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TENTH TELLER CULTURAL FESTIVAL— The Koyuk dance group was one of eight dance groups to perform during last weekend's 10th Teller Cultural Festival. See story inside.

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## Fire Marshall investigating Umiaq Apartment fire

By Sandra L. Medearis

Flames ate up the homes of more than 20 people Thursday evening and defied about 27 firefighters with axes, chainsaws, a pump truck and a ladder truck trying to quell the fire for about three hours.

No occupants of the building received injury.

Two individuals did go to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for slight smoke inhalation.

In the end, the fire fighters won, but they did not get equipment put away and their vehicles home until after midnight.

Some personnel had to get back out of bed when the fire tried to flare up again at "o'dark thirty" Friday morning.

Spectators saw Nome Volunteer Fire Dept. watering the fire from both the front and the back of the building with hoses and a pump truck.

When the fire on one side showed signs of being controlled, flames would billow out of openings in the opposite side of the building.

The fire challenged the firefighters' regular and repeated Wednesday night trainings.

"For us to arrive on the scene and to see such a volume of fire and the rapid spread through the scene was unbelievable," Matt Johnson, a firefighter said. "The training we've had paid off a lot."

Firefighters got the call just before 7 p.m. when billowing smoke and flames broke out into view from the west end of the Umiaq Apartments at

Third Avenue and Moore Street. Several apartments in the nine-unit complex were destroyed along with the personal belongings of several families. Another call came at 3:30 a.m. about a flare-up, which according to firefighters wasn't a "big deal," just some items smoking.

"There wasn't any place for the fire to go, and there were still seven inches of water in the building," Johnson said.

When fire on the east side of the building started fireworks in the building's power hookup, the department command called for Nome Joint Utility to cut the power to the building. NJUS employee Randy Gould went up in a cherry picker crane and did just that, snipping two direct lines to the building at the pole.

NJUS had to cut off one feeder to the area to get the power off ASAP.

As a result, power was interrupted to a larger part of town for about 15 minutes, according to John K. Handeland, utility manager.

Sunday, fire marshal staff from Anchorage investigated the origin of the blaze.

Information gleaned from Nome District Court suggests that prosecutors would file arson charges against a person or persons responsible for starting the blaze with five children in the building.

Matt Johnson, firefighter, left determining the cause of the blaze to the fire marshal's office. He said he

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Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

**FIRE!**—Nome Volunteer Firefighters confronted a blaze spreading at wildfire speed on Thursday evening at Umiaq Apartments at Third Avenue and Moore Streets.

## Fire victim held for biting ER doctor

By Sandra L. Medearis

A victim of the Umiaq Apartments fire has been arrested and held at Anvil Mountain Correctional Center on charges of recklessly causing physical injury to a doctor treating her for smoke inhalation.

Police reports say Officer Justin P. Timm, dispatched to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for a patient causing a disturbance, observed Dr. Julie

Sicilia struggling with Kandie Allen, 34.

Sicilia reported that Allen had attempted to kick, punch and bite multiple people inside the Emergency Room.

According to court documents, Allen had bitten Sicilia's arm, causing pain and injury to her arm. Timm observed a red mark on Sicilia's arm consistent with teeth marks.

Allen was arraigned in Second Judicial District Court in Nome on Sept. 26 on a complaint of Assault in the Fourth Degree, a Class A misdemeanor offense.

Magistrate Judge Robert Lewis set bail at \$2,000.

At the hospital, Allen blew a breath sample that registered .315 BrAC on an alcohol intoxication test. Allen has also been charged for a parole violation for use of alcohol.

Allen pleaded not guilty to assault and denied violating her probation.

Allen's next hearing is slated for Nov. 7.

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Letters

Dear Nancy,

I wanted to do a follow up letter, when trooper Gonazles called. He left us the impression that our son's death would be looked into because he did not like trooper Stroebele's report.

Trooper Cross came and talked to my wife first; demonstrated how he put gun on floor leaned over and shot himself and that's how the gun-shot was muffled, and he said the case was closed. We are not accepting trooper's theory, testing suicidal to his girlfriend and how he shot himself.

As for texting his girlfriend he was getting calls at the same time from her. I know he would want to answer his phone. About texting, I feel he did not text her, someone else did for him, that knew or went through it before, know what to say. Him and his girlfriend were good, ok, calling and talking to each other the night before. Nothing in the way was wrong. He was to set net before he would leave for college, do laun-

dry and pack up to go U.A.A.

I asked to get it reopened and investigate. Questions still remain unanswered but did not get a straight answer to reopen case.

We believe he was not suicidal at all. All was good, OK with family and girlfriend. Getting ready to set net and prepare to leave for college. The whole scene is not right even with their theory, no way, no how. Not the way he was laid out, face down, arms stretched, bruises on face and buttock he never had, gun on side of wall, not besides him or under him.

We are blessed to have a son like him and thank to good Lord for giving him to us.

He is with the good Lord now. Thank you to those who still believe in us. Hopefully we can resolve this and move on with our lives. May God bless and keep you.

Sincerely,  
Allan J. and Sally V. Okpealuk  
Brevig Mission, AK 99785

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Editorial

The Importance of Being Prepared

Emergencies happen when we are not expecting them. The recent apartment fire that forced 20 people out of their homes and destroyed their personal belongings brings to mind the need to plan family fire drills. Last week several Nomeites who were visiting Anchorage got the jolt of a 6.2 earthquake and had to decide what to do wile their building was rocking and rolling.

In Nome we always have the danger of intense storms. Do we know what to take if we have to evacuate? Do we have emergency lighting? Medicines? Enough food? Do we know how to contact family? We also need to know that it is not macho to tempt the fates. We need to practice personal safety and on the job safety.

Something that can make us proud is the caring attitude of our town. Stores opened for food and clothing. Churches pitched in and hotels provided emergency shelter. Of course we are all grateful for the heroic efforts of our Volunteer Fire Department. Nome is a fine town. —N.L.M.—

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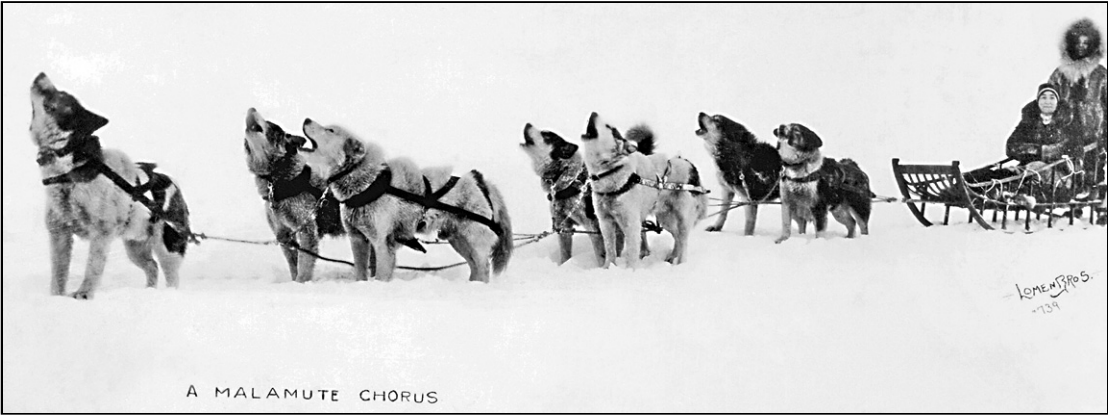
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**HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU—** Gary and Laura Samuelson are retiring from their jobs on Sept. 30. Laura Samuelson has served as the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum director for 17 years. Gary retired from his job as the area manager responsible for GCI operations in the Nome and Kotzebue regions.

A Look at the Past



A MALAMUTE CHORUS

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

**MY FAVORITE PHOTOGRAPH –** Milton Weil with his Malamute Chorus. This team was first owned by Alfred T. Coston who was the first to survey and map the original town site of Nome in 1901. Always remember that Nome's greatest strength is its history. Think about it.

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters)

Date	Day	Time	High Tide	Time	High Tide	Time	Low Tide	Time	Low Tide
10/02	Th	10:07 a.m.	+1.4			4:30 a.m.	+0.8	5:55 p.m.	+0.1
10/03	Fr	12:48 a.m.	+1.1	11:17 a.m.	+1.4	5:31 a.m.	+0.8	6:55 p.m.	-0.0
10/04	Sa	1:49 a.m.	+1.1	12:40 p.m.	+1.3	6:42 a.m.	+0.8	7:55 p.m.	-0.0
10/05	Su	2:45 a.m.	+1.2	2:01 p.m.	+1.4	7:54 a.m.	+0.7	8:53 p.m.	-0.0
10/06	Mo	3:35 a.m.	+1.2	3:15 p.m.	+1.4	9:03 a.m.	+0.6	9:47 p.m.	+0.1
10/07	Tu	4:21 a.m.	+1.3	4:23 p.m.	+1.4	10:07 a.m.	+0.5	10:39 p.m.	+0.1
10/08	We	5:05 a.m.	+1.4	5:26 p.m.	+1.4	11:06 a.m.	+0.3	11:29 p.m.	+0.2

Daily variations in sea level due to local meteorological conditions cannot be predicted and may significantly effect the observed tides in this area. All times are listed in Local Standard Time. All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

Weather Statistics

Sunrise	10/02/14	9:15 a.m.	High Temp	+51	09/26/14	National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391
	10/09/14	9:36 a.m.	Low Temp	+27	09/24/14	
Sunset	10/02/14	8:26 p.m.	Peak Wind	32 mph, W, 09/28/14		
		10/09/14	8:01 p.m.	Precip. to Date	11.60"	
				Normal	12.77"	

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Week of the Arctic to be held in Nome, Kotzebue, Barrow

The Institute of the North will host the 2014 Week of the Arctic next week in Nome, Kotzebue and Barrow.

The ION says that increased maritime traffic, international attention and new opportunities for development are three good reasons to understand and work toward safe, secure operations on land and off Alaska’s Arctic coast. However, for Alaska’s Arctic residents, there is so much more that must go into Arctic decision-making.

The Week of the Arctic will be a platform for community leaders, subject matter experts and interested stakeholders to learn about the Arctic while contributing to a growing list of priorities and perspectives. Throughout the week, presentations and interviews will be captured on video and in written reports. Topics include: Energy development in northern regions; collaborative approaches to science and research; local governance and communication; maritime response operations; food security; health and emerging leadership; preparation for the 2015 U.S. Chairmanship of the Arctic Council; business development and offshore development – risk mitigation and impact benefit.

The Week of the Arctic aims to educate Alaskans and deliver key insights and recommendations, provide clear guidelines for state and federal officials while promoting informed local decision-making.

The Nome events include an Alaska Arctic Policy Commission update at City Hall, a discussion about CDQs and fisheries infrastructure, Maritime Operations, Prevention and Ocean Observations for Navigation Safety and a federal listening session with high ranking officials: U.S. Special Representative for the Arctic Admiral Robert Papp; Rear Admiral Daniel Abel, District

17, U.S. Coast Guard; Ambassador David Balton, State Department; and Fran Ulmer, Advisor to the Secretary of State for Arctic Policy and Science.

This session invites public testimony on a range of Arctic issues - climate change, economic development, energy, the environment, and security - as the United States prepares to assume the chairmanship of the Arctic Council in 2015.

Unfazed by sanctions Rosneft presses on with oil drilling in Arctic

The Hill reports that US and European sanctions enacted to prevent American companies from working with Russia on offshore oil and gas development won’t stop Russia’s state oil company from drilling for oil in the Arctic.

Russian-owned Rosneft is working on an Arctic well with Exxon-Mobil Corp.

Last week Rosneft announced that it struck oil in Russia’s part of the Arctic Ocean.

However, the sanctions mean that ExxonMobil must exit once the well is safely sealed. ExxonMobil provided money and expertise for the well and both would be needed to commercialize the oil discovery.

A Rosneft official told the news agency Bloomberg that if ExxonMobil had to leave, Rosneft would be able to carry on and find different partners not under similar restrictions.

EPA issues greenhouse gas report

On Tuesday, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released its fourth year of Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program data. The EPA’s data details greenhouse gas pollution trends and emissions broken down by industrial sector, geographic region and individual facilities. In 2013, reported emissions from large industrial facilities were 20 million metric tons higher than the prior year, driven largely by an increase in

coal use for power generation.

“Climate change, fueled by greenhouse gas pollution, is threatening our health, our economy, and our way of life—increasing our risks from intense extreme weather, air pollution, drought and disease,” said EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy.

The Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program collects facility-level greenhouse gas data from major industrial sources across the United States, including power plants, oil and gas production and refining, iron and steel mills and landfills.

The program also collects data on the increasing production and consumption of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) predominantly used in refrigeration and air conditioning.

Over 8,000 large-emitters reported direct greenhouse gas emissions to the program in 2013, representing approximately 50 percent of total U.S. emissions. The data from these facilities show that in 2013: Power plants remained the largest source of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, with over 1,550 facilities emitting over 2 billion metric tons of carbon dioxide, roughly 32 percent of total U.S. greenhouse gas pollution. Power plant emissions have declined by 9.8 percent since 2010, but there was an uptick in emissions of 13 million metric tons in 2013 due to an increased use of coal.

Petroleum and natural gas systems were the second largest stationary source, reporting 224 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions, a decrease of 1 percent from the previous year. Reported methane emissions from petroleum and natural gas systems sector have decreased by 12 percent since 2011, with the largest reductions coming from hydraulically fractured natural gas wells, which have decreased by 73 percent during that period.

Refineries were the third largest stationary source, reporting 177 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions, up 1.6 percent from the previous year.

Reported emissions from other large sources in the industrial and waste sectors increased by 7 million metric tons of greenhouse gas pollution, up 1 percent from 2012.

Rising seas

Climate Central, a scientific climate change website, reports that it just completed an analysis of worldwide exposure to sea level rise and coastal flooding.

It found that 147 to 216 million people live on land that will be below sea level or regular flood levels by the end of the century, assuming emissions of heat-trapping gases continue on their current trend. By far the largest group, 41 to 63 million

people, live in China.

But even these figures may be two to three times too low, meaning as many as 650 million people may be threatened.. Comparing results for U.S. vulnerability using global data and state-of-the-art domestic data, they found that global elevation data led to major underestimates compared to modern U.S. elevation data, whereas global population data led to overestimates.

If the overall error factors calculated for the U.S. apply globally, then 300 to 650 million people live on land that will be submerged or exposed to chronic flooding, by 2100, under current emission trends.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, October 2

*Weekly Women’s Circle	Prematernal Home	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 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 Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Native Games	Nome Rec Center	8:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Friday, October 3

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*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.
*Open Mic Night	Bering Sea B&G	8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 4

*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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Sunday, October 5

*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Monday, October 6

*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

*Week of the Arctic*		
-Alaska Arctic Policy Commission	Council Chambers	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- CDQs in Alaska’s Arctic	Mini Convention	1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Ocean Observations for Navigation Safety	Mini Convention	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Maritime Operations and Response Infrastructure	Mini Convention	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 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. - 8:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 7

VOTE

**CITY ELECTION**  
Old St. Joe’s 5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

VOTE

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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*Week of the Arctic*		
-U.S. Chairmanship of the Arctic Council	Council Chambers	8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- Arctic Issues Workshop	Mini Convention	10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Federal Subsistence Meeting	Aurora Inn	11:00 a.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*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.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 8

*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.
*Federal Subsistence Meeting	Aurora Inn	9:00 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*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.
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## • Fire

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believed the fire started in a first-floor apartment.

"I don't know how the fire started, but an investigation is ongoing. If it was arson, you're not just putting the occupants in danger, but you're putting the lives of 27 firefighters in danger," Johnson said. "They need to consider the danger to all those people and add that to the arson charges."

Acting Fire Chief Jimmy West Jr. told news organizations that he suspected that humans had a part in getting the fire going.

John O'Connor, who lives on the first floor, woke up and noticed smoke at the ceiling level.

"Then it came down all around me. I threw my clothes out the window and dived out in just my shorts. There was so much going on that nobody noticed me standing there like that without clothes and shoes," O'Connor said. "I saw a friend and asked him if I could borrow some shoes."

Over the weekend, Nome turned out with donations for the people who lost their clothes and living necessities.

Nome Baptist Church, Methodist Thrift Shop and other groups opened doors to donors who shared with the people who had no place to go and nothing to use for everyday activities. Bering Straits Native Corp., owners of the burned building, opened 10 rooms for the displaced people in the corporation's Aurora Inn hotel.

Jerald Brown of BSNC applauded the generosity of the Nome community.

"They had help from the Red Cross, Norton Sound Economic Development Corp., the Thrift Store, Alaska Commercial, the churches, a benefit concert, and other groups," he said. "People have rallied, it is very encouraging."

On Monday, Brown said the corporation had found other accommodations for the people in the four burned out apartments in other rentals in the BSNC portfolio. Brown said that more than 20 had been displaced, including at least seven children.

Two of the four apartments in the west end of the eight-unit building are charcoal, two are water-logged and damaged by smoke.

The remaining four apartments have had power and heat restored and should be available to occupants soon. An insurance adjuster had inspected the site Saturday, Sept. 27.

A damage figure is not yet available.

The department did a good job, Johnson said.

"It was a good save. We saved a major portion of the building that could have burned to the ground," he said. "We had no loss of life and no firefighters hurt to my knowledge." Some firefighters, exhausted, had to sit down with oxygen masks to rehab from energy loss.

Johnson credited training as responsible for the success of the department in containing the fire.

We practice at the training site on Center Creek Road and around town, as well as at the station. It all helps. This doesn't happen every day," he said. "When a fire does break out, you have to pull all your training and

preparedness out of your reserves and put them into operation.

"It comes down to muscle memory after a while. You have to know about every situation and every piece of equipment and tool we have, about building structures, everything involved in a fire," Johnson said.



**UP THE SIDE**—The blaze at Third Avenue and Moore Street kept firefighters running from 7 p.m. until after 9 p.m. with breakouts at every opportunity. Here it comes out and starts licking the southeast corner of the building.



**CAUGHT**—Chuck Fagerstrom, firefighter emeritus with over 40 years' experience on the fire department gets caught between two streams from hoses. Fagerstrom and other "graduates" of the department showed up to help out.



**FIRE ENGINE # 9**—NVFD pump truck worth \$700,000 when purchased three years ago made payment on its keep by spraying the south side of Umiag apartments while firefighters trained hoses on the west side.



**BRAVERY**—Geoff Hubert, at the end of a fire engine extension ladder takes a chain saw to the building's south side to let heat out and water into the building. Drywall and insulation held heat inside the inferno, firefighters said.

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**MAN INJURED (top)**—A crane overturned at a storage site near Dexter Bypass Road crushing a truck and seriously injuring Bryce Warnke-Green. Warnke-Green, an employee of Pro-West Contractors, has been evacuated to a hospital in Seattle for treatment.

Photo by Nils Hahn

**CRUSHED (left)**—The cabin of the truck was crushed by the crane.



## Nome man severely injured in crane accident

By Sandra L. Medearis

Bryce Warnke-Green, 25, left Nome on a medevac flight Sunday with serious back and neck injuries after a crane tipped over at the old asphalt plant at the intersection of Nome-Teller Hwy. and Dexter Bypass Road.

The crane tipped and the boom fell and crushed the cab of the

flatbed truck Green was driving. The truck had a shipping container loaded on the bed.

Lloyd Gilman of Pro-West Contractors said he was driving the crane. He did not elaborate but said the accident was under investigation.

Jimmy West Jr. of Nome Search and Rescue said it appeared that the crane driver was getting ready to

move into position to take a container off the truck.

"It was an unfortunate accident of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. I don't think that either driver saw the other because there were containers between them," West said, emphasizing that he had not been there when the crane went down.

"It was very dark at 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Sunday morning."

Nome Gold Alaska helped with a loader to lift the boom so that responders could cut the cab to extricate Warnke-Green, according to West.

The driver's side of the truck's cab showed extensive damage.

Emergency responders had to cut

a cable at the end of the boom extending over the hood of the truck to remove Warnke-Green.

Warnke-Green is the son of Louis Green Jr. and "Birdie" Dawn Warnke. Green was en route to Seattle Monday for treatment at University of Washington—Harborview Medical Center.

## Labs can't confirm presence of oil on seal samples

By Diana Haecker

Last week, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation released preliminary results after examining skin and tissue samples from two seals harvested at Gambell, St. Lawrence Island. The samples tested negative for the presence of oil on the animals. However, when the hunters harvested the seals, they detected a dark oily substance on the coats of the animals and the stench of petroleum product emanating from the bodies.

The carcasses were discarded and not taken home for consumption.

Due to the lack of skin samples from the areas of possible oil contamination, the laboratory results didn't confirm what was obvious to the hunters.

The hunters were able to sample organs and blubber before notifying the authorities.

The samples were sent to Nome, where UAF Marine Advisory Program agent Gay Sheffield received them. Samples that contained even the smallest amount of hide were sent on to the U.S. Coast Guard and the Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation. The Dept. of Environmental Conservation ran the first test to find out whether or not the samples showed any sign of a petroleum product.

They did not.

If the tests had confirmed oil on the animals, the U.S. Coast Guard would have then pursued further testing to find out what kind of petroleum product it is and where it came from.

ADEC's State on-scene coordinator Tom DeRuyter said the best information on the oiled seals has come from hunters and the tissue samples of the seals themselves.

However, SGS, the state's laboratory in Anchorage, had needed skin samples from the oiled areas.

"The point is, we need a standardized protocol to collect samples," DeRuyter said.

The DEC is working with the U.S. Coast Guard and the UAF Marine Advisory Program to develop such a protocol, DeRuyter said, which would be communicated to hunters in the rural coastal communities.

Although the results did not confirm oil, DeRuyter assured that the ADEC is not "done with it." The results of the laboratory will be peer reviewed, which can take some time.

The remaining organ and blubber samples were sent to the North Slope Borough and the National Marine Fisheries Service to test for the presence or levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, for short PAHs.

PAHs are pollutants found in fossil fuels and are often linked to oil spills. These tests were also done on samples from three discolored seals harvested near Gambell and Shishmaref during 2012 and confirmed those seals had been exposed to oil.

"These recent organ and blubber samples were sent to the North Slope Borough as part of a collaborative effort with MAP, Eskimo Walrus Commission, Kawerak, and NMFS," said MAP agent Gay Sheffield. "This coastal effort is to better understand toxin levels in seals fouled by oil and what that may mean for seal health and ultimately, the people and communities that rely on seals," she explained.

Laboratory work on the organ and blubber samples will begin in October.

"If you find or harvest wildlife that is discolored or oiled, please take a photo and call UAF-MAP 434-1149 or 1-855 443-2397; Kawerak Subsistence Program 443-4265, or the Eskimo Walrus Commission 443-4380. If it's oiled we would like the whole animal to be sent. We will make arrangements to get the affected animal into Nome," said Sheffield. "Oiled wildlife is an injury to all of us in the Bering Strait region."



Photo by Diana Haecker

**SITTING OUT THE BAD WEATHER**—Gold dredges sit in the Nome Snake River mouth, waiting for better weather to go back to work.

## The Dock Walk

Harbormaster Lucas Stotts reports the following traffic in and out of the Nome port and harbor.

On September 23, no vessels departed or arrived in Nome. On Sept. 24, the fuel tanker *Diamond Express* departed for Anchorage. The vessel had been anchored in the Nome roadstead for several weeks.

On Sept. 25 the Alaska Logistics landing craft *Seahawk* and barge *Madison Rose* arrived at the inner harbor to load village freight.

On Sept. 26, the landing craft *Seahawk* departed with village freight.

On Sept. 27, the Northland Services tug and barge *Polar Ranger/Westward Trader* arrived at the City Dock to offload freight. The Bering Pacific tug and barge *Diane H./Kumtux* arrived at the outer harbor and docked at the Westgold Dock to load gravel.

The new NSEDC fishing vessel *Paul C. Johnson* departed for the season.

On Sept. 29, the sailing vessel *Drina* departed Nome to head south to Kodiak.

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**TRAVEL, BUT COME BACK—** Laura Samuelson and Museum commission member Cussy Kauer share a laugh at the retirement party.



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**GOOD BYE—**Julie and Howard Farley, left, helped celebrate Laura and Gary Samuelson, right, retirement during a luncheon at City Hall on Friday, Sept. 26.

## Laura Samuelson honored for 17 years as museum director

By Diana Haecker

At noon on last Friday, the City of Nome threw a retirement party for Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum Director Laura Samuelson. Samuelson is set to retire on Sept. 30 after 17 years at the helm of CMMM.

Over hoers d'oeuvres and pizza, City of Nome staff joined Museum and Library commissioners Cussy Kauer, Howard Farley and his wife Julie, John Handeland and Jake Kenick to reminisce with Samuelson and her husband Gary Samuelson.

Cussy Kauer brought up the time when she and Laura were bushwhacking around Anvil Mountain trying to find a BLM marker that was in the proximity of where the Lucky Swedes first found gold.

Jake Kenick recited a poem he composed in her honor. City Manager Josie Bahnke expressed her admiration for Samuelson's passion for Nome's history and the museum.

"I caught you in great moments, telling a Nome story to somebody or maintaining perfection in chaos," Bahnke said.

The word 'perfection' touched on a nerve with John Handeland, who thanked Laura for working hard on so many different projects, including the centennial celebrations in 2000. "Like Cussy, these gals keep you on your toes," Handeland said.

He spoke of having to redo, reprint, move and re-arrange things until projects were deemed to meet Laura's satisfaction. "Everything had to be perfect so that the image of Nome is portrayed nicely," Handeland said.

Among the many things Samuelson contributed to the museum were efforts to preserve oral historic accounts of Nome stories, working with news media and assuring good publicity for Nome, pushing for a new place to house the museum and of evacuating artifacts out of the building during fall storms. "How many times did you move things out of the museum and back? At least four times, right?" remarked Handeland.

The museum is tucked in the basement of a small building on Front Street. It bursts at the seams. During

Samuelson's leadership, it became apparent that a new building was needed to house the ever-growing CMMM collection.

Samuelson spearheaded the effort to secure money and Legislative grants for the new Richard Foster Building, which will house the CMMM, the Kegoayah Kozga Library and Kawerak's Beringia Cultural Center.

Construction is soon to begin. The new museum is slated to open in the summer of 2016.

The City presented the Samuelsons with gift certificates for Alaska Airlines flights. "Fly, but come back," remarked Howard Farley dryly.

Laura Samuelson had a good laugh when she opened her retirement card envelope and found it contained the same card she had just gave her husband Gary, who is also retiring on Sept. 30 from his long-time job at GCI.

"There must be only one retirement card in Nome," she said laughing.

Only in Nome.

## Judge rules to allow Walker, Mallot to join campaigns

On Friday, Sept. 26, Anchorage Superior Court Judge John Suddock ruled that Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell and the Division of Elections acted appropriately in adopting an emergency regulation to allow the Walker-Mallott unity ticket.

Independent gubernatorial candidate Bill Walker and Democrat Byron Mallot joined their campaigns after the state primary election in August. Polls at the time revealed that neither Walker nor Mallot would have the necessary votes to unseat incumbent Governor Sean Parnell and so came the decision to reshuffle the candidates for the upcoming gubernatorial elections. Byron Mallot won the Democratic primary but resigned from the race, as did party-

nominated Democrat Hollis French, who ran for Lt. Governor. Mallot is now running for Lt. Governor leaving the race for Governor between Walker and Sean Parnell.

Walker is running as an independent candidate and as such was not part of the candidate line-up in the primary race, in which registered party members vote for their candidates of choice.

Since there is no statute in place to deal with post-primary candidate reorganization, Judge Suddock found that Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell and the Division of Elections properly issued the emergency regulation.

The emergency regulation allowed Byron Mallott to run for Lt.

Governor as a petition candidate without having to collect 3,100 signatures required by statute to appear on the 'No Party' ticket with Bill Walker.

Judge Suddock concluded that there was a valid emergency under the Administrative Procedure Act, and that the Division of Elections correctly followed administrative precedent and Attorney General opinions to fill the statutory vacuum with a regulation to treat party and non-party candidates alike in allowing for a replacement.

Judge Suddock noted that since 1982 there has been no permanent regulation dealing with similar election situations.

"Fifteen legislatures have not re-

solved this election nomination conflict allowing a No Party candidate to reshuffle the deck after a primary election," said plaintiff Steve Strait's press release commenting on the ruling.

"I have decided not to appeal this result to the Supreme Court of Alaska," Strait said. "This will allow the lieutenant governor and the Legislature to deal with this problem of disenfranchising over 42,000 voters in a future legislative session as suggested by Judge Suddock."

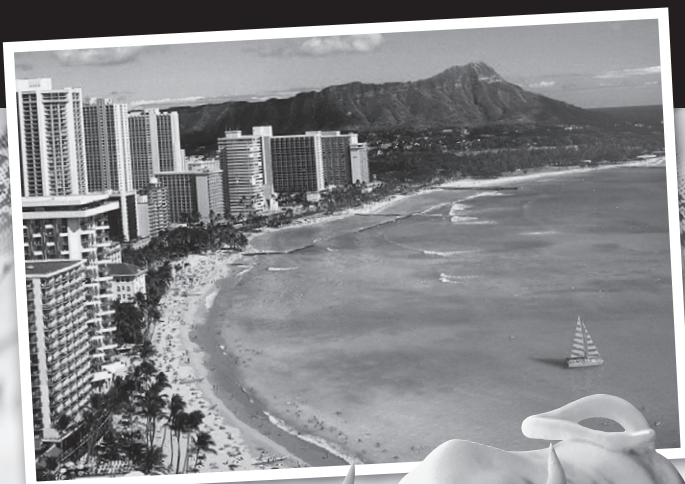
"If the voters of the state of Alaska disapprove, they'll sweep you out the door," Judge Suddock noted in oral arguments.

"As intervenors in the case, we are entitled to seek attorney's fees from

Mr. Strait, but we're not going to do that," commented Bill Walker. "We're pleased this exercise is finished and are eager to devote our full attention to the important issues of the campaign. This lawsuit is an example of partisan politics at its worst."

Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell said in a press release that the public is invited to submit comments on the Division of Election's proposal to create a permanent regulation governing replacement of a withdrawn lieutenant governor candidate nominated by petition, since there is currently no such permanent procedure in place.

The state elections are on November 4.



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# Kawerak board hears updates on regional issues

By Diana Haecker

The Kawerak Board of Directors convened in Nome last week and heard about important issues affecting the region and its communities.

Kawerak legal counsel John Bioff drew a picture of the legal landscape regarding the creation of tribal courts in the region.

Bioff and Alaska Legal Services attorney Sarah Carver informed the board that now is the time to keep advocating for tribal courts because recent developments are encouraging a change in the way justice is administered in Alaska.

## Tribal Courts

Uncovering the dismal state of public safety in rural Alaska is the first step to initiate a change and a federal report shone light on Alaska's issues. Last year's scathing Indian Law and Order Commission report, which dedicated a whole chapter to Alaska, criticized the State of Alaska's approach to tribal courts, public safety and access to justice in rural Alaska. One of several solutions would be to recognize sovereignty even in the administration of justice – albeit just for misdemeanors – in tribal courts. While the federal government recognizes tribes on a government-to-government basis, the state of Alaska is resisting the idea of tribal sovereignty and, with that, the administration of tribal courts. However, Bioff said that recent Alaska Supreme Court decisions have been favorable to tribal courts.

The Alaska Safe Families and Villages Act was introduced in Congress in August 2013. It has passed out of committee with the recommendation for further consideration by the U.S. Senate. The bill encourage the State of Alaska "to enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes in the State relating to the enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, to improve the quality of life in rural Alaska, to reduce alcohol and drug abuse, and for other purposes." If the bill passes as written, it will recognize tribal court authority and concurrent civil jurisdiction over child protection, domestic violence, alcohol and drug related offenses.

Bioff summarized cases that could be dealt with in tribal courts: domestic violence protective orders, juvenile matters and child protection cases. Bioff said he has partnered with the non-profit Alaska Legal Services Corporation in Nome as a resource to help tribal councils – if they wish – to guide them through the establishment of tribal courts. ALSC is an Alaska-wide organization that can help tribes to revise tribal ordinances, to develop tribal courts and to train tribal court judges and staff, ALSC lawyer Sarah Carver said.

She added that tribal courts could offer a more humane solution to juvenile delinquents. A tribal court could change the behavior by offering creative "punishment" like ordering a juvenile offender to spend time with an Elder to help, instead of sending the kids to Nome or out of state. "When tribal courts are involved, kids don't act up as much anymore," she said.

Bioff encouraged the board members to take the information to their

tribal councils so they can mull over the idea of setting up a tribal court. "We can walk you through the pros and cons of your decision to set up a tribal court," Carver added. For example, a tribal court team with ALSC advises 56 tribes in the Association of Village Council Presidents region around Bethel on the concepts of due process, on ethical codes, on training of tribal court staff and on going through tribal codes.

Kawerak Chairman Robert Keith of Elim confirmed the need to address the issue, but noted that funding was the crux of the matter. "We found the lack of funding a bit of a roadblock," he said.

Kawerak President Melanie Bahnke said that Kawerak would wait for direction from the tribes before pursuing funding.

## Beringia Center of Culture and Science

Amy Russell-Jamgochian updated the board on the status of the Beringia Center of Culture and Science. The Center will be integrated in the Richard Foster Building, currently under construction, at the end of Steadman Street. Kawerak entered into an agreement with the City of Nome to lease space for an annual rent payment of \$115,000. Russell-Jamgochian explained that renting from the City's Richard Foster Building would be more cost effective than striking out on their own to build a cultural center. This summer, the Rasmuson Foundation awarded a \$1.3 million grant and Norton Sound Development Corporation donated \$1.5 million for the construction of the Kawerak part of the Richard Foster Building.

With funding for the construction secured, the program's attention has turned to raising funds for an operating budget to staff the cultural center, to fund exhibits, collections and equipment. The program has already secured funding for a preserving bird skin parka making skills.

Russell-Jamgochian presented a slide with the floor plan of the Richard Foster Building. The entrance leads to a round center of the space, which will be used for functions, community and educational events. "We will focus on educational programs," Russell-Jamgochian said. Hence, she dubbed the circular space the "class room" space, complete with an overhead lamp shaped like a skin drum. An irregular corner is envisioned to offer quiet space. An exhibit room is separate from the circular space and will hold display cases for exhibits.

Russell-Jamgochian said that next steps will be to meet with the cultural advisors to hold a collections planning meeting. Also, they program needs to develop an exhibit plan, an operating budget and a business plan. She added there is a need for additional staffing to oversee the project management as the project moves into the construction and then into installation phases.

The City of Nome expects the grand opening of the Richard Foster Building to be in the summer of 2016.

## Federal Subsistence Board

Tim Towarak, Federal Subsistence Board co-chair updated the



Photo by Jim Menard

**BIRDS EYE VIEW OF NEW MUSEUM SITE**— Work progresses at the City's Richard Foster Building. Kawerak has extended a MOA with the City to lease space in the building for the Beringia Cultural and Science Center.



Photo by Nils Hahn

**STEEL WORK**— The site has been prepared to drive steel pipes for the Richard Foster Building into the ground. The grand opening of the RFB is scheduled for the summer of 2016.

board on the Federal Subsistence management program. The Federal Subsistence Board consists of representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, BLM, National Park Service, USDA Forest Service, BIA; a citizen chair and two public members.

Towarak said the board is limited to regulating seasons, limits, methods and means, and makes customary and traditional use determinations. The Federal Subsistence program manages subsistence hunting and fishing for rural Alaskans on Federal public lands and waters. It has no jurisdiction over predator control, marine mammals issues and it has no say in by-catch issues in fisheries beyond Alaskan waters.

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**PERFORMING**— The King Island dancers and drummers had a busy summer, traveling and performing at several dance festivals, including the Teller Cultural Festival last weekend.

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Towarak recognized the confusing multitude of federal and state agencies regulating fish and game. But he also recommended that subsistence users become involved in the Regional Advisory Councils, or RACs, because the Federal Subsistence Board is listening to recommendations from these councils. Towarak also said he'd be retiring from the FSB, but didn't announce when he plans to do so.

Kawerak chairman Robert Keith commented that effects of climate change need to be taken into consideration by game and fish management. "We need to start looking to see long term plans through the lens of climate change," said Keith.

### Community reports

Board members spoke of the changes they see in their communities. Robert Keith spoke of new species moving into the area like spider crabs. People have seen grasshoppers in Kotzebue, Deering and Teller. Wales residents noticed black ants in their community. Johnson Eningowuk reported a poor *oogruk* hunting season this year. The Shishmaref village report also pointed out that spring hunting was not good due to poor weather and ice conditions.

Gambell's Merlin Koonooka said that again this year ice did not cooperate and that the walrus spring hunt was very bad. However, he also reported that the hunters had good success hunting seals. Rubble ice blocked the hunters' access to open water and thus the whale and walrus spring migration went by Gambell without much hunting success. He reported a strange occurrence this winter, namely the complete absence of mice this winter. Diomed reports said that hunting was poor as they community harvested only one walrus and a few seals this year. Weather and an ammunition shortage were the culprits for the dismal hunting success.

Wales reported the completion of trail staking between Brevig Mission and Wales. The Brevig Mission re-

port noted that the State of Alaska requested to do a comprehensive site characterization investigation of contaminated sites at the USCG Loran Station at Port Clarence. The effort is in support of assessing the viability of Port Clarence and Point Spencer as an Arctic deep-draft port site.

Shishmaref reports that seven new homes were built by the Bering Strait Regional Housing Authority. The Shishmaref clinic is being renovated and completion is slated for the end of December 2014. Shishmaref hunters also report bad spring hunting, good fishing in the summer and adequate berry picking during a short window of time.

The Village of Solomon reported that they received a NSEDC outside entity funding grant, which was used to fund the Okitkon shelter project. The shelter cabin, including wood stove and stocked driftwood, is placed at mile 31 of the Nome-Council Highway. Before the road closes, the Council will place a satellite phone in the cabin.

Savoonga reports that reindeer herders are working with UAF on the experimental reindeer processing plant in the hopes that the future may bring a reindeer processing plant to Savoonga to commercially package reindeer meat.

King Island Community reports that only two hunters went on a walrus hunt this year.

In good news, the KIC received a state grant and other grant requests are pending for an extension of the King Island Community building to add on a community hall for gathering and dancing practices.

The KIC finished staking the trail from Nome to Cape Woolley.

Some sections still need to be completed by adding reflective markers to the posts. The King Island drummers and dancers were busy this summer traveling to Wainright, Wales and last weekend to Teller for dance festivals.

Gambell reported the U.S. Coast Guard recently visited the community and brought block and tackle donated from Point Lay to Gambell.



Photo by Diana Haecker

**TRAIL MARKERS**— The King Island Community has almost finished a trail staking project from Nome to Cape Woolley. For the most part, stakes are in but reflectors must be added.

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## School Board takes up overdue lunch bills

By Kristine McRae

At their work session last Tuesday, the Nome Board of Education considered some possible paths the school district might take to recoup thousands of dollars in delinquent lunch bills. In total, the district is owed \$12,500 in overdue lunch fees. District business manager Paula Coffman shared a cost summary with board members: 119 families owe a balance below \$10, totaling \$643.65; sixty families owe between \$10 and \$50, totaling \$1343.40. "Fifty families owe more than \$50 in delinquent lunch fees, totaling \$10,504.00, which is the bulk of the of the delinquent lunch accounts," Coffman said. The board was first alerted to the excessive debt two years ago. At that time they discussed ways to provide lunch alternatives for those students whose families had hardship in paying the bills.

Board member Barb Amarok was dubious about the district's intentions to collect the funds after so much time has passed. "I think we should have been more diligent about collecting the money and qualifying families [for free lunches]," Amarok said, "because there really are families that are in need and maybe those are some of the ones that owe quite a bit of money."

Board member Jennifer Reader commented that it is the board's responsibility to attempt to collect the monies, given that such a deficit takes money away from other programs that benefit the students. And weighing in for the last time as a member of the school board, Barb Nickels added, "We have to balance our budget and get the money in

order to qualify for some of our programs," referencing eligibility parameters set by some federal grants. The board left it to district administration as to the specifics of how they will seek payments. Strategies could include mailing certified letters and employing a collection agency, which could result in court action or garnished Permanent Fund Dividends. Coffman is checking with other districts to see how they have gone about collecting overdue bills.

In other news, the board is prioritizing Capital Improvement Projects for the upcoming legislative session. Superintendent Steve Gast shared this year's plan for project prioritization. "This year we're going back for reimbursement for the new lighting and the gym floor, which totaled \$260,000," Gast said. Each year the state allots a certain amount of funding to the district for large structural and maintenance costs. The district would like to recoup the money for the completed projects. Currently the district is finishing work on the heat, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system and the sprinkler system, both of which are fully funded.

Other funding priorities Gast mentioned include the restroom renovation at the Anvil City Science Academy, primary electrical services at Nome-Beltz, and the replacement of siding and roofing on the maintenance building.

The meeting was the last for long-time school board member and past president Barb Nickels. Running unopposed for Nickels' seat is Brandy Arrington, who will officially join the board at the October 14 meeting.

## High-lites from NBHS

Harlan Heinrich, Principal

With the passing of Summer Solstice we are experiencing less and less daylight. In order for our students to be safe in the early mornings, parents please see that they have reflective tape or fabric on their outer clothing.

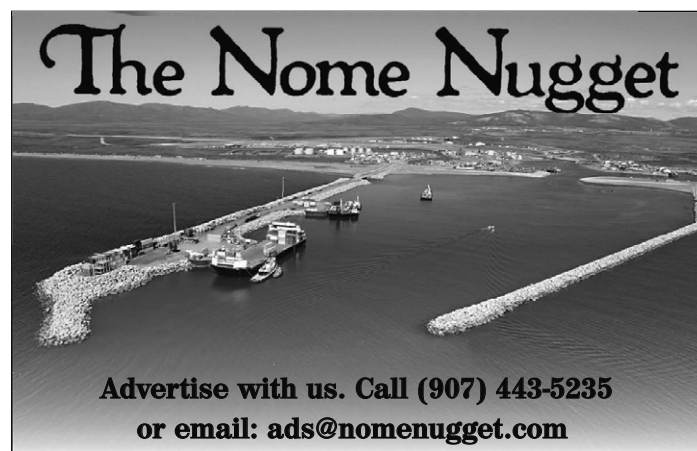
Walking to the bus stops doesn't always allow for a sidewalk and it is not uncommon to see students walking in the streets and roadways. With that, I want to appeal to the public on the streets of Nome to keep a watchful eye out for little ones that might be on their way to or from the bus stop areas.

We want to avoid all possible mishaps and your vigilance will help assure that.

## All around the Sound

### New Arrival

Tilly Anselm and Miguel Antonio Garcia, of Unalakleet, announce the birth of their daughter Everleigh Claire Anselm, born August 8, at 1:55 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 9 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 20" in length. Family members: Linda and Bill Anselm of Unalakleet; Jacqueline Lee from Yakima, Washington, and proud great grandfather James R. Lee, of Yakima, Washington.



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**TWO BEAUTIES—** Linda Topsekok spent some quality time with her granddaughter McKenzie during the tenth Teller Cultural Festival, on Friday, Sept. 26.



Photo by Diana Haecker

**NEW PRINCIPAL AT KOYUK—** Mary Huntington is drumming while her daughter Annabeth sits at her feet and enjoys a snack. Huntington, originally of Shishmaref, is the new principal at the Koyuk school.



# Nanooks boys claim 10th regional cross country title in 11 years, earning trip to state championships

By Keith Conger

## Nome Results

By looking at the top 10 finishers in the boys race at the Region 1 North cross country running championships in Noorvik last Saturday, one might think that the Barrow Whalers would be booking their tickets to Anchorage right now to attend the state championships next weekend. They did, after all, place first, second, and fifth.

At the same time, the Nome-Beltz Nanooks were able to place the Hoogendorn brothers — Wilson in third, and Oliver in sixth — in the top ten. To see the real story behind how the Nanooks were able to reclaim the regional championship, one had to travel further down the results list.

Due to the strength of the Nanooks 3rd through 5th runners - freshman Harrison Moore, senior James Jorgenson, and junior Leif Erikson - the team was able to place high enough ahead of the Whaler's 4th and 5th runners to escape with a 42 - 47 point victory.

This was the 10th regional team trophy for the Nanooks boys in the past 11 years, losing only to Kotzebue last season after spending nearly a decade as the top regional team. This feat was even more impressive given the fact that Region 1 North had more teams participate than any other region in the entire state of Alaska.

Besides spirited efforts by all the Nanooks runners, there were two major factors that contributed to the team reclaiming the title from the Huskies.

The first factor was the emergence of senior James Jorgenson, who was running his first high school race of the year. Jorgenson, who placed thirteenth in Noorvik, started the season late, but worked his way up onto the travel squad by means of a stellar time trial during the Open Race at the Nanook Invitational.

Team co-captain Oliver Hoogendorn said of his teammate, "he just decided to run in the middle of the

season. And (in Noorvik) he kind of saved us."

The elder Hoogendorn did as much saving as anyone on the team. Hoogendorn was forced to find creative ways to keep his conditioning up this year while nursing a muscle injury that kept him from running for well over half the season.

"I biked every day to practice, during practice, and from practice," explained Hoogendorn. "I got as many miles in as I could." He has only been back practicing with the team for about three weeks.

Hoogendorn's sixth-place finish in only his second race of the year was remarkable, and a testament to the hundreds of off-season miles he put into training. In this race, he had a faster time than the five other runners who beat him only two weeks ago at the Nome Invitational.

The Alaska School Activities Association's qualification rules for attending the state championships allow seven runners from both the boys and girls division winning teams to race at the state meet. Next weekend, the Hoogendorn brothers, Moore, Jorgenson, and Erikson will be joined by junior James Horner and freshman Jamie Yi when they take on the rest of the small Alaskan schools in the 1A, 2A, 3A race at Bartlett High School.

The girl's division top six was nearly identical to the boy's top ten with the Lady Whalers placing first, second, and fifth, and the Nanooks placing third and sixth. That top end of the order for Barrow helped them qualify as a team for the state meet when they beat the Lady Nanooks by one point, 32 - 33.

Third-place finisher junior Christine Buffas, who was returning after a two-week absence due to a leg injury, paced Nome. The Nanooks also got a top ten performance from sophomore Ivory Okleasik, who placed sixth. This was the first race of the year for Okleasik, who too was coming off a leg injury.

ASAA rules also allow for the all other runners in the top 10 to qualify

for state, so Buffas and Okleasik will be joined by two teammates in Anchorage next weekend: seventh-place finisher sophomore Bianca Trowbridge, and eighth place finisher freshman Mary Fiskeaux.

When asked about the race and course conditions, Hoogendorn said, "it was well below freezing. It was really cold. The course went through trees, through mud, and on the beach. I loved the course."

Nanooks coach Crystal Tobuk is excited to be taking the team back next weekend to race on the Bartlett course where they started their season. She is hoping the familiarity with the trail will bring about great results.

## BSSD Results

Two small schools runners from the Bering Strait School District were able to crack the top ten in their

divisional races in Noorvik. Jayden Wilson of the Unalakleet Wolfpack had an impressive fourth place finish in the boys division, while Anikan Paniptchuk placed ninth in the girl's race.

The top BSSD boy's team was the Unalakleet Wolfpack placing fifth. The Teller Aqluks, led by Jarod Topkok, placed sixth as a team, while the Elim Eagles, led by Ralph Saccheus, ended up in seventh place.



Photo by Crystal Tobuk

**WESTERN REGION NORTH CHAMPIONS** – The Barrow Whalers placed first and second in the boys race at the regional meet in Noorvik, and had three runners in the top 10 to the Nome's two. Despite these facts, the Nanooks' number three through five runners placed higher than the Whalers, helping Nome to the team trophy and a trip to the state championships in Anchorage. Pictured are L to R, freshman Jamie Yi, freshman Harrison Moore, junior James Horner, sophomore Wilson Hoogendorn, senior Oliver Hoogendorn, junior Leif Erikson, and senior James Jorgenson.



Photo by Crystal Tobuk

**NORTHERN EXPOSURE** – Nome-Beltz runners junior Christine Buffas and freshman Mary Fiskeaux (middle of the picture) take off in the girl's division of the Western Region North Regional cross-country race in Noorvik on Saturday. The two helped their team to a second place finish, 1 point behind the gals from Barrow. The girls, along with fellow top ten finishers junior Ivory Okleasik, and sophomore Bianca Trowbridge will be headed to Bartlett High in Anchorage next weekend to attend the state championships.

## Dogs jog to benefit PAWS



Photo by Chystie Salesky

**PAWS OF NOME**— John Bioff, left, and his dog Max stand next to Nils Hahn and his dogs Ariel, Sunny, Penny, Minnie, Fancy and Bubbles after the dog jog on Saturday, September 27.

By Chystie Salesky

PAWS of Nome, short for People for Animal Welfare and Safety, held its first annual Dog Jog on Saturday to raise funds for Nome's animals in need. Five participants came out to show their support for the cause on the cold rainy day. Despite the weather, everyone finished happy.

Nils Hahn and John Bioff competed for first place with their canine companions and it was quite a race! Nils and six of his well-trained sled dogs had a narrow win over John and his dachshund mix Max. April Shepherd (along with her daughter), Mary Wojtyna and Melissa all finished the jog with their happy dogs. PAWS thanks the following people for buying t-shirts in support of the jog: Iris Wieler, Santa Paul and Jackie Hrabok-Lep-

pajarvi. All participants received a t-shirt, a bandana for their dogs, a medal for finishing and refreshments at the finish.

Co-sponsoring the event was the Nome Animal House, Bering Sea Lions Club and AK Body LLC.

To learn more about PAWS visit their Facebook, PAWS of Nome page or email pawsofnome@gmail.com.

## Results:

Nils Hahn and Ariel, Minnie, Penny, Fancy, Bubbles and Sunny: 16:12  
John Bioff and Max 16:32  
April Shepherd (and daughter) and Sister 32:31  
Mary Wojtyna and Gulliver 32:31  
Melissa, Bonsai and Huckleberry 32:31



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# Nome netters settle for split with Kotzebue

**By Keith Conger**

The Nome-Beltz varsity volleyball girls were back in their own gym after starting the season on the road with losses to both the Kotzebue Huskies and the Barrow Whalers. The oft-used “must win” cliché describes how much the Lady Nanooks team needed a victory against the regional rival Huskies at home.

The Huskies, who entered Friday night’s contest 4 – 0 in regional match play, kept the Nanooks’ crowd quiet at the beginning of the first set by marching out to a 17 – 11 lead. Desperately needing a spark, the Nanooks turned to their junior captain Rayne Lie, whose two blocked balls helped her team claw their way back into the set.

After a well placed tip by junior Allaryce Agloinga, a kill by senior Jane Tidwell, and an serving ace by senior Rene Merchant, the Nanooks were able to come back to tie at 21 – 21.

For the next 12 serves neither team could string two consecutive points together, and the set was extended well past the regulation 25 points. It was finally a timely serving ace by sophomore Kim Clark that gave the Nanooks a 28 – 26 victory in the first set of the five set match.

Both teams kept the scoring close during the second set, with Kotzebue establishing the biggest lead at 20 – 16. Again, the Nanooks relied on their serving, which included aces by both Clark and senior Alyssa Bushey, to tie the score at 21 – 21. The Huskies, however, finished out the set 25 – 23.

The Nanooks’ trend of falling behind early continued in set three as the Nome team started out down 6–1.

As if this type of situation were her cue, Lie again asserted her will with a kill shot from her right side hitting spot to bring her team to 6 – 8. Lie followed up on her front row heroics when she rotated to the back row to serve. Two straight aces, followed by a string of hard serves, and Lie had helped her team score seven straight points, thus turning their two-point deficit into a 15 – 8 advantage.

With the score 18 – 10, serving specialist senior Bailey Immingan-Carpenter delivered consecutive aces to bring the Nanooks to 20 – 10. At that point, the young Clark emerged

from her volleyball cocoon with two straight kill shots and a serving ace to help her team win the set 25 – 12, capping a 24 – 6 point run.

In the fourth set, the Nanooks, using the highly energized crowd as a “7th girl” on the court, broke their trend of coming from behind. Bushey came to serve with her team leading 10 – 5, and was buoyed by kill shots from junior Kalani Suemai and Tidwell. Nome’s tallest player added three straight serving aces to the offensive efforts of her teammates, and by the time she was done delivering the ball, she had extended the Nanook lead to 17 – 5.

Another ace by Merchant along with the hardest serve of the night, coming from Immingan-Carpenter on match point, and the Nanooks found themselves closing out the set 25 – 9, thus securing their first match win of the season.

The victory displayed the style of play coach Lucas Frost believes in. Where as many smaller, rural teams have a style that emphasizes merely keeping the ball in play, Frost teaches the girls how to focus on an attack game. This type of play can take some time to develop, but could prove to be the difference maker by the time the regional tournament come around.

After the match, Lie acknowledged that Friday’s offensive attack was set in place by solid game basics, “we have worked constantly on serve and serve receive and we have really gained a lot of confidence.”

Nome was intent on following up on the previous night’s success, by holding off the Huskies in game one of the Saturday morning match. Tidwell continued to be a force at the net with two big blocks. Freshman Jillian Stettenbenz showed no nerves when she came to the line with the score tied at 19 – 19, promptly serving her team to set point. The Nanooks were able to hold off the Huskies to win 25 – 21.

Set two was more reminiscent of the first set of Friday night, as the teams see-sawed their way to 23 –

23. The Huskies, however, were able to tie the match up at 1 set apiece with a 26 – 24 victory.

A huge defensive dig by Lie cemented the Nanooks’ lead at 22 – 8 in set three. The Nanooks seemed to have put themselves in good position to end out the match by winning the third set 25 – 17.

At that point, Kotzebue was able to regain some of its swagger. Due to freshman setter Calia Sien participating at the regional running meet in Noorvik this weekend, the Huskies were using senior back-up setter Paeton Schaeffer, who is their usual attacking outside hitter. This was her first weekend at the new position.

During the third set Schaeffer began getting more comfortable guiding the Huskies’ offense. Her teammates were able to withstand a barrage of hard hits by Clark, as the northern girls grabbed a 25 – 14 victory. This would set up a fifth, and deciding, set to 15 points.

The Nanooks kept the last set close at 11 – 9, but eventually lost the final set 15 – 11, and the match 3 sets to 2.

**Nome Junior Varsity**

The Kotzebue Junior Varsity team travelled to play the Nome Junior Varsity.

The Nome JV girls won a tight first set 26 – 24 on Friday night, using clutch late set serving by senior Rena Sparks. They followed that up with a dominating second set at 25 – 11, using two kills by Stettenbenz, and serving aces by junior Tehya Tucker and sophomore Sonja Hukill.

The young Nanooks found themselves at 20 – 19 in the third set when freshman Emily Pomrenke stepped up to serve. Pomrenke delivered five straight points to close out a 25 – 19 set. The 3 sets to 0 victory is the Nanooks JV squad’s second match victory over Kotzebue this season.

The younger Huskies mirrored the results of their older teammates on Saturday, beating the Nanooks JV team in straight sets.



Photo by Keith Conger

**TAKING CHARGE** - Nome-Beltz Nanooks Junior setter Jayden Otten offers a perfect pass to one of her teammates in Friday night's Junior Varsity match against Kotzebue. Freshman Katherine Scott (23) looks on. Otten would lead her team to a 3 - 0 victory in the match.

**Volleyball Scores**

Nome Varsity versus Kotzebue Varsity	
Nome-Beltz Gym Friday, September 26, 2014	
28 – 26	
23 – 25	
25 – 12	
25 – 9	
Saturday, September 27, 2014	
25 – 21	
24 – 26	
25 – 17	
14 – 25	
11 – 15	
Nome Junior Varsity versus Kotzebue Varsity	
Nome-Beltz Gym Friday, September 26, 2014	
26 – 24	
25 – 11	
25 – 19	
Nome Varsity versus Kotzebue Varsity	
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**BRINGING THE THUNDER** - Nome-Beltz Nanooks sophomore Jillian Stettenbenz finds the sweet spot and delivers a kill shot versus the Kotzebue Huskies Junior Varsity squad Friday night at the Nome-Beltz gym. She is backed up by sophomore Sonja Hukill, left. The girls made sure that first match of the season on the home court was a victory.



**NORTHERN JOUST** - Nanooks junior Allaryce Agloinga (3) and senior Jane Tidwell battle for the ball at the net with Kotzebue Huskies' senior Paeton Shaeffer. The Nanooks would use a stifling attack to dominate the Huskies on Friday night winning 3 sets to 1. This victory included winning 25 - 12, and 25 - 9 to close out the match.



**IN SYSTEM OFFENSE** - Nanooks senior middle Alyssa Bushey spikes off a perfect pass by senior setter Rene Merchant (left). Captain Rayne Lie backs them up. The team had its offensive attack clicking on all cylinders on Friday night as they dominated their rivals the Kotzebue Huskies.



*Photos by Keith Conger*

**DENIED** - Nome-Beltz senior Jane Tidwell continued her stellar net play for the Nanooks during the Saturday morning volleyball match against the Kotzebue Huskies. The Nanooks took the match to a decisive fifth set before falling 3 - 2 to the Kotzebue girls. **DENIED** - Nome-Beltz senior Jane Tidwell continued her stellar net play for the Nanooks during the Saturday morning volleyball match against the Kotzebue Huskies. The Nanooks took the match to a decisive fifth set before falling 3 - 2 to the Kotzebue girls.



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**WELCOME TO TELLER (left)**— Jazzlyn Garnie, as part of the Teller dancers and singers, welcomed visiting dance groups and spectators to the 10th Teller Cultural Festival by kicking off a night of dancing on Friday.

**DRUMMERS (top)**— The combined King Island and St. Lawrence Dancers and drummers performed at the festival.

## Teller celebrates 10th Cultural Festival

By Diana Haecker

Last weekend, the community of Teller doubled its size population-wise when dance groups and visitors from Nome, Gambell, Shishmaref, Koyuk and White Mountain arrived on Friday afternoon for a weekend filled with dancing, visiting and cultural activities.

For ten years, Charlene Isabell, the tribal coordinator for Teller, and Cora Ablowaluk, tribal coordinator for Mary's Igloo, have been the driving forces behind the annual Teller Cultural Festival. While the drums were sounding in the gym, Isabell and Ablowaluk took a quick break in the Teller school's kitchen after they cooked for and organized a huge potluck that took place on Saturday evening. They had just finished peel-

ing and cutting eight pounds of onions, 30 pounds of potatoes and cooking a whole reindeer. They organized the logistics and travel of the King Island and St. Lawrence Island dance group from Nome, and dance groups from Gambell, Shishmaref, Koyuk and White Mountain. Invitations included a \$1,000 scholarship for air travel. Bering Air also helped with special fares to get the dancers to Teller.

Once in Teller, the dancers were put up in the school and looked to a weekend filled with dancing. On Friday, seven dance groups performed until after midnight.

On Saturday, dancing lasted all night long until the wee hours on Sunday morning.

The Teller Cultural Festival began

in 2004. Back then, Isabell remembers, they actually had two festivals because an invited group from Uelen, Chukotka, was held up by weather. When they finally made it to Teller a couple of weeks later, all other dance groups came back to Teller to celebrate the dance festival again.

Since 2004, the people of Teller look forward to fall time, when all the summer's fishing, gathering and moose hunting is done and the community can come together with friends from other villages to visit and dance, Isabell said.

Over the years, the Teller Cultural Festival grew to host dance groups from all over the region.

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**POWER HOUSES**— Cora Ablowaluk, left, and Charlene Isabell, right, are the driving force behind the Teller Cultural Festival. With the help of several volunteers, they have pulled off a decade of cultural festivals in Teller.

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**SHISHMAREF DANCER**— Janice Sinook of Shishmaref performed with the Shishmaref dancers at Teller. *Photo by Diana Haecker*



**HAVING A GOOD TIME**— Gambell drummer Anders Apassingok Sr., middle, heats up the action during Gambell drummers and dancers' performance at the 10th Teller Cultural Festival. *Photo by Diana Haecker*



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**— Shishmaref dancer Carter Kokeok celebrated his birthday dancing at the Teller Cultural Festival on Friday, Sept. 26. *Photo by Diana Haecker*

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On Friday night, the gym was packed, with 395 people who signed in, but Isabell estimates that about 500 people were there to watch and dance.

The combined King Island and St. Lawrence Island drummers and dancers from Nome. were the biggest dance group. They performed a vast variety of dances, including parts of the Wolf Dance, the twin dance, walrus and raven dances. The crowd went wild when Vince Pikonganna and his wife Betsy got up and performed a lovely dance.

Koyuk brought a young dance group that restarted Eskimo dancing a few years ago. This year, Shishmaref-raised Mary Huntington became Koyuk school's principal and infused her extensive dancing and drumming knowledge to the Koyuk dance group.

A young dance group from White Mountain also showed what they've learned.

The Gambell Singers and Dancers brought nearly everybody to the dance floor during invitational dances.

A roar went through the audience when Anders Apassingok Sr. and Anders Booshu performed.

On Saturday afternoon, the festival continued with dance workshops where dance groups taught their dances and songs to participants and other dance groups. In the cafeteria, kids and women gathered for bead- ing activities. The Teller IGAP program demonstrated how to prepare an environmentally friendly all-purpose cleaner. Kaylee Schaafsma with the Bering Sea Women's Group gave out information about women's safety and available resources in case of an emergency. In the library, two tribal healers with the Norton Sound

Health Corporation demonstrated their work of muscle relaxation and massaging.

After the potluck, the tables were cleared and put away and room was made for a night of dancing in the gym. The grand finale concluded at 4:55 a.m. with snacks for the dancers and lots of memories made to carry them forward to the next cultural celebration.



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# NSHC moves into 21st century with EHR

By Sarah Miller

Staff at NSHC are gearing up for the second largest transition in the hospital's history (the first being the move into the new facility): the implementation of Electronic Health Records. EHR will change record keeping and documentation from paper files to digital records that can be shared instantaneously between providers, clinics, and hospital departments. "It's an exciting change for us," explained Phil Hofstetter, NSCH Vice President, during a radio appearance with KNOM. "Getting everyone from village clinics and the hospital into Electronic Health Records will help us overcome the challenges of distance, will improve communication between departments. The intent is that we will be able to provide better quality service and continuity of care. We will be able to red flag certain cases, improve management of care. EHR gives providers instant access to information, when time is of the essence with health care. It's all good stuff."

Hofstetter, along with hospital president Angie Gorn, and Liz Coler, Clinical Informatics Nurse, appeared at KNOM on Friday to inform Nomeites about the impending implementation of EHR on October 1. "We would love to have the EHR staff here today, but they are busy at the hospital, learning the system and preparing for when we go live," explained Hofstetter. "It's a lengthy process, and it won't be a gradual transition. At midnight on October 1, we flip the switch." Staff will be working through the night so that patients arriving at 7 a.m. that morning will be the first to experience the use of EHR during their visits. "Patients will see staff using computers at check in, nurses and providers may be wheeling in WOW's- workstations on wheels. They will be taking your vitals and inputting the information into the computer during the visit," said Coler. NSHC will retain the paper charts it currently maintains until the transition to EHR is complete and past data has been recorded into the system.

The benefits of EHR to patient care is immense. Not only will records be more current and complete, any provider can access the records at any location, and at any time. Providers will also be able to view records simultaneously, meaning that a village health aide and a primary care doctor in Nome will be able to collaborate about patient care as if they were side by side. NSHC has opted to use CERNER, a health record system currently in use by Anchorage Native Medical Center. This will provide greater continuity of care for the large number of patients that are referred to ANMC for specialized and long-term care by providers at NSHC.

Patients can expect to see some new faces and increased traffic at NSHC through the transition. CERNER and ANMC staff are on site to provide technical support, while emergency room and Fast

Track teams will be double staffed. "Speed and accuracy will be the end result, but not the immediate experience," said Coler. "We want to be transparent. Other organizations have experienced delays with implementing EHR. It takes time for staff to learn the system, to log in, to learn keystrokes. And it will be happening all at once, including the things we can't predict, such as computers that won't turn on, printers that don't work, and so on. Your face to face time with the doctors will be the same. Your level of care will be the same, but the overall appointment may take more time. We will still give you our full attention, but we require your patience." In order to prepare for unexpected glitches, NSHC has set up a "Command Center", with trained super-users available by phone or in person to providers encountering difficulties with the system. The super-users have visited village clinics in person and will be at located at NSHC, available to provide assistance around the clock to everyone within the system.

NSHC staff warned that fewer appointment slots will be available in the primary care clinic during the transition period, to allow for the extra time that appointments may take. Patients with urgent and acute issues will be seen in the Fast Track or Emergency Department. "We ask people who need less urgent care to put off appointments for a few weeks," said Coler. "There is a learning curve for us, and there is anxiety among both the community and providers about EHR," commented Hofstetter. "It's not like picking up an iPhone." Coler emphasized that patient care remain the focus of the visit, over learning to use EHR. "Be reassured that patient care is our top priority. The record can wait. The patient comes first."

President Angie Gorn informed patients that complaints and issues

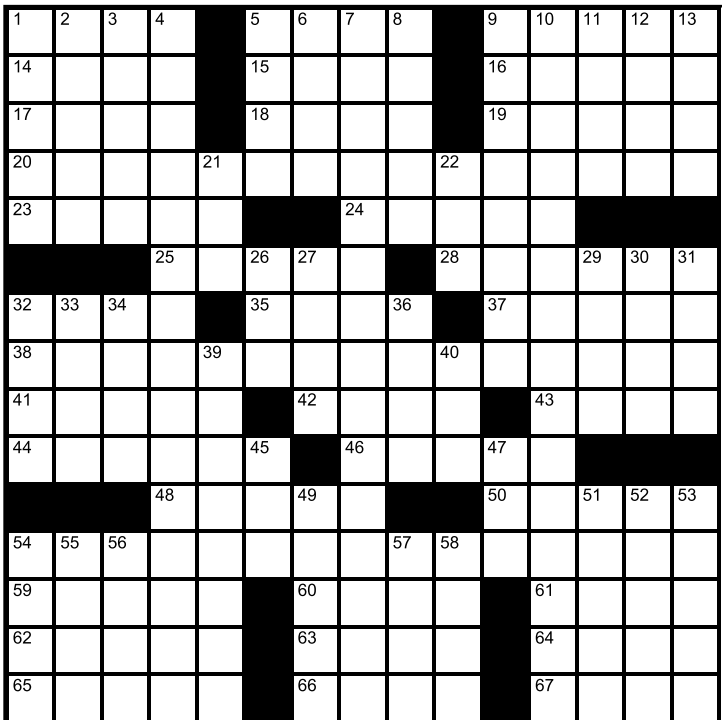
may be brought to the hospital's attention through the patient advocacy office located on the first floor near the security desk. Patients were also invited to communicate with compliance officer Faren Smith.

Hofstetter explained that the pharmacy department and the dental offices already use EHR, with the dental office using a different system than CERNER. Hofstetter acknowledged that the pharmacy had recently undergone a workflow change that caused some confusion and difficulty for patients. "We didn't communicate with the public very well," admitted Hofstetter. "We adopted a system that ANMC is using, and we thought it would be a simple change." Rather than filling prescription requests and refills and waiting for patients to pick them up, the prescriptions would be filled when the patients arrived at the pharmacy, so that pharmacist counseling could be provided. "The data shows that with this change, the average wait time is the same or lower for patients," said Hofstetter. "However, we didn't anticipate the confusion and difficulty it would cause, so we switched it back. Most people don't realize that the pharmacy fills up to 800 prescriptions daily. It's very complex." Hofstetter said he wasn't sure whether the pharmacy would try to implement the workflow change again in the future. "Reducing wait time is still the overall goal. If we do make any changes, we will definitely communicate better next time." NSHC staff will use the learning experience to help anticipate issues that may arise with the transition to HER and will communicate frequently with the community throughout the process.

On another note, Gorn also announced that NSHC has funding available for higher education students enrolled in two year programs, or completing four year programs,

who are interested in future employment at NSHC. "This funding is available for all kinds of employment fields- it can be health care, but it's not limited to that. The hospital needs accountants, administrators, maintenance workers, health care leadership. We will support any schooling needed to be successful in

the career field of your choice. We know the value of growing our own," said Gorn. "We just ask that you commit to at least two years of working at NSHC." Students interested in applying for the program are encouraged to contact the Education Coordinator, Belinda Maddingly.



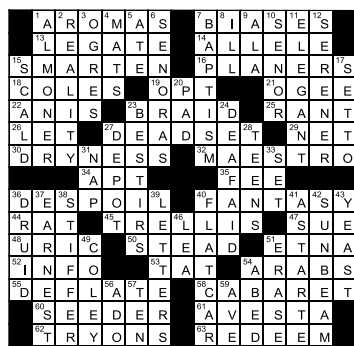
Across

- 1. Sec
- 5. Chesterfield, e.g.
- 9. Motorcyclist
- 14. Eye
- 15. Bothers
- 16. Root used as soap
- 17. Hip bones
- 18. Boor
- 19. Comics sound
- 20. UK province (2 wds)
- 23. Closely related Bantu languages
- 24. Go on and on
- 25. Swelling
- 28. Bust
- 32. Big laugh
- 35. Catcher's gear
- 37. Novi Sad residents
- 38. State lacking sensory awareness
- 41. Brouhaha
- 42. A long, long time
- 43. Hit the bottle
- 44. Immediately after this
- 46. African antelope
- 48. Putdowns
- 50. Character
- 54. Conferring full authority
- 59. Fix firmly
- 60. Zero, on a court
- 61. Arab League member
- 62. Native of Emerald Isle
- 63. Again

Down

- 1. Puts together
- 2. Block house?
- 3. Bat an eye?
- 4. Enrich by taking advantage of one's position (3 wds)
- 5. Ad headline
- 6. Aroma
- 7. Item laid at new building's ceremony (2 wds)
- 8. Buzzing
- 9. Selfish lack of human decency
- 10. Execution of a plan (pl.)
- 11. \_\_\_ nut
- 12. Brio
- 13. Abbr. after many a general's name
- 21. Coal carrier
- 22. Pistol, slangily
- 26. Dash lengths
- 27. Cheese nibblers
- 29. Sundae topper, perhaps
- 30. Cookbook abbr.
- 31. "\_\_\_ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)
- 32. Charge
- 33. "\_\_\_ bitten, twice shy"
- 34. Maple genus
- 36. Theater award
- 39. Artifacts from the Stone Age
- 40. Cable network
- 45. 40 winks
- 47. Affranchise
- 49. Back biter
- 51. Middle Eastern porter
- 52. Be bombastic
- 53. Church assembly
- 54. Strait-laced
- 55. 100 kurus
- 56. Axis of \_\_\_
- 57. 20-20, e.g.
- 58. Colorful salamander

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December 22–January 19

Come on, Capricorn. The obstacles are not as insurmountable as you think. Dig deep, and you will succeed. Changes are brewing at work. Don't fight them.

**ARIES**  
March 21–April 19

Emotions run high at an event. Don't bother playing peacemaker. Aries. Some things are meant to be. A last-moment trip uncovers quite the find.

**CANCER**  
June 22–July 22

Watch it, Cancer. You're playing with fire. A superior sends out a memo. Read between the lines. There is much more to the situation than stated.

**LIBRA**  
September 23–October 22

Press on, Libra. You team is counting on you, and remember, no matter how bad it gets, it could always be worse. Persevere, and you will be rewarded.

**AQUARIUS**  
January 20–February 18

Doing more than your fair share of the work, Aquarius? Perhaps it's time you got help outside of the family. Just make sure you split the costs.

**TAURUS**  
April 20–May 20

Time to yourself is rare these days, Taurus. Steal moments where you can. A loved one makes an unusual request. Honor it only if you can.

**LEO**  
July 23–August 22

Fess up, Leo. You were in on it the whole time and you know it. A special event goes off without a hitch. It may be time for a little getaway.

**SCORPIO**  
October 23–November 21

One man's trash is another's treasure. Remember that as you begin to sort through the clutter, Scorpio. Donate or sell whatever you can.

**PISCES**  
February 19–March 20

Lunacy surrounds you this week, Pisces. Don't let it drive you batty. Find something lucrative to focus on. A service is expanded. Enjoy the perks.

**GEMINI**  
May 21–June 21

Memories of another time and place haunt you. Relax, Gemini. It is not an omen, just a chance for you to revisit some fun. A secret is revealed.

**VIRGO**  
August 23–September 22

Are you in or out, Virgo? This is not the time to be wishy-washy. Revenue increases, and a promotion may be in order. Someone needs a favor.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22–December 21

Sagittarians don't always get their way. Learn to compromise, or prepare to face the consequences. A message is received loud and clear at home.

## Summer Products

- Dog life jackets
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- Wild bird seed
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Sun: closed



Obituary

**William David “Bill” Droke**

William David “Bill” Droke died peacefully on September 21, 2014 while at home and in the comfort of family.

Bill was born in La Grande, Oregon on August 21, 1946 to George Silas “Jake” and Berniece Droke. He attended elementary school in Union, Oregon and graduated high school in Olympia, Washington. Bill had a strong interest in drafting and wished to attend college to pursue these studies. However, Uncle Sam had other plans for his education and suggested that the U.S. Army needed him. Bill, always one to consider all options, made the decision to enlist with the United States Navy where he found the best opportunity to see the world. He served as a sonar tech while aboard the Aircraft Carrier USS America. Bill circumnavigated the globe twice in the late 1960’s seeing the Mediterranean and Southeast Asia among many other world-wide locations.

In February of 1966, Bill Married Patricia Johnson. They were blessed with three children: Veronica, Kathy, and William D. Droke, Jr. Bill would later marry Cindy, who brought into his life Lisa and Lori Droke. Never content, Bill would later find his true soul mate, Bobby, who he married in 1990.

After the Navy, Bill returned to Washington state where he worked in the electronics field and eventually joined the Safeway store chain as a meat cutter. This fateful career change would open the door to Nome, Alaska where he moved his family in the dead of winter 1976 to work for the Northern Commercial Company grocery store.

In the late 1970s, Bill also worked in the building trade, remodeling homes. This allowed for him to use his artful skills both as a draftsman and a builder. He would later return to the grocery store industry where he managed the Stop-Shop-and-Save and Ookviq stores in Nome. For a short time, he worked as a bartender at his favorite watering hole “the Bering Sea Saloon” where his steady hand and friendly, humorous personality made him a big hit. Bill was hired by the Nome Police Department as a dispatcher in August 1994. His naturally level-headed disposition gained him the trust and loyalty of the community that he loved so

much. He would proudly serve the City of Nome for 14 years before retiring as Sergeant in 2008.

Bill had the ability to get along well with most everyone. He was a man of many talents and had a good eye for his countless artistic interests. He penned a cartoon strip about a family of walruses, “Nomer and Norma”, that ran in the Nome Bering Straights newspaper from 1976 through 1978. It is said he drew up the plans for the Nome VFW club on a bar napkin. He was a gifted artist and sign-maker and had a signature



William David “Bill” Droke

style that is immediately recognizable among his many creations. Bill was a die-hard Seattle Seahawks fan from the original franchise, when the Seahawks weren’t so lovable; a fact that he was proud of and liked to joke about with his friends, all of whom will remember the ever-present smoldering Camel no-filter and MGD bottle at his side.

After his retirement, the plan was for Bill and his beloved wife Bobby to withdraw from Nome to enjoy and attend NASCAR races while retired in the Tygh Valley, Oregon area. In preparation for the big move, they sold their timber home, filled their dredge buckets with locally collected “rocks” (Bill’s term of endearment for Bobby’s collection of local rose quartz and other natural tidbits),

packed up the many boxes of their beloved Christmas décor and shipped off all of their belongings to Oregon. Bobby would not survive to make the voyage.

While still in Nome, Bill would eventually meet and fall for Anita Cruise who joined him on the move to Tygh Valley in 2010. Bill and Anita enjoyed his retirement for several “superb” years together as Bill would say, and they wed in 2014 shortly before his death. Anita was devoted to caring for Bill and did not leave his side throughout the dura-



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Pumpkin Soup

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

Makes 8 Servings  
Preparation Time: 25 minutes  
Difficulty Level: Easy

**Ingredients:**  
1 Tbsp Olive oil  
1 c Yellow onion, diced  
1-15 oz. can Pumpkin  
1-15 oz. can Coconut milk  
3 Tbsp Tomato paste  
1 tsp Ginger  
1 tsp Minced garlic  
2 c Chicken broth  
2 Tbsp Green chilis, diced  
1 Tbsp Lemon juice  
Non-fat plain yogurt, optional  
Cilantro, optional

**Directions:**

1. Heat olive oil in a medium pot on the stove. Add onions and sauté until light brown.
2. Turn the heat to medium-low. Add pumpkin, coconut milk, tomato paste, ginger, garlic, and chicken broth. Cook until the soup is warm, stirring occasionally.
3. Combine the soup, green chilies, and lemon juice in a blender. Place the lid firmly on the blender and mix for about 5 minutes or until mixture just begins to thicken.
4. Top soup with non-fat plain yogurt and cilantro for added taste.

TIP:

\*Make sure you start your blender on the lowest speed setting to prevent hot spills.  
\*If you have an immersion blender, add green chilies and lemon juice to your pot and blend away.



Nutrition Facts

Serving Size	1 cup
Amount Per Serving	1
Calories	137
Total Fat (g)	9
Saturated Fat (g)	4
Cholesterol (mg)	0
Sodium (mg)	53
Total Carbohydrate (g)	13
Fiber (g)	3
Protein (g)	3
Vitamin A (%)	241
Vitamin C (%)	19
Calcium (%)	3
Iron (%)	9



Church Services Directory

Bible Baptist Church  
443-2144

Sunday School: 10 a.m./Worship: 11 a.m.

Community Baptist Church-SBC  
108 West 3rd Avenue • 443-5448 • Pastor Bruce Landry  
Sunday Small Group Bible Study: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

Community United Methodist Church  
West 2nd Avenue & C Street • 443-2865  
Pastor Charles Brower  
Sunday: Worship 11:00 am  
Monday: Thrift Shop 4:00 to 5:00 pm  
Tuesday & Thursday: Thrift Shop 7:00 to 8:30 pm  
Wednesday: Faith Followers 5:45 to 7:30 pm

Nome Covenant Church  
101 Bering Street • 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey  
Sunday: School 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday: Youth Group 6:30 p.m. (443-8063 for more info)  
Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295  
Sunday: Worship 11 a.m..  
Handicapped accessible ramp: North side

River of Life Assembly of God  
405 W. Seppala • 443-5333  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.  
For more information contact Bob Blake 434-1966

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Corner of Steadman & W. King Place • 443-5527  
Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Weekday Masses: Mon. & Tue. 9:00 a.m., Thur. 12:10 p.m.  
Friday Hospital Mass: 12:10 p.m. (NSRH Meditation Room)  
Patients going to ANMC and want to see a Catholic priest please call Fr. Brunet, OMI: cell 907-441-2106 or Holy Family Cathedral (907) 276-3455

Seventh-Day Adventist  
Icy View • 443-5137  
Saturday Sabbath School: 10 a.m.  
Saturday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

Nome Church of the Nazarene  
3rd Avenue & Division Street • 443-2805  
Interim Pastor Paul Hartley • 252-5773  
Sunday Prayer 9:30 a.m. • Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

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<b>Education</b>	<b>Degree</b>
	High School Diploma or Equivalent
<b>Experience</b>	<b>General (Non-supervisory):</b>
	2 year(s), working in a pharmacy setting
	<b>Supervisory:</b>
	0 year(s)
	Must have both general and supervisory experience if indicated.
<b>Credentials</b>	Licensure, Certification, Etc.
	Alaska Pharmacy Technician License; National Pharmacy Technician Certification (CPHT); Valid Driver's License

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(907) 443-4573  
(907) 443-2085 fax  
**www.nortonsoundhealth.org**

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## Employment

### KAWERAK, INC.

#### KAWERAK POSITION DESCRIPTION

DIVISION: COMMUNITY SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT: VPSO  
JOB TITLE: **VILLAGE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER (VPSO)**  
POSITION STATUS: REGULAR FULL TIME  
EXEMPT STATUS: NON-EXEMPT  
PAY SCALE GRADE: ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE  
REPORTS TO: VPSO DIRECTOR

#### BRIEF SUMMARY OF JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

Attend training in law enforcement, fire fighting, search and rescue, and emergency trauma training.  
Provide police, fire, emergency medical treatment, water safety, and search and rescue coordination to the community.  
Dispatch cards and other reports completed in a timely manner.  
Services the VPSO may provide include but not limited to:  
Law Enforcement  
Patrol on foot and enforce curfew.  
Investigate misdemeanor crimes and write reports.  
Assist troopers during investigations.  
Complete required reports on time.  
Transport prisoners.  
Fire Protection  
Maintain fire equipment.  
Conduct fire drills in schools.  
Conduct fire department meetings.  
Train volunteer firefighters in fire fighting.  
Conduct fire prevention surveys.  
Search and Rescue (SAR)  
Organize a search and rescue team or act a liaison for DPS in the community.  
Train SAR team members.  
Maintain a list of available SAR equipment and supplies on hand.  
Direct SAR's by coordination with the Alaska State Troopers.  
General Public Safety Duties.  
Assist village health aides in emergency situations.  
Provide public safety information to schools and the public.  
Provide dog control and vaccinate for rabies.  
All-terrain vehicle, boat and snow machine safety.  
Assist Department of Corrections in probation and parole duties.  
4.) VPSO duties may include any of the above and are a minimum guide of services the VPSO can provide. The city manager or mayor, in conjunction with the oversight trooper and VPSO Director, may designate other duties.

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Must be a citizen of the United States or a resident alien who has demonstrated intent to become a citizen of the United States.  
Must be twenty-one years of age or older.  
Must have a good moral character.  
High School Diploma, or its equivalent or General educational development (GED)  
Must within six months of hire or prior to academy, whichever comes first, certified by a physician licensed in Alaska, on a medical record form supplied by the department, to:  
Be free from any physical or hearing condition which would adversely affect performance of an essential function of a village public safety officer;  
Have normal color discrimination, normal binocular coordination, normal peripheral vision and corrected visual acuity of 20/30 or better in each eye;  
Free from mental or emotional condition that would adversely affect the performance of an essential function of a village public safety officer;  
Has not been convicted, by a civilian court of this state, the United States, or another state or territory, or by a military court, of one or more of the following offenses, or of an offense with substantially similar elements to such an offense under Alaska law  
a felony;  
any misdemeanor within five (5) years of the date of hire;  
a misdemeanor within 10 years of the date of hire, if the misdemeanor involved:  
an assault against a family member, former family member, member of the individuals' household, or former member of the household  
the violation of a domestic violence restraining order  
two or more DWI offenses  
Has not ever:  
illegally manufactured, transported, or delivered: a controlled substance  
an alcohol beverage in violation of a local option under AS 04.11 or a municipal ordinance  
illegally used a controlled substance other than marijuana during the 10 years immediately before the date of hire, unless you were under the age of 21 at the time of using the controlled substance  
Has not been denied village public safety officer certification or had that certification revoked  
Has not been discharged for cause or resigned under threat of discharge for cause from employment as a village public safety officer, a village police officer, or a police officer in this state or any other state  
Attend and successfully complete the Alaska Rural Law Enforcement training course at the Public Safety Training Academy in the designated location set by the State of Alaska VPSO Program.  
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EXEMPT STATUS: NON-EXEMPT  
PAY SCALE GRADE: ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE  
REPORTS TO: VPSO DIRECTOR  
LOCATION: NOME

#### BRIEF SUMMARY OF JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

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### THE CITY OF NOME

#### CITY OF NOME REQUEST FOR QUOTES FUEL SUPPLY

The City of Nome and Nome Public Schools are seeking quotes from fuel dealers to supply the City's: heating oil # 1, equipment diesel fuel, vehicle unleaded gasoline and vehicle diesel fuel for the period of 11/01/14 to 10/31/15. RFQ documents may be obtained from the City Clerk's office at City Hall, and are due on or before 3:00 PM on Thursday, October 16, 2014. The quotes will be opened at 3:00 PM on Thursday, October 16, 2014, in the City Clerk's office.

The City of Nome reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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#### Request for Proposals: A/E Term Services

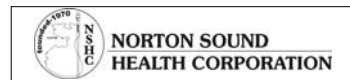
**Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority (BSRHA)** seeks to retain professional Architectural & Engineering (A/E) services. The scope of work is to provide A/E services for surveying and land planning for BSRHA new housing projects.

RFP packets can be picked up at BSRHA's office during normal office hours (8:00 am - 5:00 pm), on our website [www.bsrha.org](http://www.bsrha.org) or requested by calling 907-644-6633. Proposals must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. local time on Monday October 13, 2014, at the office of Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority, 415 E. 3rd Avenue, Nome, Alaska 99762 or mailed to Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority at PO Box 995, Nome, Alaska, 99762.

The work to be performed under a contract resulting from this RFP is subject to Section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e (b)) including applying preference to Native Alaska/America Indian, small, minority and women-owned individuals and firms. Proposals from non-Indian owned individuals or firms are invited and encouraged.

BSRHA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for this work and to waive any informality if deemed in BSRHA's best interests.

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#### Request for Proposals - General Contractor

**Norton Sound Health Corporation** is requesting proposals from contractors for qualifications and pricing on a partial design for new construction of a new 3,000 SF tri-plex housing facility in Savoonga. Pricing information will be used in a grant proposal to AHFC. For an RFP package, contact Melissa Meadows, NSHC; [mmeadows@NSHCORP.org](mailto:mmeadows@NSHCORP.org) or Kendall Gee, DOWL HKM; [kgee@dowlhkm.com](mailto:kgee@dowlhkm.com). Proposals will be received until October 10, 2014, 4 p.m.

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## Legals

### THE CITY OF NOME

#### CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE

O-14-09-02 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY14 General Fund Municipal Budget

O-14-09-03 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY14 School Bond Fund Budget

O-14-09-04 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY14 Special Revenue Fund Budget

O-14-09-05 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY14 Capital Projects Fund Budget

O-14-09-06 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY14 Port Operating Fund Budget

These ordinances had first reading at the special meeting of the Nome City Council on September 24, 2014 at 12:00 PM and were passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for October 13, 2014 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the Office of the City Clerk.

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## Real Estate

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October 6<sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Alaska Arctic Policy Commission  
- Nome City Council Chambers

Presentation of the draft Alaska Arctic Policy and Implementation plan.

October 7<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM U.S. Chairmanship of the Arctic Council  
- Nome City Council Chambers

U.S. Special Representative for the Arctic Admiral Robert Papp, Ambassador David Balton, and Fran Ulmer invite public testimony on a range of Arctic issues.

For more about the Week of the Arctic, and other activities taking place in Nome during this time, visit [www.institutenorth.org/weekofthearctic](http://www.institutenorth.org/weekofthearctic).

**Saint Michael Native Corporation**  
**P.O. Box 59049**  
**Saint Michael, Alaska**  
**(907) 923-3143**

September 29, 2014

The St. Michael Native Corporation **Board of Directors** has selected **November 8, 2014** as the date for the **Annual Meeting of shareholders**. Any shareholder 19 years and older, a native or a descendant of a native, interested in running for a seat must fill out a Declaration of Candidacy form at SMNC office.

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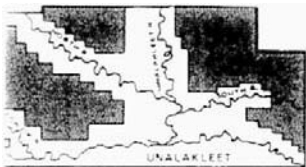
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**Unalakleet Native Corporation**  
**P.O. Box 100**  
**Unalakleet, Alaska 99684**

**NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN** that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Unalakleet Native Corporation will take place at the **Aaron Paneok/Myles Gonangan Memorial Hall in Unalakleet, Alaska on 15th November 2014 at 10:00 A.M.** for the following purposes:

1. Approval, Additions or Corrections to the minutes of the 2013 annual meeting.
2. Reports from the management and committee.
3. Introduction of the director nominees and statements by nominees, if they wish.
4. Election of four (4) directors.
5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Only stockholders of record as of 5:00 p.m. on 3rd October 2014 are entitled to vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof. Stockholders are entitled to vote at the meeting in person. If you will not be able to attend the meeting in person, you are requested to fill in and sign the mailed proxy and return it to: **Unalakleet Native Corporation, P.O. Box 247, Unalakleet, Alaska 99684, Attention: Proxy Committee.** Proxies will be available at the time and place of meeting and during the 30 days prior to the meeting at the corporation office in Unalakleet.

10/2-9-16-23-30, 11/6

**Call for Nominations: Salmon users**

The Northern Bering Sea Regional Aquaculture Association (NoBSRAA) representing Norton Sound/Bering Strait salmon users is seeking nominations for the following positions on its board of directors: 1) the director and alternate for the seat representing commercial salmon permit holders; 2) the alternate for the seat representing sport fishermen; 3) the director and alternate for the seat representing subsistence fishermen.

**Necessary qualifications:** To represent any of the three categories on the RAA, a nominee must maintain a permanent domicile and mailing address in any one of the following communities: Brevig Mission, Diomed, Elim, Gambell, Golovin, Koyuk, Nome, St. Michael, Savoonga, Shaktoolik, Stebbins, Teller, Unalakleet, Wales or White Mountain; and be eligible to receive an Alaska Permanent Fund dividend at that address for the entire term of office as director.

To represent regional commercial salmon permit holders, a nominee must hold a valid Norton Sound/ Port Clarence salmon permit (SO4Z). To represent regional sport fishermen, a nominee must be eligible to sport fish for salmon and hold a sport fishing license. To represent regional subsistence fishermen, a nominee must be eligible to subsistence fish for salmon.

**How to nominate:** Petitions are available at [www.bsfaak.org](http://www.bsfaak.org) or from [www.nsedc.com](http://www.nsedc.com), from NSEDC offices in Nome and Unalakleet, or from NSEDC community liaisons. Nomination petitions need to have 10 signatures from residents who also meet the requirements for the seat being sought by the nominee (i.e. a petitioner seeking to represent commercial permit holders needs to have signatures from 10 fellow commercial permit holders). Questions? Call Art Nelson at 888-927-2732.

**Where to send petitions:** Completed nomination petitions for commercial salmon permit holders must be received by 5pm on October 17, 2014. Completed nomination petitions for sports and subsistence fishermen must be received by 5pm on November 17, 2014. Nomination petitions should be sent to the following address:

**NoBSRAA**  
**Attn: Art Nelson**  
**1130 West 6th Avenue, #110**  
**Anchorage, AK 99501**

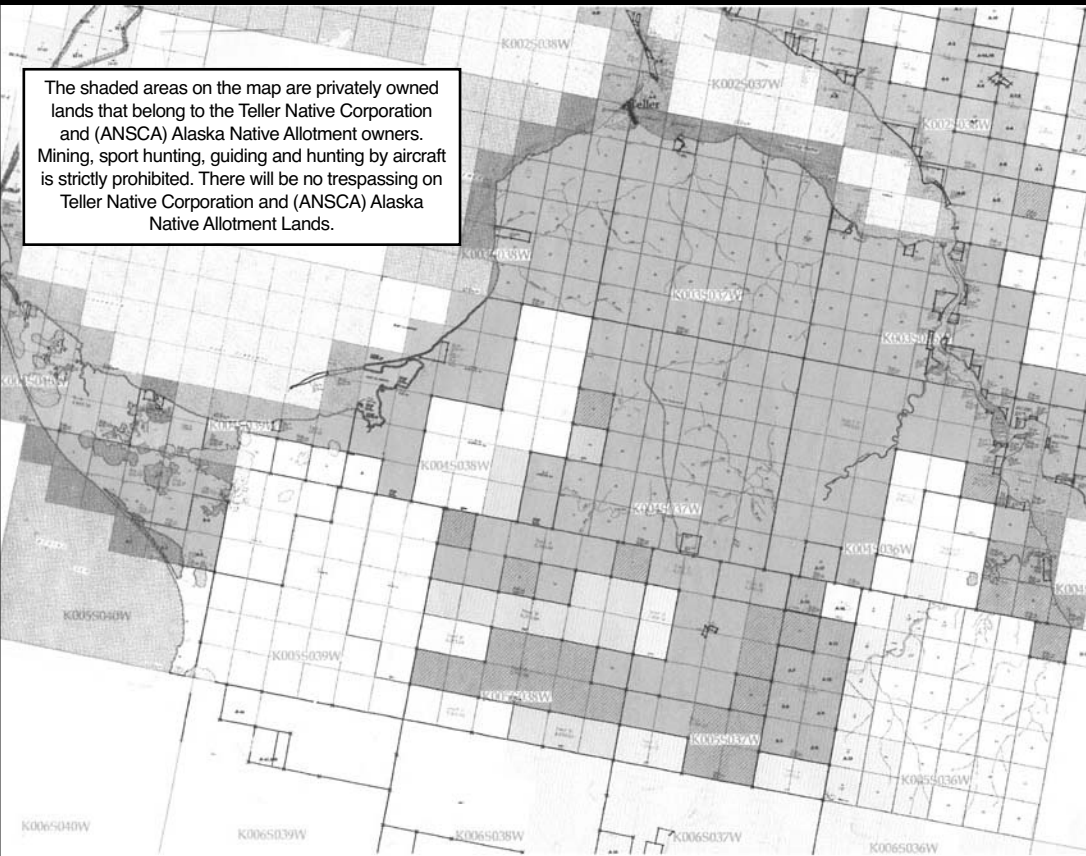
Phone: (907) 279-6519  
Fax: (907) 258-6688  
Toll-free: (888) 927-2732

**How representatives are selected:** The director for commercial salmon permit holders seat will be elected by Norton Sound/Port Clarence (SO4Z) permit holders and the runner-up will be the alternate. Ballots will be mailed to permit holders on October 20, 2014 and must be returned by 5pm Nov 17, 2014 to be counted. Members of the NoBSRAA board will vote on nominations for the Sports Fishermen and Subsistence Fishermen seats and alternates at the NoBSRAA annual meeting on November 20, 2014 in Nome. Terms for the newly elected directors and alternates begin in 2015.

**About the NoBSRAA:** The NoBSRAA is intended to bring salmon fishery stakeholders to a common regional forum to discuss issues regarding salmon enhancement and human needs. The NoBSRAA Board of Directors meets at least once a year in person and several times by teleconference. One of the NoBSRAA's main responsibilities is to choose representatives to the Regional Planning Team, the body that writes the Comprehensive Salmon Plans and advises the commissioner of Fish and Game on salmon hatcheries and local needs.

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**Public Notice for Miners, Sport Hunters, Guides and Aircraft Pilots**



**For permission to enter Teller Native Corporation Lands please contact:**  
**Telephone: (907)642-6132, Fax: (907)642-6133, email: [tellernativecorporation@yahoo.com](mailto:tellernativecorporation@yahoo.com)**



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**WANTED MAMMOTH TUSK AND FOSSIL WALRUS IVORY**, good buyer I will pay more for your ivory, call 1-800-423-1945 & send photos to boss@boonetradng.com or 360-301-2350 thank you-David Boone 9/11 thru 10/30

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Nome Eskimo Community

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING  
& TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Nome Eskimo Community Annual Meeting will be held **Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014** beginning at 6PM, at NEC located at 200 West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

There are three (3) Tribal Council Seats up for election, each with a term of three (3) years. Candidates must be 21 years of age & have resided in Nome for at least one year. Candidate application packets are available at NEC. Applications must be submitted by close of business at **5PM on Wednesday October 29<sup>th</sup>**.

Voting takes place at the NEC Hall on **Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** from 9AM – 5PM. & **Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** from 9AM – 6:30PM.

Staff will provide Annual Program Reports and information on services. Two (2) round trip Alaska Airlines Mileage Tickets (30,000 miles each) will be drawn at the end of the meeting.

Candidates for Tribal Council will be posted on the NEC Website and at the NEC Hall Friday October 31<sup>st</sup>.


For more information, contact Daisy Chiskok at 907-443-2246, email at [nomeeskimo@gci.net](mailto:nomeeskimo@gci.net) or visit our website: [www.necalaska.org](http://www.necalaska.org)

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Shaktoolik  
Native Corporation

The Shaktoolik Native Corporation is accepting candidacy nominations for **three (3) seats** on Shaktoolik Native Corporation’s **Board of Directors**. This year the terms for three (3) Directors will expire. Any shareholder of the Shaktoolik Native Corporation 18 years of age or older and of good standing may file for nomination to the SNC Board of Directors. All forms should be filed to be received no later than the close of business **October 3, 2014**. All interested shareholders of the Shaktoolik Native Corporation may obtain nomination forms from the Shaktoolik Native Corporation office whose address is:

P.O. Box 46  
Shaktoolik, AK 99771  
Ph. 955-3241  
Fax. 955-3243  
email: [fnsago@yahoo.com](mailto:fnsago@yahoo.com)



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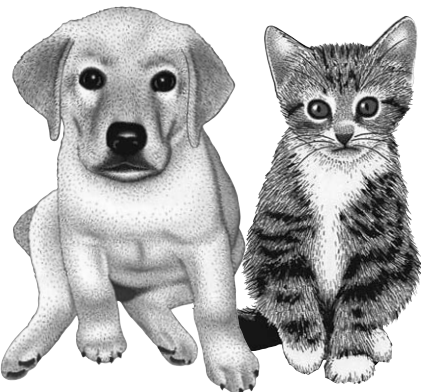


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PUBLIC NOTICE  
PORT COMMISSION SEAT VACANCIES

The Port Commission has two seats open for appointment. Anyone interested in serving on the Commission should submit an application to the City Clerk’s Office by Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

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



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PUBLIC NOTICE  
MUSEUM & LIBRARY COMMISSION SEAT VACANCY

The Museum & Library Commission has one seat open for appointment. Anyone interested in serving on the Commission should submit an application to the City Clerk’s Office by Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Variance Application

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

A variance request from Eco-Land LLC/Glacier Creek Investments LLC for the property located at 301 East Tobuk Alley/ 300 & 302 East 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Block 67, Lot 21A).

DATE: Tuesday, October 14, 2014  
TIME: 7:00 P.M.  
LOCATION: City Hall Chambers



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PUBLIC NOTICE  
PLANNING COMMISSION SEAT APPOINTMENT

The Planning Commission has one seat open for appointment. Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Commission should submit an application to the City Clerk’s Office by Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

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

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CITY OF NOME  
NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL MUNICIPAL, SCHOOL BOARD AND UTILITY BOARD ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF NOME, ALASKA ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2014, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 AM AND 8:00 PM OF THE SAME DAY.

The polling place for electors will be Old St. Joe’s, Anvil City Square, 407 Bering Street, for those persons living in both Nome Precinct No. 1 (39-924) and Nome Precinct No. 2 (39-926).

THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTORS AT SAID ELECTION SHALL BE:

1. A U.S. Citizen qualified to vote in state elections.
2. A resident of the City of Nome for thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election.
3. Registered to vote in state elections at a residence address within the municipality at least thirty (30) days before the municipal election at which the person seeks to vote.
4. Not disqualified under Article V of the Alaska Constitution.

THE PURPOSE IS THE SELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING SEATS AND PROPOSITIONS:

1. Two members of the Common Council, to be elected to 3 year terms:

Seat	Term	Candidate
“A”	3 Yr.	Tom Sparks
“B”	3 Yr.	Louie Green, Sr.

2. Two members of the Utility Board, one to be elected for a 2 year term and one to be elected to a 3 year term:

Seat	Term	Candidate
“B”	2 Yr.	Fred Moody
“E”	3 Yr.	Carl Emmons

3. Two members of the School Board, to be elected to 3 year terms:

Seat	Term	Candidate
“A”	3 Yr.	Jennifer Reader
“B”	3 Yr.	Brandy Arrington

4. PROPOSITION NO. 1:

SHOULD THE CITY OF NOME INCREASE THE RATE OF SALES TAX ON SALES OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS FROM FIVE PERCENT (5%) TO EIGHT PERCENT (8%)?

Yes ( )  
No ( )







Photo by Nils Hahn

KIGLUAIKS— The top of Mount Tigaraha is snowfree while the higher elevations of the Kigluaik Mountains north of Nome show the first signs of winter on September 29.

## All Along the Seawall

### NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT

**MEDIA RELEASES** 09/22/2014 through 09/28/2014

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

During the I reporting period there were 127 calls for service, 41 (32%) that involved alcohol. There were 13 ambulance related calls; 2 fire calls and 9 arrests. All 9 arrests (100%) involved alcohol.

On 9-22 at 12:33 a.m. Nome Police Department Officers conducted a traffic stop on a four-wheeler driving without headlights on. The driver, Chris McCully, was warned for headlight requirements and was released from the scene.

On 09-22 at 12:51 a.m. Nome Police Department conducted a traffic stop on Nome-Teller Hwy. The juvenile driver was found to be a missing person out of Anchorage, AK. The juvenile was issued a citation for Failure to Provide Proof of Insurance and Failure to Register Vehicle. The Anchorage Police Department was notified that the juvenile had been located and was provided with pertinent contact information.

On 9-22 at 10:41 a.m. Nome Police Department Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was travelling on a state highway. The driver, was warned for the violation and released from the scene.

On 09-22 at 1:29 p.m. NPD conducted a traffic stop of a green four wheeler that was traveling at the high rate of speed on the Nome Teller Highway. The driver was given a verbal warning for speeding.

On 09-22 at 1:55 p.m. NPD responded to a residence on E Kings Place for a report that Perry Olanna was violating a domestic violence protective order which prohibited him from being there while intoxicated. Perry was located inside the house and was arrested for violating a DV order. There was no bail set.

On 9-22 at 5:11 p.m. the Nome Police Department received the report of a theft occurring at the Nome-Beltz High School. A suspect was identified, but the victim later recanted the accusation. The investigation is ongoing.

On 9-22 at 5:54 p.m. hours, Nome Police Department Officers responded to a residence on 5th Ave for the report of a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival, the argument was found to be verbal in nature and was resolved by separation of the involved parties. No further action was required.

On 9-22 at 11:12 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on the east end of town for a welfare check. Investigation led to the arrest of Denny Martin, 33, after it was determined he was drinking alcohol in violation of conditions of release. He was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center; bail was set to \$1000.

On 9-23 at 3:33 p.m. Nome Police Department Officers responded to a business on Bering St for the report of a theft. Upon arrival, Officers made contact with the suspect, Ladd Soonagrook. Soonagrook was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical issues unrelated to the crime. The report for the theft will be forwarded to the District Attorney for disposition.

On 9-23 at 7:12 p.m. Nome Police Department Officers responded to Front St for the report of an assault. Upon arrival, the suspect had fled the scene and further investigation revealed that the issue was related to a previous service call. A suspect has been identified and the investigation continues.

On 9-23 at 11:35 p.m. Nome Police Department Officers were dispatched to the report of a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival and further investigation, Jacob Milligrock was found to have assaulted a member of the household, causing injury. Jacob was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, D.V., where he was held without bail.

On 9-24 at 1:27 a.m. Officers responded to a residence on Front St for a requested welfare check. Upon arrival, Officers contacted an intoxicated Patrick Okitkon, who was found to be on current conditions of release that prohibited the consumption of alcohol. Due to medical issues, he was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital and charges for Violating Conditions of Release will be forwarded to the District Attorney for disposition.

On 9-24 at 8:54 a.m., a citizen called the Nome Police Department to report that a child's bicycle was stolen from her residence on King Place. The bicycle is described as being red in color with a spider web seat. If you have information regarding the whereabouts of this bicycle, or you see it while out and about, please contact the Nome Police Department at (907) 443-5262.

On 9-24 at 9:35 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a report of an intoxicated male causing a disturbance at an event on King Place. Upon arrival, the male had fled the scene and was not able to be located.

## Trooper Beat

On September 12, at 8:37 a.m., troopers in Nome received a report of a burglary at the Shishmaref Clinic operated by Norton Sound Health Corporation. Investigation revealed during the early morning hours, three juvenile males and 1 adult male broke into the clinic using tools they had stolen earlier in the morning after burglarizing the Shishmaref School. The four males broke two doors and a cabinet inside the clinic, which secured narcotics, making away with 106 preparations of morphine and Codeine. Troopers responded to

On 9-25 at 0112 hours, the Nome Police Department received a report of a disturbance at a residence on H St. Upon arrival, Autumn Day-Tocktoo, was found to be the cause of the commotion and was also highly intoxicated. Autumn was found to be on probation for Minor Consuming Alcohol and had also assaulted a member of the household. As a result, Autumn was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, DV and Habitual MCA and was held without bail.

On 9-25 at 0228 hours, Nome Police Department Officers responded to a residence on C St for the report of a disturbance. Upon arrival, the reported party was found to be the suspect and was escorted from the residence with a Criminal Trespass warning. No further action was required.

On 9-25 at 1427 hours, Nome Police Department Officers were dispatched to the Small Boat Harbor for the report of a fight in progress. Upon arrival and further investigation, the altercation was found to be verbal in nature. The issue was resolved by separation and no further action was required.

On 9-25 at 1845 hours, Officers of the Nome Police Department received a report of a highly intoxicated female that was passed out behind a business on Front St. Upon arrival, Officers contacted Snowfyr Angi, who was found to be highly intoxicated and on current conditions of probation that prohibit the consumption of alcohol. A report for Probation Violation will be forwarded to the District Attorney for disposition.

On 9-25 at 7:07 p.m., the Nome Police Department, the Nome Volunteer Fire Department and the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department responded to a fire at the Umiak Apartments. Investigation indicates that the fire started in a lower unit and quickly spread to the upper unit above. Several occupants were in the units when the fire occurred, including several children. All persons escaped the fire with minor smoke inhalation. Damage was initially estimated at \$325,000 with the two affected units completely destroyed and the remaining units on the west end of the complex heavily damaged by smoke. Assistance was requested from the State Fire Marshal's Office and investigation was conducted on 9-27 to determine the cause of the blaze. Investigation continued. If not for the efforts of our volunteer responders, the entire complex could have been lost. We extend our thanks to all the volunteers who help make Nome a safer place.

On 9-26 at 12:08 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a business located on Front Street on a report of probation violation. Investigation led to the arrest of Jacob Soolook, 37, for Violating Conditions of Probation after he was found to have been consuming alcohol. He was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center; no bail was set.

On 9-26 at 10:27 a.m. the Nome Police Department received a call from a citizen that mining equipment had been stolen from his property. The investigation is active and ongoing.

On 09-26 at 1205 Nome Police Department as well as Alaska State Troopers, Fire and EMS responded to the airport for a report of an explosive device found in some luggage. During the investigation it was determined the device was a prop for a costume.

On 09-26 at 1414 hours Nome Police Department responded to a call of a passed out individual on the sea wall. The individual was highly intoxicated and taken to Norton Sound Hospital for evaluation.

On 9-26 at 4:41 a.m., the Nome Police Department received a call from a citizen stating that another person had attempted to punch him. The reporting party identified the suspect, but failed to provide further details. The investigation is ongoing.

On 9-26 at 8:41 p.m., the Nome Police Department received a phone call from a citizen regarding a bicycle that did not belong to them left on their property. Nome Police Department Officers picked up the bicycle and brought it back to the station. If you or someone you know has had a bicycle stolen in or around this timeframe, please call the Nome Police Department at (907) 443-5262 to describe.

On 9-27 at 12:04 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to the report of an assault occurring at a residence on 5th Ave. Upon arrival and further investigation, Logan Ward was found to have assaulted a member of the household, causing injury. Logan was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, DV, where he was held without bail.

On 9-27 at 12:57 a.m. Nome Police Department conducted a traffic stop on the corner of Carsten Way and Front Street. The vehicle was pulled over due to not having functional taillights. The driver, Thaddeus Payenna, was given a citation for failure to carry proof of insurance and was also given a verbal warning for no taillights, failure to register vehicle, and not having proof of registration in the vehicle.

On 9-27 at 9:09 a.m. the Nome Police Department received a report of a stolen four-wheeler from a residence in Icy View. A description was provided

to Officers, along with the last time it was seen at the residence. The four-wheeler was located in the area across from AC and the vehicle was returned to the owner. Investigation into this theft is ongoing and if you, or anyone else, has information regarding this incident, please contact the Nome Police Department at (907) 443-5262.

On 9-27 at 11:29 a.m. the Nome Police Department received a report of a second four-wheeler that had been stolen from a residence in Icy View. While searching for the vehicle, another four-wheeler was located on West Beach that had been abandoned after getting stuck. The four-wheeler was impounded at the Nome Police Department and if you know of anyone missing a four-wheeler, please have them call the Nome Police Department at (907) 443-5262.

On 9-27 at 12:36 p.m. Nome Police Department Officers responded to the report of vandalism near the intersection of 5th Ave and Division St. A report was taken and if you, or anyone else has information regarding this act, please call the Nome Police Department at (907) 443-5262.

On 9-27 at 6:38 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a call from Frank Miller Jr. stating he wished to turn himself in to AMCC. Upon contact with Frank, he was found to be highly intoxicated and Officers were informed that he is on current Felony Probation that prohibits the consumption of alcohol to excess. Frank was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC at the request of his Probation Officer and he was held without bail.

On 9-27 at 10:12 p.m. Nome Police Department Officer responded to a business on 1st Ave for the report of an unruly juvenile. Upon arrival, the juvenile had calmed and was then transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for evaluation. No further action was required.

On 9-27 at 10:53 p.m., Nome Police Department Officers responded to a residence on 2nd Ave for the report of two juvenile's attempting to break into a storage shed. Upon arrival, the suspects had fled the scene and the lock on the door appeared to have been tampered with. The owner of the shack was informed that there was no damage to the structure.

On 9-27 at 11:22 p.m., the Nome Police Department received a report of an unruly customer at a local establishment on Front St. The subject had already left the establishment prior to the reporting party terminating the call and Officers were not able to locate the individual at any of the other businesses downtown.

On 9-27 at 11:54 p.m., the Nome Police Department responded to the report of two juveniles possibly attempting to break into a storage connex on 4th Ave. Upon arrival, Officers contacted two juveniles in the immediate area and interviewed them regarding their activities. No damage was reported or observed and the juveniles were released to their respective parents.

On 9-28 at 12:36 a.m., Nome Police Department Officers responded to a business on Bering St for the report of a fight in progress. Upon arrival, all parties had separated and the suspect was identified by other patrons. Marlene Patkotak was then escorted from the establishment and to her hotel room. No involved parties wished to pursue charges for the altercation and no injuries were reported.

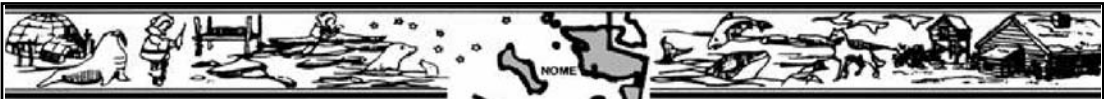
On 9-28 at 5:36 a.m., Nome Police Department Officers were dispatched to a residence on 4th Ave for the report of an assault. Further investigation revealed that Peter Olanna-Bloomstrand was highly intoxicated and was found to be on current

conditions of probation that prohibit the consumption of alcohol. Peter was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC for the Probation Violation. He was held without bail and the report for the assault will be forwarded to the District Attorney for disposition.

On 9-28 at 8:57 a.m., Nome Police Department, Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department and Nome Volunteer Fire Department responded to the report of an industrial incident resulting in the serious injury of one of the workers. Investigation indicates that a crane tipped over and the boom fell on the cab of a truck that was occupied by the driver. The driver was trapped in the truck and heavy equipment was necessary to extricate him. The driver was transported by ambulance to Norton Sound Regional Hospital and later medically evacuated to Anchorage for treatment. Investigation into this incident is ongoing with notification made to OSHA as this was a work related incident.

On 9-28 at 5:00 p.m., Nome Police Department responded to a residence on 4th Ave regarding a call stating that a two year old was being baby sat by people who were intoxicated. Upon arrival at the scene Officers found Julianne Berroteran and Patricia Sagoonick watching a two year old child. Both individuals admitted to drinking. A report is being forwarded to the District Attorney for the mother, Allison Berroteran, regarding Endangering the Welfare of a Minor in the First Degree.

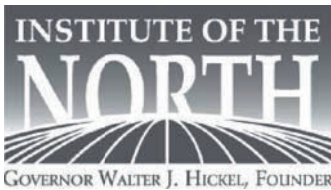
On 9-28 at 7:20 p.m., Nome Police Department responded to the west side of town on the report an intoxicated woman sleeping on a porch. Officer's contacted Dawn Annogiyuk. Dawn was unable to wake at officer's request due to her level of intoxication. Dawn was transported to the Norton Sound Hospital for medical treatment due to her high level of intoxication.



### PUBLIC NOTICE

## 2014 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER MEETING OF THE BERING STRAITS REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

You are hereby notified that the regular 2014 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority will be held on **Wednesday October 8, 2014 between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, at the Aleutian Housing Authority 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, located at 520 East 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99503.**



### Week of the Arctic: October 6 & 7 in Nome

[www.institutenorth.org/weekofthearctic](http://www.institutenorth.org/weekofthearctic)

*Participation is open to the public, with Q&A and discussion encouraged after presentations. Sessions are located at the Mini Convention Center.*

**October 6  
1–2:30 PM**

**CDQs in Alaska's Arctic**

**3–5:00 PM**

**Ocean Observations for Navigation Safety**  
Hosted in collaboration with the Alaska Ocean Observing System

**5–6:30 PM**

**Maritime Operations and Response Infrastructure**

**October 7**

**10:30–4:00 PM**

**Arctic Issues Workshop**  
Hosted in collaboration with the Arctic Economic Development Summit.

RSVP online, or to Kristina at (907) 786-6360.

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Chief's Notes:

September 29, 2014

In my profession, I try and keep an open mind. I realize there are always two sides to every story and every person has the right to see and understand the facts as they personally interpret them based on individual values. I have friends and relatives that I know use marijuana. Do I police them? No – at least not until they violate the law; hurt someone else; or engage in activity that creates a need to.

I was in Anchorage last week and had the opportunity to break from a conference to attend the Marijuana Initiative meeting. Ironically, the conference was about community engagement and substance abuse efforts. Up until this point, I had a vague understanding of the issues surrounding this initiative. After taking a closer look this initiative, I have some serious concerns.

The first of which is that, if the initiative is passed, the legislature has very limited ability to change any provision that would alter the intent. In effect, the wording of the initiative stands. If passed, the State has only nine months to draft regulations and put in place the processes necessary to administer the sale and distribution of marijuana. In a State as immense as ours, I can foresee problems; the least of which may be that each subdivision of the State (cities) will also have to figure out how to deal with this in nine months or less. This includes the City of Nome.

The second is the use of the word ‘reasonable’ in several sections of the initiative – particularly when referring to advertising for the various establishments that will sell the varieties of products that have emerged, including marijuana infused foods and candies, marijuana for smoking and concentrates of marijuana. The use of the word ‘reasonable’ leaves the issue up for interpretation and, in the legal world, this means additional hearings, possible court cases, time and public money that will be spent determining what is ‘reasonable’ and what is not. The initiative is written to allow the greatest degree of permissiveness rather than to closely define conduct and use.

The third issue is the wording that allows for not only the legalized use of leafy or bud marijuana, but also marijuana concentrates. Though there are some leafy marijuana products that contain fairly high levels of THC, concentrates can be distilled, through a highly volatile process, to levels of 90% THC. This is very potent and will have predictable affects. I found in my time in law enforcement that substances in higher potency are dangerous and, at times, lethal. Do you want this legally available in your community?

The fourth issue is that the ‘local option’ – which means that any organized area may ‘opt out’ of the legalization if it is passed - is really not local option. Unlike the local options available for alcohol, even if municipalities exercised the maximum control allowed by the initiative, it would still be legal for anyone to import marijuana into the city, to possess marijuana, to give marijuana to others, and to grow marijuana as long as not for commercial purposes. This would also not prohibit the possession or distillation of concentrates.

The initiative is vague and unclear in what defines an organized area as villages and tribal entities are not specifically noted. This is a problem as it diminishes the voice of rural Alaskans, and I can only assume that since this initiative was proposed by urban residents, rural Alaska was a second thought. It appears rural Alaska wasn’t important enough to consider.

From a purely legislative side, this initiative leaves many holes to be filled. It does not provide the clarity of purpose and definition that

would warrant passage of an initiative that will affect every Alaska resident – all 637,000 of us, whether living in the city, a town or village.

The meeting in Anchorage started me thinking. The behaviors I witnessed made me embarrassed that adults could act so rude and unprofessional. I watched as one attorney (pro side) interrogated another person in a manner that was disrespectful, aggressive, and demoralizing. The same person ignored the Lt. Governor when he attempted to curb his aggressive personal attacks; and ignored the Lt. Governor who tried to let him know his time was up. This same individual came back to his seat to ‘high-five’ his associates like it was a football game and his team just scored. And this same individual heckled nearly every person who stood to make a comment that didn’t agree with his platform. It was pathetic.

There were proponents that were well spoken and presented their case. I can embrace that marijuana has therapeutic value for many with chronic conditions that require pain or stress management. To these persons, I extend my thanks for helping me to understand their needs. However, rather than legalizing marijuana for recreational use, why not have a discussion about changing the law to help those with a legitimate need to have greater access and fulfill what is missing from the medical marijuana law; such as dispensaries where the marijuana can be easily obtained? Why not discuss reclassifying how the medical community looks at marijuana and allow prescribed use for conditions where it can be therapeutic? Why not look at alternatives?

Marijuana has been used by people for a long time. It will continue to be used regardless of whether it is ‘legalized’ for public sale. Is it safe? I don’t know as I can only refer to my own experiences and the information that I read. I have seen people that are so ‘stoned’ that they can’t answer simple questions; have impaired physical abilities; and are unable to remember what they did while under the influence of marijuana. I have encountered people who are driving while smoking marijuana and who are just as impaired as the person intoxicated from alcohol. I know people who had no ambition in life to do anything but get high, because the compulsion to do so was so great. I have seen people who are such heavy users of marijuana that they become psychotic, paranoid, mentally ill and unable to function. I know of people who have been driven into a fit of despair and committed suicide after ‘burning out’ from using extensive amounts of marijuana. And I have known people who were unable to function unless they were high. Based on my personal and professional experiences, marijuana is not any ‘safer’ than alcohol.

In fact, to choose between the two substances leaves no good choice; and to choose both is an obvious bad choice.

Any substance, if used responsibly, can be beneficial to our people. However, the track record for responsible use is not particularly inspiring.

Alaska has the highest rate of substance abuse in the nation. It has the highest rates of domestic violence and sexual crimes in the nation. These two things are directly connected. I have published information regarding the correlation between alcohol and arrests. Those findings support that the use of alcohol contributes to 80% or more of all arrests in our community. This week it was 100%. Marijuana has many of the same physiological effects as alcohol; decreased inhibitions; impaired decision making; impaired coordination; and an altered mental state. Adding another ‘legal’ substance to the mix, will only compound the issues we are currently facing in Alaska.

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PUBLIC NOTICE  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD MEETING

Pursuant to Alaska Statutes, 04.06.050, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board is holding its regular meeting to consider its agenda covering liquor license applications, license suspension, regulations, and other matters that may come before it. The board will take public comment upon items of agenda business and other issues of public interest related to alcoholic beverages, including the conduct of business by licensees and the compliance by licensees and others with the statutes and regulations related to alcoholic beverages. Persons may appear at any time during the meeting. Comments may also be submitted to the board in writing by any person at any time or by contacting the board collect by telephone at 907-269-0350. Address: 2400 Viking Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

The meeting will be a held in Nome on October 8, 2014. The meeting will be at the Nome City Council Chambers, 102 Division Street. There will be a short briefing with the Director at 9:00 AM; the meeting will begin at 9:15 AM. Public testimony will be 9:20 AM to 9:50 AM.

The State of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development complies with Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids or services or special modifications to participate in this public meeting should contact Gil Nelson at 269-0352 to make any necessary arrangements.

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AVEC hereby now gives notice that capital credit payments are now and have been available since June 14, 2001 at the office of the Cooperative at 4831 Eagle Street Anchorage, Alaska 99503, to its members.

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RFP packets can be picked up at BSRHA’s office during normal office hours (8:00 am - 5:00 pm), on our website [www.bsrha.org](http://www.bsrha.org) or requested by calling 907-644-6633. Proposals must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. local time on **Monday October 13, 2014**, at the office of **Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority, 415 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Nome, Alaska 99762** or mailed to **Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority at PO Box 995, Nome, Alaska, 99762.**

The work to be performed under a contract resulting from this RFP is subject to Section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e (b)) including applying preference to Native Alaska/America Indian, small, minority and women-owned individuals and firms. **Proposals from non-Indian owned individuals or firms are invited and encouraged.**

BSRHA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for this work and to waive any informality if deemed in BSRHA’s best interests.





SNOW — The Kigluaik Mountains at mile 50 on the Nome-Teller Road show a light dusting of snow on September 26.

## Chief’s Notes:

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There is conjecture that legalizing marijuana will reduce the demand for alcohol. However the simple, facts are that many people who use marijuana also use alcohol at the same time. Sales of alcohol have not diminished in the States where marijuana has been legalized. It is also supported by the number of DUI arrests and contacts which result in the seizure of marijuana and/or marijuana pipes. People are using both at the same time – not one or the other – but in combination. Not particularly scientific, but illustrates the point.

The proponents estimate how much money the STATE will bring

in as revenue. This pales in comparison with the amount of money to be made by those who will cultivate and sell marijuana – some of who are aggressively pushing this issue forward. Nobody has talked about how much legalization will COST us – as the money from the State doesn’t come to us. There will be costs to our community that the citizens – whether you use marijuana or not – will have to pay for. Ask yourself a few simple questions:

- Who is to gain?  
Those who desire to use marijuana and those who are pre-positioned to turn this opportunity into personal profit.
- Who is to profit?  
Those who will turn the marijuana industry into big business in Alaska, reaping millions in profits and di-

verting monies away from other needs.  
What is to gain?  
A greater level of dependence and substance abuse in the State, with the highest impacts in rural Alaska.

The attorney from Kenai made it clear: he wants marijuana legalized because he wants to get high and doesn’t want to fear being, ‘locked away in a cage like a rat’. That’s it. My question to you is, ‘is it worth it?’ And, is this something that is right for all Alaskans, not just those who either want to consume marijuana or make money as a commercial enterprise, but for all of us AND for the right reasons.

He also made the comment that ‘this is Alaska. Since when do we take a backseat to Colorado and

Washington in privacy, freedom, liberty and the right to be left alone?’ I had to think...this is Alaska....since when did we care what they do in Washington and Colorado? Is this single issue the defining limit between privacy, freedom, liberty and the right to be left alone? This sounds more like anarchy than the agreement of a people with their government.

Since coming to Nome, I have worked with many people to try and reduce substance abuse in our community, realizing that rural Alaskan’s have completely different needs than urban areas. We have worked towards reducing the impacts of substance abuse on our community.

This issue is divisive. I am not against marijuana because I’m a po-

lice officer and am supposed to be against anything the government says is bad. I’m against marijuana legalization because I can see it contributing to the destruction of lives; the injury to people; and an increase in the substance abuse that has afflicted so many residents of this state. I don’t want to see anyone else get hurt by increasing the access and availability of any drug, including marijuana; or to add to an already staggering level of alcohol and drug abuse in our state. I have seen the effects. Many families are living with the effects. Let’s all take a closer look at this issue.

Making it legal doesn’t make it any better or reduce the effects.

## Court

Week ending 9/26

### Civil

Hayes, Deborah v. O’Farrell, Scott; Civil Protective Order  
Viner, Malakye Andrew v. Lincoln, Precious Angelina Esther; Civil Protective Order  
Booshu, Clinton M. v. Apatiki, Lenore D.; Civil Protective Order  
Williams, SR., Darrel K. v. Saclamana, Mike; Civil Protective Order  
Olson, Renatta v. Willoya, Randall; Civil Protective Order

### Small Claims

Cornerstone Credit Services, LLC v. Daniels, JR., Clifford A.; Small Claims Less Than \$2500

### Criminal

State of Alaska v. Thomas Augustine Lockwood (7/15/82); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112499208; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended 3 more years.

State of Alaska v. Nick Alexia, Jr. (9/18/76); 2NO-14-582CR CTN 001 DUI; Date of Offense: (not provided); CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 002 and 003; 120/106 days; Report immediately; Pay to Clerk of Court, or pay online at courtrecords.alaska.gov/ep: Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; \$1,500 due 10/31/14; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage, or pay online at courtrecords.alaska.gov/ep: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, \$0 suspended; \$50 due; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st off.) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Contact local ASAP within 30 days; Obey Driver’s License Directives: Driver’s license is revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for (no time frame indicated) months; Costs of the IID will be deducted from the fine if you file proof of payment before the fine due date; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 9/22/14); Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess, consume or buy alcohol for a period of 1 year from date of this judgment; You are required to surrender your driver’s license and identification card; your license and ID are subject to cancellation under AS 28.15.11 and AS 18.65.310; and any new license or ID must list the AS 04.16.160 buying restriction during the restricted period; AS 28.15.191(g).

State of Alaska v. Nick Alexia (9/18/76); 2NO-14-623CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VOCR; Filed by the DAs Office 9/22/14.

State of Alaska v. Aaron Tom, Sr. (2/15/78); 2NO-12-926CR Notice of Dismissal; PTR filed on 6/18/14.

State of Alaska v. Aaron Tom, Sr. (2/15/78); 2NO-13-190CR Notice of Dismissal; PTR filed on 6/18/14.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Iworriagan (2/7/94); Amended Judgment; Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 5/31/14; 180 days, 150 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 9/4/14); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in dry or damp community, and any stated ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires; Shall not have alcohol in her residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer upon suspicion; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. David Angi (4/27/67); Disorderly Conduct; Date of Violation: 9/21/14; 3 days; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail.

State of Alaska v. Jereith Jimmy (10/1/93); Disorderly Conduct; Date of Violation: 9/21/14; 1 day; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Rochelle Giffin (7/8/92); Assault 4; Date of Violation: 3/22/14; 10 days flat; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Moses Soonagrook (3/10/61); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113673492; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 180 days; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Chad Jacobson (7/28/85); 2NO-14-199CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4; Filed by the DAs Office 9/24/14.

State of Alaska v. Chad Jacobson (7/28/85); 2NO-14-199CR Violate Condition of Release; Date of Violation: 4/24/14; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Forfeit \$750 bail to State; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 9/24/14); Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Recommended Seaside.

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State of Alaska v. Chad M. Jacobson (7/28/85); 2NO-14-418CR CTN 001: Violate Condition of Release; Date of Violation: 6/27/14; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 002, 003; 90 days, 70 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 9/24/14); Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Andrew Kelly (4/5/82); Dismissal; Count 1: Harassment 1\*; Filed by the DAs Office 9/25/14.

State of Alaska v. Snowfyre Angi (9/7/93); 2NO-14-156CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114192927; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Snowfyre Angi (9/7/93); 2NO-14-393CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114190866; Violated conditions of probation; No Action Taken.

State of Alaska v. Jacob Milligrock (2/24/78); Assault 4; Date of Violation: (no indication); 120 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 9/24/14); Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Recommended Seaside.

State of Alaska v. Leroy James Kobuk (8/14/77); 2NO-08-814CR Notice For Withdrawal Of Petition To Revoke Probation; The State withdraw the Petition to Revoke Probation filed on or about 7/13/12; Filed by the DAs Office 9/26/14.

State of Alaska v. Leroy James Kobuk (8/14/77); 2NO-08-814CR Dismissal; Assault 4\*; Filed by the DAs Office 9/26/14.

State of Alaska v. Leroy James Kobuk (8/14/77); 2NO-13-191CR Dismissal; Violation of Condition of Release From a Misdemeanor; Filed by the DAs Office 9/26/14.

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Gambell— Anders Booshu performed with the Gambell singers and dancers.



WE ARE FAMILY— Caroline Brown, Bryan Muktoyuk and Toni Smith (left to right) performed with the King Island dancers.



BEADING— Lauryn Garnie, left, helps Riley Ablowaluk, right, to figure out the art of beading.



KOYUK— Tara Nassuk danced with the Koyuk dancers and drummers.

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