



LULU REMOVAL— Q-Trucking continues to work on removing the sunken barge *LULU*. The City has granted a project extension through May 31. *Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff*

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Youth gets big share of NSEDC money

By Sandra L. Medearis
Eighteen groups participated in the NSEDC end-of-the-year Community Benefit funding rally at a Nome Common Council work session Jan. 9.
After Monday night's regular Council meeting, 10 of the groups came out with \$134,270 more to spend on good deeds.
The Council unanimously approved the following proposals to partake of the \$150,000 given to Nome as a share of fishing proceeds from the Bering Sea and Aleutian Island areas:
Nome Covenant Church Check-point Youth Center, \$12,000; Nome Preschool Association, \$5,000

(scholarships); Youth Education Services (Summerfest), \$3,200; Nome Wrestling Team (new mats), \$16,000; NSHC Injury Prevention Program, \$4,850; N.E.S.T., \$10,000 (to conduct a housing needs survey, which fits neatly into the Nome Planning Commission's strategic plan); Nome Ski and Biathlon 2014 (new equipment), \$5,000; Nome Public Schools, \$65,978; NCC, NEC and NSHC CAMP Dept., \$10,000 (to stage youth camps); Paws of Nome, \$2,242.70 (for constructing insulated dog houses, leashes, chains, collars), for a total of \$134,270.70.

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SAR finds body of missing Nome man

By Diana Haecker
After a search that nearly lasted two days, Nome Search and Rescue volunteers found the body of missing Frank Okleasik Sr. half submerged in a slough near the Nome River at 5 p.m. on Thursday, January 9. He was declared deceased at the scene.
Alaska State Troopers were notified at 6:06 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8 that Okleasik, 74, was overdue returning home from a fishing trip to the Nome River. Okleasik had left his house at 11 a.m. and when he didn't return by 3 p.m. as usual, a family member went to look for him at 4 p.m. and found Okleasik's truck parked at the end of Wally's Way, an access road to a gold mine near mile 4 of the Beam Road.

The troopers notified the Nome Volunteer Fire Department's Search and Rescue and sent a hasty team. "His intention was to go fishing, so we searched the area from his truck to the river," said NVFD assistant chief Jerry Steiger.
On Wednesday evening, 20 volunteers searched the area on snowmachines until 11:30 p.m. Weather conditions that day proved challenging because of snow, wind and drifting snow.
NVFD stood up a command center at the Nome Fire Hall, from where the search was coordinated. On Thursday morning volunteers resumed the search at 8 a.m. with snowmachine teams.

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NOME SUBWAY SHOWDOWN— Nome Nanook Adelaine Ahmasuk earned a spot at the Girl's All Tournament Team list at last week's Nome Subway Showdown, held from Thursday Jan. 9 to Saturday, Jan. 11 in the den of the Mighty Nanooks. See more photos and complete results on page 8 and 9. *Photo by Janeen Sullivan*

Nome State Office Building to be renovated by 2015



NEW LOOK— State leasing and facilities manager Tanci Mintz points to the design of the Nome State Office Building after renovations will be completed. An onsite pre-bid meeting took place on Thursday, Jan. 9. *Photo by Diana Haecker*

By Diana Haecker
With an invitation to bids, the State of Alaska has initiated tangible steps for a complete make-over of the State Office Building in Nome.
The Alaska Dept. of Administration issued a public notice on December 24 that opened an invitation to bid on that rather big job to completely renovate the 40-year-old building. Last week, there were two pre-bid meetings held in Anchorage and Nome.
The Nome meeting included a walk through the building with State Leasing and Facilities Manager Tanci Mintz of the Alaska Department of Administration. Mintz said there were approximately six firms that attended the meeting in Anchorage and a total of 15 people representing five or six firms participated in the walk-through on Thursday, Jan. 9.
The Legislature has funded the

project with just over \$12 million since fiscal year 2009.
At one point, the state's administration considered construction of a new state office building, but then changed its mind because renovations seemed less expensive.
As outlined to contractors, the scope of work involves interior demolition, reconstruction, and upgrading the entire building, inside and out.
Floor plans and a computer generated graphic of the building shows the building's exterior in green panels, with a gallery of windows on the second floor.
Tanci Mintz said some elements in the design could yet be changed.
"The idea is to have an energy efficient building and to keep costs down," Mintz said.
The entire building will be gutted and rebuilt, including replacement of electrical wiring.

The Anchorage architects Bezek, Durst and Seiser were awarded the design contract. According to floor plans displayed at the lobby of the building on Thursday, the building will have a complete new look. "We completely replace the envelope, all windows and doors," said Mintz.

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Letters

Dear Editor,

Pots and Kettles!

The only proverbs that I can conjure up to accurately describe the current economic disparity between Congress and We Common People these days is the one about the golden pot that was forever calling the rusting teakettle black! And although, in all honesty, many financially hurting Americans probably have far more cutting descriptions to draw upon when describing the damaging economic actions of a few of those within government, censors would never allow them to be printed, in my opinion?

Yet another sad thought to consider is the fact that over half of the same caring (?) public servants who are now pushing for further cuts to the less than affluent, are themselves millionaires, and they just may be the poorer half of that gaggle of political bon vivants!

Of course if you listen to most of them (politicians), they will forever try to convince you that they are in politics merely to benefit this nation

and her noble people? And if you believe that, then you will also believe that the Soviets, Iranians, and the North Koreans alike, are really our loving, long-lost brethren from Noah's Ark?

H. Rick Tavares
Campo, California, 91906

Hi there people,

I hope this finds you all doing well. Probably glad like me that the expense of the holidays is past, at least we fared it well.

I'm just glad my kids are home and safe, even if they might be stressing me out a little. One asks why do you guys keep bugging me? So I say because we missed you.

Although some people think the holidays means its time to party, that isn't always so. It is supposed to be for getting people closer together—to play a game, or watch a game, or bake together, or something together. It's supposed to be the togetherness that counts.

Just like, I seriously wonder if a person really loves a person, when

they drink and put the other person down or beat the other person up. That does not show love, so you should ask yourself—do I really love him/her? Then why do I do that? You're supposed to treat the person the way you did when you first started going out. If you took them places, don't forget to keep taking them places, that's probably what they enjoyed doing with you. Just because kids/jobs came along doesn't mean the other person wouldn't mind taking a break and doing that too.

The Saturday Market has been doing well this past month. I was teasing the ladies that if they wouldn't pick a Saturday I'd tell the IRA we're doing it every Saturday in January, so that's what we're doing. It takes place at the Community Hall from noon to 3 or 4 p.m. Tables are open for any one who would like to sell anything.

I also asked the board to have game nights, and the Eskimo Dancing (if I had drums) nights. Yea thanks to my sister I could have 11 sets of dice to play Yahtzee or 10,000, quyanna buk, sis. I also

have four decks or so of cards that we could have snerts or cribbage tournaments with. I wonder-do you think you could win me? I'm pretty good you know. I don't mind winning or losing—it's the interaction with people that counts.

May God bless you all in the New Year. Remember, you can be whatever you would like to be, just need to put a little effort into more schooling to be that person, you just need to want it.

Don't forget to tell people where you are going if you decide to travel, and dress/take extra clothing-cause you can always take some off, along with some food—you never know what might happen.

Take care everyone.

As always,
Karen Nanouk
Unalakleet, AK 99684

Dear Nancy,

I just wanted to take this time to recognize how awesome the management and staff at the Stebbins Native Store (ANICA) is doing. Since they have been on board, I have seen a significant change in the

products the store has to offer.

There have been new upright glass freezers installed offering a more variety of meats, vegetables, desserts and ready bake items. The produce section has grown by at least 60%, its nice to have bell peppers, green onions and even avocados to choose from the standard potatoes and onions. I also see a selection of blankets, pillows and household goods; there is even a small section of toys for children.

I think it was smart of them to install a decent security system. What the store loses in profit often gets passed down to the customer, creating higher prices here and there.

I appreciate the open minds of the management team and the experience they have to offer. I know it's not easy to make significant changes to a mundane environment. I think they are doing great. Keep up the great work.

Jolene Lyon
Stebbins, Alaska 99671

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

Editorial

The Volunteer Spirit

In times of emergency the people of Nome are exceptional in their efforts to roll up their sleeves and lend a hand. The recent search efforts for a cherished member of our community give tribute to what we can call the "Volunteer Spirit of the North." It gives us all pride in the cohesiveness of our town.

We can be proud that our emergency medical and search and rescue organizations are well trained and coordinated. We can be thankful that so many of our townspeople are willing to give their time and talents to spend long, cold, dark hours searching for those who are lost. We can be grateful that our neighbors are willing to jump into their firefighting boots or put their emergency medical training to work to save lives and property, or to put closure to a loss.

Many of our friends and neighbors spend unheralded hours as a volunteer firefighter or as ambulance personnel. Many go out of the warmth of their homes and into miserable weather conditions to find missing people, conduct life saving medical responses, or to fight fires and saves lives and property. Many spend hours in training, others man the coordination centers, operate communication equipment and make coffee. On behalf of our entire community we extend gratitude for the volunteers who make Nome a fantastic community. — N.L.M. —

A Look at the Past



Comments by Laura Samuelson with Louis Klam photo from the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
HIGH TECH — The original Fire Department building at Nome's Marks Air Force Base on May 1, 1944. Photo notes state this is the "Fire Hall at Old Area." Is there a veteran out there who was stationed in Nome back then?

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Strait Action

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Senator Murkowski blocks marine planning for Alaska

As part of a report on the newly-released 2014 Interior Appropriations bill, Senator Lisa Murkowski says she was fighting off a number of funding threats to Alaska priorities and protecting core Alaska concerns like fisheries, land management and suicide prevention.

One item Sen. Murkowski reports to have been instrumental in was blocking Coastal Marine Special Planning in Alaska. The Senator wrote that Alaskans are against CMSP, linking a website of the Alaska Chamber of Commerce with that claim. Senator Murkowski was told by then-acting NOAA Secretary Blank earlier this year that states not wanting to participate in the program wouldn't have to do so. Murkowski supported language in the budget prohibiting Interior Department funds from being used for CMSP in and around Alaska.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, coastal and marine special planning offers comprehensive and integrated approach to managing uses and activities at the regional level.

It is supposed to use sound science and the best available information at the heart of decision-making and brings federal, state, tribal, and other partners together to cooperatively develop coastal and marine spatial plans. This process is designed to decrease user conflict, improve planning and regulatory efficiencies, decrease associated costs and delays, engage affected communities and stakeholders, and preserve critical ecosystem functions and services.

Marine planning is designed as a science-based tool that regions can use to address specific ocean management challenges and advance their economic development and conservation objectives. Marine planning would support regional actions and decision-making and address regionally determined priorities, based on the needs, interests, and capacity of a given region.

Just as federal agencies work with states, tribes, local governments, and

users of forests and grasslands, marine planning would provide a more coordinated and responsive federal presence and the opportunity for all coastal and ocean interests in a region to share information and coordinate activities. This will promote more efficient and effective decision-making and enhance regional economic, environmental, social, and cultural well-being. In turn, regional actions will support national objectives to grow the ocean economy, increase regulatory efficiency and consistency, and reduce adverse impacts to environmentally sensitive areas.

According to the White House National Ocean Council's website, states, tribes, and Regional Fishery Management Councils may choose to participate on regional planning bodies established in accordance with the President's National Ocean Policy Executive Order, the implementation plan and guidance to be released by the National Ocean Council. State, tribal, and Fishery Management Council participation on regional planning bodies is voluntary. Should all States within a region choose not to participate in a regional planning body within their region, a regional planning body will not be established.

Instead, federal agencies will identify and address priority science, information, and ocean management issues associated with marine planning as described in the Executive Order.

Federal agencies will coordinate with non-federal partners and authorities, including states, federally-recognized tribes and Fishery Management Councils, and stakeholders, to ensure that federal actions support and advance both regional and national objectives.

Radiation scare unwarranted

The LA Times reports that radiation detected off the U.S. West Coast from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant in Japan has declined since the 2011 tsunami disaster.

According to scientists, radiation levels never approached levels that could pose a risk to human health, seafood or wildlife.

A flurry of online videos and blog

posts circulate social media outlets, stating that radiation from the nuclear plant has contaminated western US beaches and sea life across the Pacific.

"There is no public health risk at California beaches due to radioactivity related to events at Fukushima," the California Department of Public Health said in a statement.

Scots help preserve Yup'ik artifacts

The Scotsman newspaper reports that a Scottish-led effort to save one of the world's best-preserved examples of a lost society has been boosted by a major £1 million research grant. Since 2009, archaeologists from Aberdeen University have helped to preserve precious artifacts contained at Quinhagak, a 700 year-old Eskimo village in Western Alaska, which is in danger of being washed into the sea.

The researchers were first called in five years ago to carry out a rescue dig after the frozen coastline began to erode as a result of global warming.

The dig is revealing never seen before artifacts as well as providing clues to how past societies in the remote area dealt with climate change and how global warming could affect mankind in the future.

The team was awarded a grant of £1.1million from the Arts and Humanities Research Council to finance the vital dig for another four years, but also to fund local archaeological education and training initiatives as well as a regional survey to find more sites, which could also be under threat.

President announces sweeping energy review

Last week, President Barack Obama ordered a review of the nation's energy strategy that will involve departments and agencies across the federal government, reports the Washington D.C. news outlet The Hill.

The review is part of the president's climate change agenda. The so-called Quadrennial Energy Review will focus on the nation's infrastructure. As crude oil domestic production reaches a near 20-year

high, and the natural-gas industry continues to boom, the U.S. must address its aging infrastructure, the White House said in a statement on Thursday, Jan. 9.

The announcement came when heated discussions occurred over whether the U.S. should transport crude oil via railcar or pipeline, and

whether the nation's electric grid is ready for the onslaught from renewable energy sources.

Thursday's order establishes the task force of federal agencies that will participate in drafting the review.

The first report is due in January of 2015.

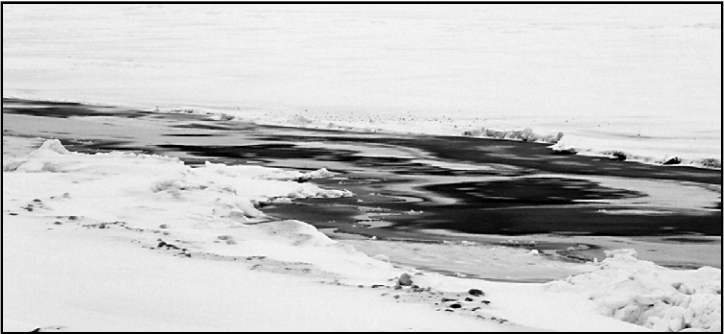


Photo by Diana Haecker

OPEN WATER— Norton Sound in front of Nome still showed open leads near shore on Jan. 9.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, January 16

*NCC/Port Joint WS Re: USCG Operations *Lunch Laps *Vinyasa Yoga *Port CommissionWS *Port Commission Reg Mtg. *Lap Swim *City League Bball: *Zumba Fitness *Nome Food Bank *City League Basketball: *Open Bowling *Thrifty Shop	Council Chambers Pool Nome Rec Center	9:00 a.m. - Noon - 1:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
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Friday, January 17

*Pick-up Basketball *Lap Swim *Kindergym *Tae Kwon Do *Open Bowling *Drop-in Soccer (15+) *AA Meeting	Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Lutheran Church(rear)	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. - noon 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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Saturday, January 18

*Open Gym: *Open Rec Center *AA Meeting	Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Airport Pizza (upstairs)	Noon - 8:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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Sunday, January 19

*AA Meeting *Adult Swim *Open Gym *Open Swim *Family Swim *Lap Swim	Airport Pizza (upstairs) Pool Nome Rec Center Pool Pool Pool	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
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Monday, January 20

*Martin Luther King Day *Pick-up Basketball *Lap Swim *Kindergym *City League Bball: *Zumba Fitness *Water Aerobics *Tae Kwon Do *AA Meeting	Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Lutheran Church(rear)	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. - noon 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. 8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, January 21

*Open Gym *Lunch Laps *Strength Training *Lap Swim *City League Bball: *Vinyasa Yoga *Nome Food Bank *Open Swim *NJUS Reg. Mtg. *AA Meeting	Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Bering & Seppala Pool Council Chambers Airport Pizza (upstairs)	5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Noon - 1:30 a.m. 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m..
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Wednesday, January 22

*Lap Swim *Water Aerobics *Nome Food Bank *Zumba Fitness *Tae Kwon Do *Family Swim	Pool Pool Bering & Seppala Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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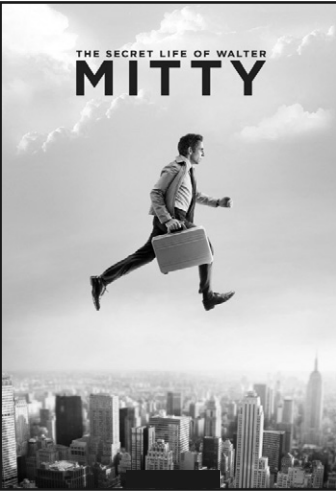
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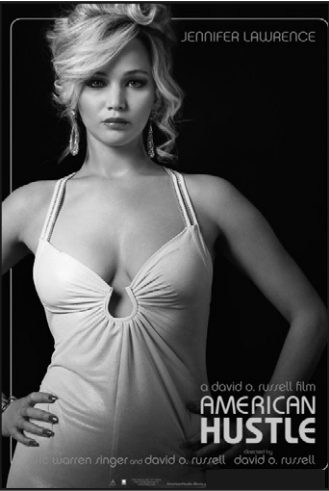
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• Youth

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use facility to stand by the Nome Rec Center. The structure will serve the youth hockey and other sports activities.

The Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. has distributed more than \$20 million in equal amounts each year to its 15 member communities since 1999. Requirements specify that each community will gather input from its members on where the money will do the most good.

Councilman Jerald Brown spearheaded a discussion on ensuring that each organization spent the money on items listed in their proposal. Councilman Matt Culley wanted to mandate that the organizations set up accounting for NSEDC money to save the City administration the work and resources to track it. However, the Council voted down an amendment calling for specific requirements as creating separate checking accounts and cost-reimbursable reporting.

Councilman Tom Sparks said he had a problem with the method the Council used in doling out the money, even the solicitation of proposals and wanted to take a look at it. Many of the proposals showed a lot of work with budgets, charts and breakdowns.

In other business, the Council voted into first reading a revised 10-page animal control ordinance with a schedule of fines for violations, including animal loose, failure to provide sanitary enclosure and exercise, objectionable animal, cruelty to animals, dog teams—failure to signal.

The Council has the option and may discuss the measure at the next regular meeting when it comes up for public hearing and a vote for passage.

In yet other business, the Council passed resolutions to:

- Authorize design development and construction document services by ECI/Hyer for the Richard Foster Building. So far, the City, which has no procurement policy, has not submitted the museum work to competitive bid process.

- Authorize the City Manager Josie Bahnke to ink an agreement with Bristol Engineering Services Corp. as acting city engineer.

- Approve the prioritized strategies of the Nome Coordination Plan to move forward to the state Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities.

- Approve a memorandum of agreement between state DOT&PF and the City of Nome for airport services. Translation: DOT&PF will pay the City \$21,900 for the Nome police to monitor airplane departures. The document spells out other details of the service by NPD.

- The Council declined two requests from Irvin Barns to waive fees for the Mini Convention Center and Nome Rec Center. They did approve a fee waiver of \$1,000 requested by the Karmun Family for a funeral on Dec. 30. The Council will be taking up suggestions provided by the City's Parks and Recreation director Chip Leeper to form a clear policy on fee waivers for using City facilities.

The Council was to meet with the Port Commission in a work session Thursday, Jan. 16, when they would receive a regional activity update from the USCG Rear Adm. Thomas P. Ostebo.

The public was urged to attend. The meeting was scheduled for 9 a.m.

The Council has the following on its workbench for work sessions: procurement policy, fee waiver policy, outlawing synthetic cannabinoids within City Limits, adopting animal control policies and procedures.

At portside, Joy Baker, port projects manager, provided the Council with a list of status updates for port

and harbor projects:

- Barge *Lulu* removal— The City has granted a project extension through May 31. The contractor, Charlie Reader's Q-Trucking, claims to have obtained larger equipment, and with a revised plan counts on finishing the job in the spring.

- Dredging of City and WestGold Docks' berthing area— Work continues with the ACOE to get the needed permits to conduct maintenance dredging at both causeway docks during this coming season.

- Middle dock— City staff is still chasing the \$3 million funding match to meet requirements for the \$1-million EDA grant application sent in for the Sept. 2013 funding cycle. The 95 percent design drawings will be available by the end of January that correlates to the latest construction cost estimate of \$9.4 million. The City still has just under \$5 million on hand from the government obligation bonds allocated to the project, and \$500k received from NSEDC. Baker still plans for construction to begin this year.

Work still continues on floats and dredging in the inner harbor to expand moorage. The Port is continuing to expand port pads and additional lay-down space on the uplands to accommodate growing port business.

"Various planning, design, and permitting activities will happen throughout the winter period, along with the pursuit of funding sources for construction," Baker's statement said.



Photo by Diana Haecker
TOUGH GIRLS— Nome's Lady Lynx ice hockey team had fun during a practice session on Sunday, Jan. 12 at the Nome ice rink.

Osborne admitted to treatment in Anchorage

By Sandra L. Medearis

All charges against Wilma Osborne, 44, have been dismissed without prejudice and her court case closed, according to court documents.

The charges stemmed from incidents beginning Aug. 28 when Osborne entered a classroom at the Nome-Beltz Jr.-Sr. High School complex and assaulted Todd Hindman as he taught his class at Anvil Science Academy, according to charging documents filed by Nome Police Dept.

Magistrate Judge Brooke Alowa dismissed the charges Jan. 13, as promised at a Jan. 3 case status hearing, "for furtherance of justice."

On Jan. 3 Hindman filed a petition in court for a long-term stalking protective order concerning Osborne. A hearing on that petition is slated for Jan. 22.

Osborne, with no prior criminal record, had spent longer in custody than if she had been convicted of the misdemeanors, Alowa said.

Misdemeanor charges related to the case included Fourth Degree Assault, criminal trespass and violation of conditions of release.

Case law said holding Osborne any longer violated her right to due process, according to Alowa.

Alowa said she would hold the case in abeyance for a week while the state tried to achieve a civil commitment. Then she would dismiss the charges without prejudice.

Osborne went to Anchorage for treatment Jan. 11 under a Title 47 mental health commitment statute.

The case has been ongoing while the court and Osborne's family dealt

with Osborne's incompetence to assist in her own defense and failure to comply with release conditions.

Osborne's attorney, Chester Gilmore of Bethel argued that Osborne's mental condition rendered her unable to understand her situation and the orders and conditions she received upon several releases from jail. Therefore, she could not comply. Extended custody, during which Osborne stayed in isolation, exacerbated her illness, Gilmore said.

At the Jan. 3 status hearing, Alowa said she would hold the dismissals for a week to give the State of Alaska a chance to arrange for a civil commitment for treatment.

Alowa acknowledged that a serious factor in the case was the community's fear and concern that she would be released.

Unless she appears in court again and her health is discussed in open session, Osborne's health records remain confidential and sealed according to the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Records generated by a psychological competency evaluation in Anchorage have been sealed, but according to court discussion on record, Osborne was found currently incompetent to assist in her own defense against the charges.

She could perhaps return to competency by taking prescription medicine.

Alowa declined to extend Osborne's incarceration and declined to order her to take the psychotropic medications.

• SAR

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Troopers authorized the charter of a Bering Air R44 helicopter to conduct an aerial search as well. As soon as daylight broke, the helicopter was in the air to look for Okleasik.

"We also put a small boat in the river with an underwater camera," said Steiger.

Steiger said that the search was conducted with teams on snowmachine, walking on snowshoes, two searchers in the boat and two on-board the helicopter. Around 3 p.m. 32 people walked downstream on the

banks of the Nome River. Troopers say, a total of 70 volunteers were involved in the search. Okleasik has been routinely fishing at that particular spot. He is known as an experienced outdoorsman.

The Army National Guard provided two Small Unit Support Vehicles that were used to warm the ground searchers. A Nome Volunteer Ambulance crew was there as well.

Around 5 p.m. searchers located Okleasik about 350 yards away from his truck. He had broken through hollow shelf ice over an air pocket

on a slough between a lake and the Nome River. He was half-submerged in flowing water. The searchers found him drifted in, with the tip of a long ice pick protruding out of the snow.

Troopers don't suspect foul play.

Okleasik's body was sent to the State Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy, according to the troopers report.

Memorial services are to be held on Saturday, Jan. 18 at 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

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Groups want NSEDC cash to oil squeaky wheels

By Sandra L. Medearis

On Jan. 10, the Nome Common Council in a work session entertained pitches from 18 groups seeking money from NSEDC's annual Community Benefit Share.

This year, \$150,000 headed Nome's way to boost the local quality of life.

The Council met NSEDC's requirement that each of the 15 communities receiving the annual funds

gather community input on how to divide up the money and put it to good use.

Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. has distributed more than \$20 million through the program since 1999.

The Council required groups to turn in proposals by a Jan. 5 deadline.

Those who had been funded in the past had to include an account of

how they had spent the money. The Council cannot vote during a work session, but they reached consensus favoring a basket of projects worth \$141,270.

From comments passed on the projects and presentations, one would not be surprised if all the youth-centered projects flew to the funding finish, but all projects collected positive comment.

Firefighter Paul Kosto led off with

a request for \$143,601 to help buy and operate a maritime firefighting search and rescue boat.

"The City needs a blue-water vessel for firefighting 24/7," Kosto told the panel.

The City already has a search-and-rescue boat, the *Guardian*, he added, but "nobody schedules fires. It takes time to get [equipment] onto the *Guardian*."

The Council acknowledged the need for a firefighting boat, but several found the cost better suited to a legislative appropriation.

STRAIT Fuel, LLC, drew on the NSEDC 2012 annual report underlining its purpose to develop and sustain economic activity, with one priority being to lower the cost of fuel, according to presenter Douglas E. Doherty. If the Council were to award STRAIT's request for \$139,583 to buy fuel storage and dispensing equipment, customers of their discount heating fuel company could save \$1.08 per gallon, thus stimulating Nome's economy. The City of Nome and the community would benefit exponentially, according to Doherty.

"Many frustrations have been noticed recently with many Nome residents feeling forced to leave due to the high cost of living here," Doherty said. The company would buy their fuel from NSEDC's Consolidated Bulk Fuel Program at a 0 percent interest rate.

The project would start with a 20,000 fuel tank. None of the award money would go to payroll, but all to infrastructure. Doherty projected a savings of \$799,200 by consumers and increased tax revenues to the City over 12 years.

The Council pooh-poohed the 20,000-gallon tank as an insignificant volume. Doherty responded that one such tank could lead to two,

three and four tanks, encouraging existing fuel companies to find savings and efficiencies in order to lower their retail fuel prices.

The Council said that Doherty could get money from other sources to start a business.

A three-prong proposal came from three groups—represented by Megan Timm—who have combined their resources into one summer camp organization: Nome Community Center, Nome Eskimo Community and Norton Sound Health Corp. CAMP Dept.

The three organizations combined last year to serve more youth. NCC focus has been educating youth in order to reduce tobacco use; NEC, local culture; NSHC, healthy choices.

The group asked for \$17,000 to expand the number of camps and the number of youth served. They tentatively planned for a Bear Creek site near Council.

Last year's program put on three camps attended by 45 youth.

Keith Conger, Nome Ski and Biathlon Team coach, wants new long skis for his 2014 team.

The team has been raising funds with selling Nanook Joe coffee and doing cleanup jobs.

Their biggest fundraiser is cleaning up the snow dump for the City of Nome.

Last year the junior high girls' squad captured the 2013 Western Region Ski and Biathlon Championship Team Trophy. Team members Rosa Schmidt and Sam Dougherty have captured individual performance marks. The team is asking for money to replenish skis and equipment.

"A contribution of \$5,000 would outfit a good number of junior high skiers, Conger told the Council.

Donald Stambeck of Nome Public

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Governor budget cuts \$1 billion and 150 state jobs

By Diana Haecker

Governor Parnell released his budget for Fiscal Year 2015 last month, with a projection of a \$1.1 billion deficit for FY 2015. The FY 2014 deficit is projected to reach \$1.95 billion.

Parnell's FY '14 and '15 budgets is projected to spend \$3 billion of Alaska's savings in just two years, representing over half of the \$5 billion Statutory Budgetary Reserve.

Since the controversial SB 21 "More Alaska Production Act" did not go into effect until January 1, these deficits are not including what may come as loss to state revenues due to tax incentives that were meant to spur more oil exploration and development.

The Governor's budget totals \$5.6 billion in state general funds and \$12.4 billion including federal and other funds.

These include for Nome and the Bering Strait region the following items:

The Governor budgeted \$150,000 for Anvil Mountain Correctional Center, deferred maintenance and \$726,354 for deferred maintenance on the Nome Youth Facility. There are \$500,000 budgeted for DNR to pursue the Seward Peninsula and Port Clarence port project development.

St. Michael was penciled in with \$825,000 in federal funds for snow removal equipment building upgrades.

Shishmaref was budgeted with \$560,000 in federal funds for airport resurfacing.

The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority got \$8.5 million to pursue a private industrial road to the Ambler Mining District. Kotzebue received \$2.5 million for the Swan Lake small boat harbor.

Statewide, the governor proposed \$10 million for a Chinook research initiative under the roof of ADF&G.

A few large dollar items are notable: The governor allocated \$2.165

million for office space renovations to accommodate the State Pipeline Coordinator's office.

Also, a project that has not advanced over the years, the Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority will get under the governor's budget \$5 million in general funds and \$50 million in federal funds. The project would build a bridge from Anchorage across the Knik River and connect Point MacKenzie to Anchorage.

The Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project, which was expected to gobble up more than \$5 billion, already received roughly \$95 million last year and \$77 million in prior years. However, the Governor who favors the project, has only recommended funding it with \$10 million for the project in the 2015 proposed capital budget. To get the project to the stage of federal license application, AIDEA needs \$110 million.

The Legislature will convene on January 21 and will propose the House and Senate's budget versions.

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• Groups want

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Schools presented a wish list totaling almost \$66,000 for improving every aspect of school life, he told the Council.

Kendra Nichols, NSHC safety services director, asked for \$4,450 to assist the annual injury-prevention safety fair. Last year the event had 18 tables, up from 6 tables in 2012 and growing. Last year featured a bike rodeo and provided 139 bike helmets. NRA did a gun safety module; USCG provided boating life vests; and various programs provided education on use of kiddie car seats, "no texting while driving," child safety and safe sleep positions for babies. National Park Service also participated.

Nome Pre-School needed \$5,000 to go directly to scholarships. The program serves three- and four-year olds. The school, the only one to take three-year-olds, can take more pupils that age and also more four-year-olds.

"The issue is tuition for a lot of families," Rebecca Callahan said. The enrollment currently comes to 38, but the school can serve 60. While enrollment was low last year, interest has increased, according to Callahan.

The amount could be even higher," Councilman Jerald Brown commented. "It is really a big benefit to the community."

Youth Education Services could use \$3,200 for face-painting materials, music and other costs in putting on the seventh annual Summerfest in Anvil City Square. The event usually attracts 200 to 300 and features games, Bounce House, dunk tank, and all sorts of summer activities. The City's Parks and Recreation Dept. and Head Start also participate.

Cheri Kruschek would like to see \$43,040 of the NSEDC money go into the City's Parks and Recreation budget to dress up Anvil City Square by rejuvenating the lawn and adding a sprinkler system. Over the years, the lawn has suffered settling of the ground and abuse of the area, she said. "I was hoping we could use some of the NSEDC money to get the lawn back to its green splendor," Kruschek's proposal said. Councilmembers said that project should go under the City budget, that taxpayers should bear the cost of some things.

Nome Rec Center needs \$66,405 to renovate the kitchen, staff said. The kitchen was built in the 1980s. Renovation would allow the facility to promote itself as a convention and meetings destination with improvements providing a sit-down food service for up to 667 attending.

James Ventress made a pitch for Checkpoint Youth Center, a Covenant Church program centered in the former Arctic Trading Post store building on Front Street. The center sponsors an afterschool drop-in program for youths in sixth grade through twelfth grade.

"The center, open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., is owned by the church. The

budget is independent from the church, but is supported by the church," Ventress said.

The program has assistance including tutoring and counseling, ears to listen to youth concerns.

"It's a pretty diverse opportunity for the church to share the building with the community," Ventress said.

The wrestling mats at the high school were old when he got there in 1978, coach Dudley Homelvig told the Council. He would like to have \$16,000 to replace them to prevent shoulder and head injuries. Council comments showed concern and foretold funding for the new mats to prevent City liability for injuries.

Sue Steinacher, executive director of the volunteer organization Nome Emergency Shelter Team (NEST) needed \$20,000 to get a survey of housing and housing services not currently addressed in Nome.

"It is shocking to see the housing prices faced by people in Nome," Steinacher said, adding, "the time has come where we need a comprehensive housing assessment done."

Councilman Stan Andersen commented that he did not favor hiring someone to survey housing needs. Steinacher pointed out that such a survey is needed upon which to base grants proposals. Most of the money to run NEST last year came from grants, she said. The group runs a shelter for homeless in cold weather as well as homeless prevention and sober housing programs.

PAWS, a newly formed animal rescue group, needs \$2,242 for equipment, according to Susan Wolf. The group wants to partner with the City of Nome and Nome Police Dept. in advocating for humane treatment of animals, she said, with programs for foster care, education, fundraising and spay-neuter clinics.

"We want to see our animal population protected and controlled at the same time," Wolf said.

Crystal Tobuk and Phyllis Walluk want to get the St. Lawrence Island dancers cranked up again. This would give Siberian Yupik youth a sense of purpose, they said, and help to preserve the diversity of the community. While she was still assessing involvement, Tobuk said 40 would be a sound number with participation from children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren as well as parents and elders. The group asked for \$4,705. Too similar to the Nome Public Schools dance program, said the Council.

Robin Hughes presented a startup program called Fishing Nets, *Kuvraq*, in which youth would create and see their art projects applied to textiles and drinking mugs to sell. The group asked for \$17,000. The program would reach out to youth ages 9-17 in villages as well as in Nome. Too much like ceramics class, said Councilman Matt Culley. Needed more planning, said the Council.

Anahma Shannon of Kawerak's recycling program was still looking for a forklift. Currently the operation is labor intensive with batteries and

other heavy detritus having to be hoisted by hand. Lots of money and maybe the group could apply somewhere else for the money, Council said. Too many unused forklifts available.

Nome Public Schools put in a request for \$65,978 to fund programs for students—breakfast snacks, cultural dance activities, intramural basketball and volleyball, swimming program, martial arts, Jr. ROTC and archery.

As it turned out, a list of award recipients materialized over the weekend to be adopted at the Monday, Jan. 13 Council meeting.

These are the groups and the amounts:

Nome Covenant Church Checkpoint Youth Center, \$12,000; Nome Preschool Assn., \$5,000; Youth Education Services (Summerfest), \$3,200; Nome Wrestling Team (new mats), \$16,000; NSHC Injury Prevention Program, \$4,850; N.E.S.T., \$10,000; Nome Ski and Biathlon 2014, \$5,000; Nome Public Schools, \$65,978; NCC, NEC and NSHC CAMP Dept., \$10,000 to stage youth camps; Paws of Nome, \$2,242.70 for constructing insulated dog houses, leashes chains, collars and leashes, for a total of \$134,270.70. The Council voted the remaining \$15,729.30 to a multiuse facility that will serve the youth hockey and other sports activities.

Bend in polar vortex brings Alaskan chill to Lower 48

By Diana Haecker

For three days, the world was upside down concerning "usual" weather patterns. Subzero temperatures wreaked havoc in the Lower 48 and Alaska, including Nome, saw warm temperatures hovering around the freezing point.

Between January 6 and 8, temperatures in Nome soared to 34°F. During the same time period, a severe cold snap affected a large swath from Montana to New York and as far south as Florida and northern Alabama.

What Western Alaska residents consider normal, caused much anxiety in the affected states. In the Midwest, wind chills reached -40°F and were considered life threatening. However, it is notable that no weather records were set during the cold spell.

Meanwhile, Nome and the region experienced higher than normal temperatures. National Weather Service meteorologist Robert Murders at the Nome weather station said 14°F is considered the normal average high temperature and -2°F as the normal average low temperature for this

time of the year. January 6 observed 31°F as a high.

January 7 climbed to a high of 33°F and on January 8, the mercury showed a high of 34°F.

Since the beginning of the New Year, 3.9 inches of snow fell, where the normal for the month is 4 inches.

A warm spell in January accompanied by a snow dump is not unusual. But this warm period has been linked to a bend in the polar vortex, which caused a so-called Arctic outbreak in usually more temperate climate areas.

Dr. John Walsh, professor of Atmospheric Science at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks' International Arctic Research Center, explains the connection. "The polar vortex refers to a band of winds from the West to East, but what is unusual was the extreme bend in the polar vortex which transported cold air from the Arctic to the south," Dr. Walsh said.

Walsh said that the bend that transforms the polar vortex from a symmetrically oval jet stream over the Arctic to more a wavy pattern is

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Kawerak Wellness: Parental Resilience

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Being a parent can be a very rewarding and joyful experience. But being a parent can also have its share of stress. Parenting stress is caused by the pressures (stressors) that are placed on parents personally and in relation to their child:

- typical events and life changes (e.g., moving to a new city or not being able to soothe a crying baby)
- unexpected events (e.g., losing a job or discovering your child has a medical problem)
- individual factors (e.g., substance abuse or past traumatic experiences)
- social factors (e.g., relationship problems or feelings of loneliness and isolation)
- community, societal or environmental conditions (e.g., persistent poverty, racism or a natural disaster).

Numerous researchers have concluded that how parents respond to stressors is much more important than the stressor itself in determining the outcomes for themselves and their children. Parents are more likely to achieve healthy, favorable outcomes if they are resilient. Resilience is the process of managing stress and functioning well even when faced with challenges, adversity and trauma.

Some stressors parents face can be managed easily so that problems get resolved; for example, calling a relative or friend to pick-up a child from school when a parent is delayed. But some stressors cannot be easily resolved. For example, parents cannot “fix” their child’s developmental disability or erase the abuse they suffered as a child. Rather, parents are resilient when they are able to call forth their inner strength to proactively meet personal challenges

and those in relation to their child, manage adversities, heal the effects of trauma and thrive given the unique circumstances of their family.

When parents show resilience, they are able to see evidence of both their ability to face challenges and to make wise choices about addressing challenges. Parental resilience has a positive effect on the parent, the child and the parent-child relationship. By managing stressors, parents feel better and can provide more nurturing attention to their child, which enables their child to form a secure emotional attachment. Receiving nurturing attention and developing a secure emotional attachment with parents, in turn, fosters the development of resilience in children when they experience stress in their lives.

Sometimes the pressures parents face are so overwhelming that their ability to manage stress is severely affected. This is the case with parents who grew up in environments with toxic stress without a supportive adult. As a result, these parents may display symptoms of depression, anxiety, or other clinical disorders that prevent their ability to respond consistently, warmly and sensitively to their child’s needs. For example, depressive symptoms in either mothers or fathers are found to disrupt healthy parenting practices so that the child of a depressed parent is at increased risk of poor attachments, maltreatment and poor physical, neurological, social-emotional, behavioral and cognitive outcomes. However, numerous research studies show parents can be helped to manage clinical symptoms and reactions to their own histories of poor attachments and trauma, to protect children from adversity and trauma as best they can and to provide more nurturing care that promotes secure emotional attachment and healthy development in their children.

All parents experience stress from time-to-time. Parental resilience is a

process that all parents need in order effectively manage stressful situations and help ensure they and their families are on a trajectory of healthy, positive outcomes.

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All Around the Sound



McCade Alexander Alfred Ablowaluk

New Arrivals

McCade Alexander Alfred Ablowaluk was born December 24, 2013 at 8:55 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 8.4 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. His parents are Jamie Ablowaluk of Teller and Robert Iyatunguk II of Shishmaref. His maternal grandparents are Cora Ablowaluk of Teller and Nick Sherman of Wasilla. His paternal grandparents are Jeanette Iyatunguk and Robert Iyatunguk of Shishmaref. His brother is Leon Jay Henry Ablowaluk.

Cecelia A. Long and Scott Lockwood of Saint Michael announce the birth of their daughter **Rosina Mary Lockwood**, born December 26, 2013 at 7:51 p.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 21” in

length. Siblings are Madison Long, 5, Trevor Long, 4, and Anastine Long, 2. Maternal grandparents are Danny and Mary Long of Saint Michael. Paternal grandparents are Chuck and the late Rosina Lockwood of Saint Michael.

Dawn T. Flynn and Eric S. Nassuk of Koyuk announce the birth of their daughter **Sarah MaKenzi Nassuk**. Her Inupiaq name is **Unirgiaq**, after great-grandpa Roger V. Nassuk, Sr. Her brother is Drayson .2. Maternal grandparents are Paul and Anna Flynn of Stebbins. Her paternal grandmother is Ruby Nassuk of Koyuk.

Bernice Joseph lost battle with cancer

Bernice Joseph, 49, the University of Alaska Fairbanks’ Vice Chancellor for Rural, Community and Native Education died on Tuesday, January 7 from cancer.

Joseph is known as a tireless advocate for Native education in Alaska.

In 2013 she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Joseph was born in Tanana and raised in Nulato.

Most recently, Bernice Joseph was the executive dean of the College of Rural and Community Development in November 2001. As such she oversaw the six rural and community campuses, serving more than 160 primarily Native communities, including Northwest Campus in Nome. She was named vice chancellor for Rural, Community and Native Education in 2006. She served at UAF from 1995 - 2000 as an assistant professor in the Department of Alaska Native and Rural Development.

She earned a master of business administration degree from UAF.

Before serving at UAF, Joseph was the deputy commissioner of the Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development. She was the department’s tribal liaison, oversaw rural development programs, served as a member of the management team and was a key advisor to Gov. Tony Knowles. Joseph had also worked for the Doyon Foundation and the Fairbanks Native Association.

In 2012 she was named Citizen of the Year by AFN.

In Fairbanks, mourners participated in a one-mile memorial walk on Wednesday, Jan. 8.

On Thursday, a celebration of life was held at Chief David Salmon Tribal Hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Doyon Foundation, in Bernice Joseph’s name.



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Subway Showdown Basketball Tournament



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SUBWAY SHOWDOWN CHAMPIONS— The Nome Nanooks boys team won the Subway Showdown Basketball tournament, held in Nome January 9-11. Pictured are: (left to right) Matthew Tunley, Cass Mattheis, Briar Dickson, Emery Booshu, Bobby Pate, Alex Gray, Daniel Head, Tyler Eide, Jake Stettenbenz, Klay Baker and Eli Johnson.



MVP— Nome Nanook Tyler Eide was voted the most valuable player at the Subway Showdown.



TALL PLAYER— Cass Mattheis uses his height to his advantage in the game against Point Hope. Mattheis was voted onto the Boys All-Tournament team.



DEFENSE— Daniel Head of the Nome Nanooks faces the strong defense of the team from South Anchorage.



THREE POINTER— Nome Nanook Klay Baker received the three point titel for being the best three point shooter of the tournament.

SCOREBOARD

Subway Showdown THURSDAY RESULTS

Kotzebue Lady Huskies 57 NBHS 40
KHS 17-5-21-14=57
NBHS 9-11-6-14=40
KHS S.Sampson 18, M. Hyatt 8, W. Williams 2, D. Fields 10, C. Snyder 19
NBHS S. Ahmasuk 12, A. Ahmasuk 16, A. Horner 8, J. Stettenbenz 2, T. Tocktoo 2
NBHS BOYS 67 HOOPER BAY 31
NBHS 25-12-21-9=67
HPB 9-4-8-10=31
NBHS - A. Gray 3, B. Pate 1, K. Baker 12, M. Tunley 9, T. Eide 18, J. Stettenbenz 2, D. Head 5, E. Johnson 2, C. Mattheis 15
HPB - A. Hale 1, H. Hoelscher 11, J. Joe 5, G. Green 2, M. LAke 9, S. Gump 3

FRIDAY RESULTS

South Anchorage Boys 64 Hooper Bay 45
SHS - 15-14-17-18=64

HPB- 7-13-12-13=45
SHS N. Settle 4, A. Adams 10, O. Johnson 4, B. Kewan 19, J. Vandervalk 4, J. Swenson 11, T. Koloski 10, M. Taha 2
HPB - F. Smith 5, A. Hale 3, H. Hoelscher 16, J. Joe 2, M. Lake Jr. 11, S. Gump 6, E. Hunter 2

South Anchorage Girls 68 Kotzebue 57 (ot)
SHS 13-6-17-18-14=68
KHS 14-10-11-19-3=57
SHS - H. Hodgson 4, S. Hodgson 16, S. Ungaro 8, Z. Cole 27, M. Smith 4, E. Andersen 5, N. McCormick 4
KHS - S. Sampson 5, M. Hyatt 14, T. Avery 2, D. Fields 11, C. Snyder 23, M. Booth 2
Nome-Beltz Boys 67 Point Hope 25
NBHS 17-18-19-13=67
PHO 5-6-5-9=25
NBHS - B. Pate 4, K. Baker 3, M. Tunley 8, B. Dickson 3, T. Eide 7, J. Stettenbenz 5, D. Head 17, C. Mattheis 12
PHO - A. Milligrock 5, B. Casados 14, M. Tuzroyluk 4, G. Tiereman 2
Nome-Beltz Girls 54 Point Hope 47
NBHS 11-22-11-10=54
PHO 10-10-17-10=47

NBHS - S. Ahmasuk 10, A. Ahmasuk 23, A.Horner 12, J. Stettenbenz 4, I. Okleasik 1
PHO - D. Koenig 83, R. Kowunna 8, D. Hank 5, E. Tippin 16, H. Minnix 13, A. Stone 2

SATURDAY RESULTS

South Girls 63 Nome Lady Nanooks 51
SHS 21-18-16-8=63
NBHS 8-13-13-17=51
SHS H. Hodgson 6, S. Hodgson 8, S. Ungaro 12, Z. COLE 16, M. Smith 9, O. Laden 6, E. Andersen 2, N. McCormick 2, C. Hannon 2
NBHS S. Ahmasuk 14, Adelaine Ahmasuk 16, A. Horner 16, I. Okleasik 5
Kotzebue Girls 41 Point Hope 26
Mary Sue Hyatt 21 points
South Anchorage Girls 59 Point Hope 32
SHS - Zulai Cole 16
Nome-Beltz Boys 46 South 32
NBHS 7-12-11-16=46
SHS 7-6-12-9=34
NBHS - E. Booshu 3, K. BAKER 5, T.

Eide 14, D. Head 2, C. Mattheis 22.
SHS - N. Settle 8, O. Johnson 6, B. Kewan 7, J. Swenson 11, T. Koloski 2

Hooper Bay Boys 72 Point Hope 51
HHS -Harold Hoelscher 24, Scott Gump 24, Everette Hunter 17
PHO - Daniel Sage 18, Michael Tuzroyluk 12, Aaron Milligrock 10
South Anchorage Boys 80 Point Hope 51
SHS - Tommy Koloski 18, Jake Swenson 11, Alain Devoe 12, Nick Settle 11
PHO - Michael Tuzroyluk 22, Daniel Sage 13

AWARDS

Girls 1st place Team - South Anchorage
Girls 2nd Place Team - Kotzebue

Girls All-Tournament Team

Adelaine Ahmasuk - NBHS
Sabrina Ungaro - South
Colleen Snyder - Kotzebue
Senora Ahmasuk - NBHS
Mary-Sue Hyatt - Kotzebue
Zulai Cole - South Anchorage (MVP)

Boys 1st Place Team - Nome-Beltz

Boys 2nd Place Team - South Anchorage

Boys All-Tournament Team

Harold Hoelscher - Hooper Bay
Nick Settle - South Anchorage
Cass Mattheis - Nome-Beltz
Tommy Koloski - South
Jake Swenson - South
Tyler Eide - Nome-Beltz (MVP)

Girls Hotshot - Zulai Cole - South
Girls 3PT - Adelaine Ahmasuk - NBHS
Girls FT - Zulai Cole - South
Boys Hotshot - Alex Adams - South
Boys 3 PT - Klay Baker - Nome-Beltz
Boys FT - Francis Smith - Hooper Bay

NEXT HOME EVENT

Lady Nanooks vs Cordova 1/17 & 1/18

NANOOKS ON THE ROAD

NBHS JV Girls and Junior High Girls @ Kotzebue 1/17 & 1/18
NBHS Boys at Alaska Air Tournament (West Anchorage High School) vs Dillard High, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. 1/16



FLYING NANOOK— Senora Ahmasuk of the Nome Nanooks catches some air in the game against the South Anchorage team. Senora and her sister Adelaine Ahmasuk both made it onto the Girls All-Tournament team.



SCORE— Nome Nanook Tamaira Tocktoo shoots for the basket in the game against the South Anchorage High School team.



COMING THROUGH— Nome Nanook Ariana Horner makes it past a South Anchorage player.



BLOCK— Nome Nanook Ivory Okleasik blocks an opponent in the game against South Anchorage.



MUSHING NEWS— Nome musher Rolland Trowbridge runs his team on Gold Hill on Sunday, January 12. Trowbridge is signed up for the Kuskokwim 300 sled dog race in Bethel. The K300 starts January 17 and leads mushers from Bethel to Aniak and back to Bethel.

Bethel

The start of the Kuskokwim 300 sled dog race is January 17. According to K300 Race Manager Zach Fansler 28 teams are signed up as of January 10, including nine-time K300 champion Jeff King. Also

signed up is 2011 Iditarod champion John Baker of Kotzebue, his partner Katherine Keith of Kotzebue, Donald Towarak of Unalakleet, as well as Rolland Trowbridge of Nome. The K300 features a purse of \$110,000 with the winner taking \$22,000,

making it the richest mid distance race on the dog mushing circuit.

Simultaneous to the K300, there will be two shorter races: the Bogus Creek 150 covering a 150-mile course and the Akiak Dash, a 50-mile race.

After a warm start to the New Year, temperatures have cooled with a promising long-term weather forecast for race weekend. Fansler said that local crews on snowmachines have been monitoring the Kuskowkim River, which has several

spots of thin ice as well as open holes. The ice roads from Bethel to Kwethluk as well as from Bethel to Akiakchak are in. A road grader was scheduled to put in the ice road from Kalskag to Akiak. Parts of the K300 race trail follow these ice roads.

When should men have their PSA levels checked?

By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in men in the United States, second only to lung cancer. According to the American Cancer Society one in every six men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer at some point during his lifetime.

Since the 1990s, a screening test has been available to catch early cases of prostate cancer. But the test itself has become a source of confusion and controversy.

The test measures levels of prostate specific antigen (PSA) in the blood stream. PSA is a protein produced by both normal and cancerous cells in the prostate. Rapidly growing cancer cells produce a higher level of PSA than do normal cells.

A low level of PSA is always present in the bloodstream. Most doctors consider a level above 4 ng/mL to be abnormally elevated; however, a growing number of urologists and cancer specialists have suggested a level above 2.5 ng/mL could be abnormal.

A higher level of PSA in the bloodstream *may* indicate the presence of cancer in the prostate. I emphasize the word “may” because there are many things other than cancer that make the PSA level rise including infections of the prostate or bladder, enlargement of the prostate called benign prostatic hypertrophy, and direct pressure on the prostate from riding a bicycle, 4-wheeler, or snowmachine.

The only way to know if a man with an elevated PSA has cancer is to perform a biopsy of the prostate, the walnut-sized gland that surrounds the urinary tract at the base of a man’s bladder. This is a delicate procedure performed by urologists. Studies of biopsy results show that men with prostate cancer will have a higher PSA compared with men without prostate cancer only 67 percent of the time. This means the PSA is 67 percent accurate at predicting whether a man has prostate cancer or not. While this is a little better than the 50 percent predictability of flipping a coin it is far from perfect.

Some experts, including the American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM), question whether the PSA should be used as a screening test at all. Though this may sound absurd, the ACPM recognizes that most men with prostate cancer will not die from their prostate cancer. In fact, autopsy research shows that if men live long enough most of them will eventually develop some degree of prostate cancer, though the cancer will remain confined to the prostate. Most men with prostate cancer will die

from some other cause. One large trial showed that 1,410 men would have to be screened and 48 additional cancers would have to be detected to prevent one death from prostate cancer. In essence this means 47 men must be over-treated to prevent one death.

No one would argue with the value of a life saved. But PSA screening leads to an increased number of procedures including biopsies and prostate surgeries that have risks that threaten a man’s quality of life. The most feared risks associated with prostate procedures are impotence and incontinence.

Researchers are working on ways to improve the PSA test to more effectively identify aggressive prostate cancers, and thereby save lives, without subjecting the mass of men to testing that may be falsely reassuring or unnecessarily worrisome.

For now, when it comes to prostate cancer screening, the PSA test is the best test doctors have to offer. Professional organizations vary widely in their recommendations for PSA screening. The final decision is best left to each patient and his provider after a discussion of risks and benefits of the test.

In general, the following recommendations from various groups provide some guidance based on the best data available:

The National Comprehensive Cancer Center (NCCN) Guidelines on the Early Detection of Prostate Cancer recommend an initial PSA test at age 50 for most men and age 40 for men at increased risk, such as African Americans or men with a family history of prostate cancer, to determine a baseline level. Any PSA result over 2.5 ng/mL should be evaluated further for risk of prostate cancer. PSA screening at regular intervals may be used to detect an upward trend in the PSA level, called PSA velocity.

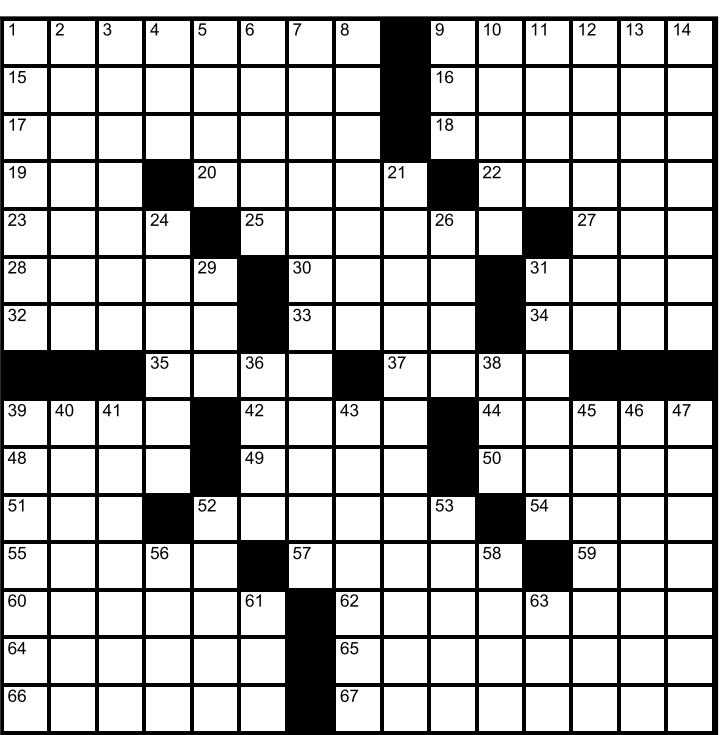
The American Urological Association recommends offering PSA screening beginning at age 50 in men with at least a 10-year life expectancy. African-American men and those with a first-degree relative with prostate cancer should consider screening at an earlier age.

A study published in the *British Medical Journal* suggested that men with a single PSA level of less than 1 ng/mL at age 60 do not require further screening because the lifetime risk of developing prostate cancer was only 0.2% for this group.

The American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM) recommends discontinuing PSA screening in the asymptomatic male after age 75.

The American Academy of Family Physicians recommends that patients speak with a trusted provider

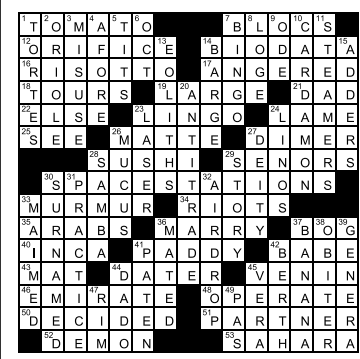
about symptoms of prostate disease, like urinary urgency, frequency, or erectile dysfunction and whether or not PSA screening is indicated as a part of an overall health assessment.



- Across
1. Bottle gourd
9. On the move
15. Each menu item priced separately (3 wds)
16. Hard to lift
17. More blackened by smoke or grime
18. Druid, e.g.
19. Atlantic catch
20. Catnip and lovage, e.g.
22. Carry away, in a way
23. Cuckoos
25. Installed in a position of authority
27. Bolivian export
28. Kidney-related
30. Arch type
31. Cost of living?
32. Bicker
33. Brandy flavor
34. Halftime lead, e.g.
35. Bills, e.g.
37. Basic unit of money in Myanmar
39. ____-bodied
42. Sulk
44. Star in Orion
48. Back
49. "____ and the King of Siam"
50. Annoy
51. Battering device
52. Unhappy babies
54. Remnant
55. "All My Children" vixen
- Down
57. Handle the food for a party
59. Car accessory
60. State bordering Arizona
62. Police arrest record (2 wds)
64. A member of a nomadic Berber people of the Sahara
65. Cross
66. Layers
67. Spouse

- Down
1. ____ buckthorn bearwood
2. One who distributes charity
3. Giving praise
4. Appear
5. Shellacking
6. Astrological ram
7. Using two separate channels for sound reproduction
8. Pasture vegetation
9. Matterhorn, e.g.
10. Wrapped the dead in a waxed cloth
11. Detective, at times
12. Thought
13. Granting pension benefits regardless of retirement age
14. Accord
21. Ground beef mixed with raw egg (2 wds)
24. Cup holder
26. Mysterious: Var.
29. Grassland
31. Fastened shoelaces again
36. Bandy words
38. Dadaism founder
39. Picks up
40. Support (2 wds)
41. Layered
43. Discover
45. African daisies
46. High point
47. Beneficiary
52. Addition symbol
53. Calyx part
56. "The Last of the Mohicans" girl
58. Invitation letters
61. ____ Khan
63. Alter, in a way

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January 15, 2014 — January 21, 2014

Capricorn

Dreams do come true, Capricorn. Reach for the stars, and all that you hope for will be yours. An old friend drops by with an intriguing offer. Consider it.

December 22–January 19

Aries

Awesome, Aries. The budget crunching pays off, and you begin to show a surplus. Stash a bit and spend the rest on whatever your heart desires.

March 21–April 19

Cancer

Ahoy, Cancer. Many challenges lie ahead, but as usual, you will be up to the task. A loved one could use some time away. Arrange it for them.

June 22–July 22

Libra

Methods are challenged, and you must hold firm if any progress is to be made. Be bold and be brave, Libra. A text adds to the intrigue at home.

September 23–October 22

Aquarius

Use it or lose it, Aquarius. You’ve kept a talent hidden for far too long. It is your turn to shine. A memo at work sets forth a long list of challenges.

January 20–February 18

Taurus

Save it, Taurus. Nothing you say or do matters. Your loved one has their mind made up. Turn your attention to an issue you can tackle.

April 20–May 20

Leo

Tsk-tsk, Leo. You suspect it won’t work, and you’re right. Some people have to learn the hard way, however. A shift in opinion causes conflict at home.

July 23–August 22

Scorpio

Uh-uh-uh, Scorpio. Now is not the time to bow out. You promised to help, and many people are counting on you. Do what you must to fulfill your commitment.

October 23–November 21

Pisces

Poor Pisces, you’ve been chomping at the bit to get started on a project, and there is yet another delay. Be patient. Your time will come.

February 19–March 20

Gemini

Wealth and fame are not all that they are cracked up to be. Know the pitfalls before you sign on the dotted line, Gemini. A youngster makes a plea. Be kind.

May 21–June 21

Virgo

Step up or step out, Virgo. Demand has grown, and the pace is quickening. A relative makes an announcement. Be there for them.

August 23–September 22

Sagittarius

Faith, Sagittarius. This week is all about faith. Believe in those around you and trust their instincts, and the deadline will be met. A cause is worthy.

November 22–December 21

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Obituaries

Teresa Agnes Waters
"Ugyaggi" "Tree"
February 21, 1940 – December 25, 2013

Teresa Agnes Norbert was born on February 21, 1940 to John and Marion Norbert in Nome. Teresa was baptized at the St. Joseph Church in Nome on March 10, 1940. Teresa attended school in Nome and was also a member of the Girl Scouts.

In May of 1957 she married Allan Lewis Johnson and was divorced in

February of 1971. During their marriage they raised six children—three sons and three daughters. In April of 1971, Teresa married John Charles Waters. During their marriage they raised one son, and divorced in 1976.

Teresa worked for and retired from the University of Alaska Fairbanks, in the Cooperative Extension Service in Nome.

Throughout her life, Teresa enjoyed spending time doing various activities with family members and



Teresa Agnes Waters

friends. She loved camping, spending many summer months at Nook. Those months were spent subsistence fishing, picking berries and various greens. Teresa also enjoyed sharing those Eskimo delicacies with her family and friends, during those lunches, dinners or picnics Teresa would say "life is good," after finishing those meals with family or friends with a cup of tea. Teresa was also a survivor of breast cancer in the 1980s.

Teresa enjoyed games like Scrabble, Yahtzee, Snertz, crossword puzzles and an occasional game of Monopoly. She also enjoyed sewing items like Kuspuks, neck and hand warmers for hunters, native wall art, paper towel and grocery bag holders.

"She always welcomed us with open arms, always gave rides and offered to feed us. Anchorage will not be the same without her," Marion "Sput" Norbert.

She is survived by her siblings Eileen Norbert (John) of Lancaster, OH and Angela Miller (Richard) of Nome; daughters Patrizia Ann Bowling (Gary) Anchorage, Veronica Johnson of Anchorage and Sharon Denise Johnson of Portland, Oregon; sons Allan Lewis Johnson,

Jr. Palmer, Albert "Jack" Johnson of Nome, Robert L. Johnson of Portland, Oregon and Jay S. Waters of Seattle, Washington; grandchildren Emma Christman, Steven Sollich, Jeremiah Johnson, Mellisa Johnson Heflin, Angela M. Ozenna, Duane A. Johnson, Barton T. Johnson, Jordan L. Johnson, Dawn Oozevaseuk, Larisha R. Johnson, Justin Bock, William Miller, Jr, Christopher Miller and Thomas Holmes; great-grandchildren, Keyahna Johnson, Rosie Heflin, Donald A.J. Heflin, Doriean Johnson, Alicia La Rose, Jamie Niebel, Tanner Niebel and Michael Clark.

Teresa was preceded in death by her parents John Norbert, Sr. and

Marion Menadelook; her sisters, Teresa Norbert and Rose Johnson, brothers Pat Norbert, Joseph Norbert, Rick Norbert and John Norbert, Jr., and grandchild Samantha Johnson.

Teresa will be remembered for her compassion of others, love of life and for her quick witted humor.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Anchorage Funeral Home and Crematory, folks are invited to visit an online Guest Book for Teresa "Tree" Waters at www.AlaskanFuneral.com. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a Wells Fargo Account# 7511757192.

Saying it Sincerely

By Rev. Karen Sonray, Our Savior Lutheran Church
Member of the Nome Ministerial Association
"Cast all your anxieties upon the Lord, for he cares for you."
1st Peter 5: 7

This scripture is often a favorite. An elder I admired had it highlighted in her Bible and underlined the word, "all", writing on the side "that means ALL."

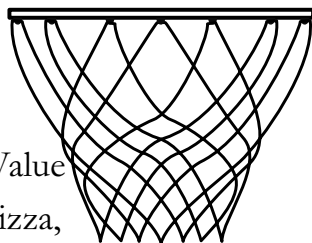
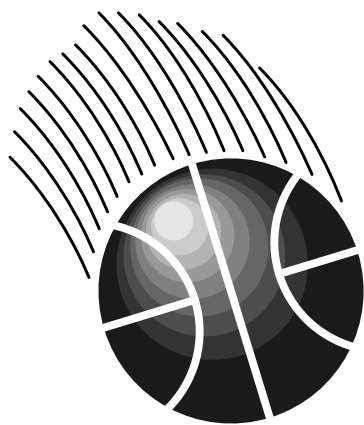
The scripture captures a truth about the process of healing. We need to share our burdens in order to be transformed. As human beings we want to deceive ourselves and hide our flaws. But it is in casting our anxieties – letting the Lord know our worries – that we experience the beginning steps toward acceptance and healing. In sharing our own story we find we are not alone and we find support in others. "Casting our anxieties upon the Lord" can often mean sharing our story and burdens with another human being whom God has put upon your path. It is a poignant yet simple truth that as we share our struggles we often find the support we need. Ironically, in sharing our flaws we also end up helping other people face their own anxieties. Here is an example of just that and how God worked through someone who "cast her cares upon the Lord."

Not many years ago it was taboo to mention alcoholism as something that your family struggled with let alone yourself. Betty Ford, the wife of President Gerald Ford, was one of the people in the limelight who blazed a trail for others. Over the years she became an alcoholic and addicted to prescription drugs. Her husband took her to doctors but no one had the guts to call her on it. Finally he and his family lovingly confronted her and helped her face the truth about herself. Though she fought it, she went to a treatment center and slowly began her recovery as she shared her pain with others. Eventually she shared her story publicly and helped millions in doing so. Her husband Gerald Ford told her that one day she would find that by sharing her own struggle with alcohol she would change the lives of people more than he ever did as president. Years later in October 1987, President Clinton said this as he awarded her with a congressional medal of honor:

"Perhaps no First Lady in our history, with the possible exception of Eleanor Roosevelt, has touched so many of us in a personal way. Because I lost my mother to breast cancer, Betty Ford is a heroine to me. Because my family has been victimized by alcoholism and I know what it is like to see good fine people stare into the abyss of their personal despair, I will be forever grateful — for the Betty Ford Clinic and any treatment center. I am thankful for the millions of other people whose lives have literally been turned around and often saved because she showed them it was not wrong for a good person and a strong person to be imperfect and ask for help. You gave us a gift and we thank you."

Cast your cares upon the Lord and begin to experience healing in your life.

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Trooper Beat

On January 5, at 9:15 a.m. the Alaska State Troopers received a report of a domestic disturbance in Koyuk. No arrests have been made. Investigation continues.

On January 6, AST in Nome arrested Jamie Oozeva, 34, in Gambell on a petition to revoke probation warrant issued by Nome Court. Jamie was transported and remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center in Nome.

On January 6, AST in Nome arrested Maxine Ungott, 50, in Gambell on a bench warrant for Assault in the Fourth Degree issued by Nome Court. Maxine was transported and remanded to AMCC in Nome.

On January 6, at 2:30 p.m. Lloyd Apatiki, 32, of Gambell was arrested for Resisting Arrest, Escape IV, and Probation Violation after the investigation revealed that he had consumed alcohol in violation of his probation conditions, resisted arrest and escaped from the Gambell Public Safety Building.

On January 8, at 6:06 p.m., AST received a report that Frank Okleasik, 74, of Nome was reported overdue from ice fishing on the Nome River. Okleasik's truck was found parked near the Nome River about four miles from town. On January 9, aerial, ground and water searches were launched to include four teams of snowmachiners, an R-44 helicopter with two searchers on-board, and a small boat with an underwater camera to look in open water. Then, starting at 3:00 p.m., 32 people walked downstream on the banks of the river, looking for Okleasik. A total of about 70 people were involved in the search for Okleasik. At 5:00 p.m., Nome Search and Rescue volunteers located Okleasik's body partially submerged in water a short distance from his vehicle. He was declared deceased on scene. Foul play is not suspected. Okleasik body will be sent to the State Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy.

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All Along the Seawall

NOME POLICE DEPARTMENTDisclaimer: This is a record of activity. The issuance of citations or the act of arrest does not assign guilt to any identified party. During this period there were **132 calls for service** received. Of these calls, **22 involved intoxicated persons** who needed help; **11 were ambulance** calls; 6 were animal related; and 1 was a search and rescue call. During this same period, **16 arrests were made**. Of the 16 arrests, **14 involved alcohol**.

On 01-05 at 9:25 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a home on the west side of Nome on the report of a disturbance. Investigation led to the arrest of Edward Anasogak, 33, for two active warrants. Anasogak was remanded at the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center and held on \$1,500 bail plus a court approved third party custodian.

On 01-06 at 5:09 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a home in Nome on the report of domestic violence. Investigation led to charges in the form of a warrant being filed at the courts on Arnold Mueller, 32, for Assault in the Fourth Degree and Violation of Conditions of Release. Mueller was later arrested on 01-07-14 and was remanded on the warrant.

On 1-7 at 11:13 a.m. NPD received a report of an illegal trap located near Icy View. The trap had apparently caught a domestic animal as it was located near a path frequently used by walkers in the area. Attempts to locate the trap were unsuccessful. Investigation is continuing. **ALL TRAP-PERS** are required to contact the City prior to setting traps within the City limits and to comply with all requirements of the Nome Code of Ordinances. For information, please contact the City of Nome at 281 Division Street, 443-6600.

On 1-7 at 12:42 p.m. a minor motor vehicle collision was reported near the airport. There were no injuries and damage was under reportable limits and the matter was resolved by exchange of information among the drivers.

On 1-7 at 1:37 p.m. a minor motor vehicle collision was reported near a business on Bering Street. There were no injuries and damage was under reportable limits and the matter was resolved by exchange of information among the drivers. Motorists are reminded to remain aware of the road conditions, particularly in parking areas where ice or glazing may occur, and to drive cautiously to avoid collisions.

On 1-7 at 3:31 p.m., Edmund Ulroan, 23, was arrested for Probation Violation (not to consume alcohol) after he was contacted in reference to an intoxicated person needing assistance call. Ulroan was transported and remanded to AMCC. No bail.

On 1-7 at 10:37 p.m., a theft was reported occurring at a residence in Icy View. Various Native handcrafted items as well as jewelry and a phone were reported stolen. Suspects have been identified and investigation is ongoing. Total estimated loss is \$2,000.

On 01-08 at 1:59 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to the west side of Nome on the report of a disturbance. Investigation led to the arrest of Vincent Kaningok, 51, for Violation of Probation. Kaningok was remanded at the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center with no bail amount set.

On 1-8 at 10:42 a.m. NPD received a theft report. The victim reported unauthorized charges to his bank account. Investigation is continuing. **ALL PERSONS** are encouraged to frequently review their bank and credit card activity and to promptly report any suspicious or unauthorized activity to

their financial institution/credit card company immediately. Frequently accounts are compromised by international hackers and unauthorized charges are made. Monitoring your accounts can identify these issues if they should occur.

On 01-09 at 2:12 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to the 400 block of West Third Ave. for a report of a disturbance. Upon Investigation Ann Soolook, 43, was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and was taken to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center and was held on a \$250 bail.

On 1-09 at 2:41 a.m. NPD responded to a residence on Second Avenue to a report of a disturbance involving unwanted intoxicated persons at the residence. Louise Martin, 29, and Ada ,35, were arrested for Criminal Trespass in the First Degree. Both were transported and remanded to AMCC where bail was set at \$1,000.

On 01-09 at 4:08 a.m. the Nome Police Department was dispatched to the 400 block of East Third Ave. for a disturbance. Upon Investigation Rebecca Carlisle, 20, was arrested and taken Anvil Mountain Correctional Center, for Assault in the Fourth Degree/Domestic Violence, Minor Consuming Alcohol, and Violations of Conditional Release. No bail amount was set.

On 1-09 at 9:40 a.m. NPD received a report that a juvenile was assaulted by an adult. Investigation is continuing.

On 1-09 at 2:04 p.m. NPD received a report of a sexual assault occurring several years ago. Investigation is continuing.

On 1-09 at 10:20 p.m. NPD responded to a residence on Fifth Avenue to a suspected domestic assault. The assault was unfounded, however investigation resulted in the issuance of a summons to Mary Lockwood, 37, for Endangering the Welfare of a Child after no sober adult was found in the home to care for the children present. A report was forwarded to the Office of Children's Services.

On 1-10 at 4:08 a.m. NPD received a report of a vehicle theft occurring at a residence on East Fourth Avenue. Suspects reportedly entered an unlocked vehicle and used the keys (in the ignition) to take the vehicle. The vehicle was later returned to the residence. **ALL RESIDENTS** are urged to remove the keys from their vehicles and lock all doors. Each winter several vehicles are taken after owners fail to secure the vehicle and keys. It is advisable to remove all valuables from your vehicle when you park it for the evening as items in plain sight may indicate vehicle damage and/or theft.

On 1-10 at 2:53 p.m. NPD received a report of unauthorized use of a wireless network. The victim found that someone had used their system to download data and incurred several hundred dollars' worth of internet overages. Those with wireless routers are encouraged to frequently change the wireless network password and to unplug wireless routers when not in use.

On 01-10 at 10:27 p.m. The Nome Police Department responded to the 200 block of West Kings Place for an Assault. Upon investigation Karen Hetu ,59, was arrested for Making a False Report, and then also charged with Harassment in the First Degree after spitting on an officer. Hetu was taken to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center and was held on \$1,000 bail.

On 01-11 at 12:06 a.m. the Nome Police Department was conducting bar checks when Codie Amaktoolik ,39, was found inside a local bar, which violates his Conditions of Release. Codie was remanded at Anvil Mountain Correctional Center and

bail was set at \$1,000.

On 1-11 at 1:21 a.m. Michael Walker, 30, was arrested for Drunk on Licensed Premises after Walker was found at a local bar after having received a warning not to enter any licensed establishment earlier in the evening due to his level of intoxication. Walker was remanded to AMCC with bail set at \$500.

On 01-11 at 11:33 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on East Fifth Avenue for a report of an assault. Investigation revealed that Mary Lockwood,37, assaulted her brother with an ulu causing a severe laceration to his arm. Mary Lockwood was arrested and is being charged with Assault in the First Degree. The brother was transported to the hospital for an injury to his arm. The Office of Children's Service was notified and took custody of Lockwood's children. Alcohol was a factor in this incident.

On 01-12 at 2:50 a.m. while the Nome Police Department was conducting bar checks, Rosealee Quanlin, 33, was found in a local bar, which is a violation of her terms of probation. Rosealee was arrested and remanded at Anvil Mountain Correctional Center. No bail was set.

On 01-12 at 3 a.m. a CSO and officers responded to the report of an intoxicated female causing a disturbance on Front Street. When contacted, Maggie Ahkvaluk ,21, became belligerent and combative. Ahkvaluk was taken into custody and transported to the hospital where she became hostile towards a security guard and an ER nurse. Ahkvaluk was then remanded at Anvil Mountain Correctional Center for two counts of Assault in the Fourth Degree. Bail was set at \$1,000.

On 01-12 at 4:50 a.m. NPD responded to a domestic assault at a residence on West Fourth Avenue. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Christopher Hal, 31,for Assault in the Fourth Degree (DV); Assault in the Fourth Degree (on a peace officer); and Resisting Arrest. Hal was transported to AMCC where he was remanded to custody. There was no bail for this domestic violence related event.

On 01-12 at 9:41 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a home in Nome on the report that a male was intoxicated and violating his probation conditions. Investigation led to the arrest of Alfred Kakoona, 35, for Violation of Probation. Kakoona was remanded at the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where no bail amount was set.

On 1-12 at 11:20 p.m. NPD contacted Latvia Martin, 29, at a local bar after a report was received about an extremely intoxicated woman falling down in the bar. Martin was taken to a residence and released to a caregiver. Officers conducted follow-up to insure that Martin's children were being cared for and found that the children were left in the care of an intoxicated person at another residence. The Office of Children's Services was contacted and responded to take custody of the children. The intoxicated caregiver, Ada Snowball, 35, was issued a summons for Endangering the Welfare of Child(ren). Investigation continues on charges of Introduction of Alcohol to a Licensed Establishment and Drunk on Licensed Premises.



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1/16/14

Legals

UNALAKLEET LAND FOR SALE – Unalakleet River. SEALED BID. Owner finance available. Marilyn Oyomick, 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.
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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

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• More Legals

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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
12/19-1/2-16

**BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELIM TEACHER HOUSING

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Bering Strait School District (BSSD) is requesting Proposals from interested General Contractors for the construction of two (2) duplexes, to be used for teacher housing, in Elim, Alaska. Proposals may be submitted to: Bering Strait School District, Facilities Department, P.O. Box 225, Unalakleet, AK. 99684 until 2:00 PM, February 6, 2014. Proposals will be reviewed and scored by a selection committee and will not be publicly opened or read aloud.

The project consists of **construction services** for two duplexes. Each duplex will have one, two-bedroom unit and one, three-bedroom unit of approximately 960 square feet each. A guaranteed maximum price (GMP) based on completed construction is required. A construction schedule with a 2014 completion date is required.

A complete set of project drawings are enclosed. Proposals must include all costs associated with labor, materials, shipping, and receiving.

Alaska Business License – Contractor must provide a current State of Alaska Business License. **Bid Amount:** Contractor must submit a bid that is a "lump sum" for completing the entire project, as designed.

Construction methods and/or alternatives that meet the project scope and budget limitations will be considered. If alternatives are offered, the Contractor must quantify either a plus or minus impact on the base GMP offered in the Bid Amount.

Project Schedule – Contractor must submit a project schedule that identifies a start date, construction milestones with dates, substantial completion and final completion.

Power service, from the Alaska Village Electric Co-op, is to be provided as part of construction proposal. Individual electric meters shall be installed for each apartment, with a separate building meter for the boiler and circulation pumps.

Water and Sewer Services are to be coordinated with City of Elim and/or BSSD and included as part of the construction bid proposal.

BSSD will provide the **construction "pad"** for of the duplexes. If it is determined that further development is required, BSSD will be responsible for this expense.

Great attention must be given to **State and Federal minimum property standards** as follows:

- Uniform Physical Conditions (Federal Register Vol.66, No.227. (These standards are very similar to Section 8 Housing Quality Standards at 24 CFR 982.401).
- State Building Codes (AS 18.56.300) and Building Energy Efficiency Standards (AS 46.11.040)
- All construction inspections must be performed by an ICBO certified professional according to the Summary of Building Inspection (PUR102) and BEES Certification (PUR101). Do not wait until the project is completed to obtain the necessary inspections and signatures. This may result in requiring destructive inspections. BSSD has contracted with Rudy Rudisel (Licensed Architect from Nome, Alaska) to perform ICBO inspections.

Project must meet the minimum accessibility laws:

- Americans with Disabilities Act
- Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988
- Alaska Statute AS 18.80.240
- Local Government Ordinances

Other State and Federal Laws and Regulations that must be observed:

- Little Davis-Bacon Act (AS 36.05.010, AS 36.95.010)
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

• State Law does not allow the use of State funds in a project that is constructed with a preference in contracting based on ethnic origin of the bidder or owner of the bidding firm

Insurance Requirements:

• Insurance policies are required to be maintained by contractor that name AHFC, BSSD and the State of Alaska as additional insured, for all except Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability Insurance.

• Contractor agrees to obtain a waiver, where applicable, of all subrogation rights against AHFC, BSSD and State of Alaska.

• Certification of Insurance stating the Insurance Company, type of coverage, limits, effective date, expiration date, additional insured, and waiver of subrogation must be furnished within thirty days of execution of a construction contract.

• **Workers Compensation Insurance:** Contractor will provide and maintain Workers Compensation Insurance (\$100,000 per occurrence) , for all employees engaged in work on this project. Worker Compensation Insurance as required by AS 23.30.045.

• **Comprehensive (Commercial) General Liability Insurance:** Contractor will provide and maintain Comprehensive (Commercial) General Liability Insurance with coverage limits not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence and annual aggregates where general applicable and will include premise operation, products/completed operation and personal injury coverage.

• **Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance:** The contractor will provide and maintain Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance covering all owned, hired, and non owned vehicles with coverage limits not less than \$100,000 per person/\$500,000 per occurrence bodily injury and \$50,000 property damage, or \$500,000 combined single limit per accident.

• **Personal Liability Insurance:** Contractor will provide and maintain Professional Liability Insurance covering all errors and omissions or neglect act by the contractor, its subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them which results in financial loss to the project. Limits are per the following schedule:

Contract Amount	Minimum Required Limits
Less than \$100,000	\$100,000per occurrence/annual aggregate
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\$500,000 - \$999,999
\$1,000,000 or over

\$500,000 per occurrence/annual aggregate
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• **Bond Requirements:** Before BSSD enters into a contractual agreement, the Contractor must comply, at a minimum, with bond provisions equal to 100% of the contract amount, and specified in AS 36.25.010 (a) and (b). BSSD strongly encourages "local hire", construction labor, from the community of Elim.

For A&E Prints, Design Criteria and Questions contact: LA Commack 907 624-4235 or lacommack@bssd.org

Bering Strait School District reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any and all proposals.

Please submit proposal to:
Bering Strait School District
Facilities Dept.
P.O. Box 225
Unalakleet, AK. 99684
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• More Obituaries

Harriet Azguq Simpson

Harriet Azguq Simpson was born on August 19, 1943 to Dwight and May Tevuk in Wales. She had three brothers and seven sisters.

She was raised in Wales and eventually Dwight and May moved their family to Nome. She left Wales for high school in 1962 at Chemawa Indian School and graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe H.S. at Sitka. She lived with Ralph Peterson in the late 1960s and had his daughter Lisa Marie Peterson's birth date in her Bible.

Harriet married Rick Simpson on October 17, 1975 then later divorced. They adopted Pamara in 1979, when Harriet called Rick to congratulate him on their newborn daughter Tamara, he misunderstood the name, as she mentioned several times that she gave her the name Tamara Jean and Rick heard Pamara. Eventually she said yes to Rick and agreed on Pamara.

Over the span of her adult life, Harriet held several jobs. As a nurses' aide, secretary, stockholder registrar and had held three positions at the Bering Sea Women's Group.

She had many stories of all the traveling she did. She would proudly proclaim that she saw all but three states.

She was involved with the United Methodist Inupiaq Choir. She was an Elder Board member of the Sitnasuak Native Corporation.

She loved camping, fishing, berry picking and gathering food from our land, rivers, and sea.

Harriet's grandchildren meant the world to her. She also loved her many nieces and nephews and loved to tease and made them unna (shy). She had a restless spirit and was always doing something including knitting, crocheting, embroidery, sewing, cooking and cleaning.

Harriet loved spending time with family and especially enjoyed her grandchildren and made a point to be there for their care, often having them in her care for extended periods of time.

Survivors are: daughter Pamara and son-in-law Thomas Ilmar; grandchildren Victoria Simpson, Brian Simpson, and Josslynn Ilmar; great-granddaughter Natalie Simpson; sisters Josephine Perrin, Dorothy Dickson and sister-in-law

MaryJane; nieces and nephews Lydia Wilson, Alyce Walluk, Phillip Kugzruk Jr., Dolly Kugzruk, Fred Kugzruk, Elizabeth Kugzruk, Etta Kugzruk, Dick Kugzruk, James Perrin, Jr., Robert Dickson, Jr., Angela Tungiyon, Demarus Sandlin, and Dwight Tevuk; grand nieces and nephews Janice, Frances, Harold, Justin Wilson, Karla and Mary Walluk and Meryem, Esther, Johnny, Deland and Annette Kugzruk, Marie, Lucille, Marissa, Amber, and Kiara; Shannon, Carl, Colette and Luke; Krista, Maranda, Joylynn, Alisa, Iris, Kaitlin, Chester and Brian Topkok; Brigitte, Brenna, Briar Dickson and many great-grand nieces and nephews; and many relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by her parents Dwight and May Tevuk; siblings Dorothy, Nellie, Lydia, Harrison, Lucille, Robert and Ida.

Pallbearers were Fred Kugzruk, Robert Dickson, Jr., James Perrin, Jr., Thomas Ilmar, Terry Komonseak, and Austin Ahmasuak. Honorary pallbearers were Winton Weyapuk, Jr., Harold Ahmasuak, Jr., Phillip

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The public is invited to join



**Norton Sound/Bering Strait
Regional Aquaculture Association**

Membership Meeting

January 23, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - City Council Chambers

NS/BSRAA has been involved in salmon hatchery production, regional salmon planning and salmon enhancement programs in the Norton Sound region since it was created in 1996.

This meeting is an opportunity for interested people to learn what we can do to enhance salmon stocks and increase salmon harvests for local fishermen.

Membership applications will be available and new members are welcome.

For more information call 443-5352, email us at: **NSBSRAA@groups.facebook.com** or join us on Facebook at: **https://www.facebook.com/groups/NSBSRAA/**

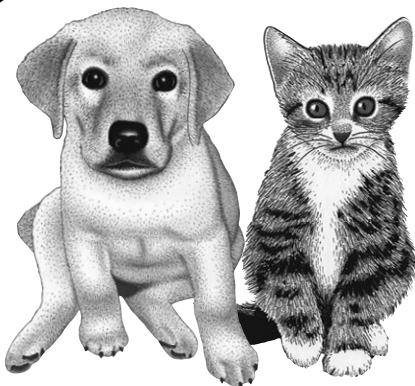


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The Bering Straits Foundation has been awarded a \$200,000 USDA grant to provide commercial energy audits and energy upgrade assistance for 44 small businesses in the Bering Straits Region.

For more information and to qualify your small business, attend the **January 30th 6 p.m. Nome Chamber of Commerce meeting, Nome Mini-Convention Center, 120 River Street.**

Audit information:

Taz Tally, **taztally@me.com**, 907-435-7906

Chamber meeting information:

Barb Nickels, **director@nomechamber.com**



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**CITY OF NOME
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**SENIOR CITIZEN/DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX
EXEMPTION APPLICATION**

2014 Senior Citizen and Disabled Veteran Applications for property tax exemption **MUST** be filed annually with the City Clerk and are due by February 1, 2014.

All homeowners 65 or older (by 12/31/13) and widows or widowers over age 60 of previously qualified applicants are eligible to apply.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT **WWW.NOMEALASKA.ORG**, OR BY REQUEST FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, AND MUST BE RETURNED BY FEBRUARY 1, 2014.

1/9-16-23-30

Volunteers work hard to repeal the Oil Giveaway

By Vic Fischer

This holiday season I have been incredibly grateful for all the Alaskans who are working to defend our resource wealth. In the 60 years since I worked alongside many great

Alaska leaders to draft our Constitution I’ve never seen such an outpouring of support for our Alaska values.

Thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who gathered petitions to put

repeal of the Oil Giveaway on the ballot. Thank you to the 50,000 Alaskans who signed the petition. Thanks to you, we can vote yes on Proposition One in the August primary.

The stakes could not be higher. Less than a year after passage of the SB 21, the Oil Tax Giveaway, Alaska ran up a \$1 billion deficit. Just last month, the Governor acknowledged that Alaska will lose \$2 billion in oil revenue in Fiscal Year 2014, a stunning 1/3 of the state’s total oil revenue. The news just keeps getting worse: When he released his budget, Governor Parnell admitted there is a \$3 billion deficit over the next 18 months. These kinds of budget deficits are unsustainable, and we will only get back to balanced budgets by repealing the Giveaway.

Remember, not too long ago we were running up large budget surpluses. In 2007, a bipartisan group of legislators passed “Alaska’s Clear and Equitable Share,” an oil tax system designed to get a fair share for Alaskans. This system, known as “ACES,” had a progressive tax structure, so that when oil prices went up Alaskans also earned more oil revenue. As a result, Alaskans saved \$17 billion between 2007 and 2013, wiping out an older deficit. We didn’t just save money for the future: ACES revenue helped us weather the 2008 recession by investing in capital infrastructure projects that kept Alaskan laborers, carpenters, ironworkers, engineers, and other workers on the job.

Unfortunately SB 21 swept ACES out the door and started a new era of massive budget deficits. Of course, the Oil Giveaway is wildly unpopular. It only passed the legislature after the Governor gerrymandered the state senate and elim-

inated popular Republican and Democratic incumbents. The Oil Giveaway then passed the Senate on a 11-9 vote, with the deciding votes being cast by two ConocoPhillips employees, a clear conflict of interest.

After the Oil Giveaway passed we worked with hundreds of volunteers across Alaska to begin repealing it. Pundits predicted that it would be impossible to collect the required 30,000 signatures in 90 days. But within 75 days, 50,000 Alaskans from every corner of the state signed petitions to have a referendum on repealing the Oil Giveaway. As a result, during the primary election in August 2014, Alaskans will be able to vote “YES” on Proposition One and defend the Owner State.

I have been privileged to be part of this effort that seeks to preserve

our rights under Alaska’s Constitution. It follows the spirit of great Alaskans who fought for our resources. Bill Egan, Bob Bartlett, Jay Hammond, Wally Hickel, and others. We have joined them in defense of what Hickel defined as the “Owner State” and insisting that “It’s Our Oil”.

Over the holidays, I reflected on how the future of our state is in good hands. Not in Parnell’s hands, not the lobbyists’ who pull strings in Juneau. But your hands, in the hands of Alaska voters!

So thank you for standing up for Alaska values against those who would sell us out to Outside interests. Thank you for defending the Alaska that we all know and love.

Tax breakes for billionaires

NEW REPORT: Congressman Young’s non-existent 2014 agenda hurts middle class families

According to a New York Times Jan. 5, Congressman Don Young’s “‘do nothing’ Congress is preparing to do even less.”

The paper revealed that Congressman Young’s Republican leaders have an even more pathetic agenda in store for 2014 than in 2013, whenthey hurt middle class families by obsessively focusing on repealing the Affordable Care Act and refusing to pass measures that would help create jobs, increase wages and strengthen the middle class.

According to the report: “Representative Eric Cantor of Virginia, the House majority leader, is quietly playing down expectations for any major legislative achievements in the final year of the 113th Congress, which passed fewer laws in its first year — 65 — than any single session on record. The calendar, drawn up to maximize campaign time ahead of midterm elections in November, is bare bones, with the House in session just 97 days before Election Day, the last on Oct. 2, and 112 days in all.”

“Congressman Young spent last year standing in the way of reasonable solutions, protecting insurance companies and tax breaks for billionaires and big oil — and today’s report reveals that Congressman Young plans more of the same this year, while middle class families continue to struggle,” said Emily Bittner of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. “Alaska’s middle class families are getting squeezed more and more every day, with earnings stagnating and millions of Americans still looking for work, but Congressman Young’s non-existent agenda will only continue to show that they would rather side with their big contributors and special interests than work for the middle class.”

BACKGROUND:

New York Times: “‘Do Nothing’ Congress is Preparing to Do Even Less.” “Representative Eric Cantor of Virginia, the House majority leader, is quietly playing down expectations for any major legislative achievements in the final year of the 113th Congress, which passed fewer laws in its first year — 65 — than any single session on record. The calendar, drawn up to maximize campaign time ahead of midterm elections in November, is bare bones, with the House in session just 97 days before Election Day, the last on Oct. 2, and 112 days in all. [...]Expectations for the session are so low that lawmakers say early action on White House priorities like raising the minimum wage, restoring unemployment benefits that expired and overhauling immigration laws are likely to go nowhere.” [New York Times, 1/05/14]

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Kugzruk, Jr., Dick Kugzruk, Robbie O’Connor, and Davis Sockpick.

The family of Harriet would like

to express their sincere gratitude for all the help from all her family and friends. God bless you and your families.

Photo by Diana Haecker

STANDING SENTRY — Snowman on East Front Street does his best to scare away the Polar Vortex.



Court

Week ending 1/10

Civil

Noyakuk, Clara v. Mueller, Arnold; Civil Protective Order Perron-Burdick, Misa; and Perron-Burdick, Anya v. Haugen, Bettye; Forcible Entry/Detain-Dist Ct

Capital One Bank (USA) NA v. Slwooko, Ferrin; Civil District Court Smith, Kenneth v. State of Alaska; Post-Conviction Relief-Sup Ct Paul, Sandra v. Kavairlook, JR., Frank; Civil Protective Order Minor Party v. Kavairlook, JR., Frank; Civil Protective Order Minor Party v. Kavairlook, JR., Frank; Civil Protective Order Minor Party v. Kavairlook, JR., Frank; Civil Protective Order Uglwook, Stacey v. Campbell, Elmer T.; Civil Protective Order Williams, SR., Darrel K. v. Johnson, Gene; Civil Protective Order Dixon, Sophia v. Kakoon, Ward; Civil Protective Order

Small Claims

No current claims filed (start 2NO-14-00001SC)

Criminal

State of Alaska v. James A. Smith (6/23/61), 2NO-12-755CR; Alaska Extreme Adventures and Safaris; 2NO-12-756CR; Dismissal; Count I: Title 46 offense-misc. AS 46 MISC, CTN 001 - James Smith; Count II: Hazardous Substance Release; AS 46.03.745, CTN 002 - James Smith; Count III: Waste Disposal Permit Required, AS 46.03.100, CTN 003 - James Smith; Count IV: Unsworn Falsification 2; AS 11.56.210, CTN 004 - James Smith; COUNT VI: Hazardous Substance Release, AS 46.03.745, CTN 006 - Alaska Extreme Adventures and Safaris; Count VII: Waste Disposal Permit Required, AS 46.03.100, CTN 007 - Alaska Extreme Adventures and Safaris; Filed by the Attorney General on 12/5/13.

State of Alaska v. Alaska Extreme Adventures and Safaris; ID: 6805889; CTN 006: Hazardous Substance Release; Date of Violation: 8/1/10; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7; Fine: \$10,000 with \$5,000 suspended; Pay unsuspended \$5,000 fine through Nome Trial Courts by: 3 years (date of judgment: 1/7/14); Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount of restitution to be determined as provided in Criminal Rule 32.6(c)(2); \$4,177.23; Probation for 3 years; Shall commit no violations of law; Defendant to complete additional clean-up by 7/15/14.

State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); Criminal Trespass 1; Date of Violation: 1/9/14; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Joseph Shockley (12/4/79); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation Felony DUI or Refusal; CTN 001: Felony DUI - 2+ Priors; Class: C Felony; Date of Offense: 6/2/13; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 002: AS28.35.032(a): Refuse To Submit To Chemical Test; CTN 003: AS28.15.291(a)(1): Drive w/License Canc/Susp/Revoked/Lim; CTN 004: AS28.35.182(b): Fail To Stop At Direction Of Officer 2; Offense Dates: 6/2/13; CTN 001: 24 months, 20 months suspended; The unsuspended 4 months shall be served immediately; Total unsuspended term of incarceration: 4 months; Defendant fined \$10,000; The unsuspended \$10,000 shall be paid by (no date indicated); Police Training Surcharge: \$100 (Felony) due within 10 days; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, defendant shall immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, defendant shall pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant’s probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated; Evaluation and Treatment Orders and Other Orders issued, as stated in order; After serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 4 years (date of judgment: 1/9/14) under the following conditions: Special Conditions of Probation - Drug Offenses, as stated in order.

State of Alaska v. Michael Koozaata (4/6/91); 2NO-11-453CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 1127015828; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-13-895CR; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Michael Koozaata (4/6/91); 2NO-13-895CR CTN 001: DUI; Date of offense: 11/20/13; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Consecutive to 2NO-11-453CR; Pay to Clerk of Court, or pay online at courtrecords.alaska.gov/ep/ep.htm: Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; \$1500 due 1/7/16; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage. Or pay online: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, \$0 suspended; \$50 due; Sus-

pended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; \$0 due; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st off.) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Driver’s license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months; If in a community with IID; Costs of IID will be deducted from fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 1/7/14); Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses.

State of Alaska v. Arthur P. Amaktoolik (11/27/73); Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 10/5/13; 45 days, 45 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 1/7/14); Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on he 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.

State of Alaska v. Tiffany N. Booshu (6/6/86); Import Alcohol-Dry Area-Small Amount, AS 04.11.499(a)(misd); Date of Violation: 7/31/13; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served; Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; Pay unsuspended \$1,500 fine through Nome Trial Courts, by 1 year (date of judgment: 1/7/14); 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; Shall commit no violations of law pertaining to alcoholic beverages; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to local option community upon probable cause (for alcohol).

State of Alaska v. Dylan Iya (1/1/70); Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 8/12/13; 80 days, 80 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 1/7/14); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no jailable offenses.

State of Alaska v. Gregory Mike (8/4/70); Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 6/29/13; 180 days, 105 days suspended; Unsuspended 75 days shall be served with defendant reporting to Nome Court on 2/21/14 at 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; 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 3 year (date of judgment: 1/7/14); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Kathy Mike without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on he premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment by 5 days after release, 443-3311; Participate in and completed recommended treatment and aftercare; Appear 6/2/14 at 1:30 p.m. for a status hearing on treatment.

State of Alaska v. Douglas Seidemann (12/17/63); CTN 001: Harassment 2; Date of Violation: 8/30/13; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 002: 90 days, 70 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 2 year (date of judgment: 1/7/14); Shall commit no jailable offenses; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment by 5 days after release, 443-3311; Participate in and completed recommended treatment and aftercare (Anger Management); Appear for status hearing on judgment 2/21/14 at 1:30 p.m.

State of Alaska v. Ann Soolook (6/29/70); Order of Dismissal; CTN 002: Affidavit Pending Petition to Revoke Probation; Off Date: 10/19/13; IT IS ORDERED that counts 002 are dismissed pursuant to Rule 43(b) - Dismissal by Court for the following reason(s): No probable cause; Probation does not prohibit alcohol consumption; If this case is dismissed, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant be released from custody, any bond that has not been ordered forfeited be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositors.

State of Alaska v. Edward Saul Blatchford (8/10/83); 2NO-13-834CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4; Filed by the DAs Office 1/6/14.

State of Alaska v. Edward S. Blatchford (8/10/83); 3AN-13-1924CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 10709768; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed; 30 days, report to the Nome Court on 2/7/14 for a remand hearing at 1:30 p.m.

State of Alaska v. Paula S. Myomick (2/7/70); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111500748; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all time revoked.

State of Alaska v. Nancy Iyapana (2/6/88); Harassment 2; Date of Violation: 11/14/13; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Alfred F. Burgo, III (3/6/72); Dismissal; The following charges are hereby dismissed without prejudice by the prosecuting attorney pursuant to Criminal Rule 43(a); Assault 4; Filed by the DAs Office 1/6/14.

State of Alaska v. Sabrina Toolie (4/17/89); 2NO-14-10CR CTN 001: Drunk Person on Licensed Premises; Date of Violation: 1/5/14; 3 days with all but time served; Concurrent with CTN 002; 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 30 days (date of judgment: 1/5/14); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law pertaining to alcoholic beverages; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar.

State of Alaska v. Sabrina Toolie (4/17/89); 2NO-14-10CR CTN 002: Removal or Introduction of alcoholic beverages; Date of Violation: 1/5/14; 3 days with all but time served, concurrent with CTN 001; 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 30 days (date of judgment: 1/5/14); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law pertaining to alcoholic beverages; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar.

State of Alaska v. Micah Trigg (12/28/88); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111177063; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 15 days; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Rex Iyatungk (4/8/81); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4; Charge 002: Violate Conditions of Release For Misd; Filed by the DAs Office 1/10/14.

State of Alaska v. Gertrude Cloud (1/25/65); 2UT-12-25CR Notice of Dismissal; PTR filed on 5/8/13; Filed by the DAs Office 1/10/14.

State of Alaska v. Gertrude Cloud (1/25/65); 2UT-12-32CR Notice of Dismissal; PTR filed on 5/8/13; Filed by the DAs Office 1/10/14.

State of Alaska v. Gertrude Cloud (1/25/65); 2UT-13-22CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4; Charge 002: Int. w/DV; Filed by the DAs Office 1/10/14.

State of Alaska v. Wilma Osborne (1/3/70); 2NO-13-678CR Order of Dismissal; CTN 001, 002 and 004: Assault 4 - Recklessly Injure; CTN 003: Assault 4-Cause Fear Of Injury; Off Dates: 8/27/13; IT IS ORDERED that this case is dismissed pursuant to: Rule 43(c) - Dismissal in Furtherance of Justice for the following reason(s): Defendant is incompetent and not restorable within reasonable period of time; If this case is dismissed, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant be released from custody, any bond that has not been ordered forfeited be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositors.

State of Alaska v. Wilma Osborne (1/3/70); 2NO-13-684CR Order of Dismissal; CTN 001: AS11.46.330(a)(1): Crim Trespass 2- Upon Premises; Off Date: 8/28/13; IT IS ORDERED that this case is dismissed pursuant to: Rule 43(c) - Dismissal in Furtherance of Justice for the following reason(s): Defendant incompetent and not restorable within reasonable period of time; If this case is dismissed, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant be released from custody, any bond that has not been ordered forfeited be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositors.

State of Alaska v. Wilma Osborne (1/3/70); 2NO-13-813CR Order of Dismissal; CTN 001: AS11.56.757(b)(2): Violate Cond Of Release For Misd; Off Date: 10/14/13; IT IS ORDERED that this case is dismissed pursuant to: Rule 43(c) - Dismissal in Furtherance of Justice for the following reason(s): Defendant is incompetent and not restorable within reasonable period of time; If this case is dismissed, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant be released from custody, any bond that has not been ordered forfeited be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositors.

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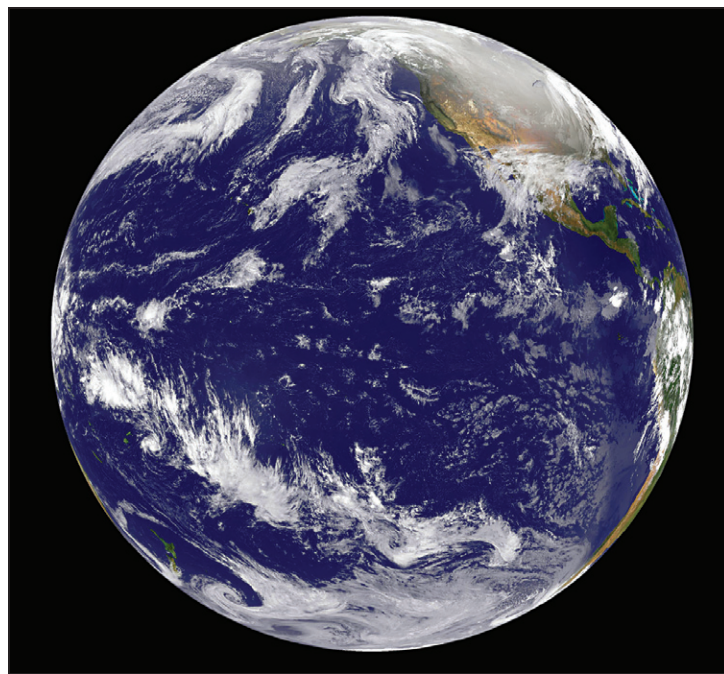


SKI TEAM(top)— Flying snow didn't keep the Nome Ski and Biathlon team from practicing on Wednesday, Jan. 8. While Nome experienced warmer than normal temperatures, Lower 48 states got a taste of the arctic chill for several days beginning January 6.

Photo by Diana Haecker

SATELLITE VIEW (right)— This image of Earth on 6 January shows the persistent flow of arctic air from northern Alaska and Yukon into North America.

Photo courtesy NOAA-NASA GOES Project



• Bend in polar vortex

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also not unusual.

Dr. Jim Overland with NOAA's Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory concurred and explained that

in the last five years, the jet stream has taken on more of a wavy shape. "This waviness is leading to colder weather down in the eastern U.S. and eastern Asia. Whether this is normal

randomness or related to the significant climate changes occurring in the Arctic is not entirely clear, especially when considering individual events, but less sea ice and snow cover in the

Arctic and relatively warmer Arctic air temperatures at the end of autumn suggest a more wavy pattern to the jet stream and more variability between the straight and wavy pattern," wrote Overland on the NOAA website.

"Predicting polar vortex
bends is

beyond our capabilities,"

— Dr. John Walsh

Dr. Walsh said that a multitude of factors are at play, including ocean temperatures and more open water in the Arctic. "But predicting those polar vortex bends is beyond our capabilities," Dr. Walsh said.

However there is an Arctic connection. For the last five to 10 years, Walsh said, there is less sea ice in the Arctic in the summer. When new ice forms, at a later time in the year, the ice is thinner and less stable. Ice formed later this year in the Arctic, and in the absence of ice, more open water in the Chukchi Sea could be a factor to tilt the bend. Open water heats the atmosphere, which in turn changes barometric pressure and wind dynamics. This can lead to a change in the direction of the jet stream transporting cold air and winds to the south.

Dr. Walsh pointed to occurrences of extreme cold outbreaks in 1976/77 and 1983.

The connection between the Arctic warming trend and more severe weather in the mid-latitudes is an active area of research.

Altogether, Dr. Walsh didn't find it shocking that another Arctic outbreak happened in the Lower 48. "I don't think it is that surprising," he said. "We were overdue for something like this."

In December, the NWS in Nome measured a monthly temperature average of 14.3°F, which is 4.7°F warmer than the normal average, said meteorologist Robert Murders. The highest temperature was 37°F on December 7, with the lowest temp being -20°F on Dec. 29.

The accumulated snowfall for December was 18.4 inches. On Dec. 20, it snowed 6.5 inches. "That was the most we had in 24 hour period for December," said Murders.

He added that including the rain that fell in the early part of December, Nome showed 2.01 inches of precipitation, which is 0.93 inches above normal.

Nome's weather station contributes its share for forecasting weather by being part of a worldwide network of weather stations that send weather balloons aloft every day. The balloons are vehicles that transport a variety of instruments into the atmosphere that measure temperature, humidity and position and transmit the data to the weather station. This occurs everywhere at the same time, in Nome, the data starts coming in around 3 p.m. and every night at 3 a.m.

Murders said that data is different from day to day. "Sometimes they only go 10 miles in a day, but last week, within one hour and half, the balloon was 127 miles away," said Murders. The balloons could go 100,000 feet up in atmosphere, but the weather experts are concerned with data below 40,000 feet, roughly the altitude of the jet stream.

All the data collected Alaska and nationwide goes into database at the National Center for Environmental Prediction, Murders said. The data is used to produce a variety of models to predict weather forecasts.

Murders explained also that every NWS location reports the barometric pressure at sea level. While predicting local weather is complicated enough, predicting variations of the circumpolar vortex is nearly impossible.

"There are so many different things that affect the jet stream," said Murders. "That's one of the difficulties for forecasting the weather every day, let alone predicting a bend in the polar vortex."



CURRENT STATE— The State Office Building in Nome shows signs of old age and will get a facelift this year.

Photo by Diana Haecker

• State building

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The schematic design shows an additional space on top of the roof, which will house the entire mechanical system, which is currently in the crawlspace under the building. "There will be completely new wiring, new data communication cables and a new fire alarm system," explained Mintz.

Inside, all walls will come down and all offices will see a new layout. State buildings across the entire state are now supposed to have "universal space standards." This means that state offices across the Great Land are to look the same, have the same furniture and the same floor plan design. The space standards favor open offices with individual cubicles to make more efficient use of space, explained Mintz. It also allows natural light to flood through the open office space. For higher positions and of-

fices that require confidentiality such as the district attorney's office and OCS, the public will be kept up front and away from the workstations of the employees.

In order to keep workstations clean and uncluttered, the state doesn't allow individuals to bring in their own small refrigerators, coffee makers or other appliances. Instead, there will be one 330 square foot break room for all employees. Also, there will be two conference rooms to be shared by all departments and a phone room for employees to hold private conversations.

The ADF&G lab and freezer will remain in their current location.

The west entrance, which is now the entrance to ADF&G will be employee only and the public will enter through the main entrance, where the Legislative Information Office is.

Mintz said the bid due date was extended to February 11, at 2:00

p.m., with the contract to be awarded around March 1.

Work is supposed to begin this summer once materials can be barged in.

The building currently houses Legislative offices, Dept. of Law, Office of Children Services, Dept. of Corrections, Dept. of Fish and Game and the Dept. of Health and Human Services. The Dept. of Commerce, Community and Economic Development is located in the Bering Straits Native Corporation building. The Division of Elections and the Dept. of Motor Vehicle registration are at the Sitnasuak building, but will be moved to the new state building once it's renovated.

The Alaska State Troopers found a home at the National Guard Armory last year, where they will stay.

The renovation's completion date is March 31, 2015.

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