



NADEZHDA HOPE RACE— Two Chukchi mushers drive their dogs on the trail during the Nadezhda Sled Dog Race, held recently in Chukotka. Five mushers from Alaska, Norway and Germany also participated in the 400-mile race along the coastline of Chukotka. *See story on page 16.*

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Grand jury indicts Adrienne Michels in Wongittilin death

By Sandra L. Medearis

Facing two criminal felony charges in the vehicular death of a pedestrian, a solemn Adrienne Michels, 29, looked straight ahead as she waited in state Superior Court for arraignment April 21.

A grand jury convened on April 17 in Nome and handed up the indictments on manslaughter and failure to

render assistance in the April 12 death of Wagner Wongittilin, 54, of Savoonga.

Michels pleaded innocent to the charges.

A complaint filed by Nome Police Dept. April 14 also charged Michels with driving under the influence, a misdemeanor, and leaving the scene of an accident involving injury or

death, also a misdemeanor, after she struck Wongittilin with her Ford Explorer near the intersection of West Fifth Avenue and Bering Street on April 12.

Wongittilin, known in the local and Native art communities as an excellent carver, died in Norton Sound Regional Hospital shortly after the accident.

Wongittilin served as a volunteer firefighter in his St. Lawrence Island community and also a volunteer first responder.

On April 21, Michels remained in custody under bail set at \$50,000 and third party custody required with conditions to be set upon release.

At an April 15 district court arraignment hearing, defense attorney

Myron E. Angstman of Bethel told the court the bail was excessive.

Count I indictment finds sufficient evidence exists for a criminal charge of recklessly causing the death of Wongittilin, a Class A felony.

Count II of the indictment finds enough evidence exists for a charge

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NJUS utility rates going up

By Sandra L. Medearis

Demand for electricity from Nome's utility is down and creating budget problems, partly due to new technology and efficient use by businesses and the public.

Nome Joint Utility System executives say they cannot find a way to cure a shortfall of \$780,000 in electric revenue without boosting water and sewer rates to make these services pay their own way without subsidy from electric sales.

The NJUS board was to vote on a water and sewer service rate increase of 21 percent at its regular meeting April 22.

Unless a funding miracle happens, folks will be flushing and running their faucets to the tune of \$16.59 more for water and sewer to residential and \$9.88 more for senior rates.

That comes to \$199 and \$119 a year.

Add to that a proposed increase in electric rates of \$14.15 a month, bringing the increase in kilowatt costs and water-sewer costs to

\$30.74 for residential and \$24.03 for senior rates per month—\$368.88 and \$288.36 per year.

This was the news after the NJUS board spent around five hours hashing costs and savings possibilities over two work sessions on April 15 and April 17.

The figures don't lie, said John K. Handeland, utility manager.

"Recently we have seen a reduction in electrical demand with the loss of Rock Creek Mine, energy efficiency efforts by government, businesses and individuals, and closure of the old Norton Sound Regional Hospital," Handeland told the NJUS board in presenting a 2014 business plan.

The energy used by the new hospital has helped, Handeland said, but overall he expects a 10 percent reduction in kilowatt sales in 2014, that will translate to the \$780,000 reduction. Added to that, cuts to the Governor's Dept. of Environmental Conservation program has removed

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Photo by Jeffrey Erickson

FUN— Shaktoolik's NYO coach Gooshie Erickson soars and screams during the blanket toss at the Bering Strait School District Native Youth Olympics tournament held in Gambell last week. *See story page 9.*

ICC tackles food security, education issues in Nome

By Diana Haecker

The Inuit Circumpolar Council-Alaska brought two workshops to Nome last week that engaged regional experts to discuss two different topics: food security and education.

Food security

On Monday and Tuesday, food security took center stage at Old St. Joe's Hall. A food security project by ICC Alaska has been ongoing for three years, said ICC-Alaska President James Stotts. "Carolyn Behe has been traveling to a number of villages in our four Alaska regions conducting interviews with Traditional Knowledge holders, hunters and community leaders to talk about what food security means from the

Inuit perspective," explained Stotts.

The workshop in Nome comes after similar events were held in Barrow and Kotzebue. A workshop in Bethel is planned to happen soon. The workshops follow Behe's travels to 15 villages, including Stebbins, Gambell and Wales in the Bering Strait region. Each tribal council was asked to nominate traditional knowledge holders to provide information for the project. The workshops' purpose is to bring those experts in each region together again to make sure that the information has been correctly summarized and evaluated, explained Behe. After the workshops are done, Behe will be formulating a draft final report, which is then reviewed by the 120 contributing authors and then peer-reviewed before

the ICC Alaska board is adopting the final project and its recommendations.

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Photo by Diana Haecker

EYE ON THE PRIZE— Rainbow girl Lauren Tocktoo managed to push an egg with her nose across the finish line, during the Family Fun Day held at the Rec Center in Nome on Saturday, April 19. The event offered face painting, egg coloring, a bounce house and games, to bring awareness to April being "Child Abuse Prevention Month."

Letters

Dear Nancy,
I live in Brevig Mission. Let's talk about parasites and leeches and believe me it's not about things we can't see and bugs. It is about human beings leeching themselves onto elders and abusing them financially; not just one family member but the whole family...like it is happening to an elder here.

It is not his fault, thinking that he has to take care of them —especially the daughter, but knowing them it won't shame or embarrass them.

To have his neighbors go over "to clean" his house for money— where were they when they gave him bed bugs? They said they cleaned his house twice, what a joke! If they did clean we wouldn't have had to re-



Photo by Al Burgo
CHOOSE RESPECT—April 17 the Bering Sea Women's Group hosted "Choose Respect "This event helps Alaskans to stop the epidemic of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child sexual abuse and encourages the strength to act. Shown here are (center) Attorney General Michael C. Geraghty, (right) Colleen Reynolds, and (left) Barbara Cromwell from NSHC SART.

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

Editorial

E-Nuff

When will the whining and bellyaching about Obama Care stop? Hey, we have it, we want it. It's about time we get something good. Can't the colossal jerks who sold their souls to the Tea Party stop yammering about it? Could they please stop playing the broken record and move on to something more constructive?

Like an army of carpenter ants they keep hacking away at the Affordable Care Act. The American people are getting fed up with this grinchy, counterproductive nonsense. Even our governor seems to begrudge the Medicaid supplement that would help the poor who are desperate for health care. Why does it seem that the more affluent members of our society are the most vocal about not providing affordable health care?

Many of us can be financially marginalized by a hospital stay. It's not just sticker shock. The expense is mind-blowing. So when we hear the extreme righteous politicians continue to harp on the elimination of Obama Care we have some recourse— we can say "e-nuff" and vote their stingy butts out of office. — N.L.M. —

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clean his house, dirt caked on his counters, table, and dirty dishes in the sink. They expect to be paid because they're so used to it. When he has no money they won't see him. They're just getting money for dope and bingo. He can't say no to them.

The oldest girl is old enough to get a job! (Oh yeah) she had jobs outside of Brevig and still when she needed money he'd send it and no payments were made to pay him back even when he took out her CODs.

Never mind what he needs— like bedding, cooking pots and pans, even a new stove to cook his food, instead of using a skillet. She's the worst parasite I've seen! Her mom gets her late husband's SSI, one who lives with her gets one too, and the rest abuse the elder...

Well you know what happens to parasites they die when the host dies. Sincerely,
Signed but name withheld by editor

A Look at the Past



COUNCIL— A pioneer settlement.

The Ride to Ophir

From: T. A. Rickard, *Through the Yukon and Alaska*, chapter 34, pages 363-380.

Part II of IV
(A story continued from last week about Rickert's ride on his horse, Tony, to the town of Ophir. Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum)

In the afternoon the weather cleared sufficiently to warrant a start. As Tony was restless, I rode ahead of the party to the road-house on the East Fork of the Solomon river, obtaining directions from Mr. Leland. The trail was easy to follow, for it was mainly in the river. Soon after starting I found that I had to cross the river where the water had been deepened by a dam built by the dredging company; while this ford was not deep enough to compel the horse to swim it made me thoroughly wet, for I had declined the loan of rubberboots as being awkward when riding. On the Seward Peninsula the rubberboot is continually required; everything is wet; the moss is soaking, and even when on horseback the frequent fording of icy-cold streams renders such protection advisable. The roads, for the most part, cling to the river beds, where gravel affords fairly good footing as compared to the soggy tundra; in consequence, the road is in the river, and the river is in the road, making it immaterial whether it be labeled a water-way or a trail.

A series of short trots over the bare gravel and a number of splashes through the stream brought me to a lateral gulch which I recognized, from description, as the one that led to the Big Hurrah mine. This is remarkable as the premier gold-quartz mine on the Peninsula, that is, a mine from which gold-bearing ore was extracted from a quartz lode, as distinguished from the gravel of the placer deposits constituting the source of nearly all the gold won in Northern Alaska. The Big Hurrah was one of the undertakings of that fine old Californian Charles D. Lane. The lode consists of several quartz veins traversing graphitic schist. The quartz is banded with graphite, which hindered amalgamation, although much of the gold was so free as to be visible. Many beautiful specimens came from this mine, and there is no doubt that the erosion of this lode was one of the factors enriching the Solomon River.

Proceeding up the river I saw several derelict dredges of rudimentary design and heard the coughing of the gasoline engine actuating one that was still at work. Tony pricked up his ears and gave signs of dissatisfaction with this asthmatic mechanism, but it was soon passed, like a memory of the crudities that have made the dredging branch of gold mining a nightmare of blunders.

The seven or eight miles were shortly covered; there had never been any danger of losing my way, for the river was a sufficient guide, and on the adjoining hillslope the line of the Council City & Solomon River Railway afforded assurance of the direction to be taken, although it provided no more than that, being only the sign of a dormant system of transportation. No trains puffed along the quiet valley, no whistle broke the heavy silence; the railway was not in operation, because the traffic was inadequate. However, there it was: a

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Strait Action

Compiled by Diana Haecker

NOAA releases Arctic action plan

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration this week released an action plan to implement six goals in the Arctic: Forecast sea ice, improve weather and water forecasts and warnings; strengthen science to understand Arctic climate and ecosystem changes; improve stewardship and management of ocean and coastal resources in the Arctic; advance resilient and healthy Arctic communities and economies and enhance international and national partnerships.

NOAA’s plan is to support the White House’s National Strategy for the Arctic and its implementation plan.

The National Strategy’s guiding principles are to safeguard peace and

stability, make decisions using the best available information, pursue innovative arrangements, and consult and coordinate with Alaska Natives. The implementation plan for the National Strategy was released in January 2014, and it directs federal agencies – including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – to take action on a number of critical Arctic issues. Those are to evolve Arctic infrastructure and strategic capabilities,

to enhance Arctic domain awareness, to preserve Arctic region freedom of the seas, and

to provide for future U.S. energy security.

NOAAS role is to provide science, service and stewardship to the rapidly changing Arctic, its inhabitants and the nation.

Earthquake shakes Noatak

The Alaska Earthquake Information Center in Fairbanks reported that a magnitude 5.6 earth quake occurred on Friday, April 18 at 10:44 a.m. about 13 miles northeast of Noatak.

There was no damage reported. AEIC seismologist Natasha Ruppert said it is a notable event for that area to experience an earthquake since there are no known fault lines underneath. “That area has very little seismic activity,” said Ruppert. The AEIC recorded 40 aftershocks after the Friday earthquake, the biggest one being 5.3. Ruppert said 1981 saw an earthquake in that area, closer to Red Dog mine, at a magnitude of 5.5.

GAO issues report on Arctic

The US Government Accountability Office issued a report on key is-

ssues related to commercial activity in the Arctic with some conclusions that seem surprising. The GAO was tasked to produce the report because decreased seasonal sea ice continues to open Arctic waters for increased shipping, resource development and mining.

The GAO report says that commercial U.S. Arctic maritime activities are expected to be limited for the next 10 years. The GAO found that shipping companies noted higher costs with Arctic transits, that the cruise industry noted a lack of demand for Arctic cruises from the mainstream cruise consumer base and that the last exploratory drilling for oil happened in 2012.

The report pointed to the need of information infrastructure such as mapping and charting, and search and rescue services. It also mentions the US Corps of Engineers/State of

Alaska study and said that the mining industry had identified the lack of an Arctic deepwater port as a contributing factor to limited mining in the Arctic.

Senator Lisa Murkowski responded to the report on and said she appreciates the Government Accountability Office for its focus on the nation’s Arctic Maritime Infrastructure needs. “I disagree with the suggestion that our development and activity are not on the rise,” Murkowski said in a statement. “Given the substantial lack of Arctic infrastructure, now is the time for the United States to invest in its long-term Arctic future.”

The GAO made no recommendations.

A photo accompanying the one-page report shows a cruise ship and cargo barges parked at the Nome causeway.

28th Alaska Legislature goes into overtime

By Diana Haecker

The 28th Alaska Legislature had to go into overtime when both the Senate and House worked past the midnight hour on Easter Sunday to get bills passed.

In what was billed to be a session all about education, it was exactly that bill that is yet to be hammered out and in its wake, the capital budget needs to get passed as well.

Prior to the midnight deadline, the Alaska Legislature approved in Conference Committee a \$9.1 billion operating budget on Sunday. The House approved the budget unanimously; in the Senate, the vote was 14-4.

The budget deficit still will be nearly \$1 billion.

The budget sees a \$50 million reduction in state agency costs, with education costs still hanging in the air, as well as the \$3 billion that will be used to fund public employee and teacher retirement systems in the future. The operating budget invests \$9.1 billion in total funds in state services and programs, from road maintenance to K-12 public education funding, deferred maintenance,

employee pay and benefits and the University of Alaska System.

“The final budget is made up of \$5.8 billion in state general funds, \$2 billion in federal funds and \$1.3 billion in other funds. Yet to be negotiated increases to education funding will be placed in the capital budget,” a House majority press release said.

The annual operating budget is the only item the Alaska Legislature is constitutionally mandated to accomplish. The budget marks a state government cost reduction of 2.2 percent, an equivalent of \$51.4 million in unrestricted general funds.

Compromises reached between the House and Senate budgets include \$1.5 million for more frontline social workers in the office of children’s services. It eliminated \$2.7 million for the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam; restored \$1.2 million for tobacco prevention and control grants; restored \$1.4 million for the Alaska Youth First Program; funded the Bureau of Highway Patrol at \$1.65 million and added a \$12.5 million contingent appropriation in case UAF’s coal-fired power plant fails and diesel power genera-

tion is necessary for at least 60 consecutive days, among other changes.

The budget now heads to the Governor for signature.

Arctic infrastructure

Other bills of importance to the region include the passing of the SB 140, a bill to develop Arctic infrastructure such as ports, roads, emergency and telecommunication projects. SB140 creates incentives to attract private investment to build infrastructure. The bill follows some recommendations by the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission.

“This bill is the culmination of hundreds of hours of work by the members of the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission,” said Senator Lesil McGuire, AAPC co-chair. “As we traveled the state to listen to the people in the communities, the one recurring theme was the need for Arctic infrastructure. This bill sends the message to the Federal Government that we feel fortifying and strengthening our assets in the Arctic is critical and we are not afraid to lead this massive undertaking.”

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, April 24

*Vinyasa Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	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, April 25

*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, April 26

*Honoring Our Children Day	Mini Convention	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 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, April 27

*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 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, April 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
*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.
*NCC Reg. Mtg.	Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*LIB & Museum		
Commish. Reg. Mtg. Open House	Council Chambers	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.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 Vball	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.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m..

Wednesday, April 30

*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.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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• Grand jury

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on failure to render assistance by: the defendant being involved while driving a vehicle; the accident resulted in injury to or the death of another person; at the time the accident occurred, the defendant knew her vehicle was involved in an accident; the defendant either knew of the injury or knew that the accident was of such a nature that one could reasonably anticipate that it resulted in injury to a person; and the defendant did not render reasonable assistance to the injured person. This is a Class B felony.

A charging document filed April 14 said that examination of Michels' cell phone showed no calls had been made on the phone to summon help following the accident.

According to a complaint filed in court based on the investigation and observation by Nome Police Dept. officers Nick Harvey, Joseph Dickerson and Community Service Officer Carl Putman, around 1:14 a.m. April 12, officers found a Ford Explorer standing in the northbound lane with one headlight illuminated and the driver's door open.

Wongittilin lay nearby with visi-

ble head injuries, according to accounts in the document.

Nome Volunteer Ambulance Dept. transported Wongittilin to the hospital where he was pronounced dead about an hour later.

The charging document states that Wongittilin's son Homer and Wongittilin's nephew said they were walking north on Bering Street on the sidewalk when they heard a "boom" and saw Wongittilin flying through the air.

The men attempted to do CPR on Wongittilin before officers arrived. They described the driver of the vehicle who they said fled on foot.

At about 1:25 a.m., according to the statement signed by Ofc. Nick Harvey, Eric Osborne arrived with his daughter, Michels, in his truck. Michels told officers she did not see Wongittilin in the roadway prior to her vehicle striking him; she only heard a "boom."

Osborne, according to the complaint filed in court, said he received a call from Michels at approximately 1:10 a.m., who relayed that she had been in a collision and was "all shook up."

Osborne informed police, accord-

ing to the court document, that he had found Michels at East Tobuk and East E Street and dr her back to the scene.

James Goldbeck, a driver for Mr. Kab, observed the accident. He had seen the three individuals walking north on the east side of Bering Street. "James stated with words to the effect that just prior to the collision, he observed Wagner jump in front of the SUV with both hands above his head as if to warn the defendant of pedestrians walking in the area," according to the court-filed complaint.

Goldbeck approached the scene on the west and contacted a female. When he noticed Wongittilin's condition lying in the street, he told the female to call 911. She replied that she did not have a cell phone, according to Goldbeck's account in the police complaint.

Goldbeck went to the police station and reported the collision.

Michel's submitted to one of three Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and was found to be impaired.

Two later breath tests showed readings over the legal limit of alcohol.

A search warrant allowed examination of the call log in the Michel's cell phone. The examination showed the last outgoing call was made at 8:09 p.m. on April 11; the next outgoing call was made to Osborne at 1:11 a.m., according to the court document.

Angstman filed a peremptory challenge—no statement of reason required—on April 17 to remove Judge Timothy D. Dooley from the case. However, Angstman agreed Monday to allow Dooley to preside over the arraignment.

The case was transferred from district court to Alaska Superior Court April 17. Most felony cases are handled by the Superior Court. In felony charges, the defendant has a right to have a grand jury decide whether

there is enough evidence to charge someone with a crime. The grand jury must convene within 10 days if the defendant is in custody and within 20 days if defendant is not in custody.

The Class A felony can draw zero to 20 years and a maximum fine of \$250,000. The Class B felony could draw zero to 10 years and a maximum fine of \$100,000.

Michels had an arraignment April 15 in district court on the complaint filed by police; she had another arraignment April 21 in Alaska Superior Court based on the felony indictment by the grand jury.

Another hearing is on the court schedule for June 13.

Nome man found dead

Shorty before noon Saturday April 19, an ambulance was dispatched to a residence on Seppala Drive for a man who was not breathing. Dean Pushruk, 57, was rushed to Norton Sound Hospital where, after attempts to revive him

failed, he was pronounced dead.

Although there were no outward signs of foul play, his body was sent to the medical examiner to determine the cause of death.

Next of kin have been notified.

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the opportunity for NJUS to rent equipment to firms on water and sewer construction contract work.

"While we have a few small projects on the table, we are projecting a related \$300,000 loss of revenue," Handeland said.

For some years, the sales generated by water-sewer service has not been able to cover cash operating costs or debt service without \$300,000 to \$400,000 from electric margins coming to the rescue.

NJUS set current electric rates 19 years ago and water-sewer rates 18 years ago and has been able maintain them through cost cutting measures—staff reductions, taking on new customers and rental of equipment to construction projects. However, customers have paid more with the addition of a fuel surcharge.

In 2012 and 2013, NJUS did not charge the full fuel surcharge allowed by the NJUS tariff rules, foregoing about \$650,000 in revenues, temporarily offset by mine sales and equipment rental, according to Handeland.

The board showed reluctance to raise rates as they looked at ways to save. While no vote can be taken during the work sessions, it was apparent that a utility cost increase will be approved at the April 22 meeting.

"The more we raise rates, the

more people are going to find alternatives or just move away," NJUS board chairwoman Berda Willson observed. "We have to get our house in order before we raise rates.

The utility should get a tight grip on services to be paid for by construction projects, Willson said.

"All the tradeoffs have to be clear and where ongoing projects should pay for services," she said.

Several board members wanted to go through the utility tariff and update it to find ways to save.

"If we can't show the utility breaking even, we are in danger of not receiving grant funds," Handeland reminded the board. "We need to make water and sewer stand on its own."

Board members gave Handeland a list of work orders to begin to pare the budget:

- Check into technology for saving the waste energy going up the stack at the power plant.

- Implement a company truck policy. Currently, according to Handeland, 10 employees take work trucks home, so they can respond to utility emergencies faster. Board members said they saw employees using trucks for non-utility business.

- Get out of the trucked water business. The board asked Handeland to see if NJUS could legally stop providing water to people not

hooked up, a chore performed in the utility's stead by Robert Madden, Jr., as a business, with part of the overhead provided by NJUS.

- Check into salvaging copper from the old power plant

- Check traditional relationships between NJUS and some consumers to ensure that everyone is paying their shares and paying according to a uniform scale of charges. "Jumping in to be a nice guy is expensive," Carl Emmons, board member, said. "It is the ratepayers who are being the nice guys."

- If we're a monopoly, why do we spend money on advertising?" Emmons wanted to know, observing that NJUS contributes to Iditarod and sponsors ballgames on the radio.

- Put effort into actively selling surplus items such as the Case backhoe, perhaps worth perhaps \$4,000 to \$5,000 to a mining crew, for example.

All these savings are fine, Handeland said, but change would not come quickly.

"We're not going to generate the difference between the positive column of the revenue stream and \$700,000 in the negative column"

The board agreed that unless cuts were made up front, reductions would fade into the background once the rates went up.

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FOOD SECURITY (top)— A two-day workshop at Old St. Joe's dealt with the Inuit definition of food security in the light of a quickly changing Arctic. During the education workshop, a lunch consisting of Native foods was served, including bowhead whale from Barrow and Norton Sound salmon.

EDUCATION (left)— Nome Elementary School culture teacher Annie Conger was an invited participant in last week's ICC Education Workshop. The workshop dealt with Native language revitalization, student success and helping Native students to reclaim their Native heritage and culture.

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The project is driven by the impacts of a changing climate and industrialization. "This historically dynamic environment is undergoing changes at an unprecedented rate, resulting in an unpredictable environment and an increased vulnerability to the food security of Inuit communities," reads the workshop description.

Stotts said that food security viewed through the Inuit lens is a more complicated issue. "It has a more complicated and broader meaning than what other people across the globe would say food security meant," said Stotts. Behe explained that the project has come up with more than 800 definitions for food security and it can mean anything from assuring environmental health to accessibility. "Accessibility in the western sense translates to purchasing power," explained Behe. "For the Inuit it may mean that there are cultural and regulatory impediments to food security, not knowing how to hunt because there is no transfer of knowledge or not having fuel for the snowgo." Stotts added that having a healthy food security means more than just having a healthy ecosystem. It also means that having management systems in place that help monitor and ensure that the ecosystem stays healthy. "Then there is a whole political question of the management of resources," he said. "It's about our fishing and hunting rights and the management of these resources. Recently the Athabaskan regions submitted a proposal at federal level, demanding to manage those resources on their own property. It's more than an environmental issue, it's also a political and control issue."

Behe stresses that the project is led

by indigenous people and based on traditional knowledge. She hopes to submit the final report and its recommendations in November 2014. "Part of the initiative is to educate people outside of the Inuit culture about food security seen through the Inuit lens," said Behe. This would apply to federal agencies, the scientific community, resource managers and policy makers.

Education

A separate workshop organized by ICC-Alaska tackled education. Educators and teachers from the Northwest Arctic Borough, the North Slope, Yukon-Kuskokwim and Bering Strait region participated in the two-day gathering, also held at Old St. Joe's.

ICC-Alaska President Jimmy Stotts said in 2010 the ICC General Assembly in Greenland decided to pursue a proposal to hold an international conference on Inuit education. "The purpose was to address what Inuit feel is necessary to have education be successful from an Inuit perspective," said Stotts.

Due to a lack of funding the education conference did not yet happen, but workshops are being conducted to prepare for the education conference that Stotts hopes may happen in the next term of the ICC.

"It's about more than just what goes on in the schools," Stotts said. "It's about learning what it means to be a good Inuk is much more than just school work." For example, he said it is the cultural tradition to learn from one's Elders, to use one's indigenous language at home and to understand proper hunting techniques. "To be successful it is important that we address this on a community level and from a broader perspective," Stotts said.

One day was dedicated to presentations of education systems in Canada and Greenland, to hearing youth panelists and their experiences in education, and hearing round table discussions. The next day, the educators collaborated in pairs and then in small groups and finally as a whole group about the concerns from an individual student standpoint, a community as a whole, and the state in terms of educating Native children.

Nome Elementary School culture teacher Annie Conger was one of the Nome educators who participated.

"We brainstormed each category and wrote the downfalls and how we can improve them. Overall, we wanted our Native children to succeed in their education. We voted on the topics most important and thought of ways we can improve through an individual standpoint, family, community, and state," said Conger.

Conger said it was good to work with colleagues from all across the state and to hear what other countries are doing to help their students succeed. She felt inspired by other educators, who, like her, care about their students' success. "What I took from the workshops is that I made friends who have common concerns for their students, ways on how we can work on our language revitalization, and how we can accomplish within a community as a whole, making sure our students succeed in school, and reclaiming their heritage, culture,

and most importantly, their Native languages," Conger said.

"We would like for the outside world to understand that education to us is more than just the schools," said Stotts. "It's community effort. We want to reach out to parents. It's no secret that elements of our culture,

especially language, is having a hard time now, and we want to change that. We are fighting for our culture."

There will be a report with findings and recommendations to be developed into an implementation plan said Stotts.



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SB 140 allows the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority's to extend the same authority for loans, loan guarantees, bonds and bond guarantees that it currently utilizes in the energy sector.

"This bill gives AIDEA the tools it needs to reach out to the people who are looking to invest in the North. Right now, there is an estimated \$100 billion of private capital that is looking for investment opportunities in the Arctic," said Senator McGuire.

McGuire is of the opinion that the bill helps establish Alaska, and by extension the U.S., as a leader in the Arctic. "It positions us to capitalize on the massive new opportunities and challenges coming our way such as shipping, tourism, safety, and responsible resource development," McGuire said.

SB140 now heads to Governor Sean Parnell for his signature.

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The Legislature passed House Bill 383, making a payment of \$3 billion in public retirement debt, which is lowering Alaska's annual payments. "Almost every state is dealing with staggering unfunded liabilities in their state retirement systems," said Senator Pete Kelly (R-Fairbanks). "Unlike those states, we have reserves savings in the bank."

The bill infuses \$1 billion into the Public Employee Retirement System and \$2 billion into the Teachers Retirement System from the Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund.

The combined unfunded liability is \$11.9 billion. The annual pension contributions are the largest cost driver in the state's operating budget. The payment of \$3 billion into public retirement debt will reduce average annual payments down to \$369 million over the next 10 years.

Governor Sean Parnell praised the Legislature for passing the legislation. "The Alaska Legislature took a bold step in joining me to fix one of the biggest drains on our budget," Governor Parnell said. "Today's action by the Legislature means future generations of Alaskans will not be saddled with this debt and retirees can be confident their pension remains a promise."

The bill sets the framework and allows for the transfer of \$1 billion into the Public Employees' Retirement System and \$2 billion into the Teachers' Retirement System from the Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund. This \$3 billion infusion is expected to come from the capital budget.

Gasline legislation

The Legislature also passed legislation to build a large-diameter Alaska natural gas pipeline. The project will now move into the Pre-Front End Engineering and Design phase to refine the cost and engineering aspects of the project. The bill affirms the commercial agreement signed by the state, the Alaska

Gasline Development Corporation, the producers and TransCanada to advance the Alaska Liquid Natural Gas Project.

According to House Speaker Mike Chenault's sponsorship statement, HB 4 gives AGDC the authority and resources to develop, finance and operate a 500 million cubic feet per day gas pipeline from the North Slope, serving Fairbanks and Southcentral, at the lowest possible cost, without delay. "While pursuing this project, AGDC is structured to be responsive if alternatives materialize that provide greater benefit to Alaskans, including potential partnership with industry on a large-diameter export pipeline. Finally, HB 4 enables AGDC to consider future pipelines that extend the benefits of natural gas to more Alaskans. AGDC is also to pursue a smaller diameter in-state gas line," Chenault wrote. The title of the bill reads: "An Act relating to the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation; establishing the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation as an independent public corporation of the state; establishing and relating to the in-state natural gas pipeline fund; making certain information provided to or by the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation and its subsidiaries exempt from inspection as a public record..."

State subsidies to refineries

Before going into overtime, the Alaska Senate approved a bill to give subsidies up to \$10 million of state assistance per year to any refinery operating in Alaska without any showing of need.

The refineries Petro Star, owned by the Arctic Slope Regional Corp., and Tesoro would profit from the law for five years.

House Bill 287 is titled, "An Act relating to the determination of the royalty received by the state on oil production refined or processed in the state; providing tax credits for qualified infrastructure expenditures for in-state refineries; approving and ratifying the sale of royalty oil by the State of Alaska to Tesoro Corporation and Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company LLC; and providing for an effective date."

The 40 percent tax credit would be paid in the form of refunded taxes or cash payments to the companies in exchange for "infrastructure expenditures" at the Petro Star refineries in North Pole and Valdez and the Tesoro refinery in Kenai.

The recent news of the shutdown of the Fairbanks Flint Hill refinery instigated the bill. Petro Star requested the financial aid plan because of high-priced North Slope oil. The House passed the bill last week. It went through the Senate approval in the wee-hours of Monday morning with a 14-6 vote.

Democrats Hollis French, Johnny Ellis, Berta Gardner and Bill Wielechowski opposed the bill, as did Republicans Mike Dunleavy and Anna Fairclough.

Democratic Senators Bill Wiele-

chowski (D-Anchorage), Hollis French (D-Anchorage) and Berta Gardner (D-Anchorage) offered a series of amendments to House Bill 287 to make it more fiscally responsible and fair to Alaskans, according to a press release.

The bill was proposed by the Governor.

Official Native languages

Just after 3 a.m. on Monday morning, the Alaska Legislature approved HB 216, making each of the Native languages in Alaska an official language of the state. The Alaska Senate voted 18-2 to approve the measure today in front of dozens of supporters. A spontaneous grassroots sit-in at the Capitol involved over 100 people. It started at noon and lasted until 3 a.m. The measure has had tremendous public support throughout the process, including rare applause from supporters in both the Senate and House galleries and impromptu celebrations in the Capitol hallways as the bill moved through the committee process.

"In this late hour, on the night of Easter, we are excited to bear witness to the Alaska Senate passing this his-

tory-making bill to officially recognize our Alaska Native languages in the state they were birthed in," said Elizabeth Medicine Crow, CEO of First Alaskans Institute.

The bipartisan legislation is prime sponsored by Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins (D-Sitka), Representative Charisse Millett (R-Anchorage), Representative Benjamin Nageak (D-Barrow), Representative Bryce Edgmon (D-Dillingham), and Representative Bob Herron (D-Bethel), and had 18 other cosponsors in the House.

In current state law, English is Alaska's only official language. This bill expands the list to include Iñupiaq, Siberian Yupik, Central Alaskan Yup'ik, Alutiiq, Unangax, Dena'ina, Deg Xinag, Holikachuk, Koyukon, Upper Kuskokwim, Gwich'in, Tanana, Upper Tanana, Tanacross, Hän, Ahtna, Eyak, Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian. Passage of the bill will not require public signs and documents to be printed in multiple languages, and it will create no additional costs to the state.

Ballot initiatives

With the Legislature still in ses-

sion – as the education bill and the capital bill are yet to be passed – three initiatives have been moved from the on the August 19 primary election ballot to the November 4 general election ballot. The three citizen initiatives are: 12BBAY, "An Act providing for protection of Bristol Bay wild salmon and waters within or flowing into the existing 1972 Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve"; 13PSUM, "An Act to tax and regulate the production, sale, and use of marijuana"; and 13MINW, "An Act increasing the Alaska minimum wage to \$8.75 per hour effective January 1, 2015, \$9.75 per hour effective January 1, 2016 and thereafter adjusted annually for inflation."

Barring the passage of substantially similar legislation, all three initiatives will be on the general election ballot. As required by law for initiatives, the Lieutenant Governor's office will convene public hearings in each of the four judicial districts at least 30 days before the election. 13SB21, the referendum to recall last session's oil and gas tax legislation, will still appear on the August 19 primary election ballot as Proposition 1.

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RECOGNIZED FOR HER EFFORTS — Bonnie Hahn and NEST shelter monitor, Delia Oozevaseuk, who submitted comments for Bonnie's nomination and also attended the Full Lives Conference.

All Around the Sound

New Arrivals

Gladys Ann Kulukhon and Kermit Kingeekuk of Gambell announce the birth of their son **Dawson Emmitt James Aningayou Kingeekuk**. He was born on April 4, at 5:23 p.m. He weighed six pounds, 12 ounces, and was 19 ½" in length. Maternal grandparents are James Sr. and Joann Kulukhon of Gambell. Paternal grandparents are Anna Merie Rookok and Larry Kingeekuk of Savoonga.

Nina Wideman and Ian Alvanna-Stimpfle are pleased to announce the



Svea Aniana Nimilgaq Signaq Stimpfle

birth of their daughter **Svea Aniana Nimilgaq Signaq Stimpfle**. Svea was born on April 4 at 8:08 p.m. in Anchorage. She weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces and was 20.5" in length. Proud grandparents are Richard Wideman, Lisa and Matthew Smith, Bernadette and Jim Stimpfle.

Acupuncture clinic to open

Author, trigger point expert, and licensed acupuncturist Valerie DeLaune is opening a Nome satellite acupuncture clinic in May.

DeLaune says she likes the idea of having a satellite clinic in a rural community. DeLaune says "This is a trial basis to see whether there is enough interest to sustain a satellite

clinic operating about two to three days twice per month." She has rented office space from the Nome Recreation Center on Sixth Avenue.

For more information contact DeLaune at 907-435-7060, or see Ak-NaturalCare.com.

Registered dietitian nutritionists: When food is your best medicine

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

It is happening faster now. The Food and Drug Administration approves over 30 new medications each year. Many of these novel drugs are now coming from the FDA with a description that goes something like this: "this medication works in addition to diet..."

Thus far in 2014 one out of every three medications approved by the FDA has included this phrase about diet in the drug's description.

For example, the very first medication approved in 2014, called Farxiga (try asking your doctor for that with a straight face), has this official description: "To improve glycemic control, in addition to diet..., in adults with type 2 diabetes.

Note that the medication is secondary to the diet. The cure for diabetes, and many other chronic diseases for that matter, begins not at the doctor's office, but at the dinner table.

The ancients recognized this principle. Hippocrates taught, "Let thy food be thy medicine and thy medicine be thy food."

But where do you turn in a modern era for guidance on diet? The Internet certainly provides a wealth of information. But web-based guidance is often impersonal and the information can be contradictory.

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Registered Dietitian Nutritionists are food and nutrition experts, li-

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Bering Straits Native Corporation has announced the promotion of BSNC shareholder Miriam Aarons to Director, Corporate Communica-

tions. In her new role, Aarons is responsible for brand management, public relations, coordinating media communications and helping oversee BSNC's charitable giving efforts.

Aarons formerly served as BSNC's Corporate Communications

censed by the state, to provide treatment and prevention of disease using medical nutrition therapy.

If your mind wanders when reading long lists you may want to skip the next paragraph and just accept the main idea that Registered Dietitian Nutritionists can be a vital part of treating a broad span of diseases and problems.

Medical nutrition therapy is used: to prevent diabetes; to lower the risk of heart disease and stroke; to improve pregnancy outcomes; to increase athletic performance; to promote weight loss (or sometimes weight gain); to treat intestinal disorders such as celiac disease or Crohn's disease; to treat eating disorders such as anorexia or bulimia; to deter the effects of menopause and osteoporosis; to lower cholesterol levels; to treat food allergies; and to strengthen the body during cancer treatments.



Manager. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science with a field concentration in International Relations from Columbia University in New York City. She is a member of the Alaska Native Heritage Center's Development Committee.

Another co-worker included the observation that, "Bonnie is a very understanding, caring, patient and compassionate person, who treats all people equally." And one of the shelter guests wrote, "Bonnie Hahn puts others before herself. She does so much for everyone. Bless her heart!" From the applause Bonnie received from the conference attendees, it was clear that those just getting to know Bonnie couldn't have agreed more.

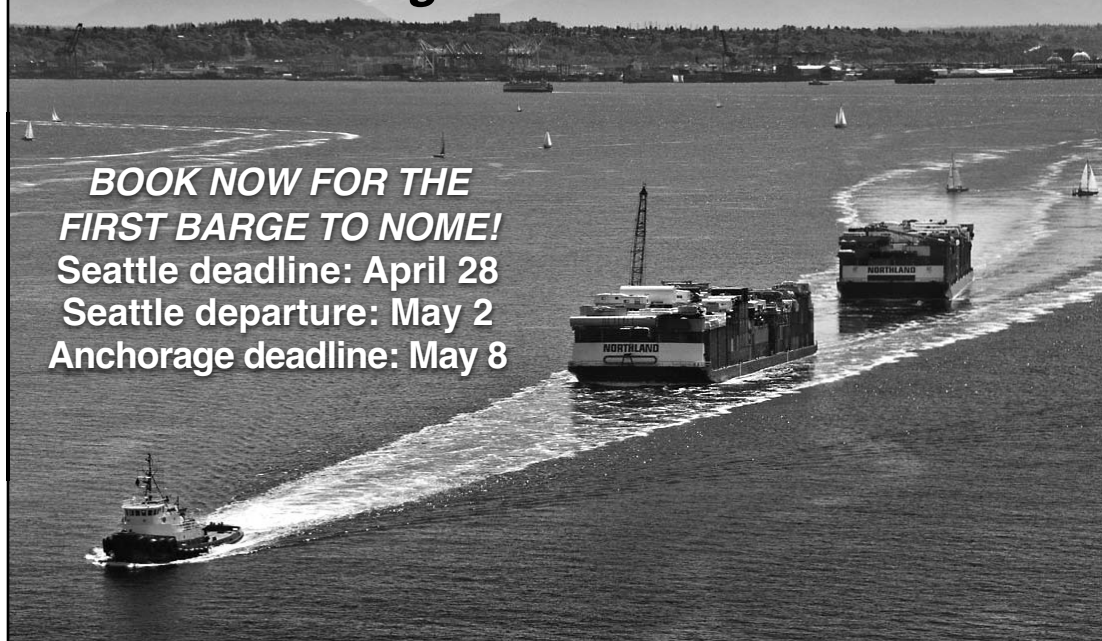
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Jordan Joe Miller, 2008 NBHS graduate and 2009 Industrial Electricity graduate of AVTEC, a state vocational technical school in Seward, has just completed his 5th year apprenticeship with IBEW.



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Nome youth celebrate the spirit of NYO

By Sarah Miller

The Nome Native Games Extravaganza took place on Friday and Saturday at the elementary school gym. Events kicked off with an opening ceremony of traditional native singing and dancing. Students entered the gym carrying a wooden pole carved into the shape of an eagle, suspending from its beak the NYO Spirit Ball. The athletes are given a ribbon with their name on it to hang on one of the tiers of the Spirit Ball, depending on how far they progress in the games.

Students and community members of all ages were welcome to participate in traditional events including the One Foot High Kick, Leg Wrestling, and the Kneel Jump. More advanced events were reserved for students on the grade school and middle/high school teams. The Native Youth Olympics teams are coached by Hank Irelan and Marjorie Tahbone. Irelan has coached for the

past 11 years, and Tahbone is a former Arctic Winter games medalist, WEIO medalist and Native Youth Olympics medalist.

The games' open participation format allowed students to compete against a diverse pool of athletes while also determining which students would be representing Nome in individual events at the NYO Games in Anchorage next weekend. Nome students will compete in several events at the games, including those mentioned above, as well as Scissor Broad Jump, Eskimo Stick Pull, Indian Stick Pull, Toe Kick, One Arm Reach, Alaskan High Kick, Wrist Carry, Two Foot High Kick, and Seal Hop. Judges for the Extravaganza included famous former Olympians such as David Thomas from Palmer, a Congressional NYO Athlete, as well as Nome residents Boogles Johnson and Marjorie Tahbone.

Irelan, in his 11 years of coaching for NYO, speaks of the multiple ben-

efits students gain from participating in the games. "First and foremost, the games are an incentive for academic advancement," he wrote in an email, explaining that participation in the extracurricular team requires maintaining grades and focusing on academic growth.

The health benefits of the training and practices are a benefit as well. Irelan said, "I hope to instill good healthy exercise habits and training for a lifetime of exercise. I love the philosophy of the Native games in which everyone helps one another even in intense competition. The better your competition, the better you are. I want to instill the idea that work, practice, and dedication make improvement. We measure each event so that students can set specific goals, work toward them, and measure their progress."

While students may find themselves particularly skilled in an individual event, Irelan doesn't allow them to specialize. Students are required to practice and compete in each of the ten events. "Each game is designed to improve and supplement every other game," explained Irelan. "The most forbidden word is 'can't'."

Senior Andrea Irrigoo, who has been participating in the NYO Games for four years, commented, "I have fun participating in the games, but it's also good for me. It's different from all other sports— it's competition against myself, it's different kinds of workouts, and it's a fun activity to do against different people. I find joy and health in competing. It helps me challenge myself in school,

in music, in self-discipline."

The NYO season commences with practices beginning in December and January. Junior NYO students have a statewide competition in January, while the senior state competition is the last week in April, an event that is sanctioned by the Cook Inlet Tribal Council. CITC considers NYO a year-round program; however, the school district does not sponsor coaches and practices until winter.

Irelan's practice regimen is a two-hour daily routine beginning with focus and breathing drills, followed by light aerobics and stretching. Three days a week are the heavy practice days with 30 minutes of intense drills at 30-second intervals. Students drill in each event, because at home meets, each student will compete in each event. When participating in away meets, competition in the events is limited.

Events are divided by gender, with some being single elimination and others, such as the Indian Stick Pull and Eskimo Stick Pull, as double elimination. Seeding for these events is done at random, rather than by weight class. In the Toe Kick, One Arm Reach, Alaska High Kick and the One and Two Foot High Kick events, athletes are given three tries to qualify for competition. During the competition, the height or distance of these events is increased at intervals until the athletes can go no higher or further.

The events in the NYO Games evolved from traditional village and inter-village gatherings, in which people would entertain one another

by competing in events that drew upon the physical skills necessary to survive in Alaska's harsh landscape. They were the traditional physical education program for Native youth, useful for maintaining physical strength, stamina, balance, agility, and cooperation.

While some events had individuals competing against one another, the main focus of competition was to challenge oneself. The games also provided youth with an opportunity to exhibit their physical skills to village elders and hunting leaders, who would be looking for future crewmembers.

According to the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics website, certain events, such as the One- and Two-Foot High Kick, served a traditional purpose in earlier times. For example, a single high kick into the air might have been a visual signal from a hunter to the village members that an animal has been harvested or is nearby, alerting the village members to prepare to assist. The Two Foot High Kick may have been a signal that a whale was killed and help from village members was needed to bring it ashore. The Kneel Jump, in which students swing their arms to propel themselves from a kneeling to a standing position without losing balance, evolved from the speed, agility, and balance required to hop across sea ice bobbing up and down in the water.

Irelan points to modern day uses for the skills required to compete in these events. "Get a snowmachine stuck, and you will use the Eskimo

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ONE HAND REACH— Emily Pomrenke shows perfect form during the one hand reach.

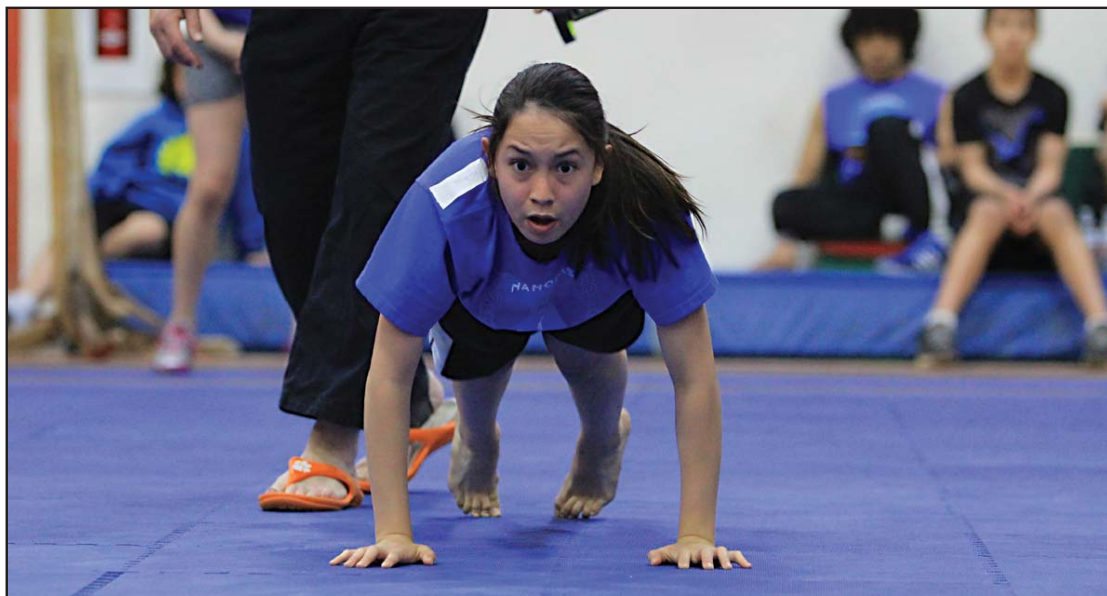


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GIRL'S SEAL HOP— Madison Johnson competes in the girl's seal hop during the Nome Native Games Extravaganza.



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BSSD holds NYO event in Gambell

By Jeffrey Erickson

Tina Fey's oft-repeated quote, "I can see Russia from my house!" was an actuality last week for 120 Bering Strait School District student-athletes who met on the shores of the Bering Sea in windy Gambell for the 29th Annual Native Youth Olympics tournament.

With the graduation of three-time "Athlete of the Year" winners, Stuart Towarak (Unalakleet) and Tahnee Esparza (Golovin) the door was open for new stars to shine and shine they did.

The Native Youth Olympic games are comprised of 10 events, all derived from indigenous competitions that built strength and agility or celebrated special accomplishments. They are a mixture of power, endurance and brute strength so there are opportunities for students of all ages and sizes to excel. It is open to all students from grade 7 through grade 12.

The tournament opened with the relatively new Indian Stick Pull that mimics the grasping of a slippery fish. It has become a more pleasing event with the ability to more actively push, pull, wiggle and twist the greased stick. The kicking competitions brought the crowd to the edge of their seats as the athletes soared to incredible heights. Early on it was obvious that the Gambell fans were familiar with the events and vocal in their support of their local heroes. Lead amongst that group was the Kneel Jump world record holder Apaay Campbell who is a remarkable all-around athlete and quickly established herself as a prime candidate for the "Most Outstanding" award.

The second day of competition was marked with many strong performances, most notably Campbell's dynamic leap to a BSSD record in the Kneel Jump. She was just a little shy of her World Record and expectations will be high as she heads to State. The Toe Kick had repeat champions in Cameron Okbaok (Teller) and Jonisha Wilson (Unalakleet) and Unalakleet's Aucha Johnson exploded with three gold medals in the three high kick events of the day (Alaskan, 2 foot and 1 foot). The evening was capped with a wonderful celebration of culture with the very popular blanket toss and Es-

kimo dancing.

The final two events on the final day are dissimilar, in general the big, broad-shouldered athletes dominate the Eskimo Stick Pull and the smaller, lean kids excel at the Seal Hop. It was no different this year as repeat winners from Teller, James Isabelle and Jazzlyn Garnie (smaller

but powerful) dominated the competition. Unalakleet's Johnson repeated in the Seal Hop, going almost twice as far as his nearest competition and youngster Marilyn Moore (Golovin) outlasted more experienced hoppers to win her division.

There has never been a tighter race for the top team award as Un-

alakleet rode the performance of their male Seal hoppers to squeak past the Teller Aklaqs by a single point for the team title. The same was true in the boys "Most Outstanding Athlete" award as Johnson's gold in the Seal Hop was enough to break a tie with Okbaok. Campbell's overall excellence (medals in 7 of 10

events) was enough to edge Garnie, who had similar versatility.

The BSSD team heads to Anchorage with high hopes and anticipation for the State NYO Championships at the Dena'ina Center, April 24-26.



SKY HIGH— Head judge John Waghiyi needs a chair and a pole to settle the ball in the One-Foot High Kick during the NYO events in Gambell last week. Three competitors hit the ball at 98".

Photo by Jeff Erickson



WINNER— Jazzlyn Garnie of Teller shows perfect form as she wins the One-Foot High Kick, reaching the ball at 77 inches.

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INDIAN STICK PULL— Logan Hebel, left, tries to outmaneuver his son, Owen Hebel, right, during the Indian Stick Pull.

Photo by Janeen Sullivan

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Stick Pull to get it out. Go hunting on the ice and you may need the Toe Kick. Getting across the tundra tussocks, you need agile feet. You'll need the Indian Stick Pull to grab a flopping fish. Want to jump higher for basketball and volleyball? Train for the two and one foot kicks. Need some help for wrestling? Try the Kneel Jump."

Students are supported in the financial requirements to travel to competitions by a variety of individuals and organizations in Nome. The school district is usually able to fund travel for two individuals, so community members are important to making the NYO Games possible for

Nome youth. Sitnasuak is currently the largest supporter. Over the years, Nome Eskimo Community, CHARR, Nome Discovery Tours, and individuals including Alice Rogoff and Rob Luce have contributed to the travel expenses as well. Irean commented, "Many state tournaments would not happen without their support."

Irean encourages community members to come to home NYO events, and to support the youth who are participating in these games. "The games are important. They distinguish Alaska from all other states. They keep the old time Alaska memories alive, and they are also significantly valuable today."

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On The Edge of Tomorrow

The nutrition facts panel: Linking health to food

By Kendra Miller, MPH, RDN, LD
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Determining what foods are healthy and nutritious can be a challenge. In 1990, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) helped make health decisions easier for consumers by requiring a black and white Nutrition Facts panel on many of the foods we eat. The panel was originally intended to link a person's health to the food in their diet. With recent scientific advances in healthcare, changes were due to take place.

This past February, the FDA proposed changes to the current Nutrition Facts panel in effort to align with current health research and public food consumption. New target ranges for heart disease and diabetes spurred the initiative and guided new standards. In addition, public food consumption in a single sitting has increased since the original introduction of serving sizes. The FDA now intends to cite what people actually eat and update the nutrient recommendations currently found on the Nutrition Facts panel.

As consumers, it is important for us to understand how changes to the panel can help us make health conscious decisions. The most visible change is the format. The "calories" will be larger and more noticeable. Along with calories, serving size and Percent Daily value will be emphasized in order to draw awareness to their effects on obesity and diabetes. Using the Nutrition Facts panel to reduce daily consumption of these items can potentially lower the incidence of these chronic diseases.

A food item's "serving size" will be updated to reflect amounts typically consumed. This will not identify what people are recommended to eat, but simply what could be consumed in a single sitting. For items that can be consumed in multiple sittings, there will be a "dual column" stating the amount "per serving" and "per package." The dual column could help eliminate confusion people have regarding the actual nutrient intake of their food and beverages.

In reference to the 2010 Dietary Guidelines, we will see a new category of "added sugars" to the

panel. Research shows the U.S. population is consuming too much added sugar; this is an approach to reduce that amount. Evaluation post implementation will determine whether or not the addition is effective at reducing added sugar levels among the total population.

Requirements for Vitamins A and C will be replaced with data for potassium and Vitamin D. Popula-

tion averages for potassium and Vitamin D are low. As consumers we then have the opportunity to better monitor foods that affect blood pressure and bone health when these nutrients are listed.

Daily Values will be revised for sodium, dietary fiber, and Vitamin D. The Daily Values column should be used to calculate daily nutrient recommendations. The values will be

updated to reflect current recommendations for such items. The new numbers will reference current nutrient recommendations from the Insti-

tute of Medicine.
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Honey Vanilla Granola

Recipe by Kendra Miller, MPH, RDN, LD with Miller Health Consulting, LLC

Makes About 16 Servings
Preparation Time: 10 minutes
Bake at 300°F for 25 minutes
Difficulty Level: Medium

Ingredients:

6 cups old fashioned oats
1/2 cup wheat germ
1/4 cup raisins
1/4 cup dried cranberries
3/4 cup walnuts, chopped
1/2 cup honey
2 Tbsp. olive oil
2 tsp. vanilla



Nutrition Facts

Serving Size	1 / 2 cup
Amount Per Serving	16
Calories	348
Total Fat (g)	10
Saturated Fat (g)	2
Cholesterol (mg)	0
Sodium (mg)	2
Total Carbohydrate (g)	55
Fiber (g)	7
Protein (g)	12
Vitamin A (%)	0
Vitamin C (%)	0.5
Calcium (%)	4
Iron (%)	18.5

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 300°F. Spray a large cooking sheet with cooking oil to prevent sticking and set aside.
2. Combine honey and oil in a heat proof bowl and warm for 5 minutes in the oven while it is pre-heating.
3. Combine oats, wheat germ, raisins, cranberries, and walnuts in a large mixing bowl. Stir to mix.
4. Add vanilla to warm honey and oil. Add liquid mixture to the dry ingredients. Stir until well combined.
5. Pour mix onto a large cooking sheet and spread evenly.
6. Bake for 10 minutes. Stir granola and bake for 10 additional minutes. Stir again and bake 5 additional minutes if desired for crisp granola.
7. Let the granola cool in the cooking sheet. Once cool, place in an airtight container to store.

TIPS:

*Combine with yogurt and fresh or frozen fruit for an invigorating breakfast.
*Substitute other types of dried fruit and nuts for variety.

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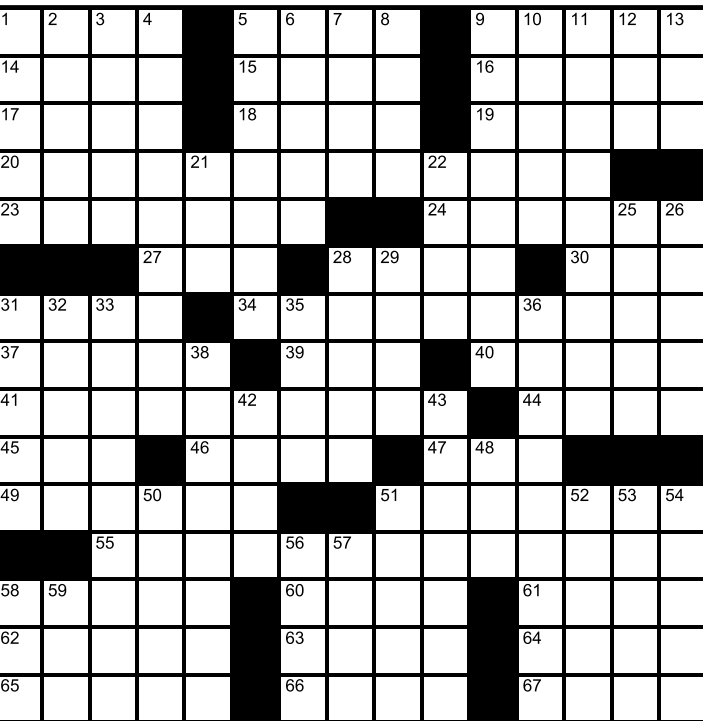
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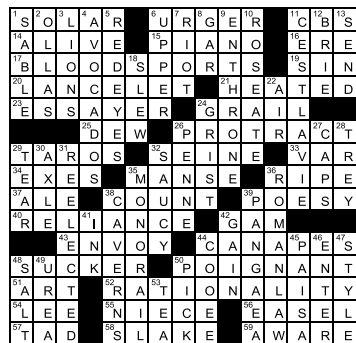
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Across

1. Woven fabric
5. Kind of column (hyphenated)
9. Certain print
14. Apple spray
15. Chimney channel
16. Deck out
17. Norse god of mischief
18. Container weight
19. Vineyard fruit
20. Secondary circumstance resulting from another
23. Snake
24. Devines for water
27. Female sheep
28. Attack, with "into"
30. Amigo
31. Beach, basically
34. Over and over again
37. Rainbow ____
39. Batman and Robin, e.g.
40. Broadcast
41. One who replies
44. Bungle, with "up"
45. Adaptable truck, for short
46. Amount of work
47. Morgue, for one
49. Native American dwellings
51. Thick, twilled cotton fabrics, e.g. corduroy
55. Unique, esp. antiques
58. "Lohengrin," e.g.
60. Capar

Previous Puzzle Answers



61. Den denizen
62. Ornamental loop
63. "____ bitten, twice shy"
64. Enrich, in a way
65. About 1.3 cubic yards
66. Equal
67. Prize since 1949

Down

1. Dylan Thomas's home
2. Run off to the chapel
3. Muslim begging monk
4. Made a mistake (2 wds)
5. More frequently
6. Factory
7. 100 cents, since 2002
8. Adjudge
9. ____, 1999 Tom Cruise film
10. Cupid's projectile
11. To come about
12. Bug
13. Artist's asset
21. Cut down with an ex
22. Cut, maybe
25. Overhangs
26. Coasters
28. Ejected from the mouth (archaic)
29. Long, long time
31. Pompous walk
32. Sharp, rugged mountain ridge
33. Part of an eyeglass frame
35. Icelandic epic
36. Train schedule
38. Bear
42. Barely beat, with "out"
43. Semi driver
48. "It's no ____!"
50. Mistake
51. Madcap comedy
52. Construction girder (hyphenated)
53. Auto option
54. Square
56. Alka-Seltzer sound
57. Channel
58. Harvest goddess
59. Barbecue site

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therapy is covered by health insurance. And for good reason, healthy changes in the diet may stave off very expensive medical problems. Even for those who are not insured, MNT makes good financial sense.

So do not be surprised when your doctor refers you to a dietitian or a nutritionist. This may just be one of the most important referrals he or she could make in support of your health.

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The green-eyed monster is lurking about. Don't give in to it, Capricorn. You will have your time in the sun, sooner than you think.



Uh-uh, Aries. You've tiptoed around a loved one long enough. Tell them how you really feel. Only then will real change come about. The hunt begins for a piece.



Understaffing leads to headaches. Efficiency will help, but it is not the answer by any means. Cancer. Combine efficiency with volunteerism, and you have a winner.



Congratulations, Libra. You ace the test, and your skills are in demand. A senior extends a helping hand with a green cause near and dear to your heart.



Go green and save green, Aquarius. Implement the three Rs, and you'll have cash to spare. An assignment is no walk in the park. Watch your step.



Time out, Taurus. You're at your wit's end, and people are starting to notice. Take a breather. A run-in with a foe-now-friend results in big business.



A crisis comes to a screeching halt, and it's time once again to live, love and laugh. Be grateful, Leo. A financial endeavor brings in the cash.



Expectations are running high at the office, and you do not disappoint, Scorpio. Tempers flare at home. Work to keep the situation in check.



Yes! Yes! Yes, you can, Pisces! Cast aside your fears and move forward with confidence, and that which you seek will be yours.



There is too little to go on, Gemini. Leave the detective work to someone more experienced. An office function goes better than expected.



Your work ethic is to be commended, Virgo. Now, if only you knew how to have fun. You do, and you will, when a blast from the past hops in for a visit.



Personal victories are hard to come by these days, Sagittarius. When one comes, celebrate. A report receives glowing reviews. Look to it for direction.

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Obituaries

Ella SaGaaNa Weyapuk Lathim

Ella SaGaaNa Weyapuk was born on September 18, 1944 to the late Phillip and Mary SaGaaNa Nunooruk of Wales, Alaska. Shortly



Ella SaGaaNa Weyapuk Lathim

after Ella’s birth, Mrs. Noonooruk died from complications. Winton and Carrie Weyapuk were contacted and they adopted Ella. Ella died peacefully at home on February 28, 2014.

She was raised in Wales, attended grade school there and attended high school in Chemawa, Oregon. After high school she met and married Ron Lathim; they adopted their one and only child Ronnie May Lathim. Ella was blessed with five grandchildren. She and Ron eventually separated. Later on in life she met Ken Adkisson who she lived with until her passing. Ella and Ken were very fond of their numerous pet dogs over the years and their pets always had unusual and comical names. Ella had a love for her house dogs and happily walked them throughout Nome.

Ella was employed in Nome as a housekeeper at the Polaris Hotel for many years. As well, Ella was always generous in lending a helping hand for her family and friends and had a soft spot for her niece Lucy May Kitchen and for her brothers Walter and Louie Weyapuk’s children.

She cheerfully greeted people and was always friendly to people she knew or just met, she never forgot a name or acquaintance. She enjoyed attending the annual Kingikmuit Dance Festival since its inception and looked forward to participating as long as her health permitted her to. She loved to play bingo at the

Solid Green Bingo Hall, as well, she enjoyed “winning on iGGituks!”

Ella always looked forward to the fall harvest of Wales clams that washed up annually. She loved her tipshuqs, miziiGaqs and ung-maluukuks. “Oh my, don’t forget my naGunuaqs!” and finally “Ah heck, just send what-ever you can!” This was always a quote she used every fall to her Wales family and “please send freight collect.” “You betcha!” was always a lasting expression of hers.

She was respectful and generous to anyone she got to know. Ella loved to kunuukowroq in her Kini-gan (Inupiaq) dialect with her friends and family. Her first cousin Mrs. Esther Bourdon recalls, calling her younger cousin Ella to get the right pronunciation of words spoken in their dialect. Ella thought of family and friends in Wales and called often to ask how they were, requesting prayers for everyone in the region. She would always call her nieces and nephews by their Inupiaq names instead of the English names.

Ella is survived by her long-time companion Ken Adkisson of Nome, her only daughter Ronnie May Walling (Xander Koehler) her older sister Maggie Komonaseak and brother Winton “Spuk” Weyapuk and her biological siblings on the Nunooruk’s side, her grandchildren: Tiffany Janelle Kristina Nicole Lathim, Kelsie Renee’ Walling, Samantha Korrine Walling and Drew Brady Walling, numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews as well as great-great nieces and nephews and one great-great-nephew. She was preceded in death by her birth parents as well as her dad and mom, the late Winton and Carrie Weyapuk, siblings; Herbert, Martin, Harry, Isaac, Emma, Walter, Illene, Amos, Louis Johnson and Eddie.

The late favorite first cousin of Ella’s was Harriet Simpson (Tevuk) . They were very close since they could remember. Even through adulthood they never forgot each other during special holidays and their birthdays, they both had a genuine care, love and affection for each other. Ironically, Harriet died prior to Ella – two months to the day! Harriet passed the late evening of 12/28/13 and Ella the early morning hours of 02/28/14. They are resting

in the comfort of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Ella had a special place in her heart welcoming Louie and Leeann Green’s son Michael Green and asked to give him one of his Inupiaq names – Iyolook after her late brother. When she thought of her late brother Walter Weyapuk she would say she had her own Iyolook!

The family would like to thank the following organizations and individuals:

Wales Native Corporation, NSEDC, NSHC and staff, Pastor Karen Sonray of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bering Air, Wales IRA, Cremation Society of Alaska, Ken Adkisson, Jeri H. Komonaseak, Jasmin A. George (auntie’s favorite Wells Fargo banker!), Dorothy Dickson, Pamera Simpson, Lydia Wilson, Phillip “Sonny” Kugzruk, Alyce Walluk, Dolly Kugzruk, Elizabeth Kugzruk, Robert Sherman , our late auntie Harriet Tevuk Simpson, Deborah Lagneaux and Mike Scott, the late Wiley Scott and his wife Kitty, Marie and panik Charlene Saclamana, Gilbert Oxereok, Melinda Olanna and the Wales Choir of the Wales Lutheran Church. We also would like to thank those we may have overlooked and appreciate all the prayers and generosity given to Ella during her time of need. God bless you all richly!

Ella requested that her ashes be scattered at MiLiitaGvik, her late Dad and Mom’s camp northwest of Wales, Alaska.

Honorary Pallbearers: Winton Weyapuk, Luther Komonaseak, Terry Komonaseak, Jay Wellert, Sean Komonaseak Sr., Harold Ahmasuk Jr. and Brian Weyapuk.



Brenda Pisuktuag Tokienna Ohrstedt

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Brenda Pisuktuag Tokienna Ohrstedt died on April 19, at her home in Woodstock, GA.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Katie Tokienna, her siblings Fred Tokienna, Brenda Tokienna, Irene Kakik, Jonah Tokienna, Leah Tokienna, Daisy Gault, Marion Tokienna and Florence Weyapuk; and by her nephews Gary Gault, Bobby Gault, Richard Tokienna, Robert Tokienna Sr. and Michael Weyapuk.

She is survived by her husband, Robert J. Ohrstedt and sister Emily Tooshuk Brooks; sister-in-law Sharon Ohrstedt; her nieces Geri Di Lucchio, Bonnie Nicholson, Kathy Caswell, Karen Beard, Leah H. Canfield, Lucille Weyapuk, Roberta Tokienna and Brenda Tokienna; her nephews Dan Gault, Joseph Kakik, Wally Kakik, Reuben Nicholson, Norman Ongtowasruk, Robert Tok-

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“trans fat” will continue to be listed; however, “calories from fat” will be eliminated from the Nutrition Facts panel. Research has shown it is not the amount of fat that is of most importance but the type of fat. Unfortunately, there are currently no propositions to substitute saturated fat with values for omega-3 or omega-6 fatty acids leaving it up to the consumer to decipher what foods contain these healthier fats.

The changes proposed are the first major changes since 2006 when “trans fat” was added to the label. The FDA is accepting public comment on the proposal for a total of 90 days. In the next few months, we

can expect to hear more on the future changes to the food we eat.

Although these are major changes to the food industry and today’s consumers, it is important to note that the healthiest decisions we can make do not require a list of data. Food in its most natural form does not warrant a Nutrition Facts panel. To put this into practice, it is healthier for us to eat an orange rather than drink a glass of orange juice. In the common instance when we are unable to consume food in its natural form, using the Nutrition Facts panel can help us make healthier decisions for our families and ourselves.

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MEDIA RELEASES 04-14-14 through 04-20-14

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On 04/14 at 12:34 a.m. while on routine patrol, Frieda Okoomealingok was contacted outside a bar on Front St. Records showed she is on felony probation and not allowed to consume alcohol. Frieda showed signs of being highly intoxicated and was eventually arrested for Violating Conditions of Felony Probation.

On 04/14 at 3:30 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to the west side of town for a disturbance. The investigation led to the arrest of Ann Soolook for Assault in the 4th Degree and

two counts of Disorderly Conduct. She was transported to AMCC where she was held without bail.

On 04/14 at 12:38 p.m. the Nome Police Department was dispatched to a residence on East 3rd Ave for a reported domestic dispute. Investigation revealed that there was a verbal altercation between a male and female couple. Situation was resolved by separation.

On 04/14 at 1:40 p.m. the Nome Police Department was dispatched to a residence on Sepala Dr. to assist the Building Inspector remove occupants from the residence. The residents were given an eviction notice several days prior in an effort to comply with a large human feces development, and after failing to comply the building was condemned.

On 04/14 at 4:02 p.m. NPD served an arrest

warrant on Adrienne Michels for Manslaughter, Leaving the Scene of an Accident, and DUI. Adrienne Michels was remanded to AMCC and held on \$50,000 bail plus the requirement for a third party custodian.

On 4/15 at 2:49 p.m. NPD received a report of an unsafe vehicle being operated on C St. The driver, Alexei Klutchnikov, was contacted at a business on C St. Alexei did not have insurance for the vehicle, nor a valid Alaska driver's license to operate motorized vehicles. Alexei was warned not to operate the vehicle until he obtains the required documents from the DMV.

On 4/15 at 2:48 p.m. while on routine foot patrol along Front St., a group of people were contacted behind a business. The officer observed Nancy Kiyuklook to be in possession of an open alcoholic beverage outside a licensed premises. Nancy was eventually cited for Open Container.

On 4/15 at 3:05 p.m. a business owner called to report that they caught a thief in their business. While the dispatcher was still obtaining information from the owner, the suspect fled the scene with the owner catching the 17-year-old male a short distance from the business. Officers arrived a moment later and transported the juvenile to NPD to issue a Minor Consuming Alcohol citation. The juvenile was then transported to a sober relative.

On 4/15 at 7:43 p.m. NPD responded to a highly intoxicated female on Third Avenue. The investigation led to Roxanne Campbell being taken to the hospital for medical clearance and the transported to AMCC for a Title 47 hold.

On 4/15 at 10:40 p.m. Nome Police Department responded to an anonymous tip concerning someone violating probation on Third Avenue. The investigation led to the arrest of Jimmy Weyiouanna for violating his probation. He was transported to AMCC and transferred into their custody. No bail was set.

On 4/15 at 11:50 p.m. NPD responded to a report of an intoxicated male with no shoes leaving a bar on Bering St. The investigation led to Lester Nupowhotuk being taken to AMCC for a Title 47 12-hour hold.

On 4/16 at 10:28 p.m. NPD responded to a report of an ATV accident on the West Beach area of town. David Magliocca was transported to the hospital, by EMS, for treatment of his injuries.

On 4/16 at 8:52 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a call of a highly intoxicated male on Front Street. When officers arrived, Al Wayne was passed out behind a local business on Front Street. Al Wayne was taken to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical attention. A short time later, Al Wayne was taken to the Nest Shelter.

On 4/17 at 8:06 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a local Front Street business where two intoxicated males were fighting. When officers arrived, one male was taken to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical attention. The other male was gone on arrival. At a later

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JOB VACANCY NOTICE

Bonanza Express Store is currently recruiting for enthusiastic, reliable people to join their store team

Job Title: Assistant Manager
Company/Department: Bonanza Express Store
Schedule: varies with store hours & shifts
Pay Schedule: \$24.00/hour

Duties: The Assistant Manager coordinates activities of the Bonanza Express Store retail clerks, maintains and updates prices, stock inventory, obtains and receives merchandise, total bills, receives payments, and prepares charge slips. The Assistant Managers also tallies remaining cash amounts in register for following day, retains tape showing current day transactions and delivers all cash, tapes, charge slips, and credit card slips to the office, waits on customer, advises customers concerning quality describes and demonstrates use of equipment, calculates discounts, wraps, bag customer merchandise, ensures compliance of employees with security, sales, and record keeping procedures and practices.

Qualifications:

- 1) High School diploma or GED (General Education Degree)
- 2) Five Years supervisory convenience store/retail management experience.
- 3) College degree preferred but not required.
- 4) Valid Alaska Driver's License required.
- 5) Must be dependable and able to work a flexible schedule.
- 6) Ability to work well with others and under pressure.
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- 9) Ability to lift heavy boxes.
- 10) Strong written, verbal and organizational skills.

Closing Date: Open until filled

For additional information and to apply: Submit a completed Sitnasuak Native Corporation employment application online or submit to Cameron Piscoya, Project Assistant at 387-1228 or email: cpiscoya@snc.org with questions.

Sitnasuak Native Corporation is EEO Employer EEO/AA. Preference will be given to Sitnasuak shareholders/descendants and Alaska Natives in accordance with Title 43 U.S. Code 1626(g) and Title 42 U.S. Code 2003-2(i).



Sitnasuak Native Corporation
41st Annual Shareholders Meeting will be held **May 31, 2014** at the **Nome Elementary School** in **Nome, Alaska at 10:00am**. If you will be unable to attend, please join us via the internet for our second annual live-stream of the Annual Meeting.

Any questions or need help please call **David Evans** at **(907) 387-1226** or email at **devans@snc.org**.

NSEDC First Quarter Meeting Schedule

Chairman Dan Harrelson has set the dates for NSEDC's first quarter meetings to be held at the Aaron Paneok & Myles Gonangnan Memorial Hall in Unalakleet.



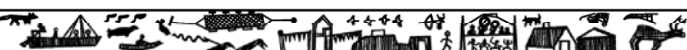
Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Executive Committee	9:00 a.m.
Rules & Bylaws Committee	10:00 a.m.
Fisheries Development Committee	11:30 a.m.
NSSP Working Group	1:00 p.m.
Finance Committee	2:30 p.m.
Scholarship Committee	4:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Board of Directors Meeting	9:00 a.m.
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NSEDC welcomes member community residents at meetings. Portions of these meetings, however, may be held in executive session.



BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION

Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
TO BE HELD IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Anchorage Marriott Downtown, 820 West 7th Avenue

Voting shareholders who are at least 18 years of age and wish to run for one of the five Board of Director's seats open for election are requested to send a **LETTER OF INTENT**, including current address, telephone number and a **RESUME** listing qualifications to:

Nominating Committee
Bering Straits Native Corporation
P.O. Box 1008
Nome, Alaska 99762

IMPORTANT- all letters of intent and resume must be postmarked by June 16, 2014
4/24, 5/1

KAWERAK, INC.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Native Village of Elim and Kawerak Transportation Program Long Range Transportation Plan & Tribal Safety Management Plan Update Wednesday, **April 23, 2014 11:00AM** at the IRA Office. Questions? Contact: Sean McKnight, P.E. (907) 443-4395 or smcknight@kawerak.org

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Native Village of Diomede and Kawerak Transportation Program Long Range Transportation Plan & Tribal Safety Management Plan Update Friday, **April 25, 2014 11:00AM** at the IRA Office. Questions? Contact: Sean McKnight, P.E. (907) 443-4395 or smcknight@kawerak.org

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Native Village of Shishmaref and Kawerak Transportation Program Long Range Transportation Plan & Tribal Safety Management Plan Update Saturday, **April 26, 2014 12:00PM** at Community Hall. Questions? Contact: Sean McKnight, P.E. (907) 443-4395 or smcknight@kawerak.org

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King Island Native Corporation
ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER MEETING

APRIL 26, 2014

OLD ST. JOE'S IN NOME

VOTING 1:00pm-4:00pm

Meeting will begin at 1:00pm

Shareholders outside of Nome please call in.

Door prizes, proxy prizes, guest speaker.

• Seawall

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time, the second male was located and taken to the Nest Shelter. The first male was medically released and taken to the Nest Shelter. The situation was done by separation and charges were forwarded to the district attorney's office.

On 4/17 at 2:06 a.m. Nome Police Department responded to a report of Lesley Ellanna violating the conditions of her release. The investigation led to the arrest of Lesley for one misdemeanor charge of violating the Conditions of her Release and another for Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol. She was transported to AMCC; bail was set at \$1,500.

On 04/17 at 10:41 a.m. NPD responded to the Nome-Beltz High School and issued a citation to a student for possessing cigarettes while at the high school.

On 4/18 at 11:01 a.m. NPD responded to the Nome-Beltz High School for a 13-year-old juvenile in possession of a tobacco product. The female was cited for Minor In Possession of Tobacco and transported to a safe residence.

On 04/18 at 7:28 p.m. NPD responded to a call of a dirt bike being operated on Front St. The investigation led to the arrest of William Morgan for Driving with a License Suspended and Probation Violation. He was then remanded to AMCC, where he was held without bail.

On 4/18 at 9:51 p.m. Nome Police Department Officers responded to a residence on Fourth Ave for the report of vandalism to a vehicle. Further investigation revealed that Charles Alvanna, 20, had arrived at the residence intoxicated, was told to leave and subsequently broke the window out on the apartment owner's vehicle. Charles fled the scene prior to officer arrival and charges will be forwarded to the District Attorney for disposition.

On 04/19 at 11:55 a.m. the Nome Police and Volunteer Ambulance Departments were dispatched to a residence on Seppala Dr. for a report of a male who was not breathing. Dean

Pushruk was declared deceased at Norton Sound Regional Hospital after failed attempts to resuscitate him. No foul play was suspected during the course of investigation. Mr. Pushruk is believed to have died due to unexplained and unexpected origins.

On 04/19 at 12:29 a.m. the Nome Police Department was dispatched to a residence on Second Ave. for an intoxicated female refusing to leave a residence. The investigation led to the arrest of Joan Miller for Criminal Trespass 1 and Resisting Arrest. Joan was remanded to AMCC and held on \$1,000 bail.

On 4/19 at 4:23 a.m. NPD responded to a fight in progress on Front St. The victim was transported to the Hospital via ambulance for injuries sustained in the altercation. John Shelp, the aggressor, was arrested for Assault in the 4th degree and transported to AMCC.

On 04/19 at 3:53 p.m. the Nome Police Department was dispatched to a residence on G St. for a reported assault taking place. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Edwin Punguk for DV Assault IV. E. Punguk was remanded to AMCC and held there without bail.

On 04/20 at 2:38 a.m. while at a Bar on Front St for an unrelated call Police Officers contacted Derak Otton, 24, who was refusing to leave the establishment. Upon contact, Derak was found to be highly intoxicated and was subsequently arrested for Criminal Trespass in the 2nd Degree and Drunk On Licensed Premises and was remanded to AMCC with a bail set at \$750.

On 4/20 at 5:01 a.m. NPD responded to the hospital for a report of suspicious activity happening in the parking lot. The two suspects fled the

scene on a Blue Yamaha Big Bear 400 ATV prior to Officers arriving on scene. NPD would like to remind everybody to lock up their vehicle, garage, and home doors to prevent any loss of belongings.

On 04/20 at 9:26 a.m. Scott Handley was issued a citation for operating an off road vehicle on a state highway after he was observed driving a side-by-side east on Seppala Drive.

On 04/20 at 11:15 a.m. Tracy R. Harrington was arrested on a warrant stemming from a previous case that was issued by the Alaska State Troopers.

On 04/20 at 1:49 p.m. Bryce Warnke-Green was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a revoked or suspended driver's license after being stopped for operating a off-road vehicle on a state highway.

On 4/20 at 11:41 p.m. Police Officers observed a vehicle travelling on Front St above the posted speed limit. A traffic stop was conducted and officers contacted Michael Christian III, 34, who admitted that the registration to the vehicle was not current and that he did not possess current insurance for the vehicle. Michael was subsequently issued two citations; one for Operating a Vehicle with Expired Registration and the other for Motor Vehicle Insurance Required and was released from the scene.

On 04/20 at 7:39 p.m. NPD responded to an assault behind the Visitors Center. During officers investigation it was determined Nancy Kiyuklook assaulted another individual. The report was taken and will be forwarded to the district attorney.

Trooper Beat

On April 12, at 4:18 a.m. the Alaska State Troopers received a report of an overdue motorist between Nome and Teller. A subsequent search located Warren Lake III, 38, about 10 miles from Teller. The road between Nome and Teller is not maintained in winter and Lake's vehicle became stuck in snow.

On April 12, at 2:10 p.m. AST stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation in Nome. Frank Kavairlook Sr., 63, was subsequently issued citations for

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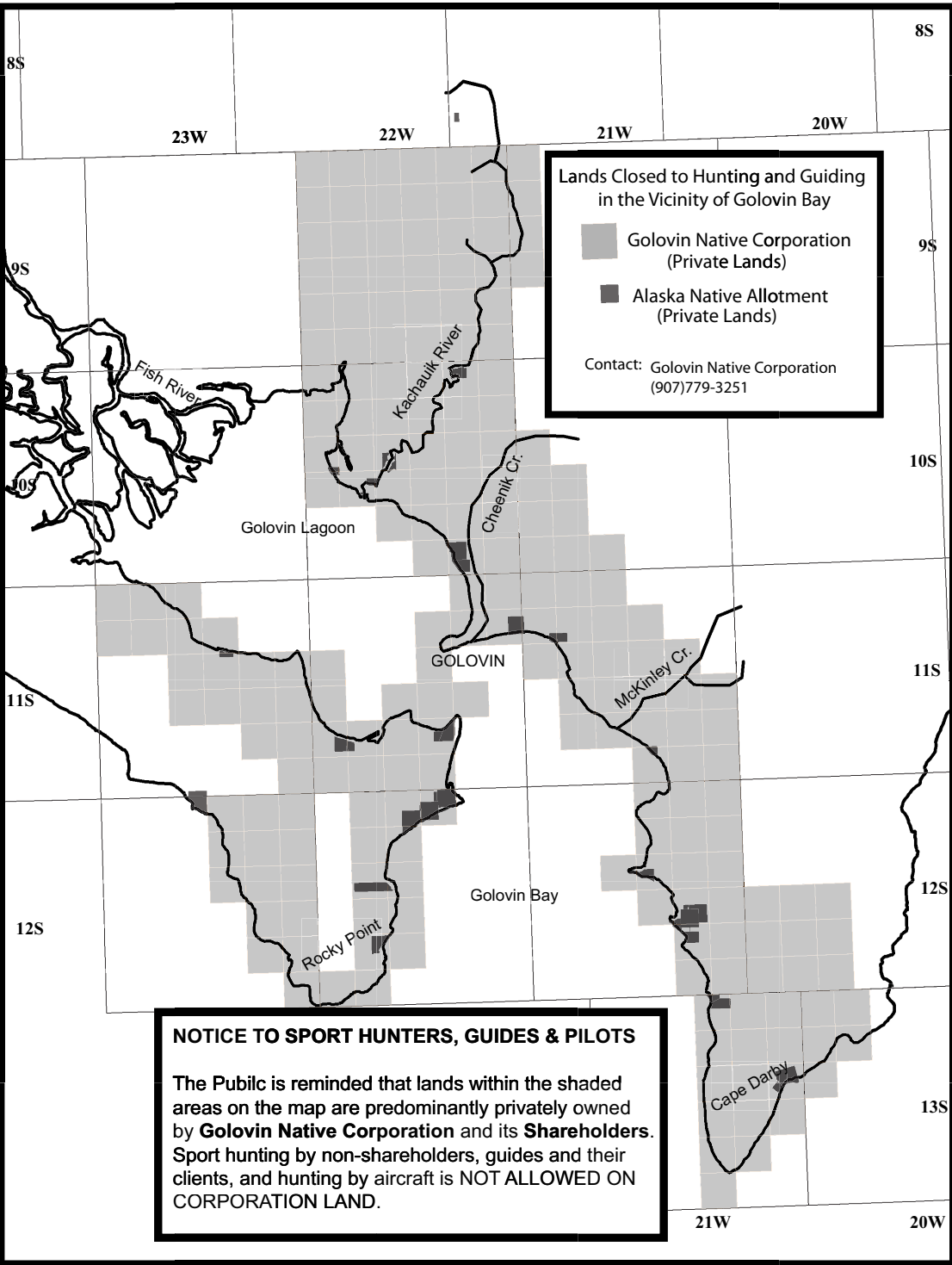
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Major Subdivision
A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING A REGULAR MEETING OF THE NOME PLANNING COMMISSION TO SEEK COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING:

Approval of a preliminary plat for a major subdivision from Nikolai Ivanoff for the property located at Sons Subdivision, Lots 1-5.
DATE: Tuesday, May 6, 2014
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall Chambers

Conditional Use Permit
A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING A REGULAR MEETING OF THE NOME PLANNING COMMISSION TO SEEK COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING:

Approval of a conditional use permit from GCI for the General Use District, Block 52, Lot 13 ptn.
DATE: Tuesday, May 6, 2014
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall Chambers
4/24-5/1



The Ride to Ophir

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thread linking the desolate foreground to a radiant distance, connecting this lone land with home. I liked to see it.

Meanwhile Tony maintained a steady trot and when the trail passed under the railway bridge I found myself close to a group of buildings which I knew must be the road-house. So it proved. Getting rid of my wet clothes and borrowing some commodious slippers, I was soon toasting beside the hot stove, while waiting for my friends, who arrived half an hour later. We fared well that

night. Of course, road-houses vary. Fortunately, I did not sample many of them while in Alaska. Sheets are not provided; instead, the traveler wraps himself in blankets used by his predecessors, and it is only the fatigue following exercise in a cold bracing air that enables him to overcome the anticipation of attack from various forms of insect life. In the morning the traveler is invited to “take a shot” before breakfast; this pre-prandial drink being offered by the proprietor as a courtesy. It is also customary for the bartender to invite the habitués of the

establishment, or those who have patronized the place on the preceding night, to take a drink before breakfast at the expense of “the house.” It is a villainous custom and creates a vicious habit. Men get so used to it that they cannot eat their breakfast without alcoholic stimulus, or, as Dr. Wiley would phrase it, surprising the expanse of expectant pepsin with a flood of ardent alcohol. We needed no such stimulant. We felt like eupeptic heroes. The food served was excellent, for this road-house was managed by a clean thrifty woman. The raspberries from the neighboring moor and

the fish from the river were both delicious. Even if the eggs were overdue that did not matter, for we were used to ‘case’ eggs; in fact, one of my friends at Dawson told me that he had become so accustomed to the ripe rich flavor of case eggs that when he went home and his mother took pains to have perfectly fresh eggs served at breakfast on the morning following his arrival, he complained that they were insipid! Eggs intended for mining camps and other distant places are packed in sectionalized cardboard boxes, each egg being in a separate partition, and 30 dozen in one ‘case.’ In order to preserve such eggs they undergo treatment previous to being packed, the essential feature of all the various

methods being exclusion of air. In the old days eggs were buried in salt and kept in a cool place. Nowadays eggs intended for transport are immersed in a solution of water-glass or in lime-water; the first of these is a soluble silicate of soda, while the second is ordinary unslaked lime in water. By this treatment the decay is retarded and in a cold country they keep for a long time; the freshest egg eaten at Nome must have been laid five months, while the age of the oldest a polite man would no more care to guess than the years of an old maid. Even the eggs that seem but unhatched chickens are palatable to hungry men.

Legals

AUCTION
AUCTION of complete turnkey Welding Shop: Quality Marine of Alaska, Inc, 2180 Mill Bay Road, Kodiak, Alaska
Entire Business Liquidation to be sold as one lot Monday, April 28 @ 10 a.m. at Alaska Auction Co. 1227 E. 75th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska (907) 349-7078. Preview in Kodiak by appointment only.
In the event of no sale, another auction will be held simultaneously online and at site in Kodiak on Monday, May 5 @ 10:00am by lots listed in website.
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See complete business at: AlaskaAuction.com
4/10-17-24-5/1-8

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

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2007-2 NOVASTAR HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007- Plaintiff,
v.
IVA C. AILAK aka IVA AILAK aka IVA C. GANDIA AND ERNEST AILAK, HUSBAND AND WIFE; RAMON F. GANDIA; NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY HOUSING PROGRAM; AND PERSONS IN POSSESSION OR CLAIMING RIGHT TO POSSESSION, Defendant(s).
NO. 2NO-11-48CI
NOTICE OF SALE
By virtue of a Final Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure issued August 21, 2013, by the Superior Court for the State of Alaska, Second Judicial District, the undersigned shall execute upon a judgment issued in the above-entitled action on August 21, 2013, in favor of the Plaintiff and against the Defendants for the sum of \$93,047.16, plus interest and costs of sale. Said execution was directed and delivered to me as a civil process server in and for the State of Alaska. I have levied upon all rights, titles and interest of the above Judgment Debtor, in and to the following described real property, to-wit:
LOT 18A, BLOCK 54 ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT OF U.S. SURVEY 451 AS AMENDED IN 1983, PLAT 83-7
SAID PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT: 309 West D Street, Nome, AK 99762
All recorded documents shall be recorded in the Fairbanks Recording District

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 15th, 2014, at 10:00 AM., the undersigned will sell the above-described real property to the highest bidder for cash, certified funds or money order made payable to 'Clerk of Court'. The sale will be held in the front lobby of the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street, AK 99762, to satisfy said execution, together with interest and costs of sale. For information regarding said property or sale, please call the undersigned at 206-876-3258.

Dated:
Joe Solseng, ASB #0909038
Robinson Tait, P.S.
Attorney for Plaintiff
4/10-17-24-5/1-8

Invitation to Bid
Nome Public Schools is accepting sealed bids for Food Management Services for the FY 2014-2015 School Year. The Request For Proposal is available on the school website www.nameschools.com

Bids must be delivered to the District Office no later than 4:00 pm on May 1, 2014.
For more information, contact Paula Coffman, business manager 443-6190
4/10-17-24

In the Superior Court for the State of Alaska
Second Judicial District at Nome

• More Trooper Beat

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On April 14, at approximately 6:30 a.m., Doreen Lockwood, 38, of Nome was arrested after an investigation revealed that she had assaulted

her boyfriend. Lockwood was transported and remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On April 17, at approximately 3:30 p.m., AST with the Girdwood Bureau of Highway Patrol conducted a traffic stop on a 1994 green Ford escort

for a moving violation near mile 118 of the Seward Highway. Investigation revealed the passenger, Elizabeth Ivanoff, 25, of Unalakleet had an outstanding arrest warrant. Ivanoff was arrested and remanded to the Anchorage Jail. Bail was set at \$100 cash.

• More Obituary

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ienna, Jr. and Brian Weyapuk.
A private funeral service was held on Monday, April 21, at Lakeside Funeral Home in Woodstock. Burial will be in Wales, Alaska at a later date. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be directed to the American Cancer Society or Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Wood-

stock, GA.
Brenda was raised in Wales, Alaska. She loved gathering and preparing Native food, camping and outdoor activities. She worked as a teacher's aide, a retail clerk and was retired. She loved photography, sports, movies, fantasy and science fiction books, sewing, cooking, jigsaw puzzles and photography. She traveled frequently, visiting many historic places.



Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff

NEW ARRIVALS— Davin Herzner welcomes two newborn reindeer at the Bruce Davis home.



Photo by Diana Haecker

HAPPY EASTER— Three-year old Rosalynn Messer proudly shows off her Tigger facepaint and a colored egg during the Family Fun Day held at the Nome Rec Center on Saturday, April 19.

Court

Week ending 4/18 Civil
Olanna, Penny v. Schulling, Richard; Civil Protective Order
Olanna, Penny v. Analook, Nancy; Civil Protective Order
Cabrera, Christina v. Cabrera, Ramon; Civil Protective Order
Farrell, Phyllis v. Sherman, Stephan; Civil Protective Order
Aukongak, Esther J. v. Takak, Jason M.; Civil Protective Order
Nagaruk, Rodney v. Jemewouk, Josh; Civil Protective Order
Small Claims
No current claims filed (start 2NO-00016SC)
Criminal

State of Alaska v. Jimmy Weyiouanna (3/17/67); 2NO-13-906CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114194061; Violated conditions of probation; Probation modified as follows: Must maintain employment; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 1 day; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Jimmy Weyiouanna (3/17/67); 2NO-13-962CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114194061; Violated conditions of probation; Probation modified as follows: Must maintain employment; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 1 day; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Scottie McPeck (10/10/92); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation;

ATN: 111177837; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days, report to Nome Court on 4/18/14 for a remand hearing at 1:30 p.m.
State of Alaska v. Nora Paniptchuk (12/31/56); Dismissal; Assault 4th; Filed by the DAs Office 4/16/14.

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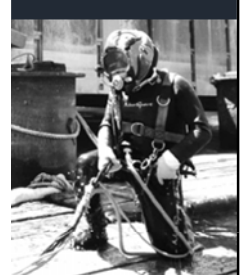
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MUSHING IN CHUKOTKA (top)— Chuck Schaeffer drives his nine dogs on a trail in Chukotka during the Nadezhda Hope Sled Dog Race. Schaeffer traveled with four other western mushers to the Far East to participate in a sled dog race that has been run since 1991. Schaeffer placed third in the event.

DAILY WORKOUT (left) — Schaeffer tends to the first task at hand when arriving in a village during the Nadezhda Hope race: chopping walrus into chunks to be cooked for his dog team. A local took pity on him and gifted Schaeffer with a Russian-made ax, getting the lighter American-made version in exchange.

Unlike races in Alaska, where drop bags with dog food, gear and musher supplies are sent to checkpoints, the mushers traveled from village to village and were supplied with a portion of a frozen walrus. Schaeffer said he could communicate by hand gestures and very few english words with locals and in the process made a good friend who helped him cut up walrus.

Alaskan places third in Nadezhda Hope Sled Dog Race

By Diana Haecker

Kotzebue musher Chuck Schaeffer and four other “western” mushers with their dog teams returned last week from Chukotka.

They participated in the 400-mile Nadezhda “Hope” sled dog race along the Chukotkan coast — just on the other side of the Bering Strait and yet a world apart from Alaska. Chuck Schaeffer had traveled with teammates from Beringia Racing, Norwegian musher Joar Leifseth Ulsom and Chukotka musher Timofei Gynutegin of Lorino, Russia, as well as Alaskan mushers Miriam Osredkar and Yvonne Dabakk.

The five mushers were competing with 22 Chukotkan dog drivers, who raced with their working Chukchi dogs traditionally used to transport hunters.

Leifseth Ulsom won the race. Second was Yvonne Dabakk, originally from Germany, now living with her Norwegian husband Kenneth Dabakk in Fairbanks. She conducts postdoctoral studies at UAF and has a PhD in Plasma and Space Physics from the University of Oslo.

Chuck Schaeffer took third place, but participating in the Hope race was for Schaeffer not about placing or racing. “It was my interest to see the country and how it operated. Now I have some idea,” he said.

Staying at the National Park Service bunkhouse in Nome after their return from Provideniya via Bering Air on Friday April 18, the mushers had both their heads and computer memories full of images and impressions, but they were visibly relieved to be back in a country where life is somewhat more predictable and less dependent on the moods of Russian bureaucrats or government officials.

Schaeffer said he is still incredulous of the extent of government control in every day life. “It’s so different and far fetched from being in America,” he said. “The government controls everything.”

He said hunters are paid by the government to hunt what would be considered subsistence species on this side of the Bering Strait.

The hunters bring back their harvest, and after it is processed, the government sells it back to them. Schaeffer said the government controls the amount of ammunition in people’s possession and everything that is owned or done.

He saw seals sitting out on the sea ice and nobody going out there to

hunt them.

In conversation with locals he found out that it would not cross anybody’s mind to harvest a seal if the government has not allowed the hunt.

“They don’t do it because the government would find out and then they’re in trouble,” Schaeffer said. But overall, he said, it seems that people are happy and gave the visiting mushers the royal treatment.

Because the dog race was run in a stage-stop format, the mushers got to stay overnight in the villages where host families went out of their way to share what they had and made the guests feel welcome and comfortable.

Upon arrival at Provideniya, the five mushers were held up for a day because custom procedures were more tedious than anticipated. This delayed their journey to the start line, which was 100-some miles north at Lorino.

Mikhail Telpin, who in 2013 ran the Yukon Quest and Iditarod sled dog races in Alaska, picked them up from Provideniya and escorted the convoy on a long trek by dog team to Lorino. Schaeffer said traveling was hard because of a brutal ground storm that resulted in frost bitten dogs. Also, they had hoped to give their dogs a 24-hour rest before the race start, but their arrival was only 12 hours prior to the race.

The race took the 27 dog teams from Lorino to Nova Chaplino, Provideniya, then back north to Yanrakynnot, to Lavrentiya, Uelen, Ichoun, and back south to the finish line at Lavrentiya. While Alaska didn’t see much snow this winter, there was plenty of snow on the other side of the Bering Strait.

Once mushers arrived in the village checkpoints, they had their work cut out for them. Instead of digging into drop bags — as is custom in Alaskan distance races — each musher was provided with a hunk of walrus meat.

“We spend about two and a half hours each day chopping walrus into chunks for our dogs,” said Schaeffer.

The mushers then fired up their cookers, melted water and cooked the meat for their dogs.

Schaeffer observed that the Chukchi mushers fed their dogs raw walrus.

“They cut off a chunk of walrus and fed it to them just like that. The dogs looked like they didn’t even

chew it. They swallowed and were done with it,” Schaeffer said. “The mushers were just as hardy. They traveled with a reindeer skin, their cooker and an ax. Our sleds were packed full of gear for like two weeks of camping,” Schaeffer described.

Most of the dogs wore homemade harnesses designed to let the dogs pull with their chest rather than their backs. “Their dogs are furry and stout; they hardly required any main-

tenance,” Schaeffer said.

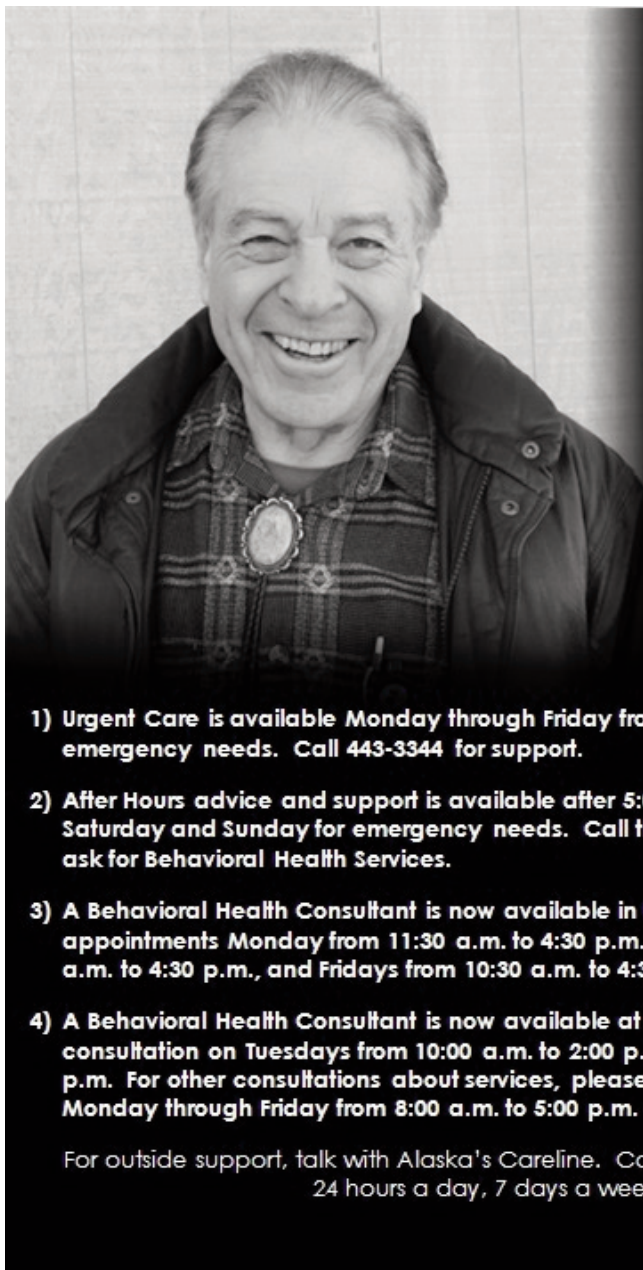
Once the mushers arrived in the villages, there were treated to food and Eskimo dancing and evening entertainment. “Seeing the people, the villages, it kind of blew my mind for a while, and it’s probably still in some blown proportion because I couldn’t fathom the government controlling everything those people do,” Schaeffer summed up.

Although the language barrier didn’t allow for in-depth conversations,

Schaeffer said that he made some friends, who helped him chop walrus.

One person felt sorry for Schaeffer whacking at the walrus chunk with a rather small American-made ax and traded him for a more substantial Russian version of the tool.

Schaeffer said he cherishes that ax and all the memories he made from dog racing in Chukotka, but he also said that the word “freedom” has a whole new meaning to him.



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