



NAPTME— A herd of musk oxen settled down to relax at a sand spit near the Nome River mouth, on Sunday, May 18.

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City investigates ways to raise revenue, save expenses

By Diana Haecker

Complicated fiscal business occupied the Nome Common Council last Thursday, May 15 during a noon work session as Councilmen worked through the task to balance the FY 2015 Nome budget, including the budget for Nome Public Schools.

For two hours Common Council members Jerald Brown, Randy Pomeranz, Louie Green Sr., Stan Andersen and Matt Culley, wrapped their minds around the issue of bal-

ancing the budget without having to dip into the city's savings account.

On hand to provide additional information were City Manager Josie Bahnke, City Finance Director Julie Liew, Nome lobbyist Wendy Chamberlain and Eddie Jeans of Legislative Consultants of AK who was present telephonically for in-depth information on state education finances.

In the end, it came down to either raising the mill rate, tighten the belt

and finding additional revenue streams, or a combination of all of the above.

First, the Council looked at the property exemptions. By state law, property used exclusively for non-profit, religious, hospital or other charitable organizations are exempt from property tax. But the city grants even more exemptions and Councilman Culley wanted to comb through the list to see who or what organization is not state-required to be ex-

empt from property taxes. How about taxing airplanes? Culley suggested.

To complicate matters, the state apparently included properties that are tax exempt in their calculation of the property tax base, which in turn determines how much money the City of Nome has to contribute to funding Nome Public Schools. Per state formula, the city is required through what's called "local effort" to contribute \$1.873 million to NPS in FY15. In light of conflicting

numbers, Councilman Andersen found this amount inflated and asked for clarification.

The fiscal state of the City's FY15 budget largely depends on how much NPS gets from the City. The combined state contribution to NPS is listed as \$11,433,990.

The state legislature voted to increase the base student allocation – money paid by the state for every student registered in a school district

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Photo by Diana Haecker

FIRE SAFETY— Ava Earthman learns from the City's risk control specialist Sean Dewalt how to properly use a fire extinguisher to put out fires, during the annual Safety Fair held at the Nome Elementary School on May 17. See story on page 14.

Finances in place for middle dock at Port

By Diana Haecker

With a federal grant of \$1 million, the City of Nome has sufficient funding in place to construct a third dock at the causeway to alleviate traffic congestion at the Port of Nome.

The federal grant came from the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Economic Development Administration and was issued two weeks ago. The 28th State Legislature appropriated \$3 million for the project in a line item of the capital budget. A state bond approved by voters last year granted \$5 million and NSEDC contributed \$500,000 to the project.

Port Projects Manager Joy Baker said the estimates to build the third dock were pegged at \$9.4 million.

"The good news is that we have the funding together to build this project," told Baker the Port Commission in the regular meeting last week. "But after meeting with PND engineers in Anchorage, we came to the conclusion that a 2014 completion of the dock construction is unlikely," Baker said.

The City is currently working on

putting the project out for bid.

Most contractors have their work lined up for this summer and to get the material ordered and on the barge to Nome would take at least until September.

Baker recommended that procuring materials now and barging them to Nome this season would be the best move. A contractor could then move equipment to Nome on the last barge in 2014 or the first barge in 2015 and could even begin armor rock and steel work prior to break up in 2015.

"We'd love to build this summer, but the nature of the short season precludes it," said Baker.

Port commissioners Jim West Jr., Doug Johnson, Iura Leahu and Roland Trowbridge were present, with Commissioner Bryant Hammond participating telephonically in the May 15 regular meeting.

City Manager Josie Bahnke reported that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has balked on paying repairs to the Cape Nome

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Alaska Democratic Party held 2014 convention in Nome

By Diana Haecker

The Alaska Democratic Party held its biennial party convention in Nome last week, beginning with a reception on Thursday evening and wrapping up party business on Sunday afternoon.

According to Alaska Democratic Party Communications Director Zack Fields, about 73 delegates from all corners of Alaska came to

Nome to get to work on updating the party's platform, pass resolutions and endorse political candidates.

The party endorsed Forrest Dunbar as the Democratic candidate to challenge Congressman Don Young in the general election. Forrest Dunbar grew up in the rural Alaska communities of Eagle and Cordova. He worked as a commercial fisherman and wildland firefighter, and interned for Senator Frank Murkowski. Forrest graduated from American University in Washington, D.C., and went on to earn a Masters degree in Public Policy from Harvard and a law degree from Yale. Between college and grad school he served with the Peace Corps in Kazakhstan. He is currently a Judge Advocate in the Alaska Army National Guard.

Bob Williams also spoke at the convention. Williams is an educator from Palmer, who used to teach math at Nome-Beltz High School is

running for Lt. Governor and faces Democrat Hollis French in the primary election in August.

French could not attend the Nome convention, but addressed the group in a video recording.

The party did not endorse any candidate running for Lt. Governor.

The Alaska Democratic Party's central committee endorsed Yakutat-born Byron Mallot in October and featured him as the keynote speaker at the Saturday night banquet at the Mini Convention Center.

Mallot delivered a solemn speech that centered on the concept of a healthy Alaska. He spoke of his beginnings growing up in Yakutat and the influence his parents had on him learning his native tongue but also preparing him to live in world where proficiency in English meant success. He spoke of the inequality in treatment Alaska Natives faced in

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Photo by Diana Haecker

KEYNOTE— Byron Mallot was the keynote speaker during the Alaska Democratic Party convention in Nome last week.

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Letters

Dear Nome

It's been two long years since we have moved from Nome, but our hearts are still there with you. I continue to get the *Nome Nugget* to keep up with my friends. I was a very involved parent in Nome — volunteering at school, participating in community events, getting to know folks in town. It hasn't changed for me. I am still helping my kids' teachers here in Anchorage (Kincaid Elementary and Dimond High), still helping my kids with homework, still involved with PTSA and school issues.

I've been reading how the Nome School Board is considering changing curriculums to "better align itself with state common core standards." To note: the state has stopped using the words COMMON CORE for a reason. (They now use "Alaska State Standards," but let's be honest, it's Common Core, just with Alaska stamped on the front of it.) I have run into various NSB members these past couple of years and have voiced that these changes are coming and they need to do their research. Anchorage School District has adopted these standards and I don't have a lot of nice things to say about it.

Sure, those that glance over the Common Core think it's wonderful. Set syllabi, even lesson plans laid out; less work for the teacher after hours, right?

Words like "standards", "rigorous", and "the SAT is doing it" tend to scare our school boards into thinking that this is all good. The standards really aren't that different, it's the pathway of getting there that puts roadblocks into the understanding of the student. Being rigorous is flipped to introducing concepts and principles that young children can't physiologically understand or retain (so the same lessons are taught each year). Frankly, the SAT needs to be studied for, regardless of what curriculum you came from.

I have written to the NSB and admonished them to do some research. Ask some older teachers from Anchorage how it's working for them. Ask them how their experience is stifled due to the demands of the curriculum (sure you can

teach outside the box...if you can find the time to do so). I have not heard back from any of the NSB members. I asked them to hold off on spending money on new curriculums and spend the money on retaining good teachers and administrators.

I cannot stress enough how important it is to be involved in your child's education. You send them to school for most of their day, you should know what's going on there. Most of your employers pay for you to volunteer — spend an hour each week just having lunch with your kid and helping in the lunchroom. You'll be amazed at what you learn about your child, the teachers, and how the school is run.

Marcy Merrill
Anchorage, AK

Dear Editor:
Support our youth to take advantage of what life has to offer

As I sat in the audience last week at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado, watching my niece receive her degree, the old adage about 'being the bus driver or being the passenger' came to mind. Really, it was just a thought about being in control of your own life that made me realize the choices we make when we are between 18-22 shape our future so profoundly.

Do you want to drive the bus or just ride along while someone else goes where they want?

I know everyone has heard the "learn a trade or go to college" speeches before. Get ready, you are about to hear it again — only this time I want you to think about this: Do you want someone else driving the bus that determines where your mom, dad, brother, sister or grandparents go? Do you want to be heard?

As I watched my niece, Ashley Sockpick, receive her degree in cellular and molecular biology I was reminded of how fast life is changing for everyone. For example, three decades ago, computers weren't found in almost every home. Two decades ago, the Internet was something strange and new. Like it or not, our traditional way of life is changing here in Alaska. Our children are facing issues that our grandparents never dreamed of, and their children will face even more change. There is no reason we should let our children lag behind, or not become productive leaders in our society.

With how fast our society is changing, it is even more important for us — as parents, family members and friends — to encourage and support

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Sound Off

Oil Tax Myth
By Rep. Les Gara

There are a number of little mentioned, troubling facts about Alaska's 2013 oil tax rollback — Senate Bill 21. For one, proponents inserted a special interest provision that continually reduces Alaska's revenue share for our oil, indefinitely into the future. The London and Houston executives, who've blitzed you with \$8 million in ads and PR, have smartly kept this quiet.

This "disappearing revenue" provision continually lowers the tax rate on oil companies from SB 21's reduced 27 percent effective rate on profits today, to roughly half that in future years. Oil companies will get the gift of among the lowest tax rates in the world, at your expense.

I want you to be informed when you vote on repealing this law in August. SB 21 is a pathway to underfunded schools, lost needed energy solutions, and continued \$1 billion-plus deficits.

Thanks to respected leaders across the political spectrum — including former First Lady Bella Hammond, Constitutional Delegate Vic Fischer, Democratic Gubernatorial candidate Byron Mallott and Independent candidate Bill Walker, Democratic and Republican legislators, former mayors Jim Whittaker (R-Fairbanks) and Jack Roderick (D-Anchorage) and others — for speaking up.

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Editorial

Thumbs Up!

Yes or no. What does it mean? Alaskans are being bombarded with loud TV ads by folks with intense expressions explaining why they want us to vote "No" on the repeal of Senate Bill 21. The "No" ads are paid for by the oil companies. They want to keep Senate Bill 21. The "Yes" folks say it should be repealed. Not too many of us have deep sympathies for the oil companies who cry, "Poor us." How much pity can we generate for oil companies whose revenues are way up and whose taxes get lower and lower.

The "Vote No" oil industry folks would have us believe in the boogeyman and that the world as we know it would come to an end if the oil tax reform bill was repealed. The truth is so limiting. Alaskans did not just fall off the fish rack. Polls show that the "Yes" folks are in the majority. Alaskans are fed up with the super PACs trying to buy our vote by selling us a story about why we should give away our oil wealth. The oil tax reform bill (SB 21) needs to be repealed. It's a bad law that gives away our money. It flushes away our oil wealth. It's a bad deal for Alaskans. It needs to go. A "Yes" vote will make this outrage go away.

So, Alaskans, let's apply the old rule of thumb. It's thumbs up. Vote "Yes." Let's get that give away plan (SB 21) out of Alaskans' future. Thumbs up. — N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past



From the Avaloo Boyd Collection at the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

SO PRETTY — An Eskimo woman named Se-luk-toon-ah carrying her child in about 1902. Note her trade bead jewelry and chin tattoo. Does anyone recognize this relative?

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| | 05/29/14 | 04:57 a.m. | Low Temp | +27° | 05/19/14 | |
| Sunset | 05/22/14 | 12:41 a.m. | Peak Wind | 30mph, W, 05/19/14 | | |
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Strait Action

Compiled by Diana Haecker

Young wants to streamline development on Point Spencer

Congressman Don Young this week introduced legislation to facilitate infrastructure development and potential uses of Point Spencer at Teller by establishing a public and private partnership with the federal government, the United States Coast Guard, the State of Alaska, the Bering Straits Native Corporation and private industry. The bill calls for the conveyance of more than 2,500 acres of existing federal land to interested stakeholders.

“I am proud to be joined by my friend Congressman Duncan Hunter, the Chairman of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee, in introducing legislation to provide the means necessary for future use and development of Point Spencer by federal, state, and private sector stakeholders,” said Congressman Don Young. “We are desperately in need of development in the region, particularly as activity in the Arctic continues to increase, and this bill establishes a path forward for a variety of necessary tasks and missions, including search and rescue operations, shipping safety, economic development, oil spill prevention and response, port development and refuge, arctic research, and maritime law enforcement.”

Under Congressman Young’s bill, H.R. 4668, the Coast Guard would retain its footprint at Point Spencer, approximately 140 acres, in order to support possible future uses of the strategic location. That area includes a major footprint on the water, in addition to land on which the Coast Guard boarded up operations in 2010. The bill also provides the Coast Guard with the rights to use the current and any future airstrips for federal purposes at no cost and permits the leasing of additional lands from BSNC should the Coast Guard need them.

The State of Alaska would receive approximately 180 acres of federal lands, including the existing airstrip, a shoreline footprint on the water, and a right-of-way for future development of a road from the airstrip to the mainland across Coast Guard and

BSNC land. Additionally, the tide-lands and submerged lands around Point Spencer would be recognized as having continued ownership by the State of Alaska.

The bill provides BSNC with the remainder of lands, approximately 2,381 acres, satisfying a portion of BSNC’s land entitlement under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and thereby allowing for future uses of Point Spencer. The bill also provides language to help ensure protections for archaeological and ancestral items of antiquity through the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, the National Historic Preservation Act, and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. However, it does not address protection of subsistence activities.

GAO report finds U.S. lacks focus in Arctic matters

The Governmental Accountability Office released a report this week that recommended the Dept. of State become clear and focused in the direction the U.S. is aiming to go when it comes to the upcoming 2015 Chairmanship of the Arctic Council. “Without a clear direction or specific resources for the collaborative effort, the agencies face challenges prioritizing the work, delivering unified messages to other Arctic States, and consistently participating in the Council,” the report concludes.

Six key federal agencies hold leadership roles in the Arctic Council and other agencies participate through the Council’s working groups and task forces. The U.S. Department of State leads this participation and collaborates with the five other key agencies that lead the delegations to Arctic Council working groups: the Environmental Protection Agency, National Nuclear Security Agency, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Global Change Research Program. The GAO concluded, “In collaborating on Council work, the agencies face challenges by not having a clear direction or specific resources for their work. For example, key agency officials said that the agencies do not have a strategy that guides and aligns their Council work.

The Arctic Council is a voluntary intergovernmental forum for Arctic States and Native partners to address various environmental and economic issues through projects and reports. For example, the Council has produced assessments of Arctic climate change impacts and shipping.

Federal agencies have acted on some voluntary recommendations that the United States and other Arctic States have adopted through the Arctic Council. However, the Dept of State does not review or track progress made on these actions and faces challenges implementing the voluntary recommendations. Specifically, the State Dept. informally discusses the recommendations with other agencies during monthly meetings but does not have a process to review and track progress the agencies have made toward implementing them. State officials said that the agency may need to more formally assess such progress because, without such a process, the State department does not know the status of recommendation implementation and faces challenges planning for and prioritizing future actions to address Arctic issues. In addition, the United States—with the State Dept. as the lead agency—and other Arctic States face challenges implementing the Council’s broad and numerous recommendations. To address these challenges, State officials said that the Council needs to more clearly specify and prioritize recommendations, but the Council does not have guidelines for doing so. Without such guidelines, officials said the recommendations have not historically produced actions with measurable outcomes.

A warming climate and decreased sea ice coverage making marine areas more accessible, have increased global attention to the region’s economic opportunities. In 1996, the eight Arctic States—Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, the Russian Federation, Sweden, and the United States—formed the Arctic Council to promote cooperation on various Arctic issues with input from indigenous groups. U.S. Arctic policy highlights the importance of the Council to pursue U.S. Arctic interests.

The GAO recommends that the

State Dept. work with relevant agencies to develop a strategy identifying direction for agency Council participation and resource needs; develop a process to review and track progress on recommendations; and work with other Arctic States to develop guidelines for clear and prioritized recommendations.

USFWS introduces polar bear cage to North Slope

Increased shipping traffic over the top of the world and the potential for oil and gas development in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas have spurred a response to potential oil spills.

This week, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced it would ship a specially constructed polar bear holding module and two smaller transport cages to Prudhoe Bay, Alaska Clean Seas, the North Slope’s

oil spill response organization will permanently store the equipment.

The cage is a custom built stainless steel module, 12 sf. in size and designed to hold a small group of bears. The module is collapsible to make transportation easier. The additional, lighter aluminum cages were designed to transport oiled or sick polar bears from a remote field site back to the main holding module for treatment.

The equipment will make it possible for the USFWS to transport, treat and hold polar bears within their home range if an oil spill occurs and not have them taken to Anchorage or elsewhere for treatment, said a USFWS press release.

The two transport cages, a 20-foot storage container, the module and two custom-built polar bear washing tables were paid for by Defenders of Wildlife.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, May 22

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| *Vinyasa Yoga | Nome Rec Center | 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. |
| *Lap Swim | Pool | 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. |
| *Nome Food Bank | Bering & Seppala | 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. |
| *City League Volleyball | Nome Rec Center | 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. |
| *Open Bowling | Nome Rec Center | 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. |
| *Thrift Shop | Methodist Church | 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. |

Friday, May 23

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| *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. |
| *NCC W.S. | Council Chambers | Noon |
| *Tae Kwon Do | Nome Rec Center | 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. |
| *Open Bowling | Nome Rec Center | 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. |
| *Drop-in Soccer (15+) | Nome Rec Center | 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. |
| *AA Meeting | Lutheran Church(rear) | 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. |

Saturday, May 24

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| *Open Bowling | Nome Rec Center | 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. |
| *AA Meeting | Airport Pizza (upstairs) | 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. |
| *Nome Rec Center | | |

Sunday, May 25

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| *AA Meeting | Airport Pizza (upstairs) | 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. |
| *Adult Swim | Pool | 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. |
| *Open Swim | Pool | 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. |
| *Family Swim | Pool | 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. |
| *Lap Swim | Pool | 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. |

Monday, May 26



Memorial Day

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| *Pick-up Basketball | Nome Rec Center | 5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. |
| *Lap Swim | Pool | 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. |
| *Kindergym | Nome Rec Center | 10:00 a.m. - noon |
| *Zumba Fitness | Nome Rec Center | 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. |
| *Water Aerobics | Pool | 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. |
| *Tae Kwon Do | Nome Rec Center | 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. |
| *Nome City Council Regular Meeting | | |
| *AA Meeting | Council Chambers | 7:00 p.m. |
| | Lutheran Church(rear) | 8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m. |

Tuesday, May 27

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

Wednesday, May 28

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

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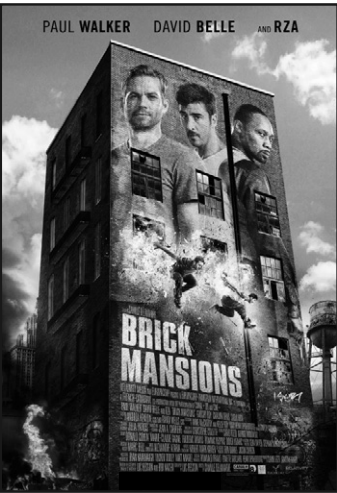
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Michels released on reduced bail to third-party custodians

By Diana Haecker

After posting \$25,000 bail, Adrienne Michels, who stands accused of a hit-and-run accident that killed Wagner Wongitillin, was released to two court-appointed third party custodians on May 14.

Superior Court Judge Paul Roetman of Kotzebue appointed Josephine Stiles and Jonathon Munn to share third-party custody of Michels. Stiles is the defendant's cousin, Munn is the defendant's younger brother. According to court papers, Michels' father Eric Osborne posted bail and Michels was released from Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

In a bail hearing on Wednesday, May 14, Superior Court Judge Paul Roetman of Kotzebue reduced the bail set for Michels from \$50,000 to \$25,000.

Defense attorney Myron Angstman of Bethel asked to have the bail amount cut down to \$5,000 with the

argument that there "doesn't appear any suggestion that the defendant is flight risk." In terms of posing a threat to the community, Angstman said, "The occurrence of the same incident happening again is remote."

Assistant District Attorney Tom Jamgochian agreed that the possibility of flight would not be an issue, but pointed to the fact that bail was set prior to Judge Roetman's assignment to the case — defense filed a peremptory challenge which bumped Nome Judge Tim Dooley from the case — and that the amount was based on the four initial charges, not the two felony charges on which a grand jury indicted Michels. "Bail is not set for the current charges and therefore should remain at \$50,000," Jamgochian said.

Judge Roetman ruled to meet the parties in the middle.

Conditions of release include that Michels should not be in a house where alcohol is kept, should not

consume alcohol, should not be in bars or anywhere alcohol is present.

A grand jury indicted Michels on charges of manslaughter — death not murder — a class A felony charge and a charge of leaving an accident scene without assisting the injured, a class C felony. Michels allegedly hit Wagner Wongitillin, 54, of Savoonga with her SUV when driving on Bering Street and Fifth Avenue in the night of April 12. Michels left the scene of the accident on foot and returned later with her father. A Nome Police Dept. affidavit filed on April 14 also charged Michels with driving under the influence, a misdemeanor, and leaving the scene of an accident involving injury or death, also a misdemeanor.

Wongitillin died in the Norton Sound Regional Hospital shortly after the accident.

An omnibus hearing is set for July 16.



Photo by Diana Haecker

BACK IN TOWN— An Arctic tern (*Sterna paradisaea*) surveys a local pond for food. Arctic terns are known to embark on the longest migration journeys twice a year. Its travel from the Arctic breeding grounds to its wintering grounds off of Antarctica may cover 25,000 miles and is the farthest yearly journey of any bird. An Arctic Tern can live to be at least 34 years old. It usually does not begin to breed until it is three or four years old.

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— as well as a \$386,000/annum non-BSA contribution for the next three years. NPS projects having 700 students in the next school year, which includes Elementary, Jr. and Sr. High School as well as Anvil City Science Academy and home-school students.

NPS asked for \$2.3 million from the city, a \$431,000 increase over last year's local effort contribution by the city.

Finance director Julie Liew laid out three scenarios: 1. Raising the mill rate from its current 11 to 11.25, the City can fund only the mandatory amount of \$1,004 million. 2. Bringing the mill rate up to 14 mill, the city can fund NPS at its FY14 level at \$1.77 million. 3. Raising the mill rate to 16 mill, the city could fund NPS at the requested level of \$2.3 million.

Hold it, said Randy Pomeranz. At first he was not opposed to a slight mill rate increase, but then took it back, saying "leave the mill rate alone." Pomeranz argued that a lot of line items in the budget are never spent or budgeted positions are not filled. These funds are then reverted to the general fund and become available again.

Councilman Culley repeated the City needs to find new revenue streams or cut spending, "so we

don't poop in our pants every time we see an increase in numbers," he said.

Increasing the sales tax seasonally, looking through books of exemptions, pursuing a tobacco and alcohol sales tax and increasing land fill rates were among the ideas suggested.

City Manager Josie Bahnke drafted a code ordinance that would increase the sales tax rate from 5 percent to 8 percent. This question would go to the voters in form of a proposition. The increase for alcohol sales would approximately bring an additional \$150,000 per year into the city's coffers. Levying the tax on tobacco proves more difficult. "We are still researching tobacco since it is not a commodity that we track separately on our sales tax return form," said Bahnke.

Councilman Stan Andersen looked at School Board President Betsy Brennan and NPS Superintendent Steve Gast who sat in the audience and said that the City might look at an increase of \$200,000 or more for NPS, but this has yet to be determined how finances shake out.

After more than two hours of intense discussion, the meeting ended with the promise of another work session to be held this week.

The session is scheduled for Friday, May 23 at noon.



Photo by Diana Haecker

BUSY— Port of Nome users and gold dredgers are beginning to work on their dredges and boats as the sea ice is clearing out and making way for the upcoming gold dredging season to begin.

Clarification:

In last week's article "First spring whale caught north of Savoonga", the author erroneously identified the whaling captain who harvested a whale on April 6 as Charles, when it should have been Carl Pelewook Jr. of Savoonga.

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WAITING FOR A NEW PURPOSE— Partners Donny Olson and Jim Gribben purchased the old hospital with the intent of finding a new purpose for the facility.

Norton Sound GO LLC acquired old NSHC hospital

By Diana Haecker

The old Norton Sound regional hospital building has been sold to Norton Sound GO LLC, a company formed specifically to buy and perhaps resell the property.

The two partners who are behind Norton Sound GO LLC are no strangers to Nome. The G stands for Gribben, as in Jim Gribben of California, who has lived for the past eight years seasonally in Nome, experimenting with various gold mining machinery and pioneering the “surf crawlers.”

The O stands for Olson, as in Donny Olson of Golovin, physician, reindeer herder and Alaska State

Senator for District T.

According to Norton Sound GO communications and marketing assistant Jessa Youngblood, Gribben’s daughter, the old hospital sold for \$450,000 cash. With the ink on the buyers contract barely dry, the property has been listed on the website nortonsoundgo.com for resale. The company also offers the possibility of a joint venture or for long-term lease.

The two-acre property and several buildings are listed on eBay for a sale price of \$2.5 million. “It’s available for sale, but only to the buyer with the right development idea,” said Youngblood.

The property includes the 1988 built Quynna Care Center building, with eight double occupancy rooms; the main hospital and emergency room facility built in 1977; and the 1948-built administrative wing.

Youngblood further explained that the dollar figure is derived from a square footage price of \$45 – new construction square footage prices range from \$150 to \$200/sf. “The price posted on eBay is just to get the conversation started,” Youngblood said.

The intent behind the purchase and offering for resale is to find the perfect buyer or scenario of projects that would help Nome improve, said

Youngblood. “Jim has been in Nome over eight years and Donny is invested in Nome, so both want to make positive impact and breathe life back into the old hospital,” Youngblood said.

This was echoed by Donny Olson. “I was born in that hospital, had my tonsils taken out at that hospital and worked as a young doctor at that hospital,” Olson told *The Nome Nugget*. “The initial thought was ‘How could it serve the people of the Bering Strait region?’” Olson added he had no interest in the property when he saw it advertised, but that changed when Gribben, who has a background in real estate investments and property developments, approached Olson about a partnership. Olson and Gribben met in Nome and because of a shared interest in aviation, planes, helicopters, they developed a good rapport with each other.

Olson said if the Port of Nome is expanding and associated traffic with projected Arctic growth happens, Nome needs infrastructure to house more people and to just plain offer more of everything. Olson even pitched the idea of apartments and a mini-mall to be housed in the old hospital.

The website lists conversion possibilities to include upscale condominium development, seasonal housing, large tenant relocation, assisted living and residential care,

professional suites, school development or climate controlled storage.

According to Youngblood, NSHC was motivated by Norton Sound GO LLC’s cash offer and wanted to divest itself of the property because maintenance costs burdened the health corporation with unnecessary expenses.

The sale closed two weeks ago. Requests to Norton Sound Health Corporation for comment on the sale remained unanswered.

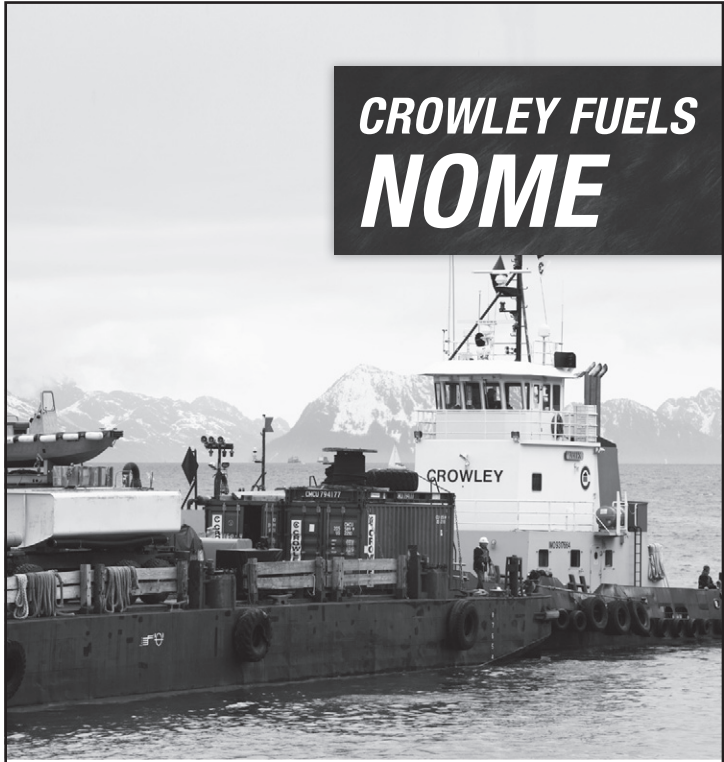
According to City Manager Josie Bahnke, the property was valued at \$16 million for property taxes when it functioned as a hospital, but now the property is categorized as a warehouse and is valued at \$1.4 for property tax purposes. When it was a hospital, it was Nome property tax exempt.

Norton Sound GO LLC now maintains the hospital, and pays for tax and utilities.

Youngblood said that the company wants to find a local solution and has been in talks with local people already about proposals. However, Youngblood said, those talks have not matured into something substantial quite yet. “Our intent is to be transparent and we want to engage with Nome residents and the City of Nome,” said Youngblood. “We would really love to do this with a community partner.”



NO MORE EMERGENCIES— The partnership is looking for other entities to repurpose the old NSHC hospital facility.




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GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE (top)— Byron Mallot delivered the keynote address on Saturday.

WELCOME TO NOME— Willie Hensley spoke during the Saturday evening banquet at the Mini Convention Center.



• Alaska Democratic Party

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the days of his childhood and expressed the hope of an Alaska culture evolution that will lead to the recognition of all residents as equals.

From his childhood memories he built a speech that projected a healthy Alaskan society in which people can expect and should demand the same treatment by government and to have the same standards relating to public safety, health care and justice that apply across the board from the largest city to the smallest community.

Mallot drew applause when he said, "In this country, arguably the richest and most free, I believe we should be able to grant affordable health care to all of its citizens."

Mallot spoke about keeping the

public good in mind and that many decisions these days are not made with the public good as a guiding value.

He spoke about the opportunity Alaska as a resource-rich state has but also the responsibility to develop resources carefully.

For example, he said, the Bristol Bay watershed is a treasure of eons past. "We should have the belief and confidence in our values to be able to say that there are places we will not go to develop our resources," Mallot said.

A healthy society, Mallot said, is bound together by education. He ended his speech with an appeal to invest in education as the true future of the Great Land.

His speech was met with a standing ovation and long applause.

In other business the Alaska Democrats passed resolutions in support of raising the minimum wage, recognizing marriage equality and urging the state to recognize Alaska Natives' legal rights while affirming Alaska Natives' ability to receive information about ballots and other official documents in their native languages.

The party also endorsed overturning Citizens United to stop out-of-state money spent on ads to influence Alaskan voters and those in other states.

A new party platform added to the existing platform statements, reads "Alaska Democrats embrace and support the rights of tribal governments and indigenous Alaskans, as recognized by the federal government and state and federal courts."



RAFFLE— District 39s Democratic Party Vice Chair Jana Varrati helped raffle off more than \$10,000 in grand prizes during the Saturday night banquet.



CONGRATS— Alaska Democratic Party convention delegate Greg Smith, left, congratulates Byron Mallot on a moving keynote address, delivered on Saturday evening during the Alaska Democratic Party convention in Nome.

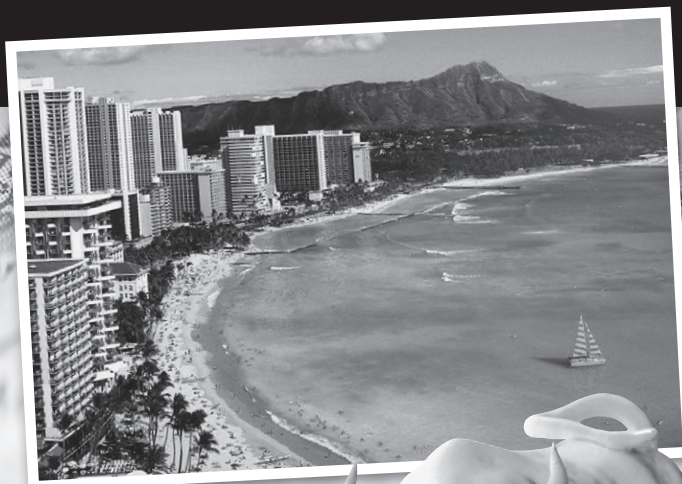
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MIDDLE DOCK— The empty space between City Dock, left, and Westgold Dock to the right, will be filled with a third dock, which has yet to be named. Finances are in place to construct the dock, but completion this year is not a realistic expectation.

• Port commission

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jetty and cell that was damaged during the 2011 November storm. In a letter sent to Bahnke, FEMA Regional Administrator Kenneth Murphy wrote “there is concern that the current administrative record is insufficient to support the assertion that the City of Nome has a legal responsibility to repair the Jetty and Jetty Dock facility and that all the identified work is eligible...”

The damage was assessed at \$1.5 million but FEMA offered to pay only \$300,000. The City appealed four months ago. The appeal was answered with a recent FEMA letter, questioning if the City has the legal responsibility of repairing the facility.

According to Bahnke, the City’s attorney is preparing a legal opinion, as is the State of Alaska Attorney General to clarify the City’s eligibility to receive federal repair funds. The city has 30 days to respond to FEMA.

In other business, City Engineer John Blees informed the commission that contractor Pacific Pile and Marine (PPM) performed substandard work at the inner harbor high ramp project. The concrete poured to form the high ramp shows gaps under the top flanges of two embedded beams. This could be fixed with a grout infill, Blees said. Insufficient concrete surface could also be fixed with a urethane mortar to fill in low areas and improve the surface of the ramp.

The City withheld \$60,000 of the \$150,000 job. Blees suggested that the City ask PPM to install the grout infill and demand a substantial amount of credit for the deficient surface as well as a five-year warranty before accepting the concrete ramp work as being completed.

Commissioner Trowbridge said he would not want PPM to get away with sub-par work. Chairman Jim West Jr. agreed. “We should send a clear message, ask for a \$60,000 credit,” West Jr. said.

The Port Commission recommended that Port Projects Manager Joy Baker contact PPM to take care

of the grouting and to convey the City’s credit demand.

Harbormaster Lucas Stotts submitted his report to the commission. He asked commissioners for guidance on a problem that seems quite unique: How to avoid heavy tie-off lines from larger ships from getting tangled in armor rock. When larger ships arrive, Port of Nome personnel help the ships tie off by taking the bow and stern lines, attaching them to a truck and pulling the lines taut. The lines run over the rough armor rock and sometimes get snagged in the rocks, Stotts said. Engineers have suggested putting mesh over the rocks in order to prevent the lines being dragged over the rock. Practically, the mesh would be not an ideal solution as it is difficult to stretch chain-link mesh seamlessly over the large rocks.

Ideas were tossed around such as building troughs to feed the lines along, or creating pylons that would hold the lines centered and create a guided path to feed the lines over the rocks.

Former Harbormaster Joy Baker concurred that it’s been an ongoing problem. “We have beaten our heads about this for 15 years,” she said. Stotts said he called harbors around the state to find out how they deal with the problem, but apparently, other ports have sheet pile facilities or use mooring or berthing dolphins to tie off ships.

The meeting ended with a presentation by a California waterfront infrastructure development firm, Mofatt & Nichols. Although the potential development of the Port of Nome or Port Clarence as Arctic Deep Sea ports is still uncertain, the firm wanted the City and the port commission to know of their existence. Mofatt & Nichols specializes in waterfront engineering, designing and planning marine terminals and lending construction support for everything that has to do with movement of goods from water onto land. The company is relatively small with 620 employees across the coastal U.S. and has a four-employee office



Photos by Diana Haecker

HIGH RAMP— Last year’s high ramp installation did not prove satisfactory to city engineers.



DREDGING— Heaps of what appears to be mud, but is actually ice capped by dirt, sit in the inner harbor. The project to dredge the area to minus 4 feet will continue in order to make space for more gold dredge parking.

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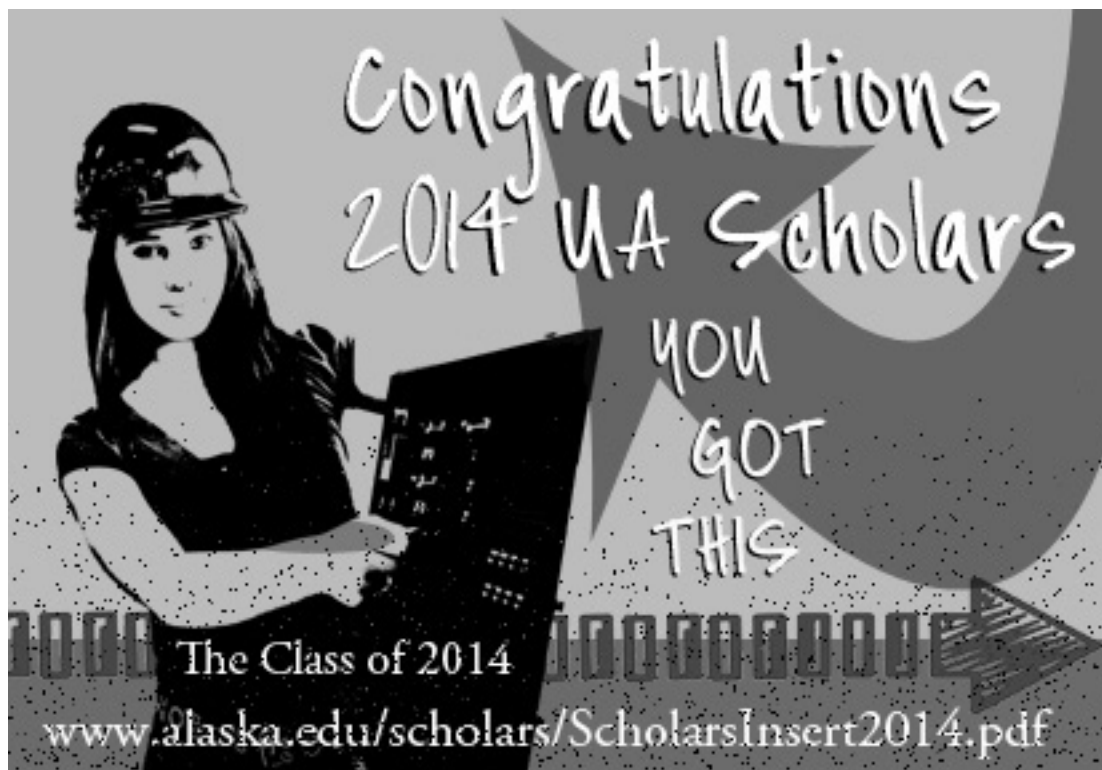


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RESPONSE— The Coast Guard in conjunction with City of Nome and state agencies conducted a mass rescue drill exercise last week in Nome



VOLUNTEERS— Two drill victims, played by JROTC cadets and a host of Nome and State first responders were part of an exercise to test capabilities to deal with a mass rescue due to an offshore emergency.

Agencies conduct Arctic mass rescue operation exercise

By Diana Haecker

Those who passed by the small boat harbor last Wednesday evening, rest assured, the bodies laying on the ground and the emergency responders hustling to take care of them were part of a drill, not a real life emergency.

The United States Coast Guard and City of Nome personnel conducted a mass rescue operation exercise as part of operation Arctic Shield.

According to City of Nome Emergency Coordinator Mimi Farley, the drill's scenario was that an explosion occurred on a cruise ship with 184 passengers and 94 crew, about 30 miles offshore from Nome. The exercise drill included Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department, Nome Volunteer Fire Department, Nome Police Dept., Norton Sound Health Corporation, Port of Nome, NSHC village health aides, State of Alaska Homeland Security & Emergency Management, Alaska State Troopers, U.S. Border Patrol & Customs and City of Nome employees.

On Tuesday, the drill began with a tabletop exercise at the Public Safety Building. The City of Nome opened the emergency operations center to practice skills in planning, operations, logistics and finance.

"With 184 passengers on board and some injured, this was quite a task for this small group," said Farley.

During the second day, the agencies executed a field exercise at the Nome harbor parking lot with over 80 participants. The responders NVAD, NVFD, NPD, Village Health Aides and State Troopers were able

to practice their skills on JROTC cadets. The JROTC program provided 15 live actors dressed up with broken bones, lacerations and burns. The victims were transported to NSHC, which gave NSHC a chance to practice their organization's community medical emergency plan, said Farley.

"There was a briefing after the drill and overall the drill went pretty well," said Farley in an email to *The Nome Nugget*. "This drill showed what the City of Nome's capabilities were, what type of resources we have and what resources we needed outside of Nome."

In 2013, an estimated 440 vessel transits occurred through the Bering Strait. The Coast Guard said the exercise was designed to identify potential opportunities for improvement in preparedness and response to a maritime emergency in the region. "As maritime commerce and traffic increases through the Bering Strait and the Arctic, it is vital for federal, state, local and tribal governments to work cooperatively to effectively respond in the event of an incident," said Lt. Cmdr. Jason Boyle, of the Coast Guard 17th District prevention department.

Arctic Shield kicked off in January with outreach operations in the region and will conclude in the fall.

The Coast Guard conducts Arctic Shield seasonally to get a better understanding of Arctic and subarctic conditions, the availability of local help and knowledge in order to improve preparedness and response capabilities by testing those capabilities and refining the resource requirements needed for the Arctic region.



TO THE RESCUE (top)— Nome Volunteer Fire Fighters Kevin Knowlton, Tania Snowball and Deanne Anelon and Johnny Bahnke III carry a drill victim to safety.

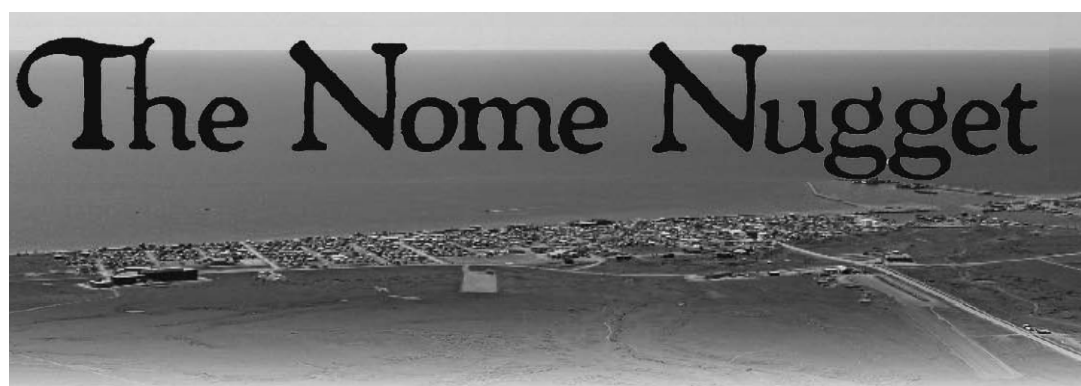
BREATHE— EMT Keith Conger helps a drill victim, backed up by NVFD volunteers.



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FISHY SCIENCE FAIR — Sixth graders Anna Peterson, Ava Earthman, Kenneth Hafner, Naomi Minix and Mallory Conger lead elementary school students in the dissections of squid. The dissections were a cooperative effort between Mr. Conger's science class, the Kegoayah Kozga Library, and the Seward SeaLife Center. The students compared the squid anatomy to that of fish and humans. The most fascinating parts were finding the “pen” and the “ink.”

Photo by Keith Conger

NCC’s Mud Mayhem



Photos by Janeen Sullivan

MUD FUN— Jessica Joe crawled through a puddle during last Saturday’s Mud Mayhem event held at the Rec Center during quite chilly temperatures.



MUD LEAPING— Alyssa Ahkinga is jumping over rather than crawling through the puddles, during the Mud Mayhem event on Saturday.

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School Board recognizes retiring teachers, reviews financial woes

By Kristine McRae

At last week's meeting, the Nome Board of Education recognized three longtime teachers for their dedication to the students of Nome. Elementary school teachers Marie Saclamana, Nancy Tungwenuk, and Mari Lammer are retiring after a combined 60 years of service to the district.

As she accepted flowers from Board President Betsy Brennan, a grateful Saclamana talked about her time at Nome Elementary prior to taking time away for cancer treatments last year. "I miss all of you. Thank you all, I would teach forever if I could," Saclamana said. Tungwenuk is retiring after 23 years as a kindergarten teacher, and seemed shy as she spoke to a packed audience. "I'm used to talking to kindergartners," said Tungwenuk. "It's been a great journey. I've taught children and their children, but I haven't had any grandchildren in my class yet." Brennan then acknowledged Mari Lammer, who said that she had taught grandkids of students and is soon to be a grandmother herself. "I thank my family for their support to pursue my passion for education. I have been fortunate to do many things in the district throughout the years," Lammer said.

For the third time in his four years at Nome-Beltz, graduating senior Cass Mattheis was recognized as the Nome-Beltz student of the month. High School teacher Kent Runyon said Cass's teachers have described him as persistent, kind, tall, personable, friendly, respectful, and hard working. Teacher Hana Jones presented junior high student of the month to Donald Smith, saying he was an awesome student to have in class. Other teachers noted Donald's sense of humor and willingness to learn. "I believe I got this award not only because I did this," Smith said, "but also from all my teachers, even those from elementary school. And, with a smile to his former teachers, "even Ms. Tungwenuk and Ms. Lammer, and a lot of others. I'd like to thank them all."

In a brief address to the board, Youth Obesity Prevention Advocate Kelsey Beecher spoke to members about district policies for Wellness. With new policies recently passed by the Alaska Association of School Boards at the state level, Beecher encouraged the Nome Board to consider some suggested changes when

revisiting their policies. "I have looked at your current policy and I've added in what the state suggests and other suggestions from our grant," Beecher said, "like more exercise. Please consider these while making new policies." Beecher also offered her assistance in making the changes.

Lynette Smith thanked Nome Public Schools for its continued support of the Nome Extensions School. "This past year of adjustment to new regulations has been difficult for both the district and families. We've powered through the bumps and setbacks because Extensions is worth it," Smith said. She acknowledged administration, staff, and faculty for keeping the program running and looks forward to increased enrollment in the future. "We hope the Nome Board of Education will continue to encourage and support its administration and staff in the oversight of our small, but mighty, Nanook school."

Behind the Scenes

A drastic reduction in the funding which supports the education of Nome students, as well as many programs and activities, has school board members nervous about the upcoming school year. In an update to the board, business manager Paula Coffman outlined changes in expenditures and revenues for the current year.

The numbers are of interest because some monies, which are not being used this year, can be added to the FY 15 budget, which will leave the district less in the red for next year. "The reduction in the fund balance is not going to be quite as steep as the last revision," Coffman said, "The current deficit we expect is \$214,081, which is down from over \$300,00 before."

Any deficit to the district's fund balance is cause for concern. The board discussed recent conversations with the Nome City Council concerning the amount of money the district can expect to receive from the city. Typically, and based on the local mill rate, the City is directed to give the school district a certain amount of money from state dollars.

Board President Betsy Brennan noted that, although the City has for the last couple of years given the district about 60 percent of the maximum amount allowed, the actual dollar contribution hasn't increased.

"We've had flat funding for FY13 and FY14, and I think it needs to be something that we need to project to the city. We know we're asking for a lot more, but we've fought hard the last couple of years. As a district and community, we need to talk to our council members, and plead our case," Brennan said.

Board member Barb Nickels also acknowledged the City's past commitments. "The City has been gracious, and they've typically been in the 60 percent range of the money maximum they're allowed to give us, and this year it's 48 percent," Nickels said, "So it's actually less, and it will affect the quality of the kids' education." Superintendent Steve Gast agreed. "We're talking big numbers," he added, "not nickel and diming, and these cuts will actually cut personnel." In a discussion about how to save money, Brennan suggested talking to the City about the shared responsibility of Nome's swimming pool. "It doesn't make sense that we're paying for the utilities, and then we're paying for our

students to use the pool," Brennan said. Another funding variable that was unknown until recently is the state's base student allotment (BSA), which was expected to go up as much as \$400 per student but only rose about \$100.

Beltz accreditation

Nome-Beltz principal Scott Handley announced that after a comprehensive visit from the state, the jr/sr high school is fully accredited. "They went into every classroom, talked with kids, looked over our surveys, and did a variety of interviews," Handley said. "They saw some powerful practices at the school. They were impressed with our new teacher induction program, especially the cultural training camp." Handley also said that the team was impressed with the relationship-building practices between teachers and students. "Staff consistently showed that the wellbeing of their students is paramount. Every one of the students said there was at least one person they could talk to on

a regular basis."

The junior high also received a positive evaluation on the Pathways Grant, which is administered by Nome Eskimo Community. The essence of the program is comprehensive teaching through place-based learning. According to Handley, gains from the program include an increase in attendance as well as academic achievement.

Upcoming opportunities for Beltz students include an eighth grade vocational academy, an orienteering and GPS class with Colonel Blake of JROTC, and an Inupiaq class through the UAF northwest campus.

Concerns over test data

Board member Barb Amarok expressed concern over test score data. "I get that it's a snapshot," Amarok said, "but 77 percent are not proficient in writing, and there are high percentages not proficient in other subjects. Are we doing something about that? Kids who aren't doing

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Photo by Susanne Thomas

SHARING A LAUGH— Nancy Tungwenuk and Marie Saclamana were among three retiring teachers recognized at last week's school board meeting.



Photo by Susanne Thomas

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH— Donald Smith received the Nome-Beltz Junior High student of the month award. Smith is pictured with his proud parents Toni and Steve Smith.

~Thank you!~

Thank you for making my recent fund raising event a HUGE success! For all who donated hand-crafted items for any of my events--Dawn Sawyer, Sherri Anderson, Pearl Johnson, Mad Dog Coffee Roasters (Mary Jo and Craig Hazel), Crystal Tobuk of AK Body, Annie Conger, Paula Herzner, Bertha Koweluk, Julianne Bourdon, Mary (Bourdon) David, Josie Bourdon, Grandma Esther Bourdon, Grammie LaVonne Okleasik, Chad Callahan, James Jorgenson, Josh Bourdon, Zac Bourdon, and especially my parents, Katie and Wilson. Thanks to Our Savior's Lutheran Church for providing the venue. *Quyaana* to all who came by to participate in the silent auctions and/or eat the delicious meals. Your generosity is certainly appreciated! Sincerely, Keegan Bourdon

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FORT DAVIS— Fort Davis and the mouth of the Nome River await springtime in Alaska.

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE MONTH— Nome-Beltz High School student of the month Cass Mattheis accepted the award alongside his mother Sherri Fagerstrom.

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well at this level are at risk for dropping out later." Superintendent Gast said that the remedial program is still in place. Handley added that they've incorporated the Achieve 3000 reading program, which adjusts reading material to difficulty level using individual student Lexile measurements.

Amarok was also dismayed that 91 percent of Beltz students, accord-

ing to MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) data, are not proficient in math. The school is starting to examine the ability of standardized tests to provide accurate representation of students' ability. Handley advocated for more frequent assessments which are aligned with standards and which provide a more accurate account of a student's knowledge.

Alaska Democrats Had a Great Time in Nome!



Thank you for your hospitality.

Special thanks to the City of Nome, Nome citizens and businesses, the staff at the Carrie McClain Museum, the Nome-Beltz choir under direction of Mr. Ron Horner, the Nome-Beltz Jr. ROTC, residents of SeaSide Center, John Handeland, Richard Beneville for giving attendees the opportunity to see wild musk oxen herds, the King Island Dancers; and especially to Barb Nickels, Exec. Dir. of the Nome Chamber of Commerce, her staff and volunteers for ensuring our convention was a huge success!

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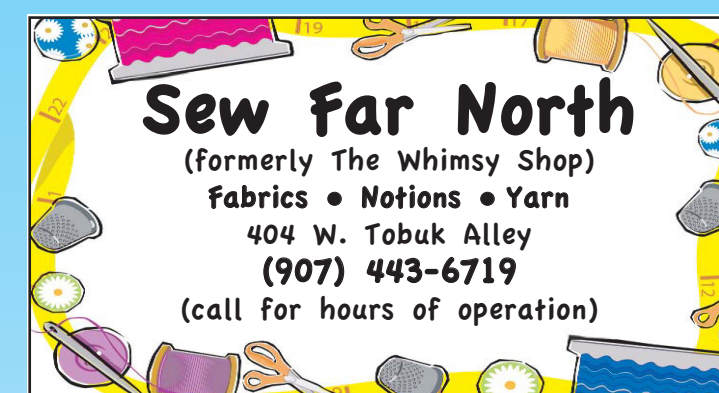
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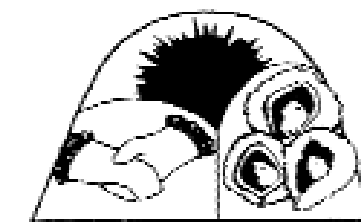
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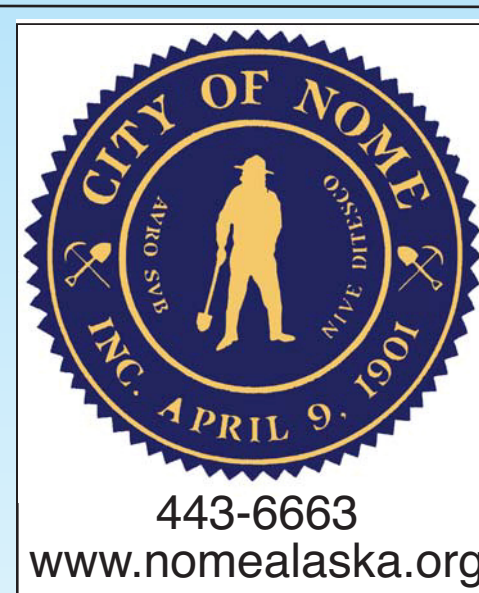


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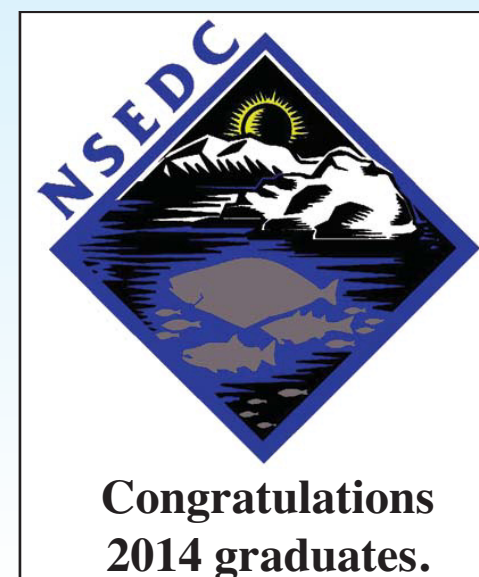


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SAFETY ON WHEELS (top)—Five-year old Trevor White is guided by DOT safety specialist Stephanie Holmquist from Juneau through a bike course set up at the Nome Elementary School parking lot.

SAFETY CHECK (right)— Pat Kelliher, left, and Stephanie Holmquist fit fourth-grader Ethan George with a bike helmet, during the 3rd Annual Safety Fair held last Saturday.



Safety Fair offers broad spectrum of safety education

By Diana Haecker

Putting out fires, breathing through a straw after running around the gym and riding bikes around a tricky obstacle course were part of the fun at the third annual Safety Fair held at the Nome Elementary School gym on Saturday, May 17.

The event was organized by Kendra Nichols-Takak with Norton Sound Health Corporation's Injury Prevention program and brought together a wide variety of information

how to navigate safely through life as a kid —or a grownup.

Part of the Elementary School parking lot had an obstacle course for bike riders. Kids brought their two-wheels and drove them around the tightly spaced cones, guided by Alaska Dept. of Transportation safety specialist Stephanie Holmquist. Nome Police Department employee Renee Lammer registered bikes and educated kids on locking them up so that their mode of trans-

portation is safe from being borrowed or stolen — a perennial occurrence in the summer.

Inside the NES gym, the Nome Friends of the NRA's Steve Smith educated kids on the three most important things when handling guns: always point them in a safe direction, never put your finger on the trigger and never load the gun unless you're actually shooting.

Those are the things that one expects from a safety fair. But there are

also small dangers that can have big consequences. Susan Wolf with PAWS of Nome educated Safety Fair participants on the importance to scoop the poop after their dogs went potty. Parasites and worms are transmitted in dog poop and just the simple act of picking up after your dog keeps diseases in check.

Kawerak Inc.'s Wellness Program presented information on the Green Dot program, which tries to develop civil courage in individuals and change society to not tolerate bullying, verbal and physical abuse or violence any longer. Instead, the program wants to safely educate people how to become 'green dots' or safe havens for those who experience bullying or violence.

Everybody knows that alcohol impairs one's proper functions and in order to show how alcohol influences the body, Kawerak's Marjorie Tahbone put so called 'drunk goggles' on kids. The goggles mimic the sense of disorientation people feel under the influence of alcohol. Kids who are usually very coordinated missed High Five's and couldn't hit a wastebasket when throwing a paper ball.

Nome Community Center educated kids on the effects of tobacco — with a new twist. Tobacco Prevention Specialist Spruce Lynch sent a group of kids around the gym at a fast walk for a couple of rounds. At the end, as the kids were huffing and puffing from the exercise, they were given straws to breathe through. That's right, most of them were

pretty short of breath and that's how smokers feel. A slideshow of cigarette butts littering the country and outdoor scenery pointed to a problem seldom talked about: the unhealthy effects cigarette butts have on the earth, wildlife and water. Photos depicted cigarette butts found in dead fish. "If birds ingest cigarette butts, they die," said Lynch.

Nome Volunteer Fire Fighters lighted a real fire outside the Nome Elementary School and let kids use a fire extinguisher to put out the flames.

The Local Emergency Planning Committee distributed yellow safety vests and reminded people to have a plan, if emergencies strike.

The Coast Guard was present and handed out tips for boating safety and whistles.

Kids in Nome are fortunate to be surrounded by grandiose backcountry and the National Park Service dished out some advice on what plants are OK to eat such as blueberries, black berries, some young willow leaves, and which plants are poisonous, such as monk's hood and wild irises. Alaska Fish and Game handed out little booklets on animal track identification and safety tips for the great outdoors.

Safety Fair participants — even if they didn't win prizes in the raffles — left the gym with bags full of informational material and gadgets to remind them throughout the year to place the importance of safety first.



READY FOR ACTION— Trevor White of Nome is ready to hit the parcour wearing gloves and a properly fitted helmet for protection.

HONOR



Photo: Frank Flavin Photography

Thank you to the Last Frontier and Golden Heart Honor Flight programs for the opportunity to fly 50 WWII veterans to Washington D.C. to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

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SCOOP THE POOP— Susan Wolf with PAWS of Nome educated Gloria and Larraine Karmun on the proper technique of scooping up dog poop.

Photos by Diana Haecker



GOOD PLANTS, BAD PLANTS— Katie Cullen with the National Park Service educated kids on harmful and useful plants.



FANCY HELMET— Deklen Agloinga of Nome decorated his helmet with zip ties.



COAST GUARD— US Coast Guard Lt. Alanna McGovern presented information on the “Kids Don’t Float” program.



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will be selling
geraniums and
bedding plants
mid May.



HIGH FIVE— Lizzy Hahn tries to high five Marjorie Tahbone while wearing drunk goggles that mimic a sense of impairment after drinking alcohol.

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Spring Clean-Up:

Raffle Day: Saturday, May 31.

Free hot dogs and pop in the Lions Club Bus at Anvil City Square from noon to 5 p.m. for all trash collectors! Prizes for all trash collectors and a **prize drawing will be held at 5:15 p.m. at Anvil City Square!**

Trash Collection Sites

Dump trucks will be located at: • Icy View Fire Hall • East End Park • Elementary School Parking Lot • Recycling Center • Belmont Point • Collect 15 or more bags for a chance to win a bicycle!

Prize tickets exchanged for yellow bags on Saturday, May 31 only!

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HANSON'S SAFEWAY

Obituaries

Margie Kigrook Ningealook

Marjorie Ishgauk Kigrook Ningealook was born to Annie Tocktoo and Harry Kigrook on October 8, 1932 in Shishmaref. She died December 20, 2013 surrounded by her children and grandchildren. She was a loving mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and great grandmother.

She married Andrew S. Ningealook on January 20, 1957 and together they had eight children.

Margie completed third grade at the Shishmaref School. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, and especially doing puzzles with her niece Elsie and granddaughter Valerie. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and she would always like to go to the meat racks to watch and help her children put meat away.

Traditional native food, lifestyle and sewing was important and mom made sure she taught these skills to her children, also going to camp when she was able to and sitting outside of her house. She also enjoyed time with her sister Fannie looking for "the" in newspapers and was thankful for the presence of Valerie, Darrell and Andy Jr. Back when her husband Andrew was alive she would help him feed the dogs. She also babysat for numerous families.

Margie, her sister Fannie and brother James looked forward to the berry-picking season, this was the time their sisters Doris, Flora and Nellie would come home to Shishmaref. They shared large family gatherings of meals, visiting and were all together again. Memories of their childhood, parents and stories were shared with us children and grandchildren. Humor was always present with each gathering and each sibling had their own unique way to make everyone laugh. We are thankful for the close bond they shared, which is now passed on to her children and grandchildren of the Kigrook family. With great love of her children, grandchildren and family, mom will be greatly missed.

Margie is survived by her children Danny, Mary and Francis, Harry, Evelyn and Daniel, Dora and Warren, Frieda and Fred, and Edna and Carlos. Grandchildren and great grandchildren Andrew T.-Kathriann, Norman-Charely, Madison, Roxann, Leandra, Bradley, Maya, Christa, Travis-Clarissa, Shayla, Kimberly, Andrew-Kelsi, Ida, Gary, Carter, George, Jane-Kaylee, Kenneth, Kalum, Kaysen, Ward-Alicia, Connor, Brennan, May-Benjamin, Lance, Colin, James, Helen-Veronica, Andrew S.-Andy Jr., Orion, Pancho, Marie-Jacob, Ida, Gertie-Leslie, Kenny, Rosie, Danny Jr., Jeweliann, Bernice, Anna-Brittany, Charles, Andrew M.-Brian, Baby Andrew, Dallas-Shane, Kiera, Irene-Quinten, Melvin, Barbara, Valerie, Alfred, Vicki, Lloyd, Reuben, Daniel, Jade, Emily, Ernest, Brenna, Jasper, Andrew J.-Trent, Dolly-Rylan, Jackie-Brent, Nellie, Darrell, Hattie, Delbert, Beverly, Carlos, Andrew, and Lillian.

Margie was preceded in death by her parents Harry and Annie Kigrook, husband Andrew S. Ningealook, son George Ningealook, daughter Barbara Ningealook, brother James Kigrook, sisters Fannie Barr, and Flora Nelson, granddaughters Helen Malloy and Kimberly Oxereok, great-grandson 1st Lance Nayokpuk, and great-granddaughter Jaclyn Malloy.

Doris Kigrook "Teegok" Fisher

Auntie Doris was an avid hunter, trapper and learned how to fish from her papa. She learned how to sew for her Mama, Annie, and Grandma Beulah. She helped her mama and papa with raising her brother and sisters. Her activities included knitting, crocheting, sewing, and she loved being at the Native Arts and Craft shows.

Auntie Doris had many friends, namely Mary Lou Leavitt, who traveled to many places with auntie. She kept many family members close to her heart; *Grandma Dolly Vestal,

*May Thompson, Agnes Magby, Pauline Sundemeir, Auntie Geraldine Kiyutelluk, and Alice Collins, to name a few. She loved berry picking, camping, and she had a booming laugh. Auntie Doris loved a good practical joke. She was very honest about things; she didn't hold anything back.

Her Mama died in 1948; she stepped in as a surrogate mother to her brother and sisters. Her Papa moved them to Kotzebue shortly thereafter, making things easier on the family; Kotzebue had a lot more to offer for a family. Auntie Doris has worked in many positions; she was a waitress and cook for Wein Airlines. Eventually, she moved to Anchorage and worked at the old Native Hospital; she worked in the kitchen until she retired. She married Allen W. Fisher on October 17, 1963 and bought a house on Wintergreen Dr. It was later sold and they moved to W. 73rd St.

She was preceded in death by her mama Annie Tocktoo Kigrook; her Papa Harry Kigrook; brother James Kigrook; sisters Flora Nelson, Fannie Barr and Margie Ningealook; her husband Allen W. Fisher; and step-mother Annie Howarth Kigrook. She leaves behind stepsisters Angelina and Mary Joyce.

She leaves behind a sister Nellie Kigrook Forbes, her nieces and nephews include Annie Ahgupuk, Danny Ningelook, Viola Shippey, Sophie Arthur, Mary Ann Boring, Mary Kakoona, Paul Wesley Shippey, Rachel Goodall, *Gideon Barr, Jr., Harry Al Ningealook, James Shippey, William J. Forbes III, Elsie Weyanna, Evelyn Olanna, Gerald Nelson, Hugh Forbes, Arlene Barr Shawn, Dora Ann Ningealook, *Barbara Scholten, Frieda Jan Eningowuk, Edna Pauline Burgos, *Barbara Kigrook, Robert Thompson, Sharon Vandergrift, Joyce Fagan, Jeanie Cook, Loretta Kittrell, Shirley Thompson, *Thomas Barr, Perry Barr, Robert Thompson, and Delano Barr.

(* Deceased)

Our family would like to thank everyone who brought food and flowers. There has been a tremendous outpouring of love, comfort, and prayers all over. We regret if we have missed any other family members! Words cannot express our gratitude we have for everyone what came to share our grief over the loss of our beloved Auntie and Akka. Qu yana!

Andrew K. Johnson March 4, 1926 – April 29, 2014

Andy Johnson passed April 29, 2014 at the age of 88-years old at the Alaska Native Medical Center following a day surgery that pinned his hip from a fall. On his release day Andy had a heart attack and passed away in his sleep.

Andy's father came to Alaska from Trondhiem, Norway in 1882. His name was John, Sr. He settled in Bristol Bay to fish. Andy's mother was Anna Paningayaq and was from Nelson Island. Anna died when Andy was 4-years old.

John, Sr., his father, did his best to fish and provide for his son's. He also had a reindeer herd and built sailboats in the mid 1920s. A sailboat was all folks could use to fish in the Bristol Bay as motorboats were outlawed.

John, Sr., Andy's dad placed his four sons in the Moravian Children's in Kwethluk near Bethel because he became too sick to care for his son. Andy's dad John, Sr. died from stomach cancer when Andy was the age of nine-years old.

Andy was a commercial fisherman most of his life. He fished on crab boats in his younger years out of Kodiak and fished along side his brother Tommy Johnson, Sr. Andy had his own Bristol Bay Permit. After the many season's Tommy and Andy fished in Bristol Bay, Tommy bought Andy a fishing boat. Andy worked through the Operating Engineer Local 302 in the off-season, and was later brought to Nome to help his brother Tommy and Myrtle John-

son of Nome. Tommy felt Andy needed family and brought him to Nome. Andy was never married or had children. It went to show how much his older brother looked up to towards his younger brother.

Andy was a Bering Strait Native Corporation Shareholder along with Sitnasuak Native Corporation, and enrolled with Nome Eskimo Community here in Nome.

Andy is survived by his brother Dan and Gold Johnson of Kenai. His nephews Jack and Carol Johnson of Nome and his nephews and nieces of Kenai through Dan and Goldie Johnson of Kenai.

Andy was preceded in death by his parents John and Anna Paningayaq Johnson; brother John Jr.-Thomas (Tommy) Johnson of Nome, and nephew Thomas Jr. (Echo) Johnson.

Andy will be missed by family and friends and was buried next to his brother Thomas (Tommy) Johnson in Golovin on Mother's Day, May 11, 2014.



Andrew K. Johnson

Michael Bruno Saclamana III – Anamak

Michael was born to Carol Marlin and Michael Saclamana Jr. on December 29, 1980. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather Michael Saclamana Sr. and his maternal grandfather Kermit Bruce Marlin. He leaves his children Makaila Saclamana Diaz and Victoria Simpson, his granddaughter Natalie Simpson, his mother Carol Marlin, step father Mike McKay, father Mike Saclamana Jr., siblings Jeffery Saclamana Sr., Derek Saclamana and Jamie Huffman, maternal grandparents John and Wilma Greene Sr., paternal grandmother, Marie Saclamana, uncles John Saclamana and Robin Greene, aunts Rene' Marlin and Charlene Saclamana, cousins Gregory (Ugi) Saclamana, Jessica (Gal) Saclamana, Keven Rodgers and many wonderful friends.

Michael was born in Nome. He lived in Nome, Alaska, Arizona and Sacramento, California.

Most of his younger years were in Nome with his grandparents Michael (Papa) and Marie (Akorak) Saclamana sharing custody with his mother Carol Marlin. His time in Nome as a child was shared with his brother Jeffrey and uncle John. The three of them were always together. At about the age of 10 he gained his three wonderful cousins (who considered him their brother) Ugi, Gal and Keven. Michael was big brother to all of the children born into the family after him. He loved them all. When he lost his Papa, Michael was his Akorak's inspiration to continue on with life. Despite the problems and hardships the family endured Michael was happy, positive and always optimistic.

Michael left Nome in 2004 to see his mother Carol and grandparents John and Wilma in Sacramento, leaving many friends and family missing him. Michael decided to live in Sacramento. He and his step-father Mike formed a bond and grew to love each other. Mike spent a lot of time with Michael teaching him the art of building and construction. Although Michael sometimes lived a hard life in California, he loved Sacramento.

He also loved Nome and always

looked forward to speaking to his Akorak and called her frequently, promising to come home for a visit at least.

We lost Michael unexpectedly on April 24, 2014.

One of the most loved things about Michael's personality was his ability and the pleasure he found in saying I love you...anywhere, anytime. Michael's happiness had the ability to make others happy. His happiness and candidness can never be replaced and will never be forgotten, although dearly missed.

Michael's funeral service is planned for Saturday, May 24, 2014 2 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Nome.



Michael Bruno Saclamana III – Anamak

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Repealing SB 21 will tell legislators to write a law that provides a fair share for our oil, *and* effective oil production incentives. Allowing corporations to take the billions they'll get from a reduced Alaska share, to spend on their foreign oil operations, isn't a fair partnership. Reasonable tax breaks should be earned by investing in Alaska.

The Disappearing Tax Rate: SB 21 includes an ill-conceived handout that makes fatter profits for oil corporations, but little sense for you. It was falsely billed as an incentive for "new oil." The trouble is it pretended to "incentivize" oil that was already being produced.

This provision hands out a roughly 40 percent reduction on SB 21's already low oil tax. Forty percent off 27 percent is roughly 16 percent. That's a banana republic rate.

This 40 percent cut to Alaska's revenue share applies to most new oil that will ever be produced in Alaska, and to fields where production had been announced years before SB 21.

It applies to Point Thomson, where Exxon illegally withheld production for 30 years. In 2007 Alaska finally filed legal proceedings to force Exxon to honor lease requirements to develop this field. SB 21 gives Exxon a 40 percent reward for illegal behavior, on oil it was already required to produce.

This false "incentive" applies to Oooguruk and Nikaitchuq, which began production before SB 21. That oil also wasn't "incentivized" by this 40 percent handout.

It applies to fields companies long ago announced would be produced under ACES (the law SB 21 replaced). These include Conoco's NPR-ACD-5 unit, Mustang, the southwest corner of Kuparuk, and other fields corporation-hired TV actors falsely claim are a miraculous result of SB 21.

Smart policy means NOT giving away billions for production that was already going to happen.

This 40 percent revenue reduction (which varies slightly with oil prices and costs), shaved from an already reduced state share, applies to new pools of oil in high-profit fields, like Prudhoe Bay, and to all future fields. SB 21's current, low 27 percent rate will keep falling. As old fields are replaced with new ones, all fields will eventually get this 40 percent reduced rate.

Disappearing Production: Alaska's "Revenue Sourcebook" forecasts North Slope production will decline under SB 21 by over 40 percent in the next decade, from over 500,000 barrels/day today to roughly 300,000 barrels/day. The actors on those corporation-funded ads shamelessly call a 40 percent decline "more production".

State forecasts also show *less oil under SB 21* than under ACES. The state has forecasted more North Slope oil by 2022 under ACES (spring, 2013 ACES report) than under SB 21 (April, 2014 SB 21 report).

To spur local investment, we should require companies to invest IN ALASKA to earn reasonable tax breaks. Letting them spend Alaska tax breaks Outside is one reason for this decline.

And Scott Goldsmith's report? It concedes SB21 would have reduced Alaska revenue by over \$1 billion/yr. if it were in place at 2012 and 2013's higher oil prices. SB 21 should be replaced by a law letting Alaskans share fairly when high prices create staggering corporate profits.

Rep. Les Gara (D-Anchorage) can be reached at rep.les.gara@akleg.gov.

Jens Hildreth is bravely battling cancer.



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port every person to reach out and take advantage of opportunities that life presents them with, especially when it comes to furthering your education and giving yourself the tools needed to improve your life. And we need to remember that education isn't just going to college; too often kids are told that college is the only option after high school, but that is not true. Every time my car is serviced, a house is built, or electricity is restored after a power outage, we can thank a well-paid tradesperson.

Do you want to drive the bus or just ride along?

Regardless of what financial situation you may find yourself, education isn't out of your reach, especially for our Native children. If you want it badly enough, and are willing to work hard and long enough to get it, you can get the tools you will need to make yourself into an engineer, lawyer, preacher, or electrician. The only thing that can stop you from becoming an important piece of society – from becoming that person who helps determine what happens – is you.

Ashley's graduation was special for our family. Like many rural Alaskan families, we grew up dreaming college was a million miles away. But with the support of my parents I became the first in my family to graduate college. Later my sister, Debbie, graduated as well. I had a few cousins graduate before me and have seen a few more graduate since my sister and I did.

Getting a college degree was something our great-grandparents may have never dreamed of as they watched others with fancy titles and degrees determine important decisions for them. The opportunity for many of our great-grandparents just wasn't there to determine if they would drive the bus.

It is something that is within reach of almost every Alaskan today, Native or otherwise.

Fort Lewis College is a prime example of a tool that is within the reach of every Alaska Native youngster. A former Indian school that later become a college, Native Americans and Alaska Natives can attend Fort Lewis tuition-free.

It thrills me to see that some of our children are taking advantage of the tools that are available to them. This year's trip to Durango marked the second year in a row that my family and I have traveled outside to attend a college graduation. I'm sure many other families are doing the same, with the hope deep inside that their graduates will forge out nice, productive lives that will cast honor on their family's history.

The more Alaskans that go to college and vocational school, the better it will be for their families, their futures and the future of Alaska as a whole.

I know as Kiana and I watched Ashley receive her degree, we were looking at our two young daughters and knowing deep inside that we wanted them to go to college and get the tools that will make their lives better. We, like every parent alive, want our daughters to drive their own bus.

The children can't do it by themselves, however. We, as a society, need to work with the youth in our families, and those in our communities, to promote and support our students. We need to push them to work hard, to attend college or vocational training, and to take advantage of what life has to offer.

We can help make sure our children are driving the bus, and going where they want to go.

Congratulations, Ashley and the graduates of 2014, you now have the keys.

Jason Evans,
Nome, AK

Dear Editor,

I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the Elders & Youth Conference, when I got to see some of my elder friends and meet new ones. I just made the mistake of thanking NSEDC too much and lost my ticket home, so I wanted to thank Dave Olson for letting me come home—

Quyanna-buk to Dave and Bering Air. Also to Fran (our former Medicine Lady), who teaches me more about the body and how to massage it, every time I see her, Quyanna-buk to you too, I really appreciate it.

Some of the things I learned while I was there are: If I really would like to have my concerns about NSHC looked into I would put attn: Lance at BHS, P.O. Box 966, Nome, AK 99762 and maybe you'd get some follow through.

Also, as the day progresses our bodies lose salt, and that's why we have cramps. A couple of things that help that are Gatorade or vitamin water. Some people use mustard, if it gets too bad. I use a heating pad. Some people say they boil onionskin and drink that and they don't get cramps for a good while.

There are different resources out there for our Elders. They can Google places like the Arctic Access—which can help with bath/shower bars, do shower stalls, and build ramps for them, as long as they have their funding, to places like Alzheimer's and ResCare—which helps provide care or chores done for our Elders. Of which I would like to thank, not only the agencies, but also the workers who provide that care—Quyanna-buk for your willingness to do that, I know it takes a lot of patience.

Boy, you should have seen some of the beautiful artwork that I saw. I guess, lucky for me that my check hadn't reached home before I went to Nome. Keep up the good job people—autii that work.

What I think about the suicides: Why are there so many? Are they, trying to reach out, and people are not hearing them? Are they keeping it in because they think people will think they're lying? Do they think that because of what was done to them, people would pity them, or talk about them, or despise them? I say that every last one of us counts. We were put on this earth for a specific reason. We may have been given those experiences so that we could be stronger. I know I tried to break some of the chain of abuse by not drinking, so my kids and other people could feel safe. Although, it has been hard to be a single parent, I wouldn't trade my kids for the world. I just don't like some of the things they are, or aren't, doing to themselves. I know what my kids are capable of, and it saddens me that they aren't doing so.

One of my solutions would be: I want to tell my people, since you can be whatever you want to be, and since there is still some funding out there for you, if I was you—I'd take two other people with me and I'd go do training somewhere. I think I would see if that person would like to go into the same profession as I want to, so we could back each other up on jobs. The other person I'd have along is someone who would like to be our Office Manager/Bookkeeper. Then, when we're done with our schooling, at the moment, there are grants out there that can help start a business, we should be able to work on the things we enjoy doing. Just don't room together, you might lose a friend that way. Trouble is, people like me, could never figure out what I wanted to be, so every so often I take more college courses. I suppose—at least I learn more.

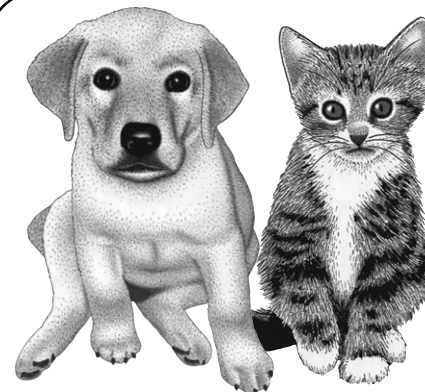
Remember, everyone is human, and we are supposed to treat each other the way we would like to be treated, with respect....

Take care everyone. I'll finish my ranting in a different letter. Don't forget to be safe, and if it's your life you are thinking of ending, and the person you tried to talk to isn't listening, please go see someone else, because you do count.

As always,
Karen Nanouk
Unalakleet, AK 99684



Photo courtesy of Mike Krause
GOT IT! – Mike Kruse caught this bear at mile 65 on the Kougarok Road as he went out for a Sunday drive last week. It came right up to him and he nailed it with one shot. The bear was over 7 feet long.



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Hand, foot and mouth disease: How to stop the spread of a viral childhood illness

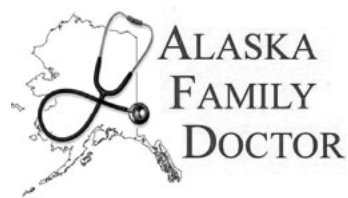
**By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor**

Schools in the region have reported an increase in reported cases of hand, foot, and mouth disease. Before you dismiss this as a joke, let me clarify. This is not “foot in mouth” disease, a recurrent tendency to blurt out embarrassing

oral rash may make swallowing food and fluid difficult. Often doctors will prescribe a “magic mouthwash” to soothe the oral lesions long enough to allow oral intake of fluid. Acetaminophen or ibuprofen may also be used for comfort. In general the illness, including the rash, lasts for 3-6 days.

Parents can help prevent the spread of the virus by keeping shared objects clean and teaching children good hand washing habits. Hand, foot, and mouth disease mimics a few more serious diseases. Children with more alarming signs of illness such as high fever, altered mental status, shortness of breath,

joint pain, or abdominal pain should be seen by a medical professional to evaluate for more serious causes of the rash.



comments in a public setting. Hand, foot, and mouth disease is actually one of the common viral illnesses resulting in a strange rash pattern in young children. In the world of pediatrics, rashes signify two types of illnesses: diseases that are truly scary (think measles); and benign inconveniences. Hand, foot, and mouth disease falls into the second category. It is an illness most children will be exposed to at some point and is best thought of as a rite of passage for the immune system. The rash is caused by a virus, usually the coxsackie virus, which begins in the mouth and spreads over several days to the hands and feet. The virus is spread orally among children who frequently place shared objects in the mouth or by fecal-oral transmission when unclean objects are placed in the mouth. The illness begins with a mild fever and malaise. Often children have a decreased appetite for the few days leading up to the rash formation. The rash forms first on the inner lip and anterior gums and may spread to the tongue, palate, and uvula. It appears yellow with a red halo. Often the rash is painful. The rash then spreads to the hands and feet appearing as a red spot that may form a vesicle. Sometimes other parts of the body are involved. The illness is contagious until the rash resolves. Infected children should be kept home from school or daycare until the rash resolves. Hand washing for caregivers and cleaning of shared objects such as toys and utensils is crucial because the virus is almost exclusively passed from one person to another through oral droplets or fecal contamination. There is no treatment that will kill the virus. Care is supportive. Oral hydration is important throughout the illness. The painful

Oven-Roasted Asparagus

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

Makes 3 Servings
Preparation Time: 5 minutes
Bake at 350°F for 20 minutes
Difficulty Level: Easy

Ingredients:
1 lb. asparagus
Olive oil spray
½ tsp. lemon pepper

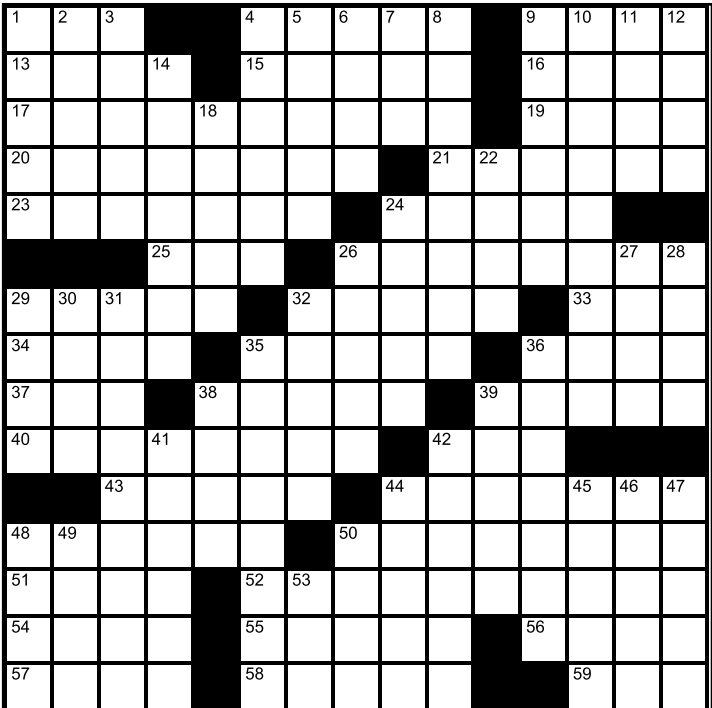
- Directions:**
1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
 2. Wash asparagus. Grab each spear individually on both ends. Bend the spear until it breaks. Discard the hard end of the spear. Repeat with remaining spears.
 3. Spray a baking sheet with olive oil. Place asparagus on sheet, spread out in a thin layer, and spray with olive oil. Sprinkle lemon pepper atop spears and place the sheet in the oven.
 4. Bake for 20 minutes or until asparagus is slightly tender.



| Nutrition Facts | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Serving Size | 4 spears |
| Amount Per Serving | |
| Calories | 25 |
| Total Fat (g) | 1 |
| Saturated Fat (g) | 0 |
| Cholesterol (mg) | 0 |
| Sodium (mg) | 13 |
| Total Carbohydrate (g) | 1 |
| Fiber (g) | 0 |
| Protein (g) | 0 |
| Vitamin A (%) | 5 |
| Vitamin C (%) | 3 |
| Calcium (%) | 0 |
| Iron (%) | 1 |

TIPS:

*Try grilling asparagus. Preheat the grill and follow steps 2 & 3 to prepare asparagus. Grill for 5-10 minutes until asparagus is slightly tender yet still crunchy.



Across

1. Aged
4. Anxiety
9. Fink
13. Reduce, as expenses
15. Harder to find
16. Burrow
17. Disembowel
19. A chip, maybe
20. Reverberate
21. System to reduce indoor temperature and humidity (shortened)
23. Goes after
24. Inquirer
25. "Harper Valley ____"
26. Those who select
29. Memory units
32. ____ Miller, big band musician
33. Oolong, for one
34. Knowledge gained through tradition
35. They're entered in court
36. Numero uno
37. "____ we having fun yet?"
38. Archaeological find
39. Adhesive
40. Cooperative effort by a group
42. "Gee whiz!"
43. Angler's gear
44. Botches
48. Gunk
50. Medicated lozenge
51. "____ of the Flies"

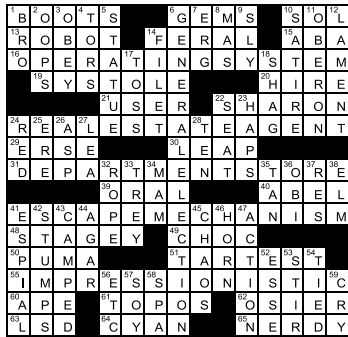
Down

2. Vexation
54. Biblical shepherd
55. Who "ever loved you more than I," in song (2 wds)
56. Absorbs, with "up"
57. ____ mortals
58. Ratty place
59. "Comprende?"

Down

1. "Lohengrin," e.g.
2. Washes
3. Towels off
4. Anatomical ring
5. Nostrils
6. Alum
7. Undertake, with "out"
8. ____ Act of 1571, forbade criticism of the British monarchy
9. Round lot's 100
10. Coalesces
11. A chorus line
12. "____ here long?"
14. Coop flier
18. I.O.U.'s
22. Religious image: Var.
24. Up, in a way
26. Court employee
27. Medical advice, often
28. Fill
29. Make a harsh or raucous noise
30. Auld lang syne
31. Chief financial officer
32. Dirty look
35. Calls from radio listeners (hyphenated)
36. Outlaws
38. Draft
39. Ziti, e.g.
41. Be a busybody
42. Fellow
44. Acadia National Park locale
45. Hedgepodes
46. Run off to the chapel
47. Taste, e.g.
48. Brickbat
49. Brain area
50. Figurehead's place
53. ____ v. Wade

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CAPRICORN
December 22–January 19

Let the truth be heard, Capricorn, all of it. It may be bitter, but it is the only way to perpetuate change. An email turns you on to a new hobby.

ARIES
March 21–April 19

Friends lock horns. Steer clear of the battle, Aries. It will be some before the problem is resolved. A package arrives. What's inside surprises you.

CANCER
June 22–July 22

Pest. Cancer. Someone you know isn't doing their part, and it may not be their fault. Proceed with caution. A train wreck at home is not yours to clean up.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

Feeling out of sorts, Libra? No problem. A field trip will boost spirits and get the ideas flowing again. A repair is less costly than expected.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

Fatigue sets in early in the week. Combat it with an outdoor pastime, Aquarius. A phone call gets the ball rolling on a project at work. Choose your team wisely.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

Come on, Taurus. Make a fuss. That is the only way you are going to see any results. A compromise at home brings peace to your realm once more.

LEO
July 23–August 22

Competition is heating up at the office. Don't join in unless you are ready to play hard, Leo. Your financial picture improves with a windfall.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

A need is made known. Heed the call, Scorpio. An estimate is just that, an estimate. Allow for more wiggle room in your budget. Travel plans get underway.

PISCES
February 19–March 20

The torture is over, Pisces. The details are finally revealed. Take some time to mull over everything before you act. A photo makes for a lot of fun at home.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Be careful what you wish for this week, Gemini. You may just get it, and it may not be what you want after all. A secret is kept, and a promise is fulfilled.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

More work now will lead to a lot less work later. Dig in, Virgo. A scheduling mishap turns out to be a blessing in disguise. Finances shape up.

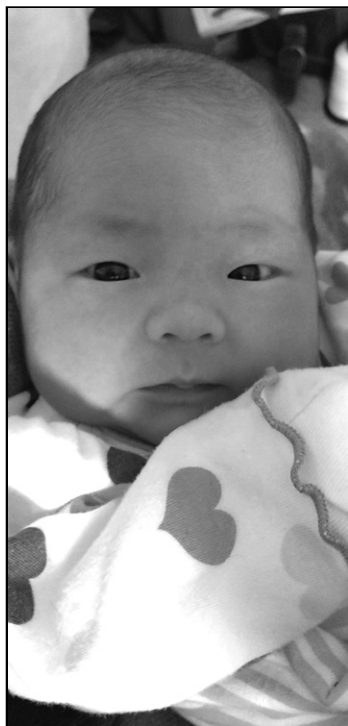
SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

Check your facts, Sagittarius. Errors are not permitted. A checky retort at home lightens the mood and gets the conversation flowing.

All Around the Sound

New Arrivals

Samantha and Duane Ungott are proud to announce the birth of their daughter **Andrea Julia Jenny Naasquutaq Ungott**. She was born April 26 and weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and



Andrea Julia Jenny Naasquutaq Ungott

was 19.5" long. Her proud grandparents are Eddie and Joni, and Albert and Delia.

Rachel Seppilu and James Standish of Nome announce the birth of their son **Jackson Wilder Ifkaaghun Standish**. He was born on April 22, at 6:03 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 5 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 18" in length. Maternal grandparents are Leroy and Sarah Seppilu; and paternal grandparents are James Standish, Sr. and Ellen Standish.

Donna B. Apassingok and Roger C. Slwooko, of Gambell, announce the birth of their son **Connor Trin Parker Apassingok**, born May 2, at

10:20 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 19.5" in length. Maternal grandmother is Ramona G. Apassingok, of Gambell. Paternal grandparents are Archie and Geraldine Slwooko of Gambell.

Chelsey M. Larsen and Kyle A. Ryan of Unalakleet announce the birth of their son **Karter Paul Joseph Larsen**, born May 4, at 12:33 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce. His brother is Jesse Wyatt Larsen, 1. Maternal grandparents are (both deceased) Jessie Otton and Gordon Larsen. His paternal grandparents are Karen Bradley of Unalakleet, and the late Fred Ryan.

Murdock Rutger Erickson was born at 10:20 am on May 5, in Anchorage, to proud parents Ryder and Annette Erickson. He was 10 lbs. 8 oz. and 21.65 inches long. He will be loved by his grandparents Jeff and Donna Erickson and grandmother Janet Koutchak, all of Unalakleet, as well as his sisters, cousins and many aunts and uncles. His Inupiaq name is "Igiilaq", after his uncle Gerald "Haru" Ivanoff.



Murdock Rutger Erickson

Credit Union 1 has new branch manager

Credit Union 1 hired returning employee Asaaluk Irelan as branch manager of its Nome location. Irelan is a long-time resident of Nome and has over eight years of experience in the banking and finance industry. From 2009 through 2013, Irelan worked for Credit Union 1 as Assistant Branch Manager in Nome.

"Irelan brings her previous experience at the Nome Branch to the position as well as a great familiarity with the Nome community. We are very pleased she is back with CU1 in her new capacity," said James Wileman, Branch Member Services Manager. In addition to her work experience, Irelan also coached the Nome-Beltz High School Native Youth Olympics Team from 2004 to 2010 and the Junior Varsity volleyball team for a season in 2004. In her new position, Irelan will be in charge of the credit union's Nome branch operations.



NEW MANAGER—Asaaluk Irelan is the new Credit Union 1 branch manager in Nome.

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Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

Community United Methodist Church
West 2nd Avenue & C Street • 443-2865
Pastor Charles Brower
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Monday: Thrift Shop 4:00 to 5:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday: Thrift Shop 7:00 to 8:30 pm
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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)
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River of Life Assembly of God
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Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
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|-------------|---|--------------------------|
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|-------------|---|--------------------------|
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All Along the Seawall

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

On 5/12 at 4:45 a.m. Nome Police Department Officers responded to a residence on Second Avenue for the report of an assault. Further investigation revealed that David O'Connor, 33, had

placed a family member in fear of injury. David was subsequently arrested for Assault in the Fourth Degree and remanded to AMCC. He was held without bail, as this was a DV related offense.

On 05/13 at 6:50 p.m. Nome Police Department responded to a local Front Street business on a report of a lost boy. Officers made contact with the boy and the boy was returned to his re-

spective father. No further incident occurred.

On 05/14 at 12:15 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on Fourth Avenue after they had received a report of an assault. Investigation led to the arrest of Jeremiah Moriarty, 28, for putting his girlfriend in physical danger. He was remanded to AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree DV and Violating his Conditions of Probation. No bail was set.

On 05/14 at 9:04 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a report of an assault near Belmont Street. Further investigation led to the arrest of Nora Brown, 44, for Assault in the Fourth Degree, DV, and Interfering with the Report of a Domestic Violence Crime. She was transported to AMCC and remanded. No bail was set.

On 05/14 at 10:05 p.m. Nome Police Department responded to a missing child on the east end of Nome. The child was returned safely to her mother.

On 05/15 at 2:41 a.m. Nome Police Department responded to a report of a suicidal female. The female was taken to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for her safety.

On 05/15 at 10:28 a.m. The Nome Police Department observed a Checker Cab double park on Front Street in front of the post office. After contacting the driver, he was found to have been operating the vehicle with a revoked license.

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ENFORCEMENT SURVEY**
The Nome Planning Commission has authorized a 60-day period for public commentary on the enforcement of the City's Zoning Code. A public survey is available at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NPC2014>
Hard copies of the survey are also available through the City Clerk's Office in City Hall at 102 Division Street. The comment period will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 13, 2014. Feel free to call 443-6663 with any questions.
4/17-24-5/1-8-15-22-29-6/5-12

**PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT of ENVIRONMENTAL CON-
SERVATION
NOME JOINT UTILITY SYSTEM
SNAKE RIVER POWER PLANT**
The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) proposes to issue Air Quality Minor Permit No. AQ0210MSS01 and renew Air Quality Control Operating Permit No. AQ0210TVP03 to the Snake River Power Plant, under Alaska Statutes 46.14 and regulation 18 AAC 50.
Applicant:
Nome Joint Utility System (NJUS)
Mailing Address:
PO Box 70

Nome, AK 99762
Location:
UTM Coordinates Zone 3
Northing: 7,153,500 m
Easting: 479,500 m
Activity:
The Snake River Power Plant is a diesel electric power plant that provides electric power to the city of Nome, Alaska.
The significant emission units at the stationary source consist of five diesel generators and two standby diesel fired boilers.
Application:
As required by 18 AAC 50, NJUS applied for a renewal operating permit for the Snake River Power Plant. NJUS submitted an application on March 11, 2013.
NJUS also applied for the minor permit on March 11, 2013. The minor permit application is classified under 18 AAC 508(6) to revise terms and conditions of a Title I permit. NJUS requested an integrated review of the minor permit and operating permit renewal. For the minor permit, only Title I conditions being revised in response to the minor permit application as described in the Application Description section of the technical analysis report (TAR) and revisions made by the Department as described in Tables 1 through 3 of the TAR are open to public comment.
Emissions:

The potential annual emissions of regulated air contaminants at the facility are: 32 tons of particulate matter (PM-10), 1,659 tons of nitrogen oxides (NO_x), 252 tons of sulfur dioxide (SO₂), 148 tons of carbon monoxide (CO), and 37 tons of volatile organic compounds (VOC). The total potential emissions of regulated air contaminants is 2,128 tons per year.
Department Preliminary Review:
Based on review of the application, ADEC has

drafted preliminary permit decisions for the Snake River Power Plant.
Available Information:
Copies of ADEC's draft operating permit and statement of basis, and preliminary minor permit and TAR are available at ADEC's Anchorage office, 619 E. Ship Creek Ave., Ste. 249, Anchorage, AK 99501 (907) 269-7577.

The administrative record for this permit is available for review at the Anchorage office of ADEC during normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.
The draft operating permit and statement of basis, and preliminary minor permit and technical analysis report are also available at ADEC's website at: <http://dec.alaska.gov/applications/air/airtoolsweb>.

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• More Seawall

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Daniel McDaniel, 35, was placed under arrest and transported to AMCC.
On 05/15 at 6:44 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on the west side of town. Investigation led to the arrest of David Moore, 30, for Disorderly Conduct and Violating his Conditions of Release. Donald Ahnang-natoguk, 32, was also placed under arrest for Parole Violation. Both were transported to AMCC.
On 05/15 at 10:19 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a report of individuals violating their conditions. Investigation led to the arrest of Roy Sockpick, 47, for Assault in the Fourth Degree DV. Joanne Obruk, 29, was also placed under arrest for Violating her Condition of Probation and Release. Both were transported to AMCC.
On 5/17 at 1:17 a.m. Nome Police Department Officers observed a vehicle travelling on the Nome-Council Highway and crossing the center of the road several times and continued to do so once on the paved road. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver of the vehicle, Jason Merculief, 34, was found to have a Revoked License. Jason was further found to be on current probation conditions that prohibited the commission of any jailable offenses. Jason was subsequently arrested for Driving While License is Revoked or Suspended and Probation Violation and was remanded to AMCC where he was held without bail.
On 05/17 at 2:30 a.m. Nome Police Department responded to a disturbance on the east end of town. Investigation revealed Aloysius Muktoyuk, 42, had assaulted his girlfriend. Muktoyuk was re-

manded to AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree Domestic Violence and Interfering with a Report of a Domestic Violence. No Bail was Set.
On 05/17 at 7:14 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a report of a disturbance near McClain Lane. Investigation led to the arrest of Daniel Ahmasuk, 31, for Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree and Violating his Conditions of Probation. He was transported to AMCC.
On 05/17 at 6:22 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to the report of an intoxicated female who was having trouble walking on her own. Contact led to the arrest of Freida Okomealingok, 32, on two counts of Probation Violation. She was transported to AMCC.
On 5-17 at 7:15 p.m. Nome Police Department Officers were dispatched to a residence on C Street for the report of an assault. Further investigation revealed that Nancy Kiyuklook, 32, had struck a member of her family, causing injury. Nancy was also found to be on current Order and Conditions of Release, which prohibits her from consuming alcohol, as well as violating the law. Nancy was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault in the 4th Degree, DV and Violating her Conditions of Release. She was held without bail.
On 5-18 at 3:25 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a report of an intoxicated female downtown. The investigation led to the arrest of Esther Brown, 21, for Harassment in the Second Degree. Esther was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center. Bail was set at \$250.

Nome Airport Construction Update



Construction to improve runway safety areas at the Nome Airport will tentatively begin May 19th, 2014. Current 2014 milestones of the project include reducing the length of crosswind Runway 3/21 to 4000 feet on June 12th 2014, closing Runway 3/21 beginning July 17th, and reopening Runway 3/21 on August 15th 2014. Any closures of main Runway 10/28 will be limited and occur during night hours as to reduce impacts to the travelling public. For more information or to receive weekly email updates please contact QAP Project Engineer Max Vockner at 529-0472 or DOT Project Engineer Vanessa Musich at 443-3424.

Kukulget, Inc.

Notice of annual meeting of Shareholders June 19, 2014, to be held in Savoonga, Alaska.

Voting shareholders who are at least 18 years of age and wish to run for one of the **7 board of directors seats** open for election are requested to send a letter of intent, including current address, telephone # and a resume listing qualifications to:

**Kukulget, Inc.
PO Box 160
Savoonga, Alaska 99769**

PUBLIC NOTICE

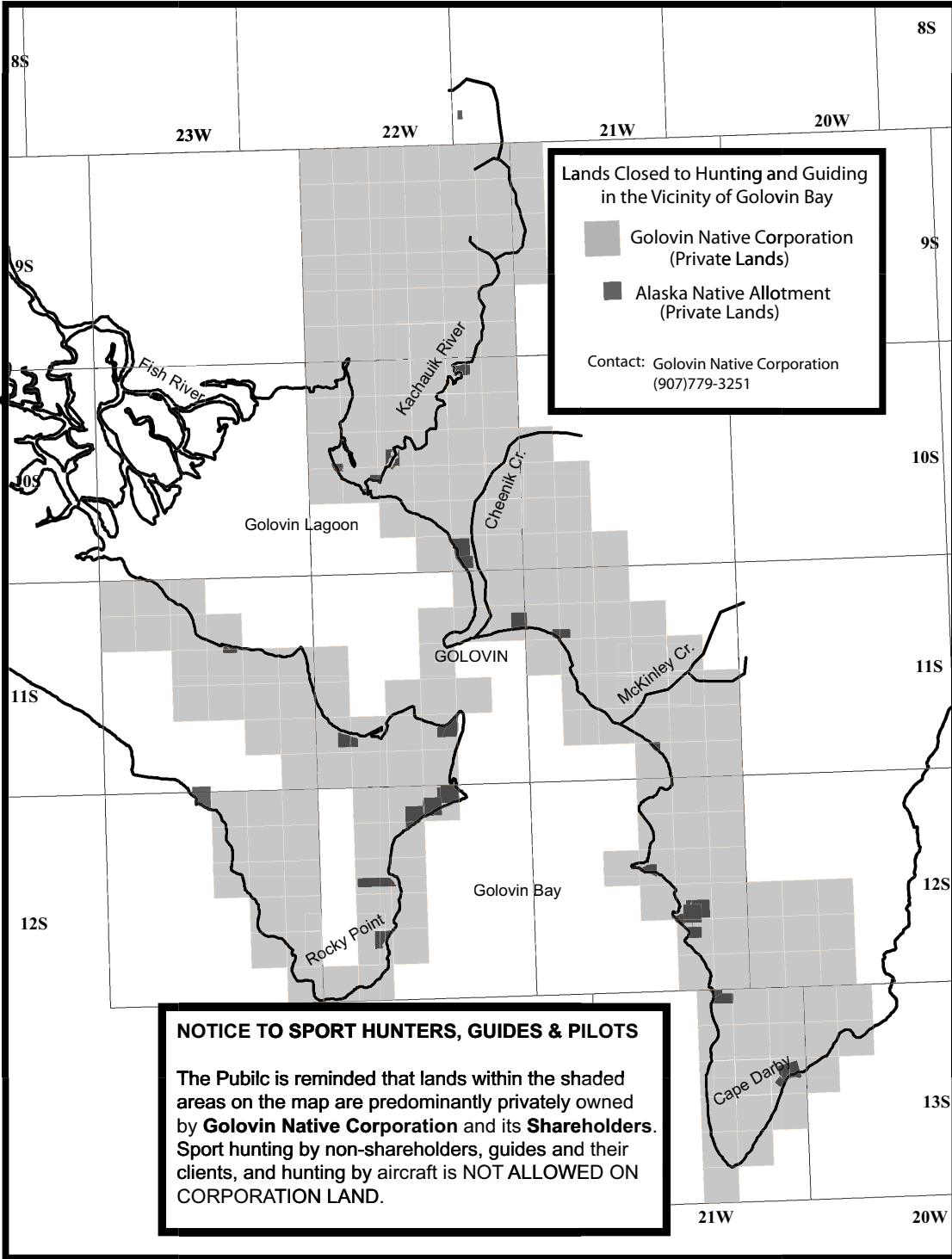
SJY, Inc. is making application for a new Beverage Dispensary Tourism AS 04.11.400 (d) Liquor License DBA Nome Nugget Inn, located at 315 Front St. Nome. Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 2400 Viking Drive Anchorage, AK 99501

5/8-15-22

PUBLIC NOTICE

SJY, Inc. is making a application for a new Beverage Dispensary Tourism duplicate AS 04.11.400(d) Liquor License DBA Bering Sea Restaurant, located at 305 Front St. Nome. Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 2400 Viking Drive Anchorage, AK 99501

5/8-15-22



Lands Closed to Hunting and Guiding in the Vicinity of Golovin Bay

- Golovin Native Corporation (Private Lands)
- Alaska Native Allotment (Private Lands)

Contact: Golovin Native Corporation (907)779-3251

NOTICE TO SPORT HUNTERS, GUIDES & PILOTS

The Public is reminded that lands within the shaded areas on the map are predominantly privately owned by **Golovin Native Corporation** and its **Shareholders**. Sport hunting by non-shareholders, guides and their clients, and hunting by aircraft is **NOT ALLOWED ON CORPORATION LAND**.

• More Legals

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Opportunity for Public Participation:

Notice is also given that any interested person may present written statements relevant to the draft documents by the close of the public comment period. Written comments will be included in the record if received by close of the comment period. ADEC will consider all comments received and make any changes ADEC finds beneficial or necessary to assure compliance with 18 AAC 50 or State Law. Any person may request a public hearing and that hearing will be held if ADEC finds that good cause exists. ADEC will issue a final decision to issue or deny the permit after the close of the public comment period. ADEC complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in this public process, please contact Deborah Pock at (907) 269-0291 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 within 30 days of publication of this notice to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided. Please direct written statements or requests relevant to the proposed operating permit to Scott Faber by mail at 619 E. Ship Creek Ave., Ste. 249, Anchorage, AK 99501, by facsimile at (907) 269-7508 or send e-mail to scott.faber@alaska.gov. Comments must be received by close of public comments period at 4:30 p.m. on **June 16, 2014**. 5/15-22

**CITY OF NOME, ALASKA
INVITATION TO BID
TRUCK AND HEAVY DUTY EQUIPMENT
REPAIR/MAINTENANCE**
The City of Nome is accepting bids for truck and heavy duty equipment repair and maintenance. All bid requirements and documents are available at the City Clerk's Office, Nome City Hall at 102 Division Street. All sealed bids must be received by the City Clerk, City of Nome, P.O. Box 281, Nome, Alaska, 99762 prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, June 5, 2014. The bid opening will be held 3:00 PM on Thursday, June 5, 2014 in the office of the City Clerk. The City Council shall award the bid at their regular meeting of June 9, 2014 or at the next date at which a quorum is present. The City of Nome reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 5/22-29-6/5

**CITY OF NOME, ALASKA
INVITATION TO BID
VEHICLE AND LIGHT DUTY EQUIPMENT REPAIR/MAINTENANCE**
The City of Nome is accepting bids for vehicle and light duty equipment repair and maintenance. All bid requirements and documents are available at the City Clerk's Office, Nome City Hall at 102 Division Street. All sealed bids must be received by the City Clerk, City of Nome, P.O. Box 281, Nome, Alaska, 99762 prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, June 5, 2014. The bid opening will be held

3:00 PM on Thursday, June 5, 2014 in the office of the City Clerk. The City Council shall award the bid at their regular meeting of June 9, 2014 or at the next date at which a quorum is present. The City of Nome reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 5/22-29-6/5

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

ARNOLD OTTO ASHENFELTER
DOD: 4/5/2014
Deceased.
Case No. 2NO-14-00030 PR
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that Denise Ashenfelter has been appointed personal representative of the above-entitled estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Denise Ashenfelter c/o Lewis & Thomas, P.C., PO

Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762, or filed with the Court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762. DATED this 16 day of May, 2014

H. Conner Thomas
ABA # 8006049
Attorney for Denise Ashenfelter
Personal Representative,
PO Box 61, Nome, AK 99762
5/22-29-6/5

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

**In the matter of a
Notice of
Petition to Change Name**
A petition has been filed in the superior court (Case # 2NO-14-00089CI) requesting a name change from (current name) Sarah Louise Kristiansen to Sarah Louise Kristiansen-Seppilu. A hearing on this request will be held on June 17, 2014 at 11:00 am at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK. 5/22-29-6/5-12

Alaska Court clears liability case against Juneau gun dealer for trial
Brady Center represents family of man shot, killed by fugitive with suspiciously acquired gun

An Alaska judge has approved a trial in a lawsuit brought by the family of Simone Kim, of Juneau, against the gun dealer that supplied his killer with a gun. This suit is the first case in Alaska that seeks to hold a gun dealer liable for an alleged negligent transfer of a firearm resulting in injury or death.

Judge Philip M. Pallenberg of the Superior Court of the State of Alaska at Juneau denied defendant Ray Coxé's summary judgment motion late Friday, May 2. Judge Pallenberg had earlier dismissed the case, but in February 2013, the Supreme Court of Alaska unanimously reversed that decision (*Kim v. Coxé*).

"Simone Kim was a caring and creative young man, simply doing his job, when his life was taken from him by a crazed fugitive who had no business getting his hands on a gun," said Jonathan Lowy, director of the Legal Action Project at the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence and co-counsel for the Kim family. "The court correctly decided the Kim family is entitled to its day in court, to prove to a jury that a gun dealer irresponsibly supplied a weapon to Simone's killer, and is partly responsible for Simone's death."

The Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence's Legal Action Project and the Choate Law Firm in Juneau filed suit on behalf of Kim's family on July 31, 2008. The complaint alleges that gun dealer Ray Coxé allowed meth-addicted fugitive Jason Coday to leave his store with the rifle Coday used to shoot and kill Kim, a 26-year-old stranger who was murdered while painting outside a supermarket. The suit alleges that Coxé engaged in an illegal sale of the gun to Coday without a Brady background check.

"Everyone understands that dealers should act responsibly to prevent criminals and other dangerous people from obtaining firearms. After almost six years of fighting for justice, the Kims finally have their chance to present their case before a jury to decide whether it was reasonable for this gun dealer to enable Simone's killer to obtain a deadly weapon," added Lowy. Attorney Mark Choate of the Choate Law Firm is co-counsel for the Kim

family along with Jonathan Lowy.

For 25 years, the Brady Center's Legal Action Project has been the only law group in the country representing victims of gun violence in high-impact lawsuits to reform gun industry practices that contribute to gun violence. The Brady Center has won landmark precedents holding irresponsible gun companies accountable in courts across the country, including Alaska, California, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Utah, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Major Subdivision

a public hearing will be conducted during a regular meeting of the nome planning commission to seek comments on the following:

Approval of a preliminary plat for a major subdivision from Nikolai Ivanoff for the property located at Sons Subdivision, Lots 1-5.

DATE: Tuesday, June 3, 2014
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
LOCATION: City Hall Chambers



5/15-22-29

Court

**Week ending 5/16
Civil**
Doe, Jane - Old Name; Doe, Jane - New Name; Change of Name
Erickson, John W. - Old Name; Erickson-Ford, John W. - New Name; Ford, Melissa K. - Petitioner; Erickson, James W. - Parent; Change of Name
Erickson, Jamison L. - Old Name; Erickson-Ford, Jamison L. - New Name; Change of Name
Ahgupuk, Irene v. Pootongooluk, Thomas; Civil Protective Order
Seetot, Ill, Elmer K. v. Jones, Rebecca C.; Domestic Relations Other
Rowe, Sandra L. v. Shelp, John P.; Civil Protective Order
Pootoogooluk, Harvey K. v. Ahgupuk, Irene; Civil Protective Order
Minor Party v. Outwater, Sherwin; Civil Protective Order
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Ahgupuk, Irene v. Hersurd, Peggy; Civil Protective Order
Ahgupuk, Irene v. Barr, Pauline; Civil Protective Order
Pootoogooluk, Thomas v. Ahgupuk, Irene; Civil Protective Order
Bannke, Adrienne D. v. Tucker, Michael; Civil Protective Order
Small Claims
No current small claims filed (start 2NO-14-00019SC)
Criminal
State of Alaska v. Taylor Adsuna (4/1/00); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; First Offense; Date of Offense: 4/4/14; Imposition of sentence suspended and defendant is placed on probation under the conditions stated below; Fine: \$200 with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$200 is to be paid to the court by 5/9/15; \$10 Surcharge; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 5/9/14); Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Defendant must submit to evaluation by the program and pay for and successfully complete any education or treatment recommended by this program; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).
State of Alaska v. Steven Gillette (3/16/92); 2nd Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114797079; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Jessie Lynn Kennedy (6/27/94); Amended: Disord conduct-Challenge To Fight; Date of Offense: 5/10/14; SIS: Imposition of Sentence Is Suspended And The Defendant Is Placed On Probation; Any Restitution Ordered Below Will Continue To Be Civilly Enforceable After Probation Expires; 1 day shock time, time served; (Release immediately); Fine: \$250 with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$250 Shall Be Paid w/in 6 months; Police Training Surcharge: \$50; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 Per Case; Due Now To AGs Office, Anchorage; Probation for 6 months; Other: Commit no jailable offenses.
State of Alaska v. Mark L. Kennedy (8/15/71); Amended: Disord conduct-Challenge To Fight; Date of Offense: 5/19/14; 1 day served; (Release immediately); Fine: \$250 with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$250 Shall Be Paid; Police Training Surcharge: \$50; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 Per Case; Due Now To AGs Office, Anchorage.
State of Alaska v. Magdeline Omiak (11/19/87); False Information; Date of Violation: 5/10/14; 20 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through

this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Samuel Ahkinga (4/12/93); Disord Conduct-Challenge To Fight; Date Of Offense: 5/10/14; 3 days; Police Training Surcharge: \$50; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 Per Case; Due Now To AGs Office, Anchorage.
State of Alaska v. Shane Mike (10/16/91); 2NO-14-290CR Count 001: Disorderly Conduct; Date of Violation: not indicated; 1 day, 0 days suspended; Time served; (Ready to Release Immediately); Fine: \$500 with \$0 suspended; Pay unsuspended \$500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 1 year; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Shane Mike (10/16/91); 2NO-14-290CR Count 002: Disorderly Conduct; Date of Violation: not indicated; 1 day, 0 days suspended; Time served; (Release Immediately); Fine: \$500 with \$0 suspended; Pay unsuspended \$500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 1 year (consec. To count 1); 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. Charlene Tate (1/26/89); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114189732; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 5/7/15; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Edwin Campbell (10/23/74); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114797142; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: 6 months (9/19/15); Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 8 days, not to exceed time served; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Ernest Butler (4/3/82); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: A4; Filed by the DAs Office 5/9/14.
State of Alaska v. James Aningayou (1/17/96); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: A4; Filed by the DAs Office 5/9/14.
State of Alaska v. Audrey Tate-Walunga (6/2/85); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: A4; Charge 002: CM; Filed by the DAs Office 5/9/14.
State of Alaska v. Xaviera Pete (4/25/85); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: A4; Filed by the DAs Office 5/9/14.
State of Alaska v. Kallie King (2/2/92); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: A4; Filed by the DAs Office 5/5/14.
State of Alaska v. Florence Ahkinga (5/24/84); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: A4; Filed by the DAs Office 5/9/14.
State of Alaska v. Floyd Bernard Lockwood (5/10/77); 2UT-13-91CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111175443; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-14-124CR; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Floyd Lockwood (5/10/77); 2NO-14-124CR Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 2/22/14; 360 days, 180 days suspended; Unsuspended 180 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; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount of restitution to be determined as provided in

Criminal Rule 32.6(c)(2); Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 5/14/14); Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Marjean Otten without M.O.'s consent; Must leave immediately if asked; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain in the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.
State of Alaska v. Ambrose Otten Jr. (11/22/61); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112399056; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 120 days.
State of Alaska v. Bialtrice V. Marlette (3/20/60); Import Alcohol-Dry Area-Small Amount; Date of Violation: 11/13/12; 30 days, 20 days suspended; Fine: \$3,000 with \$1,500 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$1,500 fine through Nome Trial Courts, by 5/15/16; 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; Probation for 1 year; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law pertaining to alcoholic beverages; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; 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; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to local option community.
State of Alaska v. Ann Soolook (6/29/70); CTN 001: Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 4/14/14; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 002, 003; 45 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 45 days, time served; Release Immediately; 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. Charles Merculiet (11/29/91); Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 4/20/14; 150 days, 130 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days, time 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 1 year (date of judgment: 5/14/14); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no jailable offenses.
State of Alaska v. Edward Smith (1/21/82); DUI; Date of Offense: 1/21/14; 80 days, 60 days suspended; Not to exceed time served; Pay to Clerk of Court, or pay online at courtrecords.alaska.gov/ep/ep.htm: Fine: \$3,000, \$0 suspended; \$3,000 due 5/15/16; Police Training Surcharge: \$75, \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case, \$0 Suspended; \$50 Due from Defendant; Cost of Imprisonment: \$1467 (2nd Off.); \$0 Suspended; Full amount ordered, due; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license revoked for 1 year; Concurrent with DMV action; Other: Bail is exonerated; Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 5/15/14), subject to the following conditions; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period 24 hours before or after operating a motorized vehicle, 2 years from date of this judgment.

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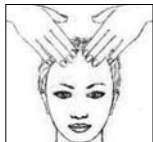
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AEROBATICS— These Arctic Terns fly above a pond at Swanberg's Dredge on May 18.

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LOOKING FOR FOOD— This Arctic Tern looks for prey while flying in front of Swanberg's Dredge just outside of Nome.

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RESTING— A seal rests atop the ice near the Safety Sound bridge.

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EARLY FLOWERS— Tiny flowers have started to dot the tundra around Nome, such as this Alaska blue anemone, left, and the purple saxifrage, right.

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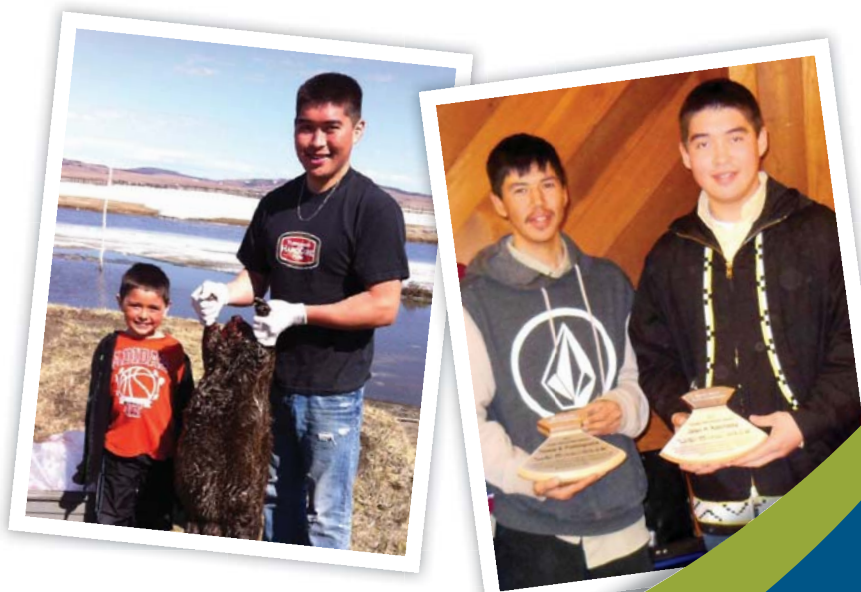


STILL ICE FISHING— Nomeites fish for trout at the Bonanza river bridge on May 18.

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