

JANUARY THAW — The west end of the airport shows a lake of meltwater as temperatures soared to 40°F in Nome on January 12, 2015.

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Troopers make more drug arrests in Nome and FBKS

By Diana Haecker

Alaska State Troopers WAANT team continues to crack down on drug dealers, making more arrests in Nome last week.

Joan M. Miller, 28, and Chad Jacobson, 29, were arrested for dealing methamphetamine on two occasions. A grand jury handed up indictments last week. Jacobson was indicted on two charges of third degree misconduct involving a controlled substance. Meth is classified as a schedule IIA or IIIA controlled sub-

stance and the charges are a class B felony, punishable up to 10 years of jail and a fine of up to \$100,000.

Miller was indicted on one count of third degree misconduct involving a controlled substance, also a class B

Court documents identify Miller as Jacobson's girl friend.

According to a Trooper affidavit, Troopers used a confidential informant to set up a purchase of two grams of methamphetamine for \$240 on

cobson. Instead of Jacobson, however, his girlfriend Joan Miller met the informant and handed over two dime size bags containing a white crystal substance that was identified as meth. Two days later, Troopers, through the informant, set up another two-gram meth purchase with Chad Jacobson. This time, Jacobson himself delivered two plastic bags containing meth and took \$240 from the informant

A third purchase set up through

Troopers this time asked for two "niffs", street lingo for two-tenths of a gram of heroin. The informant and Jacobson agreed on a price of \$240 for two niffs, but the exchange did not take place.

Miller and Jacobson were arraigned on the grand jury indictments on January 12.

Miller's bail was set at \$5,000. Chad Jacobson's bail was set at \$15,000. Troopers requested a high bail amount with the argument that Jacobson poses a flight risk.

Miller and Jacobson were indicted on January 8 and arraigned on Monday, Jan. 12 in Judge Tim Dooley's courtroom.

Prescription pill bust

In a separate incident, Alaska State Troopers arrested Thelma Evan, 56 on December 29 in Fairbanks, for the alleged sale of prescription drugs in Nome. On two occasions, Evan sold hydrocodone

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Photo by Keith Conger

SINGLE SCOOP - Nome senior guard Klay Baker puts up an acrobatic shot against the stingy defense of the Bethel Warriors on Saturday night at the Subway Showdown Basketball Tournament. Nome senior forward Daniel Head (34) blocks out a Bethel defender in the paint. Nome won the game. See story and photos starting page 8.

Council approves NJU plan, rate increase

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Common Council accepted by resolution the final lump sum price for the construction of the Richard Foster Building.

Arctic Slope Regional Corp. SKW Eskimos handed up a final maximum guaranteed price of \$10,497,633. This amount is down from a guaranteed maximum price of \$12,117,961 authorized last summer.

The reduction stems from value engineering exercises with the project manager, project architects and general contractor and construction manager.

In other big money business, at its Jan. 12 meeting, the Council approved an NJUS operations and spending plan for the next spending

NJUS submitted a document showing how the utility can improve cash flow for FY 2015 following extensive review in multiple work sessions to streamline operations and to cut expenses.

The Council has been conscientiously concerned with the Nome Joint Utility System finances after it bailed out the utility from a financial emergency by means of a \$2.2 million line of credit backed by the City of Nome's reserve funds.

NJUS got into a bind when various roadblocks kept NJUS from filing for reimbursements from granting agencies for money spent on projects. That money supporting project costs pending reimbursement

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Builder overdid his remodeling permit

By Sandra L. Medearis

borhood, its builder by the name of Two Six Two Five One Zero Zero told the Nome Planning Commission on Jan. 6.

That did not impress the panel members, who unanimously refused to bless a variance sought by Five One Zero Zero to cure violations of the City of Nome building codes.

The footprint of the building encroaches into the 10-foot setback required between the edges of the house and West E Street. Additionally, the structure misses by eight inches the required five feet separation from the lot line on its east side. At the back, the house has the required five feet between it and the lot line. Greg Smith, the City of Nome building inspector, told the Commission he had issued a stop work order when the project was less than 50 percent complete.

He needs to "shave it with a Sawzall or move it to another lot," Smith said.

The morning after the Commission denied the variance request, Five One Zero Zero listed his structure for sale at \$150,000 on local so-

By Sandra L. Medearis
A new house at West D Street and

Cial media.

Five One Zero Zero began the omen Avenue dressed up the neigh- project and worked on it during the summer of 2013 under a remodeling permit.

The structure has been enclosed. Materials for finishing the interior are stored in a shipping container on the property.

The West Side neighborhood near the harbor comprises small substandard lots that do not accommodate large structures after compliance to modern building codes that require a five foot setback from property lines

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Juneau Juice

GOP Senate Caucus hires appointee who defended sexual harassment perpetrator

McHugh Pierre stopped his high school friend from being punished for National Guard abuses

ANCHORAGE: Alaska's Republican Senate caucus will pay McHugh Pierre approximately \$10,000 per month during the upcoming legislative session even after Pierre had to resign in disgrace over the National Guard scandal. Pierre got caught protecting his high school friend from punishment after that individual used drugs and committed sexual harassment during his tenure as a National Guard recruiter.

GOP Senator Kevin Meyer said there's "no indication Pierre did anything wrong," despite reports to the contrary. In the fall, Alaska media reported on Pierre's decision to defend a perpetrator of sexual harassment and other misconduct. When Pierre resigned in September, the Alaska Dispatch News reported:

Documents obtained by Alaska Dispatch News show that Pierre inserted himself into one of the inquiries into the alleged sexual misconduct of a married recruiter, an incident of which Parnell's office was

The recruiter, a high school classmate of Pierre's from the late 1990s, was also accused of sexual harassment, of mistreating junior enlisted soldiers, of possessing steroids and committing assault. In June 2014, Cindy Sims, a senior staffer and close aide to the governor, received an email detailing the situation with this and dozens of other soldiers.

The document notes that this soldier, whose name has been withheld since no criminal charges were ever filed, was recommended for removal from his full-time position and to be separated from the service with "other than honorable discharge.' Nothing came of it, apparently, after Pierre gave input to Katkus and the assistant adjutant general, Brig. Gen. Leon Bridges.

After Pierre came forward, Bridges took over the case. He was to impose an action of General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand and a rank reduction of one grade, but the process — convening a board to review the discipline recommendations and then take action - has not moved forward.

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The hard truth about our oil revenue

By Gov. Bill Walker

Imagine your family's biggest source of income plummeting by 80 percent in one year. At today's oil prices, that's Alaska's situation. The state's oil and gas production tax is expected to bring the state \$524 million in the current fiscal year, a shocking drop from the \$2.6 billion collected last year.

But that's only part of the story. The state offers tax credits to oil and gas companies as a way to encourage investment that will, it is hoped, increase oil production. Once all the credits are factored in, our production tax is expected to generate negative returns to the state. You read that right: this year, for the first time in state history, we are making less than zero from a tax meant to compensate Alaska for the taking of its oil resources.

How is this situation possible? The Alaska Department of Revenue projects the state will pay \$625 million to producers through various oil and gas production credits. Subtract that from \$524 million in production tax revenue. and we're about \$100 million in the red. Next year, the problem is expected to worsen, with the state netting negative \$400 million on what has traditionally been our biggest source of unrestricted revenue.

I have learned these bitter facts over the past few weeks, and I feel obliged to tell Alaskans the hard truth. As for how we got here, it appears to be a combination of tax breaks and credits, and a tax structure that magnifies the state's losses at low oil prices. The last oil tax

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01/21/15 11:18 p.m.

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rewrite occurred during a period of sustained high oil prices, and there was little consideration given to the lowprice scenario.

I remember when my parents and their neighbors fought for statehood so Alaskans could control our resources. I think we can all agree that an oil production tax that nets negative returns to the state does not meet Alaska's constitutional mandate to develop our resources for the maximum benefit of the people.

I support the philosophy behind tax incentives; I want to encourage companies to invest in Alaska. But giving away more in tax breaks than we collect is irresponsible, and it's unsustainable. It's like working a job and having more income withheld from your paycheck than you earn. It just doesn't make sense.

You elected me to offer forward-looking, straight-talking leadership free of political partisanship. I take my duty as a steward of Alaska's future very seriously. We must address our current fiscal crunch from all angles including reining in spending and thoughtfully assessing our revenue stream.

Our state has tremendous assets. We have wisely built significant savings. We have abundant natural resources. We have the resilience and resourcefulness of the Alaskan people.

I look forward to working with the Legislature and all Alaskans to stabilize our financial health and secure our

Letters -Dear Editor: Why doesn't the state pump its

own oil like Norway does and get all

of the money for itself? If the state does not do this, then it is going to have to live with a small budget and have big cut backs in spending. The

state needs to start developing its own oil now before the state runs through all of its savings and goes bankrupt.

John Suter Chugiak, AK 99567

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

Editorial

Roll Out the Barrel

Polka fans know the Beer Barrel Polka, but Alaskans know the Oil Barrel Two-Step. While the rest of the nation enjoys below two-buck oil, western Alaskans are still over the barrel with \$6 and more at the pumps. We stand by while the State of Alaska bemoans the fact that oil prices have dropped by 40 percent since July and are still falling. State revenue is crashing. The days of \$100 a barrel oil are gone and let's not fool ourselves, they won't return.

Oil prices fluctuate. We know there is a glut of oil on the market. Supply exceeds demand. The European economy is troubled, the ruble is rubble, the Chinese economy has slowed, Libya has ramped up production, and OPEC keeps pumping oil because it doesn't want to lose its share of the market. The U.S. has boosted the supply of shale oil and the little oil producers can't afford to quit. OPEC is weak and big oil companies like Conoco-Phillips have cut their drilling budgets. As a result it is hard for economists to predict the future of the world economy. Alaskans remember that not too many years ago, back in the '90s, oil was \$11 per barrel. We can cope, but we may regret the day we eliminated the state income tax. We also regret the foolish economics of former governor Parnell and a well-oiled legislature. They gave away the store to the oil companies

We should remember that our oil and mineral wealth is non-renewable and will run out. Alaska's hope for the future is with our renewable resources like timber and fish. Folks need to eat and we have the best and biggest fisheries in the world. We need to protect them because they're the answer to our economic woes. -N.L.M.-

A Look at the Past



Photo courtesy Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

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SONG OF THE NORTH - Photographer F.H. Nowell captured a returning sled dog team howling, as they returned to Nome with their mushers identified as Smith and Fink from a polar bear hunt in the Arctic. Distance traveled: 1,000 miles.

High Temp

Low Temp

Peak Wind

Total Precip. for 2015

Normal Total to Date

Seasonal Snowfall

Snow on Ground

Weather Statistics

+40

+12

27.10"

10.00"

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01/10/15

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Strait Action

NOAA holds meetings on proposed Arctic ringed seal critical habitat

NOAA Fisheries will host five public hearings in Nome, Anchorage, Kotzebue, Barrow, and Bethel to get public input on a proposed rule to designate critical habitat for Arctic ringed seals under the Endangered Species Act. NOAA Fisheries opened a 90-day public comment period on the proposal when it was published in the Federal Register on December 9, 2014.

The proposed critical habitat in the northern Bering, Chukchi, and Beaufort seas provides sea ice conditions that are essential for ringed seal pupping, nursing, basking and molting. Primary prey species to support ringed seals also occur within the proposed critical habitat area.

Federal agencies are required to ensure that the actions they authorize, fund, or carry are not likely to destroy or adversely modify critical habitat. The proposed critical habitat designation would not include any regulatory restrictions on human activities. Designation of critical habitat would not affect subsistence harvest of ringed seals by Alaska Na-

The five public hearings are scheduled for Nome on January 28, 2015, 4 - 7 p.m., at Old St. Joe's Hall; Anchorage on February 2, 2015, 4 -7 p.m., at the Z.J. Loussac Public Library; Kotzebue on February 17, 2015, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Chambers; Barrow on February 23, 2015, 7 - 10 p.m., at the Iñupiat Heritage Center; Bethel: February 26, 2015, 4-7 p.m., at the Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center.

NOAA will provide a brief opening presentation before accepting public comments for the record. Both written and spoken comments will be accepted at the hearings.

2014 record warm year in Alaska

The US National Weather Service Alaska announced on Facebook last week that 2014 was a record-breaking year for Alaska. The stats from the National Climatic Data Center confirm that 2014 was the warmest year on record for the entire state. not any single location. Nome as well as

McGrath, Kotzebue, Bethel, Cold Bay, King Salmon and Homer experienced warmest year on record in 2014. In Anchorage — for the first time since temperature monitoring began - the temperature did not drop below zero degrees during the calendar year. The warm year was helped by exceptionally mild temperatures statewide in January, May, November and December. Weather records began for the state in 1918 and the previous record year was set in 1926. The West was warmer than average for much of 2014. Nine states had a top 10 warm year: Alaska, Arizona, California, and Nevada each had their warmest year on record. Most locations from the Rockies to the East Coast were cooler than average, with the exception of New England and Florida. No state set a cold record during 2014. NCDC computes statewide departures from the long-term average based on dozens of available climate stations around the state.

Gyrfalcon study underway on Seward Peninsula

Bryce Robinson, a graduate student from Boise State's raptor biolprogram, was awarded a \$10,000 grant to support research for his masters thesis on gyrfalcons in Alaska, along with co-author David Anderson, a recent graduate of the program. Robinson studies the gyrfalcon and how it's affected by climate change and he did so in places near Nome.

Robinson's thesis is titled, "Gyrfalcon Diet During the Nestling Period on the Seward Peninsula, Alaska.'

Last summer, Robinson scaled rocks nears Nome to install motionactivated cameras placed in gyrfalcon nests. This allows Robinson to start developing a data set for the future implications of climate change and its effect on the gyrfalcon diet during mating season.

"We are beginning to research the gyrfalcon now so that we better understand these relationships and how changes are and will be impacting the gyrfalcon," Robinson said. "My research is focused on the diet during the most trying time for gyrfalcon populations—the chick rearing period." He will be looking to better understand what gyrfalcons use for food during this time and how any fluctuations in the populations of these species will impact the gyrfalcon's ability to reproduce. The gyrfalcon isn't federally or state listed as endangered. However, it depends heavily on ptarmigan as food. It also lives in a system where climate change is already having an impact, which means it stands to be sensitive to the changes that are happening on the Seward Peninsula. According to Robinson, there's an advancement of snowmelt dates, increases in winter and spring precipitation, increased shrubification and an advancement of the tree line.

"The gyrfalcon's range is restricted to high latitude, treeless tundra," Robinson said. "As such, it faces habitat loss caused by climatic changes.

The grant is through the Eppley Foundation for Research and will go toward funding logistical expenses. "Conducting field work in the Arctic is extremely challenging and costly, mainly because of the access issues,' Robinson said. "There's relatively no one up there and there's not many roads, so when you're studying a species that's spread over a wide geographic area in low concentrations it's difficult to obtain the sample sizes you would need to do what you want to do."

Last year Robinson was in Alaska from May until August, scouting nests and setting up cameras. He expects to be there during the same time this year. "I'm kind of a general bird nerd and apart from the gyrfalcon, which is a species that very few people get to see once-let alone multiple times in a year or even in their lifetime, western Alaska is just a great place to be if you're into birds in general," Robinson said.

Fulbright has new Arctic program

Fulbright Scholar Program of the United States Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs offers an Arctic Initiative that aims to bring together scholars, professionals and applied researchers from the United States, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia and Sweden for a series of three seminar meetings and a Fulbright exchange.

On their website, the Fulbright programs says it aims to "stimulate international scientific collaboration on Arctic issues while increasing mutual understanding between people of the United States and the people of other countries." Using a collaborative model to translate theory into practice, program participants will address public-policy research questions relevant to Arctic nations' shared challenges.

Sixteen scholars from the U.S. and abroad will be selected to participate in the program as Fulbright Arctic Initiative Scholars through an open,

merit-based competition. At least four of the scholars will be selected from the United States and at least one scholar will be selected from each of the other Arctic Council member states. Co-Lead Scholars Dr. Michael Sfraga of the UAF and Dr. Ross A. Virginia will provide intellectual leadership throughout the program, in addition to mentoring program participants and facilitating discussion and collaboration among the Arctic Initiative Scholars, Program activities will commence in spring 2015 and conclude in fall of

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, January 15

Nome Rec Center Open Gym 5:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 a.m. *Lunch Laps Pool *Weekly Women's Circle *Wiffleball (grades 3-6) (grades 5-8) 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 3:15 p.m. - 4:14 p.m. 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Prematernal Home Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center *League Basketball 5:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Nome Rec Cente Strength Training *Port Commission: Regular Meeting City Chambers 5:00 p.m. *PM Lap Swim Pool Nome Rec Center 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Vinyasa Yoga *Nome Food Bank Bering and Seppala Nome Rec Center * Zumba Fitness *Open Bowling *Thrift Shop

Friday, January 16

Methodist Church

*Pick-up Basketball Nome Rec Center 5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. *AM Lap Swim *Open Gym *Kindergym 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. - Noon Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center Noon - 8:00 p.m. *Open Gym Nome Rec Center 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. *Zumba Fitness Nome Rec Cente *Open Bowling Nome Rec Center *Drop-in Soccer (15+) Nome Rec Center 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. *AA Meeting
*Boys B-Ball v. Galena Lutheran Church(rear)
Nome-Beltz Gym 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Call NBHS for Times

Saturday, January 17

*Open Gym
*Inaugural Celebration Mini Convention Center Open Bowling Nome Rec Center Airport Pizza (upstairs) Nome-Beltz Gym *AA Meeting *Boys B-Ball v. Galena

*Open Gym *AA Meeting *Open Swim

Family Swim

*Tae Kwon Do

*PM Laps

Noon - 8:00 p.m. **4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Call NBHS for Times

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 18

2:00 - 10:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Nome Rec Center Airport Pizza (upstairs) Pool 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 19

5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. *Pick-up Basketball *Open Gym Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center *AM Lap Swim Nome Rec Center 10:00 a.m. - noon *Kindergym *Open Gym Nome Rec Center Noon - 3:00 p.m. 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. *Floor Hockey (grades 3-6) Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center (grades 5-8) *League Basketball 5:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m Nome Rec Center Nome Rec Center 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. *Tae Kwon Do AA Meeting 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Nome Rec Center 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Lutheran Church(rear)

Tuesday, January 10

5:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 a.m. Nome Rec Center *Open Gym *Volleyball (grades 3-8) *League Basketball Nome Rec Center 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Nome Rec Center *Strength Training Nome Rec Center 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. *PM Laps *Vinyasa Yoga Pool 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Nome Rec Center *Zumba Step *Nome Food Bank Nome Rec Center Bering & Seppala 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m *Open Swim *AA Meeting Airport Pizza (upstairs) 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 21

Nome Rec Center *Pick-up Baskethall 5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Nome Rec Center AM Lap Swim Pool 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m *Kindergym *Open Gym Nome Rec Center 10:00 a.m. - noon Nome Rec Center Noon - 3:00 p.m. 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. *Team Handball (grades 3-6) Nome Rec Center (grades 5-8) Nome Rec Center *Open Gym *Nome Food Bank 5:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Nome Rec Center Bering & Seppala 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. *Zumba Fitness Nome Rec Center *Family Swim 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m Pool

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Starting Friday, January 16

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had to come from cash flow needed for operating expenses. The cash flow stopped when Wells Fargo refused a line of credit upon which NJUS usually relied as a bridge loan until reimbursed by state and federal grants and loan packages.

Now NJUS has found cuts in labor and overtime, tightened up on free services, and identified potential sources of revenue from equipment sales and leasing out of space.

The plan rests on kilowatt consumption and sales records from FY 2014, which reflected a 10 percent drop from 2013 numbers.

The decrease in power sales revenue came from a drop in consumption by ratepayers conscious of high energy costs, the loss of Rock Creek Mine power demands, and the closure of the old hospital complex which was replaced by a more power-efficient new health service complex.

In return for the line of credit, City of Nome extracted from NJUS a look at the utility's books and a campaign to control finances to assure payment for the line of credit, including having reimbursement money from state and federal agencies go directly into the City's coffers.

Based on the plan released at the

Jan. 12 regular Council meeting, Nome Joint Utility Systems will realize the following indicators of improving financial health:

The utility will rely wholly on its pair of EWT 900kw wind turbines to produce between 2.2 million and 2.5 million wind generated kilowatts, which will replace nearly 150,000 gallons of \$3.50 per gallon fuel.

Up to Jan. 1, a takeover contract with Banner Wind Farm has required NJUS to purchase about 1.1 million kilowatts off of Banner's Entegrity wind generators at a cost of over \$200,000—meaning NJUS had to curtail operation of the EWT turbines. Now, without the power purchase, the estimated cost of the EWT maintenance agreement, land lease insurance monitoring and station service power will be \$225,000, meaning that NJUS will see a net increase in production at a minimal cost change, according to John H. Handeland, utility manager. With an opportunity to operate the giant turbines at their rated capacity, NJUS will work out a way to find thermal heat load potential on an as available basis to increase revenues and again operate the smaller Entegrity units. Handeland expects to see a positive impact on utility costs from the combination of diesel and wind genera-

In personnel, NJUS expects the retirement of a power plant foreman at the acme of the wage scale and replacement by an existing staff operator. An electrical apprentice will no longer be employed. There will likely be additional expenses relating to electrical maintenance and engineering. The outgoing power plant foreman will document procedures with plant controls to minimize

The line department has used three linemen for several years, with hiring a union hall lineman for summer months. Three are not enough for ongoing system maintenance, so the utility hopes to hire a local apprentice and bring him or her through the apprentice ship instead of using the seasonal union hire.

Outside construction activities have involved the line crew in the

past years, including work on a new feeder to the new hospital and rerouting the utilities on the new Snake River Bridge, without enough time spent on maintaining the existing system. The plan will include higher wage expense, but not due to additional hires, but because crews will be working on utility infrastructure, not construction projects, so labor costs will not be absorbed by construction budgets. Additionally, a portion of the line crew will reprogram NJUS automated meter reading system.

Electric revenue will increase with a Council-approved increase in utility rates that will rollback in June. Existing electric rates go back to 1995 without increases, except for increases in the fuel surcharge. The temporary increase will recharge NJUS' reserve account and help to cover a projected 2015 budget cash deficit of \$87,460. Meanwhile, a rates analyst is on the job presently studying the operations and revenue requirements.

Without any scheduled water and sewer projects for 2015 construction season, revenue possibilities from rental of equipment to projects is reduced. However, with wind-generated kilowatts reducing fuel use, Handeland anticipates fuel storage capacity that could be leased out for a potential \$100,000.

The NJUS Board of Directors and staff finely filtered water and sewer operations. One plan for decreasing costs is to shut off fluoride on Friday and resume injection on Monday to save the cost of paying a water operator for weekend rounds.

"It is estimated that this will save the utility \$30,000 in personnel costs

Water and sewer revenues should remain stable except that customers who haul their own water will begin to get it at the power plant and be charged for it. Large users like Madden Moonlight water haul will also pay. Under an expired contract, water to MM has been free. NJUS plans to write trucked hauled water out of its tariff.

Handeland said Monday that as a result, Bob Madden might discon-

tinue his service.

NJUS has continued under a prior agreement to provide heat for a garage for Madden's water truck and a year ago start sharing the garage. Turning off the heat would save the utility \$30,000 a year, according to Handeland. NJUS could use the building to keep equipment out of the weather or alternatively lease the building for more revenue.

NJUS Board and staff have sifted through expenses in the administrative department. Return to a full-time finance officer would enable the utility to realign duties between the finance operator and accounting labor to result in reduction of overtime costs. Having no water and sewer projects this season would reduce administrative support to concentrate full-time on operations. Office expenses, travel and general expenses have been reduced. The effective federal lobbyist stays on through June and continuation for the second half of the year will be reviewed.

Scheduled overtime has been eliminated from the consumer accounting department. Handeland expects administrative and consumer accounting duties to be juggled to allow the office to remain open without using overtime.

The Council approved a residential rate increase of 2 cents per kwh effective on the Jan. 26 bill. The increase will drop off the bills effective July 1 unless extended. Meanwhile, NJUS will continue to analyze rate structures to determine other options.

The budget plan has been based on fuel costing \$3.50 per gallon, Handeland said, despite current dramatic price drops.

Historically, fuel prices drop during winter months and rise during the summer months when we can take on fuel," he said. He did say that if the lower price trend continues, the utility would experience a lower fuel cost and at the same time yield a corresponding offset by lowering fuel surcharge revenues. If the price continued to be low in the summer, the utility would study the potential in buying fuel ahead.

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prescriptions pills to an undercover Western Alaska Alcohol and Narcotics Team Trooper in July last year. The purchases took place at the Polar Bar and at the Norton Sound Regional Hospital in Nome. According to court documents, Evan, on two occasions sold five hydrocodone pills to an undercover Trooper who has arranged the buy through an informant. On July 10, the Trooper's confidential informant — while talking with Troopers- received a phone call from Evan. According to a Trooper affidavit, Evan offered the informant "hydros" for \$10 each. The Trooper affidavit states that the informant set up a purchase of five of those pills. An undercover Trooper and the informant drove to meet Evan in front of Polar Bar, Evan got in the backseat of the car and the transaction was made. The

crime lab confirmed that Evan sold pills that were 325mg acetamorphine and 5mg hydrocodone.

The undercover Trooper arranged for another pill purchase. On July 11, 2014, Evan met with the undercover Trooper at the NSHC cafeteria, slipped five pills into his breast pocket and received a prerecorded \$50 bill in return. According to the Trooper affidavit, Evan worked at the Norton Sound Regional Hospital.

Evan was charged with misconduct involving a controlled substance in the second degree. She was arrested and arraigned in Fairbanks.

In a bail hearing held on January 8, the bail was set at \$3,000 if she agrees to go to an inpatient release center. A felony first appearance in court was scheduled for Jan. 12 but was vacated. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for February 9, at 1:30 p.m.

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Selected scholars will participate in an individual Fulbright exchange of a minimum of six weeks up to three months, as well as in-person seminars and ongoing virtual communication, all supporting the scholars' collaborative research projects. The research will tackle issues of energy, water, health and infrastructure. The application deadline for US scholars is Monday, February 16.

NOAA Fisheries approves second round of fisheries disaster relief funds

NOAA Fisheries is announcing the approval of the second round of fisheries disaster funds in the amount of \$13M to assist fishermen affected by the 2012 commercial fisheries failure due to the fishery resource disaster for the Yukon Chinook fishery, Kuskokwim Chinook fishery, and the Cook Inlet salmon fishery.

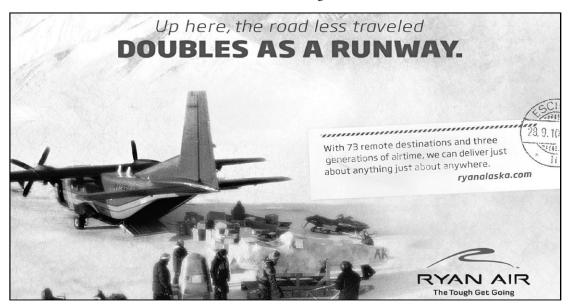
This grant will be distributed as follows: \$4.5 million in direct payments to the recreation fishing sec-

tor, including sport fishing guides and related business, to provide compensation for loss of income; \$7.5 million for salmon disaster research, restoration, education, gear replacement/modification, and outreach, with \$6.4 million for the Yukon/Kuskokwim region, and \$1.1 million for Cook Inlet; \$700,000 in direct payments to commercial buying stations and salmon buyers in the Cook Inlet area.

The Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission will coordinate, plan, and administer distribution of the fishery disaster funds throughout the grant period.

In February 2014, Congress allocated \$75 million for six fisheries disasters nationwide, including \$20.8 million to Alaska for the Chinook salmon fishery failure in 2012.

Distribution of the first round of fisheries disaster funds in the amount of \$7.8 million began soon after approval in August 2014, and included direct payments to commercial fisherman with \$3.2 million going to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Region and \$4.6 million to the Cook Inlet Region.



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Planning panel OKs downtown communication tower

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Planning Commission has cleared away concerns to allow a 150-foot communication tower to go up on Front Street.

Following a public hearing Dec. 9, the Commission tabled a vote on approving the placement of the tower on Front Street pending more study on safety risks. Cascadia Program Management, based in Olympia, Washington, presented the project to the Commission to obtain a conditional use permit to build the lattice style, galvanized steel tower for AT &T at 105 Front Street. Although the area is zoned for commercial use, Nome's 2008 zoning code requires a

conditional use permit for utility construction.

The new tower would upgrade AT&T service from 2G service to modern cutting edge 4G LTE service, according to Noah Grodzin of Cascadia, meaning fewer dropped calls, improved 911—emergency abilities and greater data transmis-

sion abilities. The tower will stand on a concrete slab foundation behind the existing Alascom satellite dishes a little east of the Wells Fargo Bank building.

At the Dec. 9 meeting, planning members and public members making comment on the project expressed concern about icing on the tower from angry seas during fall storms weighting the tower and toppling it into nearby residences or corroding the metal to cause failure. A consensus of comment demanded lighting on the tower to warn small aircraft using the informal seasonal

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and a 10-foot setback from street rights-of way. Structures may be remodeled within the limits of 50 percent replacement and may not exceed the original footprint dimensions. Variances may be sought from and granted on a case-by-case basis by Nome Planning Commission within limits spelled out in the building codes.

Five One Zero Zero nullified his modeling permit by almost wholly reconstructing the house, and therefore needed to apply for a building permit. That took away the "grandfather" umbrella and subjected the project to current setback laws and minimum lot size requirement of 5,000 square feet coming into effect after the original building went up decades ago. Thus Five One Zero Zero ran afoul of the grandfather cause.

Five One Zero Zero's remodeling permit allowed him to replace 50 percent of the rotten structure and be "grandfathered" into the existing footprint that violated new setback standards

However, the builder had replaced almost 100 percent of the former house and expanded the footprint, Smith said. As over 50 percent has been replaced, the builder needed to comply with existing codes established after the original structure went up, Smith added.

"Now he is applying for a new building permit and variances on the setbacks," Smith said. "Not meeting the setbacks is causing issues."

One issue last week was the Connex and a truck parked in the street right-of-way, Smith noted.

Planning commission regulations on building code and zone variances require owners of all contiguous properties be notified before a variance request comes up for public hearing. During the hearing, Dr. Bill Cox read letters opposing the variance on behalf of neighboring property owner Susan Nowland and Alpha Nybo, Five One Zero Zero's former landlady. Derrick Leedy, who owns the house east of the new struc-

ture also opposed the variance, saying Five One Zero Zero had enlarged the original structure by 30 percent. An arctic entry shown on the remodeling plan now runs the length of the east side of the structure—not an arctic porch, but larger living space, Leedy told the Commission.

Nybo has filed a Small Claims suit against Five One Zero Zero over a landlord—tenant disagreement stemming from Five One Zero Zero's rental of a house she owns on Fifth Avenue. She has resided in Nowland's house to the north of the new construction. Nybo does not own property adjacent to Five One Zero Zero's property.

The limits of her property and the Leedy property are well marked by a post in the ground, Nowland said in her letter. It was "ludicrous that the City allowed" the construction, she opined.

Houses on the block, some of which existed before and survived the violent 1934 fire and the 1974 flood, do not satisfy the current requirements on setback allowances, limiting yard space, parking and improvements that go beyond the original footprint. Trying to squeeze the last drop of footage out of small lots continues to cause friction in the neighborhood.

In a separate case, Nowland has been subject of an encroachment complaint from another property owner and ordered by the City to pull a newly constructed shed off the setback and a neighbor's property to the north of her house.

Jason Rietheimer, who currently resides in Nowland's house on West E Street told the Commission Five One Zero Zero should follow rules, and also complained that Five One Zero Zero had painted "Stay the [F] off my property" in a big white rock where his children could read it.

Five One Zero Zero, appearing at the hearing by telephone from California, told the Commission he "had worked on the project in broad daylight every single day without anyone saying anything to the contrary."

Tom Moran, city clerk, offered



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

POOR FIT—A new house in progress does not comply with building codes. The lot is too small; the house is too big. Its owner, Two Six Two Five One Zero Zero (his real name) must tear it down, or make it smaller, or move it to another lot, the Nome Planning Commission ruled when the panel denied a variance.

clarification on the violation.

"The waters had been muddied" by the remodeling permit being issued to Five One Zero Zero "during the time of a temporary building inspector one removed from Mr. Smith."

As he got into the project, he found "every single board rotten—the 2 X 4s, the walls the floors, the footing pad. I acted on the guidance and approval of the previous building inspector," Five One Zero Zero said. "Now I am undergoing character assassination."

His building improved the neighborhood, he said.

"I am doing what Nome is looking for—removal of derelict buildings. I'm improving the entire community," Five One Zero Zero said. "What kind of future do you like to see in Nome? People who invest in Nome?"

The Commission definitely encourages improving structures, "but there needs to be a process fol-

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lowed," Commissioner Larry Pederson said. Five One Zero Zero had obtained a remodeling permit but basically did new construction under the remodeling permit, Pederson added.

"The process needs to be followed, but it wasn't," he said.

Commissioner Sara Lizak pointed out that the applicant had violated several of the written criteria for granting a variance on building requirements. These include items that she felt applied to the request at hand: "The applicant or property owner did not cause the condition that requires the variance. The variance is not requested simply to save the applicant or property owner money. The variance is not requested merely because complying with the regulations is inconvenient."

The Commission voted 6-0 to deny the variance request.

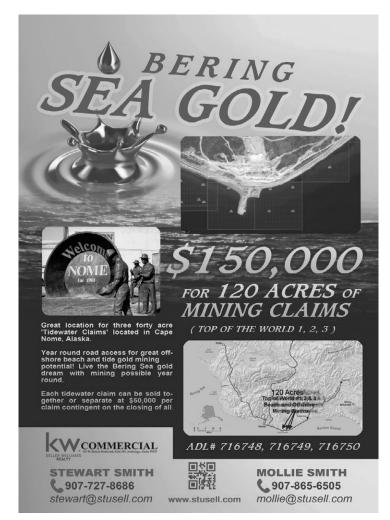
Two Six Two Five One Zero Zero said he would appeal and offered "my apology to community mem-

bers that feel I am such an obtrusive

So far, no block parties or friendly get-togethers have blocked traffic on West E Street.

According to City law, a person can appeal an action of the Nome Planning Commission to the Nome Common Council within 10 days of the action. Two Six Two Five One Zero Zero had until Jan. 16 at the close of business to file his appeal, according to Moran, but had not as of Monday.

The Nome Building Code recognizes "there are special cases where unusual physical characteristics (including small lot size), location within a commercial or historical district, special design features which can be incorporated into the structure, and the limited building season which make strict application of foregoing regulations inconvenient."





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Photos by Diana Haecker

OPEN HOUSE - GCI managers Mary Hart and Dave Fawcett greeted customers in the GCI store on Jan. 8.

GCI rolls out 3G speed in Nome

In December GCI upgraded equipment and turned on 3G wireless service in Nome. 3G stands for Third Generation. It bumps up data speeds so that Nome's mobile data speeds allow for faster web browsing, audio and video streaming. It also allows for GCI TV to access via TiVo entertainment on the TV at home or on their mobile device.

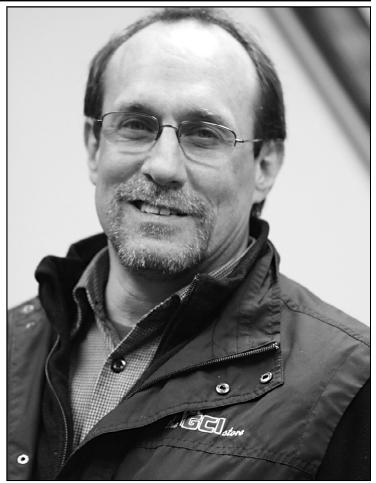
On December 28, 2014, the switch was made to 3G. On January 8, the GCI store on Front Street in Nome held an open house customer appreciation event.

Present were GCI Director of South Central and Western Regions Mary Hart and Rural Marketing Manager Jennifer Nelson.

They introduced the new System Manager for Nome and Kotzebue, Dave Fawcett. Fawcett takes over from Gary Samuelson, who retired last year from 32 years of working for GCI as manager for Nome and Kotzebue. Fawcett comes from Barrow, where he worked for eight years as the system manager there.

As for the newfound speed that has been unknown to Nome's cellphone wielding consumers, it also has its pitfalls. With faster speed, people may use more data faster than they're used to, resulting in possible additional fees. "We work with our customers to make the tran-

sition easier," Jennifer Nelson said. She added that they will send out notifications as customers near their data limit and they also offer an app that allows customers to track their data usage.



NEW GCI MANAGER - Dave Fawcett is the new GCI Systems Manager for Nome and Kotzebue. He came from Barrow and is the successor for longtime GCI manager Gary Samuelson, who retired last year.

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landing strip along the beach behind the proposed tower.

The site is within the flood plain. A flood plain permit would be necessary with the tower construction meeting all existing building codes. The tower met that condition, Grodzin said.

Derrick Leedy during the hearing expressed concern about having microwaves from telephone towers near schools. He asked Grodzin to look into the possibility of health damage. The FCC regulates radio transmissions, Grodzin said.

"They can't operate if they don't comply with FCC guidelines," he said.

The Commission gave a conditional approval to the Conditional Use permit that could be reviewed in two years, with the requirement that the tower have lights but have no more nests in the facility from which ravens could launch dive-bombing activity on pedestrians.

The Federal Aviation Administration has found that the tower would

not be a hazard to air navigation, according to a statement on review of plans from FAA's southwest regional office in Texas. Another analysis by Sabre Industries Towers & Poles has found the tower was designed able to remain self-supporting at 130 mph wind and no ice covering and in 80 mph wind with one-fourth inch of icing.

In other business, the Commission approved a request to amend the zoning map to rezone an area in the east end of town from Residential to General Use. The Commission staff notified 24 adjacent property owners and businesses, but not one protested the zone change during a public hearing during the Jan. 6 meeting. The action sought by property owner Dan Walsh allows commercial use of a facility originally constructed as business property for business use.

And finally, the Commission passed along to Nome Common Council an ordinance establishing new specifications for subdivision markers. Particulars are on file at City Hall.





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WINTER SLUMBER - The majority of Fort Davis camps is deserted for the winter time. However, the area sees some traffic as the Iditarod Trail goes right by the camps, leading iron dogs and sled dog teams past the fish camps.

Marijuana ballot measure passed, now what?

By Diana Haecker

In the November general elections, Alaska voters passed a ballot measure that decriminalizes the use and possession of marijuana for persons 21 and older. The bill also allows for growing the plants in certain amounts, processing, showing, transporting, selling and buying marijuana products.

While it won't be a crime anymore to smoke pot recreationally in Alaska, it remains illegal under federal law.

Despite the tension created by these two conflicting laws, the State of Alaska now has to figure out how to regulate a whole new industry, how to tax the products, how to set quality standards for marijuana edibles, inhalants or whatever form it is ingested, how to regulate its advertising and labeling, among other

The ballot measure achieved two things. One is the decriminalization of using and possessing a certain amount of pot for people over 21. This part of the ballot measure will go into effect on February 24. The part of the measure that allows for production, taxation and regulation of marijuana requires the writing of new rules and those rules have to be in place nine months after the election was certified, in November

The Alcoholic Beverage Control board, an entity under the Alaska Dept. of Community and Economic Development, is currently tasked with writing these rules.

Making the rules

"It's a huge undertaking," ABC Board Director Cynthia Franklin told the Nome Nugget. The ABC board staff, consisting of ten employees, is in the beginning stages of gathering information on how to begin the rule writing. To that end, Franklin will travel to Colorado this week, a state

that has already legalized and commercialized marijuana, to see how they went about it and what challenges they encountered. "We will be attending the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police Marijuana Conference," she said. The conference is titled "Marijuana Impact on Public Health and Safety in Colorado" and will be held at Lone Tree on January

Franklin said that because the ABC board regulates and enforces alcoholic beverages, they will model the marijuana rules closely to the regulations in place for alcohol. Franklin pointed out that unlike the rule that gives each Alaska community a local option to have a dry, damp or wet community, a court ruling asserted the constitutional privacy right and thus marijuana cannot be forbidden as alcohol can.

"Nobody can outlaw pot," Franklin said. "According to the Alaska Supreme Court, in the Ravin case, the possession of small amounts of marijuana is a privacy

She added that there still can be several options for communities to create local options, but it cannot be downright outlawed. "This makes enforcement very difficult," said Franklin. She said that she has heard from communities anxious to learn what the rules will be. "Some are interested in becoming the dispensers," she said. The city of Kotzebue, for example, owns and operates the only liquor store in the community. Such a model could provide a tax base and revenue flowing back into social services or public safety departments. Franklin said she welcomed input from local governments.

But marijuana entrepreneurs anxious to open a pot business still have to wait. The ABC staff is under the gun to comply with the November 15 rule-making deadline. "The first license may at the earliest be issued

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on May 2016," said Franklin. "Right now, there is no commercial legal market yet in Alaska and there are no licenses available

action still Legislative needed

The Legislature is also expected to iron out some gray areas, such as which entity is going to be ultimately responsible for the regulation, enforcement and sale of pot.

Rep. Neal Foster, D-Nome, expects some bills to pass through committees he is part of, namely the Judiciary and Health & Social Services committees.

Senator Johnny Ellis, D-Anchorage, pre-filed SB 8 on January 9, an Act relating to the regulation and production of industrial hemp. The bill outlines the parameters of industrial hemp production under the Dept. of Public Safety and mandates that the seeds planted are of a type and variety having not more than 0.3 percent tetrahydrocannabinol, or

Representative Bob Lynn, R-Anchorage, announced his plans to file a bill containing three key points not specified in the initiative: restricting marijuana establishments from being within 500 feet of any school property (public, private or religious,) and any recreation or youth center, church or a public park; limiting certain advertising for the selling of marijuana; and, barring individuals convicted of a felony to own or work at a marijuana establishment. So far, he has not filed any proposed bill

Senator Lesil McGuire circulated a legislative research report on the impact that Ballot Measure 2 will have on Alaska. "Under the new law, the Alaska Legislature has the authority to establish a Marijuana Control Board," she wrote in a newsletter. "Until then, however, the authority for regulating marijuana is

vested in the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board. The question of when and if to establish a new Board will be an issue this upcoming legislative session."

Nome waits for rules

In Nome, the discussions are only just beginning. City Manager Josie Bahnke said she reached out to City Attorney Brooks Chandler and hopes for a work session with the attorney and the City Council to be educated on the legal aspect of the legalization of pot and the prospect of vendors, growth operations trading their goods in Nome.

Mayor Denise Michels is of the personal opinion that there already is enough drug use and abuse in Rural Alaska, creating social ills. In an email query by the Nome Nugget, she wrote that the City Council will need to look at the procedures, fees, security requirements, labeling requirements, health and safety regulations and civil penalties. "The initiative creates an excise tax and we need to review those tax options," Michels wrote. "Local governments may designate a local regulatory authority to regulate marijuana facilities and may require registration and payment of fees. The City Council also needs to review what the fiscal note will be to the Public Safety Department for training, etc. once the Legislature announces the procedures and requirements.'

The Alaska Municipal League in their winter legislative conference to be held February 16-18 in Juneau, will spend an afternoon during the conference to discuss legalized marijuana from the local perspective, according to the AML draft agenda.

Under federal law the possession and use of marijuana remains illegal. That may not matter much on the Alaska road system, but for bush communities off the road system, it means that the federal agencies controlling flight and ocean transport, such as the Federal Aviation Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard, consider the transport of marijuana illegal.

The ABC board has created a "Marijuana Initiative Public Interest" form on their website (http://commerce.state.ak.us) and has posted a Marijuana Initiative FAQ page under the ABC board links.





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Photos by Keith Congerthe Subway Showdown.



AT THE CHARITY STRIPE - Nome senior forward Daniel Head gets set to take a free throw at the Subway Showdown on Thursday night.

WE'VE GOT SPIRIT - The 2015 Nome-Beltz cheerleaders get the crowd revved up at the Subway Showdown. Pictures left to right, Kalani Suemai, Trisha Llesis, Rene Merchant, Julie Jackson, Kelsey Immigan, and Allaryce Agloinga.

Nanook boys take down Warriors at Subway Showdown

By Keith Conger

Nanooks big win

According to last week's AlaskaPreps.com state 3A basketball ranking, the two teams playing in the Championship game of the Subway Showdown on Saturday night in the Nome-Beltz gym — the Nome-Beltz Nanooks and the Bethel Warriors — were ranked number five and six in the state. Before the game Nome-Beltz head coach gave the Nanooks' opponent higher credit than the website pundits were giving them saying, "that is a top-three team in the state."

The 2015 Nanooks were able to win their first conference game by beating the Warriors 53-51 before an energized home crowd. The game was a match-up between the 2014 Western Conference champion Warriors, and the second place Nanooks. It was also a battle between teams that ended up fourth (Nome) and fifth (Bethel) at last year's state tournament. These two squads were the highest placed non-private schools the previous season.

Against the speedy, revamped Warrior line-up it was the Nanooks that got off to the fast start, jumping out to an early 7-0 lead. Bethel was able to cut the margin to four at 9-5 as senior Taylor Hoffman scored and hit a free throw after being fouled.

Nanook senior co-captain Alex Gray hit a three pointer to bring the lead back to seven, at 16-9. Bethel would answer with a fast break basket by James Flemings, and a bucket on an offensive put-back by Jayvin Williams, bringing the Warriors to within three at the end of the first quarter.

The Nanook attack was stalled as the second quarter began. Bethel, led again by Flemings and Williams, scored seven unanswered points to grab a 20-16 lead. At that point Gray seemed to energize his team, and the crowd, by taking a hard charge.

As the second half wound down, Nanook senior co-captain Klay Baker hit a three to close the gap to 22-21. On the last possession of the half, however, Bethel was able to parlay three offensive rebounds into two foul shots by junior Aiden Kuhne, giving his team a 24-21 advantage at the break.

The Nanooks returned from the intermission with Baker and Gray hitting threes to reclaim the lead at 29-26. The Nanooks could not push its margin until senior forward Josh Gologergen hit a three point shot near the end of the third quarter. Soon after Williams hit a foul shot, and the Warriors entered the final frame trailing the Nanooks by five, 26-21

The physical match-up led to both teams entering the bonus mid-way through the fourth quarter. A bucket by Warrior's freshman Clevon Constantine tied the game at 40. Gray continued to keep up the offensive pressure as the game clock wound down. His free throw put the Nanooks up 49-48 with 1:43 to play.

On the next two possessions Baker and Bethel senior Peyton Corbett traded baskets. With 50.6 seconds left, Nome enforcer Daniel Head fouled out of the game. Bethel senior, and tournament MVP, Steven Glasheen hit the subsequent foul shot bringing the score to 51-51.

With the clock winding down, the Nanooks patiently worked their offense. With 15 seconds remaining, Gray dribbled between two defenders at the top of the key and delivered a perfectly placed 10-foot floater to grab a 53-51 lead. The Nanook defense held after that.

Directly after the game, a stolid Gray stated," I saw a wide open lane and I went for it."

Gray's 21 points led the way for the Nanooks. Baker hit 89 percent — eight of nine —from the line. As a team the Nanooks shot 12 of 15 from the charity stripe. Hoffman paced the Warriors with 15 points, connecting on all five of his free throws.

Boys tournament results

On Thursday night the Nanooks fell to the Kotzebue Huskies by a score of 50-44, losing their first conference game of the year. According to Callahan, this was the first time Nome had lost to Kotzebue since 2006. Nome held a 34-32 advantage over Kotz entering the final period, but was outscored 18-6 in the fourth quarter. Gray led the Nanooks with 15 points, while senior Evan Reich had the hot hand for Kotzebue, scoring a tournament high 31.

The Huskies entered the weekend rated ninth in the state. With Barrow ranked number three (behind Monroe Catholic and ASC), the Western Conference held four of the top ten 3A spots in the state last week.

Nome bounced back on Friday night beating the Unalakleet Wolfpack 82-47. They were paced by senior Wink Winkelman's 18 points. Unalakleet's top scorer was freshman Arctic Ivanoff, who finished with 15.

Bethel's 73-45 triumph over Kotzebue on Friday night helped create a three-way tie between the three Western Conference participants. The Showdown uses the Dick Shellhorn method for breaking ties, with the secondary criteria being point differential. The Warrior's large margin of victory over Kotz helped them secure first place.

Senior co-captain Steven Glasheen says that the 2014-2015 Warriors have returned only five varsity players. He and his team are looking forward to playing powerhouse Barrow in Barrow in February.

Bethel's tournament win ended a streak of seven consecutive first place Showdown finishes by Nome. The Nanooks took second place, followed by Kotzebue and Unalakleet.

After the tournament, longtime Wolfpack coach Steve Ivanoff explained that his squad, who lost 79-30 to Bethel on Friday night and Kotzebue 67-44 on Saturday, comes from a school that has a population of about 30 students. He explained that this actually qualifies them as a 1A school.

Coach Ivanoff states that schools around the state are allowed to compete in the state tournament at higher levels, but are not allowed to compete at lower levels. He says that for years Unalakleet has opted to compete at the 2A level.

This tournament, says Ivanoff, was a great experience for his team,

especially his younger members. Unalakleet was competing without two of their top players. Senior Gage Ivanoff (broken hand) is expected back in two weeks, while sophomore Taylor Harvey (knee) is expect back for their next contest.

The boys all-tournament team consisted of Gray, Hoffman, Ivanoff, Glasheen, Corbett, and Reich. Hoffman won the three-point competition, while Unalakleet senior Wesley Ivanoff was the free throw champ.

Girls tournament results

After being absent for several years, the girls squad from Anchorage Christian Schools was visiting Nome for the Shootout. The Lady Lions are the defending state 3A girls champions, and took second place to Barrow at their own tournament last weekend.

After the tournament ACS junior Amir Williams stated, "We are a new team. We lost seven seniors. We have a brand new starting five, so this year is a fresh start for us." Williams said the team was delighted to be visiting a different part of the state.

Williams and her teammates traveled back to Anchorage with the first place trophy, finishing undefeated. They were able to beat the Lady Nanooks on Thursday by a score of 47-19. Williams led the lions with 16 points, while freshman Sierra Tucker paced Nome with six.

The Lady Lions dismantled the Lady Warriors on Friday evening by the score of 52-29. Senior co-captain, and tournament MVP, Raven Thibodeaux was ACS's top scorer with 18 points. Bethel freshman

Courtney Williams chipped in 12 for the Warriors.

The Huskies gave the Lions their best game by keeping the gap to 15 points, with a final score of 40-25. Senior co-captain Caroline Bowden's 18 points represented nearly half her Lion's total. Freshman Caitlin Conwell scored a team high eight for Kotzebue.

The Lady Nanooks played their best game against Bethel on Saturday night, scoring 24 points to the Warriors 43. Nome was held scoreless for the first two minutes of the game before sophomore Sonja Hukill connected on a two point shot. Sophomore Jillian Stettenbenz and freshman Annalise Contreras chipped in two points apiece, and the Nome girls kept the game close, finishing the first quarter down by only one, at 7-6.

Hukill scored the first points of the second quarter for Nome to bring the score to 9-8. No other Nanook, however, was able to score before the half. Six unanswered points by the Warriors sent the teams to the break at 15-8.

The Warriors started the second half with a 7-1 run to extend their lead to 22-9. A three pointer by Stettenbenz, and two free throws by freshman Taeler Brunette helped cut the gap to eight.

Brunette started to be more assertive in leading the Nanooks' attack toward the end of the third quarter. Her drives to the basket resulted in 11 trips to the free throw line during the second half. She hit five of those shots and led her team with nine points for the game. Junior

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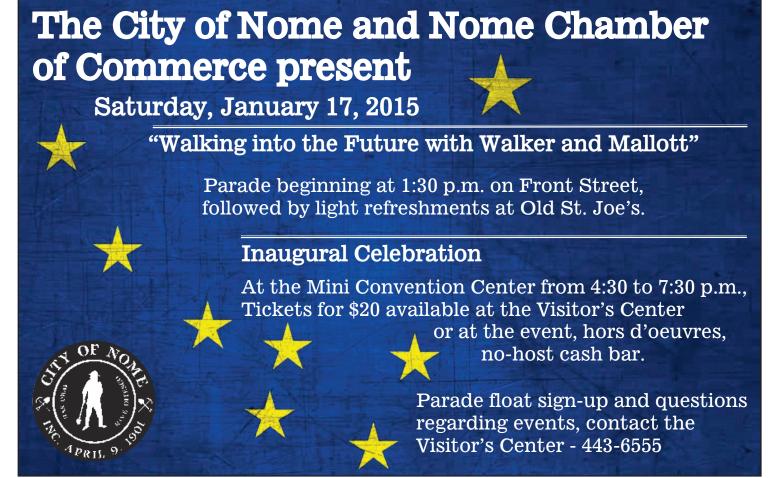






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MENTOR REFEREE— (photo top) Anchorage-based referee Bill McNew discusses strategy with Nome referees Pat Malone and Adam Martinson during the Subway Showdown on Saturday night. The Nome Referee Association had invited McNew, who refs college games, to conduct a clinic prior to the tournament.

ATTACKING THE BASKET— (photo left) Nome-Beltz freshman Taeler Brunette drives the ball against the Bethel Warriors on Saturday night at the Subway Showdown.

Subway Showdown

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Haley O'Brien topped Bethel with 12 points.

The Nome girls lost 60-26 to Kotzebue on Friday. The Nanooks were led by Ivory Okleasik's 11 points. Freshman Calia Sieh's fast breaks led to her getting to the line nine times, where she hit six free throws. Sieh ended with a total of 14 points for the Huskies.

Bethel was able to take care of Kotzebue 59-38 on Saturday morning in a game that determined second and third place in the tournament. Freshman Katy Crow scored a girls tournament high 20 points for the Warriors, while Sieh had ten for the Huskies.

Coach Jade Hill thinks her Kotzebue team could be a force a few years down the road. Hill realizes that she has a speedy, athletic team that features eight freshmen. Even though she is a first year varsity head coach, Hill has the advantage of having coached all 12 of her players when they were in junior high.

Hill says that the biggest part of her strategy is to get the girls to become believers. "The community sees the potential," says Hill, "we are trying to get the girls to buy into the potential."

The girls all-tournament team was comprised of Seih, Kotzebue senior Paeton Schaeffer, O'Brien, Bethel's Courtney Williams, Bowden, and Thibodeaux. Bowden won the three-

point competition, while ACS's Amir Williams was the free throw champ.

Nome Junior High travels to Bethel

A traveling squad from both the boys and girls junior high teams made their way south to Bethel this past weekend. Each team played three games against the Bethel junior high.

Nome-Beltz Junior high coach Erik Lie stated that the Nome boys came out on fire in their first contest, winning a close game at 44-43. Lie says that Bethel has three players that were over six feet tall. Devan Otten led the Nanooks with 16 points, and Dawson Evans chipped in nine.

The Bethel junior high boys came back to beat the Nome boys 26-12, and 52-26 in the next two games. Ian Smith let the Nanooks with nine and six points respectively.

Junior high girls coach Danielle Sylvester says her girls lost to Bethel 22-11 in their first game, and 28-17 in the second. Kastyn Lie and Daynon Medlin were the high scorers for the Nanooks.

The Nome junior high girls shut the Warriors out in the first half of game three, but lost by one as the Warriors mounted a furious third quarter comeback.

Referee mentor visits

"The Nome Referee Association

has a great reputation statewide," said long time ref Bobby Evens. A veteran of 28 seasons, Evans stated, "Every year we bring someone in to be our mentor."

This year the mentor was Anchorage's Bill McNew, who has lots of experience calling games at the collegiate level, including games at the Alaska Shootout. Nome's Dave Barron, who started his referee career in 1985, says that McNew conducted a one and a half hour clinic on the eve of this year's Subway Show-

down. He stated that throughout the three day event McNew would meet with the refs to discuss new officiating concepts, and critique game performance.

"We get to learn from a top-notch ref," says Barron. "We also get new perspectives on refs from other places."

"It's a great hobby," says Evans of officiating. "It allows me to travel the whole state. I've reffed from Unalaska to Barrow." He added that being a ref has allowed him to de-

velop lifelong friendships with coaches, fans, and other referees.

Evans and Barron were joined this weekend by Nome Referee Association members John Baker, who is in his 24th year of officiating, Pat Malone, a veteran of 39 years, Lance Cannon, who has been a referee for 17 years, and Adam Martinson, who has been an official for two years. The tournament's referees crew was rounded out by Kotzebue officials Robin Gage and Jon Gregg.

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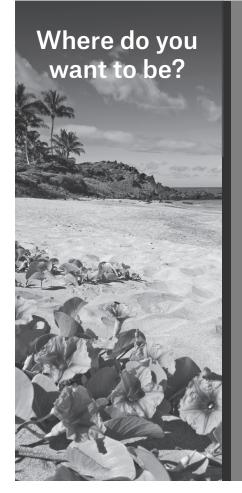
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All Around the Sound

New Arrivals

Sara Seetot and Timmy Henry, Sr. of Brevig Mission announce the birth of their son Ryder Waylon Henry, born December 24, 2014 at 1:10 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces, and 21.5" in length. His siblings are Scott, Brady, Bryce, and Tim Jr.

Chrystal L. Egelak and Jess V. Reynolds of Savoonga announce the birth of their son David Joseph Reynolds, born December 28, 2014 at 9:42 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20.5" in length. His brother is Elijah Robert Egelak, 3. Maternal grandmother is Ida G. Paniptchuk of Alabama. His pater-

18 and explores Mount Baker, an ice-covered volcano in Washington. The North Cascades expedition runs from July 13 to Aug. 24. To be eligible, girls must be at least 16 years old by June 19 and no older than 18 on July 24.

The program helps girls learn about the natural processes that create the alpine world, develop critical thinking skills and explore the connection between science and art. Participants learn how to travel on glaciers, design their own experiments and work as part of a team.

Girls are able to participate in this program tuition-free through small grants, gifts from individuals and generous support from the National Science Foundation, the Alaska Climate Science Center and the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

To find out more information and learn about the application process, go to http://girlsonice.org/apply/.

New CEO

ANCHORAGE—Siu Alaska Corporation announces that former ADF&G Commissioner Cora Campbell has been selected and hired as its new Chief Executive Officer. Campbell will replace retiring CEO John Eckels who has led Siu from its beginnings six years ago.

Born and raised in Petersburg, Campbell comes to Siu with a lifelong involvement in Alaska's fish-

eries. Now, residing in Anchorage, Campbell will focus on becoming familiar with Siu's various investments and partners, and working with the Siu Board of Directors to chart a mutual vision, leading Siu in its future endeavors.

Through her time serving on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council Campbell is well versed with Siu's parent company, Norton Sound Economic Development Cor-

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Nugget file photo

NEW SIU CEO— Former ADF&G Commissioner Cora Campbell chats with Nome's Louie Green Jr. during a fishery meeting in Anchorage, 2011. Campbell is the new CEO for the NSEDC subsidiary SIU.

nal grandparents are Patrick and Vera Reynolds, and his greatgrandma is Mary L. Seppilu; all of Savoonga.

Girls on Ice

Girls on Ice, a free wilderness education program, is accepting applications now through Jan. 31. Each year, two teams of nine teenage girls and three instructors spend 12 days exploring and learning about mountain glaciers and alpine landscapes in Alaska or Washington through scientific field studies with professional glaciologists, artists and mountaineers.

The program, operated by the University of Alaska Fairbanks College of Natural Science and Mathematics, will offer two expeditions this year: Girls on Ice Alaska is designed specifically for Alaska and Pacific Northwest girls ages 16 to 18. The Alaska expedition runs from June 19 to June 30 and girls sleep under the midnight sun while exploring an Alaska glacier.

The Girls on Ice North Cascades expedition is geared toward girls from all countries ages 16 to

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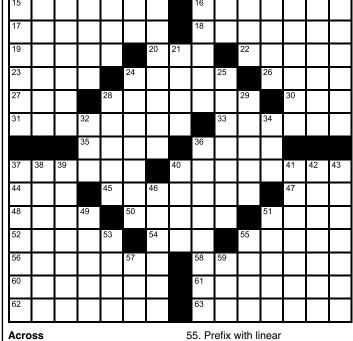
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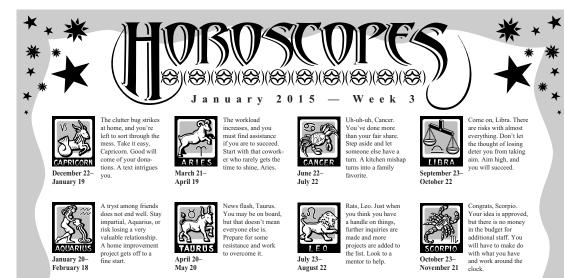
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January 20-

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April 20-

to overcome it.

Jeepers, Gemini. You've got a lot on your mind these days, and it is starting to wear on you. Take time out to work



Never fear, Virgo. Dreams thought lost will resurface again, and this time, they will be within reach. A tackled with ease.

mentor to help.



October 23-

November 21

A scheduling change sends everyone but Take the lead.

Sagittarius. Give a little and learn a lot.

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August 22

Wells Fargo donates \$30,000 to NACTEC

Rural Investment for Sustainable Economies grant awarded to support job creation

Wells Fargo has invested \$30,000 in the Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center to fund an Alaska Native artist entrepreneurship training program. NACTEC students learn traditional skin sewing, beading, carving, and qayaq or umiaq fabrication.

The grant is part of Wells Fargo's

\$1.8 million Economic Opportunity and Rural Investment for Sustainable Economies (RISE) program to support individual job seekers, the selfemployed, and small business owners in communities along the West Coast, including \$160,000 invested in Alaska nonprofits. The programs are expected to create 8,000

jobs and provide small business development and technical assistance for 3,100 entrepreneurs, as reported by grant recipients.

RISE grantees were selected for their support of workforce development programs benefiting residents of rural communities. Rural-focused organizations were selected with the stipulation that 75 percent or more of the grant must benefit programs directly serving rural communities.

"Wells Fargo understands the importance of providing career training for the next generation of Alaskans, said Dana Rogers, Alaska community affairs manager. "This grant will go a long way to help NACTEC in their efforts to stimulate economic development in Northwest Alaska."

Wells Fargo Economic Opportunity and RISE grant recipients in Alaska for 2014 include beside NACTEC, the Alaska Native Heritage Center (\$25,000 for summer internship program); the Anchorage Community Land Trust (\$25,000 for Mountain View local hire project); MY House Mat-Su (\$25,000 for onthe-job vocational training program); Nine Star Enterprises (\$25,000 for career skills training for MY House Mat-Su youth).

Nutrition Facts

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NACTEC DONATION - Pictured (L to R): Dr. Bobby Bolen, Bering Strait School District Supt.; Jessica Osgood and Jake Slingsby, Wells Fargo; Dr. Doug Walrath, NACTEC; and Dr. Barb Amarok, Nome School Board.

More Sound

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poration and the Community Development Quota program. "With her experience with the State of Alaska, she is familiar with the CDQ program and understands the communities in the Norton Sound region," Siu Board Chairman Don Stiles said. "Her extensive knowledge of state and federal fisheries, as a whole, will no doubt strengthen and bring solid vision to our corporation."

'I have long been impressed with NSEDC and the dedication of the

staff," Campbell said. "I look forward to strengthening the for-profit subsidiary, working with the Siu board in making wise investments that will further benefit NSEDC's member communities."

Campbell will work from the Anchorage office and for two months with John Eckels, who will officially retire from the company in March. Eckels says he will leave the company in very capable hands and looks forward to spending summers with his wife at their cabin "off the grid" in Seldovia. In the winter, they

plan on traveling and spending time with family. "I leave knowing I helped Siu Alaska Corporation find its place in the world and that it's now in position to move to greater heights," Eckels said.

Campbell will begin as Siu Alaska Corporation CEO on February 1, 2015. Siu is invested in six different commercial fishing ventures in the Bering Sea and is di-

Makes 24 Servings

Spicy Party Mix

Preparation Time: 5 minutes Difficulty Level: Easy

- l Tbsp. Worcestershire saud l tsp. Seasoned salt
- 1 ½ Tbsp. Tabasco sauce
- ½ tsp. Garlic powder 3 cups Wheat square cereal 3 cups Rice square cereal
- 2 cups Pretzels
- 1 ½ c Cheese cracker squares l c. Mixed nuts, unsalted

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 250°F.
- 2. Melt butter in a large, ungreased roasting pan.
 Stir together the melted butter,
- Worcestershire sauce, seasoned salt, Tabasco sauce, and garlic powder. Add the remaining dry ingredients to the pan; wheat square cereal, rice square cereal, pretzels, cheese cracker squares, and mixed nuts.
 - Bake for 1 hour, uncovered. Stir every 15 minutes Allow the mix to cool before serving.

*For a sweeter party mix, omit the Tabasco sauce, garlic, and Worcestershire sauce and substitute with ½ cup of brown sugar. Instead of cheese cracker squares, try adding dried cranberries.



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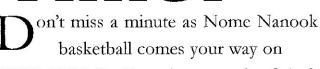
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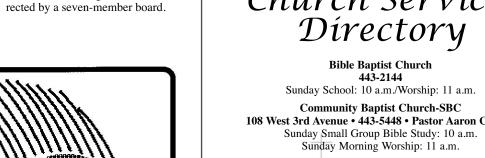
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For additional information and to apply: Submit a completed Sitnasuak Native Corporation employments application, letter of interest with detailed resume, and three (3) letters of recommendation online or submit to Cameron Piscoya, HR Generalist at 387-1228 or email: cpiscoya@snc.org with questions.

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Trooper Beat

On December 29, 2014, the Alaska State Troopers in Nome were notified that Thelma Evan, 56, of Nome, had been arrested in Fairbanks for an arrest warrant issued by Nome court for the sale of Hydrocodone prescription pills. In July of 2014, the Western Alcohol and Narcotics Team (WAANT) purchased 10 Hydrocodone prescription pills on two separate incidents from T. Evan as part of an on-going investigation into the sale of controlled substances taking place in Nome. The purchases took place at the Polar Bar and at the Norton Sound Health Corporation in Nome. Charges for the sale of controlled substances are pending with Nome court.

On 1/9/2015 the Alaska State Troopers (AST) received a report that Andrew Andrew, age 67 of Kwethluk was missing. Andrew was last seen traveling on foot in Kwethluk on 1/9/2015 at approximately 0130 hours. Andrew was wearing a red and black down jacket and grey pants. An drew is known to frequently travel on foot around Kwethluk. It is believed that Andrew has cognitive disabilities related to old age. A ground search is currently underway in Kwethluk. Anyone with contact or information regarding Andrew's whereabouts is asked to contact the Alaska State Troopers in Bethel at 907-543-2294.

12/31/2015, 4:40 p.m. the Village Police Officer in Buckland reported to the Alaska State Troopers that a citizen had discovered a snowmachine collision on a trail near the village involving one snowmachine and one victim, brandon Tegoseak-Kinnard, 32, of Anchorage. It appeared the victim had been there for an undetermined time and was in need of medical attention. EMS responded to the scene then transported the victim to the clinic in preparation for the medevac flight to Anchorage for treatment of his life-threatening injuries. The scene investi-gation determined the victim had injuries consis-tent with being ejected and striking the ground while the snowmachine displayed extensive damage. Alcohol was found at the scene in addition to a large sum of cash. Alaska State Troopers were contacted by family members on 01/02/2015 who reported the victim succumbed to his injuries while being treated at the hospital and passed

On 1/8/15 at approximately 2210 hours, Alaska Selawik, on three counts of Assault in the Third De

family members in fear of serious physical injury by means of a dangerous instrument. Coffin was transported to Kotzebue Jail on 1/9/15 and held

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does not assign guilt to any identified party.
During this period there were 121 calls for
service received at the Nome Police Communications Center. 41 (36%) involved alcohol.
There were 15 arrests made with 12 (80%) alcohol related.

NPD responded to 5 calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. 0 were remanded to AMCC as protective holds; and 1 remained at the hospital for medical evalu-There were 17 ambulance calls and 0 fire

calls during this period.

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015:
5:04 a.m. Nome Police Department received a report that someone had stolen "dope" from the reporting party's residence. During investigation, the "dope" was identified as being marijuana. The reporting party, Olaf Walters, was found to be in violation of his Conditions of Release by consuming alcohol. Olaf was later remanded to AMCC for Violating his Conditions of Release for a Felony and was held on \$1.000 bail. a Felony and was held on \$1,000 bail. 10:34 a.m. the Nome Police Department con-

ducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that failed to stop at a stop sign. The driver was given a verbal warning for the violation and released from the 1:10 p.m. Nome Police Department received a

report of wildlife (fox) living under a residence. The incident was reported to Fish and Game. 11:30 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on the east side of town for the report of an assault. Upon arrival and further investigation, the involved parties both ad-mitted that the confrontation was only verbal in nature. Both were separated for the evening and

11:45 a.m. the Nome Police Department served Johnny Evak his summons to appear in

1.59 p.m. the Nome Police Department conducted a traffic stop on Front St, the officer cited Bonnie Hahn for double parking as her vehicle was blocking three other vehicles 3 p.m. the Nome Police Department served

Jessica Ivanoff her summons to appear in court

4:54 p.m. the Nome Police Department re-ceived a report of an attempted burglary on the west end of town. Officers arrived on scene and ensured the security of the residence. No persons entry door seemed to have been pushed in the owner was notified of the situation and the investigation is ongoing.

5:02 p.m. the Nome Police Department re-

sponded to a report of an intoxicated male on the west end of town who was passed out underneath some stairs, upon request Ronald Kimoktoak

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 07, 2015:

1:07 a.m. the Nome Police Department received a report of a disturbance on the west end of town. Investigation led to the arrest of Jodeen Mueller for Violating Conditions of Release and Misconduct Involving Weapons in the 4th Degree. She was transported to AMCC and held on \$1,500.00 bail. 1040 hours, the Nome Police Department lo-

cated a vehicle that was nearly off the road on Center Creek Rd. Officers' checked the vehicle, which was unoccupied and contact was made with the driver of the vehicle via telephone. The owner was instructed to arrange its extrication it in order to not obstruct other passing vehicles. No alcohol was involved and no crime was commit-

1336 hours, the Nome Police Department ar-rested Kyle Griemsmann on a Bench Warrant and was taken to the court to await arraignment.

1426 hours, the Nome Police Department made contact with Gwen Mueller and she was

served her summons to appear in court.

1524 hours, the Nome Police Department spoke with a citizen regarding threats made to them. Investigation revealed that the citizen was not the victim of a crime and was advised to apply for a Stalking Order at the Nome Court

1630 hours, during security checks on Front St, the Nome Police Department arrested Regine Kava for Introduction of Alcohol to License Premises and given a citation for Open Container of Al-

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cohol, and arrested Emily Penayah for Drunk on License Premises. Regine Kava was taken to AMCC where she is held on \$250.00 bail. Emily Penayah was taken to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and then to AMCC where she is held on \$500.00 bail.

1812 hours, the Nome Police Department ex ecuted a traffic stop on Front St and Cody Cordeiro was issued a citation for failure to pro-vide proof of insurance and warned for tail light

THURSDAY, JANUARY 08, 2015: 0016 hours, The Nome Police Department re-

of thous, the Norther Police Department re-sponded to a call regarding a domestic violence assault on the East side of town. After further in-vestigation Stephen Sherman, 30, was arrested for Assault in the 2nd degree, domestic violence and violating the conditions of his probation. He was taken to AMCC with no bail set.

10:21 a.m. the Nome Police Department executed a traffic stop on K St. and Sixth Ave for a vehicle that failed to come to a complete stop at a stop sign. The driver was given a warning and no further action was taken.

10:28 a.m. the Nome Police Department served Dawn O'Connor her court paperwork on

the west end of town.

10:53 a.m. the Nome Police Department observed a male walking on the Nome-Teller Highway and stopped to ensure the subject was alright. The male stated he was just out for a walk

and did not require any assistance.

3:45 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a call regarding an intoxicated female that was not able to walk on her own. Upon arrival,

was introduce wan of the lown. Opin annua, the female declined any assistance and called a cab for herself to get home.

4:22 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a report of an intoxicated male refusing to leave a business on the east side of town. Officers arrived on scene and Foster Olanna was alread under protet for Ciminal Treepase; in the placed under arrest for Criminal Trespass in the econd Degree. He was then transported to Nor ton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and then taken to AMCC where he is held

on \$250 bail.
6:06 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on the east side of town for the report of an intoxicated male refusing to leave. Upon arrival, Officers contacted Eric Pushruk, who was found to be on current probation conditions that prohibited the consumption of alcohol. Pushruk was also found to have as-saulted a person on the premises while the resident of the home was trying to get him to leave. Pushruk was arrested and remanded to AMCC for

Assault in the Fourth Degree and Violating his Conditions of Probation. He was held without bail. 8:50 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to the west side of town for the report of a highly intoxicated female that was barely able to stond on because. to stand on her own. Upon arrival, officers contacted Esther Brown, who was transported to a safe residence and left in the care of the sober oc-

10:01 p.m. the Nome Police Department re ceived a report of a highly intoxicated female that was not able to get up off the ground. Upon ar-rival, officers identified the female as Louise Martin and determined that she was in need of medical care. The Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department was dispatched and transported Mar-tin to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for

FRIDAY, JANUARY 09, 2015: 12:02 a.m. the Nome Police Department was dispatched to a hotel on the west side of town for the report of a baby crying within a room with no response from the occupants. Officers arrived response from the occupants. Officers arrived and investigation revealed that Michelle Kulukhon was the sole caregiver for the child and had left the child alone in the room. Kulukhon was later contacted and found intoxicated. She was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC for Reckless Endangerment and was held on \$500

4:19 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a hotel on the east side of town for the report of a possible assault. Upon arrival and further investigation, the altercation was shown to be verbal only in nature. The participants were sep-

arated and no further action was necessary.

9:30 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on the east side of town for a welfare check request. Upon contact, the

for a welfare check request. Upon contact, the subject was found to be in good health and did not require any medical or police assistance.

2:14 p.m. the Nome Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle without valid registration tags. The driver was found to have the current sticker in their glove box and was given a verbal warning regarding the proper display of registration decals. The driver was released from the scene without further enforcement action taken.

2:25 p.m. the Nome Police Department ob served Darrell Stevens driving a vehicle while his license is revoked. Officers were not able to catch

license is revoked. Officers were not able to catch Stevens due to traffic congestion and a report for Driving While License Revoked will be sent to the District Attorney's Office for disposition.

2:48 p.m. the Nome Police Department observed Autumn Day-Tocktoo operating a pickup truck on the west side of town. Officers were informed by the Nome Police Department Dispatch Center that Day-Tocktoo currently has a revoked license. A traffic stop was conducted and Day-Tocktoo was placed under arrest for Driving While License Revoked and for Violating her Conditions of Release, which prohibited the violation of any

laws. Day-Tocktoo was remanded to AMCC, where she was held on \$1,500 bail.
3:49 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on the east side of town for the report of an assault. Upon arrival and further investigation, the two parties involved were

ther investigation, the two parties involved were already separated and no injuries were reported. A report for the alleged assault will be forwarded to District Attorney for disposition.

4:12 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a report of children sliding dangerously close to a roadway. The children were contacted and informed to find a safer place to play.

8:34 p.m. the Nome Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle without an operational brake light. The driver was warned for the equipment violation and was released from the scene.

8:51 p.m. Nome Police Department Officers and the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department responded to a business on the west side of town for the report of an injured patron. Upon arrival, the reportedly injured person declined any assistance and was released from the scene.

9:58 p.m. Nome Police Department received a report of an establishment possibly in violation of their alcohol license. Investigation was completed and report will be forwarded to the ABC Board. SATURDAY JANUARY 10, 2015

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1:01 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on the east side of town for a noise complaint. Upon arrival, officers observed the noise to be above a reasonable level for the time of night and gave all parties present a warning for Disorderly Conduct. No further action was taken.

2:54 a.m. the Nome Police Department contacted a female walking on the Center Creek Rd, intoxicated. The female was identified, found to intoxicated. The female was identified, found to be intoxicated, and was provided transportation to a friend's residence for the evening. 5:05 a.m. the Nome Police Department re-

sponded to a 911 hang-up on the east side of town. Further investigation revealed that James Musich had assaulted a member of the household, prevented the victim from calling the police, and entered or remained unlawfully in a dwelling. Musich was later contacted and placed under arrest for Assault in the Fourth Degree, DV, Interfering with the Report of a DV Crime, and Criminal

Trespass in the First Degree and was remanded to AMCC, where he was held without bail.

5:57 a.m. the Nome Police Department re-

sponded to a residence on the east side of town for the report of a belated assault. Upon arrival.

the victim had already left the scene and was not able to be located to field the report. 6:01 a.m. the Nome Police Department re-sponded to a disturbance at a residence on the west side of town. Upon arrival, the person re portedly causing the disturbance was already leaving the scene. The issue was resolved by separation and no further action was necessary. 8:46 a.m. the Nome Police Department re-

sponded to a report of an assault on the west side of town. Upon arrival, the victim was found to have sustained injuries from a member of the household and had sought medical treatment. Of-ficers later contacted Herbert Apassingok, who ad-mitted to injuring the household member. Apassingok was subsequently arrested and re-manded to AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree, DV; where he was held without bail.

9:30 a.m. the Nome Police Department re-sponded to a residence on Steadman St. for the report of an intoxicated male that was sleeping in-side. Upon arrival, officers identified the male as Derek Nayokpuk, who had entered the premises

Derek Nayokpuk, who had entered the premises without knowing where he was and had fallen asleep there earlier that morning. Nayokpuk was provided transportation to a grocery store, per his request, and was warned for Criminal Trespass.

4:22 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to west Front St. on the report of an intoxicated female lying on the ground. Officer's made contact with Michele Kulukhon, who was observed to be highly intoxicated and unable to care for herself. Michele was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital, where she was left in the care of the ER staff. At 9:30 p.m. Michele was taken to, and left in the care of the N.E.S.T was taken to, and left in the care of the N.E.S.T

starr.
5:03 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a hotel on the west side of town for the report of a female repeatedly refusing to exit the business after being asked multiple times by the employees to do so. Upon arrival, officers conemployees to do so. Upon arrival, onlicers contacted Leanna Apassingok, who was still inside the premises and highly intoxicated. Apassingok was subsequently arrested for Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree and was remanded to AMCC, where she was held on \$250 bail.

5:56 p.m. the Nome Police Department re-

sponded to the east side of town for the report of a male unconscious in front of business. The male was contacted and identified as Eugene knokinok, who was observed to be intoxicated. Iknokinok was able to stand and walk under his own power and was warned for Criminal Tres-

own power aim was warned for Criffinia Tres-pass. No further action was taken or necessary. 6:23 p.m. the Nome Police Department re-sponded to the east side of town on the report of an intoxicated male lying on the ground. Officers were in route when they were informed the male

were in route when they were informed the male stood up and walked away.

9:40 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to the west side of town on the report of a suspicious person squatting next to a building. A patrol of the area was conducted, and no person was observed in the area.

9:49 p.m. the Nome Police Department con-

9:49 p.m. the Nome Police Department con-ducted a traffic stop on the east side of town on a vehicle showing expired registration and with a front headlight out. Investigation resulted in Michael Kost receiving citations for Decals to be Properly Displayed and Headlight requirements. Kost was also given a verbal warning regarding

the vehicle registration in vehicle.

10:07 p.m. multiple guests at the N.E.S.T were

given Disorderly Conduct warnings after they were observed yelling and swearing. No further incidents occurred.

11:36 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to the west side of town on the report of an intoxicated male that was inside a residence and violating a protective order against him. The male was found to be sober and therefore not in violation of the order. No further actions were re-

SUNDAY JANUARY 11, 2015

1:29 a.m. while on bar security checks, Court-ney Amaktoolik was observed to be highly intoxi-cated inside the Breakers Bar. Courtney was given a DOLP warning, and was provided trans-portation to a family member's home portation to a family member's home, where she was left in their sober care.

3:33 a.m. while on routine patrol, Nome Po-lice Department officers observed a vehicle that was off the roadway on the Nome-Teller Hwy. In-vestigation revealed that the driver had been possibly driving under the influence of alcohol. Officers contacted the male at his residence, at which time he denied driving the vehicle. During the investigation, the male gave several different stories about what had transpired; none of which matched the evidence observed. A report for False Information or Report will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for disposition.

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6:03 a.m. Nome Police Department responded to a residence on the west side of town for a report of a child custody dispute. Both parties had separated prior to police contact and were spoken with separately. Both parties were given information on custody options with Nome District Court,

and no further action was necessary at that time.
3:04 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a report of an intoxicated female causing a disturbance at a residence on the east side of town. Upon arrival, officers contacted an intoxicated female, identified as Ruby Topkok. Topkok cared refraite, identified as ruby topkok. Topkok agreed to leave upon request and was provided transportation to a sober friend's residence. Topkok was warned for Criminal Trespass and Disorderly Conduct and was released to her friend.

3:40 p.m. the Nome Police Department re-

sponded to a business on the west side of town for the report of a female that was unconscious and appeared highly intoxicated. Upon arrival, officers identified the female as Rachel Mike, who was later found to be on Felony Probation Conditions that the property of th tions that prohibited her from consuming alcohol and from being in Nome without a travel permit. and from being in Nome without a travel permit. Mike was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation due to her gross intoxication and was later remanded to AMCC for Felony Probation Violation per the on-call Adult Probation Officer. Mike was held without

3:43 p.m. the Nome Police Department re-ceived a report of a possible theft. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing. 8:57 p.m. Nome Police Department served

court summons paperwork to the parent of a juvenile on the west side of town for a prior MCA ci-

10:09 p.m. the Nome Police Department re-sponded to the N.E.S.T on the report that one of the guests was causing a disturbance. Upon ar-rival all was quite. George Minix was given a DC

warning. No further action was required.

10:12 p.m. Nome Police Department responded to a residence on the east side of town for a reported disturbance. Investigation revealed that Ruby Topkok had been returned to a family member's residence attempting to gain entry after

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Northern Norton Sound Fish and Game Advisory **Committee Meeting Announcement**

The Northern Norton Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 4:00 PM. This meeting will be taking place at the Grade School, Library. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Crab, caribou, antlerless moose reauthorization and brown bear tag fee exemption proposals.

The Northern Norton Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee is a collection of community members from all user groups that come together, discuss Fish and Game issues and recommend changes to current regulations. They also represent their community before the Board of Fisheries and Board of Game at board meetings.

This meeting is open to the public.

Carmen Daggett, Alaska Department of Fish and Game Boards Support Section 907-442-1717 Or Charlie Lean 907-443-2477, Northern Norton Sound A.C. Chair



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Please take notice, that the annual meeting of Shareholders will be rescheduled at a later date. A new date for the annual meeting will then be posted upon the completion of the financial compilation statement.

Attention Nome Offshore Miners



The following DNR permit changes will be put into effect starting January 1st, 2015:

- REMINDER: Under Ice Mining is not allowed in the Recreational Areas.
- Offshore lease and mining claim owners will now be required to submit a plan of operation listing all equipment (dredges) and operators working on their leases/claims, including lodging the workers will be using while in Nome.
- Individual dredge owners/operators will be working under the lease/claim owner's permits and APMA number.

A letter explaining these changes has been sent to all current offshore lease/claim owners and current offshore permit holders. If you are planning on under-ice mining this winter, we recommend you contact the lease/claim owner where you will be working to ensure you are added to their permit application. We also recommend that applications are turned in as soon as possible to avoid any delays to your mining season.

For questions or to report violations please contact the Nome DNR field office (907) 443-3546. Fairbanks Office (907) 458-6896 or (907) 458-6887

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State Senator Kevin Meyer announced the hire. Like Pierre, Meyer's wife worked closely with Tom Katkus during Katkus' tenure as National Guard TAG. Meyer has said that Pierre won't work on National Guard issues, yet Pierre himself said that he'd be happy to offer his "insights" to legislators about the Guard scandal

Rep. Andy Josephson pre-files bills and resolutions before the start of the legislative session

Seeks to expand Medicaid, prohibit discrimination and allow the creation of regional transit authorities

Juneau - Representative Andy Josephson (D-Anchorage) has pre-filed several pieces of legislation in advance of the start of the 29th Alaska Legislature on January 20.

We have an opportunity this session to make substantial progress towards protecting the equal rights of many Alaskans," said Rep. Josephson. "However, progress will only happen if lawmakers put aside their partisan political differences and work together on common sense solutions.

Rep. Josephson is putting forward a bill that would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression in Alaska. The bill covers financial institutions, real estate transactions and employers. Rep. Josephson is also sponsoring a Constitutional Amendment to legalize gay marriage in Alaska.

Legals

CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 0-15-01-01 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2015 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET FOR NOME JOINT UTILITY SYSTEM

ORDINANCE NO. O-15-01-02 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO NOME JOINT UTILITY SYSTEM'S ELECTRIC TARIFF NO. E-2, MAKING CHANGES TO RATE SCHEDULES 'A', 'B' AND 'C'

These ordinances had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on January 12, 2015 and were passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for January 26, 2015 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances available in the Office of the City Clerk.

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being warned for criminal trespass earlier in the evening. Topkok was found on the property, and continued attempts to make entry during police contact. Topkok was placed under arrest for Criminal Trespass and remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Facility without bail as it was a DV in-

10:39 p.m. Nome Police Department re-sponded to the west side of town for a reported disturbance. Investigation revealed a verbal dis-pute only between a male and female. The male had left prior to police arrival and the female left to go to a safe place for the evening. No further action was necessary at that time.

"There's a national movement underway to recognize the rights of LGBT individuals and it's time for Alaskans to formally endorse that movement and do our part to nudge history forward," said Rep. Josephson.

Rep. Josephson has also pre-filed legislation to expand Medicaid in Alaska to those who do not exceed 133 percent of the federal poverty line, provided the federal government continues to fund not less than 90 percent of the cost of the expansion.

"Expanding Medicaid has broad bipartisan support across the state and Governor Walker has made it a priority," said Rep. Josephson. "It is past time for Alaska to take advantage of this opportunity for increased federal funding to help more of our disadvantaged citizens."

Another of Rep. Josephson's pre-filed bills would add a death benefit for the widows, widowers, and children of police officers, firefighters, or emergency medical technicians who die as the result of work-related injuries. Specifically, the bill would add health insurance to the list of death benefits.

"When two State Troopers were killed in Tanana this past spring, their wives were insecure relative to continuing healthcare benefits," said Rep. Josephson. "This legislation simply adds health insurance coverage for one year to the already established death benefits available to the spouses and children of slain emergency respon-

Rep. Josephson is also sponsoring a bill that would allow municipalities in Alaska to create regional transit authorities to expand the public transportation options in Alaska. The transit authorities would be tax exempt and have the ability to issue bonds. Rep. Josephson has also pre-filed a bill that would increase the penalties for those who kill or injure a pedestrian or bicyclist due to reckless driving. Essentially the bill creates a 2-tiered reckless driving statute in Alaska.

"Reckless driving is commonly a fairly insignificant misdemeanor," said Rep. Josephson. "Once this legislation is approved and implemented there would be a more aggravated reckless driving penalty that would give prosecutors options when charging someone who has injured or killed a biker or walker.'

The final piece of legislation put forward by Rep. Josephson would ban the sale of cosmetics in Alaska that contain plastic microbeads, which are small plastic cylinders often found in exfoliating scrubs. Microbeads can be harmful to aquatic ecosystems because they are small enough to move through many water treatment systems and be ingested by fish and birds.

"Several states are considering a ban on the sale of cosmetics containing these harmful microbeads," said Rep. Josephson. "These little bits of plastic have the potential to end up in our waters and there is nothing good that can come from fish and birds eating plastic.

Rep. Josephson's pre-filed bills and resolutions will receive their committee assignments after they are read across the House floor shortly after the start of the first session of the 29th Alaska Legislature on January 20.

Legislator wants details from Anchorage School District about \$22 million budget surplus Rep. Millett says conflicting statements need clarification

Friday, January 9, 2015, Anchorage, Alaska – Rep. Charisse Millett, R-Anchorage, sent a letter to Anchorage School District Superintendent Ed Graff yesterday requesting answers to thirteen questions about the district's \$22 million budget surplus. The answers can clear up conflicting statements coming from school board members and district administrators so legislators will be better prepared to address education funding when the session gets underway Jan. 20.

"One of my priorities each and every session is to protect the quality of instruction in the classroom," said Millett. "It cannot happen unless legislators and parents see a clear picture of the district's finances. Public statements and news reports coming from the Anchorage School District have left me and my constituents confused about what is really going on."

The 13 questions focus on the budget surplus and seek to understand why the school district states that House Bill 278 hurts employee recruitment and retention. Passed last session, HB 278 and the state budget bills raised school funding for three years to prevent layoffs and allow the district to fill more than three dozen new positions. It also repealed the high school exit exam and made charter schools more financially stable.

Court

Week ending 1/9

Civil Midland Funding LLC v. Noffsker, John; Civil District Court Midland Funding LLC V. Norsker, John; Civil District Court
Olanna, JR., Ralph and Olanna, Cynthia C.; Dissolution w/out Children
Tate, Charlene v. Tate, George; Civil Protective Order
Minor Party v. Tate, George; Civil Protective Order
Small Claims

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Credit Union 1 v. Olanna, Peggy A.; Small Claims Greater Than \$2500
Criminal
State of Alaska v. Kordova Akerta Gipson (6/7/00); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; Repeat Offense; Date of Offense: 10/28/14;
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tion of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; Repeat Offense; Date of Offense: 10/28/14; Fine: \$1,000 with \$500 suspended; Unsuspended \$500 is to be paid to the court 1/6/16; Driver's license or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 9 months with 6 months suspended; Community Work Service: Within 120 days, complete 48 hours community work service and give the clerk of court proof of completion on the form provided by the clerk; Other: Defendant is ordered \$10 court surcharge within 10 days to clerk's office; Probation until 6/7/21; Comply with direct orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Defendant must enroll in and pay for the following juvenile alcohol safety action program: at NSHC BHS if such a program is currently being offered by 1/15/15; Defendant must submit to evaluation by the program and pay for and successfully complete any education or treatment recommended by this program; Defendant may not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b). State of Alaska v. Shannan Eggant (5/11/85); 2NO-14-417CR DUI-Operate Vehicle Under Influence; Date of Offense: 6/27/14; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report to Nome Court on 1/16/15 at 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Pay to Clerk of Court, or pay online at courtrecords.alaska.gov/ep/ep.htm: Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; \$1,500 due 7/1/15; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$50 due; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case with \$0 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$300 (1st Off.) with \$0 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$300 (1st Off.) with \$0 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$300 (1st Off.) with \$0 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$300 (1st Off.) with \$0 suspended; Pulla mount ordered due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: NSHC BHS within 30 days; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; You are responsible for costs; File proof by 4/1/15 that you received an assessment, and file proof by 7/1/15 that you followed all assessment recommendations License Directives: Driver's license is revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months; Costs of the IID will be deducted from the fine if you file proof of payment before the fine due date; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 1/6/15); Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses.

State of Alaska v. Shannan Eggart (5/11/85); 2NO-14-488CR Notice of Dismissal; 001: Criminal Trespass; 002: VOCR; Filed by the DAs Office 1/6/15.

State of Alaska v. Emmanuel lyakitan (1/7/65); 2NO-14-273CR CTN 001: DUI-Operate Vehicle Under Influence; Date of Offense: 5/2/14; 60 days, 57 days suspended; Time served: Pay to Clerk of Court, or pay online at

Verlice Order intellice, Date of Orlerbs. 32214, 30 days, 37 days suspended, Time served; Pay to Clerk of Court, or pay online at courtrecords alaska.gov/ep/ep.htm: Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; \$1,500 due two years; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage, or pay online at courtrecords alaska.gove/ep/ep.htm: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case with \$0 suspended; \$50 due; \$50 due suspended; \$50 due; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$300 (1st Off.) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Contact NSHC at 443-3311 to set appointment by 7/31/14; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; File proof by 10/1/14 that you received an assessment, and

file proof by 12/31/14 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license is revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 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: 7/11/14); Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Commit no jailable offenses; Do not possess or consume alcohol for a period ending 2 years from date of this judgment (7/11/14); Other: subject warrantless for probation violation; Subject PBT for alcohol on officer request. State of Alaska v. Emmanuel lyakitan (17/165); 2NO-14-273CR CTN 002: Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 5/2/14; 187 days, 100 days suspended; Unsuspended 87 days shall be served; Time served; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for a Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount of restitution to be determined as provided in Criminal Rule 32.6(c)(2); Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 7/11/14); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; No commit no jail offenses; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of my propagate of the propag

idence; 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. State of Alaska v. Gary Amarok (3/4/74); 2NO-13-10CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113671701; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all time, Consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-13-253CR; All other terms and conditions or probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Gary Amarok (3/4/74); 2NO-13-253CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113672142; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all time; Consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-13-10CR.

State of Alaska v. Gary Amarok (3/4/74); 2NO-14-644CR Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 002: AS11.41.220(a)(5): Assault 3 – Commit Assault 4, 2+ Convictions; Offense: C Felony; Offense Date: 9/30/14; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 001: AS11.41.230(a)(1): Assault in the 4th Degree – Recklessly Injure; Offense Date: 9/30/14; Defendant came before the court on (sentencing date) 1/5/15 with counsel, PD Andrew Dunmire, and the DA present; Sentence: CTN 002: 4 years with 3.5 years suspended; The unsuspended 6 months shall be served immediately consecutively with sentence in cases 2NO-13-10CR and 2NOserved immediately consecutively with sentence in cases 2NO-13-10CH and 2NO-13-253CR; Defendant to be credited for time already served in this case; Sur-charges: Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay the following training surcharge to the court pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: CTN 002: Surcharge: \$100 (Felony); Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, the defendant immeis being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; I herefore, the defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; This surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection, with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); DNA Identification: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" set defined in AS 444 1055, or a floque under AS 11 or AS 23 55 the defendant is as defined in AS 44.41.035, or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registratio ystem when requested by a correctional, pro bation, parole or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); Probation for 5 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation as stated in the Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Bond: Any appearance or per-

State of Alaska v. June Koonuk (6/10/62); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN:

114796584; Defendant rejected probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail

term revoked and imposed: 30 days.

State of Alaska v. Foster Olanna (10/1/65); Criminal Trespass 2; Date of Violation: 1/8/15; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served; Report to Nome Court on immediately for a remand hearing; 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. Michele Kulukhon (10/12/83); Reckless Endangerment; Date of Violation; 1/9/15; 30 days, 29 days suspended; I Insuspended 1 day shall be served.

olation: 1/9/15; 30 days, 29 days suspended; Unsuspended 1 day shall be served, time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 1/9/15); Shall commit no vicilations of law; Shall suppose consumer of puly slocked in any day of any company. within 10 days; Probation for 1 year (date of Judgment: 1/3/15); Shall commit no violations of law; 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 her residence.

State of Alaska v. Dezirae Sherman-Kakaruk (9/4/95); Dismissal; Count 1: Repeat Minor Consuming, Dezirae Sherman-Kakarak – 001; Filed by the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Colin Kulukhon-Lincoln (1/14/84); DUI-Operate Vehicle Under Influence: 1/16/14/16/14/19 of the forms of the forms.

ate of Alaska V. Oollin kuluknin-Lincolin (1/4/64), DOI-Operate Verlicle United Initionee; plate of Offense: 9/16/14; 90 days, 87 days suspended; Report to Nome Court on 1/12/15 at 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Pay to Clerk of Court, or pay online at courtrecords.alaska.gov/ep/ep.htm: Fine: \$1,500 with \$0 suspended; \$1,500 due 7/1/15; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage, or pay online at courtrecords.alaska.gove/ep/ep.htm: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case with \$0 suspended; \$50 due; \$50 due; \$100 per case with \$0 suspended; \$50 due; \$50 due; \$50 due; \$50 due; \$60 per case with \$50 suspended; \$50 due; \$50 due; \$50 due; \$50 due; \$60 per case with \$50 suspended; \$50 due; \$60 courtrecords.alaska.gove/ep/ep.htm: Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case with \$0 suspended; \$50 due; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$300 (1st Off.) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Contact local ASAP: NSHC BHS within 30 days; Complete screening, evaluation and recomended program; You are responsible for costs; File proof by 4/1/15 that you received an assessment, and file proof by 7/1/15 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license is revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months; Costs of the IID will be deducted from the fine if you file proof of payment before the teriock device (III) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months; Costs of the IID will be deducted from the fine if you file proof of payment before the fine due date; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 1/8/15); 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 1 year from date of this judgment; You are required to surrender your driver's license and identification card; Your license and ID are subject to cancellation under AS 28.15.11 and AS 18.65.310; and any new license or ID must list the AS 04.16.160 buying restriction during the restricted period; AS 28.15.191(g).

State of Alaska v. Emily T. Penayah (29/52); Drunk Person on Licensed Premises; Date of Violation: 1/7/15; 1 days, 0 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; State of Alaska v. Regine Kava (11/6/70); Removal or Introduction of Alcoholic Beverages; Date of Violation: 1/7/15; 5 days, 0 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. George Leland Jackson, Jr. (4/4/75); Dismissal; Driving Under the Influence, Chg. Nbr. 1; Failure to Stop at Direction of a Peace Officer, Chg. Nbr. 2; Filed by the DAs Office 1/8/15.

State of Alaska v. Toni L. Goodrich (5/4/67); Dismissal; Driving Under the Influence, Chg. Nbr. 1; Driving Without a License, Chg. Nbr. 2; Filed by the DAs Office 1/7/15. State of Alaska v. Bradley G. Okpealuk (10/29/89); Dismissal; Disorderly Conduct, Chg.

Nbr. 2; Filed by the DAs Office 17/15.
State of Alaska v. Becky Rietheimer (7/31/75); Dismissal; Assault 4°, Chg. Nbr. 1; Filed by the DAs Office 1/6/15.

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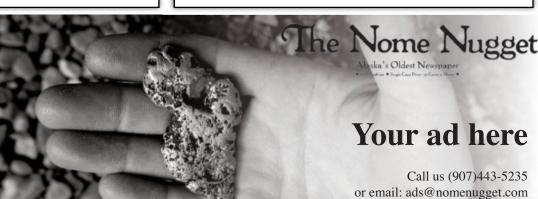
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BLOCKED— Lady Nanooks junior Jadyn Otton blocks a shot attempt by Kotzebue freshman Payton McConnell on Friday night at the Subway Showdown in the Nome-Beltz gym.



Photos by Keith Conger

TRADITION— The crowd lines the court in encouragement of the Nome-Beltz Lady Nanooks as they enter the court on Friday night at the Subway Showdown.



JAM SESSION — Nome-Beltz freshman Michael Tocktoo keeps the beat for the Nome-Beltz pep band on Friday night during the Subway Showdown. Since the Showdown occurred during the college winter break, many alumni were able to join the band.



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