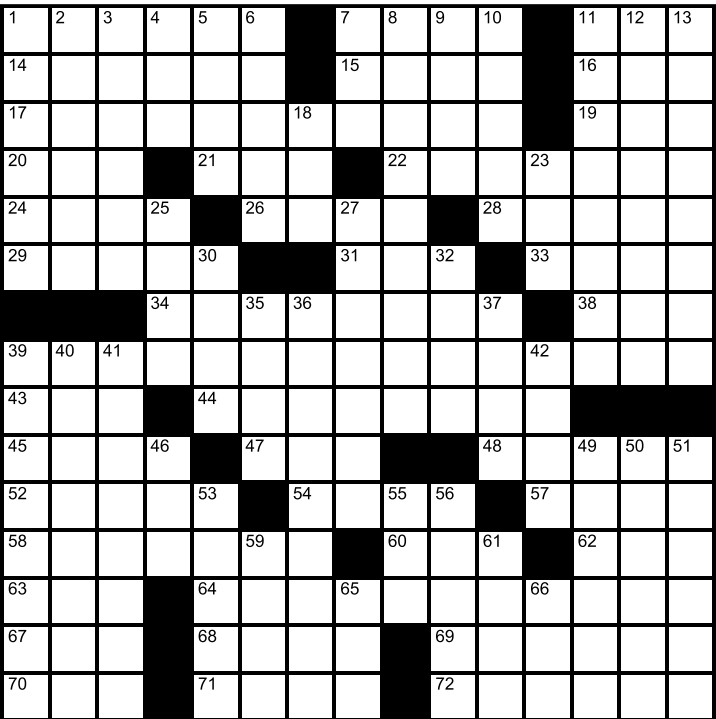
The CDC reports that most illness, suffering, and premature death in the U.S. can be prevented by four modifiable health behaviors: a healthy vegetable-rich diet; daily physical activity; avoidance of excessive alcohol consumption; and avoidance of tobacco-use or exposure. The cost of healthcare plummets among groups who practice these healthy behaviors.

But for most people the cost of health care will likely continue to rise, despite the provisions of the new health insurance law, because being unhealthy is expensive and health insurance is not what makes a person healthy. Even the most comprehensive health insurance plan cannot compete with the simple, inexpensive, daily choice to eat right, to exercise, to maintain a healthy weight, and to stop smoking.

I think even proponents of the new law will agree that the decision to put on your tennis shoes and go for a walk after eating a healthy dinner will do more to improve your

health than any selection made when the health insurance exchanges open for business next month.

You may be required to give an insurance company your money, but your health is not in their hands.



- Across
11. Devoted

7. "What are the ____?"

11. Make sense, with "up"

14. Check payee, maybe

15. Butcher's offering

16. "Malcolm X" director

17. Magician's incantation

19. Absorbed, as a cost

20. Solar system's central star

21. Connections

22. Remove band from around objects

24. Barely gets, with "out"

26. Boor's lack

28. Containing a high amount of water vapor

29. Ready-to-eat food shops

31. 2004 Academy Award nominee

33. Baby

34. Greek wines

38. "Comprende?"

39. Maintaining outdated attitudes

43. Formerly known as

44. Small denomination British coin

45. Balcony section

47. Costa del ____

48. Jack

52. Eyeball benders

54. Sort

57. "Go, ____!"

58. Japanese paper folding

60. Dadaism founder

62. Barbecue offering

63. John McCain, e.g.: Abbr.

64. A republic in West Africa (2 wds)
67. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.

68. "... or ____!"

69. Bottom of the ocean

70. "20,000 Leagues" harpooner ____ Land

71. Abbr. after many a general's name

72. Cafeteria-goers

- Down
1. Degraded

2. Chastise

3. Ryegrass

4. Victorian, for one

5. Adam's apple spot

6. Blue eyes or baldness, e.g.

7. Egg cells

8. Young woman presented to society

9. "Fudge!"

10. Not just trim

11. Chicken Little, for one

12. Person held in custody

13. Thoroughgoing (hyphenated)

18. ____ lab (abbrev.)

23. "For shame!"

25. "Your majesty"

27. In a well-delineated manner

30. The Amish, e.g.

32. Ball material

35. Picks up a pickup, maybe

36. Extremely haughty

37. Use a straw

39. Free from confinement

40. Synthetic rubber used in waterproof products

41. Recovered the use of

42. Copper

46. .0000001 joule

49. An organism requiring oxygen to live

50. More conceited

51. Becomes fixed into a surrounding mass

53. Electric dart shooter

55. When it's broken, that's good

56. Clear, as a disk

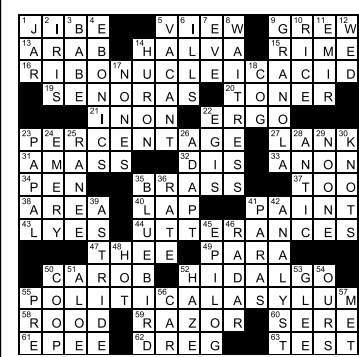
59. 1/500 of the Indianapolis 500

61. "Guilty," e.g.

65. Cabernet, e.g.

66. "Dig in!"

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water because they realize adding a known poison to a population's water supply is not a good idea. Since 2010 more than 75 U.S. and Canadian communities, including Fairbanks and Juneau, Alaska, have voted to end water fluoridation and more people are beginning to demand water that does not expose them to this highly toxic industrial product.

There are many reports and studies available online about fluoridation and its ill effects. A recent Harvard University meta-analysis funded by the National Institute of

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CAPRICORN
December 22–January 19

Dodging someone, Capricorn? So is everyone else. Hiding out will get you nowhere. It's time for a confrontation. A business transaction goes off without a hitch.

ARIES
March 21–April 19

Youngsters start throwing around hints at home. Don't take the bait, Aries. This is one objective they need to obtain on their own. A work project comes to an end.

CANCER
June 22–July 22

Business proposals begin to stack up. Some are better than others. Do your homework. Cancer. A phone call from home brings good news.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

Dreary days and cooler temperatures bring on the urge to retreat. Don't, Libra. Young ones are counting on you to lead the way this week.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

You give, and you give some more, but come on, Aquarius, the well is about dry. Take time out to replenish your spirits. Start with a walk in the park.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

Tricky Taurus. You're a master at turning things around and making them work in your favor. A supervisor is counting on you to work your magic in a meeting.

LEO
July 23–August 22

Savvy investments and small budget cuts get you back in the black and ensure you stay there. Celebrate with a mentor, Leo. An inquiry begins.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

A friend makes their choice crystal clear, and it does not involve you. Don't take it personally, Scorpio. There are other plans in the work that will involve you.

PISCES
February 19–March 20

Parting is such sweet sorrow, or is it, Pisces? If a relationship has soured to the point of no return, it may be time to put an end to it once and for all.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Cunning you are not, Gemini, but when pressed this week, you will show the world that you can be. A lucky guess brings rewards to a friend.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

Diversity is the name of the game when it comes to planning a special event. Know your audience and select various activities that will keep their interest, Virgo.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

Greed takes hold at home, and conflict ensues. Jump in and teach the art of compromise, Sagittarius. A deadline is extended and resources are increased.

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Health concluded that children in areas with fluoridated water have significantly lower IQ scores. A long lost research from 1937 written by Dr. Dean Burk (who cofounded the U.S. National Cancer Institute) has resurfaced. Dr. Burk equated water fluoridation to “pubic murder.” The study was done on the largest 10 U.S. cities that use fluoride in their water and compared to

the 10 largest without fluoride and it showed that cancer abruptly rose in as little as a year or two after fluoridation. These studies were government ordered but quickly buried once fluoride was found to be linked to dramatic increases in cancer.

I myself have a compromised immune system and need to be careful what I ingest. I have a new granddaughter who uses Nome’s water to reconstitute her formula. I have another granddaughter who is due soon

that I have concerns for. I do not want to see the health of the people of Nome and its visitors compromised, even at a low fluoride level. Research from the National Research Council (2006), Fluoride in Drinking Water: A Scientific Review of EPA’s Standards, states, “the major anticaries benefit of fluoride is topical and not systemic.” So, how do I need your help? Please attend the City of Nome council meeting on September 23 at 7:00 p.m. to show

our community leaders we don’t want fluoride added to our water supply. If nothing else, come to the meeting for your young children and grandchildren, who are most in danger of the potential hazard from exposure to fluoride, and who will be the future leaders of Nome. If you

can’t attend please phone the council members and express your opposition to this important matter.
Respectfully,
Barbara A. Oleson,
Nome, AK 99762

All Along the Seawall

NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEDIA RELEASES 09-02-2013 through 09-08-2013

Disclaimer: This is a record of activity. The issuance of citations or the act of arrest does not assign guilt to any identified party:

On 9-9 at 2:02 a.m. there was a report of a fight in progress on Front St. It was also reported that they knocked down some appliances in the establishment. After arrival officers separated the two persons involved. Charges will be forwarded to the District Attorney's office for disposition.

On 9-9 at 7:12 a.m. Nome Police received a report of damage to a vehicle on King Place. The suspect broke out the driver's side window. If anyone has any leads please 443-5262 regarding this or other crime.

On 9-9 at 12:13 p.m. there was a report of a highly intoxicated gentleman on Front St. Upon arrival of the Officer, no medical attention was deemed necessary so they were transported to their residence.

On 9-9 at 5:51 p.m. there was a report of a fire at the Small Boat Harbor. NVPD, NVAD, and Airport Fire Department responded to the scene as well. No injuries were reported. Investigation is ongoing.

On 9-9 at 10:27 p.m. during routine security checks, John Penetac was contacted and eventually arrested for Criminal Trespassing. Manuela Meyer was also contacted during this security check. Investigation revealed that Manuela is currently on conditions of probation, which she violated. Charges will be forwarded to the DA's office for disposition.

On 9-9 at 11:15 p.m. there was a report of a bear in Icy View. The bear was attempting to eat some of the food inside an arctic entry. By the time Fish & Game arrived the bear was outside Icy View. The Nome Police Department would like to remind everyone to properly store all subsistence food to prevent this from happening.

On 9-10 at 2:46 a.m. there was a report of an assault in town. Investigation led to the arrest of reporting party, Sheryl Akeya, for 2 counts of assault in the 4th degree. She was remanded to AMCC and held without bail.

On 9-10 at 9:37 a.m. Police Department responded to a business on Fourth Avenue of a report of a disturbance. The suspect left before officer arrival and she is not allowed to return to the business.

On 9-10 at 11:29 a.m. Nome Police Department Officers were dispatched to the Nome-Beltz High School for the report of a 17-year-old minor who was caught with chewing tobacco. The minor was issued a Minor in Possession of Tobacco Citation and left in the care of family.

On 9-10 at 9:56 p.m. there was a report of a

stolen bicycle from a residence on Third Ave. The bicycle was located and eventually returned to rightful owner.

On 9-10 at 11:45 p.m. Nome Police Department responded to a residence on D Street for a report of loud music. The residents were asked to turn the music down and they did. NPD would like to remind everyone to keep down the noise in respect of others.

On 9-11 at 2:23 a.m. there was a report of a vehicle driving recklessly and speeding. Officers responded right away and were unable to locate the vehicle. NPD would like to remind everyone to call 443-5262 for erratic or suspected drunk drivers.

On 9-11 at 9:04 p.m., Nome Police Department Officers responded to a business on Front St for the report of an assault. Upon further investigation the assault was deemed unfounded, but the reported suspect, Gordon Ahnangnatoguk, 52, was found to be intoxicated while on current Conditions of Release that prohibited the consumption of alcohol. Gordon was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating his Conditions of Release and Probation Violation and was held without bail.

On 9-11 at 10:14 p.m., Nome Police Department got a call for an ambulance request at a residence on First Avenue. The juvenile patient was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital and treated for their wounds.

On 9-11 at 12:45 a.m., there was a report of a disturbance on Second Avenue. Officers made contact with Ernest Iyapana. He was warned for Disorderly Conduct and transported to the care and custody of a sober family member.

On 9-11 at 9:46 p.m., Nome Police Department Officers were dispatched to a residence on H Street for the report of a minor throwing a rock at a window in the residence, breaking the outer pane of glass. The minor suspect was identified and the report will be forwarded to Juvenile Justice for disposition.

On 9-12 at 12:50 a.m. Nome Police Department Officers observed a vehicle travelling on Seppala without functioning taillights. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver was identified as Jared Wiggins, 18, who was found to be driving the vehicle without a valid Alaska Driver's License. Jared was issued a citation for Driving without a Valid License and the vehicle was released to a licensed driver.

On 9-12 at 1:38 a.m. Nome Police Department Officers responded to a hotel on Bering St for the report of a baby crying inside one of the rooms. Upon arrival, Officers made contact with Jerod Levshakoff, 44, who was found highly intoxicated and the sole caretaker of the infant child. Jerod was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC for Reckless Endangerment, Domestic Vi-

olence where he was held without bail.

On 09-12 at 9:18 a.m. High School staff called and reported that a Beltz High School student arrived at the school intoxicated. 18-year-old Johnny Evak was issued a citation for MCA and he was transported to a residence and left in the care of a sober relative.

On 9-12 at 4:59 p.m. there was a report of residents on K Street of a stolen bicycle from the Elementary School. The bike is identified as 20" aqua green colored Konker Ripper, if anyone has any information regarding the whereabouts please call NPD.

On 09-12 at 5:53 p.m. Nome Police Officers responded to East Third Ave on the report of a loose dog. Upon arrival, one brown animal was observed running loose in the street. The owner was not present, and could not be contacted. The animal was impounded at NPD kennels. NPD wishes to remind animal owners to keep their pets on a leash.

On 9-12 at 9:25 p.m. there was a report of attempted break in at a residence on Second Avenue. Investigation led to a citation to David O'Conner for Endangering the Welfare of Child in the 2nd degree. Office of Children's Services was contacted and took custody of child.

On 9-13 at 1:44 a.m. officers responded to a business on Front St. for an intoxicated male with some injuries and may need assistance. Jene Fenton and Robert James were given a warning for Disorderly Conduct and asked to go their separate ways. Charges will be forwarded to the DA's for disposition.

On 9-13 at 2:12 a.m., NPD responded to a call on Front Street regarding a possible assault. RP was transported to his residence. Investigation revealed that Arnold Mueller assaulted an individual. Charges have been forwarded to DA's office.

On 9-13 at 8:46 p.m. Officers contacted Sarah Evak, 21, who was intoxicated on Tobuk Alley. Investigation revealed Evak was in violation of her current conditions of probation and had assaulted three other persons in the area of Anvil Park and challenged another to fight. Evak was arrested and charged with violating her probation, 3 counts of Assault in the Fourth Degree and one count of Disorderly Conduct. Evak was remanded to AMCC and held without bail.

On 9-14 at 12:33 a.m. officers responded to a possible assault on Front Street. Upon arrival officers met up with Rebecca Carlisle who was cited for Endangering the Welfare of Child in the 2nd degree and warned for Drunk on Licensed Premise. The child was left in custody of a responsible adult.

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Saying it Sincerely

The Infinite Value of the Lost and Unnoticed
Rev. Ross Tozzi, Saint Joseph Church
Member of the Nome Ministerial Association

In the parable of the lost coin, Jesus tells of the joy of a woman who loses one of her 10 coins and is ready to turn the house upside down and inside out in order to find it. And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says to them, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.’ (Luke 15:9) One can imagine that she spent more on the party than the value of the lost coin itself.

Jesus’ story of the lost coin reminds me of my father who was always looking for coins. He found great joy in finding what others had lost. On the 28th of April 1987 he spotted a coin while at a stoplight on his way driving to work. Common sense intervened and he did not get out of the car at the busy city intersection to pick up the penny. The next day as he was driving to work, he noticed the coin had moved a few inches to rest on a white line. He observed that Old Abe was battered, bruised, and almost unnoticed by a busy world wrapped up in the hurry, scurry, and fury of the day. Although, my dad was a little bit like the shepherd who left the 99 sheep to search out the lost one, common sense again dictated that he remain safely in the car.

Just as the Lord continues to seek us out . . . my father continued to show an inordinate amount of concern for one lost coin. The next day as he drove to work in the dark of night, the intersection was completely free of traffic. When the light changed to green, he drove to the spot in the intersection where the coin was hidden from the world and opened the car door to bend down and scoop up the coin. Safely cradling the coin in the palm of his hand, he continued on to work but in his heart he was filled with a tremendous joy that he wished to share with others. As he described it, “within my heart the glow was more radiant than the sun that would soon signify the birth of another day. In a world of fast paced action, how glorious are the ways of our Heavenly Father to ‘stop the world’ and enlighten my thoughts for only a penny.”

Many people see little value in a penny and they are more easily discarded today than they were 25 years ago. Sometimes we treat people that way, seeing little value in those who go unnoticed. For God our loving Father, we are all of infinite value. He did not turn the house upside down and inside out, but he did send his only begotten son, Jesus, to help us understand. Jesus endured the pain and suffering of the cross in order to help us understand the depths of God’s infinite love for each one of us. As a woman searches for a lost coin in her own house or a father for a penny beaten down on the roadway, God invites us to see as he sees, and to search out the lost and the unnoticed.

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Directory

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443-2144

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

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

Community United Methodist Church
West 2nd Avenue & C Street • 443-2865
Pastor Charles Brower
Sunday: Worship 11:00 am
Monday: Bible Study 6:30 to 8:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday: Thrift Shop 7:00 to 8:30 pm
Wednesday: Faith Followers 5:45 to 7:30 pm

Nome Covenant Church
101 Bering Street • 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey
Sunday: School 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday: Youth Group 6:30 p.m. (443-8063 for more info)
Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church
5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295
Sunday: Worship 11 a.m.

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River of Life Assembly of God
405 W. Seppala • 443-5333 • Pastor Mike Christian Jr.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Youth Meeting: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
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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 ICWA Specialist position.

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.

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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.

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REPORTS TO: Director Child Care Services
QUALIFICATIONS:
1. Hold a current Child Development Associate Certificate (CDA) or have 12 plus college credits in Early Childhood Development or have an Associate in the Arts (AA degree) in Early Childhood Development or related field.

2. Must be at least 21 years of age.
3. Must possess strong written and oral communication skills. Must be self-motivated, dependable, and demonstrate ability to collaborate with families and community agencies. Must be able to work well independently.
4. This position is a Covered Position subject to all requirements of the Alaska Barrier Crimes Act AS 47.05.310-47.05.390, 7 AAC 10.900-10.990, and to the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act, 25 USC 3201-3211 (ICPA). A background check clearance is required, including fingerprints, and the employee's name will be submitted to the Background Check Unit of the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services and entered into their central registry. Barrier Crimes Act and ICPA requirements apply and must be complied with at all times in order to remain in the position.
5. Current CPR and First Aid License. If applicant does not have a CPR License they must obtain one within 30 days of hire.
Native Preference per Public Law 93-638
Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at www.kawerak.org or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to hr.spec@kawerak.org 9/19

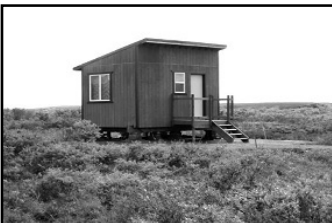
Real Estate

FOR SALE — Lots 1-6, BK 81, Nome, by school / hospital, one or all, 907-444-1854 5/4-tfn



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Kenneth Hughes III : Your payment to me for the amount of \$55,000.00 for the 24ft. X 30ft rubber pontoon dredge and 8ft. X 40ft. conex container full of tools and equipment that was located in the harbor area, is well overdue. Our agreement was for you to pay the full amount of \$55,000.00 by the end of the dredging season in 2009. Please submit full payment of \$55,000.00 with a cashier's check to Donald Phillips 10019 N. 57th St. Scottsdale, AZ 85253. Phone-480-905-6986 Cell-928-205-7733 Email-donphillips2000@hotmail.com. Further action pending immediate payment of debt. Thank you.
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Notice of Election

2013 Regional Educational Attendance Areas (REAA)

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Polling Places will be open 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

REAA #2 Bering Strait School District, Section III, Seat E; Section V, Seat I

Absentee Voting – September 16 – October 1, 2013

Absentee voting will be available in the Juneau, Anchorage, Wasilla, Fairbanks and Nome Elections Offices, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information on absentee voting procedures and polling place locations, please call your Regional Election Office or visit our website at: www.elections.alaska.gov

Assistance

If you need assistance while voting, you may ask an election board member or bring a person of your choice to assist you as long as that person is not a candidate, your employer, agent of your employer, or an agent of a union you belong to.

For more information, contact the Region IV Elections Office in Nome at 907-443-5285 or toll-free at 1-866-953-8683

For Yup'ik language assistance, call 1-866-954-8683

The State of Alaska, Division of Elections, complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need special assistance and/or accommodation to vote, please contact your local Division of Elections office to make necessary arrangements. STATEWIDE TDD: 1-888-622-3020

9/19-26

CITY OF NOME NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL MUNICIPAL, SCHOOL BOARD AND UTILITY BOARD ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF NOME, ALASKA ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2013, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 AM AND 8:00 PM OF THE SAME DAY.

The polling place for electors will be Old St. Joe's, Anvil City Square, 407 Bering Street, for those persons living in both Nome Precinct No. 1 (39-924) and Nome Precinct No. 2 (39-926).

THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTORS AT SAID ELECTION SHALL BE:

1. A U.S. Citizen qualified to vote in state elections.
2. A resident of the City of Nome for thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election.
3. Registered to vote in state elections at a residence address within the municipality at least thirty (30) days before the municipal election at which the person seeks to vote.
4. Not disqualified under Article V of the Alaska Constitution.

THE PURPOSE IS THE ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING SEATS:

1. Mayor of the City of Nome, to be elected to a 2 year term:

Seat	Term	Incumbent
Mayor	2 Yr.	Denise Michels

2. Three members of the Common Council, one to be elected for a 1 year term and two to be elected to a 3 year term:

Seat	Term	Incumbent
"A"	1 Yr.	Tom Sparks
"E"	3 Yr.	Jerald Brown
"F"	3 Yr.	Josie Stiles

3. Two members of the Utility Board, one to be elected for a 2 year term and one to be elected to a 3 year term:

Seat	Term	Incumbent
"A"	2 Yr.	Pat Johanson
"D"	3 Yr.	Berda Willson

4. One member of the School Board, to be elected to a 3 year term:

Seat	Term	Incumbent
"E"	3 Yr.	Barb Amarok



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PUBLIC NOTICE OF IDENTITY OF CANDIDATES

The following persons have filed for elected office for the October 1,2013 City of Nome Municipal, Utility Board and School Board Election:



Mayor	Two (2) Year Term Denise Michels
Common Council Seat "A"	One (1) Year Term Tom Sparks Kenneth Todd Langley Patrick Krier
Common Council Seat "E"	Three (3) Year Term Jerald Brown Louie Green, Jr.
Common Council Seat "F"	Three (3) Year Term Matt Culley
Utility Board Seat "A"	Two (2) Year Term Patrick H. Knodel
Utility Board Seat "D"	Three (3) Year Term Berda Willson
School Board Seat "E"	Three (3) Year Term Barbara J. Amarok Brandy M. Arrington

Any person with information intending to establish that a municipal candidate may be ineligible to fill that office may challenge the eligibility of the candidate. A challenge may be submitted at any time preceding the date and time of the Municipal Election and must be submitted to the City Clerk, City Hall, located at 102 Division Street, Nome, Alaska.

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Notice of Vacancy
The **Shaktoolik Native Corporation** is accepting candidacy nominations for four (4) seats on **Shaktoolik Native Corporation’s Board of Directors**. This year the terms for four (4) Directors will expire. Any shareholder of the Shaktoolik Native Corporation 18 years of age or older and of good standing may file for nomination to the SNC Board of Directors. All forms should be filed to be received no later than the close of business **October 3, 2013**. All interested shareholders of the Shaktoolik Native Corporation may obtain nomination forms from the Shaktoolik Native Corporation office whose address is:
P.O. Box 46
Shaktoolik, AK 99771
Ph. 955-3241
Fax. 955-3243

The State of Alaska,
Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
would like to remind the public that

LONG TERM PARKING at the **Nome Airport**

is restricted to 30 days. Longer periods need permission from the airport management at (907) 443-2500.
Vehicles in violation are subject to impoundment per 17 AAC 45.020(d), 17 AAC 45.115(e), 17 AAC 45.090.

State of Alaska, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, Northern Region, Western District, Maintenance & Operations, Aviation.

Looking for a new buddy?
Your new best friend may be waiting for you at the Nome Animal Shelter!
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Dog food, cat food, cat litter and other donations are always welcome at the Nome Animal Shelter!
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Unalakleet Native Corporation

To the Unalakleet Native Corporation Shareholders

Nomination forms are now available for shareholders interested in running for a two (2) year term for the Board of Directors. Closing date is **3rd of October 2013**. Please write to Box 100 or call at (907) 624-3411 to request a nomination form.

Unalakleet Native Corporation
P.O. Box 100
Unalakleet, Alaska 99684
PH: # (907) 624-3411 * FAX: # (907) 624-3833


Statoil will be in the following communities September 30 – October 3, 2013.
If you have any questions, please call or email Ms. Ella Ede, Statoil Stakeholder Engagement Manager @ 907-433-5700 or eede@statoil.com

Barrow - Monday 9/30
12:00 - 2:00 pm - Elders Lunch at Senior Center
5:30 - 9:00 pm - Community Meeting at Inupiat Heritage Center (dinner, raffle and children’s activity included)

Point Lay - Tuesday 10/1
12:00 - 2:00 pm - Elders Lunch at Point Lay Community Center
5:30 - 9:00 pm - Community Meeting at Point Lay Community Center (dinner, raffle and children’s activity included)
Children’s Activity will be held at Kali School after dinner

Wainwright – Wednesday 10/2
12:00 – 2:00 pm - Elders Lunch at Wainwright Community Center
5:30 - 9:00 pm - Community Meeting at Alak High School (dinner, raffle and children’s activity included)

Point Hope – Thursday 10/3
12:00 – 2:00 pm - Elders Lunch at Qalgi Senior Center
5:30 – 9:00 pm - Community Meeting at Tikigaq School (dinner, raffle and children’s activity included)



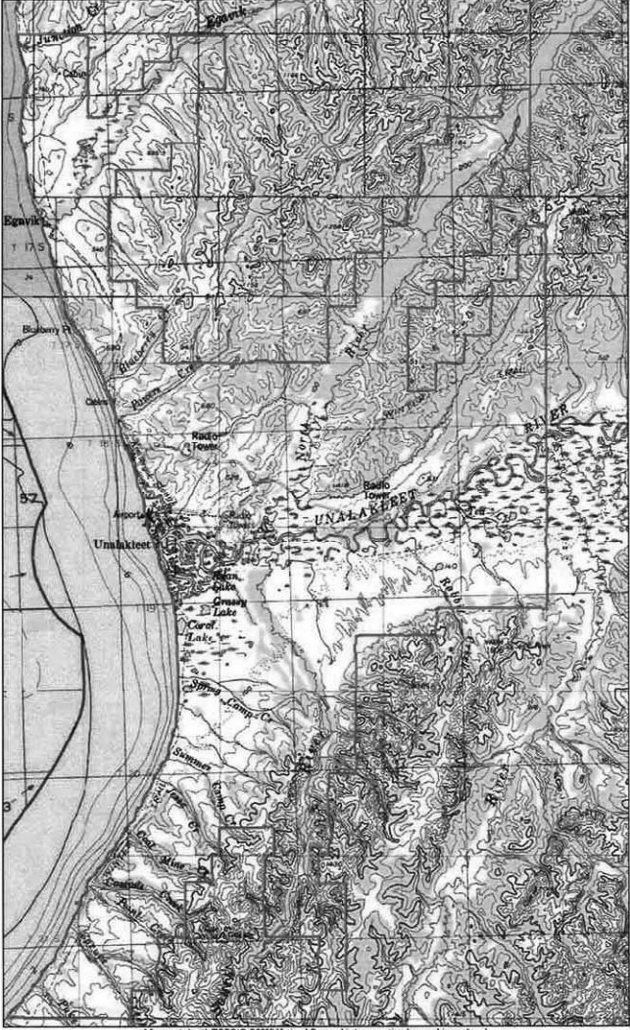
**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC,
GUIDES, PILOTS & HUNTERS**

**Game Unit 22A -
Unalakleet River Area**

• The public is reminded the land ownership within the outlined areas on the map are predominately privately owned by Unalakleet Native Corporation and its Shareholders.

• Hunting by non-shareholders is not allowed. Hunting by Shareholders, spouses of Shareholders, and descendents of Shareholders for subsistence purposes is permitted. For other allowable uses of land by non-shareholders, please contact:

Unalakleet Native Corporation
907-624-3411



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On 09-14 at 12:45 a.m. Nome Police were dispatched to Tobuk on the report of a disturbance. Officers arrived in the area and found Heather Ivanoff, 20, intoxicated rolling on the ground. Ivanoff was issued a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol and transported to a safe location.

On 09-14 at 1:20 a.m. Nome Police were dispatched to West Beach on the report of an assault. Officers contacted the victim of the assault who had received injuries but did not need medical attention. A suspect has been identified Nome Police will be requesting a warrant for the

suspect's arrest.

On 09-14 at 2:36 a.m. Nome Police Officers conducted a traffic stop on a blue Ford Explorer for Headlight Requirements. Further investigation revealed the operator of the vehicle, Darryl Cannon, 56, was intoxicated. Cannon was arrested for Driving Under the Influence and remanded to AMCC where his bail was set at \$1000.00.

On 09-14 at 12:26 p.m. NPD responded to a local business on Front St. for an intoxicated male. Jimmy Weyiouanna was found passed out on the ground and there was no sign of injury. Jimmy was transported to the hospital for a medical

release. Jimmy Weyiouanna is being charged with violating his Conditions of Probation.

On 9-14 at 2:22 p.m. NPD received a call of an assault from Icy View between two juveniles. Investigation is ongoing and a report will be forwarded to Juvenile Justice for disposition.

On 9-14 at 4:24 p.m. officers responded to a call on King Place of an unwelcomed guest. Investigation revealed that Myron Savetilik was the person. Myron was transported to NSRH for clearance then to AMCC for 12 hour hold.

On 9-15 at 12:19 a.m. NPD responded to a report of disturbance on Third Avenue. Officers made contact with Rebecca Carlisle and Kevin Kavairlook. Both were on probation and released to go their separate ways. Charges are being forwarded to District Attorney's Office for disposition.

On 9-15 at 12:20 a.m. Nome Police were dispatched to Third Ave on the report of a disturbance. Officers arrived and made contact with the parties involved. Investigation revealed there was only a verbal argument. This incident was resolved by separation.

On 9-15 at 1:55 a.m. there was a report of a

Motor Vehicle Accident between a dirt bike and a Pick-up truck on Nome-Teller Highway. The truck driver stated they were pulling into their driveway when the dirt bike with no headlight hit the truck. No injuries were reported. Nome Police Department would like to inform the public that street legal vehicles must possess working headlight, taillights, and turn signals.

On 9-15 at 2:16 a.m. a routine traffic stop on the Nome-Teller Highway officers led to the arrest of Roberta Tokeinna for DUI. Tokeinna was brought to NSRH for clearance then remanded to AMCC.

On 9-15 at 2:24 p.m. officers responded to a call of an assault on Fourth Ave. Investigation led to the arrest of Thurston Stiles for Assault in the 4th degree Domestic Violence. Stiles was transported to AMCC and held without bail.

On 9-15 at 4:03 p.m. Nome Police received a call from a business on Front St. to do a welfare check. Officers made contact with Victoria Campbell who was warned for Drunk on License Premise and Criminal trespass. Campbell was unable to relocate and later transported to AMCC for 12 hour protective hold.

On 9-15 at 4:22p.m. Nome Police officers responded to a call on H St. for 2 kids throwing rocks at cars. Officers located the teenagers and left them with their guardians.

On 9-15 at 9:22 p.m. NPD got a call for an ambulance request next to AC store for an ATV accident. Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department responded and transported patient to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for further medical attention.

On 9-15 at 10:15 p.m. there was a report of intoxicated female in a business on Front St. Investigation led to the arrest of Victoria Campbell; Drunk on Licensed Premise and taken to AMCC.

On 9-15 at 11:16 p.m. an officer observed a man on River Street who was intoxicated. Sam Komok was the individual. Mr. Komok did not provide a name of a relative in town so he was medically cleared and then transported to AMCC for 12 hour protective hold.

During this reporting period, 12 calls involved animals.

During this reporting period, 3 bicycles were reported missing/stolen.

Legals

ABSENTEE BALLOTS
NOME MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Absentee ballots for the October 1, 2013 City of Nome Municipal Election will be available at the Office of the City Clerk, located in Nome City Hall, on September 17, 2013. Application may be made by mail to: City Clerk, City of Nome, P.O. Box 281, Nome, Alaska 99762 or by fax at (907)443-5345. Mailed ballot applications **MUST** be received in the City Clerk's Office no later than September 26, 2013. Ballot applications submitted in person **MUST** be received by September 30, 2013. 8/29-9/5-12-19-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD MEETING

Pursuant to Alaska Statutes, 04.06.050, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board is holding its regular meeting to consider its agenda covering liquor license applications, license suspension, regulations, and other matters that may come before it. The board will take public comment upon items of agenda business and other issues of public interest related to alcoholic beverages, including the conduct of business by licensees and

the compliance by licensees and others with the statutes and regulations related to alcoholic beverages. Persons may appear at any time during the meeting. Comments may also be submitted to the board in writing by any person at any time or by contacting the board collect by telephone at 907-263-5900. Address: 2400 Viking Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

The meeting will be held in Nome on October 2, 2013. The meeting will be at the Kawerak Inc. Board Room, 500 Sepalla Drive. There will be a short briefing with the Director at 1:00 PM; the meeting will begin at 1:15 PM. Public testimony will be 1:20 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.

The State of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development 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 services or special modifications to participate in this public meeting should contact Gil Nelson at 263-5920 to make any necessary arrangements.

Shirley A. Coté, Director (907) 263-5900
9/19

Trooper Beat

Trooper Beat

On September 6, at about 3:00 p.m., while on routine patrol in Wales, Nome WAANT contacted Cyrus Savetilik, 26, of Teller, and arrested him on a Nome AST warrant. Savetilik was also in violation of his felony probation conditions so he was additionally charged with felony probation violation. Savetilik was transported to Nome where he was lodged at Anvil Mountain Correctional Center with no bail.

On September 10, at about 2:30 p.m., while investigating a burglary and theft case in Stebbins, Nome WAANT and AST contacted a 54-year-old male at his residence in Stebbins. During the course of the burglary investigation, a cooler of suspected homebrew was seized from inside the

male's residence. Stebbins is a local option community. A suspect has been identified and charges are pending for Alcohol Manufacturing.

On September 10, the Alaska State Troopers in Nome received a report from Savoonga that Jody Madsen's residence had been broken into and personal checks, a .22 caliber pistol and various other items had been stolen. A second report was received from the Savoonga Native Store that Ronald Kingeekuk, 22, of Savoonga had cashed a check totaling \$2,000.00 that later was observed to belong to Jody Madsen.

On September 14, AST recovered each stolen item including the .22 caliber pistol and upon further investigation linked R. Kingeekuk to the burglary. An arrest warrant was issued for R.

Kingeekuk and on September 14, AST arrested R. Kingeekuk in Savoonga and remanded him to AMCC.

On September 11, Nome Alaska Wildlife Troopers contacted and cited Christopher R. Shannon, 34, of Nome, for Taking Game by Shooting from the Roadway. Bail set at \$300.

On September 12, at 12:05 a.m. AST received a report of a capsized boat near Port Clarence. James Kakoona, 23, Paul Kakoona, 21, and Donald Ahnangnatoguk, 31, all from Brevig Mission, safely made it to shore. The three boaters were rescued by volunteer searchers and VPSOs and safely returned to Brevig Mission.

Court

Week ending 9/13

Civil

Verdin, Sharon A. v. Titus, Isaiah T.; Civil Protective Order
Downing, Jacelyn A. - Old Name; Atchak, Alexandria M. - New Name; Change of Name
Analoak, Nancy v. Schulling, Richard; Civil Protective Order
Wards Cove Packing Company d/b/a Nome Trading Co v. Noyakuk, Judy; Civil District Court
Sherman, Faye L. v. Tocktoo, Ernest P.; Civil Protective Order
Noongwook, Jason C. and Rookok, Tiffany S.; Dissolution with Children
Small Claims
Credit Union 1 v. Demir, Jennifer; Small Claims
Iyatunguk, Laben v. Iyatunguk, Frank C.; Small Claims
Credit Union 1 v. Aningayou, Christopher T.; Small Claims Greater Than \$2500
Credit Union 1 v. Hahn, Michael W.; Small Claims Less Than \$2500
City Of Nome d/b/a Nome Joint Utility System v. Topkok, Maggie P.; Small Claims Less Than \$2500
City Of Nome d/b/a Nome Joint Utility System v. Topsekok, William A.; Small Claims Less Than \$2500
City Of Nome d/b/a Nome Joint Utility System v. Berroteran, Juakin A.; Small Claims Less Than \$2500
City Of Nome d/b/a Nome Joint Utility System v. Wongtittlin, Diane; Small Claims Greater Than \$2500
City Of Nome d/b/a Nome Joint Utility System v. Bogart, Sean A.; Small Claims Less Than \$2500
City Of Nome d/b/a Nome Joint Utility System v. Agloinga, William M.; Small Claims Less Than \$2500
City Of Nome d/b/a Nome Joint Utility System v. Waterman, Kenneth A.; Small Claims Less Than \$2500
City Of Nome d/b/a Nome Joint Utility System v. Thomas, Martha J.; Small Claims Less Than \$2500
City Of Nome d/b/a Nome Joint Utility System v. Holt, Danielle W.; Small Claims Less Than \$2500
City Of Nome d/b/a Nome Joint Utility System v. Stone, Jamie R.; Small Claims Less Than \$2500
City Of Nome d/b/a Nome Joint Utility System v. Kenney, David R.; Small Claims Less Than \$2500
City Of Nome d/b/a Nome Joint Utility System v. Menadelook, Janis L.; Small Claims Less Than \$2500
City Of Nome d/b/a Nome Joint Utility System v. Davis, Clark W.; Small Claims Less Than \$2500

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Shane Mike (10/16/91); 2NO-13-148CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111777981; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time revoked and imposed.
State of Alaska v. Shane Mike (10/16/91); 2NO-13-696CR CTN 001: Criminal Trespass 2nd; Date of Violation: 9/2/13; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: Resisting Arrest; 15 days, 0 days suspended; 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. Dana L. James (12/50/83); 2NO-09-13CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110823786; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time revoked and imposed.
State of Alaska v. Dana Lou James (12/50/83); 2NO-13-56CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4; Filed by the DAs Office 9/5/13.
State of Alaska v. Dana James (12/50/83); 2NO-13-342CR CTN 001: Assault 4th; DV; Date of Violation: 4/27/13; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: VCOR dismissed and 2NO-13-56 dismissed; 7 months, 0 days suspended; 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. Martin Okpealuk (6/24/57); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114189579; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time revoked and imposed; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.
State of Alaska v. Robert Milton (3/30/88); Dismissal; Count I: 6th Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance; Filed by the DAs Office 9/6/13.
State of Alaska v. Clara Evan (2/9/47); 2NO-12-750CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113290398; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 25 days; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.
State of Alaska v. Clara Evan (2/9/47); 2NO-13-600CR CTN 002: Assault 4th; Date of Violation: 8/1/13; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: count 1; 30 days, 0 days suspended; 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. Josephine J. Tom (1/4/89); 2NO-13-113CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111177774; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Josephine Tom (1/4/89); 2NO-13-650CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 9/9/13.

State of Alaska v. Arthur Kakoona (1/6/77); 2NO-13-558CR CTN 001: DUI; Date of Offense: 7/11/13; CT 2, CT 3 Dismissed; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report immediately to AMCC; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; \$1500 due 1 year; 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; \$0 due; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st off.) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Contact other: NSHC by 10/14/13; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; You are responsible for costs; File proof at 1:30 p.m., 10/30/13 that you received an assessment; Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; 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 6 months; Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 10/13/13); 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.

State of Alaska v. Brandon Apangalook (6/19/93); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111500703; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 90 days; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Barton Johnson (4/23/91); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113290524; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, report to Nome Court on 10/17/13 for remand hearing at 1:30 p.m.

State of Alaska v. Lily Tom (5/6/82); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113290749; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time.

State of Alaska v. Charlie Brandon Johnson (2/17/87); Dismissal; Count I and II: Assault 3rd; Count III: Resisting or Interfering With Arrest; Filed by the DAs Office 9/10/13.

State of Alaska v. Arthur K. Kakoona (1/6/77); 2NO-13-203CR CTN 001: Assault 4th; DV; Date of Violation: 3/15/13; 240 days, 180 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be 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 2 years (date of judgment: 9/10/13); Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Susie Olanna without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any community; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment by 10/14/13; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare; Must provide proof to court at status hearing on October 30, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

State of Alaska v. Arthur Kakoona (1/6/77); 2NO-13-558CR CTN 001: DUI; Date of Offense: 7/11/13; CT 2, CT 3 Dismissed; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report immediately to AMCC; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; \$1500 due 1 year; 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; \$0 due; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st off.) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Contact other: NSHC by 10/14/13; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; You are responsible for costs; File proof at 1:30 p.m., 10/30/13 that you received an assessment; Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; 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 6 months; Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 9/10/13); 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.

State of Alaska v. Victoria Campbell (4/14/63); 2NO-13-592CR CTN 001: Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of Violation: 7/29/13; 15 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 15 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Victoria Campbell (4/14/63); 2NO-13-592CR CTN 002: Criminal Trespass 2nd; Date of Violation: 7/29/13; 15 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 15 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail

Surcharge: \$50 per case, \$0 suspended; \$50 due; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Victoria Campbell (4/14/63); 2NO-13-624CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: DOLP; Charge 002: VOCR; Filed by the DAs Office 9/10/13.

State of Alaska v. Victoria Campbell (4/14/63); 2NO-13-627CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VOCR; Charge 002: Intro Alc. Beverages; Filed by the DAs Office 9/10/13.

State of Alaska v. Shawn E. Noongwook (1/15/81); Harassment 2nd; Date of Violation: 4/28/13; 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: 9/11/13); Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no jailable offenses.

State of Alaska v. Walter H. Rose (4/7/62); DUI; Date of Offense: 4/28/13; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report to Nome Court on 9/20/13 at 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; \$1500 due 1 year; 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; \$0 due; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st off.) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Contact other: NSHC by 10/1/13; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program alcohol assessment; Program may include required aftercare in addition to any jail time ordered above; You are responsible for costs; File proof by 12/1/13 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; 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 6 months; Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; Probation for 1 year; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Subject to warrantless arrest for violation; Other: Do not consume any amount of alcohol within 8 hours before driving.

State of Alaska v. Roxanne Campbell (12/17/86); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110670921; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 15 days.

State of Alaska v. Edward R. Ongtowsruk (4/16/70); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110847636; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining suspended time.

State of Alaska v. Eli Mendenhall (5/4/76); 2NO-11-184CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112704417; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 20 days, consecutive to 2NO-13-348CR; Report to Nome Court on 11/08/13 for a remand hearing, 1:30 p.m.; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence.

State of Alaska v. Eli Mendenhall (5/4/76); 2NO-13-142CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4, DV; Filed by the DAs Office 9/12/13.

State of Alaska v. Eli Mendenhall (5/4/76); 2NO-13-348CR CTN 001: Assault 4th; DV; Date of Violation: 4/29/13; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002; 240 days, 210 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served; Report to Nome Court on 11/8/13 for a remand hearing; 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 2 years (date of judgment: 9/12/13); Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not possess or consume; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Glenn Adams (12/29/54); Criminal Trespass 1st; Date of Violation: 7/15/13; 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: 9/12/13); Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no jailable offenses.

State of Alaska v. Gordon Ahnangnatoguk (6/21/61); 2NO-13-591CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VDPO; Filed by the DAs Office 9/12/13.

State of Alaska v. Gordon Ahnangnatoguk (6/21/61); 2NO-13-720CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VOCR; Filed by the DAs Office 9/12/13.

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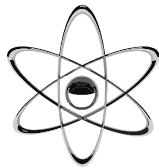
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State agencies conduct turbidity survey offshore Nome

By Diana Haecker

Last week, the Dept. of Natural Resources, the Dept. of Environmental Conservation and the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game teamed up to conduct a turbidity survey in the marine waters off Nome to gauge the dirt stirred up by gold mining operations.

Nick Dallman with DEC's wastewater Discharge Authorization Program said that from Sept. 9 through Sept. 11 he and DNR's offshore mining administrator Byron Redburn collected turbidity data of plumes emanating from four barge-based excavators, namely the *Cashman*, the *Christine Rose*, Phoenix Marine and the *Au Grabber*; a 10-inch suction dredge and one surfcrawler.

Dallman and Redburn were in a skiff, taking water quality samples with a multi-parameter water quality sensor and a hand-held datalogger.

Dallman explained that the sensor measures how the accumulation of particles scatters the light in the water column. They spent three hours with the larger excavators and took samples close to the debris out-fall off the platforms, and then worked their way to the end of the plume to take more samples at different water depths.

"Generally we found less turbidity than expected," said Dallman. Dallman explained that the measurements are lower than it looks when compared with the aerial photos that were taken.

Dallman and Redburn in the skiff were guided by ADF&G's Jim Menard in the helicopter to find large turbidity plumes visible from the air. Photographs from the air show clearly visible plumes mostly coming from mechanical dredges, as excavators are digging into the finer ocean floor layers. In contrast, suction dredges only suck up coarser material on the ocean floor's surface. Dallman said the excavators get into finer material and that takes longer to settle.

The larger goal of the study is to understand the impact of turbidity of these larger gold mining operations and how this is to be managed via permits by the DEC. "The purpose is to get a better understanding of this and it will help us in setting permit requirements," said Dallman. He added that the study would provide information for ADF&G regarding recommendations of buffer zones around anadromous streams.

Currently the general rule is that dredgers are to stay half a mile away from anadromous streams. Beginning Sept. 15, the rule is relaxed to 500 feet for the Snake, Penny and

Cripple rivers. Dallman added that there is a 1,200 feet separation between dredges to avoid that plumes merge and create one big plume, as was the case last month with Phoenix Marine's two jack-up rigs operated near each other, causing a joint plume.

Since then, DNR has spoken to the operators and Phoenix Marine agreed to operate only one jack up rig at the time, when parked close together.

ADF&G Arctic, Kotzebue and Norton Sound area manager Jim Menard said in an email to the *Nugget* that salmon would likely attempt to avoid the plume and go around it. "Thus there is a wider area of exclusion around river mouths from dredging activities during salmon season. Now almost all the salmon are in the rivers so the restrictions are relaxed around river mouths where there are leases for mining thus allow dredgers to get closer," he wrote.

Menard added that the dirt settling on the bottom in calm water would smother benthic invertebrates. However, the areas that are dredged tend to be an active zone of bottom scouring from wave action from storms.

The crabs come back in the winter. The bottom is also scoured from the ice.

"So in the summer during calm periods there would be expected an area around the large dredges where there would be little benthic life, but fish could easily swim over that same area if there wasn't a plume of dirt in the water column. Storms can disperse the dirt on the bottom and allow some benthic life to return," he explained.

Dallman said the DEC begins evaluating the data and if necessary make modifications to permits to be incorporated in reauthorizations. "But I don't see that there are any major changes needed," he said.

With the new gold rush still going strong, as evidenced by the sheer number of gold dredges that far outnumber Nome's fishing fleet, the regulatory agencies are in a reactive mode as new equipment makes its way to the Gold Rush city.

Last year, the *Christine Rose* was the only excavator style dredge in town.

This year, three large outfits arrived in Nome, bringing large mechanical dredges with them. Dallman said that there is nothing comparable going on in any other state or country with the same water quality standards as the U.S.A.

"We were able to look at studies and research done on harbor dredges.

platforms, which sit on large tracks to crawl through the surfzone as they scoop up the ocean floor material.

The *Nome Nugget* contacted Ken Kerr for comment but did not receive a return call as of press time.



Photos courtesy of ADF&G/Jim Menard

DOUBLE PLUME—Last month, two jack-up rigs worked parked next to each other, creating a joint plume of turbidity. According to the DNR, the owners of the Phoenix Marine rigs have agreed to work only one dredge at a time when parked less than 1,200 feet apart.



DIRTY WATER—A working surfcrawler offshore from West Beach stirs up the surrounding marine waters.

A lot of them have similar discharges. We base our permits on similar equipment operations," he said.

He hopes to repeat the turbidity survey in the future to get a better data set and improve the methods of collection.

Asked about black water discharges from the vessels, or regulation of oil tanks on board of the uniquely build dredges – not one looks like the other – Dallman said that the DEC does not have any substantial requirements for fuel storage or transfer and rely on the best management practices for oil and grease from the operators.

To take up the issue of black water, Dallman said, it went beyond the scope of this program. "But it's something we have to look into some more," he said.



DARK PLUME—DNR and DEC personnel, in a skiff located at the edge of the plume towards the shore, conducted turbidity tests last week.

• Surfcrawler

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down West Beach and put to work. Their number multiplied to six surf-crawlers this year. A surfcrawler operates in the surfzone to dig for gold. The machines consist of an excavator and a washplant mounted on

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