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ON A QUEST— Nome musher Rolland Trowbridge embarks on his rookie run of the Yukon Quest, beginning February 7, in Whitehorse. See story on page 16.

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Alaska Arctic Policy Commission issues final report

By Diana Haecker

In a press conference on Monday, the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission unveiled their final report to the Alaskan public and the Legislature, a product of two years' worth of work by the commission that was formed in 2012 with the task to for-

mulate an Alaska Arctic policy.

Commission co-chairs Senator Lesil McGuire (R-Anchorage) and Representative Bob Herron (D-Bethel) presented in broad strokes the final report, the implementation plan and language for an Act declaring the Arctic Policy of the State.

"This is a vision of the Arctic based on economic and resource development themes," stated McGuire. She said that from top to bottom, Alaskans see themselves as an Arctic state and that the Arctic is integral to the Alaskan identity. She also acknowledged that the opening of the

Arctic represents opportunities as well as challenges, especially in this fiscal environment when the state is plunged into deficit spending due to falling oil prices. Dismayed about President Barack Obama's announcement last week to declare federal lands at ANWR and offshore off limits for oil and gas development, she said, "I feel personally disappointed that despite all the time we spent in Washington D.C., the message did not get through."

The message, as outlined in a letter by the co-chairs that prefaces the Arctic Policy report, is that the commission is concerned that "Alaskans will not be able to develop our econ-

omy in a way that will allow us to respond to and prosper in the face of change." Bob Herron took a more diplomatic approach when he said to give the federal partners a chance to look at Alaska's Arctic Policy. "Let's give them some time to absorb it," he said. We hope it's a good product and that they will be willing partners in this."

McGuire stated that the policy is based on the local Alaskan viewpoint and that it has a "people first" approach.

To that end the report addressed that change, shipping and resource

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Photo by David Head

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS— The Nome-Beltz Nanooks basketball team continue on their winning streak and remained victorious in last weekend's tournament in Bethel. Pictured are in the front row Leif Erickson, Ian Booth, Alex Gray, Emery Booshu, and in the back row Coach Pat Callahan, Mikey Scott, Daniel Head, Joshu Gologergen, Wink Winkleman and Klay Baker.

Nome boys take first at Bethel tourney

By Keith Conger

Each week the Western Conference boys basketball picture gets a bit clearer. With the Nome-Beltz Varsity squad beating Bethel on their home court Saturday night, the Nanooks swept the season series with their regional rivals, and put themselves ahead of the Warriors in the team standings. They also extended their current winning streak to six.

"It's hard to win there," said Nome head coach Pat Callahan after the game. "They have a big crowd, and are a good team."

Callahan's squad tasked themselves with the daunting job of overcoming a three-point deficit on the road with under three minutes to

play. Nanooks senior forward Klay Baker kept things close late in the game by connecting on an important three pointer.

Nanooks point guard Alex Gray, who has developed a feel for late game urgency and heroics, drove the ball hard to the hoop and was fouled with only 12 seconds remaining. He connected on both free throws to give the Nanooks a 48-47 lead.

This forced the Nanooks to make one final defensive stand. Bethel was able to get a shot off trying for the win, but Nanooks senior forward Wink Winkleman collected the rebound on the miss to secure the lead and the victory.

Gray made all three of his fourth

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NOAA Fisheries propose critical habitat for ringed seals

By Sandra L. Medearis

Federal NOAA Fisheries has proposed a critical habitat to ensure the continuing viability of ringed seals where the sea mammals live in the northern waters.

Seals are an important food source for those who hunt for their nutrition along the coast of Western Alaska. The proposed law would not

bar Alaska Natives from taking the seals that they use for food, garments and crafts in exercise of their indigenous lifestyle, say NOAA staff. The designation of critical habitat does not establish a sanctuary or refuge and will not affect the provisions of the Endangered Species Act that allows for the continued subsistence harvest of ringed seals by Alaska Natives.

The proposed critical habitat area proposed Dec. 3 covers a band running along Alaska's coast from the Canadian border in the Beaufort Sea, then through the Chukchi Sea around Alaska through the Bering Strait to the west of St. Lawrence Island and St. Matthew Island, going eastward south of Nunivak Island to Cape Avinoy.

The areas provide sea ice conditions that are essential for ringed seal pupping, nursing, basking and molting.

NOAA Fisheries has already taken action to protect ringed seals. In December 2012, NOAA Marine Fisheries Service listed three subspecies of ringed seals and two population segments of bearded seals, including the bearded seals that live in Alaska, as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. As a result, NOAA Fisheries has a certain time frame within which to designate a critical habitat for ringed seals.

The ringed seals need sea ice suitable for the formation of birth lairs beneath the snow for sheltering pups during whelping and nursing. They need sea ice habitat suitable for basking and molting. Primary prey resources need to be present to support ringed seals, which are defined to be Arctic cod, saffron cod, shrimps and amphipods.

The ringed seal's life cycle depends on the availability of the suit-

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File photo

SAVE OUR HOMES— While Arctic ringed seals presently exist in relatively high numbers, they face significant threats from long-term climate alteration of their sea ice habitat. Federal NOAA Fisheries has drafted a map of Beaufort, Chukchi and Bering sea areas designating a large coastal band as critical habitat. Ringed seals were added to the Endangered Species Act list at the end of 2012.

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Letters

To the Editor,
The reason President Obama is locking up ANWR from oil development is because the state wouldn't get anything from this development. The state is giving all of the money it would make from oil going through the pipeline this year and next year to the oil companies plus an additional 500 million dollars of cash from the states savings account. The states motto is "Ask not what the oil companies can do for you, but what you can do for the oil companies". The state is following its motto to the letter. If ANWR was developed, the state would give all of the money it

would get from the oil, to the oil companies plus additional hundreds of millions of dollars from its savings. So what the hey? The state is only going to give everything back to the oil companies anyway, plus give away additional free millions of dollars. So why develop it? Why not lock it up?
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Editorial

The Light is Up Ahead

February 2 has come and gone and we are not quite sure whether the ground hog has seen his shadow. After all, there has to be some light to make a shadow. The old Pennsylvania Dutch tradition says that if the ground hog sees his shadow on February 2, there will be six more weeks of winter.
The perennial prognosticator, Punxsutawney Pete, had his day and saw his shadow. Perhaps he was provoked by Alaska's attempt to re-name his day, "Marmots Day." Hogwash! In Nome the long spans of daylight bring us out to ice fish, cross-country ski and snow machine on what trails are available. We get lured into the light, but we must not go hog wild and throw caution to the wind.
When we venture out into then wilderness we must not forget to file a trip plan. It could be the vital thing that saves our lives. — N.L.M.—

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Sound- Off

"No More"

By Governor Bill Walker

Like many Alaskans, I remember the excitement in the air when Alaska became the 49th state in the Union in 1959. We had achieved our long-held dream of self-governance. Since that time, we have worked to become increasingly self-reliant, and to steward our resources for the long-term benefit of our people.
The Alaska Statehood Compact established the conditions for our entry. Through the Compact, Alaska was granted 103 million acres of public land – less than one-third of our state's landmass. The federal government reserved most of the remaining lands.
Implicit in the Compact is a directive to the state to develop its resources. The Compact prohibits Alaska from selling our subsurface mineral rights – development rights can be leased, but ownership must stay with the state.
The message from Washington, D.C. to the new state was clear: we were to develop our mineral resources to establish a viable economy and support the costs of self-government.
Alaska has fulfilled our part of

the Compact. We have responsibly developed our resources — including our fisheries, often held up as the best-managed in the world. We have used our resource income to build roads and schools, and to provide basic services that Americans elsewhere take for granted – such as running water and electricity.
Knowing that resource revenue is volatile, we wisely built up our savings. And we have built the 49th state into a thriving region.
In fact, according to the nonpartisan Pew Charitable Trusts, Alaska is now less dependent on federal aid than a majority of states: federal funds make up about 20 percent of our state's revenue, compared to more than 30 percent of the average state's revenue. We have proven that if the federal government allows us reasonable access to our resources, we can and will be as self-sufficient as any other state.
The federal government chipped away at this access with passage of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) in 1980. ANILCA designated more than 100 million acres of federal land as conservation areas. What brought some comfort to Alaskans was a clause in ANILCA providing that there would be no more conservation

designations without an act of Congress.
Last week President Obama violated the letter and spirit of both the Statehood Compact and ANILCA's "no more" clause by designating further wilderness within the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). While this will ultimately require an act of Congress to finalize, until Congress acts, federal agencies will manage this land as de facto wilderness.
For 30 years Alaska's oil has fueled America's economic development and helped reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil. As America looks toward renewable energy, Alaska is also working to develop our alternative energy sources, such as wind and geothermal. But America still needs oil, and Alaska is still the best place to get it.
We have fulfilled our promise to develop our resources to provide for our own needs. We expect the federal government to uphold its promise not to further hamper our economic viability. Enough is enough.

Gov. Bill Walker (Independent) is the 11th governor of the State of Alaska.

A Look at the Past



ICE WRECK— Photographer F.H. Nowell captured the destruction of the Nome Wharf by moving ice on January 4, 1907.

Weather Statistics

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	02/11/15	10:12 p.m.	Low Temp	-21	01/27/15	
Sunset	02/05/15	6:00 p.m.	Peak Wind	29 mph, N,	02/02/15	
			Total Precip. for 2015 (as of 1/27)		0.71"	
			Normal Total to Date		1.01"	
			Seasonal Snowfall	33.20"	Normal	45.40"
	02/11/15	6:21 p.m.	Snow on Ground	12.00"		

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President Requests \$204.7 million in FY 2016 Budget for Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

President Obama’s fiscal year 2016 budget request for the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) is \$204.7 million, providing robust support that will enable BSEE to keep pace with industry activity and the technology developments that are helping to drive deepwater oil and gas development on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf.

“The President’s 2016 request fully reflects the Administration’s continued emphasis by ensuring that development of the Nation’s vast offshore energy resources is conducted in a safe and environmentally responsible manner,” said BSEE Director Brian Salerno. “Funds will be used to recruit expert engineers, scientists, inspectors and oil spill prevention specialists to support the development of risk-based approaches to oversight and compliance on the Outer Continental Shelf.”

By the end of 2014, there were 69 deepwater rigs and non-rig units working in the Gulf of Mexico, up from 40 at the start of the year. The Energy Information Administration projects offshore production will continue to grow through 2040, as the pace of development activity quickens and new, large development projects, predominantly in the deepwater and ultra-deepwater areas of the Gulf of Mexico, are brought into production.

The 2016 budget will continue to build a robust culture of safety, with a strong focus on risk reduction. The Bureau will bolster its capacity for analyzing data gained through incident reporting requirements, near-miss reporting, and real-time monitoring. The Bureau will also continue to work with industry to better understand their safety processes, so that BSEE can mitigate and reduce risk. Through these initiatives and others, BSEE will continue to ensure that offshore development occurs in a safe and environmentally responsible way.

The 2016 budget request includes an increase of \$1.7 million to establish the Engineering Technology As-

essment Center to support the evaluation of new and emerging technologies and develop associated safety and oversight protocols. The increased funding will add greater depth and capacity to the BSEE, so that as industry continues to innovate and develop new capabilities, the BSEE will be able to keep pace. The Center will provide a Bureau-wide focal point for emerging technology evaluation. The FY 2016 request also better aligns inspection fees with BSEE’s risk-based approach to inspections and compliance.

The 2016 request also includes a program increase of \$750,000 for establishing the Renewable Energy Inspection Program. The funding will support the development of regulations, inspection guidelines, procedures, and criteria for inspections of offshore renewable energy facilities so that the appropriate regulatory structure will be in place to protect the safety of these facilities as well as the environment.

Anticipated fixed cost increases are funded at \$1.4 million. BSEE’s targeted funding increases are largely offset by anticipated savings from continued management efficiency efforts (-\$2.4 million) and a reduction in offsetting collections funding (-\$1.4 million), for a net funding increase of \$46,000 over the 2015 enacted level.

The President’s budget proposes \$14.9 million for Oil Spill Research, equal to the 2015 enacted level. The Oil Spill Research program plays a pivotal role in initiating applied research used to support decision-making on methods and equipment to prevent or mitigate oil spills, which is a critical component of the offshore permitting process. The request will address key knowledge and technology gaps in oil spill response, focusing on deepwater and Arctic environments.

Study shows climate change is accelerating the melting of Siberia

Siberia is melting at a quickened pace, a study published in the magazine *Nature Geoscience* found.

Over the last 7,000 years, winter temperatures in the Siberian permafrost regions have gradually risen, according to new research from Ger-

man and Russian scientists at the Alfred Wegener Institute. This trend has long been predicted by climate models but have never before been proved.

Using 42 samples from 13 ice wedges from the Lena River Delta area of Russia, the researchers used oxygen isotope analysis to analyze temperature data stored in the ice and reconstruct the climate curve in that area.

“We show that the winters have been moderately warming in the last 7,000 years by natural reasons, plus an accelerated warming in the last decades, very likely caused by enhanced greenhouse gas emissions,” said lead author of the study Hanno Meyer, a permafrost researcher at AWI.

Long-term winter warming is to be expected, Meyer said, because of the way the Earth and sun’s orbital pattern changes over time; however, since about 1850, the researcher’s data shows a spike in temperatures.

Thawing permafrost all over the Arctic has serious ecological and economic implications for the Siberian region and beyond it.

In November 2012, the U.N. Environment Programme released a report that found the thawing of vast areas of permafrost in Russia, Canada and the United States would not only release large stores of carbon but would threaten infrastructure like roads, railways and oil pipelines.

ION calls for 2015 Arctic Energy Summit participation

The Institute of the North will hold an Arctic Energy Summit on Sept 28-30 in Fairbanks. The organization is calling for presentations and abstracts. The Summit’s themes of Security and Affordability build on the 2013 Summit’s proposition of resilience. ION invites subject matter experts to submit abstracts for technical presentations, workshops, or moderated panel discussions at the 2015 Arctic Energy Summit.

Abstracts should respond to themes of Security and Affordability or to Oil and Gas Exploration and Production; Effective governance, regulatory systems and risk management; Global insecurity – price and climate change, uncertainty related

to data; Nested land, resource, infrastructure ownership; economic modeling and public private-partnerships and force development; among other things. The Arctic Energy Summit is a multi-disciplinary event expected to draw hundreds of industry officials, researchers, policy makers, energy professionals and community leaders together. Media will be present; sessions will be recorded and video and presentation materials posted online. A final report will include highlights of each session, as

well as that session’s contribution to the themes.

The outcomes from the summit will include a report to the Sustainable Development Working Group of the Arctic Council, whose interests include remote community power and heat solutions, as well as the impact of energy development on communities.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, February 5

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

Friday, February 6

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*AM Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - Noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
*JV and JH Basketball	Nome-Beltz Gym	4:30 - 1st of 3 Games
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 7

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
*JV and JH Basketball	Nome-Beltz Gym	1:30 - 1st of 3 Games
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 8

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

Monday, February 9

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

Tuesday, February 10

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

Wednesday, February 11

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

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• Ringed seal habitat

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able sea ice and on-ice snow cover at the right time of the year in areas with sufficient food. Ringed seals can create and maintain breathing holes in the ice and construct lairs over the holes when the snow depths are sufficient. They occupy these snow caves for resting, pupping, and nursing. They also use sea ice to bask in the sun as they molt. The ringed seals occupy the subnivean lairs in areas of annual shorefast ice and seem to prefer shorefast ice for birthing. The lairs conceal the ringed seals from predators—polar bears, Arctic foxes, common ravens and glaucous gulls.

What the habitat designation will do is require federal agencies to consult on activities they authorize, fund, or carry out that may affect critical habitat to make sure their actions do not destroy or negatively change critical habitat. The designation of the critical habitat looks at activities in the future as subjects of consultation—ice breakers, increased international shipping, U.S. Coast Guard activity, commercial fishing of saffron and Arctic cod which could become legal in the Federal Arctic Management Area which overlaps the proposed critical habitat. Add to these oil and gas exploration, dredging, oil spill prevention and response, Dept. of Defense activities.

NOAA Fisheries is seeking comments and information concerning physical or biological features necessary to ringed seal lifestyle, including the northern boundaries of where environmental characteristics conserve ringed seals, potential impacts of marking the proposed habitat, what kinds of activities would trigger the mandatory consultation with NOAA Fisheries. The department wants to know the potential effects on Native cultural practices and villages and whether the mapping process should consider any areas for exclusion from the critical habitat designation. They are taking public comment on all aspects of the proposal including identification and consideration of the national security, economic and other relevant impacts stemming from the proposed designation.

The deadline for submitting comment via letter or electronic submission to the NOAA Marine Fisheries Service is March 31.

NOAA staff held a public hearing in Nome on Jan. 28 and has scheduled hearings also in Anchorage, Barrow, Bethel and Kotzebue. The hearings comprise taking comment on record following a presentation by staff. By rules governing the hearing process, no back-and-forth discussion between audience and staff may occur while the recorder is turned on. The NOAA staff did answer questions and allow discussion during unrecorded, less formal parts of the meeting Jan. 28.

For the most part, people who attended the meeting in Nome did not

applaud the plan for critical habitat.

Brandon Ahmasuk of Kawerak, Inc. wasn't so sure that Alaska Natives' access to ringed seals would be unchanged with the designation of critical habitat.

He noted that Alaska Natives were the sole users of ringed seals, that the designation of critical habitat could "become a tool to limit our harvest" and not commercial activities.

Roy Ashenfelter, of Kawerak, questioned the need for a critical habitat designation. "There was no reduction in seals," Ashenfelter said, but rather growth in the number.

"When do you expect a reduction?" he asked. "We disagree with this critical habitat, but you will do it anyway. Suppose the majority of comment is against it. Are you still going to do it?"

Tom Gray, game guide, observed that the issue fell under the Endangered Species Act, and that people did not get to vote on critical habitat.

Still, there was sentiment expressed that the critical habitat designation was real overreach, with no way to have dialogue that this was good to do.

"Just because Congress has an Endangered Species act, to have someone do a study and say this is the thing to do doesn't make sense," said one.

Austin Ahmasuk of Kawerak, commented that the proposal was "not too far off the mark" in addressing decreasing sea ice and threats from climate change now and to come, but that other threats to ringed seals needed to be considered—commercial fisheries by-catch, the migration of new species coming into the Bering Sea with warming waters, ecological events like algae blooms, cruise boat discharges introducing diseases, marine debris, plastics in the waters, all threats that were not hypothetical but already occurring, Ahmasuk said.

The critical habitat designation focuses on ruling out future threats to habitat.

Had NOAA Fisheries ever designated critical habitat before based on projections? Mike Sloan of Nome Eskimo Community asked.

Ashenfelter and others were critical of the hearing process: NOAA had not scheduled any hearings in small potentially affected villages along Western Alaska's coastline.

Several people spoke their concern that NOAA Fisheries was not consulting the rich knowledge of ringed seals that village residence had gathered from hundreds of years of observation and interaction.

There were 19 walrus-hunting villages in the region, Vera Metcalf of Eskimo Walrus Commission pointed out, and those villages also hunted ringed seals.

"What will be the outreach plan to involve the coastal communities?" Metcalf asked, noting the wide range of the proposed designated critical habitat.

NOAA staff said that funding had limited the hearings to the hub com-

munities, that people could send comments on the Internet or write them down to send via snail mail. NOAA had issued an open invitation to villages to take part via Internet or written comment, with the hope that groups would respond and designate names of contact people.

"We don't have the personnel to visit all the villages, said Tammy Olson, biologist. "We are trying to develop a contact list."

The Internet system is very slow in some places, Metcalf noted. "I'm not sure that is a convenient way," she said.

Metcalf suggested a call-in show on the two local radio stations to give interested parties a chance to ask questions about the proposal and to share traditional knowledge about ring seals.

NOAA has a support contractor who will collect and compile public comment for a database. The contractor would sift the comments into categories. Then NOAA Marine Fisheries Service would address the ideas, said Tammy Olson, biologist with the Anchorage office.

"At the end of the process, each issue raised will be addressed in the decision," she said, "with the formal response in the final rule."

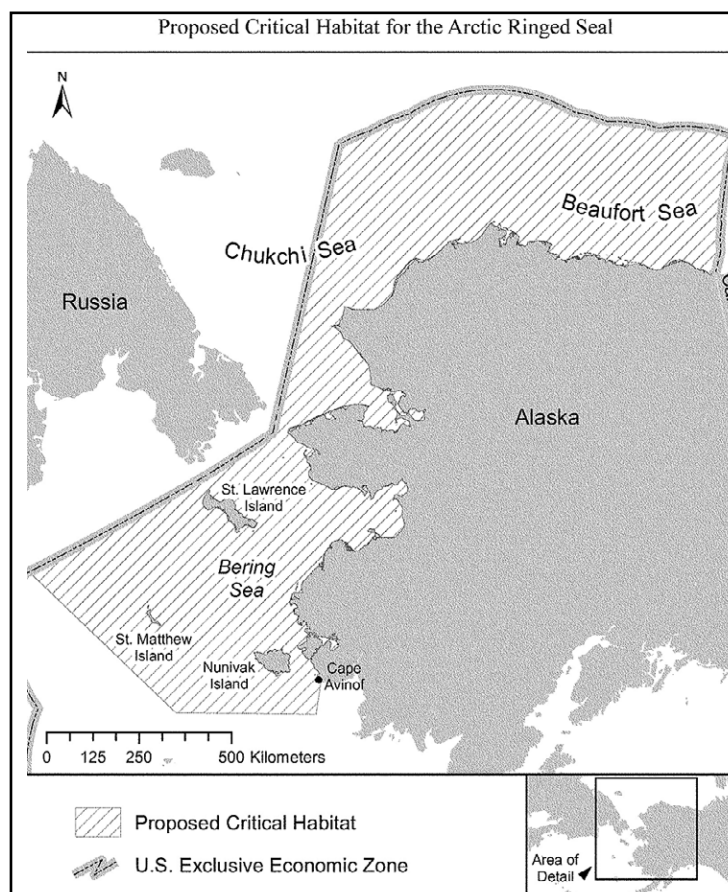
The data suggest that most of the research occurred in the north part of the suggested critical habitat, where conditions are different than in the Bering Strait area, Marine Advisory agent Gay Sheffield said.

NOAA staff invited Sheffield to go back on record with her comments. She did.

Sheffield told the recorder that most of the research was slanted toward Chukchi Sea and Kotzebue Sound area. Bering Strait area and northern Bering Sea ice was different in stability, currents, weather influences, Sheffield said.

"We have extremely dynamic mobile ice, but we have huge numbers of ringed seals in this area. It may be totally different habitat down here," like comparing apples and oranges.

Too large, too large an area, said Bruce Dale, acting-director Wildlife Division, Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, in a submitted written com-



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PROPOSED— NOAA Fisheries proposes the striped area as critical habitat for ringed seals.

ment. There needs to be more research on exactly which parts of the three seas that ringed seals use for pupping, nursing, basking and molting, Dale wrote. Fish and Game will propose areas for exclusion.

Out of 129 comments displayed on a public comment website Monday, a majority favored the designated critical habitat for ringed seals in northern waters.

Ashenfelter had a suggestion for another count of ringed seals in the Bering Strait area. "When ice first

comes to the Bering Strait in the fall, the seals get on the ice. It is a very opportune time to maximize visually [the ability] to see all kinds of seals in the Bering Sea," Ashenfelter said. This would be a good time to work on determining the volume and the varieties of seals.

For more information, see <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/protectedresources/seals/ice.htm>

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development are coming – with or without Alaska’s involvement. “We are not the only show in town,” McGuire said. “There are eight Arctic nations looking for investment opportunities.”

She said that there are about \$100 billion out there waiting to be invested in Arctic infrastructure development. The report highlights the lack of basic infrastructure for emergency response capabilities, search and rescue, telecommunications, ports, roads and railways. “We must address those as priorities, or they will remain barriers that hinder the next steps toward creating vibrant economies that support our Arctic and Alaskan communities,” the report says.

With a strong emphasis on seizing the economic opportunity that comes

with Arctic development and the promise of public-private partnerships that would alleviate the burden on state or federal governments alone to pay for infrastructure improvements, the implementation plan proposes four main themes: to promote economic and resource development, to address the response capacity gap, to support healthy communities and to strengthen science and research.

Bob Herron said the commission began with the number one chore of proposing language for a bill “to put in place an Arctic policy.”

To that effect Herron and McGuire submitted HB 1 and its companion bill, SB 16 to the 29th State Legislature. The act declares that “the state is what makes the United States an Arctic nation” and that “the entirety of the state is affected by the activities and prosperity

in the Arctic region, and conversely, the Arctic region is affected by the activities and prosperity in the other regions of the state.”

It furthermore asserts that by virtue of living in the Arctic, its residents have expert knowledge of a full range of activities and issues in the region. Acknowledging climate change is the driver of changes to the Arctic, “residents of the state recognize the risks that come with climate variability and emerging threats to ecosystems, as well as increased maritime activity, but are optimistic that the skillful application of expertise, coupled with circumpolar cooperation, will usher in a new era of economic and resource development that will improve the quality of life for residents of the state.”

As a second step, Herron said the commission asked Governor Walker

to install a host committee to prepare activities in Alaska as the USA is assuming the chairmanship of the Arctic Council in May of this year.

Herron added that the implementation plan outlines concrete steps and is like a ‘menu’ that the Alaska Legislature can pick and chose from what first to tackle. Senator Cathy Giessel pointed out that reduction of energy costs and heating costs top the list of recommendations included in the implementation plan.

The Alaska Arctic Policy Commission consists of ten Alaska lawmakers and 16 Arctic experts, including Nome Mayor Denise Michels. It grew out of the Northern Task Force’s recommendation to form a body that would be tasked to formulate a state Arctic policy. Their work began in 2012 and took the commission on listening sessions

throughout the state, including to Nome twice.

The commission concluded that the Alaska Arctic Policy and Implementation Plan seeks a better quality of life for the whole Arctic region without compromising the well-being of other communities or the state as a whole: healthy marine and terrestrial ecosystems; effective governance supported by meaningful and broad-based citizen participation and economic security.

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Governor appoints four regents to University Board

Governor Bill Walker submitted the names of four Alaskans to be appointed to the University of Alaska Board of Regents: Andy Teuber of Kodiak, Sheri Buretta of Anchorage, John Davies of Fairbanks and Lisa Parker of Soldotna. The appointees will replace four current regents whose terms expire on February 3, 2015.

“These appointments represent a broad spectrum of Alaskans and Alaska,” Governor Walker said. “All four will bring unique qualities to the Board of Regents that will help guide the future of our great university system.”

Andy Teuber of Kodiak has served as the Chairman and President of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium for seven years. During his tenure, he negotiated a \$153 million settlement with the Indian Health Service for contract support costs, and has directed the organization from a \$5 million loss in 2009 to a financially healthy position that allows the Consortium to invest its additional revenue in service expansion and improvements to ensure Alaska Natives have better access to health care. For the past nine years, Teuber has also served as the President and CEO of Kodiak Area Native Association, a non-profit corporation providing health and social services for the Alaska Natives of Kodiak Island. He holds a master of business administration degree from the University of Washington, Foster School of Business.

Sheri Buretta of Anchorage is the

Chairman of the Chugach Alaska Corporation Board of Directors. She has also served on the Board of Directors for the Alaska Federation of Natives since 1997, and the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation Board since 2012. Born in Anchorage, Buretta’s family is from the village of Tatitlek in Prince William Sound. She holds an associate’s degree in accounting from the University of Alaska and an associate’s degree in business from Gulf Coast Community College in Florida.

Governor Walker also appointed John Davies of Fairbanks to the Board of Regents. A former member of the Alaska House of Representatives, Davies has a long career in public service, including 10 years in the Alaska Legislature and seven years on the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly. For the past 12 years he has worked as a Researcher at the Cold Climate Housing Research Center in Fairbanks, where he carries out research on public policy related to energy efficient building techniques for cold climates. Davies also worked for 12 years as a state seismologist and research associate for the UAF Geophysical Institute. He holds a bachelor’s degree in physics from Reed College, and Ph.D. in geophysics from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

To represent the Kenai Peninsula, Governor Walker appointed Lisa Parker of Soldotna to the Board of Regents. Currently the External Affairs & Government Relations Man-

ager for Apache Corporation, Parker has an extensive background in natural resource development and state and local government. Prior to her work at Apache, she spent eight years as the Government and Community Relations Manager for Agrium USA, one of the world’s largest fertilizer manufacturers. She is also the former Planning Director for the Kenai Peninsula Borough, and served six years on the College Council for the University of Alaska, Kenai River Campus. Parker, a lifelong Alaskan, holds a Bachelor Degree in Political Science from The American University in Washington DC.

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Mark Smith honored at national bow hunters convention

By Keith Conger

He might be the Clark Kent of bow hunters.

Nome resident Mark Smith, who has spent the last 10 years working as a custodian for the Nome Public School System, is as genial and unassuming a man as one will find in the City of Golden Beaches. Not everyone knows that when they come across Smith, they are actually meeting someone who is considered world-class at his sport.

Last weekend Smith and his wife Lesli flew to the Super Slam Convention in Reno, Nevada where Smith was honored for his accomplishments.

According to measurement criteria used by Safari Club International, Smith has successfully hunted three Greenland musk oxen by bow and arrow that have been registered, and accepted, as World Record top five animals. This includes the number one and two Greenland musk oxen. Smith also has recorded a grizzly bear that is one of the top five biggest ever taken.

At the convention Smith got to meet Tom Miranda, one of the biggest names in bow hunting. The television celebrity, whose adventures have appeared on ESPN and the Outdoor Channel, referred to Smith as "the Musk Ox Man." Miranda, along with Super Slam president Dennis Campbell, presented Smith with four impressive plaques, including a golden one for the top musk ox.

The convention was a new event, explained Smith. The organizer's goal was to invite as many hunters as possible who currently appear on the top five world record lists. The convention was sponsored by a club named The Super Slam of North American Big Game, or Super Slam for short. This organization aims to promote hunting the continent's 29 recognized big game animals.

The goal of hunting that many animals can take a lifetime explains Smith, and will cost in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, so Super Slam has created the Super Ten entry-level category.

Many of the people trying to complete the Super Slam are professional hunters, explains Smith. The Super Ten is designed for conventional enthusiasts like him.

To date Smith has successfully recorded hunts of six of the ten major North American animal species categories: caribou, moose, bear, bison, musk ox, deer and cat. His next goal is a seventh try at a member of the goat family. Smith will return to Kodiak in August for the third attempt in that region. If he accomplishes this goal, Smith will only need hunts from the elk, antelope, and sheep categories to complete his Super Ten.

Smith was raised in Utah and moved to Alaska at the age of 19. He explains that there is a great thrill in bow hunting. He was given his first bow as a seven year old, and remembers that the bow was taller than he was. He says his parents have told him that when he was in first grade the teacher mentioned that he liked to talk about hunting deer. "This is our lifestyle," says Smith.

Several years ago, Smith switched from using a compound bow, to the much more challenging recurve bow. Consequently, says Smith, this cut down on his success rate, which he says is presently about one in 10 hunts. Since the recurve bow lacks mechanical pulleys, this method of hunting means that Smith must be much closer to his objectives. When he got his grizzly bear, Smith estimates he was within 20 yards.

Smith loves the added challenge of the recurve and is still learning every year. His approach to the sport is methodical. He loves tinkering with his equipment and he practices



Photo by Joseph Sebo

SILVER AND GOLD AND PLATINUM – Nome's Mark Smith, left, current Safari Club International World Record holder for the largest Greenland musk ox taken with a bow, was honored at the Slam Quest Convention in Reno, Nevada last weekend for his hunting accomplishments. Tom Miranda, right, a world renowned bow hunting icon, presented Smith with four plaques.

often. He is currently fashioning what he calls a "goat hat" and is working to perfect the camouflage for his upcoming hunt.

His father taught him one of the most important things about hunting. "He used to say, 'you have to think like the animal,'" Smith said. Smith has become keenly aware of animal movements and knows that it is important to be able to read their body language.

"It was cool talking to the people at the convention," said Smith. "It was very humbling to be apart of that."

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President Obama proposes \$2.9 billion budget for BIA, BIE

As part of President Obama's Fiscal Year 2016 budget request of nearly \$4 trillion, he requested \$2.9 billion for Indian Affairs, including the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Indian Education.

This marks a \$323.5 million, or 12 percent increase from the FY2015 enacted level.

A Dept. of Interior press release says the request maintains the Administration's support for tribal self-determination, strengthening tribal nations across Indian Country, and meeting the federal government's responsibilities to the 566 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes, promoting opportunities for Native youth, and strengthening tribal education,

economies and resilience.

Native Youth

The budget includes key investments to support the launch of Generation Indigenous, a Native American youth initiative focused on supporting opportunities and addressing barriers to success for Native American youth. This initiative will take a comprehensive, culturally appropriate approach to help improve the lives and opportunities of Native American youth.

The President's budget proposes a \$1.0 billion investment in Indian education to support a comprehensive transformation of the Bureau of

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Governor Walker appoints new Alaska National Guard leadership

Governor Bill Walker named retired U.S. Army Colonel Laurel Hummel as the Adjutant General of the Alaska National Guard and Commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. He also named retired U.S. Air Force Colonel Robert Doehl as Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Col. Hummel will be the first woman to head up the Alaska National Guard. She is a 1982 West Point graduate; a member of the third graduating class to include women in the academy's history.

"I am honored to welcome Colonel Hummel as a member of my Cabinet," said Governor Walker. "She rose through the ranks on merit during a time when it wasn't easy for women to serve in the U.S. military. Her experience and perspective will serve Alaska and the men and women of the Alaska National Guard very well."

Colonel Hummel served 30 years of active duty in military intelligence, where she held a variety of leadership and staff positions, including chief of operations intelligence and director of the joint intelligence support element at Alaskan command.

Hummel also worked as a tenured professor in the U.S. Military Academy's department of geography and environmental engineering at West Point. For her doctoral dissertation, Colonel Hummel researched the impacts of military investment in Alaska during the Cold War.

Robert Doehl, Governor Walker's pick for Deputy Commissioner of DMVA, brings more than 30 years of military experience to the job. He retired from the Alaska Air National Guard in 2012 as a colonel. He has also served as an attorney in the Department of Law. Most recently, Doehl was the Special Assistant for Military and Veterans Affairs for Senator Mark Begich.

"This marks the beginning of a new, prosperous chapter for the Alaska National Guard," Governor Walker said.

"I am confident that both Colonel Hummel and Colonel Doehl will provide the stability and leadership needed to rebuild the public's trust in our Guard program, and find closure to the problems that have loomed over us in recent years."



DEPUTY (top)— Gov. Walker named Robert Doehl as the new Deputy Commissioner of the DMVA.

GENERAL (right)— Gov. Walker named Col. Laurel Hummel as new Adjutant General.



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Indian Education.

The President's FY2016 budget request for Indian education operations and construction includes increases of \$93.9 million for programs that improve opportunities and outcomes in the classroom, enrich instructional services and teacher quality, promote language and cultural programs, and enhance broadband and digital access. The budget also includes an increase of \$58.7 million to repair and rebuild BIE-funded schools. The BIE budget also includes a \$4.6 million increase for scholarships for post-secondary education, with a focus on recipients seeking degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

The request also includes an additional \$3.0 million for the Bureau of Indian Affairs to support youth participation in natural resources programs. The request would support approximately 60 new tribal youth projects and training programs throughout Indian Country and supplement existing training programs within the forestry, water, and agriculture programs.

Indian Families and Pro-

tecting Indian Country

The BIA will continue to implement the Tiwahe Initiative. The initiative promotes a comprehensive and integrated approach to supporting family stability and strengthening tribal communities by addressing the interrelated issues associated with child welfare, poverty, domestic violence, substance abuse, and incarceration. Tiwahe means family in the Lakota language.

The budget request proposes an increase of \$6.0 million for BIA social services programs through the Tiwahe Initiative, to provide culturally appropriate services with the goal of empowering individuals and families through health promotion, family stability, and strengthening tribal communities as a whole. The budget also includes \$4.0 million for BIA Law Enforcement Special Initiatives and \$5.0 million for tribal courts to implement a comprehensive strategy for providing alternatives to incarceration and increases in treatment opportunities across Indian Country.

To further promote public safety and community resilience in Indian communities, the budget proposal for BIA law enforcement builds on recent successes in reducing violent

crime and expands efforts to lower repeat incarceration in Indian Country, a priority goal of the agency. In 2016, the pilot program to lower rates of repeat incarceration will be expanded from three sites to five with the goal to reduce recidivism at all sites by at least three percent.

Climate Resilience in Indian Country

Tribes throughout the U.S. are already experiencing the impacts of a changing climate including drought, intensifying wildfires, changes in plants and animals important to subsistence and cultural practices, impacts to treaty and trust resources, and coastal erosion and sea level rise. The budget provides a total of \$50.4 million, a \$40.4 million increase over 2015, across nine BIA trust resource programs to support tribal communities in preparing for and responding to the impacts of climate change. Funds will support tribes to develop and access science, tools, training, and planning, and to implement actions that build resilience into resource management, infrastructure, and community development activities. Funding will target critically vulnerable communities, such as Alaska Native villages

in the Arctic and provide support for evaluating options for the long-term resilience of their communities.

Tribal lands, located primarily in the West and Alaska, are by their geography and location on the "front line" of climate change, yet many of

these communities face challenges in accessing information and resources needed to help respond to the far-reaching impacts of climate change on infrastructure, economic development, food security, natural and cultural resources, and local cultures.

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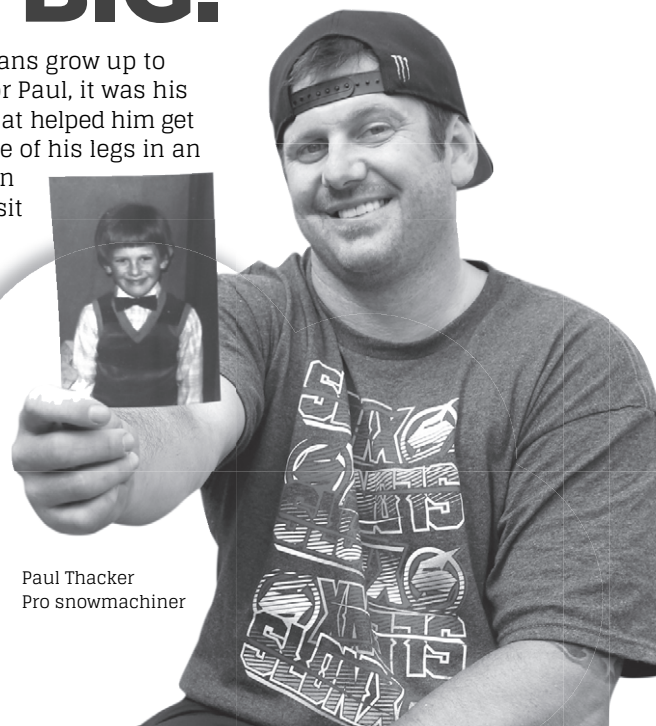
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Shish girls, Bethel boys thwart all teams at Nome JV basketball tournament

By Keith Conger

When the Shishmaref Northern Lights girls basketball team arrived in Nome last weekend for the JV Basketball Tournament they were not intimidated by playing on the road against teams from much larger

schools. The 2014 1A Girls Basketball State Championships runners-up worked their way past the host Nanooks JV team, as well as the Bethel Warriors JV squad, to claim first place at the tourney.

The girls from Shishmaref, who

entered the weekend in third place in the Bering Strait School District's 10-team standings, breezed past the Lady Warriors on Friday afternoon by the score of 62-23.

The Northern Lights were led by Denise Fernandez's 18 points. Only two Warriors players were able to score against Shish's stingy defense. Andrea Wuya paced her team with 17, while Amber Wade chipped in six.

It was hard to tell which team had the advantage when the Nome-Beltz JV girls team came up against the Northern Lights later that evening. The Nanooks were playing with only five players, while Shishmaref's relatively small squad of eight was playing their second game of the day.

Nome gave Shish a run in the contest, but eventually fell short 53-44. The Northern Lights were again led by Fernandez, who scored 17 points. Teammate Kelly Ningeulook added 10. Senora Ahmasuk poured in 30 for the Nanooks.

The girls from Shishmaref capped their weekend off by winning a rematch with the Lady Nanooks on Saturday afternoon, 67-40. The Northern Lights Fernandez remained the team's high scorer racking up 20. Team co-captain Hillary Sinnok

helped out with 12. Nome was led by 22 points from Jillian Stettenbenz.

After the tournament Sinnok said that the team added some new defensive twists this year under first year coach Jordan Wallin. They now play zone or man-to-man, depending on their opponent.

Fellow co-captain Jessica Kuzuguk noted that the team lost a state tournament all-star player from last year's unit. She said that this year's line-up is looking to get back to state and try to make it as far as they can.

The game of the weekend was played out by the Shishmaref boys team and the Bethel JV squad in the boys championship match on Saturday afternoon. The Warriors appeared poised to make the contest a runaway as they built a 21-10 lead early in the second quarter.

Lynden Weyiouanna scored all seven of his points in the second quarter as Shish clawed its way back into the game, taking their first lead at 26-24. Late second quarter baskets by Warriors team captain Ray Daniel and teammate Robert Michael helped send Bethel into the locker rooms with a 30-28 advantage.

Led by a flurry of baskets by team

captain Corey Ningeulook, the Northern Lights were able to keep it to a 2-point game until late in the third frame. A pair of baskets by Michael at the end of the quarter help Bethel build a 44-38 lead.

Daniel scored four of his team high 16 points during the fourth quarter to help the Warriors sneak past the Northern Lights 59-50. Darrell Garrison chipped in 10 for Bethel. Ningeulook pounded the ball inside all game and came away with 29 points. Shish also got 10 from Edgar Kuzuguk.

The first win of the Bethel boys' perfect weekend came as they took care of the JV team from Unalakleet 66-38 on Friday. The Warriors were led by Daniel who scored 15. The Wolfpack got 12 points from Cyrus Sarren and 11 from Shawn Mix-sooke.

Nome challenged Bethel with a 16 player squad during a later game on Friday. They lost a close contest to the Warriors 41-33.

In a post championship interview Daniel said that his team was able to get past Shishmaref by working their offense and not rushing their shots.

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Photo by Keith Conger

MAKING A POINT – Shishmaref Northern Lights point guard Augustine Olanna drives past Nome-Beltz forward Daphney Iya during a match-up at Nome's Junior Varsity Tournament on Saturday. Shishmaref, a 1A basketball program, beat 3A JV girls teams from Nome and Bethel to take first place.

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quarter free throws and finished the game with a team high 17 points. Baker chipped in 10 for the Nanooks. Bethel's Trevor Hoffman led all scorers with 27.

Nome was also able to secure another important 3A win in their game against the boys from Mount Edgecumbe High School. Callahan says at one point the Nanooks held a 16-point lead, but seven fourth quarter turnovers, along with a number of untimely fouls, allowed MEHS to make a contest of it. Although the final score was 51-49, the Braves never held a lead.

Baker's 21 points topped all Nanooks, while Winkelmann grabbed nine boards. Gray had four assists and four steals. Mount Edgecumbe was paced by Skye Shipton, who scored 17 points.

The return of Unalakleet's big man Gage Ivanoff from an early season hand injury was not enough to stave off a defeat at the hands of the Nanooks. Ivanoff lead his squad with 15 points, and was helped out with 12 from Taylor Harvey.

Nome was led by Baker's 19 point night. Gray had 17 points while doling out six assists. Nanook teammates junior Ian Booth, sophomore Mikey Scott, senior Daniel Head and Winkelmann each scored six points or higher.

Winkelmann and Scott grabbed 15 and 12 rebounds respectively, while senior Emery Booshu led the defensive effort with six steals.

Baker was named to the All-Tournament team. Gray was named tournament MVP.

The Nanooks will head north to Kotzebue next weekend for an important rematch with the Huskies. A win against Western Conference foe Kotzebue could help secure one of the top seeds in the conference championships in early March. Nome will also play games against the Homer Mariners and the Point Hope Harpooners.

Homer is a member of the 3A Southcentral Conference which includes ACS, Cordova, Grace Christian, Houston, Nikiski and Seward. Point Hope plays in the 2A Great Northwest Conference with Unalakleet, Chevak, Hooper Bay, and Selawik.

Nome girls still searching for first win

While Nome remains winless on the year, Nanooks head coach Don Stiles says the team still has a competitive fire. "The girls fought back against Bethel after being down," said Stiles.

Stiles says freshman Taeler Brunette "got on a roll" in the second half against the Warriors. She hit four three-pointers to help turn a 19-2 game into a 25-21 contest. The Nanooks eventually bowed to Bethel 38-22. Brunette led all scorers with 14 points. Haley O'Brien put in 11 for Bethel.

The Lady Nanooks lost to the girls from Mount Edgecumbe 60-19. Brunette led the team with six points.

The Unalakleet Lady Wolfpack beat Nome 33-22. Nome senior Lacy Erickson led all scores in the game with 12 points. She was named to the All-Tournament team.

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Photo by Keith Conger
BREAKING FREE – Nome-Beltz Nanooks Junior Varsity freshman Emily Pomrenke takes the ball to the hoop in a game against the Bethel Warriors JV squad on Saturday. Teammate Katherine Scott (40) follows looking for a possible rebound.



Photo by Keith Conger
VALIANT EFFORT - Shishmaref Northern Lights senior captain Corey Ningeulook drives the lane against the Bethel Warriors JV squad for two of his 29 points in the championship match-up at Nome's JV Basketball Tournament on Saturday.

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Michael, commenting on their strategy against the Northern Lights, said Bethel was “being patient, and worked hard as a team. We spread things out which leaves the middle wide open.”

The Lady Nanooks saved their best game for a late Saturday contest with Bethel. While Bethel held an early lead at 5-3, Ahmasuk answered with back-to-back baskets that helped Nome establish a lead it would not relinquish. The Nanooks held a two-point margin at the half, and extended that to a five-point advantage after the third quarter.

Bethel was able to cut the lead to three on the first play of the fourth quarter, but four straight points by Ahmasuk helped bring the lead back to seven.

Two late, final frame 3-pointers by Daphney Iya, as well as a driving basket by Emily Pomrenke, helped establish an 11-point cushion for Nome. The Nanooks would cruise to a 42-35 victory behind Ahmasuk's 25 points. Wuya paced Bethel with 16.

After the game Ahmasuk said, “We moved the ball around instead of rushing our shots. We looked for open players on the outside, and pounded it on inside.”

The Nome JV boys took third place by beating the Wolfpack 68-48 in their final game on Saturday.

The Nanooks jumped out to an early 20-8 lead and never looked back. The team was led by co-captain Josh Bourdon who poured in 23 points. Fellow co-captain Nathan Tobuk put in 17 points, while Ethan McDaniel chipped in 12.

The Wolfpack was led by Timothy Johnson who chalked up 19 points, while teammate David Johnson tallied 12.

In their only other match of the weekend, the Nome JV boys fell to Shishmaref 72-54. They were led by Bourdon's 13 points. Ningeulook notched 29 in the contest. His weekend total was 95. Ahmasuk led all girls scorers throughout the tournament with 69 points.

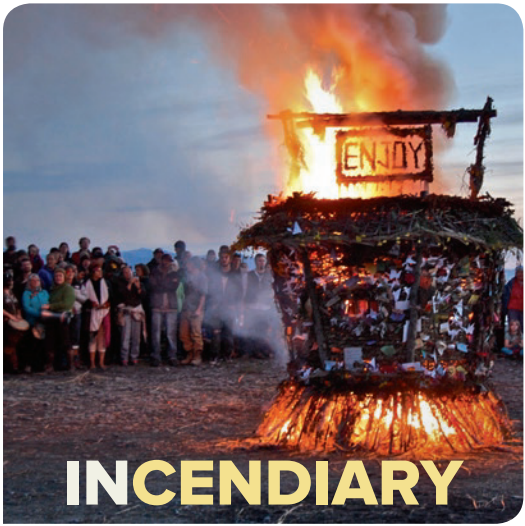


Photo by Keith Conger
RISING ABOVE – Bethel Warriors Junior Varsity forward Robert Michael out-reaches Shishmaref Northern Lights player Corey Ningeulook for the opening tip in the championship game of the Nome JV Tournament. Bethel went on to win 59-50.

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Obituaries

Ellsworth Milton “Hogie Bear” Haugen
Ellsworth Milton “Hogie Bear” Haugen was born to Norman Peter and Ella Marie Haugen on December 12, 1927 in Menno, South Dakota. He passed away March 1, 2013.
He went to school up through the 8th grade and worked as a farmhand. When he became of legal age, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. After several duty stations, he was ordered



Ellsworth Milton

Mary Ann (Nanouk) Haugen

to Unalakleet, where he was a topographical engineer.
While in Unalakleet he met his beautiful bride Mary Ann Nanouk. They were married in 1952 in San Francisco. Together they were married 60 years and had 10 children. Gary, Marlene, Bette Ann, Bonnie, Marlis, Norma, Tony, Dee Dee, Michael, and Ann.
He worked various jobs over the years in Unalakleet. In 1984 he retired from Wien Air Alaska. Before then he had co-created the Haugen Trucking business with son, Gary.
His favorite past times were doing word searchers, berry picking, and playing card games and eating cookies, pastries and his favorite vanilla ice cream. He was known for being the unofficial “official” greeter at the Unalakleet airport.
He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Palmer Haugen; son, E. Michael Haugen; grandson, mark and great-granddaughter, Mackenzie.
He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary Ann, his children, Gary (Karen), Marlene, Bette Ann (T.T.), Bonnie (Tom), Marlis (Bob), Norman (John), Tony (Lisa), Dee Dee (Barry), Ann, 20 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.
Hogie Bear’s cheerful greeting

and hospitality will be greatly missed by all.
The family would like to thank each and every one of you for helping us in our time of need. Quyaana!
Mary Ann (Nanouk) Haugen
Retired teacher from '79 – '96
Mary Ann was born September 6, 1931 to Peter and Martha Nanouk. She passed on December 29, 2014.
She went to school in White

Mountain from 4th to 8th grades. She then went to Mt. Edgecumbe for high school. She was the first one in her family to graduate from high

school.
Returning home to Unalakleet after graduation, she met the love o f her life, Ellsworth Haugen and they were married in San Francisco in 1952. Together they were married for 60 years and had 10 children, 21 grandchildren, 19 great-grand children and one great, great granddaughter.
After raising her family she pursued higher education, receiving her B.A.A in 1993.
She was involved in many aspects in the community. Unalakleet Sewing Circle, Eskimo Mother’s Club, PTA, Missionary Helpers, City Council, Church Board, taught Sunday School, and was a member of the North West Campus Advisory Board. She was among a few of the Alaska students that had the opportunity to spend six weeks in the Russian Far East to immerse in their culture.
One of her accomplishments was to translate projects for Kawerak. Along with Irene Katchatag was instrumental in bringing back native dancing to Unalakleet while working as a Bilingual/Bicultural Instructor for Bering Strait School District. She believed that the traditions of the people are perpetuated by its youth. She retired after 17 years in 1996.
May Ann worked as a welfare agent, Fish & Game license vendor, election official, cannery foreman, was a translator for Kawerak and a LRE for the school district.
She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, needlepoint and other crafts, gardening, fishing, berry picking and camping. She enjoyed playing dice and cards with family members. She believed strongly in God and lived a righteous life.
She is survived by her two sisters Betty Anagick and Rachel Lestenkof, brother Alfred Nanouk, Sr. (Ruth) and children Gary (Karen), Marlene,

Better Ann, Bonnie (Tom), Marlis (Bob), Norma (John), Tony (Lisa), Dee Dee (Barry), and Ann.
She is preceded in death by her late husband Hogey Bear and son E. Michael; parents Peter and Martha Nanouk, brothers Roger and Martin, Sr. sisters Hank, Ruth Carol, and Ar-

lene, grandson Mark and great-granddaughter Mackenzie.
“Mother Superior’s” cheerful greeting and hospitality will be greatly missed by all.
The family would like to thank each and every one of you for helping us in our time of need. Quyaana,

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16. Outline
17. Afterbirth
18. Bottled spirits
19. Carnival attraction
20. Fodder preserved through fermentation
22. "Sesame Street" watcher
23. Etc. in Polish
24. Bank
25. Rotating to the left, shortened
26. Ticket info, maybe
28. Numero uno
29. Prescribed in specified amounts
30. "Gladiator" setting
32. 1971 Carole King album
34. Venetian gondolier's song
36. Appealing to high-income consumers
39. About
42. Devotion
43. Pipe problem
45. Beach, basically
47. Gift on "The Bachelor"
48. Apartment
49. Deception
50. ___ and outs
51. Product motto
53. Arias, usually
54. Japanese ___ girl

56. Suitable for the general public
58. Atomic no. 2
59. Addictive tobacco substance
60. Assignations
61. Listen and pay attention (2 wds)

- Down**
1. Lively intelligence
2. Word in the Second Amendment
3. Distensible membranous sac
4. Houston university
5. Trick taker, often
6. Bamboozles
7. Aggregate
8. One who facilitates the sale of land (3 wds)
9. Drooping
10. Rapier with three-sided blade
11. Ballpoint, e.g.
12. Dullest
13. Become covered with frozen water (2 wds)
14. Guardianship
21. Church part
25. Non-winners
27. Money back
28. Kennel cry
29. Kosher ___
31. ___ a one
33. Kind of mark
35. Quartet member
36. Vertical
37. Panasonic rival
38. In an untidy manner
40. Unit of heat
41. Component in making dyes and drugs
44. Loss of muscle coordination
46. Removed frozen water, as from a plane's wing
48. Deceptions
51. Close
52. Groove that holds a bowstring
53. Actor Green of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer"
55. A sib
57. "For shame!"

Previous Puzzle Answers

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February 2015 — Week 1

CAPRICORN
December 22–January 19

Introspection leads you down a new path. Tread with care, Capricorn. There will be obstacles. A glimmer of hope keeps a friend going. Be there for them.

ARIES
March 21–April 19

Get ready to shine, Aries. The spotlight will soon be on you. Last-ditch efforts at home do not go unnoticed. The mood lifts, and all is right with the world once again.

CANCER
June 22–July 22

Look out, Cancer. Trouble is brewing at home, and if you aren't careful, you could be pulled into the thick of things. A breach in confidence is no reason to panic.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

The workload decreases with an addition. Take everyone out to celebrate, Libra. A youngster's passion grows tenfold. Indulge them.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

Once broken, trust is hard to regain. Make sure what you are about to do will be worth it. Aquarius. Vacation planning begins. Look to a pro for advice.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

Hang in there, Taurus. Help is on the way. Party invites arrive by the handful. Accept them all. You deserve a little fun now and then. A date draws near.

LEO
July 23–August 22

Believe in the impossible, reach for the stars and that which you hope for will come true. Leo. There is more to an inquiry than meets the eye.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

Could have, would have, should have. Time to let go of regrets and focus on what's ahead. You know better now, Scorpio. It will not happen again.

PISCES
February 19–March 20

Poor Pisces. You did all that you could, but it did not work out. Better luck next time. A senior's recovery is nothing short of a miracle. Celebrate the good news.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

You're a generous soul. People take note and will bless you time and time again, Gemini. Principles are questioned at a meeting. Stand firm.

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

Hopes are dashed with a cut in funding, but there is no reason to despair, Virgo. A new source of revenue will soon be made available.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

Soul searcher you are not, but it might be in your best interest to become one this week, Sagittarius. The answer to that nagging problem is within.

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• Obituaries

Ella Susan Pearson passed away January 20, 2015. She was born in Nome, Alaska on October 20, 1948, to Nick and Catherine Ezukameow.

After graduation from Nome High School, she took her sons Randy and Mike to San Diego to train as an airline agent. She returned to Nome and worked for a number of years as a receptionist for the state public health nurses, Margaret Swanberg and Ellie Oakes, during which time she met her future beloved husband, Clark Pearson, with whom they would share thirty-nine loving years together. Ella also worked for Virginia White and Evelyn Porter of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Nome.

Ella and her family relocated to Cordova in 1986. She and her family regularly returned to Nome over

the years, which she had always considered "home." She was a passionate storyteller and would share her fondest memories of going to the family camp at Fort Davis in the summers. She loved to fish along the Nome River, berry-pick throughout the Nome tundra, and have picnics out-the-road in Nome and Cordova. She also had a keen eye for spotting wildlife, and was raised in the Inupiat subsistence ways. She always had a beautiful smile, and enjoyed preparing salmon caught by her family. She kept her days filled with the wealth that Ella treasured most – the richness of close relationships and sharing laughs with many friends. She loved to play bingo in Nome and at Northern Lights Bingo in Anchorage. In Nome, she would watch the Bering Sea freeze-up and the Iditarod finishers from her balcony on

Front Street. She loved to watch the stars and was fascinated with Alaska's northern lights and inclement weather.

Ella belonged to Bering Straits, Sitnasuak, Native Village of Eyak, and Doyon.

She bravely and selflessly bore her pain in her later years, and taught her children to be strong and close to the Lord.

Ella was preceded in death by her parents, and brother Ron.

She is survived by her husband, Clark, and children Randy and Mike Ezukameow, Sandra Kashevaroff, and Allen and Stanley Pearson, and Daniel Merkouris and son-in-law Don Kashevaroff, sisters Viola Seetomona, Eileen Ezukameow, Geraldine Bumstead, and Sharon McJunkin. Grandchildren are Nick

and Katie Ezukameow, and K2 and MJ Kashevaroff. She had recently spent several happy weeks with her niece, Kathy Ezukameow in Nome. Funeral services will be held in An-

chorage on January 31, 2015, at Anchorage Grace Church with viewing at Evergreen Chapel.



Ella Susan Pearson

Saying It Sincerely

By: Dan Ward
From Nome Church of the Nazarene
A member of the Nome Ministerial Association

So, how is 2015 going for you so far? Did you make any New Year's resolutions? Those who study such things tell us that January 1 is the day many people choose to make changes in their lives. They say that the most common changes people resolve to make at the start of the New Year are: to lose weight, to exercise, to quit drinking or to stop smoking.

Did you make any of these resolutions? Have you broken any of them yet?

Many people don't bother making resolutions because they have never been able to keep the ones they have made in the past. And, why attempt something you feel you are going to fail at? It's not that they don't have anything about themselves they would like to change; they just don't want to feel like a failure.

The Bible tells us that when we come to Christ we are a new creation, that everything becomes new.

(2 Corinthians 5:17) This doesn't mean that we will suddenly be a size 2, or have six-pack abs. It means that we have a new outlook on our life, a new standard by which to live, the Bible, and a new helper, the Holy Spirit, to assist us in becoming more like Jesus.

The reason many people fail to keep their New Year's resolutions is that, when they slip, even one time, they give up.

We do this in our Christian life too. All we see are the places where we have failed. We can't see all of the positive changes in our lives and we hear that little voice inside of us that says, "Failure." So, we conclude that Christianity doesn't work and we quit.

The Bible tells us that Satan is the accuser. When we sin, when we're down and feeling hopeless, he talks even louder than usual. Before long, we're depressed and despairing, thinking that we've failed Christianity 101. We're hopeless failures. The Bible tells us that Satan is the accuser. When we sin, when we're down and feeling hopeless, he talks even louder than usual. Before long, we're depressed and despairing, thinking that we've failed

Christianity 101 and can't possibly make up the work we've missed. We're hopeless failures.

The secret to keeping your New Year's resolutions is forgiveness; when you fall get back up and try again. No matter how many times you fail it is worth the effort.

The secret to becoming more like Jesus is the same; ask God's forgiveness, and try again.

No matter where you've been, no matter what you've done, realize today that your destiny supersedes your mistakes. When God designed the plan for your life, it wasn't dependent on you being perfect, never making a mistake, or never taking a wrong turn. No, God knew we would all make mistakes. He knows how to get you back on track no matter where you are in life. Just like there are many routes on a map, God has a plan to help you reach your destination. He has detours, shortcuts and bypasses. He has already calculated the entire route for your life.

Now, get yourself back up, dust yourself off, ask forgiveness, and try again. Even if you only get a little closer it's worth it.

All Around the Sound

New Arrival

Rhonda Hanebuth and Jerry West, of Nome, announce the birth of their daughter **Catrina Sarah Jean West**, born December 27, 2015 at 11:16 p.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 21 1/4" in length. Sibling: Caden Hanebuth, brother; and other family members: Rick and Heidi Hanebuth; and Barb Gray—maternal grandparents; and Mike West, and Sarah West (deceased)—paternal grandparents.



Catrina Sarah Jean West

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Sitnasuak Native Corporation is recruiting for executive personnel in the Nome Corporate office

Job Title:	President
Location:	Nome, Alaska
Schedule:	Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Salary:	DOE

Duties: The President serves as SNC's “ambassador” and, in cooperation with the Chairman and CEO, represents SNC to shareholders, other Native corporations, Tribes and other organizations in the Native, regional and state-wide communities, social and political organizations and local, state and federal agencies and public bodies. The President oversees and monitors the implementation of corporate policies and directives adopted by the board of Directors (the “Board”) with respect to shareholder relations and the disposition and selection of culturally-designated SNC lands.\

Minimum Qualifications:

SNC shareholder/descendant/spouse of shareholder with knowledge of Inupiaq values and Alaska Native cultures and politics, Bachelor's Degree (B.A.) preferred, Two year Associate's Degree (A. A.) in Business Management or related field preferred. OR Vocational Certificate may substitute for the AA Degree. Five (5) years of experience required in a senior or executive level management role, preferred. The ability to instill confidence in the members of the Board and SNC shareholders. Understanding and experience working with a corporate structure, board of directors, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, the SBA 8(a) Program and government contracting, federal and state governing bodies and a historical understanding of the SNC region. Must possess the highest integrity and a strong sense of personal accountability and ethics. Effective people manager with innate ability to lead and develop direct reports. Working knowledge and track record of leading and managing the contract acquisition process through previous experience. Excellent interpersonal and written and oral communication skills. Strong interpersonal and relationship building skills, self-motivation and able to work without direct oversight or supervision.

Closing date: Open Until Filled

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

Sitnasuak Native Corporation is EEO Employer EEO/AA. Preference will be given to Sitnasuak shareholders/descendants and Alaska Natives in accordance with Title 43 U.S. Code 1626(g) and Title 42 U.S. Code 2003-2(i).

Date Posted: 01/07/2015
Revised: 1/28/2015

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Legals

CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. O-15-01-03 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE PORT OF NOME TARIFF NO. 11 TO REPLACE ALL EXISTING TARIFFS OF THE PORT OF NOME

ORDINANCE NO. O-15-01-04 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF NOME'S SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, CREATED BY ORDINANCE NO. O-08-07-03, TO ESTABLISH NEW MONUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

These ordinances had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on January 26, 2015 and were passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for February 9, 2015 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the Office of the City Clerk.

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Requests for Proposals

Bering Strait School District: Seeking Requests for Proposals. Turn-key construction of two teacher housing duplexes in Shishmaref, Alaska. Each duplex approximately 2,000 sq ft, 2015 completion date required. Bid submissions must be received by 2:00pm Feb 18, 2015. Full details are posted on: www.theplansroom.com. Or can be obtained by contacting: LA Commack, Facilities Maintenance Department, Bering Strait School District P.O. Box 225 Unalakleet, AK 99684, 907 624-4235

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Trooper Beat

Trooper Beat

On January 23, at 10:00 p.m. the Alaska State Troopers received a report of a domestic disturbance in Gambell. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Lester Nupowhotuk, 50, of Gambell, for Assault 4.

On January 26, at 11:15 p.m. AST received a report of a domestic disturbance in Gambell. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Edwin Campbell, 40, of Gambell, for Assault 4.



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NSEDC donates \$200,000 to entities serving Norton Sound residents

By Laureli Ivanoff NSEDC Communications Director

The Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors contributed a total of \$200,000 to the Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center (NACTEC) and Nome Emergency Shelter Team (NEST).

“These organizations specialize in reaching our member community residents on the individual level,” Board Chairman Dan Harrelson said. “Our board recognizes the needs that NACTEC and NEST respond to, and unanimously approved the funding to ensure these vital services remain.”

During their budget meetings in December the NSEDC Board of Directors approved a \$170,000 contribution to NACTEC and a \$30,000 grant for the NEST shelter.

NACTEC
With the \$170,000 contribution from NSEDC, NACTEC will develop training programs so that every 8th grade student of Nome Public Schools and Bering Strait School District will be afforded the opportunity to participate in 2015 Junior High career exploratory programs. “Eighth grade has been identified as a critically important year for students to be exposed to careers and

job opportunities that they may not otherwise see in their home communities,” NACTEC Director Dr. Doug Walrath said. “Career and Technical Education training opportunities keep students engaged in the schooling process, as they can ‘see the light’ at the end of the tunnel, which prevents dropout in the early high school years.”

NACTEC will also focus on expanding Driver Education training opportunities. “The two prerequisites for most entry-level jobs these days are a high school diploma and a driver's license,” Dr. Walrath said. The funding from NSEDC will permit NACTEC to follow through with plans to become a DMV third-party examiner, which will create more road testing opportunities for young drivers. “Every high school student should make it their goal to earn their driver's license prior to graduation. The support of NSEDC will assist us with creating programming opportunities and outreach to produce more licensed drivers in the Bering Strait region,” Dr. Walrath said.

NEST
The \$30,000 NSEDC grant given to NEST, Nome's local emergency shelter, helps free the organization to focus on homeless prevention, according to NEST Director Sue Steinacher. “It's a tremendous shot in

the arm and a great relief to know that the fundamentals that are required of a functioning nonprofit are taken care of,” Steinacher said. “The funds help provide a solid foundation for the NEST shelter, because they will cover the rental costs to the Nazarene church, insurance, payroll taxes and the absolutely necessary, but less glorious parts of operating a nonprofit.” Steinacher also said they are required to undergo an audit and this funding will also cover that cost. The NEST shelter provides a safe and secure location for both residents and visitors to Nome who find themselves without a place to spend the night during the winter months.

“The board realizes the importance partnerships play in maintaining many of the programs that make the Norton Sound region a healthier and better place to live,” NSEDC Board Vice Chairman Don Stiles said. NSEDC recognizes the need for programs such as those that NACTEC and NEST offer. These programs benefit all regional communities, whether by creating education and training opportunities that lead to a more prepared and skilled local workforce, or by providing a basic and vital human service to individuals in and from our communities who are in a time of need.



Photo by Keith Conger

NEAR 70 DEGREE SWING – Members of Nome Ski and Biathlon stand for a team picture last week on a -17 degree day. It was almost exactly one year ago that the team skied to the top of Gold Hill in +52 degree temperatures.

Seawall

NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASES 01/26/2015 through 02/01/2015

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 125 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center; 58 (46 percent) involved alcohol. There were 11 arrests made with 10 (91%) alcohol related. There were 12 ambulance calls and 1 fire call during this period.

Monday, January 26, 2015:
1:37 a.m., NPD contacted two people on Front Street consuming alcohol from an open container. Marrian Oozeva was issued an Open Container Citation.
9:13 am, the Nome Police Department received a transportation request from Nome Beltz High School, due to a suicide threat being made, in which that individual was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital and to meet with Behavioral Health Services, no further action taken.
12:58 pm, a report was received from Nome Beltz High School of a student in possession of Marijuana. Officers arrived on scene and a report was taken. The investigation is still on going.
4:21 pm, Joshua Jemewouk and was served his court paperwork on the west end of town.
4:27 pm, contact was made with Peter Vaghiyi on the west end of town; he was highly intoxicated to the point he could not stand straight and fell on the ice. Officers took Peter to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and then to AMCC for a Title 47 hold.
4:42 pm, the Office of Children Services made a report of a possible abuse case. A report was taken and the investigation is still on going.
10:18 pm, NPD received a request for a welfare check on a child at an apartment complex on the west end of town. The child was found to be okay and was turned over to OCS. Investigation led to the arrest of Kevin Ozenna for Violating Conditions of Probation, Violating Conditions of Release and Resisting Arrest; and the arrest of Andrew Kunayak Jr. for Violating Conditions of Probation. Both were transported to AMCC and there was no bail set for either of them.

Tuesday, January 27, 2015:
4:24 am, a report of an assault on the east end of town was received. The issue was resolved by separation between the victim and the suspect. A summons will be requested for the suspect, Nancy Goldsberry.
8:32 am, NPD responded to a report of a disturbance on the west end of town. Upon arrival one individual had already left the scene and Officers did not have contact. The other individual met with Officers and left the scene to stay with her relative after confirming a verbal altercation. As a child was involved a report was taken for the Office of Children Services.
12:42 pm, the police contacted Joshua Brock in reference to double parking. He was given a warning and released from the location.
3:27 pm, George Tate was served court paperwork at AMCC.
4:42 pm, NPD received a report of three loose animals close to Steadman St. Officers located two of the three dogs, and the two were reunited with the owner, no further action taken. NPD would like to remind everyone to please keep your animals in sight and to remember to follow the City Ordinances regarding animal control.
5:07 pm, an assault report was received. The incident occurred on the west end of town. A report was taken; investigation is still on going.
7:53 pm, NPD received a report of trespass at an apartment complex on the west end of town. Investigation led to the arrest of Courtney Amak-toolik for Criminal Trespass in the 1st Degree and Resisting Arrest. She was taken to AMCC; bail was set to \$1,000.

Wednesday, January 28, 2015:
12:06 pm, a report of Sexual Assault was received. The incident occurred on the west end of town. Officers made contact with the reporting party and investigation was initiated. The investigation is still on going.
5:19 pm, NPD received a report of a trespass on the east end of town. Investigation led to the arrest of Tabitha Patino for Disorderly Conduct. She was taken to AMCC and bail was set to \$250.
8:18 pm, NPD received a report of a trespass on the east end of town. Investigation led to the

arrest of Tenadore Oozeva for Criminal Trespass in the 1st Degree. He was taken to AMCC and bail was set to \$500.
11:03 pm, a report of an assault was received from a residence on the west end of town. Investigation led to the arrest of Beau Brown for Assault in the 2nd Degree, DV; Assault in the 3rd Degree, DV and Violating Conditions of Probation. He was taken to AMCC and no bail was set.

Thursday, January 29, 2015
8:02 am, NPD responded to the report of an assault on the east side of town. Investigation during the incident led to the arrest of Shelly Kuzuguk for one count of Assault in the 4th degree domestic violence related; and one count of Assault in the 4th degree. She was taken to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance, and then to AMCC, where no bail was set.
9:19 am, the Nome Police Department received a report of alleged animal neglect on the west side of town. Officers met with the reporting party and conducted a field interview.

Friday, January 30, 2015
10:41 am, the Nome Police Department responded to an establishment on the west side of town for the report of a female having a bottle of alcohol on her. The female, identified as Mariann Oozeva, was located and given a Criminal Trespass warning. No further action was necessary.
1:44 pm, Officers responded to a welfare check on the west side of Nome. The resident was unresponsive and medical personnel were called to the scene. EMS determined the resident to be deceased. No foul play was suspected and the next of kin was notified.
8:30 pm, NPD received a call from a concerned relative about a female that was highly intoxicated and in a residence that was not deemed safe by the reporting party. The female, Pamela Simpson, was contacted and was provided transportation to a local hotel for lodging with a relative. No further action was taken.
8:59 pm, a traffic stop was conducted on an ATV that failed to come to a complete stop at a stop sign. The driver, Jonathan Peterson, was issued a citation for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign and was released from the scene without further issue.
9:26 pm, a traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle that failed to stop at a stop sign. The driver, Cynthia Karmun, was issued a citation for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign and was released from the scene.

10:18 pm, NPD conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that failed to stop at a stop sign. The driver, Kenneth Waltz, was issued a citation for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign and was released from the scene without further issue.
10:46 pm, a traffic stop was conducted a vehicle without an operational headlight. The driver was given a verbal warning for the equipment deficiency and was released from the scene.
11:23 pm, a report was received of a highly intoxicated female who was lying on the ground unconscious. Upon arrival, the female appeared to have been outside in the freezing temperature for a substantial amount of time. An ambulance was requested and the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department arrived and transported the female to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital, where she began to physically fight with ER staff. Following treatment, the female, identified as being Pauline Klementson, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct, where she was held on \$250 bail.
11:35 pm, while on routine patrol on the east side of town, the Nome Community Services Officer observed what appeared to be an intoxicated minor being assisted by two other minors. Once contacted, the female was found to be highly intoxicated and unable to speak or stand up on her own. Due to her level of intoxication, the female was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical treatment. The parents were notified, and the female was issued a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Saturday, January 31, 2015
12:07 am, the NPD received a report of a disturbance at a business on the west side of town. Upon arrival, the person was identified as Thomas Koyuk, who was given a verbal warning for Disorderly Conduct. No further action was required.
3:03 am, the Nome dispatch received a report of a highly intoxicated female that was having trouble walking. Upon arrival, Officers identified the female as Renee Brown, who was able to inform Officers of her destination. Brown was provided transportation to her residence and released to the care of a friend without further issue.

3:16 am, a possible fire was reported on the west side of town. Upon arrival, Officers checked all the units of the apartment complex and the report was deemed unfounded.
5:54 am, NPD responded to a disturbance on the west side of town. Upon arrival, the issue was found to be a verbal argument between family members and the reported suspect left the residence upon request. No further action was taken.
6:30 am, a report of criminal mischief was received regarding a broken window. A report was taken and the case is still under investigation.
6:37 am, the Nome Police Department received a report of an intoxicated female breaking items within a residence on the west side of town. Upon arrival, Officers contacted Louise Martin, who was found to have damaged several items within the residence. Martin was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree, D.V. and was held without bail.
2:01 pm, while on routine patrol, Nome Police Department Officers observed a highly intoxicated male lying on the ground. The male, identified as Edward Muktoiyuk, was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation and once cleared, was transported to his residence, where he was left in the care of a sober family member.
2:15 pm, a citizen reported their daughter had found a purse while on west beach. A search of the purse found an ID card of the owner. The owner was found to be out of town, and the purse was left with a family member.

3:24 pm, a report of trespass was received from a store on the west side of town. The suspect was reported to be in an altercation with an employee. Upon arrival, the male was contacted and given a Criminal Trespass warning, as the altercation was found to be verbal only.
5:44 pm, the Nome Police Department received a report of a belated trespass that occurred at a residence on the west side of town. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing.
5:46 pm, NPD dispatch received a report of a highly intoxicated individual that was not able to stand under his own power on the west side of town. Upon arrival, the male was identified as Jacob Seppili, who was transported to a family member's residence, where he was left in their sober care.
5:50 pm, while on routine patrol, Nome Police Department Officers observed two individuals in a shouting match on the west side of town. The two individuals were separated and, as there was no crime committed, both were released from the scene with Disorderly Conduct warnings.
6:20 pm, the NPD dispatch received a report of a male falling asleep inside of a local establishment on the west side of town. Upon arrival, Officers contacted the male, identified as Lionel Winkel. He was found highly intoxicated and refused to leave the building upon request of Officers. Winkel was then arrested and remanded to AMCC for Drunk on Licensed Premises and Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree, where he was held on \$750 bail.
10:35 pm, the Nome Police Department responded to the report of a domestic disturbance on the east side of town. Upon arrival, one of the involved parties had already left the scene and further investigation revealed that the disturbance was due to a verbal argument. No further action was necessary.

Sunday, February 1, 2015
1:42 am, the NPD responded to a residence on the east side of town for the report of a female threatening to harm herself. Upon arrival, the female barricaded herself inside the residence and attempted to light the duplex on fire. Officers made entry into the home and were able to extinguish the flame and subsequently placed Bobbie Miller under arrest for Criminally Negligent Burning in the Second Degree and four counts of Reckless Endangerment. She was remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center, where she was held on \$2,500 bail.
8:35 am, the Nome Police Department received a report of person Furnishing Alcohol to Minors. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing.
4:22 pm, a highly intoxicated male was observed on the west side of town. The male, identified as Joseph Jones, was provided transportation to his residence where he was left in the care of a sober friend. Jones was also issued a Drunk on Licensed Premises warning.
5:19 pm, the Nome Police Department made contact with Brett Michels inside of a local establishment on the west side of town. Michels was found to be on current probation conditions that

prohibited consuming alcohol or entering a licensed premise. Michels was placed under arrest for three counts of Probation Violation and during a search incident to arrest, was found to be in possession of marijuana. Michels was charged with Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the Sixth Degree and was remanded to AMCC, where he was held without bail.
11:21 pm, Nome Police Department received

a report of two individuals who have not been paying their cab fare. The suspects were identified and the investigation is on-going.
11:49 pm, dispatch received a report of a disturbance on the west side of town. During contact, the report was found to be a verbal altercation only. Both parties were separated and no further action was necessary at that time.



NSEDC Fourth Quarter Meeting Schedule

Chairman Dan Harrelson has set the dates for NSEDC's fourth quarter meetings to be held at the BSNC Boardroom in Nome.

February 11, 2015

Executive Committee9:00 a.m.
Rules & Bylaws Committee10:00 a.m.
Fisheries Development Committee.....10:15 a.m.
Scholarship Committee1:00 p.m.
Finance Committee1:45 p.m.

February 12, 2015

Board of Directors9:00 a.m.

February 13, 2015

Board of Directors9:00 a.m.

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



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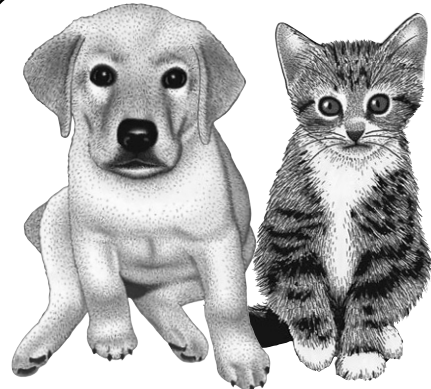
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Request for Proposals for Information about Identification of Important Wildlife to Protect Areas of St. Lawrence Island. The Bering Straits Coastal Association is soliciting proposals for a project to gain a better understanding of the importance of St Lawrence Island and surrounding water and wildlife. Deadline for proposals is Feb 13, 2015. Contact Scott Dickens at bsca.director@gmail.com for a copy of the RFP.



Photo by Keith Conger

TRAVEL BEYOND – Four brave members of Nome Ski and Biathlon show they are ready for the blustery, cold conditions beyond the end of the road near Newton Peak last Sunday. The skiers were honing their downhill skills for an upcoming ski adventure in Anchorage.

Court

Week ending 1/30
Civil Kakaruk, Magdeline v. Gandia, Anthony; Civil Protective Order Olanna, Hannah v. Olanna, SR., Percy; Civil Protective Order
Small Claims No new small claims filed (start 2NO-15-00005SC)
Criminal State of Alaska v. Daniel James Gilpin (9/4/69); Dismissal; Count I and IV: 4° Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance, Chg. Nbr. 1 and 4; Count II: Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance 4°, Chg. Nbr. 2; Count III: 3° Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance, Chg. Nbr. 3; Filed by the DAs Office 1/27/15. State of Alaska v. Isaiah John Charles (1/22/88); Import Alcohol-Dry Area-Small Amount; Date of Violation: 3/13/14; 60 days, 57 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant reporting to Bethel Corr. Center on 2/25/15 by 4:30 p.m.; Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; Pay the unsuspended fine through Nome Trial Courts by 1/23/16; 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 1/23/16; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol in any dry or damp community; Alcohol forfeit. State of Alaska v. Jared Damian Wiggins

(5/27/95); Drive w/o Valid OL-Exc Exp Less 1 Yr; Date of Offense: 9/1/14; Classification: Misdemeanor – Not Classified; SIS: Imposition of sentence is suspended and the defendant is placed on probation; Police Training Surcharge: due in 10 days: \$50 (Misd); Probation until 8/1/15; No new criminal charges; Other: get a driver's license. State of Alaska v. Frank Kavairlook, Jr. (2/4/80); Assault 4; Date of Violation: 11/30/14; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days. State of Alaska v. Robert Laurence Norris (4/25/83); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114802074; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect. State of Alaska v. Leonard Apangalook, Jr. (3/11/61); CTN 004: Assault 4; Date of Violation: 12/10/14; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 001, 002, 003, 005; 90 days, 88 days suspended; Unsuspended 2 days credit time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/23/16; Shall comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess, consume 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 his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath test by any peace officer with probable cause to believe he has consumed alcohol; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol, upon probable cause. State of Alaska v. Brent Lockwood (10/3/78); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111175587; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days. State of Alaska v. Daisy Kiyuklook (6/19/90); 2NO-12-757CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112399236; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-13-107CR; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage. State of Alaska v. Daisy Kiyuklook (6/19/90); 2NO-13-107CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112399236; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-12-757CR; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage. State of Alaska v. Daisy Kiyuklook (6/19/90); 2NO-14-790CR Furnish Alcohol to Person <21; Date of Violation: 7/12/14; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 240 days, 0 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days. State of Alaska v. Clara M. Noyakuk (4/22/88); Dismissal; Count I: Disorderly Conduct, Chg. Nbr. 1; Filed by the DAs Office 1/29/15. State of Alaska v. Matthew Foy (1/19/84); 2NO-11-

644CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112703184; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 2/6/16; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect. State of Alaska v. Matthew Foy (1/19/84); 2NO-14-394CR CTN 002: Violate Condition of Release; Date of Violation: 6/19/14; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 001, 003; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Credit for any and all time served since 6/19/14 sentence not to exceed time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days. State of Alaska v. Matthew Foy (1/19/84); 2NO-14-632CR CTN 001: Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 9/24/15; 270 days, 270 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/29/17; Shall comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct or domestic violence; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol. State of Alaska v. Tenadore Oozeva (6/22/75); Trespass 1°; Date of Violation: 1/28/15; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days. State of Alaska v. Tabitha Patino (2/7/78); Disorderly Conduct; Date of Violation: 1/28/15; 10

days, 10 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 6 months (date of judgment: 1/29/15); Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol to excess (above .08); Subject to warrantless breath test by any peace officer with probable cause to believe she has consumed alcohol. State of Alaska v. Jason Annogiyuk (3/19/79); 2NO-14-514CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114193809; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect. State of Alaska v. Jason Annogiyuk (3/19/79); 2NO-14-728CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114800409; Violated conditions of probation; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect. State of Alaska v. George Tate (6/29/73); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113678955; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Defendant is to receive assessment from NSHC BHS by 2/19/15 and show assessment to the PD Agency by 2/26/15; PD to serve DA and CT; Defendant to show active participation in treatment by 4/14/15; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

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SNOGO— A Nome snowmachiner cruises along the sea ice in front of Nome on Monday, February 2, 2015.

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INTERIOR ALASKA RACE (top) — Trwobridge took his team to Fairbanks in 2014 to compete in the 200 mile long Chatanika Challenge dog sled race.

KUSKO 300 (right) — Trowbridge ran his rookie K300 race in 2014. The 300 mile long K300 leads teams from the start in Bethel up the frozen Kuskokwim River to the village of Aniak and back to Bethel.



Trowbridge gears up for bid at Yukon Quest

By Keith Conger

Nome musher Rolland Trowbridge will not be the only rookie heading out on the 2015 Yukon Quest sled dog race. Ten of the 26 participants signed up to compete in this year’s 1,000-mile journey from Whitehorse, Yukon to Fairbanks, Alaska are attempting it for the first time.

Last Friday, Trowbridge gave information by phone about his racing experiences and his upcoming endeavor as he and his handlers – wife Debbie and dog lot assistant Tara Cicatello – were driving from Anchorage to Fairbanks for a Saturday dog check with a veterinarian.

Trowbridge’s plan was to head out to Canada the next day for the start of the race.

“I won’t know how they will do until they race,” Trowbridge said referring to his team of dogs. But he added that any mistakes made during the journey will be his, not the dogs.

The Trowbridge family took a rather unique method of moving to Nome. They came by sailboat

through the Northwest Passage. The adventure seeker has had his eye turned toward mushing ever since.

Trowbridge did not have initial aspirations to race. He has gone from helping clean up another musher’s dog lot to competing in distance races. To date Trowbridge has completed the Kuskokwim 300, the Two Rivers 200 and the Kobuk 440.

While he was performing the aforementioned duties five years ago, Trowbridge noticed that a musher from Wisconsin was selling a team of Greenlandic dogs. The musher’s intent was to bring his dog team to Nome and sell them for a high price. As it turns out, says Trowbridge, the man greatly overestimated the market for a team of big, slow dogs in an area that runs smaller, faster ones.

Being intrigued by the sport, and initially just looking to play around, Trowbridge decided to purchase the whole team for the price of the seller’s sled. Feeling a bit bad about the man’s bad luck, he threw in a plane ride back to the states.

Greenlandic Huskies are a tough breed to learn mushing from, says Trowbridge. They are stubborn, slow and like to fight among themselves. They also go when they want, and stop when they want, too. Sometimes they don’t stop at all. He says that on many a run he would be standing with all his weight on the brake trying to get them to halt.

“That first year I was dragged as many miles as most people around were running,” he joked.

Soon after the initial purchase, Trowbridge began to acquire race dogs, eventually ending up with a team that he affectionately refers to as “misfits.”

“My dogs are not like clones from other teams,” he says. “Not one looks like another.”

All of his dogs, he explains, have quirks that other mushers have found undesirable. With monikers such as Dopey, Tweety, Porky and Walnut, he says they also don’t have tough mushing dog names either. Trowbridge feels he uses the variations in the dogs to his advantage. He de-

scribes his team as alive and fun, and says that their differences make it so that they don’t all get tired at the same time.

Trowbridge is enjoying the speed he gets with his current racing team. With the Greenlandic team it used to take him four hours to get to the Snake River turn around on the traditional musher’s trail. He has now cut that time in half.

Now that speed is no longer an issue, Trowbridge spends the bulk of this training time helping the dogs build strength and endurance.

The make-up of the team Trowbridge is using on the Quest is a result of lots of experimentation. Both he and Cicatello raced 12-dog teams two weeks ago in the Kuskokwim 300. From that group of 24 dogs, Trowbridge ended up with 14 that he deemed worthy of a crack at the Quest. By accepting an offer from former Nome musher Aaron Burmeister - who is lending two of his dogs - Trowbridge had even greater flexibility in choosing his team.

“The Yukon Quest is a Handler’s Race,” says Trowbridge. Each of the checkpoints are accessible by road. It is a race requirement that mushers be met by handlers who can help carry dropped dogs and help clean up after the musher. Of his Yukon Quest support team he states, “they will be as tired as the musher.”

Before he faded out of cell phone range, Trowbridge said, “My goal is to get a team of dogs 1,000 miles to finish, and not blow the team up.” He plans on achieving that by being careful not to burn his dogs out early in the race. He hopes to make up time during the second half.

The Yukon Quest starts Saturday, February 7 at 11:00 am.

This year’s field of entrants includes two-time defending champion Allan Moore, as well as mushing legends Lance Mackey and Jeff King. Trowbridge’s progress can be monitored at <http://yukonquest.com/race-central/current-standings>.

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