



ON HOLD— The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers paused a feasibility study to expand the Port of Nome due to lack of oil and gas industry activity in the Arctic. Photo by Diana Haecker

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City vows to fight for port despite federal pull-back

By Sandra L. Medearis
Port and city administration said Monday that Nome would keep working to attract resources to turn local harbor infrastructure into a real bustling Arctic deep-water port despite bad news coming over the horizon in the past month.

The bad news has shaken up the validity of current economic assumptions and overall justification underlying a study tentatively selecting Nome for an over \$200-million

port expansion project.

A news release from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Monday morning threatened to sink hopes of reaping a federal blessing in capital for a major upgrade at Port of Nome. The announcement said USACE had put on hold—"paused" for 12 months — an Alaska deep-draft port system feasibility study that over at least a five-year process focused on Nome as having the greatest potential for Arctic port investment.

The USACE based the delay on weakening of the project's cost-benefit analysis due to a cooling of interest in oil and gas exploration.

The study began in 2011 in partnership with the Alaska Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities and developed to the stage where a tentative plan called for lengthening the existing 2,700-foot Nome causeway by 2,150 feet to reach a depth of minus 28 feet Mean Low Low Water (MLLW). The preliminary estimated

cost of the project, which included adding a 450-foot dock plus in-harbor service infrastructure, came to around \$211 million.

The project would serve needs of increased shipping, allowing larger ships coming into harbor, and provide a facility for oil spill response and a base for search and rescue.

"We aren't just going to sit on our hands, we have a plan," City Manager Tom Moran said at Monday's Nome Common Council meeting.

He had been making the rounds, talking up the need for a deep-draft port for economic development and national security, Mayor Richard Beneville told the council.

The study was headed for review by the chief engineer at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the next month or so, and then to go to Congress in 2016 for approval and appropriation of federal funds toward the project.

Bruce Sexauer, chief of Anchorage District USACE, has maintained all along that the USACE had to work under a very strict cost-benefit ratio for calculating project benefits for federal funding. Recent developments concerning recovery of resources in northern seas have whittled down the projected benefits

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Deep-draft Arctic port study put on hold

By Diana Haecker
On Monday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said that the Alaska Deep Draft Arctic Port System feasibility study has been put on "pause" for the next 12 months.

The study had identified the Port of Nome as having the greatest potential for initial Arctic port investment. Nome rose to the top of a short list as a location for development by extending the existing 2,700-foot causeway by another 2,100 feet and by deepening the harbor to minus 28-feet Mean Lower Low Water. If all would've fallen into place, the port expansion could've been completed by 2020.

However, the plan hit a snag.

The Corps argues that with Royal Dutch Shell's suspension of their exploration activities in the Arctic in the foreseeable future, the economic

analysis that would have justified the investment into Nome's port expansion changed the rules of engagement.

"The bulk of benefits used to justify the Port of Nome expansion in the study are related to travel cost savings for oil and gas support vessels for activities in the Chukchi Sea," reads the Corps' press release.

Support vessels could've saved the cost of sailing 1,600 miles per round trip, if they could have used services provided by an expanded Port of Nome. With three exploration wells currently under lease by Shell and other oil and gas companies, the investment into the Nome port would've made economic sense, according to the parameters the Corps has to take into account to cal-

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Photo by Nora Nagaruk

HALLOWEEN ON A MISSION— This Halloween, a group of kids from Checkpoint Youth Center will be going door to door in Nome dressed as medical professionals. They won't be asking for candy for themselves. Instead they'll be asking for donations for Doctors Without Borders and other organizations actively involved in refugee relief work, especially in the Middle East. The initiative is called #Halloween2help and 100 percent of the donations will be going to these organizations.

Senior Arctic Council officials pay visit to Nome

By Maisie Thomas
The Arctic Council, an intergovernmental group that tackles Arctic issues, toured Nome on Friday, October 23.

The group had just attended a Senior Arctic Official meeting in Anchorage. Participants included

three representatives of the Permanent Participants, indigenous tribes, of the committee as well as members from Canada, Norway and Finland.

The 20 members of the council had a busy day. They boarded the jet in Anchorage at 9 o'clock in the morning and were at the Nome airport to catch their return flight just 12 and a half hours later.

Although their visit in the Gold Rush City was brief, the group managed to see many of Nome's highlights.

The day included welcomes by Nome's newly elected mayor, Richard Beneville and Matt Ganley of Bering Straits Native Corporation.

Ganley gave a brief description of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and why it puts Alaska in a unique position. After a lunch of locally caught crab and halibut, the

group boarded a bus for a four-hour tour given by Mayor Beneville.

Nils Andreassen, executive director of the Institute of the North and a member of the Alaska Host Committee, said that, although Nome is not on the list of meeting locations, it was important for the SAOs to see another part of Alaska. "It's important for them to see what's going on in rural Alaska, and they can take the lessons they learn here back to the council," Andreassen said.

The Institute of the North organized the tour.

In his welcoming speech and tour, Beneville highlighted the need for national security in the Arctic. "Much needed things are happening—and we're in the middle of it," he said, referencing the push for a deep

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Photo by Maisie Thomas

ARCTIC COUNCIL—Members of the Arctic Council pose with John Handeland, Joy Baker and Mayor Richard Beneville in front of the Bering Sea.

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Ancient Alaska infants’ DNA supports human migration theory

Analysis of genetic material from the remains of two ice age infants discovered in Alaska has revealed connections to two ancient lineages of Native Americans, according to a paper published this week in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Researchers in Alaska and Utah have documented that the infants had different mothers and were descended from two distinct lineages not previously identified in the Arctic.

University of Alaska Fairbanks archaeologist Ben Potter and University of Utah geneticists Dennis O’Rourke and Justin Tackney deciphered ancient mitochondrial DNA from two infants buried in Alaska 11,500 years ago. The burials represent the oldest human remains ever found in northern North America.

Potter and a team of anthropology faculty members and students working at the Upward Sun River site in Interior Alaska discovered remains of a cremated 3-year-old in 2010, followed by the two infants in 2013.

The site and its artifacts provide new insights into funeral practices and other rarely preserved aspects of life among people who inhabited the area thousands of years ago, according to Potter.

While three different children were found, Potter said, the 3-year-old left no preserved genetic material to analyze. The two infants were found to have different mothers, each descended from the genetic root of two different Native American lineages.

“These infants are the earliest human remains in northern North America and they carry distinctly Native American lineages,” said O’Rourke, a senior author on the paper. “These genetic variations had not previously been known to have existed this far north and speak to the early genetic diversity of the time.”

The research supports the theory that this community descended from an earlier Beringian population, O’Rourke said.

“You don’t see any of these lineages that are distinctly Native Amer-



Photo courtesy of Ben Potter, UAF

ON SITE— University of Alaska Fairbanks archaeologists Josh Reuther, left, and Ben Potter, right, work on the Upward Sun River site in Alaska.

ican in Asia or even Siberia, so there had to be a period of isolation for these distinctive Native American lineages to have evolved away from their Asian ancestors. We believe that was in Beringia,” O’Rourke said.

The Upward Sun River infants are among human remains at only eight sites in North America older than 8,000 years from which researchers have obtained mitochondrial DNA, genetic information inherited only from mothers. Tackney, the paper’s lead author, said all five major Native American lineages have been found in these eight sites.

“That indicates they were present in the early population in Beringia that gave rise to all modern Native Americans,” Tackney said.

The study authors said analyzing the DNA of ancient individuals helps us understand how the Western Hemisphere was colonized and populated.

“Taken collectively, these burials and cremation reflect complex behaviors related to death among the early inhabitants of North America,” Potter said. “The children also appear to have died during summer months when food should be the most plentiful. This may indicate more resource stress than we have previously thought.”

The children were buried with valuable items from their time, providing a rare window into the ideologies and beliefs of the ancient Beringians. Grave goods included decorated, hafted dart points and foreshafts, likely used to hunt large game like bison and elk.

“Having access to these types of organic artifacts preserved and available for research will greatly advance our knowledge of early weapon systems in North America,” said Joshua Reuther, curator of archaeology at the University of Alaska Museum of the North and a coauthor of the study.

Excavations of the site revealed human dwellings as well as animal remains, indicating a broad diet that included large and small mammals and, interestingly, fish. Potter and others identified these as chum salmon in a paper published by the same journal last month. The fish re-

mains confirmed the earliest human use of salmon in North America. Researchers continue to explore the ancient lifeways reflected at this and other nearby sites.

Potter said these findings also lead to a better understanding of how ancient Native Americans adapted to dynamic climate conditions in the Arctic, the stressors they faced and how they engaged with their environment.

“Understanding human relationships to their environment in the ice age allows us to more accurately explore modern effects of climate change on human systems,” Potter said. “This new genetic analysis allows us to further understand the human capacity to deal with changing landscapes and natural resources as they and related populations expanded into the New World.”

Potter and his team continue to collaborate with local and regional Alaska Native groups, including the Tanana Chiefs Conference.

The excavation and analysis were funded in part by the National Science Foundation.

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Editorial

Standing Tall

A recent study says students learn better and concentrate better when they are standing upright. As a result a few schools are buying desks with no chairs. Yes. The students have to stand and there is a “fidget” bar at the bottom so they can move their feet. While keeping a straight face one wonders how long before they fall “kerplunk” on the floor like a sack of potatoes. There are advantages. It would make it harder to fall asleep in class.

Of course we need to do whatever and all possible to stimulate and promote a love of learning. We also need to do everything possible to keep students in school. No hooky playing. Where is our truant officer? We used to have one. We need someone willing to track down the loafers who think they can continue to skip school. Parents are at wit’s end to promote attendance, yet the kids skip out. We need someone to grab them by the seat of the pants and give them a scrub brush and have them polish the plumbing.

We pay a lot of money to educate our youth. We need to teach them the value of education have them appreciate how un-smart it is to copy the behavior of students who are too lazy to get educated. A truant officer would help keep students stay on the track to learn.— N.L.M.—

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Sunrise	10/29/15	10:37 a.m.	High Temp (10/20 to 10/27)	+40F	10/20	National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391	
	11/04/15	9:57 a.m.	Low Temp	+24F	10/21+24+27		
Sunset			Peak Wind	20 mph, NNE	10/26/15		
	10/29/15	6:52 p.m.	2015 - Total Precip. (through 10/20)				13.58"
	11/04/15	5:32 p.m.	Normal Total to Date				14.29"
	Daylight Saving Time ends 2:00 AM on 11/01		Seasonal Snowfall	0.6"	Normal		3.9"
			Snow on the Ground	None			

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters)									
Date	Day	Time	High Tide	Time	High Tide	Time	Low Tide	Time	Low Tide
10/29	Th	611am	+1.5	725pm	+1.4	1204am	+0.4	1250pm	0.0
30	Fr	658am	+1.5	824pm	+1.4	1255am	+0.4	145pm	-0.1
31	Sa	748am	+1.5	924pm	+1.4	147am	+0.5	240pm	-0.1
11/ 1	Su	742am	+1.4	925pm	+1.3	242am	+0.6	235pm	-0.1
2	Mo	839am	+1.4	1028pm	+1.3	241am	+0.7	331pm	0.0
3	Tu	942am	+1.3	1129pm	+1.3	344am	+0.7	428pm	0.0
4	We	1050am	+1.2			453am	+0.7	524pm	+0.1
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Research gives insight into historic walrus population dynamics

By Lauren Frisch, UAF Alaska Sea Grant

Hormones stored in ancient bones are revealing how Pacific walrus populations react to environmental change.

Alaska’s oceans have already experienced changes in temperature, sea ice range, and acidity driven by increasing atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations. In an ecosystem that continues to change, scientists can look into the past to learn about the factors affecting walrus populations, and predict how walruses might respond to climate change in the coming years.

Identifying what puts stress on walrus populations is particularly important in Alaska because walruses are a subsistence resource for many coastal communities. The State of Alaska declared an economic disaster for Saint Lawrence Island in 2013 because there were so few walruses to hunt. “Many subsistence hunters do not have the luxury of going to the supermarket,” said Lara Horstmann-Dehn, an associate professor at the University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences. When walrus populations are low, hunting conditions are poor, or the walruses have migrated to somewhere new, a major food source for the community disappears.

This research has practical applications for subsistence hunters reliant on stable populations. In years where there are no walruses to hunt, this research may reveal whether populations are low or the walruses are adapting to changes in the environment by changing feeding spots.

In addition, walruses are currently being considered as a candidate for listing under the U.S. Endangered Species Act. If selected, critical areas will be established around walrus feeding locations to reduce future harm to populations. Understanding where walruses feed now and where they are likely to feed as ocean environments change will enable better management to protect walrus populations.

Walruses like to eat bottom-dwelling critters including clams and other molluscs, although when food is scarce they’ve been known to eat seals as well. They like to feed on continental shelves, where the water

is shallow, making the abundance of food more accessible.

Pacific walrus populations live in the northern seas off the coasts of Russia and Alaska. The walruses can be found near Saint Lawrence Island in the Bering Sea in the winter. In the summer, female walruses migrate up to the Chukchi Sea, while male walruses migrate to the Bristol Bay area. They typically rest on sea ice between feeding trips. When the sea ice recedes, either the walruses must follow the sea ice or move to coastal areas where they can rest on land.

Horstmann-Dehn is working with a team of researchers including UAF faculty Nicole Misarti and Link Olson to study samples of walrus bones spanning 3,000 years. The samples of bones come from the University of Alaska Museum of the North, the Smithsonian Institution and middens, or old whaling dumps, off the coast of western Alaska. The research team collaborates with co-management groups such as the Eskimo Walrus Commission, and has acquired some of their present-day bone samples by collecting alongside Native harvesters.

With funding from the National Science Foundation and the Bureau of Ocean and Energy Management, the researchers are studying walruses that lived through past warm and cold periods. “It is our hope that by learning more about how walruses were impacted by previous warming and cooling in the Arctic, we will help Alaska Native communities and co-management groups make informed and effective decisions about the management and conservation of walruses in an uncertain future,” said Casey Clark, an SFOS PhD student working with Horstmann-Dehn.

They hope to discover the effect that variables like temperature and concentration of sea ice have on walrus populations and feeding location. “Our research looks at walrus diet, stress, reproductive, and population changes throughout past times of Arctic warming,” said Patrick Charapata, an SFOS master’s student working with Horstmann-Dehn.

Charapata is studying how walrus hormone levels vary as climate fluctuates. Steroid hormones include both stress and sex hormones and are bound to fat. Even in ancient sam-

ples, marine mammal bones are fatty and provide a good source of steroid hormones.

At first the researchers were not sure if they would be able to extract steroid hormones from such old samples. Horstmann-Dehn first got the idea for the extraction methods from forensics literature, where it is common to study hormones in disjointed bones to learn about the sex of the deceased. “It’s a bit gruesome and a bit CSI,” she said.

The extraction methods are straightforward. An organic solvent is used to separate fat, along with the hormones contained in the fat, from the bone. The process is used to extract hormones from hair, whiskers, and bones in modern samples. The ability to successfully extract hormones from ancient samples gives this research a unique edge.

The researchers anticipate their results will reveal trends in walrus population size. Charapata is just starting to analyze hormone levels in the samples, but 1961 already stands out as a year with high levels of progesterone and estradiol, which are hormones usually associated with pregnancy. This might show walrus numbers rebounding after a population crash that began in the 1930s.

Clark is also looking for trends in ancient walrus populations. He is studying how elements in walrus teeth can help map out common feeding areas. He’s looking at a number of elements, including cadmium, copper, iron, manganese, and strontium. Teeth grow yearly rings, similar to tree rings. The concentrations of elements in each year’s ring reflect concentrations of elements in the water where the animal was feeding that year.

Using the record from these ancient teeth, Horstmann-Dehn and Clark hope to learn more about where walruses fed in the past, and if feeding locations have changed over time. Clark is starting to consider what changes in elements could reveal about walrus migration patterns. He plans to cluster animals based on similar elemental concentrations, and study cyclical changes in elements across growth layers. “With some thought and analysis we hope to be able to differentiate between animals that spent the majority of their time

in different regions,” Clark said.

The results of these simultaneous projects will help local decision makers prepare for and adapt to future periods when walrus populations are low. The results may also suggest conservation efforts or management decisions that can be made to pre-

serve walrus populations in the future. Initial results of the project have already been shared with residents on Saint Lawrence Island, Barrow, Point Lay and Dillingham and the researchers will continue sharing results as the project moves forward.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, October 29

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*NCC Parent and Child Play Group	Boys and Girls Club	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Lunch Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
*Weekly Women’s Circle	Prematernal Home	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*After School Activities: Ball Games	Nome Rec Center	
Grades 3-6		3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Grades 5-8		4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*PM Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering and Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Co-ed Volleyball League	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, October 30

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*AM Lap Swim	Nome Swimming 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.
*After School Activities: Soccer	Nome Rec Center	
Grades 3-6		3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Grades 5-8		4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Adult drop-in Soccer (ages 15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 31
Halloween

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Basketball Clinic w/Ray	Nome Rec Center	
For kids aged 10-13		6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Bowling	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	

Sunday, November 1

Daylight Saving Time
ends November 1
at 2:00 a.m.



*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*PM Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Monday, November 2

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*AM Lap Swim	Nome Swimming 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.
*After School Activities: Basketball	Nome Rec Center	
Grades 3-6		3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Grades 5-8		4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Co-ed Volleyball League	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Yoga	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 3

*Nome Port Commission Reg. Mtg.	City Hall	7:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*Library Story Hour (ages 3-7)	Kegoayah Kozga Library	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Lunch Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
*After School Activities: Handball	Nome Rec Center	
Grades 3-6		3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Grades 5-8		4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*PM Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Sepala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*City League Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*AM Lap Swim	Nome Swimming 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.
*After School Activities: Handball	Nome Rec Center	
Grades 3-6		3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Grades 5-8		4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
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*Yoga	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

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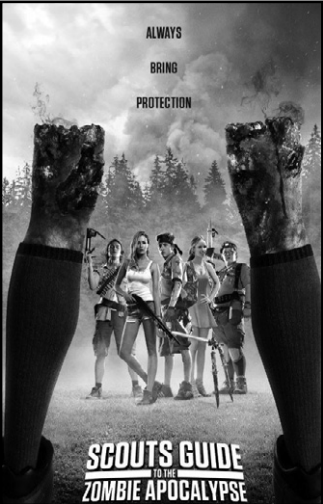
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BEFORE FREEZE-UP— Hopes for a Nome port expansion have been dampened with Monday's announcement that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hit the 'pause' button on the feasibility study.

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that justified port expansion. These benefits related to savings in travel costs for oil and gas support vessels serving activities in the Chukchi Sea. By using the Port of Nome, vessels would save 1,600 miles round trip over operating from Dutch Harbor.

Staying the plan for 12 months would allow the USACE and its partners to revalidate potential deep-draft port project benefits and justifications.

The first volley of bad news for port hopes came on Sept. 28 with Royal Dutch Shell Oil announcing that it suspended exploration plans in the Chukchi Sea for the foreseeable future.

Last week, the federal Dept. of Interior cancelled a lease auction for shares of Chukchi waters slated for 2017, citing lack of interest. Along with the cancellation came the DOI's denial of Shell's request to extend by five years some leases they already held.

The USACE did leave the door ajar for future consideration of the Nome marine navigational upgrades.

"Typically, a study that that is found to be not economically justified would be terminated," according to news from the Alaska Regional Ports Project Delivery Team. "However, due to the dynamic nature of the gas and oil industry and the strong interest in enhanced Arctic marine infrastructure, the Corps and its partners have decided to delay this study rather than terminate."

Over the next 12 months, the Corps and partners will monitor Arctic activities to see if there would be renewed federal interest in the study.

Councilman Stan Andersen wanted to know specifics of the continuing port effort that would underlie spending more public money.

"Everyone knows the stump speech. What are we going to do?" Councilman Stan Andersen asked. He wanted to see a specific plan for his money. More trips to the state capital in Juneau, more trips to Washington D. C. would add up to real money, he added.

Andersen cautioned that there were forces working to push ahead an alternate site at Port Clarence. If Nome did not keep working, the Port of Nome project could be pushed off the planning table, he said.

The City is going ahead seeking public-private partnerships for funding, looking for other Congressional avenues for finance, and keep the project to the forefront and on the front burner, was the consensus of discussion.

Newly elected Mayor Richard Beneville had been talking to federal representatives, state officials and the City's lobbyist and planned on meeting next week with Gov. Bill Walker, who was interested and realized the importance of a deep-draft port in the far north, the mayor said.

"I'm a pro-development kind of guy," Beneville said Monday evening. He had met with U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski who supported the port and could see beyond the withdrawal of Shell Oil.

He had contacted Wendy Chamberlain, lobbyist, to set up a meeting with himself and Baker, Beneville added.

"We believe an Arctic deep-draft port at Nome is critical in serving as a strategic location for purposes of national defense, life safety, food security, environmental protection and most importantly to ensure our nation's sovereignty," said a press release included in Beneville's report to the Council.

Port planners needed to think of

all these things, not just petroleum resources, he said.

Port of Nome has hired the McDowell Group of Anchorage to achieve strong, unified message in putting across Nome's strategic plan for port expansion.

At a work session last week, commissioners suggested that emphasis be placed on what a deep-draft port could do for Western Alaska. McDowell group attended by telephone to get input from commissioners.

Nome is a hub where the port serves around 100 villages, Commissioner Megan Alvanna-Stimpfle pointed out.

It was important to highlight international and national Arctic issues, but it was not a concrete concept, she said.

"People don't know how to think about that yet. I think our strongest point that we can make is that we serve Western Alaska. This investment is critical" Alvanna-Stimpfle said. "It will change the paradigm for how freight is delivered and the way we live in Western Alaska and that's something concrete and real, and is a crisis."

Port Commissioner Rolland Trowbridge attended Monday evening's Council meeting.

Efforts to construct a deep-water port needed to concentrate on Nome as a freight hub, he said after the session. Suspension of the study showed the effort still focused on oil, he added.

"We need to turn the spotlight away from oil and gas," Trowbridge said, and concentrate on Nome as a port able to receive vessels for more economical shipping of necessities into the region.

Police investigates person's death

On Sunday, October 25 at 2:45 p.m., the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department and Nome Police officers responded to a residence on the west side in Nome for a person who was not breathing.

The officers and emergency responders found that the person was deceased.

As of press time, the police did not reveal the name or how the person died.

The person's remains were sent to the State Medical Examiner's Office and the next of kin have been notified.

The investigation is ongoing.

Dog died in Seppala Apartments fire

By Diana Haecker

The Nome Volunteer Fire Department responded to an apartment fire at the Seppala Apartments on Belmont Point at 3 a.m. on Tuesday night.

According to NVFD Chief Jim West Jr., the renter of the apartment is a Nome Volunteer Ambulance Dept. volunteer, who responded to an ambulance call and accidentally left a pot on the stove. The pot overheated and set fire to the kitchen cabinets and other parts of the kitchen.

West said, the man's dog died due

to smoke inhalation.

Eleven volunteers responded to the fire and evacuated the building, owned by Bering Straits Native Corporation. According to BSNC vice president Jerald Brown, the building has six rental units in total. The renters were moved to the Aurora Inn until BSNC assesses the damage.

Brown said the fire was limited to only one rental unit and that the fire caused "pretty extensive damage."

The name of the renter who suffered the fire could not be confirmed as of press time.

Solar panels stolen from Newton repeater

By Diana Haecker

Equipment crucial to Nome's emergency services and search and rescue personnel has been removed from a repeater site on Newton Peak, reported EMT volunteer Wes Perkins. According to Perkins, three solar panels that charged a battery bank, which in turn powers a repeater for Nome Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Departments, Search and Rescue and Norton Sound Hospital use, were stolen sometime this summer from the west peak of Newton.

The repeater allows communications via handheld radio devices between Nome emergency services and the Norton Sound Regional Hospital. When an ambulance is on the way to the hospital, EMTs use their radios to communicate with the hospital, so that emergency room personnel is prepared for the patient's needs when he or she arrives.

First signs that something was amiss came when the hospital was unable to communicate with EMT crew radios. Rolland Trowbridge, under contract with the city to maintain radio communication equipment, was alerted last Thursday that

the radios are not properly working. Trowbridge went to check the repeater site on Friday and found that somebody had broken into the repeater shack, and had tried to remove the connection between the battery bank and the solar panels. "It looked like they wanted to steal the battery, too," said Trowbridge. The battery bank's weight of 800 pounds may have discouraged the removal of the bank. Trowbridge then saw that three panels of the four-panel solar array were missing. Trowbridge described them as having a distinct blue color that would be easy to identify from newer solar panels.

According to Perkins, the panels have been up there for more than 20 years.

Trowbridge charged the battery bank with a generator to get the repeater working again and ordered new solar panels to be installed.

It will cost approximately \$2,400 to replace the three solar panels and an additional estimated \$1,800 to install special regulators that go with the panels.

Trowbridge said he filed a report with the Nome Police Department.

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PORT OF NOME— The port is getting busier with gold dredge, cargo and research vessel activities.

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culate project benefits. The Corps released said that the guidelines established by law and policy govern how the Corps of Engineers calculates project benefits.

When Shell pulled out, the Corps questioned “the validity of the current economic assumptions and the overall justification for the project.”

The Corps and its state partner, the Dept. of Transportation, began the study in December of 2011. In 2013, the Corps and the DOT held meetings in Nome and Teller to find out from the public whether or not they would support port expansion in Nome or building a port at the natural deep port of refuge Port Clarence at Teller and Brevig Mission. The release of the study experienced several delays. A draft report was supposed to be presented to the public in March 2014, but was delayed. Lorraine Cordova, the project’s Economics Team Leader with the Army Corps of Engineers wrote in an email to the Nugget then that the delayed release was due to additional scrutiny of the evaluation. “We are currently gathering detailed information on vessels calling in the area — length, draft (loaded and unloaded), beam —, commodities moved with lots of historical information, and more detail on the future conditions. We are working with the Corps’ Deep-Draft Navigation Planning Center of Expertise to complete the evaluation with additional detail. This is the primary reason for the added time to get to a draft report,” she wrote in April 2014.

In meetings, the federal agency and its state partner DOT billed the potential port as an infrastructure asset and the northernmost port for the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Navy and the National Oceanic and At-

mospheric Administration in protecting and patrolling the northern U.S. coastline.

Since there is no deep draft port north of Dutch Harbor, the aim was to look for a potential site to develop an Alaskan Arctic port to service more than just oil and gas needs.

The Corps finally released a draft feasibility report and environmental assessment on February 20, 2015, which tentatively selected a plan to establish a deep-water port in Nome to support increased vessel traffic and economic development in the Arctic.

Since Shell’s announcement to discontinue their exploration campaign at their Chukchi and Beaufort offshore leases, and with last week’s Dept. of Interior cancellations of the 2017 offshore lease sale for Chukchi and Beaufort sea leases, Arctic offshore oil and gas resource development disappeared for now from the economic picture that the Corps had to take into account.

Asked if the guidelines to determine the feasibility solely hinge on the cost/benefit, Bruce Sexauer, chief of the Civil Works Branch at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Alaska District answered, “Corps regulations focus primarily upon costs/benefits for project justification. National security benefits were not quantifiable for this project, although they have been added in a qualitative manner.”

While shipping through the Bering Straits is projected to increase, the projection did not influence the Corps’ study. “The benefits for a project such as Nome come as a result of improved navigation for those who use the port,” added Sexauer. “Those who pass by without stopping, such as the case of the Arctic shipping, only see ancillary bene-

fits of improved safety.”

According to Sexauer, the study has cost about \$2.7 million up to this point.

In response to the Corps’ announcement, the City of Nome issued a press release on its own. “It is the City’s position that while oil and gas activities in the Arctic will ultimately occur, the more immediate and significant purpose clearly lies in the defense and sovereignty of our nation, as well as the protection of life safety, food resources and the environment,” the City’s statement reads. “These benefits can be realized through strategically located marine infrastructure, and should be considered national priorities, as they are critical to regional, national and global maritime objectives.”

Port Director Joy Baker, reached by phone for comment, said that the City heavily relies on outside funding sources from federal, state and private partners to pay for the port expansion. She reiterated the position that the port’s importance goes beyond one company aborting their exploration plans and that the focus should be on the broader purpose of national security.

“Although oil and gas development will ultimately occur, existing Arctic traffic trend prove that the Arctic will be busier even if that oil and gas development is delayed,” she said.

The estimated cost to extend the Nome causeway and dig to 28 feet MLLW was \$150 million plus an additional \$61 million for the construction of local service facilities such as docks, mooring dolphins, utilities and security gates.

The federal share was calculated to be roughly \$ 97.4 million.

The City of Nome signaled its interest to become a non-federal spon-

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draft port in Nome.

John Handeland, manager of Nome Joint Utilities, gave a tour of Banner Wind Farm and doubled as the crew’s bus driver for the day. Handeland spoke to the extremely high cost of heating in Nome, and that wind power is much cheaper and environmentally superior. The committee members were interested in the amount of power Nome generates, and how much of that is supplied by the wind farm, as well as the amount of fuel that gets barged into the city each year.

Jennifer Samuelson-Nelson represents both the Alaskan Aleut tribe and GCI Telecommunications in the Arctic Council. Samuelson-Nelson said that her company saw the importance of being in the council as a way to better represent their customers who live in the rapidly changing Arctic. Though this was not her first time in Nome, she came with the council to get a first hand perspective of some of the problems facing rural Alaska. Personally and as an Alaskan Aleut tribe member, she was interested in experiencing and learning about other parts of the state.

The day was chilly and the schedule tight, so the stop at the wind farm was short, and the bus rumbled back toward the ocean. Port Director Joy Baker spoke of the growth in mining development and increase in traffic in and out of Nome since she started the job in the early 1990s. “The Arctic will continue to expand, maybe not as quickly as it would have with Shell, but it will,” Baker said.

The Port has seen an increase in research and tourism vessels.

Baker and Beneville mentioned the necessity of a deep draft port in Nome, as well as the instrumental role Nome’s former mayor, Denise Michels, played in the process.

As well as talking about current problems facing the Arctic, Beneville gave the visitors a brief history of Nome and its rich gold mining past. Under the guidance of Handeland, who ran Alaska Gold Company, the mayor gave a two-minute description of the process of

mining placer gold. To better understand the impact gold mining continues to have on Nome and its economy, the group stopped by to see one of the vessels that started Nome’s second gold rush: the dredge Christine Rose, of the reality show Bering Sea Gold.

The day was not all business, however. The group ventured four miles out on the Beam road to Nils Hahn’s dog kennel, where they watched a team preparing for a training run. The committee members were excited to see the dogs, and eagerly petted and photographed them.

On the drive out of town, Nome’s wildlife did not disappoint. After a brief stop at the dog lot, the group was lucky enough to see a lone musk ox, a moose and an entire herd of musk ox. The group clambered to get off the bus and see the animals like kids leaving a school bus. “This is the best part of the trip!” one member exclaimed after seeing the wildlife.

Andreassen reported that the trip was a success. “It was amazing, we had many good responses, including one member who said that the visit [to Nome] was the highlight of their time in Alaska,” he said on Monday.

Andreassen believes that what impressed the members most was the “richness that exists in Alaska,” both in terms of renewable energy and in terms of the people.

Council members were impressed by Alaskan’s ability to solve problems with limited resources, a message Andreassen believes they will take back to their respective communities.

The Arctic Council is an intergovernmental forum promoting cooperation, coordination and interaction among Arctic states, Indigenous peoples and inhabitants on common Arctic issue.

Arctic Council member countries include the U.S., Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland Norway, Russia and Sweden. Six Indigenous groups hold the status of permanent participants.

The U.S. assumed chairmanship of the Arctic Council in May until 2017.

discussions. “The city will rally our forces and the Alaska Delegation and let them know that we are serious about this project,” Beneville said.

The Corps said that when a study is not economically justified, it usually means the end of it. “However, because of the dynamic nature of the oil and gas industry and the strong interest in enhanced Arctic marine infrastructure, the Corps and its partners have decided to pause the study, rather than terminate it,” the Corps’ press release said. Bruce Sexauer added that due to the dynamic nature of the oil and gas industry and the strong interest in enhanced Arctic marine infrastructure, the Corps and its partners decided a ‘pause’ was warranted rather than a termination.

“The pause in the study means the Corps and its partners will be assessing the conditions over the next 12 months to determine whether to proceed with the study. At any time conditions change, we can reinvigorate the study. The city can always develop the port on its own,” Sexauer wrote.



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TO BE SOLD— Bering Straits Native Corporation bought the defunct Rock Creek gold mine and gold processing facility in 2012 after NovaGold Resources Inc. shuttered the mine in 2008. NovaGold only operated the mine for a few weeks before their board of directors pulled the plug on what was supposed to be a ‘world-class’ mine.

BSNC sells Rock Creek Mine equipment for \$6.5 million

By Sandra L. Medearis

A mining company headquartered in Vancouver B. C. announced last week it holds an option to buy idle gold processing equipment from the Rock Creek Mine.

If the deal goes through, Almaden Minerals will pay Bering Straits Native Corp. \$6.5 million for the Rock Creek processing plant and then transport it to a mining site in southeast Mexico, where Almaden has the Ixtaca goldmine project under development.

The mill comprises a three-stage crushing plant, gravity circuit, ball mill, floatation cells and leaching facilities. Besides the plant, built to process 7,700 tons per day, the sale would include conveyors, metallurgical and chemical fire assay laboratories, a water treatment plant, full electrical circuitry including generators, and spare parts for the ball mill

and crushers.

It is a good deal for BSNC, according to Jerald Brown.

“This transaction is part of our effort to close down and reclaim Rock Creek Mine,” he said Friday.

Terms of the deal call for staged payments with a low front end option payment of US \$500,000 in 2015 and \$250,000 next year. The schedule calls for Almaden Minerals to hand over \$250,000 at signing, plus \$250,000 on or before Dec. 31; another payment of \$250,000 on or before March 2016; on or before June 15, 2017, a big payday of \$2 million, and a payment of \$3.75 million on or before June 15, 2018.

Getting a deal on a processing mill at substantially lower cost than a new one will lower the cost of the Ixtaca deposit ramp-up scenario, Almaden told stockholders in a news release. Ixtaca is an epithermal gold-

silver target, located in State of Puebla, Mexico.

“This is a significant transaction for Almaden,” Morgan Poliquin, CEO and president of Almaden, said Oct. 19.

“This is very well-suited to the flow-sheet we envisage at our Ixtaca project in Mexico, and represents the same throughput as we outlined in our ‘ramp-up’ scenario in our PEA [Preliminary Economic Analysis] update in Sept. 2014.

“For several years we have been dealing with very challenging market conditions for mineral exploration and development as metal prices have fallen along with sentiment,” Poliquin noted in a release.

According to projections of startup costs, acquisition of the mill equipment would help to reduce the construction outlay for the Ixtaca processing plant from the 2014 esti-

mate of \$105.5 million to \$46 million, and reduce the ramp-up scenario by \$70 million, from \$244 million to \$174 million.

Almaden is an exploration stage company directly involved in acquisition, exploration and when warranted, development of mineral properties in Canada, United States and Mexico. Almaden Stock trades for less than \$1 and has \$15 million in working capital.

Canadian exploration company NovaGold Resources Inc. built the Rock Creek mine from 2006 to 2008. The Rock Creek mine operated only for a few months in late 2008 before shutting it down. BSNC bought the

mine in 2012. Rock Creek mine has changed considerably since BSNC took over its shutdown and reclamation work at the site, according to BSNC personnel.

Grading and reseeded have been finished. Buildings have been winterized and will be maintained until they find another use. Managers still keep the site under security.

The Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources inspected the site last summer, according to Matt Ganley of BSNC.

“We are awaiting the decision, but everything appears favorable,” Ganley said.

FCC fines GCI for un-registered towers

By Diana Haecker

The Federal Communications Commission has negotiated a settlement of \$620,500 with the telecommunications company General Communication Inc. for not having registered 118 cell phone towers and for failing to properly light three towers.

According to GCI Vice-President David Morris, the unlit towers were located in Buckland, Selawik and Fairbanks. He said the problem was fixed on all three towers last year.

According to a FCC press release, GCI self-reported in 2014 that it had discovered numerous violations of the FCC tower registration requirements, including towers they had recently bought. “We notified the FAA, but what didn’t occur was a

notification to the FCC,” Morris said. He added that it was a paperwork mistake and that although the FAA had been notified, the FCC paperwork was not completed.

The FCC’s Antenna Structure Registration system operates with Federal Aviation Administration regulations to ensure that communications towers do not present hazards to air navigation. Any tower taller than 200 feet or any tower that may be in the flight path of a nearby airport must be registered with the FCC.

The FCC worked with the company to settle the investigation, pay the fine and secure a plan to ensure towers are appropriately registered and lit.



Photo by Diana Haecker

MORE RESEARCH, MORE TOURIST VESSELS— Nome has seen an increase in research vessels and tourism ships. In this picture, taken on Sept. 11, the Korean research icebreaker *Araon* is dwarfed by the tourism vessel *Le Boreal*.

Port of Nome saw less traffic this summer season

By Maisie Thomas

With the last barge scheduled to arrive next week, the 2015 season is wrapping up at the Port of Nome. Harbormaster Lucas Stotts and Port Director Joy Baker had the opportunity to give the *Nome Nugget* an update on how the summer of 2015 compared to last year.

To summarize: there was less traffic.

Fewer construction and freight barges arrived in Nome than did in 2014. Stotts believes this is largely because state funding for construction was cut. However, there was an increase in research and private sailing vessels. The UAF icebreaker *Sikuliaq* made several stops in

Nome, as did NOAA charting vessels and the Korean icebreaker *Araon* and the U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker *Healy*.

When the Northwest Passage opened up in late August, several private boats made their way through to Nome.

As far as offshore gold mining operations were concerned, the 2015 season saw 75 permitted dredges, almost 20 fewer than last year. Though the dredges have shrunk in number by nearly a quarter, they have increased in size. Stotts wrote that the vessels took up the same amount of harbor space as the fleet of 95 did in 2014.

Stotts reported that Middle Dock,

the main construction project at the Port this summer, is 99 percent finished. Once the water is dredged to the proper depth, the final touches, such as paint, can be added. “I am very excited to have a third dock to work next season,” said the harbor-master.

According to Baker, repairs to the town seawall are scheduled for late spring of 2016. If the port receives the necessary money, Baker said they plan to continue dredging in the Snake River to increase depth.

The last addition to the port will be a new surveillance system. The project is financed by funds from the Dept. of Homeland Security.



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Fluoride goes back into drinking water

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome Joint Utility System must continue the practice of putting fluoride into the community potable water supply, said city administrators.

The utility stopped adding fluoride some time ago when they had no trained technician to do the job.

Nome has a law requiring fluoridation.

John K. Handeland, utility manager, had to leave the October 26 Nome Common Council meeting when called to serve with the Nome Volunteer Ambulance crew when Councilman Stan Andersen brought up the subject.

There were a couple of members on the NJUS Board opposed to fluoride who would delay fluoridation, Andersen said.

In other business the council:

Ruled that guests of the N.E.S.T shelter could continue to take showers and wash clothes at the XYZ Senior Center. The City's attorney, after examining the issue, said there was no good reason to deny the facility to users other than senior citizens.

Funding of the facility in the early 1980's limited use to senior programs.

City Manager Tom Moran said it had been decided that the "antiquated" grant would not prevent sharing the facility with other programs. Expenses to the City on the facility adjoining City Hall came to \$100,000 last year, with heat and propane for cooking congregate meals costing \$28,000.

"I think the public should know," Andersen said.

Andersen asked that the city get regular reports from Nome Community Center on programs and numbers of people served.

The council approved a resolution awarding fuel bids for supplying the City of Nome and Nome Public Schools to Crowley Petroleum Distribution for diesel and Bonanza Fuel for gasoline.

A good part of the meeting was taken up by council reaction to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers putting a one-year hold on a process to make final the selection of Nome for the site of a deep-draft Arctic Port.

Three groups band together to host the Halloween carnival

By Maisie Thomas

The Nome-Beltz Class of 2017, the Nome Community Center and the Nome Preschool organize the Halloween happening this year. The event will take place Friday evening from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday night from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. The carnival will be held at the Nome Elementary School. Halloween eve on Friday is geared toward younger children. Saturday will feature more interactive games, and is for kids in 7th grade and up.

In addition to their annual carnival, the Junior Class teamed up with the Boys and Girls Club to organize a haunted house. Admission to the haunted house is \$5, and the proceeds are split between the two organizers.

On Saturday night, there will be additional complementary activities

provided by the Nome Community Center, including craft tables, face painting and a photo booth as well as a trick or treat adventure in the hallway of the school. The event will include separate costume contests for different age groups.

General admission to the event is free. Some games, and admission to the haunted house have a fee, which goes to either the Nome Preschool or the Junior Class. The organizers also are asking for canned food donations for Nome's food bank.

Jennifer Reader, a member of the Nome Preschool board, spearheaded the school's involvement in the Halloween event. Reader was most excited about the trick-or-treat adventure she helped to organize for young children. She called local businesses and asked if they would be willing to sponsor a doorway in

the Elementary School and provide snacks for trick-or-treaters.

The school also provides a warm, safe environment for small children to walk around in, and a chance to show off their outfits. "It's always so yucky—no one can ever see [the kids'] costumes because it's so cold!" said Reader.

For several years, Nome's annual Halloween event was hosted by DAWN, the local anti-drug group, at the National Guard Armory building. The Community Center collaborated with DAWN for several years. According to Nome Community Center Business Manager Andrea Konik, NCC began hosting the event alone after DAWN disbanded about three years ago.

This year, the Preschool and Junior Class helped to organize the event as a fundraising opportunity.



Photo by Diana Haecker

SAFE— The Med-Safe container is installed near the pharmacy in the new Norton Sound Regional Hospital.

NSHC installed Med-Safe box for disposal of unused medication

By Maisie Thomas

When your medicine cabinet overflows, don't flush the contents and don't take them to the trash. Norton Sound Health Corporation's pharmacy offers a safe way to dispose of unwanted prescription pharmaceuticals.

A MedSafe box, a secure place for unused medications, is available outside the pharmacy, located at the Norton Sound Regional Hospital. The blue box resembles post office collection containers and works in exactly the same way. Once a medication is dropped into the box it cannot be taken back out.

According to a NSHC press release, a MedSafe "provides a convenient method of disposal and rid

homes and medicine cabinets of potentially harmful drugs." The boxes are only to be used for unneeded or expired medications. No illegal drugs are allowed in them. The boxes provide a private, safe way to dispose of unwanted medication.

The unwanted drugs are deposited into a plastic liner inside the box. When full, the liner is shipped out and disposed of. The pharmaceuticals are eventually burned to prevent them from ending up in the water system. Potentially harmful substances to turn up in drinking water because many people simply flush outdated medications.

Nome's MedSafe box can only be accessed during pharmacy hours.



Photo by Charles Swanson

NFL IN KOYUK— NFL alumni visited with Koyuk youth and community members on October 13. The NFL alumni spoke to youth about staying in school, making good choices and avoiding drugs and alcohol. They were Dallas Cowboys Ron Fellows, Oakland Raiders Mervyn Johnson, Raiders Dokie Williams, Kansas City Chiefs Stephone Paige and San Francisco 49ers Mike Wilson. The players and kids also competed in a basketball game.

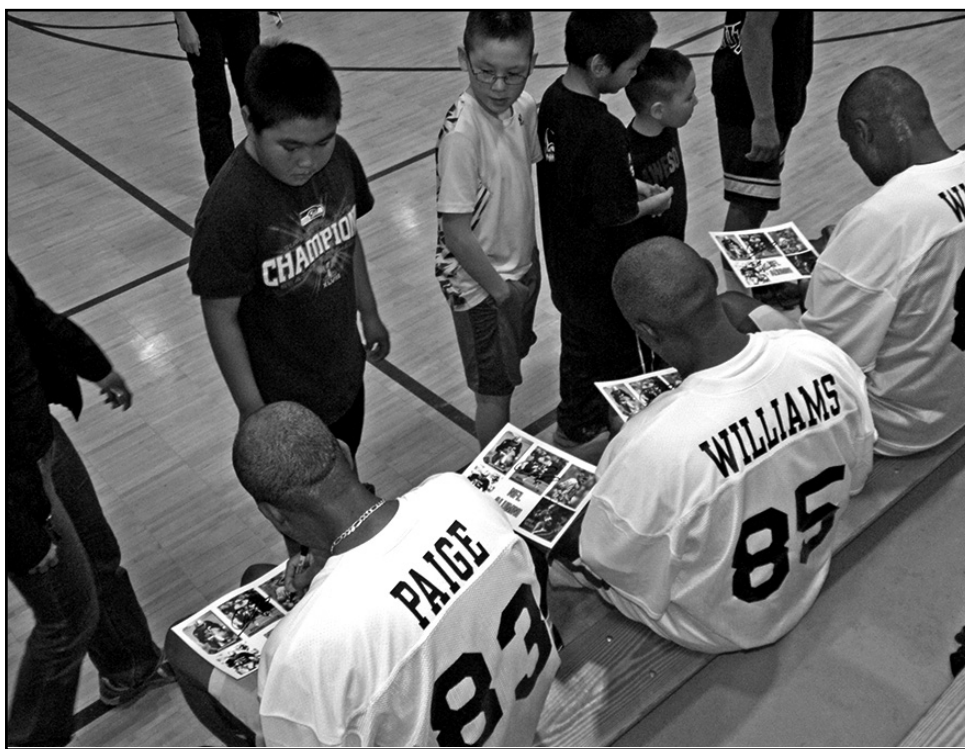


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SIGN HERE— Stephone Paige of the Kansas City Chiefs, Dokie Williams of the Oakland Raiders, and San Francisco 49ers Mike Wilson sign autographed photos for Kayle Kavairlook, Denin Prentice, Eric Charles and Isaac Prentice.

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Nome-Beltz swimmers splash in Palmer

By Kirsten Bey

The Nanook Swim Team traveled to Palmer for the annual Palmer Invitational Swim & Dive Meet on October 15. This swim meet features teams from 12 different schools and a couple hundred swimmers and divers converged on the venue.

Nanook swimmers included Maya Coler, Cody Farris, Erin Johanson, Madison Johnson, Donald Smith and Katy Tomter.

Everyone swam the 50-yard freestyle event. There were 34 female swimmers in the preliminary round of this event, with Nome

swimmer Katy Tomter finishing in 11th place, Madison Johnson in 24th place and Erin Johanson in 26th place. Katy Tomter's 11th place finish in the preliminary got her a place on the starting blocks in the Consolation Final event.

There were 32 male swimmers in the preliminary round of this event. The Nome swimmer Cody Farris finished in 25th place and Donald Smith came in 28th place.

It is noteworthy that Erin, Maya, Donald and Cody have never been to a swim meet before, so just main-

taining poise on the starting blocks is a big accomplishment.

Each swimmer participated in one other individual event. Katy Tomter finished 7th out of 26 swimmers in the 100-yard freestyle preliminary, again earning a spot in the consolation final. Madison Johnson finished 19th in the preliminary.

Donald Smith also swam the 100-yard freestyle finishing 23rd out of 28 in the boy's preliminary.

Cody Farris and Erin Johanson participated in the 100-yard breaststroke event and Cody finished 21st out of 23 and Erin finished 20th out

of 25 swimmers.

Maya Coler participated in the 100-yard backstroke and she finished 22nd out of 26 swimmers in the preliminary.

The girls also participated in two relay events, the Medley Relay where each swimmer swims a different stroke. Thanks to Maya Coler being willing (and liking) to swim the butterfly the Nannooks were able to put a team in this event. The girls also swam the 200-yard Freestyle Relay where each swimmer swims a 50-yard freestyle. While the Nanook Swim team finished 14th out of 16

teams, Katy Tomter's time in this event of 27.97 seconds was faster than half of the swimmers in the winning six teams.

Katy Tomter is the only senior on the team. All the other team members posted personal best times from this year's event. The regional final will take place in Fairbanks over the Halloween weekend. The swimmers will have an opportunity to improve on these times and set some baselines for next year.

The team thanks Brian Stockman for traveling with the team and for Paula Johanson cheering them on.



SWIM— Nome Nanook Madison Johnson went to the Palmer Invitational Swim & Dive Meet on October 15 with the Nanook Swim Team.



TANDEM DIVERS— Nome Nanook swimmers Maya Coler and Erin Johanson dive in together during the Palmer Invitational Swim & Dive Meet on October 15.

Photos courtesy of Kirsten Bey

Wrestlers Leif Erikson and Nolan Horner win titles at Nome Invite

By Keith Conger

Going undefeated for an entire season is a rare feat, but Nome-Beltz senior wrestlers Leif Erikson and Nolan Horner remain on track for that achievement as each handled all comers at their weight classes during the 2015 Nome Invitational Wrestling Tournament this weekend in the Nome-Beltz gym.

Erikson entered the meet with a 4-0 record after beating the field in the 152-pound weight class last weekend in Bethel. While working on his home turf this weekend, Erikson ran that record up to a perfect 11-0. He recorded falls in all seven of his matches, with the fastest pin happening in 19 seconds. Derek Brown of Kotzebue provided the toughest contest for Erikson. Brown nearly went the distance before falling to Erikson at 5 minutes, 24 seconds.

Nome wrestlers Tim James and

John Tidwell also fell prey to Erikson in the 152-pound weight class, but each recorded five pins to move themselves into the division's top three. James beat Tidwell in an 8-4 decision to claim second place.

A log jam at that weight class was created this week as James moved down from the 160-pound division. Nanooks head coach Dudley Homelvig realizes that having three of his top wrestlers in the same weight class will not be advantageous as his team prepares for the state tournament, since three wrestlers from each squad are allowed to qualify for the regional tournament, but only two total from each weight class will move on to state. The Nanooks have a better chance of sending more wrestlers to ASAA's 123A State Tournament in December if one or both move to other weight classifications.

Nolan Horner extended his perfect match record to 9-0 by winning all six of his matches on the Nome mats. Like his teammate Erikson, each of Nolan's wins were by fall. This included a pin of second-place finisher Wesley Yeager of Galena in 1:56 min.

James Horner was another Nanook wrestler to finish the tournament with runner-up status, as he took second place in the 170-pound class. The deciding match in the division turned out to be a 2014 state tournament rematch between Horner and Trey Henning of Unalaska. Homelvig says that although James lost this weekend in an 8-4 decision, the match was much closer than the one they had last year. Henning would go on to win the division.

Regional powerhouse wrestling squads from Bethel and Kotzebue had good showings, despite missing

several key team members who stayed home to take care of college testing. Homelvig noted that Bethel typically does well in the lower weight classes. This was evident as Thomas Dymment, a 2014 state champion, won the 98-pound class and Mathew Hunter took first in the 113-

pound division. Elishah Naneng took first in the 145-pound girls division, and Kelly O'Brien, a 2014 state champion, took first in the 145-pound girls class. Alex Larson placed first in the 160-pound class.

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NOME INVITATIONAL— Nome Nanook Timothy James attempts to pin his competitor during the 2015 Nome Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

Photos by Janeen Sullivan



DON'T CROSS ME— Nome-Beltz sophomore Sam Cross has a painful hold on his opponent at the Nome Invitational last weekend.



GAME FACE— Madison Johnson fights back as she is lifted into the air.

Golovin remains perfect, extends regional Mixed 6 volleyball lead

Nanooks retain slim Western Conference lead after set backs in Bethel

By Keith Conger

Four of the top co-ed volleyball teams in western Alaska met for a tournament in Golovin last weekend. The former Mixed 6 state champion Golovin Lynx extended their perfect 2015 match play record to 11-0 by beating teams from St. Michael, Unalakleet and Buckland.

Although aided by a home court

advantage, winning all their matches against a formidable line-up turned out to be no easy task for the Lynx. The St. Michael Storm entered the tourney with a 7-1 record on the year, and the Unalakleet Wolfpack, who are also former state Mixed Six champs, were close behind as the fourth-place BSSD team in the crowded 11-team Western Confer-

ence. The Buckland Belugas, traveled to Golovin as the second-ranked team in the Northwest Arctic Conference.

The Lynx opened play with the Storm on Friday night with a 25-12, 25-12, 18-25, 25-21 four-set victory, handing St. Michael its second conference loss of the season. In the second match of the evening, Unalakleet took care of Buckland in straight sets, 25-12, 25-22, 25-12. That created a match between Golovin and Unalakleet, two teams that have dominated BSSD volleyball for years. While the opening set was close, Golovin gave up only a third set loss en route to a 25-23, 25-18, 24-26, 25-15 win over the Wolfpack.

On Saturday Buckland beat St. Michael 3-0, and nearly upset

Golovin in their second match. The Belugas grabbed at 2-1 set lead before the Lynx pulled out fourth and fifth game victories. The match line read 25-21, 28-30, 23-25, 25-21, 15-10.

When Unalakleet beat St. Michael, they earned the right for a rematch against the Lynx. Golovin played their best volleyball of the weekend in handing Unalakleet a 25-18, 28-26, 25-16 loss. The victory gave the Lynx a perfect 4-0 record for the tournament, while the loss left the Wolfpack at 2-2. Buckland, too, finished 2-2, while St. Michael was winless at 0-4. The matches against Buckland are not figured into the Western Conference standings.

In an email interview after the matches, longtime Golovin Coach

Frank Amaktoolik praised his team's serving consistency over the two-day event. In the second match against Unalakleet, Golovin's serving consistency was the deciding factor. "In set two Molly (Moses) had a great serving game. She scored 10 of our points and we won 28 to 26. The next set Wilma (Amaktoolik) had a great serve. She scored 10 of the points," Coach Amaktoolik wrote. "Molly's leadership and confidence on the court and during timeouts was uplifting to the other players. It helped with team morale."

Nanook Girls Drop Two

The Nome-Beltz girls traveled south this weekend for important conference matches with Bethel and Kotzebue in Bethel. The Nanooks were dealt a set back as they dropped their Friday night match with Bethel. The host Warriors swept the Nanooks 3-0 for their first conference win of the year. Nome was outscored 25-22, 25-17, 25-16.

Nome opened up play on Saturday against Kotzebue, a team they had beaten three times out of four encounters this year. The Huskies took care of business with a straight sets victory over Nome. The Nanooks were only close in the first set bowing 25-22, 25-17, 25-16. Nome was able to bounce back on Saturday night with a strong 3-0 victory over Bethel, going 25-22, 25-16, 25-13.

The Nanook losses this weekend, coupled with Kotzebue's 3-0 and 3-1 wins against Bethel, have tightened the Western Conference race. Since dropping their first three conference matches of the year, all to the Nanooks, the Huskies have won six matches straight.

After play last weekend the Nanooks are left with a slim half game lead over the Huskies for the conference regular season crown. For tournament seeding, the Nanooks hold a three-to-two match tie-breaker over the Huskies. The topsy-turvy play this weekend shows that the conference title, as well as a berth for each of two Western Conference girls teams to the ASAA 3A State Championships, is still up for grabs.

The Nanooks travel to Barrow next weekend for their final regular season contests. Barrow is uncharacteristically winless at this point in the season, but always plays well at home. The Nanooks could use a good showing there to rebuild their confidence for an end of the season drive toward the state tourney.

The Western Conference Tournament will be held in Kotzebue on Nov. 7 to 8.



SERVING EFFICIENCY— Golovin's Peter Olson delivers a serve during a match this weekend. Teams from St. Michael, Unalakleet, and Buckland visited Golovin for a small tournament.



BIG WALL— Timothy Sagoonick, 24, and Talon Erickson of Unalakleet work to block Hank Henry of Golovin at a four-team tournament in Golovin this weekend.

Photos by Amanda Moses



GOOD SPORTS— The Unalakleet Wolfpack Mixed 6 co-ed volleyball players, left, congratulate the Golovin Lynx after a match in Golovin this weekend.

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• Wrestling

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Homelvig says Kotzebue traditionally does well in the middle-upper weights, although several standouts, including former state champions Gary Eakin and Spencer Woods were missing. “The second string for Kotz is pretty tough,” he said. Trevor Miller-Hickerson won the 138-pound division. Moira Sheldon, a 2014 state champion, took first in the 120-pound girls division, and Madison Hadley took first in the 132-pound girls class.

Other Nanook high school boys results included John Gilder, fourth-place, Caleb Evatt, sixth-place, and Jeremy Knudsen, seventh-place in the 113-pound class; Ben Cross fourth-place in the 132-pound class; Sam Cross, fifth-place at 138-pounds, Dylan Crowe, fifth-place, in the 145-pound division; Ethan Kelso, fourth-place in the 182-pound class; Donald Smith, fourth-place in the 220-pound division; and Zach Tozier, third place at 285 pounds,

The Nanooks had two high school girl participants. Madison Johnson took fifth in the 120-pound girls division. Sierra Tucker took sixth in the 145-pound girls weight classification.

The Bering Strait School District wrestlers were led by Unalakleet’s Sikulik Johnson who captured first place in the 180-pound division. Teammate John Rochon took third at

98. Jonathan Avalnun of Gambell was second in the 160-pound class, and teammate Ben Apangalook claimed second at 220 pounds. Eli Kulowiya of Savoonga placed third in the 160-pound class. Koyuk’s Jalen Nassuk claiming the fourth spot in the 145-pound weight classification.

Other high school weight class winners were Rhett Jackson of Kuskokwim Learning Academy in the 120-pound class, Jerry Jones of Galena in the 126-pound class, Brandon Evans of Kuskokwim Learning Academy in the 132-pound class, Tristen Cook of Galena in the 145-pound class, Brittnee Mills of Noatak in the 160-pound girls division, John Khongsuk of Unalaska in the 220-pound class, and Anthony Sam of Galena in the 285-pound division.

This year was the first time a team from Unalaska made it to the Nome Invitational. High school teams in attendance were Bethel,

Galena, Gambell, Kotzebue, Koyuk, Kuskokwim Learning Academy, Noatak, Nome, Savoonga, Unalakleet, and Unalaska.

“The mats have been full,” said Homelvig as he talked about the large number of younger wrestlers his team has attracted to practice. This year Homelvig was able to structure practices so that sixth graders can work out with the junior high wrestlers. Kotzebue and Bethel have been using this method for years to build teams. He was also successful in getting the middle school practices to match up with the high school schedule. This gives the coaches the opportunity to match advanced middle school wrestlers with high school wrestlers.

“There was a lot of ‘Blue on Blue,’” said Homelvig in reference to the high number of Nome’s middle schoolers that got match experience wrestling each other this weekend in the middle school divi-

sions. Seventeen young Nanooks took to the mats during competition.

Middle school weight class winners were Parker Kenick of Nome at 70/75/80, Amos Sage of Noatak at 95/100, Nikolai Analnun of Gambell at 105, Ben Homekingkeo of Koyuk at 110, Larry Wilson of Unalakleet

at 125, Nate Cushman of Nome at 133 and Chase Marvin of Nome at 148/160/174.

Middle school teams in attendance were Elim, Brevig Mission, Gambell, Kotzebue, Koyuk, Noatak, Nome, Savoonga, Shaktoolik, St. Michael, and Unalakleet.

Nome-Beltz Jr/Sr High School Perfect Attendance 1st Quarter 2015-16

Junior High
Ayodola Oluwatimilehin
Ayowole-Obi
Kenosha Kyra Krystal
Kaye Kiyuklook
Kelly Marie Lyon
Celeste Shea Tagle
Olivia Irene Timmons
Katelyn Sarah Tocktoo

High School
Senora Noelle Ahmasuk
Sierra Noelle Anderson
Ayomide Obitayo Ayowole-Obi
Boluwatife Fadare Ayowole-Obi
Taylor James Albert Brown
Walter Osborne Daniels Bell
Annalise Bryana Contreras
Benjamin Jean Soolook Cross
Dylon Merwin Allen Crowe
Starr Wanette Erikson
Amber Kay Gray
Joseph Campbell Kinneen
Jeremy Morgan Knudsen
Daynon Keena Medlin
Harrison Brant Moore
Devan Jace Otton
Kenean Douglas Outwater
Elsa Agheline Prince
Cortny Ronale Provost
Raichel Amy Sahlin
Tamara Janette Spivey
Nicholas Harry Tocktoo
Zachary David Tozier
John Charles Wade

Wrestling Results		
Mixed-6, Western Conference Standings (wins/losses)		
Golovin		11-0
White Mountain		7-1
St. Michael		7-3
Unalakleet		6-3
Teller		4-3
Shishmaref		4-4
Gambell		4-5
Brevig Mission		1-3
Koyuk		3-9
Stebbins		2-10
Savoonga		0-8
3A Girls, Western Conference Standings (Wins/losses including only five-set matches)		
Nome		7-3
Kotzebue		6-3
Bethel		1-4
Barrow		0-4

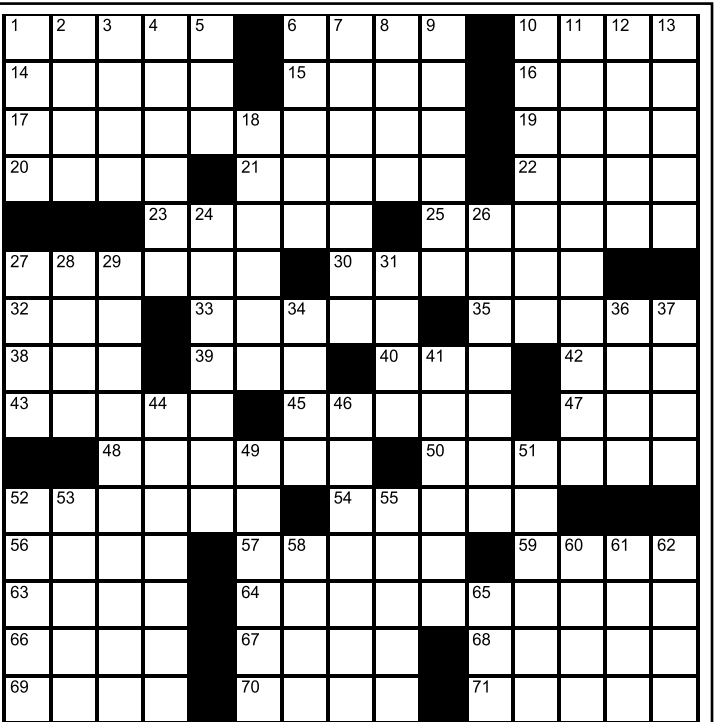
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- Across**

1. "The Whale" constellation
6. Curve
10. Damon of "Good Will Hunting"
14. Express
15. ____ vera
16. "O" in old radio lingo
17. Selecting by vote again
19. Arm bone
20. "Frasier" actress Gilpin
21. Carafe size
22. Caribbean and others
23. Uniform shade
25. Like some mushrooms
27. Current
30. Dorm room staple
32. Which person?
33. Genealogy
35. Command
38. Debtor's note
39. Ace
40. Death on the Nile cause, perhaps
42. Anger
43. Low-grade wool
45. Danger
47. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
48. Edema
50. Good as new
52. Fine coating of oxide on metal
54. A-list
56. Sandler of "Big Daddy"
57. Categorize
59. Chic-____ Mountains in Quebec
63. Home to some Mongolian nomads
64. Calcium carbonate deposited by water
66. ____-bodied
67. Anger, with "up"
68. Overhangs
69. At no time, poetically
70. Its motto is "Lux et veritas"
71. Shift, e.g.

Down

1. Business firm, abbrev.
2. Fencing sword
3. Ticket info, maybe
4. Dissimilar
5. "Comprende?"
6. Fabric dyeing method
7. Snob
8. ____ of the above
9. Extent
10. More drab and colorless
11. Robust (hyph.)
12. Employing variations in pitch
13. Bait
18. Hue and cry
24. Whaling spear
26. Tiny bead of liquid
27. Move through water
28. 10 C-notes
29. King Aurthur's knights (2 wds)
31. Boris Godunov, for one
34. "My bad!"
36. Coastal raptor
37. Cattail, e.g.
41. Comparison
44. Dirtier
46. Examine
49. Slight
51. Sweet liquid collected by bees
52. Heathen
53. Building block
55. Bank
58. "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
60. Bee structure
61. Aces, sometimes
62. British tax
65. Cabernet, e.g.

Previous Puzzle Answers

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HOROSCOPES
October 2015 — Week 5

CAPRICORN
December 22–January 19

A challenge beckons. Take it only if you dare, Capricorn. A financial error proves costly for a friend. Loans are not the answer. Gifts, on the other hand, are welcome.

ARIES
March 21–April 19

Luck has nothing to do with it, Aries. Work hard, and you will succeed. Fortunately for you, some little goblins and ghouls will lend you a hand.

CANCER
June 22–July 22

Boo, Cancer! You're in for a week of spintangling fun. An examination uncovers the need for further deliberation. A friend receives an award.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

Watch out, Libra. A skeleton is about to come out of the closet. Keep your horror to yourself. A neighbor proves more insightful than you thought.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

Moonlight madness strikes. Prepare for a week of adventure, Aquarius. Affairs of the heart nearly get the best of a coworker.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

Hoping to attend the event of the year, Taurus? Say no more. Your wish will be granted. A change at work sends everyone scrambling but you.

LEO
July 23–August 22

Loved ones cast their spell, and suddenly, you have a lot more to do. Organization is key, Leo. You won't get far without the right supplies and instructions.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

Beg off, Scorpio. You did as asked. It's time for someone else to step up. A personal journey begins. Tread carefully. There is a lot to learn. A project is saved.

PISCES
February 19–March 20

History repeats, and you are left holding the bag once more. Relax, Pisces. This will not come back to haunt you ever again. A ghastly secret is revealed.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

A penny saved is a penny earned. Sadly, pennies aren't going to cut it this time. You're going to have to get serious about your finances, Gemini.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

Finances a fright, Virgo? Make a change for the better. Attend a seminar or set up an appointment with your advisor. Don't wait until it is too late.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

What a scream, Sagittarius! The antics of a furry friend keep everyone in stitches this week. Nightly excursions add to the revelry. A friend drops by.

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Obituaries

Mary Agatha Brown
Feb. 23, 1931
– October 21, 2015

Mary Agatha Brown, age 84, passed away on October 21, 2015 of natural causes at Alaska Regional Hospital in Anchorage, AK. She was born in a small mining town, Mouse Point, AK on February 23, 1931. Her early years were spent in Holy Cross and Anvik. While attending White Mountain Boarding School, she first met her future husband Leonard Robert Brown. They married on April 30, 1955 after she graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe and completed Dental Hygienist training in Albuquerque, NM. Mary initially worked as a traveling Dental Hygienist before settling down to raise a family. In 1964, she and her family floated the Yukon River to settle in Unalakleet where they started their first business “Burgers-To-Go”. The business grew to eventually become “Brown’s Lodge” which Mary and Leonard built by hand. They remained the proprietors of this landmark business for the next 45 years until her retirement in 2010. During this time the lodge served as the Unalakleet Check Point for the Iditarod where Mary would serve a steak dinner to the first musher to the Norton Sound Coast. She took great pride and joy serving the Unalakleet community and hosting guests from all over the world including senators, governors and various other dignitaries. When not working the lodge, she commercial fished the Unalakleet waters, harvested foods from the land, and cared for her family. A voracious knitter from childhood, her

specialty became colorful socks and slippers that she would joyfully gift to friends and family throughout the year. She is survived by her husband Leonard, daughters Leona Whetham and Emilietta Grays, and son Melvin; siblings Alec Richardson, Mildred Peterson and Goldie Brown; along with eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sons Leonard and Gary, brother Terry Wharton and sister Leona Wharton. Burial services will be at the Unalakleet Covenant Church on Friday October 30.

Oscar Koutchak
October 27, 1930
– October 17, 2015



Oscar Koutchak

Oscar Koutchak, 84, passed away on Oct. 17, 2015, of natural causes at Our Father's House Assisted Living in Anchorage, Alaska. He was born on Oct. 27, 1930, in Unalakleet, Alaska, and graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School in 1948. Oscar worked in several fields beginning with Wien Airlines, MEA in Unalakleet and Alaska Airlines and he then attended school in Oklahoma City, Okla., to begin his career in air traffic control with the FAA, the National Weather Service and FAA maintenance. He also worked for the Bering Strait School District. He was also a commercial fisherman and trapper. Through the years, Oscar lived in several communities throughout Alaska, including Kotzebue, Nome, Tanana and Anchorage. He served in many communities, serving as a board member for Kawerak, Native Village of Unalakleet and Smithsonian Observer for Norton Sound Artifacts. He served as Elder of the Year, an honor he shared with his wife Mae. for the City of Unalakleet. Oscar enjoyed hunting and fishing, which included tomcod fishing, both commercial and for his family's subsistence. He loved to scout for berries and teaching his daughters how to subsist. He loved to camp and built a cabin for his family. He also loved to run motors. Oscar’s favorite Bible chapter was Psalm 23. Oscar is survived by his wife, Mae Katherine Koutchak; daughters, Jeanie Hayes, Polly Koutchak, Julia (Mike) Malinak, Mary Freytag and Johnette (Timothy) Hedrick; sisters, Anita Grant, Evelyn Rynearson and Teresa Hill; and brother, Benjamin (Leila) Eakon.

He is also survived by his grandchildren Christopher Kalerak, Cara and Gregory Koutchak, Michael, Hazel and Alcinia Freytag, Raven Volk, Michaela Schneider, Johnathan, Ethan and Nathaniel Tanape, Timothy and Timarye Hedrick and Jeremiah Oscar Hayes; and 12 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin and Edna Eakon Koutchak; daughter Mary Jane

Koutchak, son-in-law Jay Freytag; brothers-in-law, John Grant and Charles Hill; sisters Irene (Stanton) Katchatag, Mary (Clement) Clementson and Marian (Mischa) Dick; brothers Jack (Ruth) Koutchak and Richard (Lilly) Koutchak and Marian Eakon; and granddaughter Angela Button; great-granddaughter Jazmin Roberts and son Gregory Koutchak (1st). Peace to his memory.

Pumpkin Breakfast Muffins

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

Makes 24 servings
Preparation Time: 10 minutes
Bake at 375°F for 20 minutes
Difficulty Level: Easy

Ingredients:
1 c. All-purpose flour
1 ½ c. Whole-wheat flour
2 tsp. Baking soda
1 tsp. Salt
1 Tbsp. Cinnamon
¼ tsp. Allspice
¼ tsp. Cloves, ground
3 Eggs, room temperature
1-15 oz. can Pumpkin puree
¾ c. Applesauce, unsweetened
½ c. Raisins
¼ c. Ground flaxseed
½ c. Walnuts, chopped

Topping:
1 Tbsp. Sugar
1 tsp. Cinnamon

- Directions:
1. Preheat the oven to 375°F. Spray two muffin tins with non-stick cooking spray and set aside.
 2. Combine the all-purpose flour, whole-wheat flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, allspice, and cloves in a large bowl. Add in the wet ingredients, eggs, pumpkin puree, and applesauce. Fold in the raisins, flaxseed, and walnuts.
 3. Divide the batter into the prepared muffin tins and sprinkle with the sugar and cinnamon topping.
 4. Bake for 20 minutes or until the muffins appear light golden brown.



Nutrition Facts	
Serving Size	1 muffin
Amount of Servings	24
Calories	141
Total Fat (g)	3
Saturated Fat (g)	0
Cholesterol (mg)	23
Sodium (mg)	214
Total Carbohydrate (g)	27
Fiber (g)	3
Protein (g)	4
Vitamin A (%)	32
Vitamin C (%)	1
Calcium (%)	3
Iron (%)	7

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All Around the Sound

New Arrival
Cheri Ione and Jimmy Coffin of Shaktoolik announce the birth of their son **Landon James Coffin**, born September 20, 2015 at 11:12

a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches in length. Siblings or other family members: Amanda Lee Sage,

Tina Marie, Colton Lee; and grandparents Penny Ione and Paul Bekoalok.

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Youth Services Director: non-exempt, regular

full-time position. The pay range is \$26.78/hour - \$30.14/hour (DOE). This position is open until filled.

Youth Coordinator: non-exempt, regular full-time position. The pay range is \$21.15/hour - \$23.79/hour (DOE). This position is open until filled.

Native preference per Public Law 93-638

A full copy of the job descriptions and an employment application can be obtained from the Nome Eskimo Community Website www.necalaska.org or from the Nome Eskimo Community Office at 200 West 5th Avenue.

For any questions, please contact the Human Resources Manager, Cathy Lyon, at 907-443-9131 or by email to cathylyon@gci.net

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Legals

THE CITY OF NOME

INVITATION TO BID

CITY OF NOME
Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
Special Exhibit Gallery Display Cases

NOME, ALASKA

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

The City of Nome will receive sealed bids for fabrication of five exhibit display cases for the new 350 square-foot Special Exhibit Gallery in the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum in the Richard Foster Building.

Interested persons may receive a bid package by registering with the City Clerk by e-mail at bhammond@nomealaska.org, phone at 907-443-6611, or by fax at 907-443-5345. Contract Documents will be available on October 22, 2015.

One complete set of Bid Documents will be available for review at The Plans Room, 4831 Old Seward Hwy # 102, Anchorage, AK 99503, 907-563-2029. Another complete set of Bid Documents will also be available for review at The Associated General Contractors of Alaska, 3750 Bonita Street, Fairbanks, AK 99701, 907-452-1809.

The deadline for submission of sealed proposals is Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 3:00 PM local time and shortly thereafter the bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bids must be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked clearly on the envelope as "Bid Enclosed: Special Exhibit Gallery Display Cases" along with the name and address of the Bidder. Fax submissions are not allowed, but bid modifications are.

The contract will be awarded based on the sum of lowest cost, while taking into consideration the qualifications of the Bidder, as determined by the City. The City of Nome reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to reject non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids.

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Classifieds

WANTED – Mark Knapp at The Cutting Edge in Fairbanks is buying legal ancient walrus ivory, musk ox horn, mammoth ivory and teeth. Very good prices. 907-452-7477, cuttingedge@gci.net.

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WANTED—Muskox horn, moose/caribou antler, old ivory, Eskimo artifacts. Call Roger 304-1048 or email nomerog@hotmail.com.

2/26/2015 tm



Nome Eskimo Community

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Nome Eskimo Community Annual Meeting will be held **Thursday, November 5th, 2015** beginning at 6PM, at NEC located at 200 West 5th Avenue. All NEC members are invited to attend. Staff will provide Annual Program Reports and information on services. Two (2) Alaska Airlines Mileage Certificates (15,000 miles each) will be drawn at the end of the meeting.

TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

There are two (2) Tribal Council Seats up for election, each with a term of three (3) years. Candidates must be 21 years of age & have resided in Nome for at least one year. Candidate application packets are available at NEC. Applications must be submitted by close of business at **5PM on Friday, October 30th**.

Voting takes place at the NEC Hall on **Wednesday, November 4th** from 9AM to 5PM, and **Thursday, November 5th** from 9AM to 6:30PM.

For more information, contact Lauren Otton at (907) 443-2246, email nomeeskimo@gci.net or visit our website: www.necalaska.org

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Chairman Dan Harrelson has set the dates for NSCDC's third quarter meetings to be held at the Aaron Paneok & Myles Gonangnan Memorial Hall in Unalakleet.

November 4, 2015

Executive Committee.....9:00 a.m.
Rules & Bylaws Committee.....9:45 a.m.
Scholarship Committee.....10:15 a.m.
Fisheries Development Committee.....10:45 a.m.
NSSP Working Group.....1:00 p.m.
Finance Committee.....2:00 p.m.

November 5, 2015

Board of Directors.....9:00 a.m.

November 6, 2015

NSCDC Annual Meeting of Members.....9:00 a.m.
NSCDC Annual Meeting of Directors.....9:15 a.m.

NSCDC welcomes member community residents at meetings. Portions of these meetings, however, may be held in executive session.

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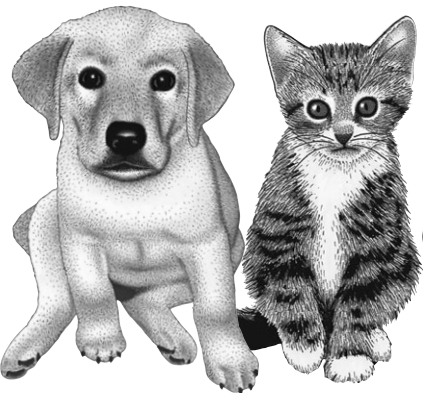
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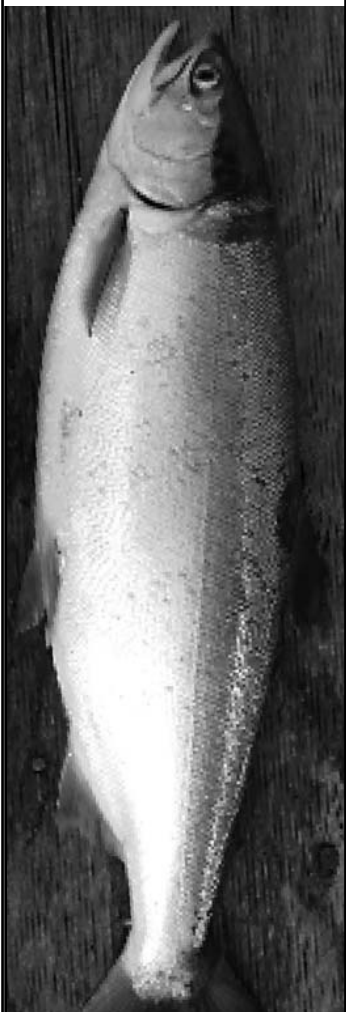
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Court

Week ending 10/23
Civil
Kuzuguk, JR., Leonard W. v. Olanna, Christopher; Civil Protective Order
O'Connor, Connie v. Latham, Jack; Civil Protective Order
BOFI Federal Bank v. Niksik, SR., James; Superior Court Misc Petition
Shelp, Tony v. Olanna, Esther; Civil Protective Order
Mendez, Marybel v. Mendez, Gregorio D.; Civil Protective Order
Mokiyuk, Bessie v. Mokiyuk, JR., Jackson; Civil Protective Order
Small Claims
Handeland, Arne and Handeland, Dana v. Theye, Andrea; Small Claims Less Than \$2500
Criminal
State of Alaska v. Nellie Penayah (4/24/79); Harassment 2; Date of Violation: 6/3/15; 90 days, 88 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 taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 4/10/16; 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.
State of Alaska v. Geena Tori Koonooka

(9/19/93); CTN 001: Alcoholic Bev Transport by Common Carrier; Date of Violation: 4/15/15; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 002; 90 days, 90 suspended; Fine: \$1,000 with \$500 suspended; Pay unsuspended \$500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 10/1/16; Forfeit any alcohol seized to the State; 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 until 10/20/16; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol, and any state ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires; Shall not have alcohol in her residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing by any peace officer with probable cause to believe she has consumed alcohol; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol, upon probable cause; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to local option community; Shall submit proof of completion of 20 hours of Community Work Service by 10/1/16.
State of Alaska v. Virginia Oseuk (4/26/88); CTN 002: Harassment 2; Date of Violation: 6/9/15; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 001, 003; Suspended Imposition of Sentence: Imposition of sentence is

suspended; The defendant is placed on probation subject to terms, orders, and conditions listed below; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days;

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State of Alaska v. Lucien Blodgett (10/22/98); 2NO-15-357CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001:

DWOL; Filed by the DAs Office 10/20/15.
State of Alaska v. Lucien Blodgett (10/22/98); 2NO-15-382CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: DWOL; Filed by the DAs Office 10/20/15.
State of Alaska v. Elinor Rose Kulowiyl (5/7/94); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: MCA – Rpt; Filed by the DAs Office 10/20/15.

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NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEDIA RELEASES
10/19/2015 through 10/25/2015
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 157 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center. 53 (34%) involved alcohol. There were 16 arrests made with 16 (100%) alcohol related.
NPD responded to 14 calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. One person was remanded to AMCC as protective hold; and 3 remained at the hospital for medical evaluation/treatment.
There were 7 ambulance calls and no fire calls during this period.

Monday, October 19, 2015
12:46 am, NPD received a report of a disturbance at a residence on the east end of town. Of-

ficers responded and contacted Kaitlin Ivanoff, who was found intoxicated and on current Conditions of Probation. Ivanoff was placed under arrest for Violating her Conditions of Probation and was remanded to AMCC, where she was held without bail.
7:39 am, NPD received a report of a disturbance at an apartment complex on the east end of town. Officers arrived and made contact with two individuals, both indicated it was only a verbal dispute. The issue was resolved by separation and one of the individuals was provided transportation to their parent's apartment. No further action taken.
10:57 am, NPD received a report of possible sexual abuse. Officers responded and investigated the allegations, to include an interview with the reported victim. The interview did not result in a disclosure of any abuse at that time.
3:44 pm, NPD received a report of an intoxicated female down on the west end of town, Officers made contact with the individual and they got
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Trooper Beat

Any charges reported in these press releases are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.
On October 21, at 9:20 a.m., the Alaska State Troopers received a report of an intoxicated person breaking in to another person's home in Bre-

vig Mission. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Jimmy Kiyutelluk, 50, of Brevig Mission. Kiyutelluk was remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center. Charges of criminal trespass and criminal mischief, as well as other charges, are pending.



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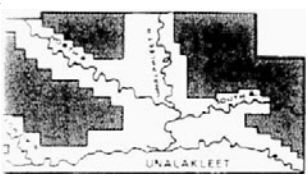
In November, BOEM will hold a series of public scoping meetings to help determine the scope of an upcoming Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This Draft EIS will analyze the potential environmental effects of a Development and Production Plan (DPP) submitted to BOEM by Hilcorp, Alaska LLC on Sept. 18, 2015. The DPP outlines Hilcorp’s proposal to build and operate a production facility at the Liberty Prospect, located about 9 km off the shores of the Beaufort Sea.

MEETING SCHEDULE *(All 7pm–10pm Alaska time)*

Mon, Nov 2.....Fairbanks (Westmark Hotel, 813 Noble St)
Tues, Nov 3.....Kaktovik (Kaktovik Community Center)
Wed, Nov 4.....Nuiqsut (Kisik Community Center)
Thu, Nov 5.....Barrow (Inupiat Heritage Center)
Mon, Nov 9.....Anchorage (Embassy Suites, 600 E Benson Blvd)

For more information, see: www.boem.com/liberty





Unalakleet Native Corporation

P.O. Box 100
Unalakleet, Alaska 99684

Annual Meeting of the Stockholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **annual meeting of the stockholders** of the Unalakleet Native Corporation will take place at the Aaron Paneok/Myles Gonangnan Memorial Hall in Unalakleet, Alaska on **21th November 2015 at 10:00 A.M.** for the following purposes:

1. Approval, Additions or Corrections to the minutes of the 2014 annual meeting.
2. Reports from the management and committee.
3. Introduction of the director nominees and statements by nominees, if they wish.
4. Election of five (5) directors.
5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

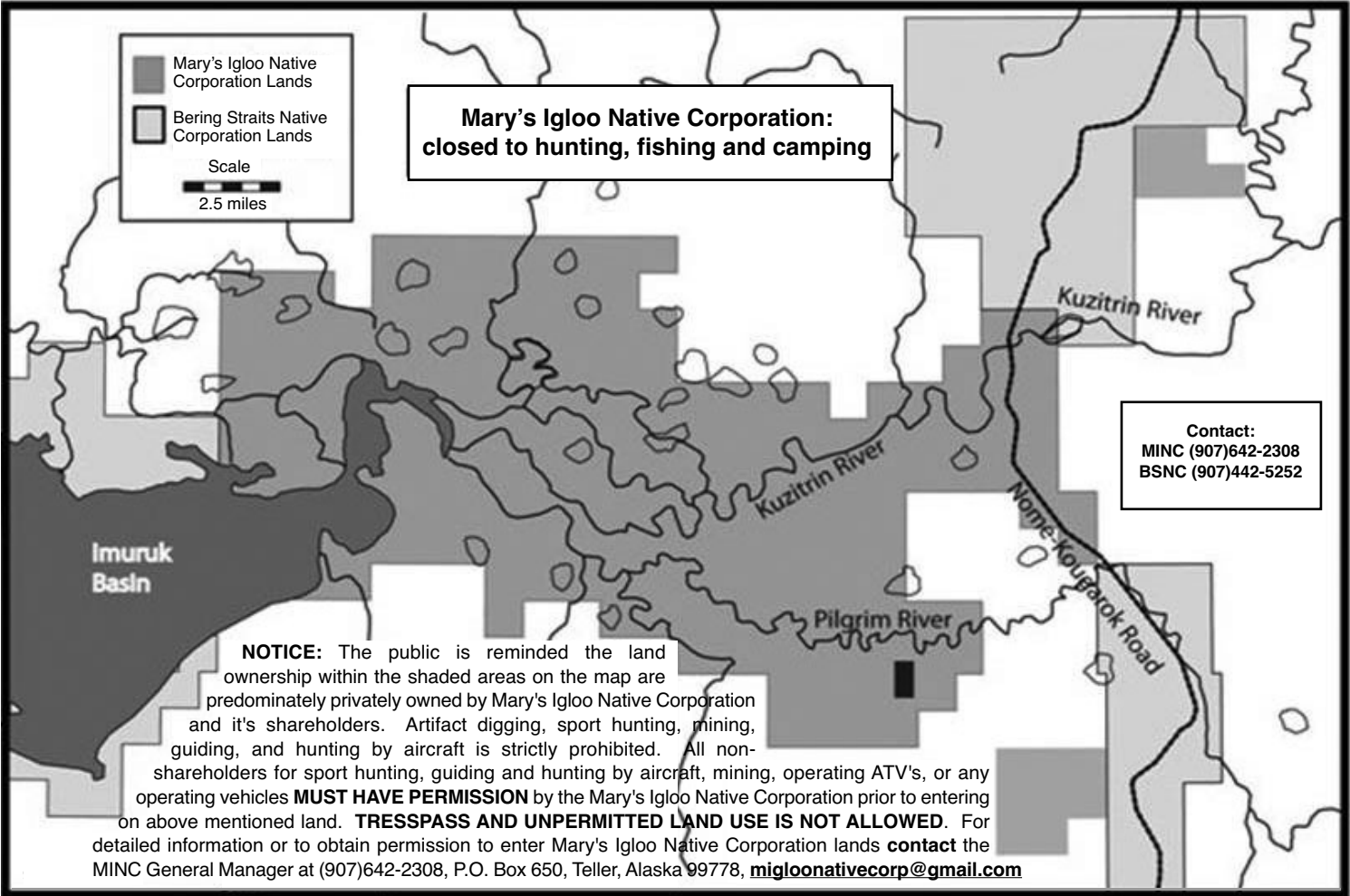
Only stockholders of record as of 5:00 p.m. on 3rd October 2015 are entitled to vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof. Stockholders are entitled to vote at the meeting in person. If you will not be able to attend the meeting in person, you are requested to fill in and sign the mailed proxy and return it to: Unalakleet Native Corporation, P.O. Box 247, Unalakleet, Alaska 99684, Attention: Proxy Committee. Proxies will be available at the time and place of meeting and during the 30 days prior to the meeting at the corporation office in Unalakleet.

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NOTICE: The public is reminded the land ownership within the shaded areas on the map are predominately privately owned by Mary's Igloo Native Corporation and it's shareholders. Artifact digging, sport hunting, mining, guiding, and hunting by aircraft is strictly prohibited. All non-shareholders for sport hunting, guiding and hunting by aircraft, mining, operating ATV's, or any operating vehicles **MUST HAVE PERMISSION** by the Mary's Igloo Native Corporation prior to entering on above mentioned land. **TRESSPASS AND UNPERMITTED LAND USE IS NOT ALLOWED.** For detailed information or to obtain permission to enter Mary's Igloo Native Corporation lands **contact** the MINC General Manager at (907)642-2308, P.O. Box 650, Teller, Alaska 99778, migloonnativecorp@gmail.com

Contact:
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up under their own power and left the scene. The individual refused transport to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for treatment. No further action taken.

4:59 pm, NPD received a report of a trespass at an apartment complex on the east end of town. Officers responded and contacted the parties involved. A report will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for Criminal Mischief.

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

5:21 am, NPD received a report of a trespass at a residence on the west end of town. Officers responded and made contact with Marvin Okleasik, who was placed under arrest for Criminal Trespass in the 1st Degree and remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center, where he was held on \$500 bail.

1:18 pm, NPD received a report of vandalism at a residence on the west end of town. Officers responded and took a report for Criminal Mischief. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is still ongoing.

8:48 pm, NPD received a report of a disturbance at an apartment complex on the west end of town. Officers responded and contacted Mabel Barr, whom was found to be on current Conditions of Probation that prohibits any violations of law. Barr was subsequently placed under arrest for Violating her Conditions of Probation and False Information or Report. She was remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center, where she was held without bail. Officers also contacted Georgianna Tikik, who was also found to be on current Conditions of Probation that prohibited the consumption of alcohol. A report will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for Violating her Conditions of Probation as well.

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

5:05 pm, the Nome Police Department conducted a community medical emergency training exercise with focus on an active shooter scenario on Front St. The Nome Volunteer Ambulance and Fire Department as well with Norton Sound Regional Hospital all participated in this training exercise.

10:52 pm, NPD received a request for a welfare check on a male residing on the west end of town. Officers responded and contacted Gregory Saclamana, who was found to be intoxicated and in violation of current Conditions of Release and Probation. Saclamana was arrested for Violating his Conditions of Probation and two counts of Violating his Conditions of Release and was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center, where he was held without bail.

Thursday, October 22, 2015

4:22 am, NPD received a report about a possible sexual assault. Officers responded and contacted the reporting party as well as the victim. The investigation is still ongoing.

2:27 pm, NPD conducted a traffic stop the west end of town on an ATV travelling on a state highway. The driver, identified as Patrick Piscovya, was issued a citation for Driving Without a Valid License and was transported to a residence to have someone pick up the vehicle.

10:24 pm, NPD received a report of a possible trespass at a residence on the east end of town. Officers responded and contacted an intoxicated male in the area, whom was provided transportation to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital and left in the care of the emergency room staff. A report was taken for assault and the investigation is still ongoing.

10:32 pm, NPD received a report of a possible trespass at a residence on the west side of town. Officers responded to the scene and all of the suspects had already fled. One of the reported trespassers was identified as Justina Adams, who was later found to be on current Conditions of Felony Probation. A report will be forwarded to the Adult Probation Office for disposition.

10:43 pm, NPD received a request for a welfare check on a female on the west end of town. Officers responded and contacted the female, identified as Dorenda Sagonick, who was found to be intoxicated while on current Conditions of Release that prohibited the consumption of alcohol. Sagonick was arrested for Violating her Conditions of Release and was remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center, where she was held on \$1,000 bail.

11:39 pm, NPD received a report of an intoxicated individual attempting to sleep on a stairwell on the west end of town. Officers made contact with Michael Murray II, and he was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and then onto AMCC for a Title 47 hold.

Friday, October 23, 2015

5:27 am, NPD received a report of an assault occurring at a residence on the north edge of town. Officers responded and contacted Archie Adams Sr., who was intoxicated and in violation of his Conditions of Probation. Further investigation revealed that he had caused injury to another member of the household. Adams was placed under arrest for Assault in the 2nd Degree, DV; Assault in the 4th Degree, DV and two counts of Violating Conditions of Probation. He was transported to AMCC and bail was not set.

9:09 am, NPD responded to the front of a business on the west side of town for a motor vehicle collision with a pedestrian. Injuries were minor and the driver of the vehicle was identified and a report will be forwarded to the District Attorney for Leaving the Scene of an Injury Accident and Negligent Driving. The investigation is still ongoing.

9:27 am, NPD officers, while on routine patrol, observed a vehicle operating with white light shining to the rear due to a broken lens on a tail light. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver was

found to have all current information required. The driver was issued a verbal warning for the equipment violation and released at the scene.

10:33 am, NPD officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle observed exceeding the posted speed limit on the west side of town. The driver, identified as Kenneth Kerr, was issued a citation for Failure to Provide Proof of Insurance and was given a verbal warning for speeding. Kerr was released at the scene without further incident.

4:50 pm, NPD received a report of a theft occurring outside of city limits. The information was gathered and forwarded to the Alaska State Troopers for further investigation.

10:00 pm, NPD Officers observed an ATV fail to stop at a stop sign on the west side of town. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver, identified as Joseph Kakik, was found to be too impaired to drive, his license was currently revoked and he was also found to be on current Conditions of Probation that prohibited any violations of law. Kakik was subsequently placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence (Alcohol), Driving While License Revoked and Probation Violation. He was then remanded to AMCC, where he was held without bail.

10:00 pm, NPD officers conducted a traffic stop on the west end of town on a vehicle without the taillights illuminated. The driver was identified and provided all the current documentation requested and released at the scene with a warning for tail-light requirements.

10:30 pm, NPD conducted a traffic stop on the north end of town on a vehicle with a taillight not functioning. The driver was contacted and found to have all documentation required and was issued a verbal warning for taillight requirements.

10:30 pm, NPD conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling on the west side of town with only one operational headlight. The driver, identified as Emily Riedel, was issued a citation for Failure to Provide Proof of Insurance and was given a verbal warning for the equipment violation.

Saturday, October 24, 2015

12:29 am, NPD officers responded to an apartment complex on the west side of town for the report of a subject yelling outside of one of the apartment doors. Upon arrival, officers identified the subject as Louis Seganna, age 20, who was found to be intoxicated. Seganna was issued a Minor Consuming Alcohol citation and was later transported to a family member's residence, where he was left in their sober care.

12:44 am, NPD responded to a residence on the east side of town for the report of multiple juveniles intoxicated inside a residence. Upon arrival and further investigation, no minors were observed intoxicated and only a verbal argument had occurred. No further action was necessary.

12:50 am, NPD officers responded to a business on the west side of town for the report of money being stolen. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing.

12:56 am, NPD officers responded to a residence on the east side of town for the report of an assault occurring between two members of the household. Upon arrival and further investigation, Tadd Vandyeke was found to have injured a member of the household. Vandyeke was subsequently arrested for Assault in the Fourth Degree and Reckless Endangerment, both counts DV related. He was then remanded to AMCC, where he was held without bail.

1:42 am, while on routine patrol on the west side of town, NPD CSO observed a male intoxicated and needing assistance. The male was provided transportation to his residence where he was left with sober roommates.

3:05 am, NPD officers responded to a business on the west side of town for a reported assault in progress. Upon arrival, both parties had separated, but witnesses identified Leah Kavairlook as the instigator of the reported fight and who also found to be on current Felony Probation Conditions. Kavairlook will be summoned for Disorderly Conduct and a report of the incident will be forwarded to the Adult Probation Office.

3:49 am, NPD was informed of an intoxicated male on the east side of town in need of assistance. Upon arrival the male was contacted, identified and provided transportation to his family's residence, where he was left in their care.

4:05 am, NPD officers were informed of a noise complaint at a hotel on the west side of town. Upon arrival, the suspect was contacted inside of one of the rooms. The subject was transported to a relative's residence, where he was left in their sober care.

7:36 am, NPD officers were dispatched to a residence on the east side of town for the report of an intoxicated male yelling for help. Upon arrival, the subject was identified as Zachary Pete, who declined any further assistance from responding officers or medical services and was warned for Disorderly Conduct. Approximately five minutes later, another call was received regarding Pete disturbing another residence by continuing to yell. Pete was subsequently placed under arrest for Disorderly Conduct and was remanded to AMCC, where he was held on \$250 bail.

11:26 am, NPD received a report of a customer at a gas station that failed to pay for pumped fuel. The customer was contacted and returned to the station to pay for the fuel without further incident. No further action was necessary.

1:25 pm, NPD received a report of a stolen cell phone from the west side of town. The description, make and model of the phone was gathered and the investigation is ongoing into the theft.

2:21 pm, NPD received a report from a parent that their child refused to come home. The juvenile was contacted, reunited with their family and no further action was required.

3:08 pm, NPD responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on the east side of town. Upon arrival, the instigator of the disturbance left upon request and was provided transportation to a sober friend's residence. No further action was

taken.

6:23 pm, NPD received a request to conduct a welfare check on a young child and the mother at a residence on the west side of town. Upon arrival, both child and mother were found in good health and required no further assistance.

7:30 pm, NPD responded to a residence on the east side of town for the report of a disturbance occurring within the home. Upon arrival, the subject reportedly causing the issue willingly left the home and elected to stay with a friend for the night. No further action was necessary.

7:54 pm, NPD officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling on the west side of town with only one operable tail light. The driver was contacted and found to have all current documentation required and was released at the scene with a verbal warning for the equipment violation.

7:59 pm., NPD officers observed a vehicle travelling on the west side of town without any operable tail lights. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver was found to have all current documentation requested and was released at the scene with a verbal warning for the violation.

8:45 pm, NPD responded to a residence on the west end of town for the report of a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival and further investigation, Jeremy Iyapana was found to have threatened a member of the household, placing them in fear of being struck. Iyapana was subsequently arrested for Assault in the Fourth Degree, DV and Harassment in the First Degree. Iyapana was remanded to AMCC, where no bail was set.

9:30 pm, NPD officers observed a vehicle on the east side of town fail to stop at a stop sign. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver was found to have all the requested documentation. The driver was released at the scene for the moving violation with a verbal warning.

10:19 pm, NPD officers responded to an apartment complex on the west side of town for the report of a disturbance. Upon arrival, officers contacted the occupants of the apartment causing the noise and were warned for Disorderly Conduct. No further action was necessary.

10:27 pm, NPD CSO responded to the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated female trying to sleep on the ground. The female, identified as Judy Noyakuk, was contacted and observed to be intoxicated. NPD Dispatch informed officers that Noyakuk was on current Conditions of Release that prohibits the consumption of alcohol. Noyakuk was placed under arrest for Violating her Conditions of Release, was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and was later remanded to AMCC, where she was held on \$1,000 bail.

10:31 pm, NPD officers observed a vehicle entering the roadway without any lights illuminated. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver was issued a verbal warning for tail light requirements. No further action was necessary.

Sunday, October 25, 2015

12:41 am, NPD CSO responded to the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated male lying on the ground sleeping. The male was contacted and observed to be highly intoxicated. An attempt was made to find the male a safe place to stay, but was unsuccessful. The male was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital and left in the care of the ER staff due to his level of intoxication.

1:34 am, NPD officers responded to an apartment complex on the east side of town for the report of an intoxicated male yelling outside. Upon arrival, Officers contacted the male, later identified as Edward Evan, who was found to be on current Conditions of Probation that prohibits the consumption of alcohol. Evan was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC for Probation Violation, where he was held without bail.

4:22 am, NPD officers were dispatched to a residence on the west side of town for the report of a disturbance. Upon arrival, the two involved individuals were contacted and the issue was found to be a verbal argument. One of the involved parties agreed to leave the residence and the issue was resolved by separation.

5:13 am, NPD received a report that several juveniles were intoxicated and out past curfew on the west side of town. The juveniles were contacted, found to be sober and were transported back to their respective parents with warnings for curfew.

6:02 am, NPD officers responded to a reported disturbance at a residence on the east side of town. Upon arrival and further investigation, Kenneth Henry was found to have caused injury to two occupants of the home. Henry was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC for two counts of Assault in the Fourth Degree, DV and was held without bail.

2:45 pm, the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department and NPD officers responded to a residence on the west side of town for a person who was not breathing. Upon arrival, the person was found deceased. The remains were sent to the State Medical Examiner's Office and the next of kin have been notified. The investigation is ongoing.

4:54 pm, NPD officers, while on routine patrol, observed an intoxicated male on the west side of town walking in the roadway. The male was contacted and transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation, where he was left in the care of the Emergency Room.

6:52 pm, NPD received a report of an intoxicated female refusing to leave a business on the east side of town. Upon arrival, the female, identified as Katherine Iyapana, was observed still on the premises. During the course of being placed under arrest, Iyapana began to fight with responding officers. Iyapana was arrested and remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center for Resisting Arrest, Harassment in the First Degree and Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree. Iyapana was held on \$1,250 bail.

8:49 pm, NPD received a request to conduct a

welfare check on a person making threats to harm themselves. Contact was made with the person, who denied making the statements and also declined any further assistance offered. Another member of the household indicated that they would call NPD if any further assistance was necessary.

10:46 pm, NPD received a report of a mislaid piece of property at a hotel on the west side of town. The description of the item was provided by the reporting party and the hotel was also notified of the missing item. The investigation is ongoing.

11:23 pm, NPD officers, while on routine patrol, observed Mark Kennedy walking outside of a business on the west side of town, intoxicated. NPD Dispatch informed officers that Kennedy is on current Conditions of Release that prohibit the consumption of alcohol. Kennedy was subsequently placed under arrest for Violating his Conditions of Release and was remanded to AMCC, where he was held on \$1,000 bail.

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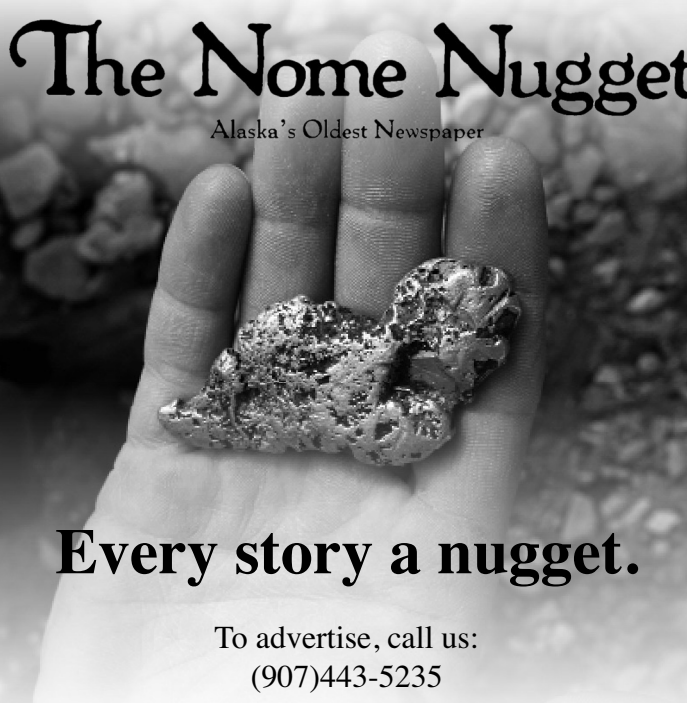
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Nomeites Walk For The Cure

By Maisie Thomas

The 9th annual Christine Ann Carpenter Perkins Walk for the Cure was held on Sunday, October 18. The walk is held to recognize cancer survivors and honor those who lost their battle with the disease. The walk started at Norton Sound Regional Hospital and over 100 people attended, many of them relatives of the event's late founder. The walk is organized by the Arctic Pinkies, a local cancer awareness group started by Christine "Chris" Carpenter Perkins.

Each year, the event brings the town together to take a stand, or stroll, against cancer. "[The walk was] great! There were so many walkers, people dressed in pink, we had kids, strollers, vehicles and dogs walking with us, showing their support," Gigi Immingan, sister of Chris

Perkins and active member of the Arctic Pinkies reported.

The Arctic Pinkies are a group of local volunteers who, according to Immingan, "raise cancer awareness and donations [that are] used to support regional cancer patients and continued cancer research efforts."

While undergoing chemotherapy in 2007, Carpenter Perkins found the energy to create both the Arctic Pinkies group and the walk. The march around Nome always takes place in October, during National breast cancer awareness month. Although Carpenter Perkins started the walk while struggling with breast cancer, the walk has evolved to support patients suffering from all types of the disease. The money raised goes to local cancer patients, through Norton Sound Health Corporation's

Make a Patient Smile Program, as well as to cancer research.

Though the founder, who passed away in 2010, only lived to see the event take place three more times, her memory, and her name, has been carried by countless walkers. Participants wear bibs with the phrase "I walk for..." and penciled in names of friends and relatives who have been affected by the disease.

Walkers are encouraged to make a donation to the cause or to purchase Walk for the Cure merchandise. Nomeites could purchase sweatshirts with the event's icon: a woman snowshoeing with ribbons where her tracks would be.

The Arctic Pinkies also fundraise through events such as the Arctic Pinkies volleyball tournament. 2015 was the first year Nome triumphed at

the tournament, which raised \$2,000 for the cause.

Immingan, on behalf of the Pinkies, praises several local businesses as

well as Norton Sound Health Corporation for helping the event continue.



Photo by Reba Lean

WALK FOR THE CURE— Relatives of Christine Ann Carpenter Perkins, who organized the first Walk for the Cure, hold the sign and lead the walk.

Nome musher trains for 2016 Iditarod

By Maisie Thomas

Tom Jamgochian is probably the only musher signed up for the 2015 Iditarod who is also an Assistant District Attorney. He is also probably the only entrant to hail originally from San Francisco. Although a law de-

gree from a California school seems an unlikely qualification for an Iditarod musher, Jamgochian proves just how multi-faceted a person can be.

Born and raised in northern California, 39-year-old Jamgochian

moved to Anchorage in 2004 for what was supposed to be a one-year job. Almost 12 years later he is still in Alaska and has added jobs in Bethel and Fairbanks to his resume. Jamgochian said that after two years of being on the road system in Fairbanks, he missed rural Alaska.

Jamgochian moved to Nome in 2011, with his then-fiancée Amy, to work as the Assistant District Attorney. Soon after moving to Nome, Jamgochian began to work as a handler for then-Public Defender and longtime Nome musher Kirsten Bey. He found that he enjoyed spending time and working with dogs enough that he decided to purchase his own team.

A few weeks after getting married, the Jamgochian family quickly expanded when he purchased his first dogs, seven puppies and two leaders, from Willow musher Vern Halter. With only a few months of mushing experience, Jamgochian relied heavily on trial and error. When asked about the learning process, he said, "with mushing, it is guaranteed

something will go royally wrong at some point, which is part of the adventure. I've learned by making hundreds of mistakes."

Four years later, he has put in countless hours with his team of 17 dogs.

Last year, Jamgochian spent three months living and training dogs with Vern Halter. Halter ran his first Iditarod in 1983, and continued to run either the Iditarod or the Yukon Quest for the next 21 years. Now retired from racing, Halter owns and operates a tour business from his "Dream a Dream" dog kennel.

While living in Halter's kennel, Jamgochian completed all of his Iditarod qualifiers. He is the only musher signed up to have done all the races in one year. His racing resume includes the Copper Basin 300, Knik 200, Northern Lights 300 as well as a win in the 2015 Nome-Council 200.

Many of his dogs are from Halter, but others boast Ken Anderson and Aaron Burmeister bloodlines. Several have completed the Iditarod.

Though his team may be capable of running over 1,000 miles across Alaska, they like to relax, too. The Jamgochians call their operation "Couch Dog Kennel" because they let one dog into the house, and onto the couch, each night. According to Jamgochian, "the name also reflects our 'dog first'...[un]ambitious mentality. Our goal is to have happy, well-fed dogs on the trail."

Though the laid back Jamgochian claims to have an unambitious approach, completing the Iditarod is one of the highest goals a musher can set. Jamgochian said that the Last Great Race was not always a goal, but, living in Nome, it was "hard to avoid." He is able to balance dog training with work because his boss, District Attorney John Earthman, is willing to accommodate his schedule.

Jamgochian lives 12 miles north of Nome in the Banner Creek subdivision with his wife Amy Russell-Jamgochian, his dog team and two full-time house dogs Kusko and Banjo.



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TRAINING—Nome's Assistant District Attorney, Tom Jamgochian, is training his dog team on a recent fall afternoon in preparation to run his first Iditarod Trail Sled Dog race in March 2016.

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