

EXPANSION— NSHC officials hope to expand the campus of the new regional hospital by adding a housing complex and Wellness and Training Center.

Photo by Diana Haecker

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# NSHC has new concept for Wellness and Training Center

New capital investments planned in Nome and region to shrink operational costs in the long run

Bv Diana Haecker

The use of the old Norton Sound hospital to house a substance abuse treatment center, dubbed Wellness Center, has been scrapped for good.

However, plans are afoot to construct a new building that would be home to the Wellness Center and also provide space for a Health Aide and EMS Training Center and other of-

NSHC CEO and President Angie

Gorn said in a recent interview with The Nome Nugget the idea to renovate the old hospital and turn it into a Wellness Center did not pan out because of the high cost associated with the remodeling. The cost amounted to an estimated \$18 million. For that price tag, NSHC envisions to build a new building on property owned by NSHC across Greg Kruschek Ave., which is closer to the new hospital. The cost of renovating the old hospital building for only one intended use does not make sense, Gorn said. However, to construct a new building that would house three programs and lead to a decrease in operating costs over the long term does make sense.

As for the fate of the old hospital, which was advertised for sale, Gorn said that NSHC received an offer and the parties are now entering into the second phase of negotiations.

**Wellness and Training Center** 

The new Wellness and Training Center building would serve multiple purposes. According to a preliminary floor plan diagram, it would house Behavioral Health Services and the Wellness Center on the first floor, including a separate area for an intake section and a detox area. The second floor would be occupied by the Public Health Nursing clinic, Health Aide Training and EMS training rooms including mock laboratories and mock exam rooms.

The Anchorage architectural firm Bettisworth North worked on a preliminary design. NSHC officials have asked the State Legislature to include in the Fiscal Year 2015 capital budget a request for \$1.2 million for planning and design of the Wellness and Training Center. It also re-

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Photo by Diana Haecker

FIRST INTO NOME—Iron Dog Team 10, Mike Morgan and Chris Olds were the first Iron Dog pro-class racers into Nome on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 4:37 p.m.

# City reworks overdue spending policy

By Sandra L. Medearis

The City of Nome administration has been working to catch up on getting a procurement policy.

A procurement policy is a set of rules for buying services and goods by transparent and competitive transactions to exercise fiduciary responsibility over public money.

Unlike most cities of size in Alaska, the City has been operating without such a written policy. However, many projects funded by state and federal money demand competitive bidding and a Request for Pro-

A new procurement law under consideration seems to head in the right direction, but contains sections where it also seems its own teeth, allowing sole source procurement and limited competition procurement,

putting the burden back on public officials and an alert public to deny favoritism to the Good Ol' Boys and Girls Club.

Nome has had a policy on the books, signed by Mayor Robert Renshaw 40 years ago, but the policy essentially says "put it in writing" as regards completion date, liability and price.

That current policy does not address competition necessary to get the best price for spending the public's money.

"The last policy was written in 1973 and basically said, 'if you want something, go buy it." Not the best, or most transparent method for fair stewardship of the public's money," Councilman Matt Culley said Mon-

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# Despite fire scare Morgan/Olds lead Iron Dog racers out of McGrath and into Nome

## By Diana Haecker

Mike Morgan's Polaris Switchback snowmachine after arriving in Mc-Grath on Sunday evening, as they raced toward Nome from Big Lake in the Iron Dog Snowmobile Race. Evan Booth described the scene

as a scary looking ball of fire.

"It looked real bad," said Booth. Morgan quickly put the gas cap back on. His father Stan Morgan and trail support Evan Booth ran into the checkpoint to get a fire extinguisher, which was found and put to use.

The reason for the fire was that the snowmachine was still too hot

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Morgan began fueling and the fire Farewell Burn to Nikolai, the 37 started.

But what looked bad ended well. The fire burned the gauntlets and the intake filter, but the parts were changed out and the Nome/Eagle River pair continued up the trail on Monday at 11:07 a.m. after having taken their 14-hour layover at Mc-Grath, a combination of a mandatory six- and eight-hour layover.

They were the first in and out of the checkpoint.

Up until McGrath, team Tyler Aklestad and Tyson Johnson had a fiveminute trail time lead on the Nome/Eagle River team.

However, Aklestad and Johnson had to content with mechanicals and needed to do some welding in Mc-Grath before they could leave the checkpoint and chase Morgan and

## **Rough trail conditions**

Nome Iron Dog racer Mike Morgan and his partner Chris Olds of Eagle River knew it would be a rough ride.

With minimal snow cover and no snow at all for 70 miles between

and not idled down enough before Rohn, through the infamous teams in the pro-class of the 2014 Iron Dog snowmobile race were bracing for tough trails.

Nomeite Mike Morgan, now living in Anchorage, has teamed up again with Chris Olds, 42, of Eagle

Morgan is racing his fifth Iron Dog, for the third year together with Chris Olds. Olds has finished 11 Iron Dog races, winning the race in 2010 and 2011.

Morgan and Olds are racing on Polaris Switchback 600 sleds.

Morgan and Olds were the third team out of the start gate at Big Lake on Sunday, wearing bib # 10.

Morgan said in an interview with The Nome Nugget before the race he and Olds are prepared for the poor trail conditions.

"We have a good set up and will try to win this thing," Morgan said.

According to Morgan, the two racers have trained hard, put approximately 3,000 trail miles on their machines this winter, including a run

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LEAVING UNALAKLEET— Evan Booth, left, Mike Morgan, middle, and Chris Olds, right, confered before Iron Dog team 10, Morgan and Olds, left the Unalakleet checkpoint, on Tuesday at 11:37 a.m.

# Juneau Juice

### Bill Introduced to Allow Firearms on University of Alaska Campuses

Senate Bill 176 allows law-abiding citizens to exercise their Second Amendment Rights

Senator John Coghill (R-Fairbanks/North Pole) introduced Senate Bill 176, with the urging of Legislative Intern Hans Rodvik from the University of Alaska Anchorage, to ensure that law-abiding Alaskans are able to exercise their individual, constitutional right to keep and bear arms at University of Alaska campuses.

Article 1, Section 19 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska guarantees the individual right to keep and bear arms. The right shall not be infringed or denied by the State or a political subdivision of the State. Current state law does not prohibit law abiding citizens from carrying concealed firearms on UA Campuses.

However, since 1995, University of Alaska administrative policy has prohibited the otherwise lawful concealed carry of a handgun on or in university offices, classrooms, buildings, and at university sponsored events not on uni-

"The Alaska Constitution affords us many rights, including the right to carry a firearm," said Senator Coghill. "Individuals do not lose the right to bear a concealed firearm simply because they enter a public university.'

"With Senate Bill 176, we aim to continue defending the liberties of Alaskans," Senator Coghill continued.

SB 176 is now headed to the Senate Judiciary Committee for further consideration.

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

# **Editorial**

Don't take your guns to town son Leave your guns at home, Bill Don't take your guns to town -Johnny Cash

### Freedom and Responsibility

Personal freedom comes with responsibility and we should keep this in mind with Senate Bill 176 (now headed for the Judiciary Committee) that will allow students to keep and carry guns on the university of Alaska campuses. Rational people should find that frightening. There is a lot of violence in this country and the use of alcohol and drugs has escalated.

Imagine a person, not necessarily a student, when they are drunk, or stoned, or angry and armed with a weapon. Imagine a person getting into an argument or failing a test and taking it out on the professor. There are some places where we need to be free from the threat or possibility of violence. We need to be free from the threat of a gun. Schools, hospitals, churches should be weapon-free sanctuaries.

Even though it is legal to carry a concealed weapon, private businesses and public meeting places have the right and responsibility to prohibit guns on their property.

FYI In Johnny Cash's song young Bill was shot dead in a bar with his mother's warning words on his dying lips.

## Illegitimus non carborundum

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trol over use of cell phones in school zones

Senate passes bill allowing municipalities local con-

Alaska State Senate passed Senate Bill 123, sponsored by Senator Kevin Meyer (R-Anchorage), which allows municipalities to adopt ordinances to ban talking on cellphones while driving in school zones or on school property. Although SB123 allows municipalities to pass ordinances coverage cellphone use in school zones or on school property, it does not require them to do so.

"This is not a state mandate. We needed to change the Alaska Uniform Traffic Laws Act (Sec. 28.01.010) at the State level in order for municipalities to be able to have local control. Nothing becomes illegal by the passage of this bill. This simply gives the decision to residents of municipalities and boroughs," said Senator Meyer.

Senator Meyer introduced the bill after it was brought to his attention by a constituent, David Wight, who approached the Anchorage Assembly more than three years ago to pass an ordinance banning talking on cellphones while driving in school zones or on school property. Wight has been volunteering as a crossing guard at Bowman Elementary School in Anchorage for several years.

In a letter of support for SB123, Wight testified, "I have had people on cell phones run the stop signs, not stop when I direct them to stop, make incorrect turns and go in the exit only lane. They have also turned too sharply, ending up on the curb where children are waiting to cross the street. I have had to tap on car windows as cars approach the stop sign and all I can see is the top of their head while they use their phone. The worst case was being rear ended right after school was out as I stopped quickly to avoid a child running across the street. The driver behind me did not see my car much less the child in front of me. A cell phone was in use and the driver considered the call important even when told about the child.'

However, as Wight soon learned, the Municipality could not pass the ordinance due to the state's Uniform Traffic Laws, which require all traffic laws to be the same across the state. SB123 would allow Municipalities to bring the decision about school zones to the local level.

"It's a significant concern, not only in our schools, but across our community," Anchorage School District Superintendent

Ed Graff testified to the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee. "But with the school zones and the areas with hundreds of pedestrians, bicyclists, vehicles on a daily basis- you mix that with a distracted driver, you know, it's just too great potential for an accident or injury to happen."

"We adamantly support this. I really want to see us be able to get legislation of this type passed before we have that type of an accident in a school zone rather than after," said Anchorage Assemblyman Ernie Hall.

SB123 now heads to the House for further considera-

### Dan Sullivan benefiting from Koch Brothers, but refuses to take position on Koch brothers' decision to fire 80 Alaskan refinery workers

En route to campaign event filled with Washington lobbyists, Sullivan refuses to criticize his Koch benefac-

Dan Sullivan is back home in DC again today, rubbing shoulders with Washington lobbyists as he raises money to battle in the Alaska Republican primary. But as 80 Alaskans and their families face losing their jobs due to the Koch brothers closing the Flint Hills refinery, Sullivan's only answer is silence.

The Koch Brothers are spending millions every month to buy themselves an anti-middle class U.S. Senate, in-

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# A Look at the Past



Comments by Laura Samuelson with circa 1910 photo courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum DOGS, MEN AND GOLD - The quest for gold on the Seward Peninsula was a challenge for the toughest of prospectors and the job for the undeniable strength of a dog team.

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# Strait Action

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### Cat parasite found in western Arctic beluga deemed infectious

University of British Columbia issued a press release, saying that scientists have found an infectious form of the cat parasite Toxoplasma gondii in western Arctic beluga whales, which prompted a health advisory in Canada. As of press time, the Alaska Dept. of Health and Social Services has not issued any advisory for Alaska.

Presenting their findings last week at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Dr. Michael Grigg and Dr. Stephen Raverty from UBC's Marine Mammal Research Unit say that the "big thaw" occurring in the Arctic is allowing neverbefore-seen movement of pathogens between the Arctic and the lower lat-

"Ice is a major eco-barrier for pathogens," said Michael Grigg, a molecular parasitologist with the U.S. National Institutes of Health and an adjunct professor at UBC. "What we're seeing with the big thaw is the liberation of pathogens gaining access to vulnerable new hosts and wreaking havoc."

Toxoplasmosis, also known as kitty litter disease, is the leading cause of infectious blindness in humans and can be fatal to fetuses and to people and animals with compromised immune systems.

"Belugas are not only an integral part of Inuit culture and folklore, but also a major staple of the traditional diet. Hunters and community members are very concerned about food safety and security," said Raverty, a veterinary pathologist with the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Lands' Animal Health Centre and an adjunct professor at UBC. Raverty has led the systematic sampling and screening of hunter-harvested beluga for 14 years.

Grigg has also identified the culprit of the 2012 grey seal die-off as a new strain of Sarcocystis. While not harmful to humans, the Arctic parasite, which was named Sarcocystis pinnipedi at the AAAS meeting, has killed an endangered Steller sea lion, seals, Hawaiian monk seals, walruses, polar and grizzly bears in Alaska and as far south as British Columbia.

### U.S. Secretary John Kerry to establish special rep for the Arctic

State Department Secretary John Kerry announced the Department will soon have a special representative for the Arctic region. "I informed my two former Senate colleagues [Sen. Begich and Sen. Murkowski] that here at the State Department we will soon have a Special Representative for the Arctic Region, a highlevel official of stature who will play a critical role in advancing American interests in the Arctic Region, particularly as we prepare efforts for the United States to Chair the Arctic Council in 2015," Kerry said last week. "President Obama and I are committed to elevating our attention and effort to keep up with the opportunities and consequences presented by the Arctic's rapid transformation—a very rare convergence of almost every national priority in the most rapidly-changing region on the face of the earth.'

Kerry addressed the importance of the new position especially for Alaska. "The great challenges of the Arctic matter enormously to the United States, and they hit especially close to home for Alaska, which is why it is no wonder that Senator Begich's very first piece of legislation aimed to create an Arctic Ambassador, or why as Foreign Relations Committee Chairman I enjoyed a close partnership with Senator Murkowski on a treaty vital to energy and maritime interests important to Alaska. Going forward, I look forward to continuing to work closely with Alaska's Congressional delegation to strengthen America's engagement in Arctic issues," Kerry

Senator Lisa Murkowski welcomed the news, but also criticized the White House for taking half measures. "The White House's lackluster efforts to seize the opportunities opening up in the Arctic have been a national embarrassment to this point. The other Arctic nations are proceeding full steam ahead and even non-Arctic nations like Italy, India, China and South Korea are all making an Arctic push - while America slips further behind," said Murkowski. "Though I welcome the administration paying more attention and devoting more energy to an Arctic agenda, I question whether or not the title 'Special Representative' is on par with an Ambassador, a position I've consistently recommended. Seven of the eight Arctic nations have an Arctic Ambassador, and I'm not sure we are there yet. This position demands a high level official with expertise and Arctic knowledge in order to be on par with the international community and I seek clarity from Secretary Kerry on this."

### Two new members on Arctic **Policy Commission**

Senate President Charlie Huggins and Speaker of the House Mike Chenault have appointed Representative David Guttenberg of Fairbanks and Saltchuk Alaska Managing Director Harry McDonald to the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission.

They are to continue the work of Representative Beth Kerttula from Juneau and Steve Scalzo of Foss Maritime. Kerttula left the Legislature to join Stanford's Center for Ocean Solutions as a visiting fellow. Steve Scalzo retired.

Harry McDonald's career began in Seward where his family owned and operated tugs and barges. He later started up a local trucking company, Carlile Transportation which became one of the largest transportation and logistics companies in the State over his 30 years of ownership. Carlile Transportation is one of Alaska's largest trucking, transportation and logistics companies, which was acquired by Saltchuk as part of their family of companies mid-year 2013.

We are excited that Harry has agreed to be a part of the Commission," AAPC Co-Chair Senator Lesil McGuire said. "He brings a wealth of technical and commercial experience, and we're confident that he will add significant value to the Commission.'

David Guttenberg came to Alaska in 1969 to fight forest fires and never left. He is a retired member of the

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Laborers and spent many years working in remote Alaska. In 2002, he successfully made the transition from staff to legislator when he was elected as Representative for House District 8.

He has been reelected five consecutive times and currently represents House District 38, encompassing western Fairbanks, Ester, Interior river villages, and rural communities all the way to the Bering Sea coast. The opportunity to represent rural Alaska has sharpened his long-standing interest in Arctic issues and commitment to Bush Alaska. He is a three-term member of the House Finance committee.

### PAME meets in Alaska

Alaska Arctic Policy Commission Co-chair Representative Bob Herron welcomed the Protection of the Arc-

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

# Thursday, February 20

\*Lunch Laps \*Vinyasa Yoga \*Lap Swim Pool 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Nome Rec Center Pool Council Chambers \*Port Commission Reg. Mtg. **5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.** 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. \*Nome JV Girls vs Gambell
\*City League Bball:
\*Zumba Fitness Nome-Beltz High Nome Rec Center 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 pm Nome Rec Center \*Nome Food Bank \*City League Basketball: Bering & Seppala Rec Center Nome Rec Center \*Open Bowling 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. \*Nome JV Boys vs Gambell
\*Thrift Shop Nome-Beltz High Methodist Church **7:00 p.m.** 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. \*NJUS Rescheduled Reg. Mtg. Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.

## Friday, February 21

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m noon
*Chevak Boys vs Shishmaref Boys	Nome-Beltz High	2:00 p.m.
*Chevak Girls vs Brevig Mission G	3:30 p.m.	
*Nome JV Boys vs Chevak Boys	Nome-Beltz High	5:00 p.m.
*Nome JV Girls vs Chevak Girls	Nome-Beltz High	6:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m 8:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m 10:00 p.m.
*Drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m 9:00 p.m.
*Nome Boys Varsity vs Barrow	Nome-Beltz High	8:15 p.m.

# Saturday, February 22

\*Chevak Girls vs Gambell Girls Nome-Beltz High 9:30 a.m. Nome-Beltz High Pool \*Chevak Boys vs Gambell Boys \*Water Aerobics 11:00 a.m. 11:00 - Noon - 8:00 p.m. Nome Rec Center \*Open Gym: Noon \*Gambell Girls vs Brevig Mission Girls - Nome-Beltz High \*Gambell Boys vs Shishmaref Boys - Nome-Beltz High \*Nome Girls JV vs Brevig Mission Nome-Beltz High 5:00 p.m. **5:00 p.m.** 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. \*Open Bowling
\*Nome Boys JV vs Shishmaref 6:30 p.m. Airport Pizza (upstairs) 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. \*AA Meeting ome Boys Varsity vs Barrow Nome-Beltz High 8:15 p.m

# Sunday, February 23

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

# Monday, February 24

\*Pick-up Basketball \*Lap Swim \*Kindergym Nome Rec Center Pool 5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Nome Rec Center 10:00 a.m. - noon \*City League Bball: \*Zumba Fitness Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. \*Water Aerobics \*Tae Kwon Do \*NCC Reg. Mtg. \*AA Meeting

## Tuesday, February 25

\*Open Gym \*Lunch Laps \*Strength Training Nome Rec Center Pool 5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Noon - 1:30 a.m. Noon - 1:30 a.m. 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Nome Rec Center \*Lap Swim
\*City League Bball: Pool Nome Rec Center 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. \*Vinvasa Yoga Nome Rec Center \*Nome Food Bank \*Open Swim 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bering & Seppala Pool Airport Pizza (upstairs) 8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.. \*AA Meeting

# Wednesday, February 26

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

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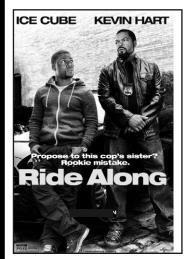
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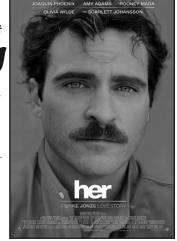


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GOLD BENEATH THE ICE— The equipment of a lone gold miner sits on the ice in front of Nome. This winter, warm temperatures and strong winds have continuously created unstable sea ice conditions in Norton Sound that were not conducive to mining for gold through the ice.

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Culley has been nudging the City administration and Council towards a procurement policy since he was elected in October.

Culley has been agitating for a procedure to limit strings of project change orders that push prices beyond the original contracts.

City Manager Josie Bahnke has been working with Julie Liew, finance director, along with the City's attorney firm, to draw up a new ordinance for approval by the Council. Bahnke has brought up from time to time the City's need for a policy, observing that most other cities have such laws.

"The City of Nome needs a new procurement policy because, quite frankly, the past stewards of the citizens' money have lacked the accountability for how it was spent," Culley said. "Without a stringent policy in place, it was easy for them to not have to answer for their actions as there were no defined requirements on the City's spending. With a new, and more stringent, policy in place, "the backroom", "behind the scenes", "pay your buddy a higher price" purchases and payments will be a thing of the past.

The current policy signed by Renshaw in 1973 does refer to transparency in stating, "All contracts for the purchase of goods and services by the City shall be open to inspection by the public."

According to the ancient contract, the city manager is authorized to make contracts for goods and services if they are named for expenditure in the fiscal year budget, otherwise, the Council can authorize spending not in the fiscal year budget or needing to come from the contingency fund.

For the construction of the public safety building, a 2009 statement of "Procurement Guidelines" contains a list of "shoulds" to do with competition and sole source non-competitive procurement, calling for the city manager's prior written approval for noncompetitive expenditures in excess of \$100,000. The Procurement Guidelines in this case are not backed up by City law.

The proposed ordinance sets out terms for competitive and noncompetitive spending and sets dollar limits. It also sets out authorized purchase agent positions.

The document, worked over by the Council at a recent work session. spells out the need for the chapter entering the Nome Code of Ordinances,

- Maximize the purchasing value of public funds.
- Provide for a procurement system of quality and integrity.
- · Clearly define the authority for purchasing within the city organiza-

• Establish consistent procurement principles for all departments of the City

The proposed ordinance selects the city manager as purchasing agent. It allows the manager to delegate the power to purchase goods and services to department heads with a \$10,000 limit.

The city manager could let contracts for services, goods and construction within a \$40,000 limit without Council approval, and report quarterly to the Council on all expenditures over \$10,000.

No contracts for services, goods or construction obligating the City for over \$40,000 may be executed unless the Council has approved a memorandum setting forth:

- Contractor's identity.
- Contract price.
- Nature and quantity of the performance the City would receive.
  - Using department.
- Time for performance under the contract.

The city manager can sign a contract as an emergency procurement, but the life of such contract cannot go beyond the next regular Council meeting without Council approval.

Under the proposal, no amendments to contracts could happen without the Council approving a memorandum setting forth the changes to the contract terms if the change will push the price to exceed \$40,000 or 110 percent of the original price or \$41,000, whichever is greater.

The proposed law has a long section on crossing the tees and dotting the eyes for competitive sealed bidding. The section, as proposed, requires the City to publish an invitation to bid in a newspaper of general circulation in the city and to post invitations to bid in a place in the city offices designated by the city manager, at least 14 days before the bid deadline. There is a note on the draft ordinance from the city attorney suggesting that cities are now using their Web sites to publish bid invitations, either in addition to newspapers or instead of newspaper notices.

Bids must be opened in a public place at a stated time. If the lowest bid exceeds the funds for the project, goods or services set by the financial manager, then requirements may be scaled back and a new bid invitation issued, or if time demands, the purchasing agent may negotiate with one or more of the lower and responsive bidders to lower their price.

Or, if there is a significant differential between what a purchase or service should cost, the procurement agent could reject all bids.

A cynic could say that this process could open the door to bid rigging, as could sections in the proposed law covering sole source procurement and limited competition procurement.

Councilman Jerald Brown stated he "strongly believed that we need a local vendor preference," that local vendor preference could possibly be met by hiring local subcontractors.

Additionally, "we need to add a mandate that if a contractor takes advantage of a local preference option, a certain percentage of the labor has to be local," Brown advised.

The latter term refers to the draft proposal's section 17.40.130 that allows the "purchasing agent to procure supplies, services construction having an estimated value not exceeding \$50,000, by soliciting bids or proposals from a limited number of potential contractors under this section.'

The draft ordinance continues. "The purchasing agent will identify vendors that are qualified and available to provide the supplies, services or construction, and solicit bids or proposals from at least three vendors. or from all vendors if there are no more than three. The solicitation may be either oral or written, and shall be in a form reasonably calculated to yield the lowest responsive bid by a responsible bidder. The purchasing agent shall award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.'

Alerted that an oral solicitation without documentation failed to protect the purchasing agent from charges of favoritism, City Manager Josie Bahnke said that "oral" would be taken out.

### **Targeting providers**

Section 17.40.140 allows the purchasing agent to award a contract for goods, services or construction without competition where the purchasing agent determines in writing that the City's requirements reasonably limit the source for the supplies, services or construction to one bid-

A cynic would conclude this clause potentially backs up a timehonored, classic method of bid rigging, where a tailor-made bid invitation includes a requirement that can be met by only by a favored, preselected contractor.

Councilmembers pointed out that some contractors not allowed to sit at the club table are excluded because they do not have sufficient insurance or bonding capability upon which to risk City liability.

The draft ordinance orders that contractors in violation of City sales tax and property taxes could be excluded from contract awards.

'We ought to apply payment to debt owed before paying anything," Councilman Tom Sparks suggested.

Because there might be disputes on the amount owed, it might not be appropriate to apply this requirement, Bahnke said.

The draft ordinance does not echo the 1973 ordinance in calling for contracts to be open to public inspection, but that requirement is covered by state law and citizens who hold public officials to the law.

Council approval of procurement, contracts and spending limits would help, Culley said.

'The people of Nome count on the Council to be good stewards of their hard earned money, and the fact that it's been 41 years before this new policy has been meaningfully discussed (and hopefully passed) is astounding...and a little embarrassing," Culley said.

# Strait Action

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tic Marine Environment Working Group delegates to Alaska on Feb. 11 in Girdwood. Also, Representative Herron shared five key Alaska Arctic Policy Commission strategic recommendations related to the PAME's delegations.

PAME is one of six Arctic Council working groups and is the focal point of the Arctic Council's activities related to the protection and sustainable use of the Arctic marine environment. PAME's mandate is to address policy and non-emergency pollution prevention and control measures related to the protection of the Arctic marine environment from both land and sea-based activities.

PAME had a full agenda that focused on discussing an ecosystembased approach to environmental protection, Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment follow-up, offshore oil and gas guidelines, and marine protected areas.

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# Port Commission ponders selective increase of port fees

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Port Commission has combed over its tariff to get a grip on needed changes for the 2014 shipping season and found few procedural changes and some hikes in user fees

At a Feb. 13 work session the panel rejected the idea of raising fees across-the-board but showed a consensus to pick and choose some items that needed to bring in more revenue to pay costs.

In areas where the budget was not hurting, they shouldn't raise fees, port administrators said.

"A 10 percent increase last year was hard enough for me to vote for," Commissioner Jim West, Jr. said.

"I'm not in favor of a five or 10 percent across-the-board increase this year. We should pick and choose [fees that need an increase]."

Joy Baker, project manager, saw a need for fee increases to pay for higher costs for maintenance and labor generated by increased shipping and mining traffic in and out of the port.

"We can't afford to do nothing," Baker said.

If not 10 percent, maybe three to five percent would be a good idea,

Under terminal storage is a proposed tariff revision spelling out winter and summer dry dock flat rates for larger home-ported vessels of 71 ft. to 90 ft. to pay \$2,500 for November through May and \$1,805

from June through October; vessels 91 ft. and over would pay \$4,500 for winter and \$3,280 for summer.

Commissioners liked a hike in terminal storage fees for all cargo and equipment stored at Port of Nome.

For open storage on uplands east and west of the Snake River (except the Causeway) the suggested new fee is 10 cents per sq. ft. per week, and for open storage on the causeway or docks, 15 cents per sq. ft. per week.

These rates keep Nome lower than other places in the state, according to port administrators.

Commissioners cannot take an official vote in work sessions, but can achieve consensus on measures to bring to a vote at a regular meeting of the body.

### No parking

Panel members discussed allowing winter boat storage on the Causeway at a high price to make owners think twice before opting for that alternative at the end of the season, but then agreed instead to bar boat storage on the Causeway.

The risk was too great, commissioners decided, that a crane would become unavailable at breakup or some other interference would leave a boat on the Causeway to interrupt the shipping season, causing a loss of customers and delays in offloading cargo.

"The Causeway is our lifeline to the outer world," Commissioner Rolland Trowbridge declared. The discussion of boats on the Causeway stemmed from Phoenix Marine deciding to stash a craft on the causeway near freeze-up time rather than take it south.

The port is having an issue with cargo users being lax in securing access to restricted areas during their operations per the U.S. Coast Guard.

Under tenancy agreement cargo users have a responsibility to keep their areas secure according to the security plan Port of Nome has filed with the USCG.

A proposed addition to the Port of Nome Tariff said that if companies failed to secure access, they could receive fines and be cut from the port's security plan.

This would exclude the company from using the facility until they had arranged a stand-alone plan of their own with the Coast Guard.

### Liability insurance

Over past meetings the Commission has tossed about the idea of lowering insurance requirements for smaller craft, but have rejected the idea.

The tariff will continue to demand companies and persons using the Port of Nome for any purpose to have on file a certificate of liability insurance of \$1 million naming the port as certificate holder and additionally insured before they are allowed to work within the facility.

The commissioners discussed requiring full dockage rates for ancil-

lary craft—tugs, barges and landing craft that are taking up a large amount of space in the crowded har-

Before now, docking permits have been available but not required for vessels using only the inner harbor.

West suggested that these vessels could use the outer harbor for hanging out.

Commissioners suggested that a requirement for a stable gangway for every vessel secured to a structure or lying aside another vessel secured at the Causeway be changed to "stable access," as hardly any vessels use a gangway.

### Leave staff out of it

At Baker's urging, commissioners will certainly approve at the adoption of the tariff revisions a requirement that all charges with a vessel's port call go on one invoice, with no splitting of bills for different parts of the operation performed by separate entities.

"Splitting bills puts a lot of pressure on staff," Baker told commissioners. "It caused a lot of grief, extra hours and extra costs chasing people down."

Commissioners and port staff turned a cold shoulder to divvying up refunds on storage and docking permits also.

According to the tariff, no refunds will be issued for prepaid storage or docking permits. Users who sell their prepaid space to another user must

negotiate the prepaid value with the buyer without any involvement from port staff.

Harbormaster Lucas Stotts strongly suggested that welding and other repairs to vessels without prior approval of harbor staff come to an

A section of the tariff states that any hot work (welding, cutting) or sandblasting whether on a vessel or dockside has to be approved by the port director and authorization request forms submitted.

"Otherwise, if they don't get approval, they will be charged a fine," Stotts declared.

The tariff sets out fines of \$500 for the first violation, \$750 for the second, and \$950 for subsequent violation, with each day counting as a separate violation.

"At other ports, if someone pulls out a grinder, people are all over you," Trowbridge commented. "I can't believe what goes on in Nome."

Persons storing vessels on Port of Nome property will have to use commercial grade boat stands for all vessel types except flat bottom vessels or skiffs of less than 20 feet.

"We're getting hurricane force winds out there," Trowbridge observed, adding that the commercial stands should be chained together to stabilize the components during high wind.

# Alaska Airlines set to change flight schedule

### By Diana Haecker

In response to complaints from Nome residents and business people, Alaska Airlines will change the departure time of one flight on Tuesdays, starting March 11.

Alaska Airlines spokeswoman Bobbie Egan said the morning flight from Anchorage to Nome would depart at 7 a.m. in Anchorage, arriving in Nome at 8:32 a.m. and departing from Nome at 9:30 a.m., landing in Anchorage at 10:45 a.m.

Flights operating from Wednesday to Monday will depart Anchorage at 10:10 a.m., arrive in Nome at 11:41 a.m. and depart again at 12:35 p.m., arriving in Anchorage at 1:59 p.m.

Beginning March 9, flight 153 from Anchorage to Nome will again leave at 5:30 p.m., go to Kotzebue and arrive in Nome at 8:24 p.m.

Beginning August 25, 2013 Alaska Airlines reduced the number of flights from Anchorage to Nome from three to two daily flights and changed departure times. The change also did away with the loop that connected Nome to Kotzebue. Travelers to Kotzebue must now fly to Anchorage and then board a connecting flight to Kotzebue.

As Alaska Airlines is the only major airline to provide daily jet service to and from Nome, the change impacts nearly every resident and business in Nome and surround-

ing communities. Airline officials said the reason for the schedule change was the need to control costs as fuel prices continue to rise. The schedule change impacted businesses, which depend on the timely delivery of goods, such as groceries and fresh flowers. Also, it had the effect that day trips to Anchorage — going to Anchorage just for the day for business meetings or doctor appointments — were rendered impossible, forcing people to stay overnight and adding to travel expenses.

Bobbie Egan said the change of time was made to allow "those who need to make a day trip, to do so on Tuesdays."

After the initial schedule change, the Nome Chamber of Commerce conducted a business survey and submitted the results to Alaska Airlines. The chamber welcomed the announced changes that will begin to take effect next month, but hope for more early morning departures out of Nome beyond Tuesdays.

"The Nome Chamber is happy to have a good relationship with Alaska Airlines and will continue working together for the benefit of Nome residents and businesses who rely on this service," said Nome Chamber of Commerce executive director Barb Nickels.



Photo by John Handelan

SIGNING UP— A line formed last week in Nome City Council Chambers as people registered with Nome Joint Utilities for the NSEDC energy subsidy of \$500. Sign up times are extended until Feb. 20, at the NJUS office in the Old Federal Building. Other Norton Sound/Bering Strait communities can call Paul Ivanoff III at 1-800-385-3190 or (907) 624-3190 to find out about sign up locations.







Photo by Diana Haecker

PLANNED EXPANSION—Property owned by NSHC, pictured here between Greg Kruschek Ave. and East Sixth Ave. could be home to a housing complex and the Wellness and Training Center in the future. The existing Patient Hostel is pictured in the far left side.

# • NSHC

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quested \$800,000 for the planning and design of a housing complex to offer assisted living, Pre-maternal Home and accommodations for Health Aide trainees. The housing complex would be constructed adjacent to the current patient hostel just south of the new Norton Sound Regional hospital. The final designs are supposed to be drawn by the spring.

The NSHC Board of Directors in their meeting last month approved the concept of the Wellness and Training Center, to put BHS, Public Health, Health Aide training and EMS training and offices under one roof.

The concept of the Wellness Center does not include inpatient care, meaning that patients from out of town will need a place to stay as they go through the program to set them on the path of sobriety. Gorn said the goal is to provide intensive outpatient therapy and social detox for people who need long-term substance abuse treatments. Locating both BHS and the Wellness Center close to the new hospital would result in programmatic efficiencies.

But since the Wellness Center would only deal with acute cases, and no inpatient care, the outpatient concept requires additional housing. Currently, the east wing of the patient hostel or ten beds, are used for expecting mothers from out-of-town.

## **Housing needs**

The Patient Hostel has a capacity of 38 beds, of which Pre-maternal Home patients are occupying ten beds currently.

Since Prematernal Moms are in the complex, there are stricter rules for the rest of the Patient Hostel as well. Those house rule exclude persons with a barrier crime in their past from being housed there. Patients who have committed barrier crimes are currently housed at the Polaris Hotel.

This is where the envisioned Housing complex comes into play,

explained Gorn. NSHC proposes a new housing complex building that would offer eight beds for expecting mothers at the Pre-maternal Home; ten units for assisted living quarters for the elderly; and 22 beds for Health Aides in training.

For this, NSHC has already received \$400,000 in state funds.

The housing complex, also to be built next on the property adjacent to the existing Patient Hostel, would free up rooms at the Patient Hostel and would do away with the barrier crime exclusion.

Patients from out-of-Nome participating in BHS programs at the Wellness Center could thus be housed at the hostel.

### **Health Aide training**

NSHC is one of three facilities in the state that trains health aides. Bethel and the Alaska Native Health Consortium in Anchorage are the other two facilities. Gorn said this year; NSHC trained 16 health aides who hail from other than the Norton Sound/Bering Strait region. "We train 60 community health aides per year and there is a long waiting list," said Gorn. The training is funded by NSHC, with a \$200,000 contribution from the State of Alaska. "The goal is to increase the number of health aides trained, even those from out of the region, but we need the facility to do so," said Gorn.

Currently, community health aides are trained in a mock clinic building, which, years ago, was supposed to be the Teller clinic. It is a 2,500 sq. ft. clinic model, which is too small of a facility to provide adequate training. Gorn said, the primary care unit at the new hospital is used for health aide training as well, but the commute between the clinic behind the old hospital and the new hospital takes up time.

# Regional needs

In addition, NSHC also requested \$14 million to build clinics in Gambell and Savoonga clinics (\$10 million) and to design new clinics at Diomede and Shaktoolik for \$2 million each

NSHC partnered with Kawerak Inc. to pilot a new concept in St. Michael. In order to alleviate the housing problem, NSHC and Kawerak applied and received a \$1.1 million grant from the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to build a threeunit apartment complex to house the community's VPSO, a mid-level health care provider and clinicians such as dental health aides or traveling staff. The lion's share of the total budget of \$1.4 million was awarded with the AHFC grant. NSHC budgeted \$200,000 and St. Michael provided the land, worth \$9,000.

On the wish list presented to the state and the Congressional Delegation last month, NSHC identified several projects that need funding, including improvements to clinics in Shaktoolik, Shishmaref, Little Diomede, Wales, Gambell and Savoonga.

The Denali Commission approved recently \$1 million for upgrades to the Shishmaref clinic.

NSEDC contributed \$330,000 to complete the upgrade to the 1,800 sq. ft. Wales clinic totaling \$867,000.



Photos by Diana Haecker

RETIRING U.S. FLAGS (top)— JROTC cadets Captain John Tocktoo, Captain Tristan Matson and Sergeant First Class Louis Anowlic-Seeganna were part of last week's flag retirement ceremony.

The JROTC curriculum includes learning about the U.S. flag, the history, the proper manner in which to present and to care for it and how to properly dispose of the flag when it is no longer serviceable. JROTC cadets collected old flags from the Nome community and respectfully destroyed them at a ceremony. All participants were given a star from one of the flags as a remembrance of the ceremony.



SALUTE— JROTC Cadet Sergeant First Class Gabe Smith salutes after disposing a flag.

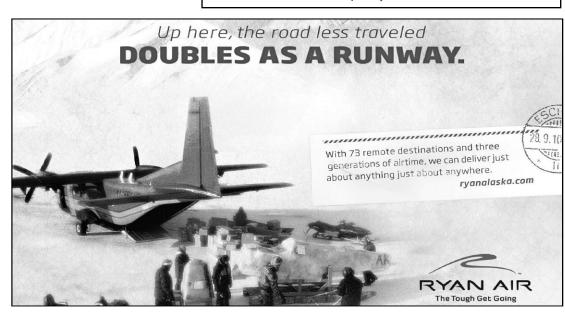


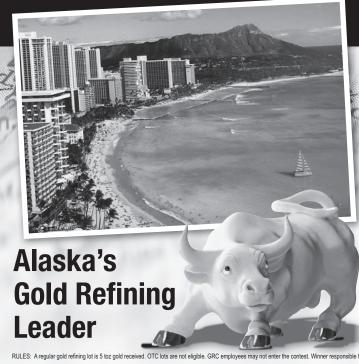
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# • Iron Dog

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from Fairbanks to Tanana and to Ruby. "The Yukon was flat and smooth," reports Morgan. "But the coast is in bad shape.'

The lack of snow is forcing the racers to restrain their urge to go fast. The number one concern is to keep the machines cool and from overheating. Kicked-up snow usually cools the motor as the competitors open the throttle and let the sleds run in excess of 100 mph. Since the trails are icy but devoid of snow, the racers now employ so-called ice scrapers

off the trail and fling them at the motor for a cooling effect. "We will take our time and make sure the machines stay cool," said Morgan.

He said he won't do the same as in 2010 when he was forced to withdraw when he pushed his machine too hard and blew the coolant out of the motor. "I will have to restrain myself," he said.

Morgan said he's not worried about the poor snow conditions. "I know for a fact that our sleds do better in these conditions [than other brands]," Morgan said. He added that he's looking forward to get back on

Fairbanks. "Hopefully we'll be first," he said.

With the technically challenging part of crossing the Alaska Range and narrow twisting trails through trees behind them, Morgan and Olds are leading the race. They arrived in McGrath on Sunday evening, took their 14-hour layover and left Mc-Grath at 11:07 a.m. They planned to get to Kaltag by Monday and ride up the coast to Nome in daylight to arrive at the halfway point in Nome sometime on Tuesday evening.

Morgan and Old's trail support is Mike's father Stan Morgan and copilot Evan Booth, who are flying along the trail with a plane loaded with spare parts.

As of Monday, two teams had scratched from the race.



FATHER AND SON- Iron Dog Racer Mike Morgan, right, talks to his father Stan Morgan of Nome before leaving Unalakleet after a mandatory 8 hour layover on the way to Nome, February 18.



Photo by Russell Rowe

IRON DOG - Team 10, Mike Morgan and Chris Olds leave the startline of the 2014 Iron Dog on Big Lake, Sunday, February 16 as the third pro-class race team.

# Village news

By Nils Hahn Unalakleet

According to William "Middy" Johnson, local musher, the trails around Unalakleet are hard and icy, with just a dusting of snow on top of the ice. The trail from Kaltag to Old Woman isn't too bad; from Old Woman to Unalakleet the trail in the flats is hard and fast. The trail from Unalakleet to Shaktoolik is hard, icy and fast with lots of bare tundra.

The Unalakleet River froze high last fall and is good and safe. The Iditarod Trail should be all right as of now, unless the region receives more rain before or during the Iditarod.

People from Unalakleet haven't been going out as much since the traveling conditions are really hard on snowmachines. Normally local hunters hunt caribou towards Koyuk and Shaktoolik. This year due to the rough trails traveling is a lot slower, making it harder for people to go on hunting trips.

As of February 17 the Portage 200 dog sled race slated for the end of February has not been cancelled. A decision will be made by the Norton Sound Sled Dog Club later this

There isn't enough sea ice on the ocean in front of Unalakleet for the local fleet of ice crabbers as of February 17. Trout have been hard to find this winter due to how the rivers froze early on. Tomcod came in strong, and then disappeared, now they are back

## Shaktoolik

According to longtime Shaktoolik checker and Iditarod musher Palmer

Sagoonick there is enough snow around Shaktoolik for the dog teams. The trail from Shaktoolik across Norton Bay to Koyuk is in very good shape and the ice is really safe.

It has been a terrible winter for local hunters. People are just now starting to hunt for caribou. A positive aspect to a warm winter is that locals had to burn less heating oil as well as less firewood to heat their homes.

Caribou are currently located about 50 miles from Shaktoolik. Until a couple of weeks ago traveling by snowmachine was really rough, mostly going across bare tun-

The trail through the Blueberry Hills between Unalakleet and Shaktoolik is very icy. The Iron Dog racers should improve the trail by scraping up the ice, thus increasing traction for the Iditarod dog teams.

Locals have been staying closer to town due to the poor traveling conditions as well as the high cost of fuel. It cost \$70-80 to fill up a snowmachine.

A positive aspect of the high cost of fuel and the low snow winter is that there is a lot of camaraderie between people. People have been sharing food and information, letting other villagers know where the fishing is good and where it isn't. People have been sharing more of what they

## White Mountain

According to Dan Harrelson of White Mountain, there is very little snow in the area, 4"-5" of snow cover on the open tundra with deeper

snow in the trees. Trails are hard with very little snow and a lot of tundra and tussocks. The trail is marked as well as possible in these conditions, since it is difficult placing trail stakes in frozen tundra. The trail across Golovin Bay is staked. Due to the icy conditions holes were cut into the ice in order to place trail stakes. The trail from Elim to White Mountain is hard and rough but doable.

The weather has been cold for the last week, resulting in no overflow as well as no open water. Two weeks ago during the rain event there was some open water in the area, but conditions are better now.

This winter has been very difficult for local hunters. Caribou are 40-50 miles away from White Mountain and due to the low snow conditions traveling is very hard on hunters and

their snowmachines. In a normal winter, now is the time for people to restock their freezers with caribou meat. Not so this year.

On the other hand it has been easier for locals getting firewood since traveling in the trees is easier. People have been staying home more.



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# Iditarod to start in Willow Race officials of the Iditarod Trail Committee said Monday that the

restart of 42nd Iditarod Trail Sled Dog race would take place in Willow, as usual.

The lack of snow at long stretches of the traditional trail led the ITC to ponder to restart the race in Fairbanks, as was done in 2003.

But on Monday, the ITC board of directors heard detailed plans of utilizing specialized grooming equipment to put in an overland trail from Willow to Yentna River and from Yentna Station to Skwentna that would avoid icy river conditions.

However, the heavy duty equipment won't be able to create a trail once the mushers get into the areas such as the Steps, the Dalzell Gorge and the snowless stretch of 75 miles

between Rohn and Nikolai. Even in years with adequate snow cover, those areas are technically challenging for mushers and their dog teams.

'While we will be the first to point out that various sections of the trail as they exist today are in some cases in poor condition, we are confident that we have access to the right resources and have a plan in place to provide for a trail which will be as safe as practical given the nature of this race," said Race Director Mark Nordman.

Seventy mushers and their teams are signed up to run the 2014 Iditarod. The ceremonial start will be held in Anchorage on March 1. The real start will take place in Willow the following day at 2 p.m.





Photos by David Head

NOME LADY NANOOKS (top) — The Nome Lady Nanooks are (top left to right) Rayne Lie, Tamaira Tocktoo, Senora Ahmasuk and Jillian Stettenbenz. (Bottom left to right) Jadyn Otton, Ari Horner and Addy Ahmasuk.

CHAMPIONS (*left*) — The Nome Nanook boys team won the 37th Annual Valdez Elks Tournament. Pictured are standing left to right: Tyler Eide, Klay Baker, Matt Tunley, Bobby Pate, Eli Johnson, Cass Mattheis, Daniel Head, Ian Booth, and Coach Patrick Callahan. Kneeling left to right: Alex Gray, Jake Stettenbenz, Briar Dickson and Emery Booshu.

# Nome Nanook boys are Valdez Tournament champions

By Sarah Miller

The Nanook Boys Basketball team continued its winning streak this weekend at the Valdez Elk's Tournament. The opening round took place on Thursday against the Seward Seahawks, and ended up being a big game for a number of Nome's players. Four Nanooks scored in the double digits for Nome:

Tyler Eide (14 points), Daniel Head (12), Klay Baker (11), and Matt Tunley (10). On a free throw in the fourth quarter, Eide scored his 1000th career point, joining an elite group of former Nanooks in the 1000 Point Club. Nome defeated Seward with a final score of 57-36.

Friday's game against Hutchison High School in Fairbanks saw the Nanooks advance further in the winner's bracket. The first half of the game was close, with Nome leading by only two points at halftime. However, Nome took off during the second half of the game and kept the Hawks from scoring all but five points in the entire two periods. In contrast, the Nanooks scored 29 points and went on to victory at 54-

28. Eide again led in scoring at 19 points, followed by Baker and Mattheis at 8, Head and Gray with 6, and Tunley with 4. Jake Stettenbenz contributed 3 points as well.

On Saturday, Nome faced off against conference rival Barrow in the tournament championship game. Ready for battle, the Whalers started off with 3 three-point shots and then proceeded to hold off the Nanooks for the first two quarters. After halftime, the Nanooks were ready to take over control of the game, strengthening defensive play and benefiting from scoring by Eide (19 points), Mattheis (15), Head (13), Baker (9), Gray (6), Stettenbenz (3) and Tunley (2). Four of Nome's players put up a total of 10 three-point shots in this game. The Whalers' best efforts weren't enough to stop the Nanooks from taking the tournament championship title home with the final score of 65-57 points.

A number of Nanooks were recognized for their skill and talent at the tournament. Tyler Eide was named the tourney's Most Valuable Player. Klay Baker was recognized as the Three-Point Shooting Champion, and Cass Mattheis and Baker were named to the All-Tournament Team. A proud weekend for the Nanooks Boys' Basketball Team, as their season record now stands at 14-6. Next up, Nome and Barrow will meet again at this weekend's Norton Sound Shootout, where the Whalers will certainly be looking to redeem

themselves on the court. Games begin Friday evening, preceded by the Nome Boys Senior Night Cere-

The Lady Nanooks did not fare as well at the tournament, beginning with Thursday's opening game against Skyview High School. Despite the 13 points contributed by Ariana Horner, and the 9 points from Addy Ahmasuk, Nome was defeated 45-24. The Lady Nanooks next faced Barrow in Friday's game, in which Senora Ahmasuk put a respectable 14 points up on the board, as well as Horner, again with 12 points. Nonetheless, Barrow took the victory with a final score of 61-36. In their last game at the tournament, the Lady Nanooks lost to Kotzebue in a closer game, with a final score of 43-34 points. Senora Ahmasuk, sophomore, was recognized by being named to the women's All Tournament Team. The Lady Nanooks will be on the road next weekend in Barrow.

The Norton Sound Shootout begins this Thursday, with the boys and girls JV teams playing against Gambell. Friday games include teams from Chevak, Shishmaref, Brevig Mission, and as mentioned, the boys varsity game against Nome at 8:15 p.m. Saturday's games begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude with the second game against Barrow at 8:15 p.m. The awards ceremony takes place after the 6:30 p.m. game.



MVP— Nome Nanook Tyler Eide was named the tourney's Most Valuable Player. Eide scored 14 points against the Seward Seahawks, 19 points against Hutchison High School from Fairbanks and 19 points against the Barrow Whalers. A freethrow during the game against the Seahawks Eide scored his 1,000th point for the Nanooks.



NOME AGAINST FAIRBANKS— Alex Gray goes one-on-one against Hutchinson's Spencer Johnston.



THREE POINTS— Jake Stettenbenz goes up for a long three-point shot against a Seward Seahawks player. The Nanooks one the game against the Seahawks 57 to 36 points.



THREE AGAINST ONE— Nome Lady Nanook Senora Ahmasuk goes up for two points in the game against the Skyeview Panthers from Soldotna. The Lady Nanooks lost the game 45 to 24.



DRIVING THE BALL - Nome Lady Nanook Rayne Lie drives the ball against Skyview Player Hayley Ramsell.

# Nome Nanooks Sports Schedule

## **Next Home Event**

The Norton Sound Shootout will be held this Thursday-Saturday. Nome Boys Varsity will also nost the Barrow Boys this Friday & Saturday. Friday night will be the Nome Boys Senior Night Ceremony prior to the Nome vs Barrow game.

## Thursday 2/20/14

Nome JV Girls vs Gambell 5:30 PM Nome JV Boys vs Gambell 7:00 PM  $\,$ 

# Friday 2/21/14

2:00 PM Chevak Boys vs Shishmaref Boys 3:30 PM Chevak Girls vs Brevig Mission Girls

5:00 PM Nome JV Boys vs Chevak Boys 6:30 PM Nome JV Girls vs Chevak Girls

\*NOME BOYS SENIOR NIGHT CEREMONY PRIOR TO 8:15 GAME 8:15 PM Nome Boys Varsity vs Barrow

## Saturday 2/22/14

## Session I

9:30 AM Chevak Girls vs Gambell Girls 11:00 AM Chevak Boys vs Gambell Boys 12:30 PM Gambell Girls vs Brevig Mission Girls 2:00 PM Gambell Boys vs Shishmaref Boys

5:00 PM Nome Girls JV vs Brevig Mission

6:30 PM Nome Boys JV vs Shishmaref

\*NORTON SOUND SHOOTOUT AWARDS AFTER THE 6:30 PM GAME 8:15 PM Nome Boys Varsity vs Barrow

## **BSSD** Basketball Scoreboard

Boys:				Girls:	_		
Elim	81	Savoonga	17	Savoonga	65	Stebbins	50
Stebbins	72	Koyuk	50	U	66	Golovin	53
St. Michael	45	Teller	41	Shishmaref	80	Gambell	21
Gambell	86	Brevig M.	83	Teller	40	Koyuk	21
Golovin	82	Shishmaref	61	Unalakleet	54	Chevak	10
Chevak	68	Unalakleet	67				
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Elim	76	Savoonga	21	Savoonga	58	Stebbins	57
Stebbins	55	Koyuk	48	Brevig M.	46	Golovin	42
St. Michael	45	Teller	51	Shishmaref	77	Gambell	34
Brevig M.	64	Gambell	63	Teller	51	Koyuk	24
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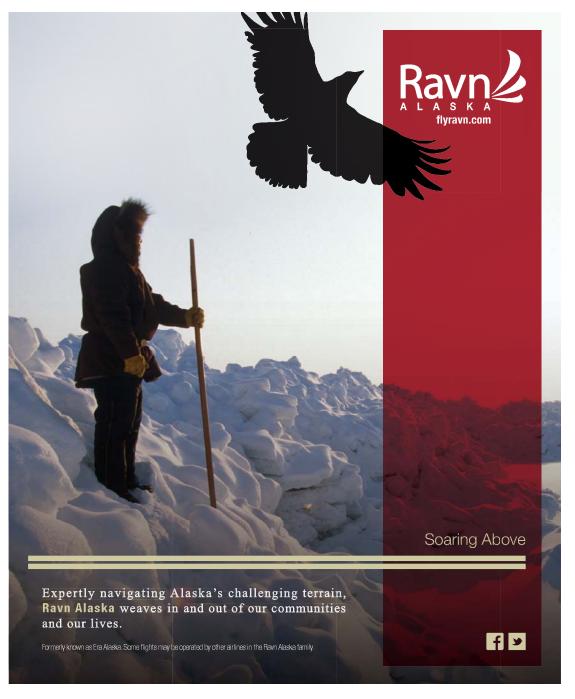
GOING FOR THE BASKET - Addy Ahmasuk drives against Kotzebue's Stephanie Sampson. Addy Ahmasuk was named to the women's



GIVING IT ALL— Nome Lady Nanook Senora Ahmasuk dives for the ball against Kotzebue's Mary Sue Hyatt. Kotzebue won the game against



JUMP SHOT - Ari Horner shoots the ball in the game against the



# Dry skin: How to protect the dermis in winter

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

Winter can be hard on people with dry skin. Even healthy skin has trouble retaining moisture in the low relative humidity of dry winter air. This loss of moisture often hampers the skin's protective function and makes chronic skin conditions very hard to manage during the winter months.

Normally, skin provides an excellent protective barrier for the body as it stretches and glides over underlying tissues. As skin looses its moisture in winter, the bonds between cells in the outermost

layer, called the stratum corneum, begin to break down, leading to fis-

These small cracks can be an uncomfortable nuisance. But for many people, a breech in the protective layer of skin allows normally benign allergens, bacteria, or fungi to come in contact with underlying tissues leading to allergic dermatitis, cel-

For this reason, adults and children with dry skin or people with chronic skin conditions like eczema, psoriasis, or allergic dermatitis, must take extra care in the winter to protect their skin.

The key to controlling dry skin in the winter is to keep the outer layer of skin hydrated. Here are a few



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iors that aggravate dry skin. Take warm as opposed to hot showers, minimize the use of soaps, and pat dry after bathing.

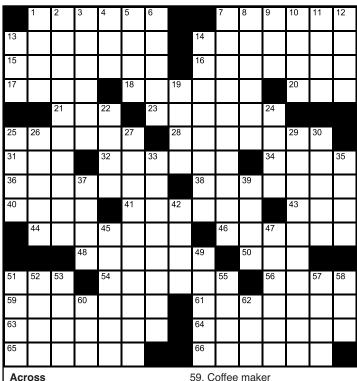
Second, use ointments to seal in skin moisture. The thickest oily moisturizers with ingredients like petrolatum, lanolin, and mineral oil work best. Most experts recommend using a "soak and smear" method

tened skin at least twice daily after bathing, showering, or washing hands. Using ointments daily is like painting a house. It protects the barrier and keeps elements out. If applied regularly, it keeps maintenance

Third, keep the body well hydrated. Healthy adults should consume between two and three liters of fluid daily from all sources. The actual amount needed depends on many factors including age, weight, and daily activity level. In general, a person should consume enough fluid to prevent thirst and produce relatively clear urine throughout the day.

Including healthy oils in the diet, like olive oil, fish oil, and seal oil may also help preserve the presence of natural oils in the skin.

Finally, seek medical care if dry skin leads to inflammation or infection of surrounding tissues. Pain, itching, spreading redness, or oozing from areas of dry, cracked, or scaly skin can be symptoms of a more serious medical problem. Your provider can diagnose the cause of inflammation or infection and prescribe the proper mix of ointment, medication.



# Shaktoolik youth receives 2014 Spirit of Youth award for ocean bravery

Donald Auliye of Shaktoolik has been selected as a 2014 Spirit of Youth award recipient in the category of Lifesaver and Prevention for his bravery and quick response during ocean emergencies.

Auliye is an experienced fisherman. On two occasions the 18-yearold has responded to distress calls from other boats, once instructing the passengers to put on life vests before their vessel capsized where he later pulled them to shore.

"I went into the water and grabbed them both, pulled them up onto the beach, put them by the fire, warmed them up and brought them home," Aulive said in a recent interview. "Fishermen, we look out for each other here.'

During a huge storm last fall, the village went into emergency mode.

Steve Sammons, principal at Shaktoolik School, said Auliye played a big part in the safety efforts.

"He stayed up late and helped watch both the ocean and the riverside that almost flooded the village, Sammons said in a Spirit of Youth radio story. "He was bringing elders to the school and helping families with their personal belongings.

Auliye will be honored with the other winners at the Spirit of Youth Awards Dinner Saturday, April 5, at 6 p.m. at the Anchorage Marriott Downtown. He was chosen from more than 150 statewide nominations by the Spirit of Youth Teen Advisory Council.

Spirit of Youth changes community perceptions about Alaska's teens. Through use of media and recognition the organization high-

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lights youths' accomplishments and demonstrates that teens are caring contributors in our communities. Spirit of Youth has shared hundreds of positive stories about Alaska youth through their public radio series, which broadcasts to nearly 100 communities across the state.

The Spirit of Youth Awards Dinner is the organization's premiere event highlighting dedicated young people and unsung heroes from around Alaska. Now in its 16th year,

the awards dinner recognizes the hard work and efforts of these future leaders who utilize this opportunity to share their inspiring and heartwarming stories. Guests at the event include the families and supporters of the awardees as well as community leaders, educators and dignitaries. Tickets for the award banquet purchased be spiritofyouth.org.

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# 56. The Beatles' " Leaving Home" (contraction) **Previous Puzzle Answers**

1. Rock or ore splinters

13. Excessive amount

15. Hole in the head 16. Baseball has nine of these

23. Hang around

31. \_\_\_ v. Wade

32. Popeye, e.g.

34. A novel person

44. Greet cordially

51. Cooking meas.

25. Natural bone cavity

28. Bewildered (3 wds)

40. Georgetown athlete

36. Register at a hotel (2 wds)

50. "Sesame Street" watcher

54. Terminal section of the large in-

43. "Gimme \_\_\_\_!" (Iowa State cheer,

17. Traitor, Hispanic slang

\_\_ la vie!"

14. Charge for the transportation of

7. Flower part

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2 wds)

46. Sell

testine

48. Crackpot

41. Immoral



- 59. Coffee maker
- 61. Despicable sort
- 63. Larval salamander of Mexico
- 64. Honey
- 65. Fixed 66. Attack by plane
- Down
- 1. "No problem!" 18. Middle Eastern full-length gar-2. Detective (2 wds)
  - 3. Flina
  - 4. "Fantasy Island" prop
- 21. Order between "ready" and "fire" 5. Spank
  - 6. Appropriate
  - 7. Hospital for chronic diseases
  - 8. Dig
  - 9. "Aladdin" prince
  - 10. Challenge for a barber
  - 11. Baker's dozen? 12. Home, informally
  - 13. Costa del
  - 14. Get along well together (3 wds)
  - 19. Equine offspring
  - 22. Pungent glandular secretion
  - used in perfumes
  - 24. Beat badly
  - 25. Bow
  - 26. In no way, slang
  - 27. Apartment on two floors in a larger house
  - 29. One who steals without break-
  - ing in or using violence (2 wds)
  - 30. Brouhaha
  - 33. Hostile 35. "Don't bet \_\_\_\_!" (2 wds)
  - 37. Pacific
  - 39. Apartment
  - 42. "Cool!"
  - \_ Daly, TV host
  - 47. Dais (pl.)
  - 49. Nursery rhyme food
  - 51. Alpine transport (hyphenated)
  - 52. Old German duchy name
  - 53. Egg on
  - 55. Convene
  - 57. "... or
  - 58. Undertake, with "out"
  - 60. 1969 Peace Prize grp.
  - 62. When it's broken, that's good

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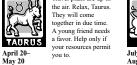
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Now, now, Leo. Just



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is far from ideal but doable. Give it a whirl, Libra. A senior's need supersedes all others.

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# Obituaries .

**Arthur Ahkinga** June 5, 1945 – **February 3, 2014** 

Arthur Ahkinga was born on June 5, 1945, to loving parents, Eva Akhvaluk Ahkinga and Peter Oscar Ahkinga. Arthur also had twin sisters, Leona and Lorna, and a brother who died not long after birth.

Arthur lived most of his life on Diomede, where his greatest passion was hunting. He also provided much appreciated service to his community as an Eskimo Walrus Commissioner, an Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commissioner, a Norton Sound Health Corporation board member representing Diomede, IRA President, and Inaliq Native Corporation Board President.

Arthur also served his state and country for three years as a member of the Alaska National Guard.

Arthur worked as a bi-lingual instructor in Diomede, sharing his wealth of traditional knowledge about Diomede's language, culture and history, and as a teacher aide. He also collaborated with Carol Jollis on her study of traditional Diomede life, and contributed his knowledge of hunting to the Kawerak Walrus Project.

Together with his one-time companion, Edna Iyapana, Arthur had



**Arthur Ahkinga** 

one child, Eric Iyapana, of whom he was always very, very proud. He was also very blessed with grandchildren Blake, Tristan and Erica.

Arthur was a gentle, intelligent, kind man, who loved his village, his family and his friends. He will be dearly missed by all.



Jeannie Rose Waltz

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Jeannie Rose Waltz, 53, of Nome, died February 4, while vacationing with her husband Ken Waltz in Chiapas, Mexico.

Jeannie was born August 16, 1960 in Nome, to Ralph and Margaret Olanna, Sr.

Jeannie was a loving, caring, and giving mother to her only child, Peter Olanna-Bloomstrand. She was such a wonderful wife, sister, daughter, aunt, great aunt, cousin, niece and friend to many. Jeannie had a personality that lit up a room along with her beautiful smile and laughter. She faced life with pluck and compassion. She was always thoughtful and more than willing to help others and share her care and love. Jeannie worked in Nome at the homeless shelter showing empathy to those in need. Jeannie also was a cab driver in Nome for many years. She always loved being around peo-

Jeannie enjoyed traveling, shop-

ping, sewing, crocheting, camping, and berry picking. Jeannie was brave and adventurous through all her world travels, connecting so well with many foreigners. She boasted that she could fit in and get along with Thais, Laotians, and Mayan Indians as an Eskimo. She was the best of travelers. Her husband Ken wrote, "I will forever miss Jeannie, she gave me the best years of my life."

Jeannie's only son wrote "My mother meant the world to me. She was the best anyone could have asked for and I loved her very much. She was always there for me through thick and thin, never once turning her back on me. She had the biggest heart of anyone I know and helped anyone she encountered who needed it. The very words I'm writing cannot come close to how sorely she will be missed by me and anyone else who knew her. She will always have a special spot in my heart.'

She is preceded in death by her father Ralph Olanna, Sr., and survived by her mother Margaret Olanna, her husband Ken Waltz, her son Peter Olanna-Bloomstrand, her sisters

Madeline Engebretsen, Pauline Sharpe, her brother Ralph Olanna, Jr, 11 nieces and nephews, and 13 great nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Peter Olanna-Bloomstrand, Kevin Crandall, Ryan Crandall and David Crandall, A visitation and memorial service took place at the Alaska Native Lutheran Church in Anchorage on Tuesday, February 18. Jeannie was laid to rest at the Palmer Pioneer Cemetery.

# New Task Force Report on ivory ban will not affect Alaskan carvers

Interior Department ban focused on trade of elephant and rhino ivory

A task force report on increased efforts to ban the commercial trade of ivory will not affect Alaska Native carvers who use walrus and whale for their art and tools.

The National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking, released by the White House this week, is intended to serve as a guide for government-wide efforts to crack down on the illegal poaching and trade of threatened wildlife including African elephants and rhinoceros. The report is part of an overall effort to combat wildlife trafficking.

U.S. Senator Mark Begich voiced his concerns about the report in a December letter in which he urged the Administration to be mindful of both subsistence practices and the economic consequences in rural communities when determining any new restrictions for ivory.

"I'm glad to see the Administration was responsive to my requests and that their guidelines will not negatively impact the culture and economies of rural Alaska communities," said Begich. "I support efforts to stop illegal wildlife trafficking. But Alaskans who acquire ivory legally should not be penalized for carrying on the traditions of their culture and their ancestors. There are small businesses and niche

markets that depend on legally acquired ivory pieces for things like musical instruments, firearms, and knife handles."



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> **Community United Methodist Church** West 2nd Avenue & C Street • 443-2865 **Pastor Charles Brower**

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**Nome Covenant Church** 101 Bering Street • 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey

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**Our Savior Lutheran Church** 5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295

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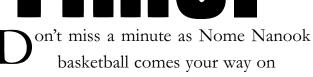
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Nome Church of Nazarene Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.



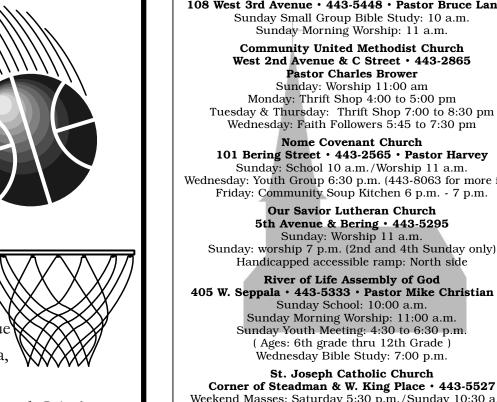


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On February 9, at 11:34 a.m., the Alaska State Troopers in Nome responded to a single vehicle rollover at approximately mile marker four of the Beam Road outside of Nome. Amos Thompson defined a volume of Northe Annos Indirectors (driver) 24, Doreen Lockwood (passenger) 38, and Dawn Oozevaseuk (passenger) 30, of Nome were involved. Investigation showed that Thompson was driving a white Subaru Forester heading northbound and lost control of the vehicle due to icy road conditions, entered the ditch at an angle and rolled onto the top. All three passengers walked away from the accident and no injuries were reported.

On February 12, Fred Weyiouanna, 30, of Shishmaref, was issued a summons into Nome District Court for taking a cow moose during a closed season, failing to salvage all edible meat, and hunting without a license.

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# Soliciting Artists for artwork proposals for the newly renovate Shaktoolik K-12 School.

Per State Statute .5% of the Shaktoolik schools remodel budget will be spent on art for the school, this amounts to \$36.142. We are asking interested artists to submit art proposals for the school. Shaktoolik is an Inupiat Eskimo community of 250 sitting on the Eastern shore of Norton Sound. Activities like berry picking, hunting land and sea animals along with commercial and subsistence fishing are an important part of daily life. The K-12 schools mascot is the wolverine and the school colors are maroon and gold. Art proposals are not limited to style, medium or size. If interested it is strongly recommended that you contact the school for areas that may fit your ideas. The school can provide you dimensions and photos. A selection committee will award the artwork contracts to the selected artists. For additional information please contact Principal Sammons at (907) 955-3021.

# For consideration you will need to submit:

- 2 a dimensional portrayal depicting your proposal
- Written narrative of your proposal
- Portfolio of prior work
- A lump sum cost of your proposal, also a cost breakdown of your proposals budget
- 2 references
- An attempt will be made to return proposals to the artists after a selection has been made.

## Proposals need to be submitted by Feb 15, 2014 to:

Shaktoolik School C/O Principal Sammons

P.O. Box 40 Shaktoolik, Alaska 99771



# Legals

CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE O-14-02-01 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2014 General Fund Municipal Budget O-14-02-02 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2014 School Bond Fund Budget O-14-02-03 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2014 Special Revenue Fund Budget O-14-02-04 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2014 Capital Projects Fund Budget O-14-02-05 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2014 Port Operating Fund Budget

These ordinances had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on February 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. and were passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for February 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the Office of the 2/13-20

# All Along the Seawall

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

On 2/10 at 4:37 a.m. NPD responded to a Lanes Way residence for a report of an assault. Investigations revealed that Min Soo Park had assaulted his live-in partner. Park was arrested and is being charged with domestic Assault in the

is being charged with domestic Assault in the Fourth Degree. There was no bail set.
On 2/10 at 11:28 a.m. Nome Police Department Officers responded to the high school for the report of a student in possession of drug paraphernalia. Upon investigation, a 15-year-old stu-

dent was indeed found to have a pipe with mari-juana residue inside. The report will be forwarded to Juvenile Justice for Disposition and the juvenile

was released to a sober parent. On 2/10 at 4:09 p.m. Nome Police Department Officers responded to a residence on Third Ave for the report of a disturbance. Upon further investigation, Ann Soolook, 42, was found to have assaulted a member of the household, causing injury. Ann was subsequently arrested for Assault in the 4th Degree, Domestic Violence and was hold without boil.

On 02/10 at 8:06 p.m. the Nome Police Department was dispatched the area of the FAA housing on a REDDI report. Investigation led to the arrest of James Hancock, 57, for DUI and Re-

fusal to Submit to a Chemical Test. Hancock was remanded at AMCC where bail was set at \$2,000. On 02/10 at 10:04 p.m. the Nome Police De-

partment responded to the report of a vehicle ac-cident at the corner West D Street and Third Avenue. Investigation revealed that the vehicle had been stolen from Seppala Drive and this investigation is still ongoing.
On 02/11 at 2:10 a.m. the Nome Police De-

partment located a highly intoxicated male on Front Street. The male was later transported to the

On 02/13 at 1:09 a m, the Nome Police Department responded to a home on C St. on the report of a highly intoxicated female that needed to leave the home. Upon arrival, April James was transported from the home and then left in the On 2/14 at 11:35 p.m. the Nome Police De-

partment received a report of an intoxicated male passed out in front of the library. Officers repassed out in infinit of the library. Oncers re-sponded and contacted Eddie Muktoyuk, 47, who was in fact intoxicated, but was able to stand and walk. Eddie was transported to the N.E.S.T. On 2/15 at 4:03 a.m. NPD responded to an apartment complex on Fifth Ave. for a report of an

assault. A male reported that his girlfriend punched him twice after he refused to leave her apartment when she asked him. Tammy Long was arrested and is being charged with Domestic Assault in the Fourth Degree. There was no bail set.

On 2/16 at 1:03 a.m. Jeri Komonaseak was

given a warning to stay out of the bars after she Komonaseak was seen inside the Bering Sea Bar with a beer in front of her. Jeri was arrested and is being charged with Drunk on a License Premises and violating her probation. The bartender at the Bering Sea bar is being charged with sale to a drunken person.
On 2/16 at 5:03 a.m. NPD responded to an

apartment complex after receiving a report that Helen Homekingkeo was intoxicated and the sole caregiver of two juvenile children. Helen was found inside the apartment intoxicated. Helen was cited for Endangering the Welfare of a Child. The children were released to a sober family member.

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cluding hundreds of thousands in Alaska, where news broke recently that they're firing 80 Alaskan workers and closing a refinery due to the "excessive costs" of keeping it open. The closing of the Koch Brothers-owned Flint Hills Refinery in North Pole, Alaska costs the Fairbanks area a top employer, and breaks a five year commitment they made to Alaska.

"It's shameful that Dan Sullivan willfully accepts the Koch Brothers' millions to prop up Republican Senate candidates like him across the country but has nothing to say to the 80 Alaskans who are losing their jobs because the Kochs feel it's too expensive to keep them employed," said Justin Barasky, a spokesman at the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. "In between Dan Sullivan rubbing shoulders with Washington lobbyists, Alaskans deserve an explanation from him about why he's OK

with the Koch Brothers fighting for him but he can't fight for Alaska families.

### **Committee finds Representative Bob Herron** in violation of the Legislative Ethics Act

The House Subcommittee of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics issued Complaint Decision H 13-0.

The committee found probable cause that Representative Bob Herron, House District 37, violated AS 24.60.030(g) in that he failed to declare a conflict of interest when Senate Bill 57, containing language regulating school transportation costs, was heard on the House floor on April 14, 2013. Herron is one of the owners of Golden Eagle Unlimited, LLC, a school bus transportation company, on contract with the Lower Kuskokwim School District The state contract for the school year 2012-2013 was approximately \$930,000. On May 20, 2013, another three year contract was signed with the LKSD for \$1,500,087.68 per

Under AS 24.60.030(g) a legislator with a substantial financial interest such as an equity or ownership in a business may not vote on a question if the interest is greater than the effect on a substantial class of person to which the legislator belongs as a member of a profession, occupation, industry, or region unless required by the Alaska Legislature Uniform Rules. Uniform Rule 34(b) states a member may not be permitted to abstain except upon the unanimous consent of the membership. Herron stated in his January 9, 2014, letter to the committee and in his April 30, 2013 interview that he realized only after the House

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Deputy Clerk III Alaska Court System Nome, Alaska \$4,444.00 Monthly Closing Date: March 13, 2014

The Alaska Court System (ACS) is recruiting for a Deputy Clerk III for the Nome Trial Courts. The selected applicant will serve as an in-court clerk for District Court criminal proceedings, as a back-up for Superior Court criminal matters, and as a back-up in-court clerk for grand jury. In-court clerks produce quality electronic recordings and written log note indexes of a wide variety of court proceedings, assist judicial officers in the courtroom, and prepare and distribute documents related to court proceedings.

How to Apply: Complete recruitment information is available on Workplace Alaska, <a href="https://workplace.alaska.gov">http://workplace.alaska.gov</a>. Applicants must submit a completed application through Workplace Alaska by 5:00 p.m. by Thursday, March 13, 2014. For more information, contact the Alaska Court System Human Resources Department at <a href="mailto:recruitment@courts.state.ak.us">recruitment@courts.state.ak.us</a> or 907-264-8242.

The Alaska Court System is an equal employment opportunity employer and supports workplace diversity.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING



The public is invited to participate in the development of State of Alaska's SFY2015 Consolidated Housing and Community Development Annual Action

The Annual Action Plan is part of the five-year strategy (SFY2011-2015) that was adopted in 2010 and is a prerequisite to receive federal funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). The geographic areas covered by Alaska's Annual Action Plan are all areas of the State outside of Anchorage. The SFY2015 Annual Action Plan is the fifth annual implementation plan of the five-year strategy.

This public hearing will be held:

Friday, February 28, 2014, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) 4300 Boniface Parkway, Anchorage, Alaska

Persons unable to attend may teleconference by calling 1-877-873-8018 and using the access code for the hearing #5288816.

AHFC complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids or special modifications to participate in the public meeting should call Oscar Cedano at phone 907-330-8417. Requests for the hearing should be made no later than February 21, 2014.



# **Subsistence Regional Advisory Council**

# MEMBERS WANTED!

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**Application Deadline** March 21, 2014

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# School Climate and Connectedness Survey

By Janeen Sullivan

Nome Public Schools will be administering the School Climate and Connectedness Survey to students in grades 5-12 for the fourth year in a row. The NPS School Board has chosen to participate in this survey sponsored by the Alaska Association of School Boards again this year. Statewide, over 90 percent of the districts in the state participate in this survey which measures how staff and students in the surveyed grades view their school climate and how connected students feel to adults and their peers.

NPS students are taking the survey between February 17 and 28. Copies of the survey are available at school offices if parents would like to see it. The survey is voluntary so any parent who does not wish their child to participate in the survey can contact their child's school office and request their child not participate.

Survey results are reviewed annually by NPS and help form the direction of the district for the following year.

# Northern Bering Sea Regional Aquaculture Association (NoBSRAA)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SURVEY

Norton Sound/Bering Strait Comprehensive Salmon Plan 2014 **Public Survey** for the Norton Sound/Bering Strait Regional Planning Team. The purpose of this survey is to gather public knowledge on: Use of salmon, priorities of use and ways to sustain or increase salmon. Surveys are available at Norton Sound/Bering Strait IRA OFFICES and CITY OFFICES or Contact NoBSRAA support staff at (907)443-4262, email: <a href="mailto:nr.spaaa@kawerak.org">nr.spaaa@kawerak.org</a>. Deadline for receipt of this survey is March 20, 2014. Completed surveys are to be mailed to:

Rose Fosdick Kawerak, Inc. - NoBSRAA Manager P.O. Box 948 Nome, Alaska 99762

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# **Sitnasuak Native Corporation**

## Notice of the 41st Annual Meeting of Shareholders

- Saturday, May 31, 2014
- 10 a.m.
- Nome Elementary School
- Nome, Alaska

BUSINESS CONDUCTED WILL INCLUDE:

- Election of Four (4) Directors for three year term
- Other shareholder business

SOLICITATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BOARD POSTIONS

- Written Letter of Candidacy and Nominee Information Questionnaire
- Candidates must be 19 years old or older by filing date.

MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 3, 2014 by 5:00 p.m.

SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL

A proposal form (fee & signature requirements) will be provided, please contact the Sitnasuak Native Corporation Office 907-387-1200 or 877-443-2632 (toll free)

MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CORPORATION OFFICE ON OR BEFORE March 3, 2014 by 5:00 p.m.

Please contact Dave Evans, Shareholder Liaison, for more information at 387-1226 or devans@snc.org

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NATIVE CORPORATION

# NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Shareholder meeting of the Koyuk Native Corporation has been rescheduled for **March 8, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Koyuk Community Hall for the following purposes:

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

Claims for candidacy can be picked up at the KNC office.

Deadline for Candidacy is December 1, 2013

CITY OF NOME



# PUBLIC NOTICE

In addition to the provisions in the following ordinance, the Nome Common Council recently approved a \$100.00 fine (per occurrence) for failing to keep sidewalks shoveled and sanded. Therefore, if your property abuts a sidewalk, you must take every precaution to ensure that the sidewalk is safe for pedestrians. Various local contractors, such as Bering Straits Development Company, provide this service if you are unable to do it yourself. If you have any questions, you may contact the City Clerk's Office at 102 Division Street or at 443-6603.

## 16.15.010 Snow removal.

(a) No person having the care, either as owner or occupant, of any premises bordered by a sidewalk, shall fail to remove any snow which may have fallen thereon, within a reasonable time thereafter.

(b) In the event that a person mentioned in the preceding subsection shall fail to keep the sidewalks adjoining his or her property reasonably clear of snow, the city may cause the snow to be removed from such sidewalk and assess the cost thereof against such premises at the rate of three dollars per front foot; such assessment shall be a paramount lien upon the premises against which it is assessed and may be collected and enforced as general taxes are collected and enforced and be subject to the same penalties and interest after delinquency as in the case of general taxes.

(c) A person whose snow has been so removed shall be mailed, by registered mail, a notice in writing by the city clerk, stating the time of removal and the cost of removal. Said notice shall state that if the owner does not appear and in writing object to said charge, the same shall be immediately assessed against his property by motion properly carried at the next ensuing council meeting. The lien shall attach from the date of passage of said motion and the same shall thereupon be entered on the assessment rolls of the city. No such motion shall be made within ten days of the mailing of said notice. (Ord. O-93-6-6 § 1 (part), 1994)

# Juneau Juice

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was at ease that he had made a mistake by not declaring a conflict on the vote. Uniform Rule 31 allows a legislator to rescind previous action of the body and subsequently change their vote or make a motion to be excused from voting. Herron stated during his interview, "And I figured that with my disclosure in the ethics filing of having a contract and the amount of the contract that - should I reconsider my vote so that I can put it on the record and I chose not to after talking to a legislator." The committee points out that Herron should have exercised the option to rescind his vote under Uniform Rule 31 and subsequently declare a conflict of interest. To fail to do so was a violation of AS 24.60.030(g).

The committee recommends no corrective action or sanctions as allowed under AS 24.60.178. The committee notes that Representative Herron paid a \$5,000 fine for failure to file legislative ethics State contract disclosures for the first three years of his term and for failure to include State contract information on his Legislative Financial Disclosures for the year 2009, 2010, and 2011. Further, Representative Herron paid a civil penalty to the Alaska Public Offices Commission of \$7,446 for incomplete LFDs for the calendar years 2009, 2010 and 2011.

### Sullivan and Treadwell Endorse Tea Party on Credit Default

Sullivan statement rebuffed by national reporter and Washington Post

U.S. Senate candidates Mead Treadwell and Dan Sullivan joined Sen. Ted Cruz (R – Texas) and the Tea Party in efforts to jeopardize the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. Treadwell and Sullivan each issued statements criticizing a bipartisan solution to keep the federal government from default-

A credit default would have catastrophic impacts on the national economy by increasing credit card interest payments, mortgage payments and the average price for everyday utilities, food and gas. It would also severely impact the Alaska Permanent Fund.

"It is reckless for Treadwell and Sullivan to endorse the Tea Party's willingness to default on U.S. credit," said Mike Wenstrup, Chair of the Alaska Democratic Party.

Dan Sullivan displayed a serious lack of knowledge about national financial issues in a statement which was immediately rebuffed as a "mischaracterization" by a leading national financial reporter. Sullivan's claim that the vote was a "blank check" reiterated debunked comments from Sen. Ted Cruz that the Washington Post called "falsehoods" and a "lie."

Mead Treadwell also criticized the vote, offering support for the position of Sen. Ted Cruz and other Tea Partiers who have claimed it is OK to default on U.S. credit.

Approximately half the Permanent Fund is held in stock investments and economic damage from a credit default could have devastating and unknown impacts on the Permanent Fund, as Alaska Business Monthly reported.

### **TAPS Throughput Committee Missing In Action**

Oil production projected to decline after giveaway yet Senate TAPS Throughput Committee is not meeting

Republican Senator Pete Micciche is acknowledging that the Senate's TAPS Throughput Committee hasn't even scheduled a meeting yet. Nearly a month into the legislative session, the committee hasn't met once to address projected declines in oil production.

"You'll be seeing a schedule in the next few weeks," Sen. Micciche said today at a press conference, suggesting that the session might be halfway over before the committee even meets.

"Apparently Republicans aren't concerned about declining production now that they've passed Parnell's Oil Giveaway,' said Kay Brown, Executive Director of the Alaska Democratic

Last session, Oil Giveaway advocates used the TAPS Throughput Committee as a bully pulpit, meeting multiple times early in the session. The committee held hearings with Dan Sullivan, Bryan Butcher, Alaska Support Industry Alliance, Conoco Phillips, and others on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and February 5<sup>th</sup> of 2013. Yet the committee has not even scheduled a meeting this year.

Despite record oil company profits, record numbers of companies conducting exploration, and record oil sector employment under ACES, Giveaway advocates used the TAPS Throughput Committee to push the Governor's controversial Senate Bill 21. Now that S.B. 21 is law and Alaska has descended into billion dollar deficits, Giveaway advocates no longer express the same concerns about declining throughput.

Parnell's massive deficits have led the Legislative Finance Division to warn of cuts in the PFD or an income tax. House Republican leadership have said they are considering raiding the Permanent Fund to pay for Parnell's deficits. State deficits blew up after passage of Gov. Parnell's signature legislation, S.B. 21, better known as the Oil Giveaway. Though Parnell sold it as a tool to boost production, even his own administration projects declining oil production for at least the next decade.

# Court

Week ending 2/14

Akeya, Sheryl v. Park, Min S.; Civil Protective Order Obruk, JoAnne V. v. Sockpick, Roy; Civil Protective Order Eide, Nellie v. Welker, II, Paul; Civil Protective Order

Eide, Nellie v. Tocktoo Cannon, Marlene A.; Civil Protective Order
Stewart, Tim v. Stewart, Joan; Divorce without Children
Small Claims
Cornerstone Credit Services LLC v. Mokiyuk, Bessie; Small Claims Less Than \$2500
Credit Union 1 v. Hukill, JR., B.R.; Small Claims Less Than \$2500 Criminal

State of Alaska v. Frank William Seppilu (7/18/96); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21, First Offense; Date of Offense: 12/28/13; Fine: \$300 with \$100 suspended; Unsuspended \$200 is to be paid to the court by one year; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 27/14); Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Must enroll in and pay for the followed. courf orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Must enroll in and pay for the following juvenile alcohol safety action program: if a program becomes available in home community win 120 days; Must submit to evaluation by the program and pay for and successfully complete any education or treatment recommended by this program; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).

State of Alaska v. Harry Goldsberry (1/18/79); 2NO-11-594CR Notice of Dismissal; PTR filed on 11/15/13; Filed by the DAs Office 2/7/14.

State of Alaska v. Harry Goldsberry (1/18/79); 2NO-13-884CR Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; AS11.41.220(a)(1)(B): Assault 3- Cause Injury w/Weap; Class: C Felony; DV; Offense Date: 11/14/13; Plea: Guiltry; Plea Agreement: Yes; Defendant came before the court on (sentencing date) 2/7/14 with counsel, OPA Matt Tallerico, and the DA present; incarceration: It is ordered that the defendant is committed to the care and custody of the Commissioner of the Department of Cor-

committed to the care and custody of the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections for the following period(s): 36 months with 31 months suspended; The unsuspended 5 months shall be served immediately; Surcharges: Police Training Surcharge: The defendant shall pay the following police training surcharge(s) to the court pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: \$100 (Felony); Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, the defendant 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 juil time is ordered served. AS 12 55 041(n). DNA taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); DNA IDENTIFICATION: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035, or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, pa

for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; Probation: After serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 5 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation, as stated in the order; Bond(s): Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Aidan Douglas (5/11/93); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 001: Attempt AS11.41.420(a)(1): Sex Assault 2- Contract Wo Consent; Class: C Felony; Offense Date: 5/4/13; Plea: Guiltry; Plea Agreement: Yes; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 002: AS11.41.438(a): Sexual Abuse of Minor 3-Contact 13-15, Deft-17 or older + 4 years older than victim; CTN 003: AS11.46.300(a)(1): Burglary 1- In A Dwelling; Defendant came before the court on (sentencing date) 2/6/14 with counsel, PD Greene, and the DA present; Incarceration: It is ordered that the defendant is committed to the care and custody of the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections for the following period(s): 4 years Commissioner of the Department of Corrections for the following period(s): 4 years

with 2 years suspended; The unsuspended 2 years shall be served when defendant remands 2/28/14 at 1:30 p.m.; Surcharges: Police Training Surcharge: The defendant shall pay the following police training surcharge(s) to the court pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: \$100 (Felony); Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, the defendant 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 iail time is ordered served: AS 12.55.041(c): DNA IDENTIFICArectional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); DNA IDENTIFICA-TION: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035, or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state and to provide oral samples for the DNA Regis storial acting of herial of the state and to provide or a samples of the DNA registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; Probation: After serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 5 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation, as stated in the order; Bond(s): Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated when defendant reports as ordered to jail to serve the sentence; Court approved forfeiture of \$7500 of the \$15,000 posted; Must

register as a Sex Offender. State of Alaska v. Charles Saccheus, Jr. (7/8/9); Judgment and Order of 2Commit ment/Probation; AS11.41.436(a)(2): Sex Abuse Minor 2- Contact, Vict Undr 13; Class: B Felony; Offense Date: 3/30/13; Plea: Not Guilty; Trial: Jury; Defendant came before the court on (sentencing date) 2/3/14 with counsel, Ella Anagick, and the DA present; Incarceration: It is ordered that the defendant is committed to the care and custody of the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections for the following period(s): 8 years with 5.5 years suspended; The unsuspended 2.5 years shall be served immediately; Surcharges: Police Training Surcharge: The defendant shall pay the following police training surcharge(s) to the court pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: \$100 (Felony); Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, the defendant 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; AS 12.55.041(c); DNA IDENTIFICA the DA present; Incarceration: It is ordered that the defendant is committed to the and, in connection with the revocation, oberindant is arrested and taken to a con-rectional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); DNA IDENTIFICA-TION: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035, or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care profes-sional acting on behalf of the state and to provide oral samples for the DNA Regis-tration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; Probation: After serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 10 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation, as stated in the order; Bond(s). Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated; Must register as a Sex Offender.

State of Alaska v. Archie Ungwiluk (7/16/65); Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 2/11/14.

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State of Alaska v. Walter Rose (4/7/62); 2NO-13-344CR Dismissal; Petition to Revoke Probation #1 (filed 11/29/13); Filed by the DAs Office 2/7/14.

State of Alaska v. Walter Rose (4/7/62); 2NO-13-924CR Dismissal; Criminal Trespass 1°, Chg. Nbr. 1; Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance 6°, Chg. Nbr. 2; Filed by the DAs Office 2/7/14. Sate of Alaska v. Connie Dora Olanna (11/16/90); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation;

ATN: 113672241: Violated conditions of probation: Suspended jail term revoked

and imposed: 6 days; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage. State of Alaska v. Fred Charlie Weyiouanna (11/11/83); Dismissal; Count I: Assault  $4^\circ$ ;

State of Alaska V. Fred Charlie Weylouanna (17/17/83); Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4"; Filed by the DAs Office 2/10/14.

State of Alaska V. Jerry D. Giffin, Jr. (2/15/66); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; AS11.41.210(a)(2): Assault 2 – Serious Injury, Reckless; Class: B Felony; DV; Offense Date: 3/19/13; Plea: Guilty; Plea Agreement: Yes; Defendant came before the court on (sentencing date) 2/10/14 with counsel, PD Greene, and the DA present; Incarceration: It is ordered that the defendant is committed to the care and custody of the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections for the following period(s): 9 5 years with 6 months suspended 7; The Unsuspended 9 5 years shall be custody of the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections for the following period(s): 9.5 years with 6 months suspended; The unsuspended 9.5 years shall be served immediately; Surcharges: Police Training Surcharge: The defendant shall pay the following police training surcharge(s) to the court pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: \$100 (Felony); Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, the defendant 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; AS 12.55.041(c); DNA IDENTIFICATION: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035, or a felony conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035, or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; Probation: After serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation to the property of the following conditions. tion for 10 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation, as stated in the order; Bond(s): Any appearance or performance bond in

State of Alaska v. Bernard Abouchuk (11/24/80); 2NO-13-829CR CTN 001: Harassment 2; Date of Violation: 10/18/13; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 2/11/14); Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not return to Nugget Hotel; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace of

State of Alaska v. Bernard Abouchuk (11/24/80); 2NO-14-64CR CTN 001: Drunk on Licensed Premises; Date of Violation: 1/26/14; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 002; 1 day, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 day shall be served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be seld through this court within 10 days.

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State of Alaska v. Violet Kingeekuk (12/4/52); Violation of Custodian's Duty; Date of Violation: 11/3/13; 3 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant reporting to Nome Court on 2/14/14, 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; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

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THERMAL IMAGING— Bering Straits Development Co. energy auditor Robert Bensin captures thermal images of heat escaping the Nome Nugget building. The information will be used to issue a report with recommendations to increase the energy efficiency of the building.



GETTING THE PICTURE— The thermal camera captures the cold and heat distribution of interior walls. Red shows heat, green and blue signal

# Federal grant subsidizes small business energy efficiency audits in region

By Laurie McNicholas

The Nome Nugget is the first business in the region to receive a federally subsidized energy efficiency audit under a new grant program administered by the Bering Straits

A prioritized list of energy efficiency recommendations for the Nugget's historic office building and former print shop will go to Editor and Publisher Nancy McGuire when Robert Bensin of Bering Straits Development Co. completes the audit.

Each recommendation will include a cost estimate for implementing it and a payback estimate in energy cost savings within a time pe-

of money to invest in audit-recommended improvements based in part on the anticipated payback in energy

McGuire will decide the amount

In November 2013 the Bering Straits Foundation received a USDA Rural Business Enterprise grant for \$200,000 to provide commercial energy audits to 44 small businesses in the region.

The foundation handles grant payments, accounting and quarterly reports for the program.

Taz Tally of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Advocates wrote the grant application and serves as grant manager, recruiting clients and implementing work on audits.

The Homer-based firm has delivered similar programs to more than 50 small businesses on the Kenai Peninsula.

Tally said he began to seek grant sources for small business energy audits because the Alaska Energy Authority's audit of his home prompted him to make energy upgrades that shaved 37 percent from his residential energy costs in one year. He said at that time the AEA did not perform small business energy audits, but the agency is doing so now.

Tally said clients in the AEA energy audit program pay \$2,000 or more for an audit and are reimbursed after the audit has been completed.

### Down payment reimbursable

Tally said seven clients have signed up for the foundation's energy audit program.

Each client makes a reimbursable down payment of \$250-10 percent of the \$2,500 audit.

The foundation will reimburse the down payment if the client upgrades for energy efficiency.

Bensin is developing a list of recommended businesses to implement upgrades, Tally noted. He said the USDA requires that qualified persons perform the audit-recommended improvements.

'We impose a down payment of \$250 for a small business or nonprofit to qualify for an audit because for our first two programs on the

Kenai Peninsula, we asked each business to confirm it would move forward and perform upgrades, but most did not," Tally explained. "The whole reason for the program is energy efficiency."

### **Upgrades** partly bûrsable

A client who spends \$6,000 or more for energy efficiency upgrades is eligible to apply to USDA Rural Energy for America for a grant to reimburse 25 percent of costs, but is not required to do so, Tally noted.

"The USDA will reimburse a minimum of \$1,500 (25 percent of \$6,000), so to apply for reimbursement a client must spend at least \$6,000 for upgrades," Tally noted.

Talley said Christina Whiting of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Advocates works with any client who wishes to apply for reimbursement, and she has guided about 50 applicants through the competitive reimbursement process. The assistance Whiting provides enhances the program's success because some small businesses are operated by just one or two individuals who don't have time to process a reimbursement request.

### **Audit program information**

Efforts to disseminate information about the USDA energy audit program have included presentations to the Nome Rotary and Nome Chamber of Commerce, KNOM Radio broadcasts, advertisement in The Nome Nugget, and flyers distributed by the Alaska Village Electric Cooperative and Kawerak, Inc., Tally noted.

For more information and to find out if you qualify to receive one of the 44 audits, contact Moriah Sallaffie, executive vice president of Bering Straits Foundation at 443-4305, MSallaffie@beringstraits.com or Taz Talley at 907-435-7906, taz-



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CAN YOU HOP?( left)— Headstart teacher Janet Balice checks Ariel Berndhart and Davin Herzner's hopping skills during last Monday's Child Find Fair. The annual event aims to educate parents on developmental progress of their children from age 0 to 5 years old.

SCORED A BOOK (middle)— Four-year old Vamura Olanna received a book at the Child Find Fair. The fair offered vision, hearing, speech and developmental screening.

SUPERGIRL — Melody Johnson was drawn to the fire fighter helmets at the Child Fair, on Monday, Feb. 17.

