



Photo by Diana Haecker

**KITE-SKATER**— An unknown athlete combined the sports of kite-flying and skating to have a good time zooming back and forth on the ice on a Nome pond, on Thursday, Dec. 12.

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## Low pay, high cost of living send Nome police packing

**By Sandra L. Medearis**  
News for the guilty of conscience: Nome isn't exactly crawling with cops. Nome Police Dept. currently is down to four officers on the street and a fifth on Workers' Comp leave.

Two Community Service Officers are helping to pick up the slack. Why would that be? Nome is short of police casting a tall shadow on main street and in the nooks and crannies of crime for a big handful of good reasons, according

to Police Chief John Papasodora: low pay, housing costs, remote town, less than better benefits paid elsewhere and high cost of living—70 percent higher overall than South Central Alaska. As an example, based on Papa-

sodora's figures, food for a family of four in Anchorage for a week costs \$170.64, in Nome, \$308.53; heating oil per gallon in Anchorage, \$3.79, in Nome, \$6.25; electricity, about twice the cost in Nome compared to Anchorage.

The starting salary for Police Officer I candidates effective Jan. 1 this year was \$25.54 per hour, or \$4,086 per 160-hour work month.

Sgt. Ian Koenig moved on to Soldotna earlier this month.

Another officer is set to leave soon.

"We're going to have to give them something to keep them," Papasodora told Nome Common Council at last week's work session on Friday, Dec. 13.

They could make the same salary elsewhere, but with lower cost of living and enjoy a larger margin for disposable income.

Council members vowed to take a productive look at the issue.

Papasodora handed out a "white paper" on the issue to guide them on

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Photo by Diana Haecker

**ENDEARING REINDEER**— Velvet Eyes, the reindeer, and her human companion Carl Emmons just got done shopping at AC for Velvet's dinner. The two formed a lifelong friendship after she was taken in by the Emmons family of Nome.

## A Nome reindeer story: Velvet Eyes is proud to be a famous pet

**By Diana Haecker**  
One of the most famous citizens of Nome is not a person but a reindeer who thinks she's a person. TV crews make films about her. Professional photographers from Outside don't leave without a photo of Velvet Eyes in their cameras. She plays the part when kids stream out of Old St. Joe's after the

Christmas Extravaganza in awe of a real reindeer next to her human companion Carl Emmons.

For Nomeites, Velvet Eyes is a fact of life in Nome. It's not unusual to see Emmons drive his pickup around town, with the reindeer in the back of the truck. Nobody does a double take when he walks her around at the power plant or during spring cleanup events at Anvil City Square.

Velvet Eyes was named after a children's book that Carl Emmons' wife Ginny had as a little girl. She still has the book and explained that her life-long dream of having a pet reindeer was inspired by this book. The book cover is bright red, with the drawing of a big-eyed reindeer called Velvet Eyes.

And here begins the real life story of Nome's Velvet Eyes, the soft-eyed reindeer.

For years, Carl Emmons had been

curious about raising orphaned reindeer. He asked his childhood friend Tom Gray what it would take to do so.

Tom Gray owns a reindeer herd near White Mountain. One day in May of 2001, he called up Carl Emmons and said, "How many do you want?"

Gray's herd had run-off and left several newborn fawns behind.

Velvet Eyes was one of them. Emmons hopped into his airplane and flew to White Mountain.

"She wasn't able to stand," Emmons recalled.

He scooped up the one-day old fawn and flew her home to Nome.

"I didn't know what we were getting into," said Ginny Emmons.

How to feed a baby reindeer? A scrapbook filled with pictures, newspaper clippings and informational reindeer facts sits on the Emmons'

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## Safe Routes to School plan is in the making

**By Diana Haecker**  
Nome Elementary Schools students who walk or bike to school have to contend with a lot of obstacles every morning. Among the hazards they encounter are that there are no sidewalks they can use.

K Street is busier than ever in the morning with hospital employees traveling by car, foot or bike to the new Norton Sound Regional Hospital on Greg Kruschek Avenue. In dry fall conditions, kicked up street dust obscures the little pedestrians so motorists see them only at the last minute.

In the winter, snow berms and slippery road conditions pose another hazard. Light conditions along K Street, Fifth Avenue and Sixth Avenue are dim; on the north side of the

school, it's completely dark.

When pedestrians and cars dropping off students at the school's parking lot converge, the daily chaos is complete.

To mitigate some of the problems, the NES has dispatched two crossing guards to the parking lot to direct foot traffic to the main entrance and to control the flow of drop-off cars at the entrance curb.

But the need for a more organized pattern is clear.

A few years ago, the Parent Teacher Association approached Nome Eskimo Community to apply for a Safe Routes to School planning grant, from the State of Alaska's Department of Transportation and Pub-

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**NO PLACE LIKE NOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**— Santa Claus paid a visit to Old St. Joe's Hall just in time for the annual City of Nome Christmas Extravaganza, held on December 11. Here, Cody Strachan and Kirstianna Piscoya let Santa know what they wished for Christmas. See more photos of Christmas celebrations in Nome on pages 12 and 13.



Letters

Dear Editor,

What's wrong with this picture?

Are many of our elected officials socially deaf, dumb and blind? Do they not have eyes to see with, ears to hear with, and a brain to think with? Or could it be that they have discarded their consciences, abandoned their souls, and lost their ability to adhere to The Golden Rule?

Out of sight, out of mind, just does not hold water when we are talking about veterans freezing out in the streets, whole families pinned-up in bleak homeless shelters, and even children who have been stripped of even basic medical needs, and this by politicians who have no idea (or concern) for what it is like to be without hope or prospects!

And yet through all of this and more, many of those elected politicians who are gifted with an exceptionally good life by way of the taxes that are paid each and every day, look down their noses at the less than fortunate!

Have we grown so cold or so immune at the sight of such hardship, that we now have adopted the immortal words of Marie Antoinette (If the people have no bread to eat, then let them eat cake)! Or worse yet, do we now feel like Ebenezer Scrooge, in that –

“If our people have no place to go, are there no work houses or debtors prisons?”

H. Rick Tavares  
Campo, California, 91906

Dear Editor and Nome,

The Shirley Tree is standing outside the Nome Youth Facility awaiting your decorations. As ever, you are invited to place a tribute to one you want to remember, one you've lost, one you've found, one you grieve for, one who has brought joy into your life, one who has fought the

good fight, one you're fighting for, one you have hope for, the soldiers and peace officers past and present who have given and are willing to give their lives for you and us, for the forgotten and unsung ones who have added to your lives.

The Shirley Tree is a Promise. A promise to remember. A promise to live and forgive. A promise to celebrate life. It is dedicated to and named after Shirley Noet who fought her cancer with bravery and humor and tenacity. She was such a joyful friend and such an amazing, selfless contributor to this community.

Add your decoration on the Shirley Tree and help make it the most beautiful tree in Nome, full of your remembrances. As always, the Shirley Tree will be added to the Nome National Forest at Iditarod.

Having the Shirley Tree at the Youth Facility is not only convenient to everyone but it also demonstrates caring and love to the residents there, some of whom feel forgotten themselves.

Thank You,  
Jana Varrati  
Nome, AK

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Foster's Report

**By Rep. Neal Foster  
District 39**

Greetings and happy holidays to everyone in District 39. The Legislative Session starts next month on the 21st. There has been a lot of speculation about what is going to dominate our time this year. My prediction is it's all about the budget.

The Fall Revenue Forecast came out this month. While it was not exactly a lump of coal it certainly wasn't good news. Unrestricted Revenue for this fiscal year (FY 14) is down \$1.8 billion. In April the Department of Revenue forecasted \$6.7 billion UR. This fall's forecast is for \$4.9 billion UR. Keep in mind that this is for the year we have already budgeted. Based on the Spring Forecast, which came out just before we passed the FY 14 budget, we expected to have a \$667 million deficit. The official number on the new deficit is not out just yet, but we can bet it will be in the \$2 billion territory.

The factors driving this are numerous. Production and prices of oil are down about 3 percent and 5percent respectively. Additionally, the new tax reform (More Alaska Production Act-MAPA) will take effect halfway through this fiscal year. The Spring Forecast did not take this into account, but the Fall Forecast does. According to the department, this only accounts for \$200- \$300 million of the lost revenue. Since this only affects half of the fiscal year, we could expect that number to be double

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Editorial

How the Grinch Stole Channel 2

The battle between GCI and KTUU Channel 2 leaves us wondering what's going on. And what won't be on. Search the dial all we want but the space that used to host Channel 2 is now filled with insipid 1970s B rated movies. But wait, wait there's more and more and more "Frosty the Snowman," "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" and "Charlie Brown's Christmas" and on and on. Folks who want to watch Channel 2 news can go to the ARCS channel 14 where some of the time they can see Channel 2 and where some of the time it is another broadcast of Channel 11.

It gets interesting when one thinks they will see Channel 2 and instead they tune into a weird vampire movie. Sunday afternoon football fans who want to see the Steelers - Bengals game are out of luck. They will get to hear the Mormon Tabernacle Choir's Christmas program. In general, the selections available on TV are about as exciting as last week's meatloaf. The reality shows are cheap to produce and of limited quality. The talent shows are insulting and make us long for the old Ed Sullivan Show. We can see Lawrence Welk on Channel 7. The comedy shows aren't very funny and the intellectual level does not merit a bored ho-hum.

GCI, lighten up. Channel 11 is not God's gift to TV land. However, this power game is good for our health because it provides an incentive for those of us who would rather enjoy a good book, take a walk, or go to the pool or the gym for a workout. — N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past



A query by Laura Samuelson with photo courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT OVER THE HOLIDAYS – Where and when was this fascinating photo taken?

Weather Statistics

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	12/26/13	12:04 a.m.	Low Temp	+5°	12/15/13	
Sunset	12/19/13	03:56 p.m.	Peak Wind	38mph, N, 12/14/13		
			Precip. to Date	21.85"		
			Normal	16.28"		
			Snowfall	22.2" Normal 24.4"		

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Strait Action

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Oiled birds wash up on St. Lawrence Island

The Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation reports that subsistence hunters found two dead, oil-covered glaucous gulls 12 miles offshore from Gambell on December 10. The cause of the birds' death and the source of the oil is unknown at this time. No oil slick or pollution incident was reported in the vicinity of where the birds were found. The hunters retrieved one bird and sent it to Nome's Marine Advisory Program agent. The bird was then sent to the National Wildlife Health Center in Madison, Wisconsin for a necropsy. On Dec. 12, the US Coast Guard launched a C-130 reconnaissance flight from Kodiak to survey the waters around St. Lawrence Island, but no oil slick or oiled wildlife was found during the overflight. ADEC said in a press release that they will continue to monitor the situation.

Arctic Policy Commission met in Anchorage

Last week, the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission convened in Anchorage at the Dena'ina Center to continue their work on a preliminary report delineating Alaska's Arctic policy.

The commissioners worked on a vision statement, a list of statements encapsulating Alaska's Arctic policy and recommendations for federal and state governmental actions.

Members focused on policy recommendations and priorities for a preliminary report due to the Legislature on January 30, 2014. The recommendations were made in areas such as energy, infrastructure, governance, science and research, fish and wildlife, oil spill response operations, national security and marine transportation.

The Alaska Arctic Policy Commission is made up of 26 Commissioners, including 10 legislators and 16 experts from throughout the state. Nome Mayor Denise Michels is also a commissioner.

The AAPC has met this year in Juneau, Barrow, Unalaska, Fairbanks and Anchorage.

"I was pleased with how the Com-

mission came together and shaped this draft report. The report is critical in positively guiding federal Arctic policy and working toward the goal that Alaskans will have a seat at the table when decisions which will change our future are made," said Representative Bob Herron. One of the most important aspects of the AAPC's work will be to positively influence federal Arctic policy so that the needs of Alaskans come first.

The Alaska Arctic Policy Commission was legislatively created by HCR 23 in April 2012. It held its first meeting March 23, 2013.

The Commission's Preliminary Report will be released January 30, 2014 in Juneau. The final report is due in January 2015.

Alaska Board of Marine Pilots fines Greenpeace

Following an investigation in response to a public complaint the Board of Marine Pilots fined the MV Esperanza \$15,000 for entering Alaska compulsory pilotage waters in the vicinity of Point Hope between July 22 through 27, 2012. As a foreign-flagged vessel larger than 65 feet, state law requires the presence of a state-licensed marine pilot on board for transit through Alaska's compulsory pilotage waters. Entering compulsory waters without a pilot is a criminal violation and is subject to fines up to \$15,000 for the first violation and \$30,000 for the second violation. Due to lack of compliance with Alaska statutes and regulations, the Board of Marine Pilots unanimously voted to impose the fine at their October 2013 meeting.

Arctic report card shows warming trend persists

According to a new report released last week by NOAA, cooler temperatures in the summer of 2013 across the central Arctic Ocean, Greenland and northern Canada moderated the record sea ice loss and extensive melting that the surface of the Greenland ice sheet experienced last year. Yet there continued to be regional extremes, including record low May snow cover in Eurasia and record high summer temperatures in Alaska.

The data was presented as NOAA's Arctic Report Card 2013, which has, since 2006, summarized changing conditions in the Arctic. One hundred forty-seven authors from 14 countries contributed to the peer-reviewed report. Major findings of this year's report include:

- Air temperatures: While Eurasia had spring air temperatures as much as 7°F above normal, central Alaska experienced its coldest April since 1924 with birch and aspen trees budding the latest since observations began in 1972. Summer across a broad swath of the Arctic was cooler than the previous six summers, when there had been pronounced retreat of sea ice. But Fairbanks, just below the Arctic Circle in Alaska, experienced a record 36 days of temperatures at or exceeding 80°F.

- Snow cover: The snow extent in May and June across the Northern Hemisphere, when snow is mainly located over the Arctic, was below average in 2013. The North American snow cover during this period was the fourth lowest on record. A new record low was reached in May over Eurasia.

- Age of ice at the end of March 1988 compared to March 2013. Category 1 is first year ice — ice that has survived one summer melt season. In March 2013 at the winter maximum, 78 percent of the Arctic ice pack was only one year old, while only 7 percent was four years and older, thick ice. Despite a relatively cool summer over the Arctic Ocean, the extent of sea ice in September 2013 was the sixth lowest since observations began in 1979. The seven lowest recorded sea ice extents have occurred in the last seven years.

- Ocean temperature and salinity: Sea surface temperatures in August were as much as 7°F higher than the long-term average of 1982-2006 in the Barents and Kara Seas, which can be attributed to an early retreat of sea ice cover and increased solar heating. Twenty-five percent more heat and freshwater is stored in the Beaufort Gyre, a clockwise ocean current circulating north of Alaska and Canada, since the 1970s.

- Vegetation: The Arctic is greening as vegetation responds to warmer conditions and a longer growing sea-

son. Since observations began in 1982, Arctic-wide tundra vegetation productivity (greenness) has increased, with the growing season length increasing by 9 days each decade.

- Wildlife: Large land mammal populations continued trends seen over the last several decades. Muskox numbers have increased since the 1970s, in part due to conservation and introduction efforts, while caribou and reindeer herds continue to have unusually low numbers.

- Marine fishes: The long-term warming trend, including the loss of sea ice and warming of waters, is believed to be contributing to the northward migration into the Arctic of some fish such as Atlantic mackerel, Atlantic cod, capelin, eelpout, sculpin and salmonids.

- Black carbon: While black car-

bon originating from outside the Arctic has decreased by 55 percent since the early 1990s, primarily due to economic collapse in the former Soviet Union, increasing numbers of wildfires fueled by greater amounts of vegetation in a warmer, drier climate, have the potential to increase atmospheric black carbon in the high latitudes.

"The Arctic Report Card presents strong evidence of widespread, sustained changes that are driving the Arctic environmental system into a new state and we can expect to see continued widespread and sustained change in the Arctic," said Martin Jeffries, principal editor of the 2013 Report Card, science adviser for the U.S. Arctic Research Commission, and research professor at the Univer-

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, December 19

*Dental Class	Prematernal Home	10:00 a.m.
*Baby Safty	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Port Commission Reg. Mtg.	Council Chambers	5:00 p.m.
*Vinyasa Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 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.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Thrft Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, December 20

*NCC Rescheduled Reg. Mtg.	Council Chambers	Noon
*Aids and Woman	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Baby's First Months	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 21

*Babies in Waiting	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Sounds and Silence	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*ANB Children's Christmas Party	ANB CLUB	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 22

*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
*Adult Swim	Pool	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
*Things My Mother Never Told Me	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Steps to Reduce the Risks of SIDS	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 23

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Bathing and Diapering	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Infertility: The New Solution	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Lifeguard Class	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 24

*Birth Control: Myths ans Methods	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Choices in Childbirth	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Children's Pageant & Vigil	St. Joseph Catholic Church	7:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
*Christmas PM Mass	St. Joseph Catholic Church	11:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25

*Christmas Mass	St. Joseph Catholic Church	10:30 a.m.
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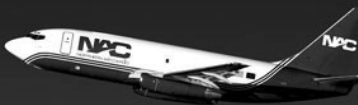
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## Glycol spilled at Norton Sound Hospital

By Nancy McGuire

Late Sunday morning, December 15, a heating pipeline ruptured at Norton Sound Regional Hospital and spilled over 600 gallons of propylene glycol into the Norton Sound Hospital parking lot near the southeast employees' entrance.

This substance is used in the heating system. The boilers at the hospital were shut down and restarted after the hospital maintenance crew was able to stop the leak.

It was said that the Nome police and fire departments were on site.

However members of the fire department say they were never paged out and the police department has no record of being called to the scene. The City offices had no knowledge of the incident as of Monday afternoon.

As of Monday evening, Norton Sound did not respond to the *Nugget's* questions.

The glycol is being cleaned up and traffic to the area is diverted.

This type of glycol is biodegradable and non-toxic.

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their thinking.

"Exactly what are you asking?" offered Councilman Tom Sparks.

Well, for instance, said the Chief, a relocation bonus, based on a three-year commitment.

Right now, "we are a training ground," Papasodora said, meaning green policemen come to work, get training, go through the academy in Sitka, get experience on their resumes and then leave for better pay, better bennies, lower cost of living and urban conditions.

Additionally, "we can work on upward mobility," Papasodora said.

Added to that, a monthly housing stipend of \$200 per month would help, on top of help getting to Nome with their families to take the job, he said.

"Some come up without their families. The separation becomes a stressor and incentive to leave," he said.

There is no local interest in working for Nome Police Dept., Papasodora told the Council. Shift work and the heavy responsibility stifles local applications. He hoped a boost in pay and benefits, opportunity for upward mobility in the job would help attract local hire.

Currently, almost all new hires come from outside the community.

Out-of-town applicants have to pay a steep price for airline tickets and then find an apartment with a large rent and deposit right off, Papasodora observed. Add to that, shipment of household goods, initial utility costs and basic transportation costs may cost a new recruit \$5,000 or more.

Even when one adds the COLA for police officers to the pay scale, police get less than other profes-

sionals in the community, according to Papasodora. Based on his research, police officers are in a different category from many other employees. Recruitment demands they take a polygraph test and deep background check. Out of 70 applicants, five or six may qualify for hire, Papasodora said.

Few can pass the testing required by the Alaska Police Standards Council.

Hiring a "new" officer can take three months or more due to the complexity of the process.

Training a new officer can take most of the first year of employment.

Upon achieving "basic" APSC certification (after 12 months of work), "new" hires are then eligible for lateral transfer into other agencies that offer better pay, urban conditions, and lower cost of living which means more disposable income.

Mayor Denise Michels suggested that perhaps the NPD and City could do a subset in the collective bargaining agreement to provide different working conditions for NPD personnel.

Nothing doing, the chief replied. "Last time I talked about that, I was threatened by the union with an injunctive relief citation," he said.

The Council will discuss police personnel retention in a work session.

"If we are going to incentivize outside hire, we need to do the same for local hires," Councilman Tom Sparks said.

Looking at making the job attractive to local applicants involves measurable and predictable monetary issues," Papasodora said.

"Yes, we need to see the budget costs," Michels said.

Arctic environmental awareness, government and private sector operations, scientific research, and the science-informed decision-making required by the U.S. National Strategy for the Arctic."



Photo courtesy Carl Emmons

NOME'S OWN— Who knew that Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus are living in Nome with their pet reindeer Velvet Eyes?

## ADF&G has fun facts on Santa's Reindeer

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has updated its webpage with information about Santa's reindeer.

Visitors to the site can find a full species profile of this unusual subspecies.

Santa's reindeer (*Rangifer tarandus saintnicolas magicalus*) look very similar to common reindeer or caribou, but have many characteristics—including the ability to fly—that distinguish them from the seven other common subspecies.

In Europe, caribou are called reindeer, but in Alaska and Canada only the semi-domesticated form is called reindeer. All caribou and reindeer throughout the world are considered to be the same species, and, including Santa's reindeer, there are eight subspecies.

Alaska has mostly the barren-ground subspecies and one small herd of woodland caribou.

Santa's reindeer are cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Claus, as well as a few specially trained elves, at the North Pole. Even though there are very few Santa's reindeer, they are not listed as a threatened or endangered species because their life expectancy is infinite.

Only a few facts are known about Santa's reindeer as they are more often heard than seen. Every Christmas Eve, sharp-eared children may detect the faint sound of harness bells and hoofbeats on rooftops. Department researchers encourage everyone to record observations and document sightings so that we can learn more about this rare subspecies.

More information about Santa's reindeer is available on the Alaska Department of Fish & Game website at [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=santasreindeer.main](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=santasreindeer.main).

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sity of Alaska Fairbanks. "But we risk not seeing those changes if we don't sustain and add to our current long-term observing capabilities. Observations are fundamental to

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## • Safe Routes

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lic Facilities. The grant was awarded this summer. NEC began to build a coalition to come up with a plan to outline the problems and propose solutions.

After two meetings with coalition members, NEC hosted an open house meeting last week to hear thoughts from the general public. Only a dozen people attended, including officials from the DOT, NES and the Norton Sound injury prevention program.

NEC Executive Director Denise Barengo said that NEC has retained planner Nicole McCullough of Anchorage.

The good news is, Barengo said, a lot of the issues like poor lighting can be easily fixed and are inexpensive solutions. After the problem of the dimly lighted NES parking lot came up, Nome Joint Utilities immediately installed an additional light. Other issues are vehicle congestions, no clear traffic pattern at the parking lot and no signage. "Kids are not being visible," added McCullough. This, Kendra Nichols-Takak tried to solve by organizing reflector tape sessions at the school, where students brought jackets and had reflective tape ironed on.

During parent-teacher conferences the school distributed surveys to learn more about how students get to school. McCullough said that only 56 surveys were turned in, but she learned that many parents don't let their kids walk or bike to school because of the danger at the intersections, darkness and the distance from home to school.

Part of the solution should be to encourage kids to wear reflectors and headlamps.

There is also a need to educate the driving public and to develop a Nome safety education program.

McCullough suggested creating a Nome safety video and to publish

Nome-specific safety tips community-wide.

In order to have more enforcement or help to get kids across the busy K Street and Fifth Avenue intersection, it was suggested to place a crossing guard there and also at the crossing from the parking lot to Nugget Alley.

Other ideas included to put flashing lights a block around the school; to notify drivers that they are in a school zone; to apply more gravel at the intersections to prevent cars from sliding; to construct sidewalks on the main routes to school; to increase lighting and to provide better signage at school bus stops.

Those were the easy solutions, but to come up with a traffic flow design at the NES parking lot and drop-off curb and entrance proved more complicated.

No data is available on how many cars arrive at the school to drop off students and how many pedestrians make the trip to NES every morning. Currently there are 385 students at the Nome Elementary School, said NES Principal Robert Grimes. Of those, 45 kids participate in early morning fitness and breakfast snack programs before school starts.

Toward the end of the meeting, McCullough discussed three alternatives of directing traffic at drop off zones.

Alternative #1 provides for cross walks and more light at the K Street and Fifth Avenue intersection and also establishes the middle of the parking lot as a pedestrian only zone. However, it's unclear how traffic enters and leaves the parking lot if a pedestrian only zone runs right through it.

Alternative #2 moves the current drop-off zone at the main entrance to a side entrance on Sixth Avenue and makes the drop off one way. Arguments against the alternative were that the north side of NES has no streetlights and that it moves the

problem to a public road.

Alternative #3 proposes to unload school buses at the main entrance and to have parents drop off their kids at a small side entrance adjacent to the playground on Fifth Avenue.

McCullough said, there would be another meeting to present the plan to the public for final comment. After the plan is done and solutions identified, there are other grants that NEC pursued to fund for the solutions to make the trip to school safer for Nome Elementary School students.

*Photos by Diana Haecker*  
**ROUTES TO SCHOOL (right)—Bridie Trainor and planner Nicole McCullough with the Anchorage firm WHPacific discuss ways to rearrange traffic flow in the NES parking lot.**



**ALTERNATIVES—** Nicole McCullough shows proposed alternatives for traffic flow, during a public meeting, Thursday, Dec. 12.

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• A Nome Reindeer story

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kitchen table. The first pages show a tiny four-legged reindeer on the tundra, in a small airplane and inside the kitchen, being bottle-fed by Ginny. A paper preserved in the book lists the feeding schedule: 4 oz at 5 a.m.; 4 oz at noon, 4 oz at 5 p.m. and so on. The reindeer research program at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks and its director Greg Finstad helped with tips, advice and sent a food formula to feed little Velvet. The first month, Velvet was bottle-fed a special formula of cow's milk and commercial calf feed. After a month of bottle-feeding her, the Emmons' let her graze on the rich buffet the tundra has to offer.

She imprinted quickly on Carl Emmons and never lets him out of her sight. Emmons admitted that at first he thought reindeer are just "dumb herd animals" but her adaptability and willingness to learn showed him differently. Velvet, a

sight to behold with her full set of antlers, is not one to be cuddled by just anyone. She's focused on Emmons, just like a loyal dog, her eyes follow the "master" and what he's up to.

When she was little, Emmons said, he put on a different colored Carhartt jacket one day and that freaked her out. Who's that guy in the black instead of tan coat?

But soon she learned more than the average pet dog knows. Ginny Emmons custom-sewed her a harness to pull a little cart. The reindeer, although not completely house broken, grew up with the black lab Niki and the cocker spaniel Dixie.

Photos show the little reindeer sprawled out on the living room floor with the dogs, or even sharing the couch. She even learned how to answer the doorbell. Velvet usually lives in an enclosure next to the Emmons' house in Nome. She has a barn, with Christmas lights and all.

Her name is spelled out in a light display, next to the shed antlers that adorn the chain link fence.

However, she'd rather be inside with the people than outside in her barn. "She thinks of herself as a deprived person," said Emmons.

When it comes to food, she is clearly the boss, dominating the food bowl and pushing away the dog with her antlers. She learned how to drink out of the water spigot of the refrigerator. She jumps into the truck, just like a dog, and doesn't mind a ride in a sled hitched up to a snowmachine. The reindeer accepts whatever Em-

mons asks of her and even feels comfortable riding in a riverboat.

"When she was small, she'd ride in the cab of the truck," said Emmons. Then she graduated to the back of the truck. But one day, she fell out of the vehicle and required major surgery by Nome's vet Dr. Derrick Leedy to reconstruct her face and jaw. She recovered fully and can eat without problems.

So, what does a domesticated reindeer eat? In the mornings, Emmons cuts up apples for her. Not only humans are creatures of habit, and if the apples don't show up at 8 a.m. on

weekends, she sometimes starts honking. In the evening she gets her main meal consisting of lettuce, tomatoes, and whatever the local grocery store AC has sorted out for her.

She eats tundra when the Emmons family spends time at camp in Cottonwood, and she gets moss when she's not feeling so well. "You know reindeer are the perfect environmentalists, they don't overgraze one area," Emmons said. Watching them graze, he said, the reindeer never completely grazes down one spot of

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*Photo courtesy Carl Emmons*  
**BABY VELVET**— The Emmons' took turns feeding the newborn reindeer. Here it's Ginny Emmons' turn to do so.



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**WATERING HOLE**— Velvet discovered the self-serve watering feature of the Emmons' refrigerator when feeling thirsty.

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LUNCH TIME — Carl Emmons delivers the goods to Velvet at lunch.

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around and take a bite of this and a bite of that.

In Nome, come noontime, Velvet knows it's time to go for a ride. She jumps into the truck and Emmons takes her to AC to pick up their grocery box full of discarded fruit, vegetables and lettuce. He explained that reindeer have four stomachs, and her digestion depends on whatever bacteria are in those rumens, so wild variations in her diet are not desirable.

Waiting outside of AC, her eyes are fixed on the door. But with one eye, she suspiciously views the big lense on the camera that tries to take photos of her. Her eyes widen, show the white and then she puts the head down in a gesture that tells the stranger to "get."

Emmons said reindeer communicate with their eyes. And both of them have that language mastered. As soon as Emmons exits AC with a cart full of veggies, her eyes soften and follow every movement.

Going through Velvet's photo album, there are pictures of the reindeer fawn growing up, laying on the couch at camp, pulling carts around town and at parades; of Carl Emmons relaxing on the couch with

Velvet in one arm, and Dixie, the dog in the other. "I'm her family," he said. "She won't let me get away." When she wants something from Carl, he said, she puts her face close to his and directly looks at him. When it's time to go outside for a bathroom break, she presses her antlers sideways on his feet. And she's a good sport getting all dressed up in suit and tie when attending parties at the Lawyers' offices.

Although the bond is strong, the Emmons' do get to go on a vacation once in a while. But upon the return, her master is met with a cold shoulder and a pouting look.

Her favorite things to do, Emmons said, is to go for a walk and to pick blue berries. "She goes through phases when she wants to lead me around," said Emmons. That's the female instinct, since reindeer herds—like wild mustang herds — are led by females.

And what's in it for the person? Carl Emmons said that Velvet Eyes gets him outside and out into the country. But seeing the affection both have for each other, it seems like Carl is just as much family to Velvet as the 12-year-old reindeer is to him.



Photos courtesy Carl Emmons

HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY — Velvet Eyes' first birthday was celebrated in style at the Emmons work shop in 2002.



BEST BUDDIES — As a young fawn, Velvet Eyes grew up with dogs Niki and Dixie.



CUDDLY — A young Velvet Eyes cuddles up to her human family member, Carl Emmons.

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# ANTHC and local partners conduct regional climate change assessment

By Diana Haecker

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Kawerak Inc. and Norton Sound Health Corporation are working on a regional climate change assessment to compile a report that documents the effects of climate change on the health of the land, subsistence resources and people.

The goal is to identify impacts of climate change on several communities in the Bering Strait and Norton Sound region.

"We are trying to identify both the positive and negative impacts and to encourage planning and practices that will improve community health and sustainability," said Michael Brubaker ANTHC's Center for Climate Health director. The information gleaned from the assessment will feed into planning considerations as ANTHC helps villages build water and sewer and other infrastructure in rural communities.

Last summer, Kawerak Inc.'s Ahnama Shannon, Jennifer Demir with NSHC and Michael Brubaker made site visits to White Mountain, Golovin St. Michael and Stebbins. Brubaker also went to Unalakleet. They looked at the community water systems and other infrastructure installations as well as sites, shorelines and riverbanks prone to erosion, flooding and sinkholes from thawing permafrost.

They found evidence of a changing climate in different manifestations. At a site called Kitchavik near Golovin, the 2011 November storm wreaked havoc with subsistence camps. Jumbled up lake ice pushed onto land and scraped buildings off their foundations, destroyed fish racks and deposited sands onto berry patches. Also, the old landfill at Golovin is eroding away.

In White Mountain, people were mostly worried about the increase in spruce beetles and other kinds of insects that are new to the area, said Shannon.

In St. Michael and Stebbins, the worst problems are erosion and flooding. A stark fact is that old cemeteries at St. Michael and Golovin are at risk to be washed away as erosion progresses to formerly safe sites.

Next year, more visits are planned for Shishmaref, with hopes of getting to other communities such as Teller and Brevig Mission.

The two-year project started in 2013.

Brubaker said in addition to local observations, the report will include region specific science, climate trends from UAF and also flood data from FEMA. "We don't want to be only describing what has happened and what is happening, but we want also provide a basis for future actions," Brubaker said.

He said they found in every com-

munity examples where climate change is affecting water systems, food supply and, in some cases, affecting the residents' health. "People are talking about seasonality because of the delay of cold winter conditions and a longer warm season," he said. People describe more variability in berry harvest from extremely good conditions to extremely bad conditions. "We hear of new species moving in, for example, in Golovin they see a large increase in beaver population in rivers. They see increased size and growth of willows. This provides habitat for porcupines, beavers and moose, but tundra plants are retreating," Brubaker described.

Unpredictable weather also brings food security concerns: people are worried about how weather conditions affect land and marine mammal migrations. If bad weather conditions, such as the wet and warm first weeks of December, keep hunters from hunting and fishermen from setting their nets under the ice, people must find ways to adapt. But how can people predict the unpredictable and prepare for failing hunting seasons?

Brubaker also connects the dots to mental health implications, that the climate change can not only bring more dangerous conditions in which hunters can get hurt, but also cause anxiety and stress on how to provide food for their families.

Brubaker said that these assessments offer valuable insights about the need to develop new technologies. For example, thawing permafrost and sinking land result in breaking water systems. "We now know that we need to adapt and construct flexible infrastructure. Right now there is a lot of learning going on," Brubaker said.

Climate change assessments have been done for Point Hope, Kivalina, Noatak, Kiana and Selawik. The detailed description of the effects of climate change are valuable as tribes try to address those problems and pursue grants. "Where we've done those assessments, the tribal administrators can tear a page out of the report and add it to their grant request," said Brubaker.

Noatak addressed their permafrost thawing problem and are about to redesign their water system. In Selawik, the University of Alaska at Fairbanks installed a climate station to monitor the thawing of permafrost.

In Kivalina, ANTHC began a new feasibility study of their water system.

The Bering Strait climate assessment report is focusing on more than just one community and is a regional report. Brubaker hopes to finish the report by the fall of 2014.

Brubaker also initiated the so-called Local Environmental Observer (LEO) Network with the goal

of long term monitoring of environmental conditions.

Brubaker works with tribal environmental managers to install time-lapse cameras in communities to record conditions and changes in vulnerable locations. "In Golovin and St. Michael they are focusing on the low lying areas that are vulnerable to flooding and related infrastructure damage. We are also tracking observations posted by the LEO Network members on a Bering Strait Regional map," Brubaker noted.

There are currently LEO Network members located in tribal governments or regional organizations in Brevig Mission, Elim, Golovin, Koyuk, Nome, Shaktoolik, Shishmaref, Solomon, Stebbins, Teller, Unalakleet, Wales, and White Mountain. Residents who would like to share observations and photos or video about extreme, unusual and unique events in their community can do so through their local LEO Network representative.



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**EROSION**—Aida Cheemuk in St. Michael looks at erosion along the beach. The regional climate assessment seeks to document climate change related phenomena such as erosion.

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Nanook Wrestlers at State - Booshu captures third consecutive title

**By Sarah Miller**  
The Nanook wrestlers returned from the state tournament in Anchorage last weekend with two championship titles and a number of top placers. Of the eight athletes who participated, seven placed; Emery Booshu, junior, took home his third consecutive championship title. If Booshu captures the title again next season, he will be the 10th wrestler in Alaska high school sports to win four state championships. In the 126-weight class, sophomore Leif Erikson also captured the championship title. In their individual weight classes, Alex Gray and Oliver


Hoogendorn placed third, while James Horner and Junyor Erikson took fourth place, and Grady Austin placed fifth. Danner Shreve also represented the Nanooks at the tournament. Nome-Beltz’s overall team score put them in fifth place in the state, a continued improvement over the previous two years, when Nome’s team took eighth and ninth place. The Bethel and Kotzebue teams took first and second place. Emery Booshu will travel to the Reno Tournament of Champions this upcoming weekend, where he will match up against wrestlers from all over the U.S., taking with him a ca-

reer record of 99-3. Coach Dudley Homelvig declared the tournament an outstanding conclusion to the season.  
As the wrestling season drew to a close, the Nanooks launched the beginning of basketball with their traditional season openers against Galena. The games took place on both Friday and Saturday. The boys’ teams traveled to Galena, where the varsity team defeated the Hawks 56-32 and 62-42. Top scorers for Nome included Klay Baker with 17 points and 12 rebounds on Friday; Tyler Eide with 10 points on Friday and 15 on Saturday; and Cass Mattheis with

16 points in the Saturday game. Baker, Eide, and Mattheis led in rebounds as well. The boys’ JV teams tied for wins.  
At home, the Lady Nanooks hosted the Ladyhawks, with the varsity girls losing both games, 56-39 and 53-22. The home JV team also lost both games to the Ladyhawks. Varsity coach Don Stiles commented on the weekend that his goal was for the girls to develop into a cohesive unit by the end of the season, capitalizing on its advantage of speed, as the team will be facing several teams with a height advantage. The team is composed of a number of inexpe-

rienced players, so Stiles aims to develop their defensive skills, minimizing turnovers and developing offensive patience. Beth Buchanan, Galena’s girls varsity coach, praised both teams for their camaraderie on and off the court.  
Next weekend, the girls and boys teams will both travel to the Anchorage area. The boys teams will play at the Service Tip-Off against East Anchorage High School on Thursday, while the Lady Nanooks will play against Palmer. An alumni basketball tournament is scheduled for December 27 and 28 at NBHS.

<p><b>State Wrestling Championship Tournament results</b></p> <p>Nome’s Emery Booshu and Lief Erikson won State Championships at the 1A2A3A State Wrestling tournament in Anchorage over the weekend. Emery, a junior, won his third straight State Championship. Leif, a sophomore, won the State Championship for the first time. Complete State Tournament results are available at <a href="http://www.trackwrestling.com">www.trackwrestling.com</a></p> <p>Nome individual wrestler results are listed below.</p> <p><b>ASAA 2013 123A State Championships Results for Nome High School:</b></p> <p><b>106</b> - Alex Gray (25-4) placed 3rd and scored 19.50 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Alex Gray (Nome High School) 25-4 won by tech fall over Matt Lacy (Anchorage Christian Schools) 10-8 (TF-1.5 5:56 (15-0)) Quarterfinal - Alex Gray (Nome High School) 25-4 won by fall over Jonathon St. Andre (Eielson High School) 7-14 (Fall 3:50) Semifinal - Austin Craig (Skyview) 40-2 won by decision over Alex Gray (Nome High School) 25-4 (Dec 5-3) Cons. Semi - Alex Gray (Nome High School) 25-4 won by decision over Jared Brant (Homer) 29-10 (Dec 7-0) 3rd Place Match - Alex Gray (Nome High School) 25-4 won by fall over Daryl Toyomara (Petersburg) 20-4 (Fall 1:44)</p> <p><b>126</b> - Leif Erikson (40-4) placed 1st and scored 26.00 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Leif Erikson (Nome High School) 40-4 won by fall over Ravi Cavasos (Homer) 20-20 (Fall 4:20) Quarterfinal - Leif Erikson (Nome High School) 40-4 won by decision over Kalib Dunlap (Eielson High School) 19-9 (Dec 9-5) Semifinal - Leif Erikson (Nome High School) 40-4 won by decision over Carlie McIntyre (Bethel High School) 35-7 (Dec 8-2) 1st Place Match - Leif Erikson (Nome High School) 40-4 won by fall over Emmanuel Budke</p>	<p>(Hoonah City Schools) 11-4 (Fall 4:34)</p> <p><b>138</b> - Emery Booshu (35-1) placed 1st and scored 26.50 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Emery Booshu (Nome High School) 35-1 won by tech fall over Corbin Gaube (Metlakatla High School) 13-10 (TF-1.5 4:12 (19-3)) Quarterfinal - Emery Booshu (Nome High School) 35-1 won by major decision over Tylor Handley (Nikiski High School) 29-11 (MD 13-3) Semifinal - Emery Booshu (Nome High School) 35-1 won by decision over Keefe McIntosh (Valdez Buccaneers) 14-2 (Dec 14-7) 1st Place Match - Emery Booshu (Nome High School) 35-1 won by fall over Avery Coplin (Bethel High School) 24-7 (Fall 1:18)</p> <p><b>145</b> - James Horner (28-11) placed 4th and scored 15.50 team points. Champ. Round 1 - James Horner (Nome High School) 28-11 won by tech fall over Sean Turvin (Skyview) 13-9 (TF-1.5 4:27 (17-2)) Quarterfinal - Brian Allen (Valdez Buccaneers) 17-4 won by decision over James Horner (Nome High School) 28-11 (Dec 8-7) Cons. Round 2 - James Horner (Nome High School) 28-11 won by injury default over Chase Smith (Valdez Buccaneers) 9-6 (Inj. 0:24) Cons. Round 3 - James Horner (Nome High School) 28-11 won by decision over Tommy Nguyen (Unalaska) 2-2 (Dec 3-2) Cons. Semi - James Horner (Nome High School) 28-11 won by decision over Bailey Blumentritt (Skyview) 37-7 (Dec 6-1) 3rd Place Match - Jaren Sumuang (Sitka wolves) 28-1 won by fall over James Horner (Nome High School) 28-11 (Fall 5:39)</p> <p><b>160</b> - Junyor Erikson (29-10) placed 4th and scored 13.00 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Junyor Erikson (Nome High School) 29-10 won by major decision over Zach Young (Grace Christian School) 2-4 (MD 8-0) Quarterfinal - Junyor Erikson (Nome High School) 29-10 won by decision over Devon Phillips (Kotzebue High School) 29-6 (Dec 8-2) Semifinal - Isaac Deaton (Valdez Buccaneers) 36-1 won by fall over Junyor Erikson (Nome High School) 29-10 (Fall 1:50)</p>	<p>Cons. 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Round 1 - Grady Austin (Nome High School) 24-14 won by fall over Drew Pekar (Bethel High School) 6-11 (Fall 1:48) Quarterfinal - Josh Roetman (Kotzebue High School) 34-0 won by fall over Grady Austin (Nome High School) 24-14 (Fall 1:21) Cons. Round 2 - Grady Austin (Nome High School) 24-14 won by fall over Devon Miller (WHS Wolves) 8-4 (Fall 1:34) Cons. Round 3 - Grady Austin (Nome High School) 24-14 won by fall over Caleb Nay (Dillingham High School) 13-5 (Fall 2:42) Cons. Semi - Joseph White (Glennallen High School) 31-7 won by fall over Grady Austin (Nome High School) 24-14 (Fall 4:54) 5th Place Match - Grady Austin (Nome High School) 24-14 won by tech fall over Sean Lang (Houston) 12-13 (TF-1.5 3:21 (16-0))</p> <p><b>195</b> - Oliver Hoogendorn (29-12) placed 3rd and scored 16.00 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Oliver Hoogendorn (Nome High School) 29-12 won by fall over Andrew Hoffman (Hutchison High School) 13-10 (Fall 4:53) Quarterfinal - Oliver Hoogendorn (Nome High School) 29-12 won by decision over Drew Nanouk (Kotzebue High School) 29-7 (Dec 2-1) Semifinal - Scott Carpenter (Bethel High School)</p>	<p>11-4 won by fall over Oliver Hoogendorn (Nome High School) 29-12 (Fall 1:33) Cons. Semi - Oliver Hoogendorn (Nome High School) 29-12 won by decision over Stefan Green (Pilot Station) 3-3 (Dec 9-4) 3rd Place Match - Oliver Hoogendorn (Nome High School) 29-12 won by decision over Sage Hill (Skyview) 28-9 (Dec 3-2)</p> <p><b>BOYS BASKETBALL</b></p> <p>The Nome Boys played Galena on the road and won both Varsity games. The Nome JV Boys split with Galena. The Nome Boys season record improved to 2-0 with the pair of wins. Nome will next play East Anchorage at 4:45 PM in the first round of the Service Tip-off Tournament. The Service Tip-off first round schedule is listed below.</p> <p>NOME BOYS 56 GALENA 32</p> <p>Klay Baker led the way with 17 points and 12 rebounds. Tyler Eide added a triple-double by recording 10 points, 11 rebounds, 11 assists, and 8 steals.</p> <p>Pate 3, Baker 17, Tunley 6, Eide 10, Stettenbenz 2, Head 13, Mattheis 5</p> <p>NOME BOYS 62 GALENA 42</p> <p>Cass Mattheis led the Nanooks with 16 points and 9 rebounds. Tyler Eide scored 15 points and added 7 rebounds and 12 assists.</p> <p>Pate 3, Baker 12, Tunley 6, Eide 15, Stettenbenz 3, Head 7, Mattheis 16</p> <p>NOME JV 53 GALENA JV 39</p> <p>W. Hoogendorn 11, C. Johnson 3, K. Bourdon 16, Outwater 6, J. Bourdon 10, N. Horner 7</p> <p>GALENA JV 56 NOME JV 51</p> <p>W. Hoogendorn 6, C. Johnson 5, K. Bourdon 13, Outwater 4, J. Bourdon 10, H. Horner 13</p> <p>SERVICE TIP-OFF FIRST ROUND SCHEDULE</p>	<p>(THURSDAY)</p> <p>Bartlett vs Eagle River 3:00 PM Nome-Beltz vs East High 4:45 PM Palmer vs Chugiak 6:15 PM Service vs Kodiak 7:45 PM</p> <p><b>LADY NANOOK BASKETBALL</b></p> <p>The Nome Lady Nanooks hosted the Galena Hawks over the weekend. Nome lost both games and drops to 0-2 on the season. Nome will next play on Thursday at the East Anchorage Tournament. The Lady Nanooks will face Palmer at 3:00 PM on Thursday. East High Tournament first round schedule is listed below.</p> <p>Palmer vs Nome 3:00 PM Kodiak vs Eagle River 4:30 PM Seward vs Service 6:00 PM East vs Houston 7:30 PM</p> <p>GALENA JV 29 NOME 20</p> <p>Erickson 2, Hutson 2, Tidwell 6, Motis 4, Ahyakak 2</p> <p>GALENA JV 25 NOME 21</p> <p>Erickson 2, Tidwell 6, Otton 2, Motis 11</p> <p>GALENA V 56 NOME 39</p> <p>S. Ahmasuk 12, A. Ahmasuk 11, Lie 4, Horner 6, Hukill 4</p> <p>GHS 16-9-10-21=56 NBHS 4-12-16-7=39</p> <p>GALENA V 53 NOME LADY NANOOKS 22</p> <p>S. Ahmasuk 9, A. Ahmasuk 7, Horner 6</p> <p>GHS 10-14-19-10=53 NBHS 5-4-6-7=22</p> <p><b>NEXT HOME EVENT</b></p> <p>NBHS Alumni Basketball Tournament - Dec 27-28</p>
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# Unalakleet Wolfpack are State Volleyball champions

By Jeffrey Erickson

Hopes are always high for teams or individuals qualifying for a state championship of any kind. The months of preparation and successes build a sense of expectation and optimism. Unfortunately, as with all championships, the final results show a single champion and many others left with disappointment mixed with a sense of satisfaction for giving their all. Western Conference volleyball teams, and their counterparts from across the state came into last weekend with those emotions, prepared to bump, set and spike their way to a state crown.

The Unalakleet Wolfpack had high expectations as they wore the 2012 crown as defending champions. Having lost a big chunk of their powerful attack to graduation they had regrouped to post an undefeated season (22-0) and maintain their standing as the team to beat. The Golovin Lynx had regained their state-quali-

First round Friday matches with Gustavus vs Unalakleet and Akiachak vs Golovin proved to be easy victories for each and they advanced to the semi-final matches. Early indications seemed to point toward a tougher match for the Wolfpack, who would meet the Noatak Lynx, the only team that had taken more than one set from them all year long. Golovin appeared to be superior to their opponent, the Alak Huskies. This did not play to form however. Unalakleet came out hitting on all cylinders and jumped up 2 sets to 0. The always-game Lynx challenged in the 3rd set, but strong serving late by Roberta Walker and superior net play by Gage Ivanoff and Tristen Ticket sparked a comeback and a 3-0 match win.

Golovin realized it was in a battle with the Huskies from Wainwright when they found themselves down a set. Alak hitters consistently found the floor with spikes and well-placed

Saturday.

Social media lit up as fans began touting their favorite in this rematch of the conference championship and match up of the friendly but fierce, regional rivals. There was no mystery about what the other team's strengths and weaknesses.

The undefeated Wolfpack may have felt a little tight with the burden of expectations making many unforced errors in the first set. The Lynx pounced and jumped out to an early lead that seemed insurmountable but again, great serves from Robertal Walker, extraordinary setting by senior standout Jonisha Wilson and a re-emergence of the powerful Wolfpack hitters pulled them back even and they completed the comeback for a 25-22 victory. The disappointment of losing that first set seemed to deflate the battle-tested Golovin team and the 2nd and 3rd sets were not as close. The Wolfpack completed the 3-0 sweep and

grabbed their 2nd consecutive state volleyball championship. The victory capped a second undefeated season as well.

The two BSSD teams swept the skills awards as well as taking half the spots on the 2013 All-Tournament team: "Top Hitter" Casey Sherman, "Top Setter" Amanda

Moses, "Top Defensive Player" Roberta Walker, "Top Server" Wesley Ivanoff, State All-Tournament selections Tristen Ticket, Jonisha Wilson, Roberta Walker, Gage Ivanoff, Casey Sherman and Amanda Moses.



**OFFENSIVE PLAY**— Senior Paul Agibinik rises over Golovin Lynx block for a left-handed spike in the State Championship match.



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*Photos courtesy of Jeff Erickson, activities director Bering Strait School District*  
**BACK TO BACK STATE CHAMPION**— The Unalakleet Wolfpack Mixed 6 Volleyball Team: (Back row l-r) Coach Nick Hanson, Wesley Ivanoff, Gage Ivanoff, Tristen Ticket, Paul Agibinik, Talon Erickson, Timmy Sagoonick and Assistant Coach Amelia Carlson. (Front row l-r) Svea Southall, Roberta Walker, Ada Harvey, Jonisha Wilson, Roberta Cooper and Season Haugen.

fier status after not making it last year. A team mixed with seniors and young players, they had meshed behind their captain and leader, Casey Sherman.

Both teams were faced with a new format at the State Mixed-6 Volleyball Championships. With 9 teams qualifying for the first time the first day saw only "pool play" which had teams placed in 3 pools, playing each team in that pool. The resulting records determined the bracket location for the top 8 teams. Both Bering Strait School District (BSSD) teams won their pools and moved into the tournament that started on Friday.

shots and the Lynx had their confidence shaken. Senior captain Casey Sherman showed his maturity and poise as he rallied his teammates to grab the second set and even up the match. His powerful left-handed spikes off sets from fellow senior Amanda Moses shook the Huskies. The pivotal third set was a nail biter that saw each team take its shots and Alak grabbing a late lead that looked like they would take it. The Lynx rallied however, and seized the 26-24 victory. The tone was set and they eased through a 4th and final set to win the match and set up the first all-BSSD state championship match on

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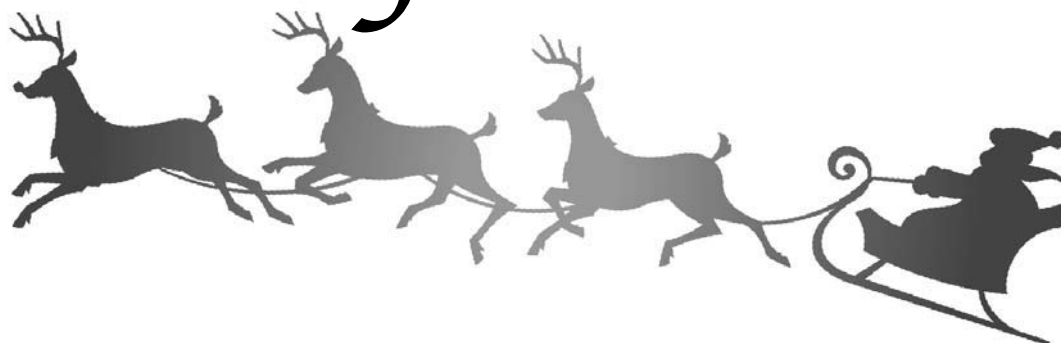
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# Savoonga lands two bowhead whales in December



**By Diana Haecker**  
Savoonga whaling captains have landed two whales in the last two weeks. This was welcome news to the community as food stores on St. Lawrence Island were meager due to a dismal spring walrus harvest.

Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission chairman George Noongwook of Savoonga said that on December 3, whaling captain

*Photo by Travis Akeya*  
**TOWING THE WHALE—**  
Travis Akeya captured the scene of towing the 57-ft. bowhead whale to Savoonga after whaling captain David Akeya caught his first whale, on December 6.

Charles Edwards and his crew struck a 55-ft. female whale.

They towed the animal ashore where the entire village of Savoonga helped butcher it.

The female bowhead whale was struck eight miles southeast of Savoonga. Once it reached the beach ashore, the community pulled it in.

Portable floodlights illuminated the beach as families helped butcher the whale. "We had the mangtak and organs out before midnight and then worked all day on the rest of the whale," said Noongwook.

"This whale is going to feed a lot of people," he said. "We are very happy."

Noongwook said this year the bowhead whales left the North Slope region two weeks earlier than usual.

While the weather changes every year, this winter so far is too warm, as in early December no ice has yet formed near St. Lawrence Island.

Last year, the Savoonga whaling crews landed whales around Dec. 13, Noongwook said.

## Second whale

On Friday, Dec. 6, another whaling crew landed the second whale. It was the crew of first time whaling captain David Akeya, who on his first trip as a registered whaling captain landed his first whale.

Akeya said by phone from his home in Savoonga that on Friday, December 6, two separate groups of whalers went out in search of whales.

They were about 14 miles northeast of Savoonga when they saw "their" bowhead whale.

Akeya said there where other boats south and north of his vessel when the whale popped up right in front of them. "We all saw it at the same time and the guys turned around and had a big smile on their face," Akeya said. He said the taller guys kept standing up so he couldn't see where he was going. "I followed the trail the fluke made," he said. "Man, it was intense," Akeya said of the hunt. His brother Derek Akeya threw the harpoon and struck the whale. It was a 57-ft. female.

"It was our first strike on our first whale," Akeya said.

The surrounding boats came to help bring the animal to shore. A rope was fastened around the whale's tail fluke. About 20 boats, four abreast and several rows long, hooked onto the towline. "The boats were hooked up like a dog team, pulling the whale," described Akeya.

Once ashore, the whale was butchered and put away overnight. "About the whole village came out," said Akeya.

Akeya said portions of the whale were distributed to families throughout his community, island and the region. The whale is feeding a lot of families in Savoonga, Gambell and the region. Boxes with mangtak and whale meat were also sent to Nome's XYZ Center and Quyanna Care Center, and Akeya's family in Nome and Anchorage.

## Sharing trails around Nome

### A column by The Nome Kennel Club

Finally some snow fell in the region and winter sport enthusiasts can think about hitting the trails again. Well, what trails? One loop that most Nomeites are familiar with is the trail that loops around Dredge 5, to the Beam Road, towards Gold Hill and back to Icy View. Musers, skiers, skijorers, and even winter bike riders use the trail. The Nome Kennel Club has in the past years put in the Gold Hill and other trails, staked them with reflective trail markers and maintained them.

The Nome Kennel Club buys trail stakes, reflective tape and pays for the shipping. NKC members and their families spend hours to staple the reflective tape on the markers, bundle them again and load them in the dog sled or snowmachine to be put in every hundred feet or so on the trail.

As anyone familiar with traveling in adverse weather conditions can attest, those trail markers provide an invaluable safety net preventing people from getting lost in blizzards and ground storms. Because trail stakes are so important for safety and enjoyment of trails, the NKC asks members of the public to respect the trails and the markers and not purposefully run them over. An incident last spring was a disappointment to the club as a snowmachiner vandalized a trail and it's markers. The trail was obliterated and had to be put in again. This was a hardship for the club and anyone else who was using that trail.

We encourage people to use the trails that are marked with NKC trail stakes. It is great to see fellow winter enthusiasts out there as we train our sled dog teams. The exposure to skiers, bikers and walkers in turn teaches our sled dogs to pass people and other dogs without hesitation in all kinds of situations. As we share the trails with other users we'd like to remind you that controlling a team of dogs is different than controlling a snow machine or a single animal. While we can stop the team, we don't have control of the side-to-side movement of the team in front of the

sled. When encountering a dog team please give it a wide berth. Many teams are very good at passing and will just go on by you like you're not even there. But a team can also be curious and want to check out you or your loose animal. Keep in mind that a dog team may be as long as 50 feet. That means the leaders could veer off the trail 50 feet from the sled even when the sled is stopped. If you are out with loose animals please keep them away from the teams and don't let them chase behind. Close encounters could result in injuries to the animals. Also, while a musher can stand on the brake and keep the sled stopped, often snow conditions, especially early in the season, are not good for setting a hook, getting off the sled and being sure the sled will stay put. So sometimes, it is very difficult for a musher to get off the sled to separate loose animals from the team.

The Nome Kennel Club stakes trails with a thought to the prevailing winds and how a dog team moves on a trail. The prevailing wind in the Nome area is generally from the northeast. Therefore, we put stakes on up wind side of the trail. Generally, if a trail is going East - West (or West - East) the stakes would be on the north side of the trail. If the trail is North-South (or South-North) the stakes would be on the east side of the trail. If it is really windy, sleds get pushed around by the wind and we can't avoid stakes if they are down wind from us. We'd rather get pushed away from the stakes so we don't knock them over. If the trail is on a side hill, we put the stakes on the uphill side, regardless of wind direction. The sled will have a tendency to slide down the hill and we don't want to knock over the stakes. So when you are out on your snowmachines after a new snowfall and want to follow the trail please keep this information in mind. Generally, the stakes should be to on the northern side of a trail that is going east-west, on the eastern side of a trail that is going north-south and on the uphill side of a trail that is along a side hill. For dog teams it is very helpful to have the trail in the same

place after each snow fall. We rely on having a solid base under the team for ease of running and setting the hook.

The Nome Kennel Club has been around for 106 years and it is proud to perpetuate the tradition of sled dog driving on the Seward Peninsula. As we share trails with different user groups, we wish everybody a safe winter and happy trails. If you have questions or comments, please contact any of our board members - Chrystie Salesky, Kirsten Bey, Janet Balice, Tom Jamgochian or Deb Trowbridge. The Nome Kennel Club is also on Facebook, where the public can leave comments or questions. Happy Holidays.



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Thank you, and Happy Holidays!





**HIGH SCHOOL BAND**— Members of the Nome-Beltz High School Band perform at the Nome Elementary School during the annual Nome-Beltz Winter Concert on December 10.

*Photo by Susanne Thomas*



**THREE PIECE**— Janelle Trowbridge, left, Alexis Hutson, middle, and Andrea Irrigoo performed during the Nome-Beltz Christmas concert.

*Photo by Susanne Thomas*



**HI MOM**— Trevor White greets the audience while getting his picture taken alongside Santa Claus at the Christmas Extravaganza.

*Photo by Diana Haecker*



**CHRISTMAS CHOIR**— Choir Master Ron Horner leads his singers during the Christmas Extravaganza.

*Photo by Diana Haecker*



**THE BAND**— The Nome-Beltz High School band entertained the audience at the Christmas Extravaganza.

*Photo by Diana Haecker*



**HERE IS SANTA**— Hahna Hoffstetter meets the real Santa during the Nome Christmas Extravaganza.

*Photo by Diana Haecker*







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**WHO ARE YOU?—** Baby Mavis Alowa casts an inquisitive look at Santa while brother Fox Alowa waits patiently for his candy cane.



Photo by Diana Haecker

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING—** Sarah Hofstetter, left, Phil Hofstetter, middle, and Richard Beneville, right, entertained Nomeites during the Christmas Extravaganza at Old St. Joe's Hall.



Photo by Diana Haecker

**INVOCATION—** Dan Karmun gives the invocation at the Nome Christmas Extravaganza as Richard Beneville and Laura Samuelson look on.



Photo by Diana Haecker

**STEEL DRUMS—** The Steel Drums of Anvil Science Academy sounded at the Christmas Extravaganza. Pictured are Julie Jackson, Elli Martinson, Katie Kelso, Shyloan Shannon, Maggie Miller, Arianna Adams and Jonathan Lewis.

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**FUN DANCING**— These six and seven year old kids had fun during the dance recital at the Nome Rec Center.



*Photo by Diana Haecker*  
**LEVITATING**— These girls were all smiles during the dance recital at the Nome Rec Center.



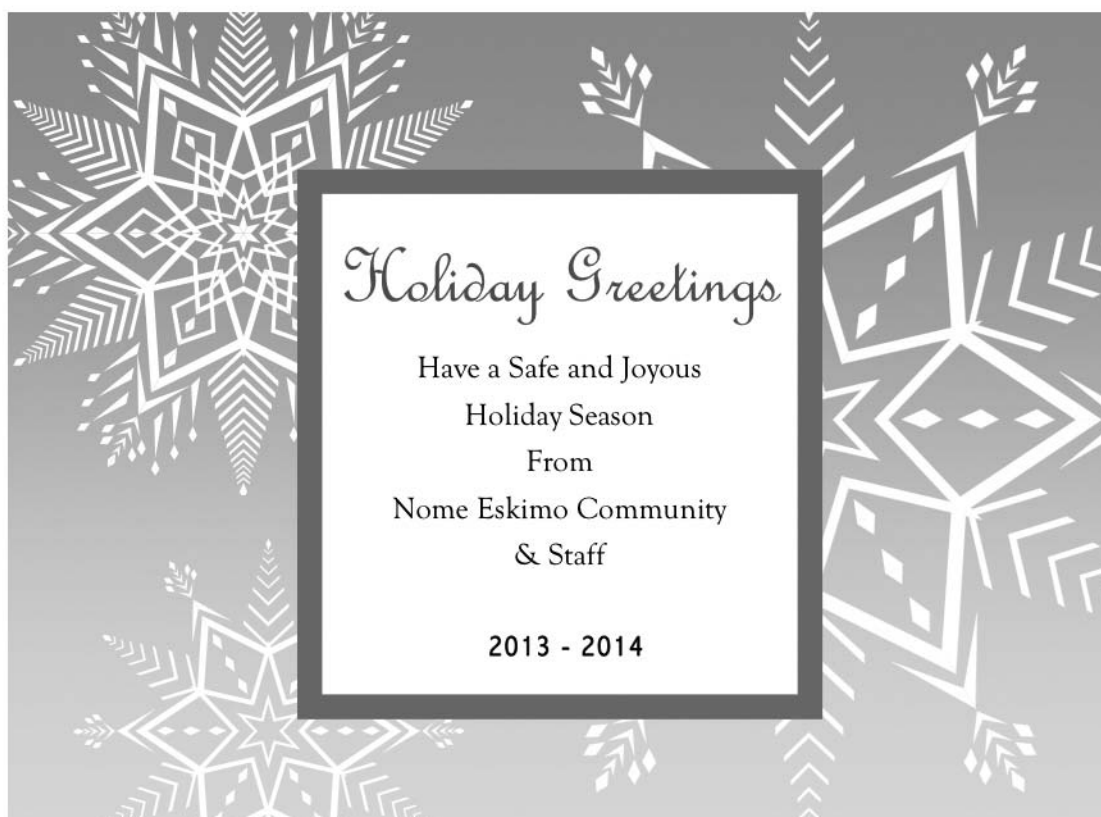
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**CULTURES OF OUR REGION**— Mallory Conger, left, and Elementary School teacher Annie Conger, right, stand in front of a Christmas tree adorned with photos of the kids from different cultures who live in our region.



*Photo by Nils Hahn*  
**BALLERINA**— Kathryn Fitzhugh strikes a pose during the dance recital at the Nome Rec Center.



*Photo by Diana Haecker*  
**ALL AS ONE**— Students in Mrs. Kendra Miller's after-school dance class performed at the Nome Rec Center on Thursday, December 12. The after-school dance class is made possible by Nome Eskimo Community.





# All Around the Sound



Aisonna Marta Itchoak

**New Arrivals**  
**Aisonna Marta Itchoak** was born December 10 at 12:38 a.m. at Corvallis Hospital in Oregon. She weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Aisonna was born to Irvin and Roben Itchoak. She was welcomed home by brothers Andrew and Jack and sister Chelsea. Maternal grandparents are Charmi and John Olson, and the late Jim Jack. Paternal grandparents are Noralee and the late Thomas Itchoak.

Rosalyn L. Campbell and Thomas R. Apassingok of Gambell announce

the birth of their son **Johnnie Rae Apassingok**, born November 22, at 9:51 a.m. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 19” in length. His sister is Audrey Rae Rose Campbell, 2.

Mary Lisa and Fabian Jay Ungott of Gambell announce the birth of their son **Donald Gilbert Ungott, TagriiWen**; born November 24 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 21.5” in length. His siblings are: Bobby Boolowon, 14, Anaan Ungott, 12, Hilary Dawn Ungott, 10, Josephine Ungott, 5. His maternal grandparents are Bruce and Rhoda Boolown of Gambell. His paternal grandparents are Ila Ungott and the late Donald Ungott of Gambell.

Miranda A. Slwooko and Troy P. Apatiki of Gambell announce the birth of their son **Greyson Blake Nayghakraggaq Slwooko**. He

weighed 7 pounds and was 21.5” in length. Maternal grandparents Dawnelle Apangalook and Quinn Slwooko of Gambell.

Lisa M. and Jermaine A. Lockwood, Sr. of Stebbins announce the birth of their daughter **Peyton Gracelyn Saige**, born December 4 at 2:39 a.m. She weighed 9 pounds, and was 21” in length. Siblings are Audrey Rose, 11, Elisha Marie, 9, Bradan Stanley Albert, 8, (Charrae Blanche) Theresa Ray, 5, and Jermaine Albert Jr., 3. Maternal grandparents are the late Stanley Jack, Jr., and the late Justina Hale. Paternal grandparents are the late Blanche Bogeyaktuk; Albert Bogeyaktuk, Sr., and Roberta O’Brien of Stebbins.

**Made all-tourney**  
Nome’s own Kathy Holly and Golovin’s Renatta Olson made all-tourney during the 3A State volleyball tournament held at Chugiak

High School on Nov. 13 thru 16. Kathy and Renatta play volleyball for the Mount Edgcombe Braves, the Sitka high school whose students represent communities from all over the state of Alaska. According to Jeremy Peters’ article in the *Anchorage Daily News*, Kathy Holly had nine kills, 28 assists and three aces during the Braves first game against the Monroe Catholic Rams. The Braves faced Grace Christian for their fourth straight state title match. In the title match Kathy Holly had 24 assists and six kills and Renatta Olson had seven digs. Renatta, in her third year of playing volleyball for the Braves, is a first year libero and consistently made key defensive plays to keep plays alive. Renatta is also one of three co-captains on the team. Kathy Holly is a setter and an outside hitter. Kathy Holly is the daughter of Sine’ and Dave Holly of Nome. Renatta Olson is the daughter of Rachel and Peter Olson of Golovin.



Photos by Nancy McGuire

**SURVIVOR** Cancer survivor Rita Hukill with her grandchildren Asa, 8, Liam, 13, and Tasha Hukill, 16, at the Relay for Life event Saturday evening. (below)  
**THE BEST SPAGHET SHE EVER ET—** Asa Hukill give approval to the spaghetti dinner provided for cancer survivors and their families at the Relay for Life event in Nome last Saturday.



## NSEDC News

By Tyler Rhodes, NSEDC Chief Operations Officer  
**NSEDC lifts scholarships to \$2,250 per semester**

The Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC) Board of Directors has voted to strengthen one of the region’s most robust scholarship programs, increasing the amount available to each recipient to \$2,250 per semester. Member community residents may now receive up to \$6,750 a year in NSEDC scholarships if they pursue a full-time schedule through spring, summer and fall semesters.

From its start, NSEDC has placed a high value on helping member community residents gain access to education and training. By the end of 2013, NSEDC will have issued more than \$6.5 million in scholarships, supporting residents as they have pursued their education to serve the region as teachers, pilots, lawyers, mechanics and in a host of other professions. “Establishing a scholarship program was one of the first things that NSEDC did as an organization,” said NSEDC Board Chairman Dan Harrelson. “The Board has always firmly believed in the value of education and supported the growth of our scholarship program. I am proud that we have been able to help so many people reach their goals.”

For several years, NSEDC’s scholarship program allowed up to \$1,000 per year for recipients. In 2000, that limit changed to \$1,000 per semester. Over the years the limit climbed incrementally to the \$2,000 level per semester, where it remained from 2007 to 2013. This year, NSEDC awarded 382 scholarships for a total of nearly \$722,000.

For more information on NSEDC’s scholarship program, please visit [www.nsedc.com/eet](http://www.nsedc.com/eet) online, or call NSEDC Education, Employment and Training Director Jerry Ivanoff at (800) 385-3190.

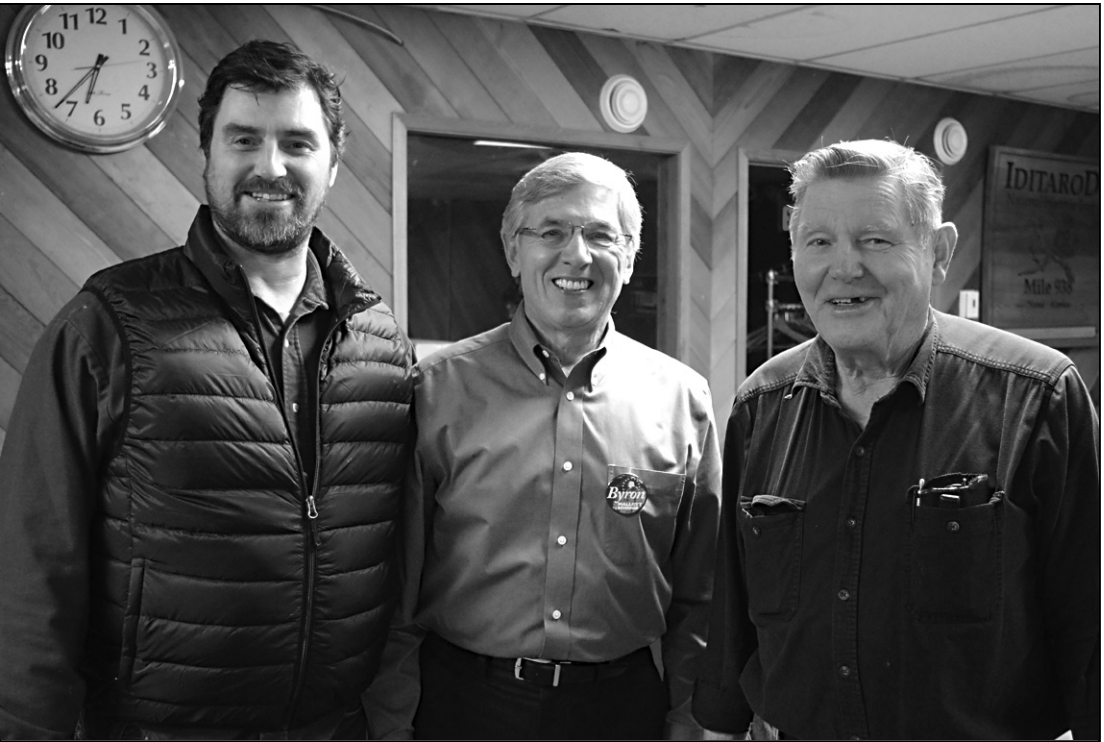


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**LISTENING SESSION—** Democratic candidate for governor Byron Mallot is flanked by Louis Green Junior and Senior at the Mini-Convention Center last week.

## THE “TOP TEN” WAYS TO AVOID THE EMERGENCY ROOM DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

- #10 Don’t go “*through the river and over the woods*”. (Be careful of ice and overflow when traveling by snowmachine and four-wheeler.)
- #9 Don’t “*roast chestnuts on an open fire*”. (Be careful not to overload electrical outlets or leave wood stoves unattended.)
- #8 Be careful “*rocking around the Christmas tree*”. (Celebrate sanely and wisely.)
- #7 Respect the “*silent night*”. (Drive cautiously in the dark.)
- #6 Beware of “*the newly fallen snow*”. (Shovel snow slowly, stop periodically to rest.)
- #5 Use caution “*up on the house top*”. (Be careful hanging lights outside the house.)
- #4 Watch for “*Frosty the Snowman*”. (Dress appropriately for the weather.)
- #3 Yield to *sleighs*. (Obey the rules of the road when walking or driving.)
- #2 Don’t partake in “*sugar plums*”. (No Street drugs.)



**#1 The Christmas spirit is NOT what you drink; it is how you think!**

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# Influenza is coming: How to reduce your risk

By Bob Lawrence, MD  
Alaska Family Doctor

Over 75 people in Alaska have been diagnosed with this year's version of the flu according to the Alaska Section of Epidemiology. Most cases are from the Anchorage region. But soon the flu will be at our doorstep.

So what can you do to reduce the risk of getting the flu this year? Here are a few recommendations:

First, wash your hands. This simple act is the single best way to prevent the spread of infectious disease. Use hand sanitizer after shaking hands or using objects, like phones, used by others. Be kind to others, and wash your hands after sneezing or coughing into your hands.

Second, consider getting a flu shot. It is not too late to get a flu shot, but it may take up to two weeks for it to take effect, so sooner is better.

The vaccine may not be as effective in young children or older persons, especially after age 75.

Ironically, the young and the old are the two groups most likely to have severe complications from the flu.

Therefore, the CDC and other infectious disease professionals believe the most important people to vaccinate may not be the people at risk for complications from getting the flu.

Rather the most effective approach is to vaccinate everyone, including otherwise healthy individuals at little risk of getting or suffering from influenza, in order to protect those for whom the vaccination would provide little, if any, direct protection.

Doctor Gregory Poland, director of the Mayo Clinic's Vaccine Research Group and member of the US Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices panel refers to this concept as "cocooning," or protecting at-risk groups by surrounding them with vaccinated healthy indi-

viduals.

Next, take your vitamins, especially vitamin D. There is good evidence that maintaining a healthy diet including fish and perhaps seal oil, both rich in vitamin D, helps reduce the risk of acquiring viral illnesses like the flu.

Scientists from Emory University found that vitamin D supplementation may help prevent serious respiratory infections including influenza and other common viral upper respiratory diseases.

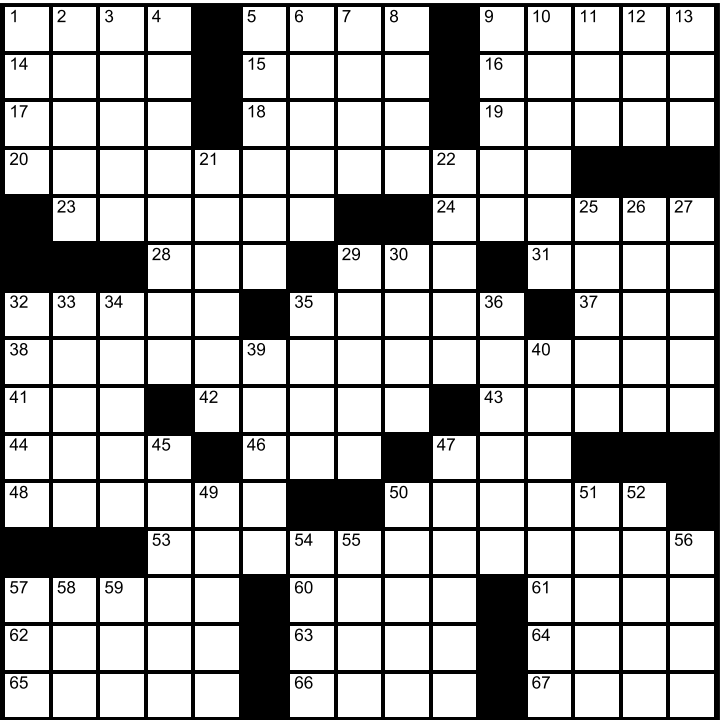
Increasingly, scientists from various medical fields suggest that a deficiency of vitamin D due to reduced sun exposure explains why the elderly, the malnourished, and children are more susceptible to influenza.

Finally, if you have severe flu symptoms talk to your doctor about treatment. A medication called Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) can reduce the severity and duration of flu symptoms. If started early in the course of the flu, oseltamivir can help prevent serious complications, like pneumonia.

There is no single cure for in-

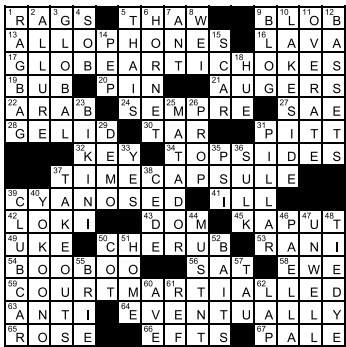
fluenza. The best way to lower the risk for you and your family is to follow the recommended measures including vaccination, frequent hand

washing, vitamin D supplementation, and avoiding public settings when suffering from flu-like symptoms.



- Across
1. "Check this out!"  
5. Hair groomer  
9. Ill-gotten gains  
14. Type of palm with healthy berries  
15. \_\_\_\_ Minor  
16. A deadly sin  
17. Take up and hold  
18. "Schindler's \_\_\_\_"  
19. Choice  
20. Horserace with obstacles  
23. Brat  
24. Inadequate  
28. Carbonium, e.g.  
29. Bean counter, for short  
31. Lover of Aeneas  
32. Play, in a way  
35. Chip dip  
37. Calendar abbr.  
38. Glow-in-the-dark  
41. Basic monetary unit of Romania  
42. Broken  
43. Handle the food for a party  
44. Song and dance, e.g.  
46. Cabernet, e.g.  
47. Comedian Bill, informally  
48. Cut baby incisors  
50. Immensely  
53. Unruly  
57. Eiffel \_\_\_\_  
60. Length x width, for a rectangle  
61. Big name in sneakers  
62. Contemptuous look  
63. \_\_\_\_ Bell
- Down
64. Small cave  
65. Minor  
66. The "E" of B.P.O.E.  
67. Cast  
1. Hail Mary, e.g.  
2. George C. \_\_\_\_, actor  
3. Eastern wrap  
4. Roman emperor, 14-37 A.D.  
5. Visit (2 wds)  
6. Basket material  
7. Catchall abbr.  
8. Shellacking  
9. Run out, as a subscription  
10. Not versed in a specified subject  
11. Computer-generated image (acronym)  
12. "Losing My Religion" rock group  
13. "... \_\_\_\_ he drove out of sight"  
21. Punctual  
22. Accumulate  
25. Colossal  
26. Bring out  
27. "Message received and understood"  
29. Gave a fig  
30. Argued  
32. Comics sound  
33. "So \_\_\_\_!" said defiantly  
34. Beat  
35. "\_\_\_\_ Like It Hot!"  
36. Buttonhole  
39. Sheik's bevy  
40. Longitudinal grid lines  
45. Public road in a city  
47. Chocolate trees  
49. \_\_\_\_ Potter  
50. Sweater style (2 wds)  
51. France's longest river  
52. \_\_\_\_ River, flows through Alaska  
54. Diminish  
55. \_\_\_\_-Altaic languages  
56. Badger's burrow  
57. Cooking meas.  
58. "\_\_\_\_ moment"  
59. Dewy

Previous Puzzle Answers



## Obituaries

Estelle Pennaapak  
Oozevaseuk

Born to Paul and Margaret Silook, Estelle was born on September 10, 1920, eldest of six children. Because she was the eldest, John and Lilly Apangalook took her in as their own daughter and treasured her. She married Glen Ngiggutak Oozevaseuk in 1941 and together they raised 11 children, mostly through subsistence hunting, fishing, digging for ivory and artifacts and gathering all edible plants. Because they loved the great outdoors, they stayed at camp Aqeftapak up to eight months or more a year.

Estelle was also raised by her grandparents Uwetelen and Wamiyaq, therefore gaining traditional values, discipline, love, wisdom and knowledge. One way she

learned discipline, she clearly remembered her grandfather Uwetelen would make her run around the house three times each morning upon waking up. No matter what the weather was, she had no choice because they honored and respected their elders. If she didn't there were consequences she faced.

Estelle volunteered a lot of her time as a health aide, midwife, City Council, Elder Advisor, suicide prevention, safe home and cooking

potlucks for the community and visitors alike. She was honored by Governor Bill Sheffield and other dignitaries around the United States for her volunteer work. She also fought for Social Security and Medicaid to the time of her passing.

She was politically motivated and a strong advocate of Subsistence and Native Rights. In fact, she was one of the first ones to attend the AFN

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Estelle Pennaapak  
Oozevaseuk

## HOROSCOPES

December 18, 2013 — December 24, 2013



December 22–January 19

Dig a little deeper, Capricorn, and the item you seek will be yours. A feud among friends finally comes to an end, and you have that special someone to thank.



March 21–April 19

The tide turns in your favor at work, and all eyes and ears are on you. Do not waste the opportunity. Make your idea known and prepare for applause all around, Aries.



June 22–July 22

Go, Cancer, go! The green light is given, and you must act fast to get your idea off the ground before opinions change. A holiday get-together takes you for a walk down memory lane.



September 23–October 23

Scrap it, Libra. You've got too many projects going on as it is. Save it for another time. A romantic gesture paves the way to a weekend getaway.



January 20–February 18

A shopping trip uncovers quite the find. Before you stash it away, consider if it wouldn't serve better in a friend's collection. This is the season of giving, Aquarius.



April 20–May 20

Wake up, Taurus. A senior is trying to pull the wool over your eyes. See the situation for what it is and act upon it. A letter bears interesting news.



July 23–August 22

Feeling out of sorts, Leo? Don't be. Look to your family to get you back on track. A review of your finances reveals that you are doing well.



October 23–November 21

Best wishes punctuate the week and get you in the mood to party. A holiday tradition continues with a twist. Go with it, Scorpio. A phone call proves promising.



February 19–March 20

Work piles up, and suddenly, you're feeling very overwhelmed. Not to worry, Pisces. Help comes from someone you least expect. A sweet treat tickles the taste buds.



May 21–June 21

Good golly, Gemini. Your event calendar is filling up fast. Perhaps you better be choosier with the invites you receive. A gift makes you giddy.



August 23–September 22

Psst, Virgo. A loved one has something important to tell you, something that may call for a celebration. A financial proposal could use some work.



November 22–December 21

Prudence is required for the completion of a project. Don't rush, Sagittarius. A bonehead move on the part of a friend gives you reason to laugh.

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Convention when it was organized in the 1960s. She learned a lot of politics from her Father Siluk and Uncle Apangaluq. She was selected as one of the group to travel to Moscow and other cities in the Soviet Union on the Friendship Flight and was able to

meet and reacquaint with her relatives and friends in the Far East. She was also at Washington, D.C. when the twin towers were attacked in 2001 identifying artifacts and other objects.

She was a survivor of a Wein Air crash of August 20, 1975 and spent more than a year in the hospital until

she convinced the doctors to send her home to heal faster by eating traditional foods that her body was used to and also by being around family. The doctors told her that she would never walk again but she proved them wrong. She came home and went back to her traditional diet and being with family, she healed and started walking again! To the time of her death, her diet was 99 percent traditional Native foods and she rarely ate processed foods.

Estelle served as a Church Elder for both Presbyterian and Seventh Day Adventist Churches until she could not get around anymore due to old age, but never lost her deep faith in God. She always told her children that she got her strength through Jesus Christ daily and being obedient to her Elders and Parents, without substance abuse and eating the right foods, she was blessed with a long life and to the time of her death she had no chronic illnesses.

She will be known for her love of Jesus, strengthening the faith of everyone around her. Her faith in God made her passing so peaceful and serene. She went quickly, but only after coming back and telling her family of the beauties of Heaven, and that she was so awed by the multitudes of the angels that some of us now believe that there is a place called Heaven!

Estelle is preceded in death by her husband Glen; son Bert Uviiya Oozevaseuk; daughters Evangeline Singlenga Tungiyang, Connie Iteghyaghaq Wilson, Francine Iistumii Oozevaseuk; brothers Frank Ohktokiyuk, Nolan Silook, Roger Silook, Sr., and Henry Silook; sisters Vivian Iyakitan, Genevieve Apatiki, Otelia Kemlinga and Ulghaaq; parents Paul and Margaret Silook, her

traditionally adoptive parents John and Lilly Apangalook.

Estelle is survived by her children Gordon and his wife Orpha Oozevaseuk, Raymond, Delbert and Malcolm Oozevaseuk, Sharon and her husband James Uglowook Sr., Edythe and her husband Branson Tungiyang, Delia and her husband Albert “Jack” Johnson. Her grand and great-grandchildren Glen and Carrie, Francine, Melcher, Homer, Victor, Raisa, Kevin, Cynthia and her husband Mike Albertson, Elliott, Roger, Rudy, Stacy, late James Jr., Jane Alice, Rene’ and her husband Jeremy, Russelle and her husband Todd, RaeAnn and her boyfriend James, Russell Jr. and wife Crystal, Sammy, Angela and her husband Alexie Morris Jr., Michelle and her husband John, Howard and Erika, Kurtis, Jermaine, Prisaihas, Dawn,

Duane and Samantha, Barton, Jordan, Larrisha, Garrett and Sharla, Neil, Jasmine, Geurin, Jada, Reubin and Melanie, McCormick, Timothy, Tucker, Jordy, Hannah, Jerry, Hunter, Tracy, Gabriella, Jubilee, Brennan, Andrew, Trinity, Briar, Tatum and many others too many to name. Estelle is also survived by her “sister” Susan Wamiyaq Campbell and “brothers” Preston and Paul Apangalook.

The Oozevaseuk family and extended family thank all the people who came to see her, who prayed for her and comforted us, the Gambell IRA Council, Sivuqaq, Inc., the City of Gambell, Health Aides and the Quyanna Care Staff. Our apologies to anyone whom we may have missed mentioning.

Saying it Sincerely

By Rev. Karen Sonray, Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Member of the Nome Ministerial Association

*“How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given. And God imparts to human hearts the wonders of his heaven. No ear can hear his coming, yet in this world of sin, where meek hearts will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.”*

The words above come from the Christmas carol “O Little Town of Bethlehem” written by Phillip Brooks.

I have always liked this verse. Isn’t it true that many of the best gifts in life are often unnoticed? And that the heart of Christmas comes so quietly, so softly that the world in its helter-skelter and busyness often does not notice?

According to the Gospel of Luke, centuries ago messengers in the heavens came to the shepherds who were keeping watch over their flocks that Christmas night. Couldn’t the rest of Bethlehem see these heavenly angels? Didn’t they look up in the sky? Didn’t they hear the army of angels that night, singing, “Glory to God in the highest and peace to God’s people on earth?”

Who received this message of the birth of the son of God? Not the Emperor of Rome who had ordered a census and had people of all stations of life traveling to their hometowns to be counted. Not the people in the villages nor the cities or palaces. No, the ones who received God’s joyous message that night were those sleeping out under the stars, on the lonely hills: lowly shepherds. Shepherds were considered dirty and lacking any social status. Yet it was they who first heard the incredible good news that night.

How much do you and I miss? We have our own expectations. We have agendas enough to fill up Christmases for years to come. But have we missed the wondrous gift born so silently? No ear can hear its coming. Yet in our broken world, in our own weakness, Christ will enter as we humble ourselves.

God has prepared joys beyond measure to all who are empty enough that they can receive His presence. May we experience the joyous presence of the Christ child born for us this Christmas time.

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| ( ) BROWNS     | ( ) AT STEELERS  |
| ( ) TEXANS     | ( ) AT TITANS    |
| ( ) REDSKINS   | ( ) AT GIANTS    |
| ( ) 49ERS      | ( ) AT CARDINALS |
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# It was -25° and there was a fire

From the 1985 Nugget Christmas edition

By Nancy McGuire

Bill Ulrich a longtime Nomeite died this year, but his story is special.

Bill Ulrich remembers the Christmas of 1929 because it was -25° and there was a fire.

He was 10 years old then and says in those days Santa would come down Main Street on a reindeer sleigh and stopping by the old Lomen Commercial would distribute apples and oranges. (This is just about where the Sitnasuak parking lot is now located.

On Christmas Eve there was a community Christmas program at the old Eagle Hall. It was a big place; they could even get a reindeer on the stage with a sled. "Ol' Con Yenney, the police and fire chief was dressed as Santa. We all knew who it was because his voice was so deep and loud. He gave out stockings that were full of candy and apples and a few oranges. They gave out mostly apples and very few oranges. In those days there were no regular freight flights into Nome. They'd fly small planes in every so often from

Fairbanks.

"Well, that Christmas morning the fire whistle started blowing around 10 a.m. The ACS wireless station was burning. (That was located near what is now the Alaska Cab Garage. It was about 500 ft. East of Steadman and Fifth Ave.)

"In 1929 there were very few houses in the area and the fire department had to bring the hose all the way down from Third and Steadman. The hose froze in the -25°F temperature and there was no water to fight the fire.

As they said then, "They saved the lot."

"It was really hard for the firefighters. The Dowd family lived in the building that was destroyed. No one was hurt.

"The night before, on Christmas Eve, I'd delivered to Jack Dowd's boy, Walter, a big toy fire truck as a Christmas present." It was hard for the 10-year-old Ulrich to think of all these Christmas presents burning up.

He says in Nome everyone was very close, lots of presents were given. People had to send for their gifts early so they could make the last barge. "Of course the store had a

lot of presents too," he says.

"There was a different feeling then, when we were blocked in with ice everyone was forced into a social get together. The community drew together. There were lots of presents

given. Not just to relatives, but to friends. Everyone drew together. After all, we didn't get mail except for once a month when the dog team came in from Nenana.

"The whole town went to Mid-

night Mass at the Catholic church. It was such a big ol' church (It's now Old St. Joe's Hall on Anvil City Square.) that they had to start heating it about a week ahead," he says.



**CHRISTMAS FIRE**— The ACS wireless station caught fire on Christmas Day 1929 in Nome. Photo courtesy of Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

## Christmas in Barrow had mountains of gifts

By Nancy McGuire

Charles Brower is the new pastor of the Methodist Church in Nome. Rev. Brower is from Barrow and gives a wide grin when he tells of the Christmas festivities in his hometown in the 1950s. He says that back in the '40s and '50s there was more of a sense of community. Barrow was much smaller then, only about 1,200 people.

Most of the festivities took place in the Utkeavik Presbyterian Church. There was a big Thanksgiving feast and another on Christmas, but on Christmas people flocked to the church before noon carrying presents. There were so many stacked in a huge mountain in the corner of the room.

They had cooler tops in the pews

and these became little tables for the feast. There was whale meat, caribou stew, goose soup and all the trimmings. When everyone was finished eating, some men went up to that big pile of presents and started hollering out names. Sometimes the tags would come off the gift so the men would look around for someone who didn't have a very big pile of gifts and that person would have to open it in front of everyone. It provided a few laughs if a man got a lady's flannel nightgown. He chuckles as he recalls the time an elder woman got a toy wooden PanAm flying boat. Then there was the Flexi Flier sled that had no tag on it and went to someone else.

He says they don't have community gift exchanges any more but they

still have Community Games between Christmas and New Years. There would be games for little kids and story telling. The singles would compete against the marrieds and the winners would determine what games to do next.

He says one year someone took a bunch of folks for a snowmachine ride in a freight sled out on the sea ice and attached a parasail. Some poor fellow was walking across the lagoon at the time, saw this big white cloud approaching and thought he was being attacked by aliens.

On New Year's Eve folks would gather at the church and watch movies—science films provided by the Moody Bible Institute. Then they

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photo by Nancy McGuire

**BARROW CHRISTMAS**— Rev. Charles Brower tells of holidays in Barrow.

## • More Obituaries

**John Patrick Norbert, Jr.**  
March 28, 1934-  
November 27, 2013

John was born March 28, 1933 to John and Marion Norbert in Teller. John went to school at Holy Cross and Mt. Edgecumbe. He joined the Army when he was 17 years old; he told the recruiters he was born a year early so he could enlist.

John met Grace while they were at subsistence camp. After John was discharged from the Army, he married the love of his life, Grace.

John worked as a heavy equipment operator and mechanic in Nome until he joined the Federal Aviation Administration; while working with FAA John was transferred from town to town throughout Alaska. After working for FAA, he worked for BP in Prudhoe Bay.

John finally settled his family in Dillingham, in 1973. He drilled over 200 water wells in Dillingham. He enjoyed commercial fishing with Harvey Samuelson. The most fun was during herring fishing and subsistence hunting for whales, seals, caribou, moose and birds. He taught his sons and William to hunt, trap beavers, fish and tan skins. He enjoyed making "head cheese" and loved sharing it. When we ate our

subsistence, he would say, "This is big time ummmmmmm." He made subsistence nets, uluaqs, wooden spoons and bowls, and harpoons.

He loved his kids and the grandkids were so precious. John loved his country and the people of Bristol Bay.

John is survived by siblings Teresa Waters, Eileen Norbert, Angela Miller; children Marian Small, Gail Johnson, Katy Johnson, John Norbert III, Jane Norbert, Robert Norbert; in-laws Stan Small, Elena Norbert, Rudy Olson, Barbara Nunn; grandchildren Shannon Kimoktoak, Laurie, Dale, sun, Ginger, Samantha, Stanley, Butch, Ona, Meri Jenne, Kristine, Brenetta, Donald, Reece, Colleen, August, Norman Jr., Anders, Richard, Karl, Rochelle, Thomas, Joshua, Amanda, Brenda, Rachael, Elizabeth, William, Angela, Shauntae, Cody and numerous great grandchildren. John is survived by many extended family and friends.

John was preceded in death by parents John Norbert, Sr. and Marion Norbert; wife Grace Norbert; siblings Rose Johnson, Pat Norbert, Joseph Norbert, Rick Norbert; child Loretta Kimoktoak; and great-grandson Leonard Larson.



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**BARRELLING DOWN FRONT STREET** — “Everyone was anxious and willing to do all in his power for others. The spirit of good will and helpfulness was abroad; and for the time being forgot their differences and worked in a common cause—the rebuilding of their city.” The mighty First Class City of Nome, Alaska.

1913 Storm Photo Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum  
**WHAT A MESS** — “The “East End” of Nome suffered greatly not only by having the buildings on the south side of the street almost totally demolished, but from crude oil.”

## Taking time to remember: Nome’s big storm October 1913

Presented by Laura Samuelson for the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

Here is a Christmas treat from the archives of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum. This story originally appeared in “The Aurora, ‘14” the yearbook published by the students of the Nome High School for the year 1913-1914 in Nome, Alaska.

Just over 100 years ago, the First Class City of Nome, Alaska experienced its first documented “one hundred year storm.” We have experienced quite a few nasty Bering Sea storms in recent memory. Read on to see how they stack up against what eyewitness Ingebor g Stevenson MacMillan called, “The tsunami that hit our shores.”

Museum notes are italicized in parenthesis.

**Nome’s Big Storm October 5, 1913**  
 By George Schofield, Class of 1916,  
 Nome High School

On October 5, 1913, the delayed equinoctial storm burst in all its fury upon the town of Nome, on the Bering Sea. For two days a heavy on-shore gale had been blowing from the southeast and the surf was running high. “Old timers” spoke of the big storms of 1900 and 1902 and seafaring men looked at the steadily falling barometer, wisely shook their heads and murmured of greater things to come.

As the night grew later, the wind increased until it attained a velocity of over sixty miles an hour. The sea rose ten feet in four hours and still continued to rise and it seemed as if the city were doomed. Immense lighters were torn from their moorings and hauled shoreward on the crest of mighty waves to become great battering rams destroying docks, breakwaters, buildings and every obstruction in their path.

The merchants were unprepared believing until the last minute that their buildings were safe. Without warning a mammoth wave swept the backs of the buildings on the south side of Front Street, breaking them in and every available man and team were in demand to move stocks of merchandise and household effects from the threatened buildings. Many waited until too late and were unable to reach their goods stored in basements and warehouse buildings facing the sea. The water rushed in under the buildings lifted the floors high into the air, and then retreating let them fall into place again, until they were eventually broken into pieces. A Chinese laundryman, hoping to keep his floor in place, weighted it down with large rocks. To his surprise, the next wave hurled the floor, rocks and all high into the air.

Buildings were falling and flues tumbling in every direction and fear of a new enemy arose—that of the companion of floods—fire. A fire patrol was organized.

### • Barrow

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went caroling house to house. They’d stop at a house and there would be someone up on the roof throwing candy at them. At the stroke of midnight someone would fire a gun. His uncle had a flare gun so a red flare on a little parachute would drift over the horizon.

Charles says that his family was fortunate because his dad had a store. It was the Cape Smyth Whaling and Trading Company. There was also a tiny Post Office in the store.

His father liked to cook and

All fires on the doomed south side of Front Street were ordered to put out. The only exception to this being that in the North Pole Bakery, where the bakers stood all night in the water, baking bread for tomorrow’s hungry.

“Snake River Bridge is going out,” came the warning cry to the people of the “Sand Spit.” To some the warning came too late or was not heard and many were compelled to camp for hours without food or shelter on the highland to the westward, as every means of reaching Nome was cut off.

One man living on the “Spit” was awakened by the waves breaking into his cabin. Hurriedly arousing his wife, he had her tie their baby on his back and facing the heavy current, swam across Snake River. Just before reaching the opposite shore, he became exhausted and was about to sink when he was rescued. A boat was immediately sent back for his wife.

In spite of every effort made to save it, the bridge finally gave away before the jam of vessels, lighters, boats, and wreckage pressing against it and went out in the flood, carrying with it some of the main electric light cables. For a time it seemed as if total darkness would be added to the horrors of the night. Again and again the electric current would be cut off by the falling of poles and the crossing of wires and darkness would intervene for a few seconds. Hurried repairs would be made and the city again flooded with light. Through all the hours of the terrible night, the superintendent of the Electric Lighting Company and his assistants rode rapidly through the dangerous streets, watching and working to prevent fire and darkness.

The pumps of the city had already been covered with sand and the pumping station wrecked. The most incipient blaze in the high wind prevailing meant destruction to the city. The situation was appalling and when for a second, there was darkness and above the roar of the surf and the wall of the wind could be heard the grinding and crashing of buildings, the stoutest hearts were awed to supplication.

As the sea steadily rose, the “Sand Spit” disappeared and the river and the sea became one. Nearly every building was swept from the “Spit” even the big plant of the Pacific Cold Storage Company being practically destroyed. This company was one of the heaviest losers in the flood.

The Eskimo village was almost obliterated. River Street was swept clean, the waves rising so rapidly and cutting off retreat from the street so early, that many barely escaped with their lives and were unable to save anything. One man was seen to take two children on to the roof from which they were rescued at great risk, just a moment before the house toppled into the raging torrent.

would often leave church early on Sunday to start work on a big non-traditional breakfast for family and friends.

Charles is the 11th of 12 children. He has one older brother, nine older sisters, and one younger brother. There were also three adopted children and an “aunt.” The aunt took care of the house and kept order. Charles smiles as he tells that when she was in a TB hospital in Texas she worked in the laundry. When she returned to Barrow she always poured a full box of laundry detergent in the wash load. Those clothes were more than clean!

When the storm was at its height, the cry arose that the bulkheads protecting the Elite Bath House and Hotel (a three story building) were gone and the building filled with people was in danger. The inmates were warned to leave at once and the last guest had barely escaped when the building was seen to waiver and then collapse, carrying everything with it into the sea. The next morning there was nothing to mark the spot where it had stood; the heavy boilers and all had been swept away. Even the largest timbers had been smashed to kindling wood. Nothing was saved and nothing better serves to show the indomitable spirit of the people of this Northland than the answer of Mr. James when notified of their loss, by his wife over the long distance telephone. “Our building has tumbled into the sea and everything is lost.” The answer came back “Don’t worry. As long as it had to go, I’m glad it’s all gone. It will save bothering with a lot of stuff.” This was from a man who had just lost over \$50,000 (\$1.2M in 2013 dollars).

Nearly every building along the south side of Front Street was badly damaged or destroyed. A section of the Fitzgerald Building, eighty feet in length was swept away. The Life Saving Station was smashed to pieces, these were piled in a heap, then covered with sand by the waves and with other wreckage formed a barrier which protected the north side of the street from the force of the waves.

Towards morning the wind veered to the southwest and while it proved disastrous to the buildings along the south side of First Avenue West, by undermining them and toppling them into River Street, which had become a part of the sea, it cut down the waves and gradually the sea

began to subside.

The morning after presented a sad sight. Houses were floating in the sea and river. The buildings on the south side of the street, which had not been totally destroyed, had had their end walls torn out and the waves were sweeping through to the street and carrying everything before them. On Front Street, where the wreckage was being cleared away, horses were standing in water to their breasts. Men—homeless and hungry—were working in water waist deep trying to help others save something. Overall however, there hung the spirit of thankfulness that, bad as it was, it had been no worse.

The “East End” suffered greatly not only by having the buildings on the south side of the street almost totally demolished, but from crude oil.

The Steamer Elk, which for many years had lain on the beach, below the Standard Oil Plant, turned under the force of the waves, pointed her prow toward the hills and was carried as far as the north side of Front Street, where she now rests serenely as if to say, “Fear not little children; Noah has nothing over us. Am I not here and yonder Anvil Mountain?”

Owing to the heroic efforts which were made, but one life, that of C.V. Morrison, an old timer, was lost in the city of Nome. A different fate befell the poor unfortunate seamen who were at sea on small vessels. Sad tales came from up and down the coast. Many ships had been wrecked and these and the bodies of the unfortunate ones on board were washed ashore.

The little town of Solomon was totally destroyed and although there were no lives lost, the people suffered from harrowing experiences. Some floated

around all night on hastily constructed rafts; others carried away on an unmanageable launch, were saved by a line catching on the top of a telephone pole, the water at this point having reached such a depth.

Many strange incidents, among them some of special interest, are related to the flood.

A freighter at Safety Road House was forced to escape on a raft. Before leaving however, he took his horses into a log cabin where he tied them with their heads as high as he could pull them. Returning two days later, after the flood had subsided, he found them alive, although the water had been over their backs.

A mule managed to reach a high spot of land where he lived through the storm. Many malamutes would swim to the spot and try to get on too, but the mule recognizing them, as foes in time of peace of refuge, in time of storm and so would kick off every dog that tried to climb on.

One of the lighters, as if trying to make amends after battering down several buildings, proceeded to slip under another which was about to fall, imbedded itself in the sand and there it now rests a unique and secure foundation.

The Eskimos seemed as much frightened as the townspeople. A miner coming in from the creeks met a native woman fleeing with her two children to the hills. When asked what was the matter, she said “Oh! Heap big water—everybody drown—me afraid, me run.”

Down the coast, the action of the waves uncovered an Eskimo village, which had probably been buried for hundreds of years. But the wind changed and

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## Trooper Beat

On December 12, at about 2:35 p.m., Nome WAANT received a report of a suspicious box of freight at a local commercial airline addressed to a resident in Savoonga. Investigation revealed six bottles of distilled spirits in the box of cargo. Charges pending for Alcohol Importation.



## Seawall

NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASES 12-09-2013 through 12-15-2013

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 12-11 at approx:9:10 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a home on the report of a disturbance. Investigation led to the arrest of Jimmy Weyiouanna, 46, for Violation of Probation and Release Conditions. Weyiouanna was remanded at the AMCC where no bail amount was set. This investigation also led to Anita Soolook, 45, being charged for Violation of Probation. Soolook's violation has been forwarded to the District Attorney for disposition.

On 12-12 at 8:58 a.m. Nome Police Department Officers responded to a school for the report of a student found with a can of chewing tobacco. Upon arrival, the student admitted to possessing the tobacco and was subsequently cited for Minor in Possession of Tobacco.

On 12-13 at 1:17 a.m. the Nome Police Department made contact with Sarah Evak, 21. She had previously been on probation and ran from officers. She was placed under arrest for Assault on a Peace Officer and issued a citation for Open Container.

On 12-13 at 3:59 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a call on Front Street after a reported assault had occurred. After further investigation, Cecilia Iyapana, 21, was placed under arrest for Assault in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, DV. She was then transported to AMCC and held without bail.

On 12-13 at 8:26 a.m. Police Officers responded to a residence on D St. for the report of an adult male stating he wished to harm himself. Upon arrival, the male was interviewed and subsequently transported to the hospital, where he was admitted and kept for observation and contact with Behavioral Health Services.

On 12-13 at 12:36 p.m. Police Officers responded to a residence on Third Avenue for the report of a person threatening to harm themselves. Upon arrival and further investigation, Jacob Soolook, 36, was found to have assaulted a member of the household, causing injury as well as breaking a cell phone prior to fleeing the scene. Jacob was later located, arrested and remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center for Assault in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and Criminal Mischief in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, both counts being Domestic Violence related. Jacob was held without bail.

On 12-14 at 3:05 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to an address on Third Avenue for a reported assault. Further investigation led to the arrest of Charles Ellanna, 31, for Assault in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree DV. He was transported to AMCC and held without bail.

On 12-14 at 2:47 p.m. Nome Police Department Officers were dispatched to a business on Front Street for the report of an intoxicated male refusing to leave the building. Upon arrival, Officers contacted Edwin Campbell, 39, who was still inside of the business. Edwin admitted to being asked to leave, but did not reveal why he refused to comply with the request. He was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and was held on \$250 bail.

On 12-14 at 9:09 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a report of a disturbance on Third Avenue. On arrival, officers made contact with an intoxicated Jimmy Weyiouanna, 46. He was found to be on current conditions of probation, which resulted to his arrest. He was then transported to AMCC.

On 12-15 4:33 a.m. the Nome Police Department received a call for an individual passed out in another individual's vehicle. On arrival, officers made contact with Archie Adams, 36, who was still inside the truck. He was subsequently arrested for Criminal Trespass in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and transported to AMCC.

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## •1913 Storm

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the heavy surf and shifting sands reburied it again.

The mad waves and resistless undertow played many queer pranks. A heavy safe was washed from one building and carried eastward in the face of the storm and buried in the basement of another building. A piano from Nome was found at the Cape thirteen miles to the eastward, while part of the Solomon Railroad track was washed nearly thirty miles westward to Nome River. Meat from the Pacific Cold Storage Plant at Nome was picked up as far to the eastward as Solomon, thirty two miles away, while some also carried to the westward, up the Snake River.

For days the “Sand Spit” and Snake River were the favorite resorts of the natives, who were busy collecting fuel and salving meats and supplies (“kow-kow”)

for the winter.

Snake River was filled with every conceivable kind of wreckage, including tugs, barges, boats, houses, coffins and floating in the conglomerate mass was to be seen, many tons of beef, crates of ham, bacon and eggs.

One of the most gruesome results of the storm was the washing out of the old cemeteries at Nome and Solomon. Over fifty bodies were recovered and reburied. It is said that a miner thought he heard knocking at his cabin door and upon opening it an upright coffin fell into the room. The coffin had been tossed against his door by the waves.

The storm caused many changes in the channels of the rivers and the contour of the beach, widening it in some places and narrowing it in others.

After the storm, the financial loss was

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## • More Letters

Dear Nancy

This past week, the day after the Nome City Council meeting I heard on the radio a snippet of Councilman Matt Culley's comments and question that he made regarding the Nome Volunteer Fire Department and their funds. I intentionally use the word snippet. I have learned over the years living in Nome that all you get is a snippet when listening to the radio, and cannot and should not make any judgment from them.

I would like to note here that neither Councilman Culley, nor anyone on the City Council, questions where and when the NVFD spends the funds raised during the winter carnival that we all just enjoyed. I also would like to note that all expenditures are voted and approved on by the members of the NFVD, and a clear an auditable paper trail is kept for each and every one. Councilman Culley never questioned the integrity of the NVFD, rather he voiced procedural question raised about separation of the funds of the Department (related to the City of Nome) and the Club (not related to the City of

Nome) entities of the NVFD.

The day after the Council meeting I was able to meet with Councilman Culley for some time and discussed this (and a few other issues). Upon hearing him out on the totality of his question and comments on this issue, and his feelings regarding the NVFD, I was, and am, confident that his questions will be answered in an upcoming meeting with the City's auditors. I am especially pleased to hear that Councilman Culley is not interested in taking the donated funds from the Carnival from the NVFD and putting them under the control of the City.

As the President of the NVFD I am pleased we are able to show that we have always been fiscally responsible with the monies raised during the winter Carnival, other fundraisers, grants, and the City of Nome tax payer (department budget) funds.

Paul G. Kosto  
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## • More Foster's Report

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under similar situations in the future. Another \$200-\$300 million is due to accelerating the credits realized under ACES. These credits, according to the department, go away under the new tax structure (MAPA) and are a one-time cost. Increased Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) tariff accounts for about \$200 million between the two estimates. The tariff went up about \$2/barrel between April and December. If oil production decline continues, this cost will continue to increase as the cost of operating TAPS is spread out among fewer and fewer barrels of oil. The remaining factor is deductible expenditures. Under our profit-based tax system such expenditures can be deducted from gross revenue. This makes forecasting a bit of a guessing game as to how much companies will spend in this manner. The Fall Forecast has about \$450 million in deductible expenditures more than the Spring Forecast.

That's this year. So what happens in FY15? Revenue forecasts for that year are down \$2 billion, from \$6.5 billion forecasted in April to \$4.5 billion forecasted this December. We can't predict a deficit number yet since we won't know what is being spent until we pass a budget in April. But we can predict that there will be a deficit. We can also expect State spending to be curtailed. The Governor's budget director Karen Rehfeld said: "I think that you will see reductions in all components of the budget." Kevin Meyer, co-chair of Senate Finance, said: "Alaskans should expect some lean budgets." It is not expected that we will simply cut down spending to meet expected revenues. Many legislators think that would be far too jarring to the State's economy.

We have substantial savings with about \$12 billion in our Constitutional Budget Reserve and about \$5.5 billion in our Statutory Budget Reserve. We will be using some of this to soften the blow of reduced revenue. Bear in mind, however, that these funds are not recurring. That combined total of \$17.5 billion in savings won't last long in the territory we're in. The Governor is proposing spending \$3 billion to shore up the unfunded liability to the State's retirement systems. The recurring payment on this liability is \$629 million this year and on track to reach \$1 billion per year. The \$3 billion dollar infusion should reduce that rate to about half of that or \$500 million per year. While this is a prudent use of State funds that should save us over \$2 billion over the life of the liability, it still takes our savings from \$17.5 billion to \$14.5 billion. Add in our \$2 billion deficit for this fiscal year, and we're down to \$12.5 billion in these savings accounts. If we run

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Legals

**UNALAKLEET LAND FOR SALE** – Unalakleet River. SEALED BID. Owner finance available. Marilyn Oyounick, owner. Native Allotment F-17506, 119.20 acres on the Unalakleet River, Alaska, Lot 4, U.S. Survey No. 5306. Accessible by boat and snowmachine. Opening bid \$110,000.00 cash or terms. Deferred payment plan is available. Land sold as a result of this advertisement will be conveyed in fee simple status by approved deed. Terms available are cash or deferred payment as specified.

Sealed bid opening on February 4, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. Contact Kawerak, Land Management Services, P.O. Box 948, Nome, AK 99762.

Award will be made to the highest bidder who meets or exceeds the minimum acceptable bid, subject to approval by the owner. Instructions and further info are available at the above office or by phone 1-800-443-4326, direct (907) 443-4324. Terms of sale specified thereon. 10/10-17-24-31-11/7-14-21-28-12/5-12-19-01/2-9-16-23-30

CITY OF NOME  
PUBLIC NOTICE

**O-13-11-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Property (2,750 Square Feet in the Planned Richard Foster Building Located Adjacent to Steadman Street on Lot 2, Commerce Bench Subdivision, Plat No. 2013-04, Plus Certain Common Areas) by Lease to Kawerak, Inc.**

This ordinance is scheduled for first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on **Monday, November 25, 2013 at 7:00 PM** and is scheduled for second reading, public hearing and final passage at a special meeting of the Council scheduled for **Friday, December 20, 2013 at 12:00 PM** in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinance are available in the office of the City Clerk. The interest being disposed is a leasehold interest. The current estimated value of the leasehold interest is \$3.50 per square foot. The disposal will occur by signed lease agreement within thirty (30) days after the ordinance is adopted at City Hall or another mutually convenient location in Nome. 11/21-28-12/5-12-19

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE  
OF ALASKA  
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:  
**LORENA ANN CARPENTER**

Deceased.

Case No. 2NO-13-00048 PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Jack B. Carpenter has been appointed personal representative of the above-entitled estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Jack B. Carpenter c/o Lewis & Thomas, P.C., Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762, or filed with the Court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762. DATED this 27 day of November, 2013 H. Conner Thomas ABA # 8006049 Attorney for Jack B. Carpenter Personal Representative, Box 61, Nome, AK 99762 12/5-12-19

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

**GARY EUGENE HART**

Deceased.

Case No. 2NO-13-00049 PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Jeffrey S. Chandler has been appointed personal representative of the above-entitled estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Jeffrey S. Chandler c/o Lewis & Thomas, P.C., Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762, or filed with the Court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762. DATED this 27 day of November, 2013 H. Conner Thomas ABA # 8006049 Attorney for Jeffrey S. Chandler Personal Representative, Box 61, Nome, AK 99762 12/5-12-19

Invitation For Bids- Janitorial Services

The Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority (BSRHA) is soliciting written bids from qualified Janitorial contractors for the routine and non-routine cleaning of BSRHA's properties located in Nome. The scope of work generally includes providing:

1) Regular Cleaning- daily cleaning of BSRHA's offices, the maintenance shop and the tenant common areas of the Senior Apartments and the Augdahl Apartments ((2) 8-plex bldgs.),

2) Periodic Cleaning- provide detail cleaning of the above properties on a seasonal basis or as requested,

3) Custom Cleaning- provide detail cleaning of individual apartments on an as requested basis and within 5 calendar days.

This is a price based solicitation. Preference for American Indian/Alaskan Native Owned is provided in the form of a 10% price advantage. Responding firms must indicate that the price advantage is requested and shall submit proof that the firm is at least 51% American Indian/Alaskan Native owned and controlled.

A pre-bid meeting has been scheduled for **3:00 pm ADST on December 23, 2013** at the office of BSRHA.

The BSRHA will receive sealed bids until **4:00 pm, December 30, 2013** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after the deadline will not be considered. Selection of the winning bid will be subject to verification of the information, documents and references provided by the bidder in its bid. The contract resulting from this solicitation shall be for a one-year term with 2 one year extension options.

Bids are to be delivered to the Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority, PO Box 995, Nome, AK, 99762 or may be hand delivered to the offices of BSRHA at 415 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Nome. Proposals shall be sealed in a large envelope (separate from the mailing envelope), labeled "2013 Janitorial Services" and shall have the bidder's name and address.

BSRHA reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding process.

Copies of the Invitation for Bids may be obtained from the office of BSRHA or by contacting the Contracting Officer, see below.

Technical questions pertaining to this solicitation shall be addressed to

Paul Whipple, VP/ Contracting Officer  
BSRHA, P O Box 995, Nome, Ak., 99762  
phone: (907) 443-8629, fax (907) 443-8652  
email: pwhipple@bsrha.org  
BSRHA is an Equal Opportunity Employer any work or contracts resulting from this solicitation will be subject to several State and/or Federal rules, regulations and requirements as more fully described in the Request for Proposals. 12/12-19

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

•1913 storm

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found to be over a million dollars (\$23.6M in 2013) and that it would take Nome some time to recover. The merchants, who were the heaviest losers, went to work with a will and soon were doing business at the "old stand" but in buildings shorter than before.

Although not the heaviest losers financially, those who lost all—home, furniture, clothing and winter supplies—felt it the most. But they too proved themselves to be of worthy metal and with lit-

tle complaining, started in to do the best they could.

Everyone was anxious and willing to do all in his power for others. The spirit of good will and helpfulness was abroad; and for the time being forgot their differences and worked in a common cause—the rebuilding of their city. The people of Nome have proven themselves so helpful and self-reliant that already the town is recovering and soon, indeed, the "Big Storm of 1913" will be a matter of history only. G.S. '16

MINA M. BACHELDER,

Deceased. Case No. 2NO-13-50 PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Mr. David Shinen has been appointed personal representative of the above-entitled estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to David Shinen, c/o Lewis & Thomas, P.C., Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762, or filed with this Court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762. DATED at Nome, Alaska this 9th day of December, 2013. s/Erin M. Lillie, Attorney for David Shinen, Personal Representative, Box 61, Nome, AK 99762 12/12-19-1/2

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Notice of School Property Conveyance By the State of Alaska, Department of Education & Early Development to the Bering Strait School District Teller School Site.**

Pursuant to AS 14.08.101(8) and AS 14.08.151(b), the Department of Education & Early Development proposes to transfer its ownership of all land and structures located within Lot 5, Block 3, U.S. Survey 3452A & B; Lots 20 and 21, Block 7, U.S. Survey 3452A & B; and Lot 1, Block 8 of the Municipal Reserve, in Teller, Alaska, to the Bering Strait School District.

Public comments on this proposed action must be received by 5 p.m. on January 17, 2014, and directed to the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development, School Finance/Facilities, Attn: Kimberly Andrews, 801 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Ste. 200, Juneau, AK 99801. Comments can be e-mailed to Kimberly.Andrews@alaska.gov. For questions about this proposed action, contact Kimberly Andrews at (907) 465-1858. 12/19-1/2

PUBLIC NOTICE  
STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

An application for an oil discharge prevention and contingency plan (plan) amendment, under Alaska Statute 46.04.03 and in accordance with 18 AAC 75, has been received by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (department). Applicant: **Harley Marine Services, Inc.** Proposed Activity: The applicant will transport petroleum products to oil terminal facilities using tank barges. Maximum Cargo

Capacity: 83,300 barrels Supporting Documents: Harley Marine, Inc. Alaska Operations Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan, SEAPRO Technical Manual, and Alaska Chadux Corporation Technical Manual Potential Results:

A potential risk exists of oil spills from barges entering the lands or waters of the State as a result of this operation. Location of Activity: Southeast (1), Prince William Sound (2), Cook Inlet (3), Kodiak, (4) Aleutian (5), Bristol Bay (6), Western Alaska (7), North West Arctic (8), and North Slope (9), Regions of Alaska

Any person wishing to submit a request for additional information or provide comments regarding the application may do so in writing to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Marine Vessels Section, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501, by facsimile to 907-269-7687, or e-mail to martin.farris@alaska.gov.

Requests for additional information must be submitted by January 13, 2014. Comments will be accepted until January 20, 2014. It is the responsibility of the commenter to verify e-mail submissions are received by the applicable deadline. The public comment period will be extended if necessary in accordance with 18 AAC 75.455(d) & (e).

Copies of the application are available for review at the department's Anchorage office at 555 Cordova Street; the Kenai Field Office at 43335 Kalifornsky Beach Road, Suite 11; and the Valdez office at 213 Meals Avenue, RM 17. Please call (907) 269-7539 to schedule an appointment.

If determined necessary by public comments received, the department will announce and hold public hearing(s) on the above referenced plan. Residents in the affected areas or the governing body of an affected municipality may request a public hearing by writing to the Department of Environmental Conservation, at the above address, within 30 days of publication of this notice.

The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in this public process, please contact Deborah Pock at (907) 269-0291 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 within 30 days of publication of this notice to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided. 12/19

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

ERIK R. NOET

Plaintiff

vs. ANGELINE GREEN

aka ANNE GREEN

and PARMELEE ENTERPRISES

their heirs, successors and assigns, and all other persons claiming a right, title or interest in the real estate described herein Defendants,

Case No. 2NO-13-318 Civil

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

TO: ANGELINE GREEN aka ANNE GREEN and PARMELEE ENTERPRISES her/its unknown heirs, successors and assigns and all other persons claiming a right, title or interest in the real estate described herein,

You, the defendants in the above entitled action, are hereby summoned and required to file with the court an answer to the complaint filed in this case. Your answer must be filed with the court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762 within 30 days after the last publication of this notice. In addition, a copy of your answer must be sent to the plaintiff's attorney LEWIS & THOMAS, P.C., whose address is P.O. Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762. If you fail to file your answer within the required time a default judgment may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This is an action to quiet title to real property described as: Lot 6, Block 15 according to the official Townsite plat of Nome, Alaska records of the Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, the street address 102 Moore Way, Nome, Alaska.

The relief demanded is that the interests of the named defendants

her/its unknown heirs, successors and assigns be declared null and void and removed as a cloud on title and that any and all other persons or entities claiming a right, title or interest in the real estate described herein on any basis be forever enjoined and barred from asserting any claim whatsoever in and to the real property that is or may be adverse to the plaintiff and that plaintiff be declared to be the owners of the described property.

You have been made a party to this action because you may claim some right, title, estate, lien or interest in the above described real property adverse to the plaintiffs.

DATED: 12/12/2013

C. Lyon / Deputy Clerk

for CLERK OF COURT

12/19-1/2-9-16



**Koyuk Native Corporation**  
**P.O. Box 53050**  
**Koyuk, ALASKA 99753**  
**Office (907) 963-2424 Fax: 963-3552**  
**Store: 963-3551**

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Koyuk Native Corporation will be held, **Saturday, January 4, 2014** at 1:00 p.m. at the Koyuk Community Hall for the following purposes:

1. To elect three (3) directors whose terms will expire at the annual meeting of 2014;
2. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

**Claims for candidacy can be picked up at the KNC office.**  
**Deadline for Candidacy is December 1, 2013**

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SIU ALASKA CORPORATION

Notice of Election of Director and  
Invitation to Submit Statement of Interest for a Vacant At-large Seat

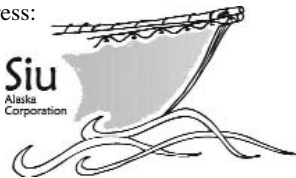
Siu Alaska Corporation (Siu), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC), is soliciting statements of interests to fill a vacant at-large seat on Siu's board of directors. The at-large seat may be filled by any person not affiliated with NSEDC as a NSEDC director, as a NSEDC board committee member (including at-large committee members), or as an NSEDC employee. A meeting of the shareholder will be held in February 2014 in connection with NSEDC's 4th quarter meeting, for the purpose of electing one (1) person to Siu's board of directors. The selected individual will complete the remaining portion of the seat's original three-year term, which will end in November 2014.

Any person interested in serving on Siu's board of directors in an at-large capacity, may submit to Siu at the address shown below, a resume and a statement of interest, which will be provided to NSEDC's board of directors prior to the election of the Siu directors (by the NSEDC board, acting as Siu's shareholder). To be considered, resumes and a statement of interest must be **received by Siu no later than January 3, 2014.**

The statement of interest should demonstrate an understanding of the responsibilities and time commitment required to serve as a director of an active business corporation and a willingness to take on those demands. This statement must also provide personal information that should include (i) name, address, and contact information; (ii) a brief summary of education and employment background, especially as it relates to the person's qualifications for a director position; (iii) information concerning any personal or professional interests that may be relevant to this position; and (iv) if desired, a vision statement relating to the role of director for this company.

A statement of interest and resume may be submitted to Siu at the following address:

John Eckels, President  
Siu Alaska Corporation  
420 L Street, Suite 310  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501



If preferred, they may be sent to Siu in care of Pearl Dotomain by fax at (907) 274-2249 or by email to [pearl@nsedc.com](mailto:pearl@nsedc.com). Please direct any questions about the information in this notice to Pearl Dotomain at 1-800-650-2248.

**The deadline for submitting a resume and statement of interest is January 3, 2014.**

**King Island Native Community**  
**Annual Meeting and Election**  
**December 28, 2013**

Seat up for Election: **4** Seats are up for election this year  
Voting will take place at the Old St. Joseph Church from 12pm- 4pm.

The **POTLUCK** will begin at 3pm with the **ANNUAL MEETING** following at 4pm. Please bring a dish or dessert to share.

**PLEASE VOTE AND ATTEND OUR ANNUAL MEETING!** We need your participation to make this election and annual meeting a success!

Please call Janice @ 443-2209 if you have any questions about the meeting, potluck, election, or rides for Elders.

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a similar deficit in FY 15, that would take us to \$10.5 billion. As you can see, we won’t be able to keep this up for long. Without a major turnaround in production and some help on prices, it will not be long until the specter of a sales tax, income tax, or permanent fund spending appears.

I think House Bill 77 will receive a lot of attention this coming session. It is a comprehensive bill consisting of 51 sections. It is, according to the Governor’s office, a bill to streamline permitting. While the details and effects of this bill are long enough to consume many newsletters, I will focus on the main sticking point. Under the proposed legislation “water reservations” could only be applied for by state agencies and subdivisions of the state. Under current law, any person or tribe can apply. I think it is import to discuss what a water reservation is. It is not a water right and doesn’t deal with the right to use water. Rather it has to do with not using water. It would be used in scenarios where you wanted to make sure that an entity did not use water in excess of what is needed for some specified purpose. For example, if a town has an underground aquifer as its water supply, they would want to make sure that a certain amount of the sources feeding that aquifer were not consumed by other users, like a mine. It could also be used in salmon streams, making sure that enough water was left in the stream for the salmon to make it upriver to spawn and for their offspring to make it back to the ocean.

There is a large contingency opposing the bill that feels it is individuals who should be able to file for these. Supporters point out that we are the only state in the union that allows individuals to file for these. There is also an Alaska Native rights component to this. Under the proposed law, federally recognized tribes and other native organizations would not be able to file for a water reservation as they are not “subdivisions of the state.”

In addition to the philosophical issues with this, there is also

a practical one. Many communities in Alaska are not incorporated 1st or 2nd class cities and have no municipal structure. These communities are often run by tribal organizations or non-profit corporations. Neither of these organizations would have the right to file for a water reservation on behalf of the citizens they serve. There was a very close vote on the floor of the House to allow federally recognized tribes to file, but that measure failed. Without that concession, many, including myself, were unable to support the bill. The bill is now in the hands of the Senate. It has gone through all the committees, but supporters do not have the votes needed to pass it. There will likely be continued efforts to gain support, and if the bill changes I hope that it includes federally recognized tribes.

Redistricting is finally over. The Alaska Superior Court ruled that the new plan is constitutional, and no party has appealed to the Supreme Court. Here is the new HD 39. (see map) It is still theoretically possible that one of the parties who filed amicus briefs in this lawsuit could appeal, but at this point that seems unlikely and their standing for such an appeal would be unsure.

On the home front things have been pretty tough. Storms decimated a lot of the southern coast of the Norton Sound and Lower Yukon coast. The Governor has declared disasters. Disaster Assistance Centers were scheduled to open from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. in Kotlik December 8 and 9 and in Stebbins December 10 and 11. On-line and telephone registration will begin December 7. A disaster assistance team was scheduled to visit the community of Kotlik last weekend. In many of the effected communities, water and sewer infrastructure were severely damaged. In addition, some homes were damaged and some winter food stores were lost. A lot of work has been done, but a lot more work is yet to be done. Our hopes and prayers are with the families.

Savoonga and Gambell experienced an economic disaster this spring when the walrus hunt failed due to unique climatic conditions. A combination of ocean currents and winds kept the ice unstable, and normal hunting was not possible. The resources from these hunts provide not only food for the winter,

but also ivory for commerce. Without ivory to carve and sell, paying heat and power bills becomes more difficult. While an “economic disaster” has been declared that does not allow the State much in terms of authority to spend money. That still has to happen though the normal process which is slow and cyclical. The situation has not gotten much better, and we are looking at very real food shortages and other problems. We are working with the State, communities, and Kawerak to see how we can improve this situation.

There is good news. Savoonga landed two whales this week, which they will share with Gambell. \$6,500 has been received by both communities by the food bank at Presbyterian Church and \$150 vouchers have been provided by the Nome Lions Club. We are working with ANTHC on a food distribution program. Heating assistance applications for Savoonga and Gambell are being expedited. NSEDC has provided substantial assistance and may provide more. Bering Strait Regional Housing Authority is suspending payment requirements for home buyers. The Alaska Community Action on Toxics has raised nearly \$10,000 in relief funds and is working with multiple private business on both food and non-food distribution. An anonymous organization has donated \$5,000 in ammunition for hunters. Canned salmon is on the way. Kawerak is doing a food drive for the month of December. Multiple airlines are helping with food transport. The State is expected to provide about 6,000 lbs of bison meat. We are encouraged by recent developments and thankful for the kindness and generosity that has poured out for Saint Lawrence Island.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and enjoys time with family and friends.

If you need assistance or would like to provide input I can be reached at 800-478-3789 or Rep.Neal.Foster@akleg.gov. Thank you

## Court

**Week ending 12/13**  
**Civil**  
Blazingstar Funding, LLC v. Otten, JR., Ambrose; Superior Court Misc Petition Olanna, Hannah v. Olanna, SR., Percy; Civil Protective Order Kakoonna, Helen K. v. Olanna, Christopher A.; Civil Protective Order Noet, Erik R. v. Green, Angeline; Parmelee Enterprises; Heirs Succoessors Assigns of Parmelee Enterprises; Complaint for Quiet Title Crisci, Jackie v. Soolook, Jacob D.; Civil Protective Order  
**Small Claims**  
No current claims on file (start 2NO-13-00168SC)  
**Criminal**  
State of Alaska v. Sarah Evak (4/26/92); 2NO-13-515CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113678514; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Must continue with treatment at NSHC, inc. Mental Health Treatment; 2/10/14 at 1:30 p.m. must appear for Status Hearing on treatment; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Sarah Evak (4/26/92); 2NO-13-723CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114188283; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Must continue with treatment at NSHC and must obtain Mental Health Assessment; 2/10/14 at 1:30 p.m. for Status Hearing on treatment; Defendant must appear; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Paul Abiowaluk (10/9/78); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111500505; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, report to the Nome Court on 1/3/14 for a remand hearing, 1:30 p.m.; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Ernest Booshu (11/12/90); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111500739; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, report to the Nome Court proof of ticket 4:30 p.m., 12/9/13 or Bench Warrant to issue; All other terms and conditions or probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Melanie Wasky (1/24/80); Notice For Withdrawal Of Petition To Revoke Probation; The State withdraws the Petition to Revoke Probation filed on or about 10/17/13; Offense: tested positive for opiates; This court should quash any outstanding bench warrant issued on this case; Filed by the DAs Office 12/5/13.  
NPD Citation; Sophie A. Iyapana (12/15/96) Driving ATV Without Valid Drivers License; Offense Date: 7/20/13; Mandatory Court Appearance: 8/20/13 at 3:00 p.m.; Fail to appear: For a misdemeanor or a minor consuming alcohol charge, a warrant will be issued for your arrest; For a minor offense, a default judgment will be entered against you as explained on the back of this citation; Court’s Physical Address: 113 Front Street; Dismissed by: Court because in furtherance of justice because (no explanation provided).  
State of Alaska v. Sophie Iyapana (12/15/90); 2NO-13-733CR Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; Repeat Offense; Date of Offense: 9/5/13; Fine: \$1,000 with \$500 suspended; Unsuspended \$500 is to be paid

to the court by 7/8/14; Defendant’s driver’s license or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 9 months with 6 months suspended; Community Work Service: Within 120 days, complete 48 hours community work service and give the clerk of court proof of completion on the form provided the clerk; Due by 7/8/14; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Defendant must submit to evaluation by the program and pay for and successfully complete any education or treatment recommended by this program; Defendant may not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substance or alcoholic beverage, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).  
State of Alaska v. Mattie Katchatag (10/18/88); Harassment 2; Date of Violation: 10/9/13; 90 days, 90 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: 12/9/13); Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Shall not have alcohol in her 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; No alcohol in home, no bars, no drinking.  
State of Alaska v. Bea M. Stough (10/20/62); Import Alcohol-Dry Area-Small Amount, AS 04.11.499(a)(mid); Date of Violation: 7/11/13; 90 days, 87 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served, with defendant reporting to Nome Court on 12/12/13, 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; Fine: \$3,000 with \$1,500 suspended; Pay unsuspended fine through Nome Trial Courts by 12/10/15; Forfeit alcohol to State; 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: 12/10/13); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law pertaining to alcoholic beverages; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Shall not have alcohol in her 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; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to local option community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; (Redist. corrected probation).  
State of Alaska v. Jacob Seppliu (7/13/85); 2NO-13-67CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111177558; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 20 days.  
State of Alaska v. Jacob Seppliu (7/13/85); 2NO-13-781CR Dismissal; Count 1: Assault 4”; Filed by the DAs Office 12/10/13.  
State of Alaska v. Jacob Seppliu (7/13/85); 2NO-13—946CR Dismissal; Count 1: Violation of Condition of Release From a Misdemeanor; Filed by the DAs Office 12/10/13.  
State of Alaska v. Darrel Keith Williams (2/23/54); Dismissal; Count 1: Violation of a Protective Order; Filed by the DAs Office 12/11/13.

State of Alaska v. Reed Eide (12/12/93); 2NO-12-291CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113287986; Violated conditions of probation; No Action.  
State of Alaska v. Reed Eide (12/12/93); 2NO-13-812CR Judgment and Commitment; CTN 001: AS11.41.220(a)(1)(B); Assault 3- Cause Injury w/Weap; Class: C Felony; Offense Date: 10/14/13; Plea: Guilty; Plea Agreement: Yes; Defendant came before the court on (sentencing date) 12/13/13 with counsel, Public Defender Agency (2NO) and the DA present; Incarceration: It is ordered that the defendant is committed to the care and custody of the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections for the following period(s); CTN 001: 2 years flat; Surcharges: Police Training Surcharge: The defendant shall pay the following police training surcharge(s) to the court pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: CTN 001: \$100 (Felony); Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; DNA IDENTIFICATION: If this conviction is for a “crime against a person” as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer.  
State of Alaska v. Patrick Newhall, Jr. (3/25/94); CTN 002: Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; First Offense; Date of Offense: 8/14/13; Fine: \$600 with \$400 suspended; Unsuspended \$200 is to be paid to the court within 1 year (date of judgment: 12/5/13); Probation for 1 year; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; (SIS) Within (left blank) days, defendant must report to the following community diversion panel and comply with all conditions set by the panel, including counseling, education, treatment, community work and payment fees; Community Diversion Panel: (left blank); Defendant must submit to evaluation by the program and pay for and successfully complete any education or treatment recommended by this program.  
State of Alaska v. Fabian Pete (10/29/93); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Burglary 1; Charge 002: Assault III; Filed by the DAs Office 12/13/13.  
State of Alaska v. Bradley S. George (1/19/94); Dismissal; Count I and II: Persons Under 21 On Licensed Premises; Count III: Violation of Conditions of Release From a Misdemeanor; Filed by the DAs Office 12/13/13.  
State of Alaska v. Andrew George (2/25/63); Dismissal; Count I : Persons Under 21 On Licensed Premises, Chg. Nbr 1 and 2; Count II: Violation of Conditions of Release From a Misdemeanor; Filed by the DAs Office 12/13/13.  
State of Alaska v. Garrett Oozevasuek (9/10/80); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111500694; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.  
State of Alaska v. Charles Slwooko (11/7/76); Dismissal; Count 1: Criminally Negligent Burning 2”; Filed by the DAs Office 12/12/13.

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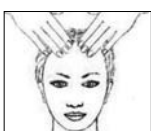
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