



HAPPY NEW YEAR— Firework displays rang in the New Year, battling the fog that settled over the coast on the night of Dec. 31, 2014.

Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

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## White Mountain woman murdered on New Year's Day

**By Diana Haecker**  
On Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015 Gilbert J. Olanna, Jr. of White Mountain was charged with murder in the first degree for the alleged killing of his girlfriend Esther Lincoln, 40, in the morning of January 1.

According to court documents, Olanna strangled Lincoln in her residence in White Mountain. Court papers say that Olanna spent the early morning hours of January 1 out drinking. When he returned to the home he shared with

Lincoln and their young child, they got into an argument. "In course of this, Olanna explained, his arm slipped below Lincoln's chin and around her neck," the court document reads. "Olanna stated that he had held

Lincoln around the neck for several minutes until she went limp." Around 9:30 a.m. Olanna went to a neighbor to summon a health aide. The health aide responded and found Lincoln dead on a mattress. The health aide noticed bruising on Lincoln's neck. Olanna told troopers that he had

cleaned Lincoln's body and put clothing on her. He said he deleted photos and videos of her from his cell phone. When troopers confronted him with evidence that Lincoln showed signs of head injuries,

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Photo by Keith Conger

**SETTING UP FOR THE TREY** - Nome-Beltz senior forward Klay Baker (33) stands beyond the three-point arc ready to receive a pass from sophomore forward Mikey Scott at the Men's Alumni Basketball Tournament on Saturday night in the Nome-Beltz gym. Scott is covered by Cass Matheis, class of 2013. Adam Martinson, class of 1997, was one of the game's referees. *See story on page 8.*

## House fire in Koyuk claims life of elder

**By Diana Haecker**  
An 82-year-old woman died in a house fire in Koyuk on December 28, 2014. According to Alaska State Troopers, the body of Ethel Adams was found inside the house after fire fighters extinguished the flames. Two other people were in the house at the time the fire erupted. According to a trooper report, Ethel Adams' grandson Dale Adams, 42, sustained injuries but managed to escape the burning house. He was medivaced to Anchorage's Alaska Native Medical Center for treatment of smoke inhalation and first and second degree burns. Koyuk VPO and Fire Chief Josh Dewey told the *Nome Nugget* that the fire started around 12:45 p.m. most likely because of a kerosene heater that caught on fire. Although Dewey was not in Koyuk at the time of the incident, he gathered from reports that Dale Adams tried to take the burning hot kerosene heater outside, but oil spilled out of the appliance and set the house on fire. In the process, Dale Adams sustained burn injuries. Alaska State Troopers received

the report on Sunday, Dec. 28 at 2 p.m. According to a relative, Adams' great-grandson stated that he saw that the ceiling was red. The child then ran out of his bedroom and told his great-grandmother. Apparently she went back to her bedroom to get her parkie but could not make it out of the house. Firefighters found Ethel Adams' body near the arctic entryway. The child ran out of the house on Second Avenue and Willow Street and went to the neighbors, who alerted the town of the fire via VHF radio. Within minutes, fire fighters were on scene to respond and put the flames out within 30 minutes, said VPO Dewey. Koyuk does not have a fire truck, but uses fire hoses and fire extinguishers to battle fires. The house is a total loss. The state deputy marshal investigates the fire. According to Assistant State Fire Marshal Lloyd Nakano, the investigation is still ongoing. Ethel Adams' remains were sent to the State Medical Examiner. As of press time on Monday, the body was not yet returned to Koyuk.

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## Nome's pet owners struggle as Nome loses veterinarian

**By Diana Haecker**  
After 37 years of serving Nome's dogs, cats, birds and other assorted pets, Dr. Derrick Leedy has retired and officially closed the Nome Veterinary Hospital on Dec. 21, 2014.

Dr. Leedy said it was a hard decision to make, but quoted health and personal reasons to shut down his practice for good. This leaves Nome and the regional communities in the Norton Sound and Bering Strait area without any veterinarian care and there is no end in sight to the situation. President of the Nome animal welfare organization PAWS (People for Animal Welfare & Safety) Susan Wolf said that her organization is receiving calls from people who don't know what to do in pet emergencies. Just in the last few weeks, two dogs with suspected broken legs have been sent to Anchorage for medical care, prompting Wolf to remind people to keep their dogs tied up and out of harm's way instead of letting them

roam loose. Wolf suspects the dogs that were sent out for broken bones were loose and got hit by cars. Sandra Rowe, owner of the Nome Animal House, a boarding, grooming and pet supply store said people are calling her seeking answers to their pet's medical problems or how to obtain vaccinations and health certificates for travel purposes. "I can help people with logistics of sending their pet down to Anchorage, but I can't give medical advice," said Rowe. Even veterinarians in Anchorage or the Mat-Su valley are reluctant to dare long-distance diagnoses and most certainly don't prescribe medications to animals not seen. This leaves as an only option to transport the pet patient to a doctor to the road system, more than 500 air

miles away. What once used to be a short trip to Dr. Leedy's office on Lomen Avenue now involves a major logistic undertaking. First, people need to find a vet in Anchorage. Several Nome organizations send pet owners to Southside Animal Hospital or Dimond Animal Hospital, which is open 24/7. Once those arrangements are made, the trip planning starts. Everts Air Cargo offers an Animal Care program, flying pets in need of medical attention from regional hubs including Nome to Anchorage for a \$50 roundtrip fee. Everts offers weekday services to and from Nome, of course weather pending. Jill Bingman, in charge of

the pet program at Everts, said people need to call them for a quote number, which is the same number for flying to and from Anchorage. However, in the event of a mechanical delay of the plane or weekend travel, pet owners need to make arrangements with other airlines, which don't offer pet emergency care specials. Once the pet arrives in Anchorage, an expeditor needs to be hired to pick up the animal and transport it from the Anchorage airport to the veterinarian. Pet Express owner Ed Hoffman said he has not yet seen an increase of Nome pets come through, but he's been made aware of the Nome situation and is expecting a higher pet travel volume from Nome.

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Letters

Dear Nancy,  
My 6-year-old son, while playing with snowballs and his brother amid the distant clatter of a Nome fireworks show, succinctly summarized my sentiments regarding this New Year's event when he stopped and commented: "Daddy, can we do something more funner?"  
And don't blame it on the fog.  
Ray Drobby  
Nome, AK

Dear Editor,  
In reading Ms. Karen Nanouk's letter her comment on cops, we too were led to thing they were going to investigate our son's death. We asked for an ex-boy friend to be questioned. Trooper was like yeah; I know about ex-boy friends, did not bother too. When another one came, no, still ruled suicide and a theory how he did it. Even his theory didn't go how the suicide went down, should have been as he said. No way, no how, even his theory we won't accept.  
C'mon even Robin Williams suicide theory? No, he was sick, wasn't he? Not our son, young, strong and healthy as can be and ready to take on responsibilities as a man would do. We asked again, talk to this ex-boy friend and those close to him. We know he couldn't do it himself, too, he had help. It was pre-meditated murder, not suicide.  
For some reason they don't want to give us the investigating trooper report, we've asked several times, twice I was told I would get it, never came.  
Anyway happy holidays and May God bless you all. Thank you Ms. Karen Nanouk for your letters.  
We won't give up until we get justice.  
Allan J. and Sally W. Okpealuk  
Brevig Mission, AK

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

Editorial

Qualified

We've all seen it. Candidates for political office do it. Job applicants do it. When listing qualifications for office or a job folks say they were born. Well, by golly, we hope so, although some may have been hatched. Then they tell us where they were born. Is this so good-ol' boys and nepotism can kick in?  
Being born here does have some merit but it surely does not outrank being qualified with the appropriate education. Too often folks are employed who do not have the qualifications for the task and are simply given a job title for which they are not qualified. They get frustrated because they can't do the work, and sooner or later there is a problem. To run a power plant one needs specialized skills, to be an electrician one needs to understand electricity. To be a brain surgeon one needs to have extensive training. Having a job title does not make a person qualified. Family trees only get us out on a limb. Having the appropriate training and skills are what count. Bona fide skills and knowledge are needed. Politicians whose claim to office is local birth may be OK if they have knowledge of the region, a love of its people and a commitment to serve.  
Let's get over our fixation with where we were born and make sure we concentrate on making sure we hire qualified people with the skill set that is needed to do a proper job. We can do that if we have a well-educated population. We need to appreciate the value of an education. We need to stand by the new concept — It is not who you know, but what you know that is important. —N.L.M.—

Sound Off

By Rep. Les Gara  
Alaskans are caring and generous. We should agree we can't avoid our responsibility to improve life for the more than 2,300 foster youth for whom the state is the legal guardian, even in tight budgetary times. We become the legal guardian once the state removes a child from their home. We should treat foster youth as we'd want our own children treated.  
We can't just perform the first step, and remove them from a broken family. Once we separate a child from their parents we should do all that's feasible so foster youth have real opportunity in life, a caring home, help with the trauma of having no family, and a fair shot at school and career success. No one would blame children who've been taken from their parents for no fault of their own.  
There are good people in private and public agencies working hard to make a difference. But we can do better than the roughly 20 percent homelessness rate and 24 percent incarceration rate that exists for Alaska's foster youth. Homelessness jumps closer to 40 percent if we count youth who "couch surf" with friends. From 2007-2011 when those youth were counted, that was the rate.  
We should do better than only partially implementing the languishing 2011 study Governor Parnell commissioned on how to improve foster care. Shelving the bulk of these requested recommendations isn't a solution.  
In tight times we have to prioritize. Children are not a luxury project that should fall off the priority list. We need to work together to find efficient and effective solutions to make life better for youth, who often get uprooted between five, and sometimes more than 20 foster homes.  
Both of us have pushed efficient reforms. We work to get donated laptops to foster youth so they can have a better chance to succeed in school. We've worked to get stores to volunteer to sell clothing to foster youth at discounted prices (more stores always welcome!). We've worked with the Legislature to help get volunteer mentors to youth so they have a stable adult in their lives as they transition from foster care. We've spoken to community groups to try to recruit needed foster and adoptive families.  
The needed improvements that aren't free will save money, and reflect our humanity. Youth failure, jail, prosecutor, public defender, probation officer, police, public assistance, and homelessness costs dwarf the cost

of increasing success and jobs. That's something many, but not enough youth achieve.  
Fixing things is better than blaming people. Alaska's leaves front line social workers with caseloads that are often double the national standard, or worse. It's too easy to blame staff for doing a stressful job with not enough support. New social workers have such high caseloads they typically leave OCS within two years or less.  
Add that to the reality that nearly twice as many Alaska youth suffer abuse and neglect than youth nationwide, and you start seeing why social workers need time to work with these young Alaskans.  
One thing we can do is make sure Alaska does a better job getting youth a permanent home, by reunifying youth with their natural parents if that's healthy, or by finding good family for them to live with. The national standard is to reunify youth, if safe, with their parents within 12 months, or to find a different permanent home within 24 months. We fail on both counts. Youth bounce too many years between unfamiliar homes with unfamiliar social workers.  
We have a shortage of foster homes, so youth bounce between emergency homes, and homes that have too many foster youth. We need to do more to recruit strong foster and adoptive parents. Roughly 800 youth are currently waiting for adoptive homes.  
And for youth who have suffered emotional trauma, and who need the stability of a home, we should make sure they are allowed to remain in foster care until age 21, the statutory limit Alaska and most states have. We terminate homes before age 21 for too many youth. Youth who've been traumatized have a greater need for a responsible adult in their lives, which they lose when foster care ends.  
We need to implement the 2011 study the state commissioned, which shows we have a major shortage of help at OCS. Overburdening caseworkers so they don't know the youth and families they work with isn't workable.  
Giving youth a real chance in life isn't a partisan issue. Let's work together to make 2015 the year we improve Alaska's foster care system.  
Rep. Les Gara (D-Anchorage) and Amanda Metivier, Executive Director of Facing Foster Care in Alaska, are both former foster youth and have been advocates for foster care reforms.

Have you seen this man?

Alaska State Troopers are asking for help in locating a Wisconsin man who traveled to Alaska to view wildlife this summer and hasn't been heard from since August. Family members reported last hearing from 72-year-old Roger H. Yeager around Aug. 8 in Wasilla. He had told family members that he was going to travel around Alaska and would update his family on his travels around Christmas. Family members contacted Troopers a few weeks ago after Yeager didn't return emails for an extended period of time. Troopers were able to trace Yeager's travels after visiting a family member in Wasilla on Aug. 8 to Fairbanks where he turned in his rental car around Aug. 9-10. That's where Yeager's trail ends. There is no record of him flying in or out of Alaska. Anyone who has seen Yeager since August or has information about his whereabouts please call Troopers in Fairbanks at (907)451-5100.



Weather Statistics

|         |          |            |                        |            |               |  |
|---------|----------|------------|------------------------|------------|---------------|--|
| Sunrise | 01/08/15 | 11:49 p.m. | High Temp              | +35        | 12/30/14      | National Weather Service<br>Nome, Alaska<br>(907) 443-2321<br>1-800-472-0391 |
|         | 01/14/15 | 11:36 p.m. | Low Temp               | -16        | 12/26/14      |  |
| Sunset  | 01/08/15 | 4:28 p.m.  | Peak Wind              | 44 mph, E, | 12/27/14      |  |
|         | 01/14/15 | 4:46 p.m.  | Total Precip. for 2015 | 0.22"      |               |  |
|         |          |            | Normal Total to Date   | 0.13"      |               |  |
|         |          |            | Seasonal Snowfall      | 26.00"     | Normal 33.00" |  |
|         |          |            | Snow on Ground         | 12.00"     |               |  |

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2014 - The Year in Review

At the start of each new year, *Nome Nugget* staff goes through an entire year of news and events that influenced our lives in Nome and surrounding communities. Looking through 52 editions of *The Nome Nugget* we prepared the following year in review:

January  
Polar Vortex bend brings warmth to Alaska, chill to Lower 48

The winter that was no winter saw Nomeites walk around in Helly Hansens' and Xtratough rain boots rather than the usual down garb. Beginning in December, a warm spell lasted through January with a shocking 51°F record high set on January 27. This astounding record Nome not only set the all-time high temperature record for any day in January, but also tied with a five-month high temperature record that was previously held by November 1, 1926. A week of temperatures above the 40s°F left snow melting, puddles forming and winter sport enthusiasts and mushers crying.

The world was upside down temperature wise when temperatures rose above the freezing point in Nome, and a severe cold snap froze a large swath of land between Montana and Florida.

By the end of the month it was official, that January 2014 went into the record books as the fifth warmest January since he National Weather Service began gathering weather data in 1907.

Search and Rescue team found body of missing man

After two days of searching for 74-year old Tom Okleasik Sr., Nome Search and Rescue volunteers found his body half-submerged in a slough near the Nome River. Okleasik was out to fish when he broke through a hollow shelf ice. Drifting snow and wind covered up his body and made for challenging search conditions. A searcher found Okleasik when he saw the tip of a long ice pick protruding out of the snow.

Arctic deep draft port study still not released

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Alaska Dept. of Transportation have undergone a joint feasibility study of establishing a deep-water seaport in the Arctic.

The draft feasibility study was to reveal which combination of potential port sites – Nome and Port Clarence rose to the top of a preliminary list - would make the most economic sense. In January 2014, the Corps announced it would publish the draft study in March – already a delay from Dec. 2013. As of January 2015, the draft study has yet to be released.

Plans materialize to renovate Nome's State office building

The state scrapped plans to build a new state office building and decided to save costs by renovating the existing building on Front Street instead. The effort began with an invitation to bids and a walk-through by prospective contractors. Over the past year, the building was completely gutted until only a iron skeleton appeared to hold up the roof. Construction workers are still busy to put up siding.

Three resign from NPS

In its first regular school board meeting of the year, the school board was presented with three letters of resignations from Nome Beltz Jr./Sr. High School principal Scott Handley, Elementary School principal Robert Grimes and Human Resources Director Donald Stambeck. The resignations went into effect by

the end of the 2013/2014 school year. In February, the school board hired Noorvik principal Paul Clark to be the new NES principal. Later, it hired Harlan Heinrich to replace Handley at the Nome Beltz Jr./Sr. High School.

Fluoride back into Nome's tap water

After contentious debates and years of fluoride-free tap water, Nome Joint Utilities infused the water again with fluoride. A utility specialist from the Alaska Native Health Consortium traveled to Nome to install the proper equipment to get the right dose of fluoride flowing again into Moonlight Springs tap water.

February

No radiation testing of ocean waters irks public

The lack of radiation data collected from Alaskan waters worried the public and scientists alike as the plume of radioactive ocean water from the failed Fukushima Dai-Ichi nuclear plant was to arrive on the West Coast in 2014. Regional subsistence hunters, especially on St. Lawrence Island, felt uneasy about harvesting animals without knowing radioactive levels that may come from Fukushima. The renowned Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution at Cape Cod, Massachusetts offered a way to find out. Dr. Ken

Buessler, a marine radio-chemist with the organization, launched a crowd-sourcing website called "How radioactive is our ocean." Through the site, Norton Sound residents began collecting funds for a sample to be taken at St. Lawrence Island. The sample was taken and it came

back with no alarming results. However, more samples should be taken, scientists say, to track the plume and catch if or when it arrives in Alaskan waters.

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PUDDLES IN JANUARY — DOT employees thaw storm drains to allow meltwater to escape as a prolonged January thaw plagued Nome.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, January 8

|                                |                    |                        |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| *Open Gym                      | Nome Rec Center    | 5:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.     |
| *Lunch Laps                    | Pool               | 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 a.m. |
| *Weekly Women's Circle         | Prematernal Home   | 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  |
| *Wiffleball (grades 3-6)       | Nome Rec Center    | 3:15 p.m. - 4:14 p.m.  |
| (grades 5-8)                   | Nome Rec Center    | 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  |
| *League Basketball             | Nome Rec Center    | 5:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. |
| *Strength Training             | Nome Rec Center    | 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.  |
| *PM Lap Swim                   | Pool               | 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  |
| *Vinyasa Yoga                  | Nome Rec Center    | 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  |
| *Port Commission: Work Session | Council Chambers   | 5:30 p.m.              |
| *Nome Food Bank                | Bering and Seppala | 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  |
| *Zumba Fitness                 | Nome Rec Center    | 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.  |
| *Open Bowling                  | Nome Rec Center    | 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. |
| *Thrift Shop                   | Methodist Church   | 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  |
| *SUBWAY Showdown               | Nome-Beltz Gym     | Call NBHS for Times    |

Friday, January 9

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

Saturday, January 10

|                  |                          |                        |
|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| *Open Gym        | Nome Rec Center          | Noon - 8:00 p.m.       |
| *Open Bowling    | Nome Rec Center          | 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. |
| *AA Meeting      | Airport Pizza (upstairs) | 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  |
| *SUBWAY Showdown | Nome-Beltz Gym           | Call NBHS for Times    |

Sunday, January 11

|              |                          |                       |
|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| *Open Gym    | Nome Rec Center          | 2:00 - 10:00 p.m.     |
| *AA Meeting  | Airport Pizza (upstairs) | 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. |
| *Open Swim   | Pool                     | 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. |
| *Family Swim | Pool                     | 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. |
| *PM Laps     | Pool                     | 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. |

Monday, January 12

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

Tuesday, January 13

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

Wednesday, January 14

|                             |                  |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| *Pick-up Basketball         | Nome Rec Center  | 5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.  |
| *Open Gym                   | Nome Rec Center  | 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. |
| *AM Lap Swim                | Pool             | 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.  |
| *Kindergym                  | Nome Rec Center  | 10:00 a.m. - noon      |
| *Open Gym                   | Nome Rec Center  | Noon - 3:00 p.m.       |
| *Team Handball (grades 3-6) | Nome Rec Center  | 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.  |
| (grades 5-8)                | Nome Rec Center  | 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  |
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Nome pets

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He said his service transports cats, dogs, even birds 24/7. The cost is \$25 per trip plus a 14 percent fuel surcharge for daytime deliveries, and \$30 plus fuel surcharge for nighttime deliveries. Once the animal made its journey to a medical facility it will get the care it needs.

As Nome’s pet and sled dog team owners learn the new process of securing medical care for their animals, ideas are tossed around how to bridge the void left by Dr. Leedy who has served the community for almost four decades. Everything from vaccinations, stitching up gashes, extracting teeth, operating on tumors and helping pets to end their pain and suffering, he’s done it all.

“There is a huge need for full-time veterinarian here,” said Sandra Rowe. She offered the idea to bring in a vet to Nome once a month. Rowe said she would host a vet by letting them use the grooming room for free to set up a temporary practice for a few days. In the long run, she hopes that a full-time vet can be recruited and she said that she would apply for grants to add on to the Animal House in order to permanently enable a veterinarian to set up a practice here.

To that end, PAWS President Susan Wolf said her organization is drafting a letter to be sent to major veterinarian schools in the Pacific Northwest with the intent to entice an adventurous graduate to come to Nome. “We are highlighting Nome and the need for a veterinarian not only for our community, but the surrounding villages, too,” said Wolf. Wolf also notified the Alaska Chapter of the Humane Society to put their feelers out for a veterinarian who could come to Nome.

When in 2013 the University of Alaska at Fairbanks and the Colorado State University signed an agreement to cooperate on a veterinarian program for Alaska, hopes ran

high to grow Alaska’s own vets. The new veterinarian program at the UAF will begin teaching a new cadre of vets starting in the fall of this year. The program involves two years of school at UAF and two years at the vet school at Colorado State University. So, the first batch of Alaska-grown vets are at least four years away from graduating and practicing.

Another, more immediate possibility for veterinarian help lies in the Alaska Rural Veterinarian Outreach, or ARVO for short. ARVO has already, at the invitation of PAWS and hosted by Animal House’s Sandra Rowe, conducted a spay and neuter clinic in Nome last fall. ARVO is an Alaskan non-profit corporation with the goal to provide veterinary care to rural pets and their owners in communities where those services are not available. ARVO president Sally Clampitt said she is aware of the situation in Nome and can put the word out in the veterinarian community, but no immediate plans have formed to bring a vet to Nome anytime soon.

Last fall ARVO, North Pole veterinarian Jeanne Olson, a vet tech and a volunteer traveled to Nome and spayed and neutered 62 pets. PAWS and ARVO are in the process of planning another spay and neuter clinic in Nome for the spring.

However, it is hard to get vets to leave their clinics and squeeze rural obligations into their busy schedule.

“I was surprised how far in advance veterinarians schedule regular visits,” said Clampitt. While the word has been put out, no immediate plans have materialized to bring a veterinarian to Nome.

Chrystie Salesky is in the process to become a state-certified lay vaccinator for rabies through Norton Sound Health Corporation’s Environmental Health office.

Kevin Zweifel, director of NSHC’s Environmental Health, said Salesky underwent the necessary training of how to properly give a ra-

bies shot, how to turn in the paperwork and how to properly handle the vaccine. Zweifel, who is also a lay vaccinator, coordinates the training for persons who wish to become lay vaccinators, also in the surrounding communities. Zweifel submitted the paperwork for Salesky’s certification to the state and expects the certificate and a free supply of rabies vaccines soon.



White Mountain

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Olanna said he had also struck her in the face.

In addition to murder in the first degree, Olanna was charged with two counts of tampering with physical evidence and one count of assault in the fourth degree.

Olanna, who already has a long court record with several felony convictions, made the felony first appearance in the Nome Court before Magistrate Judge Bob Lewis on Saturday.

Olanna was assigned a public defender.

Due to Olanna’s extensive court record of prior felonies, District Attorney John Earthman asked for bail to be set at \$100,000. Magistrate Judge Lewis concurred. Olanna is held at Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

A preliminary hearing is set for January 13, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at the Nome Courthouse.

Koyuk fire

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Memorial services are pending.

Dewey added that the Adams family is accepting donations or airline miles. Monetary donations can be sent to Beda Prentice, PO Box 53107, Koyuk, 99753. Alaska Airlines donations can be made to Beda Prentice’s mileage account number 48355086.

A week before the Koyuk Covenant Church also burned down.

An unattended woodstove set the interior of the building on fire. The church has been closed since the fire broke out on Dec. 21 and Koyuk’s Christmas services were moved to the IRA building. Donations to restore the interior of the Covenant Church can be made to the church or the City of Koyuk.



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### Nome Common Council bans fake marijuana

The Nome Common Council voted to keep dangerous chemicals and herbal mixes from being sold in the city. The new law bans the sale, use and possession of “Spice” and other synthetic cannabinoids.

### NSHC develops concept for Wellness and Training Center

The idea to use the old Norton Sound Hospital at the corner of Bering Street and 5th Avenue was scrapped for good and Norton Sound Health Corporation leadership rolled out a new plan to build a wellness and training center on Greg Kruschek Avenue, across from the new hospital. Costs of renovating the existing old building were estimated at \$18 million. That money, CEO Angie Gorn argued, could be better spend on a building that would house three programs: Behavioral Health Services and the Wellness Center; Public Health Nursing clinic and Health Aide Training and EMS training rooms.

### Nome's Mike Morgan/Chris Olds finish third in Iron Dog

Nome snowmachine racer Mike Morgan and Chris Olds, his Iron Dog partner from Eagle River, notched a third place finish in the rough 2014 Iron Dog snowmachine race from Big Lake via Nome to Fairbanks. Morgan and Olds were sitting in first place, leading the field of racer into Nome. Rough trail conditions took a toll on their snowmachines, forcing the duo to take a 10-hour layover in Galena to replace their machines' drive shafts. Todd Minnick and Nick Olstad of Wasilla won the 2014 Iron Dog.

### March

#### Dallas Seavey wins Iditarod and doesn't know it

The 2014 Iditarod went into the history books as a race with a trail from hell due to the lack of snow, abundance of ice and a heck of a wind storm to top it off at the end of the trail. Jeff King had a one-hour lead before Aliy Zirkle leaving White Mountain. Next were Mitch Seavey and his son Dallas Seavey to leave. But Mother Nature would have the last word and a windstorm turned the icy trail into a nightmare, blowing dog teams into drift wood, making progress nearly impossible between Topkok and Safety. Jeff King ended up huddling with his dog team in a pile, and finally accepting help to get his dogs and himself to the Safety Roadhouse, which disqualified King. In the meantime, Aliy Zirkle and Dallas Seavey unknowingly passed King. Seavey decided not to linger at Safety and went on to Nome, expecting to be third. When he saw a headlamp bobbing up and down behind him, he expected it to be his father Mitch and began kicking and poling to secure his third place. However, when he arrived in Nome, he was surprised about the big turnout his third place finish got him. He asked where Jeff and Aliy were and then realized what happened when a cameraman asked him if he knew that he just won the race. Aliy Zirkle finished in second place, only 2 minutes and 44 seconds after Seavey, followed by Mitch Seavey. Dallas set a record pace, winning the race in 8 days, 13 hours, 4 minutes and 19 seconds.

### Alaska turned into a Right-to-Mush state

Only hours after Dallas Seavey cinched his second victory of a dramatic Iditarod finale, the Alaska State Legislature heard testimony from Nome dog mushers advocating for protection of mushing for all of Alaska. Subsequently, the House and the Senate unanimously voted to support House Concurrent Resolution 24, introduced by Nome Rep. Neal Foster, and made Alaska a Right-to-Mush state. Governor Sean Parnell signed the resolution officially in August.

Evan Booth wins Nome-Golovin

### Snowmachine race

Fulfilling one of his career goals after having won several prestigious snowmachine races including the Iron Dog, Evan Booth won the Nome-Golovin snowmachine race for the eighth time. He clocked a time of two hours, nine minutes and 53 seconds for the 200-mile trail.

### PAWS of Nome incorporates

A group of volunteers by the name of PAWS – an acronym for People for Animal Welfare and Safety – organized to help out Nome's animals in need of better care. PAWS was incorporated on March 5 and consists of a core group of eight people including founders Susan Wolf and her daughter Alyssa. The group offers dog houses to owners of dogs without one, they stuff them with straw and give advice on nutrition and exercise. More recently, PAWS is involved in placing unwanted pets with outside rescue groups and are pondering solutions to the void left by Nome's longtime veterinarian who recently retired.

### VFW closes in Nome

The VFW clubhouse and bar closed in March due to a lack of patrons to keep the place economically viable. The clubhouse and bar operated under a club license for VFW members. With only 36 VFW members still living in Nome, it was not viable to keep it open.

### April

#### HB 77 died in Senate committee

House Bill 77, a contentious bill introduced by Governor Sean Parnell, was designed to streamline the DNR process of issuing land and water use permits. But due to considerable opposition state wide including eastern Norton Sound communities, the bill died in the Senate Resources Committee.

### Legislature votes against NPS Beringia project

The Legislature passed Senate Joint Resolution 15, urging the federal government to stop pursuing the National Park Service's Beringia trans-boundary international park. The state urged the federal government to stop the process and consult with the State of Alaska on UN or federal designations.

### Nome man killed in car accident

Pedestrian Wagner Wongtillin, 54, was struck by a SUV driven by Adrienne Michels, 30, near the corner of 5th Avenue and Bering Street. Wongtillin received serious injuries and could not be revived. The police reported that Michels initially left the accident scene, but returned later. Criminal charges were filed. A grand jury indicted Michels on manslaughter.

ter and failure to render assistance.

### NJUS raises water and sewer rates

Budget problems forced the board of NJUS to raise the water and sewer rates to make those services pay for themselves and not rely on electricity sales to make up the difference. The increase was \$16.59 more for water and sewer services per month, \$9.88 more for senior citizens.

### ICC holds education, food security workshop in Nome

The Inuit Circumpolar Council of Alaska brought two workshops to Nome, tackling food security and education. The food security workshop was an extension of ICC Alaska's food security project. The education workshop brought together teachers to develop strategies on how to integrate Inuit perspectives in a meaningful curriculum. “It's about more than just what goes on in schools,” said Jim Stotts. “It's about learning what it means to be a good Inuk, it's much more than just school work.”

### May

#### EPA fines Alaska Gold for hazardous waste

More than a year after NovaGold Resources sold Alaska Gold Company to Bering Straits Native Corporation, BSNC was hammered with an unexpected \$72,000 EPA fine stemming from poor handling of hazardous waste, illegal storage and abandonment of hazardous waste. BSNC was not aware of the investigation until well after NovaGold sold the Alaska Gold to the Native corporation.

### Alaska legislature adjourns after passing education bill

Working five days past the 90-day session, the House and Senate passed a \$1.3 billion education funding and reform bill. The bill provided \$300 million in forward funding to schools over the next three fiscal years. Half of the money goes to base student allocations, half is to be distributed outside the BSA.

### Legislature passes law to arm VPSOs

The 28th Alaska Legislature passed a law that gives Native corporations administering a VPSO program the option to arm their Village Public Safety Officers.

Kawerak Inc. is the regional non-profit for the Norton Sound and Bering Strait region and has not decided whether or not to arm their officers.

### Bering Sea Alliance meets with agencies in Gambell

The Bering Sea Alliance, a group

consisting of seven village corporations, staged an Arctic Resource Development and Infrastructure meeting in Gambell with the intent to inform St. Lawrence Island residents of industry plans, government processes and to bring the visitors to ground zero of Arctic change – both in terms of climate change and climate change-spurred economic development and increased shipping.

### Savoonga catches spring whale north of island

For the first time in recorded history, a Savoonga whaling crew landed a spring whale on the north side of St. Lawrence Island. Floyd Kingekuk and his crew landed a 48-ft. long whale 15 miles north of Savoonga. The spring ice usually is thick in the spring, allowing only hunting to the south of the island. However, the lack of ice due to a warming climate proved advantageous to Savoonga whalers as they could save a trip across the island to traditional spring whaling camps and launch their boats from the shorefast sea ice in front of Savoonga.

### Nome hosts Alaska Democratic Party convention

The Alaska Democratic Party held its biennial party convention in Nome

in May. About 73 delegates from all over Alaska attended to work on updating the party's platform, pass resolutions and endorse political candidates.

### Norton Sound Go LLC buys old hospital

A gold miner and a State Senator formed a partnership to buy the old Norton Sound hospital. Jim Gribben of California and Senator Donny Olson of Golovin bought the old hospital for \$450,000 cash and hoped to turn the old building into something useful for Nomeites. It has been listed for resale for \$2.5 million. The intent behind the purchase and the offering for resale was to find the perfect buyer or a scenario of projects that would help Nome improve, said a spokesperson for the joint venture.

### Seal pups haul out on Nome's beaches

With the rapid melting of sea ice, May saw an increase of fluffy white seal pups hauling out on beaches around Nome. Normally, they would be hauling out on ice cakes, but the lack thereof forced the young pups to

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the beaches to rest. Marine mammal experts warned to leave them be.

### Little Sisters leave Nome

After more than 60 years of service to Nome, King Island and Little Diomedea, the last eight Little Sisters of Jesus left Nome to move to Anchorage. A farewell Mass was held at St. Joseph's church to honor the Little Sisters. The sisters went to join their order in Anchorage because they were growing older and found it increasingly hard to get around in the challenging environment of northwestern Alaska.

### June

#### Nome Gold terminates mining camp at dredge 6

After having generously supported seasonal miners by offering camp space near Dredge 6, Nome Gold sent out letters to leaseholders informing them of the termination of their agreement. The reason was that the campers trashed the place, left the ground in unsanitary condition and abused the company's hospitality by violating terms of the agreement. By Oct. 1, the mining camps had to be removed, but even that did not happen on time.

### Sled dogs gored by musk oxen

A tragic series of musk ox gorings began when Gary and Laura Samuelson's dog Bernard was killed by a musk ox right in the dog yard. Onslow, a sled dog owned by Mitch Erickson and kept on the communal dog lot on Nome Gold land, was gored a few weeks later as a musk ox rampaged through the dog yard.

### NPFMC meets in Nome

Crashing Chinook salmon stocks in the Arctic-Kuskokwim-Yukon regions were one of the main topics addressed during the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council meeting in Nome. The Council received testimony from regional and local fishermen, fishing organizations, asking for significant reduction of the Chinook Bycatch limit from 60,000 to 20,000 fish.

### Gold Grabber applies for permit to mine at Grantley Harbor

A mining application from the Gold Grabber LLC with the proposal to mine for gold in several sections of Grantley Harbor caused an alarmed reaction in the communities of Teller and Brevig Mission. Through their traditional councils, they have made statements that gold mining in subsistence areas is not welcome. No mining occurred there in 2014.

### Subsistence users vent frustration at mining meeting

During a public meeting hosted by the Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources, several members of the non-mining public demanded more respect for the region's subsistence way of life. After having gone

through two offshore gold mining seasons after the 2011 DNR lease sale, people testified to the negative effects on town, subsistence practices and the exclusion of local voices when permits are handed out.

### Oil spills out of tanks at Norton Sound hospital

A fuel tank at the Norton Sound hospital spilled a large amount of diesel fuel out of one 15,000-gallon tank onto the ground. The spill report said the fuel leaked out of the tank because a valve failed to shut off when fuel was transferred and caused the tank to overflow. Initial estimates were that up to 1,200 gallons of fuel were spilled. The DEC oversaw the cleanup that lasted for several weeks.

### AIDEA hosts leadership meeting for Road to Ambler

The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority held a leadership meeting in Kotzebue to gauge the opinion on a road proposal that would put a road from the Dalton Highway to the Ambler Mining District. NovaCopper, a spinoff from NovaGold Resources Inc., proposed to mine for copper in the Arctic and Bornite deposits, but can't do so unless there is a road leading to the prospective mines. Community leaders cautioned to carefully weigh economic development and the effect on subsistence resources and the way of life.

The road is on hold as of December, because fiscal restraints imposed by new Governor Bill Walker.

### July

#### Additional funding for Richard Foster building comes through

During a trip to the region, officials with the Rasmuson Foundation announced a grant for \$1.3 million to help fund building the Richard Foster building that will house three entities: the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum, the Kegoayah Kozga Library and Kawerak's Beringia Center of Culture and Science. Earthwork and steel work on the new building started this summer.

### Rare catch

Fisherman Frank MacFarland caught a rare blue-colored red king crab on July 4. The blue color was thought to be most likely a rare genetic mutation.

### Chadux conducts oil spill response drill in Teller

Alaska Chadux, an Oil Spill Response Organization, tested their ability to dispatch oil spill response equipment from Nome to Teller when they simulated an oil spill at Port Clarence. The drill was proved successful as responders learned about weather and logistical realities and local subsistence users saw signs of organizations beginning to think about oil spill responses as increased shipping and development of the Arctic looms on the horizon.

### Fire Chief fired

Nome City Manager Josie Bahnke relieved Nome Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Matt Johnson of his duties on July 18. Jerry Steiger was named interim fire chief. A few weeks later, Jim West Jr. was installed as the new fire chief.

### August

#### Crews continue to drill at Pilgrim Hot Spring

In search for more data on the feasibility of a geothermal powerplant at Pilgrim Hot Springs, crews continued to drill for the source of hot water at Pilgrim. A final decision to go forward with the geothermal power or building a powerline from Pilgrim to Nome has yet to be made.

### Gold dredger dies while diving for gold

A 39-year-old diver died while diving for gold off the gold dredge Argo. The man was identified as Sean Beals of Seattle. He was found floating face down in the water. Several boats and the Nome volunteer fire department and ambulance department responded, but the man could not be revived.

### Large fish die-off along the Kobuk River

Hundreds of dead chum salmon littered the shores of the Kobuk

River near Kiana, Ambler and Shungnak. ADF&G determined the large fish die off occurred due to a large number of fish returning to the low river, depleting the oxygen in the water, causing the die-off.

### SB 21 repeal measure defeated

During the state primary elections, a ballot measure that proposed to repeal SB21 was defeated. SB 21 is a controversial bill that overhauled the way oil and gas production is taxed in Alaska. Although the state and most urban communities voted "no" on the repeal measure, Nome voters felt that SB 21 should be repealed.

### Chukotkans visit St. Lawrence Island for first time in 15 years

A delegation of Chukotkan visitors boated across the international dateline from Provideniya to Gambell and Savoonga to visit with the relatives on SLI. The last time this has been done was in August 1999. The trips stopped because a boat was lost on the way back to Russia and a father and son died. This year, 12 Chukotkan men arrived in two boats and left with gifts of three additional boats, outboard motors, gas and a \$10,000 donation from the North Slope Borough.

### Arctic Waterways Safety Committee formed

Spurred by prospects of Arctic de-

velopment and increased shipping traffic through the Bering Strait, various co-management organizations and the Coast Guard formed an Arctic Waterway Safety Committee. The entity is to serve as a forum for all who share the emerging Arctic waterway and to figure out how to be safe on the water.

### Arctic Policy Commission meets in Nome

In the final throes of putting together an Alaska Arctic Policy, the commission met in Nome and Kotzebue to work on an implementation plan. The commission is tasked to submit a report to the Alaska Legislature by January 30, 2015.

### September

#### Former Nomeite put in charge of National Guard

After a scathing report came out that exposed allegations of sexual assault, rape and fraud in the Alaska National Guard, Governor Sean Parnell fired General Tom Katkus and installed Brigadier General Mike Bridges, formerly of Nome, to be the acting Commissioner and acting adjutant general for the Alaska National Guard.

The scandal is not over as addi-

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# Healing through the Arts

*An up-and-coming young artist offers a message of hope to troubled youth*



*Photo by Mark Cardinal*

**KEEPING TRADITIONS ALIVE— Robert McCoy-Apangalook talked with residents of the Nome Youth Facility about overcoming a painful past through his passion for carving. He made dramatic use of the skull of Qughsatkut, or King polar bear during his talk on December 17.**

## By Mark Cardinal

For artist Robert Allan McCoy-Apangalook the season of giving is also a season for giving back.

On a visit to the Nome Youth Facility December 17, the Wasilla-based carver held the attention of a handful of incarcerated youth for over three hours with his, at times, intensely personal story about overcoming the mental and physical scars of an abusive childhood through the pursuit of art.

Raised in Anchorage and Wasilla, McCoy-Apangalook's cultural identity and artistic inspiration is deeply rooted in Gambell, where, he said, "Most of the women in my family are sewers and most of the men are carvers." At birth his grandfather, Leonard Apangalook, Sr., named him Utuqsiq, after the tallest point on the mountain behind the St. Lawrence Island village. Utuqsiq is the name he signs to his carvings, as well as the name of his business, Utuqsiq Art Galleries.

When he was 15, his uncle, well-known carver Ron Apangalook, offered to teach him how to carve. "I jumped at the opportunity with excitement," he said. Though he had natural talent, his first attempts were crude, he acknowledged. He carved off and on for almost a decade, through his teenage years and early 20s. Slowly, his work improved, but he had other interests. Ice hockey,

for example, which he played alongside teammate Track Palin, son of perhaps Alaska's most famous hockey mom.

He also drank excessively for a time and had a few brushes with the law that he now regrets. He didn't get serious about art as a career until 2011.

"I look back at my early work and sometimes I get a little embarrassed," he said. "But I stuck with it, and kept getting better, and now there's nothing I won't try. I'm proud of my work now. Sometimes, though, I wonder where I would be today if I had gotten serious about carving sooner."

Today he is comfortable working in all traditional materials: ivory, bone, baleen, claws, teeth, whale eardrums, walrus whiskers, and even wood and soapstone. His carvings, which sold briskly during his most recent visit to Nome, can take the form of animals and spirit figures, in both traditional and modern styles.

Locally, his pieces can be found at Maruskiya's gift shop in Nome.

One of his first large pieces after starting his business — a gift to the Native Village of Gambell now proudly displayed at John C. Apangalook School (named after his great-grandfather) — elaborately depicts, in ivory and baleen, players on a basketball court. He gave away the piece, worth thousands of dollars, in the same spirit as a young hunter

would give away his first seal to an elder, as his grandfather taught him.

McCoy-Apangalook has forgiven his father for the abuse and the toll it took on him. "He's changed from when I was growing up," he said about his dad. And he's forgiven his mother for her drinking. With disarming honesty and quiet encouragement,

McCoy-Apangalook shared some of the graphic details of physical abuse with his young audience. Some of the youth had similar

stories to share.

McCoy-Apangalook's central message of hope is for a wider audience than a small group of juvenile offenders. Find your passion and commit yourself to it. Your life can change for the better in ways you can't imagine. Your passion can be anything you choose. Still he hopes more Native youth will choose carving, which he calls a "dying art."

"With fewer youth showing interest, this tradition is slowly fading,"

he said. "I hope to keep this tradition alive."

His recent Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center class on carving and scrimshawing was a great success, he said, with many students from around the region who were not even enrolled in his class coming in afterhours for instruction.

He hopes to be able to return to Nome Youth Facility in the near future to teach a carving class.

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tional investigations were ordered.

### Nome Superior Court has new Magistrate Judge

Longtime Nomeite and well-known attorney Bob Lewis was chosen to fill the vacancy left by Magistrate Judge Brooke Alowa, who left Nome to take a job with the Alaska Commission on Human Rights.

Lewis began working at the Nome Superior Court on Sept. 8.

### Regional leaders discuss increased shipping

Kawerak Inc. organized a two-day shipping summit that brought together tribal and municipal leaders from the Bering Strait region. The goal was to start a process of devising a plan that will position the Bering Strait region as a player and to actively cope with increased shipping traffic.

### Former hospital vandalized

Vandals tried to burn down the old Norton Sound hospital, now owned by gold miner Jim Gribben and Senator Donny Olson. The inside of the hospital was vandalized, walls smashed in, glass doors destroyed and wires ripped out. The damage was estimated at \$50,000.

### Fire destroys apartment building

A fire at the Umiak Apartments at Third Avenue and Moore Street destroyed several apartments. NVFD worked several hours to put out the flames. Nobody was seriously injured in the blaze.

### Crane accident injures Nome man

Bryce Warnke-Green was seriously injured when a crane's boom fell on top of a truck he was sitting in. Emergency responders had to cut Warnke-Green out of the smashed-in cab and was medivaced with serious injuries to Seattle's Harborview Medical Center.

### October

#### ION convenes Week of the Arctic

The Institute of North kicked off the week of the Arctic in Nome. The discussions revolved around Arctic climate change and its ramifications.

#### Graphite One Resources holds meeting

The project team for the Canadian exploration firm Graphite One Resources held an informational meeting in Nome, marking its first attempt to engage the public about the plans of developing a large graphite mine near Imuruk Basin. They said that they are still in the exploration phase and no plans have been fleshed out to actually develop a mine.

#### City loans NJUS money

The Nome Common Council voted to ok a \$2.2 million loan at 2.5 percent interest to NJUS to cover a construction funding shortage that has stressed NJUS operating funds. The situation emerged when Wells Fargo turned down a NJUS application for a line of credit.

### November

#### New leaders emerge in state election

Voters in Alaska elected a new governor in Bill Walker and his running mate Byron Mallot, kicked out Senator Mark Begich and replaced him with Republican Dan Sullivan and kept House Rep. Don Young. Ballot measures to allow the use and sale of marijuana, to raise the minimum wage and to protect Bristol Bay from large scale development passed.

#### BSSD Superintendent put on administrative leave

For undisclosed reasons, the Bering Strait School District board put Superintendent Brett Agenbroad

on administrative leave until his contract expires in June 2015. The board appointed Dr. Bobby Bolen as interim Superintendent.

#### Nome public defender appointed to be Barrow judge

Governor Sean Parnell in one of his last acts as governor appointed Angela Green to be judge at the Barrow Superior Court.

#### Nome woman indicted on arson charges

A grand jury charged Kandie Allen with first and second degree arson and five counts of assault in the third degree in connection with the fire that burned the Umiak Apartments in late September.

### December

#### Heroin dealers arrested

In the first major heroin bust in Nome, Alaska State Troopers' Western Alaska Alcohol and Narcotics Team arrested two people dealing heroin in Nome. Yvonne Adkison, daughter of gold miner and reality TV Bering Sea Gold star Vern Adkison, and Kevin Beamish were arrested on Dec. 4.

The two alleged drug dealers pleaded not guilty during an arraignment hearing in court. Both initially were appointed public defenders but later hired private attorneys to defend them. The next hearing is scheduled for January 30. Adkison is held at Anvil Mountain Correctional Center at \$30,000 bail, Beamish is held on \$20,000.

#### NPS Superintendent tenders resignation

Nome Public Schools Superintendent Steve Gast unexpectedly tendered his resignation effective Dec. 31. He cited family necessities to depart mid-year from his job. The board appointed Shawn Arnold as interim superintendent.

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# Alumni basketball tourney highlights Nanooks' break

By Keith Conger

The formula for assembling the visiting teams at the annual Men's Alumni Basketball Tournament resembled the method in creating the Chinese calendars you see as place-mats at many Chinese restaurants. While the restaurant goer works around a 12-sectioned pie to find what sign they fall under (2015 is the year of the horse, by the way), this tournament asks past Nome-Beltz

players to move around a three-piece circle to determine teams. For instance, Alumni Team C was comprised of players who had graduated in 2013, 2010, 2007, etc.

By beating Team C on Friday night, the 2015 Nanooks set themselves up for a Saturday night winner's bracket match-up against the alumni of Team A, who had defeated Team B the night before. The Team A alumni featured several players

from last year's class.

Thanks to the hot hand of recent graduate Tyler Eide, the alumni were able to get out in front of the current Nanooks early in the first quarter of Saturday night's game with a score of 12-9. The Nome-Beltz boys responded with a 6-2 run to take their first lead at 15-14. Eide and senior point guard Alex Gray traded three point shots at the end of the quarter, as the Nanooks were able to maintain a slim 18-17 margin.

As the second quarter unfolded, Gray and senior Klay Baker scored to counteract four quick points in the paint by 2014 graduate Cass Mattheis. This helped the Nanooks extend their lead to 26-21, which proved to be the largest gap that either team would create the entire game.

While Eide continued to attack

the basket for the alums, senior Wink Winkelmann and junior Ian Booth connected on big baskets to give their squad a 32-30 advantage with less than a minute to go in the half. With time running out, David Stickel, class of 2011, hit a shot that would send both teams to the locker room tied at 32.

The alumni came out of the break with renewed energy and were led by the defensive hustle of Stickel and 2014 graduate Matt Tunley. They used a three point shot by Eide to jump out to their largest lead of the game at 38-34. Booth's three points off a 2-pointer and a foul shot, as well as his three point jumper, helped the Nanooks even the score at 43-43 midway through the quarter. Sophomore forward Mikey Scott and Mattheis traded late baskets to close out the quarter tied 53-53.

Early in the fourth quarter the Nanooks jumped out to a four point lead as senior forward Josh Gologer-gen hit two free throws, and senior forward Daniel Head scored off of an offensive rebound. Team A was quick to respond with three point shots by 2005 graduate Brendan Tran and 2011 grad Tim Sullivan. Baker responded with a three of his own, bringing the Nanooks within one at 61-60, but that was the last time the team would score. Eide had a steal with 13.2 seconds remaining to dash the Nanooks' hopes of a comeback. He was subsequently fouled and made a free throw to give the alumni a 64-60 win.

Head coach Pat Callahan stated that the team really appreciates the alumni coming back each year. This

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*Photos by Keith Conger*

**SURROUNDED**— Tyler Eide, class of 2013, goes up for a shot at the Men's Alumni Basketball Tournament on Saturday night in the Nome-Beltz gym. Zach Sullivan, class of 2013, David Stickel, class of 2011, and John Smith, class of 2013, try to stop him.



**LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON**— Nome-Beltz reserve sophomore point guard Josh Bourdon tried to get past his father Wilson, class of 1987, at the Men's Alumni Basketball Tournament on Saturday night in the Nome-Beltz gym. The former Nanooks went on to beat the current Nanooks 64-60.

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ARCTIC SUNSET— The solstice sun slides over the horizon into the Bering Sea Dec 22.

Photo by Steven Randel



Photo by Keith Conger

**DRIVING THE LANE**— Nome-Beltz senior forward Josh Gologergen drives toward the basket during the second half of the final game at the Men's Alumni Basketball Tournament on Saturday night in the Nome-Beltz gym. Gologergen was able to draw two fouls, and went on to sink four important free throws to keep the game close. He is covered by Matt Tunley, class of 2014.



WAITING TO RUN— Nome sled dogs await their musher on a sunny January day.

Photo by Diana Haecker

## • Basketball

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really helps his current squad to improve. It's fun for him to see many of his former players back in the gym.

Callahan noted that this year there were two alumni fathers playing against sons on the current roster. Michael Scott, class of 1984, played against his son Mikey, and 1987 graduate Wilson Bourdon played against his son Joshua. Scott got the distinction of being the oldest returning alum at the tournament.

The Nanook boys open up Western Conference play next weekend as they host the Subway Showdown. Their competition will include two conference foes — the Kotzebue Huskies and the Bethel Warriors. The 2A Unalakleet Wolfpack rounds out the field.

Callahan notes that the competition next weekend will be tough. Bethel is currently ranked as a top three team in the 3A division. The Kotzebue boys are coming off a fourth place finish at the ACS tournament. Unalakleet played Kotzebue very close in a late December match-up.

### Lady Nanooks Results

The Nome-Beltz girls competed at the ACS/Lime Solar Basketball Tournament this past weekend. According to head coach Don Stiles, the team was challenged by the full court press of 4A Palmer in their first game, losing 47-12. They bowed to Valdez 62-27 in the second game, although they outscored their opponent 9-7 in the third quarter. The Nanook girls lost to Bethel 43-19 in its final game.

The Nome girls will play both the Lady Huskies and the Lady Warriors, as well as the Anchorage Christian Schools Lions at the Subway Showdown next weekend.

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# All Around the Sound

### New Arrivals

Our bundle of joy, **Phoenix Jeremy Nassuk**, joined us on November 21, 2014 at 2:50 p.m. at Alaska Native Medical Center. He weighed a healthy 8 lbs. 12 ozs. and was 21.25 inches in length. His proud siblings are: Denise, Destiny, Jewel and Landyn! His father Jeremy Nassuk and mother Dawn Miller waited a month in Anchorage for his grand arrival while maternal grandmother Dorothy Adams cared



Phoenix Jeremy Nassuk

for siblings. Maternal grandfather is Wayne Miller of Nome. Paternal grandparents are Roger Nassuk Jr. and Ramona Nassuk of Koyuk.

Colton West and Maggie Ahkvaluk proudly announce the birth of their son, **Carson James West**. He was born on October 6, 2014 in Anchorage at the Alaska Native Medical Center, weighing 6 lbs. 4 oz. and 18.5 inches long. Carson's maternal grandparents are Darlene and Raleigh Ahkvaluk of Nome,



Carson James West

and paternal grandparents are Jim West Jr. of Nome, and Annette Branstetter West of Anchorage.

Dorothy and Quinn Ivanoff of Unalakleet announce the birth of their daughter **Faith Bobbi Ivanoff**, born November 23, 2014 at 11:08 a.m. at the Alaska Native

Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 12 pounds and was 22.25" in length. Siblings and other family members: Duncan Ivanoff, 14; Mason Ivanoff, 9; maternal grandparents Robert "Bobby" Amarok of Golovin, Mary Kowchee of White Mountain; and paternal grandmother Doris Ivanoff of Unalakleet.

Briana A. Rose and Cameron A. Piscoya of Nome, announce the birth of their son **Ethan Caleb Piscoya** born December 7, 2014 at 10:43 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 19.5" in length. His sister is Sophia Piscoya, 1. Maternal grandparents are Monica and Joel Rose, of Nome; and paternal grandparents are Annette and Kooper Piscoya, of Anchorage.

Adam and Gracy Lust of Nome announce the birth of their son **Matthew Steven Lust**, born December 13, 2014 in St. Cloud, Minnesota. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 19" in length. Paternal grandparents are Steve and Christine Pomrenke of Nome. Maternal grandparents are



Matthew Steven Lust

Loloy and Evelyn Abaa of Surigao Del Sur, Philippines.

Donna Morgan and Brett Hull of Anchorage announce the birth of their daughter **Scarlett Kimberly Evelyn Hull**, born October 9, at 10:57 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She



Scarlett Kimberly Evelyn Hull

weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 21" in length. Other family members are: Donna Morgan, great grandma; grandparents Bruce and Linda Morgan, Kimberly Morgan; and Terry and Danean Hull.

### New CFO

#### KOTZEBUE, Dec. 29, 2014

– NANA Regional Corporation, Inc. an Alaska Native Corporation representing more than 13,600 Iñupiat shareholders of Northwest Alaska, announced the appointment of Jens Beck as the company's new Chief Financial Officer effective December 4, 2014. Beck will also serve as CFO of NANA's wholly-owned subsidiary, NANA Development Corporation (NDC).

Prior to his new position, Beck served as CFO and Senior Vice President at Arctic Slope Regional Corporation Energy Services. Throughout his career, he has held a variety of financial leadership positions including Senior Auditor of

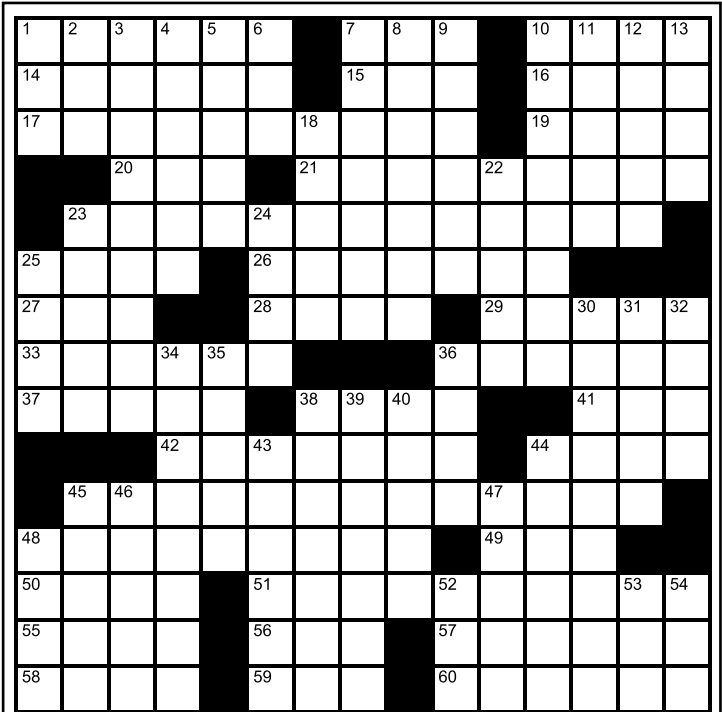
Public Accounting for KPMG where he obtained his CPA certification for Alaska.

Beck holds a Bachelor of Economics from Phillips University of Marburg and a Bachelor's of Business Administration in accounting and finance from the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA).

### KUAC will change weekend radio

KUAC will make several changes to its FM and HD weekend line-up beginning Saturday, Jan. 10. "KUAC strives to engage our listeners with quality programming that

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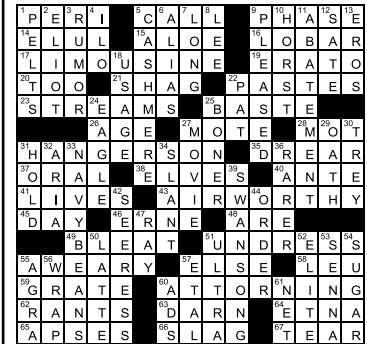


- Across**
- 1. Floodgate
  - 7. Former aerosol propellant (abbrev.)
  - 10. Miniature sci-fi vehicles
  - 14. Inhabitant of 34th U.S. state
  - 15. Deception
  - 16. "I had no \_\_\_\_"
  - 17. Inhabitant of the Maylay Archipelago
  - 19. Warm, so to speak
  - 20. "I" problem
  - 21. Seaport in NW Florida
  - 23. Authoritative statement
  - 25. "Fudge!"
  - 26. Experienced
  - 27. Victorian, for one
  - 28. "\_\_\_\_ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)
  - 29. Seed coat
  - 33. Has a traditional meal (2 wds)
  - 36. Sorcerer
  - 37. Pretentious sort
  - 38. Legal prefix
  - 41. Formerly known as
  - 42. Made invalid
  - 44. Julie \_\_\_\_, "Big Brother" host
  - 45. Cocktail sauce ingredient (pl.)
  - 48. Religious order probationer
  - 49. A hand
  - 50. \_\_\_\_ probandi
  - 51. Marine decapod (2 wds)
  - 55. Mouselike animal

- 56. Alter, in a way
- 57. Baba ghanouj ingredient
- 58. "Iliad" warrior
- 59. Absorbed, as a cost
- 60. Printed, glazed cotton fabric

- Down**
- 1. Schuss, e.g.
  - 2. PC linkup (acronym)
  - 3. Review unfairly
  - 4. Equiangular polygon
  - 5. Religious law
  - 6. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
  - 7. Business needs
  - 8. Bride-to-be
  - 9. Ceremonial burner
  - 10. Spectacles with nose clip (hyphenated)
  - 11. Ancient Greek theater
  - 12. Gave out
  - 13. "\_\_\_\_ Smile" (1976 hit)
  - 18. Gushes out (var. spelling)
  - 22. Cremona artisan
  - 23. Orange crablike Pokemon character
  - 24. Baking appliance
  - 25. Abstruse
  - 30. Supreme judicial council of ancient Jerusalem
  - 31. Ashes, e.g.
  - 32. Gulf of \_\_\_\_, off the coast of Yemen
  - 34. First light of day (pl.)
  - 35. That is, in Latin (2 wds)
  - 36. Dry riverbed
  - 38. Protective wall
  - 39. Simultaneously (3 wds)
  - 40. Counseled
  - 43. Japanese \_\_\_\_ girl
  - 44. Affected
  - 45. Accept
  - 46. Fertilization site
  - 47. Fergie, formally
  - 48. \_\_\_\_ Scotia
  - 52. Abbr. after a comma
  - 53. Amazon, e.g. (insect)
  - 54. Show \_\_\_\_

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# HOROSCOPES

January 2015 — Week 2

**CAPRICORN**  
December 22–January 19

Ask and you shall receive, Capricorn. It really is that easy this week. An upgrade in accommodations at work provides a welcome change of pace.

**ARIES**  
March 21–April 19

All eyes are on you to fix a problem, Aries, but you may have to sit this one out, as resources are in short supply. Conflict is resolved at home.

**CANCER**  
June 22–July 22

Duty calls, Cancer. Do not disappoint. A mystery is cleared up at home, and you no longer need to worry. A friend makes a request. Honor it if you can.

**LIBRA**  
September 23–October 22

Truly, Libra. You are very good at what you do, but that doesn't mean you are right for the job. Pass on the opportunity and look for a more suitable one.

**AQUARIUS**  
January 20–February 18

You've dallied around long enough, Aquarius. The opportunity is yours for the taking if you want it. Make a plan of attack and set it into motion.

**TAURUS**  
April 20–May 20

Change can be hard, Taurus, but it is not impossible. Rally the troops and start the implementation. A social engagement calls for some thinking outside of the box.

**LEO**  
July 23–August 22

Uh-oh, Leo. A confession throws you for a loop, but this is not the time to show it. Maintain your calm facade and pitch a fit later behind closed doors.

**SCORPIO**  
October 23–November 21

Time to shake things up, Scorpio. The routine is getting to everyone and starting to slow things down. Slip in something new, and watch the pace pick up.

**PISCES**  
February 19–March 20

Romance has taken a back seat to business for far too long now, Pisces. Rearrange your schedule and make time for that special someone.

**GEMINI**  
May 21–June 21

You're in demand, Gemini, and your calendar begins to fill. Say yes to the causes that mean the most to you and no to the rest. Your family needs you.

**VIRGO**  
August 23–September 22

Watch it, Virgo. Someone is observing you from afar. Keep up the good work, and you just might earn a promotion. A note provides vital information.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22–December 21

Geez, Sagittarius. If it were easy, everyone would join in. Know what you are getting into before you sign on the dotted line. An invitation arrives.

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## Obituaries

### Michael Gregory Dickens

Michael Gregory Dickens, 65, fortified with the sacraments of the Catholic Church began his new life of everlasting joy and peace on Dec. 26, 2014.

Michael is survived by his wife, Monica, his much loved children Tony (Katrina) Dickens and



Michael Gregory Dickens

Amanda (Rob) Pittman, sister, Gina (Dick) Gerkin brother, Thom Longenecker, his sisters-in-law, Doris (Dick) Young, Helen (Bill) Gansler, Marian (Larry) Mitchell, and Elaine (Rafael) Take. He has 16 nieces and nephews, 28 great-nieces and nephews, 1 great-great nephew and many friends.

His extended family included the schools: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Glendale, AZ, Brevig Mission and Unalakleet School (Bering Strait School District), Alaska, Ketchikan School District, and Skagway City School.

Parishes: St. Steven, Sun Lakes, AZ and St. Therese, Skagway, AK.

Michael was a teacher, principal, superintendent, Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus at St. Steven Parish and friend to many. Michael earned his doctorate in educational leadership from Northern Arizona University.

Michael was very proud of his children, Tony and Amanda. As a family, they traveled to all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, Jamaica, Europe

and Africa. He spent hours listening to his nieces and nephews and shared many amusement park adventures with them. Michael enjoyed being with the students in the classes he taught and administering to the staff. He was kind, funny, wore crazy ties, and in his pants pocket one could hear his tic tacs jingling. Michael always began school days with a warm greeting for the day "Happy Monday." To know Michael was to know kindness, the joy of living and a man who loved to travel and share a tasty meal. He was a wonderful listener. Michael loved music especially operas and passed from this life to the next listening to the music he enjoyed. We are all better people to have shared a part of his life story.

In celebration of his life, a memorial mass will be held at St. Steven Catholic Church, Sun Lakes, AZ (TBA) and in St. Louis, MO. Arizona Organ and Science Care donor. Private interment in St. Louis, MO.

Contributions to Notre Dame Mission Crusade (Honduras), 320 E. Ripa Ave., St. Louis, MO 63125 or St. Steven Knights of Columbus in Sun Lakes, AZ 85248.

### David Bruce Harding

David Bruce Harding, 68, of Newport Washington, died Wednesday December 17, 2014, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane.

He was born in Berkeley, California on 7-17-46, to Ralph and Billie Harding, the oldest of three sons.

In his youth, Dave became an avid sailor and enjoyed racing sail boats with his father, a passion he kept throughout his life. Dave graduated from Berkeley High School, after which he joined the Marine Corps and proudly served from 1965 to 1968 including two tours in Vietnam.

Dave married Teresa (Terry) in 1974 and they moved to Nome in 1978. They lived in many places in Alaska until moving to Newport, WA in 2012.

During his working years, Dave worked as a certified welder, journeyman carpenter and building contractor, private pilot, and flew as a commercial bush pilot in Nome and Kotzebue, and briefly in Barrow, Alaska. He loved boating,

building and creating things, and was an avid reader on many topics from science to the stock market. He loved to tell stories of his many adventures spanning nearly 35 years in bush Alaska.

Dave is survived by his wife of 40 years, Terry; son Donald F. Harding (Susan); and daughter Sue Harding Griffin; his twin brothers Fred Harding (Sue), Lloyd Harding (Amy) and numerous loving nieces and nephews.

All who knew Dave will remember him for his love of family, zest

for life and adventure, sense of humor, easy going personality, and for those that knew him best ... his quest to know about extraterrestrials (please don your hats of aluminum foil in his honor).

The family asks that in lieu of flowers you show your love by making a donation to your favorite charity in Dave's name.

Sherman-Knapp Funeral Home in Newport took charge of arrangements. Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at sherman-knapp dot com

## Saying It Sincerely

**Pastor Charles Brower**  
**Community United Methodist Church**  
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The majority of Christian Churches and believers in Christmas have put our trimmings, trees, and gifts away. But, the Orthodox Christians mark the birth of Jesus Christ on January 7 and their celebrations are just now over.

One tradition many Russian Orthodox observe is starring – (selavik in Yupik) where the believers follow a brightly decorated, spinning star with an icon of the Nativity placed at the star's center that proclaiming: "Jesus Christ is born!" The star represents the star followed by the magi who visited our Savior's birth. In many of our western Alaska communities, the procession goes house to house, sometimes over the course of several nights. Normally led by a church choir the starrers sing traditional songs in Russian, English and their local native dialect.

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## Church Services Directory

**Bible Baptist Church**  
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Sunday School: 10 a.m./Worship: 11 a.m.

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

**Community United Methodist Church**  
**West 2nd Avenue & C Street • 443-2865**

**Pastor Charles Brower**  
Sunday: Worship 11:00 am  
Monday: Thrift Shop 4:00 to 5:00 pm  
Tuesday & Thursday: Thrift Shop 7:00 to 8:30 pm  
Wednesday: Faith Followers 5:45 to 7:30 pm

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

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

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

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
**Corner of Steadman & W. King Place • 443-5527**  
Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Weekday Masses: Mon. & Tue. 9:00 a.m., Thur. 12:10 p.m.  
Friday Hospital Mass: 12:10 p.m. (NSRH Meditation Room)

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

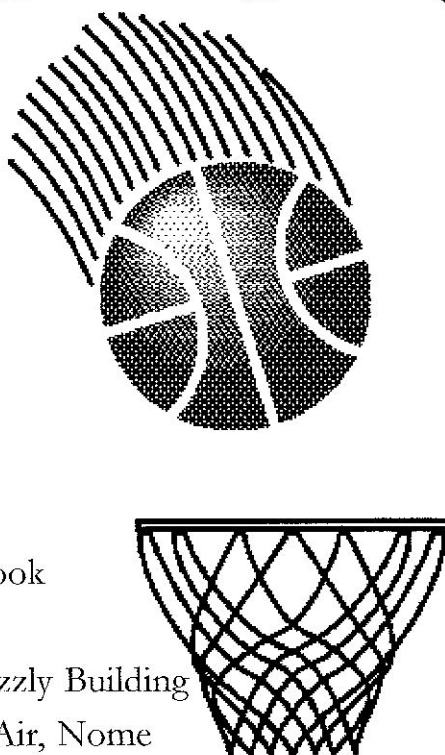
**Nome Church of the Nazarene**  
**3rd Avenue & Division Street • 443-2805**  
**Pastor Dan Ward • 252-5773**  
Sunday Prayer 9:30 a.m. • Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
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fits our listeners' lifestyles and tastes," said Keith Martin, general manager. "At times, there is a need to alter the programming schedule to meet these goals."

The new schedules on Saturday morning on KUAC FM and HD:

7 a.m. – "Weekend Edition Saturday"

9 a.m. – "Best of Car Talk"

10 a.m. – "Wait, Wait ... Don't Tell Me"

11 a.m. – "The Whad'Ya Know Radio Hour"

Sunday morning on KUAC FM and HD:

7 a.m. – "Weekend Edition Sunday"

9 a.m. – "On the Media"

10 a.m. – "The Splendid Table"

11 a.m. – "From the Top"

The schedule change means some additional changes on KUAC2 and KUAC3, the station's other HD radio channels:

• "America's Test Kitchen Radio" will replace "The Splendid Table" at 11 a.m. Listeners can also tune in to KUAC3 for more programming about food with hosts from KUAC TV Create programs like "Cook's Country" and "America's Test Kitchen."

• "Wits" will still air at 10 a.m. on Saturday mornings, but will be on KUAC2.

• "WireTap" will move to 10 a.m. Sunday morning on KUAC2.

• "XPoNential Radio" on KUAC2 on Sundays will make way for some new programming in select time slots: "Nerdette" with host Greta Johnsen, the former host during "Morning Edition" on KUAC, will air at 11 a.m., and "Encounters" will air at 11:30 a.m. In the 4-5 p.m. timeslot, KUAC2 will offer NPR programs that have only a season of episodes, rather than a full year. Those include "State of the Re:Union," "Intelligence2," "America Abroad," "Invisibilia" and "Reveal."



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## Trooper Beat

On December 22, 2014 at approximately 11:00 a.m., Village Police Officers in Saint Michael contacted and arrested Darryl Coffey, 42, of Saint Michael. Coffey was arrested on two outstanding arrest warrants both for the original charge of probation violation.

Coffey was transported and remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correction Center where he was held with no bail.

On December 24, 2014 at approximately 9:31 p.m., Kellen Katcheak, 31, was reported as overdue from a snow machine trip from Unalakleet to Stebbins. Kellen told family that he was planning on leaving Unalakleet at 11:00 a.m., and estimated to be back in Stebbins around 5:00 p.m. After confirming that Kellen did not return back to Unalakleet and he was not in Stebbins, AST advised the Unalakleet Search and Rescue coordinator along with several volunteers in Stebbins that a search was needed. At approximately 10:00 p.m., a member of the Saint Michael Search and Rescue team heard on his VHF a distress call from Kellen stating that he was safe and in a cabin near Golsovia. Kellen reported that he and his brand new Polaris 600 Voyager had gone into the ocean near the mouth of the Golsovia River. At approximately 10:20 p.m. two people on snow machines left Saint Michael towards Kellen's location. At approximately 4:00 a.m., Kellen was met by the searchers and driven back to Saint Michael. Kellen stated that he went into the water with his machine approximately one mile from the cabin. Kellen had to wade through slush and ice to get to shore and he and his clothing were soaked with water. After he walked approximately one mile to the cabin he located a generator outside. It took approximately four hours to start the generator to use the VHF to call for help. Kellen did not report any injuries. Kellen arrived home to his wife and kids on Christmas morning at approximately 8:30 a.m.

On December 2, 2014 in the Nome District Court, Hans Huls, 12, pled guilty to one consolidated charge of Wanton Waste as a violation. Huls was fined \$500 with \$500 suspended, was ordered to pay \$3000 in restitution and has lost his hunting privileges for one year. Huls also was ordered to forfeit his Yamaha 4-wheeler and the 4 weapons used in the crimes. The co-defendant pled out last year.

On December 28, at about 2:00 p.m., Alaska State Troopers received a report of a fatal house fire in Koyuk. Ethel Adams, 82, was found deceased in her house after firefighters extinguished the fire. Dale Adams, 42, escaped the fire and was flown to an Anchorage hospital for treatment of his injuries. A young boy who was in the house at the time managed to escape without injury. Troopers responded to the village on December 28. A state deputy fire marshal will respond to investigation the cause of the fire. Adams' body will be sent to the SME's office. Next of kin was notified.

On January 1, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., AST received a report of a death in White Mountain. Esther Lincoln, 40, of White Mountain, was found deceased in her residence. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Gilbert Olanna, 31, of White Mountain for Murder 1, two counts of Tampering with Physical Evidence, and Assault 4. Olanna was remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

## All Along the Seawall

#### NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASES 12/15/2014 through 12/21/2014

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

**During this period there were 71 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center. 35 (49%) involved alcohol.**

**There were 7 arrests made with 6 (85%) alcohol related.**

**There were 5 ambulance calls and 0 fire calls during this period.**

#### MONDAY DECEMBER 15, 2014:

12:05 a.m. the Nome Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a four wheeler that didn't come to a complete stop at the corner of West Second and Bering. The driver, Jeffrey Ellanna, was found to have a revoked license and was on probation. Jeffrey was taken to AMCC and Remanded with no bail for Driving while License revoked and probation violation.

12:50 a.m. the Nome Police Department made contact with an intoxicated female who had fallen to the ground on W Front St. Thelma Ahkvaluk was transported to the hospital for medical evaluation and then to AMCC for a Title 47 protective hold due to her high level of intoxication. .

2:21 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a business on the east side of Nome for the report of an intoxicated female crying and rolling around on the ground outside. Johnalee Viner was contacted and found to be highly intoxicated. She had a superficial laceration above her eye and was taken to the hospital for evaluation. Upon release, she was taken to a relative's residence who agreed to care for her; however Viner left the residence and began to yell at the top of her lungs in the public area. She was warned multiple times before being arrested for Disorderly Conduct. Viner was remanded to AMCC and held on \$250 bail.

11:06 p.m.NPD responded to a local business on Front Street for a welfare check on an extremely intoxicated female. Courtney Amaktoolik was contacted and taken to the hospital for evaluation and subsequently placed into the NEST Shelter.

#### Tuesday December 16, 2014:

12:52 a.m. NPD responded to the east side of town for a report of an assault. Investigation led to the arrest of Mark Simon for Assault in the 3rd Degree after it was determined that he tried to choke a female victim at the scene. Simon was taken to AMCC where he was remanded with no bail on this felony offense.

11:43 p.m. NPD received a report of a possible sexual assault. The case is under investigation.

#### Wednesday December 17, 2014:

9:22 a.m. NPD responded to a report of harassment near City Hall. NPD conducted patrol of the area and insured there was no further action occurring.

3:41 p.m. NPD responded to a call received about an intoxicated female who was passed out in a business on Front Street. Upon Officer arrival, Regina Kava was found inside the establishment asleep. She was arrested for Drunk On Licensed Premises and Introduction of Alcohol to License Premise; transported to Norton Sound Regional

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#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

#### SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

BEVERLY FRANCES GELZER,

Deceased.

Case No. 2NO-14-81 PR

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Mr. Reginald Joule has been appointed personal representative of the above-entitled estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of

first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Mr. Reginald Joule, c/o Lewis & Thomas, P.C., Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762, or filed with this Court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762. DATED this 10th day of December, 2014. s/Erin M. Lillie, Associate Attorney Lewis & Thomas, P.C. Attorneys for Reginald Joule, Personal Representative P.O. Box 61, Nome, AK 99762 12/18-25-1/8



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Hospital for medical clearance; and then to AMCC; bail was set to \$500.

9:41 p.m., NPD responded to a residence on W. 2nd Avenue to a report of a drunk male exposed to the elements. Donald Oliver was contacted and taken to the hospital for medical evaluation before being placed at the NEST shelter for the evening.

11:00 p.m. NPD responded to an establishment on the west end of town on a report of a disturbance. Investigation led to the arrest of John Penetac for Disorderly Conduct after he tried to fight with others present. He was transported to AMCC; bail was set to \$250.

11:05 p.m., a 12- week-old male puppy was brought to NPD, and surrendered to the City. This animal is up for adoption. To meet your new prospective play partner contact NPD at (907) -443-5262. The puppy has all shots and is ready for a good home!

#### Thursday December 18, 2014:

8:10 p.m. NPD received a report of a firearm violation at TSA Nome Airport. NPD advises all travelers to check with TSA for rules on firearms transports. Violators may be subject to criminal charges and substantial civil penalties from TSA/FAA.

9:07 p.m. NPD responded to a report of an injured dog on Seppala Drive. The dog was brought to NPD and with the gracious assistance of PAWS of Nome; arrangements were made to transport the dog to Anchorage for veterinarian care. A big thanks to Alyssa Wolf for all her hard work!

9:50 p.m. NPD responded to an establishment on the west end of town on a report of a disturbance. Leo Kobuk was arrested for Criminal Trespass in the 2ndDegree. He was taken to AMCC; bail was set to \$500.

#### Friday, December 19, 2014:

12:14 a.m. NPD conducted a traffic stop on the west end of town on an ATV. Micheal Aukon was

contacted and found to have a revoked driver's license. A report will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for Driving with License Revoked. PLEASE NOTE: Operation of any motorized vehicle on City or State Roadways REQUIRES A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE.

3:28 a.m. NPD received a report of a disturbance on the west end of town. Max Iyapana was contacted and Investigation led to a report being forwarded to the DAO for Violating Conditions of Probation.

4:08 a.m. NPD received a report of a disturbance on the west end of town. Investigation led to the arrest of June Koonuk for Violating Conditions of Probation. She was transported to AMCC; no bail was set.

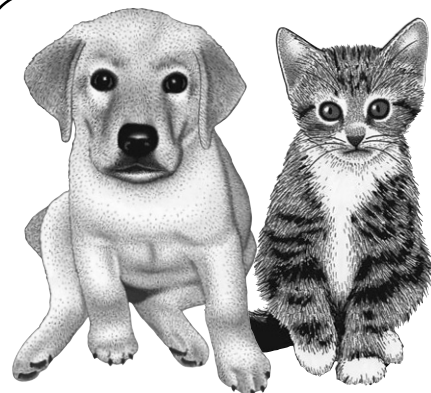
12:50 p.m. a male black Lab was turned into the Nome Police Department. If this is your animal please contact us at (907)-443-5262.

1:23 p.m. NPD received a report that Helen Sockpick was intoxicated and watching a small child. The investigation led to Helen receiving a citation for Endangering the Welfare of a Child in the 2nd degree. OCS was contacted and the child was left in their custody.

7:15 p.m. NPD received a report of a snow-machine that crashed into a parked truck on the west end of town. Investigation found that Robert Milton operated the snowmachine while under the influence of alcohol, and fled the scene after the crash. Milton was found and arrested a short time later. Milton is being charged with three (3) class C Felonies, and two (2) class A Misdemeanors. He was booked at AMCC where he is being held on no bail.

9:42 p.m. Nome Police and Ambulance Departments responded to a house on the east side of town on the report of an infant male not breath-

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ing. The infant was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The family was immediately notified. Investigation into the circumstances of this unfortunate event is continuing with our condolences to the family.

10:02 p.m. a copper colored female dog was turned into NPD, the owner has been contacted.

**Saturday, December 20, 2014**

8:06 a.m. NPD received a report of a shoplifter who was caught and being held inside the store. The investigation led to the arrest of Peter Longley for Theft 4th degree. Peter was transported to AMCC with a \$250 bail

4:10 p.m., NPD received a report that Courtney Amaktolik was refusing to leave a business when asked. The investigation led to the arrest of Amaktolik for Criminal Trespass 2. Amaktolik was highly intoxicated and was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital. Amaktolik was then transported to AMCC with a bail of \$250.

4:45 p.m. While on routine patrol on the west end of town, NPD observed a male lying on the ground not moving. Allen Kost ,31, was contacted, and observed to be highly intoxicated. Kost stated he had been lying on the ground for the previous hour, and felt cold. Kost was transported to the Norton Sound Hospital for medical treatment. Kost was found not to be hypothermic, and was released to a friend who agreed to care for him.

10:03 p.m. NPD responded to a disturbance at an address on W. 2nd Avenue. Investigation resulted in the arrest of George Minix for Disorderly Conduct after it was determined that he continued to make unreasonably loud noise after warned not to do so, Minix was remanded to AMCC with bail set at \$250.

2:50 a.m. NPD responded to a report of a break-in that was in progress occurring at a residence on W. First Avenue. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Paul Nayokpuk for Criminal Trespass in the First Degree. He was remanded to AMCC with bail set at \$500.

4:12 a.m. NPD received a report of a possible domestic assault at a residence on E. Third Avenue. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Nick Gray for Assault in the Fourth Degree (DV). He was remanded to AMCC with no bail for this domestic violence offense.

**NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**MEDIA RELEASES 12/28/2014 1600 through 01/04/2015**

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*During this period there were 139 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center. 53 (38%) involved alcohol.*

*There were 13 arrests made with 12 (92%) alcohol related.*

*NPD responded to 6 calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. 1 was remanded to AMCC as a protective hold; and 2 remained at the hospital for medical evaluation/treatment.*

*There were 3 ambulance calls and 0 fire calls during this period.*  
**SUNDAY DECEMBER 28, 2014**  
6:12 p.m. the Nome Police Department re-

sponded to the north end of town on the report of a truck driving recklessly and nearly hitting several pedestrians. A description of the truck was given, and the truck was found a short time later. Cody Cordeiro was contacted and issued citations for Reckless Driving, and Failure to Register a Vehicle.

9:13 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on the east side of town on the report of an intoxicated couple fighting. Upon arrival, officers were informed that the couple had left in a cab. At 10:51 p.m. officers returned to the residence for the report of the same intoxicated female banging on the door. The female stated her son's iPad was inside the residence; however a sober tenant stated the property was not on the premises. The issue was resolved by separation and a report was taken for the missing property.

10:26 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to the N.E.S.T on the report of a guest was yelling, cursing, and disturbing the other guests. John Penetac was contacted and arrested for Disorderly Conduct. Penetac was taken to Norton Sound Hospital for medical treatment and was then remanded to AMCC, where he was held on \$250 bail. Penetac was also issued a citation for Open Container, which was found on his person incident to arrest.

10:55 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to the west side of town on the report of an intoxicated driver. The vehicle was located and a traffic stop was conducted. The driver, JoDeen Mueller, was contacted and found to be operating a vehicle while intoxicated. Mueller was placed under arrest for DUI and was remanded to AMCC where she was held on \$1,000 bail.

**MONDAY DECEMBER 29, 2014**

1:45 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a report of a water pipe burst on the west side of town. Nome Joint Utilities was contacted and responded to the scene, where they turned off the water main; preventing any further damage.

1:57 a.m. Nome Police Department responded to a disturbance at a residence on the west side of town involving a weapon. Upon arrival and further investigation, Timothy Kost was placed under arrest for Misconduct Involving Weapons in the 4th Degree. A second party was contacted, later identified as William Iyatunguk, who was also found to be intoxicated; which violated his current Probation Conditions. The Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department responded to the scene and transported Kost to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical treatment. Kost was later remanded to AMCC for MIW 4 and two counts of Assault III; charges for Iyatunguk's Probation Violation and will be sent to the District Attorney's Office for disposition.

2:38 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on the west side of town for the report of a male possibly wanting to harm himself. Upon arrival, officers contacted a sober relative and friend who was at the residence with the male and agreed to stay with him. The male denied wanting to inflict any harm upon himself. No further action was necessary.

6:25 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a report of a trespass on the east side of town. The reporting party stated that an unknown male entered the residence and left when confronted by home owner. The suspect then fled the scene and was not able to be located. The Nome Police Department would like to remind everyone to keep your doors locked and secured,

even while inside your residence, as a first line of protection from such an incident.

6:36 a.m. Nome Police Department responded to a report of a possible altercation on the west side of town. Scotty McPeck and Sara Iyapana were contacted and investigation revealed that they were involved in a verbal dispute involving them yelling loudly outside. Iyapana attempted to strike McPeck in the face with her feet several times, she started to fight with officers, and she refused to calm down. McPeck then began to fight with officers and he head-butted one of the officers in the face. McPeck was placed under arrest for Assault in the 4th Degree. Iyapana was placed under arrest for Disorderly Conduct. Both McPeck and Iyapana were transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation and once cleared, both were remanded to AMCC for their respective charges. McPeck was held on \$500 bail and Iyapana was held on \$250 bail.

2:25 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a report of a possible sexual assault. The investigation is ongoing.

2:45 p.m. the Nome Police Department was requested to conduct a welfare check on an individual who had not contacted family in several days. The individual was found at his new place of residence and was in good health and spirits. The individual then contacted the concerned family member to assure them of his safety.

7:58 p.m., the Nome Police Department received a report of a possible trespass. Upon arrival and further investigation, the subject was found to have permission to be on the premises and no further action was necessary.

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 30, 2014**

12:51 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to the report of a person unconscious on the west side of town. Upon arrival, the intoxicated male was identified as Gordon Paul and he was provided transportation to the NEST for the evening.

1:32 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on the east side of town for a dispute over property. The involved parties were directed to the Nome Court System to re-

solve the civil issue. No further action was necessary.

4 p.m. the Nome Police Department served Jared Wiggins his summons to appear in court in January of 2015.

5:10 p.m. the Nome Police Department served Eathan Elianna and Stacey Tokieanna their summons to appear in court in January of 2015.

5:25 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to the report of an intoxicated male causing a disturbance outside of an establishment on the west side of town. Upon arrival, Officers contacted John Penetac, who was warned for Drunk on Licensed Premises due to his high level of intoxication. Penetac was released from the scene and no further action was taken.

6:27 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a trespass report on the west side of town. Officers arrived on scene and made contact with a highly intoxicated female, identified as Courtney Amaktolik. Amaktolik was then transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation and then remanded to AMCC on a Title 47 hold.

12:59 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a report of a person who had requested Police assistance at a residence on the west side of town. Upon arrival, the intoxicated male denied requesting Police presence and indicated he was not in need of any assistance. The male was released from the scene and no further action was necessary.

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 31, 2014**

9:35 a.m. the Nome Police Department served Ada Bergamaschi her summons to appear in court in January of 2015.

1:46 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a report of money being stolen from the reporting party's bank account. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing.

2:55 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a business on the west side of town for the report of a person sleeping inside. Officers arrived and contacted Michael Saclamana, who left the premises upon request. No further action was taken.

3:21 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to an emergency call of a water leak on the east side of town. Officers and the reporting party made contact with the owner of the building and the issue was resolved.

3:21 p.m. a Good Samaritan arrived at the Nome Police Department with two male dogs that had been located outside of city limits; one tan in color and the second black and white. Both dogs were placed in the Animal Shelter and on January 4, 2015, the animals were returned to their owner.

4:05 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a report from a concerned citizen of a highly intoxicated female staggering on the west side of town. Upon arrival, officers located and identified the female as Courtney Amaktolik. The Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department was requested on scene and volunteers transported Amaktolik to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical treatment.

4:16 p.m. officers were conducting a security check at a local business when an intoxicated male was contacted just outside of the establishment. The male, Edward Muktoyuk, was given a Drunk on Licensed Premises warning and was released from the scene without further incident.

4:42 p.m. the Nome Police Department executed an Arrest Warrant on Wayne Alvis. Alvis was arrested and remanded to AMCC, where he was held without bail.

5:09 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated tenant destroying property within the home. Upon arrival, officers contacted Donald Oliver and another resident. Oliver, who was found to be intoxicated, had only damaged his own belongings and agreed to leave the residence until he was sober. No further action was necessary.

6:16 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a report from a citizen who was receiving harassing phone calls. The reporting party was advised to apply for a Stalking Protective Order at the Nome Court. No further action was necessary.

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# NORTON SOUND HEALTH CORPORATION

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NSHC FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) Board of Directors is scheduled to meet **January 12-16, 2015** at the New Hospital 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room #306/308 located in Nome, Alaska from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Portions of the meeting may be conducted in executive session. The public is invited to attend the meetings. Testimony from the public may be limited. Members of the public wishing to receive information or a copy of the agenda may contact the Administration Office at (907) 443-3226 as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours before the meeting so that arrangements may be made.

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## Alaska National Parks Seeking Public Comment

Alaska's National Parks are inviting comment on each park's Compendium. The Compendium is a compilation of designations, allowances, and restrictions adopted under discretionary authority within the regulations covering national park areas. The Compendium, as part of the park-related regulations, helps provide for the use, enjoyment and protection of Alaska's National Parks.

A copy of each park's proposed compendium will be posted on January 15, 2015 at: [http://www.nps.gov/akso/management/proposed\\_compendiums.cfm](http://www.nps.gov/akso/management/proposed_compendiums.cfm). A written copy may be requested directly from the park or the National Park Service, 240 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501, Attn: Compendium.

Comments will be accepted by mail (at the above address) between January 15 and February 15. Also, comments will be accepted electronically for the same time period. Links to the public comment website may be found at [http://www.nps.gov/akso/management/proposed\\_compendiums.cfm](http://www.nps.gov/akso/management/proposed_compendiums.cfm). Additionally, public hearings on wildlife provisions in some Compendiums will be held in multiple locations; details on the hearings are also posted at the above web site.

Comments are welcome at any time in addition to this timeframe, but comments received after February 15 will be considered in future compendium revisions.

## 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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**DONNING JUDICIAL ROBES—** Former Nome Public Defender Angela Greene was sworn in as Superior Court Judge in Barrow. The ceremony was conducted by retiring Superior Court Judge Michael Jeffrey (right) and overseeing the ceremony (left) is Magistrate Judge Karen Heigy. The mahogany and silver engraved gavel in front of Judge Greene in photo on right was presented to her as a special Christmas gift by her family in Ohio.

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10:08 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated female that was refusing to leave the residence. Upon arrival, the female was identified as Courtney Amaktoolik, who was found highly intoxicated. Amaktoolik was transported to a sober relative's residence, where she was left in their care. No further action was taken.

### THURSDAY JANUARY 1, 2015

12:02 a.m. NPD conducted a traffic stop on the west end of town. Investigation led to the arrest of Sarina Ahmed for Driving Under the Influence. She was remanded to AMCC; where bail was set at \$1,000.

12:17 a.m. the Nome Police Department received the report of a stray dog located within town. The Nome Police Department Dispatch Center was able to locate the owner and the dog was released to said owner without further issue.

1:43 a.m. the Nome Police Department received a report of a highly intoxicated female that was having issues getting into a cab on the west side of town. Upon arrival, officers contacted Amelia Amaktoolik and Merlin Koonooka; both of whom were transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation.

2:21 a.m. the Nome Police Department received a report of a disturbance on the west side of town. Upon arrival, the two involved parties were found to be engaged in a verbal argument. The issue was resolved by separation and no further action was necessary.

3:01 a.m. the Nome Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle on the east side of town. The driver was given a verbal warning for conducting a U-Turn that resulted with the vehicle driving onto the sidewalk. The driver was released

from the scene without further issue.

3:13 a.m. the Nome Police Department received a phone call requesting officers at an establishment on the west side of town. Upon arrival, a male was contacted who required medical assistance. The Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department was dispatched, responded to the scene and transported the male to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical treatment.

5:06 a.m. NPD received a report of a motor vehicle accident (damage) on the east end of town. Investigation led to the arrest of Trevor Lee for Felony DUI and Driving While License Revoked. He was transported to AMCC; no bail was set.

7:50 a.m. the Nome Police Department received a report of a highly intoxicated male in front of a residence on the east side of town. Officers arrived and contacted Jacob Soolook, who was transported to a family member's residence, where he was left in their sober care.

9:06 a.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on the east side of town for a reported assault. Upon arrival and further investigation, the assault was deemed unfounded and the involved parties were separated. No further action was necessary.

2:44 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a report of an intoxicated female sleeping in the staircase at an apartment complex on the west side of town. Upon arrival, the female was identified as Victoria Campbell, who left the complex upon request. No further action was taken.

2:53 p.m. the Nome Police Department received a report of a person sleeping outside on the west side of town. Upon arrival, the male was identified as Michael Saclamana, who got up and left the area upon request.

3:15 p.m. Nome Police Department Officers observed Chad Jacobson on the west side of

town, who was known to have two outstanding bench warrants for his arrest. Jacobson was contacted and arrested for the two warrants and was then remanded to AMCC. Jacobson was held without bail.

6:40 p.m. NPD received a report of a disturbance on the west end of town. Investigation led to the arrest of Kevin Kavairlook for Assault in the 3rd Degree, DV. He was taken to AMCC; no bail was set.

7 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a residence on the east side of town for the report of a possible assault. Upon arrival and further investigation, the report was deemed unfounded and the altercation was verbal only. All parties involved were separated and no further action was warranted.

8:39 p.m. the Nome Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that ran through a stop sign. The driver was contacted and given a verbal warning regarding the violation. The driver was released from the scene without further enforcement action taken.

### FRIDAY JANUARY 2, 2015

4:43 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to the report of a possible assault at a residence in Icy View. Upon arrival and further investigation, the noises heard were a result of children playing within the home.

5:10 p.m. officers contacted a male sleeping on private property on the west side of town. The male was identified as Thomas Koyuk, who was roused and left the area upon request.

11:40 p.m. the Nome Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that ran through a stop sign and did not have tail lights illuminated. The driver, Michael Irwin, was issued a citation for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign and was given a verbal warning regarding the equipment violation.

### SATURDAY JANUARY 3, 2015

## Court

Week ending 12/19  
**Civil**  
State of Alaska, Dept of Revenue, CSSD v. Larsen, JR., Fredrick J.; Domestic Relations Other  
Midland Funding LLC v. Anasogak, Rebecca; Civil District Court  
**Small Claims**  
No current Small Claims on file (start 2NO-14-00047SC)  
**Criminal**  
State of Alaska v. Austin Kokeok (7/18/94); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21, First Offense; Date of Offense: 8/21/14; Fine: \$200 with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$200 is to be paid to the court 1/31/15; Alcohol Information School (First Offense Only); Defendant must attend the following alcohol information school: if any available from NSHC by 7/21/15; Probation until age 21, 7/18/15; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Defendant must submit to evaluation by the program and pay for and successfully complete any education or treatment recommended by this program; Defendant may not consume alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).  
State of Alaska v. Michael J. Mayac (12/8/88); CTN 001: Driving Without a Valid Operator's License; Date of Offense: 9/16/14; CTN Charges Dismissed: 002; 20 days, 20 days suspended; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the restitution judgment and apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; State will file restitution documents within 30 days; Probation for 6 months (date of judgment: 12/15/14); Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; No new criminal charges; Other: No driving city streets, highway, without a valid operator's license.  
State of Alaska v. Leslie Brown (1/8/90); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111177018; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: balance of sentence imposed.  
State of Alaska v. Donald Oliver (12/29/79); CTN 002: Criminal Trespass 2; Date of Violation: 12/13/14; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 001; 5 days, 0 days suspended; Remanded immediately to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center; 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. Justin Annogiuyuk (1/31/95); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21, First Offense; Date of Offense: 10/4/14; Fine: \$200 with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$200 is to be paid to the court 2/15/15; Alcohol Information School (First Offense Only); Defendant must attend the following alcohol information school: NSHC for participation in Alcohol Information School by 1/16/15; Probation until 1/31/16; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Defendant must submit to evaluation by the program and pay for and successfully complete any education or treatment recommended by this program; Defendant may not consume or possess alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).  
State of Alaska v. Rayne B. Aukongak (9/12/87); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110675889; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 45 days.  
State of Alaska v. Theresa Kenick (5/1/77); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Refusal to Submit to PBT, AS 28.35.031(e); Filed by the DAs Office 12/15/14.  
State of Alaska v. Chad Wilson (2/25/93); 2NO-14-474CR CTN 001: Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 7/18/14; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 12/16/14); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol.  
State of Alaska v. Chad Wilson (2/25/93); 2NO-14-474CR CTN 002: Furnish Alcohol to Person <21; Date of Violation: 7/18/14; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served consecutive to CTN 001, with defendant remanded to AMCC; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 12/16/14); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law pertaining to alcoholic beverages; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol.  
State of Alaska v. Johnalee Viner (7/19/78); Disorderly Conduct; Date of Violation:

12/15/14; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 6 months (date of judgment: 12/16/14); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not consume or buy alcohol.  
State of Alaska v. Victoria Campbell (4/14/63); Criminal Trespass 2; Date of Violation: 12/5/14; 15 days, 0 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 6 months (date of judgment: 12/16/14); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not consume or buy alcohol.  
State of Alaska v. Jerry C. Iyapana (10/25/71); 2NO-14-647CR Criminal Trespass 2; Date of Violation: 10/3/14; 20 days, 20 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 6 months (date of judgment: 12/16/14); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law pertaining to alcoholic beverages; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol.  
State of Alaska v. Jerry Iyapana (10/25/71); 2NO-14-702CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VOCR / 11.56.757(B)(2); Filed by the DAs Office 12/18/14.  
State of Alaska v. Daisy Kiyuklook (6/19/90); 2NO-12-757CR Withdrawal of Petition to Revoke Probation; COMES NOW the State of Alaska, through undersigned Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Slattery, and hereby withdraws the First Petition to Revoke Probation without prejudice; Filed by the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals 12/19/14.  
State of Alaska v. Daisy Kiyuklook (6/19/90); 2NO-13-107CR Withdrawal of Petition to Revoke Probation; COMES NOW the State of Alaska, through undersigned Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Slattery, and hereby withdraws the First Petition to Revoke Probation without prejudice; Filed by the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals 12/19/14.  
State of Alaska v. Chadwick Pullock (6/2/91); DUI-Operate Vehicle Under Influence; Date of Offense: 6/24/14; 60 days, 57 days suspended; Report to Nome Court on 12/26/14, 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Pay to Clerk of Court, or pay online at courtrecords.alaska.gov/ep: \$1,500 Fine, \$0 suspended; \$1,500 due 1/31/15; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$50 due; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st Off.) with \$0 suspended; Full amount ordered due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: NSHC BHS within 30 days; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; File proof by 4/15/15 that you received an assessment, and file proof 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 IID will be deducted from the fine if you file proof of payment before fine due date; Probation for 1 year; 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 1 year from the date of this judgment (12/16/14).  
State of Alaska v. Regine Kava (11/6/70); CTN 002: Introduction of Alcohol Beverage; Date of Violation: 12/17/14; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 001; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.  
State of Alaska v. Art Lockwood (6/23/83); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; CTN 005: AS11.41.220(a)(5): Assault 3 – Commit Assault 4, 2+ Convictions; Class C Felony; DV; Offense Date: 8/28/14; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 001 and 002: AS11.46.300(a)(1); Burglary 1- In ADwelling; CTN 003 and 004:

AS11.46.484(a)(1): Crim Mischief-Prop Dam \$250-\$749; Offense Dates: 8/28/14; Defendant came before the court on (sentencing date) 12/17/14 with counsel, PD Andrew Dunmire, and the DA present; CTN 005: 24 months, 19 months suspended; Unsuspended 5 months shall be served immediately; Surcharges: Police Training Surcharge: The defendant shall pay the following police training surcharge(s) to the court pursuant to AS 12.55.039 within 10 days: CTN 005: \$100 (Felony); Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that 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 12.55.0471(c); DNA IDENTIFICATION: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; Restitution: Defendant is ordered to pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment (form CR-465) and to apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; The amount of restitution will be determined as provided in Criminal Rule 32.6(c)(2); Probation: After serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 3 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation, as stated in the order; Bond(s): Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.

Week ending 12/15  
**Civil**  
Omiaik, Susan v. Topkok, Danille; Civil Protective Order  
Carpenter, Jack v. Beaton, Gloria, Beaton, James, Denny, David, Coston, Porter; Civil Superior Ct  
Miller, Diane v. Jemawouk, Joshua; Civil Protective Order  
Miller, Frank v. Jemawouk, Joshua; Civil Protective Order  
Miller, Kathleen v. Jemawouk, Joshua; Civil Protective Order  
Minor Party v. Jemawouk, Joshua; Civil Protective Order  
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**Small Claims**  
No current Small Claims on file (start 2NO-15-00001SC)  
**Criminal**  
State of Alaska v. Paul Nayokpuk (12/1/73); Criminal Trespass 1°; Date of Violation: 12/21/14; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Suspended Imposition of Sentence: Imposition of sentence is suspended; The defendant is placed on probation subject to terms, orders, and conditions listed below; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for six months (date of Judgment: 12/22/14); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol; No contact with Kathleen Ezukameow, not return to K.E. residence.  
State of Alaska v. Scottie McPeck (10/10/92); Assault 4; Date of Violation: 12/29/14; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.  
State of Alaska v. Autumn M. Day-Tocktoo (8/31/95); Redundant Dismissal; Court raised issue of No probable cause at hearing 12/24/14; We agreed that's a court dismissal; Violation of Condition of Release From a Misdemeanor, Chg. Nbr. 1; Filed by the DAs Office 12/30/14.  
State of Alaska v. John Penetac, Jr. (11/12/64); Dismissal; Count I: Disorderly Conduct; Chg. Nbr. 1; Filed by the DAs Office 12/30/14.  
State of Alaska v. Dennis W. Kost (10/5/63); Dismissal; Count I: No Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance, Chg. Nbr. 1; Filed by the DAs Office 12/31/14.



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NEW YEAR’S SUNSET— The sun sets over the Bering Sea on January 1, 2015, about 13 minutes after 4 p.m. Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom



NOME FIREWORKS— Dense fog could not keep Nomeites from watching the City-sponsored fireworks display. Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom




FORT DAVIS— Fort Davis enjoys a deep winter slumber. Photo by Diana Haecker



MUSK OX— A herd of musk oxen hang out at the former tailings facility of the Rock Creek Mine outside of Nome. Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff

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