



Photo by Diana Haecker

NOME INVITATIONAL XC RUN— Elementary School kids were the first to blast off during Saturday's Nome Invitational XC run event at Nome-Beltz. See story at page 11.

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## Lt. Gov kicks off initiative hearings on marijuana in Nome

By Diana Haecker

Last Tuesday, Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell held the first of eight statewide hearings on Ballot Measure 2, an initiative to legalize marijuana in the state.

The initiative, if passed, would

create an "Act to tax and regulate the production, sale and use of marijuana." If the measure succeeds, Alaska could become the third U.S. state to legalize recreational pot use.

Voters in Colorado and Washington passed a similar measure in

2012.

If passed, the initiative would make use of marijuana legal for persons over 21 years of age, allowing them to possess, use, display, purchase or transport up to one ounce of marijuana. It would impose some re-

strictions on personal cultivation, public use and the operation of marijuana related facilities.

Under the measure, the state Legislature could create a Marijuana Control Board under the Dept. of Commerce, Community and Economic Development.

It proposes to levy a \$50 per ounce excise tax on the sale or transfer of marijuana from a cultivation facility to a retail store or marijuana product manufacturing facility. The producer would pay the tax.

Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell

said that there would be seven more hearings held in Barrow, Juneau, Ketchikan, Anchorage, Wasilla, Bethel and Fairbanks.

He explained that several state departments were asked to submit their cost estimates associated with the bill. The Dept. of Revenue estimated that it would need to create three more positions to oversee the new excise tax, at an annual cost of \$300,000.

The Department also estimates a

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Photo by Keith Conger

TECHNOLOGICAL HIDE-AND-SEEKERS — Nome homeschool students Tobin Hobbs and Clara Hanson used their GPS units to locate a geocache on Anvil Mountain. They were part of a group of 26 homeschool students learning how to use GPS units. See story page 7.

## Candidates for City offices run unopposed

By Diana Haecker

This year's Municipal election will offer the voters slim pickings as all candidates running for Nome Common Council, Utility Board and School Board are unopposed.

On Monday, Sept. 15, the filing period for people interested in running for office ended and produced the following names:

Running for seat 'A' of the Common Council is incumbent Tom Sparks. The term is for three years.

Seat 'B', also a three-year term, is occupied by Louis Green Sr., who is also the sole candidate to run for that seat.

Utility Board seat B, a two-year term is held by Fred Moody, who submitted his name again for election. Moody runs unopposed.

Carl Emmons is the incumbent for Utility Board seat E, a three-year term. Emmons has filed for election and also runs unopposed.

School Board seat 'A' is occupied by Jennifer Reader. She runs unopposed.

School Board seat 'B' incumbent Barb Nickels decided not to run for re-election. Brandy Arrington declared candidacy for that seat.

"Since coming to Nome in 1999 I

served three years as Board President of the Nome Preschool," said Nickels in a statement to the Nome Nugget. "I resurrected the Nome PTA and served as president for three years, have fulfilled two terms, on the Nome Board of Education, and five years on the NACTEC Board of Directors." She said she has truly enjoyed every year of service.

"Not applying as a candidate for the upcoming election was not an easy decision," Nickels stated. "I would love to see some of our younger parents get more involved. I will still be quite active with our Nome youth as a member of a variety of groups and partnerships that have our students' education and futures as a priority. It has been an honor to serve on the Board of Education and play a role to effect positive change."

Also on the ballot will be a proposition that puts the question before the voters whether or not the City should raise alcohol and tobacco taxes from 5 percent to 8 percent.

The municipal election is scheduled for October 7.

## Oil suspected on two harvested seals near Gambell

By Diana Haecker

Laboratories have yet to confirm that two spotted seals harvested near Gambell on St. Lawrence Island last week had swum through an oil slick, but the hunters are pretty sure it was

oil on the seals' coats.

The two animals were harvested on September 6 and 12 off the beach near Gambell.

Gambell IRA president Eddy Ungott phoned UAF Marine Advisory Program Agent Gay Sheffield and reported that there was oil on the seals.

Leon Antoghamme harvested the second spotted seal on Sept. 12 near Gambell. He didn't see anything unusual about the seal until he brought the animal ashore and noticed a dark colored spot on the young seal's back and side. "It had a bald spot on its head and was yellow at the belly," Antoghamme described.

Antoghamme took tissue samples from the internal organs, blubber, flipper and jaws. He said the substance on the seal's coat looked and

smelled like oil.

"It hurts to see our food spoiled like that," said Antoghamme.

Since the seal was not fit for consumption, the carcass was discarded.

"Anytime we have oiled wildlife it is a serious concern," said Gay Sheffield, UAF's Marine Advisory Program Agent in Nome.

"This is our third oiling event in three years. We still don't know the source," she said.

The hunters notified Sheffield, who set into motion alerts to a multitude of agencies, including the U.S. Coast Guard, Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation, NMFS Office of Response and Restoration, NMFS Office of Protected Re-

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Photo courtesy of Leon Antoghamme

OILED— This spotted seal showed a dark oily substance on the top of its body and a bald path on his head and neck.

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Letters

Dear Editor:

Now that the election is over, the oil companies change their mind and decide not to increase oil production. Kudos to Captain Zero for not asking the oil companies to give back the state's money. The dividend checks were set up to help Alaskans pay their bills. Captain Zero knows that the millionaires and billionaires of the lower 48 who own oil stocks in the oil companies here that are getting the states free billions of dollars have bills to pay as well. The rich and powerful need the state's billions of dollars more than we do. Like Captain Zero says, there is nothing more important in the world than the state helping the wealthy get wealthier. My motto is "Captain Zero for Governor." He is not the governor who can do more for Alaska, but the governor who can do less. What more could we ask for in a governor?

John Suter  
Chugiak, AK 99567

Dear Editor:

I'm writing this letter because I am concerned for the future of our subsistence rights as Native peoples in Alaska. This coming election we

have an important selection for US Senator. Mark Begich is clear on supporting subsistence rights, and while I was listening to Dan Sullivan on KOTZ radio earlier this month he said he was "strongly supportive" of subsistence rights and is "very focused on making sure we maintain" those rights. I completely agree with this statement, but his official actions were opposing when working in the Parnell administration. Sullivan challenged subsistence rights by appealing the Katie John case despite petitions from the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) and tribes.

When he was Attorney General (AG) for the State of Alaska, Sullivan sued Katie John as AG, sending the 9th circuit decision to the Supreme Court for an appeal. AFN considered this an assault upon the people of Alaska who depend upon hunting, fishing and gathering to feed their families. If Sullivan had his way, Katie John would have lost that case, threatening every Alaska Native's right to hunt and fish on our own land.

Let's make sure we are informed

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Nome Superior Court has new magistrate judge

By Diana Haecker

Longtime Nomeite and well-known attorney Bob Lewis, 61, was chosen to fill the vacancy left by Magistrate Brooke Alowa, who last month accepted the position as the chief of enforcement for the Alaska State Commission on Human Rights in Anchorage.

Lewis began working at the Nome Court on September 8.

Second Judicial District Presiding Judge Michael Jeffery hired Bob Lewis out of an applicant pool of 15 candidates.

Bob Lewis is currently "Magistrate in Training" as he embarks on a new career as Magistrate Judge. Since 1977 he has worked as a private practice lawyer, Public Defender and attorney for the Alaska Legal Services office.

Lewis — born in Anchorage — returned to Alaska as a young lawyer in 1977 after graduating from Hastings College of Law in San Francisco. He was hired to work at the Alaska Legal Services office in Nome. Then he went into private practice for two years in Nome before moving to Anchorage in 1980. For a short time, Lewis worked in Anchorage for the Public Defender's office and then went into private practice. Lewis returned to Nome in 1999 and joined the law office of Conner Thomas, Brian Timbers and Jon Larson. As Timbers and Larson retired, the successor law firm was named Thomas & Lewis.

Bob Lewis went into "semi-retirement" in 2012. Once the Magistrate position became open last month, he became intrigued with the possibility of gaining insight into a new aspect of the law. "It seemed like a good opportunity to see things from a different perspective," Lewis said in a recent interview with *The Nome Nugget*. "It is an interesting challenge." When the position became open, an acquaintance asked Lewis if he had applied, and he answered "no."

"Then I tried to come up with a good reason why not to apply," Lewis said. Apparently he couldn't

and so he applied and rose to the top of the applicant's list.

As Lewis settles in to see the law from a Magistrate's perspective, he finds that there are more things to consider than just the opposing parties to a case.

"It's quite interesting to learn the precise processes," said Lewis. He explained that lawyers usually try to

assess things in a case the way a judge would. "They have to consider both sides, so that is not remarkably different. But what I find remarkable is that you have to consider all the agencies that are involved and go along with it," he said. "This expands my world view beyond the

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Photo by Diana Haecker

NEW MAGISTRATE — Bob Lewis replaces Brooke Alowa as magistrate for the Nome Superior Court

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

Editorial

Not a Person

The U.S. Supreme Court sold its soul to the devil when it ruled that corporations are persons. A person has a heart and a soul. The only thing a corporation has is a big bank account.

The court has pandered to the rich outside interests who can spend unlimited funds on advertising to buy our votes. In some ads the boogie man stretches the facts beyond the limits, then up pops the devil denouncing Harry Reid and President Obama. Oh, give us a break. Groups like Citizens United and their ilk are not persons and to consider these bloated organizations as persons is a threat to our democracy. We have big oil which spent \$18 million to narrowly defeat the oil tax reform bill. We had Mr. Big Eyes sanctimoniously doing the jobs mantra. Not one month later BP announced a 17 percent reduction in its work force.

The Supreme Court needs to rethink its ruling that gives corporations the status of individuals. The Supreme Court has opened the doors to the concept that elected offices can be bought. —N.L.M.—

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Date	Day	Time	High Tide	Time	High Tide	Time	Low Tide	Time	Low Tide
09/18	Th	1:56 a.m.	+1.2	12:59 p.m.	+1.3	6:41 a.m.	+0.8	8:00 p.m.	+0.2
09/19	Fr	3:10 a.m.	+1.2	2:02 p.m.	+1.2	7:51 a.m.	+0.8	8:57 p.m.	+0.2
09/20	Sa	4:13 a.m.	+1.2	3:03 p.m.	+1.2	9:04 a.m.	+0.8	9:47 p.m.	+0.2
09/21	Su	5:01 a.m.	+1.2	3:59 p.m.	+1.2	10:07 a.m.	+0.8	10:31 p.m.	+0.2
09/22	Mo	5:37 a.m.	+1.2	4:48 p.m.	+1.2	10:52 a.m.	+0.7	11:10 p.m.	+0.2
09/23	Tu	6:04 a.m.	+1.2	5:32 p.m.	+1.2	11:29 a.m.	+0.7	11:45 p.m.	+0.3
09/24	We	6:25 a.m.	+1.2	6:14 p.m.	+1.3	12:03 p.m.	+0.6		

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Sunrise	09/18/14	8:34 a.m.	High Temp	+65	09/12/14	National Weather Service
	09/25/14	8:54 a.m.	Low Temp	+35	09/07/14	Nome, Alaska
			Peak Wind	39 mph, SE, 09/13/14		(907) 443-2321
Sunset	09/18/14	9:16 p.m.	Precip. to Date	11.06"		1-800-472-0391
	09/25/14	8:51 p.m.	Normal	11.71"		

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BP to cut jobs in Alaska

BP announced that it would cut around 275 staff and contractor jobs in Alaska in early 2015.

BP sold its interests in four oil fields in the North Slope area to the privately held company Hilcorp earlier this year. The sale agreement includes all of BP's interests in the Endicott and Northstar oilfields and a 50 percent interest in each of the Liberty and the Milne Point fields.

The sale also includes BP's interests in the oil and gas pipelines associated with these fields.

According to BP's website, the company employs 2,300 employees and more than 6,000 contractor jobs in Alaska.

BP said it would continue expanding its interest in Prudhoe Bay, bringing in two additional drill rigs. It also considers production of liquefied natural gas from reserves in Alaska.

A press release announcing the sale of the four oilfield interests to a Hilcorp said, "Approximately 250 employees are associated with the assets included in the agreement and the company is committed to providing clarity about their future as soon as possible. The majority of those BP employees at or supporting Milne Point, Endicott and Northstar are expected to be offered positions with Hilcorp with no break in employment."

This apparently changed. Even Governor Sean Parnell was not pleased with BP's announcement. "I'm extremely disappointed in this action. No one likes to see jobs reduced, and I am especially concerned about the disruption for families who work in the energy sector," Parnell said in a statement.

BP was among the contributors to push the "Vote No on One" campaign, fighting against a voter referendum to repeal the controversial oil tax law SB 21.

BP is also under pressure as the size of the amount of the fine the company faces over the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill is uncertain as well as over the impact of Western sanctions on its operations in Russia.

August warmest on record

Climate Central reports that this

August was the warmest August on record globally. According to newly released NASA temperature data, Central Europe, northern Africa, parts of South America, and the western portions of North America including Alaska saw much higher than normal temperatures for the month. Large parts of the oceans were also running unusually warm.

August temperatures were 1.3°F higher than the 1951-1980 average for the month according to NASA data.

The record-setting August capped off what NASA data shows was the fourth warmest summer on record globally, coming in 1.12°F above average. That puts it in a tie with the summer of 2005, but behind 2011, 2009 and 1998 by NASA's rankings.

EPA announces new actions to curb greenhouse gases

This week, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy and private and public sector leaders at the White House announced new steps to curb emissions of hydrofluorocarbons, potent greenhouse gases used in refrigeration and air conditioning. Administrator McCarthy announced additional EPA actions to reduce HFC emissions and encouraged private sector investment in HFC-free technology.

"The good progress we are making on restoring the earth's ozone layer would not have been possible without a strong public-private sector partnership," said EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. "I know by working together again we can tackle the challenges of climate change and meet the President's goal to curb emissions of the most potent greenhouse gases."

EPA announced three new actions that will help support a smooth transition to climate-friendly alternatives to HFCs, including: listing additional fluorinated and non-fluorinated chemicals as acceptable alternatives in a variety of industry applications; identifying refrigerant management options to reduce HFC emissions from air conditioning and refrigeration equipment; and organizing with stakeholder engagement a series of sector-specific workshops on seek-

ing transitions away from high global warming potential HFCs.

The new efforts build upon progress and commitments already made under EPA's Green Chill partnership, which works with the supermarket industry to transition to climate-friendly refrigerants, reduce the amount of refrigerant used and eliminate harmful refrigerant leaks. If supermarkets nationwide reduce refrigerant leaks to the current GreenChill Partner average of 12.4 percent, they could generate annual cost savings of over \$100 million across the industry while preventing the annual emission of about 27 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent, which is equal to emissions from the generation of electricity use by more than 3.7 million homes annually.

Rosneft/ExxonMobil and Moscow State University scientists to develop oil-degrading arctic bacteria

The online publication *Oil and Gas Technology* reports that Rosneft and ExxonMobil's joint arctic technology research arm, the Arctic Research and Design Centre, has signed a contract to collaborate on research work with the Lomonosov Moscow State University.

They aim to research and develop microbial biotechnology capable of performing oils-spill and water contamination clean-up in Arctic regions, focussing on psychrophilic bacteria that survive and thrive in low temperatures.

LMSU specialists will conduct the research and analysis of at least five methods of generating these microbes and will elaborate techniques of the bacteria usage. The research will include taking samples from oil-contaminated areas to extract psychrophilic organisms from natural microbial populations, development of a step-by-step method to detect and isolate the oil-degrading microorganisms tolerant to arctic temperature and salinity conditions while also being efficient degraders for a number of ecologically hazardous toxicants including hydrocarbons of oil and oil products and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons

resistant to oxidation.

The laboratory specimen of the biological product will be tested in a flow-through sea aquarium using temperature and salinity conditions consistent with arctic environments.

Healy completes Arctic science deployment

The Coast Guard reported that after completing 130 days of operations in the Bering Sea, Chukchi Sea and Arctic Ocean, the Coast Guard Cutter *Healy* was back in Seattle last week.

During the last four months, *Healy* conducted three missions to further scientific knowledge and understanding of the Arctic.

The first mission, the Study of Under Ice Blooms in the Chukchi Ecosystem, was led by Stanford University personnel with funding from the National Science Foundation. Scientists worked with a conductivity, temperature and depth rosette, plankton and zooplankton nets, van-veen grabs, a light-frame onsite key-species investigative imaging device, a trace metal detection FISH that was towed alongside the ship, a trace metal pump and weather balloons. The compilation of each of these individual components enabled a vast amount of scientific data about the Chukchi ecosystem to be woven together for education and understanding of ongoing biological, physical and chemical oceanographic and other related trends in the Arctic.

Throughout this phase *Healy's* crew completed 230 science station evolutions in which the ship stopped to conduct operations, including 14 on-ice deployments.

The second scientific mission of the summer was completed by Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution scientists who were studying the Pacific Boundary Current and other oceanographic trends in the Arctic. The study of these currents and data collection was captured utilizing sub-surface oceanographic moorings. The moorings remain onsite for one to two years and capture a year-long dataset of what is occurring on the continental shelf off the north coast of Alaska. The information collected by the moorings, along with data captured by 156 CTD rosette casts, allow for the continuation of research that has been supported by *Healy* over the last 10 years.

The third and final science pursuit of the summer was accomplished with a team from the Coast Guard's Research and Development Center. Members from the center brought technologies and equipment to be utilized for oil spill monitoring in the harsh Arctic environment. Tools used to complete mission objectives and testing evaluation consisted of several remotely operated vehicles, a few small unmanned aerial systems, an autonomous underwater vehicle,

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, September 18

<b>*FEMA Meeting</b> *Weekly Women's Circle *Vinyasa Yoga <b>*Port Comm. Reg. Mtg.</b> *Nome Food Bank *Open Bowling *Thrift Shop *Native Games	<b>Kawerak building</b> Prematernal Home Nome Rec Center <b>Council Chambers</b> Bering & Seppala Nome Rec Center Methodist Church Nome Rec Center	<b>8:00 a.m. - Noon</b> 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. <b>5:30 p.m.</b> 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. 8:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
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Friday, September 19

<b>*Pick-up Basketball</b> <b>*Meet and Greet with DCRA</b> *Tae Kwon Do *Open Bowling *Drop-in Soccer (15+) *AA Meeting	Nome Rec Center <b>Kawerak Talialuk B/R</b> Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Lutheran Church(rear)	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. <b>1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.</b> 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.
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Saturday, September 20

*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs) 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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Sunday, September 21

*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs) 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
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Monday, September 22

<b>*Pick-up Basketball</b> *Kindergym *Zumba Fitness *Tae Kwon Do <b>*NCC Reg. Mtg.</b> *AA Meeting	Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center <b>Council Chambers</b> Lutheran Church(rear)	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. - noon 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. <b>7:00 p.m.</b> 8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, September 23

<b>*Open Gym</b> *Strength Training *Vinyasa Yoga *Nome Food Bank *AA Meeting	Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Bering & Seppala Airport Pizza (upstairs)	5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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Wednesday, September 24

<b>*Pick-up Basketball</b> *Kindergym *Nome Food Bank *Zumba Fitness *Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Bering & Seppala Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. - noon 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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## • Marijuana initiative

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one-time cost of \$500,000 to configure the new tax revenue management system.

The Dept. of Commerce, Community and Economic Development pegged the cost of the creation of a Task Force to identify legal, policy and procedural issues at nearly \$1.6 million for the first year, about \$1.4 million for the second year.

The Dept. of Health and Social Services came up with a wide-ranging cost estimate between \$0 and 2.9 million. The Dept. of Public Safety estimates a cost of \$1.4 million to respond to new realities of dealing with drivers under the influence of pot, having more drug enforcement troopers trained as drug recognition experts, increasing the number of statewide drug unit trooper investigators and launching public awareness campaigns on the dangers of driving under the influence of marijuana.

Also, troopers expect more blood samples sent for toxicology tests to detect the presence of marijuana in the blood.

The Dept. of Environmental Conservation regulates foods and estimates a cost of \$0 to nearly \$140,000 for its efforts to establish the regulation of marijuana food products.

Before public testimony, the initiative's proponents and opponents had ten minutes each to present their arguments.

Dr. Tim Hinterberger, the chair of the group "Campaign to regulate marijuana in Alaska", which proposed and sponsored the initiative, testified in favor of the bill. Hinterberger said the main goal behind the measure was not to generate tax for the state. "The goal was to get marijuana out of the hands of the black market and see to it that it is properly regulated and sold by legitimate businesses," Hinterberger said.

He argued that the initiative is a grassroots movement made up of hundreds of volunteers and experts who have been involved with this issue for many years. "Alaskans from Anchorage to Nome and everywhere in between have recognized that marijuana prohibition has

failed," he stated.

The bill, he argued, would create a sensible approach to regulating as about 100,000 Alaskans are using marijuana.

"It's not a question if marijuana should be in the state but how the existing industry should be managed," Hinterberger said. He stressed that if the measure passes, it still would give local governments the option to ban the purchase or sale of marijuana.

"It could be no different from today where individual possession is allowed."

Hinterberger argued that marijuana is safer than alcohol. Hinterberger pointed to data from Colorado, claiming that teen use has decreased in Colorado, which passed a similar measure in 2012. "Counter to what you'll hear from the opposing side, it will be harder for teens to access marijuana," Hinterberger said, "By regulating it, sales will be conducted by responsible businesses, with proof of identification and no incentives to sell to minors."

Hinterberger summarized the pro's saying that legalizing could lead to decreases in alcohol consumption; that it will protect teens, that it will create more jobs for Alaskans and ensure safe access to marijuana.

Prohibition, he said, is a waste of precious law enforcement time and forces those who can legally access medical marijuana to purchase it from the black market. He said when marijuana was made illegal in 1937, it was done due to ignorance and racism.

Kristina Woolston spoke for the opposition group "Big Marijuana. Big Mistake. Vote No on 2".

She said the Alaska Chamber of Commerce, the Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police and other opponents of the measure believe that it will cost the state, not contribute to more revenue.

She pointed to the fine print of the initiative and argued that even after going through the fine-tuning in the rule making process, the Colorado task force was not able to disallow edibles from the sale of marijuana products. Thus, cookies and other

products appealing to kids and teens would be a danger. The industry is finding many creative ways to package marijuana edibles to teens and young people. Woolston argued that one in six adolescents who use marijuana will become addicted and their IQ will drop up to eight points if they are using during the formative teen years.

The Big Marijuana. Big Mistake campaign argues legalization of marijuana would lead to commercialization that would change Alaska's social norms; that the initiative could would cost the state, not increase state revenue and that it would have severe health effects on the users. The campaign argues that the comparison with alcohol is not a valid one. "For a state that already struggles with substance abuse, why add another legal drug to the mix," the group argues.

Only three people testified at the hearing in person. Tim Smith spoke out in favor of the initiative. "This is about freedom," he said. "Marijuana prohibition is not more effective now than alcohol prohibition was in the 1930s," Smith said. He saw the suffering of his sister-in-law when she was battling stomach cancer, and even though medical marijuana was theoretically a way to ease the pain, she was not able to get it.

Frosty Hughes raised the point why other useful parts of the plant are excluded from the bill. Don Handeland, a student at Oregon State University, spoke out against the initiative, asking the question who drafted the bill and voicing his preference to leave it up to elected state Legislators to create a bill.

Nome Police Chief John Papa-

sodora said in an interview with the *Nome Nugget* that he believes it would have detrimental effects for Nome if the initiative passes. "It will significantly increase the use of marijuana, no doubt, it will increase calls for service for the police, fire and ambulance services," Papasodora said. "Yes, the state will make some money, but the costs will exceed the revenue."

He said legalization would mean that folks could mix two legal drugs: alcohol and marijuana. "The net effect will not be good," Papasodora said. The police chief argued that currently 87 to 97 percent of all calls

for service to the Nome Police Department are alcohol related. Calls would only rise, stretching resources even thinner. "Social services, health care, public service officers, the whole system will be stretched," Chief Papasodora speculated.

On November 4, voters in Alaska will decide on three initiatives, including measure 2. Other initiatives are ballot measure 3, an Act to raise the state's minimum wage, and ballot measure 4, an Act Providing for Protection of Bristol Bay Wild Salmon and Waters Within or Flowing Into the Existing 1972 Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve.



*Photo by Diana Haecker*

**TEMPORARY CLOSURE**— The new Snake River Bridge was closed last week for a few days to complete remaining construction work, such as asphalt treatment, painting center and fog lines on the surface of the new bridge.

## • Strait Action

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an unmanned surface vehicle, surface wave instrument float with tracking buoys, oil spill tracking buoys, and an aerostat balloon. Other smaller materials and projects were evaluated for use by the Coast Guard in the Arctic, and all of these tests together yielded a greater understanding of tools to available to respond to an oil spill should an accident occur in the ice at extreme northern latitudes.

The cutter *Healy*, delivered in 1999, is the nation's newest and

largest U.S. high latitude icebreaker. The cutter is 420-feet long and has extensive scientific capabilities. Based out of Seattle, the cutter has a permanent crew of 87; its primary mission is scientific support. In addition, as a Coast Guard cutter, *Healy* is capable of other operations such as search and rescue, ship escorts, environmental protection, and the enforcement of laws and treaties in the Polar Regions. One of its most famous missions was to escort the Russian tanker *Renda* during a winter fuel delivery to Nome.



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## • Oiled seals

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NMFS Office of Protected Resources, Kawerak Subsistence Program and the Eskimo Walrus Commission. The lead federal agency that responds to oil pollution in the ocean is the U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Anchorage.

The Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation leads the State's response.

Samples from both seals were sent to a U.S. Coast Guard laboratory to determine a possible source. More samples were sent to DEC to confirm the substance is oil-based.

Tissues samples were also sent to the North Slope Borough's Division of Wildlife Management to determine the health of the seals and the levels of pollution in their bodies.

This marks the third year in a row that oiled wildlife was found around St. Lawrence Island in the fall time. No other region in Alaska — not the North Slope Borough, Yukon-Kuskokwim region, or the Aleutians — have reported oiled wildlife in the past three years.

"It seems to be only affecting the St. Lawrence Island, Bering Strait area," said Kawerak Subsistence Director Brandon Ahmasuk.

"This is a big concern for all subsistence users," added Ahmasuk. He also said he would like to see a more vigorous response from the government to search for the source of the oil that seems to leak into the waters around Saint Lawrence Island. An often-voiced concern is that there could be an unreported leaking boat — possibly on the nearby Russian side of the International Dateline. However, a Coast Guard spokesman could not confirm if they have information about a potential leaking vessel on the other side of the border.

"This is a very serious issue for us," said Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation on-scene coordinator Ashley Adamczak. The first step Adamczak said, is to run analytical tests to see if the seals were indeed soiled with a refined petroleum product. If it is determined that it is oil, the next steps are to identify the type of petroleum product and to find its source.

In 2012, three seals (two off Gambell and one in Shishmaref) and sev-

eral migratory birds (murre, crested auklet, kittiwake) were found covered with an oily substance.

Coast Guard spokesman Shawn Eggert said the US Coast Guard's lab results in 2012 were inconclusive as to whether or not the seals were oiled.

However, a scientific poster authored by UAF MAP, Eskimo Walrus Commission, North Slope Borough Dept. of Wildlife Management, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, Alaska Veterinary Pathology Services, Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, and the NMFS Office of Protected Resources states "this marked the first documentation of oil fouling Alaskan ringed and spotted seals."

The poster also reads that "Prevention, assessment and clean-up of hazardous material spills — as it relates to Bering Strait marine wildlife cannot be viewed solely as a wildlife conservation concern. Investigations of contaminated marine wildlife must consider analytical methodology, research strategies, and management issues — in terms of regional public health/safety and food security concerns."

No source of the oil was located in 2012.

In December 2013, Gambell hunters detected two oil-covered glaucous gulls. One gull was sent to Nome and it was confirmed it had oil on it.

At that time the DEC began an investigation and the U.S. Coast Guard conducted a C-130 reconnaissance flight from Kodiak to Saint Lawrence Island to look for the source of the oil.

Again, no oil slick was seen.

Just as in the previous two years, last week's reports of oiled seals leave responders and the region's residents wondering about the source and location of the oil slick that the seals likely swam through.

Coast Guard Sector Anchorage spokesman Shawn Eggert said the Coast Guard received the tissue samples, will split them with ADEC.

Then analyses will begin in both the State and Federal labs.

At this point, Eggert said, there are no overflights of the area planned.

As of Friday, Sept. 12, there were no oil sheens reported, he said.

"It is very challenging to deal with that without having found the source," said Adamczak. "We hope this is an isolated incident but now that this occurs for the third year in a row, it is at the top of our list to identify the source," she said.

Other tissues samples were sent to the North Slope Borough's Dept. of Wildlife Management for histopathological analysis to determine the health of the seals as well as the levels of oil pollution in the inner organs and blubber.

MAP Agent Gay Sheffield said that communities with active subsistence practices of marine wildlife are the most experienced to see and know about an unusual event — and they have the highest immediate concerns.

She said, in past incidents, it has been proven that regional teamwork, good communications, and a dose of patience on everyone's part were the best ingredients to finding out what has happened.

She also reminded people to immediately report oiled wildlife or unusual marine debris.

"If someone does see oiled wildlife and is able to get the animal to Nome, we will get it to the USCG to trace it to the source of the oil."

Additionally, it will be thoroughly examined to learn about the levels of pollution in this important food resource," said Sheffield.

Agencies to contact in case of finding more oiled wildlife are:

Marine Advisory Program, Nome: (toll free) 1-855-443-2397 or (907) 434-1149; Kawerak Subsistence Program, Nome: (907) 443-4265; Eskimo Walrus Commission, Nome: 1-877-277-4392; US Coast Guard, Anchorage: 1-866-396-1361 or (907) 428-4100.



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**WAITING**— Gold dredge vessels sit at Belmont Point last Friday, Sept. 12, waiting out windy and choppy conditions at Norton Sound.

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**SPENDING AN EXTRA DAY IN NOME**—Due to high winds and choppy seas, the barge *Madison Rose* didn't leave Nome until Sept. 13.

Photo by Diana Haecker



Photo by Nils Hahn

**PARKED**— The tanker vessel *Themsestern* remained offshore for re-loading lighter vessels bringing more fuel product to shore.

# The Dock Walk

Fall is in the air as Nomeites could tell by stormy weather that brought some good-sized rollers onto Norton Sound. Choppy seas kept gold dredges anchored at Belmont Point for the better part of the week.

Other ship traffic was also held over in Nome due to weather. With Harbormaster Lucas Stotts on leave this week, Project Manager for Port Expansion and Development Joy Baker reports last week's harbor and port activity:

On Tuesday, Sept. 9, the tug and barge *Fishhawk/Logistics Provider* completed their cargo operations and departed in the afternoon. The landing craft *Devon* departed late evening, carrying construction equipment for a coastal project. Tanker vessels *Themsestern* and *Diamond Express* anchored in Nome's roadstead to load lighter vessels as needed. The *Diamond Express* left before the weekend.

On Sept. 10, the tug and barge *Arctic Bear/Alaska Provider* arrived to discharge contaminated soil from an ongoing cleanup of a formerly used military site at St. Lawrence Is-

land. The tug and barge remained in Nome to wait for better weather conditions before returning to SLI's Northeast Cape to load equipment.

On Sept. 11, the landing craft *Greta* arrived to discharge and back-load cargo for another village delivery. The vessel departed midday. The tug and barge *Seahawk/Madison Rose* arrived early in the morning and discharged and loaded cargo at the high ramp. The crew decided to layover due to winds and swell activity. The *Arctic Bear* also laid over another day due to bad weather.

On Sept. 12, the vessel *Alaska Endeavor*, chartered for NOAA research, arrived in the early morning and moored alongside the *Arctic Bear's* barge due to swell at the City Dock. All other traffic remained at the dock due to high winds.

Winds decreased on Saturday, Sept. 13. The improvement in weather conditions allowed the research ship *Alaska Endeavor*, the tug and barge *Arctic Bear/Alaska Provider* and the *Seahawk/Madison Rose* to depart.

On Sunday, Sept. 14, the

*Paragon/DBL79* arrived at the dock mid-morning for a large fuel discharge that continued throughout the evening and Monday.

On Monday, Sept. 15, the *Paragon* fuel discharge was still underway at the Causeway. The tug and barge *Sesok/165-1* arrived at the East Dock mid-morning for a fuel discharge to harbor tanks.

The *Pacific Raven/Kay's Point* line haul barge waited offshore for dock space at the Causeway to discharge fuel product. The tanker vessel *Themsestern* remained offshore to reload lighter vessels to bring more fuel product to shore.

Baker also reports that the harbor repairs and upgrades project, including lighting, is nearing completion. Repairs on the Fish Dock fenders and installation of light poles on East and South sides of harbor should be complete within the next week to 10 days, she reported on Monday.



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**SNAKE RIVER DREDGES**— Strong winds kept most of the small gold dredging fleet inside the harbor and anchored at the Snake River mouth during the latter part of the last week.

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Nome Homeschoolers go geocaching on Anvil Mountain

**By Mallory Conger**  
On Monday, Sept. 8, 26 Nome homeschool students searched out a geocache on Anvil Mountain. They did this to learn how to use a GPS. Geocaching is like hide-and-seek, but with a GPS. A GPS is a small, handheld device that uses satellites. A geocache is a small plastic container that someone hides in the outdoors. The GPS shows the location of something far away. Before the kids started hiking, they had to put the latitude and longitude for the geocache location in the GPS. The older kids held the GPS units that they borrowed from the Nome Community Center. The kids followed an arrow that showed the direction of the geocache. The GPS also showed the distance of how far the kids were from the geocache. Homeschoolers hiked up Anvil Mountain and found a geocache named The White Alice Towers Geocache. The first kids there were Clara Hanson and Tobin Hobbs. Emelyne Hobbs, who was the oldest homeschool kid, wrote all of the names in the log book. Most of the kids put a small item in the geocache, and took something from the geocache. Then they closed it and put it back in the hiding spot.




Photo courtesy of Mike Cresswell  
NEW WILDLIFE TROOPER— Mike Cresswell moved from Bethel to Nome to fill the position of wildlife trooper.

Nome Trooper post has new officers

**By Diana Haecker**  
In the last few months, the Nome Post of the Alaska State Trooper received new additions. In May, Wildlife Trooper Mike Cresswell transferred from Bethel to Nome. Cresswell fills the vacancy left by Jay Sears. Patrol trooper Tim Smith joined the Nome Post in July. Smith came from the AST post in Kotzebue, where he served the villages of Ambler, Shungnak and Kobuk. In this region, Smith will cover the villages of Golovin, Wales, Teller, Koyuk, Savoonga and Shishmaref. He came to Alaska with the Navy from Wisconsin in 2005. Smith joined the Alaska State Troopers in 2009. He first worked in the Palmer and Wasilla area before transferring to Kotzebue and now Nome. He fills the vacancy left by Trooper Anne Sears, who along with her husband Jay Sears, transferred to Fairbanks earlier this year.



Photo by Diana Haecker  
PATROL TROOPER— Tim Smith came to Nome from Kotzebue.



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FOLLOW THE GPS— Homeschool families ascend the south side of Anvil Mountain to search a geocache hidden somewhere above. Many geocachers hide small containers and then record the location using a GPS. The geocache's coordinates are downloaded onto Geocache.com where other people can use them to search for the cache. There are over 60 geocaches in the Nome area, and over 2.5 million hidden world-wide.

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF IDENTITY OF CANDIDATES**

The following people have filed for elected office for the October 7, 2014 City of Nome Municipal, Utility Board and School Board Election:

<b>Common Council</b> Seat “A”	<b>Three (3) Year Term</b> Tom Sparks
<b>Common Council</b> Seat “B”	<b>Three (3) Year Term</b> Louie Green, Sr.
<b>Utility Board</b> Seat “B”	<b>Two (2) Year Term</b> Fred Moody
<b>Utility Board</b> Seat “E”	<b>Three (3) Year Term</b> Carl Emmons
<b>School Board</b> Seat “A”	<b>Three (3) Year Term</b> Jennifer Reader
<b>School Board</b> Seat “B”	<b>Three (3) Year Term</b> Brandy Arrington

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There shall be levied and collected a sales tax of eight percent of the selling price on all retail sales of alcoholic beverage and tobacco products in the city, except as provided in Section 17.10.020.

The proposition shall be printed on a ballot and the following words shall be added as appropriate and next to them a square or space provided for marking the ballot:

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# School district receives gift for JROTC, highlights cultural awareness

By Kristine McRae

Sitnasuak Native Corporation is showing its support for the JROTC program at Nome-Beltz again this year. Sitnasuak President Chuck Fagerstrom attended last week's school board meeting to present a check in support of what he called, "a real opportunity for students. We would love to see more students involved, for what it teaches, what they learn," Fagerstrom said, "I think they're going to utilize [the skills] for the rest of their life."

In addition to the \$100,000 for JROTC, Sitnasuak is donating \$37,000 toward the summer school reading program. Fagerstrom told school board members that the Sitnasuak board was made aware of the low proficiency level of many Nome students in reading, writing, and math. He then shared information from a 2013 Gallup poll, "The state of America's schools show that we are focusing on the wrong things, which are what student's don't know and how ineffective teachers are. But what matters most; the greatest predictors of student success are hope, engagement, and well being."

If a child feels hope in the home and community, they will be able to thrive. We need to provide students with the sense that they are worthwhile and that they are cared about. Our primary obligation is to nurture our children's pride and growth. The elders commission came together to see what we could do to be supportive, as a community," Fagerstrom said, "and we came up with the cultural sensitivity training for teachers and the three-week intensive reading program for students. We hope the reading program will grow, grow, grow."

The cultural sensitivity training took place at this year's teacher inservice in August, and featured local presenters. Among those who shared aspects of Native culture was Vera Metcalf, to whom board member Barb Amarok presented the "Partner in Education" award. "Vera was gracious enough to share her expertise and knowledge with our teachers," Amarok said. "She was very well received, and we hope she will continue to share with the teachers and administrators."

Continuing the cultural theme to last week's meeting, high school Social Studies teacher and Nome Education Association vice president Kent Runion shared video highlights from the annual cultural camp for new teachers. Several teachers new to the region participated in the annual camp near White Mountain, at Tom and BeeJay Gray's fish camp, where they participated in subsistence activities and learned about traditional foods. Locally, members of the NEA reached out to new teachers for berry picking, hiking, and other activities. "We wanted them to get used to living in Nome," Runion said.

In other district news, schools su-

perintendent Steve Gast reported continued progress in efforts to design a new teacher evaluation, which will debut in the 2015-2016 school year. "Teachers learned how the Alaska Cultural Standards are embedded into the evaluations. This year we're still using the old systems, but we'll be practicing the new process with the teacher involvement," Gast said.

District business manager Paula Coffman shared that the number of students participating in the free breakfast and lunch program is higher than expected. "We're still working out some of the bugs with the company," Coffman told the board, alluding to the financial agreement NPS has with the con-

tractor NMS.

The district is considering which route to take to collect existing delinquent lunch bills, which total near \$10,000. Coffman suggested using an outside agency to manage the collections once an initial notice has been sent. Board member Barb Nickels noted that free lunches now may make it easier for some parents to pay past-due bills. "Hopefully parents will be able to pay those fees, especially since they don't have current fees to pay," Nickels said.

Federal Programs manager Jon Berkeley was on hand to clarify Nome's eligibility for the free meals. "The program says we have to have a certain number of children eligible for free lunch in order to participate

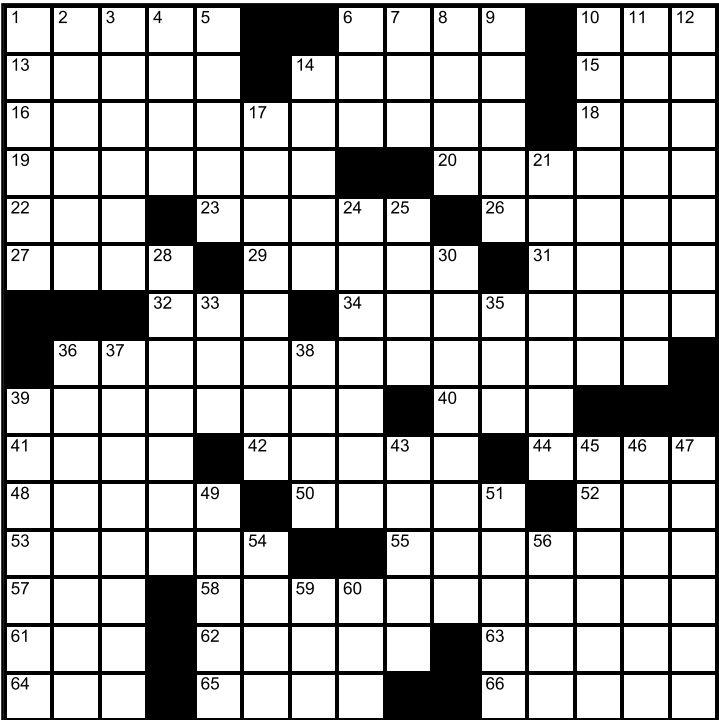
## Library offers students virtual field trips

By Sarah Miller

This week, a group of homeschool students from Nome paid a visit to the Center for Puppetry Arts in Atlanta, Georgia. Thanks to modern technology, the students were able to attend a live presentation on rainforest birds, followed by a workshop session during which they created a tropical bird puppet. The presentation is part of a series of videoconferences that Nome librarian Marguerite LaRiviere has been able to offer to the community through the Alaska OWL (Online With Libraries) Project. By securing grant funds through the OWL Project, the library has been able to acquire broadband services and to provide a series of virtual field trips for elementary students. Videoconferences have been attended by classroom teachers at the elementary school,

Anvil City Science Academy, and the Nome Youth Facility. These virtual field trips have allowed students to view genuine petroglyphs in Minnesota, dinosaur fossils in Canada, and to learn about sea mammals and birds of Alaska from experts at the Alaska Sealife Center in Seward. Students were also able to participate in a hands-on squid dissection workshop through the Sealife Center over the summer. "The trips are fun for the kids, but they are a special treat for educators as well," says LaRiviere. The grant also offers opportunities for community groups and individuals to request topics for their own videoconferences. Nome Eskimo Community's Outdoor Club participated in a puppetry workshop this summer, and LaRiviere arranged a videoconference with the Cleve-

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### Across

- 1. Chemical dye remover
- 6. Perry Como's "\_\_\_ Loves Mambo"
- 10. Apply gently
- 13. Sharp, narrow ridge in rugged mountains
- 14. Article of faith
- 15. 1969 Peace Prize grp.
- 16. Retreats
- 18. Anger, e.g.
- 19. Makes illegal
- 20. Look into again, as a cold case
- 22. Cable network
- 23. Thomas \_\_\_, "Look Homeward, Angel" author
- 26. Blackberry dupes
- 27. "To thine own \_\_\_ be true"
- 29. Do watercolors
- 31. \_\_\_-Altaic languages
- 32. "Act your \_\_\_!"
- 34. Nothingness
- 36. Thoughtless of others
- 39. Of deep igneous origin
- 40. "\_\_\_ the fields we go"
- 41. A chorus line
- 42. Bumpkin
- 44. Ad headline
- 48. Sensational
- 50. Hose material
- 52. \_\_\_ DeLuise, actor and comedian
- 53. Organic compounds with CONH2 radical

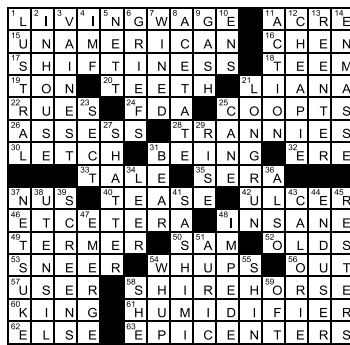
### Down

- 55. Order of business
- 57. Conk out
- 58. Harmless outlet for pent-up feelings (2 wds)
- 61. Setting for TV's "Newhart"
- 62. Jack
- 63. Flip
- 64. After expenses
- 65. Arid
- 66. Advises

### Down

- 1. Widely known and esteemed
- 2. Excite
- 3. Relating to teeth
- 4. And others, for short (2 wds)
- 5. Further shorten, maybe
- 6. The "p" in m.p.g.
- 7. "Gimme \_\_\_!" (Iowa State cheer) (2 wds)
- 8. Equal
- 9. Baffled (2 wds)
- 10. Dishearten
- 11. Drive off
- 12. In an appealing manner
- 14. 10 kilogauss
- 17. Of very little value
- 21. Eyepieces
- 24. Excessively particular
- 25. "Idylls of the King" character
- 28. Sidebar item
- 30. Study of religion
- 33. Baby's first word, maybe
- 35. Anger
- 36. Light up
- 37. Substances absorbed by plant roots
- 38. Utopia
- 39. Defender of a cause
- 43. Carry away, in a way
- 45. Confused
- 46. Paris art museum
- 47. Ants (British)
- 49. Office stations
- 51. "Well, I \_\_\_!"
- 54. All there
- 56. Church part
- 59. \_\_\_ cry
- 60. "The Three Faces of \_\_\_"

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March 21–April 19

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**CANCER**  
June 22–July 22

The need for a purchase becomes clear. Do your homework. Cancer. A challenge is presented. Take it only if you dare. A friend returns a favor.

**LIBRA**  
September 23–October 22

Dribble, dribble, dribble. Relax, Libra. Things are getting done, just not at the pace you would like. A loved one has an interesting proposal. Hear them out.

**AQUARIUS**  
January 20–February 18

Opportunity knocks yet again. This is your chance, Aquarius. A sequence of events at work gets a conversation started. A message is delivered.

**TAURUS**  
April 20–May 20

Be careful, Taurus. What appears to be a travesty of justice may in fact not be. A health issue is resolved with a change in treatment.

**LEO**  
July 23–August 22

The stakes are high, maybe a little too high, Leo. There is no shame in bowing out. Vacation plans continue to change. Be patient. It will all come together soon.

**SCORPIO**  
October 23–November 21

No more, Scorpio. You've balked at an idea long enough. Join in the effort, even if your heart is not in it. You will learn more than you imagined.

**PISCES**  
February 19–March 20

Pace yourself, Pisces. There is a lot to do this week, but you have more than enough time to get it done. A crass comment is no reason to get upset.

**GEMINI**  
May 21–June 21

It's all about the numbers this week, Gemini. Keep track of your expenditures. There could be ways to save. A special occasion draws near.

**VIRGO**  
August 23–September 22

Whew, Virgo. The pressure eases with better technology and a larger team. An old foe drops by bearing gifts. Welcome them with caution.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22–December 21

Stranger things have happened, Sagittarius. Continue to hope and pray, and you might just get your wish. A review points you in a different direction.

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**LESSON—** Kira Eckenweiler performs during a voice lesson with professor Mari Hahn in Hahn's office in the Arts Building on the University of Alaska Anchorage campus in Anchorage on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014.



Photo by Gary Eckenweiler

**UNALAKLEET PERFORMANCE—** Kira Eckenweiler sang opera selections in the gym at the Frank A. Degnan High School in Unalakleet on August, 2014. Tim Smith is at the piano, Timothy Wolcott, the local Unalakleet music teacher, is turning pages for him.

## From the Northwest coast of Alaska comes an artistic surprise

By Kathleen McCoy

Most Alaskans wouldn't link the word opera with Unalakleet, a community of 700 located just at the mouth of its namesake river on Norton Sound.

Maybe not, until now. University of Alaska Anchorage vocal performance student and coloratura soprano Kira Eckenweiler grew up in Unalakleet. Dad Gary Eckenweiler moved there to teach school more than two decades ago and married Willa, a local Inupiaq woman.

Kira, 21, is the youngest of their two daughters.

Last month, while home working her third summer counting fish for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Kira was joined by UAA piano professor Tim Smith for a concert in Unalakleet's Frank A. Degnan High School gym; he on the piano, she at the mic. Together they performed selections from Leonard Bernstein's "Candide" and Mozart's "The Magic Flute."

Smith and Eckenweiler planned the performance during a school district in-service training, a rare moment when more than 300 teachers from all over the Bering Strait

School District would be in Unalakleet. They wanted to show teachers what's possible for a passionate and talented Alaskan from a remote community.

But it wasn't just schoolteachers who came. The bleachers were packed, "more than even at a basketball game," Gary Eckenweiler said. People were leaning in, "engaged with the music," said Timothy Wolcott, the local music teacher who arrived four years ago from New York to encounter Kira as a high school senior. "They were really listening."

Tears followed the recital, but not from Kira. Smith, Wolcott and Kira's parents all recounted how community members moved toward the young vocalist, wiping their eyes. "I don't think people expect to hear opera come out of a village girl's mouth," Kira said later. "I am so glad people were touched by my music."

Some of that emotion may be linked to a custom Willa Eckenweiler shared with me over the phone from Unalakleet. "We have a naming process in Inupiat culture," she said, "a way to keep a name alive in the community."

Willa's mother and an aunt chose

an Inupiat name for baby Kira — Apaachuaq. The woman who bore that name, a choir singer in church, died shortly before Kira's birth. She'd been a community leader, bringing Inupiat songs into church services, and she was also a close friend of the two older women.

"I think, especially among the older people here," said Gary, "they see Kira, and they think of her."

A rural Alaskan comfortable with subsistence fishing and even calling and shooting her own moose, Kira has grown into an artist. "I want to sing opera for the rest of my life," she said this week between classes at UAA. "I want to go all around the world, singing opera."

She'll perform this season with Anchorage Opera. In December she has a secondary role in "Madame Butterfly." In April, she performs a lead role in Mozart's "Impresario," the tale of an entrepreneur auditioning two competing singers. He hires them both, but what follows is a battle royale over who gets top billing

and the biggest salary. Kira plays one of those singers in this comedy about artists and vanity.

Her dad's voice has a hint of both pride and sadness over the phone from Unalakleet. "I think this may be the last summer we'll see her at home," Gary said. "She's set her sights on traveling."

Indeed, Kira is preparing audition pieces to apply for a summer music program in Europe. Italy is her goal; it gets her closer to learning Italian, the language of many operas.

All this, from the little girl who would sing her way through long family canoe trips. Who won the school talent contest in fifth grade by singing from Disney's "Pocahontas." Who, in high school, set her mind to winning not just regionals, but statewide competitions for her singing, including earning one of only three "command performance" slots for vocalists her senior year.

That performance program from 2011 is peppered with names from big Alaska high schools: Dimond,

Lathrop, West Valley, South, Palmer and Grace Christian. Unalakleet appears only once, next to Kira's name.

"She's probably, hands down, the most gifted singer I have ever worked with," said Mari Hahn, an associate professor of music at UAA. "She's got depth, strength, courage." Hahn acknowledged the power of supportive parents and a home community that will come out to hear her sing.

Opera is a hugely competitive field, Hahn said. She predicted Kira will spend the next few years at a larger music center, polishing her skills and preparing for a national or international career. "She has the inner strength and character to withstand all the pressures," Hahn said.

Besides, she quipped, "Kira's the only student who ever told me she needed to miss class to go hunt, then brought me back a big slab of moose for my freezer."

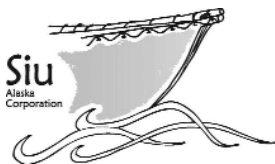
Kathleen McCoy works at UAA, where she highlights campus life through social and online media.

### Young Fisherman



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**YOUNG PROVIDER—** Wyatt Ahmasuk proudly shows off the first Silver Salmon he caught.



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# Jake Stettenbenz to swim for Southwest Oregon Community College

**By Kirsten Bey**  
2014 Nome-Beltz graduate Jake Stettenbenz is heading to Coos Bay, Oregon to swim for Southwest Oregon Community College. Jake, son of Bonnie Piscoya Reynolds and Dave Stettenbenz, started swimming with the Nome Northstar Swim Team when he was in grade school and continued with the Nome-Beltz Nanooks High School team. NNSST Coach Sharon Keeney said “I think it is exciting to have a swimmer who began with the Northstars as a newbie and continued consistently swimming every season through graduation and now beyond to the next level! It has been a delight to watch someone who loves the challenge of the water develop as a swimmer, as he has grown. I look forward to seeing his swimming career continue in college.”  
Jake is the first Nome-Beltz graduate to commit to a college to participate in a swimming program. Liz Korenek-Johnson was a walk-on to the swim team at Pacific Lutheran.  
According to John Gunther of the Coos Bay World, 6/12/14, “Southwestern Oregon Community College

often has been on the cutting edge for two-year schools, over the years adding dorms and the Oregon Coast Culinary Institute among other things. Now the Lakers are doing the same in sports, adding a swimming program — the only one in the Northwest among community colleges.”  
Sandra Bullock will be coaching the new swimming program. In anticipation of this new program, she sent recruitment notices about the program to swimming programs around the Northwest. An email message landed in the in-boxes of Northstar coaches Sharon Keeney and Kirsten Bey. Coach Keeney immediately thought of Jake. Coach Bullock is excited to have Jake commit to the program and is looking forward to having him on her first team.  
Coach Bullock said that SWOCC hopes to give local swimmers an opportunity to continue their careers in college and also to provide an opportunity for swimmers in the region who don’t quite have the background to compete in Division I or Division II schools. Coach Bullock confirms

that Jake is the farthest north recruit and she is looking forward to his arrival saying that Jake will challenge and be challenged by his teammates.  
The SWOCC Lakers will compete in meets with several of the smaller 4-year colleges in Oregon and Washington. So far, meets have been arranged with Willamette University and Pacific University in Oregon and Pacific Lutheran University and Seattle-Pacific College in the Tacoma-Seattle area. There is also a National Swim Meet in March that SWOCC swimmers could qualify for.  
Focusing on just one sport for the school year will be a new experience for Jake. Like most Nome-Beltz athletes, he participated in a variety of

sports during his high school career. Jake is excited to see how his swimming will develop when he is able to really concentrate on swimming.  
Classes start at SWOCC on September 29 so Jake in the final process of getting ready to head to Coos Bay. Wish Jake well if you see him around town before he takes off to college.



Photo courtesy of Kirsten Bey  
**FAST SWIMMER—** Jake Stettenbenz, a 2014 Nome-Beltz graduate is heading to Coos Bay, Oregon to swim for the Southwest Oregon Community College.

# Nome volleyball girls nipped by Kotzebue in Nanooks’ season opener

**By Keith Conger**  
The Kotzebue girl volleyballers made up for a two-year winless streak against the Nome-Beltz Lady Nanooks on Friday by defeating their rivals to the south three games to one on the Huskies’ Senior Night in Kotzebue. The Huskies duplicated that feat in the Saturday morning contest with another three to one victory.  
While Nome would begin the season 0 – 2, the Huskies remained undefeated. They were able to take care of the perennial powerhouse, the Barrow Lady Whalers, last week at home and are off to one their best starts in years with a 4 – 0 record.  
The Nanooks, Huskies, and Whalers are joined by the Bethel Warriors in the Western Alaska Volleyball Conference. According to Huskies coach Jessa Baray, this is geographically the largest high school sports region in the United States.  
Two of the four teams will advance from the Western Conference to the state tournament in November. A team’s winning percentages within the conference determine seeding at this year’s regional tournament in Nome, so these early matches mean a lot.  
On any given year, with so few members in the conference, there is a high degree of familiarity between the teams. That has been magnified in recent years by a coaches’ game of “musical chairs.” Third year Nanooks’ coach Lucas Frost led the flurry of coaching changes. He was

formerly the middle school volleyball coach in Kotzebue three years ago.  
Kotzebue, however, seems to have gained the most potential for knowing its conference opponents. First year Huskies coach Baray was the JV coach in Bethel last year. Her assistant coach Garrett Danner was the JV coach in Barrow last season.  
Some of the girls that Frost coached in middle school had a hand in defeating their former coach. Freshman Cassidy Kremer led the Huskies in blocks. Double sport standout, freshman Calia Sien, who won the high school girls cross country running race in Kotzebue last weekend, led the team in digs (the stat given when a player reaches low to the ground to keep a ball in play that has been sent over the net by an opponent).  
Nome was led in blocks by senior Jane Tidwell, a transfer student who played for Eielson High School in Fairbanks last year. Junior Allaryce Agloinga led Nanooks in kill shots (the statistic given for when a player sends the ball across the net and scores a point).  
The Nanooks JV squad beat the Huskies JV squad Friday night 2 games to 1. The Huskies came back to defeat the Nanooks on Saturday 2 – 1.  
The Lady Nanooks varsity squad will travel to Anchorage next weekend to play in the West High Volleyball Tournament.

### Scoreboard Volleyball

Nome-Beltz Nanooks v. Kotzebue Huskies  
Girls Varsity Volleyball, Kotzebue, Alaska

**Friday, September 13**  
Kotzebue 3 – 1 over Nome  
29 – 27, 25 – 28, 25 – 12, 25 – 19

**Saturday, September 14**  
Kotzebue 3 – 1 over Nome  
28 – 26, 25 – 18, 15 – 25, 25 - 14

Nome-Beltz Nanooks v. Kotzebue Huskies  
Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball, Kotzebue, Alaska

**Friday, September 13**  
Nome 2 – 1 over Kotzebue  
23 – 25, 25 – 12, 25 - 15

**Saturday, September 14**  
Kotzebue 2 – 1 over Nome  
26 – 24, 12 – 25, 25 - 18

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**LITTLE RUNNERS—** Competitors in the Elementary School race blast off the starting line behind the Nome-Beltz High School on Saturday, September 13.

# Hoogendorn sets new course record at Nome Invitational running meet

**By Keith Conger**

In a five-kilometer (3.1 mile) cross country race, a second of time can be lost in many ways. On Saturday, Nome-Beltz sophomore Wilson Hoogendorn found a way to save every second —and gain exactly one — as he set a new course record at the 2014 Nome Invitational running meet.

Hoogendorn’s time of 19 minutes, 19 seconds, was exactly one second faster than the record breaking time put in by Spencer Woods of Kotzebue last year. His strong performance was much needed, as the Nome and Kotzebue boys teams met for the third time this year, the first time with both teams at full strength.

Nanook freshman Harrison Moore made a positive statement for the youth of the Nanooks by finishing in third place with a time of 20:29. The first and third place finishes of Nome’s top two runners helped the team edge Kotzebue for the team award by a score of 26 to 34.

Kotzebue, led by second place finisher Gary Eakin, had more runners in the top five than did Nome. Harry Baldwin and Eakin’s brother Zeke came in four seconds apart, placing fourth and fifth respectively.

Although Eakin ran a fast race at 20:20, he was still a full minute behind. Showing classy sportsmanship, Eakin said that Hoogendorn had what it took today to climb the big, centerpiece hill on the course. “The hill is pretty tough. It’s all mental,” he said. “When you get to the top, if you still have that mentality, the race is yours.”

The Nanooks’ victory at home made up for a defeat at the hands of Kotzebue last weekend on their

home turf. With Barrow having beaten the Kotzebue boys in Barrow two weeks ago, the Region 1 North Championships in Norvik on September 20 will be quite a test for the young Nanooks boys team.

With the Lady Nanooks top runner Christine Buffas resting a sore leg, the Nome-Beltz girls needed someone to step up in their showdown with the Kotzebue girls. They found just what they needed in freshman Mary Fiskeaux, who won the gold medal in a time of 25:56.

Fiskeaux, surprised herself at the meet. “I’m pretty excited. I didn’t expect to be first. I wasn’t that fast last year. But this year I pushed myself more,” said the second year runner.

Nome-Beltz sophomore Bianca Trowbridge and senior Alexis Hutton completed the podium sweep for the Nanooks. Kotzebue’s Moira Sheldon’s fourth place finish paced the Lady Huskies, who ended up with 47 points. They fell short in the team award to Nome which scored 20.

The meet was attended by Bering Strait School District teams from Teller, Golovin, and Koyuk. The top BSSD finishers for the high school races were both from Teller. Jazzlyn Garnie cracked the top five in the girls race, and Jared Topkok’s effort led to an eighth place finish in the boys race.

The Nome-Beltz junior high girls copied their older teammates by taking the top three spots. They were led by seventh-grader Ava Earthman, whose time of 26:24 would have earned her a second place in the high school girl’s race. She was followed by Starr Erikson and Daynon Medlin respectively.

Kotzebue’s Trevor Hickerson won the junior high school boys race in a time of 21:44. He was followed by Nome teammates Benjamin Cross and Brayden Bahnke.

The top BSSD finishers in the junior high race were Teller’s Kiara Okleasik who came in fifth place,

and Teller’s Nicholas Topkok who came in seventh place.

Elementary aged children had the opportunity to run a 1-mile race. The top three finishers for the boys were Son Erikson, Colin McFarland, and Tobin Hobbs. The top three finishers for the girls were Natalie Tobuk,

Cathy Okbaok of Teller, and Katie Smith.

In the fall of 2010 the Nome-Beltz cross country running course was slightly redesigned. Hoogendorn now has the record on that course.



**FIRST ACROSS THE LINE—** Nome-Beltz High School Runner Wilson Hoogendorn breaks the tape for first place during the High School boys race.



**KOTZEBUE FOR SECOND—** Gary Eakin of Kotzebue approaches the finish line during the High School Boys race just ahead of third place finisher and Nome Nanook runner Harrison Moore.



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**Renae Ivanoff, Unalakleet NSEDC Fisheries Biologist**

B.S. in Biology, minor in Fishery Resources  
University of Idaho, 2011

Throughout her college career, Renae worked as a NSEDC Fisheries Technician up the Unalakleet River during summer break. “Growing up in the fishing culture, I take pride knowing my expertise helps to ensure future use of the resource,” Renae says. A NSEDC scholarship recipient, Renae now implements and supervises fisheries research and salmon restoration projects throughout the Norton Sound.







Photo by Diana Haecker

**JOB WELL DONE—** Teller Aqlaq Edwin Okbaok reaches the finish line in the High School boys race.



Photo by Diana Haecker

**FINISH LINE—** Jazzlyn Garnie, running for the Teller Aqlaqs, crosses the finish line in the High School girls race.



Photo by Keith Conger

**JUBILANT—** Mary Fiskeaux celebrates while crossing the finish line in first place during the High School girls race.

SCOREBOARD XC Running				
Nome Invitational, September 13, 2014				
High School Girls, 5-kilometers (3.1 miles)				
Place	Racer	School	Time	
1	Mary Fiskeaux	Nome	25:56	
2	Bianca Trowbridge	Nome	26:50	
3	Alexis Hutson	Nome	27:52	
4	Moiria Sheldon	Kotz	28:25	
5	Jazzlyn Garnie	Teller	29:14	
6	Katie Keslo	Nome	29:37	
7	Lynn Schaeffer	Kotz	29:39	
8	Jannelle Trowbridge	Nome	29:52	
9	Alice Amaktoolik	Golovin	31:53	
10	Audrey Topkok	Teller	36:32	
11	Helen Larich	Kotz	37:55	
12	Courtney Nick	Kotz	40:47	
13	Sara Ozenna	Kotz	43:20	

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**TELLER RUNNER—** (top) Jared Topkok of Teller runs towards the finish line ahead of Jamie Yi of Nome in the High School boys race.

Photo by Diana Haecker

**NOME RUNNER—** (left) Ben Cross sprints for the finish line during the Junior High School boys race.



Photo by Diana Haecker

**ON YOUR MARKS—** Competitors in the Junior High School boys and girls race line up in anticipation of the upcoming hard effort.

Nome Invitational, September 13, 2014				
High School Boys, 5-kilometers (3.1 miles)				
Place	Racer	School	Time	
1	Wilson Hoogendorn	Nome	19:19	
2	Gary Eakin	Kotz	20:20	
3	Harrison Moore	Nome	20:29	
4	Harry Baldwin	Kotz	20:44	
5	Zeke Eakin	Kotz	20:48	
6	Leif Erikson	Nome	21:03	
7	Oliver Hoogendorn	Nome	21:07	
8	Jared Topkok	Teller	21:50	
9	Jamie Yi	Nome	21:56	
10	James Horner	Nome	22:07	
11	Benny Phillips	Kotz	22:08	
12	Gus Nelson	Kotz	22:09	
13	Ryan Topkok	Teller	22:22	
14	Darrin Topkok	Teller	22:45	
15	Zach Haviland	Kotz	22:56	
16	Xavier Jones	Kotz	23:47	
17	John Wade	Nome	24:17	
18	Chester Topkok	Teller	26:05	
19	Gerald Kimoktoak	Keyuk	32:31	
20	Edwin Okbaok	Teller	36:20	

Nome Invitational, September 13, 2014				
Junior High School Girls, 5-km (3.1 miles)				
Place	Racer	School	Time	
1	Ava Earthman	Nome	26:24	
2	Starr Erikson	Nome	26:53	
3	Daynon Medlin	Nome	30:05	
4	Abby Tozier	Nome	31:23	
5	Kiara Okleasik	Teller	32:22	
6	Talia Cross	Nome	32:50	
7	Eva Johnson	Golovin	32:55	
8	Jeri Okbaok	Teller	40:56	

Nome Invitational, September 13, 2014				
Junior High School Boys, 5-km (3.1 miles)				
Place	Racer	School	Time	
1	Trevor Hickson	Kotz	21:44	
2	Benjamin Cross	Nome	22:38	
3	Brayden Bahnke	Nome	24:16	
4	Devan Otton	Nome	24:17	
5	Joshua Marble	Nome	24:50	
6	Chris Gandia	Nome	26:51	
7	Nicholas Topkok	Teller	30:36	
8	Jalen Nassuk	Koyuk	31:23	
9	Ben Homekingeo	Koyuk	31:29	

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# Mindful eating without guilt

By Sarah Miller

“It’s OK to enjoy food without guilt,” says NSHC dietician Olivia Meyers. The philosophy that weight loss and health goals can be achieved without forbidding the pleasures of eating is part of “mindful eating”, an alternative to dieting that the hospital’s CAMP (Chronic Care Active Management and Prevention Program) department is making available to the community through its 10 in 10 Program. The 10 in 10 program started in 2011, and was originally designed to support participants in losing ten pounds in ten weeks, with weekly weigh ins and education on weight loss topics.

Mindful eating represents a shift from “dieting” that emphasizes calorie counting and food tracking, to enjoying food, and being conscious of one’s eating habits and the feelings that accompany eating. “Many of our program participants are repeaters in the 10 in 10 program. We wanted to provide them with something that allows them to think differently about food. Mindful eating is a diet-free approach,” explained Megan Timm, Prevention Program Coordinator.

Mindful eating seeks to focus attention on the acts of choosing and preparing food, truly savoring and tasting it, and thinking consciously about factors that influence how, when and why we eat. “We don’t

eat to live anymore,” explained Meyers. “We eat on the go, in the car, on the couch, when our minds are occupied with tasks, lists, errands or what’s on TV. We’re not tasting food or caring about it, or reflecting on how we feel after eating it.”

Eating with awareness can lead to healthier food choices, more control over habits and cravings, and can train people to eat for hunger and satisfaction, rather than in response to emotional needs. It also allows one to eat to satiety, or fullness, without overeating, which occurs when food is consumed too quickly or distractedly. If the brain requires at least 20 minutes to register fullness, a slower, more deliberate approach to consuming food can lead to more appropriate portion sizes and more healthful food choices. “We can start choosing smaller portions because we are noticing and appreciating the taste, color, and texture of food. It’s these healthier, more wholesome foods that lead to the ability to feel satisfied without guilt,” said Timm.

While this approach seems less restrictive than a traditional diet, encouraging enjoyment of good food, it is not a simple task. “This is a mindset change. A diet, like cutting out carbs, might actually be easier than this,” commented Timm. “But unlike a diet, this is sustainable, and the practice can be a lifelong habit.”

At the 10 for 10 support group meeting, participants took a quiz to assess their current mindful eating habits, and received tips for developing these habits. Suggestions include being “in the moment”, that is, being fully focused on the task of eating rather than eating while watching television, answering emails or working through lunch.

Participants were encouraged to observe and honor one’s hunger levels, and to savor the texture, aroma, sight, and flavor of their food. Finally, participants were encouraged to change their vocabulary about food from a negative, judgmental, and guilt-ridden approach to a more compassionate and deliberate approach. For example, suggested Meyers and Timm, enjoying a sweet treat by eating it slowly and allowing the body to taste and enjoy the experience will reduce the likelihood of later cravings when the body is not actually hungry.

The philosophy of mindful eating fits with other ways the CAMP department is seeking to help community members develop healthy habits. CAMP has been part of Norton Sound Health Corporation’s community wellness and outreach efforts for the past 15 years. It provides programs oriented toward preventing and managing diabetes, including services such as nutrition therapy and services, screenings, counseling for tobacco cessation and exercise programs, nutrition education in schools, and Summer-cise. The department is about to launch a 30 Day Fitness Challenge, beginning October 1 and continuing over the next six month. Participants will follow a daily calendar of exercise challenges, and will earn incentives for completing the month’s challenges. For each consecutive month of completion, the incentives grow, explained Timm.

Mindful eating fits neatly into the approach the CAMP department already takes with nutrition services. “We try to encourage consumption of traditional Native, subsistence foods as much as possible, when prepared in their traditional form,” explained Meyers. The approach of mindful eating supports the relationship to food found within Na-

tive culture. The lengthy and demanding process of traditional ways of harvesting, preparing, and preserving meat, fish, berries and greens lends itself to an appreciation of the food. The care and pride that went into its harvesting and preparation enhances the physical and emotional satisfaction that comes from eating Native subsistence foods.

Just as subsistence practices support cultural and physical well-being, mindful eating promotes balance, choice, wisdom, and acceptance of food. “This is enjoyable. It includes practices that are sustainable and lifelong. We are not picking on food or banning things that people enjoy,” said Timm.

## Cranberry Oat Muffins

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

**Makes 12 Servings**  
**Preparation Time: 25 minutes**  
**Bake at 350°F for 20 minutes**  
**Difficulty Level: Medium**

**Ingredients:**  
2 Tbsp Sugar  
1 c Cranberries, frozen & chopped  
½ c Whole wheat flour  
½ c All purpose flour  
½ c Old fashioned oats  
1 tsp Allspice  
1/3 c Sugar  
2 tsp Baking powder  
¼ tsp Salt  
1 Egg  
¾ c Milk  
¼ c Applesauce

- Directions:**
1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Place 12 baking cup liners in a muffin tin.
  2. Combine 2 Tbsp sugar and cranberries in a bowl. Let sit for 5 minutes.
  3. While allowing the cranberries to sit, combine whole wheat flour, all purpose flour, oats, allspice, sugar, baking powder, and salt.
  4. In a separate bowl, combine the egg, milk, and applesauce.
  5. Fold wet ingredients and cranberries into dry ingredients. Spoon batter into the muffin tin.
  6. Bake for 20 minutes or until muffins spring back when touched.

**TIP:**

\*Substitute blueberries for cranberries for a different flavor.



**Nutrition Facts**

Serving Size	1 Muffin
Amount Per Serving	1
Calories	151
Total Fat (g)	1
Saturated Fat (g)	0
Cholesterol (mg)	15
Sodium (mg)	150
Total Carbohydrate (g)	33
Fiber (g)	2
Protein (g)	3
Vitamin A (%)	1
Vitamin C (%)	2
Calcium (%)	2
Iron (%)	6

## Saying it Sincerely

**Pastor Charles Brower**  
**Community United Methodist Church**  
**Member of the Nome Ministerial Association**

How do we understand the mission of the church in the Seward Peninsula? It is crucial we begin with understanding God’s mission. God calls each of us to participate in his actions in our world. As God’s people we need to discern his actions and participate in his mission. Church remains the best way for us to participate in a visible way, participating in our communities as his people.

Occasionally church fails to be a church! In these occasions we preach another gospel than to “Love Him, and to love our neighbors.” Occasionally church fails to be a church when we become a “club for the benefit of our members.” We develop inwardness, institutional maintenance, self-centeredness and no longer striving to discern how best we can be used by God for his larger mission.

I trust God will work in each of our lives to call our churches to remain true to his reasons and plans for “church.” Participate in the community of faith and help our churches stay true to God’s mission!

Rock with us on  
**Holy Growl.**

Join Ian Cogan every Saturday at 3 for Holy Growl. It’s a close-up look at today’s Christian metal projects from the world’s leading Christian Metal Bands. Turn it on. Turn it up. Enjoy.



**ICY 100.3 FM**

**The Christian Station That Rocks.**

## 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.  
Weekday Masses: Mon. & Tue. 9:00 a.m., Thur. 12:10 p.m.  
Friday Hospital Mass: 12:10 p.m. (NSRH Meditation Room)

Patients going to ANMC and want to see a Catholic priest please call Fr. Brunet, OMI: cell 907-441-2106 or Holy Family Cathedral (907) 276-3455

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

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



CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Deadline is noon Monday • (907) 443-5235 • Fax (907)443-5112 • e-mail ads@nomenugget.com

Employment



**Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC)**  
is committed to providing quality health services  
and promoting wellness  
within our people and environment.

Available position:

Food Service Worker, Nutrition Services Department

Purpose of Position:

Perform tasks in support of food preparation, service, and sanitation.

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE and CREDENTIALS:

Education	Degree
	High School Diploma or Equivalent
Experience	General (Non-supervisory)      Supervisory
	0 year(s)                                      0 year(s)
	Must have both general and supervisory experience if indicated.
Credentials	Licensure, Certification, Etc.
	Alaska State Food Safety Course within 30 days of hire

Starting pay is \$16.07 + DOE... FT, PT and REL

For an application, detailed job description or more information, please contact us:  
**recruiter@nshcorp.org**  
(907) 443-4573  
(907) 443-2085 fax  
**www.nortonsoundhealth.org**

NSHC will apply Alaska Native/American Indian (under PL 93-638), EEO, and Veteran Preferences. To ensure consumers are protected to the degree prescribed under federal and state laws, NSHC will initiate a criminal history and background check. NSHC is a drug free workplace and performs pre-employment drug screening. Candidates failing to pass a pre-employment drug screen will not be considered for employment.

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Nome Public Schools

Opening for the 2014-2015  
School Year



**SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL II**  
Pay Range B (\$18.12hr-\$21.21hr) DOE

**TEACHER AIDE**  
Pay Range A (\$17.44hr-\$20.42hr) DOE

**MAINTENANCE EXPEDITOR**  
Pay Range C (\$19.96hr-\$22.51hr) DOE

Substitutes are also needed at our Schools

- \$125/day non-college degree
- \$150/day with college degree

For more information, please visit our district website at [www.nomeschools.com](http://www.nomeschools.com), click on Administration, then Human Resources or contact us at 443-2231.

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Prepare for a  
career in the  
seafood industry

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDG) is sponsoring entry-level seafood processing training through the Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC) in Seward for Norton Sound residents. **NSEDG will pay tuition, employment documentation costs, transportation, food, and lodging expenses for selected applicants. Class size is limited to 10.**

**Training dates: October 13-22, 2014**  
**Application deadline: October 3, 2014**

Applications are available online at [www.nsedc.com](http://www.nsedc.com) or by contacting Jerry Ivanoff. Completed applications should be returned to Ivanoff at the following address:

Jerry Ivanoff, NSEDG EET Director  
PO Box 193  
Unalakleet, AK 99684  
tel. - (800) 385-3190  
fax - (907) 624-3183

**NSEDG DOES NOT GUARANTEE EMPLOYMENT FOR TRAINEES OR PLACE TRAINEES DIRECTLY INTO EMPLOYMENT.** However, trainees who successfully complete the program will become certified seafood processors who are eligible for hire in onshore processing plants and on processor vessels. NSEDG works with its harvesting partners to obtain as many jobs for Norton Sound residents as possible. *During the training, Glacier Fish Company Human Resources Personnel will be interviewing trainees for possible employment.*

[www.nsedc.com](http://www.nsedc.com)

Real Estate

FOR SALE— Lots 1-6, BK 81, Nome, by school / hospital, one or all, 907-444-1854  
5/4-tfn

FOR SALE—2 choice lots: 1A/2A, Blk D, Front Street, Nome. \$30 per sq. ft.  
Contact Bill Boucher, Box 60174, Fairbanks, AK 99706 or 907 479-3647  
7/31 tfn

Classified

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

WANTED—Muskox horn, old ivory, Eskimo artifacts. Call Roger 304-1048 or email [nomerog@hotmail.com](mailto:nomerog@hotmail.com).  
7/31 tfn

Legals

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**STATE OF ALASKA – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**  
**CITY OF KOYUK, CLASS III MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE PERMIT**

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) proposes to issue Solid Waste Disposal Permit No. SW3A125-19, to the City of Koyuk, to operate a Class III Community Municipal Solid Waste Landfill.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Location: Koyuk is located at the mouth of the Koyuk River, at the northeastern end of Norton Bay on the Seward Peninsula, 90 air miles north-east of Nome. The legal description of the landfill is: Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 12 West, Kateel River Meridian.

Landowner: Koyuk Native Corporation  
Landfill Operator: City of Koyuk

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This public notice is for an existing landfill that has operated as an un-permitted facility since it was constructed. This will be the first permit issued for the landfill. The landfill was constructed in 1995 and currently serves the 332 residents of Koyuk. It is estimated that the community produces 424 tons of solid waste per year. The 2 acre site includes a solid waste disposal cell, a storage area for used appliances, a stockpile of cover materials, and a fabricated burn unit, within a secured area.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For information regarding this Solid Waste Disposal Permit, please contact Trisha Bower at (907) 451-2174 or by e-mail at [trisha.bower@alaska.gov](mailto:trisha.bower@alaska.gov).

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** ADEC is seeking comment regarding the proposed Permit only. Notice is given that any person interested may present written comments relevant to the proposed Permit to ADEC. Written comments will be included in the record if received before 5:00 p.m. on October 18, 2014. Submit written comments regarding the project to Trisha Bower, ADEC Division of Environmental Health, Solid Waste Program, 610 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709, Fax: (907) 451-2188, email: [trisha.bower@alaska.gov](mailto:trisha.bower@alaska.gov).

The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Eric Hotchkiss at (907) 465-6171 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 within 30 days of publication of this notice to ensure that any necessary

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907-443-7368

- LOW FUEL USE**  
Afford Nome with this home!  
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- 828 ACRES ON SNAKE RIVER**  
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Property is on both sides of the Snake River  
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**FORECLOSURE SALE**  
Triplex, Two 2BR One 1BR  
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PO BOX 1289 • Nome, AK 99762  
Helen “Huda” Ivanoff, Manager

(907) 443-5220  
Fax: (907) 443-5318  
Hearing Impaired: 1-800-770-8973

HOUSE FOR SALE: 1000 East Front Street



- Five Star Plus energy-efficient comfortable unique Nome home with ocean view.
- 2614 sq. ft. gross living area on 10,071 sq. ft. lot.
- 3 significant heating sources: passive solar; woodstove; and in-floor.
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Reason for Selling: Retiring in 3 years. **Call Ray Droby (443-6075).**



**Sitnasuak Native Corporation**  
P.O. Box 905  
Nome, Alaska 99762  
(907) 387-1200  
Fax (907) 443-3063

TO: Sitnasuak Native Corporation Shareholders  
FROM: Sitnasuak Native Corporation Land Department  
SUBJECT: Cabins for Sale by Sealed Bid  
DATE: September 8, 2014  
BID DEADLINE: September 30, 2014

Dear Sitnasuak Native Corporation Shareholders:

Sitnasuak Native Corporation Land Department is soliciting bids for cabins, and other campsite improvements that have been inactivated. Sealed bids will be opened on September 8, 2014. The highest bidder may purchase the building. The building or improvement must be removed from the site or the winner of shall apply for the campsite permit with the SNC Land Department within 30 days from the date of purchase of the awarded bid, following Land Use Policy. The minimum starting bid for each improvement is identified below. Please place your bid in a sealed envelope. Sealed bid delivery by mail or in person is acceptable. Please mark bid as “Campsite Improvement Bid #\_\_\_\_\_.” Please see SNC Land Staff for maps to identify location with pictures. Call 387-1220 or 387-1224 for an appointment.

BID NO.	ROAD LOCATION	GENERAL DESCRIPTION	MINIMUM BID	PHOTO
1.	Nome-Council Mile 11	Cabin, Shed & Outhouses	\$500	Yes
2.	Kougarok Mile 13	16X20 Cabin	\$500	Yes
3.	Nook Mile 18	Small Cabin	\$100	Yes
4.	Nook Mile 19.5	Tent Frame	\$100	Yes



Along the Seawall

NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASES 09/08/2014 through 09/14/2014

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

On 9-8 at 5:17 a.m. the Nome Police Department was dispatched to Division St for the report of a possible domestic dispute. Upon arrival, Officers contacted two of the residents of the home, who were engaged in a verbal argument. No other altercation had occurred, other than verbal and both were warned for their noise level.

On 09-08 at 7:49 a.m. NPD received a report of a white husky dog that was seen near Bering and 5<sup>th</sup> avenue with blood around its mouth. NPD searched the area and could not find any dog with blood around it mouth.

On 09-08 at 9:42 a. m. NPD located a 16” back bike that was left on the seawall. The bike was retrieved and transported to the NPD impound. If you are anyone you know are missing a bicycle, please contact us with a description at 443-5262. We may have your bike.

On 9-8 at 9:52 a.m. the Nome Police Department received a report of a theft of forks for a skid steer. The stolen equipment had been rented to a company and had since disappeared. Loss is estimated at \$5,000. The investigation is ongoing.

On 09-08 at 12:09 p.m. NPD conducted a traffic stop on a red Can-Am four wheeler that was traveling south on the Nome Teller Highway from Bering and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Ryan Fausett was issued a citation for Operating an Off Road Vehicle on a State Highway. His bail was set at \$50.

On 9-8 at 3:07 p.m. Nome Police Department Officers responded to the report of a male on the roof of a business on Front St peering into people’s windows. Ladd Soonagrook was contacted after leaving the area and was warned to stay off of private property.

On 9-8 at 4:25 p.m. Nome Police Department Officers received a report that two juveniles had been stealing four-wheelers. Suspects have been identified and the investigation is ongoing.

On 9-8 at 8:22 p.m. Nome Police Department Officers responded to Front Street for the report of several juveniles throwing rocks at vehicles driving by. Two juveniles were contacted and transported to their respective residences and left with parents. No damage has been reported.

On 9-8 at 9:21 p.m. Nome Police Department Officers received a report of a juvenile that had not

returned home prior to curfew. A short time later, a family member called to report that the juvenile had returned home safely without incident.

On 9-9 at 12:26 a.m., Nome Police Department Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was travelling well below the speed limit on Greg Kruschek Ave. The driver, Gaylon Rodin, was found to have a cancelled driver license. He was advised of the DMV action and was released from the scene after a licensed driver took control of the vehicle.

On 9-9 at 7:37 a.m. a traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle driving without headlights illuminated. The driver was given a verbal warning for the offense and released from the scene. The Nome Police Department reminds drivers that with the waning hours of daylight, it is important to ensure your vehicles have all lighting equipment operating properly.

On 9-9 at 8:52 a.m. a reporting party informed the Nome Police Department that keys to several vehicles had been stolen throughout town. A suspect has been identified and the investigation continues. The Nome Police Department would like to take this opportunity to remind its citizens to keep all vehicles and buildings locked with the keys secured in a safe place to prevent theft.

On 9-9 at 7:03 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a report that a male was receiving threatening text messages regarding his family. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing.

On 9-9 at 7:31 p.m.Nome Dispatch Center received an anonymous tip stating that Sterling Buffas was on conditions and was currently at the Nome Liquor store. When Officers arrived Sterling was no longer there. Sterling was found at his residence on East 4<sup>th</sup>. Sterling was found to be on probation which stated he was not to possess or consume alcohol. Sterling provided a sample of his breath which indicated he had been drinking. He was taken to AMCC and remanded with no bail.

On 9-9 at 8:35 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a report from an individual on Front Street that his debit card had been used without permission. Further investigation revealed that the individual had given the suspect permission to use the card, but there were other unauthorized charges present. The investigation continues and the suspect has been identified.

On 9-9 at 11:40 p.m. Nome Police initiated a traffic stop on a Blue Dodge Nitro. The driver was found to be Michelle Kavairlook. Nome Dispatch center notified officers that Michelle’s license was revoked. Michelle was given a citation for driving while license revoked and the car was parked. Officers contacted the vehicle’s owner later that evening and it was found that the owner had not given permission to anyone to take the vehicle. The report will be forwarded to the District Attorney for disposition regarding the vehicle theft.

On 09-10 at 10 p.m. NPD conducted a traffic stop on a green Honda four wheeler that was traveling South on the Nome Teller Highway. Alexandre Diehl was issued a citation for Operating an Off Road Vehicle on a State Highway. Bail was set at \$50.

On 9-10 at 3:25 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a report from NBHS that a minor had been caught with chewing tobacco. The juvenile was issued a citation for Minor in Possession of Tobacco and remained at the school until the end of the day.

On 09-10 at 5:53 p.m. NPD responded to a residence on E Spokane for a report of a traffic accident. Investigation revealed that while a driver was traveling East on Third Avenue her vehicle was hit by a male child who was playing on a bike. There were no injuries and the child was transported to the hospital by his mother as a precaution. No citations were issued.

On 9-10 at 10:28 p.m. the Nome Police Department was dispatched to a hotel on Front Street for the report of an intoxicated guest yelling and disturbing other patrons. Adam Queenie was contacted and found to be highly intoxicated. He was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical treatment and was warned for Criminal Trespass at the hotel.

On 9-10 at 11:28 p.m. the Nome Police Department was informed of a juvenile that had not returned home from school as scheduled. After an extensive search by both family and the Nome Police Department, the juvenile was located and returned to her parent without further incident.

On 9-11 at 1:27 a.m., the Nome Police Department received a report from W. Front Street regarding a hit and run. The suspect vehicle was not located. If anyone has any information regarding this incident, please contact the Nome Police Department at (907)443-5262.

On 9-11 at 3:16 p.m. Nome Police Department was advised of a burglary and vandalism call at a property on Bering Street. Damage to the interior of the building was extensive and the suspects had gained entry through a kicked in window. If you have any information regarding this incident, please contact the Nome Police Department at (907) 443-5262.

On 9-11 at 7:35 p.m. Nome Police Officers were dispatched to a residence on West 2<sup>nd</sup> for an individual causing a disturbance. Charles Taxac was found to be intoxicated and was causing a disturbance in the residence. Charles was found to be probation, and is not to possess or consume alcohol. Charles was escorted out of the residence. Charges for violating his probation are

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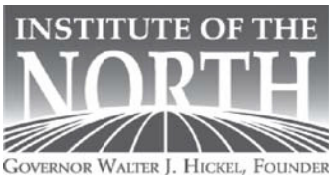
State of Alaska, Division of Elections  
Notice of Absentee Voting

Absentee in-person voting for the November 4, 2014 General election begins October 20<sup>th</sup>. Ballots for all districts will be available in each of the Division of Elections regional offices and other locations throughout the state.

If you would like to vote by mail, you must submit an absentee ballot application to the Division of Elections by October 25, 2014.

For a list of absentee voting locations, or to obtain an absentee ballot application, visit the division’s web site at [www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov)

The State of Alaska, Division of Elections, complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need special assistance and/or accommodation to vote, please contact your local Division of Elections office to make necessary arrangements. STATEWIDE TDD: 1-888-622-3020



Week of the Arctic:  
October 6 & 7 in Nome

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

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

October 6  
1–2:30 PM

CDQs in Alaska’s Arctic

3–5:00 PM

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

5–6:30 PM

Maritime Operations and Response Infrastructure

October 7  
10:30–4:00 PM

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

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

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

CITY OF NOME  
NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION

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

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

THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTORS AT SAID ELECTION SHALL BE:

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

THE PURPOSE IS THE ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING SEATS:

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

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

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

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

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

Seat	Term	Incumbent
“A”	3 Yr.	Jennifer Reader
“B”	3 Yr.	Barb Nickels



Week of the Arctic \* October 6 & 7 in Nome

For more information visit [www.institutenorth.org/weekofthearctic](http://www.institutenorth.org/weekofthearctic)

State and Federal Listening Sessions  
Participation is open to the public and testimony is encouraged.  
RSVP to Eric at (907) 786-4663

October 6<sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Alaska Arctic Policy Commission  
- Nome City Council Chambers  
Presentation of the draft Alaska Arctic Policy and Implementation plan.

October 7<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM U.S. Chairmanship of the Arctic Council  
- Nome City Council Chambers  
U.S. Special Representative for the Arctic Admiral Robert Papp, Ambassador David Balton, and Fran Ulmer invite public testimony on a range of Arctic issues.

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



*Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation invites you to the*  
**Small Business Initiative**  
 2014 Open House and Award Presentation

**M**et the finalists, learn about their projects and see who is awarded funding. In its sixth year, the wait is nearly over for the award ceremony for NSEDC's 2014 Small Business Initiative, a competitive grant program for business start-ups or expansion in the Norton Sound region. A panel of independent judges whittled the field down to just a handful of candidates who are vying for \$105,000 in seed money.

**Open House: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Award Presentation: 12:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Oct. 1**  
**Old St. Joe's Hall**



Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation

## Shaktoolik Native Corporation

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

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



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## CITY OF NOME

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS NOME MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Absentee ballots for the October 7, 2014 City of Nome Municipal Election will be available at the Office of the City Clerk, located in Nome City Hall, by September 19, 2014. Application may be made by mail to: City Clerk, City of Nome, P.O. Box 281, Nome, Alaska 99762, or by fax at (907)443-5345. Mailed ballot applications **MUST** be received in the City Clerk's Office no later than October 2, 2014. Ballot applications submitted in person **MUST** be received by October 6, 2014.

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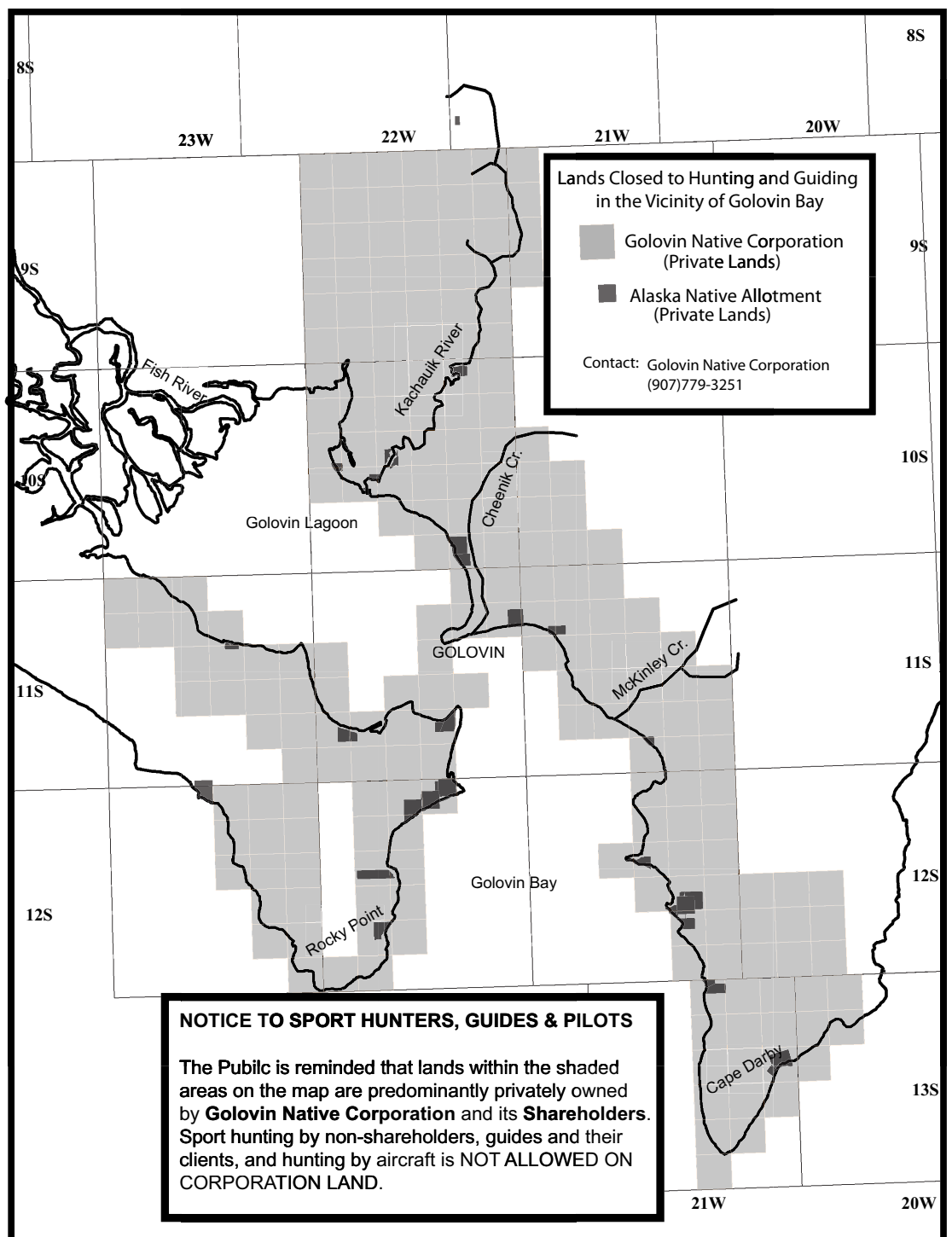
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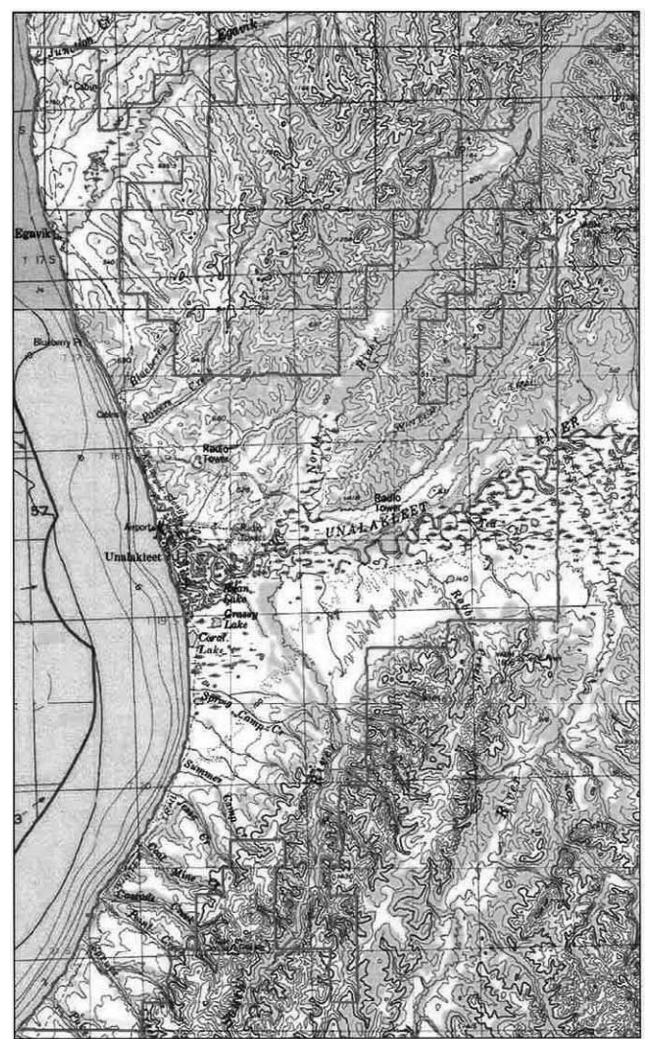
## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC, GUIDES, PILOTS & HUNTERS

### Game Unit 22A - Unalakleet River Area

- The public is reminded the land ownership within the outlined areas on the map are predominately privately owned by Unalakleet Native Corporation and its Shareholders.
- Hunting by non-shareholders is not allowed. Hunting by Shareholders, spouses of Shareholders, and descendants of Shareholders for subsistence purposes is permitted. For other allowable uses of land by non-shareholders, please contact:

**Unalakleet Native Corporation**

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• Seawall

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being sent to the DA.

On 9-12 at 8:01 a.m., Nome Police Department Officers conducted a traffic stop on K St for the driver failing to come to a complete stop at the stop sign. The driver was warned for the violation and released from the scene without incident.

On 9-12 at 8:34 a.m., the Nome Police Department received a report of a shoplifter located at a business on Bering St. The juvenile was contacted and the business indicated it did not wish to pursue charges for the theft. The juvenile was then transported and left in the care of their mother.

On 09-12 at 12:53 p.m. Nome Police Department responded to a report of an intoxicated female with two children. The children were located and given to sober family members. The investigation is ongoing with pending charges for Endangering the Welfare of a Minor(s) pending.

On 09-12 at 2:06 p.m., a citizen dropped off a suspected stolen firearm. The weapon was allegedly taken from a cabin outside of town that had been burglarized. The information and weapon were forwarded to the Alaska State Troopers for disposition and follow-up.

On 9-12 at 3:35 p.m. , John Kokuluk, Ladd Soon-agrook, and Rebecca Takak were issued Public Consumption of Alcohol Citations, after being observed consuming R&R whiskey on the seawall.

On 9-12 at 6:38 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on D St for reports of a female acting erratically. The female was found highly intoxicated and agreed to leave the residence and did so without further issue. She was then transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical treatment.

On 9-12 at 7:25 p.m. the Nome Police Department and Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department were dispatched to Bering St for the reports of a Motor Vehicle Collision involving a pedestrian. The pedestrian was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical treatment and later flown to Anchorage for treatment of significant injuries. The investigation is ongoing.

On 9-12 at 7:34 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a report from a female of a belated assault. Upon arrival at the scene, a female later identified as June Koonuk, 52, was found highly intoxicated with visible injury to her face. She was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical treatment and upon arrival, began to fight with the responding Officer. Koonuk was subsequently arrested for Disorderly Conduct and was remanded to AMCC, where she was held on \$250 bail. The investigation into the initial assault is ongoing and a suspect has been identified.

On 9-12 at 8:21 p.m., the Nome Police Department responded to a fight in progress on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Upon arrival, both parties had separated, but one of the involved parties wished to pursue assault charges. A report will be forwarded to the District Attorney for disposition.

On 9-12 at 9:05 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on Division St for the report of stolen wheels and tires that may have been identified. Upon further investigation, the wheels and tires observed were not the stolen property and did belong on the vehicle observed. The reporting party then informed Officers of the theft, discovered earlier that day. Investigation is ongoing.

On 9-13 at 12:24 a.m. Nome Police Department Officers were conducting a routine bar check, when Dawn Oozevassek, 30, was observed inside the licensed premises while extremely intoxicated. Dawn had been warned earlier that evening that she was to remain out of any licensed premises due to her level of intoxication. Dawn was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premises and was held on \$500 bail.

On 9-13 at 1:00 a.m. Nome Police Department Officers responded to a local establishment on Front St for the report of an assault. Upon arrival, the suspect had fled the area after striking two patrons multiple times, resulting in medical treatment of one of the victims. The investigation is ongoing and if you or anyone else has information relating to this event, please call the Nome Police Department at (907) 443-5262.

On 9-13 at 2:16 a.m. Nome Police Department Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle without a functional tail light. The driver was released from the scene with a warning to fix the deficient equipment.

On 09-13 at 9:41 a.m. Nome Police Department responded to a report of a stolen 4-wheeler. After a brief search the 4-wheeler was recovered. The investigation is ongoing.

On 9-13 at 10:30 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on Fourth Ave for the report of a fight in progress. Upon arrival, the involved parties had broken up and had made amends with each other. No medical treatment was required and all involved declined to press any charges. All were left on scene without further issue.

On 9-13 at 7:34 p.m. Nome Police Department Officers responded to a residence on C St for the report of a female refusing to leave. Upon arrival, June Koonuk, 52, was found highly intoxicated and in possession of a bottle of alcohol, which current releases and probation conditions prohibit. June was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating her Conditions of Release and Probation Violation. She was held without bail.

On 9-14 at 12:48 a.m., Nome Police Department Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that did not have tail lights illuminated. The driver, Gregory Saclamana, was not able to provide proof of insurance and was cited for Failing to Provide Proof of Insurance and was given a verbal warning regarding the tail lights.

On 9-14 at 1:18 a.m. Nome Police Department Officers responded to the report of a possible domestic dispute. Further investigation revealed that Jessie Kennedy, 20, had an outstanding warrant for failure to appear. He was arrested on the warrant and remanded to AMCC, where he was held on \$25 bail. The report for the altercation he was involved in will be sent to the District Attorney for disposition. Jessie was also issued an MCA Citation, as he was observed to be intoxicated at the time of contact.

On 9-14 at 3:07 a.m. Nome Police Department Officers were dispatched to Front Street for the report of an altercation involving between several persons. All parties involved were identified and statements were taken from the combatants as well as witnesses. The report for the assaults will be forwarded to the District Attorney for disposition.

On 9-14 at 11:52 a.m. Nome Police Department

responded to a report of a Burglary on the west end of town. Interviews were conducted and photographs were taken. The investigation is ongoing.

On 9-14 at 3:13 p.m. Nome Police Dispatch Center was received a report of an elderly woman having trouble breathing behind the Mini Convention Center. NPD Officers contacted the victim and transported her to Norton Sound Hospital.

On 9-14 at 5:44 p.m. a citizen arrived at the Nome Police Department to report harassment by a former coworker, who reportedly spit into the reporting party's cup and allowed him to drink the contents. The report was belated and as such, the incident will be forwarded to the District Attorney for disposition.

On 9-14 at 6:50 p.m. Nome Police Officers were dispatched to Front St for the report of an intoxicated female who was passed out, and not waking up. Karen Tate was contacted and observed sleeping in the old AC cubby hole. Karen was able to wake, and stand at officer's request. She and Thomas Koyuk were transported to his residence. During the same call, a seaside employee notified Officers of another intoxicated female sleeping on the beach. Barb Nichols (age 34) was contacted, and observed to be awake, and mildly intoxicated. Barb was able to stand and was released from the scene.

On 9-14 at 7:44 p.m. Nome Police Department was informed of a person trespassing on private property along the Nome-Council Highway. Iskander "Sasha" Garifullin was contacted and informed that he was trespassing on private property, at which time he agreed to leave the site and did so without further incident.

On 9-14 at 9:54 p.m., Nome Police Department Officers were dispatched to a residence on D St for a reported disturbance. Both parties involved had separated prior to arrival and the instigator was warned for criminal trespass at the residence.

On 9-14 at 10:30 p.m., Nome Police Department conducted a follow up investigation on a possibly stolen four-wheeler. Investigation revealed that the four-wheeler may be disputed property in a civil matter. Investigation into the matter continues.

On 9-14 at 11:26 p.m., Nome Police Department Officers were dispatched to a residence on Second Ave for a reported noise disturbance. Parties involved were given a disorderly conduct warning and agreed to be quiet for the evening.

Trooper Beat

Ambler  
On 9/10/14 at approximately 7:30 p.m., the Ambler VPO responded to the report of a woman yelling for help from her porch. The VPO found the 50-year-old female on her hands and knees with her foot stuck in the door and the door bent and locked. When he tried to free the woman, John R. Kelly, 51, of Ambler exited the residence and attacked the VPO. The VPO was able to place Kelly under arrest. The VPO sustained injuries on his wrists as a result of the forceful resistance. Once Kelly was placed in the Ambler holding cell, he attempted to urinate on the VPO. Kelly was transported to the Kotzebue regional Jail facility where he was held for arraignment. This investigation was assisted by a Northwest Arctic Borough VPSO in cooperation with the Alaska State Troopers.

Selawik  
On 9/10/14 at approximately 5:30 p.m., Alaska State Troopers arrested Shona Greist, 37, of Selawik, on an outstanding warrant issued for a remand hearing on the charge of Importation of Alcohol. Greist was transported to the Kotzebue Regional Jail and held on \$2,000 bail.

Kivalina  
On 09/11/14 at approximately 10:10 a.m. Alaska State Troopers arrested Rhonda Norton, 33, of Kivalina, on two outstanding warrants issued for two counts of Assault 4th and Importation of Alcohol. Rhonda was transported to the Kotzebue Regional Jail and held on \$3,000 and Court Appointed Third Party custodian.

Noorvik  
On 9-11-14 at approximately 11:45 a.m. AST received a report that an 11-year-old girl of Noorvik, was frightened by Perry Snyder, 49, of Noatak, when he entered the bathroom while she was occupying it. When she tried to leave the bathroom, Snyder pushed her back into the bathroom and

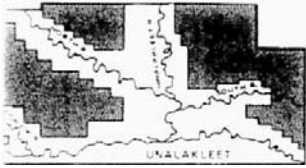
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**PORT COMMISSION SEAT VACANCIES**

The Port Commission has two seats open for appointment. Anyone interested in serving on the Commission should submit an application to the City Clerk's Office by Thursday, October 10, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

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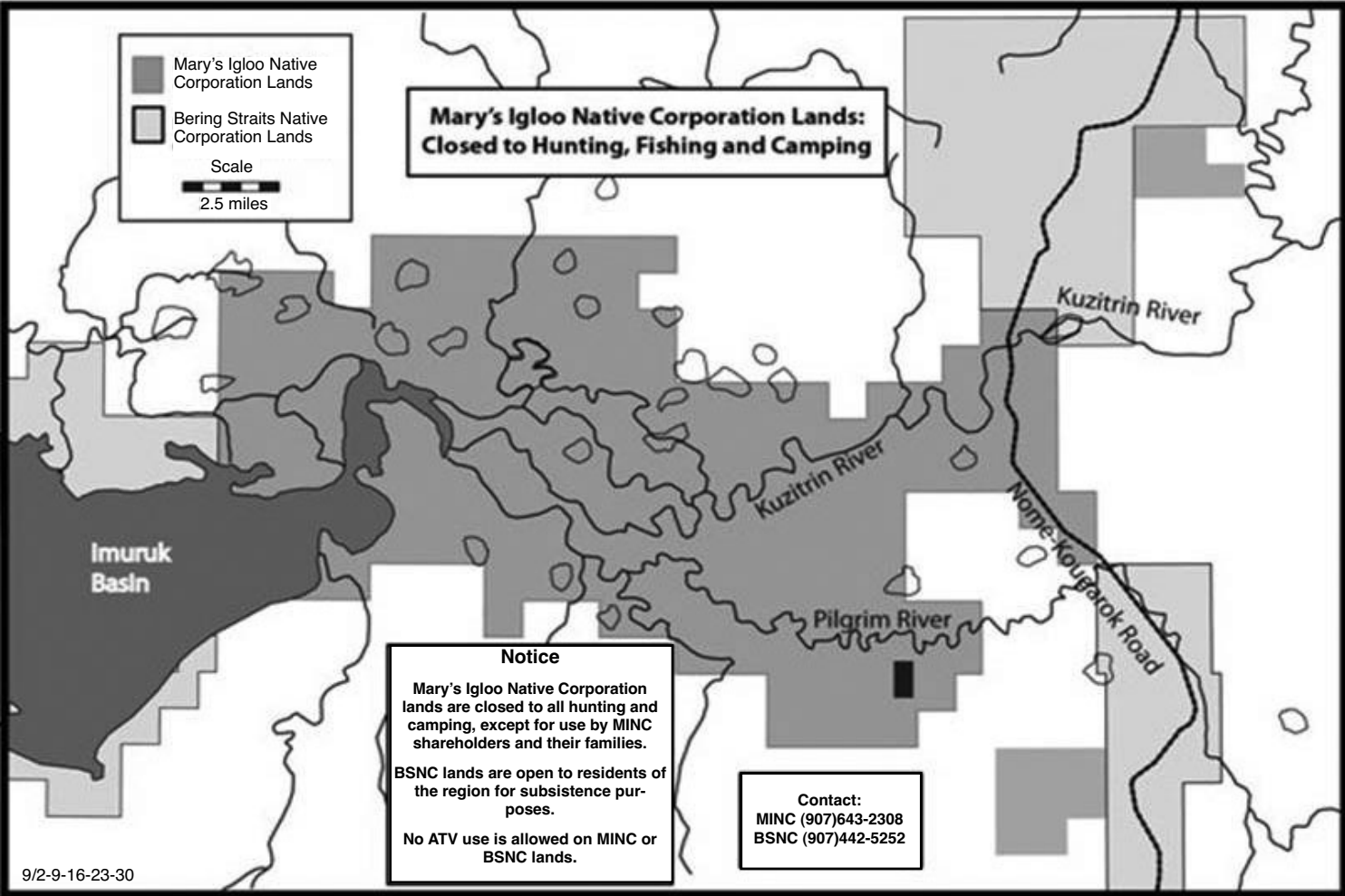
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Annie Sophie Kimniq Weyiouanna

• More Letters

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of recent official actions by candidates, so we can make decisions that support subsistence this coming

• More Trooper Beat

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tried to shut and lock the door. The girl was able to push her way past Snyder and lock herself into her grandmother's bedroom. Snyder was arrested and charged with one count of Assault 4th Degree / DV and was transported to and lodged at Kotzebue Regional Jail.

St. Mary's

election. Every vote does count. Ukallaysaaq Tom Okleasik Kotzebue, AK

All Around the Sound

Tyler S. Weyiouanna and Molly M. Snell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Annie Sophie Kimniq Weyiouanna**. She was born on August 26, at 9:36 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 6

pounds, 2.6 ounces and measured 19 inches. Her siblings are Trevor Dallas Eningowuk, 6, Madalynn Marie Snell, 4, and Kyle William Jean Snell, 1. Her paternal grandparents are Tina Weyiouanna of Nome and Clifford Weyiouanna of Shish-

maref. Her maternal grandparents are Gene and Florina Snell of Shishmaref.

• Library

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land Museum of Natural History in Ohio during Iditarod week that was open to the public. The museum houses the remains of Balto, the sled dog made famous in the diphtheria serum run of 1925. Videoconferences have even included a reading of Hamlet with Shakespearean actors from Juneau.

For this week's workshop, home-school parent Stacie Motis researched topics from the Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration (CILC) website, where educators can find videoconference content providers, read reviews of programs offered, and select programs that align to learning objectives and state standards. "I was wanting to expose my kids to in-

structors and professionals who really have a passion about the things they are sharing. This is a hands on way to get kids excited about what they are learning, and to engage them in topics and experts we might not have access to here," said Motis. She selected the rainforest puppet program for this week as well as an upcoming videoconference on seasons, presented by the Challenger Learning Center in West Virginia. The workshop will integrate geography and science to explain how the position and tilt of the Earth in relation to the sun determines the seasons.

LaRiviere would like to see the use of videoconferencing among school and community groups continue to grow. "Right now, our biggest deterrent is space," she ex-

plained. "We have some interesting programs that are open to the public coming up but we can only offer them during the library's off hours because we just don't have enough space." Blueprints for the new library building include a conference room to be shared with the museum, as well as a smaller study room within the library itself that will allow for more participants in videoconferences and more regularly scheduled programming.

Funding for the videoconferences could become another deterrent as well, when the OWL grant ends at the end of September. LaRiviere is in the process of seeking new funding. "We definitely want to continue to offer these types of programs to the community," she said.

• New magistrate

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opposing party." But as a lawyer one does not see the ramifications procedures have on other entities, such as the Dept. of Corrections, Nome Police Dept., AST, Behavioral Heath

offices and do on. "As a lawyer you don't have to think how certain procedures effect other agencies," Lewis said.

Judge Ben Esch is mentoring Lewis through a series of magistrate lessons that will culminate in tests to certify

Lewis to work as a Magistrate Judge.

According to Area Court Administrator Tracey Buie, the swearing-in date has not yet been selected. It will be announced once determined.

Court

Week ending 9/12  
**Civil**  
Maneval, Jocelyn v. Gandia, Anthony; Civil Protective Order  
Yuman, Adexo B. v. Yuman, Jeanette G.; Civil Protective Order  
Saclamana, Gregory v. Saclamana, Derek; Civil Protective Order  
Seppilu, Levi v. Miller, Bobbi; Civil Protective Order  
**Small Claims**  
**Criminal**  
State of Alaska v. Franklin Kaningok IV (3/7/88); 2NO-13-405CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113673186; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: No Action Taken.  
State of Alaska v. Franklin Kaningok IV (3/7/88); 2NO-14-478CR Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 7/19/14; 120 days, 100 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 9/4/14); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol in any dry or damp community, and any state ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol.  
State of Alaska v. Jacob Soolook (4/30/77); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114194106; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Report to BHS within 5 business days for assessment to do their recommendation; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Esther Brown (9/20/92); 2NO-14-314CR Harassment 2; Date of Violation: 5/18/14; 15 days, 15 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 1 year (date of judgment: 9/4/14); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall

commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence.  
State of Alaska v. Esther Brown (9/20/92); 2NO-14-443CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VCR; Filed by the DAs Office 9/4/14.  
State of Alaska v. Frank Kavairlook, Jr. (2/4/80); Assault 4; Date of Violation: 7/18/14; 360 days, 300 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 9/4/14); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol in any dry or damp community, and any state ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment by BHS; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare within 5 business days of release.  
State of Alaska v. Justin Schield (2/29/96); Dismissal; Count I: Drive without a Valid Driver's License, Chg. Nbr. 1; Filed by the DAs Office 9/5/14.  
State of Alaska v. Justine Ahnangnatoguk (5/24/75); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114796089; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended by another 2 months; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 0 days, but, time spent in a residential lock down treatment facility will count toward her suspended time; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Ramon Cabrera (2/23/93); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: MICS 6; Filed by the DAs Office 9/5/14.  
State of Alaska v. Taylor Carl Overpeck (9/16/88); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112977684; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 4 months; Take the ANSAT Program and follow the recommendations of the DOC Counselor; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Edwin Campbell (10/23/74); 2NO-14-494CR Theft 4; Date of Violation: 7/25/14; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Consecutive to 2NO-14-505CR; 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. Edwin Campbell (10/23/74); 2NO-14-505CR Violate Condition of Release; Date of Violation: 7/30/14; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Consecutive

to 2NO-14-494CR; 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. Edwin Campbell (10/23/74); 2NO-14-557CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VOCC; Filed by the DAs Office 9/9/14.  
State of Alaska v. Kenneth Koozaata (10/17/73); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111500622; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Subject to warrantless arrest for violations; Probation extended to 3/1/15; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 18 days, eighteen days; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.  
State of Alaska v. Kenneth A. Hughes III (10/13/58); No Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance; Date of Offense: 8/22/14; Plea: No contest; Plea Agreement: Yes; Classification: Misdemeanor - Not Classified; Fine: \$300 with \$0 suspended; Shall be paid 9/8/16; Police Training Surcharge: due in 10 days: \$50 (Misd).  
State of Alaska v. Derek Saclamana (3/20/89); Disorderly Conduct; DV; Date of Violation: 8/26/14; 10 days, 0 days suspended; 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. Dakota Segock (9/8/93); 2NO-14-570CR CTN 001: Vehicle Theft 2; Date of Offense: 8/25/14; 142 days, 100 days suspended; Unsuspended 42 days shall be served consecutive to count 2; Police Training Surcharge: due in 10 days: \$50 (Misd); Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Restitution: Defendant shall pay restitution as stated in the restitution judgment and apply for an Alaska permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Driver's license is revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use An Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed it the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for (no indication) months; Costs of the IID will be deducted from the fine if you file proof of payment before the fine due date; Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 9/4/14); Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess, consume, or buy alcohol for a period ending 2 years from date of this judgment; You are required to surrender your driver's license and identification card; your license and ID are subject to cancellation under AS 28.15.11 and AS 18.65.310; and any new license of ID must list the AS 04.16.160 buying restriction during the restricted period; AS 28.15.191(g).

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# TERRA broadband network heads toward Kotzebue

By Keith Conger

Representatives from health corporations, schools, and private industry met on Thursday at the Nullagvik Hotel in Kotzebue to discuss the expansion of TERRA, GCI's broadband network. "This is a celebration for connecting the Arctic," said Bob Walsh, GCI's director of Rural Broadband Development.

TERRA stands for Terrestrial in Every Rural Region of Alaska. Walsh says the project is aimed at improving the way rural Alaskan communities receive their phone, television, and internet communications.

Due to geographical logistics, these off-the-road system communities have historically relied on satellite connections that were inherent with high latency.

Walsh says that high latency translates to slow speeds. When a signal has to travel 26,000 miles up to a satellite, and then 26,000 miles back, things slow down, says Walsh.

TERRA provides a terrestrial, or land based, connection to the faster fiber optic cable backbone in Anchorage.

The goal of TERRA, says Ron Duncan, president and CEO of GCI, is to give rural villages access to the same 21st century technology that much of the rest of the world enjoys.

"We have been driven by the technology needs of education and the health field," Duncan explains.

"We were as much driven by providers here as anyone. The folks in this region pushed the envelope in education and health care the past 20 years."

"I've never been happy about how slow information moves up here," said Eugene Smith, CIO of Maniilaq Association, who has been a driving force in helping to bring these new technologies to the northwest. "Technology has not only improved education, but it has definitely improved health care."

Smith is excited that in December, Kotzebue will be joining the 72 Alaskan villages currently receiving the advanced possibilities TERRA provides.

Duncan explained that the best way for rural schools and health care facilities to receive communication will ultimately be a fiber optic cable link.

There are many difficulties encountered, however, when trying to procure rural land permits. The logistics and costs of maintaining cable over vast stretches of tundra also makes running fiber optic cable from village to village impossible.

The TERRA project, with its microwave towers, was the answer GCI came up with when they envisioned connecting the Arctic said Duncan.

The TERRA maps provided by Duncan showed that fiber optic cable has been laid as far as Levelock near Dillingham in southwest Alaska. From that point, a series of towers were built on hilltops throughout rural Alaska that could both collect and send microwave signals line-of-sight.

The old analog signals traveling to outer space are subject to atmospheric disturbances. But the new digital microwave pulse is not. This makes microwaves more reliable and faster.

Duncan explained that in 2011, towers were constructed linking 65 Southwestern Alaska communities including Bethel. In 2012, towers were added so that the broadband signal could be reached as far north as Shaktolik. Then in 2013, towers were constructed on Cape Nome, as well as behind the Norton Sound Regional Hospital, linking Nome to the system.

Norton Sound Health Corporation's chief information officer TwoSix is excited about being a part of bringing these technologies to places that have yet to experience them. "The reason I came to Alaska is that this is like what Eisenhower did back in the 1950s with bringing the Interstate Highway system to America," he said.

"In the lower 48, the structure is already in place," said TwoSix. "[Broadband] is actually changing

the lives of people in the area."

One of these changes comes through TeleHealth Services. According to TwoSix, the new broadband capabilities greatly enhance health care providers' ability to deliver assistance to rural communities.

"People can actually live in another place like Thailand, and still provide services," says TwoSix.

Many village clinics now have the ability to be directly connected with health care providers in the larger hospitals in Nome, Kotzebue, or even Anchorage. By increasing TeleHealth services, trips to the actual "brick and mortar" facilities are decreased, which results in cost savings, says TwoSix. This represents a "shifting focus from reactive medicine to a proactive method."

An added benefit, says TwoSix, is that employee retention is increased. Veteran health care providers with important knowledge of the people and customs of the region, and those who no longer wish to, or are not able to, live in rural communities, can stay active in the system.

Northwest Arctic Borough School District superintendent Dr. Annmarie O'Brien, who represents nearly 2000 students, is also excited that refinements are coming their way. O'Brien says that she has seen big changes in education in her years in rural Alaska. She is happy that TERRA will bring students in her district greater access to technology in school.

O'Brien says that the increased assessment demands of modern education requires more bandwidth. Her district has computerized MAP testing three times a year, and is getting ready for the upcoming electronic state standardized testing.

O'Brien looks forward to the benefits greater bandwidth will provide her staff, saying the "opportunities this has opened up for professional development are truly phenomenal."

The other added benefit O'Brien anticipates for her school district is having services on the internet, as opposed to a local server, will put less stress on district maintenance and upkeep.

Any advances in helping to alleviate the many hours the district requires for local repair services will be a plus.

Betty Huntington, CEO of Gana-A'Yoo Limited, a corporation whose shareholders come from the Yukon River villages of Galena, Koyukuk, Nuloto, and Kaltag, cant wait for TERRA and its high speed internet to get to the interior. "Our people have changed over the years. For hundreds of years our people have had to be flexible. Broadband internet will allow us to have healthier communities that can live the way we want to live."

Duncan says that delivering TERRA to the Yukon River will bring GCI another step closer toward "closing the ring" by connecting the current system of towers with Fairbanks. The next phase of the project, TERRA Yukon, is slated for finalization next year. Completing a circuit, explains Duncan, "will allow for double band widths."

Dennis Meiners, CEO of Intelligent Energy Systems, added to the themes of the day by saying "we must innovate to maintain a high quality of life." He reminded the group at the meeting that another big advantage that greater bandwidth can provide is to help the "affordable energy in rural Alaska problem." He states that the excess wind energy being generated in rural wind farms is currently inaccessible because it needs to be metered differently, specifically, it needs a "smart meter" and smart meters need access to the internet.

Meiners explained that once the wind turbine systems can tie into the internet, they can be accessed and monitored from somewhere else. This can provide service people with the ability to "remotely pinpoint power problems down to the individual transformer or the actual individual pole."

Changes in technologies such as those provided by TERRA can lead to increases in opportunities for eco-



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**KIANA CLINIC**— Brad Reich, manager for Inutek.net, a company that offers wireless internet connections to the Northwest Borough, displays the two TeleHealth video monitors that link patients in Kiana to health care providers in Kotzebue. "These are especially important in trauma situations," states Reich, referring to the all-important time between the initial moments in an incident and when medevac personnel can arrive in his village. Reich was leading a tour demonstrating how Kiana's progressive clinic is ready for the next phase of GCI's TERRA project.

conomic expansion is an idea not lost on Art Ivanoff, CEO of Bering Sea Alliance, LLC. Ivanoff says he is happy that his hometown of Unalakleet is receiving TERRA service, but the villages most affected by the increases in traffic in the Bering Sea, such as Gambell, are often the least accessible villages. These villages have a lot to gain from an economic standpoint, and from a public health standpoint, but they need high-speed communications to realize these gains.

"If projections of global warming are true, then we must continue to find ways to get services like TERRA to even the most isolated of villages," says Ivanoff. "We need to make sure that we do not leave any segment of the population behind."

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**BRAVE NEW WORLD (right)**— Norton Sound Health Corporation's chief information officer TwoSix explains about the cutting edges of TeleHealth. He says rural Alaska and the Arctic are the places to be in the US right now in terms of installing and implementing new technologies.

