



HANGING OUT— A group of walrus shared a small ice floe drifting in Norton Sound between Nome and Unalakleet on Thursday, May 1.

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NSEDC won't jump into wood pellet or propane business yet

By Diana Haecker

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation's board of directors met for their first quarter meeting in a two-day session last week in Unalakleet.

Chief Operating Officer Tyler Rhodes brought to the board a report and recommendations relating to the potential expansion of the NSEDC's bulk fuel loan program to include

wood pellets and propane gas as heating fuel substitutes.

The board had directed staff to research the possibility of expanding their bulk fuel loan program to include alternative heat resources such as wood pellets used in special wood stoves.

Rhodes said he investigated prices of wood pellets and propane, but the cost of transporting the goods to

Nome and the region turned out to make the undertaking cost-prohibitive.

"We would not get as good a price as the group that started exploring the idea," said Rhodes.

The barge price difference between a quote for NSEDC and the group was \$27,000.

Rhodes said there is not enough demand for those wood pellets to get

an economy of scale transportation price reduction that could be passed on to the customer.

An option would be to do a loan program.

Don Stiles said that this addresses another big need of the region: reasonable transportation costs for goods coming to this region.

NSEDC chair Dan Harrelson proposed the idea of investing in a

barge. "Could we buy a barge and bring it up ourselves? Would we break even?"

Harrelson tasked Rhodes to find out if other western CDQ groups would be interested in partnering with NSEDC to invest in a barge company to benefit western Alaska with reasonable transportation

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Photo by Diana Haecker

DANCE STAR— Nikolai Avalun and the Gambell Singers and Dancers entertained visitors to Gambell after the Bering Sea Alliance meeting on Wednesday, April 30.

Court leaves Michels' bail at \$50,000

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome Superior Court turned away two proposed third-party custodians April 30, sending Adrienne Michels back to jail custody until she can propose another candidate for court approval.

Michels is being held on charges in the death of Wagner Wongittilin, 54.

Police reports say that Michels struck Wongittilin with her vehicle early April 12, near the corner of Fifth Avenue and Bering Street. Wongittilin, a Savoonga ivory carver artist and volunteer firefighter, was pronounced dead about an hour later in the hospital emergency room.

According to a police complaint, a witness stated that Wongittilin was with two relatives walking north on Bering Street when Wongittilin jumped in front of Michels' Ford Explorer and waved his arms. Michels left her vehicle with the drivers' door open, according to James Goldbeck, and fled the scene. Michels called her father, who found

her and returned with her to the scene, following a conversation with her that lasted three minutes, according to court documents.

Judge Paul D. Roetman rejected the custodians at a the bail hearing April 30 and refused to lower Michels bail requirement, letting it stand at \$50,000.

Michels was arraigned April 15 on manslaughter, a Class A Felony, leaving the scene of an accident involving injury or death, and driving under the influence of alcohol, both misdemeanors. A grand jury convened April 17 indicted Michels on those charges and added another felony charge—failure to render assistance to an injured, a Class C Felony. The case moved up to Alaska Superior Court. Michels appeared April 21 for arraignment on the four charges in the higher court. At that hearing, the court continued her bail at \$50,000 with the requirement that she be released only to a third party under conditions to be

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Bering Sea Alliance brings partners together in Gambell

By Diana Haecker

To residents of the Bering Strait and Norton Sound region, the way Arctic development is approached resembles a farmer putting the cart before the horse.

This was the message sent to federal agency representatives who attended a gathering in Gambell to discuss what it will take to maintain a subsistence life in the Bering Strait

while development occurs.

Who protects the Bering Strait?

The reason for the meeting is the increasing industrial and tourist ship traffic over the top of the world and through the narrow Bering Strait as well as industry ramping up for oil and gas development since a projected 20 percent of the world's hydrocarbons are hidden in the Arctic and more accessible due to climate-change induced sea ice decrease.

Bering Sea Alliance LLC, a group consisting of seven village corporations, staged an Arctic Resource Development and Infrastructure meeting in Gambell with the intent to inform St. Lawrence Island residents of industry plans and government processes and also to bring the visitors to "ground zero", where the ship traffic and development will have the most impact on the lives of

people who depend on the seasonal migration of marine mammals and the integrity of the ocean environment for food.

BSA LLC Chief Executive Officer Art Ivanoff organized the meeting and said in his opening remarks that the intent of holding the meeting in Gambell was to bring the process home.

"There are sessions regarding Arctic development in Anchorage, Girdwood and Juneau," he said. "We have a sense of urgency because there is a clear understanding of what's going on. At the same time the agencies don't have the sense of urgency that we have — the difference is that we live here. The people who depend on the ocean for their livelihood, they want to know what's going on with the increase of transportation. There is a real need expressing our concerns to the

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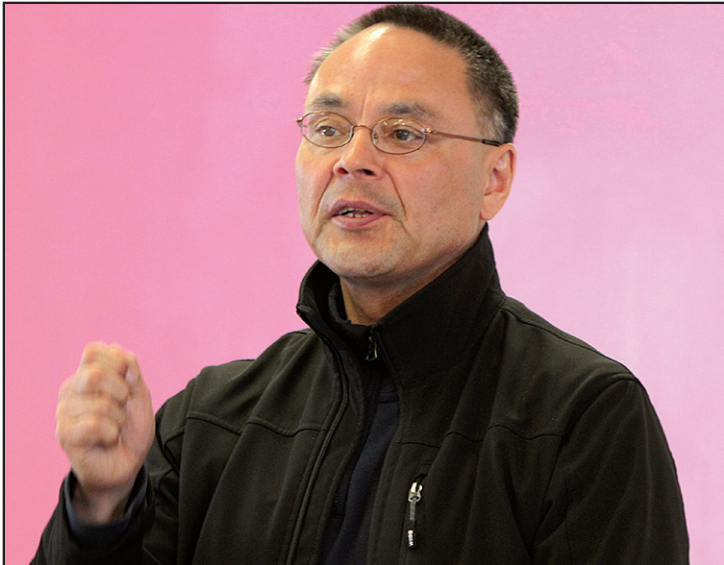


Photo by Diana Haecker

BUILDING CAPACITY— BSA LLC CEO Art Ivanoff welcomed partners in Gambell for a meeting on the region's future.

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Letters

Dear Editor:
"350,000,000 STRANGERS?"
Armed camps are springing up all around the nation! These little war zones, however, are often separated by nothing more than a few feet of air that usually bristles with tension and friction! These little enclaves are more commonly referred to, however, as the family home!

But why should this come as any surprise, especially considering the fact that just outside of the walls of home, there can often exist a virtual jungle! A wilderness that is inhabited by like creatures that are kept at bay only through fear, a few laws, and what remains of the human conscience, or soul if you prefer!

So I ask you, how can we ever expect security, brotherly love, or even trust on a world-wide scale, when many of us can not even get along with our immediate family on a day to day basis? And how, pray tell, can we ever attain these wonderful things when even our own government sometimes behaves like it, too, is strictly in business for itself?
H. Rick Tavares
Campo, CA 91906

Dear Editor:
Open letter to all Sitnasuak (village) Native Corporation shareholders

May 31, 2014 at 10 a.m. the annual meeting of SNC shareholders will be held at the Nome Elementary School. I would highly recommend shareholders read through the annual report before filling out the proxy statement (ballot). Early bird gifts is not a good reason to vote without first examining the profits and or losses for each and every subsidiary and llc. Evaluate the performance that the full board and management accomplished for the past 5 years.

There is a need to make change in the SNC board and staff/management because there is less accountability and accountability to the board and the owners, the shareholders.

Since 2007, the company has become a financial provider to close held llc's and even the full board may not be aware of business operations. Until after the fact.

A major concern, SNC shareholders are not able to attend board meetings because they are provided an agenda; able to share their concerns; then dismissed.

There is also an immediate need to dismiss the president of SNC Charles W. Fagerstrom, for failing to support the best interests of the shareholders. More fish in our adjacent

rivers is only one reason. There is also a formal complaint filed by a shareholder of record since Nov. 2013 and there has be no official board action to address this serious

administrative action. Why? Ask the full board at the annual meeting.
Shareholder
Chuck Wheeler
Nome, AK



AFTER THE RIDE TO OPHIR. SEPTEMBER 1908.—T. W. Gibson. Scott Turner. T. A. Rickard. C. H. Munro. Jafet Lindeberg.

The Ride to Ophir

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

Part IV

On the morning of September 4 we started on the return journey, leaving Ophir Creek at 9:40 a.m. and reaching Leland's camp at 5:10 p.m., thus covering the 42 miles in 7 1/2 hours, including the half-hour halt at mid-day in Skookum Gulch. It was cold and windy weather, culminating in a slight fall of snow. On this day my saddle-bags contained 561 ounces of gold, in two bars, but the additional weight did not bother Tony, who maintained a steady trot over the uneven trail. Crossing the divide into the valley of the Solomon, I noted the dome-shaped hills of limestone, weathered and gray, with tundra clinging to their feet. It was a forbidding landscape: cold gray hills against a wintry sky. But the air was bracing and the swinging gait of the horse made exhilarating exercise, ending in a comfortable rendezvous at Oro Fino, as the camp of the Three Friends is called. At 7:40 the next morning we were in the saddle again, arriving at Solomon at 8:25; here the gold was taken from me for shipment by the *Flyer*, that unhappy vessel being visible off-shore, where she was again stranded on a bar; as the tide was ebbing, the prospects of a start were poor. This was fortunate, for it decided us to ride to Nome on our trusty horses rather than risk a voyage along the coast in a miserable launch. Munro, Turner, and I left Solomon at 9:15, and then commenced the finest ride of my life.

The road ran along a sand-spit, formerly a bar, but now green with tough grass. With firm ground underfoot and willing horses, the telephone poles flanking the road in long perspective were passed in quick succession. Only a hundred yards to the left was Bering Sea, smooth and sunlit, with no suggestion of the storms that had

flung the gray driftwood high on the edge of the land. On the right, also a hundred yards away, a long lagoon mirrored the blue and white of the sky; inland stretched the tundra, in the tawny livery of autumn, crossed by the purple shadows of traveling clouds, while in the distance northward rose the limestone hills whence come the Bonanza and Flambeau rivers. At 18 miles from Solomon the road is interrupted by an estuary at the mouth of which is Port Safety. Here is the Government wireless telegraph station. As we waited for the ferry the only sound to be heard was the coughing of the gasoline engine that runs the dynamo of the wireless equipment. This station is said to be the most successful of its kind in catching messages from passing ships, and it is also the only means of telegraphic communication between the Seward Peninsula and the outer world, messages being transmitted to St. Michael, whence they are forwarded overland by the military telegraph system, which crosses Alaska by way of Eagle and Fairbanks.

Beyond Port Safety the road continued excellent, clinging to the edge of the land, so that we were always close to the sea. Several Eskimo camps were passed. Countless dogs made the quiet air vibrate with their melancholy howls. The squaws were picking blueberries, using wooden rakes made from the covers of cigar-boxes. One young woman in a gay parka was attended by a young man who lay idly watching his belle at her pleasant task. An Eskimo idyll—the same old game! On a tent-pole the skin of a hair-seal was drying and on other frames fish were hanging like bananas. We saw an *oomiak* or native boat containing a family of ten, the father

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Editorial

It's A Dirty Shame

Nomeites love to stroll along our beautiful pristine beaches and our children enjoy playing on the sandy shores. We do not like to walk in and around garbage. We understand that one man's trash is not another man's treasure. It is still trash— especially when it is left stinking and rotting on the beach.

Scientists refer to the shoreline as the littoral zone. It is not the littoral zone. We have noticed large clumps and piles of mining debris and garbage on the West Beach. It is trash left over by the ice-miners in their quest for gold at the bottom of the sea. We hope these miners have acquired a sense of respect for the environment and leave the scene of their winter activities as clean or cleaner than when they started to mine. Apparently in their haste to get off the ice before it swallowed them, they neglected to haul away their trash.

To litter our beaches is a slap in the face of the folks who live here and harvest the fish, crabs, and shellfish to put on our tables. We encourage our mining visitors to respect our beaches and remember that Nome is our home, so keep it clean. —N.L.M.—

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Quick action stops mouse invasion of St. George Island

House mice were never meant to be on the remote and windswept Bering Sea Island of St. George, Alaska, so it was quite a shock for Mark Merculief and his coworkers from the City of St. George when they opened a shipping container of grass seed and straw, and found house mice scurrying around inside.

St. George is one of the few populated islands in the world where house mice have not become estab-

lished and the residents of the island (both people and wild animals) want to keep it that way. No nuisance mice, gnawed food packages or threats to native wildlife for them! "It was a surprise," said Merculief, "and not a nice one."

Recognizing the threat, the city workers immediately contacted Chris Merculief, President of the St. George Traditional Council, the organization charged with protecting

the island from rodent introductions. Merculief, and a crew from the Traditional Council, set traps and spread the news to the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge because part of the island is a National Wildlife Refuge and home to two million nesting seabirds.

The Refuge and the Traditional Council have long been partners working to keep St. George free of invasive rodents, so once the mice

were discovered they worked together with the City to come up with a plan to remove the mice. Two experienced rodent trappers from the Refuge, Steve Ebbert and Greg Thomson flew to St. George as soon as possible, thanks to financial help provided by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation. Once the biologists made it to the island they immediately got to work eradicating the mice.

When the dust cleared more than 50 mice were trapped by the collective effort of the Refuge, the Traditional Council and the City. Fortunately, all the mice were inside the shipping container and had not

yet spread to adjacent containers or the tundra. "We got really lucky here" said Alaska Maritime Refuge biologist Marc Romano. "If mice had established themselves on St. George they could have threatened the wildlife and gotten into the village." Mice can kill wild bird eggs and chicks, alter native vegetation, and could have threatened the native lemming species that's found only on St. George Island. In addition, eradicating mice once they've become established is expensive and in many circumstances nearly impossible.

Federal Subsistence Board makes changes to hunting, fishing regs

The Federal Subsistence Board met April 15-18 in Anchorage to consider 55 proposed changes to the Federal subsistence hunting and trapping regulations, recommend changes to the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture on the Rural Determination process and consider fisheries special actions affecting the Kuskokwim River.

Rural Determination Process

As directed in the Secretarial review of the Federal Subsistence Management Program, the Federal Subsistence Board, with Regional Advisory Council input, conducted a public review of the current rural determination process. A summary and analysis of the public, Regional Advisory Council, Tribal and Alaska Native Corporation comments was presented to the Board. The Board discussed several options and voted to recommend to the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture that the current regulations be revised to allow for the Board to determine which areas or communities in Alaska are nonrural; all other communities and areas would therefore be rural.

Changes to the Subsistence Hunting and Trapping Regulations

The Board adopted 39 of the 55

proposed changes to Federal hunting and trapping regulations. Among the changes approved by the Board are: Permit requirements for caribou in Units 9A, 9B, 9C, 17A, 17B, 17C, 18, 19A, and 19B. Subarea RG245 in Unit 6D was opened to the harvest of mountain goats by Federally qualified subsistence users

The harvest limits were increased, the season dates extended, and the boundaries of the areas for the harvest of moose were modified in Unit 18.

The Red Sheep and Cane Creek drainages remained closed to non-Federally qualified subsistence hunters during the Aug 10-Sept. 20 sheep season in the Arctic Village Sheep Management Area of Unit 25. Changes were made to the harvest limits, season dates, number of permits issued in Units 22D and 22B to protect the continued viability of the muskox population and the continued subsistence uses of muskox. In addition an 804 analysis conducted under Section 804 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), which establishes a priority among Federally qualified subsistence users, was adopted by the Board.

The harvest quota for moose by residents in Units 26C and 26B remainder was increased from 3 to 5. Residents of Units 20E, 25B, 25C, and 25D were added to the customary and traditional use determination for sheep. The Federal subsistence hunting and trapping regulations, effective

July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016, will be available statewide by mid-June. The regulations also will be posted on the Federal Subsistence Management Program website, <http://www.doi.gov/subsistence/index.cfm>.

Fishery Special Actions

The Federal Subsistence Board took action on two Kuskokwim River Chinook Salmon Special Action requests: The Board approved the special action request to allow the use of dip nets to take salmon in the Kuskokwim River drainage, with the provision that all Chinook salmon caught be released immediately.

The Board adopted the special action to close the Federal public waters that are within and adjacent to the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge to the harvest of Chinook salmon except by the residents of the Kuskokwim drainage and the villages of Chefornak, Kipnuk, Kwigillingok and Kongiganek. Additionally, the Board delegated the authority to the in-season manager the authority to determine when the 60-day emergency special actions would start. Additional information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program's website <http://www.doi.gov/subsistence/index.cfm>.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, May 8

***Legislative Office will be closed**

*Vinyasa Yoga
*Lap Swim
***Board of Equalization (as necessary)**
*Nome Food Bank
*City League Volleyball
*Open Bowling
***Thirty-eighth Annual Commencement Ceremony**
*Thrift Shop

Nome Rec Center Pool	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers Bering & Seppala Rec Center Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 pm 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Old St. Joe's Hall Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m

Friday, May 9

***Legislative Office will be closed**

*Pick-up Basketball
*Lap Swim
*Kindergym
***Nome-St. Lawrence Island Dance Group**
***Board of Equalization (as necessary)**
*Tae Kwon Do
*Open Bowling
*Drop-in Soccer (15+)
*AA Meeting

Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. - noon
XYZ Center	12:30 p.m.
Council Chambers Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Lutheran Church(rear)	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 10

*Open Bowling
*AA Meeting

Nome Rec Center Airport Pizza (upstairs)	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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Sunday, May 11

MOTHER'S DAY

*AA Meeting
*Adult Swim
*Open Swim
*Family Swim
*Lap Swim

Airport Pizza (upstairs) Pool Pool Pool Pool	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
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Monday, May 12

*Pick-up Basketball
*Lap Swim
*Kindergym
***USCG Open House**
*Zumba Fitness
*Water Aerobics
*Tae Kwon Do
*NCC Reg. Mtg.
*AA Meeting

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Tuesday, May 13

*Open Gym
*Strength Training
*Lap Swim
*City League Vball
*Vinyasa Yoga
*Nome Food Bank
*Open Swim
*AA Meeting

Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Pool Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Bering & Seppala Pool Airport Pizza (upstairs)	5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m..
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Wednesday, May 14

*Lap Swim
*Water Aerobics
*Nome Food Bank
*Zumba Fitness
*Tae Kwon Do
*Family Swim

Pool Pool Bering & Seppala Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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On April 30, a scheduled bail hearing did not occur because the court ruled out Michel's father, Eric Osborn, as a custodian, ruling that his status as a potential witness made him ineligible. Judge Paul A. Roetman presided at the hearing by phone from Kotzebue, as Asst. DA Tom Jamgochian, using a peremptory challenge, had bumped local Judge Tim Dooley off the case.

Myron E. Angstman of Bethel, attorney for Michels' defense, told the court he would not be calling Osborn; however, Jamgochian declared that he would put Osborn on the stand for questions.

Michels' relative, Crystal Lockwood, came to court also with the plan to share third party custody duties with Osborn.

A third-party custodian must maintain sight and sound contact with a person released to them at all times and notify police of any violation of this and other conditions of release.

Coming into court for her hearing, Michels smiled at her family. "It's so good to see you guys," she said.

Angstman told the court that the

bail amount—\$50,000—was too high. Michels sought reduction from \$50,000 to \$5,000 and that Michels, upon release would present no more risk to the public than any other person charged with DWI.

"The bail should be the same as for DWI. A DWI presents the same risk to the public as this lady would," Angstman told the court.

The high bail was based on punishment, rather than to reduce risk to the public, he added.

Wrong, said Jamgochian—Michels' charges were not the same, but more serious—she had been charged on manslaughter, a Class A Felony. Even had she been charged on felony DUI that would be a Class C Felony. The court needed to consider that a Class A Felony was two levels higher, Jamgochian said.

Michels' bail remained at \$50,000.

The court scheduled Michels' next hearing for July 16.

When Michels is ready to present another candidate as a third party custodian, a new bail hearing may be scheduled in the interim.

The trial is set for Aug. 18.

Meanwhile, as of May 5, Michels remained in custody at Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

Clarification:

In regards to last week's story on the City Council meeting, Dr. Leedy favors a ban on using hand-held cell phones not hands-free phones by drivers.



Photo courtesy of John K. Handeland

SWORN IN— New Nome Police Dept. Officer Joseph Dickerson took the oath of office from City Clerk Thomas Moran at the April 28 Nome Common Council meeting, as NPD Chief John Papasodora looks on.

Bethel official on leave after resignation of police chief

By Nathaniel Herz
Anchorage Daily News

Bethel's city council has placed City Manager Lee Foley on paid administrative leave as an outside attorney examines several city contracts and agreements, as well as an apparent violation of nepotism rules.

The mayor of the Southwest Alaska hub community of 6,300 is referring to city affairs as a "big mess" following Foley's suspension April 22 and the February resignation of Police Chief Larry Elarton.

The city council's seven members are now awaiting a report within the next week that could either clear Foley or possibly lead to his departure, said Councilman Mark Springer.

"As a result of all this, we could be patting him on the back and saying, 'Good job,'" Springer said. "Or we could be patting him on the back, saying, 'Go look for one.'"

Foley, who could not immediately be reached for comment, has been Bethel's manager — the city's chief executive officer — since 2008.

He's been under scrutiny since Feb. 11, when the city council voted

unanimously to spend up to \$40,000 on a lawyer to investigate a series of contracts and agreements, as well as what Mayor Joe Klejka describes as an existing violation of nepotism rules.

Foley's son works for Bethel's information technology department.

"Clearly, in Bethel municipal code, it says that the city manager can't have a family member working for them. And he hired his son," Klejka said in a phone interview.

The city's rules also prohibit department heads from employing their relatives, and the daughter of Elarton, the police chief who resigned, had been recently hired as a patrol officer. She later returned to her old job as a dispatcher, Springer said.

The council voted 5 to 2 at a meeting last Tuesday to put Foley on paid leave, replacing him temporarily with Port Director Pete Williams, according to a story in the Tundra Drums newspaper.

Foley was also told to relinquish all of his city property, though at the meeting he apparently refused to turn over a book containing police department records, according to the newspaper story. A city police officer was asked to make sure that

Foley didn't remove any materials from his office, Springer said.

Foley had already been directed by the city council to turn over all of his city-related emails. He initially had been open to the investigation, saying in February that it could "offer suggestions that could help us do things better," according to local radio station KYUK.

The outside attorney hired by the city, Anchorage lawyer Michael Gatti, is also exploring a tangle of other questions raised by council members. Neither Klejka nor Springer would discuss the investigation in detail, but according to city council minutes, it covers:

- Employee complaints of intimidation by supervisors.
- Agreements between the city and Sutton Business Solutions, a firm owned by former city finance director Bobby Sutton, according to KYUK.
- Accounting of leave time used by the city's salaried employees.
- The awarding of city work to demolish Bethel's old police station.
- Agreements and leases of the city airport's sand pit by "private entities."

The city council has discussed the

investigation at several meetings this year, both in public and in private executive sessions — some of which have stretched for more than two hours.

Some Bethel residents have criticized council members for not revealing more details. Local contractor Harry Faulkner said in a phone interview that the city council had been micromanaging Foley and "questioning everything he did."

Faulkner added he was worried that the dispute between Foley and the city council would make it difficult for Bethel to find good candidates to fill vacant municipal positions.

"All they have to do is Google 'Bethel,' and they'll say, 'To hell with this place,'" Faulkner said. "There's certain leeways the departments have to take to get the job done ... I think it was all justifiable."

Klejka, the mayor, acknowledged that some of the city council's concerns are "pretty minor." However, he added, "we're getting concerned, because there were what appeared to be violations of Bethel municipal code."

"I am with Harry (Faulkner) — I don't like to knee-jerk anything,"

Klejka said. "But it seemed like it was getting to the point where we needed to actually investigate this."

The issue of nepotism in Bethel government is not new, according to Springer.

He said that Foley's son had worked for the city for several years. While council members had been aware of his employment, Springer added, nobody had specifically raised it as a problem.

Councilwoman Heather Pike has also said that she would resign if the outside attorney deems her to be in violation of Bethel's rules, given that her "significant other" works for a Bethel department, according to KYUK.

In February, Foley submitted a proposal that would have replaced the city's strict nepotism rules with a more flexible set of guidelines, though the measure failed by a vote of 4 to 1.

The move would have allowed qualified relatives of municipal employees to work in Bethel government, according to the proposal, "as long as such employment does not, in the opinion of the city, create actual or perceived conflicts of interest."

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WELCOME TO GAMBELL— Residents of Gambell welcomed visitors to the Arctic Resource Development and Infrastructure meeting held at the Qernguughvik building from April 29-30.

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agencies,” said Ivanoff. “For the most part, we have been left at the sidelines.” While Ivanoff stressed the protection of the resources, he also pointed out that this region needs jobs. Rural villages along the Bering Sea and Chukchi Sea coastline bear high cost of living and a lack of jobs. “We need jobs in our region to alleviate the pain we all feel,” Ivanoff said.

Another topic of discussion was what village residents have to offer:

a deep understanding of unforgiving weather and ocean conditions, knowledge of the sea and the ice as well as animal movements and migrations. That local knowledge can and should be put to use when developing the Arctic in a smart way, was a theme heard throughout the conference.

Ivanoff calls this ‘building capacity.’

“Building capacity to me means training the people who are acclimated to the weather, but also hav-

ing the right tools in the tool box, like a [oil spill response equipment] depot in Wales and Gambell and to have equipment ready at a moment’s notice to be deployed,” Ivanoff said.

An illustrious group of people and representatives of federal agencies, non-profits and conservation groups did hop on small bush planes to venture out to St. Lawrence Island, where winter still has a grip on the land. Only a few bare patches of per-

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prices.

Harrelson admitted that NSEDC’s expertise in transportation issues is minimal, but Stiles said, “Same thing with the bulk fuel and we did it.”

Rhodes said one Connex would hold enough pellets to heat five homes for one year.

Harrelson commented that when flying along Norton Sound, he observed miles and miles of driftwood piled up on the beaches. “If we could devise a system to develop a wood pellet product right here in the region, it would provide jobs and avoid the transportation issue,” he said.

In other business, the board approved Outside Entity Funding projects. Each community has an OEF group that rates funding proposals and in the end, NSEDC’s board votes on the short list of projects for the communities. NSEDC approved the following:

Brevig Mission: \$5,000 for a BSSD bicultural renovation project; \$88,500 for the City to hire a Village Police Officer. Diomed: \$140,000 for the Diomed Health Clinic. Elim: \$17,177 for the Covenant Youth of Alaska youth mentoring program; \$24,000 for a mini truck for the City of Elim; \$73,900 for a slough project. Gambell: \$24,500 for a summer youth snack program by the Native Village of Gambell. Koyuk: \$60,000 for the VPSO housing unit. Nome: \$15,000 for the Anvil City Science Academy for laptop funding; \$25,000 for the Nome Boys and Girls Club; \$10,000 for King Island building expansion; \$24,000 for the village of Solomon for emergency communication.

Savoonga: \$120,000 for a dump truck. Shaktoolik: \$120,000 for a gravel storm berm to ward off erosion. Unalakleet: \$2,200 for the humpy derby; \$51,200 for the Native Village of Unalakleet for an Elders nutrition and care program; \$25,000 for transportation safety for the Covenant Bible Camp. Wales: \$60,000 for the Kingikmiut Dance Festival. White Mountain: \$15,300 for a youth mentoring program by the Covenant Youth of Alaska.

Kawerak received nearly \$23,000 for a cardboard crusher to make pellets meant to be used for heating purposes. The rest of the \$100,000 set aside for regional outside entity funding projects will roll over to next year.

The board approved buying ther-

mal imaging cameras for every NSEDC member community and Shishmaref for Search and Rescue purposes.

In committee reports, the board approved bylaw changes updating residency requirements and loan policies. Alaska law prohibits non-profit corporations from making loans to directors and officers. NSEDC’s bylaws added to prohibit loans to directors and officers of affiliates, which prevents these individuals from participating in NSEDC’s fishermen loan programs that are available to all other residents. The recent change to this provision was to scale back the loan prohibitions to those that are required by state law.

The residency bylaw was amended to clarify the existing requirements regarding residency in the Norton Sound Region. Residency is required to participate in NSEDC’s benefit programs, such as the scholarship and vocational education programs. The changes also added several new allowable ab-

sences, for which an individual may leave the region without losing residency status, including one that addresses absences from the region for medical treatment.

Dan Harrelson gave a finance committee report, saying that the first quarter financial review looked solid. The finance committee recommended spending \$500,000 to upgrade and build an addition to the Nome office. The board granted the recommendation.

Under new business, Kawerak approached NSEDC to co-fund the Early Childhood Education with \$250,000. Don Stiles commented, “If NSEDC takes over federal or state responsibilities, then we get stuck with it forever. I think education is the state’s responsibility. It’s \$250,000 now, but it will be more in the future,” Stiles said.

The board denied the request.

The board went into executive session during SIU Alaska Corp. report; and at the end of the board meeting, the board heard a litigation update and an Unaatuq proposal.



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CONSIDER THE LOCALS— Branson Tungiyang urged the agencies present to consider local and traditional knowledge when conducting operations in the Bering Strait.

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KEEPING THE TRADITION ALIVE— Students with the Gambell Hugo T. Apatiki Elementary School and the John Apangalook Memorial High School assemble each Wednesday at 2 p.m. to meet for 30 minutes of Eskimo dancing with the Gambell Singers and Dancers.

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fectly round beach pebbles peaked through the snow and building entrances were still blocked by snow-drifts.

Fresh off from Juneau, Senator Donny Olson and Representative Neal Foster attended the conference, addressing an attentive audience at the Qernguughvik building. Sen. Olson is optimistic of the good that may come of Arctic development. “I

see more and more opportunities arise in spite of the anxiety we feel about not being in control,” Sen. Olson said. He concurred with Ivanoff to insist on job creation for the region. “We want the economic opportunity but we also want to preserve our resources,” Sen. Olson stated. But he also expressed concern that state agencies, particularly the Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation, are not ready to respond to the worst case scenario: an oil spill

or shipwreck in the Bering Strait as happened with the *Exxon Valdez* in Prince William Sound or the Gulf of Mexico with the Deepwater Horizon blowout. “We are inadequately prepared for something like this to happen here,” Sen. Olson said.

Multi-billion dollar corporations are looking at the Arctic for opportunity as the last frontier and development is going to occur— be it through oil and gas development or increased cargo and tourism ship

traffic. “We can’t stop progress,” Olson said, “but we need to be involved and part of the decision-making process.”

The jurisdiction over the Bering Strait area is getting further complicated because of its status as an international strait, governed by international maritime law, and because of neighboring Russia. Rep. Neal Foster pointed out that current U.S.-Russian relations are strained because of the Russian invasion of Crimea, Russian militarization of its Arctic posts and aggressive resource extraction offshore. The Russian government is not as forthcoming with information as would be desirable and yet it is in Alaska’s interest to keep relations active. “We’ve got to find a way to bring them into the discussion,” said Rep. Foster. “Anything that happens on their side will

affect us here.”

Mark Fesmire with the federal Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement in Alaska said that marching orders from Washington are to keep talking with the Russians, but to not travel to any events held in Russia.

Foster also reiterated that he’ll be working in Juneau to make sure that Bering Strait communities have a decision making seat at the table and not just a token position to deal with the future of this region. To that effect, Ivanoff added that the BSA will be working with Foster and Olson on drafting language for a bill that would deal with oil spill prevention and mitigation in Alaska’s northern waters.

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CARRIES THE MESSAGE— District T Senator Donny Olson agreed that Bering Strait communities need to have a seat at the table when it comes to meaningful input to Arctic infrastructure development. Sen. Olson sits on the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission.

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FLOATING — Several groups of walrus caught a ride on small ice floes in Norton Sound between Unalakleet and Nome last week. Very little ice was observed in eastern Norton Sound, whereas larger amounts of ice sheets are moving with the wind closer to Nome.

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Foster heard comments that stressed the importance of subsistence as a major issue. Sivuqaq President Paul Apangalook pointed out that last year's dismal walrus hunt resulted in a "declaration of some sort," he said, but it really didn't do anything concrete to help our residents to fill their freezers or refrigerators. A trip to the store confirms what holds true for most rural communities: nearly empty shelves, hardly any fresh produce and exorbitant prices. Subsistence food and meat harvested from the island's reindeer or the ocean is making survival possible. Any threat to the continuance of whales, walrus or seals passing by the island in their biannual migrations, is a direct threat to the survival of the residents.

Deborah Vo with Senator Lisa Murkowski's office updated the audience on Sen. Murkowski's fight against the EPA regarding changing air quality rules; improving ice and weather forecasts; and continued mapping of the northwest Alaskan coastline and St. Lawrence Island.

Conoco Philipps Director of Village Outreach Lisa Pekich presented historic and present activities of Conoco in Alaska. Pekich said, "Due to regulatory uncertainty, we suspended all activities in the Chukchi lease area." The company remains active to explore and produce oil and gas in the Beluga gas fields, Kuparuk and Pt. Thomson gas lease and on its North Slope assets.

In regards to offshore oil and gas development, Pekich said that changing rules makes it hard for companies to commit to exploring and developing leases. "We need a reasonable regulatory frame work, but it gets tougher to drill in the U.S. with each incident like the Gulf of Mexico."

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement Director Mark Fesmire took exception to that statement. During his presentation on BSEE's role in enforcing drilling permits, he said, "Conoco said in their presentation, that there are uncertain regulations and I disagree. They just don't like what the regulations are."

Pekich said that since Conoco Philipps does not explore offshore anytime soon, there is no plan for oil spill mitigation or prevention. Branson Tungiyon, who has been a subsistence advisor for Shell during their exploratory expedition in 2012, commented that even though there is no plan, Conoco should consider the locals and their concerns when the time comes to develop a plan. "That's my point. You have no plan, but the BSA put us in touch with you and we ask you to build us into your agenda," Tungiyon said.

Shell's exploratory campaign used as a case study

Dr. James Kendall, director for the Alaska office of the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, outlined his agency's responsibility

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TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE (top)— Paul Apangalook with Sivuqaq Inc. commented during the meeting that when Gambell Elders contribute to traditional knowledge projects the content shall not be politicized.

LISTENING (right) — Gambell residents, BOEM's Dr. Jim Kendall and BSEE's Steven Pearson take notes during the BSA meeting.



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ties. The BOEM manages oil and gas resource evaluations, environmental studies and assessments, leasing activities. Dr. Kendall explained that BOEM is like the landlord managing federal properties and that BSEE is the “policeman” enforcing permit requirements during all phases of offshore Arctic exploration and production. The BSEE is only enforcing activities during the drilling, not the mobilization and demobilization of equipment, nor the transit of ships and drill platforms to and from the drill site.

Dr. Kendall said that BOEM will come out with Arctic standards. “What are those? My boss says: read the Shell report and there are your answers,” Kendall said. In 2012, Shell was the first company to set out on an exploratory drill campaign in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas. Shell was allowed to drill two test wells, albeit not into the oil-bearing zone since they didn’t have a functioning cap and containment system. Shell had 11 subsistence advisors in place who advised them regularly, they had a conflict avoidance agreement with the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission to not drill until whale hunting is over and they were heavily watched and regulated by BOEM and BSEE. Tungiyen remembered that the subsistence advisors told Shell to get out in time before the ice was moving and their advice was not heeded.

The vessels and the two drill rigs left the drill sites around November 1 and did make it to Dutch Harbor, but the transit from there to Seattle ended up making headlines when the drill rig Kulluk became separated from its tow tug and grounded near Kodiak. The Coast Guard investigated and the Secretary of the Interior issued a scathing report on Shell and the lack of oversight of its contractors.

However, Dr. Kendall pointed out that oil and gas exploration only made for 10 percent of all ship traffic traversing through the Bering Strait in 2012. Those 10 percent are regulated and watched, whereas the remaining 90 percent of ship traffic were not regulated at all.

The U.S. Coast Guard is the agency that enforces U.S. law in the U.S. waters along the Alaskan coast. Many questions from the audience during the meeting remained unanswered because the Coast Guard chose to not send a representative to the Gambell meeting.

Senator Lesil McGuire, co-chair of the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission, was supposed to attend the meeting as well, but opted out as weather seemed to make a quick in-and-out trip impossible.

Also invited but not showing up were Bruce Sexauer who was slated to give an update on Arctic Ports and infrastructure; Lt. Commander Jason Boyle with the U.S. Coast Guard and other presenters associ-

ated with Bering Strait Native Corporation and the state’s Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority – recently receiving the ability to make loans for arctic infrastructure development.

In the meantime, BSA will continue to work on an action plan to better the State of Alaska’s involvement and to conduct oil spill training in the region. So far, Ivanoff said, 40 regional residents have been trained in Hazmat classes, sponsored by Shell.

“We’re going to press the state legislature to pony up money to build resources that are badly needed for the ship traffic increase that is occurring,” said Ivanoff. “We are also getting ready for oil and gas development over the next 10 years. I think the villages really understand and have that sense of urgency to build capacity to protect the resources we depend on.”

The next BSA meeting is slated for August 12 and 13 in Gambell.

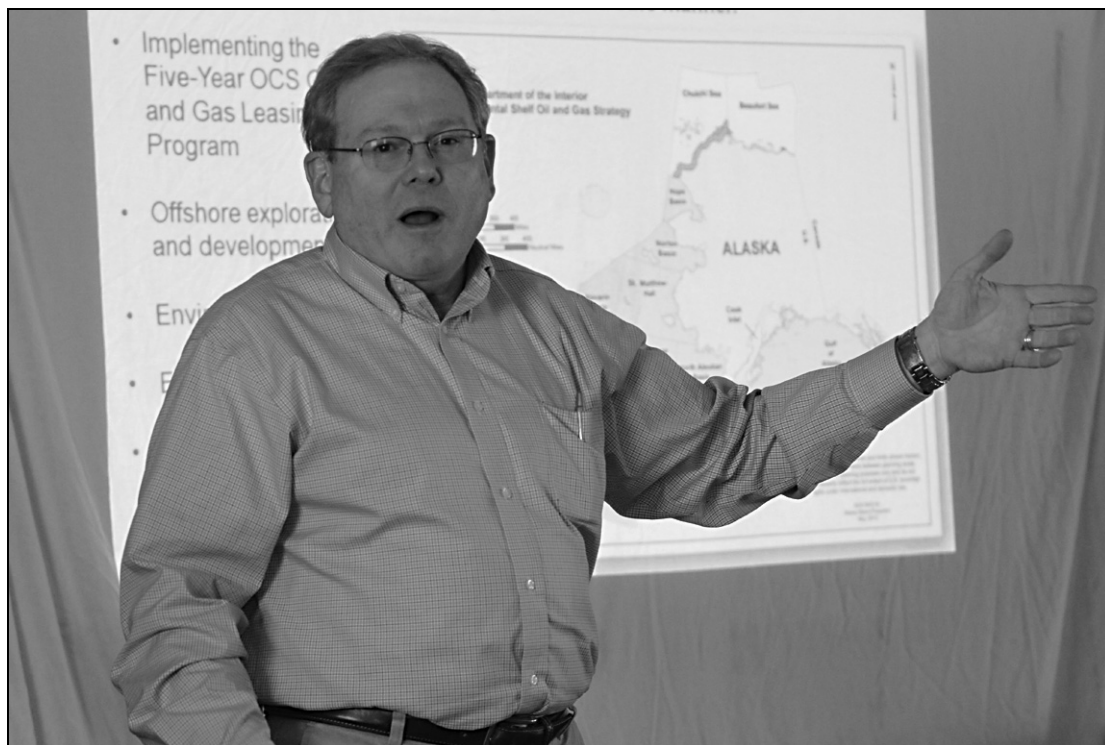
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WHALING CAPTAIN— Merlin and Amelia Koonooka listen to presenters at the Bering Sea Alliance meeting in Gambell.




**Lordy Lordy look
who's turning 40!
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VALUES TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE— Bureau of Ocean Energy Management-Alaska Director Dr. James Kendall presented BOEM's tasks in permitting oil and gas exploration campaigns. He said he learned to value local and traditional knowledge in his line of work.

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Board considers texts, tests and routes to school

By Sarah Miller

In its work session meeting on Tuesday April 29, the NPS Board of Education heard committee presentations on Safe Routes to School, math textbook adoption recommendations, and school test data.

Denise Barengo, executive director of Nome Eskimo Community, and Nicole McCullough of WHPacific, the Anchorage engineering firm that has been working with NEC to implement the Safe Routes to School program, shared task force findings with the Board.

The task force, compiled of community organizations such as NEC, PTA, NSHC, and the City of Nome, began its information gathering phase last fall with monthly meetings, surveys, parking lot audits, and observations of morning traffic patterns as students were brought to the elementary school. The task force gathered data about safety, speed, weather, space, and traffic flow.

"Really, the gist of this program is to encourage more kids walking and biking to school, because it's healthier," commented McCullough, explaining that one of the objectives of the information gathering phase was to determine factors that are preventing children from walking and biking to school. These factors included weather, traffic speed and safety, the space and conditions on city roads, loose animals, and dust.

Because the elementary school parking lot was found to be a "disaster", explained McCullough, the task force created six alternate drop-off routes for students arriving by bus, family vehicles, or on foot. Task force recommendations also included suggestions for engineering solutions for lighting, intersection markers, and addressing snowdrift and plowing issues.

Enforcement recommendations included enforcement of the city's loose dog regulations, crossing guards at intersections, police monitoring of traffic areas near the school during morning drop-off times, and enforcement of school zone speed limits. Community education regarding road safety and encouragement of the use of reflective gear, headlamps, and organized walking and biking groups were also on the list of suggestions. However, the committee stopped short of a final decision when too few participants attended its February meeting.

McCullough explained that the next step is for a "champion" to step forward and spearhead continued efforts to implement the recommendations. She also shared that NEC has received funding from the Federal Highway Administration to create a

similar safety plan for the entire community of Nome, which will help raise awareness around the elementary school safety project.

Superintendent Steve Gast commented that next steps would also need to include community education. **"You can reconfigure the parking lots any way you want, but it's teaching the folks which way to go and how to do it that's critical. Education is a big part of what has to take place,"** he said.

Betsy Brennan, school board president, asked what cooperation would be needed from the city or state authorities to implement the task force's recommendations regarding school zones, street signage, and lighting. Depending on what type of roads would be impacted, the approval and implementation of these changes would most likely require the city and state to work together, said McCullough. She recommended the Board consult with Steve Soenksen, with the Alaska Department of Transportation in Juneau, for assistance in the program's next steps.

Next to present were teachers from the Elementary School's math textbook adoption committee. The teachers opened with an explanation of the new education standards for the state of Alaska that closely resemble those known as the "Common Core" standards, which are slated to become the official new standards for Alaska's public schools on July 1. Beginning in the upcoming academic year, SBA (Standards Based Assessments) tests will consist of material from these standards.

In order to adequately prepare students to meet the new standards, as well as to assist teachers in ensuring that the content they present to students is aligned with them, the time is right to adopt a new math textbook. "The standards have changed. The testing has changed. How we teach math has changed- we teach fewer strands more deeply. We have utilized our current math textbook for eight years, but it doesn't help us teach at the deeper levels we want to achieve," explained Mary Jo Hazel, first grade teacher.

A new language arts curriculum was also on the calendar for adoption, but early on, the committee decided to evaluate one subject area at a time, focusing on math. However, rather than recommend a textbook to the school board for purchase for the upcoming school year, the committee presented a much different proposal.

The committee recommended tabling a new textbook purchase for an additional year, suggesting in-

stead a proposal to partner with Bering Straits School District in its textbook review process. BSSD is currently undergoing a comprehensive curriculum review process, which is funded by a \$1.5 million grant and is guided by experts in curriculum and assessment, in effort to align all its instructional materials with the new state standards.

"BSSD is willing to share its professional research and findings with Nome Public Schools, with no further commitments for adoption," explained Rick Leistiko, third grade teacher. "We can take their research and use it to determine what we

want. We could potentially be aligned not only with the Alaska standards, but also with school districts around the state."

The proposal suggested funding travel and substitute teacher costs for two teachers from NES to travel to Unalakleet four times during the school year to participate in curriculum meetings with BSSD. The teachers would then bring information and findings back to the staff at NES to assist in

While the partnership does not require NPS to select the same math textbook guiding the local decision for math textbook adoption. as

BSSD, if the districts did select the same materials, an added benefit would be the leverage of buying power from two districts to reduce the overall cost of the new textbooks. As another advantage, if the two districts were to adopt the same curriculum, the result would be a more streamlined, consistent education for the high number of students who transfer between the districts.

Even if the districts select different textbooks, the partnership stands to benefit all students, explained Leistiko. "All of Nome's students

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How to teach your kids to save: Five tips for parents

By Tyler Hull

Do you want to set your kids up for future financial success? Then start now. That's the first rule of introducing your kids to financial education – the sooner you start, the better. Money management is probably the last thing on the minds of most kids – if it even registers at all – but there are concrete steps you can take as a parent to help ensure that your children know how to think about money, including the importance of saving for the future. If you plant those seeds with care, they'll take root, and your children will be much more likely to achieve financial success later in life.

So what lessons can we give today's children and young adults to prepare them for financial success in the future? Today's kids are much more likely to spend rather than save. Even parents who try to teach their children about finances, such as by giving them a regular allowance, might find their lessons overshadowed by stronger messages that come from advertising, or from children's peers. Unfortunately, by the time most young people graduate from high school, they know all about spending and very little about saving or spending wisely.

Consider these facts:

- American teenagers spend most of their income – about 21% – on clothing, followed by food (18%); accessories and personal care (10%); shoes (9%); car-related expenses (8%); electronics (8%); music and movies (7%); video games (6%); concerts and events (6%); other expenses (3%); books (2%); furniture (2%). (Source: Piper Jaffray, 2013)

- Most students devote about one half or more of their earnings to discretionary spending on relatively short-term wants and needs. (Source: University of Michigan Institute for Social Research, 2014)

- Teenagers spend about \$100 billion a year, and children under 12 spend \$11 billion a year, of their own money. They influence 75%, or approximately \$165 billion, of their parents' money. (Source: Answers.com, 2014)

This past April, thousands of bankers, including many from Wells Fargo, connected with kids in classrooms

and after-school programs across the country during the annual American Bankers Association's *Teach Children to Save Day*. These efforts help young people take an important first step in mastering their financial ABCs.

Five Tips for Parents

Parents play a crucial role in their children's financial success later in life. Here are five tips for parents from Wells Fargo:

- 1. Start early** — Before they even start school, children begin to understand the process of managing money
- 2. Set goals** — Have children write down things they want and what they cost. Teach them about making choices and saving
- 3. Pay a Modest Allowance** — Just a small amount can help children learn
- 4. Make a budget** — Start with three categories: spend, save, give
- 5. Use Free Resources** — Check out your local library and the Hands on Banking website at www.hands-on-banking.org for interactive lessons on saving, budgeting, credit, and more.

A tip for children ages 3-7: Take three jars and label them separately: Spend, Save, Give. Help the children split up their money into each jar and watch it grow as they save and disappear as they spend.

A tip for pre-teens, ages 8-12: Create a short-term savings box. Have the pre-teens choose something they want (a brand name pair of shoes or a video game system). They will learn the value of savings when they save enough to purchase the item.

A tip for teens, ages 13 and up: Open a savings account for long-term savings. Have teens save a certain percentage for a few years to make a bigger purchase.

Parents should ask their banker for more ideas and advice. Their child's long-term financial security is at stake. By starting early, they can help their child develop good financial habits that will last a lifetime.

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Ice miners and equipment rescued from drifting floe

By Diana Haecker

Gambling that the sea ice might hold just a little bit longer, the ice mining crew of the “Lazy Gator” mining outfit found itself in a dangerous situation when the ice broke off and left them stranded on the wrong side, along with their equipment and vehicles.

The crew consisting of Cameron Stiles, Reese Madden, George Lewis, Joe Fullwood, Jesse Strickling and Dwight Amaktolik were a quarter mile offshore, six miles west of town on West Beach, when sea ice break-up caught up with them.

Cameron Stiles, 26, said the crew had decided to break down their ice mining camp on Sunday, April 27. For that purpose, they drove two pickup trucks, two side-by-sides and one four-wheeler out onto the ice to be able to haul all of their equipment off the ice.

“We decided to pull the plug on our ice mining that day,” said Stiles. “I was the only one with the urgency who wanted to get the sluice box, shack, and everything, off the ice as soon as possible, but the others wanted to continue cleaning up the gold on the ice there.”

Stiles loaded up equipment in his 2500 Chevy Silverado truck and Dwight Amaktolik followed with the four-wheeler towing the mining shack and the hot water boiler towards shore.

Not far from where they started, they ran into a 10-15-foot wide gap of open water between them and the shore. “Dwight said ‘This water wasn’t here earlier’ and I got out of the truck and saw it was open water,” Stiles remembered.

They followed the lead further west, but couldn’t find any crossing possibilities. Stiles went back to his crew and reported to his crew that they were stranded. “I told them to load up fast and that we needed to look for a way to cross the lead.

“We panicked for about 30 minutes,” he said. The rest of the crew packed up their operation quickly and drove to the edge of the ice.

According to Nome Volunteer Fire Department Search and Rescue Captain Jim West Jr., a fire department volunteer received a text message from one of the miners stating their predicament.

NVFD notified the Alaska State Troopers and Nome Police dispatch. Bering Air was also notified to be on standby with a helicopter at the ready. SAR volunteers were toned out around 4 p.m.

In the meantime, Cameron Stiles was able to call his mother on his cell phone. She in turn notified Darrin Otton, who launched his small aircraft and flew along the coast in hopes to find a spot where the sea ice was still connected to the shore fast ice. He didn’t find such a spot. “He was our eyes in the sky and texted us from the air that he couldn’t find a safe crossing,” Stiles said. Joe Fullwood got into his wetsuit and swam across the lead to the beach to get his boat.

SAR volunteers drove their vehicles on the beach and launched an inflatable boat to retrieve the miners off the ice floe. According to West, two other boats came to the rescue as well.

The miners found a floating iceberg and pushed their side-by-sides and the four-wheeler onto the berg. Another boat, with Ben Piscoya, Ian Alvanna-Stimpfle and Katherine Pomrenke showed up and pushed the iceberg “barge” towards shore where the vehicles could be driven onto safer ice and onto the beach.

SAR volunteers retrieved Cameron Stiles and George Lewis off the ice. But once everybody was safely off the ice, the two remaining pickup trucks were no longer a consideration for SAR.

“Everybody told us we should kiss our trucks good-bye,” said Stiles. This was a bitter pill to swallow. Stiles said both Lewis and he needed the trucks for their families’ transportation. Coincidentally, Stiles’ girlfriend was in labor with their first son, in Anchorage at that time.

The next day, the crew devised a plan to get the trucks off by using another ‘ice barge’.

They went out there with a tiny inflatable 6.6 horsepower dingy, three ice augers and a plan. They wanted to cut off an iceberg, use it as an ice barge and push it to shore. The plan didn’t work out as they thought as they could not cut loose a sheet of ice, but an iceberg soon came drifting towards them. They corralled the berg, cut it so it fit the ice edge and



Photo by Al Burgo

LUCKY MINER— Cameron Stiles of Nome is glad to have made it back to shore after a close call on April 27 while packing up his crew’s ice mining operation for the season.

drove their two trucks on it.

They were floating on this little ice barge, pushed by the small dingy towards shore, until the iceberg hit the ocean bottom with still a gap between the berg and the safe ice on shore. They waited for the tide to come in, but another ice sheet was floating towards them and time was of the essence to get off the iceberg or be crushed. “We were in a race against time,” said Stiles. “As soon as the ice hit, it pushed us in and we had a small window of opportunity to get off the berg before it piled up on us,” said Stiles. Stiles and Lewis sat in their trucks and gunned it. They used two small floating pieces of ice as a bridge and miraculously made it to safety.

The same day, Stiles said, his son was born in Anchorage.

“My girlfriend told me that the nurse turned on the TV in her room and there I was on the news driving our truck off the ice,” Stiles said.

Nobody was injured and no equipment was left on the ice. Also, no oil spill was reported to the authorities.

According to SAR Captain Jim West Jr., a truck with another ice mining outfit did go through the ice. However, DEC officials say they did not receive a report.

The Dept. of Public Safety via Trooper Sgt. Charlie Cross and the Nome SAR’s West said that they were only concerned with the safety of the miners and don’t usually get involved in equipment rescue.

The Dept. of Environmental Conservation permits ice mining, authorizing medium suction dredges under a general permit for wastewater. The DEC’s spill response team gets involved once there is a release of petroleum products into the sea environment. DEC Environmental program specialist Ashley Adamczek said her division did not get a direct report on the incident, but an official

with the Dept. of Natural Resources, which is the main agency to hand out mining permits, called to ask if the DEC had received any information.

Adamczek said a spill on land is reportable when one gallon or more of petroleum product is spilled; in the ocean, any amount of oil or hazardous material is immediately reportable.

Allen Nakanishi with the DEC’s water division says the main focus of the DEC’s permit is to regulate point source water discharge from the sluice boxes and not oil and grease.

In regards to the upcoming mining season, Nakanishi said there is an interagency public meeting planned for the beginning of June in Nome. He said this would be a good opportunity for miners and other ocean users to bring issues to the table for all involved agencies to hear.

BSSD students win medals at State NYO

By Jeffrey Erickson

Bering Strait School District Native Youth Olympic athletes have historically done exceptionally well in statewide competitions. However, with the graduation of some remarkable athletes in 2013 there were questions about whether that previous success would continue.

Returning medalists Apaay Campbell (4-time and world record holder in Kneel Jump) and Jonisha Wilson (Toe kick) were likely repeat medalists but the rest of the team would need to step up... and step up they did.

Campbell got things going with a dominant performance as she crushed the hopes of the field with her powerful leaps. She didn’t break her own record, but easily won her fifth consecutive title. No other medalists on the first day put a top-5 team placement at risk.

Friday’s events started with the powerful Eskimo Stick Pull, usually dominated by larger, strong athletes.

Teller’s James Isabell and Jazzlyn Garnie pulled well. Isabell finished just off the podium with a solid performance. The Toe Kick followed and BSSD came back with a bang. Unalakleet’s Wilson exceeded her personal best and won the girls event and Teller’s Cameron Okbaok opened eyes with an amazing kick of 94” — twenty inches further than he’d gone before.

He placed second behind the world record holder from Unalaska.

The final day opened with the Indian Stick pull where things are always a little “slippery”. It’s hard to figure results when dealing with a

greased stick but the BSSD coaches felt good about their chances.

Shishmaref’s Debra Hersrud had done well in 2013 although not medaling and she quickly showed that she wanted to be a factor in her final year. She pushed and pulled her way to the final group and ended up in 5.

Golovin’s Charlie Ningeulook was experienced, this being his 3rd time to State, and quietly dominated his matches. He ran into Forest Strick, the favorite, in the quarterfinals and shocked everyone with an easy win. He finished his run with two more victories and was crowned champion.

One Foot High Kick is probably the premier event of the games for sheer athleticism. Okbaok showed his potential as he stayed with the high-fliers and, again, exceeded his own expectations as he achieved a personal best and 4th place.

And finally, the event closed with the traditional last event, the Seal Hop. Unalakleet’s Aucha Johnson had faced some adversity in the past and was determined to persevere for a possible win. He was prepared but this event is the most noted for potential mishaps due to judge rulings and this time was no different. Johnson went out strong but was called for missing the turnaround line and, with the extra energy needed to return to the line, could not hop the furthest, settling for 4th place.

The BSSD team had returned to the elite group as a team. They placed fifth overall and also received the Academic Award.





WINTER LINGERS— Snow drifts still lean on the Gambell school building in late April. The school houses both the Hugo T. Apatiki Elementary School and the John Apangalook Memorial High School.

Photos by Diana Haecker



CELEBRATING— The community of Gambell turned out in great numbers to showcase Eskimo dancing to the visitors to St. Lawrence Island who participated in the Bering Sea Alliance Arctic Resource & Development meeting in Gambell from April 29 through 30.



NEW GENERATION— Anders Apassingok Sr. drums with his great-granddaughter Haylee "Ipi" Apassingok during a dance performance.



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New Arrival

Doris J Adams and Cameron Stiles are pleased to announce the birth of their son **Braylon Axel Stiles** born April 28, at Alaska Native Medical Center, weighing 7 lb.



Braylon Axel Stiles

10 oz. Maternal grandparent is Marie Takak of Koyuk. Paternal grandparents are Don Stiles and Sue Luke of Nome.

Honored

Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC) President & CEO Gail Schubert received the Unsung Hero Award from the Northwest Indian Bar Association today. The annual award honors an attorney for his or her outstanding contributions toward improving the legal and political landscape of Pacific Northwest

Indian Country.

Schubert is known for her leadership and service to the Alaska Native community. She is Treasurer of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Vice Chair of the Akeela Treatment Services Board, Vice Chair of the Alaska Native Justice Center, Vice Chair of the ANCSA Regional Association, and Chair of the Alaska Retirement Management Board. Schubert is the immediate past chair of the Alaska Native Heritage Center, which she served on for nearly 15 years. She is a member of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce ATHENA Society, a program that recognizes women's leadership. She



Gail Schubert

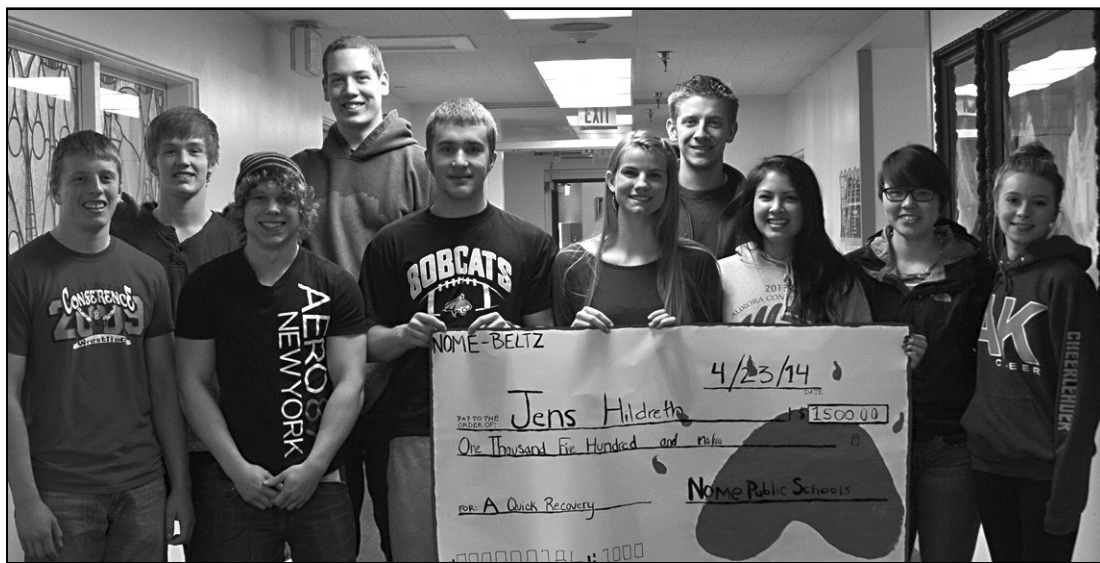


Photo by Annette Courson
FINE ART WORK— Elim student Ralph Saccheus looks at his completed work held by Jim Kaiser.

has served on the BSNC Board of Directors since 1992.

Prior to joining BSNC, Schubert practiced law in Anchorage after a successful career on Wall Street, where she worked at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and two Wall Street law firms. Schubert was born and raised in Unalakleet, Alaska. She earned an undergraduate degree from Stanford University, a MBA from Cornell University's

Johnson School of Management with an emphasis in accounting and finance, and a JD from the Cornell University School of Law.



CLASSES SHOW THEIR METAL IN A SILVER/COPPER FUND RAISER—Recently our classmate and student Ethan “Bubba” McDaniel needed to transfer to Anchorage to be closer to his brother Jens and family. The Spirit Club and individuals at Nome-Beltz wanted to raise funds to help Ethan, Jens and their family. We started a Copper/Silver War, which included several boys who would shave their heads if their class lost. Representing the staff were Mr. Frost and Mr. Weaver, seniors were Jake Stettenbenz and Tyler Eide, juniors were Emery Booshu and Oliver Hoogendorn, and the sophomores had many, including Clay Outwater, Dylan Pomrenke, and Alec Johnson; the freshmen shaving was left to only Wilson Hoogendorn. On the last day of the Silver/Copper War, hefty donations put the seniors in the losing place. However, since the students had filled the staff can with over \$600, Mr. Frost and Mr. Weaver both agreed to shave their heads as a reward to students for the good work. Overall, the students and staff raised \$1,500 and expect more from a silent auction currently taking place. The students participated with enthusiasm and are really happy and excited about the helping hand that they have lent towards the boys and their family. L-R are: Junyor Erikson, Matt Tunley, Victor Spivey, Cass Mattheis, Klay Baker, Ari Horner, Mr. Frost, Jane Tidwell, Gwendalyn Trigg-Komakhuk, Cydney West.

Golovin students take to the stage, Elim students create stained glass

By Christina Carrick and Annette Courson

With two weeks of the school year left, spring fever has definitely set in at Golovin's Martin L. Olson School as students are anxiously awaiting summer.

Luckily, to help students channel their energy in a positive and productive manner, a special Artist in Residence has joined them. Their featured artist, Elizabeth Nelson, focuses on performing arts. She will be spending the last two weeks of school working with all students, pre-kindergarten through 12th grade on theatre, creative movement and improvisation.

Golovin Lynx big and small will be able to display their newly gained skills through a final performance in the second week. The students will be adapting the children's book, *Kumak's House, A Tale of the Far North*, by Michael Bania into a play. The story is set in an Inupiat Eskimo village where Kumak and his family are not happy.

The comical story follows Kumak as he seeks out advice from elder Aana

Lulu time and time again. The performance will be held at the school on Wednesday, May 14 at 5 p.m. and will be followed by a potluck. Martin L. Olson students and staff invite members of the community are invited to come watch and have some laughs.

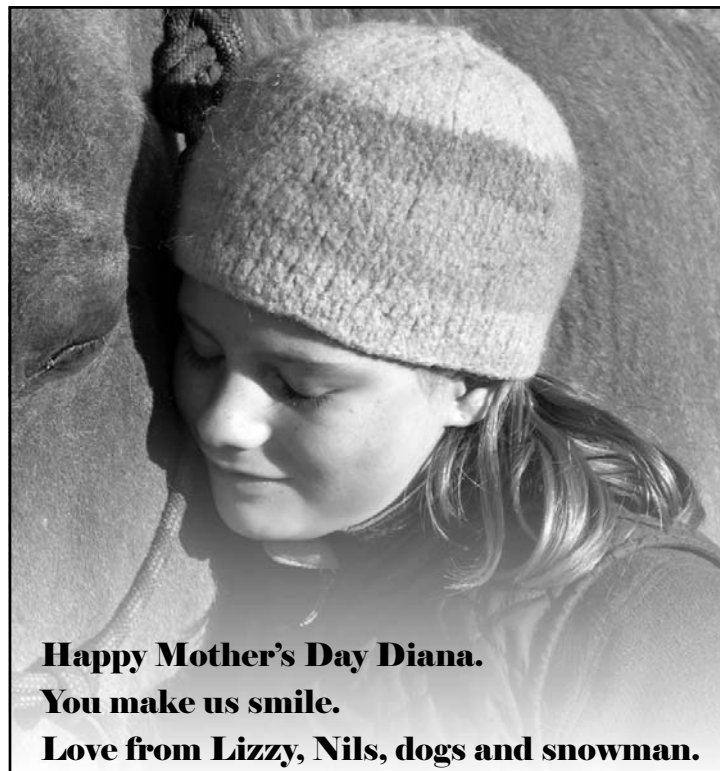
Elim welcomed Jim Kaiser, a stain glass artist, as part of the Artist in Residence Program on April 21, Jim worked with students to create stained glass projects. Projects in-

clude cutting shapes, making stars, making independent designs and masks. The students enjoyed learning how to cut glass and connect the pieces of their projects together using solder.

He met with the community and staff to explain what he does and what he worked with the students on. The students and teachers displayed their work at community

night, Thursday, May 1, 2014.

These residencies were made possible through the generous funding from the Alaska State Council on the Arts, the Alaska State Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts (a federal agency), the Rasmuson Foundation, and the Bering Strait School District.



Happy Mother's Day Diana.

You make us smile.

Love from Lizzy, Nils, dogs and snowman.

Cam Stiles, George Lewis, Joe Fullwood, Jesse Strickling, Dwight Amaktoolik and Reese Madden all give a big thank you to those who helped us rescue our vehicles and ice mining equipment. Everyone of us and everything of ours made it back to land safely.

Thanks again to the Nome Volunteer Fire Department, Ricky Larsen, Donny Johnson, Chris Thornton, Ian Alvanna-Stimpfle, Benny Piscoya, Catherine Pomrenke, Bryce Warnke-Green, Joe Horton Jr, Chris Nassuk, DJ Bright, Jake Swann, and Elmer Bekoalak, we couldn't have done it without you guys.

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Foster’s Report

By Rep. Neal Foster

Greetings to everyone in House District 39. I hope this finds everyone in good spirits with the arrival of spring. I was just in Savoonga and Gambell, and there was much excitement with the landing of a whale on the south side of the island. I’d like to wish much luck to all the spring hunters, and please remember safety first.

The Alaska Legislature adjourned the 28th session with 744 bills and resolutions introduced and 268 passed by both the House and Senate. The following are bills that either directly impacted our district or were significant at the statewide level.

EDUCATION: The omnibus education package turned out to be a highly contentious issue because there were very different views on how much should be spent on education and what programs should be funded. In the House alone there were 40 separate opinions, and this was complicated by the fact that whatever the House could agree on had to be reconciled with the Senate’s package. Some folks wanted to see more student performance before additional funds were approved. My philosophy has been that our rural schools face higher costs and unique challenges compared to other parts of the state, and therefore I favor strong funding for our schools. This year the legislature added \$100 million to education for each of the next three years. While nobody got everything they wanted I think that overall it was a good package. Here are the highlights of the education package.

•Base Student Allocation (BSA): Currently schools receive \$5,680 per student. We added \$150 to this

year’s BSA, \$50 to next year’s BSA, and \$50 to the following year. Some wanted funds to be included “outside the BSA.” That would have been considered “one-time funding.” Because that is a less reliable form of funding (and creates uncertainty for administrators and teachers) the majority of us supported funding that went “inside the BSA.”

•Rural School Funding: There was an attempt to increase large school funding without a corresponding increase for small schools. We in the Bush Caucus were strongly opposed to this, and that disparity was removed in the final version of the bill.

•Residential Schools: The legislature improved formula funding for residential schools. This is good for the Northwest Arctic Career and Technical Center (NACTEC) and the Galena Interior Learning Academy (GILA). NACTEC and GILA will see an increase from \$1,184 to \$1,776 per student.

•Technical Vocational Education Program (TVEP): This program funds our vocational schools, and it was up for reauthorization this year. There was some concern that vocational schools not currently listed in the formula would be added, and this could have had the effect of reducing the share received by other vocational schools already in the formula. While Illisagvik College in Barrow was added the reauthorization was drafted so that neither NACTEC nor GILA were affected.

•High School Qualifying Exam (HSQE): This graduation requirement was removed because parents and teachers across the state felt that children were being taught to take the test at the expense of receiving a well-rounded education. A provision

was also added to let students who previously failed all or part of the HSQE to get their diplomas retroactively if they otherwise meet the school districts requirements.

•Internet: A program was created to increase internet speeds to 10 megabits in schools that are located in economically challenged (and largely rural) schools.

•Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM): This pilot program is directed to middle schools and is being compared to the successful Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP). If proven effective it could be expanded to a statewide level.

•Mill Rate: An attempt was made to increase local education contributions from 2.65 mills to 2.8 mills. I did not favor this increase. If enacted it would have increased the tax burden to Nome residents by \$56,000. Since most villages do not have taxing authority this would not have affected them.

•Funding Studies: Partly due to inflation and changing demographics new studies will be conducted to address salary & benefits, school design & construction, district cost factors, and school size factors.

•Home Schools: School districts with participating correspondence students can count those kids towards their “average daily membership (count)” at a 90% rate instead of 80%. This could put up to an additional \$6 million into the home school program.

•Tax Credits: A provision to allow for tax credits to pay for private and religious textbooks was passed.

•Vouchers: While not a part of the education bill, it’s worth noting that legislation had been introduced to allow for a constitutional amendment to allow public education funds to be given to private and religious schools. We heard from all parts of House District 39, and the opinion was strong opposition to vouchers. The bill did not receive enough support to be put to a vote.

HB77 Water Reservations: This bill was introduced with the intent of streamlining the permitting process for development projects (such as mining). However, it was met with

great resistance when individuals and tribes were removed as being eligible to apply for water reservations (for example to provide for enough water for salmon). I voted against this bill last year, and there was some concern that it might resurface this year. Despite various fixes (individuals were added back as being eligible to apply for water reservations) the bill still could not muster enough support to make it out of the Senate Resources Committee.

Alaska Native Languages: After some challenging moments a bill to include Alaska Native Languages as official languages of the state (in addition to English) was passed with widespread support. The only other state to recognize indigenous languages is Hawaii. There was some concern that if enacted it would require that public messages be printed in both English and the local language. This is not the case. While many agree that this bill is largely symbolic it is also a bill that has a great deal of meaning for many people. We heard public testimony about how Alaska Natives were discouraged and punished for speaking their native tongue. The passage of this bill is an official statement of public support for our Alaska Native languages, and I was proud to see it pass.

Arctic Infrastructure Fund: This bill was passed and allows the Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority (AIDEA) to provide low interest loans for arctic infrastructure. The Bering Strait is seeing a dramatic increase in ship activity due to oil exploration, tourism, research, and shipping through the Northwest Passage (over Canada) and the Northern Sea Route (over Russia). It is expected that many billions of dollars in infrastructure will be needed, and the State of Alaska’s Arctic Infrastructure Fund is just a first step.

VPSO Guns: This bill was sponsored by Rep Bryce Edgmon (Dillingham) and was introduced after an unarmed VPSO in his district was shot and killed. Folks who were opposed to the bill felt that the risk outweighed the benefits if VPSOs were not trained to the high standards that others were. For those of us who

supported the bill we felt that residents of rural Alaska should be given the same level of protection afforded by law enforcement in other parts of the state. If this means that we need to spend funds to properly train our VPSOs, then it is money well spent.

Voter ID: This bill failed but is worth noting that it would have required everyone to present a photo ID when voting. I opposed this bill because of the challenges that folks in our villages would have faced. There are no Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) offices in our villages to get identification cards. For those who had gotten an ID card in the past there are some who have lost their cards. Or those cards have expired. Many people haven’t been to a hub in 10 or 20 years. One possible fix was to include tribal ID cards. But a lot of people move to other villages and cannot easily get an ID card when they are turned away at a polling center. For those of us from rural Alaska we argued that in these small villages everyone knows everyone. And in Alaska voter fraud is simply not a problem that necessitates potentially turning away eligible voters.

Capital & Operating Budget: This year’s numbers are a reflection of a difficult reality that we face, and that is we are now in deficit spending. Much of this is due to falling oil production. In the 1980s we saw two million barrels of oil flow thru the pipeline per day. Today that number is around 600,000 barrels per day. And it’s been dropping at a rate of 6 percent per year. Taxes and royalties on oil account for 93 percent of the state’s income, and so oil production declines have a large impact on our state. In addition, operating budgets have been increasing at a rate of 6 percent per year. My philosophy has been that cuts should not be made disproportionately on rural Alaska. In fact, cuts should be minimized in rural Alaska because many of our needs are basic and fall within the core of government functions including life, safety, and health. Water and sewer is still an issue for many small communities. We have poor infrastructure. And a wide range of pro-

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• The Ride to Ophir

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steering with the paddle, while the boat was towed by six dogs, tended by a young man and woman, walking together. At 12:45 we reached the roadhouse near Cape Nome, remaining there until 2:30, so as to give the horses a proper rest. It was from Cape Nome that the district obtained its name; on the western side of the cape we abandoned the road and took to the beach, riding along the shore for 10 miles, as far as Fort Davis.

The tide is out and the firm wet sand affords excellent footing. Our horses are willing and full of life, emulous to keep ahead, so that they move gladly. Tony will not be denied, maintaining a fast trot as if he had just come out of his stable. The cold wind blows from Bering Sea, the breakers curl to the shore, the horse treads on the silver fringe of the waves as they ripple over the sandy beach; the strong pulsating movement of the noble animal, the exhilaration of an air fresh as the breath of dawn, the feeling of perfect freedom and unlimited expansiveness, a sense of complete well-being and gay adventure, touch every tingling nerve and stimulate every willing muscle, until I shout with delight. It is well for a brief space to feel like a Viking when the world was young, as if the complexities of civilization had been swept away by the cold breath of the sea, as if money and business, steam and electricity, factories and libraries, no longer existed, while the tide of life fills every corner with exultant joy.

At Fort Davis we had to return to the road, for the beach was being mined for gold, but it was only three miles to Nome. Although we had ridden 43 miles in 5 ½ hours of actual travel our horses were still unwearied, which is further evidence of the invigorating nature of this Northern atmosphere. We rattled down the planked way of the long Front Street, and dismounted at the Wild Goose office at 4:30. After a change and a bath we made tracks for the Royal Café and there celebrated the termination of a glorious trip by dining on wild goose and reindeer stew, washed down with a bottle of Californian burgundy, followed by the smoke that makes all men brothers.

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Shoulder pain: How to regain pain free movement

By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

No joint in the body is as mobile as the shoulder. Most joints bend and extend. The shoulder, with a complex collection of muscles and ligaments, can rotate through an arc of almost 360 degrees without popping out of place. This complexity allows human beings to throw, pull, swing, push, lift, and embrace. The only limit to the shoulder's reach, in most people, is a small area on the upper back.

The shoulder is a ball-and-socket type of joint. The muscles that surround and move the shoulder form a sheath called the rotator cuff. A tightly woven network of ligaments holds the shoulder in place.

Complex systems with multiple moving parts are prone to problems. The shoulder is no exception. Pain in the shoulder may result from a tear in the muscles, called a rotator cuff tear, or from inflammation of the tendons in the shoulder, called tendonitis. Arthritis in the ball-and-socket joint of the shoulder may also cause long-term pain.

Sudden pain in the shoulder associated with an injury should be med-

ically evaluated as soon as possible. Sometimes other diseases cause shoulder pain. Therefore, pain associated with heart symptoms, upper abdominal pain, or high fever should always be evaluated by a doctor.

However, if you experience shoulder pain that is less severe, perhaps associated with a recent change in activity or increase in lifting, there are several things you can try before going to the doctor. First, rest the shoulder from any activity that causes or worsens the pain.

Second, use an anti-inflammatory medication like naproxen (Aleve) or ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) to help with pain and reduce underlying inflammation.

Third, apply ice or a cold pack to the shoulder for 15 minutes at a time throughout the day. Ice applied to an injured joint is an excellent anti-inflammatory treatment and often helps with pain. A bag of frozen peas also works great for this purpose. Always place a thin cloth between the cold pack and skin to prevent injury to the skin.

Finally, begin range of motion exercises when tolerated. The two

most important exercises are called "pendulum swings" and "wall walking."

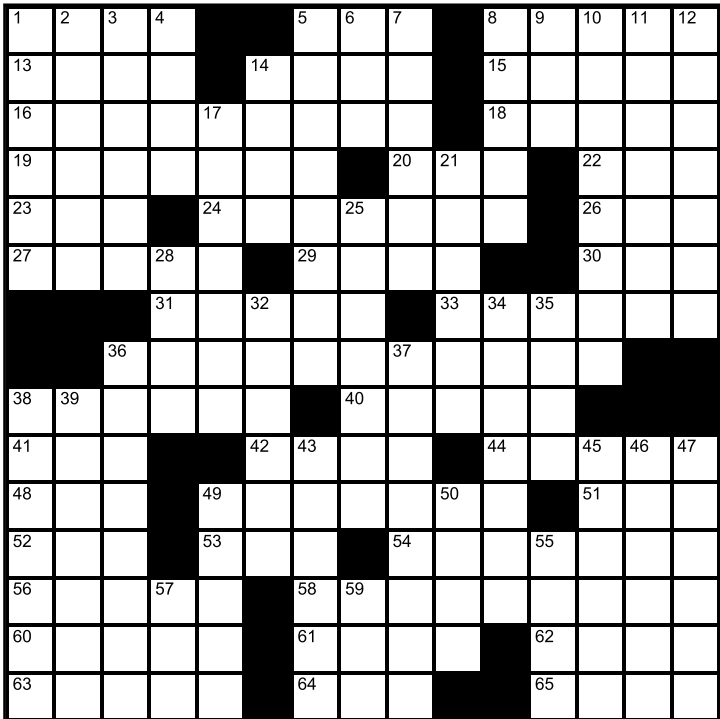
A person performs pendulum swings by leaning slightly forward allowing the arm to dangle toward the floor. Gently swing the arm back and forth in all directions for 30-60 seconds. Some people find making the shapes of the letters of the alphabet is helpful. Weight may be added as tolerated in the form of small dumbbells or household objects like canned food or partially filled milk jugs.

Wall walking involves stretching the shoulder muscles and ligaments by using the fingers to walk up the face of a wall. The exercise is first performed facing the wall with the arm extended forward using the fingers to increasingly reach higher on the wall. Always stop if there is pain. Later, when tolerated, the arm may be extended out to the side walking up the wall until the arm is fully extended above the head.

Relative rest, ice, medication, and proper stretching will resolve most minor shoulder pain within a week or two.

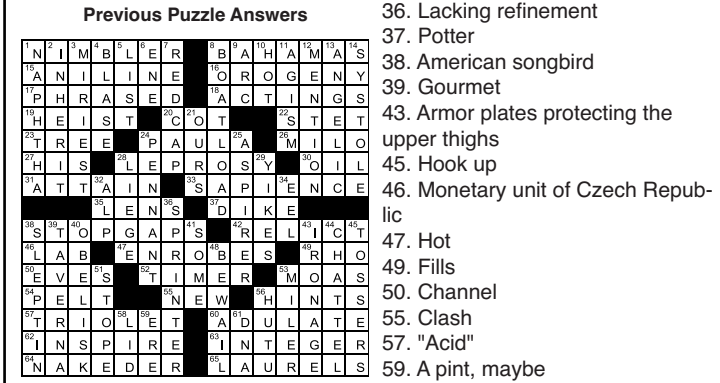
See your doctor if shoulder pain does not respond to these simple steps. People who do not respond to conservative therapies may respond to steroid injections into the shoulder region. Magnetic Resonance

Imaging (MRI) of the shoulder and surgery may also be warranted if the pain is severe or if minor pain persists more than 6 to 12 months.



- Across**
1. Wine holder
5. Bean counter, for short
8. Destiny
13. The "A" of ABM
14. Part man, part goat
15. Betelgeuse's constellation
16. Favoring neither side in a dispute
18. Move, as a plant
19. Ancient jar with two handles and a narrow neck
20. "___ to Billie Joe"
22. "___ moment"
23. "Flying Down to ___"
24. Fertilizer ingredient
26. Anger, e.g.
27. Challenged someone to do something
29. "Beg pardon ..."
30. Big ___ Conference
31. Quark flavor
33. Outer covering of eyeball
36. Indiscriminate in selection
38. Dravidian language in central India
40. Madagascan prosimian primate
41. "Tarzan" extra
42. Antares, for one
44. Mountain summits
48. Bird's beak
49. Embankment to prevent shore erosion
51. "Sesame Street" watcher
- Down**
1. False rumor
2. Deficiency of red blood cells
3. Daze
4. Friends and neighbors
5. Cooked squid
6. Afghan monetary unit
7. Tom, Dick or Harry
8. "M*A*S*H" setting
9. "___ we having fun yet?"
10. Retorts quickly
11. Sillier
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14. Kind of team
17. Obstructive driver
21. Chinese brunch with tea
25. V=IR, physics (2 wds)
28. Almond
32. Pleasingly entertained
34. Two of the same kind
35. Artificial bait
36. Lacking refinement
37. Potter
38. American songbird
39. Gourmet
43. Armor plates protecting the upper thighs
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grams are still needed. Reconciling lower state revenue with the cuts that are already being felt statewide is going to make for a difficult road ahead. We can expect to see smaller capital and operating budgets in the future.

Excluding a transfer for the state retirement system the operating expenditures went from about \$10.5 billion for FY14 to \$9.3 billion for FY15. The vast majority of those cuts came from the state general fund, which dropped from \$6.4 billion to \$5.2 billion in the same period. It is not shocking that we saw cuts of this magnitude in light of the deficits the state is facing. I think we can expect either to hold this level of spending or expect more cuts in the future. Capital expenditures topped \$2.2 billion for FY15 and included several big-ticket projects. That's only slightly down from last year's \$2.3 billion. However when you look at what was spent out of the state's general fund you see a very different story. Last year that portion of the capital budget was just over \$1 billion. This year it's under \$670 million. Below are some funding highlights:

•Diomed Essential Air Service (EAS): Funding to help get trans-

portation to and from Diomed had been slated for a 25 percent cut (along with all other grants in the same category). In the end the funding was restored. We averted a total cut of the funds last year, and this underscores the constant battle we face to ensure that funding remains in place. Among the many needs it is essential that people be able access health care in Nome and Anchorage when needed.

• Pension Funding: \$3 billion was transferred to the PERS (state employee) and TRS (teacher) retirement systems. Making this payment now will save the state considerable money in the future.

• Village Safe Water: \$31 million for 1st time projects and \$21 million for expansion & upgrades.

• Fish: Chinook initiative \$7.5 million and salmon research, restoration, and enhancement \$2.5 million.

• Drug & Alcohol Treatment: Competitive grants for inebriate recidivism \$4 million under the Dept of Health. Drug & alcohol treatment \$2.1 million under the Dept of Commerce.

• VPSO Program: \$250,000 for equipment. \$1 million for housing.

• Housing: AHFC teacher, health, and public safety housing \$5 million.

• Energy: Weatherization \$29 mil-

lion. Home energy rebates \$15 million. Renewable energy \$23 million.

For specific operating and capital budget questions in your community please contact me at the phone or email at the end of this newsletter.

Funding Opportunities
In terms of funding for communities and organizations please keep the following opportunities in mind: Alaska State Legislature, Renewable Energy Fund (administered by the Alaska Energy Authority), Bulk fuel loan program (administered by the Dept of Commerce, Community & Economic Development)

In terms of funding for individuals please keep the following opportunities in mind: Alaska Senior Benefits Program, Low-Income Heating Assistance Program otherwise known as LIHEAP (administered by the Dept of Health & Human Services), Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, Low Income Weatherization Program, Home Rebate Program for Weatherization.

If you need assistance with any of these funding sources (or anything else) please feel free to contact my office at 907-465-3789 or email me at Rep.Neal.Foster@akleg.gov. Again please enjoy your spring and remember to be safe. Thank you.

HOROSCOPES

May 7, 2014 — May 13, 2014

CAPRICORN
December 22–January 19

Passion ignites at home, and a weekend getaway is in order. Go someplace fun where you can cut loose, Capricorn. A measure is implemented at work.

ARIES
March 21–April 19

Projects abound and work begins to pile up. Longer hours could be in order, Aries, but not at the sacrifice of your health. A relative shares good news.

CANCER
June 22–July 22

Bold, brash decisions are called for this week. If you can't make them, Cancer, find someone who can. A craving at home is satisfied with ingenuity.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

Misunderstandings result in chaos at home. Get to the bottom of the matter fast, Libra. A compromise is reached at work, thanks to your quick thinking.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

Children take precedence this week. Focus on the youngsters in your life, Aquarius, and you will be amazed at what unfolds. Self-introspection leads to a discovery.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

Announcements are made at work and the rumors begin to fly. Steer clear of the hoopla, Taurus. Time will separate fact from fiction. A little package offers big relief.

LEO
July 23–August 22

Old habits die hard, Leo. Give it some time, lots of time. A memo makes an initiative crystal clear. Time to gather your team and supplies.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

Health improves with changes in diet and exercise. Go, Scorpio, go! A leap in faith with a friend proves worthwhile. Phone calls resume over the weekend.

PISCES
February 19–March 20

Tirades at home prove effective. The mess clears, along with the clutter. Additional training at work allows for a faster pace. Yahoo, Pisces!

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Waiting is not an option, Gemini. Make an appointment now. A frank discussion with a loved one leads them on the road to recovery. Good job.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

Theft is wrong on any level. Think twice about borrowing a young friend's idea. Ask and give credit where due, Virgo. A card provokes laughter.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

Tag, you're it, Sagittarius. You overextend yourself once again, and sacrifices are in order. Look to a mentor to get you back on track.

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Obituaries

Dean John Pushruk
12/21/56 - 4/19/14
Dean John Pushruk was born to Marie and Fred Pushruk, Sr. on December 21, 1956. He suddenly and unexpectedly died on April 19, 2014. Being the oldest of eight siblings, Dean was definitely the big brother of the family. He always spoke his mind and was always willing to give a helping hand. He loved all of his family and made many friends throughout his years. Dean always expressed his love for his children, stepchildren, and grandchildren. He was a very proud Dad and Papa, al-

ways talking about his kids and grandkids. Dean recently moved back to Nome and took a job driving for Checker Cab Co. Before moving to Nome, he lived in White Mountain, where he was an active member of the community. Throughout the years, he's worked with White Mountain Volunteer Fire Department, Search and Rescue, Pee Wee Basketball, and various other jobs including heavy equipment operator and volunteer trail staking. Shortly after his son, Jon Dean, passed away he became very active in suicide pre-

vention and was voted Non-Member of the Year by the White Mountain IRA. Dean enjoyed volunteering and helping in any way he was able. He enjoyed helping elders and also volunteered for Lonnie O'Connor Iditarod Basketball Classic. Along with Dean's nature to help out, he also had hobbies in which he took pleasure. Dean enjoyed hunting and fishing, making fly hooks, visiting family and friends, and playing pool. He always had a great time going on hunting trips with friends and was always willing to share his catch. He was always kind to others and always put others before himself. Dean also had a great sense of humor; he always made people laugh by teasing and joking around. Dean is survived by his sons; Mickey, Kris, and Sam; sisters Diane, Stella, and Brenda; brothers Jimmy and Roy; step-daughter Melissa; step-son Michael Wongittilin, many grandchildren, step-dad James, numerous cousins, aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, and friends. Dean is preceded in death by his son Jon Dean, daughter Jennifer, parents Fred and Marie, brothers Fred and Rudy, and grandmother Annie Osanna.

Wagner Wongittilin
1/11/60 – 4/12/2014
Wagner "Repa" Repaangantu Bridges Wongittilin was born on January 11, 1960, to Rose and Jerry in Savoonga. Midwife, Barbara Kogassagoon delivered him. Repa went to Savoonga Elementary School, and he later obtained his GED. He was a certified EMT. Repa was a self-made man most of his life. He was a very accomplished and well-known Native artist and commercial halibut fisherman since commercial fishing opened. He could "Mcgiver" anything. Repa was well known for his quiet humility, quickness to help others, and his generosity knew no bounds. We say, "He spoiled us all." He was a proud

father to Bridget and Homer. He was a friend to all. Repa and Anna called each other "Love of My Life." Repa loved his extended family at Stebbins and was well liked by the whole community. Repa is survived by his wife of 22 years, Anna, his son Homer, daughter Bridget, step-children Stacy, Trinity, Anna Jr., Vincent, Heather, and Allison; and by his sister Sterling, brother Jerry, Jr., sister Judy, nieces and nephews Melanie, Invet, Edward, Savannah, Henry, Simone, Xavier, Flora, Angelica, Annie, Floyd, Jimmy, Reed, Isabella, Dawn, and many other nieces and nephews and cousins in the Klowiyi, Toolie, Wongittilin,

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Saying it Sincerely

By Rev. Ross Tozzi
St. Joseph Catholic Church
Member Nome Ministerial Society
Spring: A Time for Resurrection and Transformation
All around us we see signs of spring, the snow is melting, the days are longer the, temperatures are warming. Spring is our annual reminder that after the darkness comes light, or more precisely, after death comes life; life eternal. Like the disciples of Jesus, we are very sad when someone dear to us passes away, or even when they become very ill and we fear that we will lose them. And perhaps we are like the disciples who found it hard to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. Whenever we visit the cemetery, the graves are always covered with the earth and were we to go and find an empty grave we would believe that someone had moved the body. What a joyful surprise for the first witnesses who had their sorrow turned to ecstatic joy. Jesus returned from the dead to help them understand the mystery of his passion and death. Just imagine the resurrection through the eyes of Mary. Her heart pierced by a sword as she watched her son crucified on Good Friday, but now she rejoices that her son has risen from the dead and reappears time and time again throughout the Easter season. If Jesus rises than so too do her mother Anna and her father Joachim. All of her relatives, all of those who have been faithful to God, even though they have died, are able to rise to new life in Christ. Just as it did for Mary, the resurrection of Jesus calls us to a new way of life. Throughout the 40 days of Lent we have been called to sacrifice so that we may enjoy with fuller hearts the unimaginable good news that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. Perhaps we have lost a loved one this past year and life without them has been so much more difficult. Perhaps our hearts were pierced by a sword as we have watched someone we love suffer from illness or some other tragedy. The suffering and death of Jesus was not without a point, and the suffering of our loved ones, accepted in faith, can have a redeeming value as well. A year ago, I watched my father die a painful death, and yet out of his sacrifice, I have witnessed a deepening of faith for family members, and a newness of spirit that gives witness to the resurrection by the transformation of darkness to new life. If Jesus rises then so too do our mothers and fathers, and all of the relatives who have reached out to God to accept his mercy, forgiveness, and love. All around us we see signs of spring. With Easter we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the forgiveness of sins, and the promise of eternal life. And let us never forget that this annual reminder is reinforced every week. Every Sunday is a day in which we celebrate the rising of Christ to new life. Every new sunrise is a day in which the Lord continues to offer to transform our lives.



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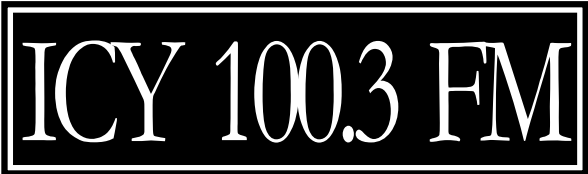
Church Services
Directory

- Bible Baptist Church**
443-2144
Sunday School: 10 a.m./Worship: 11 a.m.
- Community Baptist Church-SBC**
108 West 3rd Avenue • 443-5448 • Pastor Bruce Landry
Sunday Small Group Bible Study: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
- Community United Methodist Church**
West 2nd Avenue & C Street • 443-2865
Pastor Charles Brower
Sunday: Worship 11:00 am
Monday: Thrift Shop 4:00 to 5:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday: Thrift Shop 7:00 to 8:30 pm
Wednesday: Faith Followers 5:45 to 7:30 pm
- Nome Covenant Church**
101 Bering Street • 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey
Sunday: School 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday: Youth Group 6:30 p.m. (443-8063 for more info)
Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- Our Savior Lutheran Church**
5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295
Sunday: Worship 11 a.m..
Handicapped accessible ramp: North side
- River of Life Assembly of God**
405 W. Seppala • 443-5333 • Pastor Mike Christian Jr.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Youth Meeting: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
(Ages: 6th grade thru 12th Grade)
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
- St. Joseph Catholic Church**
Corner of Steadman & W. King Place • 443-5527
Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 10:30 a.m.
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Friday Hospital Mass: 12:10 p.m. (NSRH Meditation Room)
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- Seventh-Day Adventist**
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Saturday Sabbath School: 10 a.m.
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Nome Eskimo Community is recruiting for two (2) positions located in Nome, AK:
• Youth Services Intern: non-exempt, seasonal, part-time position. The pay range is \$19.35/hour - \$21.78/hour (DOE). The application deadline for the recruitment period is Monday, May 12, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
• Youth Coordinator: non-exempt, regular full-time position. The pay range is \$21.48/hour - \$25.63/hour (DOE). The application deadline for the recruitment period is Monday, May 19, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

The application deadline for the recruitment period is Monday, May 19, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
To ensure the safety of children who receive services, Nome Eskimo Community will complete a Criminal History Background Check on all applicants considered for the After School Activities Coordinator position.
To be considered for employment, the report must be free of crimes involving sexual assault or sexual abuse of a minor, unlawful exploitation of a minor indecent exposure, crimes of violence against persons, and must show that the applicant has not been convicted of a felony within the past ten years.
Native preference per Public Law 93-638
A full copy of the job descriptions and an employment application can be obtained from the Nome Eskimo Community Website www.necalaska.org or from the Nome Eskimo Community Office at 200 West 5th Avenue.
For any questions, please contact the Human Resources Manager, Cathy Lyon, at 907-443-9114 or by email to cathylion@gci.net
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Entire Business Liquidation to be sold as one lot Monday, April 28 @ 10 a.m. at Alaska Auction Co. 1227 E. 75th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska (907) 349-7078. Preview in Kodiak by appointment only. In the event of no sale, another auction will be held simultaneously online and at site in Kodiak on Monday, May 5 @ 10:00am by lots listed in web-site.

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

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2007-2 NOVASTAR HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-Plaintiff,

v.
IVA C. AILAK aka IVA AILAK aka IVA C. GANDIA AND ERNEST AILAK, HUSBAND AND WIFE; RAMON F. GANDIA; NOME ESKIMO COMMU-

NITY HOUSING PROGRAM; AND PERSONS IN POSSESSION OR CLAIMING RIGHT TO POSSESSION, Defendant(s).

NO. 2NO-11-48CI NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Final Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure issued August 21, 2013, by the Superior Court for the State of Alaska, Second Judicial District, the undersigned shall execute upon a judgment issued in the above-entitled action on August 21, 2013, in favor of the Plaintiff and against the Defendants for the sum of \$93,047.16, plus interest and costs of sale. Said execution was directed and delivered to me as a civil process server in and for the State of Alaska. I have levied upon all rights, titles and interest of the above Judgment Debtor, in and to the following described real property, to-wit:

LOT 18A, BLOCK 54 ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT OF U.S. SURVEY 451 AS AMENDED IN 1983, PLAT 83-7
SAID PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT: 309 West D Street, Nome, AK 99762

All recorded documents shall be recorded in the Fairbanks Recording District

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

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

**In the Superior Court for the State of Alaska
Second Judicial District at Nome**
In the Matter of a Change of Name for
Corey Anthony Remter
Case # 2NO-14-00061CI
Notice of Petition to Change Name

A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # 2NO -14-00061CI) Requesting a name change from (current name) Corey Anthony Remter to Corey Anthony Erikson. A hearing will be held on May 19, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street P.O. Box 1110 Nome, AK 99762
4/17-24-5/1-8

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: CITY OF NOME ZONING CODE AND 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

INVITATION TO BID RICHARD FOSTER BUILDING – PACKAGE 3 GENERAL CONTRACTOR / CONSTRUCTION MANAGER GMP PROPOSAL NOME, ALASKA

OWNER: CITY OF NOME
P.O. BOX 281
NOME, ALASKA 99762
907-443-6663 (PHONE)
907-443-5345 (FAX)

The City of Nome will receive proposals for the Richard Foster Building Project – Package 3: General Contractor / Construction Manager, GMP Proposal. Interested persons may receive a package by registering with the City Clerk by email at tmoran@nomealaska.org, phone at 907-443-6663 or by fax at 907-443-5345. Contract Documents will be available April 24, 2014. One complete set of Bid Documents will also be available for review at The Plans Room, 4831 Old Seward Hwy # 102, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, 907-563-2029.

The deadline for submission of sealed proposals is May 22, 2014 at 3:00 P.M. local time. Proposals must be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked clearly as "Proposal Enclosed: Richard Foster Building Project – Package 3: General Contractor / Construction Manager, GMP Proposal" along with the name and address of the Bidder. Fax submissions are not allowed.

A five percent bid bond is required. Payment and performance bonds will also be required. The contract will be awarded to the firm that will provide the most cost effective project as determined by the City. The City of Nome reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to reject non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids.
4/24-5/1-8-15

CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE
O-14-04-01 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2014 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET FOR NOME JOINT UTILITY SYSTEM
O-14-04-02 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO NOME JOINT UTILITY SYSTEM'S WATER AND SEWER TARIFF NO. 3, MAKING CHANGES TO RATE SCHEDULES 'A' AND 'B'
These ordinances had first reading at the regular

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NSEDC Job Opportunities

Assistant Plant Manager (Unalakleet): This position is responsible for supervising the production and packaging of seafood products at the Southern Norton Sound Seafood Processing Plant.

Mechanic (in region): This position performs highly skilled and complex repairs, including inspecting, repairing, fabricating, rebuilding, and maintaining plant equipment and machinery associated within the fishery operations in the Norton Sound region.

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For an application or complete job descriptions, contact **Tiffany Martinson, Human Resources Director**, at 443-2477 (Nome), 888-650-2477 (toll-free) or tiffany@nsedc.com. Applications and further employment opportunities can be found at www.nsedc.com.

NSEDC Seasonal Opportunities

Tender Vessels: Captain and Crew Members to be based out of Nome and Unalakleet area.

Fisheries Research & Development: Crew Leaders and Fisheries Technicians to work on various projects throughout the region.

Clean Water Beach Cleaning Project: Crew Leader and Crew Members for cleanup projects in Savoonga, Wales and Diomedea.

Construction Projects: Construction Foreman and Laborers to help construct a storage building in Shaktoolik.

Norton Sound Seafood Products: Various levels of processing jobs as well as office support in Nome and Unalakleet.

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All Along the Seawall

NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASES 04-28-14 through 05-04-14

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 04/28 at 11:31 a.m. Nome Police Department responded to an assault call on the east side of town. During the investigation June Koonuk, 51, was arrested for Assault in the Fourth Degree, Domestic Violence. June was remanded into Anvil Mountain Correctional Center. No bail was set.

On 5/1 at 2:45 a.m. Nome Police Department conducted a traffic stop on the east side of town. The investigation led to the arrest of Noelle Bell, 19, for Violating her Probation, Violating the Conditions of her Release and a repeat Minor Consuming Alcohol. She was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center. No bail was set.

On 5/1 at 2:45 a.m. Nome Police Department conducted a traffic stop on the east side of town. The investigation led to the arrest of Brett Michels, 35, for two counts of Violating the Conditions of his Release, Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the Fifth Degree, Misconduct Involving a Weapon in the Fourth Degree and Driving Under the Influence. He was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center. No bail was set.

On 5/1 at 9:44 p.m. Nome Police Department responded to a report of a domestic assault on the west side of town. The investigation led to the arrest of Francis Eugene Rookok, 27, for Assault in the Fourth Degree and Violating the Conditions of his Release. He was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center. No bail was set.

On 5/2 at 10:26 a.m. NPD received a call regarding a person being held at a residence against their will. Investigation led to the arrest of Justina Adams, 27, for Violating her Conditions of Release. She was then transported to AMCC.

On 05/03, at 1:09 a.m. Nome Police Department responded to a report of an assault on the west side of town. The investigation led to the arrest of Nikolas Bloodgood, 50, for Assault in the Fourth

Degree DV. He was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center. No bail was set.

On 05/03 at 7:20 p.m. Nome Police Department responded to a trespass call on the west side of town. The investigation led to the arrest of Derak Otton, 24, for Criminal Trespass in the First Degree, Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor and Violating Conditions of Release. Marcia Soolook, 18, was arrested for Habitual Minor Consuming Alcohol. Both were transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center. Derak's bail was set at \$2,000 and Marcia's bail was set at \$250.

On 05/03 at 11:55 p.m. Nome Police Department responded to a Trespass call at a downtown establishment. The investigation led to the arrest of Foster Olanna, 48, for Criminal Trespass in the

Second Degree and Drunk on License Premises. Foster was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center. Bail was set at \$750.00

On 5/4 at 5:52 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a call from an individual who was concerned about the welfare of another. Investigation

led to the arrest of Justine Ahnangnatoguk, 38, for Violating her Conditions of Release. She was remanded to AMCC.

On 05/3 at 7:13 p.m. Nome Police Department responded to a trespass call on the East side of town. The investigation led to the arrest of Foster

Olanna, 48, for Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree. Foster was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center. Bail was set at \$250.

PUBLIC NOTICE
MUSEUM & LIBRARY
COMMISSION SEAT
VACANCY
The Museum & Library Commission has one seat open for appointment. Anyone interested in serving on the Commission should submit an application to the City Clerk's Office by Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Applications are available at City Hall or at www.nomealaska.org. Please call 443-6603 for more information.
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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

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

U.S. Coast Guard Public Notice

Notice of Public Open-House Meeting

The U.S. Coast Guard plans to conduct air, water and shore-side operations to meet mission requirements throughout the Arctic region from July through October 2014, and in future years to support ongoing Arctic activities by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The Coast Guard has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, to evaluate a preferred alternative and a no-action alternative. The draft Environmental Assessment also provides information on possible effects on the natural and human environment from U.S. Coast Guard activities in the Arctic region.

The draft Environmental Assessment is available for review online at <http://www.uscg.mil/D17>, or copies may be requested from Mike Dombkowski, U.S. Coast Guard, Civil Engineering Unit Juneau, P.O. Box 21747, Juneau, Alaska, 99802-1747, by email to michael.g.dombkowski@uscg.mil or by phone at (907) 463-2421. Comments on the draft Environmental Assessment should be submitted to Mike Dombkowski in writing or via email by May 28, 2014.

The Coast Guard is holding public open-house meetings to discuss the draft Environmental Assessment concerning planned Arctic Operations.

List of meetings:

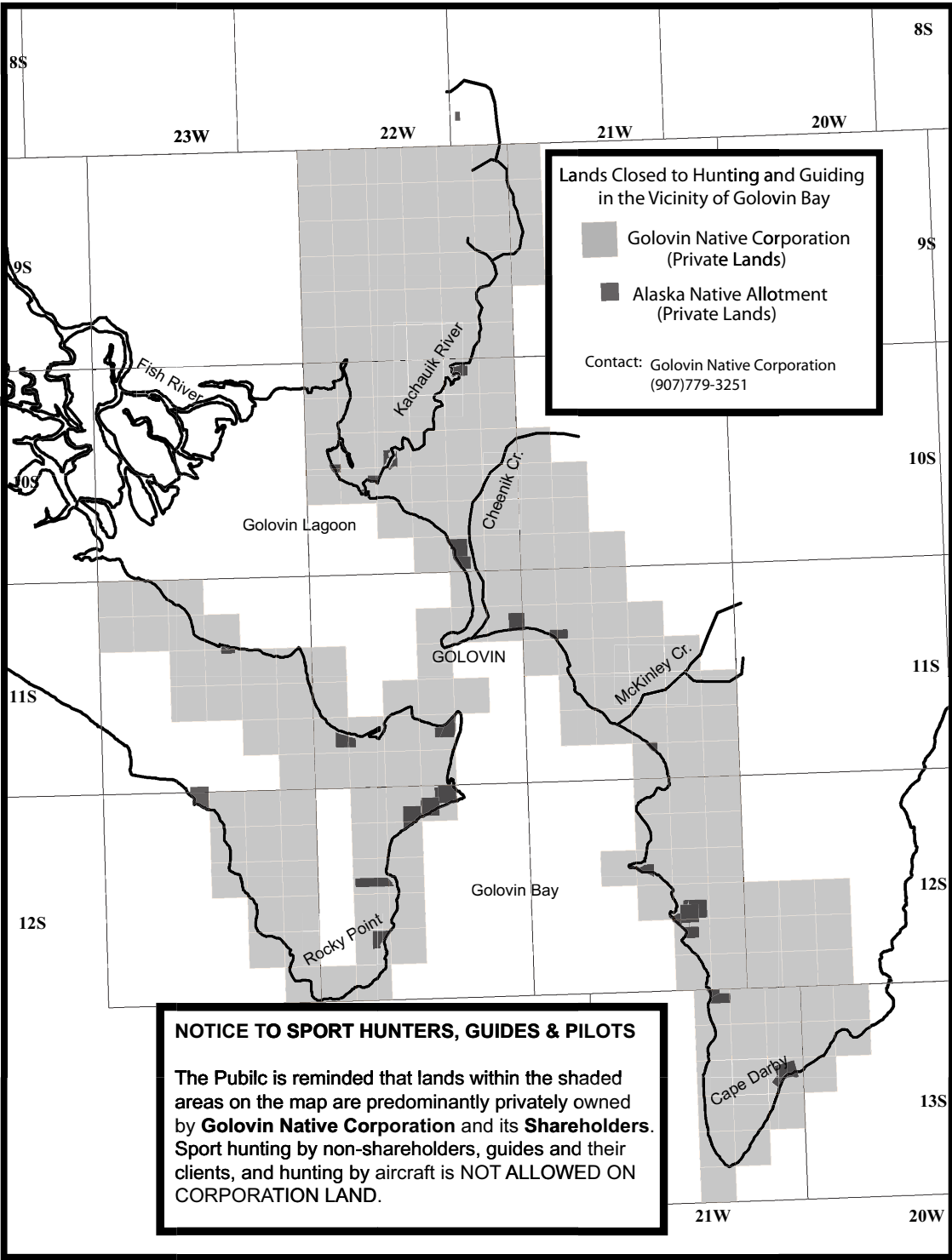
Nome, Alaska: Monday, May 12, 2014 – 3:00pm – 7:00pm, University of Alaska Fairbanks Northwest Campus Conference Room, 400 East Front Street, Nome, AK 99762 (Note: this room has Video Teleconferencing Capability)

Anchorage, Alaska: Tuesday, May 13, 2014 – 4:30pm – 7:30pm, Hilton Anchorage Hotel, Chart Room, 500 W 3rd Ave, Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Kotzebue, Alaska: Wednesday, May 14, 2014 – 4:30pm – 7:30pm, Private Dining Room at the Nullagvik Hotel, 306 Shore Avenue, Kotzebue, Alaska 99752

Barrow, Alaska: Friday, May 16, 2014 – 4:30pm – 7:30pm, Top of the World Hotel Lounge,

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Dombkowski at (907) 463-2421.



• Board considers texts, tests and routes to school

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will benefit from the selection of materials that are aligned with the new standards. We can make a much more informed decision on curriculum with the availability of professionals who are trained in curriculum development.”

The committee plans to be able to present a recommendation to the board for the purchase of new math materials in spring of 2015. Hazel addressed the issue of needing new instructional materials sooner rather than later. “If urgency is the issue, why should we wait? Because this is a really long-term decision. We’re going to have this math program for possibly the next seven to eight years. We didn’t get all the samples we wanted. We don’t feel like we’ve been able to investigate all the options.”

Superintendent Gast asked whether BSSD had undergone a similar alignment process for its language arts curriculum, and whether the district would be willing to share this information with Nome Public Schools. Leistikio agreed to follow up on this issue.

Board member Barb Nickels questioned whether all teachers would consistently use the same textbook after going through the process of curriculum review and adoption. Hazel pointed out that with an aligned curriculum, teachers would have less need to supplement or “patch” holes in instructional materials in order to meet educational standards. “It’s the principal’s job to ensure consistency,” commented Brennan. “This proposal is a great idea but I would like to see an instructional leader involved, meaning the principal, since we don’t have a curriculum specialist on staff.”

Next to present was high school math teacher Andre Van Delden. Van Delden, who has been teaching math at the high school for eighteen years, has been using math textbooks published as early as 1989. “There was no need to change. We’ve kept the same curriculum for a very long time. However, Common Core has pushed us to finally look at new materials. We are teaching these standards at an earlier age,” said Van Delden.

After reviewing several samples from textbook publishers, Van Delden and junior high math teacher Hana Jones recommended a 6-12 math textbook published by Glencoe-McGraw Hill, to carry students through Algebra II. The recommended program includes access to an online assessment and targeted review program to provide intervention to struggling students.

The high school math committee also recommended the purchase

of Cengage for Trigonometry and Personal Finance math classes. Jones stressed the importance of consistency in vocabulary and math instruction in junior high to better prepare students for high school math.

Van Delden also pointed out the cost advantage of their recommendation, which prices consumable student books at approximately \$14.00 per book and allows for annual updates and revisions, rather than a set of hardback textbooks that the district would have to keep for at least six years, which would cost the district over \$100 to replace if lost or damaged. The cost projection would allow the district to purchase enough extra consumable textbooks to allow students to use one in school and keep one at home. Nickels commented, “I’m certainly a big proponent of purchasing extra books to allow students to take their books home so that they can have a parent or older brother or sister help them with their math.”

Janeen Sullivan was next to present, sharing winter session test data from the elementary, middle, and high schools with the School Board. Students K-10 were tested in reading and math, grades 2-10 in writing, and grades 7-10 in science. Students in all grades, in all subjects tested, made gains between fall and winter session, with the exception of 10th grade students in writing, which dropped by less than one point.

However, the gains were not enough to offset the percentile data, which reveals that in most of the grades and subject areas, the majority of NPS students are failing to meet district targets for proficiency. Seventh grade scores were particularly low, with 91 percent of students scoring below targets in math, 80 percent below in reading, and 77 percent below proficient in writing. Sullivan pointed out that charter school students were not reflected in the scores for fifth through seventh grade students.

“We needed to have attacked this yesterday,” commented Nickels. “This is critical. We need something in place for these far-below proficient students as soon as possible, when school starts in the fall.” Sullivan also explained that with the changes in SBA’s due to new educational standards, districts across the state have been warned to expect lower test scores among students as teachers and students adjust to new instructional expectations. “With the changes to the state standards, expect a 30-60 percent drop in proficiency levels on the new tests,” Sullivan said.

Gast commented, “This demonstrates how important it is to catch

students in the early grades, pre-K through third grade. It gets more difficult to catch them up as they get older. That’s one reason I like the idea of being cautious with our elementary curriculum selection because it has such an important and powerful impact on learning.” In math, the grades with the largest number of students testing at proficiency level were the fourth and sixth grades, with 48 percent and 57 percent of students reaching targets respectively. Fifth grade scores dipped sharply, with 26 percent of students at proficiency. In the subject area of reading, only 42 percent of Kindergarten students reached proficiency, still higher than the 23 percent of first graders, 37 percent of second graders, and 38 percent of third graders attaining this goal. With these low scores in the primary grades, Brennan emphasized, “We really need to protect our numbers— the student to teacher ratios— in those early grades.”

The work session then ended as the Board convened in a Special Meeting to address an action item, the approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Superintendent. Gast requested in the MOA payment of \$6750 in return for additional duties he has performed in the absence of a district Human Resources Director since March. Board member Barb Amarok stated her opinion that the terms were too low, and that a higher rate of payment would be appropriate for the extra time put in by Gast, and Paula Davis concurred. Brennan stated she was comfortable with the figure requested in the MOA, and had consulted with the

school district’s lawyer who indicated that the terms and amount of the MOA were reasonable.

Nickels was not in favor of the MOA, stating, “In fifteen years, I’ve seen every one of our past Superintendents have to take over the duties of additional positions. The days listed do include days on leave, days on holiday, and non-working days, and since we’re paying a daily rate...our superintendents are well-paid, they receive free housing, they are salaried at eight hour days minimum, the duties listed on this MOA are actually the duties of the superintendent, and at this time, with our district in a budget deficit, I would vote no on the MOA as it stands.”

Amarok pointed out that the responsibilities of the Human Resources director are not actually on the Superintendent’s job description. “To say that we expect the Superin-

tendent to have to take over the responsibilities of other positions is not what he lined up for. It’s not what any Superintendent would line up for. These duties are extra, not what he is responsible for every single day,” said Amarok.

Brennan moved for an MOA that would compensate Gast at a daily rate of \$75, for a total of days between March 1 and June 30 that would not include vacation days, in a total amount that would equal between \$6000-7000. The motion was seconded and approved by the board, by a vote of three in favor and one opposed. Nickels said in discussion that she would like to see a policy set by the board to deal with similar future situations.

Editor’s Note: The author was a participant in the elementary math committee.



Wagner Wongtittlin with his halibut catch

• More Obituaries

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Pungowiyyi, and Kiyuklook families.

• More Legals

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meeting of the Nome City Council on April 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. and were passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for **May 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the Office of the City Clerk.
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Nome Eskimo Community

Nome Eskimo Community is awarded Federal funding to fulfill our mission of providing safe, affordable and decent housing in Nome. Each year,

NEC reports to U.S. Housing & Urban Development on the progress made with these Federal funds during the previous year. The Annual Performance Report for 2013 is available for public review and comment at the NEC offices located at 200 West Fifth Avenue, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday. The APR can also be viewed at NEC’s website (necalaska.org). The period for public comment will close on Thursday, May 15, 2014. Public comment must be in writing and directed to NEC Housing, Box 1090, Nome, AK, 99762, or hand-delivered to our offices at 200 West Fifth Ave.
5/8-15

The family of Dean Pushruk would like to thank the following people and organizations that have helped or donated during our time of loss: Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department, NSHC staff, RJ’s Auto and Repair/Checker Cab Co., Charlie Weiss/Outsiders Hardware, Sitnasuak Native Corporation, Bering Straits Native Corporation, NSEDC, City of White Mountain, King Island Native Corporation, Kawerak, Inc., Teller Traditional IRA, City of Teller, City of Nome, Lonnie O’Connor Iditarod Basketball Classic, Ravn Air, Bering Air, Charlie Reader/Q Trucking, Chubby Olanna, Wilson Bourdon, JT Sherman, Mark and Trinh Johnson, Toby and Debbie Anungazuk, Joe and Mary Kunnuk, Thomas Olanna, Tony Shelp, Liz Kugzruk, Kimberly Gooden, the many volunteers that helped prepare and clean for the potluck, and anyone else we may have missed, we apologize. Thank you.

Trooper Beat

On May 1, at approximately 10:20 p.m., Clinton Booshu, 58, of Gambell was arrested after investigation by the VPSO revealed that he had assaulted a family member. It was also determined that Clinton Booshu was in violation of his probation condition by consuming alcohol.

On May 2, at approximately 6:30 a.m., Emmanuel Iyatunguk, 49, of Gambell was arrested after investigation by the Gambell Police Department determined that he was driving while intoxicated and had assaulted a family member in Gambell.

On May 2, at approximately 9:20 a.m., Brandon Apangalook, 18, of Gambell was arrested on an outstanding warrant. The original charges for the warrant were Burglary, Theft and Criminal Mis-

Court

Week ending 5/2

Civil
Longley, JR., Gary T. v. Longley, Darla M.; Civil Protective Order
Gamble, Barbara C. v. Clearwater, Daurice; Civil Protective Order

Small Claims
Russo, Carmen v. Riedel, Emily; Small Claims Less Than \$2500
Bering Straits Education Association v. Charlesworth, Troy; Small Claims Less Than \$2500

Criminal
State of Alaska v. Franklin Kaningok IV (3/7/88); Harassment 2; Date of Violation: 4/20/14; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 4/28/14); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation for these conditions of probation; No jailable offenses; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; 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. Franklin Kaningok Jr. (11/29/65); Assault 4; Date of Violation: 2/2/14; 270 days, 185 days suspended; Unsuspended 85 days shall be served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 4/28/14); Shall not contact, directly or indirectly,

or return to the residence of Candice Koozaata without consent and must leave when 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. Craig Weston (8/17/83); Criminal Mischief 4; Date of Violation: 4/28/14; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Suspended Imposition of Sentence: Imposition of sentence is suspended; The defendant is placed on probation subject to terms, orders, and conditions listed below; 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: Defendant 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 1 year (date of judgment: 4/28/14); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation for these conditions of probation; No jailable offenses; Pay restitution.

State of Alaska v. Robert Gonzales (10/10/62); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: NVOL; Filed by the DAs Office 4/28/14.
State of Alaska v. Hyoung Paik (11/20/59); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4; Filed by the DAs Office 4/28/14.

State of Alaska v. Nancy Analook (1/11/80); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Violate DVPO; Filed by the DAs Office 4/28/14.
State of Alaska v. Gideon Okprowok (1/15/86); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4; Filed by the DAs Office 4/28/14.
State of Alaska v. Raymond Larsen (3/22/92); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: As-

sault 4; Filed by the DAs Office 4/28/14.
State of Alaska v. Dannita Malewotkuk (2/18/86); 2NO-13-59CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VCR; Filed by the DAs Office 4/25/14.
State of Alaska v. Dannita Malewotkuk (2/18/86); 2NO-13-904CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: DC; Filed by the DAs Office 4/25/14.
State of Alaska v. Dannita Malewotkuk (2/18/86); 2NO-14-100CR CTN 001: Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 2/9/14; 180 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 180 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. Dannita Malewotkuk (2/18/86); 2NO-14-100CR CTN 002: Violate Condition of Release; Date of Violation: 2/9/14; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Allen Sagoonick (2/21/65); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: DUI; Filed by the DAs Office 4/25/14.
State of Alaska v. Esther Brown (9/20/92); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: CT; Filed by the DAs Office 4/25/14.
State of Alaska v. Justina Adams (12/17/86); Order to Modify Revoke Probation; ATN: 114188814; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 9 days.

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IN SYNC— Gambell rolled out the red carpet for the visitors who attended the Bering Sea Alliance meeting on Arctic Resource Development & Infrastructure from April 29 through 30. The Gambell Singers and Dancers entertained a large crowd at the Q building with Eskimo dancing.



TALENTED— Nikolai Avalun, left, and his friend Jaden Koozaata enthusiastically demonstrated their dancing abilities during a dance for visitors in Gambell on April 29.



ROCKING THE BOAT— Chase Apassingok enjoyed performing for a large crowd at Gambell's Q building on April 29.



GRACEFUL— Polly Roberts of Gambell joined the youth in performing Gambell dances for visitors.



DRUMMERS— Wesley Apatiki, John Apangalook and Anders Booshu provided the drumming for the dancing.



WATER SKY OVER GAMBELL— A dark blue sky hovered over Gambell on April 29, as snow turned into rain and drizzle, putting an end to winter in the sub-Arctic.