



Photo by Diana Haecker

**IRON DOGS LEAVING NOME**— Iron Dog team 36, Archie Beetus and Ryan Folsom, blasted over the Nome River with a mirage of Sledge Island in the background, as they left the halfway point in Nome. The Iron Dog snowmobile race restart took place on Thursday. Winners Todd Minnick and Nick Olstad arrived at the finish line on Saturday noon. *See story on page 16.*

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**CHEERLEADING**— Gwendalyn Trigg-Komakhuk, the only senior in the Nanook cheerleading squad, and Kelsi Immingan, left, cheer on the home team in the basketball game against Barrow on Senior Night, Friday, Feb. 21. *See story on the Norton Sound Shootout on page 7.*

## Police want to take a bite out of drug crime

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome Police Chief John Papasodora has secured Nome Common Council approval to put more teeth into the department's effort to curb drug activity in Nome.

They are installing a K-9 program within the department.

K-9 unit? That means four-footed enforcement—a specially trained dog to work with the department on drug issues and also to be able to fill in on search and rescue efforts for added safety.

"This gives us a tool in the toolbox with which we can directly address the task," Papasodora told the

Council.

"Hopefully we can cut down on the drug activity and increase what we can do."

Police Officer Jason Timm produced the proposal under which he will select and buy a police dog using his own money.

Timm would coordinate the purchase with Papasodora and Sgt. Scott Johnson, Alaska State Trooper, who is a recognized K-9 trainer and has experience in kennels and K-9 selection.

Papasodora backed and presented

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## NJUS board ponders Pilgrim power pact

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome Joint Utilities System administration expects electric power coming into Nome from Pilgrim Hot Springs to be a 'go' or 'no go' proposition within 60 days.

That's what John K. Handeland, utility manager, told foot-draggers on the Nome Joint Utility Board at its meeting Feb. 20.

The board must decide by mid-April whether to sign a 20-year contract with Pilgrim Springs developers for the flat rate of 24 cents a kilowatt for the duration of the agreement.

Pilgrim Limited and Potelco have reported an "all systems go" pending negotiation and acceptance of an agreement to sell power to Nome, Handeland told the board.

Some questioned signing a contract of 20 years' duration.

Developers and scientists from University of Alaska Fairbanks have found that the operation would be

capable of sending two to 2.3 megawatts of power into town.

Handeland expects to have an information packet in hand within two weeks that includes a detailed analysis for the utility board and Nome Common Council to consider.

A megawatt equals 1,000 kilowatts.

Negotiation started at 21 cents per kilowatt, Handeland said, but that was with an escalator to 48 cents a kilowatt.

The tentative agreement has Potelco responsible for building and maintaining the transmission line to town and linking it to the NJUS power plant.

Some NJUS board members expressed a want for caution in signing a contract as long as 20 years.

What if, asked Fred Moody, NJUS were locked into 24 cents a kilowatt and unforeseen events brought a gas

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## School Board hires new NES principal, tackles budget

By Kristine McRae

At last week's school board meeting the school district presented the

board with a preliminary draft of the budget for the 2014-2015 school year.

Superintendent Steve Gast and business manager Paula Coffman outlined revenues and deficits as they begin the process of allocating and balancing the district's yearly funding.

Still in the draft stage, the proposed budget will take board and public comments before it is adopted later this spring.

Based on the formula provided by the state foundation, the district is budgeting for 695 students next year.

The calculations take into consideration not only the number of stu-

dents in the district, but also which school they attend, special needs, required local contributions and the state's Base Student Allotment, which has yet to be determined by the legislature.

One unknown is whether the district will receive the governor's "one time funding" again, which last year was for transportation.

Another is whether the district will receive continued funding for the teacher positions it supports at Head Start and the Nome Preschool. Per the negotiated agreement with the Nome Education Association, ce

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Photo by Rachael Scholten

**JR. IDITAROD**— Nome's Jannelle Trowbridge competed last weekend in her first Jr. Iditarod, finishing the race in sixth place. *See story on page 6.*

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Letters

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter concerning the needy people here in Elim. Not only in Elim but also all over the State of Alaska I presume. These are the people that do not qualify for food stamps and the money they receive for their work goes to their monthly bills like electricity, telephone, water and sewer, and other necessities and they end up having little or no money to get food from the store!

We need to find out some options about getting funding for these people. I've heard times are getting tough and it will get tougher as time goes by, according to the Bible. There's hardly any work here in Elim and other villages and those that have jobs are lucky to have them. I heard HUD is building some houses here this spring or summer and also Bering Straits Housing. But they are on hold till this summer.

We have exhausted my husband's unemployment benefits, but thankfully I'm back on disability benefits but that barely covers all of our bills. We got behind on our bills trying to help my daughter and her two kids and companion get food from the store, before they got their food stamps.

If there's some suggestions or possible funding from NSEDC or other business like the food bank, please let us know. We have applied for food stamps but I don't know how that will go.

We also need to think about where our souls will spend eternity, too. We have heard that Jesus is coming back soon and we need to think about where our souls will spend eternity.

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

Editorial

Big Money Has a Loud Voice

Money talks and big money shouts. We see TV ads touting "Vote No," "Vote Yes," "Tell Senator Whosit blah, blah, blah." The ads are loud with truth having many versions. When it gets to the end of the message it says who paid for the ad. That is the part that gets interesting because it zips by so fast that it nearly breaks the sound barrier. Ears can't hear that fast and eyes can't see who paid because the text is too small. Americans for Prosperity, sincere faces of various gas, oil and mining and other interests all have vested financial interests in promoting their causes. They pour millions into swaying our votes. They prey upon our ignorance and gullibility.

So, Let's figure who these fast-lipped advertisers really are. Who are Americans for Prosperity? Such a nice name. Well, they are big time multi-billionaires, the Koch brothers, who certainly don't live in Alaska. And really don't seem to care about us. They just want to control our politics. Oh, aren't they the same guys who closed the Flint Hills Refinery because of excess costs?

Freedom of expression is fundamental and the truth is so limiting. Big money has a big stick, but it is the ordinary citizen who controls the ballot box. It is our responsibility to educate ourselves and keep our hogwash detector fully functional. —N.L.M.—

*"It is true that you may fool all the people some of the time; you can even fool some of the people all of the time; but you can't fool all of the people all the time."* — To a caller at the White House from "Lincoln's Yarns and Stories" by Alexander McClure

I just thought I'd add that in. Well there is hardly any snow for the men to go hunt caribou also no money for gas. Something has to give soon.

Also the prices at the store are real high and the families that are on food stamps— their benefits do not last the whole month.

Well God bless everyone and hope to hear from anyone soon.  
Bessie Baxter  
Elim, AK 99739

Juneau Juice

**Court Ruling on TAPS Vindicates Fired Assessor**  
*Court decision reinforces accuracy of assessments by Marty McGee, who was fired by Parnell*

ANCHORAGE: The Alaska Supreme Court just ruled in favor of Fairbanks, Valdez, and the North Slope Borough. The Supreme Court upheld a lower court's finding that oil companies have consistently attempted to undervalue the Trans-Alaska Pipeline in order to dodge their tax obligations to Alaska localities. The Supreme Court's decision comes on the heels of Gov. Parnell's decision to fire Marty McGee, an expert tax assessor who had challenged oil company efforts to undervalue the TAPS.

"This Supreme Court decision shows that Parnell's firing of Marty McGee was politically-motivated and wrong for Alaska," said Mike Wenstrup, Chair of the Alaska Democratic Party. "It is a good thing the courts are willing to take a hard look at data about TAPS, since Parnell has attempted to suppress it."

Courts have found that oil companies consistently have underestimated the value of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) in order to reduce their tax obligations to Alaska local governments. The companies even maintained two sets of books, one with the actual value of the TAPS and one with the one provided for tax purposes. Judge Sharon Gleason ruled that the companies undervalued the TAPS, as Marty McGee had noted in his work as an assessor.

Parnell has come under fire for other politically-motivated budgetary decisions and state hires. Parnell attempted to hold a classroom funding increase hostage to passage of a voucher resolution, but backed down under pressure. He also backed down from an apparent threat of retribution against Ketchikan for an education-related lawsuit. The administration was embarrassed by the hiring of an out-of-state judge, Paul Pozonsky, for a state job that required Alaska hire. Pozonsky is on trial for stealing cocaine while working as a judge in Pennsylvania, and the disappearance of cocaine evidence was public when the Parnell Administration hired him in Alaska.

**Rep. Guttenberg comments on Supreme Court TAPS Property Tax decision**

JUNEAU –Representative David Guttenberg (D-Interior/Wade Hampton) released the following statement in response to the Alaska Supreme Court decision upholding the fair assessed value of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) for local property tax purposes.

"This Supreme Court decision is monumentally important. The court has made it clear: it's about time the state starts living up to its Constitutional obligation to maximize the benefit to Alaskans from their natural resources. The governor needs to reverse course and stand up for Alaskans instead of giving their resource wealth

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A Look at the Past



Comment by Laura Samuelson with photo courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum  
**EVEN HORSES GOT INTO THE ACTION –** The widely used trail which begins near Dredge #6 is actually an old wagon trail that heads up the gold rich Snake River Valley. This photo accompanies the *Gold, Men and Dogs* image from last week.

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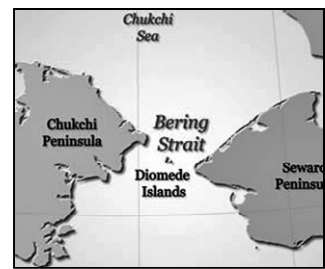
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Strait Action



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Dubious firm proposes Arctic port construction at Port Clarence

Last week, a company named Sea Pirate Mining Inc. sent a proposal to Governor Sean Parnell and Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell, as well as to the Alaska Congressional delegation, to construct a major deep-water port facility. Sea Pirate Mining posted a press release on their Facebook page saying that the proposal — if accepted — would “change the trajectory of Arctic sovereignty and global shipping issues...”

The company’s website features a skull and bone flag, and the slogan “Arrr...Gold can try ...but it can’t hide.”

Sea Pirate Mining, Inc. proposes to have full oversight and management of the “totality of the project and specifically with the minimum dredging of an 18 nautical mile port channel that will be dredged to an average depth of 65 feet, by 2,500 feet wide; dredge to a depth of 65 feet, 110 square miles of bay, as to accept vessels as large as supertankers, while fully loaded.”

The proposal says the total required dredging of the offshore approach channel and the bay of Port Clarence, will involve the removal of approximately 7,127,608,889 cubic yards of seafloor materials. “The spoils recovered from the dredging operations, once processed, will be used to expand the isthmus and raise the landmass to a general height of 25 to 30 feet above sea level,” the document says.

Their ambitious plan envisions to turn Port Clarence into an industrial sized port for international marine traffic. “This port will also be the staging area for Arctic convoys for the international shipping commu-

nity, marine research studies, commercial fishing and perhaps even special seasonal tourism tours, between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans.”

The proposal also makes unrealistic claims of providing “complete marine services, such as: commercial ice breakers, escorts, salvage, environmental cleanup, SAR and path-finding assistance and will be targeted with attempting to keep the Northwest Passage open, year round. This project also includes a new airport that will feature two (2) 11,000 foot runways, hangers [sic], float-plane terminal and heliport.”

And best of all, the company wants to build it all for free and not burden the taxpayer or the State of Alaska. The proposal, including misspellings of Bering Strait and referring to the Polar seas, continues to say “Strategically located less than 50 nautical miles from the Bering Straight [sic] (gateway to the Polar seas), this \$3.6 billion (USD) project will be located at Port Clarence, Alaska. This project will far exceed the construction of the Suez and Panama Canal combined, in size, scope and offered services.”

According to the plan’s calculations, the project would require a minimum of five years of construction year round, 24/7, employing more than 800 skilled workers who will enjoy three-week Christmas holidays. However, the plan doesn’t mention from where the workers would be recruited or housed. “No request has been made, nor are they planned, for appropriated funds from either the Federal or State of Alaska government for this effort,” the proposal states. In return, the company just wants the mineral rights to the seabed they propose to dredge and unnamed industrial partners would pay the bills in exchange for reaping the benefits from a deepwater port.

Arctic storms intensify

The publication *Science Daily* reports that climate change intensifies Arctic storms.

Winter in the Arctic is the storm season when hurricane-like cyclones traverse the northern waters from Iceland to Alaska. These cyclones are characterized by strong localized drops in sea level pressure and as

Arctic-wide decreases in sea level pressure are one of the expected results of climate change, this could increase extreme Arctic cyclone activity, including powerful storms in the spring and fall, scientists say.

A new study in *Geophysical Research Letters* uses historical climate model simulations to demonstrate that there has been an Arctic-wide decrease in sea level pressure since the 1800s.

“This research shows that the Arctic appears to be expressing symptoms expected from ongoing climate change,” said Dr. Stephen Vavrus from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. “The long-term decline in atmospheric pressure over most of the Arctic is consistent with the response typically simulated by climate models to greenhouse warming, and this study finds a general corresponding increase in the frequency of extreme Arctic cyclones since the middle 19th century.”

Tracking changes in Arctic cyclone activity through time, Vavrus calculated a statistically significant, though minor, increase in extreme Arctic cyclone frequency over the study period, with increases strongest near the Aleutian Islands and Iceland. Dr. Vavrus suggests that, as of yet, the effect of climate change on Arctic cyclone activity has been minimal, but that future changes in polar climate will drive stronger shifts.

One relevant implication is that more storms mean more erosion of Arctic coastlines, especially in tandem with declines in buffering sea ice cover and increases in thawing coastal permafrost. “Erosion of Arctic coastlines has already been growing more severe during recent decades, and this study points to a contributing factor that will likely become an even more recognizable culprit in the future,” said Dr. Vavrus.

The U.S. Navy prepares for operations in Arctic Ocean

In the coming decades, as multi-year sea ice in the Arctic Ocean recedes, previously unreachable areas may open for maritime use for a few weeks each year. This opening maritime frontier has important national

security implications and impact required future Navy capabilities.

The Arctic Roadmap, updated from its original 2009 version, includes an implementation plan that outlines the Navy’s strategic approach to developing capabilities to operate in the Arctic Ocean, and the ways and means to support the desired Department of Defense and National Strategy end states.

A task force assembled an interagency team of Arctic experts from various Navy offices, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Ice Center, the U.S. Coast Guard, and academia to develop a consensus assessment based on available predictions by climate scientists. The task force identified key missions the Navy should be expected to perform, such as mar-

itime security (including support to the Coast Guard for search and rescue), sea control, freedom of navigation, and disaster response/defense support of civil authorities.

“As the perennial ice melts and open water is available for longer periods of time, we are committed to expanding our Arctic capabilities,” said Rear Adm. Jonathan White, Oceanographer of the Navy and TFCC director.

Given the vast distances and virtually no supporting infrastructure there, naval forces without specialized equipment and operational experience face substantial impediments. Naval operations in the Arctic Ocean require special training, extreme cold-weather modifications for systems and equipment, and complex logistics support.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, February 27

*Lunch Laps	Pool	Noon - 1:30 p.m.
*Vinyasa Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*City League Bball:	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*City League Basketball:	Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 pm
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, February 28

*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
*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.

Saturday, March 1  
Iditarod Starts

*Water Aerobics	Pool	11:00 - Noon
*Open Gym:	Nome Rec Center	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 2

*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, March 3

*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
*City League Bball:	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4

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

Wednesday, March 5

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

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Timm's proposal before the Council at its Feb. 24 meeting. The City's part of the bargain would be payment for training for Timm and the dog, including airfare, equipment, vet services and maintenance.

Papasodora asked the Council for \$12,000 to pay for the K-9 program. The Council unanimously approved adding \$12,000 to the general fund budget.

In return, Timm has agreed to a three-year commitment, after which he may remain with the City or relocate to another agency. Which ever way Timm decides, the dog would go with Timm who would also buy all the City-owned K-9 supplies at an agreed value upon termination.

Papasodora urged the Council to accept the proposal because, he said, it would give the police department an additional tool to detect and deter illegal drug operations, increase capacity for local search and rescue, and retain an experienced and capable officer for an additional three years. Papasodora said an additional goal would be to increase the department's public relations capacity.

The police dog would help out at points of entry for drugs—post office, airport and vessels. The K-9 program would be used in presentations at the schools, Adult Probation home visits, Airport Security checks and general drug searches.

Timm and the dog will be attending Rogers Academy in Huntsville, Ala. For approximately six weeks in March and April, the K-9 unit will train in first aide and safety, legal issues, narcotics overview, olfactory senses and detections, control, search (narcotics, area and building), obedience and scenario-based training.

Timm would receive an hour overtime pay and other consideration for taking care of the K-9, essentially a two-step salary increase to compensate Timm for care and expertise, according to Papasodora.

The police department memorandum on the K-9 unit stresses that the K-9 officer will not be a bite dog.

"However, most dogs may bite if placed in a situation where they are in fear for their safety or their handler's safety," the proposal said.

In other business:

- At Councilman Stan Andersen's urging, Council backed off a resolution to support state Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities Nome general aviation runway project until local users of Nome City Field could have a chance to utter an opinion.

"Do people with airplanes out

there know we are doing this?" Andersen asked. "The state likes support on their local projects, but this is controversial," Councilman Tom Sparks said. The project would move Nome City Field onto airport property. Councilman Jerald Brown proposed to table the resolution for a month. The Council did not agree. But the main motion failed. Mayor Denise Michels reminded the Council that public hearings had been held in 2006 when the master plan came out.

- Heard Utility Manager John Handeland tell them that besides three small projects left from last year, that NJUS had not set up the 2014 summer work season plans pending news on federal and state water and sewer project money. "Once we know what is the potential from funding agencies, we can determine the summer work scope," Handeland said.

- Went around and around on ordering road sanding equipment as regards barge season and whether the money should come from this year's or next year's spending plans. The City's public works department has plans to replace their 1982 Ford dump truck which has been leaking a gallon of oil a day while in use. Andersen advocated saving the expenditure for budget year 2015 to reduce the amount the City would be taking from its savings to balance this year's budget. The City received three letters from citizens asking remedies for icy roads. "I don't think we should delay," Councilman Randy Pomeranz said.

- Passed five ordinances tweaking and torquing this year's budget amendments.

- Once more delayed making a policy to follow for waiving fees for use of Nome's public facilities.

- Received a report from Handeland that NJUS is in negotiation with developers at the Pilgrim Hot Springs geothermal power project to achieve a 20-year contract for electrical power at around 24 cents per kilowatt. The company Potelco and scientists from UA Fairbanks have determined an availability of about two to 2.3 megawatts of power. Lining up the power purchase in a 20-year contract would be a hedge against the ongoing trend of rising fuel prices, according to Handeland.

Mayor Denise Michels noted the resignation of Ron Engstrom from the Nome Museum and Library Commission.

She thanked Engstrom for his many years of service. Engstrom served on the commission for almost 20 years.

**Clarification to an article in the Feb. 6, 2014 Nome Nugget:** The Board of Game decision to change the bag limit of one brown bear every four regulatory years to one bear every regulatory year only affects **Game Unit 22C**. Regulations for the remainder of GM 22 have not been changed.



Photo courtesy Caleb Weaver

**IRON DOG URBAN-RURAL EXCHANGE**—Nomeites Caleb Weaver, CJ Lyon, Keane Moore, Lacy Erickson, Hunter Maness, Mike Woods and Kara Wideman (left to right) pose with Lt. Gov. Mead Treadwell at the Iron Dog race start in Big Lake.

## Nome youth participate in urban-rural exchange program

By Kristine McRae

While Iron Dog racers and fans focused on the tricky trail from Big Lake to Nome to Fairbanks, a group of Alaska youth participated in an urban-rural exchange that had them hopping around the state in support of the world-class snowmachine race.

This year students from Anchorage and Nome represented the Iron Dog Urban-Rural Student Exchange Program.

An Iron Dog media release described the exchange as a way for students from both urban and rural communities to come together and collaborate on a single project while fully immersing themselves into another culture.

Mike Woods, who teaches at King Career Center in Anchorage, has been integral to the program since it began, in 2010. "It started with an idea that Cynthia Erickson from Tanana had," Woods said. "The idea was to rotate students from Anchorage with every school along the route. We've been to Tanana, Unalakleet, Galena and, now, Nome."

Woods approached Nome-Beltz

high school teacher Caleb Weaver as his partner teacher, and together they coordinated the activities and duties for the students. The two groups of five students each met in Big Lake to set up fencing, hang banners, and get the chute ready. Then they took it all down. "It was a lot of work," Weaver said, "but it was an opportunity for them to see how much they can do."

Different kids had different roles. Some were interested in the mechanics of the machines, others in the media side of things. There was something for everybody that was interesting, and I'm excited for their experience."

When weather prevented the Anchorage group from making it into Nome Tuesday evening as scheduled, they had to revise their plans. But Woods said that even delays and mechanical issues are part of the experience. "It shows us what a big state we really live in, and that things don't always go as planned, especially when it comes to travel."

"We aim to show the students that the Iron Dog is more than a race; that it's a prime example of how com-

munities must come together and work with each other to pull off a unified goal. In this case it's a snow-machine race, but the principles they learn will apply to many circumstances the students are likely to face in their future," Woods said.

The group did make it to Nome in time for the halfway banquet, at which they served dessert. Before they left Nome again on Thursday they took a tour of Nome with Richard Beneville and visited Nome-Beltz and NACTEC with their Nome counterparts.

Both groups then traveled to Fairbanks to set up the finish line, prepare for the awards ceremony, and hand out awards. Weaver said he was impressed with his students and excited for their experience.

"I'm really proud of the maturity, flexibility, and work ethic of our Nome students Kara, Lacy, Hunter, CJ, and Keane.

Some days for this trip, they've worked all day, in the cold, on little sleep, with no breaks, and almost no food, yet they have done their jobs with enthusiasm."

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pipeline to Nome with cheaper power? What if, Moody asked, the apparatus at Pilgrim failed, shutting down the 2 megawatts coming out of the hot springs? What if the flow of power does not start for five years, pushing the 24-cent kilowatt price to 25 years during which time sources of cheaper energy were found?

"I don't want to see us locked into a 20 years' contract," Moody said.

"It would be no foul for us if they are not successful. We would pay for power delivered," Handeland said.

"If fuel goes from the current \$3.50 to \$2, it would be a bad deal, but we also have to factor in wear and tear on our generators."

NJUS would continue to operate its diesel generators, Handeland said.

If wind or geothermal has a power interruption, "we need something to turn on and turn on immediately," Handeland said.

"The two megawatts from geothermal at Pilgrim Hot Springs plus the potential power to be garnered from the NJUS wind farm on Banner Ridge would not meet Nome's peak

demand for six megawatts," he said.

NJUS would always maintain a winter's volume of fuel, as it wouldn't be prudent to rely on anything else to get through the winter but diesel fuel, the panel agreed.

"Our diesel needs to be factored in. We need diesel to be responsible to the ratepayers," Willson said.

The price would be 24 cents, Handeland emphasized.

"If we're not able to commit for 20 years, it's a dead deal today," he said.

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certified and support staff salaries will rise 2 percent, along with a 10 percent increase in health insurance. This year the district spent less on fuel and utilities than they had expected, but the projected cost increases in health insurance and salary benefits are prompting proposed cuts in other areas.

"The first place we went is to the district office as opposed to going to the teachers, which wouldn't effect the kids like taking a teacher out and increasing class size," Gast told the board. The district is looking to combine the Human Resources position or changing it to a classified (non-certified) position.

Also in the draft is the elimination of two aide positions at the elementary school and one special ed teacher at the high school. Staff development and travel went over budget this year, and the district is looking for ways to maintain vital professional development opportunities for teachers without going into debt. "It's a problem with a district our size; if you're constantly replacing ten percent of your teachers, you need to train them," Gast said, to which board member Barb Nickels added, "We have four new curriculums coming on board, and teachers are going to need to be trained."

A 13-member hiring committee interviewed six candidates for the elementary principal position and unanimously chose Paul Clark. "We offered and he accepted the position last Friday," Gast told the board.

Mr. Clark is currently the principal in Noorvik, in the Northwest Arctic Borough School district. His contract will start in early August.

State officials will visit Nome-Beltz High School on April 28 and 29 as part of the accreditation process. "One component of the visitation is we've opened up six days to give parents the opportunity to come in and visit classes," Nome-Beltz principal Scott Handley said.

"The purpose is to give students exposure to see what it feels like to have visitors in the classroom."

Also scheduled for this year, the high school is updating and developing curriculum; the math curriculum will be brought before the board for adoption in March. More and more, lesson development includes targeting a variety of skills, such as combining language components with mathematics and art. "We have been working through a grant from Nome Eskimo Community to bring more culturally relevant activities and to teach essential writing and math skills," Handley told the board. To that end, the school is bringing a world-class kayak builder to Nome to construct a kayak with junior high students. The project will integrate essential writing and math skills, which meet state standards in those subjects.

Handley also acknowledged the city council for supporting the breakfast program at Nome-Beltz, which began in early February. The program provides fruit and snacks in the morning, and student response has been positive.

In his brief to the board, elementary school principal Bob Grimes reported that the Sixth grade had the highest average daily attendance for third quarter. In a campaign to boost school attendance, elementary students are given incentives for coming to school consistently and on time.

With the winter Measure of Academic Progress testing cycle complete the school is working on their Response to Intervention, which seeks to identify and provide assistance to children who are having difficulty learning.

"We're using data to start arranging students into reading and math," Grimes said.

On March 3 the elementary school will celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss by participating in "Read Across America." Community members are invited to come read to the children, and students from the junior high will visit to recite selections from the Prose Out Loud project.

NPS Technology Director Robin Johnson shared some of the multimedia projects resulting from a recent competition that invited students to explore audio and video technology.

The presentations combined digital video, photos, stopgap animation, music, and narration. Kerry Ahmasuk, an eighth grader in Ms. Budd's class, used a time-lapse program set to accordion music. "I encouraged students to try to go beyond the free music libraries since those sound effects and music tracks are so ubiquitous," Budd said, "and a couple of students recorded the Eskimo dance groups drumming and singing." The Animation winner in the junior high category was Eric Handeland, for his stopgap animation based on a project on metaphors. At the elementary school, Kaitlyn Johnson created a movie about her experience as a Girl Scout for the "our community" category.

The projects reveal an ongoing commitment to encourage students to combine academics, creativity, and technology. Tech director Johnson said she was pleased with the students' efforts and the help they received from their teachers. "A lot of work goes into these," Johnson said.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Nome resident Sine Holly attempted to answer an earlier query from the board, which was to determine why some families choose to send their kids to Mt. Edgecumbe High School or elsewhere rather than have the students stay at Nome-Beltz. Holly described her experience moving from Bethel to Nome because "Nome was an excellent community to live in and raise my children." She then enumerated a number of examples that eventually led to her family's decision to send her children to boarding school. Her daughter, after transferring to Edgecumbe in Sitka her junior year, said, "The academics at Nome-Beltz high school were

"ridiculously easy compared to Mt. Edgecumbe." Holly's son attended Nome-Beltz his freshman and sophomore years, "coming home with A's and B's, and his spelling was atrocious and he did no homework. I went to the counselor and was told I shouldn't worry. He transferred to Mt. Edgecumbe his junior year. His first progress report showed a D in US History. He told me, 'My English skills are so poor, that I can't write comprehensive reports.' And he was able to fix that."

Holly described the difficulties surrounding sending her children away to school. "I swore I wouldn't send another child away to school, but this school district failed my child." She said the school discouraged her from having her youngest daughter tested for special ed services in elementary school. "I was told she just wasn't that smart, but that she was functioning at an acceptable level." In high school, her daughter expressed an interest in going elsewhere to school. "They don't treat me like I'm stupid, I might actually learn something here," she told her mother after visiting Galena. She eventually did go to Edgecumbe, and after one quarter Holly said her daughter passed the remainder of her High School Graduation Qualifying Exams.

During her address, Holly shifted to a broader, social commentary. "I think the failures of the high school are because of expectations, the kids are expected to do well or to fail, based on who their families are." She described a failure of academic and social structure. "The school does not prepare them for college," Holly said. "Basically Nome-Beltz has given up on the students. They allow certain students to get away with bullying. There's a pecking order that exists in our schools — the haves and have-nots. We're teaching our kids false values. We're teaching our kids it OK to tolerate favoritism."

Holly ended her address by acknowledging that, "despite this great societal divide, Nome has so many

wonderful attributes. It's a great community, a generous and giving community. I personally believe we can fix our school district by beginning in our own homes. Ambition should be properly focused. We've got to teach and live with integrity, honesty, sharing, compassion, mutual esteem, respect and value for others. These values should be reinforced, taught, demonstrated throughout our school district."

In routine business the board approved the recommended contracts for tenured and non-tenured teachers, as well as a curriculum vendor list for the Nome Extensions Program. In not-so-routine business the board discussed concerns over vandalism and dangerous play at the school bus stops, in particular the stop on Front Street near the Aurora Inn. Barb Nickels said she has heard from several members of the community about property damage at the bus stop and at the nearby Northwest Campus, and she's had reports of students doing drugs inside the bus stop.

Nickels suggested having a monitor at the stop during pick up and drop off times. "I think need we need somebody to be at the stop. They're playing the game where they're pushing kids out in the street. It's a large bus stop," Nickels said. Although the bus stops are owned by the city, the school has in the past painted over offensive graffiti and fixed the huts.

Nickels also took a moment to clarify comments she made at the January 28 work session. "I stated that I wanted our new elementary principal to be able to read data, so that he would know our kids, and I just want folks to know that this was during a specific part of our meeting referring to a list of requirements and qualifications that could be quantified when we were reviewing our applications and it had nothing to do with personal qualities that we were looking for in a principal," Nickels said.

March 11 is the next scheduled school board meeting.

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"If you are not interested in that, we need to tell them tomorrow," Handeland said.

Director Berda Willson wanted to see something in writing.

"I want to see all the pieces on the table," she said.

"We haven't seen anything. We can't throw in the towel. We need to see the towel," she laughed.

NJUS has been working with the city's attorney office to protect the City, utility and ratepayers, Handeland said.

Meanwhile, NJUS has been in touch with Cordova Electric, where the utility is using the Organic Rankine Cycle recovery to capture additional generator heat for electricity. NJUS has requested information on projected cost and savings achieved.

Handeland and a board member might go to Cordova to see the system in operation.

Following equipment upgrades and staff training, NJUS staff started adding fluoride to the municipal water system on Jan. 28. The amount going into the drinking water is 0.7 parts per million (ppm).

Handeland explained how Nome's level related to state and federal standards. The current federal standard

sets the maximum fluoride level at 4.0 ppm. The current state standard sets the maximum at 2.0 ppm. In the past, Nome maintained the concentration between 0.8 ppm and 1.2 ppm. NJUS, following consultation with Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and engineers has decided to use a conservative current standard averaging 0.7 ppm.

"This is lower than both federal and state standards, but in line with the level being used elsewhere in Alaska," Handeland told the NJUS board in his report. "This level is also consistent with proposed revisions to standards that the feds are considering, although they have not yet adopted these standards."

Handeland and board members gave Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. another round of thanks for contributing \$500 of energy subsidy to eligible customers in the NSEDC communities. NJUS and NSEDC staff conducted a two-day signup session at Nome City Hall Feb. 11-13, and extended the signup opportunity to Feb. 20, according to Handeland.

"We took the initiative to call folks who did not come in and will review the list with NSEDC folks who may have been out of town, but otherwise eligible, during the enrollment period," Handeland reported.



*Photo by Diana Haecker*

**LEAVING NOME—** Iron Dog racers blast along East Beach on Thursday, Feb. 20, on their way to the finish line in Fairbanks.

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**JR. MUSHER** — Nomeite Janelle Trowbridge completed her rookie race in sixth place.

*Photos by Rachael Scholten*



**APPROACHING THE FINISH LINE** — Janelle Trowbridge nears the end of the Jr. Iditarod race.

# Nome teen finishes Jr. Iditarod

**By Diana Haecker**

Last weekend, Janelle Trowbridge of Nome finished her first Jr. Iditarod, crossing the finish line at Martin Buser's Happy Trails Kennel in Big Lake in sixth place.

Due to poor trail conditions, the Jr. Iditarod trail start and finish location was changed from Knik Lake to Happy Trails Kennel at Big Lake. The trail took the nine junior mushers from Big Lake to Yentna, where

they had a 10-hour layover, and back the next day to Big Lake.

Conway Seavey, 17, won the 2014 Jr. Iditarod, with Ben Harper arriving only two minutes after Seavey at the finish line, on Sunday at 7:52 a.m.

Seavey won his second Jr. Iditarod championship title, after posting a win in 2012. Seavey is the grandson of Iditarod legend Dan Seavey, the son of two-time Iditarod champion Mitch Seavey and the

brother of 2013 Iditarod champion Dallas Seavey.

Janelle Trowbridge of Nome was the first girl to cross the finish line, a distinction that got her a special prize: a fur hat made by Libby Riddles, the first woman to have won the Iditarod.

Janelle said she ran the dogs out of her family's kennel in Nome that she trained herself. While training began in August, this winter's lack of

snow and the dismal icy conditions didn't prove conducive to run dogs. "We had only one and a half weeks of training on sled and then we went to Bethel," she said. Her father Roland Trowbridge ran as a rookie in the Kusko 300, finishing in last place.

One and a half weeks before the Jr. Iditarod Janelle flew her 12 of her dogs to the Mat-Su Valley to train with fellow Nomeite Melissa Owens, who now lives in Wasilla. Icy conditions forced them to truck their dogs to the Chugiak race track, where at first, Janelle said, she and the dogs had to get used to navigating trails lined by trees, as they were only used to the open tundra of Nome.

Janelle said she had a blast during the Jr. Iditarod, wanting to do it again next year. Except for one spot of some overflow, the trail was in good condition, she said. Being a rookie, she also learned the importance of patience. Janelle described that she and fellow musher Andrew Nolan raced each other on the run back to Big Lake, which involved a lot of passing and re-passing. This racing back and forth may have taxed her dogs, allowing Nolan to pass her and build a 20-minute lead to the finish line. "If I were to change anything, I would time it better and stay behind him longer," said Janelle in retrospect.

Janelle is an 11th grade student at Nome-Beltz High School. She finished the Jr. Iditarod race two hours and 21 minutes after Jr. Iditarod Champion Conway Seavey. She said she'd like to race the Jr. Iditarod again, hopefully ending up in the top 5. "They really have cool trophies for the top 5," Janelle said, laughing.

2014 Jr. Iditarod results  
1. Conway Seavey; 2. Ben Harper; 3. Kevin Harper; 4. Jimmy Lanier; 5. Andrew Nolan; 6. Janelle Trowbridge; 7. Ashley Guernsey; 8. Joshua Kiejka; 9. Nicole Forto.

## Nomeite competes in 2014 Iditarod Trail Invitational



*David Kasser*

**DOC ON WHEELS** — Nomeite and NSHC Vice President of Hospital Services Phil Hofstetter embarked on yet another 1,000 mile journey on two wheels from Big Lake to Nome on February 23. Hofstetter competes in the 1,000-mile Iditarod Trail Invitational. This year 31 racers on foot, skis and two tires are entered in the 350 mile race to Mc Grath, while 23 racers are signed up to complete their journey 650 miles further up the trail in Nome.



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Nome hosts Norton Sound Shootout basketball game

**By Sarah Miller**

Nome-Beltz hosted a three-day regional basketball tournament last week, welcoming teams from Chevak, Shishmaref, Gambell, Brevig Mission, and Barrow. Games began on Thursday afternoon, with Nome's JV girls and boys teams competing against Gambell. The Nanooks boys won their game in overtime by one point, 55-54. On Friday, the boys and girls teams from Chevak played their first games, against Shishmaref (boys) and Brevig Mission (girls), winning both and beginning a streak of victory that would carry them to first place in the tournament. Chevak's boys team wins were all in close scoring games: Chevak over Shishmaref (59-56); Chevak over Nome (48-45); and Chevak over Gambell (56-51). With its 53-51 win over Nome on Satur-

day, second place in the tournament went to Shishmaref. The all-tournament team honors were given to Ian Booth (Nome), David Ollana (Shishmaref), Elija Matchian (Chevak), Wallace Ungwiluk (Gambell), and John Night of Chevak, who was also named MVP. Keegan Bourdon of Nome was the free throw champion.

On the JV girls' side, the team from Chevak was undefeated in its games against Brevig Mission (72-30), Nome (53-23), and Gambell (39-23). Gambell, defeating Nome (59-40) and Brevig Mission (58-45), was awarded second place in the tournament. Nome's JV Lady Nanooks won over Brevig Mission on Saturday, 33-26. Sarah Campbell of Gambell won the title of Free Throw Champion, and the JV girls all-tournament team included Ashley Tobuk of Nome, Kristina Apassin-

gok of Gambell, Tia Machian and Reanna Tulim of Chevak, and Helen Bruns of Brevig Mission. Tulim was named MVP.

At the evening games on Friday and Saturday, Nome's varsity team faced its conference rival, the Barrow Whalers. Coming off their victory over Barrow at the previous weekend's Valdez Elks Tournament, and holding the home court advantage, the Nanooks started out in control of the game through the first quarter. Coach Pat Callahan stated in an email, "Nome got important contributions early in the game from all six seniors and that was a real key to our victory. Jake Stettenbenz had an early steal and layup that I thought really set the tone in the first quarter." Barrow answered the challenge with a number of three-point shots, and the Nanooks slipped be-



COMING THROUGH— Nome Nanook Tyler Eide drives the ball in the game against the Barrow Whalers. The Nanooks won both games against the Whalers, the Friday game 69-65 and the Saturday game 51-40.

2014 NORTON SOUND SHOOTOUT SCORES AND AWARDS			
<b>GIRLS TOURNAMENT</b>		<b>BOYS TOURNAMENT</b>	
1st Place - Chevak		1st Place - Chevak	
2nd Place - Gambell		2nd Place - Shishmaref	
Free-throw Champions - Sarah Cambell (Gambell)		Free-throw Champion - Keegan Bourdon (NOME)	
<b>ALL-TOURNAMENT</b>		<b>ALL-TOURNAMENT</b>	
Ashley Tobuk (NOME)		Ian Booth (NOME)	
Kristina Apassingok (GAMBELL)		David Olana (SHISHMAREF)	
Tia Machian (CHEVAK)		Elija Matchian (CHEVAK)	
Reanna Tulim (CHEVAK-MVP)		Wallace Ungwiluk (GAMBELL)	
Helen Bruns (BREVIG)		John Night (CHEVAK - MVP)	
<b>GIRLS SCORES</b>		<b>BOYS SCORES</b>	
Gambell 59 Nome JV 40		Nome JV 55 Gambell 54 (ot)	
Chevak 72 Brevig Mission 30		Chevak 59 Shishmaref 56	
Chevak 53 Nome JV 23		Chevak 48 Nome JV 45	
Chevak 39 Gambell 23		Chevak 56 Gambell 51	
Gambell 58 Brevig Mission 45		Gambell 53 Shishmaref 50	
Nome JV 33 Brevig Mission 26		Shishmaref 53 Nome JV 51	

BSSD Basketball Scoreboard							
Friday, February 21, 2014							
Boys Teams				Girls Teams			
Elim	68	St. Michael	56	Teller	55	St. Michael	33
Wmo	84	Savoonga	29	Golovin	62	Stebbins	37
Teller	73	Golovin	58	Kiana	Beat	Shishmaref	
Nome Jv	55	Gambell	54 (Ot)	Gambell	59	Nome Jv	40
Chevak	59	Shishmaref	56	Chevak	72	Brevig M.	30
Unalakleet	62	Hooper Bay	59	Unalakleet	66	Hooper Bay	45
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2014							
Elim	72	St. Michael	64	Teller	61	St. Michael	33
White Mt.	84	Savoonga	29	Golovin	61	Stebbins	33
Golovin	83	Teller	76	Shishmaref	Beat	Kiana	
Chevak	56	Gambell	51	Chevak	39	Gambell	23
Gambell	53	Shishmaref	50	Gambell	58	Brevig Mission	45
Shishmaref	53	Nome Jv	51	Nome Jv	33	Brevig Mission	26
Hooper Bay	63	Unalakleet	57	Unalakleet	66	Hooper Bay	59

hind by three points at halftime, 33-30. Nome began the third quarter on a high note with free throws and a three-point shot by Klay Baker, but Barrow's three pointers continued to pose a problem for the Nanooks, who fell behind again by the end of the third period. In an exciting final quarter, successful rebounds and free throw shots helped Nome climb back on top, leading 66-65 with 45 seconds left to play. Daniel Head's free throw added one point, and then the Whalers tried to run out the clock and missed their final basket. Cass Mattheis sank two free throws with 3.8 seconds to go, and victory went to Nome, 69-65. Tyler Eide scored a career high of 34 points in the game, and Mattheis scored 8 of his 16 points in the final quarter alone. Callahan also noted the contributions of seniors Briar Dickson and Eli Johnson. As this game was preceded by the Senior Night Ceremony, the victory was especially meaningful for the graduating students on the team. Callahan introduced the students by reading an autobiographical statement from each. Common themes among the seniors' statements included appreciation for the support of family members, coaches, and teammates, particularly those who challenged and encouraged the players to better themselves on and off the court. Seniors Cass Mattheis, Eli Johnson, Tyler Eide, Briar Dickson, Jake Stettenbenz, and Matt Tunley described their teammates as cohesive, supportive, fun, and encouraging. Mattheis wrote, "I wouldn't trade anyone on the team," while Tunley expressed that he has loved being part of the team and has cherished every moment.

The Senior Night Ceremony also presented graduating students from the Pep Band and Cheerleading Squad. Ron Horner, the band director, introduced six students, two of whom (Ariana Horner and Tamaira Tocktoo) were absent due to their scheduled basketball game in Barrow. Dawn Wehde, Bruce Landry, Andrea Irrigoo, and Sara Clark were joined by family members and friends as they were recognized for their dedication and contribution to the pep band. Horner stated, "These students represent many years playing, and many hours of practice to add fun and energy to sports events." Cheer coach Abby Baltz presented the only senior on this year's cheer-leading squad, Gwendalyn Trigg-Komakhuk, who has brought a "delightful, great attitude" during her three years on the team. The ceremony was a heartfelt expression of pride and gratitude on behalf of the graduating students, their families, and their coaches and directors.

Saturday's game against Barrow resulted in another victory for the home team, 51-40. Callahan stated, "The Saturday night game was played more at the pace that we prefer." Despite having to play without the leadership of Tyler Eide, who was benched for foul trouble, the Nanooks' defense rose to the occasion and carried the team to a win. Mattheis, Eide, and Baker were the top scoring players, with 18, 16, and 10 points respectively. Callahan commented, "Barrow is a very good team. Lawrence Kaleak is a first-team all-conference performer." Nome is likely to face the Whalers in the first round of the upcoming Western Conference tournament, and will spend its off-weekend preparing for the challenge.

Meanwhile, the Lady Nanooks traveled to Barrow for their last season games before the Western Conference Tournament in Anchorage, March 6-8. Nome was defeated in both games. Friday's score was 74-63, with Ariana Horner contributing 28 points, followed by Addy Ahmasuk with 17 and Senora Ahmasuk with 16. Barrow's Rose Mongoyuk scored 29 points. The second game was a bit closer, with the final score at 47-37. Horner, Addy and Senora Ahmasuk were again top scoring players for Nome, with 18, 12, and 7 points. The Lady Nanooks will also spend the next weekend preparing for the Western Conference Tournament in Anchorage. Seeding and brackets should be available Tuesday or Wednesday of this week, stated Callahan.

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LEAP-FROGGING — Nome Nanook Bobby Pate does his best to move the ball against a Gambell Qughsatkut (king polar bear) player.

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TWO POINTS — Nome Nanook Tyler Eide goes up for two points in the game against the Barrow Whalers.

Photo by Janeen Sullivan



LOOKING TO PASS — Jake Stettenbenz, playing for the Nome Nanooks, moves the ball in the game against the Barrow Whalers.

Photo by David Head

# Nome Ski and Biathlon team



AEROBIC HILLWORK — Members of the Nome Ski and Biathlon team have been training at elevation on Newton Peak just outside of Nome due to the poor snow and trail conditions around Nome.



NOME SKI AND BIATHLON TEAM "HEADS FOR THE HILLS" — Many older Nomeites say it's been over 30 years since they have seen as poor a snow year as we are having in 2014. This is by far the lowest snow coverage in the 12-year existence of the Nome Ski and Biathlon Team. The snow has been so bad in their usual Gold Hill ski area that the team has taken to transporting its members up to the flanks of Newton Peak for practice. The upside of the situation is that team members are getting proficient at skiing hills, something that just can't be done on the flats north of town. The new skills will be put to the test in March as the team heads to Koyuk for an invitational meet, to White Mountain for the Regional meet, and to Fairbanks for the rural state meet.

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**READY TO SCORE**— Nome Nanook Rayne Lie goes up for two points in the game against the Chevak Comets.



**GOING FOR THE BASKET**— Nome Nanook Jayden Otten moves the ball in the game against the Chevak Comets.




**TIGHT QUARTERS**— AngaLee Vaden goes for the basket in the game against the Chevak Comets.




**DEFENSE**— Nome Nanook AngaLee Vaden plays defense against a Chevak Comets player.



**TIME TO FLY**— Nome Nanook Leif Erikson catches some air whilst pursuing the ball in the game against the Gambell Qughsatkut.




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# Carpal Tunnel Syndrome: It's all in the wrist

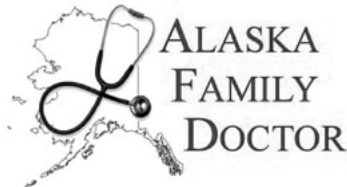
**By Bob Lawrence, MD  
Alaska Family Doctor**

Carpal tunnel syndrome is a common cause of wrist pain and hand numbness. It is caused by damage to a large nerve, called the median nerve, that passes through a tight tunnel in the wrist formed on the top by a strong band-like ligament stretching across the palm side of the wrist and on the bottom by the eight carpal bones surrounding the back side of the wrist.

The location of the carpal tunnel is easy to identify making a fist and slightly flexing the wrist. On the palm side of the wrist you will notice several creases crossing from the thumb-side to the pinky-side. Two of these creases will be more prominent. You may also notice several tendons running lengthwise down the forearm stand out as they near the wrist. Just underneath these tendons is the large median nerve running in the same direction through the carpal tunnel.

Anything that puts pressure on the median nerve at this location in the wrist will eventually cause the classic symptoms of carpal tunnel syndrome. Other common causes include activities that require gripping or repetitive wrist-twisting, extended periods of typing, and sleeping with the wrists flexed.

People with diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, obesity, kidney disease, or thyroid problems have an increased



risk for carpal tunnel syndrome because these conditions cause swelling of the tissues within the tunnel. Symptoms may also flare temporarily in women who are pregnant or in women taking oral hormones for contraception or menopausal symptoms.

Sometimes it is hard to tell the difference between carpal tunnel syndrome and other causes of wrist pain like arthritis, tendonitis, trigger finger, or a pinched nerve in the neck. True symptoms of carpal tunnel include: numbness in the thumb, pointer finger, and ring finger; weakness in the thumb; pain in the wrist sometimes radiating up the forearm; or trouble gripping objects. Your doctor can perform a brief physical exam to help distinguish between the various causes of wrist pain.

Over time, without treatment, injury to the median nerve as it passes through the carpal tunnel leads to irreversible damage to the muscles of the thumb and first two fingers. This damage makes it increasingly difficult to grip objects or manipulate tools.

Once symptoms have been present for several weeks, doctors may order special nerve conduction studies to determine the extent of injury to the median nerve and rule out other problems.

Often surgery is necessary to release the tight ligament over the carpal tunnel in order to take pressure off the median nerve. However, before surgery is required, there are four primary ways to treat, and possibly eradicate, the symptoms conservatively:

First, a wrist splint should be worn to prevent excessive flexion or extension of the wrist during sleep or activity requiring repetitive wrist motion. These splints may be purchased over-the-counter, online, or from a local medical supply source.

Second, ibuprofen or naproxen sodium should be used to reduce inflammation and ease pain of the wrist and fingers. Similarly, an ice bath or cold pack applied to the wrist for 15 minutes at a time will serve the same purpose.

Third, ultrasound therapy as part of physical therapy, repeated over several weeks, has been shown to relieve symptoms in select patients.

Finally, if conservative therapy fails to reduce symptoms, doctors may recommend a corticosteroid injection directly into the carpal tunnel. This procedure is often performed in the office. When combined with splinting, a steroid injection has been found to provide better relief than any one treatment alone short of surgery.

Prevention of carpal tunnel syndrome is always preferred. The best prevention is to ensure work with the hands, including typing, is performed with the wrists held straight. Athletes and laborers should avoid

excessive compression of the wrist in a flexed or extended position when weight training or working with heavy objects. And people prone to sleeping with bent wrists, should try sleeping with splints or with the hands held straight under a pillow.

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  - List of chapters and where they appear (3 wds)
  - Untwist the strands of a rope
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  - Preliminary outline
  - Misbehave (2 wds)
  - Construction site sight
  - Small, Indian hand drum
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  - Small village in the Highland area of Scotland
  - Aquarium fish
  - Big Bertha's birthplace
  - Speak irreverently of God
  - St. Anthony, notably
  - Lens cover?
  - Peaceful music for relaxation (2 wds)
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  - Eye affliction
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  - Allergic reaction
  - "Get \_\_\_\_!"
  - "We've been \_\_\_\_!"

## Obituaries

**Diane Jenny Katchatag  
December 23,1987-  
February 2, 2014**

Diane Jenny Katchatag was born to Joseph, Jr. and Ellen Katchatag on December 23, 1987 in Anchorage. She joined Jennifer, Joe III, Marie, Bana, Cindy and was followed by Jeffrey. Diane was a happy baby who loved to laugh and smile. These characteristics would define her per-



**Diane Jenny Katchatag**

sonality throughout her life. She loved her mom and dad and shared her entire life with them.

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**ARIES**  
March 21–April 19

You're simply amazing, Aries. There is no other way to describe you this week. You know just what to say and do to make everything right.




**CANCER**  
June 22–July 22

Shop 'til you drop. That's your motto this week, Cancer. You have many purchases to make for an upcoming event. Look to a savvy senior for help.




**LIBRA**  
September 23–October 22

Some risks are worth taking, Libra. Cast aside your fears and go for it. A cooking mishap leads to a new tradition. The debate at work continues.




**AQUARIUS**  
January 20–February 18

Whoa, Aquarius. Enthusiasm can be contagious, but it can also be overwhelming. Temper yours until you learn more about the people involved.




**TAURUS**  
April 20–May 20

Old newspaper clippings remind you of simpler times and can inspire you to pare down. Start with that room that everyone has forgotten, Taurus.




**LEO**  
July 23–August 22

You're in top form this week, Leo. Everything you touch is golden. A clash in opinions at work kicks the rumor mill into high gear. Keep your nose to the grindstone.




**SCORPIO**  
October 23–November 21

Watch it, Scorpio. You're skating on thin ice with a loved one. Give them some space to sort things out. A windfall makes a trip possible.




**PISCES**  
February 19–March 20

Watch it, Pisces. Play your cards right, and you will have nothing to worry about. Make a misstep, and there will be consequences. A pal returns a favor.




**GEMINI**  
May 21–June 21

Networking has never been your forte, but if you want to succeed, you are going to have to expand your contact list. Look to a mentor to help, Gemini.



**VIRGO**  
August 23–September 22

Game on, Virgo. The competition is heating up, and all eyes are on you to take the lead. A blast from the past drops by with an uncanny request.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22–December 21

Uh-uh-uh, Sagittarius. Sometimes it is best to wing it. Stop thinking about what you should do and just do it. A deadline creeps ever so close.

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## • Obituaries

Diane Jenny Katchatag

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Growing up she had a very special bond with each of her siblings. When together she and Cindy shared happiness and laughter, countless times all they had to do was look at each other and the laughter would begin.

Throughout Diane's short life she had a very loving and selfless nature. She would put the needs of others before her own. When asked for help she did so willingly and without hesitation.

In June 2002, Diane gave birth to her oldest daughter, Helga Audrey "Dolling" Takak whom she shared with her uncle Oscar and Joyce Takak of Elim. Dolling grew up knowing that she had two families and held a very special place in her mom Diane's heart. Her oldest son Tristan was five months old when Diane graduated from the Frank A. Degnan High school in Unalakleet. Together she and Francis Ivanoff shared the lives of their three children, Tristan, Kianna and Jordan.

Diane attended the Della Keats traditional healing classes, certified nurse training at NACTEC, worked as a dispatcher for the Unalakleet Police Department, a cashier for the UNC garage, Norton Sound Seafood Products. Her pride and joy was as a stay at home mom with her beautiful children.

Diane enjoyed picking berries and loved to bake blueberry delight and blueberry buckle with the berries she picked. Her mom Ellen taught her how to make delicious homemade bread and fritters. She was also the agutak maker in the family. She loved the great outdoors, whether it be boating, walking or riding. One of Diane's favorite pastimes was taking walks with her kids and friends. While walking, cooking or cleaning Diane loved to listen to music.

She is survived by her children Tristan 7, Kianna 3, and Jordan 10 months, parents Joseph, Jr. and Ellen, siblings Jennifer, Joe III, Marie, Bana, Cindy and Jeffrey. Diane will be greatly missed by all of us. We find comfort in knowing she is now an angel watching over us. Peace to her memory.

**Roy Hank Kenick**  
February 19, 1945-  
February 3, 2014

Roy Kenick was born on February 19, 1945 at Mekoryuk, Alaska. As a young man, Roy enlisted in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. After military service, he worked for the State of Alaska Employment Rights Division as well as AVCP Incorporated.

Roy was sensitive and kind to others and he did whatever he could to help others in need. He lived in Nome, Bethel, and Anchorage and he enjoyed the outdoors, fishing and hunting. He died on February 3, 2014 at his home and leaves his loving family.

Roy is survived by his loving wife, Mary Kenick, children: Julie,



**Roy Hank Kenick**

Angelina, Robert, and Andrew Kenick, Chris Parkhurst (step-son), and grandson Cade Kenick. He leaves his sisters; Leora, Ethel, and Lydia; and nephew Jacob Kenick and Stosh Labinski. He was preceded in death by his parents, Timothy Kenick and Della (Hendrickson) Kenick, Dora, Timothy Jr, and Hilma Kenick. Memory Eternal.

A funeral service was performed by Rev. Chris Liu on Friday, February 7 at the First Covenant Church with military honors. Burial followed at the Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER).



*Photos by Jolene Lyon*  
**RAISING MONEY—(top left) Ronnie Kirk displays an organized raffle table at this year's 2014 Stebbins Fiddling Fundraiser.**

**BUCKET FULL OF FUN—(top right) Miss Eliza Jones-Pete wins a berry bucket during the 2014 Stebbins Fiddling Fundraiser February 14 and 15 to raise money for this year's 2014 Tapraq Potlatch to be held in March.**

**TICKET SELLER—(right) Miss Gwen Raymond supporting the Stebbins Dance Group by selling raffle tickets at the 2014 Stebbins Fiddling Fundraiser**



## All Around the Sound

### New Arrivals

Big brothers Granite and Rohn, along with their parents, Lahka and Debbie Peacock were blessed with a baby girl, **Mesa Noel Peacock** born on December 29, 2013 at 8:54 am. She weighed 8 lbs, 1 oz and was 20.5 inches in length. Maternal grandparents are the late Robert Evans, and Laura Evans of Nome. Paternal grandparents are Al and Pat Peacock of Kotzebue.



**Mesa Noel Peacock**

Shelby Minix and Scotty Sinnok of Nome announce the birth of their son **Weston William Sinnok**, born February 12, at 10:32 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces, and



**Weston William Sinnok**

was 21" in length. His sisters are Julia Sinnok, 6, and Tessa Sinnok, 4. Maternal grandparents are Michael and Grace Minix of Nome; and paternal grandparents are Karen Tocktoo of Anchorage and Dennis Sinnok, of Shishmaref.

Shauna Seetot and Fred Tocktoo of Brevig Mission announce the birth of their daughter **Bianca Nicole Seetot**, born on February 1, at 5:36 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 18 1/4" in length. Her siblings are: Destiny Seetot, Amber Seetot, Sharosha Tocktoo, and Swenson Tocktoo.

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**Bible Baptist Church**  
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Sunday School: 10 a.m./Worship: 11 a.m.

**Community Baptist Church-SBC**  
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Wednesday: Faith Followers 5:45 to 7:30 pm

**Nome Covenant Church**  
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Sunday: School 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday: Youth Group 6:30 p.m. (443-8063 for more info)  
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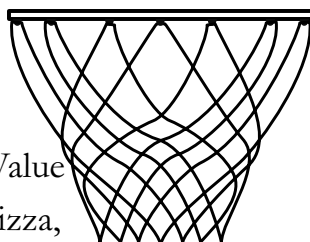
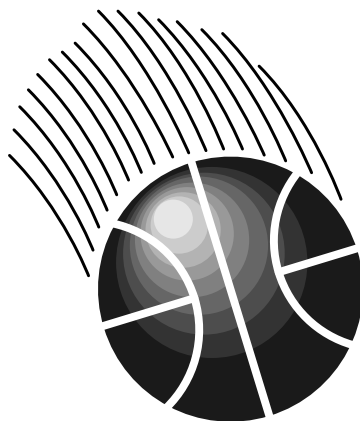
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## Trooper Beat

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## Seawall

### NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

On 2-17 at 4:02 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to an apartment complex on the west side of Nome, on a report of vandalism. The investigation is still ongoing.

On 2-17 at 8:22 a.m. NPD responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Fifth Ave. Upon arrival, officers contacted Florence Ahkinga, 29. Further investigation revealed Florence had in fact assaulted a member of the household and caused injury. Ahkinga was arrested and transported to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree and held without bail.

On 2-17 at 3 p.m. NPD responded to a report of a minor in possession of tobacco at Nome-Beltz High School. A juvenile was found in possession of chewing tobacco and admitted to using it. Officers issued the juvenile a citation for the offense.

On 2-17 at 9:49 p.m. NPD responded to a vehicle accident and hit and run on 4th Ave. Investigation revealed that the driver of the vehicle (Clifton Vial) had crashed his vehicle into another vehicle and fled northbound. Vial was located outside a residence where he had driven his vehicle off the roadway. Clifton Vial, 58, was arrested on Driving under the Influence of Alcohol and Leaving the Scene of an Injury Accident. Vial was remanded at the AMCC where bail was set at \$1,500.

02-17 at 11:40 p.m. NPD responded to a call that an adult female was last seen the previous

morning at 3 a.m. Throughout the night and early morning hours, the Nome Police Department checked several locations. Officers eventually located the adult female at a local business without injury, or further incident.

02-18 at 8:10 p.m. NPD responded to a call that a juvenile had not come home on time. The juvenile was last seen with his step-father at 3 p.m. NPD assisted the family to locate the missing juvenile. The step-father called the Nome Police Department at 8:59 p.m. stating that the juvenile had returned home. No further incident occurred.

02-18 at 11:20 p.m. NPD responded to the report of a suspicious male near Old St. Joe's Park. Investigation led to the arrest of James Sinnok, 20, for Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol and three counts of Violating Conditions of Probation. Sinnok was remanded to AMCC, no bail was set.

02-19 at 12:25 a.m. NPD responded to the report of an intoxicated female refusing to leave a residence in Icy View. Investigation led to the arrest of Justina Adams, 27, for Violating Conditions of Release and Violating Conditions of Probation. J. Adams was remanded to AMCC, no bail was set.

02-19 at 9:15 p.m., NPD responded to a report of a highly intoxicated male near a business on Front St. When officers arrived a highly intoxicated male was located behind the Board of Trade Saloon. He was taken to the emergency room where he was medically cleared and taken to the NEST shelter without injury.

02-19 at 9:35 p.m. NPD responded to a report of a highly intoxicated male near a business on Front St. When officers arrived a highly intoxicated

male was located behind the Visitor's Center. He was taken to the emergency room for medical clearance and taken to the NEST shelter without injury.

On 02-21 at 4:20 p.m. NPD responded to a residence on Third Ave. for a report of a burglary. It was reported that Geoffery Milligrock and another person were going through belongings that were not theirs. Milligrock and Edmond Ulroan were located later and found to have some of stolen items in their possession. Milligrock and Ulroan were arrested and are being charged with Burglary in the 1st Degree, Criminal Mischief in the 1st Degree, and Theft in the 3rd Degree.

On 2-22 at 10:40 p.m. NPD responded to a highly intoxicated male caring for his children. Upon contact, Abel Apatiki ,29, was found that he was the only person available to take care of his children. Apatiki was given a citation for Endangering the Welfare of a Child in the 2nd Degree. The children were placed in OCS custody.

On 2-22 at 1:33 a.m. NPD responded to a residence on Steadman St. for a report that an unknown female was found inside the apartment. Investigation revealed that Justina Adams was found inside the apartment and she refused to leave. Adams was arrested and is being charged with Criminal Trespass in the 1st Degree and Violating her Conditions of Probation. Her bail was set at \$250.

## Legals

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

HENRY A. BURDICK,

Deceased. Case No. 2NO-14-3 PR

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Ms. Misa Perron-Burdick and Ms. Anya Perron-Burdick have been appointed personal representatives of the above-entitled estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Ms. Misa Perron-Burdick or Ms. Anya Perron-Burdick, c/o Lewis & Thomas, P.C., Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762, or filed with this Court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762. DATED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2014.

s/Erin M. Lillie, Associate Attorney  
Lewis & Thomas, P.C.  
Attorneys for Misa Perron-Burdick and Anya Perron-Burdick, Personal Representatives  
P.O. Box 61, Nome, AK 99762  
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### Honors

**Nathan Blandford** of Nome received academic honors from the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering at Arizona State University by making the University's Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester.

Undergraduate students who earn 12 or more graded semester hours during a semester in residence at ASU with a GPA of 3.50 or higher are eligible for the Dean's List. A notation regarding Dean's List achievement appears on the unofficial transcript.

Arizona State University is one of the nation's leading public research universities and is ranked among the top 100 universities in the world. Known for innovation and entrepreneurship, ASU has pioneered the model for a New American University with a focus on accessibility and quality education, training students to learn for a lifetime. According to its mission, ASU “will be measured not by who we exclude, but rather by who we include and how they succeed; pursuing research and discovery that benefits the public

good; assuming major responsibility for the economic, social, and cultural

vitality and health and well-being of the community.”

## BSNC declares special Elders' Dividend distribution

The Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC) Board of Directors voted on Feb. 14 to issue a one-time special dividend of \$500. This special dividend will be paid to original BSNC shareholders who were 65 years of age or older on Feb. 14, 2014, the date of record. Checks will be mailed by Feb. 28.

“BSNC honors the contributions of our Elder shareholders,” said BSNC Board Chairman Henry Ivanoff. “This special dividend is given in thanks of those who have given so much to our communities and our people.”

BSNC is an Alaska Native Corporation that was established by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. It is owned by more than 7,100 Alaska Native shareholders and actively pursues responsible development of resources and other business opportunities. Through its subsidiaries, BSNC serves the federal government and commercial customers throughout the Bering Strait region, Alaska, the United States and the world

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away at every opportunity. I'm grateful to the leaders of the North Slope Borough, the Fairbanks North Star Borough, and the City of Valdez for fighting for Alaskans when the governor would not,” said Guttenberg.

### Celebrating the end of an era

**JUNEAU** - The Alaska State Museum in Juneau will close at the end of February to make way for Phase- 2b of the new State Libraries, Archives and Museum (SLAM) building being constructed on the existing museum site.

All of Juneau and the museum's statewide community – former as well as current – friends, volunteers, and staff are invited to a farewell gathering, hosted by The Friends of the Alaska State Museum, from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday, February 28 – the very last day the museum will be open to the public.

Erected in 1967, the Alaska State Centennial Museum building was one of many projects in Alaska celebrating the centennial of the purchase of Alaska from Russia. The building—nicknamed the “Million Dollar Museum”—was designed by architect Linn A. Forrest and funded in part by the first-ever sales tax approved by the citizens of Juneau to house the State's treasures that had been collected since 1900. Since that time, the collection has grown from 5,500 objects and specimens to more than 32,000 — mostly donations from Alaskans. Almost fifty years later, the preservation of and access to this large public collection requires an expanded facility.

After closing, and once the museum's collection has been safely relocated to the new secure vault now under construction, a few of the 30-foot tall cast concrete panels with a stylized flicker feather design that clad the building will be carefully removed, and the building will be demolished to make way for a grand new facility. In the new state-of-the art facility, the museum will be joined by the Alaska State Archives and State Library including the Historical Library, and will open to the public in April, 2016. The 118,000 square foot facility will feature museum galleries, a large 125-seat multi-purpose

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room, public reading and research rooms, a classroom, a museum store, and café.

### Fallout continues: Koch Bros forced to pull ad, Dan Sullivan and Mead Treadwell still refusing to criticize Koch Brothers' decision to fire 80 Alaskan refinery workers

The Koch Brothers were planning to spend over a hundred thousand dollars in Alaska on a new ad propping up Republican Senate candidates like Dan Sullivan and Mead Treadwell, but after taking heat for firing 80 Alaska workers and closing the Koch Industries owned Flint Hills Refinery in North Pole, Alaska, Koch Brothers-backed Americans for Prosperity suddenly pulled their ads from the Alaska airwaves. It took two weeks, but the billionaire Koch Brothers finally realized that Alaskans won't buy the argument that the Kochs have to fire 80 Alaska workers and close a refinery due to "excessive costs" while at the same time spending over a hundred thousand in Alaska on misleading political attack ads.

While the Koch Brothers pulled their ads, Dan Sullivan and Mead Treadwell have yet to take a position on the Koch Brothers' decision to fire 80 Alaskan workers. Last week, Sullivan was back home in Washington, DC to rub shoulders with lobbyists to raise money to battle in the contentious Alaska Republican primary, and had nothing to say to the 80 Alaskans who are losing their jobs because the Kochs feel it's too expensive to keep them employed. Mead Treadwell has also remained silent on the issue over the past two weeks.

"Dan Sullivan and Mead Treadwell have willfully benefited from the Koch Brothers' millions aimed at propping up Republican Senate candidates across the country, but after two weeks they still refuse to criticize the Kochs for their decision to fire 80 Alaska workers," said Justin Barasky, a spokesman at the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. "It's clear that the Koch Brothers couldn't care less about Alaskans and are only interested in buying themselves a U.S. Senator that will do their bidding for them in Washington. Dan Sullivan and Mead Treadwell owe Alaskans an answer as to why they're fine with the Koch Brothers fighting for them while hurting Alaska families."

By pulling their ads, the Koch Brothers have finally realized that they have zero credibility with Alaskans. Late last year, the New York Times reported Koch Brothers funded Americans for Prosperity was caught using a Maryland actress to claim that she can't "trust" Mark Begich.

### House clears up Dept. of Labor wage and hour reg confusion Thompson's HB276 enshrines long-held motor vehicle sales industry practice for commissioned employees

The Alaska House of Representatives Feb. 19 passed a bill clearing up confusion in recently-adopted state wage and hour law relating to commissioned motor vehicle employees.

House Bill 276, sponsored by Rep. Steve Thompson, clarifies the long-standing employment practices of the automobile industry by maintaining a commissioned based employments system for automobile salespersons, finance personnel and service writers in statute. Unfortunately, "straight commission" has become defined as a fixed percentage of the gross sale. Automobile dealers pay commission on the net of the sale, since unlike realtors, automobile dealers must pay to purchase of the vehicle prior to anyone being paid.

"The current system works well for both employees and employers, and the department has been helpful in drafting this fix by amending their regulations," Thompson, R-Fairbanks, said. "However, it is necessary to enshrine this in statute to clarify the law as best we can."

HB 276 now moves to the Alaska Senate for consideration.

### Senate Says No to Federal Encroachment with SJR 15 Senator Giessel's resolution opposes creation of international park

JUNEAU—the Alaska State Senate unanimously passed a resolution sponsored by Senator Cathy Giessel (R-Anchorage Hillside/Turnagain Arm/N. Kenai) that opposes continued federal overreach in Alaska. Senate Joint Resolution 15 urges the federal government to cease pursuing the creation of the Beringia International Park or any other international designations identified through the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

This Bering Strait-region proposal is currently progressing via a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) written by representatives of the Russian government and our then United States Secretary of State Hilary Clinton, present Secretary of State John Kerry and the National Park Service.

This Beringia Transboundary area, spanning from eastern Russia over to northwestern Alaska, attempts to bond Russian and northwestern Alaska cultures together, recognizing their subsistence lifestyles and historic geographic, archaeological and cultural ties.

"While I embrace the cultural, historical and archaeological bonds between people in the Bering Strait area, what I don't support is another layer of federal bureaucracy and regulation that will come along with the creation of an international site," said Senator Giessel.

Alaska's United States Senator Lisa Murkowski, Congressman Don Young, as well as Governor Sean Parnell have all outlined their concerns regarding this designation to no avail or consideration. Consequently, the plan continues to move forward without regard to or input from Congress or the State of Alaska.

"While this MOU has yet to be signed by the President, the planning and execution has been advancing over the years, quietly, without any efforts to coordinate or consult the state of Alaska or with Congress, and I find that unacceptable," said Senator Giessel.

SJR 15 strongly urges the federal government pause this process, consult the State of Alaska for this park designation and any further federal or United Nations designations in the future and that their creation require both the approval of the United States Congress and the Alaska State Legislature.

For more information, please contact Jane Conway in Senator Giessel's office at (907) 465-4843.

### Senator Gardner urges administration to pursue Exxon's full remediation for spill damages Resolution urges ExxonMobil to honor commitments under "re-opener for unknown injury" provision

JUNEAU—Senator Berta Gardner (D-Anchorage) introduced SJR 25, a resolution urging the Alaska Department of Law along with the US Department of Justice to file a motion to collect \$92 million plus interest from Exxon to honor their commitments to Alaska.

"The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council indicates that only 13 of the 32 monitored resources injured by the spill are recovered or very likely recovered. This is an unacceptable recovery rate, 25 years after the worst environmental catastrophe our state has ever seen," stated Senator Gardner.

In 2006, under the Murkowski administration and Bush administration, the state and federal government jointly presented Exxon with a "Comprehensive Plan for Habitat Restoration Projects Pursuant to the Reopener for Unknown Injury" to remediate lingering oil in intertidal sediments along the shoreline of effected coastline in Alaska.

Technological improvements in sub-surface oil contamination remediation have made great progress. Honoring past financial commitments from the 1991 settlement would allow sub-surface remediation work to continue by the state and federal governments, which are currently 6 years behind schedule on this important work.

For more information, contact Senator Gardner at (907) 465-4930

### Treadwell/Sullivan abortion initiative before Supreme Court

*Alaska Supreme Court will decide on constitutionality of intrusive abortion regulation*

ANCHORAGE: The Alaska Supreme Court is hearing oral arguments on a challenge to an intrusive women's health regulation supported by Senate candidates Mead Treadwell and Dan Sullivan.

"Mead Treadwell and Dan Sullivan put their own political ambitions ahead of young women's safety with their support of this invasive regulation," said Mike Wenstrup, Chair of the Alaska Democratic Party.

The regulation would require minors to notify their parents before obtaining an abortion, which endangers minors who are victims of parental domestic violence. Mead Treadwell was one of the top donors in support of the regulation when it was put forward as a ballot initiative in 2010, and Treadwell hosted the Election Day party for initiative supporters at his house. At the time, Sullivan was Attorney General, and said that the initiative was legal under Alaska's Constitution, which is the issue that now will be decided by the state Supreme Court.

Both Treadwell and Sullivan have opposed a woman's right to choose and contraception access. Treadwell has said he believes "life begins at conception." Treadwell touted he was "proud to sign" Alaska's new, legally questionable regulations telling women what constitutes a medically necessary abortion. Treadwell certified the regulations as Lieutenant Governor. Meanwhile, Sullivan would allow employers to deny contraceptive coverage to their employees.

### Conference committee recommends re-authorizing ARDORS

*HB71 report re-ups AK economic development orgs thru 2016, next stop floors*

Regional Development Organizations, or ARDORs, got new life after the House-Senate Conference Committee on House Bill 71 agreed to re-authorize the program through July 1, 2016.

The committee, which met following disagreement between House and Senate versions of the bill, sponsored by Rep. Shelley Hughes, R-Palmer, agreed to strip language inserted earlier by the Senate relating to weathervane scallops. The new committee substitute will re-enact the vessel-based limited entry fisheries system for Bering Sea hair crab through December 30, 2018.

"I am happy to see that both bodies worked together to resolve differences to allow the ARDORs to continue their important economic development work across Alaska," Hughes said. "Economic development is pivotal to job growth and healthy communities. Our ARDORs are the local connection to businesses to foster economic success."

Hughes' original bill only extended ARDORs with new accountability requirements, but the Senate added sections on hair crab and scallops. The new report includes transition language allowing the previous ARDOR program to continue until new regulations are adopted.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE MUSEUM & LIBRARY COMMISSION SEAT VACANCY

The Museum & Library Commission has one seat open for appointment. Anyone interested in serving on the Commission should submit an application to the City Clerk's Office by Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

Applications are available at City Hall or at [www.nomealaska.org](http://www.nomealaska.org). Please call 443-6603 for more information.



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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 POSITIONS

- 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](mailto:devans@snc.org)



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ARDORs were created in 1988, based on the premise that the best strategy is a locally-driven initiative where local leaders understand regional conditions, challenges and opportunities and engage in partnerships and projects to support regional economic development.

“We talk about our economy and the three-legged school of oil revenues, federal, and all the others. Well, right now that stool is wobbly, and ARDORs offer a way to help solidify that base,” Hughes said. “ARDORs promote economic diversity and I’m hopeful the new standards will help prove that out.”

The full House and full Senate now needs to act to accept the conference committee substitute to HB 71 before it can be sent to the governor for signature.

### Senator Wielechowski introduces legislation protecting Alaskans who defend our rights

Feb. 19 Senator Bill Wielechowski (D-Anchorage) introduced legislation protecting Alaskans who sue the state to safeguard the rights of all Alaskans.

In 2003, former Governor Murkowski signed a law which restricts Alaskans’ ability to sue the state on behalf of their fellow citizens. The 2003 law allows winners of “public interest litigation” to collect attorney’s fees from those who lose, even if the losing party was simply defending the rights of all Alaskans. No other state has a comparable law. Under the proposed legislation, those who file frivolous lawsuits would still be liable for attorney fees.

“Alaskans who seek to protect our rights and defend against government overreach and intrusion should be applauded, not punished,” said Senator Bill Wielechowski. “The 2003 law is an attempt to scare those who dare to stand up to government. It runs counter to the intention of our Founding Fathers and every democratic principle, and must be repealed.”

Recently former First Lady Bella Hammond, who is 80, and constitutional drafter and former Senator Vic Fischer, 89, acted as public litigants in a lawsuit against the Department of Natural Resources. They joined two Native elders and a group of Native villages seeking to protect the headwaters of the world-class Bristol Bay fishery.

“Bella Hammond and Vic Fischer have spent their lives serving Alaska,” Wielechowski added. “The Governor’s recent pursuit of half a million dollars in legal fees from their co-plaintiffs – a group of small Native villages in western Alaska – is government overreach at its worst. Public interest litigants should be protected and not fearful of losing their homes and life savings for standing up for our rights. I call on Governor Parnell to stop trying to intimidate Alaskan heroes and instead support my legislation to protect them and other brave Alaskans.”

### Gara to KABATA, Susitna Hydro: Stop Spending Public Money to Promote Unsanctioned Projects

*Limited state funds should go to priorities, not lobbying voters on megaprojects the Legislature has not approved*

JUNEAU – In letters sent Feb. 19 Representative Les Gara (D-Anchorage) called on the governor and the Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority (KABATA) to stop spending public funds promoting their projects before the public or legislature has sanctioned the project.

“The state has no place lobbying the public on projects the Legislature hasn’t approved,” said Gara. “It’s fair to debate the merits of these projects, and the projects should be decided based on those merits. The public shouldn’t have to pay for expensive glossy brochures to lobby themselves.”

According to a Legislative Research Services report, KABATA spent over \$58,000 on print, radio, and internet public outreach over the last 31 months. The same report shows the Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project spent \$71,000 publicizing its website and printing and distributing a full color, two-page newspaper insert.

In the letters, Gara states: “I would ask that no further public funds be used to purchase general media advertisements promoting this project until it is fully approved by the Legislature. With a deficit of roughly \$1 billion or more, and dwindling savings accounts and oil production (projected by the state to fall by 45% over the next 10 years), the Legislature may decide this project is not a priority over reversing cuts in public education, or other priorities.”

“Governor Parnell is pursuing building the Knik Arm Bridge using state funding, giving up on years of promises that the bridge would be funded by the private sector. With Department of Transportation officials warning of further belt-tightening, dock repairs in Akutan, bridge repairs in Tok, repairs to the Haul Road, or safety improvements to the Seward Highway shouldn’t have to compete with the thousands of dollars KABATA has spent on public relations and lobbying,” said Bob French, a Government Hill resident and former president of the Government Hill Community Council. “Projects need to be chosen on their needs and merits, not who’s got the biggest advertising budget.”

### School safety: Democrats introduce bills to create School Zones around all schools

*All students deserve the same safety precautions*

JUNEAU – Feb. 21 House Democratic Leader Chris Tuck and Senator Berta Gardner introduced legislation to require school zone markings at all school locations, in an effort to slow traffic and improve students’ safety in the vicinity of a school.

“Every student should be able to get to and from school safely, no

matter what type of school they attend,” said Tuck (D-Anchorage). “It’s high time we add school zones to bring more attention to the children, slow traffic around all schools, and hopefully prevent tragic accidents.”

Currently, municipalities are not required to create school zones around private, charter, or religious schools. Under the legislation, a municipality would have the discretion to place signs, speed zones, lights or other measures appropriate for the location.

“It’s basic common sense,” said Gardner (D-Anchorage). “Drivers should be alerted wherever children are present in large numbers and at risk.”

Tuck and Gardner introduced the legislation (HB317 and SB179) in response parents and charter and private schools expressing concern over the speed of traffic around these schools.

“The safety and well-being of all Alaska’s children should be our top priority. School zones are essential regardless of the type of school or the funding it receives. Charter schools are public schools and it is shocking that Alaska doesn’t already require mandatory school zones to be in place around charter school buildings,” said Joey Eski, chair of the Academic Policy Committee for Aquarian Charter School.

This bill would also require a sign indicating these school zones are drug free school zones.

### Republicans condemn Koch refinery closure - Treadwell/Sullivan silent

*Treadwell/Sullivan candidates won’t criticize their benefactors, the Koch Brothers*

ANCHORAGE: Alaska Republicans continue to criticize the closure of Flint Hills refinery, which is owned by the Koch brothers. In contrast, neither Mead Treadwell nor Dan Sullivan — beneficiaries of the Koch-funded attack ads against Senator Begich — have said anything about the closure of Flint Hills, the lost jobs, or contaminated drinking water.

“Why won’t Mead Treadwell and Dan Sullivan comment on the closure of Flint Hills refinery? Either they have no clue what’s happening in Alaska or they’re afraid the Koch brothers will stop spending on misleading ads attacking Mark Begich if they speak up in defense of Alaskans,” said Mike Wenstrup, Chair of the Alaska Democratic Party and resident of Fairbanks.

The Koch brothers fired 80 Alaskans by closing the Flint Hills refinery. They pulled over \$100,000 in attack ads set to run the same week they closed the refinery.

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**HOME — Mike Morgan arrives at the Iron Dog half-way line at 4:37 p.m. Tuesday Feb 18.**

## Court

Week ending 2/21

### Civil

Webb, Karen v. Olanna, Amos; Civil Protective Order  
Saclamana, Charlene v. Saclamana, John; Civil Protective Order  
Minor Party v. Saclamana, John; Civil Protective Order  
Henry, Cheryl A. v. Mike, Kyle; Civil Protective Order  
Minor Party v. Mike, Kyle; Civil Protective Order  
Minor Party v. Mike, Kyle; Civil Protective Order  
Minor Party v. Mike, Kyle; Civil Protective Order  
Minor Party v. Minor Party; Civil Protective Order

### Small Claims

No new claims filed; start 2NO-14-00008SC

### Criminal

State of Alaska v. Billy Simon (7/31/84); Dismissal; Count I: Furnish Alcohol to Person Under 21; Filed by the DAs Office 2/18/14.  
State of Alaska v. Travis Carlisle (8/16/86); 2NO-12-768CR Judgment and Commitment; AS11.46.310: Burglary 2; Class: C Felony; Offense Date: 10/6/12; Plea: Guilty; Plea Agreement: Yes; Defendant came before the court on (sentencing date) 2/18/14 with counsel, PD Angela 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 months flat; Defendant is to be given credit for all time served in this case and in cases 2NO-13-757CR; 2NO-13-400CR; 2NO-13-752CR; and 2NO-12-952CR which have been dismissed; Defendant to be credited for time already served in this case; Surcharge: 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 OR-

DERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; DNA IDENTIFICATION: If this conviction is for a “crime against a person” as defined in AS 44.41.035, 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; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.  
State of Alaska v. Travis Carlisle (8/16/86); 2NO-12-952CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VOCCR; Filed by the DAs Office 2/18/14.  
State of Alaska v. Travis Carlisle (8/16/86); 2NO-13-400CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VOCCR; Filed by the DAs Office 2/18/14.  
State of Alaska v. Travis Carlisle (8/16/86); 2NO-13-752CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: MICS 4; Charge 002: CM 3; Charge 003: VOCCR; Filed by the DAs Office 2/18/14.  
State of Alaska v. Travis John Carlisle (8/16/86); 2NO-13-757CR Dismissal; Violating Conditions of Release From a Felony; Chg. Nbr. 1; Filed by the DAs Office 2/20/14.  
State of Alaska v. Jeri Komonaseak (1/17/63); Drunk Person on Licensed Premises; Date Of Offense: 2/16/14; Time served; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 (Misd); Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 Per Case; Due No To AGs Office, Anchorage.  
State of Alaska v. Edward S. Blatchford (8/10/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Amended 2/20/14; Conditions of probation will continue—No alcohol to be consumed or possessed; do not enter any bars of liquor stores; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days; Report to Nome Court on 2/7/14 for a remand hearing at 1:30 p.m.; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.  
State of Alaska v. Crystal Irrigoo (11/4/89); Order Suspending Imposition of Sentence and Providing For Probation Amended; CTN 002: AS04.16.051(d)(3)(felC): Furn

Alcohol to Pers >21 Local Option; C Felony; Offense Date: 9/27/13; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 001: AS04.11.010(a)(fel): Sell Alcohol w/o License – Dry Area; Defendant came before the court on (sentencing date) 2/11/14 with counsel, PD Greer, and the DA present; It appearing to the satisfaction of this court that the ends of justice and the best interests of the public, as well as the defendant, will be served thereby, IT IS ORDERED that the sentencing of the defendant is suspended for a period of probation in accordance with AS 12.55.085; The defendant is placed on probation administered by the DOC for a period of 24 months under the conditions of probation listed below; IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant pay a \$750.00 fine in lieu of fine perform 100 hours of community service; Fine or Community Work Service due by 2/11/16; Police Training Surcharge: IT IS ORDERED that defendant pay to the court the following surcharge pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: CTN: 001: Surcharge Amount: \$100; INITIAL JAIL SURCHARGE: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 to the Department of Law Collections Unit, 1031 W. 4th Ave., Suite 200, Anchorage, AK 99501 AS 12.55.041(b)(1); SUSPENDED JAIL SURCHARGE: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that 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); General and Other Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in Order; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.



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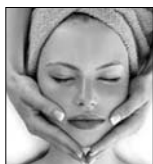
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# Minnick/Olstad win 2014 Iron Dog

By Diana Haecker

Notching their second victory of the Iron Dog as a team, Todd Minnick and Nick Olstad, both of Wasilla, drove their Polaris snowmachines across the Fairbanks finish line on Saturday, at 12:09 p.m.

Second to reach the finish line were 2012 and 2013 Iron Dog champions Marc McKenna of Anchorage and Dusty VanMeter of Kasilof, arriving at 12:31 p.m.

Thirty minutes later, team #10, Mike Morgan of Nome and Chris Olds of Eagle River, crossed the finish line in third place. They had hoped for victory, especially since the race seemed to be going well for them.

Morgan and Olds were the first team to reach the halfway checkpoint of Nome, earning them a \$10,000 contingency prize. On Wednesday, when the competitors gathered in the Public Works Garage to perform timed repairs, Morgan and Olds, aided by fellow racer Shane Barber and Nome's Evan Booth, took only 14 minutes to do repair and maintenance on their Polaris machines. In shape from logging 3,500 miles during training, their bodies were not even sore from the bumpy ride that took them along the Iditarod Trail from Big Lake to Nome.

Morgan and Olds were again the first team to leave Nome on Thursday at 8 a.m., racing off into the clear, cold and still dark morning. The two picked their way through challenging trail conditions along the coast. "The trail between White Mountain and Nome was the worst part of the entire race," said Mike Morgan. He described the trail conditions through the Topkok Hills as "real bad." But still, the duo just took it reasonably slow, up and down those hills. At the coast heading south, they blazed a trail between Koyuk and Shaktoolik on the ice and raced all the way to Kaltag, where they took their first layover after the coast. That trail had been hammered by all the snowmobile racers and didn't improve.

Still, everything seemed to be going well for team #10, but in Kaltag, Morgan already felt the wear and tear of the rough trail on their machines. The drive shafts, the part that drives the snowmachine track, were not holding up too well. On the Yukon, before Galena, the drive

shafts on both machines were deteriorating real fast, forcing Morgan and Olds to slow down considerably. Pulling into Galena, they took a 10-hour layover, seeing teams Minnick/Olstad and McKenna/VanMeter pull into Galena after them. After the layover, they were allowed to perform the repair, assisted by fellow racer Shane Barber and his team mate Ryan Sottosanti.

Morgan said the repair was quite involved and that he was pleased that it took only one hour to get the job on both machines done. After that, it was smooth sailing. The trail on the Yukon to Fairbanks was good, and Morgan/Olds posted the fastest time between Tanana and Fairbanks, which earned them another bonus check of \$500 in addition to the third place prize money check of \$18,000 and the \$10,000 prize for the first team into Nome.

Other competitors that were hot on their heels didn't even make it to Fairbanks. Tyler Aklestad and Tyson Johnson had to scratch in Manley Hot Springs, due to losing engine coolant fluids.

Aklestad had a scare coming out of Shaktoolik, Nome-bound, when his machine went through deep overflow. However, the team managed to fish out the snowmachine, get it started and continue on to Nome.

According to race marshal Chris Graeber, there was only one injury. Iron Dog rookie Chris Carroll, with team 5, broke his arm in a crash outside of Nome as they were coming into Nome.

Team 5 scratched in Nome.

Altogether, 24 teams finished the race, 14 scratched.

"Overall, it went real well," said Graeber. "It was close racing all the way around." Graeber thanked volunteers who staff the checkpoints all along the trail and in Nome. "We couldn't have this race without volunteers," she said.

The Iron Dog had an overall prize purse of \$248,350, including contingency prizes.

Winners Minnick/Olstad took home \$50,000; runner-up McKenna/VanMeter received \$35,000; third place finishers Morgan/Olds received \$18,000; fourth place team George/George received \$13,000 and fifth place Dick/Quam received \$10,000.



Photo by Amber Cunningham

**WINNERS**— On their way to win the 2014 Iron Dog, eventual champions Nick Olstad, far left, and Todd Minnick, far right, pause for a photo with Unalakleet youth Summer Sagoonick, left, and Karlee Katchatag, right, on their southbound layover in Unalakleet.



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**OUT OF NOME**— Team 10, Chris Olds and Mike Morgan were the first to leave Nome on the Iron Dog restart on Thursday, 8 a.m. Morgan's mother Ginny Emmons did the honors of waving the starting flag.



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**PASSING FARLEY'S CAMP**— Iron Dog racer Chris Collins, with team 34, races on a hard packed trail along the Nome-Council Highway out of Nome. Team 34 scratched from the race in Ruby.



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**WRENCH TIME**— Iron Dog racer Mike Morgan, left, was helped by fellow racer Shane Barber, second to left, and Evan Booth, as team mate Chris Olds in black shirt tends to his machine. Both racers performed repairs and maintenance on their machines under the watchful eyes of race marshal Chris Graeber, wearing a blue shirt in the background, at the Public Works garage in Nome on Wednesday, Feb. 19.